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From Left to right: Mrs. Nora Parker, Kevin Mitchell-4th grade, DeWayne Clark-1st grade, Greg Spur-5th grade, Christie O'Con-2nd grade, David Jones-3rd grade, General Adams. Not pictured, Shellie Glisson-1st grade.

Eighteen Students From Tye Elementary School Win in Fire Prevention Contest

General Christopher Adams, 12th Air Division Commander at Dyess Air Force Base presented plaque awards to eighteen Tye Elementary students who were winners in the Dyess Fire Department Poster and Essay Contest in observation of Fire Prevention Week. Mrs. Nora Parker, President of the N.C.O. Wives, presented a check for five dollars to all first place winners. Other Dyess personnel taking part in the presentation were Colonel James W. Neal, Commander of Civil Engineer Squadron, Base Fire Chief Hugh Swift and Assistant Base Fire Chief Sam T. Crawford.

First place winners who received plaques and a five dollar check in the poster contest were DeWayne Clark son of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie N. Clark, Shellie Glisson daughter of Mrs. Deena Glisson, Christine O'Con daughter of Mrs. Genevieve O'Con and David Jonas son of Mrs. Dorothy Bawcum. First place winners who received plaques and a five dollar check in the essay contest were Kevin Mitchell son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Mitchell and Greg Spurr son of Mr. and Mrs. George Spurr. Second place winners who received plaques in the poster contest were Angelina Rachels daughter of Mrs. Ed Shed, Jaime Mendez son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mendez, Clara Herrera daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arturo Herrera and Dan Rucker son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Rucker. Second place winners who received plaques in the Essay contest were Keith Watson son of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Watson and Melissa Wade daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Baqcum. Third place winners who received plaques in the poster contest were Jon David Layher son of Mr. and Mrs. David Layher, Angelina McCartney daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie McCartney, Connie DeLeon daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lupe DeLeon and Steven Keith son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Keith. Third Place winners who received plaques in the

essay contest were Christopher Schoggins son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Schoggins and Wesley Hargrove

son of Mrs. Janice Hargrove. We are sure grateful to all Dyess Air Force Base

Personnel for asking us to take part in this contest and for taking an interest in our children and school.



Mr. and Mrs. Don Hensley with John Wayne Monday night at an informal reception at the Wayne home in Newport Beach following the Scopus Awards presentation on Sunday.

Scopus Award Dinner & Presentation attended by Mr. & Mrs. Don Hensley

Mr. and Mrs. Don W. Hensley, Merkel, Texas attended the Scopus Awards Dinner and Presentation in Los Angeles, November 6th by special invitation of actor, John Wayne. The Scopus Award is the highest honor given by the American Friends of the Hebrew University. This organization which cities recipients for "the high standards of excellence they have achieved in their chosen professions and their commitment to humanitarian causes. Presentation of the awards at the black-tie dinner was made by Frank Sinatra, a 1976 Scopus Award winner. Master of ceremonies for the event was television host, Merv Griffin. Wayne was cited for his involvement "in a long series of humanitarian endeavors with emphasis on youth and health". Blumberg, a 1976 Nobel

Prize winner for his discoveries concerning new mechanisms for the origin and dissemination of infectious disease, was honored for his medical achievements. Friedman, a 1976 Nobel Prize winner for work in the field of economics in the areas of consumption and the analysis of monetary history and theory, was cited for his work in that field. A special tribute also was given to former Gov. Ronald Reagan. As part of the ceremonies, the creation of the John Wayne Fellowship at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem was announced. The American Friends organization is the fund raising group for the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, which has 14,000 Israeli students on four campuses and is the largest Jewish institution of

higher learning in the world. Past Scopus Award winners include former Gerald R. Ford, entertainer Danny Kaye, conductor Artur Schnabel, the late Maestro Gregor Piatigorsky and Dr. Franklin D. Murphy, chairman of the board of Times Mirror. Pioneer Methodist Church members will again recall the past when the traditional Lord's Acre Sale starts Saturday November 19. A fellowship supper will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the sale following. In 1951, the idea blossomed to add money to the church's treasury for mission causes and benevo-

Badgers Go Down Swinging

By Dale Hammond

I never thought anybody from Merkel could see too much frazier after the days of the Great Billy Wayne Frazier but unfortunately for us this Frazier wore red and white and what's worse, he's not just a junior. I don't know why Merkel lost to Coahoma 28-14 but I think I know when. The ball game was lost in the first half. After fumbling the kick off, the Badgers forced Coahoma to try for a field goal which was no good. The Badgers rode

the running of Garth Doan and Rick Howes and the passing of Brad Pursley 80 yards capped off with a fantastic Mike Sims reception in the end zone. Keith Shields added the extra and at that point of the game the Badgers never looked better. The Badgers grabbed off another Coahoma fumble but the Badgers came up short deep in Bulldog Territory. Grant Murrell commanded yet another Coahoma fumble on their own twenty but the Badgers came up three steps short of the goal line. Even though Coahoma couldn't move the ball against a stirring Badger defense, you could also sense that their defensive unit was gaining confidence with every snap of the ball. The second quarter saw Coahoma come out swinging on Big Tracey Frazier's running and we went in to the half with the Badgers holding a one point lead 7-6.

