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WELL, THERE GOES ANOTHER WHEAT CROP Farmers Serious Over Parity

By Dale Hammond

I sat in on the organizational meeting for the farmers protest last Tuesday night and it didn't take long to get the message that they are serious. I didn't see any hard case militants so much in evidence in some of the union halls I've been in, but, they are serious.

There was humor, but it was the dry, sardonic type you might find in a chow line when the troops watch the cooks dish out S.O.S. or C-rations.

Charles Stenholm, a farmer turned Congressional candidate, was the target of some of this

"Gallows Humor", but I'll say this for Charlie, he had sense enough to keep his mouth shut, listen, and hopefully learn something. Being a farmer, he should already know, being a politician I hope he doesn't forget.

One interesting point was brought out by a

Trent area farmer. He was worried about all that mortgaged farm equipment parading by those Abilene bankers. He was afraid the bankers would grab the whole ball of wax in one fell swoop! Calvin Cooley reminded his distressed friend, that if it didn't rain soon, the bank-

ers would be doing him a favor if they would grab off his gear.

The meeting was orderly and well organized and there was no nonsense. Well, at least not until I got carried away and offered to lead the protest march with my ROTOTILLER-CHARGE!



News and Thoughts

By Martha Sue Justice

MEDICAL CONFERENCE HAILS ACUPUNCTURE
Anaheim, Cal. Bronchial asthma headaches, tooth pain, athletic injuries, and the assorted ailments of sick horses have been successful targets of the acupuncturist's needles, according to a series of reports delivered at the first U.S. Conference on Chinese Total Health and Fitness here. The findings were presented amidst a growing consensus that there may be a sound, biologic basis for the efficacy of the ancient Chinese procedure. In one report, Dr. David Bresler, director of the Pain Control Unit of the University of California at Los Angeles, presented the results of his study of the effects of acupuncture on bronchial asthma. When needles were placed in six traditional Chinese acupuncture points on the back, hands and legs of 12 patients suffering from bronchial asthma induced by a drug, relief was obtained from the attacks within 15 minutes. This relief, Dr. Bresler noted, persisted for several hours. But when the needles were placed in acupuncture "placebo" points at short distances from the traditional points, the procedure was totally ineffective. In a contemporary modification of traditional acupuncture, Dr. Lester Sacks, another speaker at the conference, said that he now treats headache patients by inserting a surgical staple in the back of the head at a point known as "gall bladder 20." When the patients felt a headache coming on, they press on the staple, and the headache is usually absorbed within 20 minutes. For the past five years, Dr. Sacks has also been placing surgical staples in the ears of patients who want to stop smoking or lose weight. When placed in traditional acupuncture points in the ear, patients find that their appetite for food and cigarettes can be inhibited by manipulating the staple. A third report was given by Dr. Harry Quint, or the University of Southern California School of Dentistry, who has used acupuncture to treat about 1,000 patients with various types of dental pain. By inserting needles in the "hoku" point in the webbing of the hand between the thumb and forefinger, Dr. Quint said that he has been able to relieve pain due to dental abscesses, sensitive teeth and root canal surgery. In a related address, Dr. Frank York Lee, team physician for the Olympic track team of the Republic of China (Taiwan), said that needling the Hoku point has also proved effective in treating pain associated with athletic injuries. It is

particularly useful in a setting where in the use of morphine and other pain killers can disqualify a contestant, he noted. Finally, within the last few years the impact of acupuncture has been felt not only in the Western doctor's office, but also in the veterinarian's trade. Dr. Richard Blassberg, of the Department of Veterinary Medicine at California State University, reported that he has personally used acupuncture successfully on horses to treat facial nerve paralysis, lameness, muscle problems and other equine disorders. The discovery that animals respond so well to acupuncture indicates that there is something other than self-hypnosis involved, as critics of the Chinese procedure maintain, declared Dr. Glassberg. As additional evidence, several of the acupuncturists at this meeting pointed to work recently carried out at the University of Toronto, work which indicates that there may be a biological basis for the efficacy of acupuncture. The Toronto work demonstrated that there is an important elevation of brain chemicals known as endorphins in animals treated with acupuncture. Because these brain chemicals act as pain killers, their stimulation by the use of acupuncture, if proven, would be a significant step toward an understanding of how to combat pain caused by human disease. IMTS

"To every man his own life is a mystery." -Latin proverb

This poem comes from Patricia Spradling of Merkel:
As I look out my window
Across lovely country fields
I see winters frost
Upon my window sills
The aroma of fresh coffee
A feeling of reminiscence
My mind wanders to the joy of Christmas
I drag out the boxes with decorations from the past
Memories flooding my mind, keeping me in their grasp
I can see Grandma over her wood stove,
Baking pies and cakes, spicing with clove
She made all her gifts, each one with love,
Then gave them to people, she thought alot of
Christmas Eve, Baby Jesus birth was told

Never, No Never did the story grow old.
We hung up our stockings,
Then sipped hot cocoa,
Grandma sang carols with us
By the warmth of the stove.
With bedtime, very close at hand,
We took our Christmas Eve Sleighride,
Across snow glistened land
Wrapped in blankets to keep us warm,
Full of anticipation of Christmas mornin'
Grandma content, with the joy in our eyes,
We're up before dawn, opening each surprise
A plump juicy turkey, prepared
Grandmas special way,
With all the trimmings, to add to the day.
So many years have passed,
Since those childhood days,
Memories to be treasured,
Those wonderful yesterdays.
As I snap back, to reality
And our world of today
I start making plans
To make my Children's Christmas
A memory filled holiday.

"An intelligent man never snubs anybody."
-Vauvenargues

LOOKING FOR A GOOD BOOK?---Try "The Devil's Gamble", by Frank Slaughter. This is a book that you cannot put down and is an exception to the type of writing Frank Slaughter usually does.

I heard a rumor the other day that Heidi Pack finally got herself a job. She is now working for some unfortunate farmer as a hog trainer. The obvious question now is---What does a hog trainer do?---NOT MUCH!

"Love sought is good, but giv'n unsought is better." -Shakespeare

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - Humility always shrinks an inflated ego.

By grace are ye saved through faith; and that no of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. -Ephesians 2:8-9

Gold Star Giveaway

Drawing Tuesday Dec. 20th 10:00 a.m.

