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Between you and me



By SARAH ECKOLS

All decisions deserve reconsideration, I am told, especially those that effect our happiness and our livelihood. I have been asked to reconsider my decision to leave the editorship of The Merkel Mail. Therefore, reconsider I am. However, at this time, my future plans are uncertain and I ask that you, my readers, bear with me temporarily.

My sincere apology goes to Mr. and Mrs. David Riney for the oversight of their house warming announcement in last week's paper. Somewhere in the shuffle the article was lost. I tried to reach Mr. and Mrs. Riney by telephone, but was unable to obtain their new listing from the information operator. May I wish you success in your new home.

"O gentlemen; the time of life is short;" So were the words of William Shakespeare in the sixteenth century. However, I think that most of us in the twentieth century fail to realize that life is indeed short and we tend to live our lives in a manner depicting our misguided idea that life as we know it is eternal. When was the last time you looked at a loved one and realized that you may not have that person forever or sat with a friend and knew that time changes everything and the things we take for granted today may not be with us tomorrow.

I would like to live life as though it were a joyous occasion to be alive each day and to give to others a part of that joy through the way I live.

J. C. Carson tells us that the outlook for the purchase of the old ball park is very good at this time. The price of the land is \$4,000 of which the association will pay \$1,000 from the funds they presently have. Another \$1,400 will be raised through the sale of seven lots owned by the baseball association in the northeast part of town, according to Carson. That leaves \$1,600 needed to pay the balance of the \$4,000. Help from civic clubs and organizations is urged by the association.

Once the ball is rolling and the land is purchased, there is still need of volunteer labor in areas such as welding and carpentry. If you can offer your time and energy you may contact Mr. Carson.

The most common comment that I have heard this week is to the effect that a certain Austrian should go back to Vienna. I must admit that I was somewhat perturbed by his performance Sunday afternoon, however I have faith that Tom Landry will put his fieldhouse in order and pull the Cowboys together and take them to the Super Bowl.

Castillo Participated In NATO Exercise Aboard USS El Paso

Navy Radioman Seaman Alberto Castillo, son of Mr. Antonio S. Castillo Sr. of Route 1, Merkel, participated in "Deep Express," an annual NATO exercise in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea.

He is a crew member aboard the amphibious cargo ship USS El Paso, which was one of 17 U. S. Sixth Fleet ships involved in the multinational exercise. The U. S. forces joined with air, ground and sea units from Italy, Turkey, Belgium, The Netherlands, West Germany and the United Kingdom, to test the operational readiness and capabilities of defense elements of NATO's southern flank.

The exercise included defensive operations by the combined NATO ground forces against a simulated amphibious assault west of Istanbul, Turkey. A 1973 graduate of Merkel High School, he joined the Navy in August 1973.



CUTTING THE RIBBON-Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held Thursday morning, November 6 for Merkel's newest business, the Western Auto Associate Store, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Cospier. Shown cutting the red sash ribbon is Merkel City Coordinator, J. A. Sadler as Mr. and Mrs. Cospier and other local business people and customers look on.

Students Have Scholarship Opportunity Through VFW

Merkel High School students have an opportunity to win college scholarships through the broadcast script-writing program of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliaries.

The program is a Bicentennial project of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on the national level and local level. Students interested in the program must write a theme and tape it on reel type magnetic tape at 7 1/2 inch per second. The length of script may not be less than three minutes or more than five minutes. The subject for the Bicentennial observance is "What Our Bicentennial Heritage Means to Me."

The national scholarships available to winners include \$22,500 in school funds. First place winner will receive \$10,000; second \$5,000; third \$3,500; fourth, \$2,500; and fifth \$1,500. There will also be Voice of Democracy awards on the state level; first place winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship; second, \$750.00; third, \$500.00 and fourth \$250.00. Prizes are also available on the district level. In addition, the first place winner on the state level will receive a five day all expenses paid trip to Washington, D. C. in March, 1976.

All taped themes must be turned in to Albert Gregory, Box 309 Commander of the local VFW Post or Kathy Gregory, 800 Trundy, President of the Ladies Auxiliary. Interested students are asked to contact either of these officers for details regarding this program.

Deadline for the local contest is December 5. Nick Timora, 1904 Coleman, Snyder, Texas, 79549 is District 8 Chairman for the program.

Cattle Producers Educational Meeting Tonight

An educational meeting for beef cattle producers will be held Thursday, November 6, 7:30 p.m., 3rd floor of the old courthouse. The meeting is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and will feature supplemental feeding cattle through the winter.

Dr. Tom Woodward, extension livestock specialist from Renner, will talk on types of feed and amounts needed to carry cattle through the winter. He also will discuss problems associated with under feeding cattle during the winter months.

Dr. Bob Stager, extension specialist from San Angelo, will discuss utilizing native and improved pastures in the feeding program. Dr. Mike McWhorter, extension entomologist at College Station, is also scheduled to be on the program to discuss livestock parasites and their control.

All area producers are invited to attend.

Bobar Completes Training At San Diego

Navy Airman Apprentice John A. Bobar, II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norton of Tye, was graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego. Classes include instruction in seamanship, military regulations, fire-fighting, close order drill, first aid and Navy history.

Events for this year's rodeo are barrels, poles, flags, steer dabling, wild cow milking and bull riding. There are no age groups so any girl or lady of any age may enter.

