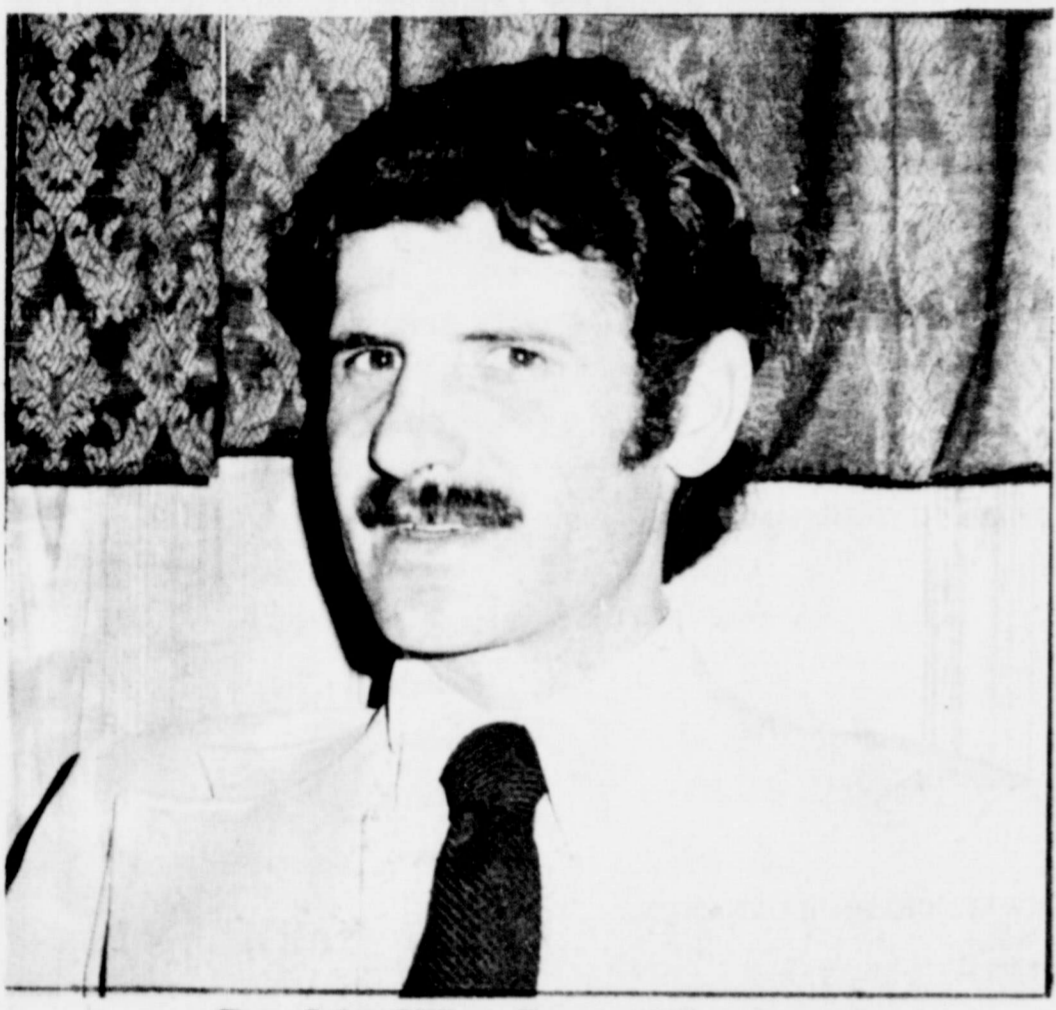

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Community-Wide Thanksgiving Service November 23rd



Rev. John Millow Featured Speaker

Rev. John Mikow, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Church in Merkel, will be the featured speaker at the Community-Wide Thanksgiving Service to be held at First Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, November 23, 7 o'clock. Rev. Mikow has just recently been appointed to the pastorate of the local church, and is a resident of Colorado City, Texas.

Other churches participating in the Thanksgiving Service include the local First Baptist Church; The First United Methodist Church, and the First Assembly of God Church. Pastors from each of these churches will participate in the worship service program.

Co-ordinator for the program planning is Rev. Kenneth F. Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church. Rev. Jones has announced that everyone in the community and area is invited to attend this special occasion, and he states that the Nursery facilities of First Baptist Church

will be open for the children under age of 3 years.

The First Baptist Church Choir will present special music during the worship hour. The choir is directed by Mr. Roy Davis.

An offering for the Merkel Community Benevolent Fund will be received during the service. This fund is used by the local participating pastors in aiding persons or families in need within the local community.

"We are hoping for a large crowd of worshippers on Wednesday evening," pastor Jones said, "and the spirit of Thanksgiving unto God for all His blessings to us as individuals and as a nation will be the key theme of our program. Again, we urge and invite everyone in our area to attend."



Tony Douglas

Tye P.T.O. Sponsoring Tony Douglas Country Music Show Nov. 28th

"If the Good Lord's willin' and the creeks don't rise, I'll be there" is an expression TONY DOUGLAS has used for quite a few years. And Tony has always managed to make his appearances. There have been times

when he appeared on stage with a high fever but he kept his contract for his engagement.

