

Merkel Fire Department Helps Telethon Over The Top

Merkel phone center for Jerry and his kids. was working hard Labor Day. The Fire Department manned the center this year and raised \$1047.00

Texas State

Teachers Association to

hold workshop Sept. 13th

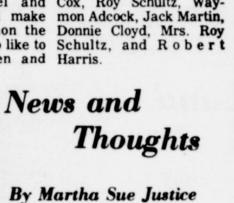
District and local leaders of the Texas State Teachers Association in a 12-county area have been invited to attend the TSTA District XIV fall workshop Tuesday evening, September 13, at Sweetwater High School.

The workshop will run from 5 p.m. registration until adjournment at 9:15 p.m., and will include a dinner meeting.

Teachers are expected from the 15 TSTA local associations in District XIV, which includes the counties of Callahan, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Mitchell, Nolan,

their wives that worked so Robert Harris, Center hard. Coordinator said today, "I'd like to thank all the follows: Henry Brady, Ben

people in Merkel and Cox, Roy Schultz, Way-Trent that helped make mon Adcock, Jack Martin, this year's telethon the Donnie Cloyd, Mrs. Roy best ever." I'd also like to Schultz, and Robert thank the firemen and Harris.



The workers were as

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department and their wives deserve a great big thank you for their efforts in raising money for the Jerry Lewis Telethon. The citizens of Merkel and Trent should also be very proud of their contributions and donations. A record was set this year for the Merkel and Trent area!

DESTINATION FIXATION!- Joggers come in various types as they lope through parks, down sidewalks and around running tracks. However, police in Omaha, Neb., encountered one 280-pound ogger running down the middle of one of the city's busiest streets. Attempts to curb him were not successful, so after following the runner for eight blocks, the cruiser pulled in front of the man and slowed down. Undetoured, the jogger ran up the trunk, across the top and down the hood before slipping on the front bu nper. He was taken t hospital for mental evaluation.





Badgers Persevere 6-0

By Dale Hammond

I'm firmly convinced one of the main reasons the Merkel Badgers came

defensive unit that bailed

were just one big play and on Howes. I think they an extra point away from started keying on him making it a long drive when he stepped off the back home. Our defense bus. A beautiful pass play had to reach way back from Pursley to Doan was there and get it a couple of nullified by a penalty. And I told Coach McCleod times. Mike Sims came up this pretty well set the that I had all the confi-with an interception in the trend for most of the dence in the world in the second quarter that got bigger and bigger as the game went on. Rusty Pursley Watts grabbed off a Bear Garth D

You've got to remember that our team not only overcame the usual numout of last Friday's game ber of flags thrown against at Baird with a 6-0 win is us, they also had to perseverance. First let me overcome a pretty funny say that even though Merkel dominated the sta-tistics the Baird Bears conds left and Baird got were in no way ready to roll over and play dead. neighborhood of our 20 These were some tough kids who came to play. called it a half, only when

That's why our boys down in the trenches deserve so much credit for a success-ful opener. In spite of some beautiful offensive plays which we'll talk about later, it was our defensive which we'll talk six point kick off return. Pursley gambled on 4th us out. Time and time down and came up with a

again Baird was prevent-ed from coming up with the big one. Every time on a sweep and it was they got the ball, they obvious Baird was keying

job he did on a Baird receiver, jarring him loose from the ball and possibly saving our bacon. Brad McCoy was picked by staff as the offensive player of the game. McCov rushed four times for 23 yards and went out and hauled in four Pursley tosses for 79 yards. Pursley's passing stats were 5 of 8 for 84 yards, one interception.

The Badgers led the game statistics in every catagory and it's to the credit of the entire team that they could come off of 50 yards in penalties and keep a good Baird team shut dowm.

Casualty wise the Bad-gers fared fairly well. Howes got his bell rung and English was removed from action late in the game with a pinched nerve. But Coach McCleod is optimistic both will be ready for next Friday's action.

game. In between flags, football team, but some-Howes kept on churning body had better keep an Pursley kept on gambling, eye on that funny looking football team, but some-

on water bucket. One of the big thing been their ability to overcome adversity. Penalties delete above

Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, and Taylor.

Local leaders will receive information, ideas, and materials, and will provide in putfor the 1977-78 programs of TSTA. Mrs. Viola Benson, a teacher at Nolan Ele-

mentary School in Sweetwater, will be in charge. Mrs. Benson is president of TSTA Distric XIV.

She will be assisted by other district leaders.

State President Elect Virginia Stacey of San Antonio (Lackland ISD) will be a featured speaker. TSTA staff members

who will provide information are Earl Cantrell and Tom Llewellyn of the Austin office; and Mrs. Jewell Harris of the Abilene regional office.

Vocational Nursing class

at TSTI The 1977-78 Vocational Nursing class has begun its training on the Rolling Plains Campus of Texas State Technical Institute

(TSTI). The class, which numbers 19, will spend one year in training. LaVohn McGlothing, RN, is director of the program. Joan Wheeler, RN, and Johnnie Whitfield, LVN, are instructors.

Members of the 1977-78 class are:

SWEETWATER-- Jody Baize, Lisa Brittain, Jane Eggleston, Connie Hantla, Patricia Panzer, Sheila Parsons, Donna Sutton, Barbara Hurd and Mary Palacios.

ABILENE -- Martha Burns and Danise Dankworth.

ODESSA- Julie Duke. COLORADO CITY-- Delilah Hull, Rachel Tala-vera and Roberta Turnbull

LORAINE-- Brenda Oliver.

MERKEL-Nila Dean Sanford.

BIG SPRING-- Susan Sherrod. AUSTIN-- Marie My-

rick.

All mothers of girls interested in being in Brownies or Girl Scouts (1st thru 6th grades), should attend a meeting which will be held at the Scout Hut this Friday, September 9th, at 10:00. Anyone having any questions should call Judy Elliott at 928-5758.

SCHOOL FOR YOU OR JAIL FOR DAD?- Little Davis, age 5, was giving his mother every conceivable argument why he should not go to school. After telling him every reason why he should go to school, but without convincing him, his mother finally added: "Why, David, don't you know that if you didn't go to school your dad would have to go to jail?" David sat there in silence for quite some time and finally said: "For how long?"

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A POEM FROM ONE TEENAGER TO ANOTHER-(Anonymous)- I am just a country boy. Money have I none! But I have silver in the stars above, and gold in the morning sun! I have a girl who craves only my love! Diamonds aren't a must! She holds me stead when life gives a shove, -Or when I bite the dust! Her smile is smooth as precious silk, -And eyes of glistening jade! She loves me only for what I am----Not what can be made!!

U. S. BUYS WHEAT- USDA announced on August 12 the purchase of approximately 2,750,000 bushels of U. S. grade No. 2 or better soft red wheat, 131/2 per cent moisture for donations under Title II programs, destined for India. The price paid by USDA for 875,375 bushels to be loaded on East Coast port vessels averaged \$2.3175 per bushel (freight on board paid) and \$2.295 for 1,125,375 bushels to be loaded on vessels at Gulf ports (freight on board paid).

Jan Beck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Beck of Trent will be returning to Angelo State University this year. Jan is a Senior Nursing Student.

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Deep in the human unconscious is a pervasive need for a logical universe that makes sense. But the real universe is always on step beyond logic. (Taken from the novel, "Dune", by Frank Herbert).

A local couple have sure had a hard time this week. First of all their ice cream machine broke down. Secondly they took the machine to Abilene to have it repaired only to be informed that it would be several days before it could be fixed. So,-they decided to take the machine elsewhere. However, --- on their way to elsewhere,---the ice cream machine fell out of the pickup. Needless to say,---the ice cream machine not only needs just minor repair! In fact it is quite sick! I just wonder who's fault it was that the tail gate on the pickup had not been fastened.

