

Paul Crouse
Super Stork



Jennye Martin
Super Storks assistant

Farmers Union Wins Trophy at State Convention

Taylor County Farmers Union was honored with the highest state trophy, a floating trophy, which is earned from activity points. The trophy was presented to the Taylor County Farmers Union at the State Convention at Amarillo this past weekend. The points are based on activities sponsored by each county. This is the first time for Taylor County Farmers Union to win such an honor.

Taylor County Farmers Union also won the Activity Plaques Award. It was presented by Jay Naman to Joe Montgomery, President of Taylor County Farmers Union.

Connie Mack Seymore was presented an insurance agency activity plaque award.

There were only 4 Activity Award Plaques presented throughout the state of Texas.

Mrs. Jack Hogan was also recognized and honored at the state banquet by the Farmers

Union state President Jay Naman for the Taylor County Farmers Union activity book which she had designed and assembled. It is a first and only book of its kind presented by any county.

Guest speakers at the State convention were state Rep. Mack Sherman, U. S. Senator John Tower, President of Utah and Idaho Farmers Union Roy Holman, Congressman Jack Hightower, and national Farmers Union President Tony Dechant. The guest speaker for the ladies luncheon was Ruth Kobell. Most of the speakers spoke on 100 percent parity for the farmers in order for them to keep operating.

Delegates and members attending the state convention were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Toombs, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jacobs. Also attending were Eddie Glenn Sandusky, Connie Mack Seymore and Cramer Reynolds.

Chester Collinsworth awarded plaque

Chester Collinsworth was awarded an appreciation plaque at the Merkel Stock Show January 8th. Presenting the award was Benny Melton who noted how much Mr. Collinsworth has con-

tributed to Merkel in his 41 years as a teacher of FFA boys and girls.

Chester, a 1936 graduate of A & M established the FFA Department in Merkel in July of 1936.

Chester has also taken

FFA youths to the State Fair for 20 years and has enjoyed every minute of it.

He mentioned the following as just a few that he has taught during his career here in Merkel: Dr. Don Warren, Mark L. Malone, Willard Payne, Ed G. Sandusky, Vincent Barnett, Sonny Sandusky, Buddy Derington, Dan Latimer, and A. C. Bland.

Students Named to Who's Who

The 1977 edition of Who's Who in Music will carry the names of three students from Merkel High School who have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding high school music students.

Students named this year from Merkel High School are: Doug Roysden, Box 367, Tye; Suzanne Warner, Box 126, Tye; and Alice Cunningham, 1428 North 1st, Merkel.

Crouse and Martin respond to emergency call

About 7:10 a.m., Tuesday Paul Crouse was called and told to meet John Weaver on 126 south of Merkel. Chief Crouse did not know at the time what the emergency was.

However, about 6 miles out of town he met the Weavers and found out that Mrs. Weaver was very close to giving birth. Paul immediately placed her in the back seat of the patrol car and hurried toward town.

Vasquez Infant Dies

Frederick Vasquez, 6-month-old son of Rachel Vasquez of Merkel, died at 2:30 p.m. Monday, January 17, at his home of a sudden illness. Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 19, at the Rose Hill Cemetery.

RECEPTION TO BE HELD

There will be an informal reception for Mona Faye Bartlett at the City Hall, Friday, January 28 from 3 to 5 p.m. on the occasion of her retirement, January 31, 1977.

Join us for a cup of coffee and greetings at this time. Mayor Lou David Allen J. A. Sadler

Country Club Holds Membership Meeting

The Country Club of Merkel held a membership meeting, Saturday, January 22nd. Approximately eighty five members and their families attended. Several sug-

gestions were made as to what the members would like to have in addition to activities already in progress.

Andy Anderson, who was in charge of this meeting stated that most of the membership at this time wanted the Club to have more live bands, a Happy Hour, and a Family Night was also mentioned.

Andy stressed that the Club would do everything possible to put some of these suggestions into action.

After the meeting a delicious buffet which consisted of a three way roast, creamed potatoes, gravy, and green beans were enjoyed by everyone.

Pinewood Derby Set For Westgate in Abilene

It may not be Indianapolis to some but to a 8, 9, and 10 year old Cub Scout it will be just as exciting. The Third Annual Chisholm Trail Council Pinewood Derby Race will be held Saturday, January 29th, in the Westgate Shopping Center mall. Registration will begin at 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. The flag will be dropped at 2:00 for the first race.



