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## Last Rites Held For Pinky Cypert

William R. (Pinky) Cypert, 61, of Merkel died at 5:55 p.m. Tuesday in Hendrick Medical Center after a brief illness. Services were held at 3 p.m. Thursday at the United Methodist Church with the Rev. Allen Forbes, pastor and the Rev. Russell McAnally, pastor of the United Methodist Church in Albany, officiating. Masonic graveside rites were in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born July 15, 1916, in Truby, he was a retired postal employee, retiring after 37 years of service. In August of 1943, he entered the Army and was assigned to the Philippines. He participated in the initial landing at Leyte in the Philippines and was later transferred into the military postal service. He was discharged in 1946, with the rank of staff sergeant, and re-entered the postal service at Mer-

kel. He was a postal clerk from 1939-1961, at which time he took over a rural postal route.

Mr. Cypert was active in various functions and offices at the United Methodist Church. He was a past-master of the Merkel Masonic Lodge 710. He married Mildred Humphrey December 25, 1937, in Mekrel.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Joe (Sharon) Alves of Hamlin; his mother, Winnie Cypert of Merkel; two brothers, Pat of Merkel and O. D. (Red) Jr. of San Angelo; three sisters, Mrs. George (Rose) Swanke of San Angelo, Mrs. Jim (Aelo Mae) Monzingo and Mrs. Rex (Pearl) Fritts, both of San Antonio; and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Ben Hicks, Jack Hogan, Buddy Smith, Stanley Toombs, Ray Wilson, and Joe Cypert.

## Merkel Goes Crazy Over Crazy Days



1st place horse team winners—Steve and Tanya Castille.



Schools Crazy Days 1st place winner—Jarrett Ely.

Merkel and the surrounding area seemed to enjoy Crazy Days more than ever this year.

Merchants, shoppers, young and old had many many laughs this past week.

Crazy Days parade Saturday ended a hilarious week. According to many Merkelites, it was one of the biggest and best parades yet! Floats, cars, horses, bicycles, the Merkel High School Band, the City of Merkel Band gave many onlookers the time of their lives as they watched some of the craziest and craziest dressed people go by. One very attractive lady, (even though she was bald) drew a considerable amount of attention and by the way, she was the Queen of Crazy Days, - Connie Harris!

Our high Sheriff, Benny Melton and Deputy, Robert Harris, put on a real good show. Mr. and Mrs. Crazy Days 1977 were none other than Janet Deen-City Judge and Vernon Wade-Constable.

Naturally the bicycle riders were just cute as bugs and the horses and their riders gave the parade an extra boost. Waymon Adcock, parade marshal did an outstanding job as always and is always on hand when it comes to any activity in Merkel.

The Dunking Sam, which started at the end of the parade was also a big success. Our thanks go to J. A. Sadler, Ann Wade, Coach McLeod, Steve and Tanya Castille, Lillian Pack, G w e n Atkinson, Bubba Atkinson, Eddie Harris and many others for being Dunkees. Fred and Leta Heady of L & W Snack Bar deserve a big thanks for helping with the Dunking Sam. Also KBGG for broadcasting a live show from the scene, Jimmy Atkinson, Robert Harris, Donny Cloyd, J. D. Sandusky and Dennis Orsborn for help in setting up. Everyone is to be commended for being such good sports and helping in making this years Crazy Days—THE BEST YET!



### News and Thoughts

By Martha Sue Justice

Jessie Reagan, Mary Kate Campbell, Ouide Reid and Margaret Reid will have booths at the upcoming West Texas Arts & Crafts Sale. Times and dates are as follows: Friday, Nov. 4th-6 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 5th-11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 6th-11 a.m. - 6 p.m. The sale will take place at the Abilene Civic Center and is sponsored by the Abilene Recreation Department. All types of Christmas gifts will be for sale which will include: oil paintings, water colors, metal sculpture, tole paintings, pottery, spoon rings, weaving, lapidary works, ceramics, leather crafts, handmade knives, knitted items and many other items. Make plans now to attend. All items on display will be original handmade crafts. Admission: Adults 50 cents.

Two of our more prominent citizens, (we shall call them Sharpshooter and Sharpshooter Jr.) took their wives to dinner in Buffalo Gap this past week. On the way back they took the scenic route and came upon a huge rattle snake in the middle of the road. To the relief of both wives each man just happen to have a gun in the car. One had 5 rounds of ammunition and the other had 6 rounds. These two brave men immediately started shooting.-----Eleven rounds later-----the snake was still alive, but never fear said the two men.-----They found a tire tool in the back of the trunk and finished the shell shocked snake off!

Voting November 8th on the Constitutional Election will be at the Senior Citizens Building on Edwards Street. Presiding Judge will be Joe Lassiter and Alternate will be Mildred Cypert.

When you walk away from God---You're headed in the wrong direction!

Do Not Miss The Letter To The Editor This Week!

L & W Snack Bar had a Pinata Party for the kiddies this past Saturday afternoon. Chad Pack came out the winner after breaking it and scattering all the goodies.

According to a Dallas TV Station a new plan has been adopted by the food stamp program that will enable 46,000 MORE Texas families to become eligible for Food Stamps!

I heard that Jr. Clark starting teasing one of our more beautiful women which was courageously marching in the Crazy Days Parade. Consequently this gorgeous woman chased Jr. through the crowd,--- and almost caught him!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY- God knows everything. God cares for everyone and he understands.

PRAYER-Thank you God for the answered and unanswered prayers. -Amen.

Thy will be done. -Matthew 6:10



1st place individual--gorgeous Benny Melton.



1st place bicycle winner--Greg McClure.

### Airman Jerry L. Hinshaw Completes Training

Navy Airman Apprentice Jerry L. Hinshaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry M. Hartline of Route 7, Box 13, Abilene, Texas, has completed recruit training at the Naval Center, San Diego.

During the eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

Included in his studies were seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid.

A 1977 graduate of Cooper High School, he joined the Navy in August 1977.



Ann Wade--Dunkee.

## It's "Tee Off" Time in Badgerville

By Dale Hammond

This Friday Night the Badgers travel to Wylie and will take on what is probably the biggest team, The Bulldogs are not only big, they are a vastly improved team. This is nothing new to Coach McCleods chargers, they have been facing big numbers all season. That's the price any border line school pays. By border line I mean a school that's enrollment just barely qualifies it for the next higher classification. However, I don't know what the total draw is but I'll bet the Badgers have drawn the biggest gate on the road of any team in this district. C-City would probably outdraw Merkel home games by virtue of it's size.

