

BIBLE VERSE
"This is my command; be strong, be resolute, do not be fearful or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."
Joshua 1:9



Council names seven to new education board

The City Council named a Board of Directors for the newly created Merkel Higher Education Authority at its regular meeting Friday at City Hall.

The Council named a 7-member board, according to provisions of the October 29 meeting which created the Authority to administer higher education facilities for Merkel.

In other action the Council approved final plans and specifications for the Community Development water system improvement program. Phase I and voted to advertise for bids.

They also discussed the closing of a city street and a proposed water contract by Fred Crenshaw.

A public hearing also was held on Community Development Program application for next year and the Council discussed adjustment to charges for sanitary sewer for the Cook Laundry.

Accounts also were approved. Named to the Higher Education Authority Board and to serve until the next City election are Don Hensley, Benny Melton, George Starbuck, Onis Crawford, Mrs. Ted Wilson, Bill Button and Billy Bob Toombs.

Mayor Lou David Allen said all seven have agreed to serve on the Board.

The Mayor also read a letter he is sending to Governor Dolph Briscoe outlining the formation and reason behind naming the new Authority.

Ken Martin of Yeatts and Decker, Inc. of Abilene presented the final plans for the \$30,400 water line project and announced his firm is ready to seek bids.

Bids will be accepted until December 10 at 2 p.m. when the City Council has agreed to meet to open bids.

Martin said his firm has estimated the cost at \$26,500.

Don Adair has requested the closing of a city street between blocks C and N Boice addition. It separates property he owns and runs 10 feet on the northeast side of his home.

After discussion on the pros and cons of continued requests for closing of alleys and streets in Merkel, the Council approved a motion to advertise in regards to closing the street—a procedure required before final action can be taken.

Crenshaw and seven other property owners are requesting a city water line for property north of the Wylie Truck Stop. The eight are putting up \$12,000 for the cost of construction of the water lines and will include 18 meters. There would be no cost to the city.

The property owners would then charge \$500 for each new meter in the area which would be paid to the city and in turn the property owners would be reimbursed to the extent of their \$12,000 investment.

The Council authorized City Coordinator J. A. Sadler to work up a contract, incorporating changes in the one submitted by Crenshaw and to bring the issue back to the City Council at its November 22 meeting.

The Council elected to meet November 22 at 7 a.m. instead of November 26 because of Thanksgiving holidays.

Sadler pointed out the water rates would be the same for the new area as for all other areas outside the city.

After the \$12,000 is recovered (or after 10 years as will be proposed in the contract) all other connection charges would revert to the city.

The city would maintain the lines after

they are installed. It has been proposed that 4-inch lines be used. Water pressure in the area was also discussed. Water pressure isn't expected to be too strong, the Council was told.

Moving to the public hearing, there was no one present to present their views on using proposed HUD funds for next year. Public hearings (this was the second) are required before the Council can act on requesting funds.

An area in the southwest part of Merkel was discussed as meeting requirements for such funds. Improvement of the Tri-City park and paving in the surrounding area to eliminate flooding were discussed.

The City Council also discussed other area of the city where possible use of such funds may meet with HUD approval.

And, it was noted that it would serve be a boon to get some form of recreation facilities—such as tennis courts and a swimming pool—for use during the summer by the youth of the community.

Merkel has to make application for next year's funds in January.

The Council also advised Sadler to discuss the matter with the HUD official when he comes to Merkel Thursday.

On the request for a lower rate for the sewer charge for the Cook laundry, Sadler provided the Council with varying rates used by other cities from an official publication he secured while in Austin last week.

The rates varied from much lower to much higher than those charged by Merkel—30 cents per 1,000 gallons of water.

Mayor Allen, using a formula he had worked out recommended a possible 10 per cent reduction in her bill.

However, some of the Councilmen were not in favor of starting to give any individual or firm special treatment.

No action was taken on the Mayor's request or on the Cook request.

Accounts were then approved. Sadler pointed out that a \$299.04 cost in the administration budget was for the purchase of check books.

And, it was noted that \$359.69 was spent with Western Auto by the Police Department. This was for three CB units as approved by the Council at its last meeting. The CB's cost approximately \$70, the Council was told.

Rest of the expense at Western Auto went to purchase three 410 shotguns

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to be used by the Police Department.

Accounts paid for October:
Administration-Fina Gas and Oil, 21.86; Continental Telephone, 41.89; Higginbotham-Bartlett, 6.75; Merkel Mail, 5.95; Bennett's 299.04; Business Center, 9.95; Glenn and Thomas, 120.35; Carson Market, 19.30; Total-523.09.

Street Department-Fina Gas and Oil, 143.56; Crains, 35.50; Whies Mines, 125.79; Costin Implement, 21.48; Bob DuBose, 21.48; Total-356.91.

Fire Department-Fina Gas and Oil, 20.47; Continental Telephone, 72.18; Hicks Auto, 10.18; Higginbotham-Bartlett, 1.87; DuBose, 21.48; Total-126.18.

Police Department-Fina Gas and Oil, 438.30; Continental Telephone, 74.78; Palmer Motor, 19.25; Higginbotham, 42; Western Auto, 359.69; Stanford Electric, 25.90; W T C of Gov., 24.00; Sa-So, 132.51; DuBose, 21.48; Total-1,114.23.

Other Accounts-Gulf Ins (Fleet), 195.88; Gulf Ins. (Liab), 383.40; Taylor Electric, 93.27; American Security, 37.31; West Tx Linn, 65.20; S. S. on Deposit, 838.92; W-H Tax on Deposit, 638.80; Total 2,253.78.

Sanitation-Fina Gas and Oil, 124.12; Treanor, 298.09; Higginbotham-Bartlett, 2.70; Wilson Food, 3.77; Troy Dickerson, 25.00; DuBose, 21.48; DuBose, 11.05; Total 486.21.

Water and Sewer Department-Fina Gas and Oil, 117.23; Taylor Electric, 470.56; Continental Telephone, 48.79; Powers Pump, 98.20; Trans-Tx Supply, 435.36; Merkel Truck Stop, 16.15; Higginbotham Bartlett, 17.36; Higginbotham, 6.92; Higginbotham, 6.37; Unita Compans, 176.97; S. E. C., 125.00; Bennetts, 98.68; Abilene Welding, 2.70; DuBose, 42.96; West Tx Linn, 24.60; S. S. on Deposit, 203.03; W-H Tax on Deposit, 199.00; Texas Bank and Trust, 1630.68; City of Abilene, 4775.82; Total-8,500.38.

Ambulance-Fina Gas and Oil, 53.98; M & M Auto, 35.00; Abilene Communication, 219.50; Carson Market, 2.53; Total-311.01.

Grand Total-13,703.79
Bank Balance-November 11, 1976- General, 5,363.32; Water and Sewer, 1,912.61; Revenue Sharing, 10,004.49; Ambulance, 1,570.67; Meter Deposit Account, 740.00; Library Account, 165.89; and Interest and Sinking, 15,492.80.

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A sight to wake up to Saturday morning

THE MAIL



By Carl Dingler

The football season is now history at Merkel High. It is great the Badgers had a winning season and have really come through like champions.

Several of them most likely will be in for individual recognition when all-district teams are named.