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DURING



AFTEL

Above are scenes from the Merkel High School pep rally held last Friday. Pictured is Principal, Lee Presswood (posing as a Baird Bear), and as you can see,---a Happy Merkel Badger, Jerry McLeod, doing the honors while the students cheer him on.

fumble to stop a hard stretching for that extra drive. Garth Doan came yard and McCoy kept on going for the Badgers has up with a big hit and Brad looking for people to dis-Pursley added the "Shot joint.

Pursley drilled a vital That Killed Ol' Cock Robin" when he blasted a third and twenty pass to Bear receiver loose from McCoy which set up the the ball on 4th and 5 on our Badgers only score. Purtwenty late in the 4th sley on a keeper, appeared guarter. Grant Murrell, stopped when Doan ripped been their ability to over-Dwain English, Howes, a tackler loose allowing come adversity. At no Jay Boyd, Billy Nichols Pursley to score. time, following any of the and the entire defensive Not to be forgotten in all fifty yards of penalties roster played some good this is the fine job Clifford was there any sign of let football. I'm firmly con- Dye did when he stepped down either offensively or vinced g o o d defensive in for an injured Howes. on defense. This combinafootball on our boys part is His first carry kept a big tion of good coaching by the only thing that kept drive going. Jerry McCleod, Ed Cothe only thing that kept drive going. Jerry McCleod, Ed Co-my bench mate Bobby Pursley has been picked wart, Tony Mauldin, Ron

Toliver, from choking on by the coaching staff as Smith, Bob Patty, and his new cigar. the "Big Hit" Man for the Russell Gee and the ma-

The Merkel **American Red Cross Drive to** begin Sept. 13th

drive.

Patterson. Mrs. Jack

American Red Cross Drive in the Merkel area will be September 13th. Don Hart, chairman of the drive, announced there will be a meeting for the workers on Tuesday, September 13th at 4 p.m. at Taylor Electric Coopera-tive. Red Cross representatives from Fort Worth will be there to explain the drive and procedures to follow. Following the meeting the business sec-tion will be canvassed by Fred Starbuck and Mack Fisher. The door to door campaign will begin on Thursday, September

15th. Representatives from The Merkel Riding Club the clubs and organiza- will have their monthly tions have been enlisted to pot luck supper Thursday help with the campaign. night September 8 at 7:30 The Senior Citizens, Mer-kel Garden Club, Lions Building. help with the campaign. The Senior Citizens, Mer-kel Garden Club, Lions

One of the Big things going for the Badgers has

turity shown on the field by Shields, Boyd, Nichols,

Watts, and the rest of the Badger team should spell hard times for Jim Ned's Indians next Friday. The Merkel Badger Booster Club invites one and all to go watch a Badger drive an Indian nuts!

Game statistics were as follows: First downs Merkel 14, Baird 5; penetrations Merkel 2, Baird 0; yards rushing Merkel 142, Baird 50; yards passing Merkel 84, Baird 62; passes completed Merkel 5-8, The kick-off date for the Auxilary, X i Nu Ch i cepted Merkel 2, Baird 1; fumbles lost Merkel 2. Baird 1; penalties, yards

Lambda Beta, and the Good Friends Club, are some who have been call- Merkel 4-50, Baird 1-10; punts, Avg. Merkel 4-34, ed on for help with the Baird 3-36. The Trent area will have

Individual statistics are as Chairman Mrs. Jerry as follows: Rushing, Rick Howes 22-61 yards; Garth Moore from Tye will be Doan 12-35 yards; Brad the Chairman for the Tye McCoy 4-23 yards; Brad Pursley 10-23 yards. Pass-

"We are anticipating a good campaign in the Merkel, Trent, Tye, and surrounding areas this year," said Hart. Coy 4-79 yards; Rick Howes 1-5 yards.

Attention Riding Club

also the high points for the year in each age group will be presented a leath buck stitch halter.

There will be no Jack Club, the Volunteer Fire The monthly prizes for Pot ropings on Friday Department and Ladies August will be given out, nights till future notice.

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DR. ROBERT S. COHEN Swine Production Specialist

Swine Production Course for Adult Farmers to Begin Sept. 19th

A Swine Production Swine Production Short Short Course for adult Course certificates will be Vocational

problems. farmers will be held Sep- presented to each Swine tember 19-22 under the producers who attends all sponsorship of the Merkel the training sessions. Dr. Cohen states Agriculture Department pork producers must according to Mr. Travis make a serious effort to Davis, Superintendent, increase efficiency of proand Mr. Billy Riley, duction in the future. Teacher of Vocational Increasing costs of equipsaved on each farming ment and services puroperation with a parallel Dr. Robert S. Cohen, chased, accompanied by system on a 100 acre field. Swine Production Specia- fluctuating prices received list with the Vocational at the market are contri-Agriculture Division of the buting factors. The num-Texas Education Agency ber of pigs produced per ment. and the Department of sow per year and the Animal Science of Texas amount of weight gain A&M University, will be from a pound of feed are distribution of rainfall. the instructor for the two important measures Since land between tercourse. He is headquart- of productivity to be eval-ered at Texas A&M Uni- uated. Dr. Cohen indicates ********************** **ITS FOOTBALL TIME !!!** the swine production short Dr. Cohen received a B. course will deal with S. degree in Animal methods to increase effi-**ENJOY THE GAMES IN** Science in 1965, and a M. ciency of production short S. degree in Animal Nutri- course will deal with YOUR FAVORITE tion in 1972 from Texas methods to increase effi-A&M University. He has ciency of production. He LA-Z-BOY also received the Ph. D. also states the course will degree in Animal Nutri- include such important tion from Texas A&M topics as swine selection and breeding programs, He was raised on a feeds and feeding, housing BERKLINE swine beef cattle ranch in and equipment, herd Southeastern Llano Coun- health and santition, ty. Texas, and was very management for profit-RECLINERS active in FFA and 4-H able production, marketly 1960's, Dr. Cohen was "Short courses in swine employed at the Texas production, as well as in A&M University Swine other areas, are now Center. Between periods available to farmers of formal training, he throughout the state under worked for the Texas the cooperative program Agricultural Extension between the Texas Educa-Service in Williamson and tion Agency and Texas Eastland Counties and A&M University," states completed active duty Bob Jaska, associate prowith the U.S. Air Force fessor, Department of Agriculture Education at The short course at Texas A&M University, Merkel High School is who coordinates the protember 19 at 7:00 p.m. in "This cooperative prothe Vocational Agriculture gram," states Jaska, "is Building. Other meetings designed to make the in the series of four will be services of specialists held September 20, 21, and available to conduct short 22. During the dates the courses under the supershort course is in pro- vision of public schools. gress, Dr. Cohen will be Such a program will en-LIFETIM available to assist Swine able teachers of vocational producers with individual agriculture to provide im-CUARANTI problems and to provide proved educational ser-

Merkel High School Students will have opportunity to use ACT

Assessment Program

Students at Merkel High tember 12, it was an- The ACT Assessment's visement, admissions School who are considering attending college after Counselor

graduation will have five opportunities during the 1977-78 school year to use the ACT Assessment Program, a guidance-oriented service that is used each year by students throughout the nation as part of their college and career planning. The first of five national

test dates on which the ACT Assessment tests will be offered is Saturday morning, October 8. Jun- those dates it takes stu- and extensive question- for students and educaior or senior planning to dents about three hours to naire information are used tional institutions by ACT delete above

ior or senior students planning to take the math social studies, and career planning. The in- in Iowa City, Iowa, the Americans is still one of the exams on that date must natural sciences) that formation is also used by nonprofit organization also best sources of several that raw milk should always have registered by Sep- make up the Test Section. colleges for academic ad-

nounced by Mrs. Nichols.

dates (with registration the registration process. 11, 1978 (November 14-January 13); April 1, 1978 (February 6--March 3); and interests, anticipated June 17, 1978 (March needs, as well as educa-27--May 19).