Entries close at 6:00 P. M., Wednesday, November 5th, 1975. If entries justify, slack will be run at 8:00 A. M. Saturday, the day of the show. Entry blanks are at Boss and Hoss, Ken Lofton, and First National Bank, Donald Moore Sweetwater, Texas.

Grade School Students Paint Holiday Scenes For Christmas Seals

Christmas Seals-an annual tradition in America's fight against lung disease for almost seven decades-have a youthful "new look" this year. For the first time, they've been designed by school children throughout the United States.

Taylor County board members of the Big Country Area of the American Lung Association of Texas are Don W. Hensley, Merkel; James M. Binion, Jay Morgan, and

Col. Ross L. Clements of Abilene. The headquarters for the 32-county area are at 1962 W. Beaujeu, San Angelo.

The board of the Big Country Area got a preview of the 1975 seals at their meeting in San Angelo in September. Mr. Hensley pointed out that the Texas seal is located number one on the sheet of seals being mailed out to millions of citizens of the United States.

Tim Cole, a student at Winn Elementary School in Austin designed the original painting from which the art for the 1975 Texas seal was chosen. The uninhibited imagination of Tim and 53 other youngsters from 6 to 12 years of age, each representing a state or territory, have contributed artwork that resulted in a riot of color for the 1975 sheet of seals.

Among the Texas entries was that of Elaine Kimbro,

student at Emerson Elementary School in Midland. Miss Kimbro was presented a certificate of appreciation by Big Country Area board member Bill Chancellor, Jr. of Midland.

The 54 original paintings chosen for the seals have become the property of the American Lung Association and will hang in a special exhibition in the National Collection of Fine Arts in Washington, D. C. from November 14, 1975 through January 4, 1976.

Mr. Hensley said today, "I was glad to see something like this children's art project done with the seals. We were the first voluntary health association in this country, and we've always been interested in healthy lungs for people, particularly children. We've always been involved in school health; this is the place to develop good health habits."

"Our main work is in education, educating the public and professionals. Since our goal is the control and prevention of lung disease, I think it is also important that we are involved in programs to get rid of the causes such as smoking and air pollution. Of the funds raised through the Christmas Seal campaign, 90 percent remain for work in Texas. The other 10 percent supports the national organization with a sizable portion of that earmarked for medical research and training."

"No outside professional fund raisers are involved in the drive and all donations are tax exempt under IRS rulings."

In recalling some of the history of the Christmas Seal, Mr. Hensley said the seal was introduced into the United States in 1907 by Emily Bissell. Miss Bissell, a social worker in Wilmington, Delaware, borrowed the idea which was originated by a postal worker in Denmark, to raise money for a financially distressed TB hospital on the banks of the Brandywine River in Delaware. Miss Bissell designed the first U. S. seal herself. It was a wreath of holly with the simple greeting, "Merry Christmas."

In later years well-known artists such as Rockwell Kent, Howard Pyle, Dale Nichols and Steven Dohanos created Christmas Seal designs. More recently, Seal designs were chosen by the lung association from entries in an annual nationwide competition open to amateur and professional adult artists.

About two years ago the American Lung Association decided on a complete departure. With the cooperation of the National Art Education Association, the first Children's Christmas Seal art project was launched. Art teachers in elementary grades asked their classes to make paintings expressing their ideas about the Christmas holiday season.

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VFW Ladies Present Robes To Vets Hospital

On Wednesday October 22 the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary, 5683 Post of Merkel presented 22 hand made double knit quilted lap robes for wheel chair patients of the Big Springs Veterans Hospital. Scraps of double knit were donated by Glene's of Merkel.

The next project for the hospital will be to make tray favors for the patients for the coming holiday season. A Benefit Supper Dance was held Wednesday October 29th, at the Merkel V.F.W. Ray Pack and his Half Breeds donated the entertainment for the evening. A turkey dinner was enjoyed by all.



A MATTER OF LIFE AND BREATH-Don Hensley, board member of both the Big Country Area and the state American Lung Association of Texas is shown signing one of the letters that will be sent to local residents with their Christmas Seals this year. Mr. Hensley urges local citizens to support this very worthwhile project by answering their Christmas Seal letters as soon as they arrive.

Badgers Shut Out By Rotan 47-0 Meet Baird In Final Contest Nov. 7

The Merkel Badgers dropped their final home game of the season to Rotan 47-0 Friday evening. The Yellowhammers, undefeated in district 8--A competition had plenty of Halloween tricks but no treats in store for the Badgers.

Tim Allen, #33 of the Yellowhammers took in the first TD for Rotan following a 10 yard loss on a first down then a 59 yard drive with only 4 minutes off the clock in the first period. The good kick for the PAT made it 7-0 as it stayed for the remainder of the first period.

With only 10 seconds ticked off the second period clock, Allen again went into the end zone. An incomplete pass made the PAT no good and the score 13-0.

Three minutes of play later #30, Jerry Carr carried the ball over the goal line. Another failure to make the PAT put 19-0 on the scoreboard. Goodwin put the pigskin into the arms of Kim Gray #44 from the 10 yard line to the end zone for the third TD of the second quarter. The PAT for 2 was good and the Yellowhammers retired their scoring for the half, taking a 27-0 lead into the dressing room.