Too, Coach Jerry McLeod should certainly be in the running for coach of the year honors, considering the great job he has done in reversing Merkel's football fortune his first year here.

It is especially nice for the nine seniors to have a great year this, their final year as a Badger. So congratulations to each of you—Glenn Braune, Steve Tarpley, Roger Doan, Bart Whisenant, Larry Smith, Mark Shaw, Keith Austerman, John Biera and David Pfister.

If you desire, may you go on to play college football and continue toward your highest dream.

To all the other members of the team, there is now the challenge and desire to continue the excellent performance initiated by this year's team and to perform even more outstanding feats in the year's of high school football they have remaining.

Special thanks should go to those teammembers who go about their daily tasks and perform above par during a game and yet receive little or no recognition—especially the linemen and defensive unit.

It is easy for each of us to associate with the backs and those connected with obvious action while holding onto the football. But, without the others, their accomplishments would not be possible.

Therefore, the coaches and all the Merkel Badgers should be especially proud of their hard work and its results.

The self satisfaction of knowing you did your best is worth more and will remain within each of your hearts far longer than any words of praise this corner or anyone can pass out.

Still, praise is nice to hear and we want to say personally it has been a joy to watch each of you perform this year.

Raa across this poem an interested reader brought in recently and thought it worthy of mention. Discovered it in my stack of future things to take care of, so here it is.

How do I know my youth has been spent?
Because my-get-up-and-go, got up and went.

But in spite of it all, I am able to grin,
When I think where my-get-up-and-go has been.

Old age is golden, I have heard it said,
But I sometimes wonder as I go to bed;

My ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,
My eyes on a table until I wake up.

Ere sleep dims my eyes, I say to myself,
"Is there anything else I can lay on the shelf?"

I am happy to say as I close the door,
"My friends are the same as in days of yore."

When I was young, my slippers were red;
I could kick up my heels right over my head.

When I grew older, my slippers were blue,
But I could dance the whole night through.

Now I am old, my slippers are black;
I walk to the corner and puff my way back.

The reason I know, my youth has been spent,
My get-up-and-go has got up and went.

But really don't mind when I think with a grin
Of all the places my get-up has been.

since I retired from life's competition,
I busy myself with complete repetition.

I get up each morning, dust off my wits,
Pick up the paper and read the "Obits."

If my name is missing, I know I'm not dead,
So I eat a good breakfast and go back to bed.

And, there is this article clipped from a Farm Co-Op publication showing advice given in 1934 is just as good today. The article:

This afternoon there came into my office a young man who had just finished an agricultural short course, writes Glenn Frank, president of the University of Wisconsin. He was, he said, planning to spend his life on the farm, and he wanted me to say what I thought he should keep before him as a guide to his thinking as a farmer.

Here are the 10 things I told him:

1. Don't begin your career as a farmer in a defeatist mood.

2. Don't be deluded into thinking there is such a thing as "the farm problem" that can be solved by a single remedy.

3. Don't trust too much to politics for a solution of current agricultural difficulties.

4. Don't think that farm legislation is the only legislation that affects the farm, for the farm is a part of the whole economic and social order, and any legislation that affects the social and economic order affects the farm.

5. Don't think of the farmer as a grower of foodstuffs only, but as a producer of industrial raw materials as well.

6. Don't cling to any obsolete individualism, but realize that there must be developed a new individualism, safeguarded by the protecting wall of cooperative action.

7. Don't lose interest in the problems of production just because the problems of distribution happen to be the more pressing at the moment.

8. Don't let anything keep you out of the cooperative movement.

9. Don't let your interest in the one cooperative you are interested in blind you to the larger interests of the cooperative movement as a whole, but remember that the cooperative movement may be killed by cooperatives that do not know how to cooperate with other cooperatives.

10. Don't fail to follow throughout your life the largest results of research in your particular field. Finally, the problem of the farm must be solved by the farmers, for despite the greatness of planning that outside leaders may bring to the farm the planning will be stillborn unless the farmers have schooled themselves into a way of thinking that enables them to carry out the plans.

From here and there: A person soon learns how little he knows when a child begins to ask questions.



Perfect winter scenes abounded in Merkel

Thanksgiving services

The Second Thanksgiving Community-Wide services have been set for November 24 at Merkel's United Methodist Church.

Thanksgiving services will begin at 7 p.m. with special music and a speaker. Offerings will be taken to go to a fund for needy people. It will be administered by participating pastors of Merkel.

All churches in the community are invited to be a part of the Thanksgiving services and everyone is welcome to attend.

Early deadline for Thanksgiving

In order to give the employees of The Merkel Mail a Thanksgiving holiday and to allow our subscribers to get all the top values from our advertisers during the week-end, deadlines have been changed for Thanksgiving week.

The Merkel Mail will be distributed by the Post Office on November 23 (Tuesday). This will give those doing last minute Thanksgiving shopping time to take advantage of the top values being offered.

To better serve our subscribers, therefore the deadline for submitting stories for this edition will be Friday, November 19 at noon. Likewise all advertisements, classified and display, will have a noon, November 19 deadline.

Noodle homecoming set

Noodle Homecoming is Saturday, November 27 at the Merkel Lions Club building. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Business meeting will be held at 11 a.m.

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Mrs. Gary Henry

Thomas, Henry exchange vows

Katherine Lynn Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Thomas of Merkel and Gary Lewis Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Henry of Abilene were married in the First Baptist Church of Merkel November 13.

Reverend Jackey Reynolds of Merkel officiated for the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and attendants were Mrs. Sandra Thomas, sister-in-law, maid of honor; Mrs. Marsha Tyler of Clyde, sister and Mrs. Pam King, cousin were bridesmaids; Tammy Henry was flower girl; Mike Hagar was ring bearer; and Don Henry and Gary Dickerson were candle lighters.

Bestman was Gary Tyler of Clyde, brother-in-law of the groom. Groomsman were Ricky Thomas and David King.

Ushers were Jack Davidson of Lampasas, G. W. Davidson of Andrews, Kenneth Henry of Abilene and

Don Dickerson of Merkel. The bride graduated from Merkel High and the groom graduated from Abilene High. The bride is employed by Timex and the groom is employed by Cage, Inc. of Abilene.

The couple will reside at 302 Shelton in Abilene.

A reception was held by the bride's parents in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church.

The bride's dress was

made and designed by Ann Henry, the bridegroom's mother. She wore an A line white satin dress covered with chantilly lace and tiny pearls encrusted the bodice. Full gathered sleeves came to a point over the wrist. The maid of honor, bridesmaids and flower girl wore royal blue empire waisted dresses with coramating sky blue hats.

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Goodman HD Club

Goodman Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. David Carter at 1408 North 3rd Friday, November 12.

Everyone answered roll call by showing something that they had brought from home done with needlework.

The coming holidays Thanksgiving and Christmas were discussed and plans were made to attend the party at council in Anson and one for the club in Merkel.

Several members had been absent for quite a while and they were brought up to date on activities of the club. Past meetings were discussed and programs were reviewed.

Mrs. Garland Price brought an interesting program on the different things offered and the different ways for them to be done in needlework. She discussed wall hangings, quilts, sweaters and the art of painting on cloth.