At area test centers on

other important section is counseling, course seca two-part questionnaire tioning and placement, She said the full 1977-78 that is completed by stu- student services, and inschedule of national test dents at home as part of stitutional research.

The basic student fee is periods in parentheses) is The test scores provide \$7.50 for the ACT Assess-: October 8, 1977 (August an assessment of general ment Program, which is 8--September 12); Novem- educational development recommended or required ber 19, 1977 (September and the questionnaire sec- for use by student appli-26--October 21); February tion information focuses cants at more than 2.600 on academic and nonaca- colleges and scholarship demic accomplishments agencies The ACT Assessment

Program is one of several tional and career plans. guidance-oriente educa-The resulting test scores tional services provided

maintains 13 regional offices in other parts of the nation

News and Thoughts Continued

The little league baseball games will be the men playing at 7:30 Saturday night and the women playing at 7:00 Monday. Everyone bring your \$1.00 and come play.

Each Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Booster Club meeting held at Taylor Electric, a drawing will be held to select two members as Booster of the week. These two members will be invited to travel with the football team to the game, into the field house and on the sideline during the game. Come out and join us at the meetings and be a Badger Booster. Game film of the previous week will be shown and a scout report is given on the coming game.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY--Everyone is a "Special" person because everyone is God's person.

PRAYER: Dear God, we are grateful that everybody is somebody in Your sight. Help us to see as you see. Amen.

MILK GOOD NUTRIENT

AUSTIN-In spite of some time, when studies have complete four standardiz- by students and their (The American College recent bad publicity about shown many American diets ed exams (covering sub- counselors and families to Testing Program). With milk, this old standby in the to be deficient in these ject areas of English, assist in education and its national headquarters diets of millions of elements, he adds. Reagan V. Brown.

Brown warns, however,

important nutrients, says be pasteurized, in spite of Agriculture Commissioner claims this process could destroy Vitamin C content. One of the arguments Pasteurization kills brought against milk, Brown pathogenic organisms says, is that normal persons responsible for typhoid, can get enough calcium from diphtheria, scarlet fever,

other foods rather than milk. Although milk is rich in calcium, it is also an important source of protein, ninth in the nation in the riboflavin and Vitamins A and C. Brown notes. This is

.ce will be especially noteworthy at this

dysentery and salmonellosis, he noted. Last year Texas ranked production of fresh cow's

milk, Brown added.

Parallel Terraces Increase Land and Crop Values

For those farmers in races is almost level, Field Office in-the Federal Taylor County who need farmers can return to the Building on Pine Street in terracing on cropland now field sooner after rains. is the time to be thinking Crop yields are also inabout a system of Parallel creased due to more even distribution of water. Terraces.

Michael Johnson of the Abilene Soil Conservation To prepare a system the Service Field Office says employees of the Soil that with todays soring Conservation Service, the land prices, high equip- farmer and conservation ment costs and lack of contractor prepare a map good labor, farmers must of the field to design a be able to plow their land system with distance betmore efficiently and par- ween terraces by the allel terraces are the farmer. answer to many of these

Cost of this system Parallel terraces elimi- range between \$40 to as nate time consuming point much as \$75 per acre, row farming. With the depending of the slope of

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scheduled to begin Sep- gram for Texas A&M. on-the-f a r m instruction, vices to farm people." according to Mr. Riley.

attending the short course Swine Production, Beef should write or call the Production, Farm Electric superintendent of schools, Wiring and Safety, Farm Mr. Travis Davis, or the Electric Motors, Farm teacher of vocational agri-culture, Mr. Billy Riley. Maintenance, Pasture, An enrollment fee of \$5 and Oxy-Acetylene Weldwill be charged.

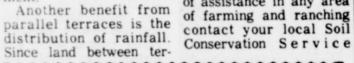
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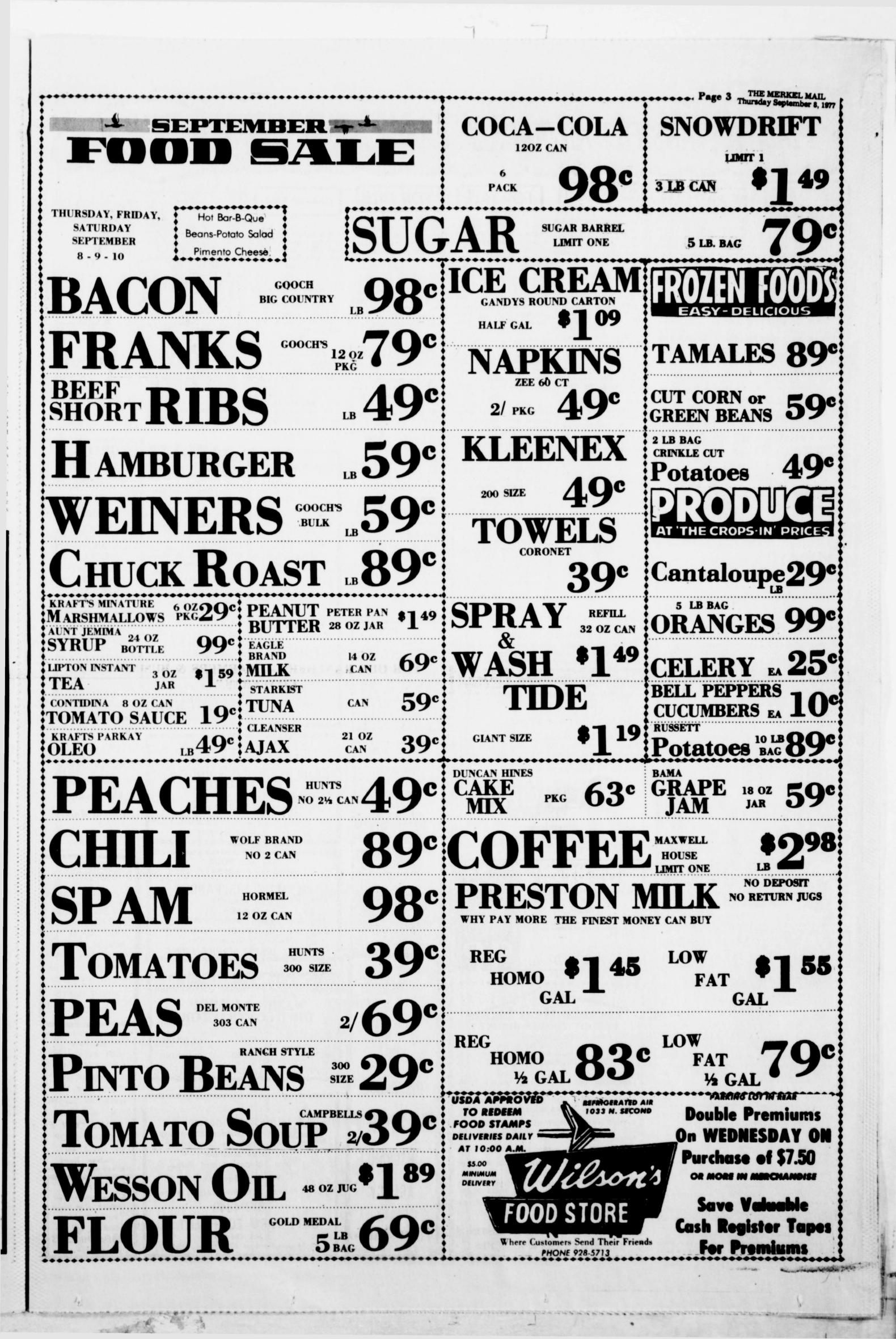
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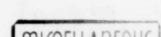
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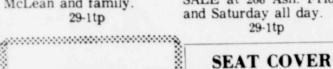
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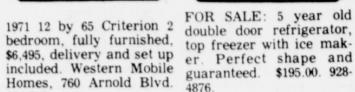