The second half saw Coahoma get a fast six on a 90 yard kick off return an extra point and its Bulldogs 13, Merkel 7. The Badgers then mounted the best run, hardest hitting most relentless drive I've seen them run all year. Howes toted the ball in, Shields did his number and the Badgers were back in the drivers seat 14-13 but it just wasn't to be. Coahoma struck twice more to make it 28-14 final.

I'm convinced that in the first half when Coahoma was stumbling and fumbling around trying to give the game away the Badgers, had they been able to take advantage, would have blown the Bulldogs right out of the tub. Maybe last Fridays loss to Coahoma will serve as a warning to our juniors and sophomores. It shows you can play good ball and still get beat if you let somebody get up off the floor before 48 minutes have ran off the clock. But... to me Sitting Bull took too many prisoners. Well it's all over for another year. We've had our bad times but we've had some good times too, and by the looks of our won, loss record, we've had more good than bad. To our seniors I know I join everyone in "A Job Well Done." And we wish them all God's speed in their future endeavors. I've enjoyed all four hundred and thirty two minutes of it. Heck, I even enjoyed my ride to Roscoe! A lot of our lads played a lot of good football down in the trenches and when the paper came out they never got so much as a comma as far a recognition. That's the one and only thing I'm sorry for. Feelas, you know who you are and what you've done, but just remember this: What if they had a game where nobody showed up but quarterbacks, and running backs or other positions that get most of the "Press"? Closing out I'd say a professional journalist would've been better at covering the games, but there's no way he could have had more fun. Just wait'll next year---no prisoners, no mercy, no quarter, not even for ol' "Henhouse's" water boy!



News and Thoughts

By Martha Sue Justice

ANIMAL HEALTH-The Texas Animal Health Commission has announced the following approved quarantine feedlots: National Farms, Dalhart, Texas; Hedley Feedlot, Hedley, Texas; Sudan Livestock Feedlot, Sudan, Texas; Cal-Tex Feed Yard, Inc. Feedlot, Trent, Texas. Importance of these quarantine feedlots is that producers can assign animals to be fed to improve their condition for sale.

"Traveling in the company of those we love is home in motion." -Leigh Hunt.

This poem comes from Patricia Spradling, Merkel, Texas--- Kids today say they are ignored. Yet, when spoken to, they act bored. What ever happened to the good old days, when children respected their parents ways?

I know the world moves at a faster pace, and T.V. has changed the human race. Parents work harder, as not to lose face. Keeping up with the "Jones", for the kids sake.

All we ask of our offspring, is keep up your grades. Try to do your best at everything.

We've lost the knack, to convey to our kids, down to earth values, as, our parents did.

We all go around with our heads half on, ---Kids and parents wandering, "What went wrong?"

We've got to get back to family unity, worship in our church, pray for Gods delivery.

Take each day, one at a time, ---Search our hearts and speak our minds.

The Stith Community Center will have their Country Western Musical at 7:00, November 19 at the Stith Community Center. Everyone is invited. Concession stand will open at 6:30.

The Abilene Community Band will present a concert on Sunday, November 20th at 3 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center. This concert is free and the public is invited. There are several Merkel residents in the band.

This little saying was found by Becki Pack. ---Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow. ---Just walk beside me, and be my friend.

The Annual Stith Community Homecoming has been scheduled for November 20th. The services will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Stith Baptist Church. Lunch will be at the Community Center with Pug & Leo's Restaurant of Merkel catering.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - From what prisons do we need to be set free?

PRAYER: O God, help us to share you, the truth of all life, so that the lame may leap for joy, the blind see, the deaf hear, the dumb speak, and the prisoners loose their chains. In Jesus' name. Amen.

If I do not works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him. -John 11:37-38

Pioneer Methodist Plan Annual

Lord's Acre Sale Nov. 19th

Pioneer Methodist Church members will again recall the past when the traditional Lord's Acre Sale starts Saturday November 19. A fellowship supper will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the sale following. In 1951, the idea blossomed to add money to the church's treasury for mission causes and benevo-

lences. In later years, merchants began to donate items for sale. Church families embroidered their names into a fellowship quilt for sale. The pattern this year is snow ball. Former pastors' names were included in this venture. Don Dudley will be auctioneer again this year.

John B. Hughes is chairman and Rev. Lynward Harrison is pastor of the church. Cakes, homemade jelly, and candy will be among the sales items. Site of the annual Event will be the Butman Community Center, 14 miles south of Merkel on FM 126. Everyone is invited.

Community Thanksgiving Service November 23rd

The annual Community Wide Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday evening, November 23, at the First Baptist Church in Merkel. Beginning at 7 o'clock, the service will bring together a large number of people from the various churches in our city for this special time of worship and Thanksgiving. Ministers from the participating churches will be leading in the worship experience, and special music will be presented by various groups. The First Baptist Church choir will also present special music. Begun some three years ago, the Community-Wide

Thanksgiving Service is fast becoming a traditional part of our community's way of expressing gratitude to God for His many blessings upon us. An offering during this service is used to fund the "Merkel Benevolent Fund", used by the participating ministers to aid local citizens and transients who are in financial crisis. Pastor Kenneth F. Jones of the First Baptist Church is serving as co-ordinator of arrangements for this year's service. He extends an invitation to all churches and all people of the community to participate in this community-wide service.