The Badgers have just two games left and these could be two of our toughest games. Wylie is big and tough and there's no way Coahoma has forgotten last years loss in what could be called the grimmest weather conditions since Siberia dropped out of district play.

Now that the Badgers are probably out of district championship contention I've made my Christmas list early and here's some of the things I've asked old Saint Nick to let me see. I'd like to see Brad Pursley, rolling out and popping Garth Doan with

that short one over the middle that worked so well, I'd like to see Rick Howes blast like the Ball-tonnage wise at least, that they have faced all year. I'd ask for a Keith Shields trudging a-long for a first and ten dragging three defenders with him. I want to witness my good buddy Dwain English disjoint a running back while being double teamed. Let me see Little Mike Brady go up and bring one more down in "ulumni land". Let us see Grant Murrell force the fumble and Rusty Watts come up with it. Let me see Jay Boyd line up against somebody twice his size, cause he would die of shock if he didn't. Let me see a healthy Brad McCoy Sweep end one more time. What I ask for all of us Santa is to see the Merkel Badgers just line up and tee off on Wylie and Coahoma with every body loose. Our Seniors giving us something to remember them by and our Sophomores and Juniors giving us something to look forward to. Oh Yeah, P. S. Santa, Let me be t h e r e when somebody kicks the snot out of "Henhouse" and his C-City Wolves.

Let's go to Wylie. Let's go watch a Badger Tee Off on a Bulldog. Look out good times cause here we come.

<b>CRAZY DAY PARADE WINNERS</b>	
<b>BICYCLES</b>	<b>GREG McCLURE</b>
	<b>DOROTHY TORRENCE,</b>
	<b>CAROLYN FISHER,</b>
	<b>CINDY BUNCH AND</b>
	<b>JANA FARMER</b>
<b>CAR</b>	
<b>FLOAT</b>	<b>MR. &amp; MRS. CRAZY DAYS</b>
	<b>JANET DEEN AND VERNON WADE</b>
<b>INDIVIDUAL</b>	<b>BENNY MELTON</b>
<b>HORSE</b>	<b>STEVE AND TAYNA CASTILLE</b>

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Wonder who these two lovelies are?





Merkel PTO Halloween Carnival Coronation King and Queen winners are from left to right: Brenda Hohertz, Mike McCoy, Leigh Ann Allen, and Shane Smith.

## PTO Carnival, Search for Royalty Success

The Merkel P. T. O. has just wrapped up its major fund raising drive for 1977. By all previous records, this Halloween Carnival and King, Queen, Princess, and Prince contest will net an all time record high. The total amount of money raised is \$3,388. P. T. O. President Dale Hammond had nothing but highest praise for Sarah Lucas, 1st vice president

activities and all others who helped make this event so successful. Hammond was quick to point out that any compliments passed out should go to Sarah and every teacher, teacher's aide, principal's Charlie Helmer and John Cain, and every mother, father, grandfather, grand mother, aunt, uncle and anyone else living in Merkel who attended or took part in these festivities. Hammond said if you wanted to know the businesses that donated to the P. T. O. Carnival just go through the yellow pages and check them all. The real heroes, Hammond said, are the kids of Merkel's grade schools. "They are what it's all about," he said, "and that's where it will all go."

## Merkel PTO Halloween Carnival and Cornation Brings in \$3,393.81

The Merkel PTO held their annual Halloween Carnival and Cornation Friday, October 28th. Mr. Charlie Helmer, Merkel Elementary Principal presented the Candidates from the Elementary School, and Mr. John Cain, Merkel Middle School Principal presented the candidates from the Middle School. The King and Queen from the Elementary Building were Shane Smith and Leigh Ann Allen. Shane is a fifth grader and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Smith. Leigh Ann is a fifth grader and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Allen. The King and Queen from the Middle School were Mike McCoy and Brenda Hohertz. Mike is a sixth grader and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Burl McCoy. Brenda is a sixth grader and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hohertz. If Shane and Leigh Ann are in Mrs. Rister's fifth contact one of these mem-

bers before Monday. All of the profits from these projects goes for our children of Merkel. Sarah Lucas, as chairman of this year's carnival worked very hard. A very special thank you is expressed to her and all of her workers. Everything was very organized and all had lots of fun. The Stith Ladies Home Demonstration Club on October 26, at the community building, Vada Hudson called the meeting to order. Mrs. Jones brought our devotion. Prayer was led by Margaret Dickerson. Daisy Mashburn brought our council report. Margaret Dickerson called roll which was answered with most cheerful things in my house. We had a Christmas Luncheon, December 8th at Anson for all clubs. The Stith Christmas luncheon will be December 14 at Lenora Wilburns. We had 7 present. One visitor was present. Our next meeting will be November 9. We invite all ladies in the community to join us, regardless of race or color.

grade class and they received \$25 for their classroom. Mike and Brenda received \$25 for their sixth grade classrooms. They were crowned by Travis Davis, Merkel I.S.D. Superintendent. The ushers were Edwards Herrera and Alan Green. The Crown Bearers were Richa Hill and Brian Cosper. Mrs. Kathryn Rister was the pianist. A special thank you goes to all who were involved. The Queen and King Contest brought in \$2,125.51!!!! The Carnival brought in \$1,268.30. The steering committee for Ways and Means Projects will meet Monday, November 7th. The members are as follows: Chera Hohertz (chairman), John Cain, Charlie Helmer, David Riney, Dale Hammond, Jack Ferguson, Mrs. Braune, Mrs. Peel, Mr. Elliott, and Mrs. Hart. If you have any ideas please contact one of these mem-

## Merkel Art Association News

The Merkel Art Association met Thursday evening in the First United Methodist Church for a work shop presented by Bernice Landrum of Abilene. Mrs. Landrum won the \$200.00 purchase award at the Big Country Chapter of The Texas Fine Arts Association meeting in Colorado City in September. Her demonstration was a land scape done in oil.

A short business session was held following the demonstration where plans were discussed for another work shop in the near future. Anyone interested may participate in these work shops by joining the club or by paying \$3.00 each demonstration. Shane Smith, a new member was welcomed. Elizabeth Hicks was elected Secretary-treasurer and Frankie Smith was elected assistant reporter.

Attending were: Ann Doan, president, Bernice Bagby, Betty Tombs, Ethel Pee, Edith Kennedy, Ruth Hogan, Elizabeth Hicks, Frankie Smith and Shane Smith.

## Tye Elementary Carnival Great Success

In times when many people feel there is not enough good workers to go around, President Bill Adams and P.T.O. members find many.