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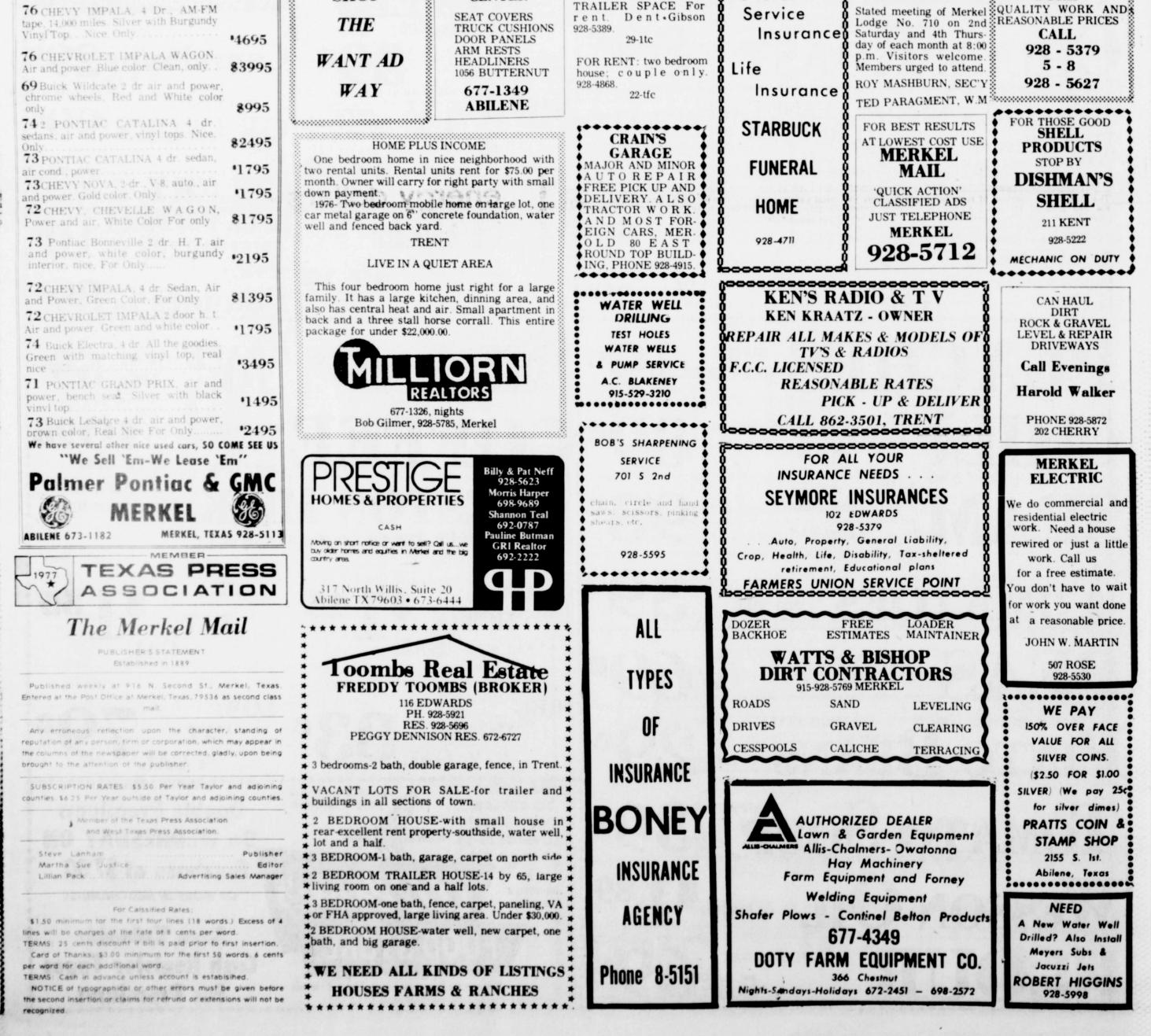






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Kimberly Lu Sat- Brown of Abilene was best Breakfast Month. terwhite and Danny Wil- man. Lisa Shugart, cousin liam Perry were married of the bride, registered Friday at First United guests. Methodist Church in Merkel with the Rev. Russell hosted the reception at the McAnnally of Albany officiating.

The bride is the daugh- Dallas, the couple will ter of Mr. and Mrs. Kent reside in Merkel. Satterwhite and was given in marriage by her father. Merkel and is employed The bridegroom is the by Farmers & Merchants son of Mr. and Mrs. National Bank in Merkel. Richard Perry of Abilene. The bridegroom is em-Lori DuBose of Merkel ployed by Alton Reeves was maid of honor. Joel Trailer Repair in Abilene.

55 000 The first paper money of the United States gov-ernment was issued on March 10, 1862.



The first known mention of soup was made by Pliny in the first century. He noted that some Germanic tribes washed their hair with a mixture of tallow and ashes.

Texas Farmers Union President urges Secretary of Agriculture to help wheat farmers

tary of Agriculture, Texas need the opportunity to Farmers Union President graze set-aside acres to Jay Naman urged that supplement low income wheat farmers be permit- from wheat production. It ted to graze set-aside will encourage their paracres and that diversion ticipation in the wheat payments be made to program," Naman said. compensate wheat farm-

Texas Farmers Union ers for their set-aside. "Wheat farmers who has criticized the level of

Food for Thought **Better Breakfast** Month

September is many recommend that breakfast things. A time for ending should give you one-fourth summer. A busy time of to one-third of the nourishgetting back into school ment that you need for routines. Preparing for each day.

There's no question that your body benefits from a But it's also Better fairly even spaced intake of food through out the Breakfast may be the day. This is particularly most neglected meal in the United States. One can't true when you start off the day with enough food to prove that. But it's comcompensate for all the manly known that many people simply do not eat breakfast, or if they do, they eat very little. Of preceding hours during which you haven't eaten. Breakfast literally means those who skip, breakfast "break the fast." entirely are a good num-

To "break the fast." This is the crux of why we ber of school aged need breakfast. It is not just a quaint old custom There are lots of arguments why non-breakfast handed down by your eaters don't eat breakfast ancestors...it's an urgent in the morning..."there isn't time"..."food that human need. You have, after all, fasted all through the night and your "I'm skipping breakfast body certainly needs food for weight control." These excuses don't make good when you get up for the fasting and in anticipation of energy needs to come.

Statistics indicate that Waiting for lunch is simpeople perform better at work and school if they eat ply too long a time since the last meal, unless you a good breakfast. There want to put a stress on are even statistics to show your body that isn't necesthat safety performance is sary and probably harmbetter among workers who ful.

eat breakfast. This is why So roll out the fruit or many breakfast programs fruit juice. Bring out the pancakes, waffles, or cereal. Or if you prefer, the eggs, bacon and toast. A good breakfast may Add milk and your favortant things you can do for ite hot beverage. Take your health and general time for breakfast ... you'll

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Abilene State School

Air Force Base.

Carey was graduated from Carmel High School and is in the U. S. Air

Force stationed at Dyess

The couple will be mar-ried October 29 in the First

United Methodist Church

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Wooten-Carey Engagement Announced

Miss Wooten is the

was graduated from Mer-

kel High School and is a

student at McMurry Col-

lege. She is employed at in Abilene.

(EXCEPT NO-FAULT)

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Carey of Carmel, New York.

