

The Merkel Library is now open and ready for your business two days a week; Wednesday 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. until noon. All donations on books will be appreciated. Call 928-5348 and books will be picked up.

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, October 12, 1978 Merkel, Texas

The Merkel Farmers Union will meet at the Taylor County Co-Op Building tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 for a business meeting. All interested persons are invited to attend.

15 Cents



Doing some high stepping to get away, Bart Pursley (20) gets airborne for a few extra yards as Rick Howes (25) seems to be pushing him on. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Merkel police make two arrests

Merkel Police Lieutenant Martin Guenther arrested a man that was later charged by Taylor County officials with auto theft on Sept. 29. The subject was driving a brown Chevrolet near the Merkel schools

and was stopped for speeding. When the subject failed to produce identification, he was transported to City Hall for identification. A check was made on the car and Taylor County authorities reported the car was stolen.

The subject was booked on three traffic violations and one count of auto theft. David Wharton of Merkel was charged in

connection with a Sept. 27 incident, that left the Farmers and Merchants National Bank with some broken windows.

One other subject and one juvenile were reportedly involved in the incident.

Badgers face Winters Fri. night

The Merkel Badgers and the Winters Blizzards will have one thing in common for their Friday contest, both teams are still smarting from their first district loss.

The Badgers fell to the favored district leaders, Coahoma and Winters lost to Stamford 35-7.

According to head football coach, Les Fisher, of the Winters Blizzards, he has a young team and he is a new coach. Fisher said he knows what 2A football is all about since he has coached in that area, but he is new to 6 2A.

Fisher said that Winters has got 106 kids in the football program at Winters from the 7th grade to varsity. He said the Blizzards are a young team and they have improved offensively each week.

Fisher said of the Badgers, that he expects a tough football game and he for one is not fooled by the Badger record of 1-3.

Fisher said, "I know Jerry McLeod real well and I know that he has a tough and at spots, big football team. I kinda feel like the Badgers have been searching for what they do best and their last two games they have played well. I know they have a tough defense because they were on the field against Coahoma most of the game and they held them to 10 points."

Fisher said the Blizzards run from a Veer

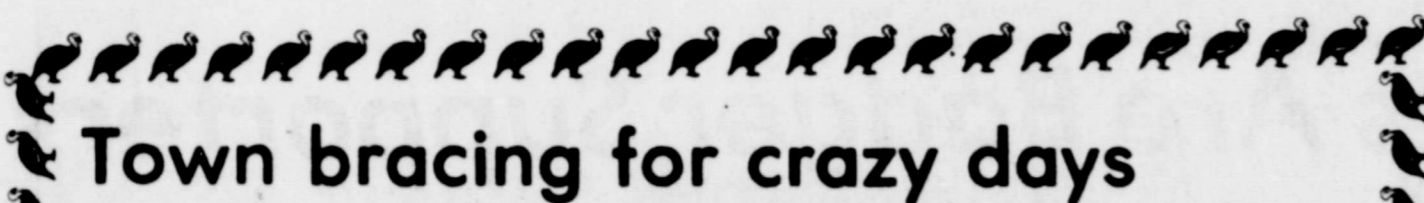
alignment in their offense and run three defensive formations including the 5-2 and 26 and 27 defensive alignment.

As far as the Badgers go, head coach Jerry McLeod said his team has been preparing well for the Winters team. McLeod said, "The Blizzards had 35 points scored on them in the second half of last week's game and 27 of them were in the final quarter. We will be going with a little different version of the Double Eagle defense, but we will still use our basic defensive set."

McLeod also said the Badgers have been trying to improve their passing attack. (In last week's game against Coahoma, the Badgers were 3 of 12 for 5 yards in the air) McLeod said, "We have been working hard on the drop back pass and we will work on that during the game as well."

The Badgers, 1-3 for the year, and 0-1 in district play will face the Blizzards, 3-1 in the year and 0-1 in district at 7:30 Friday night in Badger stadium.

The Badgers need a good turnout at the game. A team that loses one district game still has plenty of chances to win it and crowd support at the home games can be a major factor of the outcome of the game.



Town bracing for crazy days

This year's crazy days will be changed a little. The local Merchants will still be offering Crazy specials all week, but the Crazy activities will be held on two days this year.

Crazy costumes will be worn (or arrests will be made) on Friday and at the parade on Saturday.

The parade is scheduled for Oct. 28th and will be held before the PTO Carnival gets underway that night.

As usual, the Crazy Days parade will be held featuring the Merkel Crazy Marching Band. All residents are invited to use their musical talents and whatever musical instrument you can come up with and play in the band. No practice is required, just a little craziness.

At press time the only detail that has been ironed out is the appointment of Local Lunatic Benny Melton as High Sheriff, who will be crazily assisted by Robert Harris and J.A. Sadler. These local

crazies will enforce the crazy dress codes of Crazy Days.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce will again be awarding prizes to the Craziest Float, the Craziest Car, the Craziest bicycle, the Craziest band member and the Craziest horse.

That's right, the crazies will be crawling out of the woodwork and you need to mark your calendar for Merkel Crazy Days and the PTO Carnival on the 28th.

If you have any crazy urges to get even with a few local crazies, J.A. Sadler, and Merkel Mail, editor Cloy Richards have so far agreed to sit in a dunking booth. Merkel Mayor Lou David Allen is faced with a tough dilemma as he is faced with whether or not to sign an official proclamation agreeing to be dunked in the booth.

Fun merriment and craziness on the 28th, you should be there.

The Mail Bag; 70 years ago

The town that improves in religion and business at the same time is certainly a desirable place in which to live. And the Merkel Mail evidences a true love for its people when it exhorts them to "whoop 'em up both ways" that is for more religion and more business for Merkel. Keep it up. You can't have too much of either.

Things are happening every week at Trent and the Mail pleads guilty to its inability to keep posted. However, we are making some special arrangements for a news service which will be of special interest to our many readers at Trent and the Trent community.

Among our subscribers who renewed last Saturday, was Mr. W.F. Hughes, a veteran of the Civil War, who farms six miles south of Merkel on the Mulberry. There is something remarkable about the confidence of the pioneer, and this is true in the case of Mr. Hughes.

Letter to the Editor:

The first editor I heard of was a fellow who wrote up the flood. He has been here ever since.

Some editors belong to the church and some try to raise whiskers. All of them raise Cain in their neighborhood. Sometimes, the paper dies and then people feel glad, but someone starts it up again. Editors never went to school because editors don't get licked. Our paper is a mighty poor one, but we take it so Ma can use it on her pantry shelves. Our editor, don't amount to much, but Pa says he had a poor chance when a boy. He goes without underclothes in the winter, wears no socks, and has a wife to support him. Pa has not paid his subscription in five years and don't intend to.

The First State Bank will be the name of the new bank of our sister city to the West, the result of a reorganization of the Bank of Trent, the first financial institution launched in that prosperous community. The following are the officers: J.T. Warren, President; Henry James, Vice-President and L.E. Adrean, Cashier. Other stockholders G.F. West, another wealthy Merkel citizen; James Baker, a cattleman and landowner of the Trent community; W.A. Abbott, farmer and J.D. Southworth, hardware merchant at Trent.

Firemens convention here next week

The 80th Semi-Annual Mid West Texas Firemen and Firemen Marshalls Association Fire Convention will be held this Saturday in Merkel.

The convention site rotates from town to town with each new meet. The fire departments include: Anson, Bairo, Clyde, Colorado City, Hamlin, Haskell, Merkel, Roby, Rochester, Roscoe, Rotan, Snyder, Stamford, and Throckmorton.

A full day schedule of events are set for this Saturday, October 14. The itinerary is as follows: 10:00 Registration, 11:30 Ladies Luncheon, 1:00 Business meeting, 4:30 Fireman Olympics, 6:30 Bar-B-Que luncheon, and 8:00 Dance at the Lions Club.

The ladies luncheon and the evening Bar-B-Que dinner will be held at the Merkel High School Cafeteria.

Passing thoughts . . .

by Cloy A. Richards

We have tried hard to stay out of the rumor business around here, and it looks as though we are about to get in it...partially.

No one in particular comes to mind when I say this. It is a main topic of some conversations.

The subject?

Shopping in Merkel.

We will let you know how we feel about that. You may do so by writing a letter to the editor on this subject, P.O. Box 428, Merkel, Tx. 79536.

We view the Abilene Shopping market as a place to procure items we need to conduct our business at the paper. There are not a lot of local stores that carry the type of photographic equipment and supplies that are necessary to put out a newspaper these days. You may not realize it, but everything you see in the pages of this paper, except for the newsprint itself, is done by a photographic process.

We also purchase certain office supplies in Abilene and we have more office supplies than anyone in town for sale ourselves.

We also make other miscellaneous purchases there.

As far as my family goes, excluding out of town short trip spendings, we have spent every dollar for food, clothing and shelter in Merkel since

arriving here eight weeks ago. (The local market for this paper is Merkel, we also serve Trent and Tye.)

It only makes sense, in my opinion.

Sure, the local merchants will make a profit when you shop here. How do you operate without one? And even the hardest I-20 consumer will admit that you have probably used most every business establishment in town for one reason or another. So there is the need for local business.