Merkel's defensive team tried an unsuccessful outside

kick to start the second half. The kick was too short and Rotan took the ball on Merkel's 48. #22, James Stenberg ran 70 yards for a TD with only 11/2 minutes played in the second half. A good PAT by Goodwin makes the score 34-0.

At the end of the third quarter Rotan was in possession of the ball within field goal range. Goodwin put it through the uprights for three on the first play of the final period. Gray made the final Rotan TD with 9 1/2 minutes on the clock. Goodwin made the PAT good and several minutes later put over another field goal to give the Hammers a 47-0 district victory.

The Badgers will meet Baird Friday evening in Baird for the final game of the season. The Badgers, a young and inexperienced team holds a great deal of promise for next season. They will have the needed time behind them that will give them a much better outlook for the 1976-77 season ahead.

Trent Homecoming Activities Slated This Weekend

The Trent Homecoming will begin Friday, November 7 with a powder puff football game and bonfire at dusk. Breakfast at 6:30 will kick off Saturday's festivities. The meal is sponsored by the community club. Registration will be from 8 to 10 a.m. with a big parade at 10. Mrs. Pam Welborn is in charge of the parade.

Following the parade there will be a pep rally at the school at 10:45. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and is sponsored by the senior class. There

Victory Singers Meet

The Victory Gospel Singers will have their regular second Monday singing November 10 at 6:30 p.m. at 307 El Paso. There is always good singing, good arrangements with guests. Henry McCoy will be the director. All good singers have a special invitation.

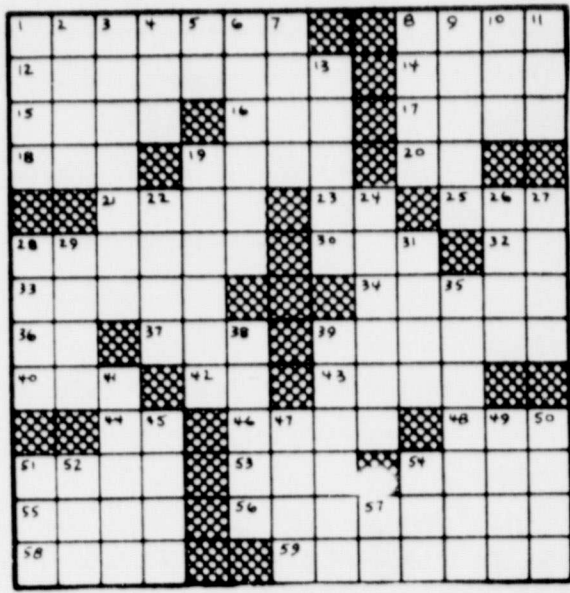
All members of Barrack 2248, both Buddies and Sisters, have been invited to participate in The Parade Celebrating November 11th, as Armistice Day at Abilene. We are asking all members to go to Abilene and take part.

The parade starts at 10 a.m. downtown and proceeds to Rose Park, where a moment of silence will be observed at 11 a.m.

All veterans will be guests of the City of Abilene's Nutrition Program for a free lunch at Rose Park Senior Citizens Center.

We are asking all to go and enjoy the activities and lunch and be home in time for our meeting at the R. E. A. building at 5:30 p.m.

Crossword Puzzle



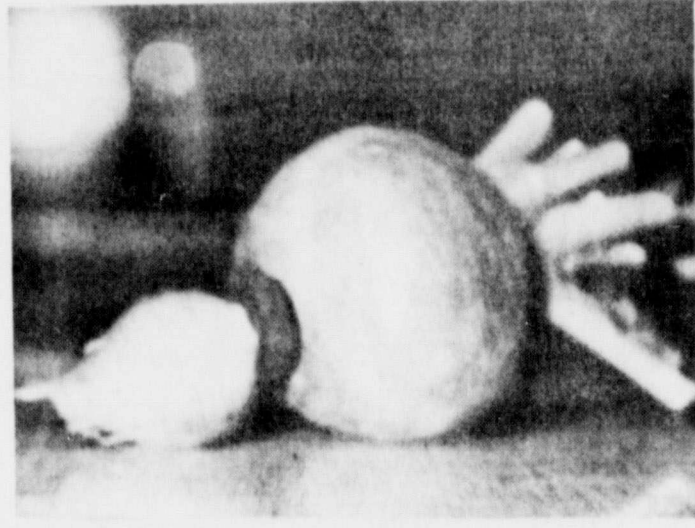
ACROSS

1. Linking device
8. Barrel
12. Aardvark
14. Bitter drug
15. Common dog
16. Hasten
17. Warble
18. Compass point
19. Girl's name
20. That man
21. Hindu queen
23. Greek letter
25. Fresh
28. Pale
30. Curved plank; naut.
32. Toward
33. Becloud
34. Bingo
36. College degree
37. Stop up
39. Grain
40. Before

DOWN

1. Arrived
2. Burden
3. Spoke
4. Animal friend
5. French "the"
6. Of racial groups
7. Check
8. Money

9. Foreigner
10. Offspring
11. Cask
13. Paper measures
19. Beast
22. Among
24. Except
26. Girl's name
27. Fleece
28. Ecclesiastic
29. Proximate
31. Long ago; archaic
35. Ripping
38. Motor lodge
39. Unable to
41. Ardent
45. Make-believe
47. Cupid
49. Sheltered side
50. German "mister"
51. Droop
52. Anger
54. Humans
57. Yes; Span.