Wooten of Camp Butman have announced the engagement of their daughgranddaughter of Mrs. Pharier Gray Wooten, Sr. of Abilene. The bride elect

In a letter to the Secre- are also cattle producers set-aside as being inade- South San Jose, Abilene, to ary of Agriculture, Texas need the opportunity to quate, but feels that the Wayne Mitchell Carey, son set-aside provisions can be of Mrs. Walter Charles administered in such a

way as to get maxium participation. Permitting grazing on set-aside acres

would encourage wheat farmers to comply and to participate in the farm program, according to the Farmers Union. Naman urged Secretary Bergland to announce a diversion payment in con-nection with the set-aside.

According to Naman, the Secretary of Agriculture should authorize the payment of an amount sufficient to compensate farm-ers for adbandoning setaside acreas.

Naman said, "The grain glut that farmers find themselves in was not their responsibility. They were encouraged and even coerced to expand acreage by the previous adminis-tration. It is the responsibility of the government and the general public to the butt ends in a damp see to it that wheat farmers are extricated from their serious economic predicament,"

regulations.

The question of grazing set-aside acres is expected to be decided in a matter of days if the farm program is passed and signed by President Carter. Texas wheat produc-

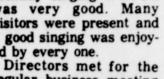
ers are in general support freezer for an hour or two, of the liberal grazing the brittle shell will crack with one hammer blow

Senior

Citizens News

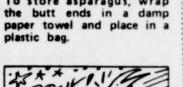
A large crowd met Monday night for the monthly singing which was very good. Many visitors were present and a good singing was enjoyed by every one.

regular business meeting Tuesday. Tuesday September 13 will be the time for the monthly luncheon. to be present.



All members are urged







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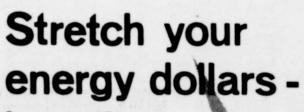
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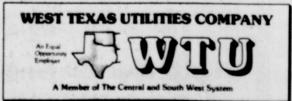
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DEAR MIMI

Dear Mimi:

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I appreciated your remarks last week concerning the youth of our town not having anything to do except go to the right of way. I wish there were others who.believed in us and wanted us to have some organized youth activities. I, for one, have given up-talk is cheap. Everyone wants us to have better, but no one wants to take a stand or do anything. I say we'll continue to be without in Merkel! Sign me Tired of Talk.

Dear Tired of Talk:

I asked for a write in on the problem last week-yours was the only letter received. I agree with you--talk is cheap. If we don't have something better to provide, then you should not be condemned for your get togethers on the right of way. One may assume a lack of response here, indicates a lack of interest by our local citizens. They are staying quiet on this one. Now--if we were asking for a new school, inceased taxation, etc., they would be up in arms. But, the welfare of the youth of our town-all we get is silence. I'm with you-talk is cheap. It is a sad

situation! Dear Mimi

I do not like school. I cannot do my work, and this embarasses me. The teachers all pick on me. I skipped as much as I could last year. I want to quit. My dad says no. Sign me Miserable.

Dear Miserable:

Every parent wants his child to have an education, and your dad is no exception. If you cannot do your work, I feel sure you are miserable. Teachers don't make a habit of picking on people, but may be expecting you to do work you are not capable of.

I suggest counseling for you and your parents. The school counselor, or school principal, could help you or prefer you to someone. Technical training may be in order for you. Talk to your dad and get help. Life is to short to be miserable. Dear Mimi:

I would like to brag on a certain teacher, but I would never want her to know. I can be nice, but most of the time, I am a trouble maker, I cause trouble, I sass, I threaten, and I say I don't care.

This one teacher doesn't let me by with a thing When I say I don't care, she says she cares. When I cause trouble, she lets me know she is running the show, not me. I get awful mad at her sometimes, but she always smiles, puts her arm around me, and tells me she likes me to much to let me do just as I please. In her class I feel like somebody, and it is nice to know she cares. Sign me Hope to Do Better Dear Hope to Do Better:

A nice letter. Only hope you'll let the teacher know someday that you appreciate her. She sounds great! Dear Mimi:

My mom and I can never seem to agree on anything. When we talk, we always seem to end up in a big argument. Any suggestions? Sign me Argued Out.

Dear Argued Out:

Don't give up trying. Continue to talk to your mom. Tell her how you feel about the arguments. You'll both have to be willing to give a little. When all else fails, the words "I love you" go a long way. Love stops many an argument, and it tends to smooth over many disagreements. Sometimes the concerned parties don't realize that it exist. Love is a powerful

Ruby Lofton Dies

in Fort Worth

Mrs. Ruby Carey Lofton Worth two months ago. died August 30 in Fort Mrs. Lofton is survived Worth after a long illness. by two brothers, O. R. Funeral services were Carey, Lubbock, C. S. Thursday, September 1. Carey, Crane; two sisters, and ranchers, angered and Interment was in Rose Hill Mrs. Rayford (Blanche) worried by depressed Cemetery in Fort Worth. Cockerell, and Mrs. Wood- market conditions un-Born February 8, 1916, row (Alice) Walter, Fort equaled since March of near Merkel, she was the Worth; a number of nieces 1933, are organizing for 12th child of the late Mr. and nephews.

and Mrs. W. M. Carey. She lived in the Merkel area A niece, Mrs. Larry and pickups through Temuntil her marriage in 1936 Lewis, sang at the funeral, ple on Labor Day, accordto A. Vernon Lofton of and six nephews served as ing to a spokesman for a Hermleigh. He died July pallbearers. They were O. self-styled farmer's pro-17. Both had cancer. They R. Carey, Jr., Burl Carey, test committee coordinathad lived in Caldwell 30 Larry Cockerell, Carey ing the event. years, until going to a Cockerell, Maxwell Carey, nursing home in Fort and Bryan Walter.

Xi Nu Chi Holds **Beginning Day Brunch**

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of year "light another torch" Beta Sigma Phi met in the was carried out in the home of Louise Dubose for table decorations. the 1977-78 Beginning Day

gust 27.

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Members present were: due loans and worries Brunch on Saturday, Au-Charlotte Starbuck, Louise about how we're going to Dubose, Kathy Leverich, support our families for Committee reports were given and the year books

Val Patterson, Liz Eager, another year. were distributed to mem- Opal Garner, Connie Harbers. The theme for the ris, and Mamie Steck.

Cemetary **Donations**

Those donating to the son in memory of Ernest Merkel Cemetery Associ-Smith

ation are as follows: Maybelle Teaff in memory of D. W. Teaff Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wes-

ton in memory of Alice mory of Norma Bond Oliver and Mildred Craw-Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Norma Bond

Geneva Gilbreath Mrs. A. C. McDonald Mr. and Mrs. Stanley in memory of Norma Bond Stanford Ralph Russell

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Norma Bond Mrs. Roy R. Largent

Hardy Grayson

More Farm Protest Stemming From Agricultural Depression

> we'll lose over three thousand this year.

ginning. He revealed that plans are in the making

for a statewide rally and demonstration, probably to occur in Austin this winter.

Butler also reported that the states of Colorado and Wyoming are formally committed within their Farmers Union to join the protest. Leadership in those states have plans for a demonstration in Washington, D. C. "which might not be the cool and calm event you'd expect from normally - conservative farmers.

The current protest

story will be timely in that

Congress will be consid-

ering a conference report

on new four-year general

farm legislation when it

reconvenes after the La-

bor Day holiday.

Central Texas farmers mostly young ones. And and practices have been finance a young farmer. it's an educated guess tragically insufficient and Butler described the on- Pitts. "The new Adminis- about. We're out to change

going protest movement tration and this new farm that silence. Then maybe among producers by not- bill do nothing to change our national policy will ing that "the waters are that trend. The general reflect an awareness from only now being tested public is still under the the public as a whole that locally." He said that the false illusion that the keeping farmers in busirecent mass mail-in of federal government doles ness is more important commodities which origi- out cash to us while the than selling us out at nated in Pampa and the real story is told by the world market rates simply tractor demonstration in fact that no bank in the to keep the balance of Temple are only the be- country even wants to payments up!

