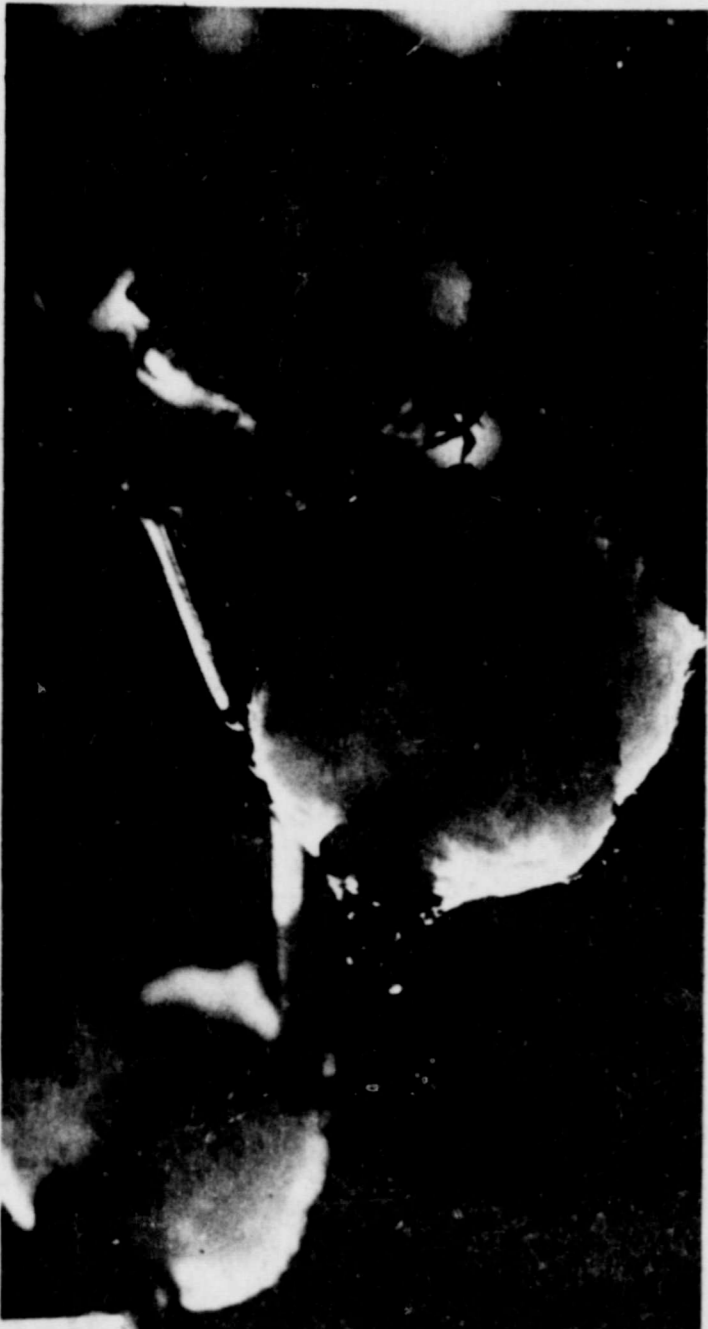


The Merkel Mail

Thursday, November 16, 1978

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Cotton farmers got a little untimely rain Tuesday, but here cotton tops enjoy the late fall sun. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Bye the way...

The Merkel Mail will print a Thanksgiving signature page next week. All businesses will be contacted and individuals may place their name on the page. Call 928-5712 for more information.

By the way, the response to the one year extension on subscription at the old rate has gone relatively well. If you are planning to renew your subscription at a later date, you can save a buck by doing it

now. After all, we want you to read our Mail.

Since the Merkel Mail is mostly delivered on Thursday, next week's paper will be printed on Tuesday due to Thanksgiving.

All material to be placed in the Nov. 21 issue must be received by the Mail by noon, Nov. 20th.

Under this schedule, no one will miss Thursday's paper.

Lord's acre sale set for Saturday

The Lord's Acre Program at the Pioneer Memorial United Methodist Church has been a part of the church program since 1951. Many people have been instrumental in the success of this program at Pioneer.