CHAINED TURNIP? RIDICULOUS-This turnip grown by M. T. Head of 305 Kent Street in Merkel grew through a chain link. Mr. Head planted the turnip in August and harvested it November 4 to find it literally bound by a chain.

Bullock Says No Free Rides For Taxpayers

Comptroller Bob Bullock said Monday that there are no free rides for either individual taxpayers or local governments in the Finance Article of the proposed constitution.

"Where the constitution giveth, it also taketh," Bullock said of the Finance Article's mandatory homestead exemptions for the elderly and putting all personal property--including automobiles--on the tax rolls.



Some people believe that sleeping with a fork under your pillow will keep witches from riding on your chest while you sleep.

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New Coffee Prices Will Be An Eye Opener

It's going to cost more to wake up in the morning, at least if you depend on coffee as an eye-opener.

Coffee prices are expected to jump sharply in the coming months due to a July freeze in the top coffee producing states of Brazil, which annually produces about a third of the world coffee crop.

"The freeze is expected to cut in half next year's harvest of coffee beans in Brazil," points out Dr. Russell McDonald, economist in marketing with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Furthermore, this year's world coffee crop is down about 8 per cent from that of last year."

Buyers in the United States generally have small inventories and were anticipating a large coffee crop for the 1975-76 crop year, which would have meant lower prices. But, they must now build their stocks in the wake of the disastrous freeze losses in Brazil.

Following the July freeze, the New York cash price for green coffee jumped about 20 cents per pound from the June average of 55 to 65 cents for Arabica coffees. Retail coffee prices may increase 25 to 75 cents per pound during the next three to nine months," speculates McDonald.

Despite the lowered production forecast for the coming crop year, there will be enough coffee to go around, notes the Texas A&M University System economist. However, reserve stocks will be down sharply. U. S. Department of Agriculture officials estimate that Brazil now holds about 21 million bags of coffee in reserve. The country annually exports about 18 million bags and itself consumes another 8 million. So, carryover stocks going into the 1976-77 crop year are highly uncertain at this point and will depend heavily on just how short next year's harvest is in Brazil.

"One thing is for sure though," says McDonald. "That cup of coffee is going to cost more."

Former Merkelite Observes 30 Years With Exxon

Roscoe W. Shields with Exxon Company, U. S. A. has observed his 30-year service anniversary. He is assigned as operator lease, in the Raspberry Unit, Midland District, Midcontinent Production Division, located at Crowell, Texas.

Field assignments since joining the company in Vernon in 1945 have taken him

to North Texas localities at the Bateman Ranch area, Anson, Merkel, and in 1970 a transfer took him to Crowell.

His hometown is Tulsa, Oklahoma. Shields and his wife, the former Leola Gfeller, are parents of a son and daughter.

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Taylor County Cooks Invited To Submit Favorite Recipes

Taylor County cooks are invited to submit their favorite recipes for publication in the winter issue of TDA Quarterly, a Texas Department of Agriculture consumer-oriented magazine.

Recipes unique to the Plains area and old-time specialties will be stressed. However, any good recipe will be considered. Agriculture Commissioner John C. White said.

Since cattle are important to the Plains area, a special look out will be kept for beef recipes.

In addition to recipes, old-time methods of food preservation in danger of disappearing will be printed. Anyone with tips from the past on preserving foods is invited to send them in, White said.

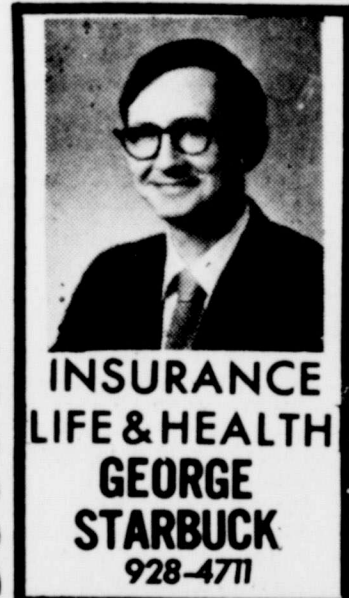
Deadline for submitting recipes and hints from the past will be November 21. TDA Quarterly takes a look at a specific region of Texas in each issue. It began publication this year.

Recipes and tips selected for publication will be credited to the sender. They will not be returned. They should be mailed to the Texas Department of Agriculture, Information Section, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