In another area, local merchants put out a lot of cash for various civic projects and they range from a \$10,000 score board for the high school from the Farmers and Merchants National Bank to the \$5 donation for various school projects.

Not to mention the city share of state sales tax that is rebated each month, comes directly from purchasing local goods and services.

In September, the city tax rebate was two percent higher than that of last September.

My question and answer are simple. Simple arithmetic says if you only have a two percent increase in city sales tax in a 12 month period, that you have actually lost around 7 percent due to inflation.

You ain't gonna get far at that rate.

If you have got the answer, write us and let us know.



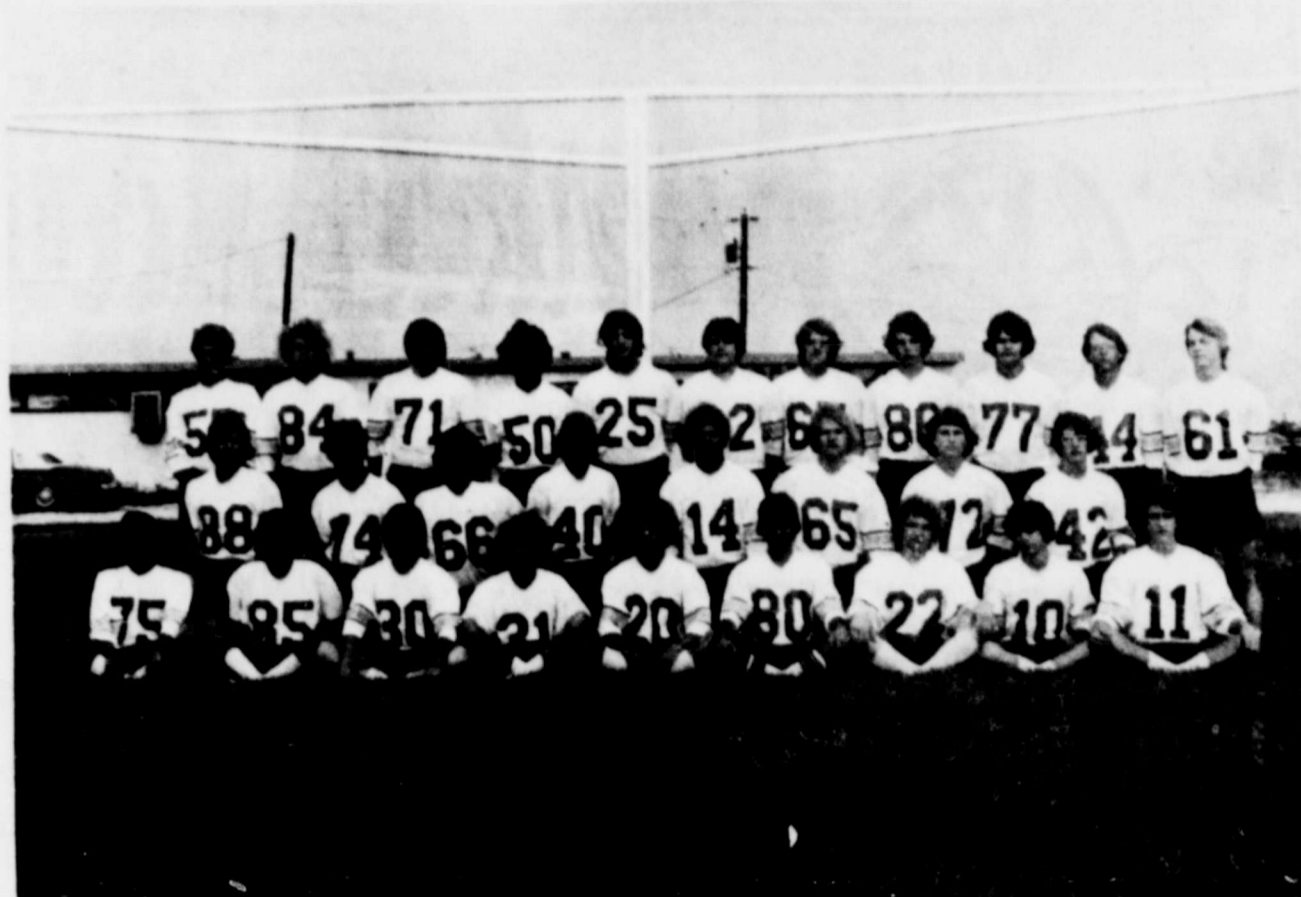
Johnnie and Waymon Adcock cut the rope at the opening on 1-20. J.A. Sadler was the Master of Ceremonies as Circle A Western Wear opened for

business last Saturday morning. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

**MERKEL BADGERS 1978
FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

Varsity

SEPTEMBER 8 AT BAIRD	8:00	0-26
SEPTEMBER 15 AT ROTAN	8:00	15-50
SEPTEMBER 22 HOMECOMING		
CLYDE	8:00	21-15
OCTOBER 6 AT COAHOMA	8:00	6-10
OCTOBER 13 WINTERS	7:30	
OCTOBER 20 AT ANSON	7:30	
OCTOBER 27 BALLINGER	7:30	
NOVEMBER 3 AT C. CITY	7:30	
NOVEMBER 10 STAMFORD	7:30	
NOVEMBER 17 WYLIE	7:30	



Rickie Howes (25), Bart Pursley (20), Keith Shields (33), Buster Brown (14), Jay Boyd (50), Mike Crouse (66), Dwayne Roysden (61), Victor Herrera (74), Jeff Jones (71), Billy Nickols (84), Mike Brady (80), Craig Hutchins (40), Rusty Watts (62), Mark Copeland (55), James Castille (67),

James Turner (86), Billy Walters (77), Brian Fariello (65), Ricky Matheson (75), Sal Acosta (85), Jerry Goode (30), Ty Nelson (31), Lee Reddin (22), Randy Martin (11).
Coaches are Jerry McLeod, Bob Patty, Douglas Guynes, Gary Bartee, and Sam Jernigan.

BEAT WINTERS

Junior Varsity

Sept. 14	AT ANSON	6:30
Sept. 21	AT CLYDE	7:00
Sept. 28	JIM NED	7:30
Oct. 12	AT WINTERS	7:30
Oct. 19	ANSON	6:30
Oct. 26	AT BALLINGER	7:30
Nov. 9	AT STAMFORD	6:30
Nov. 16	AT WYLIE	6:30

9th Grade

Sept. 14	At ANSON	5:00	22-0
Sept. 21	At CLYDE	5:30	
Oct. 12	At EASTLAND	5:30	
Oct. 19	ANSON	5:00	
Oct. 26	At BALLINGER	6:00	
Nov. 2	EASTLAND	5:30	
Nov. 9	At STAMFORD	5:00	
Nov. 16	At WYLIE	5:00	

8th Grade

Sept. 14	ANSON	6:30	6-12
Sept. 21	CLYDE	7:00	
Sept. 28	JIM NED	6:00	18-6
Oct. 12	At WINTERS	6:00	12-6
Oct. 19	At ANSON	6:30	
Oct. 26	BALLINGER	7:30	
Nov. 9	AT STAMFORD	6:30	
Nov. 16	WYLIE	6:30	

7th Grade

Sept. 14	ANSON	5:00	14-0
Sept. 21	CLYDE	5:30	
Sept. 28	JIM NED	5:00	18-0
Oct. 12	At WINTERS	5:00	22-0
Oct. 19	ANSON	5:00	
Oct. 26	BALLINGER	6:00	
Nov. 9	At STAMFORD	5:00	
Nov. 16	WYLIE	5:00	

The Following Merchants Are Badger Supporters

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TAYLOR ELECTRIC CO-OP Insulate to cut your power costs	PALMER MOTOR COMPANY PONTIAC
DUBOSE TEXACO	WYLIE TRUCK TERMINAL & RESTAURANT I-20 Open 24 hours
PUG & LEO'S FAMILY RESTAURANT Open after the game Real pit Bar B Q Open at 6 a.m. Catering	WESTERN AUTO 139 Kent 928-4727
CASTILLE'S HARDWARE & GIFTS Football season specials RCA TV big savings	Circle A Western Wear I-20
ARROW FORD OF ABILENE	"We want you to read our Mail."
CARSONS SUPERMARKET Go Badgers	
THE MERKEL COUNTRY CLUB	



Now that's good news. The Bulldogs get a penalty stepped off against them late in the 4th quarter.

But it wasn't enough as the Bulldogs won 10-6. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

The Consumer Alert



by John L. Hill
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Last year the U.S. Supreme Court gave lawyers the authority to advertise their services. Some unscrupulous individuals in various parts of the state have already taken advantage of this ruling to set up phony "legal service" operations even though they are not attorneys and not licensed to practice law in Texas.

Our Consumer Protection Division attorneys have become involved in the investigation of some of these unscrupulous operations. They say these individuals establish offices in predominantly low income areas and advertise their services in newspapers, offering such things as divorces, bankruptcy petitions, wills, and real estate transactions at very low prices ranging from \$50 to \$75. When an unknowing consumer responds to these ads he or she finds these shysters have offices that look very much like authentic law offices, with phony diplomas, law books, and legal forms of all kinds displayed.