People from Merkel, Abilene, and Trent, as well as local community people, have contributed material for the sale.

Supper, furnished by the local people, and the work has been done by

many fine folks.

It would be good to be able to name the people who have been helpful, but it is impossible to name all of them. Here are some of the regular helpers: Don Dudley, Auctioneer; Mary Russon, Polly Riney, and Willie Jo Orsborn, workers at the secretarial table; Leroy Riney, chairman of the committee this year, as John B. Hughes has helped in this way before; and many many more.

Mail Bag; 70 years ago

Miss Mamie Rister has returned from her four month visit with friends and relatives in Fort Worth, Waco and Temple and other eastern places. She has accepted a position with Hogue-Hamilton Co. since her return to Merkel.

The beginning of what is hoped and believed to be an era of civic improvement was started in Merkel this week when contractor Locke of Abilene completed his arrangements for the building of cement sidewalks.

Merkel people have many reasons to be happy and hopeful. Be careful and boost for the progress of our town and country. If you cannot boost, keep your mouth shut.

Good place for sale. 114 acres, 80 acres in cultivation, four room house, 2 wells, windmill, 6 miles N.E. of Merkel, 3/4 mile from schoolhouse, \$27.50 per acre. See owner for further particulars, J.M. Rister, Rt. 1, Merkel.

The LAMPASSAS LEADER reports that Mrs. S.M. Elliott, a lady living near that place sold \$199.75 worth of butter last year. Mrs. J.W. Swann, who lives north of Merkel realizes during the last eleven months of 1908, from the sale of butter from her Jersey heifers a total of \$316.85. Merkel is always found in the lead.

C.S. Milliken, who is employed at the lumber yards of the Merkel Lumber Co. was the victim of an accident last Friday, painful but luckily not serious. He was riding in a buggy with H.L. Propst driving a fractious horse of the later and Mr. Milliken, was leading another when at a point three miles west of Merkel the horse to the buggy became frightened at the smoke of a train and ran into a fence. Mr. Milliken jumped or was pulled from the buggy and struck the ground on his head and shoulder. The fall caused him to lose consciousness which he did not regain completely for 24 hours.



Roger and Gayla Beard are the new owners of Hi-Val Farm and Home Supply, formerly Mansfield

Farm and Ranch Service. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

City council told ambulance paid for, police radar on the way

The Merkel City Council met last Friday and discussed Christmas lights, the ambulance fund and other city business.

The Council also decided to cancel their next meeting, scheduled for Nov. 24 due to Thanksgiving. The City of Merkel offices will be closed on Nov. 23, 24.

The city also authorized the fire department to hang the Christmas decorations and install the wiring. The

city decided to go with the Fire Department because the fee they asked was lower than contract labor.

The council also heard a report from City Manager J.A. Sadler on the ambulance fund. The drive passed the goal needed and the ambulance has been paid for. The ambulance is scheduled for a January delivery.

The city will also have to foot the bill for additional training of ambulance attendants.

The training is necessary because of more complicated equipment in the new ambulance.

The city has also approved the funds for a new traffic radar for the Merkel Police Department. The radar is scheduled to be demonstrated this week and the purchase arrangements have already been worked out.

J.A. Sadler also gave a report on the condition of the city park in Merkel. The city is

deliberately letting the grass grow until the first frost. At that time, the field will be burned off hoping to rid the grass burs. The city tried limited poisoning to kill burs last year and it didn't work. Sadler said the city will supervise the burning.

The city of Merkel offices are open each Monday morning at 7 a.m. for anyone to take care of city business. You may pay taxes and water bills or any other city related business.



The Badger twirlers, competed at the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest in Abilene last weekend and received the highest mark allowed, a Div. I. The back row left to right, Cindy Smith, Shannon Bagby, and Lisa Owens all received a Div. I in Class I making them eligible for the State Contest in

June at Austin. Also in Class I Taresia English, middle bottom row, received a Div. II. In the Class three division, Rene Aiken, first bottom row, received a Div. I, while Mary Fariello received a Div. II. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Voters oust democrats, McDuff wins

At press time last week, and at 5 hours past press time last week, the voting returns from the Taylor County Election were coming in so slow that the Merkel Mail decided to hold the results of the state wide election until this week.