Farmers are in a silent damaging to agriculture depression that no one for the past decade," said seems to really care





Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones

in memory of Ernest Smith and Norma Bond Gevenieva King in me-

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howard in memory of Mrs. Albert Criswell in

memory of Norma Bond Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown in memory of

Mrs. Sallie Gant in

memory of Norma Bond Gilford Kinsey

Bartlett farmer and District Director for Texas Farmers Union, the general farm organization supporting the group's efforts. "Every farmer and rancher is losing money on every commodity, and

protest demonstrations

with tractors, grain trucks

"People in the country

are really up for this

thing," said Ronnie Pitts,

we're tired of the hard

hours and sweat which

bring us nothing but over-

We're asking every

farmer who's in the same

shape to drop his political

beliefs and concerns over

which farm organization's

card he carries and join us

in theis protest to bring

our message home to

every dinner table and

clothing store in

Pitts said the gathering

is to take place at a major

farm implement dealer-

Highway 95 from where a

parade of tractors and

trucks bearing all the,

signs and placards of

protest will begin a course

Additional plans call for

a picnic lunch and rally

speeches at the destination

which will be the Temple

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whole family as well as

the farm businessmen we

patronize and the financial

'We're encouraging the

Livestock Auction.

along high traffic routes.

America!

ingredient in any relationship Dear Mimi:

They say your column is to help the youth. I'd like to help them. Their constant driving up and down the street is a hazard and a nuisance. Why do the parents allow this?

We have raised our kids, we don't want to be bothered by others. Please comment. Sign me Just Wishing.

Dear Wishing

You deserve the peace you asked for. The young people drive up and down the street for the lack of something to do. It is a hazard, a nuisance, a bore, and expensive--but the young people do it because they are bored. Parents either do not care, or are not concerned, or do not know what their children do. Keep the faith in the young people. They do not mean to bother the older people. Maybe someday, it will be different.

Those wishing to correspond with Dear Mimi should send their letters to Dear Mimi, Merkel Mail, Box 428, Merkel, Texas 79536. Names will not appear with letters and will be kept confidential.

Miss Lisa Gregory Honored with Shower

Special guests were On August 15th. Miss Lisa Gregory, bride elect mothers of the bride elect of Stacy Stanley, was and groom, Mrs. Joe buck honored with a lingerie Gregory and Mrs. Vernon shower in the home of Stanley, also grandmother Mrs. Larry Gill. Colors of of the bride, Mrs. Howard yellow and white, the Laney of Tye. Other bride elects choice was guests included Mrs. Leon used. The table was de-Kelso and Debbie Hobbs. Mrs. Joe Swinney decorcorated with a lovely centerpiece of fresh flowated a delicious yellow and white cake. ers

Mona Faye Bartlett in Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Mr. and Mrs. David with agriculture to join Dubose and Mr. and Mrs. memory of Norma Bond Jack Martin in memory of Dorothy Dubose Fogle Gamble in memory of Bennie Anderson Norma Bond

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox Christine C. McPherson There are some of us older folks who wish for peace for the Christepher Heirs in memory of Norma Bond Mr. and Mrs. E. L. E. D. Nelson Tarpley in memory of Cyrus Pee

Mrs. Gertrude Bowen Norma Bond Mrs. E. R. Clack in Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hays in memory of Ernest memory of Norma Bond Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Read in memory of Norma Mr. and Mrs. E. L.

Tarpley in memory of Bond Ernest Smith E. C. and Alma Tarvin Mr. and Mrs. Paxton in memory of Norma Bond

Hays in memory of Ernest Luther J. Pence Mr. and Mrs. Orin Hig-

gins in memory of Ernest ver in memory of E. A. Conley Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jacqueline E. Liniger Egger in memory of Mur-Margaret W. Smith

ry and Iva Farmer W. I. Taylor in memory Rister of Mrs. W. I. Taylor

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Palmer Clark Derwood B. Arnwine Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Dewie Fleming in me-errington mory of Norma Bond Derrington

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Star-Mrs. Morris Smith in Bond

memory of Norma Bond Mrs. John Mansfield in Gibson in memory of memory of Norma Bond Norma Bond

Lora Hale in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Fritz Hale and Mrs. J. B. Beaird Browning

with us," said Pitts' wife, Kathy, who says she, like many wives, is "tired of subsidizing the farm" with her teacher's salary and "still not having enough to run a family.

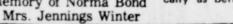
A spokesman for Texas Farmers Union says the demonstration on Labor Day is intended to be symbolic within the concept that farmers and ranchers are the most vital yet unrewarded la-

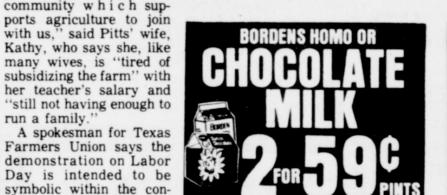
Mr. and Mrs. Will Pence borers in the nation. "What's more important Doug and Carolyn Tolithan eating?" was the rhetorical question from Ron Butler, assistant to the President of TFU. "We worry about enough gaso-Mr. and Mrs. John J. line and enough heat and enough buying power with our paper dollar, but the Mr. and Mrs. Earl nation is naively ignoring Mrs. Paul West in methe fact that its domestic

mory of Willard Sledge producers of raw food and fiber are dropping out like flies. We lost over two Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilthousand family farmers son in memory of Norma in Texas alone last year,

Mr. and Mrs. Dent

BERRIES a Mrs. Earl Hughes in Oranges are classed botani-Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wil- memory of Norma Bond cally as berries.







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Merkel School News

Merkel PTO President Dale Hammond announced that the first PTO meeting will be held September 26th at 7:30 p.m. in the new Kindergarten room at Merkel Elementary. This will give everyone an opportunity to see our new facilities. Fund raising projects will be discussed. So everyone come with lots of ideas. The membership contest will be discussed, and a date will be set for a workday to set-up the new playground equipment. The homeroom that has the most parents. grandparents. or guest present will receive a trophy to display in their room. All parents are encouraged to attend.

The Varsity Merkel Badgers were very successful Friday night at Baird. Congradulations team and coaches.

The varsity cheerleaders are: Becky Watts, Kim Mashburn, Kathryn Irvin, Lisa Shugart, Gay Pfiester, and Cindy Boone. They led inspiring yells for the Badgers. The band and twirlers looked great. We are proud of all the students who are representing our school. Keep up the good work.

Don't forget the garage and bake sale sponsored by the Band Boosters to be held September 17th from 9:00-6:00. Anyone who has garage sale items or large goods to donate, please contact a band member.

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This week's football schedule: September 8-7th grade- Jim Ned H 5:00; September 8- 8th grade- Jim Ned H 6:00; September 8- 9th grade- Jim Ned H 7:30; September 9- Varsity- Jim Ned T 8:00.

Tye PTO will meet Thursday, September 8th at 7:30 in the Tye Cafeteria. Plans for the Halloween Carnival will be discussed.

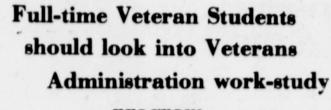
Remember Reserve Seats are on sale. People holding reserve seats from last year have until the 15th to claim their tickets.

Enrollment as of Friday, September 2nd was up 57 students from 76-77 enrollment.

September 15 will be the deadline for holding all reserve seats from last year. There will be 4 home games at Merkel. The complete packet for reserve seats will be \$8 for one and \$16 for a couple. These tickets can be obtained from the Superintendent's office.