Tall and good looking, Tony was born near Martins Mill, in Central East Texas and grew up as a farmboy. However, he has

come quite a long way from the farmboy chores he once loved. Traveling thousands of miles, he spends numerous days each year performing to Country Music fans.

Once a member of the

famous Louisiana Hayride, Tony performs at concerts and clubs. He never appears without his band known as "The Shrimpers", a very versatile four-piece group.

Wherever Tony appears, the fans love him and they can sense his humility and sincerity. He has a real genuine love for real Country Music. This perhaps goes back to the inspiration he received as a boy when he would listen to Hank Williams and admired every note he heard. Tony loves to sing Country because he feels "it is the way people live, love, and die". Although he can sing an up-tempo song with much feeling, he does real justice to the many fine ballads he has recorded. Not to be ignored are the hymns and gospel songs Tony sings with great sincerity.

To Tony's accomplishment are seven albums and 40 singles. Some of his most popular recordings are HIS 'N HERS', "SHRIMPIN'", "THANK YOU FOR TOUCHING MY LIFE", "IF I CAN MAKE IT THROUGH THE MORNIN'", "LAY IN IN THE SUNSHINE", and his current release "MERIDIAN".

Even "if the creeks do rise", Tony Douglas will make his scheduled appearance and put on a performance Country Music fans will long remember as one of the very best.

Tony's latest release is "THANK YOU, LORD, FOR MAKIN' HER MINE".

The Tony Douglas and the Shrimpers show will be Monday, November 28th at 8:00 p.m. at the Tye Elementary School. Tickets are Students Advance-\$1.00 or at the gate \$2.00; Adult advance-\$2.00 or at the gate-\$3.00. Tickets are available at the Tye Elementary School, Merkel Middle school, Merkel High School. All proceeds received will go toward the improvement of the Tye School parking lot and grounds.



News and Thoughts
 By Martha Sue Justice

"Always do right; this will gratify some people—and astonish the rest." —Mark Twain.

PLEASE TAKE SPECIAL NOTE THAT THE SPECIALS LISTED FOR CARSON'S SUPER MARKET ARE NOT IN EFFECT UNTIL FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK.

The following poem was written by Bonnie (Pack) English. The title - A LITTLE TIME.—Today I'm taking a long walk, So the Lord and I can have a talk. I've been going about my busy days, Doing hundred things in a hundred ways. There's always so many things to do. So little time, seems I never get through. But today is Thanksgiving, And I'm taking this walk to slow down my pace and have this talk. "So thank you Lord, for this beautiful day. For the earth, the sun, And for just passing our way."

Lillian pack made a so called quick trip to Anson one night last week. As you all know it is only 18 miles to Anson, —however due to a short cut Lillian decided to take, it took her one solid hour to get there. —Needless to say, —I don't think it would be advisable for anyone to go on a night trip with Lillian. I'm going to make a wild guess that she is blind as a bat when driving at night!

Latest News from the Gulf Coast - Large redfish and speckled trout have come in! Most of the larger fish are being brought in by wade fishermen. Another item of interest is—Flounder can be purchased directly off of fishing boats for 50 cents a pound and cocktail shrimp- 60 cents a pound.

Austin- Did you know that free loan motion pictures are available from the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation? If you need a club meeting or classroom "punctuator", you can borrow 16 mm sound and color films whose subjects run the gamut from a vivid display of Texas scenery and good ol' Texas fun to a partially animated history of transportation and its link to the development of civilization. Titles are "Texas, America's Fun-tier," "Law West of the Pecos," "Missions of Texas," "Festival Time in Texas," "Beautify Texas", and "Transportation, America's Lifelines". "A Litter Message", a colorful slap at litterers, is scheduled for release in late 1977. To obtain a descriptive listing of the films, or to make arrangements for borrowing, write: D-16 Film Librarian, Department of Highways and Public Transportation, P. O. Box 5064, Austin, Texas 78763; or call 512-475-7263. Allow at least three weeks for delivery.

DEPRESSION?- The Crash of 1929 is usually explained by stating that the market was over-priced. Those who have studied the history of the Crash know that this is not so. THE WALL STREET JOURNAL of Friday October 28, 1977, released an article reviewing the history of the 1929 crash. This article is recommended reading for all who are interested in understanding the influence of political decisions on

the economy. The article is summarized as follows: "The most common explanation of the Crash is that the market was over priced, but the market at its 1929 peak was exactly where it should have been and the Crash resulted from a stupendous error in a few political minds."

MERKEL
 I live in Merkel,
 The town of pride,
 Where God leads us,
 He is our guide,
 We all have fun,
 There's lots to do,
 So come to Merkel,
 For the good of me and you.
 By Darrel Spradling
 Age 13
 Rt. 3, Box 16
 Merkel, Texas

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - I hope my love can brighten the life of someone today.

"I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples." -John 13:34-35.

Veterans Administration Boosts Clothing Allowance

Recent legislation granting a 6.6 per cent increase in Veterans Administration compensation to disabled veterans also included a boost in the VA clothing allowance for the nearly 58,000 disabled veterans whose prosthetic or orthopedic devices cause undue wear and tear on clothing. Jack Coker, Director of the Waco VA Regional Office, said today.