The operators will offer to prepare wills, file divorce petitions, and conduct other transactions for consumers. If a consumer applies for a bankruptcy petition with one of these so-called "lawyers," they may even go to the extent of having the consumer swear to a false oath. Our lawyers say these individuals will go through all the "legal" motions with their client until it comes time for

the consumer to go to court. Then they will refuse to make a court appearance, telling the consumer that a "prior commitment" prevents their accompanying the client. A refusal to go to court with the local bar association or the "legal services" operation is, in fact, illegal. The consumer should immediately determine if the "legal service" operation is legitimate by checking with the Texas Supreme Court in Austin.

Here are some additional tips offered by our Consumer Protection Division lawyers on how to prevent being swindled by these operators: "When you enter the office look for a law license on the wall. Before responding to an ad, check the Yellow Pages of the telephone directory under "attorneys" to see if the firm is listed.

"Ask the person if he or she is a licensed attorney. Any answer other than "yes" should cause you to depart immediately. "If you are in need of inexpensive legal services, contact your local lawyer referral service or legal aid society in your county. If you are the victim of one of these unscrupulous "legal service" operations, contact our Consumer Protection Division in Austin, Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Lubbock, El Paso, or McAllen. If you live outside these areas, call toll-free: 1-800-252-9236.

Ray family holds Conroe reunion

Children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren honored Euel Clifford Ray on his eightieth birthday. The celebration began on his birthday, Oct. 6, 1978 and extended through Oct. 8th. The setting was the beautifully decorated lake front condominium at April Sound on Lake Conroe belonging to Loyce Ray Steele of Houston. The condominium will soon be featured in the "Houston Homes and Gardens" magazine.

Activities for the event included sailing in the "Sunfish" belonging to Miss Sheri Steele of Houston. Guests also enjoyed swimming, skiing, fishing, and tennis in the world famous Rod Laver Tennis Center.

The highlight of the event was the four feet birthday cake illuminated by 80 candles. Gifts and greetings were sent by absent family members including stepchildren, Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Morphis of Nederland, and children

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Vernon Ray of Hurst. Vernon Ray is currently recuperating from an illness in Fort Worth.

A brunch, a salad luncheon and a dinner featuring fillet mignon were served to the following guest on Saturday: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray and David of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Don Ray and Michelle of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Riley, Billy Ray and Ricky of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ray and Jaime of Nocona; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas

Pyburn, Stephen and Lonnie of Corpus Christi; Mark, Doug, and Patricia Ray of Hurst; Martha Ruth Ray of Lubbock; David Rudd of Odessa and Danny Rudd of Houston.

The host for the weekend was Randall Steele of Houston. Hostesses were Loyce Ray Steele, Sheri Steele, Mrs. Randall Steele and Peggy Ray Rudd of Houston. On Sunday the guest boarded airlines to return to their respective homes. Mr. Ray will remain in Houston for an extended visit.

Vinson present Harris certificate

Billy Vinson president of Taylor County Farm Bureau presented Robert L. Harris with a certificate he earned by attending the annual Texas Firemen's Training School held at College Station this summer. Mr. Vinson stated that Mr. Harris is one of over 1,500 volunteer firemen to have attended under the Texas Farm Bureau sponsorship during the past thirteen years. Taylor County Farm Bureau has sponsored at least one volunteer fireman from Taylor County for several years.

The state and local Farm Bureau also pays \$75.00 to fire departments for fighting rural fires on Texas farm Bureau insured property. Mr. Vinson pointed out that three checks have been presented to Hamby Fire Department and one to Abilene Firemen's Fund so far this year.

The County president said people living in the rural areas face a greater risk of loss of life and property by fire than people living in urban areas. He also stated that Taylor County Farm Bureau is

proud of the volunteer fire departments in Taylor County and is pleased that the Farm Bureau Board works with the fire department in this kind of program.

In addition to this program, Texas Farm Bureau sponsors a forty-five minute fire prevention demonstration. The demonstration can be presented to schools, civic clubs and other groups by the Texas Farm Bureau Safety Department. Any organization interested in this demonstration may contact the local Farm

Bureau office at 3141 S. 27th, Abilene or phone 692-1213.

Warren dies at 77

Claude Warren, 77, of Merkel was pronounced dead at 5:45 p.m. Monday at Hendrick Medical Center emergency room after suffering an apparent heart attack. Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born June 17, 1901, in Sweetwater, he married Essie Slough on March 15, 1924, in Snyder. They moved here in 1941, where Mr. Warren operated a furniture and upholstery business during the late 1940's and early 1950's. Mr. Warren

was a Civil Service employee at Abilene Air Force Base (now Dyess) in World War II, retiring in 1972. He was a

member and a deacon for 45 years of the First Baptist Church. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World Lodge.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, R.C. of Granbury and Joe F. of Brady; two brothers, Curtis and Gus, both of San Jose, Calif.; nine grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

A son, Maj. Tommy R. Warren, died in 1970.

Farm Bureau president says pesticide law a major farm victory

Texas Farm Bureau President Carrol Chaloupka said the newly amended pesticide law is a victory for both farmers and consumers. A bill amending the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), administered by the Environmental Protection Agency, has just been signed by President Carter. Chaloupka said the

amendments, which streamline the EPA's administration of the pesticide program, will benefit farmers and ranchers by allowing them to use pesticides with more flexibility and will benefit consumers by increasing farming efficiency.

Farm Bureau was instrumental in drafting the new amendments as a means of reducing excessive government

regulation without endangering the environment, Chaloupka said. The amended laws will return more regulation and enforcement authority to individual states, he explained.

The bill extends EPA regulatory authority of pesticides through fiscal year 1979 (September 1979). It authorizes appropriations of up to \$70 million for the year beginning October 1.

Best buys at market

Budget buys at Texas grocery markets include turkey parts, several fresh vegetables and items "on special" along grocery market aisles, according to Mrs. Gwendolyn Clyatt.

Also, more beef features are available, she says.

Mrs. Clyatt is a consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

This week's price-quality trends are the following:

POULTRY-Turkey parts are the best value. Fryer chickens are a good value—with whole birds the better value. Medium size eggs are the better egg buy.

FRESH VEGETABLES-Better than usual buys are cabbage and potatoes.

More plentiful items with more attractive prices are eggplant, broccoli, cauliflower, cooking greens and turnips. Also consider carrots, dry yellow onions, green peppers and squash.

FRESH FRUITS-Red grapes have lower prices. Also consider bananas, cantaloupe and pears, along with apples.

GROCERY MARKET AISLES-Look for special prices on processed tomatoes and tomato products, such as juices, sauces and stewed tomatoes. Other features include pastas, pork and beans, tuna fish and peanut butter.

FROZEN FOODS-Specials include meat pies, fruit and pumpkin pies, bread dough, orange and grapefruit juices and French fries.

BEEF-Features include chuck roasts and steaks, shoulder roasts, round steaks, ground beef and liver—along with ground beef with protein.

PORK-Prices are fairly stable. Consider Boston butts, smoked and fresh picnics, semi-boneless hams, loin roasts and steaks.

CONSUMER WATCHWORDS: Although milk prices are higher, milk is always an important food. Buy according to use for economy—especially nonfat dry milk for real economy.

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City installing water meters

The city has been busy installing water taps for new houses around Merkel. As J.A. Sadler puts it, "It's a continuous thing. Merkel is constantly growing." The Church of Christ also received a water tap for a new parsonage.

house also includes 30 volunteers. Waymon Adcock is the fire marshal and fire chief.

Cast Wednesday, the traffic safety council came over to visually inspect the congestion problem around the school. Merkel's proposal for 22 stop signs is being worked on by the Safety Council. Dr. Ethridge, Benny Melton, and J.A. Sadler showed the men around. Mr. Sadler said, "We're looking forward to receiving the stop signs."

The city employs 9 employees, 3 in the police department, 2 in the fire department, 3 in the sanitation department and 1 weekend dispatcher for the fire department. The fire

TUNNEL LIGHT

A light girl was terrified of tunnels. She frequently traveled on a train with her family. Every time they approached a tunnel, she would press her face against her mother the moment the train entered the tunnel and would look up only when assured they were once again out in the sunshine. A few years later, her fear completely disappeared. While driving along the Pennsylvania Turnpike, the child was thrilled as they passed through the tunnels. Her mother, remembering her former fear, asked what made the difference. The little girl replied, "Mother, I like the tunnels because they have light at both ends."

Ed Young

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"THIS IS NOT A POEM"

This is not a poem; the title told you that. And by now you realize it, but isn't it odd, How you keep on reading it? Some people are like this when it comes to the church. They realize that they hurt the church by their absence, But they just keep on missing the services.

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MONDAY-WEDNESDAY
Evening Services 7:30 p.m.

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6 NIGHTS A WEEK MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:15-12:00
SATURDAY 8:30-1:00
2074 BUTTERNUT



Things got hot the other night, when Jerry Vinsen's car caught fire as he was removing a

butane tank from it. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Smith graduates

M.B. Smith, son of Mrs. Morris Smith and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McAninch of Merkel, has been promoted to manager of the general accounting of the Enid Office of the Champlin Petroleum Company.