Members attending were Mmes: Alan Agnew, Dennis Butler, Frank Carter, Jennings Winter, Garland Price, David Carter and two guests Irene Pomroy and Mrs. Charley Seago and a new member Mrs. W. L. Massey with her daughter and son Ginger and Jason.

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Linda Toombs, Toliver are wed

Linda Sue Toombs, daughter of Mrs. W. B. Toombs and the late Mr. Toombs, and the late Mr. Toliver, were married in Merkel Church of Christ October 24.

Larry Gill, minister, officiated for the ceremony. Gayla Toliver, sister of the bridegroom was maid of honor; Cindy McDonald of San Angelo and Kit Denison of Abilene, cousins of the bride, were bridesmaids.

Bill Young of Abilene was best man, Ben Greathouse of Abilene and Freddy T. Toombs, brother of the bride, were groomsmen. Duaine Pentecost and Keith Duraey, both of Abilene, seated guests. Krista Toombs, niece of the bride, was flower girl and Wade Toombs, nephew of

the bride, was ringbearer. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Billy Bob Toombs.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School and attended Abilene Christian University.

The bridegroom, also a graduate of Merkel High School, attended ACU. He is

a self-employed musician.

Following the wedding, a reception at the Merkel Country Club was hosted by Mmes. Billy Bob Toombs, Freddy Toombs, S. B. Toombs, Roy Green and Peggy Denison.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at the Country Club.



Mrs. Larry Toliver

Fortnightly Study Club news

The Fortnightly Study Club met November 9 in Fellowship Hall of First Methodist Church for a program on "Story and Display of Holiday Foods and Decorations" presented by Mary Jean McCarthy of Lone Star Gas Company. The Study Club decided to hold a bake sale downtown Saturday, November 20, which will probably include some of the beautiful and delicious foods featured in the program. Proceeds from the sale will be used for hometown projects of the club.

Guests attending the holiday foods program were Mrs. George Starbuck, Mrs. Ben Hicks, Mrs. Phil Seymour, Mrs. Jack South, Mrs. Odie Griffin, Mrs. T. K. Anderson, Mrs. Charles Sherrell, Mrs.

Raymond Ferguson, Mrs. Carroll Benson, Mrs. Vera West, Mrs. Ruth Cox, Mrs. Mary Click, Mrs. Bobby DuBose, Mrs. George Peachy, Mrs. Fred Starbuck, Mrs. Jack Hogan, and Mrs. Ora Griggs.

Members present were Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. W. R. Cypert, Mrs. S. C. Dixon, Mrs. Don Dudley, Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, Mrs. Charles Eager, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mrs. David Gamble, Miss Mildred Hamm, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Buster Horton, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. C. B. Knight, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, and Mrs. Ray Wilson.

Pack, Halfbreed

Ray Pack and Halfbreed leave Sunday for a two week engagement in Bristol, Tennessee.

They also will be in Nashville to record their first album for a major, national recording company.

Lords Acre Sale

The annual Lords Acre Sale at Pioneer Memorial Church in Mulberry Canyon will be held Saturday. Supper will be held at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited.

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1/3 cup crisco
1/2 clove of garlic, chopped
1 cup diced onion
4 potatoes, pored and sliced
1 pound ground beef
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup water
1 cup tomato sauce
1/3 cup tomato juice
2 bay leaves

1. Melt Crisco in large skillet; add garlic, onion and potatoes and brown.
2. Remove from skillet, add beef and seasonings and brown.
3. Arrange alternate layers

potato and meat mixture in 2 quart casserole greased with Crisco.
4. Combine water, tomatoe sauce, and juice; pour over mixture.
5. Place bay leaves on top, bake at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes. Remove bay leaves before serving. Yields 6-8 servings.

Beef profits hinge on prices

A livestock marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service says that beef producers shouldn't worry too much about the amount of beef they supply to consumers, but neither should they expect profits to increase unless retail prices go up.

Dr. Ed Uvacek points out that beef per capita consumption in several foreign countries is considerably higher than that of the U. S. "We, therefore, are probably nowhere near our ultimate limit in U. S. beef consumption," he contends.

Uvacek notes that higher prices paid for beef by U. S. consumers do not necessarily constitute a profit for producers unless consumption levels are maintained or increased. "Producer profits can only come from increased consumer demand for beef and higher retail prices," points out the economist.

Marketing costs are cited by Uvacek as a key factor inhibiting producer profits. "Marketing costs have and will continue to increase at a fantastic rate. Thus, more dollars cannot be returned to the producer unless the number of dollars spent are increased."

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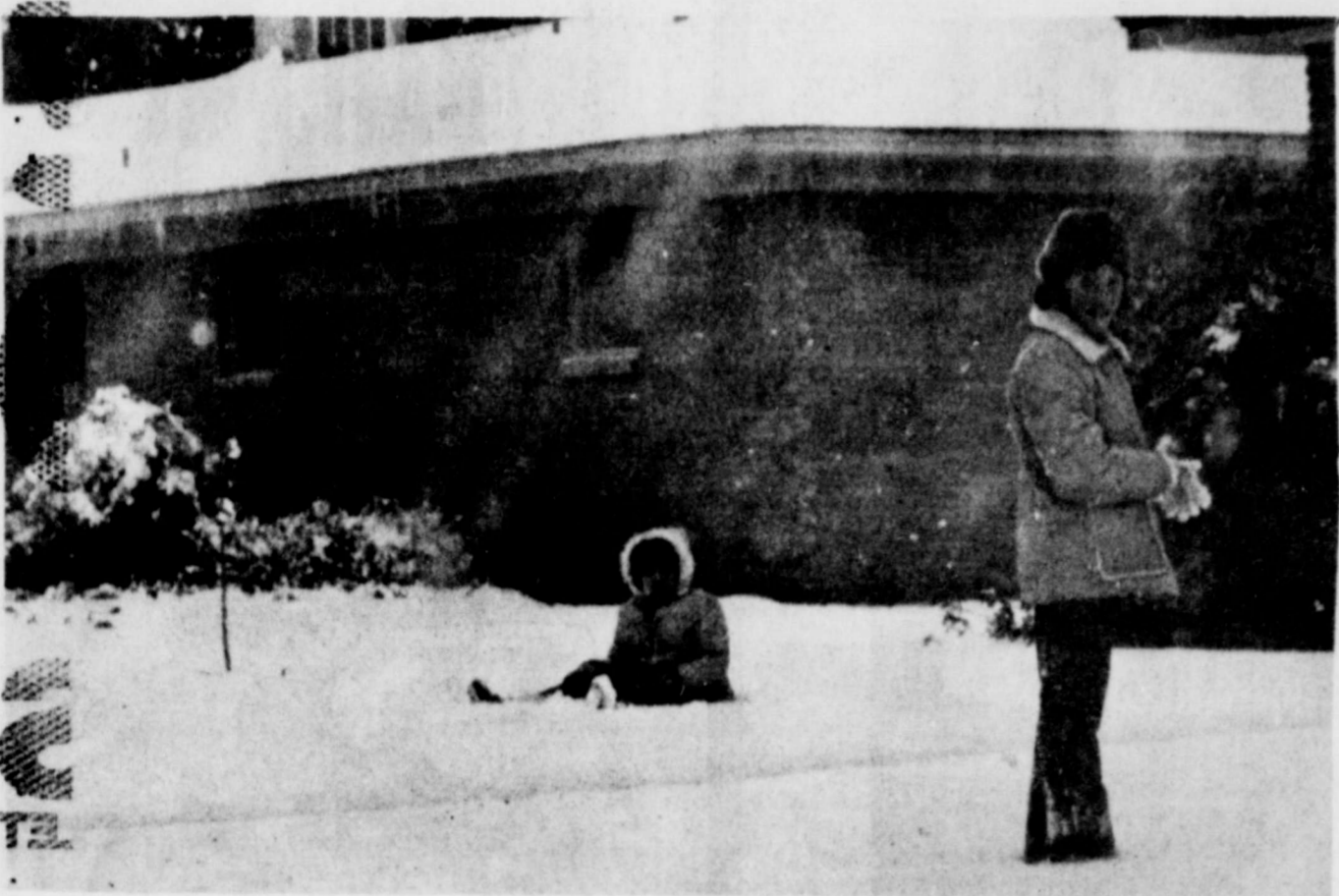
WWI vets meet