CHESTER COLLINSWORTH

News and Thoughts

By Martha Sue Justice



An irate farmer came in this week complaining that he was wanting total and complete payment for one of his cows that was run over last week. After seeing L & W Snack Bars ad in last weeks paper, he went on to say that it looked like the person that would have to pay for the cow was Mychele Hammond!

We are very happy to have Iris Amerine back with us at The Merkel Mail—however,—we are really sorry about her pay check this past week. After making deductions for errors in her work, coming in late every morning, taking too many coffee breaks for too long a time, and totally depleting our supply of soft drinks—she ended up owing The Merkel Mail \$5.00. I'm sorry Iris!—Maybe next week will be better.

It has come to our attention that Mack Fisher was presented an award for his many years of service in the field of education while in Austin January 5th for a Superintendents meeting—and we might add—a well deserved award!

I happened to run into Bill Harris and wife at 9th Street Grocery Sunday, and made the mistake of asking how he was getting along. It seems he had just come back from bowling in Abilene and hadn't done very well at all—in fact I think he said he ended up with an average of 103. Just kidding Bill! I do believe it was a little higher than that.

As everyone in the community knows—The Merkel Fire Department has and is doing a great job—however, it wouldn't hurt a thing to let them know just that! They need our support moral wise and or donation wise. Hoses, monitors, and a lot of other equipment do need replacing—so—whether it's a donation or just a pat on the back—they deserve it! See what you can do.

It seems that our chief of police used to have a CB handle which was Super Chicken. Guess what it is now? SUPER STORK!

I hope all of our advertisers will please excuse Mychele this week. She hasn't been feeling very well and at last report I heard she had a severe case of distemper. As soon as we can get her to a veterinarian for a shot, I'm sure her condition will improve.

I caught Eva Rogers loafing at the post office again this morning. I sure hope Truitt doesn't find out about it!



CONTEST
WINNERS

Contest Held at Crawford's 1st-Dana Hammond 2nd Britt Sipe

Britt Sipe, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Sipe; Shona Williams, Mr. and Mrs. David Williams; Jeanene Parker, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Parker; Marsha Hassler, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hassler; Jennifer and Michael Moschette, Mr. and Mrs. James Moschette; Robert Wayne Rutman, Mrs. Shelia Rutman; David Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Thomas; Stephen Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schultz; Jennifer and Jason Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mashburn; Shelly Seymore, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Seymore; Cody and Angela Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Carson; Marshall and Tiffany Gill, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gill; Scott and Angela Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cannon; Melinda Waldrum, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Waldrum; Renli Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Jacky Reynolds; Lana Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rogers; Dana Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hammond; Heather Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Henderson; Michelle and Sean Laird, Mrs. Cindy Laird; Amy and Regina Stuckey, David Studkey, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Rister

Garden Club News

Members of the Merkel Garden Club met Thursday, January 20, at the Big Country Inn, with Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, president, presiding.

Mrs. Faye Brown gave a very clever program on flower arrangements representing the subject, "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow."

Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mrs. Olga Gamble were hosts. The next meeting will be February 17th with Mrs. Johnny Cox and Mrs. Mack Fisher serving as host.

Those present were mesdames: Tom Allday, Faye Brown, Oda Clark, Johnny Cox, Lottie Everett, R. M. Ferguson, W. S. J. Brown, Odis Griffin, Ora Griggs, Allen King, E. J. Patterson, G. R. Peachy, Tom Russom, W. T. Sadler, John Shannon, Aaron Sudderth and Morris Smith.

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2nd Tuesday Noon
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4th Thur. Game
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Reception Held For Mary Collins

Friends and relatives from Temple, Abilene, Trent, Sweetwater, Lamesa, Lubbock and Arizona were among over 300 persons attending a community reception honoring Mary Collins. The reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hensley Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Hensley reported that the reason for the reception was as a tribute to a wonderful person and a loyal employee.

Miss Collins said she sincerely appreciated her many friends who honored her with their presence at the reception. She will be retiring January 31, 1977, after 43 years of service at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

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Stith Home Demonstration Club meets

We had a meeting in Anson Wednesday. Our program was on "Citizenship," brought by members. Those attending were Vada Hudson, Louise Hudson, Daisy Mashburn, Mae Jones, Dolly Reddin, and Margaret Dickerson.