The increase, however, applies to the 1978 allowance.

The 1977 payments had already been made before the increase went into effect last month, Coker explained. Clothing allowance checks are normally mailed by September 1 each year.

The payments go to veterans whose service-connected disabilities re-

quire the use of special prosthetic or orthopedic devices, including artificial limbs, braces and wheelchairs which VA determines cause damage to their clothing.

Veterans on VA compensation rolls receive the allowance automatically after initial application.

Military retirees not receiving VA compensation must apply for the allowance each year. They are not required to waive any portion of their retirement pay to receive the allowance, however.

Santa Claus Is Coming To Town

Santa Claus will be making his annual visit to Merkel December 3rd for the Merkel Christmas Parade. The parade will start at 2 p.m. with awards to be given for the best float and bicycle. The floats will be judged by three out of town'ers on theme, originality and workmanship

with the winners being announced after the parade in the square.

Four Miss Merry Christmas's will appear in this year's parade, so look forward to another fine Christmas Parade with lots of beautiful floats and gayly decorated bicycles.

ROTC Scholarships To Be Awarded At TCU

High School seniors interested in Army ROTC scholarships should begin preparing applications now, announced Lt. Col. Robert E. Taylor, professor of military science at Texas Christian University.

"About 700 full-tuition four-year scholarships will be awarded to students who will enter college in the Fall of 1978," Lt. Col. Taylor stated.

Students who apply for and receive an Army ROTC scholarship must agree to serve four years of active duty as an Army officer after graduation.

To be eligible, a student must be a U. S. citizen, at least 17 years old by October 1, 1978, and pass a

physical examination. Applicants should plan to enter college next fall and finish college by June 30, 1982.

Deadline for returning completed applications to the Army is December 15. Applicants must take either the SAT or ACT no later than November to be considered.

Students interested in an Army ROTC scholarship should see their counselor or call Army ROTC at TCU 817-926-2461, ext. 307.

Melvin Bullock Reports for Duty in Hawaii

Technical Sergeant Michael R. Parks, whose father is Arvel Parks of Harrisburg, Ill., has graduated from the Strategic Air Command Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Barksdale AFB, La.

The Sergeant, who received advanced military leadership and management training, is a main-

tenance management technician at Carswell AFB, Tex.

Sergeant Parks, a 1962 graduate of Eldorado (Ill.) Township High School, attended Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, and East Texas State University, Commerce.

His mother, Mrs. Jean Stewart, resides in Tye, Texas.

Taylor County Farmers Union Elects New Officers

The Taylor County Farmers Union members met Thursday, November 17th at the Taylor Electric Coop. The following new officers were elected for 1978: President Freddy Toombs, Vice President Eddie Glen Sandusky, Se-

cretary- Mrs. Alice Kins, Treasurer- J. D. Sandusky. Other officers and committees will be elected or appointed at the next meeting. The next meeting will be announced at a later date.



Don W. Hensley

Christmas Seal Campaign Underway

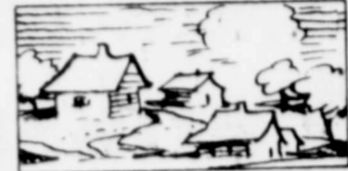
While most of us are sticking our 1977 Christmas seals on cards and packages, a child somewhere in Texas is busy designing a Christmas seal for 1979.

The 1979 Christmas seal will be made from children's holiday paintings, one from each state. Similar seals proved so popular in 1975 that they are

being repeated.

Texas' seal for 1977, a bright green Santa Claus standing beside a Christmas tree loaded with toys was designed by Douglas Wayne Gill, a third grade boy from Dallas.

The American Lung Association of Texas (ALAT) is primarily supported by funds received from



In 1780 the population of the U.S. was 2,781,000.



Beetles get their English name from the Anglo-Saxon word *bitan*, meaning to bite, because they're such great chombers.

Christmas seals. The association has been committed to the prevention and control of lung disease since 1904.

You probably know someone who suffers from emphysema. Take a long, deep breath and fill your lungs with air. Now, try to take another breath before you exhale. This is what it's like for the emphysema patient, advises Wes Pittman of San Angelo, chairman of the Big Country area of ALAT.

Today, 15 million people suffer from emphysema, chronic bronchitis and asthma. Each year a quarter of a million new cases of chronic lung disease are reported. The association needs your increased support to continue work on anti-smoking programs, better breathing classes for children with asthma, medical edu-

cation programs, scholarships for training respiratory therapists and pulmonary physicians, and research to discover new treatments for emphysema, the common cold, and hay fever.

Mr. Pittman emphasized that no contribution is unimportant, regardless of its size. He said, "We are grateful to those who send in donations to support our programs. Chairman Pittman stressed that "A lung

association belongs to the people and is a success only because people are concerned about the health of their community, their family, and their breath of life."

The Big Country area Christmas seal office is at 1962 W. Beauregard in San Angelo. Taylor County representatives for the lung association are James M. Binion and Ross L. Clements of Abilene, and Don W. Hensley of Merkel.