Farm-City Week

November 18th through 24th

This year's national theme is Partners in Economic Progress. The purpose of this 20 year old tradition is to bring about a better understanding between rural and urban people, and to increase the knowledge and appreciation of each for the American way of life.

SCENES FROM THE CAREER LEARNING CENTER FURNISHED BY REGION IV AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVE, LARRY DOOLEY. THE CENTER WAS SET UP IN MRS. TOWNSEND'S EIGHT GRADE ENGLISH CLASS FOR THE STUDENTS TO EXPLORE VARIOUS CAREERS OF THEIR INTEREST TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEM. THIS WAS A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE FOR ALL.



Animal Health Program Given

Pets need help to live and to stay healthy. And when pets stay healthy, their owners also have a better chance at good health.

That's why the Texas Department of Health and the Texas Veterinary Medical Association sponsor a program to teach second grade children the responsibilities of animal ownership. The program is called "A Pet Is A Special Friend", and is designed to stimulate discussion about pet ownership and develop environmental responsibility.

"We are conducting this program at the lower elementary level because studies show that any educational program must begin with good habits at a young age," said Dr. William R. Bilderback of the Department's Bureau of Veterinary Public Health. "We also realize that in many homes pet ownership is the result of pressures by children who often want inappropriate pets for their homes and who frequently don't know how to care for them."

The program has been designed as an educational tool to be used by teachers. It consists of an activity booklet students color and work in, a checklist pamphlet they take home and a badge proclaiming "A Pet Is A Special Friend".

The teacher packet includes the same items plus a teacher's guide to the activity booklet, a film-

strip and a phonograph record containing voices and music for the filmstrip.

"The program was initiated in October of last year and we're pleased with the acceptance it has received in the schools," says Dr. Bilderback. "If this program is used once, the school will use it again. The students really enjoy it. We heard of one instance where the children asked if they could use the materials during their recess."

The "A Pet Is A Special Friend" program is distributed in three ways. In large cities where there is an auxiliary of the local Veterinary Medical Association, these ladies are presenting the program to the schools. The program is also designed as a "drop off" package which can be left at schools and used by teachers as part of their classroom exercises.

Small schools or schools without capability to present the program themselves can request the program from their regional health department, and a veterinarian or his assistant from the department will make the presentation.

Since October 1976 an estimated 46,350 school children have participated in the pet education program.

Dr. Bilderback says the program teaches pet owners to know about the "animal laws" of their community. "Most cities

require dogs to be licensed and to be kept on a leash when they are outside of their own yard. Pets that roam the neighborhood may be hit by cars, pick up parasites, get into poisons, or eat garbage that makes them sick," he said. "Your local Animal Shelter can give you information on the pet laws in your community."

Most dogs and all long-haired cats need grooming. Short-haired cats use their own rough tongue to clean their hair. Clean hair prevents skin problems and frequent brushing eliminates matted hair and removes dirt, loose hair, and burrs.

"Unclean animals can be a possible source of ringworm which is a skin disease contagious to humans. Fleas and ticks will enjoy a meal from man as well as animals and ticks can be carriers of such diseases as Rocky Mountain Spotted fever and tularemia", said Dr. Bilderback.

Household pets should be taken to a veterinarian once a year. The community veterinarian will have first hand knowledge of the particular problems in his area, says Dr. Bilderback. "Annual rabies vaccinations are required for all dogs, and for cats in some areas. Cats and dogs should also receive other vaccinations such as distemper. This is a n i m a l disease is one of the largest killers of cats and dogs in the country."

THIS YEAR THERE WILL BE A VERY SPECIAL THANKSGIVING PAGE RUN IN THE MERKEL MAIL. MERCHANTS AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO HAVE THEIR NAMES PUT ON THIS PAGE FOR \$2.00. WHAT BETTER WAY TO WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING? FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 928-5717

Gorilla Growl

By Penny Hatfield

Well football season is over for another year and basketball is getting underway. Last week while the boys were getting in shape to play, the girls were playing games. Jayton came to the Gorilla gym last Monday night. The ir-

high girls played and lost to the Jayton girls. High School girls also played but the outcome of the game was in favor of the Ladyjays. Then Tuesday night, Trent jr. high and high school girls traveled to Ira. Jr. high also lost but the high school girls came in strong and beat Ira by a point spread of about 30 points.

Games for this week is Tuesday 15th, Abilene High, There, High School girls only. Friday, November 18, Jayton, There, game time 6:30.

Next week games are November 21, Hawley, There, 7:00, High School boys and girls. November 22, Hobbs comes to Trent, game time 7:00. High school boys and girls.

November 23, school will let out at 2:30 for Thanksgiving Holidays and then will resume school Monday, November 28. Happy Thanksgiving holidays for everyone. And remember drive safely.

Happy Birthday to some people this week, November 15, David Curry and Debi Wells, November 17, Steve Bland, and November 18, (Dad) Eulan Hatfield.

Two special people were married Saturday night at the Trent Baptist Church, Sue Bryan and Bobby Brazelton. The wedding was as beautiful as the bride. Good luck to you both in the future.