Our next meeting will be January 26. We invite all ladies to attend our meeting at 2 o'clock.

A group of our ladies went Saturday evening and saw In Search of Noah's Ark.

Training Completed

Airman Rock R. Toney, son of Mrs. Virginia E. Green of 2324 MacArthur, Irving, Texas, has been assigned to Keesler AFB, Mississippi, after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks training at Lackland AFB, Texas, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

Airman Toney will now receive specialized training in the administrative field.

The airman is a 1976 graduate of MacArthur High School. His father, Charles R. Toney, lives on Route 1, Merkel.

School Lunch Menu for Next Week

MONDAY
Chickenfried steak
Cream gravy
Snowflake potatoes
English peas with pimentos
Hot rolls
Fruit float

TUESDAY
Beef and cheese tacos with taco sauce
Lettuce and tomatoes
Spanish rice
Lime jello squares

WEDNESDAY
Frito chili pie
Pinto beans
Green salad with choice of dressing

THURSDAY
Turkey and dressing with giblet gravy

FRIDAY
Seasoned green beans
Celery sticks
Hot rolls
Jellied cranberry fruit salad

Hamburgers
Lettuce, tomatoes, pickles and onions
French fries with catsup
Buns
Sugar cookies
Orange juice

L & W SNACK BAR AND RECREATION CENTER

We still have plenty of the chicken fries and bar-b-que that we acquired through the misfortune of our advertising executive at The Merkel Mail. Remember, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting at 5:30 p.m., for the months of January and February, we will be serving chicken fried steaks, all you can eat, with dessert, good old fashioned country gravy, salad and french fries included, at the pre-inflation price of \$2.50 plus tax.

Our bar-b-que is served every day, along with our special hamburger, also at pre-inflation prices. Bar-b-ques 50 cents each, or \$5.00 a dozen; Special hamburgers at 40 cents each or \$4.00 a dozen. Cheeseburgers are slightly more.

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Come on in and try our fried shrimp. We're out of our mind, but we are serving fried shrimp, with french fries, a salad, and tarter or red sauce for \$2.50 plus tax. We may go broke, but you won't go hungry.

Don't forget our special on top sirloins or New York steaks, sometimes called K. C. strips, served on a sizzling platter with salad and french fries, for \$3.00.

We also have a very good carry-out department. Fillet of catfish, \$3.75 by the bucket, with french fries and tarter sauce; steak fingers \$3.75 a bucket, with french fries and country gravy; and fried chicken \$3.75 by the bucket with french fries.

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REPORT OF CONDITION
Consolidating domestic subsidiaries of the

Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel
in the state of Texas at the close of business on December 31, 1976
published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency under title 12, United States Code Section 181
Charter number 7451 National Bank Region Number 11

	Thousands of dollars
Statement of Resources and Liabilities	
Cash and due from banks	2,217
U.S. Treasury securities	254
Obligations of other U.S. Gov't agencies and corps	61
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	3,768
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	none
Federal Reserve stock and corporate stock	10
Trading account securities	none
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	none
Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	6,643
Less: Reserve for possible loan losses	38
Loans, Net	6,605
Direct lease financing	none
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	95
Real estate owned other than bank premises	none
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	none
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	none
Other assets	none
TOTAL ASSETS	12,112
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corps	5,331
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corps	5,155
Deposits of United States Government	15
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	26
Deposits of foreign gov't and official institutions	none
Deposits of commercial banks	none
Certified and officers' checks	121
TOTAL DOMESTIC DEPOSITS	11,588
Total demand deposits	5,745
Total time and savings deposits	5,843
Total deposits in foreign offices	none
TOTAL DEPOSITS IN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN OFFICES	11,588
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	none
Liabilities for borrowed money	none
Mortgage indebtedness	none
Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding	none
Other liabilities	none
TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)	11,588
Subordinated notes and debentures	none
Preferred stock: No. shares outstanding 0 (par value)	0
Common stock a: No. shares authorized 66,000 (par value)	165
b: No. shares outstanding 66,000 (par value)	200
Surplus	200
Undivided profits	200
Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves	259
TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL	824
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL	12,112
Average for 15 or 30 calendar days ending with call date:	
Cash and due from banks	2,218
Fed. funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	273
Total loans	6,624
Time deposits of \$100,000 or more in domestic offices	670
Total deposits	11,593
Fed. funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	none
Liabilities for borrowed money	none
Standby letters of credit (outstanding as of report date)	none
Time deposits of \$100,000 or more (outstanding as of report date)	none
Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more	673
Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more	none