Kidney dialysis without machine

AUSTIN, Texas (Spl.) — A University of Texas chemical engineer's knowledge of blood chemistry and the passage of fluids through membranes will enable some kidney patients to undergo dialysis (removal of blood impurities) without being attached to a machine.

Dr. Robert Popovich refined a procedure whereby a tube with a cut-off valve is implanted in the abdominal cavity. In a process repeated five times daily, a dialysate fluid is infused through the tube, the valve shut, and the fluid allowed to absorb impurities for two and one-half hours before it is released and replenished.

Because patients remain ambulatory during the process, one attended a football game while undergoing Popovich-style dialysis.



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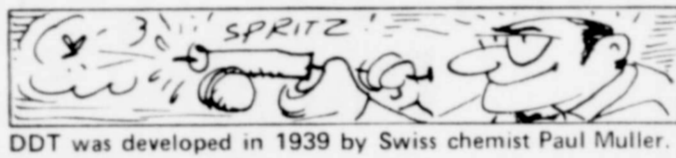
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TRENT JR. HIGH BASKETBALL			
DATE	PLACE	OPPONENT	
Nov. 1		Ira	6:30
Nov. 7	Here	Jayton	6:30
Nov. 8	There	Ira	6:30
Nov. 17, 18, 19	DIVIDE JR. HI. TOURNAMENT		
Nov. 28	There	Divide	5:30
Dec. 5	There	Blackwell	5:30
Dec. 12	There	Butterfield	5:30
Jan. 5	There	Wingate	5:30
Jan. 9	There	Buffalo Gap	5:30
Jan. 16	Here	Divide	5:30
Jan. 19, 20, 21	BLACKWELL JR. HI. TOURNAMENT		
Jan. 23	Here	Blackwell	5:30
Jan. 30	Here	Butterfield	5:30
Feb. 6	Here	Wingate	5:30
Feb. 13	Here	Buffalo Gap	5:30

What could be a more delicious idea than to let a refrigerator "bake" dessert for you? It's easy with Lazy Day Pie that's rich with a smooth, delicate texture. Start with Birds Eye Cool Whip non-dairy whipped topping that stores conveniently in the refrigerator, and a cooled baked 9-inch graham cracker crust. After cream cheese is blended with other ingredients, thawed whipped topping is blended into the mixture right from its own reusable container. After chilling pie for about 4 hours, arrange a tray of fresh fruits to be served with it. Great fresh taste!



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1/2 cup milk
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 container (4-1/2 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed
1 baked 9-inch graham cracker crumb crust, cooled

Beat cheese until smooth and fluffy. Add sugar gradually, beating well. Blend in milk, lemon juice, vanilla and salt. Fold in whipped topping; spoon into crust. Chill until set, at least 4 hours. Makes 8 servings.

TRENT HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Nov. 1	Ira	H (girls)	6:30
Nov. 7	Jayton	H (girls)	6:30
Nov. 8	Ira	T (girls)	6:30
Nov. 15	Abilene High	T (girls)	6:30
Nov. 18	Jayton	T	6:30
Nov. 21	Hawley	T	7:00
Nov. 22	Hobbs	H	7:00
Nov. 29	Hobbs	T	7:00
Dec. 1, 2, 3	TRENT TOURNAMENT		
Dec. 6	Highland	T	6:30
Dec. 8, 9, 10	HERMELEIGH TOURNAMENT		
Dec. 12	Highland	H	6:30
Dec. 13	Hawley	H	7:00
Dec. 20	Abilene High	H (girls)	6:30
Dec. 29, 30, 31	HAWLEY TOURNAMENT		
Jan. 3	Wienert	H	6:30
Jan. 10	Bronte	T	7:00
Jan. 13	Eula	H	7:00
Jan. 17	OPEN		
Jan. 20	Divide	T	7:00
Jan. 24	Blackwell	H	7:00
Jan. 27	Bronte	H	7:00
Jan. 31	Eula	T	7:00
Feb. 3	OPEN		
Feb. 7	Divide	H	7:00
Feb. 10	Blackwell	T	7:00

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Mrs. R. H. Mathews

Mrs. R.H. Mathews Celebrates 98th Birthday

Mrs. R. H. Mathews formerly Sarah Catherine Veach, celebrated her 98th birthday, November 16th, 1977.

Mrs. Mathews was born November 16th, 1879 in Salisbury, North Carolina.

The Veachs moved to Texas by train in 1880. She married the late Robert Mathews August 17, 1899 in Kaufan County and they moved to Dallas in 1904. From Dallas they moved to the Buffalo Gap and then to the Butman community before their final move to Merkel in 1968.

Mrs. Mathews is very active. She has been honored several times. She was named Queen For A Day in honor of Mother's Day, May 4, 1974, by Abilene downtown merchants, honoring the oldest most active mother in the West Texas. She was also named Most Outstanding Female Senior Citizen of 1974.

Mrs. Mathews was very excited about the celebration, but a little tired from all the activities.