MHS Band Members Play in District Band

On Saturday, December 10, approximately 200 students from the Music Region met and held try-outs for the all district band in Hamlin. After the try-outs, two Merkel students had been chosen. These two were: Alice Cunningham and Delisa Roysden, both playing clarinet.

After a very hard days rehearsing from 1:00 until 5:30, the band presented a concert in the Hamlin High School Auditorium.

The band was made up of 120 students from seven-teen schools, including the Abilene Junior highs, class B, A, and AA high schools. The band was under the direction of Bill Woods, Band Director of Seagraves High School Band.

Other Merkel students who tried-out were: Jeannessa Cypert, Flute; Carla Rister, Flute; Gwen Taff, Flute; Carla Simmons, Oboe; Brad Wade, French Horn; Todd Cox, Bass.

The students were accompanied on the trip by Mr. and Mrs. Tony McGowan.

BAKE SALE

Saturday, December 17, in front of WTU, starting at 9:30, sponsored by the Merkel Girl Scouts and Brownie Troops. Proceeds go for repairs on the Girl Scout Hut.

ASU's Entry in Theatre Festival Takes Top Honors

Angelo State University's entry in the Area III American College Theatre Festival took top honors in the playwriting category and now moves on to regional competition in Fort Worth, according to information released Monday by Texas Tech University.

"Sideshow", an original play by Standard-Times columnist Rick Smith was one of eight plays selected from the 64 entries in the

Southwest to go to the regional contest in March.

Richard Nance played the lead and his wife, Cindy Nance played in the chorus. Richard is the son of Mrs. James C. Nance of Merkel, Texas.

Other plays advancing in the competition include "Elizabeth I", Texas Tech University; "Equus", Eastern New Mexico University; "At the Sweet Gum Bridge", Oklahoma State University; "Vanities", University of Oklahoma; "Biedermann and the Firebug", St. Edwards University; "Tartuffe", University of Arkansas; and "The Runner Stumbles", Central State University in Oklahoma.

ASU won another honor at the area contest. Don

Hale III was one of 40 actors and actresses nominated for the Irene Ryan Acting Award to be presented at the regional competition. Hale portrays John L. Lewis, "the world's strongest man", in the "Sideshow" production.

Serving as judges for the area contest were Maurice Berger of Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., and Gerilyn Tandberg of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

The judge commented on "Sideshow" in a critique session and said, "It would be very difficult to find a professional cast to suit the play better." They called the play "remarkable" and the director "gifted and inspired."

Gift Certificate Giveaway Saturday

Beginning at 10:00 a.m. Saturday there will be a drawing every 15 minutes. A total of \$1,017 will be given away by the Merkel Merchants in packets from \$50 to \$58.

Trent Will Dismiss School Dec. 21st

The Trent ISD will dismiss school on Wednesday, December 21, 1977 at 2:30 p.m. for the Christmas Holidays. Classes will resume on Monday, January 2, 1978. Kindergarten class will begin on Monday, January 9, 1978.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Trent Band will hold its annual Christmas Concert on Monday, December 19, 1977 at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

ATTENTION VFW MEMBERS

The Merkel VFW is giving a membership drive dinner. All paid up 1978 members and immediate families only. Friday at 7:30 at the VFW. All Ladies Auxiliary are to bring 2 covered dishes.

IMPORTANT

THE MERKEL LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION will organize Monday, December 19th at the VA Building at 7:00 p.m. All interested parties are invited.

Merkel School News

By Milly Bright, Media Coordinator

School will be dismissed Friday, December 16th at 1:30, for the Christmas Holidays. School will resume January 3, 1978, Tuesday.

Adult Education classes will meet December 19th and 20th. They will not meet Dec. 26, Dec. 27, or Jan. 2nd. Classes will resume January 3, 1978.

Basketball Schedule:
High School:
Dec. 15, 16, 17 Merkel Tourney Here Girls A 11:30 Thursday, Boys A 10:00 Thursday.
Dec. 21, 22, 23 A.C.H.S. Tourney There Girls A Boys A
Dec. 30 A.C.H.S. Tourney There Girls A 5:00 Boys A & B
Jan. 3 Ballinger There Girls A & B 5:00 Boys A

Merkel High School News:
Merkel Tourney will begin Dec. 15th at 10:00 with the A Boys playing Jim Ned. The A Girls play Jim Ned at 11:30 Thursday.

All F.H.A. members and their guests are invited to attend the Lone Star Gas Christmas program this Thursday, December 15th in the school cafeteria at 7:30, given by Kathryn Cawley. Anyone else that would like to attend is welcomed.

Merkel Middle School News:
Boy and Girl of the Month for November and December have been selected by the faculty. This honor is based on scholastic achievement and citizenship. November: 6th grade Bonnie Anderson, John Ybarra, 7th grade Tammie Townsend, Ricky Biera, 8th grade Ann Wooton, Brad Elliott. December: 6th grade Angie Allen, Russell Lucas, 7th grade Pam Massey, Jeff Scott, 8th grade Roberta Duran, David Wilkerson.
We are very proud of these students.

Multiple Sclerosis Read-a-Thon Results:
Books read.....1008
Sponsors..... 430
Money collected, \$489.49 (6th grade-\$208.96) (7th grade-\$188.45) (8th grade-\$92.08)

Students will now compete in the area for prizes. Winners will be announced after the first of the year. Twenty-five dollar savings bonds were presented to Dewayne Brown by Taylor Electric Cooperative for the most books read, 82; Lisa Phillips by Farmers and Merchants National Bank for the most sponsors, 21; Russell Lucas by Taylor Telephone Cooperative for the most money collected, \$36.80; and Ricky Biera received \$5 from Mrs. Jack South for second place on money collected. Mitzi Hart, grades 6 and 7 reading teacher, and Karen Riley and Marianne Rankin, grade 8 reading teachers wish to thank all who helped make the Read-a-Thon a success.

Tye Elementary School News:
Mrs. Mitchell's room had an early snow storm. The strange thing was that the snow fell only on the bulletin board which has Santa and his reindeer, Frosty the snowman, and Christmas trees colored and cut out by the first graders. Of course, the children can hardly wait for the next snowstorm.

Mrs. Key's third grade class is getting ready for their P.T.O. Christmas program, Thursday, December 15th. Santa Claus is coming! Besides their regular studies, they have been busy making wreaths to use as props in their part of the school play. A new girl enrolled in their room this week. There are now eleven boys and eleven girls. Their membership in the National Wildlife Federation came this week. The class will receive 12 issues of Ranger Rick's Nature Magazine where they'll discover the fun of reading, science, crafts, and nature.