The Veterans of World War I and Ladies Auxiliary meets Saturday noon, November 20th at the R. E. A. building for a Thanksgiving turkey dinner. Men are furnishing the turkey and the Ladies Auxiliary are furnishing all the trimmings.

We urge all members to be present, and all eligible persons are invited. If you are a mother, wife, widow, sister, half-sister, daughter, step-daughter, foster daughter, or adopted daughter of a veteran of World War I you are eligible.

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Youth held in shooting death of View woman

Taylor County Court-at-Law Judge Nathan Newman has ordered that a 15-year-old boy suspected of murdering a View woman November 8 be detained while the investigation continues.

Taylor County Juvenile officer George Maxwell will attempt to have the youth certified as an adult so that he can stand trial for the shooting, slaying of Mrs. B. T. Elliott, 40, at her home in View. He said the woman was shot four times with a .12 gauge shotgun, three times in the back and once between the eyes at a close enough range to leave powder burns.

Assistant Criminal District Attorney James McMillon said that a hearing on certifying the youth probably could not be held before December because of the time-consuming social history and medical reports which must be compiled on the youth before he can be certified.

Because the hearing was closed, the youth's name was not made public. Juvenile law prohibits disclosure of juvenile records to the public, except for files and records relating to a charge for which a child is transferred to a criminal court for prosecution.

Mrs. Elliott, 40, of View was slain at her home in View at about 5:30 p.m. November 8. That night, deputies found a 12-gauge shotgun--the weapon they believed was used in the slaying, said Captain Gary Lightfoot of the Taylor County Sheriff Department. The shotgun was found in a borrow ditch about a mile east of the family's home.

Lloyd Woods, the son of Mrs. Elliott, told the deputies that his mother had been shot

to death by a man wearing a toboggan who made him wait two hours until his mother arrived home from work. He then shot Mrs. Elliott without saying a word, Lightfoot said Woods told him.

Lightfoot said sheriff's officers learned of the shooting when Woods called them from the home of a neighbor, J. D. Petree, a neighbor, said the youth ran to his house at about 5:40 p.m. and told him, "My mother's been shot."

Services for Mrs. Elliott were held November 10 at Elliott-Hamil Chapel of Faith.

Oscar Fanning officiated buried was in the Drummond Cemetery near View.

Tye seeks city Marshal

A committee was appointed Tuesday at the meeting of the Tye City Council to look into the possibilities of hiring a city marshal, Mayor James Barley said.

Barley said that approximately 150 persons went to the Tye Community Center to discuss what Tye could do to prevent juvenile vandalism.

Among the crowd at the community center were Taylor County sheriff, juvenile officer, district attorney and half the population of Tye," Barley added.

"The sheriff wants us to hire a city marshal," Barley said. "He said that he gets more calls from Tye than any

Born December 13, 1935, in Roby, Mrs. Elliott was a secretary at A & R Trucking at Caps. She married Browning Tuttle Elliott May 14, 1976, at the Wylie Baptist Church. She had been a resident of the View community 10 years.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Gail Hawthorn of the home; three sons, Johnny and Lloyd, both of the home and Jeff of Abilene; her parents, Lloyd A. Reeves of 2410 South 18th; a brother, Lloyd A. Reeves Jr. of Kushville, Missouri; four sisters, Mary Riser of Clyde; Wilma Pippens of San Angelo and Virginia Laurens and Sharon Coker, both of Tye.

other town in Taylor County." Tye presently has no law enforcement officer and is served only by a Taylor County deputy sheriff from Abilene.

Barley said the committee is to look into all the legal aspects of the situation, such as how to raise the money to pay for a marshal, and report back to him when they have reached a decision.

Steck to appear in Who's Who

Michael Steck, Tarleton State University graduate student from Merkel, has been selected to appear in Who's Who Among College Students in American Universities and colleges.

Steck is the son of Mrs. Mamie Steck of 1108 South 10th, in Merkel.

He is president of the Tarleton student body, reporter for Alpha Phi Omega, a distinguished student, and member of the Agriculture Club, Block and Bridle Club, Collegiate FFA, Texas Student Education Association, and Tarleton Recruiting Committee. He also served as president of his senior class.

Selection to Who's Who is based on academic achievement, involvement in student activities, participation in civic and community projects, and individual evidence of promise for continuing service to the university and community.

Wood's home burns

Fire has destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wood of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Wood is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith, Jr. of Merkel.

The Wood's mobile home caught fire and burned Friday, according to reports. All their possessions were destroyed in the blaze. There were no injuries.

The Woods are staying with friends until they can find another place to live.

Stith homecoming set Sunday

Stith annual homecoming will begin at the Baptist Church Sunday at 10 a.m. with a memorial service and special music.

Clark Mundy of Fort Worth will be the speaker at 11 a.m. and lunch will be served at the community center at the noon hour and each one is to bring a basket lunch.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Of happier times

This letter I address to Billie Walters.

It is wonderful to be remembered after some thirty years, for a deed you had tried to accomplish. I say tried, Billie, because our dreams, of beginning a youth center, in Merkel, were never realized, because of the same problems that face the youth today is apathy of the parents, and the Community at large, to provide some of community life for our young people.

We cannot depend on the churches nor the school to do every thing for the young people. Each has its own duties to perform. And to my knowledge, they do an excellent job, but not all of our youth are in church, nor school.

Do you know why, and how, the community center became a part of Merkel, in the first place?

The first Nightly Study Club, Mrs. Wren Durham President, decided, after much discussion to attempt an enormous task, almost seeming hopeless at that time. Mrs. Durham appointed a committee of members from the club. I hope after all these years, I can remember them: Mrs. Earl

Hughes, chairman, Mrs. Mary Cleo Sadler, Elizabeth Eager, Olga Gamble, Christine Collins, Mildred Collinsworth, and Alma McFarland. At that time Riggs Sheppard, R. E. A. manager, and later my husband, Earl Hughes was elected president.

They were as enthused as we were about our plans for a youth center.

The site was purchased, and a barracks building from Camp Barkley, was moved to its present location.

Everything progressed as we hoped. This committee of christian women went to work!

We fed every group of people, who needed a place to hold their banquets, or luncheons, or meetings of various kinds.