When parents set a Halloween Carnival goal of \$2500.00 principal Cecil W. Todd said we have our work cut out for us. But when all the penny's had been counted Tye elementary P.T.O. had raised \$4,000.00 for their school. We have recieved lots of

help from our business community, but we also had one of the greatest efforts I have seen in my 14 years of school work for a school of only 146 students. Many people gave when it placed a hardship on them and when one little boy came into my office and said I only have a penny, but I want my school to have it, I knew then that we would exceed our goal.



Tye King and Queen Paulette Monk and Steven Keith.

## Steven Keith and Paulette Monk Carnival King and Queen

Steven Keith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Keith and Paulette Monk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn Monk were chosen Carnival King and Queen. Steven and Paulette are members of Mrs. Key's 3rd grade class and their room raised \$896.69. Other rooms which ran a close 2nd were Mrs. Evans room with \$833.00 and Mrs. Paige's room with \$578.01.

Representatives from the other rooms are: Kindergarten, Shawn Miller son of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Miller, and Lisa Donaldson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Donaldson, Mrs. Mitchell's first grade Christopher Sanders son of Mrs. Betty Sanders and Jeanie Lester daughter of son and Gilbert Beaver; eleventh- Sue Bryan and Kerry Patterson; and twelfth- Robbie Freeman and Joey Brenem.

Winners for 1977-78 school year are: grade school: fifth grade- Lucinda Patterson and Roger Brenem; Jr. High: eighth

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lester, Mrs. Evans first grade, Stephen Bien, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Thompson and Cissy Sever daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sever, Second grade, Kenny Dosser son of Mrs. Sharon Chroge and Mindy Steward Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Steward Fourth grade Michael Keith son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Keith and Jacquetta Oliver daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Oliver, and fifth grade Wesley Hargrove son of Mrs. Janice Hargrove and Kim Fuller daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fuller.

We would like to express our thanks to the Merkel Mail and K-BGG Radio for helping make this Carnival a success.

grade- Judy Brenem and Hillman Johnson; High School: eleventh grade- Sue Bryan and Kerry Patterson.

The Halloween carnival was a big success this year. Everyone had lots of fun and is relieved that it is over for another year.

## Gorilla Growl

By Penny Hatfield

The Gorillas took on the Hermilegh Cardinals last Friday night. The Cardinals were really ready to play Friday and defeated the Gorillas in the third quarter 52-6, which ended the game. Robert Freeman made the only touchdown for the Gorillas in the first quarter. But after that they just couldn't seem to get it together. The Gorillas are 3-1 for district. The Gorillas take on the Hobbs Panthers this week at Trent at 7:00. Pep Rally is at 3:00. Everyone is invited to come and cheer these boys on. This is the last district game. Basketball season is about to get under way. The first ball game is Tuesday

November 1 at 6:30, Jr. High and High School girls only. November 7 the girls take on Jayton here at 6:30, they take on Ira on November 8 at 6:30. The girls play at the Bulldogs gym.

We have a brand new gym to play in this year, which has really been nice. We would like to thank all of the people at Trent for making this possible.

Happy Birthday to some people. This week, November 1 Dene McLeod, November 3 Lorene Isaacs, November 4 Brenda Jackson, and Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Griffith November 5.

Halloween King and Queen contest nominees are grade school; first grade- Sandy Koler, Todd Lovelady; Second- Kim Orr and David Kansar; third grade- Velma Childress and Chris Simpson; fourth grade- Jana King and Billy Brazelton; fifth- Lucinda Patterson and Roger Brenem. For Junior High: sixth: Edna Garza and Adam Delacruz; seventh grade- Teresa Moses and John Weaver; eighth grade- Judy Brenem and Hillman Johnson; High School: ninth- Lori Bryan and Riley West; tenth- Debbie Jack-

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## Stith Home

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30	177,889.94	282,889.74
35	114,286.26	185,558.02
40	71,113.53	119,491.21
45	41,808.47	74,646.37

EARNINGS COMPOUNDED DAILY

ANNUAL RATE	ANNUAL YIELD*	ANNUAL RATE	ANNUAL YIELD*
7.50% 6 Year Cert.—\$1,000 min.	8.06%	6.50% 1 Year Cert.—\$1,000 min.	6.72%
7.50% 4 Year Cert.—\$1,000 min.	7.79%	5.75% 90 Day Cert.—\$1,000 min.	5.92%
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FRIDAY  
SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER  
3, 4 & 5