Card Of Thanks

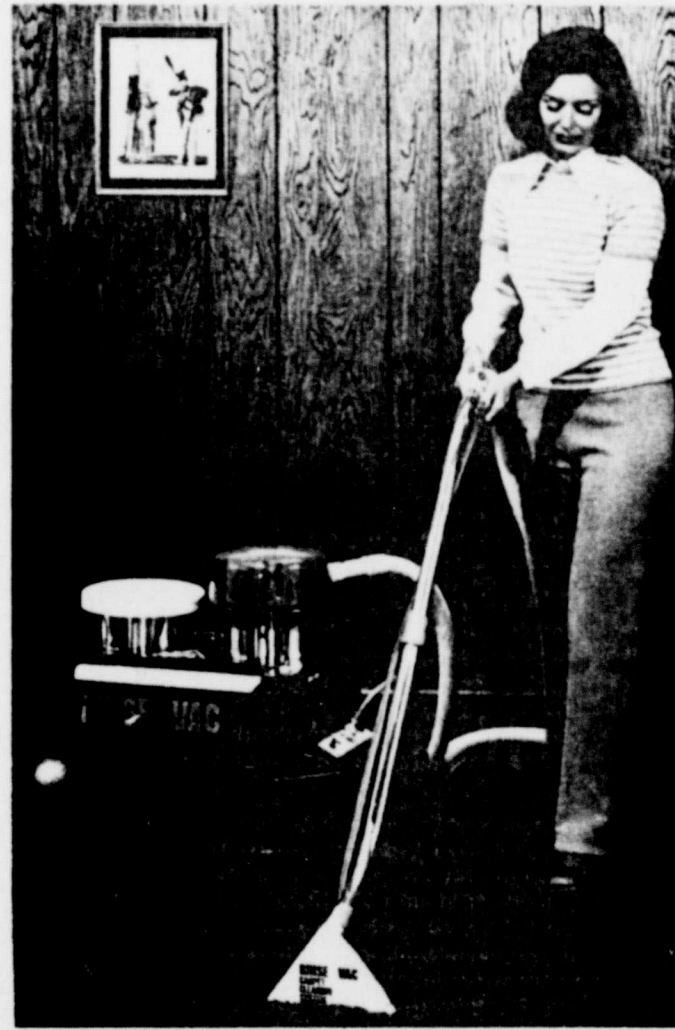
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* boat. This is the supply ship." *
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Badger Tracks Senior Citizens News

During half time of last week's game several honorees were announced. Football Hero and Sweetheart which are Paul Tucker and Rita Watts. Most valuable Pep Squad Member and Chuck Becky. Also Band Favorites which are Danny DuBose and Vickie Farmer. Each honoree was presented with a gift.

There was a meeting held on Tuesday November 4. Items discussed were money made on the candy that was sold and group activities. It was decided that the group will go to Six Flags in the spring. Also the officers will decide what they will wear to the State Meeting in February.

Seventy-five senior citizens met Friday night October 31, for a Halloween supper at the Senior Citizens building.

Every one seemed to enjoy the fun and fellowship. A jack-o-lantern, witches and black cats helped to set the mood for a festive evening.

We are hoping to get a lot more new members, so come and join the fun.

The Senior Citizens met Monday night for their monthly singing.

Visitors were present from Fort Worth and De Leon. There were over 70 present to enjoy the good singing which included quartets and solos.

All ages are invited to attend the singings.

Cub Scout News

Merkel Cub Scouts had a family camp out this week end at Abilene State Park near Buffalo Gap. The parents accompanying the scouts were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nalley, Jimmy Leverich, Mr. and Mrs. John Brady, Ann Cutler, Audra Horton and Mr. and Mrs. Allday.

Twenty five attended the campout. Activities included hiking, earning badges and cook outs.

There will be a pack meeting November 20, at the scout hut at 7:30 p.m. Parents are urged to attend with the scouts.

Goodman HD

Goodman Home Demonstration Club met October 24 in the home of Mrs. David Carter. Devotion was given by Mrs. Carl Carey. Roll call was answered with "How I Keep Records."

A council report was given by Mrs. Garland Price. In the report, Mrs. Price stated that Goodman Club was responsible for registering of the guests at the council Christmas party December 2. Also that the program would be given by Mrs. Judy Law from West Texas Utilities, Stamford District.

The program for that day consisted of working on a baby quilt.

Members attending were mesdames Carl Carey, Garland Price, David Carter, Cal McAninch, Dan Butler, Dennis Butler and Jennings Winter.

LOOK WHO'S HERE!

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cunningham of Monroe, Louisiana announce the birth of a son, Charles Dustin born October 22. The baby weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Esther Luke of Merkel and paternal grandmother is Gertrude Cunningham of Putnam. Great grandmother is Mrs. Pearl White of Putnam.

Fortnightly Club

A program on "Special Home Arts" or "How it Happened to Me" was presented to members of the Fortnightly Study Club October 28 in the home of Mrs. Ray Wilson. Mrs. Comer Haynes set the theme for the afternoon by reading "Home" by Edgar August. Mrs. Carl Hughes demonstrated the art of "Growing Roses from Cuttings." Mrs. W. R. Cypert reported African Violets and members drew for the plants. A display of "Fine Stitchery" was presented by Mrs. L. A. Dudley and Mrs. Stanley Toombs showed a number of her oil paintings.

Those present were Mesdames John Cain, W. R. Cypert, Don Dudley, L. A. Dudley, Charles Eager, Mack Fisher, David Gamble, Don Hart, Comer Haynes, Carl Hughes, Andy Shouse, Stanley Toombs, Ray Wilson and Christine Collins.

Riding Club News

The Merkel Riding Club will hold its monthly pot luck supper and business meeting Saturday November 8th at 7:30 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Co-op building. All members are invited to attend. "Good food and fellowship."

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in Abilene. Rev. W. P. Gerhart performed their wedding ceremony in the Episcopal Church. The Stowes moved to Trent in 1943.

Mr. Stowe retired from Palmer Motor Co. in 1973 having served as service manager for 16 years. Mrs. Stowe retired in 1971 from civilian work at Dyess AFB where she worked in Base Supply. The Stowes are presently engaged in ranching near Trent.