Smith was formerly the chief analyst in the Fort Worth Headquarters of the Champlin Firm.

Smith was graduated from McMurry College in Abilene and is a certified public accountant. He and his wife, Carole, have two children, Amanda age 7 and Mackenzie, 19 months old.

The Smiths have purchased a home in Enid and will move there shortly.

Legal Notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Billy Joe Alley,
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 State Department of Human Resources, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 23rd day of August, 1978, against Billy Joe Alley, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 1362-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Victor Eugene Alley, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Receive Temporary Child Support from the Mother. Said

child was born the 15th day of March, 1962, in Tarrence, California.

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

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 25 day of September, 1978.

Irene Crawford Clerk,
326th District Court,
Taylor County, Texas.
By Faye Lyons, Deputy.
34-4tc

Cops defended

This Letter to the Editor was taken with permission from the Hobbs Daily News in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is a column from a paper many years ago but it is still a good rebuttal to the D.W.I.

It is my opinion that the Hobbs Police Department is the finest in the state and if the lady does have proof of misconduct by one of the officers, then let her produce this proof or shut up.

Name Withheld

Dear Editor,

Don't credit me with this mongrel prose; it has many parents; at least 420,000 of them: Policemen.

A policeman is a composite of what all men are, a mingling of saint and sinner, dust and deity.

Culled statistics wave the fan over the stinkers, underscore instances of dishonesty and brutality because they are "news". What that really means is that they are exceptional, unusual, not commonplace.

Buried under the froth is the fact: Less than one-half of 1 percent of policemen misfit that uniform.

That's a better average than you'd find among clergymen.

What is a policeman made of? He, of all men, is at once the most needed and the most unwanted.

He's a strangely nameless creature who is "sir" to his face and "fuzz" behind his back.

He must be such a diplomat that he can settle differences between individuals so that each will think he won.

But.....

If the policeman is neat, he's conceited; if he's careless, he's a bum.

If he's pleasant, he's a flirt; if he's not, he's a grouch.

He must make in an instant, decisions which would require months for a lawyer.

But.....

If he hurries, he's careless; if he's deliberate, he's lazy.

He must be first to an accident and infallible with a diagnosis.

He must be able to start breathing, stop bleeding, tie splints and, above all, be sure the victim goes home without a limp.

Or expect to be sued.

The police officer must know every gun drawn on the run, and hit where it doesn't hurt.

He must be able to whip two men twice his size and half his age without damaging his uniform and without being "brutal".

If you hit him, he's a coward; if he hits you, he's a bully.

A policeman must know everything--and not tell.

He must know where all the sin is--and not partake.

The policeman must, from a single human hair, be able to describe crime, the weapon and the criminal--and tell you where the criminal is hiding.

But.....

If he catches the criminal, he's lucky; if he doesn't, he's a dunce.

If he gets promoted, he has political pull; if he doesn't, he's a dullard.

The policeman must chase bum leads to a dead end, stake out 10 nights to tag one witness who saw it happen, but refuses to remember.

He runs files and writes reports until his eyes ache, to build a case against some felons who'll get dealt out by a shameless shamus or an "Honorable" who isn't.

The policeman must be a minister, a social worker, a diplomat, a tough guy, and a gentleman.

And of course, he'll have to be a genius....

For he'll have to feed a family on a policeman's salary.

TOWER TALKS

by U.S. Senator for Texas
JOHN TOWER



Buying That Dream Home

WASHINGTON — Time was when homeownership represented a dream most every family could take for granted as an eventual reality.

Interest rates on home mortgages were low, the housing industry maintained a plentiful supply of new homes on the market from which to choose, and the average price of that new home made it an attractive and worthwhile investment for the family.

Times have changed.

Interest rates today fluctuate up and down as the Federal Reserve Board varies its monetary policies in an effort to battle higher prices. The home building industry, in reaction to changes in interest rates, slows or advances housing starts.

Meanwhile, new home costs have far outdistanced price trends overall, as well as the ability of most Americans to afford one.

The Federal Home Loan Bank Board reports that the average price of a new home in August was \$63,900, up from \$53,000 a year earlier. The interest rate for the conventional mortgage on that new home one year ago averaged 9.02%. Today it is 9.69%.

And reliable forecasts indicate no reprieve in the steady progression upward of both interest rates and new home prices.

Those forecasts mean an ever increasing number of American families will be priced out of the homeownership market unless the traditional means of paying for that home change to reflect market realities.

Congress holds the key, and already the doors for so long closed to new types of loans for individual purchasers are beginning to open.

The Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs has adopted my resolution allowing all federally chartered savings and loan associations to offer alternative forms of mortgages to homebuyers.

This should be the clear message to a reluctant Federal Home Loan Bank Board, which has the authority now to initiate such alternative instruments on its own, that Congress is behind consumers in finding ways to battle inflated prices for new homes.

Two types of alternative mortgages in particular offer real promise to potential homebuyers.

Graduated payment mortgages offer low monthly payments initially, and are designed for young families with rising incomes.

Another alternative, reverse annuity mortgages, are designed for older households and retirees who will be able to supplement their income out of the equity of their home.

The advantages of alternative mortgages in times of high inflation and high interest rates cannot be overstated. Moreover, my resolution contains a number of important consumer safeguards, including a requirement that homebuyers be given a "documented choice" between the different types of mortgages and a standard fixed-rate mortgage when buying a home.

The possibilities for buyers under such alternative mortgages are significant. The Federal Home Loan Bank Board itself has estimated that the graduated payment mortgage, alone, has the potential for increasing homeownership by up to 2.5 million households.

Inflation for too long has ruled conditions affecting the housing market, and consequently, the ability of people to buy.

Alternative forms of mortgages can help remedy the problem, and once again turn dreams into reality.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

By virtue of an Order of Sale and Execution issued out of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas upon a Judgment rendered and entered on the 29th day of August, 1978 in favor of Lowe-Heatherly Sales and Service, a Partnership vs. Bernard Watts and wife, Thelma M. Watts, Individually, and d-b-a Melody Ranch Club in Cause No. 35,831-A, in the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, I did on the 5 day of October, 1978 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. levy upon the following described land situated in Taylor County, Texas, and being all of the title and interest of Bernard Watts and wife, Thelma M. Watts in the following described tracts of land:

TRACT I: Being 0.95 acre tract of land formerly in the name of Texas Wrecking Yard and being out of a part of the B.S.&F. Survey 1, Taylor County, Texas, and being located near the Tower Drive-In on West U.S. Highway 80.

TRACT II: Being a 0.6 acre tract of land out of the B.S.&F. Survey No. 1, Taylor County, Texas, and being near the Tower Drive-In and the

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TRACT III: Being a 2.47 acre tract of land out of the B.S.&F. Survey No. 1, Taylor County, Texas, located adjacent to the Sands Bow Tract, and located near the Tye Drive In on West Highway 80.

And all of the above described tracts of land being fully described by metes and bounds, in the judgment on file in the District Clerk's office in the above styled cause, and fully and completely described by metes and bounds in the Order of Sale in the Sheriff's office Taylor County, Texas.

And on the 7th day of November, 1978, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m. on said day at the Courthouse door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash all of the right, title, and interest of the said Bernard Watts and wife, Thelma M. Watts, individually and d-b-a Melody Ranch Club in and to said property.

Dated this 5 day of October, 1978 at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

Jack Landrum
Sheriff, Taylor County
Texas
by R.P. Blackburn
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Dept. receives bids

Bids will be received October 18 by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation for the upgrading of traffic signals at several locations in Abilene.

Work will take place at intersections both on and off the state-maintained highway system, N.A. Billingsley of Abilene, the department's engineer in charge of the work, said.

The locations include intersections on Loop 355 at Oak, Leggett and

Butternut Streets at nine other locations between Pioneer Drive and Cedar Street. The project also include signals off the state highway system on Pioneer, Willis, Shelton Sayles, Grape, North First and Mockingbird Boulevard.

The work will bring traffic signals at these locations up to modern standards for safety and efficient traffic control, District Engineer Roger Welsch said.

BILL CLEMENTS WILL CUT TAXES AND GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Texas was built by men with the vision to look ahead and the grit to get things done. Bill Clements is the man to keep this tradition alive for the future of Texas.

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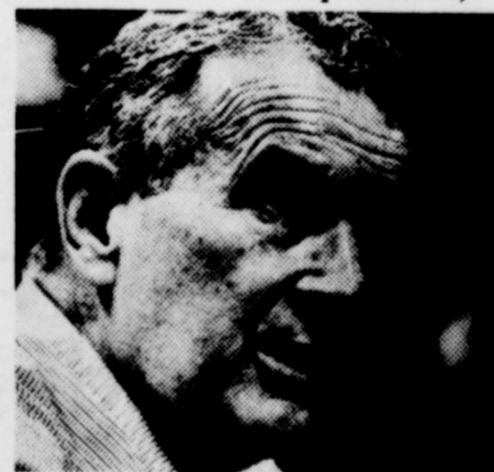
Bill Clements started with nothing and built a successful, worldwide company with hard work and the skill to manage men and money. And now Bill Clements wants to preserve the future of our state and he wants the working people of Texas to have the same opportunities he had.