Cemetery Donations

The Merkel Cemetery donations are as follows:
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"Adversity makes a man wise, not rich."
John Ray

Merkel Garden Club Fence Fund

This fall the Merkel Garden Club voted to print in The Merkel Mail, the names of the people contributing memorials to the Merkel Garden Club Fence Fund. This could never have been built and maintained without the cooperation of all the interested people. The plan calls for the continuing of the fence to the west as far as the road on the west side of the cemetery property, then a chain link fence will be placed to the other side.

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Merkel Garden Club in memory of Norah Foster
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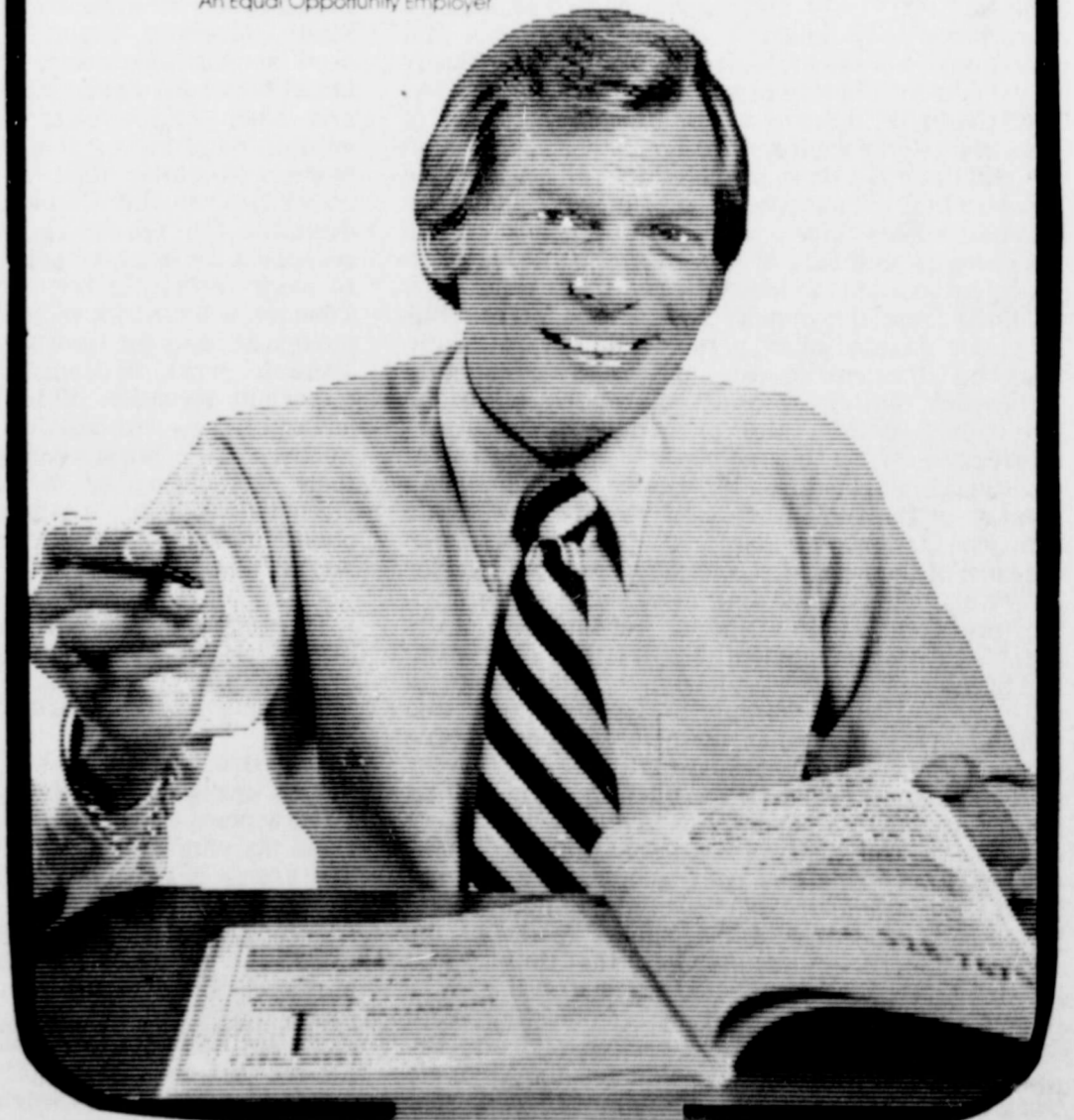
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Deaths & Funerals

Funeral Held For Mrs. Frank Allyn

Mrs. Frank Allyn, 83, of Trent died at 2:30 p.m. Monday in Hendrick Medical Center after a lengthy illness. Services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Trent Church of Christ with Larry Bristo of Abilene officiating, assisted by George Butterfield, minister. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Trent, Fisher County pioneers. She married Frank E. Allyn, October 25, 1914, in Eskota. They had lived in Trent since that time. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Fred E. of Tuscola; a daughter, Mrs. Weldon (Luise) Isenhower of Abilene; five grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Jessie Clay Dies in Lubbock

Jessie Samuel Clay, 72, of Lubbock and formerly of Merkel, died Thursday at 4 p.m. in a Lubbock nursing home. Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Joe Davis, minister of the Calvary Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born April 5, 1905, in Minneola, he worked as a brick mason and served with the Army in World War II. He made his home in Arlington before moving to Merkel in 1956. He moved to Lubbock in 1976. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include two brothers, J.L. of Merkel and J.W. of Amarillo, a sister, Lillian Rhodes of Portales, N.M.; and several nieces and nephews.



Nathan E. Howk

Howk Selected For Technical Training

Airman Nathan E. Howk son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Howk of 104 Haynes Street, Merkel, Texas, has been selected for technical training at Lowry AFB, Colorado, in the Air Force avionics systems field.

The airman recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, and studied the Air Force mission, organization and

customs and received special instruction in human relations. Completion of this training earned the individual credits towards an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Airman Howk is a 1976 graduate of St. Martin High School, Biloxi, Miss.

Dorca Class

The Dorcas Class of the First Baptist Church met Sunday for a Christmas luncheon. Roy Davis brought a good devotional and song. The theme was "How Rich Are You?" He suggested that each one should ask the question for their own life.

Thirty members including guests were present.