The Stowes have two children, John C. of Abilene and Mrs. Jackie Richards of View. Their grandchildren are Kay and J. D. Richards and Jill Stowe.

Members of the houseparty are Mrs. Roy Autrey, Mrs. Barbara Autrey, Mrs. Mary Scott, Mrs. Pat Atkins and Mrs. Glenn Cutting.

Jr. Badgers Tie Rotan 0-0

The Merkel Junior Badgers 8th. grade football team went to Rotan last Thursday and finally scored but only to have it called back on a penalty. The Junior Badgers scored two other times but were denied each time.

The 8th. grade Rotan team kicked off to the Junior Badgers and recovered the ball on their own 42 yard line. The Yellowhammers took the ball all the way down to the 1 foot line on their drive but were denied a score from the stung defense of the Junior Badgers. The Junior Badgers took the ball and marched down to the 38 yard line. On one play the Junior Badgers power back Steve Mathewson took the hand off from Scott Cain (QB) and headed down the field for the apparent touch down. But it was called back because of a clipping penalty.

The Junior Badgers again apparently scored when Cain hit end Chris Cox with a 32 yard pass and run but Cox was said to have stepped out of bounds. Then the Junior Badgers drove the ball all the way to the goal line and Cain ran a quarterback sneak by which was said to have come up short.

Final score was Merkel 0 Rotan 0.

Outstanding on offense for the Junior Badgers were Cain, Cox, Mathewson, Bobby Dickinson, Ken Wells, James Stovall, Jeff Toombs, Josh Amerine, Dwayne Roysden, Larry Martin, Mark Copeland and Russell White.

Having a hand in on the defensive charge that did not let Rotan score were Dickinson, Stovall, Amerine, Roysden, Victor Herrera, Copeland, Mathewson, Gayland Childers, Cox, Perry Stockman, Ted Holmes and Wells.

"These young men showed their determination against Rotan last week when they held the Yellowhammers on the one foot line. Rotan had four chances to score from there." This week the Junior Badgers close out the 1975

season against Baird at Merkel at 6:00 p.m. followed by the J. V. at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come out and see some more fine football this Thursday.

CHRISTMAS SEALS

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Teams of art teachers and lung association representatives selected six paintings in each state and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Samoa-Guam to be sent to the nationwide selection committee. In January 1974 this group chose paintings by 34 girls and 20 boys to compose the sheet of 1975 Christmas Seals.

Mr. Hensley pointed out that each sheet of the Seals bears the heading, "Christmas Seal Greetings from the Children of America." He added: "Let's not let the children down. The best Christmas Greeting we can send in return is a generous contribution to help the Lung Association continue its work of protecting the lungs of children and grownups. Answer your Christmas Seal letter today." It's a matter of life and breath.

GIFTS HELP ESTATE

PLANNING --- Giving property or other assets of an estate while still living has numerous advantages, says an economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. It allows you to help younger people who usually have lower incomes and greater needs. Such gifts also lower the value of your estate at death, thus reducing federal estate tax. Making large gifts and paying a gift tax may even be beneficial, since gift tax rates are only three-fourths of estate death tax rates. Every individual has a specific lifetime exemption of \$30,000 as far as gifts are concerned. In addition, there is an annual exclusion of \$3,000 without paying a gift tax.

Stith HD News

The Stith HD Club met Tuesday, October 28 in the home of Ruby Harris who also brought the devotional. The THDA creed was read and a prayer given by Mrs. Mae Jones. Roll call was answered with "how I keep records." Accounts report was given by Margaret Dickerson.

On November 12, the Stith HD Club will meet with the Goodman HD Club and the Comper HD Club for a report of the state meeting that was held in Abilene.

The club Christmas party is planned for December 10 with a covered dish luncheon in the home of Mrs. Mae Jones.

LAY-AWAY FOR CHRISTMAS WILSONS JEWELERS

The program for the October meeting was "What's new in income tax." The hostess gift went to Mrs. Roy Mashburn. There were nine members present and one new member and a visitor.

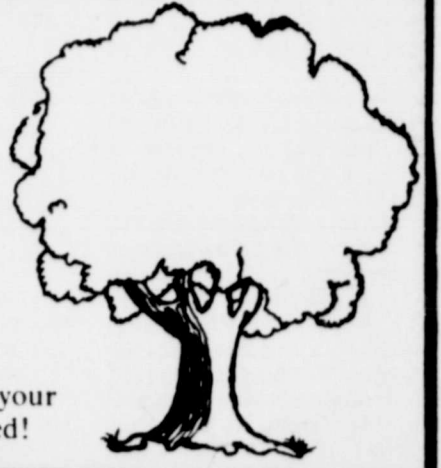
Really fashionable women today are making their own clothes. Marlene Odle, clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, reports.

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The primary cause of hunting accidents is carelessness. The hunter who blazes away at anything that moves runs a big risk of bagging a fellow hunter. The professional hunter will know what he or she is firing at before pulling the trigger. The hunter must never forget that any weapon capable of killing birds and animals also can kill humans.

To avoid being mistaken for wild game, the Texas Medical Association urges every hunter to wear "daylight fluorescent orange" clothing. Extensive scientific research proves that "hunter orange," while it sends a glowing signal to other hunters, does not hamper the sportsman stalking a deer. A hunter's chances of bagging a deer are just as good in fluorescent or blaze orange clothing as any other color, since the skittish white-tail deer is color blind and will only be alarmed when it distinguishes motion, sound, or scent.