Every penny we made, went into the building. We paid for a new hard wood floor, bought a spinet piano, furnished a small reception room for club meetings, or a place for the parents, who wished to chaperone our youth parties, also finished our kitchen, hung drapes in the entire building, and we were ready for business.

The merchants and various people of Merkel, were generous in their cooperation. We had a wonderful place! We had bingo, dominoes, 42, and a few played bridge.

That large room, was stuffed with happy boys and girls, they were so proud to be a part of the club, and the committee was happy at their success.

We invited a group from the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. from Abilene to come and teach the youngsters the old square dances.

Of course Billie, a few adults came, and looked in on us for a few times, then decided they weren't really needed, and left. Not one parent, nor group of adults offered their services.

The committee I mentioned would have continued working, it was really a pleasure, even though we left our own families at home, but various people began complaining to their church about it, why I will never know, because not one child was ever rude, never drunk, never out of order, as to conduct. They just had fun.

Soon, they were talking about it from the pulpit of the churches. Don't blame the Preachers, it came from their flock such as you and I!

Soon the "youth center" became the "community center."

Billie were you one of the girls that came by my house one night, after you heard the center was closed and asked me, please, open it just one more time, because you didn't have any other place to go, and just have a good time. Remember Billie, I got the keys, opened the building and went in.

By that time, the juke box, the Coke machine, and other things were gone. What an ugly, dismal old room that was. No one running to get a partner for a game, no laughter, no nothing.

You are not the only one who cried that night. I did too, and the rest of the "Ladies of the Committee" were saddened, because we saw the death of a beautiful dream.

When you reach my age, Billie, it is sweet to remember such an occasion, a room full of happy boys and girls, and their laughter.

Thank you for writing your "letter to the Editor" and for remembering me, it made my day, a good day.

In closing my letter, I am repeating your last paragraph:

"Please parents let's show our children and their friends that we care. That's the main thing they're begging for."

Mrs. Earl Hughes

Cotton prices

Local market cotton prices ranged from 35 to 37 cents over Government loan rates during the week ending November 11, according to B. B. Manly of the USDA Cotton Classing Office in Abilene. Prices were stable and were mostly 36 cents over loan rates for all available qualities. Grade 42, staple 31 cotton that miked within the 3.5 to 4.9 range brought from 68 1/2 to 70 1/2 cents per pound. Premium micronaire grade 41, staple 32 cotton brought from 70 1/2 to 72 1/2 cents per pound. Forward contracts were offered at 35 and at 36 cents over loan rates, but very few acres were contracted. Producers received from 96 to 102 dollars per ton for cottonseed at the gin.

Cotton quality was high in comparison to that of the previous season with micronaire being the quality factor most improved. About 86 percent miked within the desirable 3.5 to 4.9 range. Ten percent was low mike and 4 percent was high mike. Grade 42 was the predominant grade at 24 percent. Grade 32 accounted for 21 percent and grade 41 accounted for 14 percent. Staple lengths were 44 percent staple 31, 27 percent staple 32, and 23 percent staple 30. Thirty-four percent of the samples classed were reduced in grade because of bark or grass content.

A total of 12,300 samples were classed in Abilene during the week ending November 11, which brought the seasonal total to 41,221.

School Board met Tuesday

The Merkel Board of Education was to hold its regular meeting Tuesday night at Merkel High School.

The agenda included: approve payment of bills; financial report; change time and day of regular board meeting; school enrollment; architect's report to the Board; employment, resignations and - or review of personnel; review bids on lots at Tye; purchase two new backboards for the gym; contract consolidated application form workshop with TEA finance division; superintendent's report; storm windows for superintendent's office; approval of tax roll.