Pimento Cheese  
Hot Bar-B-Que  
Beans -Potato Salad

FOLGERS  
**COFFEE**  
NO ADDITIONAL  
PURCHASE NECESSARY  
**\$2.98**  
1 LB LIMIT 1

BOUTIQUE  
**KLEENEX**  
125 CT **49c**

**CRISCO** 3 LB. CAN **\$1.59**  
LIMIT 1

**BACON** GOOCH'S SMOKED THICK SLICED 1 1/2 LB **\$1.79**

**GERMAN SAUSAGE** GOOCH PKG **98c**

**FRYERS** CUT UP LB 55c WHOLE LB **49c**

**PORK STEAK** LB **98c**

**CHUCK ROAST** LB **89c**

**SIRLOIN STEAK** LB **\$1.69**

CONTADINA 8 OZ CAN  
**TOMATO SAUCE** 2/ **29c**

KRAFT MINATURE  
**MARSHMALLOWS** 6 1/2 OZ **29c**

CAMBELLS 11 OZ  
**TOMATO SOUP** 2/ **45c**

GLADIOLA 7 OZ  
**CORNBREAD MIX** 2/ **29c**

KRAFT DELUXE  
**MACARONI DINNER** **59c**

DEL MONTE  
**CATSUP** 32 OZ **79c**

American Beauty INSTANT  
**POTATOES** 16 OZ **49c**

SWIFT  
**Potted MEAT** 3 OZ 2/ **35c**

CRACKIN' GOOD  
**CRACKERS** 1 LB BOX **39c**

**NESTEA**  
INSTANT TEA  
30Z **\$1.69**

DEL MONTE  
**SPINACH**  
303 CAN **29c**

CORONET  
**TOWELS**  
BIG ROLL **39c**

**PINE-SOL**  
15 OZ **79c**

**CRYSTAL WHITE**  
LIQUID  
48 OZ **89c**

**TIDE**  
KING SIZE **\$1.89**

**FROZEN FOODS**  
EASY-DELICIOUS

BIRDSEYE  
**COOL WHIP** 90Z **79c**

TROPHY SLICED 10 OZ  
**Strawberries** **39c**

DONALD DUCK  
**ORANGE JUICE** 12 OZ **69c**

**PRODUCE**  
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RED DELICIOUS  
**APPLES** LB **29c**

CALMERIA  
**GRAPES** LB **59c**

BELL  
**PEPPER** 2/ **25c**

YELLOW  
**ONIONS** 2 LBS **25c**

RUSSET 10 LB BAG  
**POTATOES** **79c**

DEL MONTE 303 CAN  
**FRUITCOCKTAIL** **43c**

**MILK** PRESTONS LOW FAT GAL **\$1.49** REG HOMO GAL **\$1.59**

THRIFTY MAID CREAM STYLE  
**CORN** 300 CAN **29c**

PRESTONS LOW FAT 1/2 GAL **85c** REG HOMO 1/2 GAL **89c**

THRIFTY MAID  
**TOMATOES** 303 CAN **29c**

MEADOLAKE  
**OLEO** 1 LB **39c**

**PORK & BEANS** 31 OZ **49c**

AUSTEX 24 OZ & MEATBALLS  
**SPAGHETTI** **89c**

DEL MONTE 2 1/2 CAN  
**PEACH HALVES** **49c**

PACE 16 OZ  
**PICANTE SAUCE** **89c**

REALEMON 24 OZ  
**LEMON JUICE** **89c**

BAMA  
**GRAPE JELLY** 18 OZ **59c**

DEL MONTE WHOLE 303 CAN 2/  
**GREEN BEANS** **69c**

DEL MONTE 303 CAN  
**PUMPKIN** **29c**

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37-1tp

**FOR SALE:** 2 motorcycles, 250 Yamaha and 650 Triumph Chopper, both for \$385.00 Call 928-4916 or see at 211 Oak.  
37-1tc

**FOR SALE:** houseful of beige carpet and pad; gold room size rug and pad; curtains; pink bath carpet call 928-5321.  
37-1tp

**FOR SALE:** Ladies Handbags for ladies and teenagers. Having new supply made up. Jesse Reagan 403 Runnels or call 928-5940.  
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46-tfc

**GARAGE SALE**  
GARAGE SALE: 501 Thornton, Thursday and Friday. Lots of goodies, small boys clothes, record albums and misc.  
37-1tc

**GARAGE SALE:** Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Items for sale include adding machines, lawn mower, dishes, Christmas gifts and many miscellaneous items. Senior Citizens.  
37-1tc

**GARAGE SALE:** dishes, furniture, heaters, patterns, material, toys, clothes, dolls, albums, and Mary Kay cosmetics. Friday only. 5 blocks west of Post Office turn right till dead end in Trent. 862-3671  
37-1tc

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37-1tp

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35-tfc  
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37-1tc

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Thomas G. Garza, Jr. and wife, Carmen Garza, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 24th day of October A. D. 1977, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 13th day of October A. D. 1977, in this cause, numbered 13,294-B on the docket of said court and styled BATTLES HOME IMPROVEMENT, I N C., Plaintiff, vs. THOMAS G. GARZA, JR. AND WIFE, CARMEN GARZA, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A suit on a note in the original principal sum of \$4,248.00 given by the Defendants to the Plaintiff, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this October A. D. 1977. Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk 104th District Court Taylor County, Texas By Sandra Harris, Deputy, 36-4tc

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Kenneth Ralph Ward, Respondent; GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Tommy Eugene Walker and Mauverine Oise Walker, Petitioner filed in said Court on the 22nd day of August, 1977, against Kenneth Ralph Ward, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 13,616-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Pamela Kristen Ward, Mauretta Lynn Ward, and Kenneth Ralph Ward, II, Children, the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate and Adopt Said Pamela Kristen Ward was born the 23rd day of July, 1962 in San Antonio, Texas. Said Mauretta Lynn Ward was born the 5th day of April, 1965 in San Antonio, Texas. Said Kenneth Ralph Ward, II was born the 4th day of February, 1969 in San Antonio, Texas. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 6th day of October, 1977. Irene Crawford Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, By Sandra Harris, Deputy, 34-4tc

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 6th day of October, 1977.

Irene Crawford Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, By Sandra Harris, Deputy, 34-4tc

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Minnie Davis and all unknown heirs of John T. Davis, Sr., Deceased, Defendants; GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of R. H. Keller and Margaret Davis Keller, Plaintiffs, filed in said Court on the 4th day of October, 1977, against Eva Davis Phenix, John T. Davis, Jr., Minnie

Davis and all unknown heirs of John T. Davis, Sr., Deceased, Defendants, and said suit being numbered 35,597-A on the docket of said Court, and the nature of which suit is a request to Trespass to Try Title and Title by Limitations on that residential property known as 1234 Peach Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree deciding title to the property in question.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas this 5th day of October, 1977.

Irene Crawford, Clerk 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By: Marie Neal, Deputy, 34-4tc

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## Wedding Anniversaries



Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Taylor

### Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Taylor to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. Taylor of Route 1 Merkel, Texas will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, November 6, 1977 at the Noodle Community Center from 2 to 4 p.m. Hosting the reception will be their children; Mr. and Mrs. (Lawanda) Charles W. Brocato of Beaumont, Mr. and Mrs. (Phyllis) W. J. Freeman of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Keith D. Taylor of Anson.

Hugh Taylor was born May 6, 1905 in Leslie, Arkansas and Annie Groves Taylor was born September 21, 1911 in Okemah, Oklahoma. They met in Bigham Community near Okemah, Oklahoma and were married there November 4, 1927. The couple have lived in Oklahoma, Illinois, California, East Texas, and for the last 28 years around the Anson-Merkel area. Mr. Taylor is a retired gasoline plant employee for "Union Texas Petroleum Co." He is a member of the "Masonic Lodge", loves to hunt and trap and does some welding for friends and neighbors. Mrs. Taylor enjoys crocheting, needlework, and gardening. She is a member of the Noodle Baptist Church and the Comper Home Demonstration Club. The couple have 8 grandchildren. All their friends are invited to attend.



Mr. & Mrs. R. E. James

### Mr. & Mrs. James to Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. James will be honored at a reception November 6, 1977, from 2 to 4 p.m. upon the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. Children and grand children of the couple will host the reception in the Community Room of Levelland State Bank.

Mr. James married the former Virgie Faye Moore at Blair, Texas, November 2, 1927. They retired to Levelland in 1970 from Lubbock, where they had resided since 1950.

Children of the couple are Mrs. John (Betty Joan) Claborn of Levelland, Allen James of Odesa, and Mrs. Delmon (Martha) Bartlett of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. James

have eleven grandchildren.

### FHA "Key Facts"

The Merkel High School F. H. A. Chapter has been selling M&M's these past two weeks and anyone wishing to purchase a box may contact any F. H. A. member.

All F. H. A. members and their guests have been invited to a free cooking school at McKissack, Gray Appliance Center, 1419 Barrow Street, Abilene, Texas, November 7, 1977 at 7:30 p.m.