Gleaner's Class Hold Monthly Luncheon

The Gleaner's Sunday School Class of the United Methodist Church for their monthly luncheon meeting in the Fellowship Hall will November 8th.

Church pastor, Rev. Allen Forbis offered thanks for the delicious meal. Mrs. Dee Grimek presided for a brief business session.

The following members were present: Mesdemes, W. S. J. Brown, John Shannon, Pet Touchstone, Ruth Anderson, Lottie Everett, Lola Stockbridge, Anna Dunn, Willie Pee, Hattie Richards, Ila Mae McLean, Viola Ensminger, Willie Douglas, Bernice Toombs, Grimes, Johnny Cox, Miss Mabel McRee, and Rev. and Mrs. Forbis.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Joe Barrandey, 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 Maria Elena Barrandey, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 8th day of November, 1977, against Joe Barrandey, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 268-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Maria Elena Barrandey and Joe Barrandey", the nature of which suit is a request of Petitioner for Divorce from Respondent.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child 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 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, Taylor County, Texas, this 8th day of November, 1977.
Irene Crawford Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas.
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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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION
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TRENT CLASS HEARS ABOUT SOLAR
Eighth grade Earth Science students from Trent listen to a discussion of solar energy on the Rolling Plains Campus of Texas State Technical Institute. The speaker is Ronnie Freeman, chairman of air conditioning and refrigeration mechanics on the Sweetwater campus. The youngsters have been studying solar energy in Mrs. Kay Todd's class and visited TSTI to obtain some first-hand data.

Fortnightly Study Club News

The Fortnightly Study Club met in regular meeting Tuesday, November 8, 1977 in the home of Mrs. Ray Wilson, Hostess, assisted by Mrs. Don Wilson. As guests and members arrived all enjoyed customary chat and delightful refreshments. Program was given by the guest speaker, Linda Caton, representative of West Texas Utilities Co., Abilene, who gave a most interesting talk and display of Holiday Foods and Decoration and left with each of us a Christmas collection of recipes, together with information concerning decorations which could be made in the home or at home.

Club members plan to have a bake sale Saturday November 19th.

The following members were present: Mrs. David Gamble, Mrs. C.B. Knight, Mary Collins, Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mildred Hamm, Mrs. Johnny Hammond, Mrs. Don Dudley, Mrs. S.C. Dixon, Mrs. Bryan Dunagan, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. Peck Eager, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Allen Forbis, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mrs. Ted Wilson, Mrs. Don Wilson, Mrs. Comer Haynes, guests were Mrs. Charlie Sherrill, Mrs. Odis Griffin and Linda Caton.

School Menu

The school menu is as follows:

Monday Nov. 21
Tin can casserole, combination salad, choice of dressing, corn bread, and cherry cobbler.

Tuesday Nov. 22
Turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, seasoned green beans, cranberry sauce, fruit salad, and hot rolls.

Wednesday Nov. 23
Beef and cheese pizza, buttered w-k corn, lettuce wedge with choice of dressing, and pear halves.

Thursday and Friday
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The Great American Smokeout

The American Cancer Society has issued a call for volunteers to distribute pledge cards for THE GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT, a statewide campaign to get smokers to take a day off from cigarettes on November 17th.

Taylor County Unit President J-L Cole explained the need for volunteers.

"We're going to give the campaign plenty of publicity. Texas Division smokers are going to hear about THE GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT, Cole said, "but the most effective way to get a

pledge from a smoker is to ask face to face."

Plans include passing out pledge cards in schools, offices, and shopping centers. The pledge card is important as a psychological commitment to help the smoker. The statewide goal is to get 4.2 million smokers to pledge a day off from cigarettes. The Cancer Society is not asking smokers to quit, just to give it up for one day.

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Merkel PTO Meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 22nd

The Merkel PTO meeting will be held Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:30 in the cafeteria. The winners of the membership contest will be announced. Members of PTO will vote upon the recommendations of the Ways & Means Steering Committee. Literature and brochures will be provided to tell you more about the items listed. If anyone has any outstanding bills that have not been turned into the treasurer, Paula Douglas, please do so before November 22nd so that an accurate balance can be presented. The three priorities that will be presented for projects for the Merkel Elementary building are as follows: 1. Hard Back Library Books for grades 1,2,4, and 5th and display cases. 2. A laminating machine to preserve bulletin boards, games, flashcards, and other items that become worn with use, and 3. Additional playground equipment. The priorities for the Merkel Middle School will

be 1. Room repair, 2. A sign (Marquee type) with the school's name and a place for announcements to be displayed in front of the school, and 3. A movie projector. If you have not joined PTO, send \$1 per adult to your child's home-room.

Tony Douglas Country Music Show

The Tye P.T.O. is sponsoring The Tony Douglas Country Music Show again this year. All proceeds they receive will go toward the improvement of their school parking lot and grounds. The show will be at the Tye Elementary School, Monday, November 28th, at 8:00 p.m. Prices are as follows: Students Advance \$1.00, Adult Advance \$2.00, Students at Gate \$2.00 and Adult at Gate \$3.00. Make plans to attend now. This should be another real entertaining Country Music Show.

aster shelter, exhibits of American Red Cross Disaster Services equipment, an educational display about Taylor County Red Cross services, and a live radio communications system set up in cooperation with the Key City Amateur Radio Club ham radio group and the A-Town REACT citizens band radio team.