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- Wednesday Nov. 24th**
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Stuffed Cabbage
- Thursday Nov. 25th CLOSED**
- Friday Nov. 26th**
Seafood Platter
Catfish
Chicken Fried Steak
- Monday Nov. 29th**
Chicken Fried Steak
Ravioli
Roast Beef
- Tuesday Nov. 30th**
Chicken Fried Steak
Short Ribs
Stuffed Pepper
- Wednesday Dec. 1st**
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- Thursday Dec. 2nd**
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Sun, September 19	at New Orleans	1 p.m.	24-6
Sun, September 26	BALTIMORE	3 p.m.	30-27
Sun, October 3	at Seattle	1 p.m. (3 p.m.)	28-13
Sun, October 10	at New York Giants	1 p.m. (noon)	24-14
Sun, October 17	at St. Louis	3 p.m.	17-21
Sun, October 24	CHICAGO	1 p.m.	31-21
Sun, October 31	at Washington	4 p.m. (3 p.m.)	20-7
Sun, November 7	NEW YORK GIANTS	1 p.m.	9-3
Sun, November 15	BUFFALO	8 p.m.	17-10
Sun, November 21	at Atlanta	1 p.m. (noon)	
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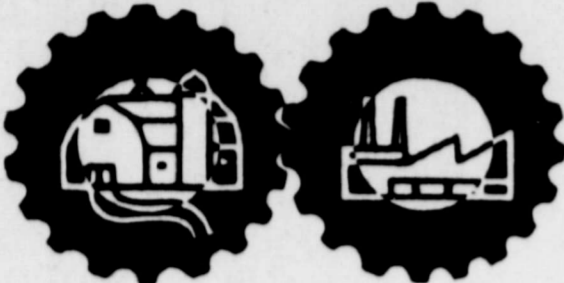
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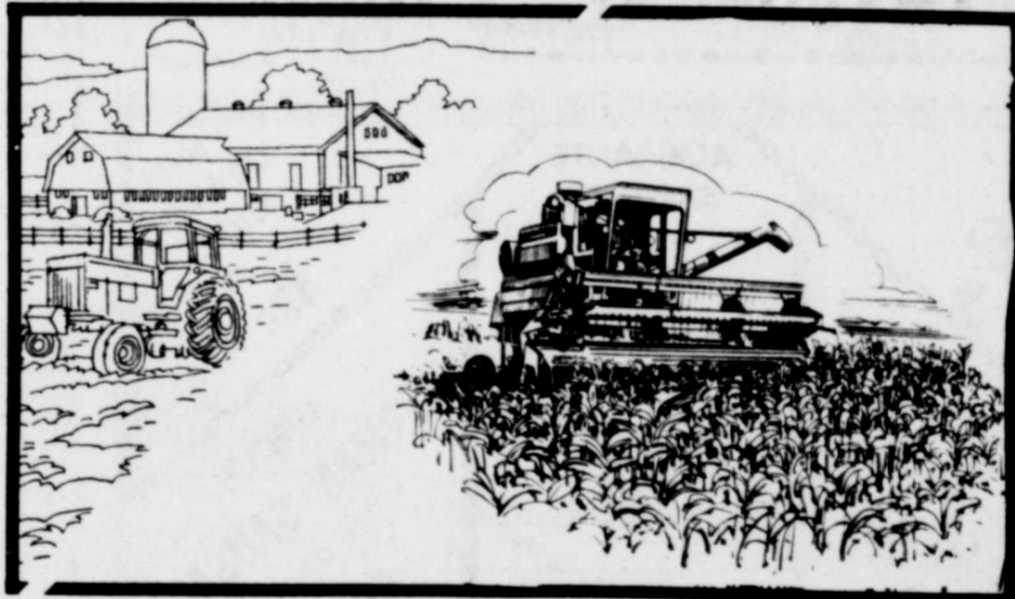
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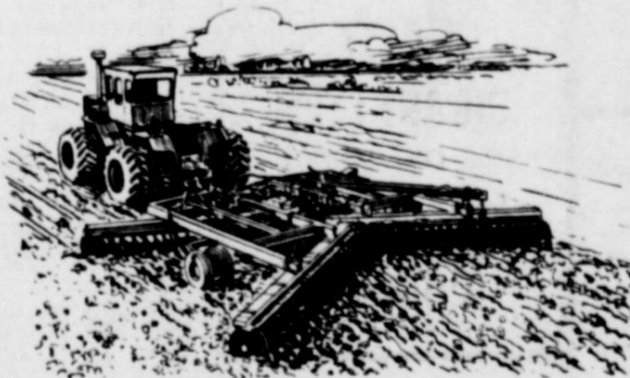
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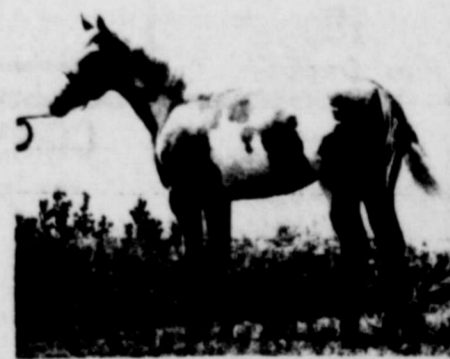
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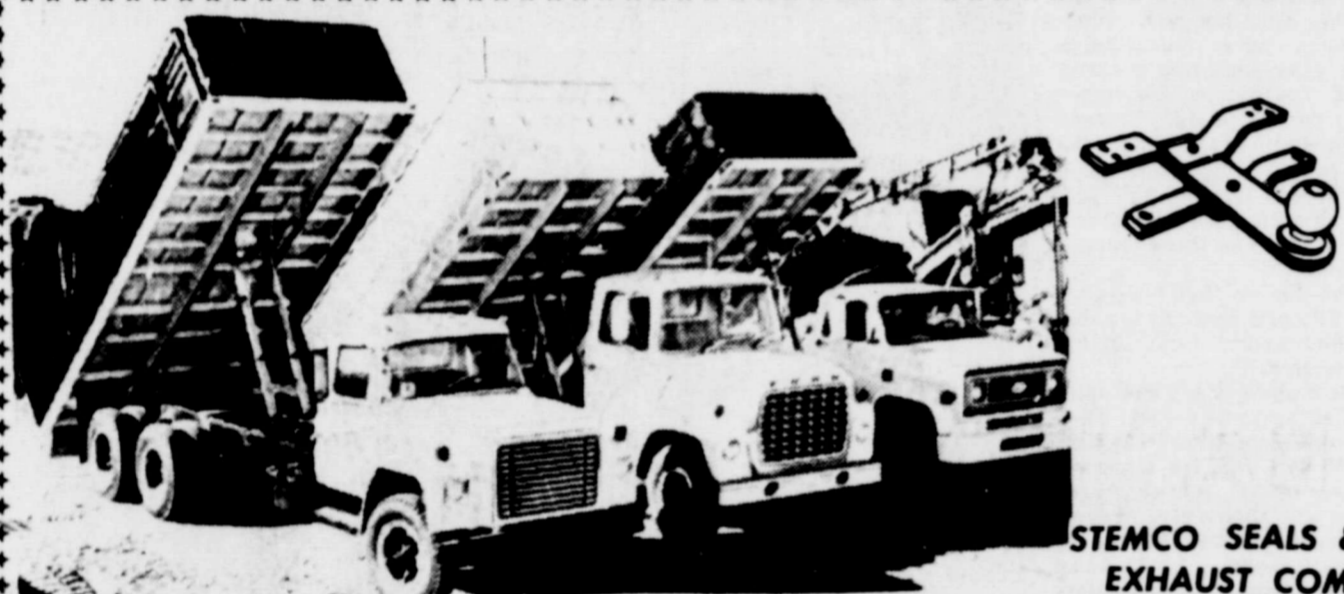
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No Flu clinic for Merkel -- yet

The Abilene-Taylor County Health Department has come to no decision as to when or if it will hold a Swine Flu clinic for those needing monovalent vaccine in Merkel.

The clinic was scheduled last Saturday in Merkel but was canceled because of the

snow and bad weather. A report Sunday indicated that no more swine flu clinics are planned for Abilene and there will be no make-up clinic for the one which was canceled Saturday.

However, the Health Department told Merkel coordinator Pat Cypert Tues-

day they recognize Merkel and Jim Ned residents were not given an initial opportunity to take the vaccine. No plan to hold a clinic has been instituted.

They appear reluctant to hold a clinic for these residents and have not completed any plans as to what they will do.

The Health Department is conducting a seminar this week and next week is Thanksgiving holiday week. They ruled out both weekends.

Merkel did have one clinic for the chronic ill and those who were over 65 but only the bivalent vaccine was available.

Trent's speed stymied in Snow, lose 36-0

Seven inches of snow into hours, producing a slow field, was the big factor in Trent's 36-0 loss to Witherral for the Zone football playoff in District 3-B (six-man) Friday night.

Witherral, having much larger backs and playing on a field to fit their slower speed and straight power attack,

easily eliminated Trent's Gorillas from the state playoffs.

The game was played in Lamesa and with all the snow, Coach Bobby Campbell sought to have the game postponed until Saturday. However, it would have still been muddy and slow for his team. Too, the Witherral, not wishing to

give up his advantage pushed for the game to be played Friday.

Witherral also had received game experience under snow conditions, having played an earlier game this year in the snow.

Coach Campbell summed it up when he said, "I didn't have any polar bears."

Thus, Trent ends the year with seven wins and three losses and 5-1 in district. For the year Trent scored 300 points while allowing 230. In district they scored 173 while allowing 140.

James Mays ended the year with 138 points on 23 touchdowns. Herbert Beaver has 16 touchdowns and an extra point for 97 points. Rocky Bryan scored four times for 24 points, Kenny Nance had