All members are asked to attend this program as it will be very interesting and educational.



Mr. & Mrs. Kimmey

### Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Kimmey to Celebrate 40th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kimmey will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary Saturday, November 5, 1977 with a reception from 6 to 9 p.m. at their home.

Hosting the event will be the children of the couple, Mr. and Mrs. Melvyn White of Tye, Mr. and Mrs. Rondal Hicks of Ft. Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cochrun and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Beard both of Houston.

The couple married November 5, 1937. They

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Dear Editor:  
On October 28, 1977, I was off from school, in Lubbock, Texas, because of a teacher's meeting. I went to Merkel to see my dad's grave (John Lozano) and saw how beautifully kept his grave was. My thanks go out to all of the people that do keep the cemetery maintenance so well. I shall never be able to thank you enough for my dad's grave's appearance. Thanks.

I cried when people in town would say, "So, you're Big John's daughter!" He was such a good man. It makes me feel good to know that people liked my dad.

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Monday night November 7th is singing night. The time has been changed to 6:30. Everyone is invited. Many visitors will be present. Our next luncheon will be the 3rd Tuesday November 15th. A Thanksgiving dinner will be served. Every senior citizen is urged to be present.

Mrs. Dennis Butler  
President

## Volleyball Girls Take Win

The Merkel girls defeated Stamford 15-3 and 15-4 Tuesday in district play. Sherry Ascencio and Gina Farmer led the scoring attack in the first game having 9 attempts for 8 points and 6 tries for 4 points respectively. In game 2, Gina Farmer had 8 tries and scored 7 times, Belinda Perry had 6 for 4 and Cindy Boone had 4 attempts for 3 points. The girls will play their final match of the season against powerhouse Colorado City next Tuesday at 5:30 in C-City. Colorado City is undefeated in district play, followed by Ballinger, Merkel, and Stamford.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: The Unknown Natural Father, Respondent:  
GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 18 day of October, 1977, against Victoria C. Castro, natural mother and the unknown natural father, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 183-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Baby Girl Castro, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate Parent-Child Relationship. Said child was born the 15 day of October, 1977, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

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

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 21st day of October, 1977.

Irene Crawford Clerk,  
326th District Court,  
Taylor County, Texas.  
By Sandra Harris, Deputy.  
37-1tc

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SAMUEL P. FLOYD, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Samuel P. Floyd, Deceased, were issued on September 28, 1977, in Cause No. 13,126, pending in the County Court of Taylor, County, Texas, to:

Opal Caruth Floyd  
The residence of such Executor is Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. The post office address is:  
c-o Gaston Welborn, Jr.  
2434 Rountree  
Abilene, Texas 79601

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 3rd day of October, 1977.  
By Gaston Welborn, Jr.  
37-1tc



**ANNETTE MELTON**



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## Austerman - Castille Join Navy

Keith Austermann and Ben Castille joined the U. S. Navy and left October 16th. They went in under the new Buddy System and will be together through the 8 weeks of basic training. At the present time they are in training at San Diego, California.

Keith is the son of Police Chief and Mrs. Leroy Austermann.

Ben is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rosie Castille of Merkel.

They are both 1977 graduates of Merkel High School.

## Fortnightly Study Club Meets

The Fortnightly Study Club met in regular meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 4:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Johnny Hammond, Hostess.

Upon arriving, delicious refreshments were served for a short social hour.

Club members brought personal gifts to be delivered to girls at "Girls-town" at Whiteface, Texas.

Mrs. Carl Hughes, President presided for routine business and thought and time was given to planning of some interesting programs coming up during the year.

Club members were saddened and shocked to learn upon arrival of the parent heart attack of Ky Cyfert, just prior to time of meeting. Mrs. Fred Cyfert was scheduled to give a book review for the program.

The following members were present: Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. Edd Sandusky, Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mildred Hamm, Mrs. Olga Gamble, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, Mrs. Johnny Hammond, Mrs. Peck Eager, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. S. C. Dixon, Mrs. Allen Forbis, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mary Collins and Mrs. Bill Teaff, visitor.

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Precinct 2.	115,811.35	4,641.81	52,005.74	68,447.42
Precinct 3.	25,751.06	3,281.59	46,366.67	56,666.36
Precinct 4.	105,511.06	2,593.72	55,050.19	53,054.61
General	594,558.63	308,649.60	656,477.77	246,730.46
Internal Road.	36,866.30	32,243.12	37,350.84	31,758.56
Coliseum Skg. Series '67.	43,443.39	1,896.89	34,462.50	10,877.78
F.I.C.A. Tax.	2,150.33	43,241.78	4,550.20	2,150.56
Law Library.	1,416.51	4,685.00		1,251.31
Federal Revenue Sharing Plan.	140,362.23	80,362.59	45,795.31	174,929.51
State Criminal Justice Plan.	12,892.78	4,794.50	8,113.00	13,574.28
Permanent School.	9,994.77	140.00	140.00	9,994.77
Courthouse & Jail Skg. Series '67.	77,553.35	4,806.34	37,162.35	45,197.34
Payroll Account.	1,050.00	384,895.31	384,895.31	1,050.00
Anti-Recession.	00	1,357.00	444.08	912.92
	\$ 1,365,519.68	\$ 885,181.85	\$ 1,465,165.90	\$ 785,535.63

Citizens National Bank	\$ 1,562.52
Abilene National Bank	100,000.00
F. & W. National, Merkel	66,447.42
First State Bank, Tuscola	105,720.59
First State Bank, Abilene	247,541.36
First National Bank	257,662.52
Total Bank Balance	\$ 785,535.63
Total Time Deposits	533,452.00
Total Checking	\$ 252,043.63

## Securities Owned by the Taylor County Permanent School Fund.

Buffalo Gap School Bonds	\$2,400.00
Overman Independent School Bonds	\$8,000.00
	\$ 10,400.00

ISSUE	ORIGINAL ISSUE	BONDS REDEMED	BONDS OUTSTANDING
Courthouse & Jail Skg. Series '67.	\$3,000,000.00	\$1,070,000.00	\$1,930,000.00
Coliseum Skg. Series '67.	\$1,750,000.00	00	1,750,000.00

The Requirement of Art. #401 P.C. have been complied with and a statement has been filed as required.

*Bert Chapman* Commissioner Precinct 1.  
*Joe M. Duff* Commissioner Precinct 2.  
*John Anderson* Commissioner Precinct 3.  
*J. J. McWilliam* Commissioner Precinct 4.