Mrs. Mathews has six children: Mrs. Era Blair

of Santa Rosa, California, Col. and Mrs. Frank H. Mathews of Richardson, Texas, Carl Mathews (deceased), Mrs. Thelma Reeves, Giessen, Germany, Mrs. Pearl Addy of Tucson, Arizona, and Ray H. Mathews (deceased). She has 13 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, and 12 great great grandchildren.

In attendance were Mrs. Era Blair, Col. and Mrs. Frank H. Mathews, Mrs. Pearl Addy, Mrs. Ray (Lillian) Mathews, and many friends.

Varsity Girls Basketball Team Statistics

The names of the girls on the Varsity Basketball Team are as follows: Seniors- Kandi Ascencio, Freda Crenshaw, Pam Morgan; Juniors- Cindy Boone, Gina Farmer, Sherry Frazier, Kathryn Irvin, Gay Pfister, Cindy Smith; Sophomores- Norma Frazier. The treasurer is Sherry Ascencio, sophomore, Book keeper- Charlene Fariello, junior, and the Stat keeper is Amy McCoy, junior.

Game Statistics for the Merkel-ACHS game are as follows:

Scorers: Cindy Boone 23 pts., Norma Frazier 19 pts., Kandi Ascencio 10 pts., Cindy Smith 9 pts., Gay Pfister 7 pts., Gwen Tarpley 5 pts.

Leading guard rebounder: Pam Morgan 7. Leading guard on steals: Freda Crenshaw 9.

Score by quarters: Merkel 1st 14, 2nd 21, 3rd 21,

4th 17 pts. totaling 73 pts. ACHS score by quarters- 1st 9, 2nd 17, 3rd 12, 4th 8 pts. totaling 46 points.

Merkel had 30 field goals and 13 free throws, ACHS had 13 field goals and 10 free throws.

Game statistics for the Merkel-Clyde game are as follows:

Scorers- Cindy Boone 20 pts., Norma Frazier 19 pts., Kandi Ascencio 8 pts., Gwen Tarpley 21 pts., Leading guard rebounder- Freda Crenshaw 7 pts., leading guard on steals- Freda Crenshaw 8 pts.

Scores by quarter- Merkel 1st 10, 2nd 18, 3rd 19, 4th 21 pts. totaling 68 points, Clyde- 1st 19, 2nd 12, 3rd 8, 4th 17 pts., totaling 56 points.

Merkel had 23 field goals and 22 free throws. Clyde had 20 field goals and 16 free throws.

Pam Patton scored 20 points for Clyde.

Banana Sticky Buns--Any Time Treats



Why wait for a rainy day to surprise your family with homemade treats? Pop a batch of scrumptious Banana Sticky Buns into the oven. These irresistible snacks are prepared lightning-quick with a package of refrigerated buttermilk biscuits. Baked in muffin tins, they're served upside-down to show off their luscious topping of sliced bananas, butter, marmalade and coconut.

Convenient bananas make this treat a satisfying addition to mealtime or snacking, summer or winter. Bananas offer a good nutritional bonus as well--high in potassium, a good source of vitamins A and C, with 100% available iron.

BANANA STICKY BUNS

10 teaspoons butter or margarine	1/2 cup flaked coconut
10 teaspoons orange marmalade	2 bananas
	1 package (9.5 ounces) refrigerated buttermilk biscuits

Place 1 teaspoon butter in each of 10 muffin pan cups. Place muffin pan in 400°F. oven until butter melts. Add 1 teaspoon marmalade and about 1 1/2 teaspoons coconut to each muffin cup. Peel bananas and cut into slices. Place about 3 banana slices in each muffin cup and press a biscuit into each cup. Bake in 400°F. oven for 20 minutes or until biscuits are golden brown and a cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes, turn out of pan and serve warm. YIELD: 10 sticky buns.

Rev. John W. Mikow to Serve as Supply Pastor for Grace Presbyterian Church

Reverend John W. Mikow has accepted the invitation to be Supply Pastor for the Grace Presbyterian Church in Merkel.

Rev. Mikow was born in Bellville, Kansas in 1943 and reared in Blue Rapids, Kansas. He is married to Jolyn, and they have three children Joel 7, Jacobs 4, and Josslyn 3 months.

Rev. Mikow graduated

from Blue Rapids High School, attended 2 years at Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia, Kansas, attended night school at Texas Western College in El Paso, Texas, graduated from the University of Texas in Austin with a B. A. in sociology and economics, graduated from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas with a Mas-

ter of Divinity Degree.

Rev. Mikow says that he has always enjoyed doing home repairs and do-it-yourself type projects. His other hobbies include gardening, coaching baseball teams, tennis and hunting.

His community involvements include participation in playhouse productions and serving on the board of directors of the Lions Club.

Goodman Home Demonstration Club Meets

Goodman Home Demonstration Club met November 11 in the home of Mrs. Allen Agnew. There were 5 members present, plus Mrs. D. P. Adams joined as a new member.

The point sheets for Club of the Year and Club Woman of the Year were completed.

The club Christmas party was tentatively set for the evening of December

22 at Mrs. Jennings Winter's home.

