

Don't Forget! The Badger Booster Club meets each Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the portable classroom no. 3 at the High School.

# The Merkel Mail

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.

November 9, 1978...Merkel, Texas

15 cents



James McShane, Lou David Allen, Truman Flowers, and Gene Bland participated in the ribbon cutting

ceremonies at the Grand Opening of the Dairy Queen here Monday morning. (Staff Photo by Melanie Richards)

## Merkel Dairy Queen opens in Monday ceremony

The Merkel Dairy Queen opened in formal ceremonies here Monday. Don Hensley, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank and Merkel Mayor Lou David Allen participated in the opening.

Merkel's first Dairy Queen restaurant opened this week as a unique turn of the century showplace, one of only four of its kind among the approximately 4,500 DQ restaurants in the United States.

Opening ceremonies for the DQ-located at the intersection of I-20 and Runnels Street-were held at 9:30 a.m. Monday (Nov. 6), with the restaurant open to the public at 10 a.m. that same day.

Gene Bland of Abilene, vice-president and director of operations for Dairy Queen of West Texas, Inc.; Truman Flowers of Abilene and Jim Marks of Big Spring, area supervisors and James McShane of Trent, manager of the new Dairy Queen, represented the DQ management at the ceremonies.

Bill Smith of Abilene, owner of Bill Smith Construction Company, builder of the restaurant, was a special guest at the opening. Smith also is the owner of the land and is leasing the property to Dairy Queen of West Texas, Inc.

The Merkel Dairy Queen is unlike most DQ restaurants in the nation. The usual plate glass window walls have been replaced with brick and glass walls, and an earthen roof covers the restaurant.

Doors designed especially for the Dairy Queen have a turn of the century look to them. Built to resemble stained glass, the doors even have a DQ

identification as part of the design.

Inside, a special attraction is an area designed like an 1890's ice cream parlor with turn of the century decor and old fashioned ice cream tables and chairs. The section is being used for Dairy Queen's soft serve cream items and includes a "Make Your Own Sundae" bar.

The main dining room, which occupies approximately two-thirds of the seating area of the restaurant, has been given an elegant, rich look through extensive use of wood. Wooden posts, all hand milled to DQ specifications, serve as dividers as well as decorations in the restaurant.

A "Make Your Own Salad" bar is featured in the dining room section. The traditional Dairy Queen menu is being served, with some innovations such as the salad bar.

A drive-through window has also been installed so that customers can place and pick up orders without leaving their cars.

Dairy Queen of West Texas, Inc., is one of four fast-food companies heading by I.B. (Barney) Chapman II of Fort Worth, the nation's largest operator of Dairy Queen restaurants. The other Chapman Fast Foods companies are Dairy Queens of Central Texas, Inc., Dairy Queen of Taylor County, Inc., and Taco Plaza of West Texas, Inc.

James L. Utley of Abilene is executive vice president and chief operating officer for Dairy Queen of West Texas, Inc., and also for Dairy Queens of Central Texas, Inc., and Taco Plaza of West Texas, Inc.

## 70 years ago; Ice, mules, lightning

### oil, girls baseball and trains

ICE! ICE! ICE! And its the genuine frozen Merkel water, home-made clear as crystal and cold as an Artic night. This is the product of the Merkel Light and Power Plant, just recently started, the latest enterprise for Merkel. The erection of a rock building 44 x 136 started January 1 was recently completed and the latest ice machinery was installed.

Felix R. Jones wants two cars of horses and mules at once. He will give you a good trade in buggies and carriages for same.

Grandpop used it for rheumatism. Dad for cuts, sprains and bruises. Manny for burns, scalds and aches. Sis for catarrh and childpains. I use it for everything, and it never disappoints any of us. It surely yanks any old pain out by the roots--Hunts

Lightning Oil-is what I am telling you about.

In order to show their appreciation of the fair sex, W.L. Barber, Joe Douglass and D.R. Thompson left their crops Wednesday to the mercy of the weeds and grass and came to town to see the St. Louis girls play ball (remember the church ladies asked Merkel people not to attend.)

The fellow who tries to attract business without advertising is like the fellow who throws his sweetheart a silent kiss in the dark. He knows what he is doing, but nobody else does.

Dr. Malcolm G. Hall of Chatanooga, Tennessee came in on the Westbound train Thursday morning to visit his cousin, S. I. Curtis and family.

## Money decisions are tough

by Cloy A. Richards

An ad in this weeks' paper reads that the Merkel Mail is raising its one year, mailed subscription price one dollar. The new rate will be \$6.50 for Taylor and surrounding counties. The new rate is \$7.25 for out of the area papers.

We feel that you deserve an explanation. Since the last subscription increase for the paper, the second mailing rates for our paper have risen approximately 58 percent. That figure necessitates the increase.

We are offering you a year at the old price if you pay before Dec. 1st. Maybe if business in general would pre-announce cost increases, citizens could better cope with inflation.

We hope that you will take advantage of the offer of the old rate for one year. Regardless of when your paper is due, we will extend your

current subscription for one year.

The first paper in December will bear a single copy price of 20 cents.

In this day of inflation, the management of the Merkel Mail hates to pass along inflation to its readers. If we are to continue to maintain an at least break even budget, direct cost increases to us must be gradually compensated.

In our defense, the current subscription rate was set more than 18 months ago and since that time, even the newspaper business has been hit with a high rate of inflation.

As an editor, it was a hard decision to reach while talking to the people on the financial side of the staff here. Editors are not notorious for their business sense.

## Police news in Merkel

by Cloy A. Richards information supplied by Leroy Austerman

Mrs. Johnny Weaver could name Merkel Patrolmen Ray Pack and Martin Guenther godfathers of her daughter born Tuesday morning in the Weaver's pickup truck with the assistance of Pack and Guenther.

The woman went into labor early Tuesday morning and summoned Merkel Police when it became apparent she would not get to the hospital on time. Pack escorted mother and child to Hendrick Medical Center.

Mrs. Weaver gave birth to a child two years ago in the back seat of a Merkel patrol car. The child was named after the patrol-

man that gave assistance.

On Monday evening, Merkel Police also responded to a disturbance call at a local business. The men, all from Brownwood, got into a fight and the Merkel Police were called to stop the incident. Merkel Police confiscated a shotgun from one of the men. Larry Gilcrease is in Taylor County Jail.

Also Monday night, the Merkel Police responded to a call from the Big Country Inn concerning the alleged theft of bed spreads and bath towels. Merkel Police Chief Leroy Austerman spotted the two persons approximately 30 minutes later and found the missing property in their back packs. Charges were

filed for theft under 5. Dwight Henry Meengs is in Taylor County Jail and Traci Baucom was released.

The Merkel Ambulance was kept a little busy last week as they responded to three ambulance calls.

One of the trips was unneeded when a man injured his leg, one of the trips went to Hendrick Medical Center and one was from Starr Nursing Home to Sweetwater.

Lucky Howard White, out on bond from a shooting three weeks ago, was arrested early last Thursday morning and charged with attempted murder by Merkel Policeman Ray Pack.

White is charged with shooting Marville Wil-

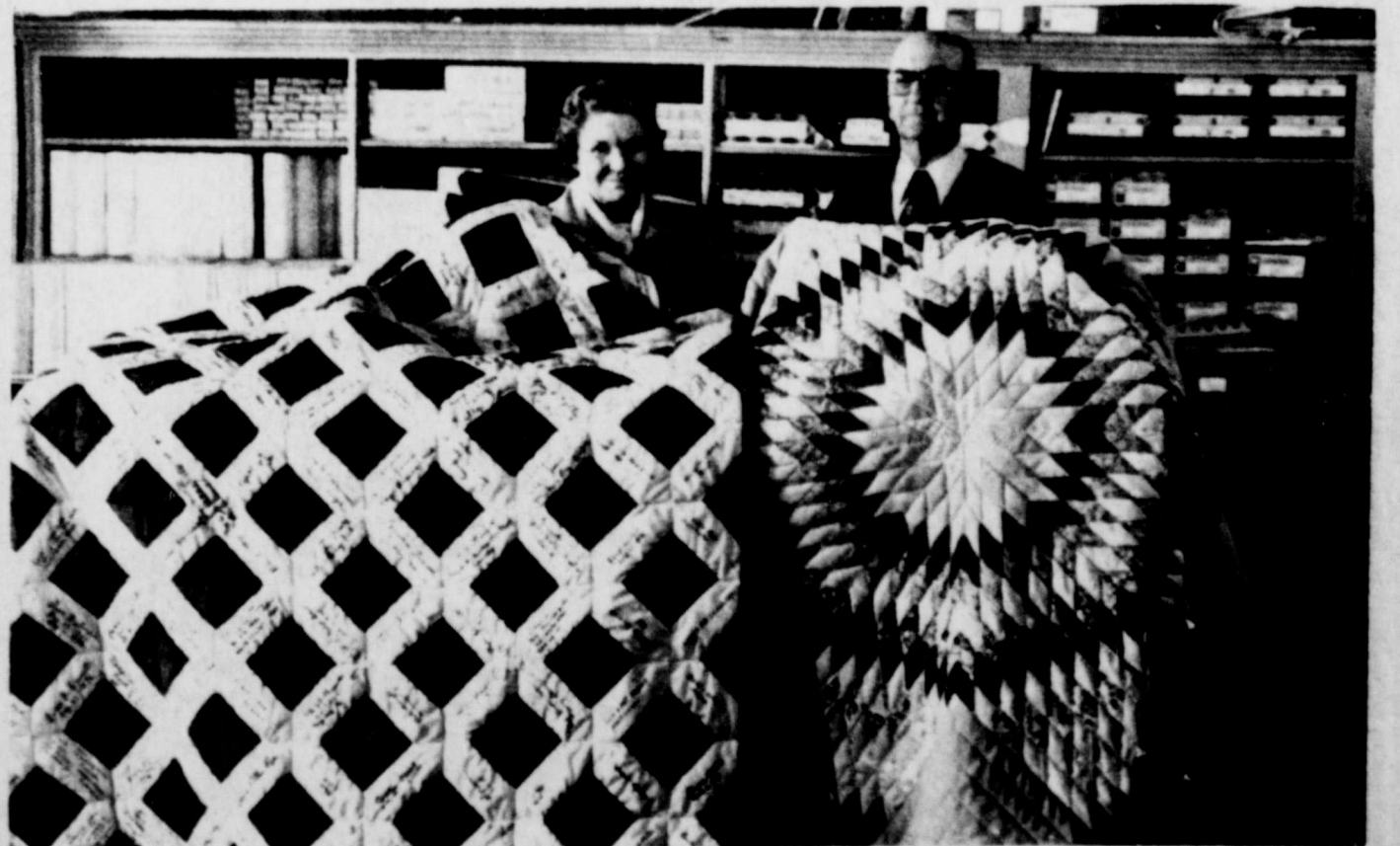
liams, who suffered lung and kidney wounds. She is in guarded condition at Hendricks Medical Center.