*Ray Seagren*  
Taylor County Judge

*Wm. Luther Hutcherson*  
Taylor County Clerk

## CHILDREN'S PHOTO CONTEST



In Natural Color — Prizes totaling \$26,85

Pictures of every child photographed will be published in Black & White in

## THE MERKEL MAIL

EASY TO ENTER—Simply have your child's photograph taken by WINSTON B. LUCAS PHOTOGRAPHER at NO COST to you.

Your child is automatically entered; and at this time you may order photographs for gifts or keepsakes if you wish. (Postage and handling but this is entirely up to you, WINSTON B. LUCAS, of Irving, an expert child photographer, will be here to take pictures, with all the necessary equipment to take nice portraits for this exciting event. There is no age limit to this contest—even the tiniest tots enjoy being photographed by our photographer.

This is a local contest!

(CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PARENTS OR GUARDIAN)

TUESDAY  
NOV. 10th

CRAWFORD'S

10:00 A.M.  
TO 5:00 P.M.

STAGE 7 SUITS  
PASTEL COLORS REG. \$36<sup>00</sup>  
SALE \$24<sup>95</sup>  
GOOD CHRISTMAS GIFTS !!!  
CLOSE OUT SALE  
ON EXTRA LARGE SIZES  
38-46  
1/2 PRICE PLUS 50<sup>00</sup>  
EMMA'S  
CLOTHES CLOSET  
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## Pinata Participants and Contestants



City Manager, J. A. Sadler-about to be dunked during Crazy Days festivities.



Some animals sleep all summer. This is called estivation and usually occurs in climates where summers are dry and hot and food is scarce.

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<b>BABY THAT AWAY DOLL</b> BY MATTELL	WAS \$13.95	NOW \$10.95
<b>6 FT. CHRISTMAS TREE THAT LAST FOR YEARS</b>	REG. \$22.88	NOW \$14.95
<b>SAVAGE 30-30 RIFLE</b> REGULAR \$149.95		NOW \$112.49
<b>ALL FISHING SUPPLIES</b>		REDUCED TO 1/2 PRICE
<b>14 CU. FT. KELVINATOR REFRIGERATOR</b> REG. \$399.98		NOW \$319.98
<b>HOMELITE GASOLINE CHAIN SAWS</b> REG. \$114.95		NOW \$86.90
<b>ALL TIRES</b>		REDUCED \$20.00 TO \$30.00 EACH
<b>PREMIUM MOTOR OIL</b>		39¢ QT.

AND THOUSANDS OF OTHER FANTASTIC SAVINGS





Dunking Sam--Dunkee--Lillian Pack--about to go down.

**HERO Visits Rest Home**

The HERO club of Merkel High School made chocolate cup cakes with orange sugar icing Thursday for us to take to the residents of the rest home Friday to wish them a happy Halloween. We were very happy to visit them and I believe they liked the cup cakes by the way they were gone in a short amount of time.

**Scott Hensley Inducted Into Kinsmen**

Scott Hensley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hensley, Route 1 in Merkel, is one of 22 men recently inducted into the Kinsmen Social Club at Abilene Christian University. Hensley, a sophomore radio-tv major is a 1976 graduate of Abilene Christian High School.

Most everyone has their HERO T-Shirts and we wore them to the resthome and will wear them Friday to Crystal's Pizza Cave in Abilene, where we will eat and Mrs. Spillman, personal director of K-Mart at Abilene, will talk to us about job interviews and employers.

That's all for now. We would like to thank Mary Sue Doan for introducing and guiding us through the rest home. See Ya Next Time.

**Waner -Rogers to Wed**

Mr. and Mrs. James Waner request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Terry Ann, to Dale Lee Rogers on Saturday, November 5th at 4:00 p.m., at the Sherwood Church of Christ, Odessa, Texas.

The reception will be following the wedding at the Odessa Community Building.

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**CHEF SALAD**  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT**  
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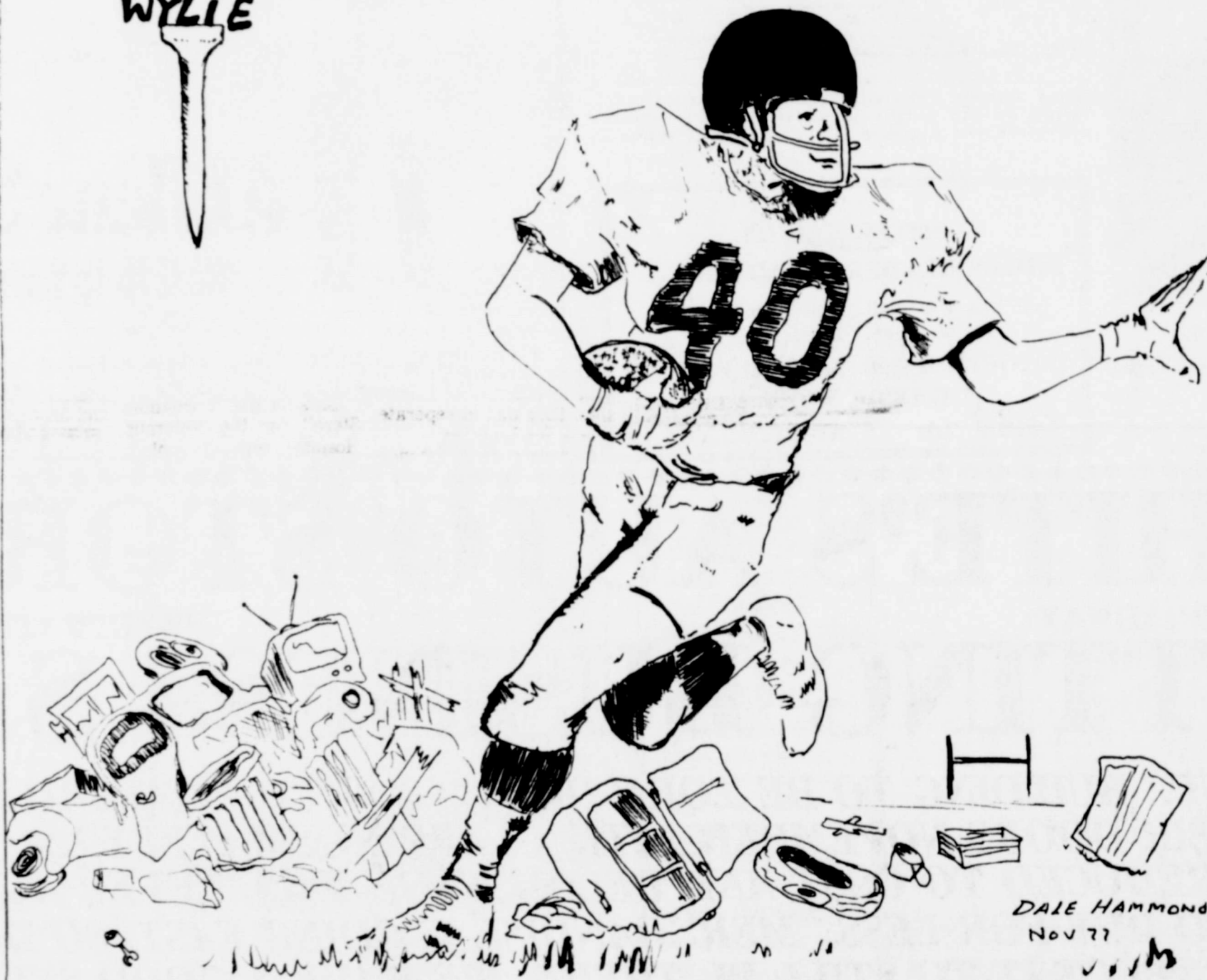
**Trent Trent Directors Lease Land**