MEMORANDA

1. Betty Jane Tittle
Name
Vice-President-Cashier
The
of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature
January 7, 1977
Date

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

Directors

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42 OZ. CAN

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HORMEL
LITTLE SIZZLERS

12 OZ. **89¢**

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STEAKETTES

LB. **\$1.09**

GOOCH
GERMAN SAUSAGE

12 OZ. **89¢**

ROUND STEAK

LB. **\$1.09**

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LB. **79¢**

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TALL CAN 2/ **49¢**

DINTY MOORE
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24 OZ. **89¢**

SWIFT
VIENNAS

5 OZ. CAN **29¢**

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24 OZ. **98¢**

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MARSHMALLOW PIES

9 OZ. PKG. **39¢**

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2 LB. BOX **59¢**

PEAS

DEL MONTE 303 CAN 2/ **69¢**

PORK & BEANS

VAN CAMP 300 CAN 2/ **49¢**

TOMATO SAUCE

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CORN

DEL MONTE CREAM STYLE 303 CAN **29¢**

Ranch Style Beans

300 CAN 2/ **49¢**

MANDARIN ORANGES

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GRAPE JELLY

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TIDE

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30 GAL. SIZE **\$1.89**

GLADE

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BIZ

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38 OZ. **\$1.49**

CRYSTAL WHITE

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48 OZ. **89¢**

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POTATOES 2 LB. BAG **49¢**

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CORN OR

PEAS 20 OZ. BAG **59¢**

BANQUET CHICKEN-BEEF-TURKEY

POT PIES EACH **33¢**

PRODUCE

GOLDEN DEL

APPLES LB. **29¢**

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APPLES 3 LB. BAG **79¢**

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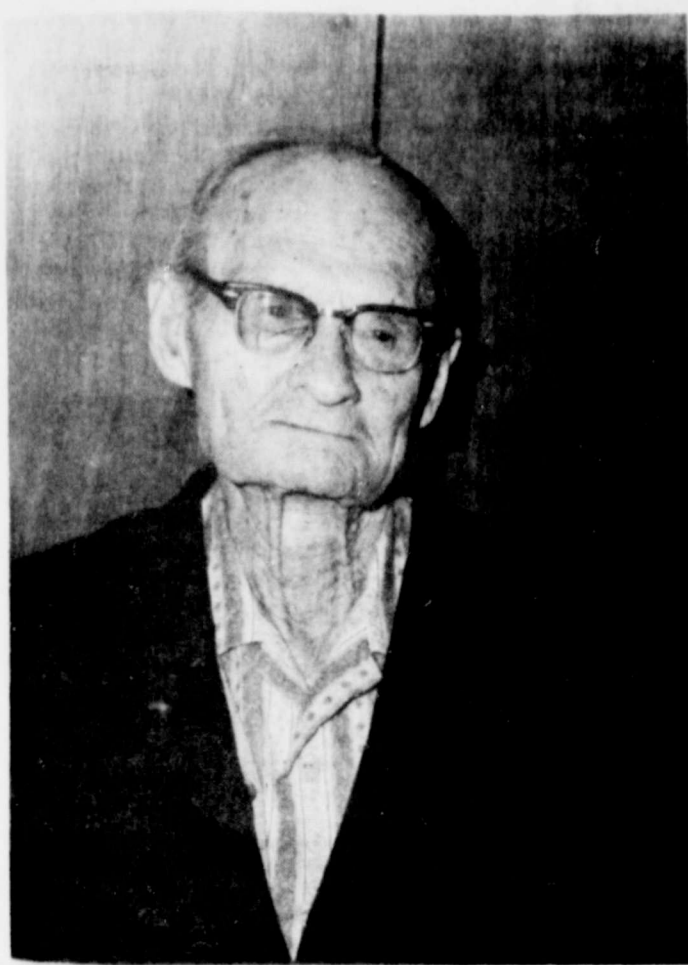
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Ernest Rutledge

Celebrates 91st birthday

Ernest Rutledge, residing at Starr Nursing Home, celebrated his 91st birthday January 19th. Mr. Rutledge has been in the home since January 26, 1976. He has two sons, one living in Anchorage, Alaska and another in the grocery business in Rising Starr.