We had a double program: "Wash Day" with everyone present comparing the way we wash today with the way we washed

when we first started housekeeping and a Kentucky grandmother's "Reeet" for washing clothes given about 1916. The second program was given by Mrs. Garland Price,

"Quilts as an art form and the History of Quilting". Quilting started as a necessity out depicted the was of life and the dreams of the women who made them.

The next meeting will be November 25 at the home of Mrs. Dan Butler. Our organization is open to all, irrespective of race, color, national origin or economic circumstance



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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cle-

mens of Caladonia, New York will also be hosting this reception. Mrs. Mary Clemens is a daughter of Mr. Roland.

All his friends are invited to visit with him during this time.

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Health Views



OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD OF THE EXECUTIVE

If you walk into the executive suite of any company in America with a scale, you will probably find that the high-powered executives are an average of 20 to 25 pounds overweight. If this is a sign of success, then we had better start looking at our values and taking a new approach to our life styles.

Research and observation of business executives in terms of their physical fitness indicates a national emergency. We have the hardest working soft-bodied people in the world in management positions with our companies.

Do you know that:

- There are an estimated 60 million Americans overweight.
- The American man has a middle-aged body by the age of 25.
- The incidence of death from heart disease has increased in men by 200 percent during the past 30 years.
- Twenty-three million Americans (one in seven when including men, women and children of all ages) have hypertension or high blood pressure.
- In spite of admonitions from the U.S. Surgeon General's Office about the danger of smoking, more cigarettes are being smoked than ever before, especially by tension-ridden executives.
- Almost 50% of adults engage in absolutely no physical activity whatsoever and only one out of ten people even claim they get regular exercise.

Even the above statistics, as pathetic as they appear, do not give the real picture of the problem. Eight out of ten executives are not operating at their peak efficiency, nor are they able to cope with their business and personal responsibilities, because they do not feel up-to-par.

Their bodies are trying to tell them something, but unfortunately too few people listen.

The chiropractic profession, which recognizes the importance of physical fitness to good health, has compiled a list of exercise



recommendations for the desk-bound person.

(1) **Abdomen and Back Exercises.** Lock your feet under a couch, and then do sit-ups. Do sit-ups with the feet straight and then sit-ups with the feet bent. Work yourself up until you can do ten of each.

(2) **Arms and Back.** Facing down, put your feet on a chair with your arms on the floor. Bring your cheek down to the floor in a modified push-up. Try to keep your back straight. Start with just a few; then work yourself up to ten push-ups.

(3) **Legs, Feet, Thighs and General Stamina.** Some of the best moderate exercises for general conditioning are walking, swimming, and rope skipping. But remember, if you walk, it has to be a brisk one for a long distance. Work long walks into your regular daily routine.

The best type of exercises are those that require no equipment, for they enable you to pursue them anywhere at any time and to do so without the risk of injury.

Whatever the exercise, it is best to make it part of your daily routine. Establish a set time when you do them, for example in the morning, at noon or at bedtime, and follow your schedule religiously.

The executive should also make preventive health care a part of his or her regular routine by scheduling periodic health examinations. These would include specialized check-ups of all vital functions, including chiropractic examinations of the spine and nervous system.

By getting physically fit and maintaining good health, executives can do a better job and enjoy it more.



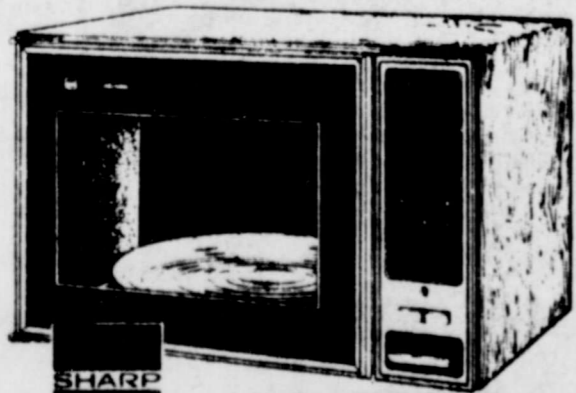
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Briscoe Approves Two Grants

Governor Dolph Briscoe has approved two criminal justice grants to the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

They Are:
-\$35,371 to WCTCOG for the 1978 planning grant; and

-\$28,157 to WCTCOG for the regional law enforcement academy for law officer training throughout the area.

The local grants were among 121 approved by Governor Briscoe statewide from Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) funds under the Crime Control Act of 1977.

Spirited COOKING

FAIR FOWL
You can finger up your recipe collection with this chicken dish that could become the apple of your eye.

SWEET CHICKEN BAKE

- 1 broiler fryer chicken (about three pounds) cut up
- 2 tablespoons butter
- Salt, pepper, ginger to taste
- Juice and grated rind of 1 lemon
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 large sweet apple, cored and sliced into rings
- 1/4 cup Bourbon

Arrange chicken pieces on baking dish, dot with butter, sprinkle with seasonings. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) 50 minutes, until chicken is tender and cooked. In a skillet over low heat, combine lemon juice and rind, sugar, Worcestershire sauce and dry mustard. Stir until sugar melts. Add apple rings, simmer until apples are heated through. Add Bourbon. Arrange chicken and apples on a serving platter, pour sauce over both. Makes 4 servings.