White was denied bond on last weeks shooting under the Article 111- Section 11 A of the Texas code that states persons charged with an offense, while under bond from a previous offense, may be denied bail.

Justice of the Peace, Henry Gunther denied bond for White.

The shooting occurred at approximately 3:30 a.m. Friday and White was arrested about three hours later by Patrolman Ray Pack.

White is currently in the Taylor County jail where he will be held until his trial in District Court in Abilene.



Mrs. Frank Brnovak and Rev. Lynward Harrison exhibit the quilt that will be auctioned to raise money for the Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church

in Mulberry Canyon. The "Lord's Acre Sale" starts after a meal at 6 p.m. on Nov. 18th. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

**Newsbriefs...**

The Senior Citizens Association of Merkel has a quilt for sale on a close bid basis. The quilt is scheduled for display at Braggs Dry Goods Store until November 14th when the sealed bids will be opened.

Money raised from the sale of the quilt will be used for operating funds at the Senior Citizens Building.

The quilt will be sold at 11 a.m., November 14th to the highest bid.

**Bookmakers to Brownwood**

The Bookmakers, the Merkel High School Library Club, sent delegates to the district Teen Age Library Association in Brownwood Saturday.

On the program was Becky Carter. Nancy Terral was appointed district historian.

A book review, workshops and business sessions were capped by a hamburger lunch.

**Farewell**

You are cordially invited to attend a farewell get together honoring Becki Pack, Thursday, Nov. 9 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Joe Gregory, 112 Cherry. Gift selections are available at Castles.

**Stith Reunion**

The Stith reunion will be the 19th of November at the Stith Community Center. There will be a catered dinner by Pug & Leo's Restaurant. They will start serving about 12:30. Everyone is invited.

**T. C. F. U. to meet**

The Taylor County Farmers Union will meet Thursday night at 7 at the Taylor County Electric Cooperative building.

The meeting is their regular monthly business meeting and an election of officers for next year is also on the agenda.

The members will also select delegates to represent the Taylor County Farmers Union at the state convention in Lubbock next January.

**Newby graduates**

Pam Newby, daughter of Margaret Newby and the late Homer Newby has her Bachelors of Science in Drama and History from the Southwest University in San Marcos. She is now working in Austin for the IAB State Industrial Insurance Accident Board.

She is a granddaughter of Lota and Will Butman of 808 Yucca and a great niece of Lottie Everett and Magie Renfro.

The Newbys lived in Merkel for many years and Pam attended the Merkel School.

Pam is at home in Austin at the La Plaz, Apt. 184C, 8220 Research Blvd. (Hy 183). She would be happy to see any of her friends when they are in Austin.

**Clark's visit**

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Clark of Girard, Kansas visited in Merkel last week in the home of his mother, Mrs. Houston Clark, with his sister, Mrs. Joe McDuff and brother, Junior Clark.

Others visiting in their home were Mr. and Mrs. M.B. Jones, Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hester and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Clark of Abilene.

In addition to the visiting, Mrs. Clark enjoyed the birthday celebration for her twins, Bernice Jones and Bernard Clark.

**Tuesday school**

The Church of Christ Tuesday school has openings.

If you are interested in sending your child, the school is for ages 3 through 5.

There is a nominal fee



Workers finish the parking lot at the Merkel Dairy Queen last week. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

charged and for more information you can call 928-5852.

**W. W. I vet dinner**

The Merkel Trent Chapter 2248 of the World War I Veterans have scheduled a covered dish luncheon to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I.

The program will get underway at 10:45 a.m. Saturday and everyone is invited. Persons attending are asked to bring a covered dish lunch for a get together.

The group meets the third Saturday of each

month for a covered dish luncheon at the Taylor Electric Co-Op Building.

**Sr. Citizens**

The Senior Citizens Musical, that was held Saturday, October 28th, was quite successful in its campaign to raise money for their building fund. There were four western bands there to entertain and from the sale of cakes, pies, sandwiches, and other goodies, they earned \$144.59. Lee and Erma Shelton of Tye donated \$100.00 to the fund. The total raised so far is estimated at \$609.59.

**Game night**

A game night has been scheduled for Nov. 11 at the Stith Community Center. The activities will get started at 6 p.m.

Hot dogs, pies, coffee and cold drinks will be served.

Games that are scheduled are bingo, dominoes, a cake walk and a fishing booth for the small fry.

The event is being sponsored by the Stith Home Demonstration

Club and is open to everyone.

**Packwoods return**

Mr. F.C. Packwood returned home from the hospital Thursday, Nov. 2nd, after a stay of about a week.

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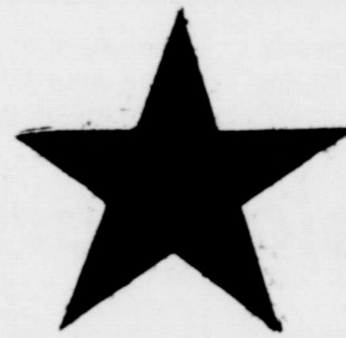
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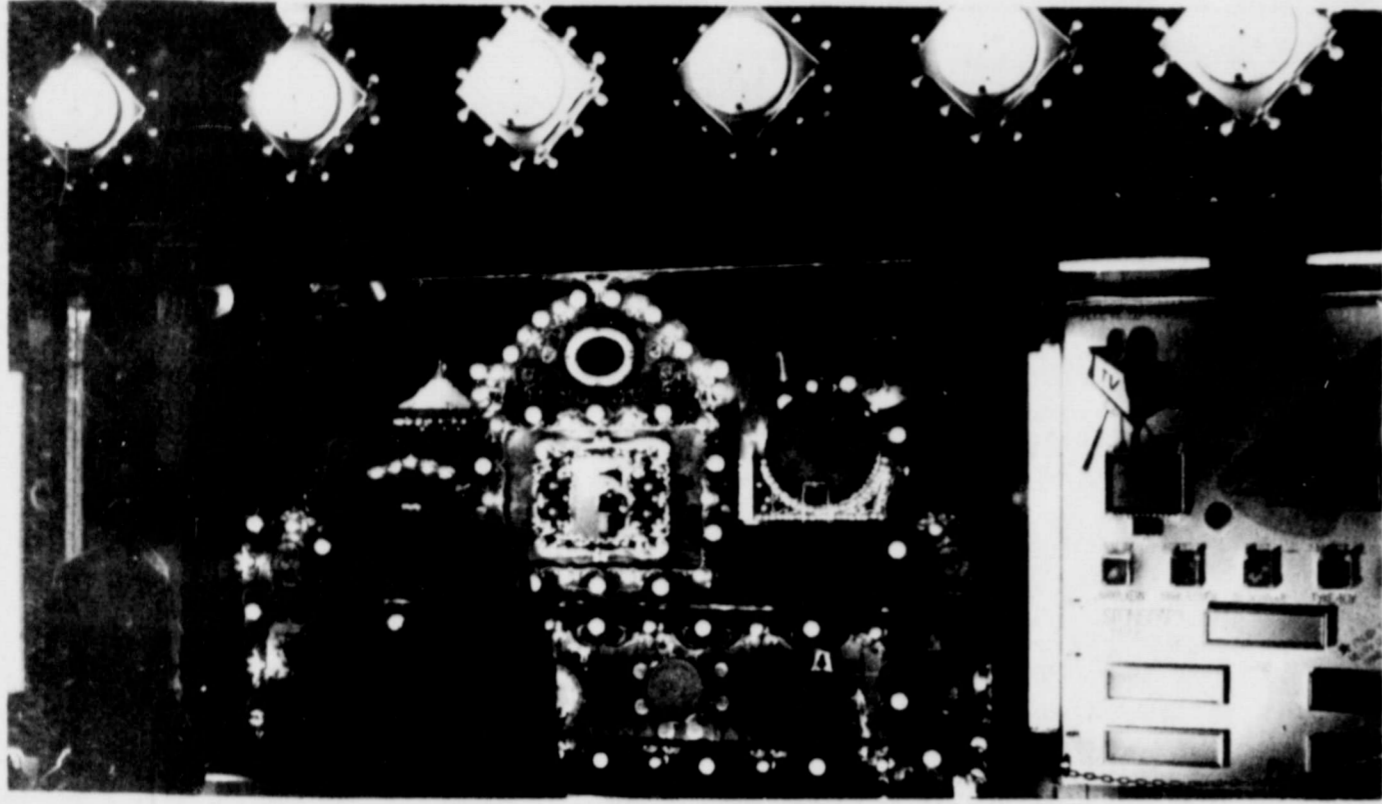
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3 years building the attraction that has been viewed more than 3 million. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

## C-City downs Badgers 21-0

The Merkel Badgers lost a 21-0 contest last Friday to the club from Colorado City, as the C-City squad kept their district record clean.

The Badgers on the statistical side of the game played pretty even with C-City but Colorado City took advantage of breaks and Badger turnovers to get the win.

Badger head coach Jerry McLeod said the main problem the Badgers had with Colorado City was the inability to stop Colorado City and their fullback up the middle. McLeod said the C-City fullback had 180 yards for an average of ten yards a carry.