Senior Citizen News

There are two outstanding luncheons planned for the month. On the second Tuesday, December 13th, there will be a pot luck Christmas dinner served. Also a good program. On the 5th Thursday Night a pot luck supper will be served. Time will be announced later. Mrs. Martha Allison is President.

"A man cannot spend all his life in frolick."
Samuel Johnson



A Children's musical, 'Get On Board Children' will be presented Sunday evening, Dec. 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church by the children's choir. The musical deals with some neighborhood children who fantasize that they were the grandchildren of Noah and took the famous journey with him on the ark. One grandson, Gomer, (played by Jerry Ray Davis) plays the role of the doubter on this journey, but through the faith of the children, realizes that God will take care of his children. The cast includes, Jerry Ray Davis, Joan and Mary Fariello, Amy and Regina Stuckey, Tasha Todd, Tammy and Travis Watson, Brooks Boyd, Lorne Sloan, and Jay Gibson. The musical is under the direction of Jennifer Smith. Everyone is invited to attend. This will be the only performance.

Last Rites Held For Clemo Jones

Clemo Eldon Jones, 66, of Merkel, died at 1:15 a.m. Sunday in Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater following a lengthy illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Monday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church in Merkel and the Rev. Lynward Harrison, retired Methodist minister officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Clyde (Lavonne) Bunch of Merkel, Mrs. Robert (Nancy) Gray of Colorado City and Mrs. Melton (Jane) Squires of Hampton, Va.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

WWI Veterans Party

Born February 26, 1911, in Evant, Mr. Jones married Amber Winters November 23, 1932, in Hamilton County. They moved to Anson in 1940 and had lived in Washington where Mr. Jones worked in a shipyard during World War II. They returned to the Trent-Merkel area in 1946. He retired from the Abilene State School in 1973 after 13 years of employment.

The Veterans of World War I and the Ladies Auxiliary will meet for their Christmas Party at 12 noon December 17th at the R.E.A. Building. We ask all members and their guests to be present. The ladies will serve a big turkey dinner will all the trimmings. Each member bring a covered dish and a gift for members and guests.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters,

Mr. & Mrs. M.L. Payne Celebrate 68th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Payne in Trent will celebrate their 68th anniversary the 19th of December. They were married in 1909. Mr. Payne was born in Oklahoma and moved to Anson when he was 6. Mrs. Payne was born in Miss. and came to Anson when she was 8.

Everyone is welcome to come by and visit. Mr. Payne is a retired service station attendant in Trent.

They have three children; Mrs. Clifford Talbott, Abilene, R. O. Payne and Mrs. George Byrom of Trent; 11 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; and 1 great great grandchild.

Girls Varsity Basketball News

The girls have won three games in a row making them 8-2. It began when the girls played Clyde. The score was Merkel 55, Clyde 54. Cindy Boone was the high scoring forward with 32 points. Freda Crenshaw was high rebounder, and Gina Farmer had the most saves. The game was very close all the way. The score by quarters was Merkel-11, 17, 10, 17; Clyde-10, 11, 18, 15. Merkel made 20 field goals and 15 free throws. The game was very exciting, but Merkel pulled through by one point. Next came the Eula game. Gwen Tarpley was the high scoring forward with 22 points. Norma Frazier was close behind with 19 points. Gina Farmer was the guard with the most rebounds, and Pam Morgan had the most saves. The final score was Merkel-71, Eula-48. Their third win came Tuesday night as the girls played Aspermont. Norma Frazier was

high pointer with 20 points. On the guard end Pam Morgan was high rebounder and Becky Watts had the most saves. The score by quarters was Merkel-14, 10, 12, 12; Aspermont-4, 12, 10, 7. Merkel made 20 field goals and 8 free throws. Aspermont made 10 field goals and 13 free throws. The final score was a Merkel-48, Aspermont-33. The girls have done a great job due to their most important factor, TEAMWORK! This factor will take the girls to District. Good Luck Girls!



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- Reconstruction is also underway, starting with an initial group of 124 small, permanent dwellings at a cost of \$150 each, in the village of Vallipatti, Madura District, Tamil Nadu, being built by the villagers with CARE materials and technical guidance.
- The first houses are scheduled to be completed this week. CARE has 22 experienced field personnel on the scene and 17 vehicles.
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Mitzi Hart presents awards to Dewayne Brown, Russel Lucas, Lisa Phillips, and Ricky Biera, for their participation in the Multiple Sclerosis Read-a-Thon.



The special education class of the Merkel Elementary School decorated their Christmas tree this past week. Those pictured from left to right are Mrs. Watson, Lee Cain, Chris Pepin, Darla Swinny, Lupe Flores, and Mrs. Coker.



If too much moisture condenses on the inside of your bottle terrarium, remove the top for a few hours until it clears.



The strawberry geranium is neither a strawberry nor a geranium. It sends out runners (like a strawberry plant) with small plantlets at the end which can be separated and planted.

Merkel I.S.D. School Board Meeting

The Merkel I. S. D. School Board met Monday December 12th in regular session with board members James Boyd, Dink Whisenhunt, Ken Hogan, Charles Jacobs and Superintendent Travis Davis present. Paul Hist and Bill Richards of Darrel Knight and Associates Audit Firm, Mr. Cecil Todd and Mr. John Cain were also present.

The board has not reached a decision concerning the recommendation of adding an additional vocational agriculture program. It is still under consideration. The board received the report on the district's audit by Paul Hist and Bill Richards.

They approved the payment to the city for no. 359 for sewer line work. They also approved the payment on the Merkel Elementary Annex for \$1560. A textbook committee was appointed to adopt and review textbooks for next year. The board amended the school calendar as follows: Jan. 2 will be a holiday. Feb. 25 will be an in Service Day for teachers. Feb. 27th will be a regular school day. The board accepted the resignation of Don Hart effective Dec. 12, 1977. The board adopted a District wide policy where by School Board Member's spouses may not be employed by the School Dis-

trict. The board granted a Mary Grimes, Homemaking teacher.