With his proposed "Taxpayers' Bill of Rights," Bill Clements is committed to protecting Texans from excessive taxation and runaway government spending. He is pledged to cutting taxes and returning that money directly to the taxpayers.

As former Chairman of the Southern Methodist University Board of Governors, Bill Clements knows how to make education in Texas the best in the Nation. He's for discipline in the classroom and "back to basics" quality education.

As the son and grandson of farmers, Bill Clements knows the frustrations that an indifferent government can cause people who make their living off the land. He will use the strength of the State Government to fight burdensome Federal restrictions.

"I believe that Texas has always had more promise than problems,



but the balance is more delicate each year. We need to get to work now."

BILL CLEMENTS A GREAT GOVERNOR FOR TEXAS

At the Country Club

Tennis everyone

Saturday was official tennis day at the Country Club of Merkel. It started at 9:30 a.m. with the beginning of the first of 5 one hour long tennis clinics, that lasted until 4:30 that afternoon. 150 people received lessons in those hours by John Verde and Beau Raines, the resident pro at the Country Club, who will be teaching lessons on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays in the future.

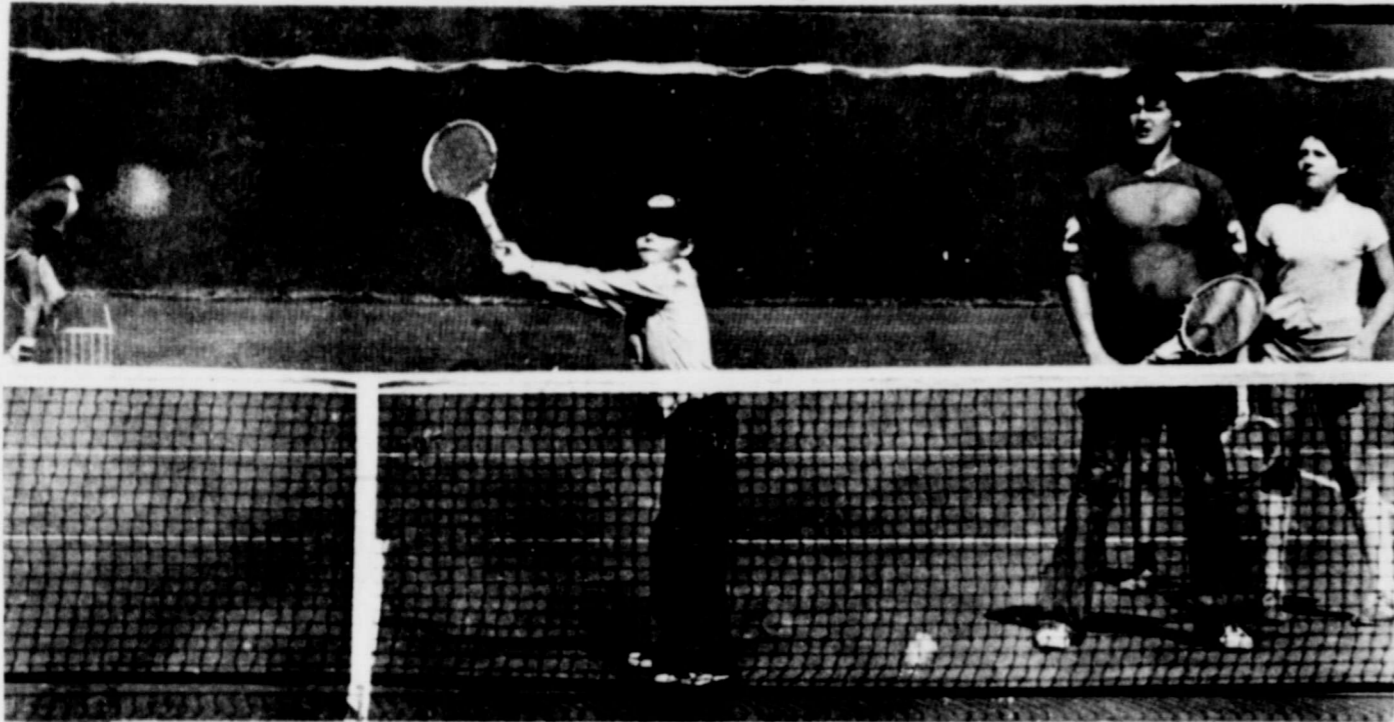
The clinics were held on the states largest outdoor tennis court. The Merkel Country Club's new tennis court will hold 3 thousand spectators. The surface is a special labykob acrylic that insures footing.

"This court is comparable to any court in the world. Even the big tennis states, don't have courts this nice," said John Verde.

The Country Club hopes to put a lot of use to the court, because of its size, it should attract some top name tennis players.

From 5:30 til 6 a demonstration was given by Randy Roger, Joe Williams, Steve Buck, and Bobby Joyrer, pros from Abilene. Then followed, a fashion sport wear show put on by the Pace Setter and the Upstairs of Abilene. And finally a steak cook out to end up the evening.

Lessons range in expense, the clinics are normally \$5.00 an hour. The tennis clinics will be separated with Mr. Verde putting them on periodically. The lessons are at the Country Club and you can call 928-5314 to make reservations on any Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. Get up and Swing a little.



"I know I'll just stick my racket out here and hope the ball hits it." Not exactly the way to do it but he's learning. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

John Verde, he'll make you a better tennis player

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 photo's and stories
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John Verde uses two ball machines in his clinic. The pace is fast and the action continuous.

"We put 150 people on our tennis court through 5 one hour sessions and guarantee everyone of them to be a better tennis player when he's finished." A guarantee put forth by John Verde.

"Tennis should be fun. It's a good form of exercise. Now we can't say you're going to be a pro, we're out to make Sunday tennis players," explained Mr. Verde.

"I've been playing tennis since I was in the 7th grade. I enjoyed and excelled in it," said Mr. Verde. Excell he did, John Verde is on the United States Tennis Association and owns the John Verde Tennis Company. The Dallas based company, has clinics in "probably almost every state in the United States."

"We guarantee every person who goes through this clinic will be a better player"

Through these clinics Mr. Verde has taught over 100,000 students.

This summer, Mr. Verde worked the opening of the M.G.M. Grand Hotel in Reno, Nevada.

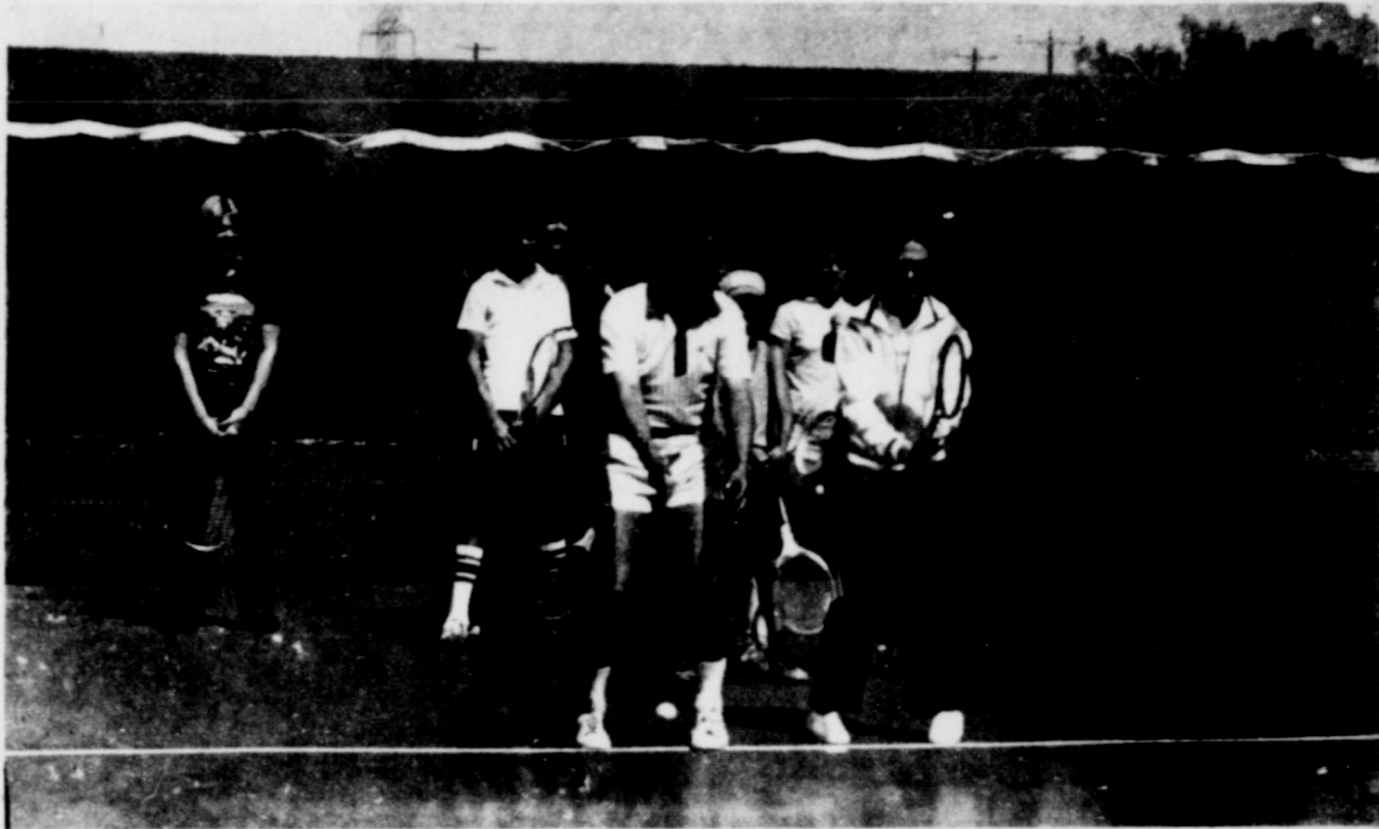
I went through Mr. Verde's clinic or a part of it. The basic hitting skills are taught. Two ball machines are used and constant instruction from the pros. The clinic is geared to any form of player from beginner to pro. You pace yourself and practice your shots. It's exercise, it's fun, and it's interesting. Besides, it really does make you a better tennis player, no matter how good or bad you start.