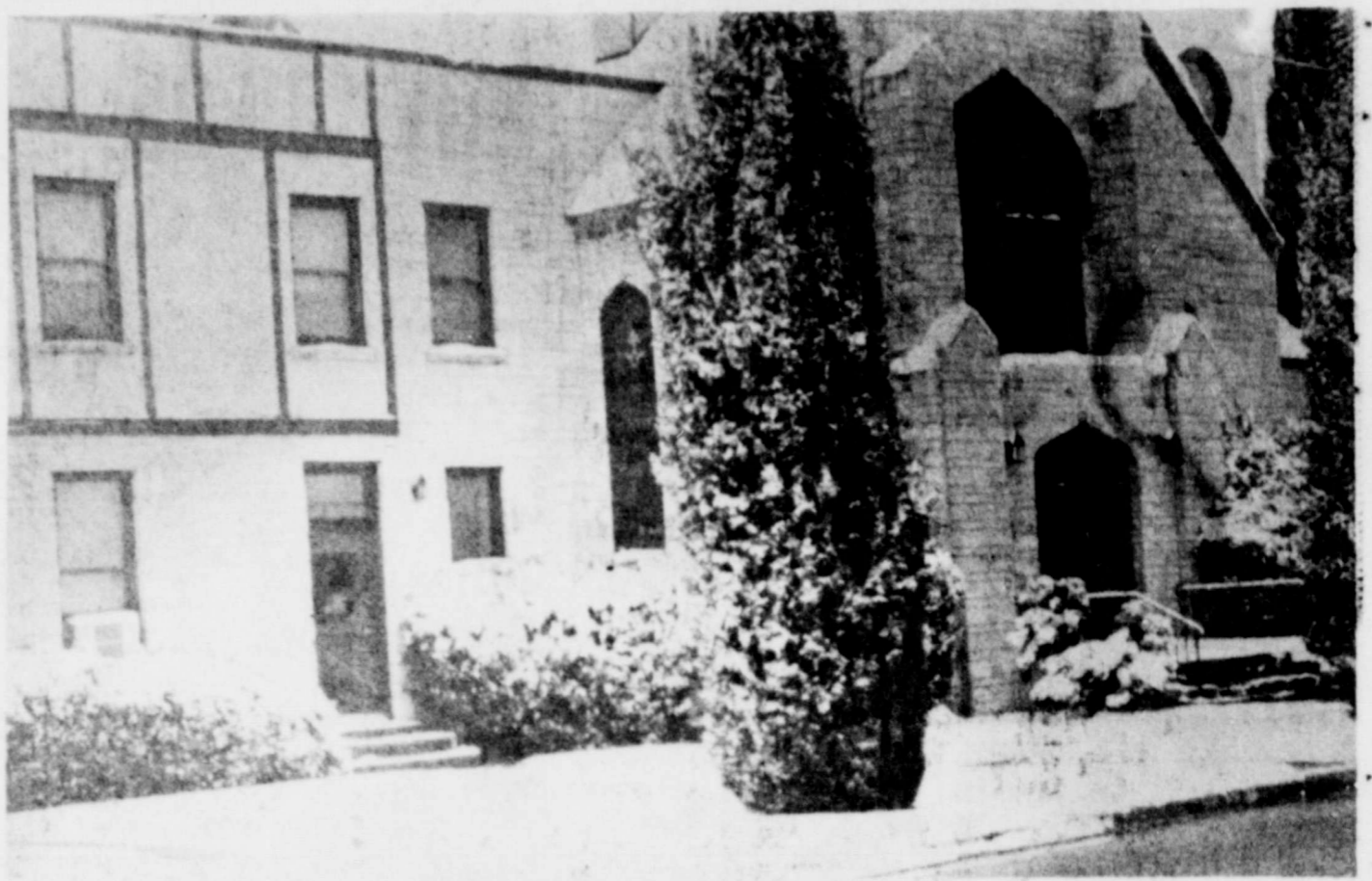
13 extra points. Alan Morse had a touchdown and 10 extra points for 16 and Jimmy Adams and Gilbert Beaver each scored a touchdown.

The two other losses were to Benjamin, 32-12 and to Blackwell, 42-24.

Victories were over Talpa-Centennial, 53-32; Divide, 38-20; McCauley, 58-40; Highland, 26-20; Ira, 39-18; Hermleigh, 24-6; and Hobbs, 26-20.

Seniors for Trent this year are Bryan, Gary Gregory, Morse and Nance.

Herbert and Gilbert Beaver and Danny Freeman are freshmen; Robert Freeman, Lester Moses, Jimmy Tackett and Kerry Patterson are sophomores; Jimmy Moses, Mays, Ethal Gage, Jory Brenem and Bobby Brazelton are juniors.



Snow provided beautiful scene at Methodist Church

Trent turns to basketball

Trent High boys exchanged football uniforms for basketball uniforms for basketball Monday afternoon. It was just in time for their first scheduled game Tuesday at Hobbs.

They play their first home game Friday against Hobbs. Coach Bobby Campbell said that 10 or 12 of the football team indicated they will play basketball. "We will have several others out also," he said.

The Gorillas will compete in three tournaments this year including the Jim Ned Tournament December 2-4; the Hermleigh Tourney December 9-11; and the Hawley Tourney, December 30 through January 1.

The girls also will be entered in these three tournaments.

The Junior High boys also were to play their first game of the season Monday against Butterfield.

Meanwhile, the girls split games again last week. They lost a second time to Jayton, 56-53 and beat Ira a second time, 69-51. Robbie Freeman was the leading scorer. Trent's junior high girls beat Jayton, 22-8 with Rebecca Sipe scoring 16 points and they edged Ira, 26-24.



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Mrs. Elizabeth Willson is a proud grandmother this week. She has announced that Mr. and Mrs. Larry Willson of Tye are the parents of a daughter, Brandi-Lynn, born Saturday at 8:14 a.m. at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. She weighed 6 pounds.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Vonnie Willson of Tye.

Ladies Day banquet set by Lions

The Merkel Lions Club will hold its Ladies Night Banquet December 7 at 7 p.m. it was confirmed Tuesday at the regular club luncheon.

This will replace the next regular meeting of the club, according to Max Murrell, substituting for President George Starbuck Tuesday.

The progress on the light bulb sale and collections for funds to repair the Cub Scout Hut roof also were reported.

After being stuffed by the expertly prepared chicken and dumplings, the members heard a speech by John Townsend.

Townsend, a hearty eater, talked on Happy Birthday America and how far the country has come in 200 years.

It is the speech he has won first place with during county and district 4-H elimi-

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Merkel basketball season under way

Merkel High School's girls basketball team opened the season Monday at Hamlin and was to play Jim Ned Tuesday at Merkel High.

Too, the girls will hold their own tournament, starting Thursday and going through Saturday at Merkel High gym.


The boys started working out Monday afternoon under Coach Tony Mauldin and are scheduled to play their first game at Rotan Friday at 6 p.m.

First home game for the boys will be December 6 when the Abilene B team comes to Merkel for two games, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The two teams will compete in the Jim Ned tourney December 2-4 and the Aspermont Tourney December 16-18. The boys also will compete in the Hardin-Simmons University tournament December 27-29.

District 6-AA play opens for the girls December 7 at

Boys, Girls, 6:30
December 27, 28, 29--at H. S. U. Tourney, Boys, Girls, 5 p.m.
January 4--*Ballinger, Boys, Girls, 5 p.m.
January 7--at *Stamford, Boys, Girls, 5 p.m.
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Badgers end season with win

Merkel High School's Badgers had a real character in its final District 6-AA football battle of the season.

The Badgers defeated Coahoma 28-14 in a blizzard and six inches of blowing snow. And, they had to come from 14 points behind to do it.

The Badgers apparently suffered no frost bite but Coach Jerry McLeod was battling a cold at school Monday.

Coach McLeod said it is the worst he had ever been associated with. "I have played in freezing weather before but never in snow six inches deep and a blowing blizzard. You will have to say that was a real character builder. Especially for them to come from behind by 14 points like that."

He pointed out that Merkel was not able to film the game because of the low visibility and that the number of tackles can not be determined for the final game.