Mr. Rutledge a retired railroad employee, is a very cordial and easy conversationalist. He said that he is looking forward seeing his son who will be home from Anchorage in the very near future. Noting that he hadn't been feeling too well lately, he said, "I'm sure that I'll perk up pretty soon."

Mr. Rutledge was born in Cumby, Texas, but said, "Back in those days the name of the town was Blackjack."

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by Mrs. Jack Bagby
1 teaspoon baking powder
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1 teaspoon salt epsom
1/2 teaspoon amonia
1 gallon water
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Compere Home Demonstration Clubs meet

Compere Home Demonstration Club met Thursday afternoon, January 20 in the home of Mrs. Ernest Spurgin. In the absence of the president Mrs. Clayton Dillard, vice president Mrs. Hugh Taylor called the meeting to order and presided for a business session. Devotional was led by Mrs. Benny Anderson and Mrs. Taylor led a quiz game based on trees and read a poem.

Roll call was answered with "name the President of the United States the year I was born." A picture of all the past United States Presidents was shown, followed by a discussion of the dates and of the special events of each President's term of office.

Plans were made for collecting ads and recipes for the cookbook which is being compiled by Jones County Home Demonstration Clubs.

Mrs. Benny Anderson gave a demonstration on

broom stick crochet and read a paper on good cooking hints. Mrs. Ab Hunter gave the council report and announced that co-agent Mrs. Niece Wilburn will conduct a demonstration on slow cookers at 10 o'clock on February 2 at the Federal Housing building. Club members attending are asked to bring a salad for a luncheon at noon-time.

Mrs. Mims received the hostess gift. Refreshments were served to the following mesdames: Hugh Taylor, Don Adair, Carl Jackson, Dewey Ramsey, Ab Hunter, Clyde Mims, Benny Anderson and Ernest Spurgin.

Compere Club meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Boaz Visitors
Fannie Richardson, and Lou Smith of Killeen, and Evelyn Scroggins of Odesa and H. H. Boaz of Anson were here for Mary Collins' retirement reception. They stayed with J. E. Boaz, their brother.

Xi Nu Chi News

The Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Texas Beta Sigma Phi met January 18th in the home of Kathy Leverich.

The program was Lively Arts: Television-Something for Everyone, was presented by captain Connie Harris and co-captain Bobbye Mansfield.

The business meeting was called to order by President Louise DuBose. Correspondence was read. Bobbye Mansfield, chairman for the special committee, reported the tasting tea with the Beta Sigma Phi Council held in Abilene for the family of Donea Click was very successful. A Valentine dance will be held February 12th. Charolette Starbuck was elected Valentine Queen and will represent Xi Nu Chi. The Southern Comfort Band will perform at Abilene Civic Center.

The meeting adjourned and refreshments were served by hostess Kathy Leverich.

Members present were: Charolette Starbuck, Mamie Steck, Jocille Brady, Louise DuBose, Elizabeth Eager, Opal Garner, Connie Harris, Bobbye Mansfield and Kathy Leverich.

Boy Scouts to Hold Annual Banquet

The Chisholm Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, will celebrate the completion of one of its best years at the Annual Banquet on January 27.

The location will be Moody Center, Hardin Simmons University, and it will begin at 7:00 p.m. Reservations may be made through the Council Service Center, 3233 South Willis. Some of the highlights include:

(1) Recognition of the Eagle Scout Class of 1976-one of the largest in recent years.

(2) Installation of new officers for 1977.

(3) Past President's message by Dr. Jim Webster.

(4) A slide presentation of 1976 activities.

(5) Presentation of the Silver Beaver Award.

J. B. Jordan will serve as Master of Ceremonies and Van Booser is general Banquet Chairman.

Robert Eastus has announced a program with extraordinary results in which handicapped children use calculators. This is how it all began: Mr. Eastus said he was told by Texas Instruments that one out of every three children in the United States has access to a calculator-either in the classroom or at home. They also say that scores of elementary schools throughout the country are using small calculators with specially designed games and printed worksheets to teach math. They also told him that a noted psychiatrist in Dallas is already working math with the handicapped and will be ready to promote their program in the late spring.