When getting your hunting gear together, be sure to include a "hunter orange" jacket or vest. Even a cap in that distinctive color provides some protection.

Here are some other suggestions for a safe hunt:

- Never cross over or through a fence or climb a tree with a loaded gun. It might fall and discharge. Unload first and reload after crossing. Don't shoot at a hard, flat surface. Ricocheting bullets can carry long distances with killing power.
- Even a small bore rifle has considerable range. Know where your bullet will stop before pulling the trigger.
- Keep guns away from children. Never leave a weapon unattended without unloading it. Store guns and ammunition beyond reach of youngsters, preferably under lock and key.
- Always carry a gun so that you can control the direction of the muzzle if you stumble. Keep the safety catch on until ready to shoot. Always be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions. A barrel clogged with mud or snow may burst.
- Guns and alcohol don't mix. If you like a nip around camp, wait until you're through hunting for the day and all weapons are unloaded and cased.
- Treat guns with respect at all times. They may be loaded, despite all precautions. Thus, never point a weapon at someone unless you plan to shoot it.
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Pannell and his wife, Peggy, have two children, Ronald of Abilene and Mrs. Robert K. (Karia) Butler, Jr., whose husband is a lieutenant in the Air Force, stationed in Spokane, Washington.

The Pannells are members of South Side Baptist Church and live at 510 Hawthorne.

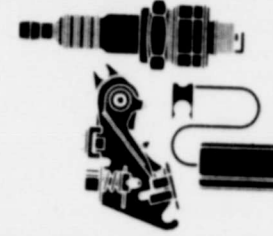
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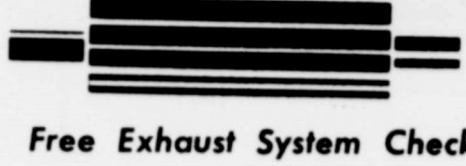
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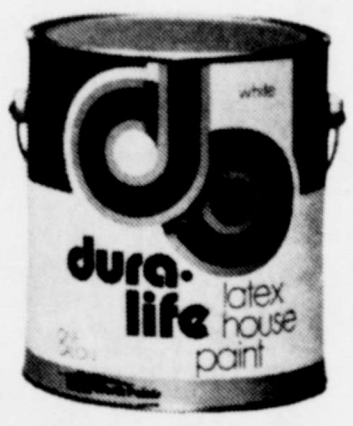
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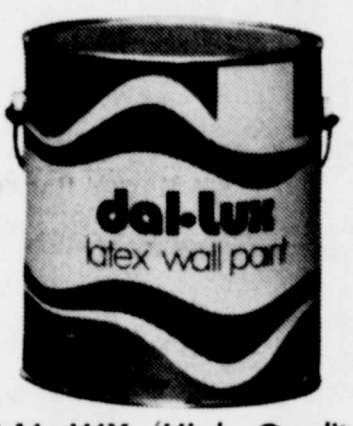
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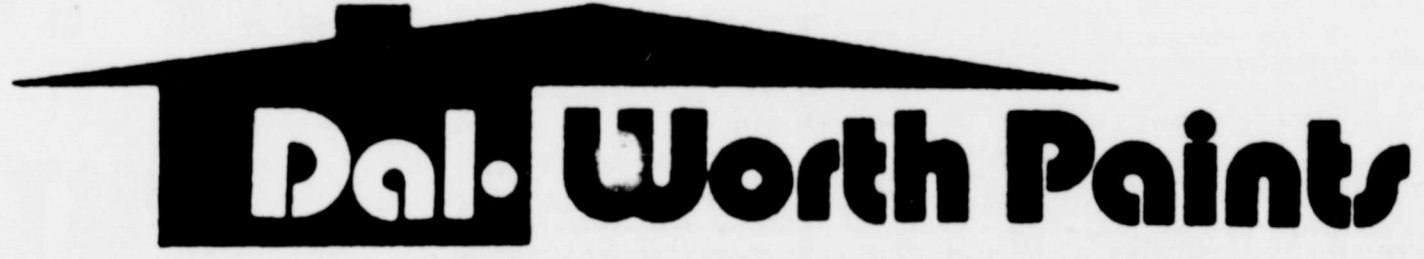


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GO OUT AND CHEER

FOR THE BADGERS

PLAYING AGAINST BAIRD

NOV. 7 FRIDAY

AT 7:30 P.M.