The win give the Badgers a 2-game victory string on which to start next season. Too, the win ended the season for the Badgers with seven wins and three losses and 4-2 in District 6-AA. Good enough for third place behind Stamford and Colorado City--the only two district teams to defeat the Badgers. The non-district loss was to Eastland.

Larry Smith scored a touchdown and four extra points to push his season total to 10 touchdowns and 11 extra points for 71.

Coahoma scored the first and second quarters to take a 14-0 lead before the Badgers narrowed the halftime margin to 14-8. From that point the Badger defense stumped the Bulldogs and paved the way for the Badger victory with a key fumble recovery and a pass interception.

Fullback Rogan Tindol got Coahoma in the lead with a 68-yard run and then Quarterback Tim Greenfield added the second touchdown the second period. Rodney Lee kicked both extra points.

Merkel took advantage of a bad Coahoma punt snap the second period. The Badgers got possession at the Bulldog one. Halfback Ricky Howes scored his second touchdown of the year at 9:03 of the second quarter. Smith ran the extra points.

Smith changed jerseys at halftime and was wearing Mark Shaw's number, according to Coach McLeod. And, it was Smith who broke on a 57-yard touchdown run the third quarter and then ran the extra points to give the Badgers the lead for good.

Merkel added two more touchdowns the final quarter with the Badgers recovering a fumble to set up the next touchdown. It came on a 13-yard pass from Quarterback David Pfister to halfback Roger Doan.

Having the game iced the Badgers added icing when, with a second to play, Pfister intercepted a Coahoma pass and returned it 23 yards for the final touchdown. It was Pfister's second touchdown of the year.

Pfister completed 3 of 5 passes for 54 yards and the Badgers added another 119 yards rushing. Coahoma had 171 yards rushing and completed no passes in two attempts.

Meanwhile, Stamford defeated Colorado City, 7-6, to capture the District 6-AA title. Stamford is to play host at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Snyder for the Bi-District championship.

season with an 8-2 season and 6-0 district record, losing only to Hamlin, 13-7 and to Sweetwater, 21-20.

Don Earl ended as the leading scorer for Stamford with 6 touchdowns and 12 extra points for 48. Brian Tabor had 6 TD's and 4 extra point for 28 points.

Colorado City ended season play with a 7-3 season and 5-1 district record. Ray Torres had 6 TD's for 36 points while Benny Arispe and Gary Hulme each had 5 TD's for 30 points. Pete Parham had 26 points and Steve Belvin 20 on two field goals and 14 extra points. Frank Sanchez and Ruben Ornelas each

scored 18 points as 13 Wolves scored during the year.

The Badgers were next at 7-3 and 4-2 with Smith's 71 points. Craig Hutchings scored three times as did Roger Doan for 18 points. Pfister and Howes scored twice for 12 points. John Biera had a touchdown and four extra points for 10 and Brad Pursley scored once.

Coahoma finished fourth with a 6-3-1 record and 3-3 district mark. Rodney Lee had a touchdown, two field goals and 13 extra points for 25 points and Jim Phillips had 5 TD's for 30 points.

Fifth is Winters with 2-7-1

season and 1-4-1 district records. Jimmy Chapman had 8 TD's for 48 points, a distant second to Smith in scoring. Marvin Moore added 24 more to the Winters cause.

Ballinger failed to win a game this year, finishing with 8 losses and two ties and 0-4-2 in district. Leading scorer among the eight scoring was Raul Gonzales with two touchdowns for 12 points.

Wylie had a 1-8-1 season and 0-5-1 district record with Cory Tucker scoring 26 points.

Pfister completed 49 of 108 passes this year for

45 per cent accuracy. He had 686 yards passing, was intercepted six times and passed for six touchdowns.

The Badgers scored 147 points this year for a 14.7 average while allowing 93 for a 9.3 average. In District they scored 86 and allowed 61.

Losses were to Eastland, 20-15, to Colorado City, 14-7 and to Stamford, 14-0.

Victories were over Baird, 12-0 (Baird is District 8-A champion); Jim Ned, 21-6; Roscoe, 13-6 in non-district; Ballinger, 12-7; Winters, 19-12; Wylie, 20-0; and Coahoma, 28-14.

Merkel girls hold tourney

The 7-team Merkel High School girls basketball tournament gets under way Thursday at the Merkel High gym.

Lower bracket teams open action at 3:30 p.m. Thursday with Jim Ned and Snyder girls battling. Wylie has a bye after its opponent dropped out for the 6:30 p.m. contest. Winner of the Jim Ned and Snyder game meets Wylie at 6:30 p.m. Friday. Loser draws a bye.

Colorado City meets the Wylie B team at 5 p.m. and Merkel battles Rotan at 8 p.m. Thursday in the upper bracket contests of the double elimination tournament.

Winners in the upper bracket play Friday at 8 p.m. and losers meet at 5 p.m.

Saturday's schedule has playoffs for the consolation finals at 5 p.m., third place game at 7 p.m. and the championship contest at 8:30 p.m.

All Badgers praised

The Merkel High coaching staff preferred to name the entire Badger football team for offensive and defensive honors this week.

Coach Ed Cowart said "they all did a good job. Even the ones standing out in the freezing weather should be commended."

He added, "We just out toughed old Coahoma that second half. When we scored that go ahead touchdown they folded and were ready to go home. They were using hand warmers and everything and all they wanted to do was get to the sidelines."

Of the Badgers he said, "It takes something special to play in weather like they did."

The Badgers defeated Coahoma, 28-14, coming from 14 points behind to score 20 points the second half and end the season with two straight victories and reverse a 2-8 season of

last year.

"The kids were really excited over the win. They really have done a good job for us this year. They are fantastic kids and they have gained nothing easy all year. They have had real great senior leadership," Coach Cowart added.

He did point out that Larry Smith had an outstanding performance on offense. He had most of the rushing yardage, including the 57-yard touchdown run.

David Pfister intercepted a pass, Keith Austerman, Mark Shaw and Garth Doan were praised for their defensive efforts. However, as Cowart pointed out the blowing snow made it nearly impossible to see what was going on during the combat on the field.

Badgers Tracks

Rain, sleet, nor snow can stop the Badgers when they're hot. This point was proved Friday night when our Badger team defeated the Coahoma Bulldogs 28-14 in 28 degree weather with snow on the playing field. The Badgers have had a great season this year finishing with a 7-3 record. We would like to commend Coach McLeod for the great job he has done, and, of course, the football players who have given their best all season long. Because of their effort Merkel came out with third place in our district.

The juniors had a class meeting Monday. We discussed the concession stand that the juniors will run at the basketball games this season.

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BONELESS **ROAST BRISKET** 98¢ LB.

GOOCH COUNTRY STYLE **SAUSAGE** 89¢ LB.

BATH **DOVE SOAP** 33¢ BAR

LIQUID **PALMOLIVE** 69¢ GT. BOX

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GOLDEN **BANANAS** 17¢ LB.

OCEAN SPRAY CELLO **CRANBERRIES** 39¢ LB.

FRESH **CELERY** 29¢ STALK

YELLOW **ONIONS** 10¢ LB.

FRESH **RUTABAGAS** 15¢ LB.

RUSSETS **SPUDS** 69¢ 10 LB. BAG

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