The Board of Trustees of homes and selling lots for the Trent Independent construction of homes. School District, in order to best serve the interests of the young people of the Trent Public Schools, is now leasing lots for mobile homes and selling lots for the construction of homes. For detailed information contact the office of the Superintendent, P. O. Box 105, Trent, Texas 79561 or call 862-2411 or 862-3411.

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**CAL-TEX FEED YARD TRENT**

DATE	Varsity	Seventh - Eighth Grade
2 September	Baird There 8:00	1 September Baird Here 6:00
9 September	Jim Ned There 8:00	8 September Jim Ned Here 5:00 6:00
16 September	Roscoe There 8:00	15 September Stamford Here 5:00 6:00
23 September	Eastland Here 8:00	22 September Eastland There 5:00 6:00
30 September	C. City There 7:30	29 September Open
7 October	Ballinger Here 7:30	6 October Ballinger Here 6:00 7:30
14 October	Winters There 7:30	13 October Winters Here 5:00 6:00
21 October	Stamford Here 7:30	20 October Stamford There 4:30 5:30
28 October	OPEN	27 October Winters There 5:00 6:00
4 November	Wylie There 7:30	3 November Wylie There 6:00 7:30
11 November	Coahoma Here 7:30	10 November Open

Coaches-Jerry McLeod, Edgar Cowart, Tony Mauldin.  
Cheerleaders-Becky Watts, Kim Mashburn, Kathryn Irvin, Lisa Shugart, Gav Pfister, Cindy Boone.  
Travis Davis, Superintendent  
Lee Presswood, Principal

Coaches-Bob Patty, Russell Gee  
Principal-John Cain

DATE	Junior Varsity & Ninth Grade
1 September	Baird JV Here 7:30
8 September	Jim Ned NG Here 7:30
15 September	Hawley JV There 7:30
22 September	Stamford NG There 5:00
29 September	Eastland JV There 7:30
6 October	Hamlin NG Here 5:30
13 October	Open
20 October	Ballinger JV & NG There 6:00 7:30
27 October	Winters JV Here 7:30
3 November	Hamlin NG There 7:00
10 November	Stamford JV There 7:00
	Wylie NG There 7:30
	Winters JV There 7:30
	Rotan NG Here 5:00
	Nov. 4 Hobbs NG Here 5:00
	Nov. 11 Zone Play-Off Game

**TRENT**

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sept. 2	Talpa	There	8:00
Sept. 9	Benjamin	There	8:00
Sept. 16	Open		
Sept. 23	Blackwell	There	8:00
Sept. 30	Divide	Here	8:00
Oct. 8	McCaulley	Here	7:30
Oct. 14	Highland	Here	7:00
Oct. 21	Ira	There	7:00
Oct. 28	Hermleigh	There	7:00
Nov. 4	Hobbs	Here	7:00
Nov. 11	Zone Play-Off Game		

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**TRENT, TEXAS MEMBER FDIC**

**PALMER PONTIAC AND GMC**

**JACK SOUTH GRAIN**

**CARSONS GROCERY**

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# I Hope You Can Identify These Crazy People



## Merkel School News

By Milly Bright - Media Coordinator

This weeks football schedule:  
Varsity Nov. 4 Wylie There 7:30  
Jr. Varsity Nov. 3 Wylie Here 7:30  
Ninth Grade Nov. 3 Wylie Here 6:00  
Eighth Grade Nov. 3 Wylie There 7:30  
Seventh Grade Nov. 3 Wylie There 6:00

The Halloween Carnivals, both at Merkel and Tye were a great event and lots of fun. The Queen and King at Tye were third graders Steven Keith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Keith, and Paulette Monk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn Monk. The Queen and King at Merkel Elementary were fifth graders Shane Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Smith, and Leigh Ann Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Allen. The Queen and King at Merkel Middle School were Sixth graders Mike McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burl McCoy, and Brenda Hohertz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hohertz. These students spent a lot of time, hard footwork, and effort in achieving this honor. The winners were the ones that collected the most money. We are very proud of you.

Crazy Day activities at Merkel Elementary School and Merkel Middle School proved to be another CRAZY DAY! Everyone involved had lots of fun. The craziest dressed boy in the Middle School was Kyle Wolf. Charlotte Toney was the craziest dressed girl. Mrs. Hart received the honor of being the craziest dressed teacher. She had some stiff competition, but she was a "nose" ahead. The grand prize winner in the Merkel Elementary School was Jarrett Ely. Congratulations! Wasn't it fun!!!

Friday, the third grade classes at Merkel Elementary School will be traveling to McMurray's Homecoming T Pee Indian Village, with their teachers, Mrs. Braune and Mrs. Sandusky.

The next PTO meeting will be November 22nd at 7:30 in the auditorium.

The PTO membership contest will end November 22nd. If you have not joined, send \$1 per adult to your child's homeroom. This is not limited to just parents. The room with the highest percent of members will be awarded a coke party, and \$15 to buy books, art supplies, etc. for their classroom. A lot of the rooms are really working for this honor.

The Steering Committee for Ways & Means Projects for PTO will meet November 7th, Monday, 7:30 at the Merkel Middle School. If you have any ideas contact one of the members before Monday.

Merkel Middle School Student Council is selling metal social security cards for \$2.

The Merkel PTO will be selling Merkel Badger Banners at the schools next week. They are \$1 each.

Annuals for Merkel Elementary, Merkel Middle School and Tye Elementary will go on sale November 7th-28th for \$5.00. These will be sold through the offices in Tye and Merkel Elementary School. Homeroom teacher will sell annuals in the Merkel Middle School. This is the only time the annuals will be on sale.