Texas Department of Agriculture-Reagan V. Brown, Commission GUACAMOLE EGG SALAD SANDWICHES



program

Full-time veteran stu- addition to their usual dents who foresee money education assistance alproblems at fall enroll- lowances. An advance of ment time should look into up to \$250 is available as the Veterans Administra- soon as the employment tion work-study program. agreement is processed. Administrator of Vete-The advance covers the ransAffairs Max Cleland first 100 hours of work.

Jobs are available for recognized that the new GI Bill payment procedures VA-related work on a might leave students who given campus or at a VA don't have savings from facility. Priority is estasummer jobs in a bind to blished on the basis of pay necessary enrollment service - connected disability, financial need, and subsistence expenses. To help offset this finanmotivation and the nature cial headache he has of the work. After the first 100 hours, VA pays work directed that more VA study students after each work-study jobs be made 50 hours of work.

GI Bill students can Details are available work up to 250 hours per from campus veterans semester for VA and counselors or at any VA receive \$2.50 per hour in office.

Mr. & Mrs. L. M. Lilly to celebrate **50th Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Lilly Mrs. R. L. DeBuck Jr. will be honored Sunday. September 18, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. at an open house at the Shep Community Center in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. Hosts will be their children and grandchildren.

Their children are Mr. and Mrs. John C. Lilly of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Manton Reid of Lawn. The couple has five grandchildren.

Members of the houseparty will include Mrs. Pam Spurgers, Tonya Lilly, Sherry Reid, Vonnie Reid, Janna Reid, and friends to attend.

Mr. Lilly was born August 6, 1903, at Shep and Mrs. Lilly, the former Bessie Kelsey, was born May 30, 1908, at Drasco. The couple met June 13. 1927, at Abilene and married, September 20, 1927, at Eastland.

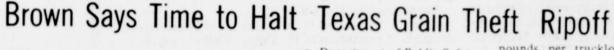
During their marriage, the couple has lived at Abilene, Clinton, Oklahoma, Merkel, and at Ship 43 years.

He is a retired farmer. They are Methodists. The couple extends an invitation to all their

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Mr. & Mrs. Lilly



thief, according to Texas when an organization is Agriculture Commissioner suspected to be operating in Reagan V. Brown. But when their areas. it comes to stealing Texas

Although the thieves, often working in organized

available.

he says.

of 292,900,000 bushels.

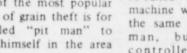
Commissioner Brown are:

rings, are active in most theft rings. truck crops, the giant Texas sorghum harvest is hardest hit, Brown said. The harvest, sentences for all persons which is already half convicted of grain theft.

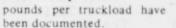
completed statewide, attracts In addition, Brown urged Losses of up to 28,000 thieves from Texas and anyone who witnesses or surrounding states. Texas is suspects grain theft to expected to produce contact the TDA Grain 244,800,000 bushels of grain Warehouse Section at (512) sorghum in 1977, and was 475-2489 or the Weights and ranked first among the states Measures Section at (512) last year with a total harvest 475-6577

Brown noted One of the most popular grain, it's time to get tough, Weights and Measures methods of grain theft is for inspectors to aid them in a so-called "pit man" to recognizing grain theft conceal himself in the area

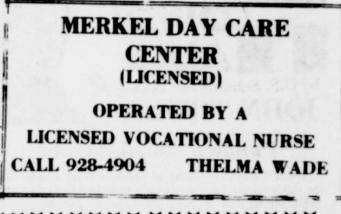
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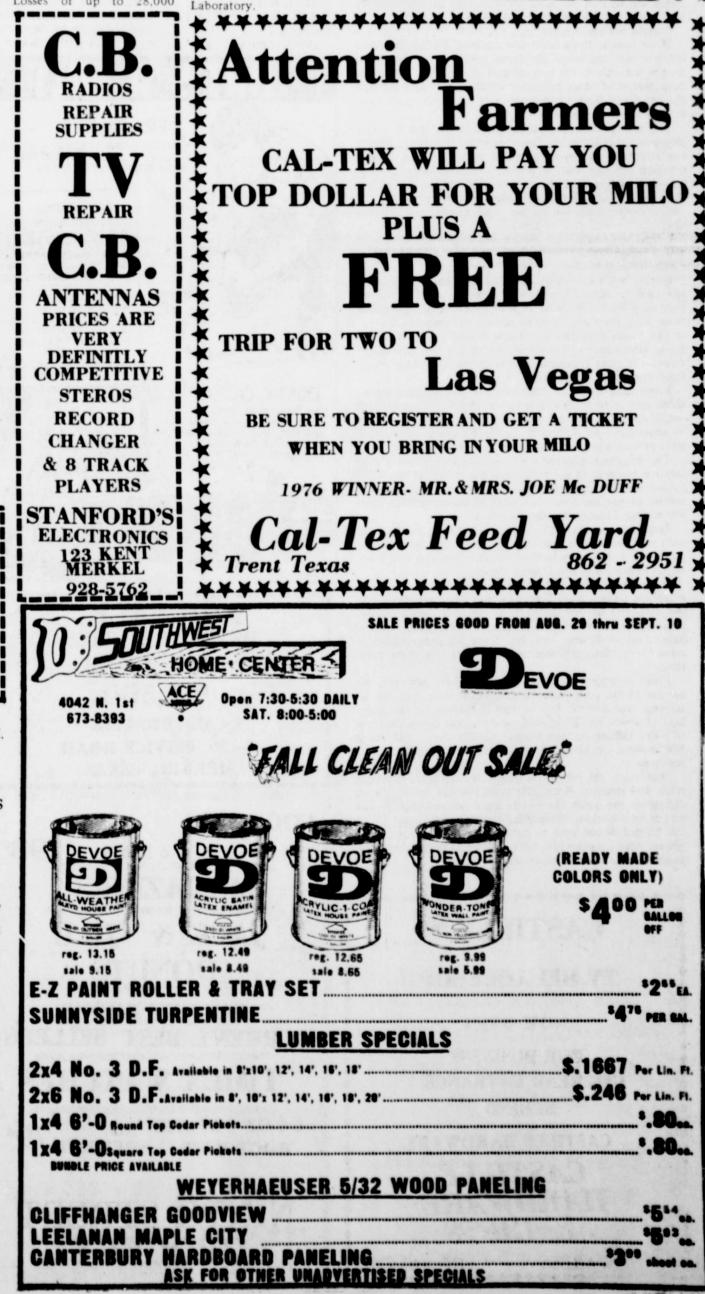


in use in the state. One was confiscated in 1972 and is now is possession of the TDA Weights and Measures



One of the most ingenious devices, however, is the so-called "badger." This is a machine which accomplishes the same purpose as a pit man, but is remotelycontrolled by a radio transmitter. Brown commented that there are several of these known to be

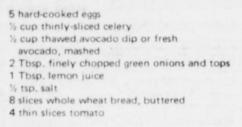




Department of Public Safety, AUSTIN-A thief is a grain elevator operators the Texas Rangers and local law enforcement officers,'

-A detection program for suspects and in spotting beneath an elevator's movements and activities of weighing platform and add

"One advantage we have Among the crackdown had in combating grain measures announced by thieves is the excellent cooperation we have received -A TDA special alert from grain elevator system which will inform operators, the Texas



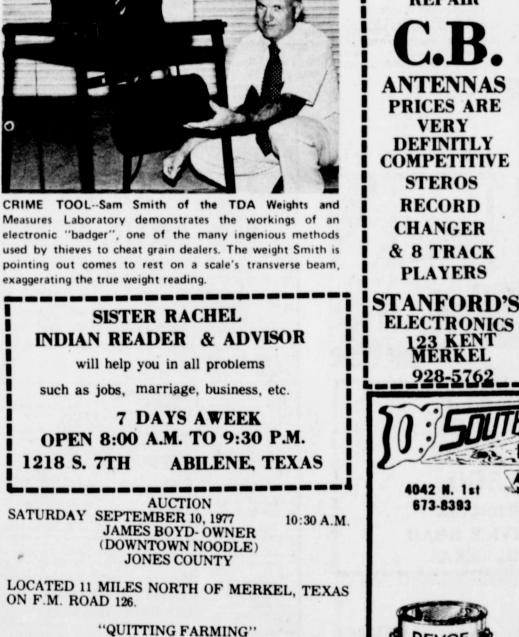
Reserve 8 hard-cooked egg slices; chop remaining eggs. Add celery, avocado, onion, lemon juice and salt to eggs; stir until blended. Spread ½ cup mixture on each of 4 bread slices; top with a tomato slice and 2 egg slices. Top with remaining bread slices. Makes 4 sandwiches

For additional recipes write Commissioner Reagan V. Brown, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Tex. 78711.