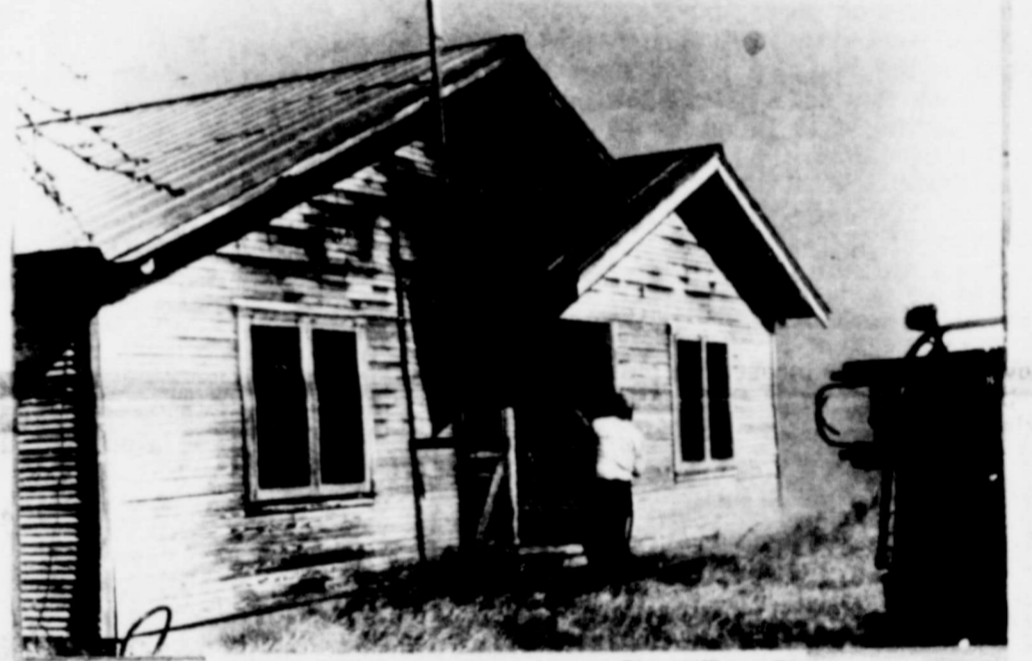
Girls Junior Varsity Basketball News

The Jr. Varsity girls are doing a good job this year especially since this is their first year to play five man. The girls played Eula last Friday night. Kay Amerine was high pointer with 16 points. Amy McCoy was high rebounder. The final score was Merkel-55, Eula-19. Next the girls play Asper-

mont. The high point forward was Amy McCoy with 19 points. She was also the high rebounder. The score by quarters was Merkel-9, 3, 4, 14; Aspermont-12, 7, 4, 11. This was a close game. The final score was Merkel 30, Aspermont-32. Keep up the good work girls and good luck in your future games.

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LETTERS TO SANTA



Six Trent Students Named To Who's Who

The 1978 edition of Who's Who in Music will carry the names of 6 students from Trent High School, Trent, Texas who have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding high school music students.

Mrs. Cherry Curry, Band Director, head of the school's nominating committee and the editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their music ability, academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential. Students named this year from Trent High School, Trent, Texas are: John Stevens, R.R. Box 62, Velma Perkins Rt. 3 Box 135, Penny Hatfield, Rt. 1 Box 112, Nell Kirk Box 162, Pam Evans Rt. 2 Box 152, Leanna West Box 233, the Band Director, Mrs. Cherry Curry and the Publicity Director Brenda Kraatz.

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CRISTINE

DEAR SANTA,

I would like a Baby Come Back, bracelet with my name on it, trampoline, typewriter, Baby This and That, two speed, Brownies suit, gauchos, Mr. Mouth game, Fonzie shirt, necklace, Charles Angels, Wonder Women.

MANDY PACK

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I want a Baby Come Back and I be nice to you, Santa Claus and I want a bunch of candies and orange and buy Santa Claus.

SANDY DELA CRUZ

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I have been good. I want a typewriter and slinky, suntan Tuesday doll, and Baby Come Back, a apple and orange and jump rope and a red necklace calculator.

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DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I want a baby Thumbelina and a little calculator and surprise. I have been a good girl. I love Christmas. I love you, Santa Claus.

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DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

This is what I want for Christmas, trampoline, Baby needs you, pong game, Mr. Mouth game, sorry game, typewriter, calculator, necklace and bracelet, jeans, Fonzie shirt, Charles Angels dolls. I love you. I have been good.

MELISSA HARRIS
Rt. 3 Haynes Street
Merkel, Texas

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,

I would like you to get me a Baby Come Back, a pair gaucho boots, and another pair of gauchos, two games, some clothes, brown boots with black design. To Mr. Claus and Miss Claus I am a good girl too and I believe in you. Brownie suit, Charles Angels suit, Baby Alive.

Love
JAMIE

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I want a putt putt train. I want a record player because my other one is broken. I want some cars and trucks. I've been good. I want a play tractor with wheels and a truck with a trailer. I'm going to leave you some cookies out if I don't forget. Thank you

JOHNNY RAY THOMAS

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I have been a very good girl. And I have been counting the days for you to come. I hope you can bring me a Dorothy Hamil doll and a Professor Nod. Thank You.

KRISTEN KENNEDY

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

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DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

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My little brother, Richard, wants a new tricycle; football helmet and costume; cowboy boots, hat and costume; shotgun; and play motorcycle.

My little sister, Cne', wants some dolls; a new baby quilt; baby bed mobile; baby pillow; and knee boots (gaucho).

Richard and I also want a record player. Merry Christmas! See you Christmas Eve! We'll leave some cookies and milk.

Love
PHILIP, RICHARD, AND CNE' SEYMORE

Stith Home Demonstration Club News

The Stith Ladies attending the Christmas Home Demonstration luncheon in Anson, Thursday December 8 were: Mrs. Vada Hudson, Mrs. Daisy Mashburn and Mrs. Margaret Dickerson.

The program for the morning was singing Christmas Carols and games were played. A lady from West Texas Utilities brought her program on making baked goods for Christmas. We served lunch, each bringing a covered dish. We had a short council program.

The Stith Club won a nice plaque for being the high point club in Jones County. Our president, Mrs. Vada Hudson, won a beautiful plaque for the Woman of the year award.

Stith Country-Western Musical

The monthly Country Western Musical will be at Stith Community Center Saturday night, December 17th at 7 o'clock. We hope to have a new band there plus the ones we have had before. Please come enjoy the good music and visit with friends. We will have hotdogs, cold drinks, coffee, etc. in our snack bar. Everyone is welcome and all bands are invited. Help make this a good Christmas Country Western Musical.