Offensively, McLeod said the Badgers did "alright" moving the ball but the C-City defense always got tough when we started putting things together.

The Badgers moved the ball on the ground well. Rick Howes gained 117 rushing and Buster Brown had 70. McLeod said the C-City defense really didn't stop the Badgers, the Badgers stopped themselves through untimely penalties.

The Badgers have two remaining games this season and both games are home games. The Badgers, now 3-5 on the year have won their

three previous home games and face a tough Stamford team here Friday night.

Stamford has only suffered one loss and Colorado City beat them 3-0. McLeod said that Stamford has a very active defense and they show more offensive formation than any team the Badgers have faced this year.

Offensively, Stamford likes to throw the ball and have a quarterback that is more than capable of doing it. Quarterback Mike Cox and favorite receiver Lynn Nauret have done some damage through the air this year and the Badgers will have to shut that team down in order to win.

Defensively McLeod said that nearly every play we will set up offensively we will look at a defensive lineup. He said the Bulldogs will change sets as soon as you find a play that works and your linemen will have to be ready to block in different patterns.

The Badgers seem to be ready for the Friday night contest. McLeod said there are no injuries that will slow the team down and he expects a good hard fought game.

Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. in Badger Stadium.

## State T. F. U. meeting slated

Party prices, regulatory agencies, export markets, energy problems, and taxes are among the major issues facing farmers that will be aired at the Texas Farm Bureau's 45th annual meeting here Nov. 26-29, according to Carrol Chaloupka, TFB president.

The policy development process of the state's largest farm organization will climax with adoption of state policies for next year, Chaloupka explained. The expected 1,100 voting delegates from the 212 organized county units in Texas will also approve recommendations for national policies. These will be forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting in January in Miami Beach.

Theme for this year's convention which will be held in the Dallas Hilton and Dallas Convention Center is "Farm Bureau for Freedom and Profit."

The state farm organization has made an intensive effort to get the thinking of its producer-members on policy positions, Chaloupka said. Some 50 multi-county meetings were held around the state in the summer months to plan for maximum participation in the policy development process, he added.

In addition to taking care of policy matters, the voting delegates will elect directors from six of the 13 TFB districts and a president. The TFB Board of Directors will meet immediately following adjournment of the convention to elect a vice president and secretary treasurer from among their own number.

The business session of the convention will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, and continue until all proposed resolutions have been disposed of. The last order of business is election of

directors and the president. Chaloupka and a guest speaker yet to be announced will address the convention on Monday morning, Nov. 27. S.M. True Jr., Plainview, TFB Secretary Treasurer, will make his report that morning.

Conferences set for 1 p.m. Monday include Animal Health, Energy, Cotton, Wheat, and Feed Grains, Rice and Farm Bureau Services. Scheduled at 3:30 p.m. are conferences on Livestock, Peanuts, and Oilseeds, Research and Education, Farm Labor, Water and Dairy.

A number of activities involving young people are scheduled during the convention. The Discussion Meet and Talent Find competition will be Sunday evening in the Dallas Convention Center Theater, and the Queen Contest is set for the same theater on Monday evening.

Various recognition awards will be interspersed throughout the meeting. Awards are given each year to counties with outstanding achievements in membership, public relations, safety and services. Individual awards include the Outstanding Young Farmer and Rancher Award and the Meritorious Service to Agriculture Award.

Other individuals who will appear on the program include Warren Newberry, Waco, TFB executive director, who will make his annual administrative report at the beginning of the business session. Rev. Richard Freeman, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, Waco, will be vesper speaker Sunday evening. Ms. Bobbie Wygant, KKAS Television, Fort Worth, will speak at the Ladies Luncheon on Monday.

## Christmas parade, fair set

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce and the Merkel Merchants Associations has scheduled a Dec. 9 Merkel Christmas Fair that will include booths and a Christmas Parade.

Merchants and the Chamber are looking for any clubs and organizations that would like to set up a booth to hold sales for various fund raising events.

The activities will get underway at 10 p.m. on December 9th, and will be capped by the Christmas Parade, complete with Santa Clause at 4:30 p.m.

Those interested in setting up a booth may contact the Merkel Chamber of Commerce or may call the Merkel Mail at 928-5712.

## Airman Gage finishes basic

Airman Eithel F. Gage, son of Mrs. E.R. Simpson of Rt. 2, Trent, Tex., has been assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland AFB, Tex., the airman 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 Gage will now receive specialized training in the aircraft equipment maintenance field.

The airman attended Trent High School.

## FFA news and activities

by Patti Bird and Jan Melton

Hi! We are still working on our Parliamentary Procedure and Radio Team.

Mr. Riley finally made it back from Minnisota. He brought some good looking club calves.

Our radio team this year consist of Bart Pursley son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Pursley, Ken Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wells and Chris Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cox.

The radio team is talking on the subject of Hunting Laws.

We wish the Parliamentary Procedure and Radio team lots of luck as they go to competition next week.

## Kirk in play

Nell Kirk of Trent appeared as Irene Livingston in the Cisco Junior College production of Moss Hart's play "Light up the Sky" at Cisco Junior College last weekend.

The play revolved around some professional theater people who attended the opening of their new play off Broadway.

Miss Kirk is a graduate of Trent High School and is currently attending Cisco Junior College.

## MISD board meets

The Merkel School Board met Tuesday night and discussed a number of items.

The board heard a report from the architect firm in charge of constructing new facilities authorized in the recent bond election.

They also heard reports on construction, the selling of the bonds, procedures for accepting bids, and reports on the portable classrooms. On the school insurance program the board discussed the procedure for bids, and the different insurance programs that are available.

The board then went into executive session that was followed by a superintendents report.



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This photograph was submitted by Captain John M. White of Ponca City, Oklahoma, a military retiree, and was made at the Mt. Pleasant rural school 1909. Captain White is in the middle row, fourth from left to right. Some of the family names in the picture are as follows: Shouse, K i r b, Humphrey, Harris and Howell.

**Lone Star Rodeo to name local rodeo champion**

The Lone Star State shines high, especially in producing a tremendous crop of sports winners since the days of the Wild West. The Lone Star has been the bold symbol of this limitless vast land called Texas since the legendary last ditch stand at the Alamo. With pride as fierce as a savage warrior and as open as its never ending range, Texas has conceived a new superlative sports finals competition comparable to the World Series, the Super Bowl and the National Finals Rodeo. On November 15th through Nov. 18th at 8:00 p.m., the top Texas professional rodeo superstars will be battling it out for the First Annual Lone Star Circuit Finals championships at the Taylor County Coliseum deep in the heart of West Texas--Abilene. The circuit system was originated by several ingenuitive professional cowboys in 1975. The American states were divided into twelve

circuits. Texas covered so much western territory, it became a circuit in itself--the famous Lone Star Circuit. The circuit's system was especially designed to give some top flight cowboys, who must remain near home ground, usually because of business reasons, a chance to compete for championship titles in their own territory. The Lone Star Circuit is mightily lucky to be chucked full of World Champion cowboys and leading contenders. Nationwide rodeo stars such as Dallas's own two time World Champion Saddle Bronc Rider, Monte "Hawkeye" Henson, and Don Gay, four time World Champion Bullrider, and leading contenders like the Amarillo steer wrestler, Byron Walker and Artesia Wells team roper, Phil Lyne; bareback riders, Rusty Riddle and T.J. Walters from the Weatherford and Stephenville area; saddle bronc rider, Jim Moore from Fort Worth, not to mention the fast rising

superstar, 18 year old Bob Logue, a bareback rider from Cumby, Texas and more--many, many, more. From every knook and cranny of the Lone Star Circuit, these superstars will compete in four spine chilling, tension mounting performances on the best of Texas bucking stock. The Lone Star Circuit Finals is set up exactly like the National Finals Rodeo. The champion cowboys will vote on the top bucking stock from Texas stock contractors like Tommy and Bobby Steiner of Austin, Texas; Bradford Ivy of Fairfield, Texas; Bernis Johnson of Cleburne, Texas and Neal Gay of Mesquite, Texas. The Lone Star Circuit was the first one of the twelve circuits to drum up a finals. In the summer of 1977, Bob Crill, the Lone Star Circuit Secretary from San Angelo, Texas and Rex Bland, President from Trent, Texas approached

the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Board of Directors' Meeting in Cheyenne, Wyoming on presenting a finals. The PRCA Board of Directors needed time to install bylaws for such a big event, but Crill and Bland headed back to the Texas range and along with Rex's dad and famous rancher, R.L. Bland, herded up sponsors and formed the Lone Star Circuit Finals Committee. Jerry Conners, President of the Abilene Convention and Tourist Bureau joined forces with Dennis Templeton, Manager of the Taylor County Coliseum to become the enthusiastic co-sponsors of this gigantic snowball finals show--the Lone Star Circuit Finals. Lone Star Circuit Finals tickets at \$6.00 for box seats and \$5.00 and \$4.00 for reserved seats can be purchased at Box 5527, Abilene, Texas 79604 or call 915-677-4376.

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# Tye Times

Thursday November 9, 1978

## Tye city news and events



The Kindergarten class at Tye Elementary school has P.E. during which they are inside now due to the cool weather. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

The Volunteer Fire Department of Tye held a Musical November 4th, at the Community Center. The Fire Department holds a musical the 1st Saturday of each month to raise money not only for themselves to use in the repair of equipment and other items needed by them, but also many other worthy causes within the community. They have bought flowers to send to people in the hospital, they have donated money to a lady in need of a kidney transplant, they have given proceeds from their musical to the Tye P.T.O. and the proceeds from the musical held Saturday was donated to a man in Abilene who has throat cancer. They are not only a volunteer Fire Department, but quite a bunch of good samaritans and this community is quite blessed indeed to have them.