In Taylor County, in the 17th Congressional

race; Charles Stenholm 12,159; Bill Fisher 9,441. For Lieutenant Governor: Bill Hobby, 14,729; Gaylord Marshall 6,586. For Attorney General: Jim Baker, 11,254; Mark White, 10,485. For Railroad Commissioner: Joe McDuff 2,891; Lloyd Glick, 1,177.

Incumbent, unopposed candidates re-elected included Warren Harding, James McMillion, County Judge; Nathan O. Newman, County Court of Law Judge; and Bob Bullock.

In state wide tabulations, and in Taylor County tabulations, Bill Clements became the

first republican governor of Texas since the Civil War and John Tower edged Bob Krueger for that congressional seat.

All returns in each of those elections are being contested state wide since margins of victory were so thin.

City says thanks for ambulance donations

The City of Merkel would like to thank the following businesses and individuals who participated in the Merkel Ambulance Fund Drive. The drive was successful and the ambulance will be delivered in about 90 days.

Donations were received from: The Farmers and Merchants National Bank, KBGG Radio, Mr. and Mrs. W.S.J. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reed, Big Country Inn, Mr. and Mrs. O.H. Davis, Mrs. Craig Humphries, H.R. McKeever, Merkel Apartments Ltd., Naomi and Mrs. L.B. Hester,

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Roger and Gayla Beard buy Mansfield's

Roger and Gayla Beard recently purchased and began active management of Mansfield Farm and Ranch Service.

The Beards have renamed the store to Hi-Val Farm and Home Supply and will special-

ize in feed, seed, chemicals and hardware.

Roger was graduated from McMurry College with a bachelor of arts degree in Accounting. For 4 1/2 years he was employed by Gulf Oil out of Midland and Houston. Roger and his

wife left Houston and moved back to Merkel with a job with Abtex Beverage Group as Chief Financial Officer until the opportunity to purchase Mansfield's came up.

His wife, Gayla, is from Tye and is a

graduate of Abilene High School.

The store is open from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. weekdays and from 7:30 a.m. until noon on Saturdays unless it is the peak season, then longer hours go into effect.



Bishop Ready Mix and Contractors stated breaking ground for a new housing addition in Merkel last week. The addition, about four blocks west of Badger Stadium will be residential homesites. (Staff photo by Melanie Richards)

This week's best

grocery buys

Budget items at Texas grocery markets this week include large-sized eggs, onions and bananas, Gwendolynne Clyatt reports.

Also, low-price items are grocery aisle features and fish.

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--Egg prices remain about the same with large sizes offering best value by weight. Fryer chicken prices are up a bit.

FRESH VEGETABLES--A record large onion harvest helps keep onion prices low.

Other vegetables in good supply include broccoli, cabbage, carrots and cooking greens. Also, bell peppers, hardshell squash and white and sweet potatoes.

FRESH FRUITS--Banana imports are heavy and prices are low. Larger supplies of citrus fruits are arriving and quality and flavor are improving.

Apples are in large supply, cranberry prices

are more attractive, and grape prices are slightly higher.

GROCERY AISLES--Corn, snap beans and peas--the three best-selling canned vegetables--are grocery shelf features.

Applesauce, tuna fish and cake mixes also have feature prices. Check prices on dry beans, dry peas and rice, too.

FISH--Fish is plentiful and prices are reasonable when considered on a cost-per-serving basis.

BEEF--Chuck cuts are in the spotlight, although there are scattered buys on ground beef, sirloin steak and beef liver.

PORK--Pork prices fluctuate and few cuts are receiving store emphasis. However, Boston butt, end chops, liver, rib and loin-end roasts offer most economical values.

HOLIDAY WATCHWORDS: In choosing fresh cranberries, look for plumpness, good color and uniformity in size. Avoid cranberries that are crushed and leaky.

To store fresh cranberries, refrigerate them in their original package.