Mr. Eastus said, "After experimenting with my own calculator and realizing that almost any mathematical problem could be solved, I took the idea to Lee Presswood, Merkel High School Principal. While talking to him I tried to encourage their use in the high school math program. After Presswood talked to several teachers he reported that they would have to hold off for a while there, but challenged me to try the program with my handicapped students." Mr. Eastus said at this point he was electrified with the results. He shared his success with Phillip Pursley, vocations teacher (M. O. C.) Mr. Pursley immediately became enthusiastic and stated, "Keeping the calculator from every school child would be like requiring all young farmers to start farming with a span of mules and a plow."

When hearing of the excellent results the children were having with the calculator, Lee Presswood presented the instruments to every child with his name engraved on it. The Resource Class students are now on their way to great achievements with these calculators. For example: One of the 19 year old students who was working math on a 1st and second grade level could immediately work problems on a 10th grade level. Mr. Eastus said, "We refused to take a year to properly evaluate the results before announcing the program."

Resource Class achievements

Presswood said, "I believe that before ten years has passed, \$3.00 calculators will be in the pocket of every student of our public schools. They will carry them as they now carry a pencil. We will throw out all present fractions and use only decimal fractions."

Presswood further stated, "Calculators can be used to great advantage to increase all students' interest while reducing tedious arithmetic paper work. The math program will be so easy for the student that much time now spent on it will then be spent on poetry, the arts and things that make life more beautiful!"

Mr. Eastus said that in researching the subject they found that Texas Tech University now uses only the calculator in its engineering program. He also found that the National Council of teachers of Mathematics, in endorsing the use of calculators in the classroom, suggests that they be used to reinforce learning. For example, after a student has computed a problem

with pencil and paper, he should then be encouraged to check his answer on a calculator. He also stated that the Conference Board of Mathematical Sciences recommends that beginning in the eighth grade, a calculator should be available to every student.

Mr. Eastus said he would like to take this particular time to thank Miss Sheryl Maynard, for the preparation of the many hundred practice sheets, and also Mr. Bill Tate, math teacher, for furnishing them with copies of work material and 9th and 10th grade math tests.

Robert N. Eastus, Jr., is what you might call a very special teacher. His special priority is the Special Education Classes at the Merkel Schools. He cares very deeply for his students and is doing everything in his power to give his students the highest education possible.

Robert Eastus, born in Gordon, Texas is married with two married daughters, one son and four grandchildren.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lone Star Gas Company, in accordance with Section 43(a) of Article 1446c, V.A.T.C.S., hereby gives notice of the Company's intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to the residential and commercial consumers in the

City of Trent effective Feb. 15, 1977.

The rate schedule is expected to furnish a 6.77 percent increase in the Company's gross revenues in the City of Trent.