It's as simple as this," John Verde explains. Mr. Verde makes it look easy as he punches one back over the net.



It's a bird. It's a plane. Nope, it's just a lob hit by Mr. Verde. They almost lost it as it made its re-entry though.



The people came to see the new court and to get the instructions. 100 people attended the clinic.



At last Tennis is now available at The Country Club. Our Tennis Court has just been completed and we are offering two practice courts accompanied by ball machines in order to give you an opportunity to both play tennis and to work on your strokes.

Tennis lessons will now be offered for all members. The rates for the lessons will be: Private lessons-\$16.00 hr. Semi-Private lessons-\$13.50 hr. Group lessons (up to 4 per group)- \$10.50 hr.

The Pro Shop will soon have all tennis accessories necessary to fulfill your needs, including racquets, shoes, balls, apparel, etc.

It is our hope to start an organized tennis program at the Country Club. Our plan is to offer men's and women's doubles day, mixed doubles day and league play. Also weekly clinics for the school-age players will be offered.

Please visit the Pro Shop as we are very interested in meeting each of you and listening to your ideas on tennis at the Merkel Country Club. Beau Raines, Tennis Professional, MCC

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Trooper candidates needed

Did you ever think: "If I were that Trooper, I'd..."?

Well, here's your chance to answer that question by becoming that Trooper.

Applications are now being accepted from young men and women for the position of Trooper with the Texas Department of Public Safety. Applicants selected will be assigned to the next training school which will begin January 9, 1979.

Major Ira W. Dees, Regional Commander for the Department's 49 County West Texas Region said, "We need 120 outstanding young men and women from all races to serve the citizens of Texas."

Dees said, "Applicants must be between the ages of 20-35, weigh 2-3 1/2 pounds per inch of height, have no less than 20-40 vision corrected to 20-20, have at least 60 semester hours of college credit, be in excellent physical condition, be of good moral character and a citizen of the United States."

"The salary is \$876 per month during the 18 week training period and goes to \$1000 per month upon completion of the school," Dees said.

Uniforms, uniform cleaning, vehicles, weapons, ammunition and necessary equipment are furnished. Group life and hospitalization insurance is provided and travel expenses are paid

when the trooper is away from the home station. Vacations, holidays and sick leave are provided and troopers become members of the Texas Employees Retirement System.

After some 800 hours of intensive classroom work and rigid physical training at the Homer Garrison Jr. Law Enforcement Academy in Austin, a trooper is able to handle any of the various situations he may encounter.

Dee said, "Assignments to the Highway Patrol Service, License and Weight Service, Vehicle Inspection Service or Driver License Service are based on the individual's preferences, aptitudes, available vacancies and Department needs."

Applications can be obtained at the DPS Offices in Midland, Abilene, San Angelo, or El Paso. After completion of the application it should be turned in to one of the above offices Monday thru Friday for verification and certification.

If all is in order the applicant can be tested in El Paso, at 8:00 AM Monday thru Friday; in Abilene at 8:00 AM each Tuesday; in San Angelo at 9:00 AM each Wednesday; in Midland at 9:00 AM each Tuesday and Thursday. Applicants will be given written tests, physical capacity and physical agility tests. Those who pass these will undergo a background and character investigation as well as a physical examination.

Research Report

The Scientists Tell Me . . .

Perennial Weeds are Increasing On Texas Ranges and Pastures

By Robert L. Haney
TAES Science Writer

Droath, a common occurrence on Texas ranges, causes many insidious problems including poor plant growth, overgrazing, and changes in vegetation. One of the major problems that ranchers must cope with is the increase in brush and weeds following droath, especially where ranges and pastures were overgrazed.

Recent droath conditions and the influence of high energy costs and weed control practices appear to be causing increases in weeds on Texas ranges. Increases in several species of weeds have been noted by range scientists in recent years, according to Dr. Joseph Schuster, professor of range science with The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, and Head of the Range Science Department at Texas A&M University.

In the Trans-Pecos area, the poisonous species such as threadleaf groundsel, rayless goldenrod, twinleaf senna, broadleaf milkweed, and

broomweeds appear to be increasing in density, especially where a combination of droath and overgrazing has taken its toll on better forage species.

Common broomweed appears to have spread statewide. This unpalatable species is toxic and causes eye problems in cattle. Since it is an annual, its density in any particular year appears to be related to climatic conditions, but severe infestations have occurred in the Rolling Plains, High Plains, Edwards Plateau, Blackland Prairies, and Coastal Prairies.

Spiny aster and common aster, Drummond's goldenweed, and false broomweed are increasing in the Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains. Dense stands of these species were not common except in localized areas along the coast until the late 1960's, after Hurricane Beulah caused extensive flooding along the South Texas coast in 1967. Dense and persistent stands of the perennial goldenweeds were not common until that time.

Apparently the flooding conditions aided establishment. Once established, such peren-

nials as the unpalatable goldenweeds maintain their stands, and even increase in size and density to the exclusion of good forage species. False broomweed and camphorweed also appear on the increase in South Texas.

The perennial weeds common on the High and Rolling Plains include Western ragweed, threadleaf groundsel, Riddell's groundsel, perennial broomweed, and woolly locoweed.

Most of these weeds are always present, but their density increases under favorable climatic conditions. And most of them increase after droath and disturbances caused by brush control treatments. But only perennial broomweed, a species known to cause abortions, appears to be spreading.

Ranchers are generally not aware of the detrimental effects of weeds on forage production. For example, common broomweed has been shown to reduce forage as much as 1/2 pound for every pound of broomweed in the Rolling Plains. Forage production can often be doubled by controlling weeds.

When perennial weeds become established, they are a potential source of seed for stand increases. Their influences must be recognized and steps taken to reduce them.

The herbicides 2,4-D, 2,4,5-T, are commonly used but not uniformly or universally effective. Schuster says. Other herbicides such as dicamba and picloram are also used. New chemicals which show promise but are not yet cleared for range use are Glyphosate and tebuthiuron.

Weed control programs on rangeland and pastures should consider all alternative methods such as herbicides, mowing, plowing, or fire in a pest management system which maximizes the good points of each technique and minimizes environmental problems," Schuster concluded.

Editor's Note: Any questions regarding this column should be addressed to Science Writer, Dept. of Agricultural Communications, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.