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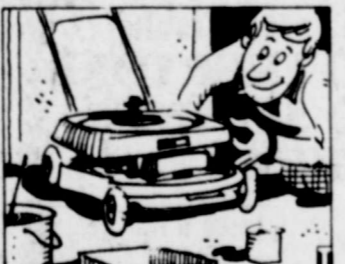
Little Known Facts

Probably the loudest, but definitely the longest, alphorn in the world is 32 feet 9 1/2 inches long in Bavaria, West Germany. It required three blowers.



How To Store Your Lawn Mower

If you're one of the 80 million Americans who keep their lawns looking great with power lawn mowers, you'll be interested in the following do's and don'ts from the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute on storing your mower.



DRAIN ALL GASOLINE out of the mower before storing it.

1. DON'T reach into the blade to clean it unless you're sure the mower is off. Stop the engine and disconnect or remove the spark plug before making any repairs.
2. DO drain all gasoline out of the mower before putting it away. Store the gas in a strong metal, clearly-marked container. It should be a safety-type can with a self-closing cap. Keep it away from children and combustible materials.
3. DON'T store the mower where children and pets can get to it. Store it in a safe place.
4. DO make sure to read the owner's manual before using the mower again in the spring.
5. DON'T start a new season without consulting your dealer. Schedule a service appointment well before the onset of spring mowing. Do follow these rules and your lawn mower will be ready to spring into action.

Merkel School News

By Milly Bright-Media Coordinator

This weeks basketball schedule is as follows:
High School: Nov. 29 Rotan Here Girls A&B Boys A&B 4:00
Middle School: Nov. 28 Stamford There Girls 8 Boys 7&8 5:30

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

Reports Cards will be sent home with students November 23rd.

Merkel PTO Membership Contest is November 22nd at the PTO meeting. The rooms with the highest per cent of members will be announced during the meeting.

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.

Over one hundred students in Merkel Middle School are participating in the Multiple Sclerosis Read-A-Thon. The students have asked friends, relatives, neighbors, or any interested person to sponsor them. During the month of November, each student will read as many books as possible, then go back to their sponsor to collect the pledged amount. All money will be turned in to the District Multiple Sclerosis office in Abilene. Last year Merkel Middle School students collected, \$711.79 for the Read-A-Thon, and they read 1,084 books. This year, they hope to exceed this. An added incentive, this year, has been added by Taylor Electric Cooperative, Taylor Telephone Cooperative, and Farmers and Merchants National Bank. These businesses will present \$25.00 savings bonds to be used as first place prizes locally.

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.

The deadline for ordering a annual for Merkel Middle School, Merkel Elementary or Tye Elementary is November 28th. They are \$5 each. This is the only time the annuals will be on sale. Deadline is November 28th.

Tuesday, November 22nd, a representative from the Duncan Yo-Yo Company will come and demonstrate their yo-yo's for the students.

Mrs. McGowan's fifth grade class is completing a Miniature Colonial Village as a project for social studies. Pictures will be in next weeks paper.



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NEW ROLE FOR AN OLD PERFORMER—A chemical for bleaching hair and treating minor cuts now has another use.

Happily, though, scientists at Du Pont have found that a low-cost chemical called "Tysul" WW hydrogen peroxide effectively controls these odor problems. It works by oxidizing the hydrogen sulfide which causes the odors. Safe, odorless by-products of oxygen, water and elemental sulfur are the results of the reaction.

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Stenholm Concerned Over Lack Of Hospital Beds

Charles Stenholm, candidate for Congress from the 17th Congressional District, announced today his concern for having enough hospital beds in the rural areas of Texas if proposed rules and guidelines coming from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) are implemented.

The new guidelines, Stenholm said, would have the effect of decreasing health care facilities even more in rural areas by setting arbitrary bed to population ratios. "What HEW is proposing is to set a maximum of four beds per 1,000 population," Stenholm said, "which would reduce the beds available in Texas by approximately 11,000. Texas currently has an average ratio of 4.73 beds per 1,000 population."

Citing this situation as just further evidence of the evils of arbitrary federal guidelines, Stenholm said that "we have a local system for determining hospital bed needs. In Texas there are 12 Health Systems Agencies and a State Health Coordinating Council given the responsibility of determining the hospital bed needs of each region. Their decisions are supposed to be based on need with no consideration of specific ratios. The proposed guidelines would completely bypass this system of local decision making, imposing instead these arbitrary ratios."

Stenholm said that he has written HEW asking the agency to reconsider its proposal.

The HEW guidelines, Stenholm said, will concentrate hospitals in urban

areas, since the thrust of HEW is to reduce the cost of medical services by making equipment available to doctors to locate in cities," he added, "making it more difficult for the elderly and those with emergency needs to get to a doctor or hospital. Longer trips to a hospital will result because applications for new hospitals or additional beds in rural areas will have been turned down by HEW since, according to the proposed guidelines, rural areas will not have a sufficiently high concentration of people to justify more hospital beds."