Last Week's Results	
MERKEL	0
ROTAN	47

THESE MERCHANTS ARE BACKING
THE MERKEL BADGERS ALL THE WAY

1975 Merkel Badgers' Football Schedule

Sept. 5	Robert Lee	Here	8:00	Win
12	Winters	There	8:00	Loss
19	Ranger	Here	8:00	Loss
26	Roby	There	8:00	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	Loss
31	Rotan	Here	7:30	Loss
Nov. 7	Baird	There	7:30	

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

J. V. Schedule

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



Merkel Auto Parts
921 NORTH SECOND 8-5831

&
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Farmers & Merchants
National Bank
111 EDWARDS 8-4728

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

Palmer
Pontiac & GMC
1208 N 1ST 8-5713

Kraatz Repair
NORTH 1ST. 8-5594

Sybles Beauty Nook
215 EDWARDS 8-4858

South Grain Elev.
N 1ST ST. 8-5422

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

Wylie Shamrock
1-20 8-5584

The Merkel Mail
916 N 1ST 8-5712

Big Country Inn
1-20 8-4756

Warren's Antique Shop
304 EDWARDS 8-5010

Carsons Super
Market
217 EDWARDS 8-5231

DuBose Texaco
8-5822 N 7TH

Petes Plaster Shop
502 KENT 8-5429

Ninth Street Grocery
1207 SOUTH NINTH 8-5331

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

Ben Franklin
129 EDWARDS 8-4993

Merkel Restaurant
1-20 8-4923

KWFA Radio
N 2ND & BAKER 8-4701

Hicks Auto Supply
138 EDWARDS 8-5166

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QUART JAR WITH \$10.00 IN TRADE OR MORE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES **83¢**



WHAT A GREAT WEEKEND FOR A WONDERFUL

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ARMOUR or HORMEL CANNED BONELESS
HAM 3LB CAN **\$6.39**
FRANKS
ROAST BABY BEEF CHUCK
STEAK CHOICE BEEF T-BONE
BACON DECKER POUND
STEAK GOOCH B R 5 BEEF
LIVER FRESH BEEF LB **79¢**

DECKER 5 TO 8 LB. Whole LB. **89¢**
 SLICED LB. **99¢**
 OSCAR MAYER ALL BEEF LB **89¢**
 AMERICAN BEAUTY POTATOES INSTANT LB BAG **79¢**
 OCEAN SPRAY WHOLE 300 CRANBERRY SAUCE 2 FOR **79¢**
 DELMONTE 303 PUMPKIN 2 FOR **59¢**
 LIBBYS 303 GARDEN MIX VEG. 2 FOR **59¢**
 LIBBYS 303 SLICED CARROTS 2 FOR **53¢**
 RANCH STYLE 300 ENGLISH or ARM BEANS 2 FOR **53¢**

SUNSHINE **Vanilla Wafers** 11OZ BOX **49¢**
 BETTY CROCKER ASST. **H.B. HELPER** BOX **59¢**
 ATKINS SWEET CHIPS **PICKLES** 16OZ JAR **43¢**
 LIBBYS 9OZ ASST **FRUIT FLOAT** 2 FOR **39¢**
 AMERICAN BEAUTY **POTATOES** INSTANT LB BAG **59¢**
 OCEAN SPRAY WHOLE 300 **CRANBERRY SAUCE** 2 FOR **79¢**
 DELMONTE 303 **PUMPKIN** 2 FOR **59¢**
 LIBBYS 303 **GARDEN MIX VEG.** 2 FOR **59¢**
 LIBBYS 303 **SLICED CARROTS** 2 FOR **53¢**
 RANCH STYLE 300 **BEANS** 2 FOR **53¢**

BAKER'S ANGEL FLAKE **COCONUT** 7oz PKG **53¢**
 HERSHEY'S INSTANT **COCOA MIX** 2 LB BOX **\$1.59**
 PIONEER CORNBREAD **MIX** 24 OZ CAN **43¢**
 I.G. DAIRY FRESH **BUTTER MILK** 1/2 GAL CRT **69¢**

FACIAL TISSUE **KLEENEX** 100 CT CASUAL BOX **29¢**
 VANCAMP **TUNA** FLAT CAN **43¢**
 SWEET-SIXTEEN QUARTERS **OLEO** 2 LBS **73¢**
 MORTON HOUSE **CHILI** 300 PLAIN **59¢**

TRI-VALLEY **PEACHES** 2 1/2 CAN **89¢**
 HI-VI 100% **DOG FOOD** 300 CAN **49¢**

COFFEE MAXWELL HOUSE LIMIT ONE LB. CAN **\$1.19**
SNOWDRIFT 3 LB CAN LIMIT ONE **\$1.33**
FLOUR GLADIOLA 5 LB BAG **79¢**
MILK I.G. DAIRY FRESH HOMO 2 GAL JUG NO DEPOSIT **\$1.43**

I.G. DAIRY FRESH **HOMO MILK** GAL. JUG NO DEPOSIT **\$1.53**

FOREMOST **AVOCODO DIP** 8 OZ PKG **49¢**
GRAPEFRUIT

KIMBIES **DIAPERS** TODDLER 24 CT BOX **\$1.89**

BIRDSEYE **COOL WHIP** 9OZ PKG **59¢**

POT PIES MORTONS MORTON FROZEN **DONUTS** AUNT JEMIMA FROZEN **Pancake MIX** 16 OZ BOX **49¢**

TEXAS RUBY RED **GRAPEFRUIT** POUND **15¢**

LIQUID **IVORY** DETERGENT GT BOT. **69¢**

CONCENTRATE **DASH** CLEANSER JUMBO BOX **\$2.98**

CABBAGE FRESH LB **9¢**
Red Apples DELICIOUS LB **25¢**
CUCUMBERS TEXAS LB **15¢**
TANGERINES FRESH LB **25¢**

SPUDS RUSSET 10 LB BAG **93¢**

DETERGENT **CHEER** KING SIZE **\$1.79**

CLEANSER **COMET** REG SIZE 2 FOR **43¢**

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