TASTY COMBINATION .- There's nothing guite as versatile as Texas eggs, says the Texas Department of Agriculture home economist, and to prove it try adding flavorful avocado to hard-cooked eggs. These refreshing guacamole egg salad sandwiches are just right for weekend brunches or light snacks.





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Merkel FFA News

by Cindy Boone

As everything, FFA has

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This year, the Merkel F. F. A. is really starting our great! As most people its draw-backs, class know Mr. Collingworth studies! All classes have has retired. We really Studying Breeds of cattle. hated to see him go, but Mr. Billy Riley is proving V. A. II - Learning about to be the best replacement feeds and feeding; and V. we could ask for.

We will have four members to attend the Live-State Fair; Buster Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee three short-horn heifers. FFA will be electing offi-Walter Elmore, son of Mr. cers. and Mrs. Ed Elmore, will have one short-horn heifer, Vernon Presswood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Presswood, will have two crossbreed lambs, and Jan Melton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Melton, will also have two crossbreed lambs.



Panama Canal Treaty

WASHINGTON-Many of those in favor of the Senate ratifying the Administration's proposed Panama Canal treaty tell us that we must begin to look at new realities in isthmus politics and forget old colonial myths.

I could not agree more.

If we look at those hard new realities, it is all the more obvious that continued American operation of the Canal area is not only in the best interest of America, but in the best interest of other countries which ship freight through the canal and whose companies rely on uninterrupted operation for economic viability.

The central rationale behind the treaty is that it would improve our political relationships with other Latin American countries and avoid potential turmoil. There is little question but that our presence in Panama does serve as an emotional irritant to many Latin Americans, but we must weigh that against our vested interest in maintaining uninterrupted operation of the canal as efficiently as possible.

I remain unconvinced the Panamanians, headed by an authoritarian regime, can continue to operate the canal as

Late Registration to Extend to Sept. 15th at CJC

will meet two nights a

Junior College and all of its off-campus extension locations will extend through Thursday, September 15, Registrar Olin O. Odom III, has reminded Big Country residents. Although classes began official school year on

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September 1, there will be Last week was really no problem at all in stock Show at the Dallas busy and with projects registering anytime bet- sion Centers by simply demic or technical-vocastill to come, we do not ween now and the fifteen- going to the desired class tional work at our low expect things to slow up th, Odom said. Students at its regularly scheduled cost, high quality educa-Brown, will be taking for awhile! This week the should, of course, register meeting time, Mr. Odom tion institution.

> **Solar Energy Course** The Merkel FFA would like to thank Cindy Boone A short course in solar hours in length and both Welfare to for making this news write-up possible. Cindy is energy and night classes the daughter of Mr. and in basic air conditioning Mrs. Jack Boone of Merand refrigeration and kel. See ya'll next week home laundry equipment with more Ag News! repair are being offered on the Rolling Plains Campus

of Texas State Technical Institute (TSTI) The solar course, 24 hours in length, gives

training in the installation, maintenance and repair of domestic and commercial solar energy heating and hot water systems. The tuition is \$93.25. Registration for the two

night classes will be September 6-13, with class organization meetings planned for 7 .p.m. September 13 in the air conditioning building on the Rolling Plains

Campus. Both courses are 90



Registration at Cisco as soon as is practical so pointed out. He also emthat they will miss a phasized that students minimum of class time. could register for classes Students may register at in any of five locations at the main campus in Cisco, any of three offices--Cisco,

at the Clyde Educational Center, or at the Com-

Clyde, or Abilene. "We're anticipating a munity College Center of very large enrollment this Abilene at anytime during year," Mr. Odom said, with the opening of the regular office hours, 8:00 "and we invite anyone, a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and they college-age students or may register at the Cole- older, to consider the man and Merkel Exten- advantages of doing aca-

> Two brothers became Eagle Scouts during the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday at the Merkel Methodist Church. Willy (right) and John Townsend, ages 14 and 15, sons of Dr. and Mrs. John Townsend of Merkel are members of troop No. 218. Their scout master is Calvin G. Wolf of Merkel. John has been a Boy Scout for five years and Willy for 4 years.

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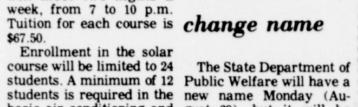
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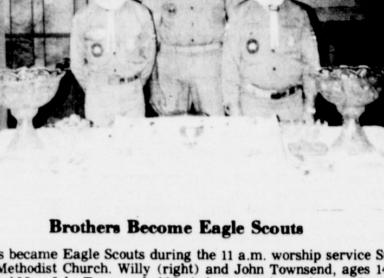
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Registration will be agency will continue to September 6-10, and class- offer the same services as es will be conducted from it did as the welfare 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. September department. Public assis-10, 17, 24 and October 1.

tance in Texas primarily is provided to the needy aged, disabled, and to dependent children.

Publications of the agency carrying the old welfare name will be used until supplies are exhausted, then will be reprinted with the Department of Human Resources name.

Beginning Monday, however, telephone will be answered with Depart-



efficiently as it is now.

Hardly anyone would deny that the Panama Canal is less vital to us now than it once was, or that the world's new deep draft vessels because of their size are precluded from using the Canal with its current system of locks.

The Canal nonetheless remains a vital commercial and naval artery and will continue to be for the foreseeable future the most economic means to transport bulk cargo from one ocean to the other.

From what has been determined of actual treaty terms, there appear to be few guarantees that the Panamanians would honor a commitment to uninterrupted transit or nondiscriminatory tolls such as the Egyptians gave maritime powers after nationalization of the Suez Canal.

The Egyptians pledged with the United Nations a declaration to "respect the terms and the spirit" of the 1888 Convention of Constantinople for free and uninterrupted transit through the Suez. America fashioned the 1901 Hay-Pauncefote Treaty after the Egyptian model.

The new treaties with Panama, however, contain no such provision for independent operation and any separate guarantee will be only in the form of a bilateral treaty between Panama and the United States.

National interest and economic considerations aside, there are serious legal questions that Congress alone has the authority to dispose of U.S. property and territory. Hearings before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Separation of Powers and the House International Relations Committee early this month may resolve these questions.

From a strictly practical point of view, however, we appear to be poor horse traders. Not only will we be turning over control, but we will be paying for the privilege of doing so. There will be an initial down payment of \$450 million and an annual annuity that could reach \$70 million, up considerably from the \$2.3 million currently paid.

Should we not ratify the treaty, we are told, sabotage, riots, and strained diplomatic relations will follow. In its debate on the treaty the Senate must not succumb to this sort of intimidation, opening the doo: for such threats when the United States goes to future regotiating tables. The Senate must consider first the best interest of the American people over our world popularity.



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