The public is invited to help demonstrate the communications capabilities of the Team by having the radio operators send messages for them free of charge. As in an actual disaster situation, the citizens band operators will handle shortrange communications of under 25 miles and the ham operators will handle all messages outside the immediate area, including across the country and around the world.

Red Cross to Hold Demonstration

The Taylor County Red Cross Disaster Action Team will hold a live demonstration of Team functions at Westgate Mall in Abilene, Saturday, November 26 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. according to Luther Winans, Team Captain. The demonstration will include a small-scale disaster shelter.

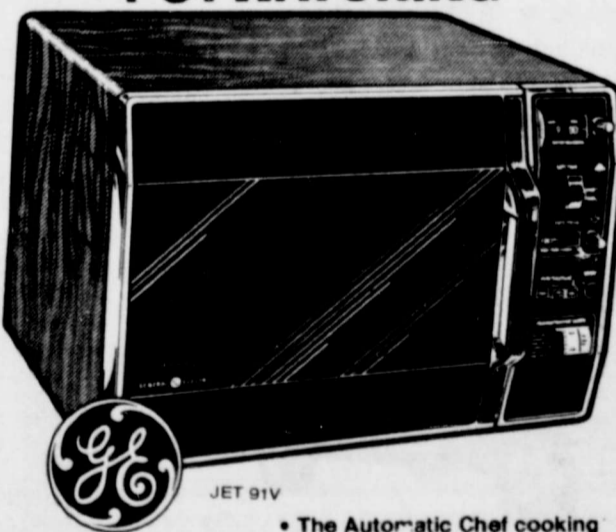
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Armistice Celebrated

The members of Merkel-Trent Barracks 2248 to the Veterans of World War I and their Auxiliary and guests met in the Senior Citizens Building to observe the Armistice Day that marked the close of the First World War on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918.

After the greeting by Commander Karl Bonneau, the opening of the Bible by Maggie Renfro, acting conductress, and Billie Hartley, District Chaplain, a prayer was led by Rev. Allen Forbis, pastor of the United Methodist Church. The congregation led by Ruth Cox, sang America.

A talk beginning when the boys were called up, when we first entered the War and brought up to date accentuated by songs of the War was brought by Lucy Bonneau followed by a beautiful and impressive memorial.

The candles were lit for all the departed buddies and sisters by Raymond Ferguson and Maggie Renfro. The Old Rugged Cross was sung by Joyce Ferguson. A prayer was given by R.E. Kidd and the Bugler, Darryl Harris, played taps. God Bless America was sung by Charlie Kilmer. Mr. Dee Poland remissed and brought a report on all wars.

Mary Mosier brought an inspiring talk on our freedom. Karl Bonneau dismissed with a prayer.

Rev. Allen Forbis asked the Blessing for the delicious and bountiful food. A special Thank You goes to Annette Clark who so capably and graciously played the piano for our program.

So we celebrated the 59th year of the signing of the Armistice.

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Ken Elliott, Science Teacher at Merkel Middle School observing Kyle Wolf, Science student in the Science Lab.

Shortcourse to be Conducted for Cattle Producers

A Texas scientist of international standing will conduct a shortcourse here for cattle producers.

The scientist is Dr. James N. Wilbank of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. The shortcourse will begin at 7 p.m. on November 22 and 23 in First Coleman National Bank.

Wilbank will talk on fertility and reproduction in beef cattle.

His appearance here is a project of the Coleman Chamber of Commerce and the Beef Subcommittee of the Coleman County Program Building Committee.

Jim Gill, subcommittee chairman, said the short-

course was for producers everywhere, and numerous producers in the Abilene, Brady, Coleman and San Angelo areas were expected to hear the Wilbank discussions.

He has written 47 technical papers and many popular articles. He has talked to numerous groups in the United States and abroad. The American Society of Animal Science in 1975 honored him for his research in animal physiology and endocrinology.

At the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research Station at Beeville, Wilbank is presently studying management systems as they are related to the more efficient reproduction in cows.

Cemetary Donations

The cemetery donations are as follows:

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Scouts Attend Camping Trip

November 11, 12, and 13th, Girl Scout Troop No. 313 attended the Junior Badge Workshop Camping Trip at Camp Boothe Oaks, south of Sweetwater. Their scout leader is Sherry Ferguson. The girls planned and prepared their meals and fulfilled other requirements to earn the Troup Camper and Outdoor Cook badges. They also worked on other requirements to earn other badges. The troop was responsible for the Saturday night campfire and put on a short skit for their part in the entertain-

ment for the other troops from Abilene, Snyder, and Hamlin. The girls who attended were Alyse Ferguson, Cammie Bright, Angela Greer, Melody Pape, Debbi McLeod, Kelly Riney, Gina Stuckey, Sandra Taylor, Marsha Tutt, Tammy Watson, Cindy Williams, Melissa Davis, Pam Ely, and Amy Irvin. Others attending were Mrs. Donna Riney, Mrs. Milly Bright, Mrs. Billie McLeod, and Stacy Ferguson. A special thank you to all who helped get equipment together for the camping trip.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Toombs
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Vicki SoRell returns from California

Miss Vicki SoRelle recently returned from Los Angeles, California, where she visited her brother, Tom SoRelle, who is in the US Navy.