## Tye Elementary School news

First Grade Mrs. Reed "A Puppet Play"

We are living in a world in which verbal communication is essential. Therefore, opportunities for verbal communication must be presented to children during the school day. Dramatics is one way of encouraging speech, vocabulary development, self assurance, poise and sequential order. The children listened

intently to the story "Three Billy Goats" as I read it to them. With paper sacks, construction paper and glue in hand, they enthusiastically designed their own puppets for the purpose of putting on a play of the story they had listened to. The Children were anxious to show off the puppets they had made and to play the part of that puppet. What pleasure the child-

ren derived both while giving a performance to the class and from watching a performance being given!

Resource Room Mrs. VanWinkle

Since constant repetition and re-inforcement is the key to learning for most children in the Resource Room at Tye Elementary, we try to keep the learning activities as varied as possible so that to much

repetition does not become boring to the child. Sometimes the child may do his math with blocks on a rug or at a group table. Reading may be done sitting at the teacher's desk instead of the student desk. Although structure of the school day is necessary, variety within structure is the element necessary to teaching children with learning problems.

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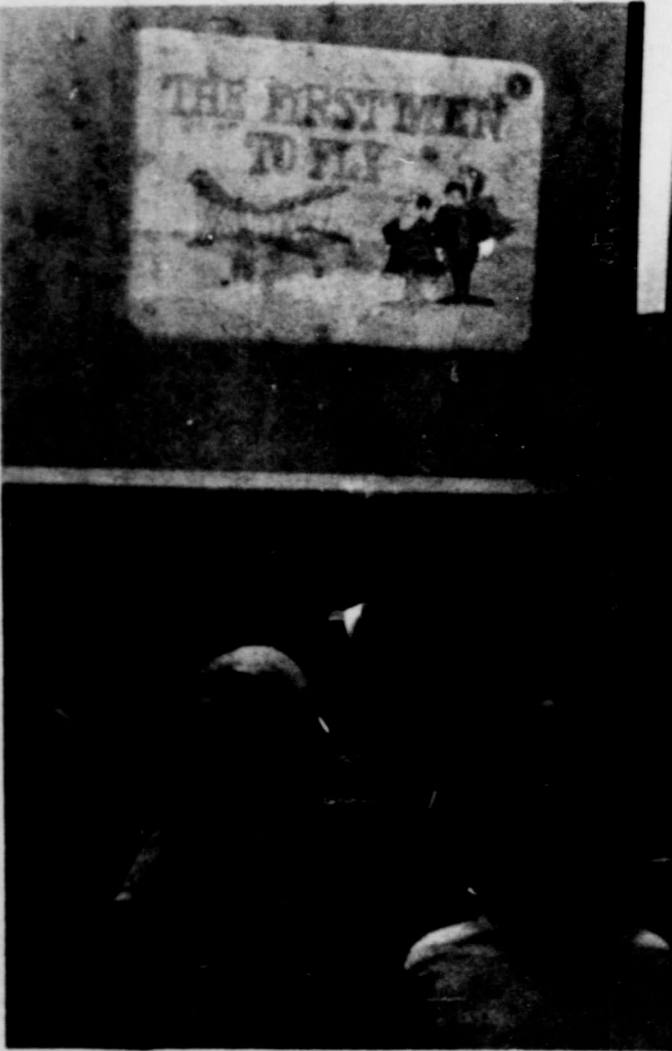
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(Staff photo by Glenn Richards)



Sitting still sure is hard work....

# TYE P. T. O. raises \$6,000

Setting high goals and then exceeding them has become a habit over the past few years for the Tye Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization.

This year the Halloween Carnival Committee set a goal of \$4,001.00 but when all money had been deposited, they had deposited \$6,000.34 for their school.

Over the past three years, the Parent Teacher Organization has raised over \$15,000.00 dollars for its school. This money has been spent on numerous projects including classroom teaching aids, new playground equipment,

one new parking lot and resurfacing another one, etc. This year the P.T.O. has already voted to buy over \$1,200.00 worth of classroom teaching aids for its classrooms and several other projects have been discussed.

Mr. Todd, principal of the Tye Elementary School, stated that while raising money for the school is very important, perhaps of more importance has been the good feeling that has been brought about within the Tye community. The Parent Teacher Organization has created an awareness of the total community needs, created a sense

of pride in its school and in their children.

Mr. Todd, principal, wishes to commend the parents for their enthusiastic participation and support in this effort, as well as all other activities they are involved in such as church, scouts, and other community non profit activities.

If the Tye Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization has had any secret for success, it is number one: they thought they could do it; number two: they had the nerve to try it; number three: they had a cause worth fighting for their children.

## Shannon Pence and Cissy Seaver win Tye P. T. O. King and Queen contest

Shannon Pence, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pence and Cissy Seaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sever, were crowned as King and Queen of the 1978-79 Tye Elementary School P.T.O. Halloween Carnival. Shannon and Cissy are in Mrs. Oke's second grade class at Tye Elementary School. Mrs. Oke's class raised \$1,223.00 for their candidates.

Shawn Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Miller and Shanna Key, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mac Key, were crowned as first

runner-up in the contest. Shawn and Shanna are in Mrs. Evans's first grade class at Tye Elementary School. Mrs. Evans's class raised \$1,186.22 for their candidates.

Dusty Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore and Kathy Corbin daughter of Sherron Corbin, were crowned second runner-up in the contest. Dusty and Kathy are in Mrs. Winter's fourth grade class at Tye Elementary School. Mrs. Winter's class raised \$562.35 for their candidates.

Other King and Queen candidates were: Third grade class, Mrs. Key teacher-Michelle Goodgon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Goodgon and Maury Oler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Oler. Fifth grade class, Mrs. Dean teacher-Stephanie Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boyd and Jerry Jordan, son of Mr. Lloyd Jordan. Kindergarten class, Mrs. Paige teacher-Christi Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore and Bob Dillon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dillon.

Second grade class, Mrs. Sloan teacher - Mary Dillon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dillon and Monty Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Griffin. First grade class, Mrs. Reed teacher-Mi Hwa Chon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pyong O. Chon and Matthew Thornton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Thornton.

Mr. Todd said, "It is an honor for any student to be selected as a candidate by the classmates and we certainly appreciate the parents who let their children take part."

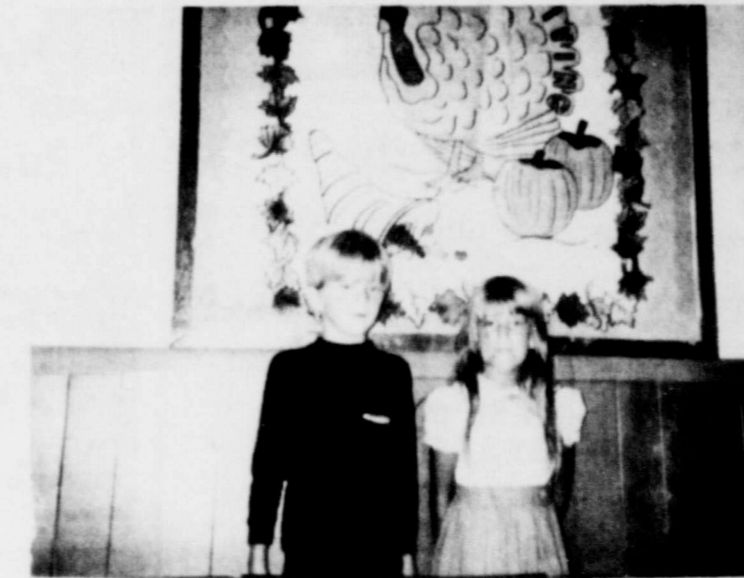


1st runner up Shawn Miller Shanna Key



2nd runner up Kathy Corbin Dusty Moore

KING



QUEEN

Winners Shannon Pence Cissy Sever



### Congratulations contestants



## Bland's well represented in Lone Star rodeo

The R.L. Bland family of Trent will have good representation at the Lone Star Circuit Finals Rodeo Nov. 15-18 at the Taylor County Coliseum. Three boys and a daughter-in-law are in the top 15 in various events and illegible to compete for a Lone Star Circuit championship. Rex Bland will be competing in the team roping in the No. 1 spot with George Cox of Del Rio. Rex is a past National Finals contestant in the steer wrestling. John Bland will be in the bull riding win which he has qualified the last 2 years for the National Finals in Oklahoma City. Steve Bland will be a contestant in calf roping, and his wife, Kay, in the barrel race. Kay has been in the National Finals 2 years, and is a past National N I R A champion. Steve is still a student at Southeastern Oklahoma University and a member of the National Champion Intercollegiate Rodeo Team. He was Rookie of the Year in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association in calf roping and steer wrestling last year. He is currently in the top twenty calf ropers in the nation.

Bryan Walker is only 20 years of age, but he is the leading steer wrestler in the Lone Star Circuit as well as nationally in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. Bryan follows his father, Bob L. Walker of Ennis, Texas, in the steer wrestling event. Bryan was a champion in the American Junior Rodeo Association and began entering professional rodeos when very young. At only 19, he made his first National Finals, and showed his capabilities while there. Bryan is not a stranger to Abilene, as he played in the state 3-A championship football game in 1976 (Ennis vs Pecos) and won, which Bryan is used to doing.

Even though Bryan comes to the Lone Star Circuit Finals in first place, he will start equal with 14 other top steer wrestlers for the Lone Star Circuit championship in the 4 perform-

ance rodeo. With his ability in performing well on all stock, look for Bryan to be on top when the points are totaled.

Donny Gay of Mesquite, Texas is a leading contender for the Lone Star Circuit Championship in bull riding at the Finals Rodeo at Taylor County Coliseum Nov. 15-18. Donny is not a stranger to the Big Country as he has participated in the West Texas Rehab Center fund raising events, and he has many fans in these parts.