"Small communities wanting to attract business will suffer because the decline in medical services will make them less attractive to industries that take such factors into consideration before selecting new plant sites."

He pointed out these implications of their guidelines to HEW officials in his letter, Stenholm said.

Stenholm said that in order to avoid this neglect of the elderly and our rural population, "we have to keep the decision making process as close to the people as possible."

Ask Your Doctor

Know about yourself and the vitamins you need? Why not take this quick quiz and find out? Then, if you think you may not be getting enough vitamins, show this article to your family doctor.



1. How many American households would you estimate do not get adequate levels of all the nutrients they need from their diets (a) 5-10 percent (b) 10-15 percent (c) 20-50 percent?
2. Heavy consumption of alcohol can affect the absorption of vitamins (a) by helping it (b) by hindering it (c) not at all?
3. Smoking can affect our blood plasma levels of vitamin C (a) by lowering it (b) by raising it (c) in no way?
4. Women taking oral contraceptives may need (a) more vitamins (b) less vitamins (c) the same amount of vitamins as women who aren't?

ANSWERS: 1. (c) Surveys show that 20 to 50 percent of U.S. households do not get adequate levels of all the nutrients they need from their diets. One reason is that many Americans lack knowledge about their personal nutritional needs. 2. (b) Heavy drinking can interfere with absorption of essential vitamins. 3. (b) Heavy drinking lowers the amount of vitamin C in your blood, so eating foods rich in vitamins C is lower the amount of vitamin C in your blood. 4. (a) Smoking and drinking alcohol may lead to a deficiency of essential vitamins.

School Menu

This weeks school schedule is as follows:

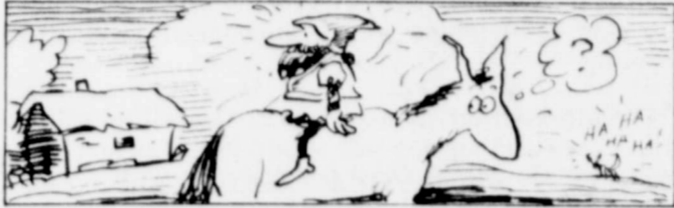
Monday November 28
Spaghetti with ground beef and cheese, green salad with choice of dressing, garlic bread, and fruited jello (strawberry).

Tuesday November 29
Fried fish with tartar sauce, potato salad, seasoned spinach, hot rolls, and chocolate cake.

Wednesday Nov. 30
Beef and vegetable stew, lettuce wedge with choice of dressing, crackers, and fruit cobbler.

Thursday December 1
Tacos with taco sauce, pinto beans, spanish rice, lettuce, cheese, and peanut butter no-bake cookie.

Friday December 2
Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, onion, pickle, french fries, catsup, buns, and fresh orange wedge.



Ancient writers advised anyone stung by a scorpion to sit on a donkey backwards.

'Legacy from Gulf' explores treasures

AUSTIN, Texas (Spl.) — One can almost get a whiff of the high seas by reading a University of Texas report of artifacts recovered from a 16th Century Spanish shipwreck off the Texas coast.

"Texas Legacy from the Gulf" uses text, photographs and drawings to describe the artifacts, which are now preserved and kept at UT's Balcones Research Center. The artifacts include cannon, crossbows, tools, silver coins, ship fittings and the three oldest dated sea-astrolabes in the world.

The report, published by UT's Texas Memorial Museum and the Texas Antiquities Committee, is available at \$8 per copy (plus tax) from the UT museum.



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Tye School News

Tye Elementary School PTO View Film on Child Molesting

The Tye Elementary School P. T. O. met in the Tye Elementary School Cafeteria on Thursday, November 17th, with 75 people in attendance.

Officer Boyd Scott with the Abilene Police Department presented the program on child molesting. Officer Scott explained to the parents how to identify a possible child molester and told parents what to tell their children to do if they were approached by a possible molester. A question and answer period followed the film.

21 Women Receive Special Recognition

President Bill Adams gave special recognition to 21 women for outstanding work done during the Halloween Carnival Fund Drive. The following people received a corsage along with special recognition: Mrs. Ann Adams, Mrs. Linda Armstrong, Mrs. Sandra Coates, Mrs. Mary Donaldson, Mrs. Sharon Dossier, Mrs. Laurs Gilbert, Mrs. Pearlleen Gober, Mrs. Luann Goodgion, Mrs. Becky Herrera, Mrs. Darlene Keith, Mrs. Barbara Kotriuk, Mrs. Debbie Lester, Mrs. Patty Miller, Mrs. Shirley Mitchell, Mrs. Jo Moore, Mrs. Evelyn Oliver, Mrs. Glenda Pence, Mrs. Murpie Richardson, Miss Diane Sanders, Mrs. Vicki Spurr and Mrs. Pat Steward.

Mrs. Key's room and Mrs. Paige's room tied for the P.T.O.'s most concerned parent award with 10 each. The P.T.O. Banner was made and donated by Mrs. Bill Adams.

The next Tye P.T.O. meeting will be held on December 15th, at 7:30. Tye Elementary will present a Christmas Program at this time.

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