While in California, Vicki toured MGM Studios, Farmers Market, toured the Stars homes, and dined at the Brown Derby Restaurant where she met Merv Griffin.

Travel is Miss SoRelle's hobby she says and enjoys it very much. Her father is a retired US Army officer and she grew up as an "Army Brat", moving was always an exciting time as new countries, states, and places were to be seen.

Both Vicki and brother, Tom enjoy most anything about traveling. Meeting President Johnson, Elvis Presley and the 1964 Alaskan Earthquake are just a few of her adventures. Her scrap-books are filled with memories, etc of happy times and places.

Miss SoRelle is employed by Mason Hanger, Silas Mason Co. Inc., a contract company for the Department of Energy in Amarillo.

Grandparents are Billie Hartley, Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. SoRelle, Eskola, and Carroll J. Chambliss of Clyde.

STITH H-D NEWS

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday, November 9, at the Community Center, Dolly Reddin being our hostess for the day, brought a good reading from Billy Graham's book.

Mrs. Mae Jones led the group in prayer. Daisy Mashburn directed us in two games. We then had our program by Mrs. Linda Caton from West Texas Utilities of Abilene, a Christmas collection showing lots of goodies and pretty things to make for Christmas. She gave each a recipe book of the goodies she had baked. She had a beautiful wreath she had made of rope trimmed with pine cones and red berries and red ribbon. We had our business meeting after the program, Vada Hudson

presiding. Margaret Dickerson taking Louise Hudson's place, read the roll call and minutes. Louise Hudson will be out for a while due to illness.

We had eight visitors, Mrs. Irvin, Mrs. Troy Dickerson, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Linda Caton, Marsha Green, Judy Castille, Mrs. Brenda Hardin, and Mrs. Sarah Moore.

There were seven members present. They were: Dolly Reddin, Daisy Mashburn, Vada Hudson, Mae Jones, Reta Faye McLean, Margaret Dickerson, Lenora Wilburn.

Our next meeting will be our Thanksgiving dinner in the home of Daisy Mashburn on November 22. Each person bringing a covered dish. We invite all ladies to attend our meetings.

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Merkel School News

By Milly Bright, Media Coordinator

The basketball schedule is as follows:
Merkel High School
Nov. 18 Clyde There Girls A & B, Boys A 5:00
Nov. 22 Jim Ned Here Girls A&B, Boys A&B 4:00
Nov. 17, 18, 19 Eula Jr. High Tourney Girls 8 2:00 Boys 8 3:00
Nov. 21 Eula There Girls 7 & 8, Boys 7 & 8 5:00.

School will be dismissed at 1:30, Wednesday, November 23rd for the Thanksgiving Holidays. School will resume Monday, November 28th.

The next Merkel School Board meeting will be November 1st.

Saturday, November 19th will be a professional Growth Day for Teachers in Merkel I. S. D.

The next Merkel PTO meeting will be November 2nd at 7:30 in the cafeteria.

Report cards will be sent home with students Wednesday, November 23rd.

High School Portrait Retakes will be Tuesday, November 22nd.

Friday night at the football game, Brad McCoy was selected as Football Hero and Pep Squad Beau. Kim Mashburn was selected as Football Sweetheart. Band favorites will be presented at the Spring Band Concert.

Quarter test for High School Students will be Thursday, November 17th and Friday, November 18th.

The Merkel High School Student Council is selling fruit cakes and anyone who would like to order fruit cakes for Christmas may get in touch with a high school student council member.

Basketball season begins Friday night in Clyde, with the first high school home game, Tuesday, November 21st with Jim Ned. Admission for home games will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

First Quarter test for Middle School students will be Tuesday, November 15th, Wednesday, November 16, and Thursday, November 17th.

Basketball season begins with the Eula Jr. High Tourney, December 1, 2, 3.

The Middle School student council is selling metal social security cards for \$2 each. See one of these members or their sponsor, Ken Elliott, if you are interested.

Annuals for Merkel Elementary, Merkel Middle, and Tye Elementary are on sale through November 30th. They are \$5 each. These will be sold through the offices in Tye and Merkel Elementary schools. Homeroom teachers will sell annuals in the Merkel Middle School. This is the only time the annuals will be on sale. Deadline is November 28th.

The Merkel PTO Membership Contest will end November 22nd. Send \$1 per adult to your child's homeroom. This is not limited to just parents. The room in the Merkel Elementary Building and the room in the Middle School with the highest percent of members will be awarded a coke party and \$15 to buy books, art supplies, and other extras for their classroom.