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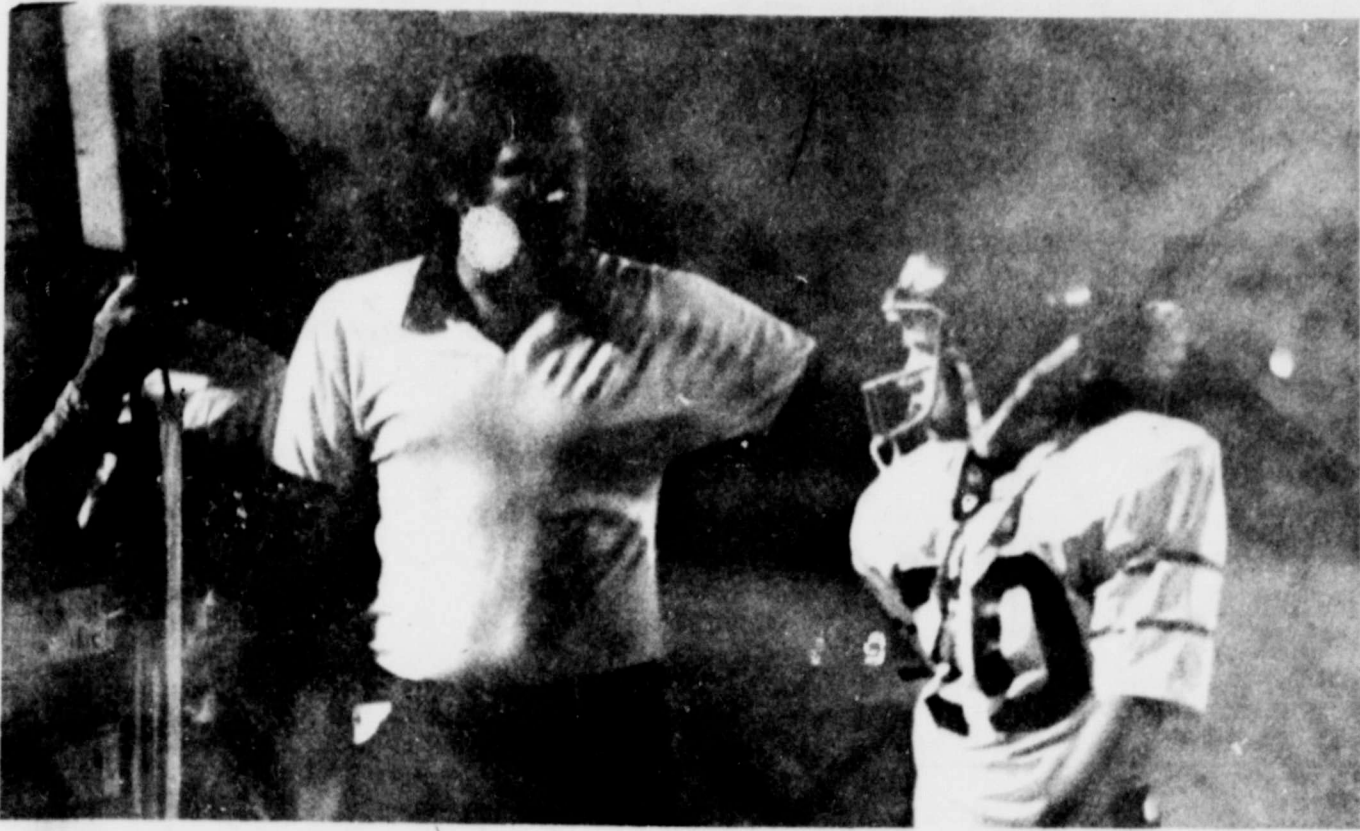
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Coach McLeod talks over strategy late in the game with Bart Pursley, Badger quarterback. The

Badgers lost their season opener to Coahoma last Friday night. (Staff photo by glenn Richards)

Badgers fall 10 - 6 to Coahoma

by glenn Richards

Turnovers and sac's helped Coahoma squeek past the Badgers 10-6 in the District 6 2A opener for the Badgers last Friday in Coahoma.

The Bulldogs recovered a Badger fumble on the opening kickoff. Failing to get a first down, the Bulldogs settled for a field goal. The kick made the score 3-0 with 4:39 left in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs drew blood again with a minute and a half left in the 2nd quarter, when Gary Page, Bulldog running back, took the handoff on a dive play and went 43 yards for the score. Page then kicked the extra point, making the score 10-0 at the end of the first half. The PAT finished the scoring for the Bulldogs with Gary Page having scored all 10 points.

The only other scoring came from the Badgers in the form of a 67 yard reverse play by running back Rick Howes with 2:16 left in the 4th quarter. Ending the scoring with the final tally of 10-6.

The Badgers had some trouble with their passing game. Coahoma sacked the quarterback 4 times for 40 yards. Bart Pursley threw 12 time completing 3 for 5 yards with 1 interception. The Badgers had a total of four turnovers, the other three coming on lost fumbles.

"The defense played a good game this week," praised Coach McLeod. The Badgers held the Coahoma team to only ten points and 23 yards passing.

Buster Brown played a real fine game this week along with Roysden and Howes," said Coach McLeod.

"We kinda got in a jam for a while, we had four starters on the sideline with minor injuries. No injuries will carry over to next week. We're all going 100 percent against Winters," said Coach McLeod. But that's another story.

FFA news and activities

by Patti Bird and Jan Melton

The chapter elected officers this week for the 78-79 school year. The president will be Chris Cox, Vice President Vernon Presswood, Secretary Ken Wells, Treasurer Taresia English, Reporter Cindy Boone, Sentinel Mark Bland. This year's Sweetheart will be Cindy Boone.

We've been working on a stock trailer since school started, trying to get it ready for the stock shows. Its almost done except for the finishing touches. Its going to be a trailer we'll all be proud of!

Last Wednesday morning at 7:30, four of our boys, along with Mr. Riley, had a radio interview. The boys were Walter Elmore, Buster Brown, Kelly Knight, and Mark Bland. They were asked questions about their project program among other things. Be sure and listen to KBGG for more interviews next Wednesday morning at 7:30.

High school recognized

Merkel High School was recognized with a certificate of re-evaluation from the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools. This certifies Merkel High School has successfully completed the program of self study and re-evaluation in accordance to the standards of the commission.

This certificate was received during the Southern Association Meeting of Schools Administrators, in which Lee Presswood, Principal-Merkel High School, and Dr. Raymond E. Etheridge, Superintendent, Merkel High School was in attendance.



It gets tough in the Trenches. The Merkel team had a hard time keeping the bulldog defense on a

leash. (Staff photo by glenn Richards)

Beauty pageant details listed

Young ladies between 13 and 18 years of age are invited to participate in the 8th Annual Miss Texas National Teen-Ager Pageant to be held at Texas Christian University, Fort

Worth, on June 1, 2, 3, 1979. State Pageants were held in participation with 35 colleges and Universities and more than \$100,000 was awarded in cash and tuition

scholarships to participants in 1978 State Pageants. For further information, please write to Mrs. Sybil Shaffer, 215 Piedmont Avenue, N.E., Post Office Box 54495,

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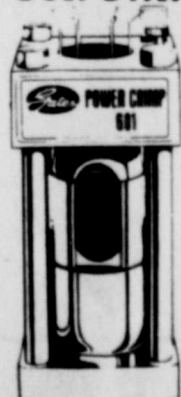


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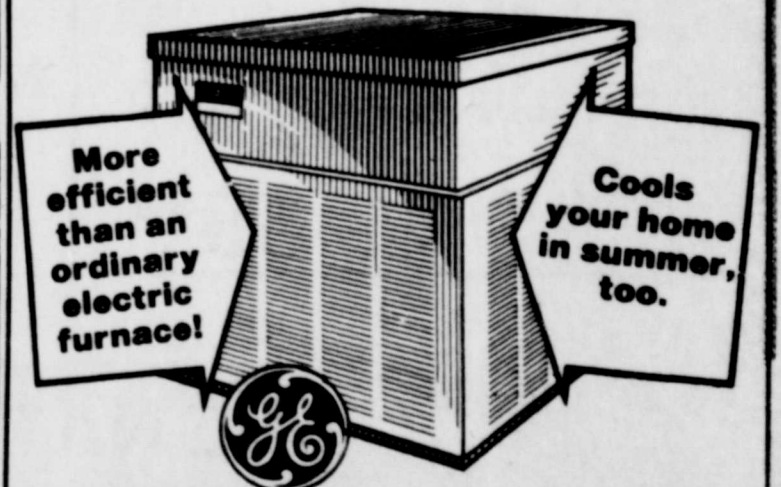
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The family of Mrs. Jessie Head would like to thank all of their friends and acquaintances for their flowers, cards, and food during their recent loss of Mrs. Head. The family would also like to thank Brother Jones and the First Baptist Church.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their visits, prayers, flowers and food I received during my recent stay in the hospital and after returning home. I would especially like to thank Rev. Allen Forbis, Rev. and Mrs. Joe Davis, Dr. Sadler, and Vivian. Mrs. A.H. Murphree

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Head dies at 80

Jessie Bell Head, 80, of Merkel died at 10 a.m. Saturday in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene following a lengthy illness. Services were held at 4 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church in Merkel with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Trent Cemetery.

Born Jan. 20, 1898, in Montague County, she moved to Merkel in 1948. She was a member of the First Baptist

Church. She married M.T. Head Nov. 4, 1919, in Stephenville.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Edgar of Abilene and Thurman of Grapevine; a daughter, Mary McKee of Merkel; seven grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Raymond, in 1945.

Nephews were the pallbearers.

Bickers dies at 52

Ala Jean Bickers, 52, of Richardson, formerly of Merkel, died Monday at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas after a brief illness. Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Restland Funeral Home in Dallas.

Born June 29, 1926, in Eastland County, she was raised and finished high school in Merkel. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She married Bill Bickers in 1947 in Abilene. He died in 1974.

Survivors include a daughter, Ann of the home; two brothers, Tillman Kingsbury of Austin and Ural Kingsbury of Cisco; two sisters, Reba Ray Warren of Granbury and Maydelle Curb of Abilene; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.S. Kingsbury of Merkel.

Lydia Club meets

The Lydia Homemakers of the First Baptist Church will have a class party Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Barbara Fowler.

The class will elect class officers and reveal secret pals.

All class members are urged to attend.

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Lon McDonald of Ackerly have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cindy to Bobby Scheihing, son of Dr. and Mrs. William C. Scheihing of Fort Worth.

The couple plan to be married Dec. 29 in the Ackerly Church of Christ.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Sands High School in Ackerly and Abilene Christian University. She is presently teaching at Divide Schools.

The groom is a graduate of Arlington Heights High School and is attending Abilene Christian University.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Bob McDonald of Merkel.