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Visits & Visitors

Mary and Spencer Bird of Ft. Worth, Texas, formerly of Merkel, were visiting friends and relations in Merkel last week. While here they made their headquarters in the home of Mrs. Earl Hughes, Sr. The main topic of the "Birds" conversation, centered around their only grandchild, Susan

is the daughter of James and Karyn Bird of Littleton, Colorado and she is now 2 years of age. According to grandma and grandpa Bird, Susan is the prettiest, smartest, little girl in all Colorado, and probably Texas. Ho-hum, three cheers for all of them and us too!

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While coming back from reporting a fire call a Merkel Mail reporter stumbled upon a small accident located at south third in front of the school auditorium. The car driven by Sherry West (top left and right), was in collision with the car driven by Janet Wade (lower left) and a nearby gas meter which was hit when the accident was trying to be avoided by West. The West car received most of the damage, the Wade car received the middle amount of damage, and the gas meter received all the rest of the damage.



It's The Smallest

The smallest continent is the Australian mainland, with an area of about 2,940,000 square miles.

The smallest known star is called LP 327-186. A "white dwarf," it's 100 light-years away, with a diameter only half that of the moon.



The smallest amount of natural gas on reserve in a long time is what we have now. Domestic supplies are dwindling. Proved reserves are at their lowest levels since 1955 and some industries have been suffering shut-downs because of shortages.

HSU Faculty to Cut Christmas Holidays Short

More than 90 members of the faculty, staff and student body at Hardin-Simmons University will cut their Christmas Holidays short to take part in the school's annual mission trip to Mexico January 2-8. The group will set up its headquarters in the West Texas town of Fabens, near El Paso, and will do work both there and in Mexico.

The group this year represents an increase in size of almost 40 persons over a year ago. Marshall Walker, director of religious activities said it is the largest number ever to sign up for the trip.

Going along to conduct Spanish language revivals in the two Mexico cities of Colonia Esperanza and El Sauzal will be Charles Hobson, missionary-in-residence from Colombia, and Dr. Julian Bridges, head of the department of sociology and social work. About 16 members of the group speak Spanish and will help conduct revivals and Bible schools.

Dr. B. W. Aston, head of the department of history, will go along as photographer for the fourth consecutive year. Walker will also accompany the group.

In Fabens, the men will stay in a old laundromat even as they work to convert it into a dormitory. Other work in the town will include visitation and revivals.

In addition to the evening revival services in Colonia Esperanza, the students will do construction work on a local kindergarten. The work will include doubling the size of the building, paint-

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"BOYS"	"BOYS"
10:00 A.M. THURSDAY Merkel	10:00 A.M. THURSDAY Jim Ned
2:30 P.M. FRIDAY Merkel "B"	8:30 P.M. FRIDAY C. City
1:30 P.M. SATURDAY A.C.H.S.	7:30 P.M. SATURDAY Anson
4:30 P.M. THURSDAY Anson	4:30 P.M. SATURDAY Hamlin
11:30 A.M. FRIDAY Hamlin	5:30 P.M. FRIDAY Eula
7:30 P.M. THURSDAY Eula	
"GIRLS"	"GIRLS"
11:30 A.M. THURSDAY Merkel	11:30 A.M. THURSDAY Jim Ned
1:00 P.M. FRIDAY Coleman	7:00 P.M. FRIDAY C. City
12:00 P.M. SATURDAY A.C.H.S.	6:00 P.M. SATURDAY Anson
3:00 P.M. THURSDAY Anson	3:00 P.M. SATURDAY Wylie
10:00 A.M. FRIDAY Wylie	4:00 P.M. FRIDAY Eula
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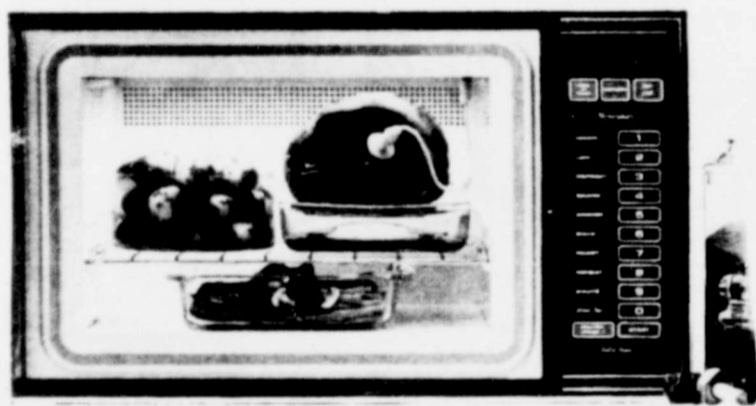
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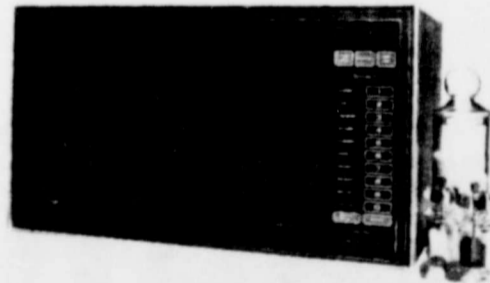
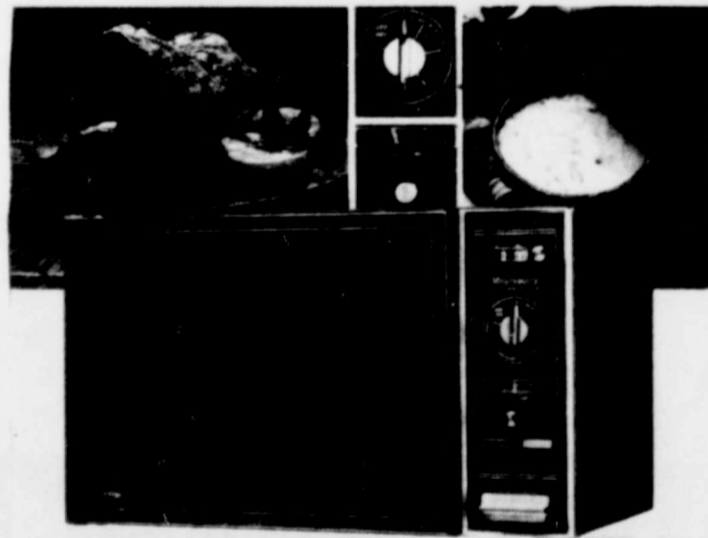
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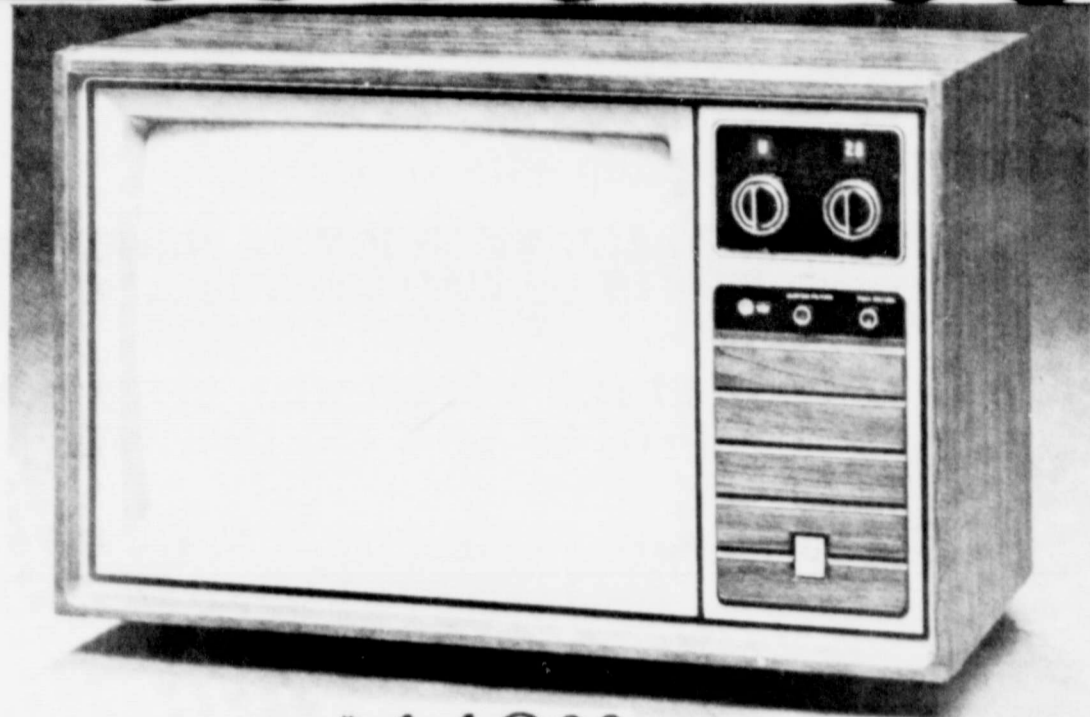
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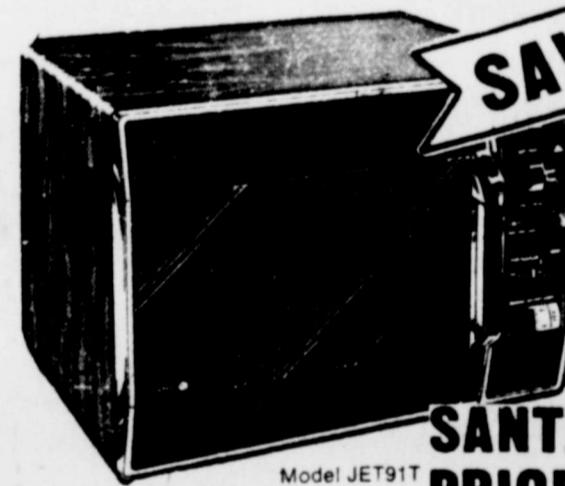
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Last weekend was Trent High School Basketball Tournament. Those that came out on top in the first four places of the boys were: 1st Roscoe, 2nd Highland, 3rd Hermeigh, 4th Rotan. In the girls those taking top honors were: 1st Rotan, 2nd Trent, 3rd Roscoe, 4th Coleman. Robbie Freeman made all tournament forward.