Donny is an outstanding bull rider that has a knack for staying on the meanest of bulls and scoring high on the judges's books. Donny

will get a chance each performance to draw a top bull, and each performance will gain him points toward a championship. One of the top 15 contestants to compete against Donny is Randy Majors of Stephenville who tied Donny for the National title last year in Oklahoma City, but was beaten in the ride-off. Others in the bull riding are Monty Taylor of Allison, coming in the no. 1 spot, Butch Kirby, Alba., Ken Henry, Happy, Nicky Wheeler, Tyler, Eddie Rawdon, Cedar Hill, Sandy Kirby, Greenville, Mike Brady, Adkin, John Bland, Trent, Ricky Bolin, Mesquite, Art Ray, Keller, Wacey Cathey, Big Spring,

Randy Rawdon, Cedar Hill, Roy Carter, Austin.

championship ways at the Lone Star Circuit Finals Rodeo in Abilene, Nov. 15-18.

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The Trent girls basketball team lost their first game of the season as they were defeated by the Jayton Jaybirds 34-21.

Scoring for Trent included Rebecca Sipe with 10, Debbie Jackson with 6, Cheri Patterson with 3, and Leslie Masonheimer with 2.

The girls travel to Ira Thursday to play at 6 p.m. The high school game begins at 7:30. Saturday, Trent faces Johnston at Trent at 6:30.

Thursday November 9, 1978

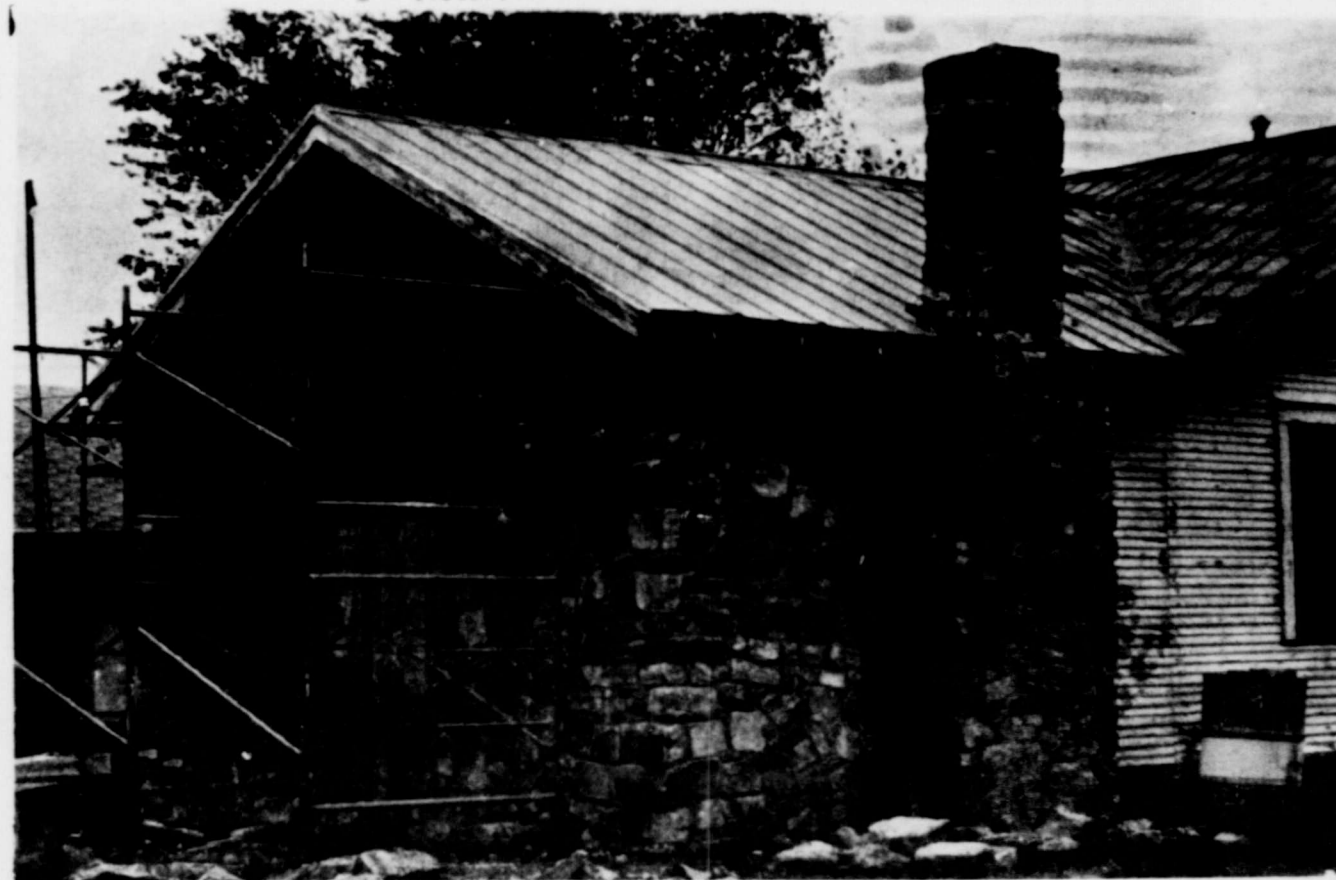
# Trent News

Call 928-5712 to report information

Rodeo

coming

When fuel and traveling expenses soared, the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association realized the necessity for change for their members. They divided the nation into circuits, and all of Texas became the Lone Star Circuit. This means that Texas Cowboys can rodeo in Texas and still have a chance to be a champion, and keep money in his pocket. Talented athletes who compete against stock as well as men can now stay close to home, run businesses, raise families, and profit from rodeo. Texas is fortunate because they have had and continue to have so many champion cowboys nationally. So the quality of contestants of the Lone Star Circuit Rodeo will be equal to national finals in Oklahoma City in December. Each event will consist of the top 15 in Texas, and even though the no. 1 contestant has won more money than the 15th man, they will all begin equal at the Lone Star Circuit Rodeo at the Taylor County Coliseum Nov. 15-18. Each contestant will appear in every performance, and each performance is a go-round. Points won in each go-round will be added together, and the champions will be named after the final performance. The stock for the rodeo is chosen from the top stock of the leading rodeo producers in Texas. Fifteen top contestants on top stock will make exciting and entertaining watching. Programs will be available for you to keep tally on all contestants and see the champions made. Tickets are available at the Taylor County Coliseum and Keyes Western Store.



This house in Trent is having a stone outer coat put on for the winter. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

## Gorillas to 7-1

The Trent Gorillas upped their season record to 7-1 with a 36-18 pounding of the Hobbs Panthers.

The Panthers came ready to play and went in to the dressing room with a 36-18 lead over the lifeless Gorillas.

Trent came back in the second half, playing like a new team and proceeding to pick the Panther defense apart.

Danny Freeman recovered a Hobbs fumble and the Gorillas drove the length of the field for

a touchdown. After that lengthy drive, the Gorillas defense came alive and did not allow the Panthers another first down during the contest.

Freshman running back Richard Beaver had an excellent rushing night as he scored two

touchdowns and raced for 120 yards in ten attempts.

The Gorillas close their 1978 football season against Ira Friday night. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. and Friday night will be fathers night at the game.

## Trent Elementary school news

The first graders at Trent Elementary will be making Indian jackets as a special Thanksgiving project. In science the first graders are learning about hot and cold temperatures.

The second graders have been turning in their read-a-thon pledges this week. They have also started exercises in "auditory discrimination" a principle involving increased comprehension and understanding of tasks and

instructions.

Johnny Nance and Bill Wiloth have been ill this week. The second graders won the spirit stick at the high school pep rally last week and the class reports being proud of that honor.

The third graders were treated with a film festival this week. Lucimasonheimer had an accident over the weekend. She was injured in an auto accident.

The children are still working hard on a class project called a Funny

Farm and on Halloween day iced cookies. The third graders created Halloween monsters by creative use of icing to form circles, squares and rectangles.

The fourth grade made puppets this week to illustrate books they have read. They are also writing short plays which will be presented at a "Puppet Show" on Friday. Last Friday, the fourth grades made and enjoyed homemade ice cream.

The fifth graders are

studying contractions in grammar and have a Thanksgiving learning center named Feather My Tail.

In their health class, the students are studying personality and each student has written something about their own personality using each letter in the alphabet.

They also reported being the only class that made a poster for the Pep Rally. The poster read "Cage the Panthers".



Veronica De La Cruz was the outstanding student of the month in the Trent Elementary School.

TRENT JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Nov. 4	Jayton (Girls)	T	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 9	Ira (Girls)	T	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 11	Jayton (Girls)	H	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 14	Ira (Girls)	H	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 27	Divide (Girls & Boys)	H	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 4	McCaulley (Girls & Boys)	T	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	Divide (Girls & Boys)	T	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	Blackwell (Girls & Boys)	H	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	Wingate (Girls & Boys)	H	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 18, 19, 20	BLACKWELL TOURNAMENT		
Jan. 22	Divide (Girls & Boys)	H	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 25, 26, 27	HIGHLAND TOURNAMENT		
Jan. 29	Blackwell (Girls & Boys)	T	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	Wingate (Girls & Boys)	T	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	Divide (Girls & Boys)	T	6:30 p.m.