Bookmarkers

The Bookmarkers Club of Merkel High School began their year's activities with a coke party at the home of their sponsor, Mrs. Ruth Windsor. Chairman Patsy Biera presided. Future meetings are planned for activities including bowling, golf and skating.

On a recent field trip to the Abilene Public Library, members were given a thorough tour followed by a test on the location of all library facilities.

Library aides are learning two things, that there is a more work to being a librarian than they had ever suspected and that being a library aide is a fun job.

Stith musical

A musical has been scheduled at the Stith Community Center November 18th at 7 p.m.

Newsbriefs

All musicians and bands are invited to play.

Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the music. A singing is also scheduled. The snack bar will be open at 6 p.m.

Stith HD

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met Nov. 8th.

Mrs. Vada Hudson called the meeting to order and the devotion was delivered. Miss Louise Hudson, served as the hostess.

Mrs. Margaret Dickerson delivered the prayer and Mrs. Daisy Mashburn directed the game.

The roll call was answered with a holiday idea and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The program was centered around baking for

the holiday season and baking for an upcoming game night. The Country Club Christmas luncheon is scheduled for Dec. 12 in Anson.

The Stith Home Demonstration luncheon will be a salad luncheon at Daisy Mashburn's home on Nov. 21.

Those attending were Mrs. Margaret Dickerson, Mrs. Vada Hudson, Mrs. Lenora Wilburn, Mrs. Daisy Mashburn, Mrs. Ophelia Mergel and Miss Louise Hudson.

All interested ladies are cordially invited to attend the Stith Home Demonstration Club Meetings.

HECE banquet

The H E C E work program of M H S is now selling Current Stationery and Cards for their employer-employee banquet. Contact

any of the H E C E students of M H S. Call 928-5511 and ask for Mary Grimes.

Kemp's have daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Kemp of Odessa proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Amanda Robin, on Nov. 6 in Odessa. She weighed 8 pounds and 13 ounces.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Doan of Merkel and the Hal Kemp's of Abilene.

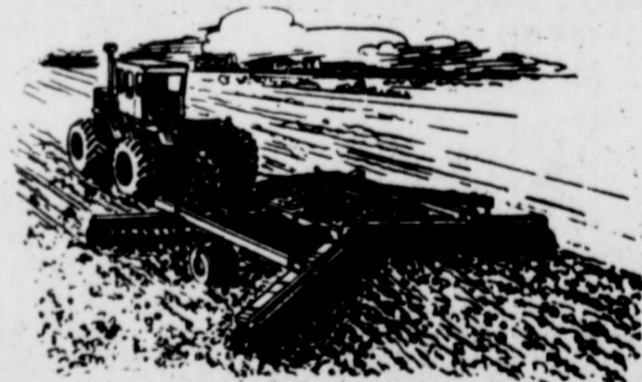
Merkel library open

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.