Then this weekend December 8, 9, 10, the Gorillas traveled over to the Hermeigh Tournament. Trent girls placed first for the second year in a row, 2nd Hobbs, 3rd Highland. The boys went on to the finals to play for third. But they were defeated. 1st Southland, 2nd Hermeigh and 3rd Highland.

Those who made all tournament for the boys was Robert Freeman. For the girls was Penny Hatfield (guard). Robbie Freeman was named "Most Valuable Player" for the second year in a row.

Basketball games for next week is Dec. 20 at 6:30, the Abilene High Eagle girls will travel to the Gorilla Gym.

F.H.A. is having a fashion show Thursday, December 15 at 7:30 in the gym. Everyone is invited to attend. The admission is free. The High School girls will model clothes they have made in class for themselves and small children. Emma's Clothes Closet in Merkel will be featuring some of her clothes that the girls will wear. We hope to see you at the Fashion Show Thursday!

There seems to be alot of Birthdays in December. I missed some last week, but here they are with a Belated Happy Birthday. Dec. 5 Billie Gregory, Roger Brenem, Dec. 6 Johnny Russell, Rod Johnson, Dec. 7 Wendy Wells, Elton Freeman, Dec. 9 Bob Campbell, Franklin Evans, Dec. 11 Jennie Griffith, Dec. 12 Elizabeth White, Dec. 14 Sandra Carriker, Dec. 15 Shane Mitchell, and Dec. 18 Mary Nance.

Edward Bulwer-Lytton's "Pelham" was the first paperback book, published in Germany in 1841.

Hospital Affiliates Owned Hospital Receive Accreditation

Hospital Affiliates International, Inc. announced today that with the recent accreditation of one of its newer facilities, 100 percent of all owned hospitals are now accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

Accreditation indicates that a facility is operating according to standards set by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals and that the facility has met these standards through an on-site survey conducted by field representatives of the Joint Commission's Hospital Accreditation Program (HAP). The standards set forth optimal achievable goals of excellence against which a facility can measure itself and be measured by the Joint Commission's survey. Organizations such as Medicare and Medicaid use the accreditation as a criterion in certification and funding determination and some insurance companies use it as a condition for reimbursement claims.

Although accreditation surveys are voluntary, Hospital Affiliates has sought accreditation for its facilities because it represents a benchmark of quality that is higher than governmental licensure alone. The chief aim of the Hospital Accreditation Program is to help hospitals in their pursuit of excellence and thereby provide higher quality care to patients.

Jack Anderson, Chairman of HAI, said, "We are pleased that 100 percent of our hospitals have met the operating standards set by the Commission. The medical and administrative staffs at each hospital have devoted themselves to achieving the Commission's standards and they can be proud of their accomplishment."