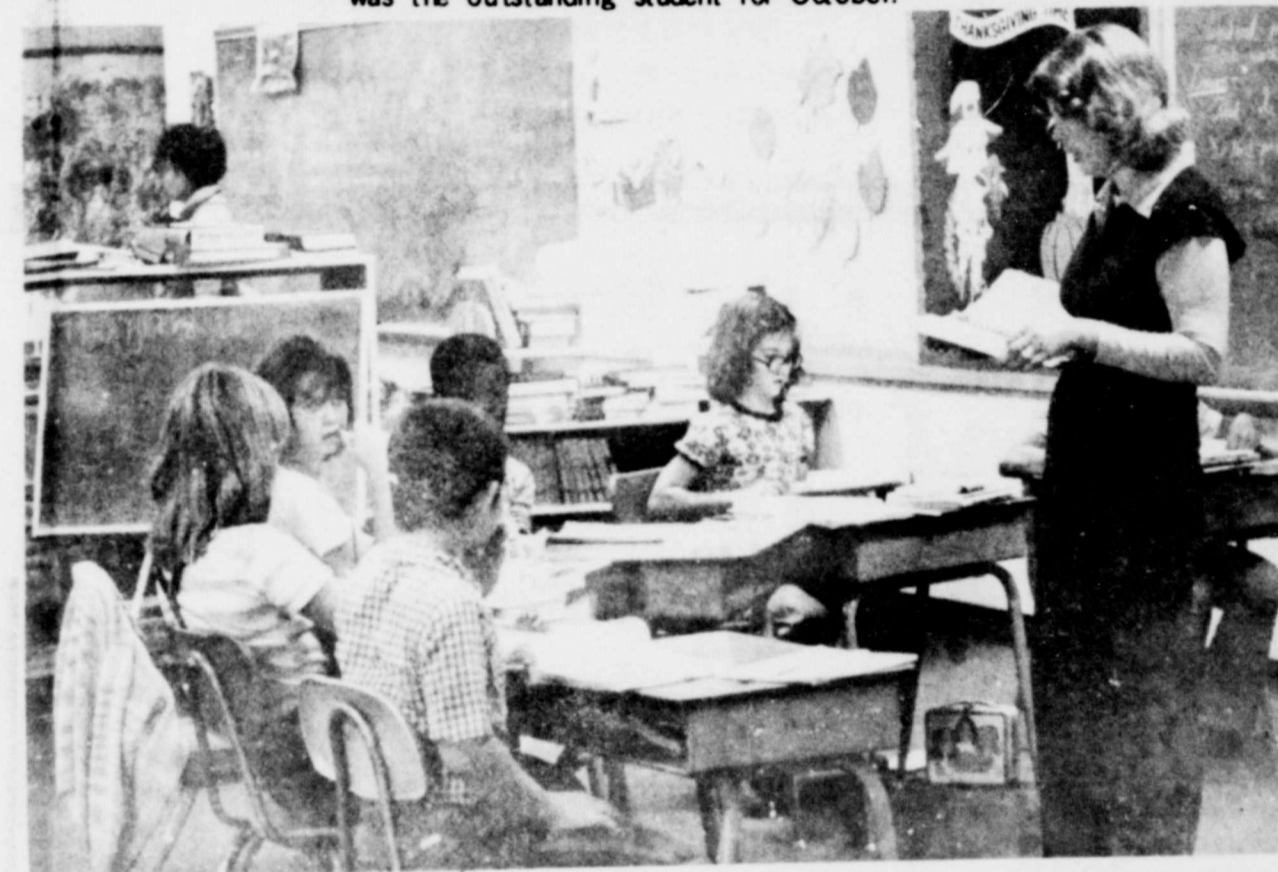
The outstanding teacher of the month of October was Joelle Brady, a math teacher at Trent Schools.



Trent Bementary has first through fifth grade in what used to be the old gym. The room is very large and the rooms are sectioned off by large bulletin boards that the students fill with projects.



In sixth through twelfth grade, Nancy Brenem was the outstanding student for October.



This years fifth grade at Trent Bementary each student receives a great deal of personal attention. With this small number, only 5 students.

TRENT HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL 1978-79					
	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TEAMS	TIME
Sat.	Nov. 4	Jayton	There	Girls (HS&JH)	6:30
Thurs.	Nov. 9	Ira	There	Girls (HS&JH)	6:00
Sat.	Nov. 11	Jayton	Here	Girls (HS&JH)	6:30
Tues.	Nov. 14	Ira	Here	Girls (HS&JH)	6:00
Sat.	Nov. 18	Abilene High	There	Girls (HS)	6:30
Tues.	Nov. 21	McCaulley	Here	Girls (HS)	7:00
Tues.	Nov. 28	Hobbs	There	Boys & Girls	7:00
Thurs-Sat.	Nov. 30-Dec. 2	TRENT TOURNAMENT		Boys & Girls	
Tues.	Dec. 5	Westbrook	There	Boys & Girls	6:30
Fri.	Dec. 8	Westbrook	Here	Boys & Girls	6:30
Tues.	Dec. 12	Hobbs	Here	Boys & Girls	6:30
Thurs-Sat.	Dec. 14-16	ROSCOE TOURNAMENT		Boys & Girls	
Tues.	Dec. 19	Abilene High	Here	Girls (HS)	6:30
Thurs-Sat.	Dec. 28-30	HAWLEY TOURNAMENT		Boys & Girls	
Tues.	Jan. 2	OPEN			
Fri.	Jan. 5	OPEN	Here	Boys & Girls	6:30
Tues.	Jan. 9	Bronte	There	Boys & Girls	6:30
Fri.	Jan. 12	Robert Lee			
Tues.	Jan. 16	OPEN	Here	Boys & Girls	6:30
Fri.	Jan. 19	Divide	There	Boys & Girls	6:30
Tues.	Jan. 23	Blackwell	There	Boys & Girls	6:30
Fri.	Jan. 26	Bronte	Here	Boys & Girls	6:30
Tues.	Jan. 30	Robert Lee	Here	Boys & Girls	6:30
Fri.	Feb. 2	OPEN	There	Boys & Girls	6:30
Tues.	Feb. 6	Divide	Here	Boys & Girls	6:30
Fri.	Feb. 9	Blackwell	Here	Boys & Girls	6:30



These students are listening to a cassette recording giving them instructions.



Lunch time at Trent Bementary brings smiling faces and hungry students into the cafeteria next to their classroom.



The new rules for girls basketball call for five men(?) full court play. Equal rights; equal running.

(Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

## Joe Wilson wins Superior Service award

William Joe Wilson of Abilene, Taylor County Extension agent, received the prestigious Texas Superior Service Award in ceremonies at Texas A&M University Friday (Oct. 27).

The award was presented during the Headquarters Staff Conference of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Wilson was cited "for excellence in developing horticultural programs for urban and rural residents resulting in increased interest and productivity in home gardens and pecans and improved landscapes in Taylor County."

In announcing the award, Dr. Daniel C. Pfannstiel, Extension Director, said Wilson has done an outstanding job in contacting the mainly urban population of Taylor County.

"With the help of the Horticulture Committee, Wilson was instrumental in directly reaching over 10,000 people with information on all phases of horticulture," Pfannstiel said.

Among Wilson's various methods to reach his audience are radio and TV programs, news articles, clinics, workshops, civic club programs and exhibits. He also contacts people directly at their home or business and in his office.

An example of his leadership was shown through his ability to help stage the first Abilene Area Pecan Show in 1976. The show included nine counties, attracting 75 nut entries and 55 food entries. Three subsequent shows in 1977 allowed over 4,000 people to observe different pecan varieties and cultural practices.

He has received the USDA 10-Year Service Award and an award from the Texas Plant Food Institute for the Outstanding Soil Fertility Program, 1974.

Wilson received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Agricultural Education from Texas A&M University.

## Look who's here

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Joe Higgins of Hamlin are parents of twin girls, Janel Lynn and Jenifer Leigh weighed 5 lbs., 9 oz. and 4 lbs., 13 oz. respectively.

The girls were born at 11:36 a.m. October 24th in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Maternal grand parents are Mrs. Adella Miller and Paul Herrera and great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rivera, all of Hamlin.

Paternal grand parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Higgins of Merkel.

## Senator Lloyd Bentsen Watching Washington

"Were we directed from Washington when to sow and when to reap," said Thomas Jefferson, "we should soon want bread."

We haven't moved quite that far down the road of government regulation, yet. But for the past 10 years we have certainly been heading rapidly in that direction.

To this point the government hasn't tried to tell the American farmer when to plant or harvest. In many instances, though, the farmer today is instructed from Washington as to what and how much he can plant.

One of my top priority projects during the 95th Congress was the struggle to cut back on over-regulation by government.

It would be premature to claim victory in that fight; we'll need a few more years before the outcome is decided. But we did win some skirmishes and we laid groundwork for continuing the battle when the 96th Congress convenes in January.

Earlier this year I presided over hearings by the Joint Economic Committee into government regulation. A study prepared for those hearings at Washington University in St. Louis revealed that regulation by the Federal Government costs consumers, taxpayers and businesses over \$102 billion a year. That amounts to \$500 for every man, woman, and child in the country.

Following the hearings I formed a task force of JEC staff members and instructed them to seek out legislative initiatives I could take to root out excessive regulation and lay it to rest.

As Incoming Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee in the new Congress I will continue the work of this task force and instruct its members to redouble their efforts.



So far I have introduced a legislative program of six separate bills in the Senate. Three of my bills were passed by the Senate this year, though only two of them received final congressional approval. The remainder will be reintroduced next year.

One of the approved bills eliminates overlapping demands made by individual federal housing agencies. In 1963, for example, the General Accounting Office recommended that the Veterans Administration and the Federal Housing Administration consolidate their property appraisal forms, but the two agencies danced around the issue for 15 years without implementing it. As a result, in 1976 some 50,000 homeowners had to pay \$75 to VA for an appraisal then turn around and pay another \$60 for an FHA appraisal. My legislation will put a stop to that kind of nonsense.

The second bill approved by Congress limits the demands made on local governments under the Comprehensive Education and Training Act. The cost of paperwork generated by CETA during 1978 is estimated as high as \$1.5 billion. My bill will significantly reduce that.

The bills I intend to reintroduce in the next Congress will make a frontal assault on the cost of federal regulation.

One of them calls on the President to reduce the cost of regulation by 25 percent over a five-year period.

Another bill would have the President seek out rules and regulations that conflict with each other, then eliminate the one that makes the least sense. I succeeded in attaching this as an amendment to the Sunset Bill this year, but that measure died in the closing hours of Congress.

The other bill would require that 16 independent regulatory agencies of the Federal Government comply with a Presidential order reforming the process under which proposed new regulations are reviewed.

Excessive government regulation fans the flames of inflation. It is one of the four or five key reasons why the cost of living keeps going up so rapidly.

Beyond that, it was simply never intended that government in this country—the land of the free—should control our lives to the extent that it does today.

The late Justice Louis D. Brandeis cut to the heart of the matter:

The makers of our Constitution...conferred, as against the government, the right to be let alone—the most comprehensive of rights and the rights most valued by civilized men.