The Merkel Middle School Student Council, sponsored by Kenneth E. Elliott, is selling metal social security cards. These sell for \$2.00 each and make a good permanent gift as well as a personal identification. Please contact any Middle School Student Council officer, representative, or their sponsor, if you would like to purchase some of these. They would make great Christmas gifts. All of the information that is needed is the name and social security number you want printed on the plate. The officers, representatives, alternates and qualifications are as follows: President-Rene Aiken, Vice President-Sharryl Luckey, Secretary-Amye Amerine, Treasurer-Jill Douglass, Reporter-Tiffany Toppin, and Parliamentarian-Rosie Biera. The Representatives are as follows: David Delacruz, Shelia Swinney, David Wilkerson, Nancy Click, Roy Johnson, Jackie Owen, Chris Mashburn, Darrell David, Judy Jenkins, Tommy Hays, and Donald Tutt. The alternates are as follows: Christine Franklin, Gary Tutt, Eddie Herrera, Jay Campbell, Lorne Sloan, Stephanie Fortune, Eddie Martin, Cindy Sims, Bonnie Anerson, and Billy McKeenan. The Qualifications are as follows: (1) A representative must be enrolled in the homeroom he represents, (2) Must pass all subjects at all times and must keep a 75 average (officers 85), (3) Must not have a truancy at any time during the past year or this year, and (4) Must not have been guilty of a major disciplinary infraction last semester or this semester.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:  
There is a terrible injustice being done to a beautiful person who is a member of a well known organization in Merkel. The reason she is being treated so unjustly is because she is a warm person and there must be intense jealousy in the hearts of the members and so called leader of this organization. This is not purely heresy, I've seen first hand how shabbily these girls who were elected for the personalities as well as talents have treated one of their members. They plan practice and meetings and rarely tell her about them. The so called elected leader (no one knows how she was elected) even told this girl that if her attitude didn't change she couldn't march with the other members. Of course when someone with authority was con-

sulted the other girls lied (I don't mind saying this because it is true) along with their so called teacher. This girl will rarely talk of her predicament because she doesn't want the other members hurt as she has been, that's why I believe she should at least be given an equal chance by her co-workers. By request I will not give the name of the organization because I'm sure the ones know who they are. The pretty girl will keep on smiling because it her smile that keeps everyone on the outside from knowing whats going on inside.  
Pam Byers

The P. T. O. wishes to thank everyone for their work and participation in the Carnival and Cornation. Without your help it couldn't have been possible.

president, called the meeting to order. The

## Merkel-Trent Barracks 2248 Meets

Merkel-Trent Barracks 2248 to the Veterans of W. I met in regular session October 11 at the R. E. A. for a pot luck lunch and business meeting. After an hour of eating and fellowship, they met in separate rooms for business.

Lurbine Poland, 1st vice

Bible was opened and Mary Mosier led the opening prayer. The pledge of allegiance was led by Maggie Renfro.

Gifts for the "Christmas Store" for the Veterans Hospital were assembled. Plans were made for the Armistice Day Program to be held at the Senior Citizens Building on No-

vember 11th. Everyone is invited to come and bring a covered dish and help celebrate the close of the First World War.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Dee Poland, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kidd, Mr.

and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley, Mr. G. N. Reynolds, Mrs. Mary Mosier, Mrs. Trula Cox, Mrs. Ora Grigg, Mrs. Maggie Renfro, Mrs. Irene Strawn, Miss Mable McRee.

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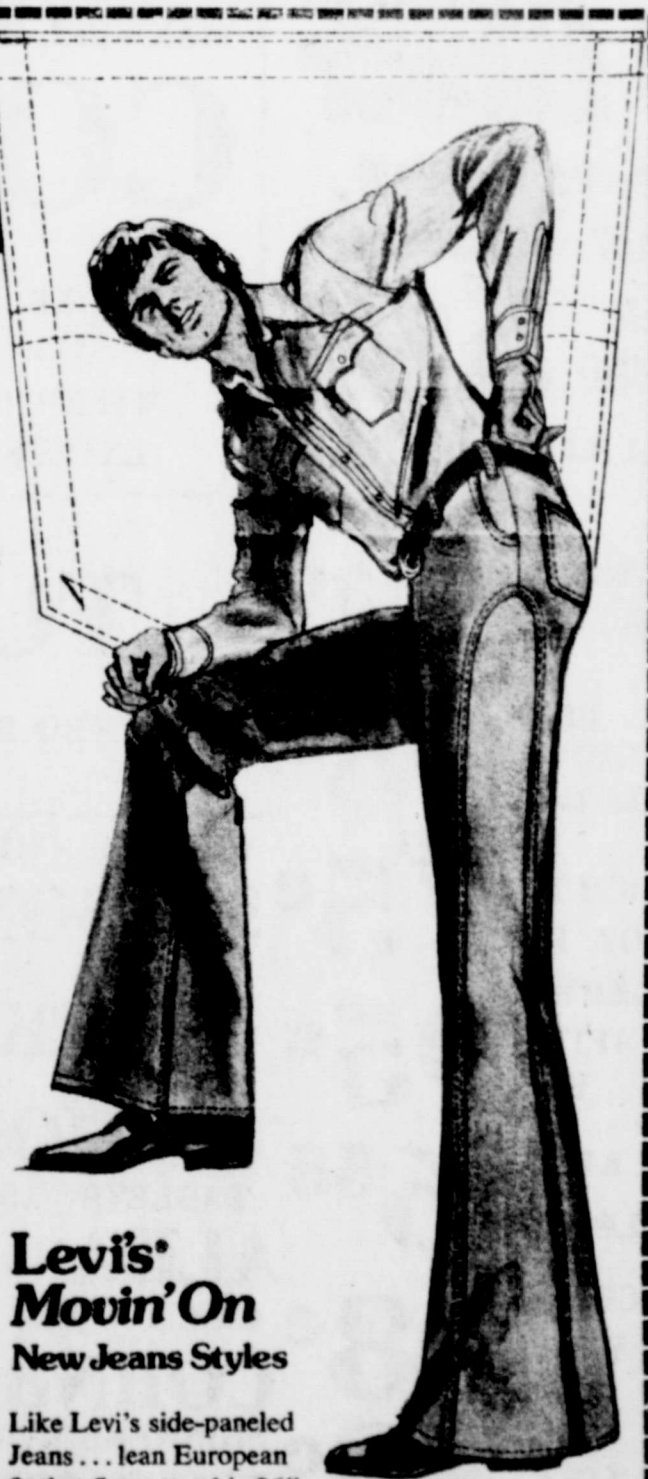
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