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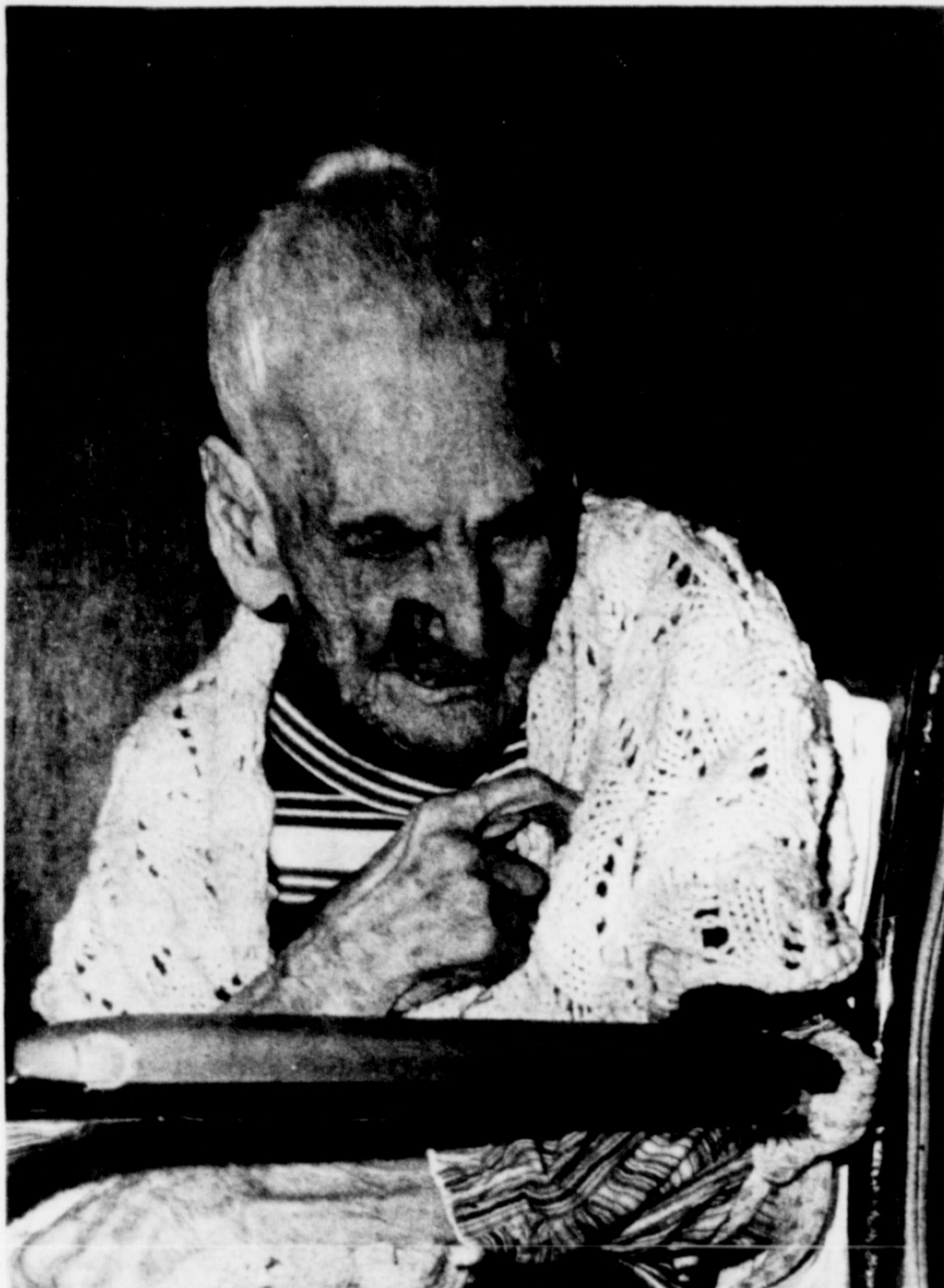
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Leona Dovie Dishman

Mrs. W. A. Dishman, residing at Starr Nursing Home, will celebrate her 102nd birthday February 26th.

Mrs. Dishman was born Leona Dovie Mathey February 26, 1875, at Hutchinson, Kansas. Her mother died when she was three weeks old and her father, Sam Matheny, died when she was only seven years of age. Her maternal grandparents cared for her and later moved to Texas, living at Vernon for a short time. The family later moved on to Comanche County and settled between Rising Star and Sipe Springs where Dovie grew up. As a young girl, two of her uncles several years older than she, let her attend dances with them and also went miles at a time on horseback.

On January 2, 1895 in Spring Springs, Dovie married Will Dishman. Six children were born to the couple; three girls and three boys. Mr. Dishman moved his family to the Merkel area in 1928. He died April 16, 1949.

Two girls and one boy are living and all three are in the Merkel area. Mrs. Bert (Lois) Melton, Mrs. J. D. (Inez) Bradley and Wright Dishman.

When arriving at Starr Nursing Home to take Mrs. Dishman's picture I was surprised at what an attractive woman she was with her beautiful upswept silver hair. The first thing she said was "Don't take my picture." "I don't want my picture taken." However, after eventually getting her in a good pose, the nurses starting taking her back down the hall and she

yelled back at me, "Be sure and save me one of those pictures so I can show it to my friends."

FIRST GRADE

"A"-Kyle Coker, Shayna Cunningham, Shelle Doan, April Duncan, Kristy Elliott, Candice Henslee, LaDonna Mallard, Brian Massey, Angie Moreno, Chantille McKeenan, Kelly McRae, Cheryl Rucker, Tracy Semeyn, Ted Semeyn, Ted Seymore, Todd Smith, Amy Stuckey, Krista Toombs and Chad Way.