## 4-H meets

The Merkel 4-H club will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Curley Hayes is scheduled to be the guest speaker. New member applications will be taken and all parents of junior 4-H members or potential members must be present.

Anyone interested is cordially invited to attend.

## Dean services held

Services for Lillie Mae Dean, 83, of Dallas and formerly of Merkel, who died Thursday were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

The people of the Assembly of God here in Merkel are excited and looking forward to a great revival. God is doing great things for us in our altar services. However, our scheduled revival services will begin November 26 each night except Saturday and will continue until December 10. Our Evangelist will be Rev. L.L. Ammons. He has been a full time Evangelist for over twenty years. He is a great prayer warrior and preacher of the Gospel. You will not want to miss a single service so come and invite someone to come with you.

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Merkel Elementary classrooms are decorated by the students and teachers. A seasonal tack board

adds life to the room. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

### Scouting can be a paying job

How would you like to get paid to work in Scouting? You can if you are a college graduate and meet several other conditions. A Scouting background as a volunteer or as a youth would be helpful. According to Don Knecht of Abilene, Scout Executive of the 9½ county Chisholm Trail Council, a demanding but rewarding career is available. There is a current staff vacancy in this Council (Sweetwater) and there are Councils all over America.

Contrary to what one might think, the Scout professional does not work much directly with the youth members. His job is primarily administrative, working directly through adult committees and indirectly with several hundred other adults and sponsoring institutions. His satisfaction is in the ultimate achievement of watching youth members become better citizens through the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Exploring programs. He has many night meetings as well as some weekend activities and training courses to attend. He usually spends several weeks in summer camp. Because of the time demands, the professional is encouraged to schedule defin-

ite time for his family, church, and community responsibilities. A strong dedication on the part of the Professional (and his family), and a love for people, would help insure success.

Compensation? According to Knecht, it has to be competitive and a car as well as an excellent benefit program is provided.

If anyone is interested in a Scouting career, he should call Don Knecht (B. 692-9257) (H. 698-3241).

### Services held for Paul Douglas

Services for Paul H. Douglass, 82, of Abilene and formerly of Merkel, who died Sunday, were at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Church of Christ with Jerry L. Edwards, minister of the 16th and Vine Street Church of Christ in Abilene, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born April 7, 1896, in 5th Community, north of Merkel, he married Maudie Walker on Dec. 12, 1915, in Sylvester. In 1945, the couple moved to Ruidoso, N.M., where he was in the real estate business. They came to Abilene in 1971. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife; a brother, Carl Douglass of Abilene; a sister, Nellie Ward of Munday; three grand children; and six great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Tom Jasper, Leon Scott, Joe Cypert, V.R. Justice, Don Newhouse and Warden Manley.

### Texas Oil & Gas...

### Post-Embargo Drilling Tied to Higher Prices

By H.B. (Hank) Harkins, President, Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association

In October, 1970, U.S. crude oil production peaked, then began a decline that continues today. The significance of this development never has been realized fully by the public.

Just 36 months later, it was overshadowed by another occurrence: The Middle East embargo, instituted as a political weapon by the Oil Producing and Exporting Countries (OPEC). The dramatic embargo made a lasting impression. Americans became aware that the era of domestic sufficiency of petroleum had ended, perhaps forever.

The embargo and its aftermath produced much political rhetoric. It prompted vows of American energy self-sufficiency. But, the talk has produced

no oil and gas. Five years after the embargo, this country has accomplished little toward alleviating the effects of another.

When the embargo began, U.S. production of crude oil was 9.2-million barrels a day. Today, it is 8.7-million. Domestic demand was 17.3-million barrels a day. Today, it is 19-million. Total imports amounted to 6.2-million barrels a day. 35-percent of supply. Today, imports are 7.8-million, 42-percent of supply. The OPEC portion of imports then was 15-percent. Today, it is 35.2-percent. Average gasoline consumption in 1973 was 6.7-million barrels a day. Today, it is 7.4-million. A plan to store a 90-day emergency supply of crude oil has been in effect for three years. As yet, however, there is only six days' supply.

The only statistic which improved during this period concerned drilling starts. There were 46,479 wells completed nationwide in 1977, compared with 27,602 in 1973.

One word explains this turnaround: Price. The higher prices received for newly found crude oil and for natural gas produced and sold in the same state financed the upswing in drilling. And without these additional wells, U.S. production of both oil and gas would have declined even more.

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Once kindled, creosote burns with joyous abandon. In a matter of seconds the fire spreads up through the flue creating a draft that only helps things along. At this point your average chimney fire begins to roar and howl, sending the occupants of the house running for cover.

If you run, you'll be treated to a real fire works show. As the creosote fire builds and intensifies the heat melts the mortar between the brick. The red-hot mortar actually drips into the flue, only to be caught up in the tremendous up-draft, and these little fire balls shoot out the chimney and onto the roof. If you're lucky, the chimney will fall apart destroying one end of the building—if you're not, this miniature volcano can bring the whole house down.

However, if you stand your ground, a chimney fire can be controlled. Throw rock salt on the floor of the fireplace, cover the opening with a wet blanket, call the fire department, and hope for the best. But it should be pointed out that having your chimney cleaned is a lot easier on the nerves than the rock salt and wet blanket method.

## Budget buys at Texas markets

Budget items at Texas grocery markets this week include eggs, fryer chickens, onions and potatoes; Gwendolyn Clyatt reports.

Also, low-price feature items are bananas and cheeses in some markets, 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**--Eggs are a low-price source of top-quality protein compared to many meats. Fryer chicken prices are steady with features on whole birds and parts.

**FRESH VEGETABLES**--Both onions and potatoes have low prices.

Other economical items are pumpkin, bell peppers, cooking greens and dry beans.

Varying prices--with some bargains--appear on cabbage, rutabagas, hard-shell squash, sweet potatoes, Brussels sprouts, eggplant and cauliflower. Compare prices on these before buying.

**FRESH FRUITS**--Bananas have feature prices in many markets.

Apple production is heading toward a record second-largest crop in 45 years--perhaps 11 percent over last year. Best buys are bagged apples usually.

Reasonable prices appear on pears, cranberries and grapes.

Grapefruit supplies and quality are improving weekly.

**DAIRY**--Many varieties of cheese are features in some markets.

**PORK**--Prices are still relatively high. However, the most economical cuts, generally, are Boston butt roasts, rib and loin-end roasts, quarter-loin cut into chops and liver.

**BEEF**--Prices also remain relatively high. A few markets are featuring chuck cuts of beef, sirloin steaks and liver. One economy item is ground beef with soy protein.

**HOLIDAY WATCHWORDS:** Fruitcake bakers--it isn't too early to shop for ingredients. Crop damage will make raisin prices higher probably, but prunes or dates work as well.

**CONSUMER WATCHWORDS:** Look for economy buys on "plain label" items without brand names.



Early in the week the cold weather brought out the winter coats. Winter's knocking at the door and it looks to be a cold one. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)



Miss Pat Pennick, the girls basketball coach, is looking for a good season on the courts. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

## MISD talking insurance bids

The Merkel Independent School District will receive sealed bids up to 3:00 P.M., local time, Tuesday, November 21, 1978, at the Superintendent's Office in Merkel, Texas, covering Fire and Extended Coverage

for a period of three years beginning on January 1, 1979.

Bid specifications may be obtained from the Superintendent's Office, P.O. Box 430, Merkel, Texas 79536.

## Stout graduates

Airman Keith E. Stout son of Mrs. Charlott Stout of 608 Avondale, Merkel, Tex., has graduated at Chanute AFB, Ill., from the U.S. Air Force technical training course for jet engine mechanics.

Airman Stout, now trained to inspect and repair turbojet and gas turbine engines, is being assigned to Laughlin AFB, Tex., for duty with a unit of the Air Training Command. Completion of the course earned the individual credits towards an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

The airman is a 1978 graduate of Abilene High School.

## American Education Week Nov. 12-18

The Texas State Teachers Association is urging the public to join with teachers and schools in the nationwide observance of American Education Week Nov. 12 through 18.

Many Texas public schools are expected to

offer special programs and demonstrations during the special week in keeping with the theme, "Education Can Turn Things Around."

American Education Week, observed annually since 1921, seeks to encourage local citizen support and participation in the improvement

of education.

The observance stresses the joint efforts of teachers, students, and parents to increase awareness of what schools and teachers are doing to educate children and young people.

The observance is sponsored by the Na-

tional Education Association, American Legion, National Congress of Parents and Teachers and the U.S. Office of Education.

The Texas State Teachers Association is the state affiliate of the NEA.

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## Association urges Carter to sign bill

Both consumers and cattlemen will suffer if President Carter does not sign into law the recently passed amendments to the Meat Import Act, the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association said today.

John B. Armstrong, president of the 14,000 member beef producer group, has urged the President to sign the legislation. Armstrong said that failure to do so would thwart the will of Congress and stifle the cattle industry's rebuilding of the basic herd, after four years of liquidation as a result of adverse economics.

"Cattlemen have been supporters of efforts to curb inflation," Armstrong said. "We are urging the President to sign this bill, which actually is anti-inflationary."

In support of his position, Armstrong referred to Library of Congress studies which show the import legislation would provide stability benefiting both the public and the cattle industry. The amendments would help assure more dependable supplies of quality beef at reasonable prices for U.S. consumers.

The new legislation includes a counter cyclical import quota formula, under which imports will increase when domestic beef output declines cyclically, and will decrease when U.S. beef production becomes excessive. The legislation also defines more precisely the circumstances under which the President may increase meat imports beyond quota levels.

"We are already dependent on other countries for our oil supplies," Armstrong said. "The last thing we want to do is become dependent on foreign meats as well. Failure to make this new bill law eventually can have that effect."

The bill (HR 11545) was passed by substantial majorities in both houses of Congress in mid-October. Cattlemen are concerned that critics are making last-ditch efforts to head off the legislation by putting pressure on the President to exercise his veto.

The critics claim the legislation will reduce imports and raise prices to consumers. But cattlemen, backed up by independent studies, say the exact opposite is true.