Mr. Anderson also stated that of approximately 7,000 hospitals throughout the United States, about 4,000 have been accredited. He said, "We take pride in the fact that all

our owned hospitals are included among those accredited hospitals."

Hospital Affiliates owns 25 hospitals and manages more than 55 hospitals in 23 states with an aggregate of 11,500 beds.

Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater is managed by Hospital Affiliates. The company also owns 22 other hospitals in 15 Texas Communities.

Munchy Mistletoe Menace

Mistletoe may mean the kiss of death, but only if you eat it. The berries, leaves and stems are all poisonous, the Texas Medical Association says.

The appealing white berries are most often involved in mistletoe poisoning cases. Making sure children cannot get at plant parts, even ones that drop off, can prevent many mishaps.

Symptoms of mistletoe poisoning may include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, possible stomach pain, uneven and reduced breathing, and delirium. Other symptoms are possible hallucinations, sweating, convulsions and heart collapse. The number and severity of symptoms depend on amount of mistletoe eaten, body weight, amount absorbed by the body, and other factors.

There is less chance of severe symptoms if the victim gets proper treatment immediately. A hospital or physician's office can do the best job but home treatment can help

somewhat if these facilities are not readily available. Home treatment consists mainly of making the victim vomit as soon as possible after eating mistletoe—unless the person is unconscious or is having convulsions. Do not induce vomiting under those circumstances.

Give the victim water or milk before inducing vomiting. Various methods to make a person vomit include giving syrup of ipecac (available without a prescription at many drug stores), placing a finger or spoon at the back of the victim's throat or giving two teaspoons of salt in a glass of warm water.

When vomiting is about to start, place the victim facing down with the head lower than the hips. Doing this helps avoid the possibility of getting material caught in the throat. If the victim does vomit, get medical attention anyway because further treatment may be needed.



Mr. & Mrs. Otis Davis

Mr. & Mrs. Davis to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Otis H. Davis will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday, December 18, 1977 with a reception at the Senior Citizen Building, 122 Edwards St. in Merkel from 2 to 4 p.m.

6:45 p.m. on December 22, 1927 in Sylvester. The ceremony was performed by A. D. Williams, Baptist minister, with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kaiser as witnesses.

Sylvester. They moved to Merkel in 1941 where Mr. Davis engaged in carpenter work, retiring from Dyess Civil Service in 1973.

Mr. Davis married the former Berniece Herron when they returned to

The couple lived in Central Texas until 1933 when they returned to

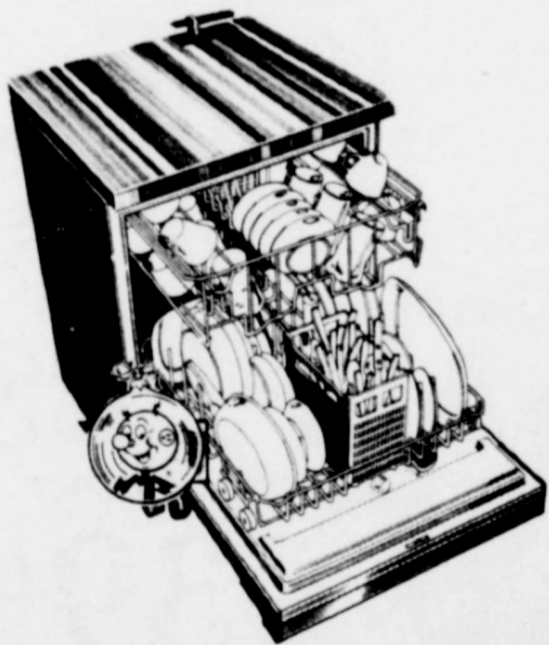
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Lambda Beta News

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The word "silly" originally meant "innocently happy."

EQUIPMENT AUCTION Sale

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16, 1977 10:30 A.M.
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- 1-Lot 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 6 in.
- 1-Chevrolet 292 Motor run 6 days since overhaul
- 1-CMC motor
- 1-Chevrolet Start & Motor, good
- 1-Chevrolet 292 Junk Motor
- 1-Lot Metal Stops
- TANKS-SPRATERS
- 2-400-gallon Fiber Glass Tanks, rigged front mount
- 1-200-gallon Fiber Glass Tank, front mount JD with 6-row booms
- 20-20 Gallon Pressure Tanks-New
- 1-200-gallon Diesel Tank with electric pump

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1-MM Cab
- 1-4x12 Electric Grain Auger (new)
- 1-3-piece Pick-up Tool Box Set
- 2-Handy Man Jacks
- 2-JD Cat. No. 2 Quick Hitches
- 7-Revs Buller Drags
- 1-Lot Used Sheet Iron
- 2-Electric Grease Guns
- 1-Lot Used Lumber
- 1-Trail Net
- 1-Lot Light 4-in. Channel Iron
- 18-Joints 2x28 Drill Stem
- 10-Joints 2x20 Pipe
- 12-Hamby 5 1/2 x 2 Shanks and Clamps
- SOME Sweeps, Shanks, Junk Iron, Parts, Chains and Miscellaneous Items

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TOMATOES 2 FOR **83c**

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CHERRIES 10 OZ JAR **55c**

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CHIPS HERSHEY'S 6 OZ DARK CHOCOLATE DROMEDARY 2 FOR **69c**

DATES AMERICAN BEAUTY INSTANT 16 OZ PKG **98c**

POTATOES SWANSON 300 CHICKEN BROTH 2 FOR **43c**

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BROTH 2 FOR **43c**

BROTH 16 OZ PKG **59c**

TIDE DETERGENT GIANT BOX **\$1.09** 1 LIMIT

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MEADOLAKE
SOFT OLEO LB TUB **49c**

HUNTS
CATSUP 32 OZ JUG **79c**

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BORDENS MILK
EAGLE BRAND 14 OZ CAN **63c**

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CHOICE BEEF CHUCK
ROAST LB **85c**

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CHOICE BEEF T-BONE
STEAK LB **\$1.89**

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TIDE DETERGENT GIANT BOX **\$1.09** 1 LIMIT

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GOOCH B.R. GERMAN STYLE
SAUSAGE PKG **95c**

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FRESH
BEEF LIVER LB **55c**

BEEF LIVER FRESH LB **55c**

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LIQUID
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