Cox visit

Mr. and Mrs. Eldwood Cox of Fort Worth spent several days at his

parents house here. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Murphree of Merkel.

Housewarming

A housewarming will be held for Mr. and Mrs. Dale Shugart, Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the second house in the Humphrey addition.

Homecoming officers

The Merkel Homecoming Association got off to an early start on the 1979 Homecoming as they announced next year's officers last week.

Alvin Wozencraft was named President for next year's activities, Bettye Conley was named Vice President, Sara Lucas was appointed Secretary - Treasurer and Judy Heston Reporter.

The association is looking into ways to

make the next homecoming more successful and are looking for suggestions. The association will also need current addresses next spring and would like people to report any changes to their address.

Place on the board of directors were former President Mike Warren, Bob Hammond and Gary Hicks.

Reynolds visit

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Watkins of Abilene were dinner guests of his grandmother, Mrs. O.J. Reynolds and Bob Sunday.

Gong Show cancelled

The planned Merkel Merchants Association

Gong Show, scheduled for later this month has been cancelled for the time being.

The association will meet later to find a date that will be more suitable.

Co-Op meets

The Callahan County Farmers Cooperative re-elected three directors at this year's annual meeting.

Douglas Fry of Cisco, Harold Holden of Clyde and W.L. Ivey of Baird were elected.

The co-op lists total assets of \$813,524.13 and has gross sales of \$2,059,991.55 for 1977.

The co-op serves farmers in Callahan, Coleman, Taylor, Jones, Shackelford, Eastland, Erath, and Palo Pinto Counties.

Malone cited

Goldia Malone of Merkel and other local residents received awards at the Taylor County 4-H Annual Awards Banquet.

Mrs. Malone received a 50 year certificate for her efforts in the 4-H program. She has served as an adult leader and in that item has held just about every job and position avail-

able. She currently serves on the horse committee. She is a past recipient of the Meritorious Award, the highest county award bestowed.

Lucile Grey of Merkel and R.L. Bland of Trent, received awards for their "outstanding contributions and support to 4-H programs."

The Key City Kiwanis Club of Abilene sponsors the annual banquet.

Clinic offered for cattlemen

A four-day clinic in artificial insemination and pregnancy testing of cattle will begin Oct. 16 in San Angelo.

Registration for the study will be at 8:30 a.m. in Dun-Bar East Motel, says Dr. Jerry J. Cowley, Texas Agricultural Extension Service livestock specialist.

The Extension Service and the Central Ohio Breeding Association (COBA) are sponsors.

The cost for participants is \$100 for studying pregnancy determination and \$125 for

studying artificial insemination.

To be eligible for the training in pregnancy determination, a participant must have had previous training in artificial insemination or be enrolled in the AI part of the Oct. 16 clinic.

About half the time will be in the field, and the other half in the classroom.

Persons may pre-register by getting in touch with COBA, Route 2, Box 363A, Tyler, Texas 75701. The telephone number is 214-595-3781.



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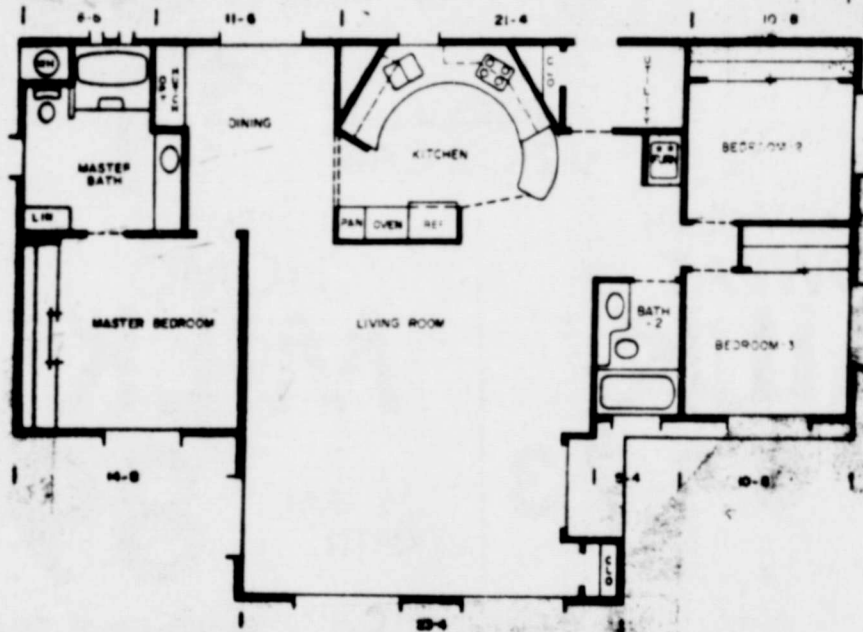
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BUTTERMILK BORDEN'S 1/2 GAL. CTN. 79¢	BORDENS ORANGE DRINK QT 69¢
ALLSUP'S ICE CREAM \$1 29 1/2 GAL. CTN.	KLEENEX 2 FOR 89¢



PRICES GOOD THURSDAY FRI & SAT
October 12, 13, 14
STORE HOURS
7:30 to 6:30
MON THRU SAT
GILLETTE GOOD NEWS RAZOR
2 PACK 39¢

IMPERIAL SUGAR 93¢
5 LB BAG
WITH \$1.00 IN TRADE OR MORE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES
HERSHEYS — FLAVORED CHOCOLATE CHIPS

HI-C
DRINK 46 OZ CAN 49¢
DEL MONTE 1 1/2 IN JUICE
PINEAPPLE 2 FOR 89¢
HUNTS 2 1/2 CAN
PEACHES 2 FOR 99¢
HUNTS 300 WHOLE
TOMATOES 2 FOR 73¢
BRUCE CUT — 303
SWEET YAMS 2 FOR 79¢
BUTTERFIELD 303 CUT
GREEN BEANS 2 FOR 59¢
VAN CAMP 300
BEANE WEENES CAN 53¢
VEG ALL 2 FOR
MIXED VEGETABLES 63¢

DEL MONTE SWEET—CHIPS
PICKLES 12 OZ JAR 63¢
FRENCH CATTLEMAN BAR—B—Q SAUCE 18 OZ JUG 69¢
KRAFTS DELUXE SLICED CHEESE 12 OZ PKG \$1.19

FROZEN FOODS
RICH WHIP TOPPING 9 OZ TUB 49¢
PEPPERIDGE FARM APPLE TURNOVER EA 69¢
SWAN'S ENTREE FRIED CHICKEN EA 53¢
V I P 16 OZ ONION RINGS PKG 69¢
PILLSBURY NO—BAKE MEADOWLAKE SOFT
PIES OLEO 53¢ LB
FOLGERS SNOWDRIFT 3 LB CAN \$1.39 1 LIMIT
CATSUP HUNTS 32 OZ JUG 65¢
SPAM HORMEL 12 OZ CAN \$1.19

SEMI-SWEET 6 OZ PKG 3 FOR 98¢
LIPTONS — ITS NEW LIGHT LUNCH ASSORTED BOX 49¢
MARINA TISSUE 4 ROLL CARTON 79¢
COFFEE 1 LB CAN \$2.29 1 LIMIT

GILLETTE DEODORANT BRONZ 3 OZ SPRAY 99¢
KEEBLER CRACKERS LB BOX 59¢

PIONEER BISCUIT MIX 2 LB 89¢

1 G DAIRY FRESH HOMO MILK GAL JUG \$1.79

1 G DAIRY FRESH LOWFAT MILK GAL JUG \$1.73
FOREMOST HOMO MILK 1/2 GAL CRTN 89¢

How About a STEAK-OUT!

CHOICE HEAVY BEEF FAMILY STEAK \$1.29 LB

ROAST CHOICE BEEF CHUCK LB \$1.19
FRYERS GRADE 'A' CUT UP WHOLE LB 69' 59¢
FRESH GROUND BEEF LB 79¢
BACON GOOCH B R POUND \$1.39
FRANKS GOOCH 12 OZ PKG 89¢
SAUSAGE GERMAN STYLE GOOCH B R PKG \$1.09
FRESH BEEF LIVER LB 79¢

HEFTY — BAGS — 5 COUNT
LAWN CLEAN-UP BOX 89¢
ALL PURPOSE SPIC & SPAN CLEANER — 28 OZ 33¢
TOP-JOB 98¢
DETERGENT OXYDOL GT BOX \$1.33 1 LIMIT

PLASTIC SIZE SUPER SIZE ZEST 2 BAR DEAL 89¢
CLEANER Mr CLEAN 28 OZ BOT 98¢

WASHINGTON APPLES DELICIOUS EX — FCY RED LB 39¢
FRESH CELLO CARROTS LB 19¢
FRESH NECTARINES LB 55¢
FRESH CABBAGE LB 15¢
TEXAS NO 1 SWEET YAMS LB 35¢
RUSSETT SPUDS 10 LB BAG 89¢

ROOM DEODORANT LYSOL 12 OZ CAN \$1.39
AIR FRESHNER TW-A FRESH BOX 59¢
SOFTNER CLING FREE SHEETS 12 CT BOX 49¢

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