"Over the 10 year cattle cycle, total imports would not be reduced," Armstrong said. "In fact, during the next few years, when domestic beef output will be decreasing cyclically, imports will increase helping to moderate prices to consumers."

"Later, as part of the cycle in an agricultural business like ours, U.S. beef production will likely become burdensome again. At that time, imports will be decreased. The supply and price stability which will result from HR 11545 will benefit consumers as well as cattlemen."

Armstrong said that criticism of the bill by foreign nations was to be expected. "What these foreign critics fail to mention is that we already import more beef, by far, than any other nation. In fact, our imports account for 30 per cent of all beef involved in world trade. Under our import law, we guarantee beef exporting nations a substantial share of our market, year after year."

"On the other hand, most countries, including beef exporting countries which are now criticizing us, put up trade barriers which shut out competitive beef. Because of those barriers, we in the U.S. export only two-tenths of one per cent of our beef production. Obviously, beef trade is not now a two way street."

"It's obvious to cattlemen in Texas and elsewhere that the exporting nations want to go on dumping their periodic surpluses in our market. They want our market to be the relief valve for the whole world, at the expense of U.S. cattlemen and, ultimately, the U.S. consumers," he said.

Armstrong pointed out that the elected representatives of the people in Congress have shown they want to put a stop to excessive foreign dependency.

"Now it's up to the President to show his support for the cattlemen and consumers of the nation by signing this important legislation into law," Armstrong said. "We are asking our Texas senators and congressmen to personally contact the President and urge him to take this action immediately."

## Armistice observance set

The Veterans of World War I and Ladies Auxiliary will meet Sat., Nov. 11th at the Senior Citizens Bldg. to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, that ended World War I in 1918. Everyone is invited to come, especially Veterans who lived in 1917 and 1918.

A program will start at 10 a.m. with a sing song of W.W. I songs. Then speakers of our W.W. I Barracks 2248 in Merkel will reminisce as they recall the happenings of that day.

Our Government has finally returned the date of Nov. 11th as official Armistice Day, instead of it being celebrated with all Veterans Day as it has been the last few years. The day all W.W. I Veterans live in memory of. The reason it was called World War I is because it was the first war that the U.S.A. had ever joined in with other allies, France, England, Italy and many other nations.

Come help us memorialize this day, that still means a lot to the men who returned, and still live more than these 60 years later.

We ask all that remember this day to stop where ever you are or what ever you are doing and say a silent prayer for all who have died defending our country. Don't forget to fly your American Flag in their memory.

We invite all Senior Citizens to come and enjoy our program, bring a covered dish, and eat lunch with us and reminisce the days of 1917 and 1918.

## Tax relief on the way to Texans

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Thursday said tax relief on utility bills in the next three years will save the average Texas family enough money to pay for a new set of tires for a typical compact car.

Bullock said a study, which was featured in the October issue of "Fiscal Notes," a monthly financial report published by the Comptroller's Office, showed the average family of four in Texas will save \$130.84 during the next three years because residential utility bills are now exempt from the state's four percent sales tax.

The exemption, enacted by a special session of the 65th Legislature this past summer, became effective on October 1, 1978.

State loss of revenue from the utility tax exemption for the same three year period is estimated to be \$451 million, according to the study.

The study also showed that Texans may also enjoy an additional \$295.2 million in home-owner property tax relief and as much as \$250 million in agricultural tax relief if a proposed constitutional amendment is adopted on November 7.

The financial report also showed that the number of Texas state employees declined last year relative to the state's population. The report also said state revenues for the 1978 fiscal year through July were \$7.3 billion, up thirteen percent over the same period last year.

State expenditure for that same period totaled \$7.2 billion, up 19 percent from last year.

## \$2.7 billion state surplus in last fiscal year

State Comptroller Bob Bullock Monday reported that Texas state government ended the last fiscal year with a \$2.7 billion surplus.

Bullock filed with the Governor's office the 1978 annual financial report for the fiscal year which ended August 31, 1978.

This year end cash balance was \$244.8 million greater than the cash balance at the beginning of the year.

"The economic of Texas government should be the envy of budget makers in the other 49 states and is closely linked to the state's prospering economy," Bullock said.

The report showed that Texas government had total revenues and beginning cash of \$11.1 billion during the year and spent \$8.4 billion.

The favorable position was made possible by record revenues from all major sources, including \$5 billion in tax collections, \$2 billion in federal funds, \$414 million in licenses and fees, \$665 million from investments of state funds and \$405 million in income from state-owned lands.

Support for public education at all levels accounted for the biggest state expenditure, \$3.7 billion or about 46 percent of state spending.

Public welfare was the second largest function of state government with outlays of \$1.6 billion. Spending for state highways amounted to \$921.8 million.

Texas' predominant role in the rise of the Southwest as a major economic population center has resulted in substantial increases in state revenues, the report notes.

Economic indicators such as population growth, personal income, employment and energy production were detailed. These developments include:

For the year ended June 30, 1977 the Texas population was estimated 12,830,000 a 1.8 increase above previous years. For the past ten years, the state's population had an annual increase of 1.7 percent, more than double the percentage increase of the nation as a whole.

Texas per capita personal income average \$6,803 in 1977—a 10.3 percent boost above the prior year.

Texas employment totaled 5.07 million in May 1978, excluding agricultural workers. This is a 4.3 percent increase over the previous year.

The number of state employees in Texas declined relative to the state's population in 1977.

Although Texas crude oil production has continued to decline in recent years—it averaged a 3.3 percent annual increase over the last six years through the second quarter of 1978—higher prices have kept the value of production roughly constant.

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# The Merkel Mail

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The only way we can do this is by publishing pictures of them in a feature series. To assure the latest and best reproduction pictures they must all be of uniform size and quality.

An expert children's photographer with all the necessary equipment for this specialized work will be here Thursday, Nov. 16th. Pictures will be taken at Crawford's from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**NO CHARGE TO PARENTS**

There is no charge to the parents. There are absolutely no strings to this invitation. It is bonafide in every sense of the word. Parents do not have to be subscribers, nor even readers of this newspaper to take advantage of this feature. Neither are they obligated to purchase pictures after they are taken. Those who want some additional prints may obtain a limited number by arrangement with the studio representative when they select the pose they want printed in the paper. It is entirely up to them.

**THE MORE PICTURES THE BETTER**

This paper simply wants pictures of all the youngsters and the more, the better. So the mothers and fathers of the community in which this paper circulates should remember the date Thursday, Nov. 16th to bring their children to the photographer.

You will be mighty glad afterwards, if you did and very sorry if you do not permit your children to participate in this event. The kiddies will have fun and both mother and dad and the youngsters too will be very proud to see their pictures in print later.

Appointments may be made by calling Mrs. Crawford, Day 928-5612, night 928-4982.

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**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	33-0
OCTOBER 20 AT ANSON	7:30	12-20
OCTOBER 27 BALLINGER	7:30	15-8
NOVEMBER 3 AT C. CITY	7:30	0-21
NOVEMBER 10 STAMFORD	7:30	
NOVEMBER 17 WYLIE	7:30	



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**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	<b>22-0</b>
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	<b>6-12</b>
Sept. 21	CLYDE	7:00	
Sept. 28	JIM NED	6:00	<b>18-6</b>
Oct. 12	At WINTERS	6:00	<b>12-6</b>
Oct. 19	At ANSON	6:30	
Oct. 26	BALLINGER	7:30	
Nov. 9	At STAMFORD	6:30	
Nov. 16	WYLIE	6:30	

**7th Grade**

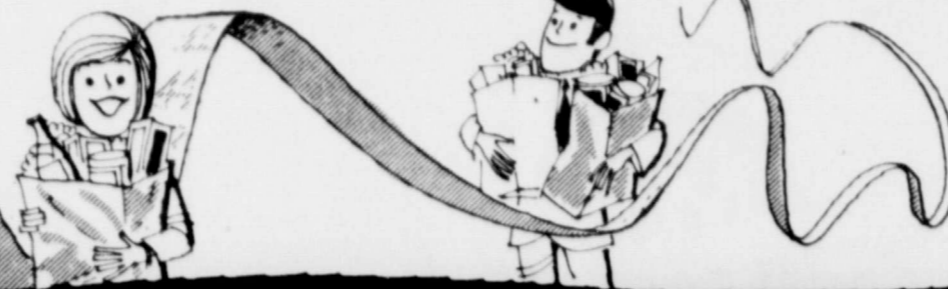
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Nov. 16	WYLIE	5:00	

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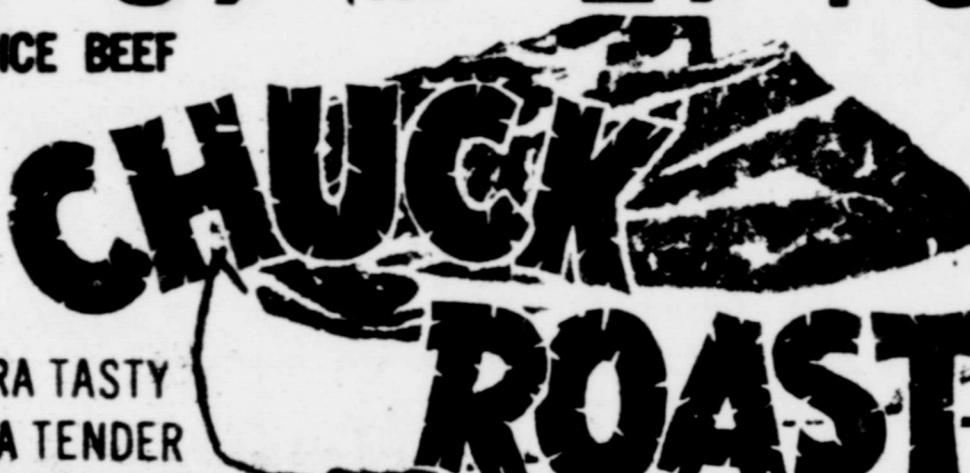
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