Mrs. Ida Seymore's 4th grade classroom has completed the presentation of 4 original puppet shows. Most of the students in the class participated in the project. The students made their own puppets out of old socks and dressed them up. All the children enjoyed this unique learning experience. Titles of the plays and the participants were: "Magic Mongos"- Regina Stuckey, Wayne Johnson, Amy Irvin, Gayle Landeros, and Ronnie Waldon. "How The Three Stooges Began"- Matt Cain, Alfred Flores and Tim Kellogg. "Three Little Pigs"- Dennis Fortune, Michael Gregory, Kerry Miller, Donnie Mallard and Chris Ortega. "Cowboys and Indians"- Warren Stephens, Cammie Bright, Pam Ely, Clay Cary, Chris Horton and Darren Lancaster.

The 56 students in the 5th grade will be going to Abilene Thursday to view the film, Tom Sawyer, at the Paramount Theater. After the show they will tour the Abilene public library and eat at the Oscar Rose Park. Sponsors accompanying the children will be: Mrs. Charles Jacobs, Mrs. Gary Smith, Mrs. Rister, and Mrs. McGowan, 5th grade teachers, and Mr. Helmer, Principal.

Mrs. Wilson's 3rd grade classroom has been selected to produce a filmstrip for the Texas office of Traffic Safety. The children will do original art work and record the voice parts for the filmstrip. Hopefully the filmstrip will be presented at the February PTO meeting.

The Badger Banner is due off the press Monday. This project has been undertaken by the 4th grade students in Mrs. Cowart's room. But everyone in the school is involved. Each homeroom has a reporter who will submit stories to the editors of the Badger Banner. The paper will have several sections in it including: Dear Aunt Blabby, sports, cartoons, interviews and many more.

Sherry Bratcher Selected For Who's Who

Sherry Bratcher of Merkel, a student at Angelo State University in San Angelo, has been named as one of 48 ASU students to be included in the 1977-78 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. A psychology major at

Angelo State, Ms. Bratcher is a senior. Students selected for inclusion in the publication were nominated by their respective schools on the basis of their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

Funeral Held For Fred Odell

Fred Odell, 92, of Dearborn, Mich., and formerly of Merkel, died at 8 a.m. Thursday in Dearborn after a sudden illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Starbuck Funeral Home with Larry Gill, minister of the Merkel Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Born February 10, 1885, in Park County, Ind., he was a retired farmer. He moved to Merkel in the late 1930's. He married Minnie Ferguson February 2, 1938, in Baird. Mrs. Odell died in 1972. He moved to Michigan in 1972. He was a member of the Church of Christ. Survivors include a son, Frank of Dearborn; a nephew, I. D. Simpson; three grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

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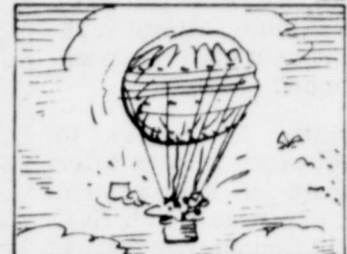
Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi had their regular meeting November 1st. The meeting was in the home of Milly Bright with 12 members present and 2 pledges present. The program was given by Linda Leddy and Chera Hohertz. Committee reports were given. It was announced that the Rituals and dinner will be held Monday, November 14th. The Rituals will be held in the home of Sarah Lucas and the dinner will be served at Pug and Leo's Restaurant. President Mary Hill appointed Ginny Yaddow to replace Faye Jones as Service chairman as Faye's leave of absence request was accepted. Refreshments were served to the following: Milly Bright, Annette Clark, Judy Elliott, Gloria Henslee, Robbie Hicks, Mary Hill Chera Hohertz, Linda Leddy, Sarah Lucas, Minyon Seymour, Glenda Teaff, Ginny Yaddow, Barbara Butin, and Kaye Teaff.

Cotton Leaders To Meet In Houston

Cotton industry leaders from 18 states will convene in Houston February 6-7 for the National Cotton Council's 40th annual meeting. Council President Jack G. Stone, Stratford, California, cotton grower, will give the keynote address. Three nationally known guest speakers also are scheduled to appear before the convention of producers, ginners, cottonseed crushers, merchants, warehousemen, cooperative leaders, and textile manufacturers. Attendance is expected to exceed 1,500.

Delegates will hear annual reports and adopt resolutions setting Council policies for 1978 during the two-day session at the

Hyatt Regency. Pre-convention meeting at the headquarters hotel are slated to begin February 3 for the Council's board of directors and members of committees on technical research, foreign operations, public relations and promotion, and industry practices and policies.



The first international air mail consignment was delivered in 1785 by Jean Pierre Blanchard and John Jeffries, who brought it from Dover, England to Calais, France in a balloon.



Pictured are Kim Mashburn-Football Sweetheart, Brad McCoy-Football Hero, and Charlene Fariello-Most Valuable Pep Squad Member. They were presented these honors Friday at the football game.

Robert Mathewson Graduates from Basic Utilitiesman School

Navy Constructionman Recruit Robert D. Mathewson, son of Fumiko Mathewson of Box 115, Tye, Texas, was graduated from Basic Utilitiesman School.

During the 14-week course at the Naval Construction Training Center, Port Hueneme, California,

he studied plumbing techniques, field sanitation and the repair of air conditioning and refrigeration units. He also studied the principles of water purification and the operation of pumps, compressors and boilers.

He joined the Navy in July 1977.



Senior Citizens Luncheon Tuesday was a big success with a large attendance and beautifully decorated tables.