"A-B"-Angela Cannon, Brad Cockran, Pam Douglass, Melissa Harris, Lynn Hays, Carl Lawrence, Lee Leverich, Crissy Nalley, Angela Ortega, Keith Reagan, Kevin Riney, LaDonna Roysden, Leslie Roysden and Chancy Williams.

SECOND GRADE

"A"-Tracy Bicknell, Abby Irvin, Tina Jaramillo, Debbie Pack, Brit Pursley, Danny Santee, Angela Thomas, Fondale Watson, Travis Watson and Michelle Woodard.

"A-B"-Eddie Biera, Stewart Farquhar, Lance Jones, Shona Kirkpatrick, Russell Morgan, Chad Pack, David Ray, Shane Reagan, Gayle Shugart and Christy Stokes.

THIRD GRADE

"A"-Amy Irvin, Debbie McLeod, Kelly Riney and Regina Stuckey.

"A-B"-Cammie Bright, Matt Cain, Kevin Coker, Sue Cunningham, Dean Franklin, Chris Horton, Lorrie Kimbrell, Randy Pallarez, Devin Sanford, Lucretia Wade and Ronald Waldon.

FOURTH GRADE

"A"-Jerry, Davis, Tim Jacobs and Darren Pack.

"A-B"-Donny Brady, Randy Davis, Tami Elliott, David Glasscock, Angela Greer, Todd Hensley, Kyle Kuykendall, Mum Prasarn, Donna Rucker, Kenny Sims, Shane Smith, Cindy Toney, Tamara Watson and Jenny Wilde

FIFTH GRADE

"A"-Angie Allen, Bonnie Anderson, Kimberly Pack and Charlotte Toney.

"A-B"-Cliff Collins, Jill Douglass, Joan Fariello, Jay Gibson, Trayla Gregory, Tommy Hayes, Brenda Hohertz, Wayne Horton, Judy Jinkins, Brenda Kinder, Russell Lucas, Billy McKeenan, Denise Pack, Cindy Sims, Becki Sutton and Ray Walters.

SIXTH GRADE

"A"-Rosie Biera, Tammy Cloyd, Alan Green, Kim McCasland and Mark Turner.

"A-B"-Pam Allbright, Mye Amerine, Tina Bicknell, Tonya Bicknell, Tim Brady, Angela Dunlap, Stephanie Fortune,

Brian Gary, Eddie Harris, Sharon Jackson, Roy Johnson, Diana Landeros, Eddie Martin, Chris Mashburn, Pam Massey, Jeff Scott and Mark Sprayberry.

SEVENTH GRADE

"A"-Stacy Seymore, Larry Sutton and Yvonne Swinney.

"A-B"-Rene Aiken, Loyce Baker, Michelle Brown, Nancy Click, Roberta Duran, Mary Fariello, Royce Fowler, Alan Glick, Lisa Harris, Edward Herrera, Janic Jacobs, Maria Moreno, Sirintorn Prasarn, Sheila Swinney, David Wilkerson, Deborah Williams, Ann Wooten and Sharryl Luckey.

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Scout Troop 218 attends Derby

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The boy scouts who braved the rain and cold temperatures were Kelly Wolf, Brad Wade, Scott Cain, John Townsend, Willie Townsend, W. A. Kinder, Randy Leverich, Kyle Wolf, Eddie Martin,

Gregg Dickerson, Eddie Harris, Russell White, Roy Johnson, Tim Brady, Lynn Wade, Mike Hager, Chris Mashburn, and Scott Adair.

Calvin Wolf, Scout Master, and Jimmy Leverich accompanied the boy scouts Friday. They were joined by John Brady Saturday.

Boy, Girl of Month

FIFTH GRADE
December-Jay Gibson and Kimberly Pack
January-John Ybarra and Brenda Hohertz
February-Wayne Horton and Joan Fariello

lap and James Turner
January-Tammy Davis and Kelly Knight
February-Norma Frazier and Bart Pursley

Veterans Meet

Merkel-Trent Barracks 2248 of the Veterans of World War I and the Ladies Auxiliary met at the Taylor Electric Building, on January 15th, at noon for their regular meeting and luncheon.

Due to the bad weather not many were present but a good fellowship was enjoyed by all.

All present voted to host the District meeting March 19th which is our regular meeting day.

Those present were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley, Mrs. Maggie Renfro, Mrs. Alice Dudley and Mrs. E. E. McLauren.

EIGHTH GRADE
December-Becky Dunlap

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