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Joe F. Davis, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church located in Merkel, Texas is shown receiving the Men of Valor Award presented by the Committee for Christian Liberties in Texas at the Dallas Convention Center on November 1. Lieutenant Clebe McClary, Marine War Hero, was a special speaker at the ceremony and is making the presentation. The SAVE OUR NATION RALLY was attended by nearly 10,000 with 1200 preachers from across America. Evangelist Lester Roloff was the featured speaker of the program.

Smith Joins Sweetwater Savings Staff

James O. (Jim) Smith has joined the staff of Sweetwater Savings Association as a loan officer, according to Ed Aiken, Jr., president of Sweetwater Savings.

With the addition of Smith, Sweetwater Savings' home office loan department staff has been expanded to ten.

Smith, 31, comes to Sweetwater Savings after 7 years of management loan experience with HCC Credit Company of Texas.

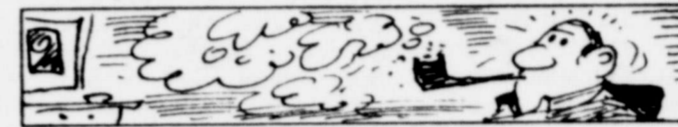
Born in Enid, Oklahoma, Smith graduated from Sweetwater's Newman High in 1964 and Abilene Business College in 1967. He served 6 years in the National Guard where he attained an E-5 rank. He and his wife, Sharon, have 3 children, Britt, Craig and Tina.



Vermont was an independent republic before it became a state.



Mrs. Ellen Rutherford gave a special demonstration to the kindergarten classes of Mrs. Greer and Mrs. Utley. She will appear in a performance on December 3rd and 4th of Sleeping Beauty. The performances will be Saturday night at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Marc Dudley a native of Merkel will also be in the performances.



Most maple sugar is not used for candy but to flavor tobacco products.

Thomas SoRelle Spends Leave with Parents and Grandparents

Thomas E. SoRelle, U. S. Navy has returned to California after a 21 day leave with his parents and grandparents.

SoRelle is stationed aboard the USS Tarawa LHA-1, home port, San Diego, California. He entered the Navy in August 1975. The USS Tarawa was developed as the first of a new generation of amphibious ships capable of supporting Marine landings both from sea and air. A 40,000 ton ship, the USS Tarawa carries a crew of 900, moves at more than 20 knots, and is over 820 feet. It carried 1,200 Marines plus helicopters, trucks, jeeps, and extensive hospital facilities with 300 beds.

As a Gunners Mate, SoRelle was assigned to the USS Tarawa while it was still under construction in Pascagoula, Miss. He will stay aboard the Tarawa until his enlistment is up in 1979. A graduate of Tascosa High School in Amarillo, SoRelle was in Navy R. O. T. C. rodeo club and football. His hobby is bull riding and entering rodeos is his favorite past time. He has suffered several injuries from this hobby but says "maybe" he'll have to give it up if his ship is sent to sea.

Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. E. K. SoRelle, Eskota, Mrs. Joe Hartley, Merkel, and Jack Chambless of Clyde.

Carter Energy Bill To Hurt Texas Farmers

Congressman Jim Collins, a member of the House Conference Committee on Energy, today warned his colleagues that the already hard pressed American farmer could expect nothing but more trouble if Congress does not change the Tax section of President Carter's Energy Bill.

"By choosing to increase taxes on gasoline, diesel fuel, oil, and natural gas the Carter Administration is forcing the American farmer to bear the major burden of its energy conservation program," the Congressman from Dallas said. "Costs for fertilizer and pesticides will rise dramatically, thus greatly increasing the costs farmers will have to face. At a time when a farmer can only get \$1.23 for a bushel of corn that cost him \$2.10 to produce, these federally mandated cost increases are inexcusable."

Collins noted that studies done by Iowa State University demonstrate that agricultural production would only decrease by 5 percent from current levels if the President's bill is enacted. He also pointed out that the impact of doubled fuel costs on food prices would be no more than a 13 percent boost, of which the farmers' share would be little or nothing. "The President's tax bill will have an even more severe impact on the Texas farmer than farmers in other regions of the

country," Collins declared. "Besides increased production costs, Texas farmers, like the rest of Texas residents, will have to pay an estimated 25 percent of the total nationwide tax burden imposed by the entire Energy Bill."

The Third District Congressman stated that he planned to ask the Energy Conference Committee to

agree to a special exemption from the energy conservation taxes for oil and gas used in the manufacture of agricultural chemicals. The Senate passed a similar amendment last week, however, it will be up to the House-Senate Conference as to whether the exemption is included in the final bill.

Ronnie Freeman Accepts Appointment

Ronnie Freeman, a member of the faculty of the Rolling Plains Campus of Texas State Technical Institute in Sweetwater, has accepted an appointment to review grant proposals to be submitted to the Texas Energy Development Fund.

Freeman, who lives in Trent, is chairman of the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Mechanics program on the Rolling Plains

Campus. The Texas Energy Development Act of 1977, while laying out the basis for the development fund, requires that projects submitted for contract awards be evaluated by "an objective group of technical experts."

Proposals are expected to be submitted for projects in solar, geothermal, lignite, wind and biomass energy areas.

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