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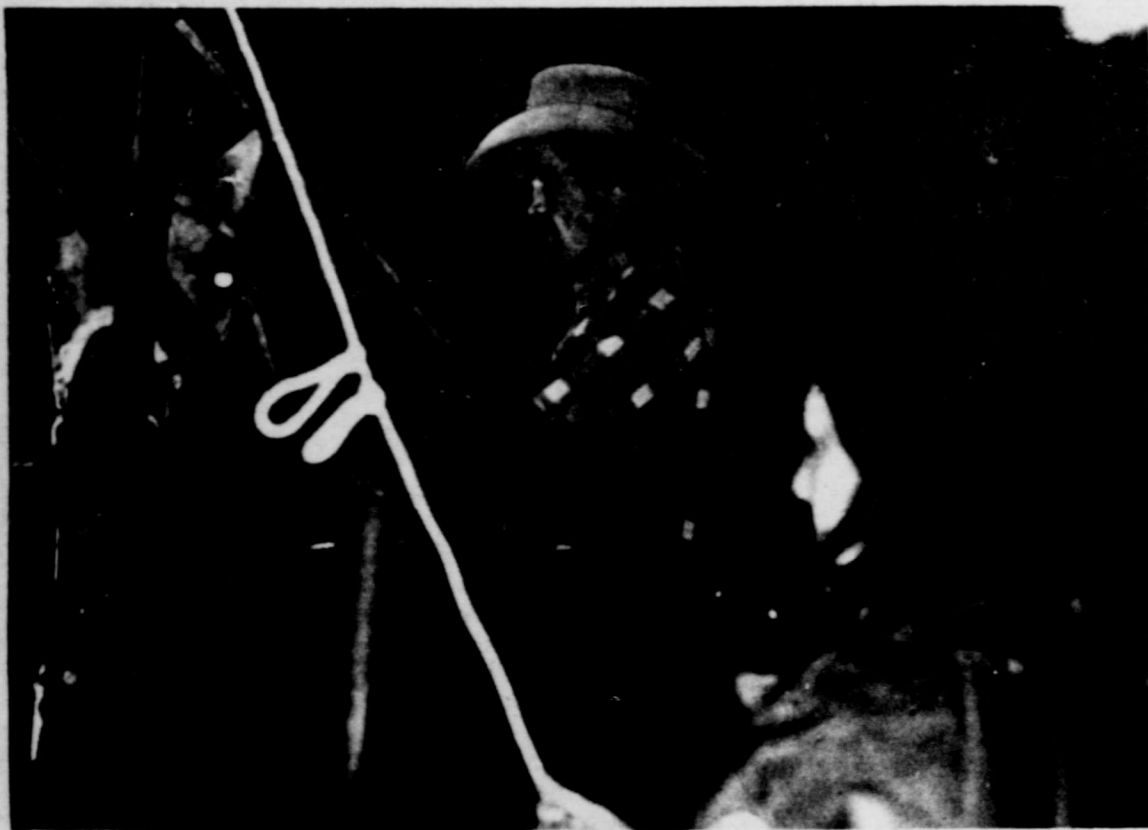
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Steve Bland of Trent finished in the top 15 in money winnings in roping across the state last year. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Tickets

Tickets are not available for the 1979 Miss Teenage Abilene Pageant set for Nov. 18, in the Abilene Civic Center. Sponsored by Dr. Pepper Bottling Company of Abilene, the Pageant features 36 semi-finalist representing 18 schools from the Big Country area.

Jr. High loses

The Trent Junior High girls basketball team lost to Jayton Junior High 21-10 in Trent Saturday night.

Karen Jackson led the Trent team with six points.

The high school girls lost a one point decision to Jayton 28-27. Debbie Jackson led the Gorillas with 12 points.

5th grade

The fifth grade won the spirit stick at last week's pep rally. They had been working real hard toward this and were so excited upon receiving it.

Mrs. Rudd was the substitute teacher for two days in the absence of Mrs. Murphree.

The boys built a log cabin for their Social Studies project. The girls illustrated clothing of today in comparison of clothing of the Pilgrims.

Our birthdays for the month is Don Renfro's. Don was 11 years old, Nov. 12.

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Membership in the Texas Farm Bureau now stands at 228,079, according to TFB President Carrol Chaloupka.

In the membership year just ended, the state's largest farm organization recorded a gain of 13,882 member families, he said.

"This is the 26th consecutive year for the

Texas Farm Bureau to show increase in members," Chaloupka said. "The size of our increase this year indicates that farmers and ranchers are more determined than ever to work together to solve their problems."

A total of 185 counties gained in membership over last year.

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Trent News

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Trent school news

The first graders at Trent Elementary School enjoyed two interesting films last week. "Learning how to read" and "From left to right." These films helped to illustrate the importance of learning how to read correctly.

The first graders have been discussing the beginning of autumn and the signs of fall. Students have noticed the changing leaves, shorter daylight hours and squirrels busily gathering food for the winter.

The first graders are also very happy for Tanya Weaver. She has a new baby sister, Mandy Lou, who was born last week. We know that Tanya will enjoy helping her mother take care of Mandy.

The second grade is having fun trying to speed up their math computation time. Each one is trying to beat their own score each time he re-works a set of problems.

Almost everyone has shortened their time from 4 to 10 minutes. We have also made raquets from clothes hangers and panty hose for a rainy day game.

One of our language arts assignments was to make a list of things for which we are thankful. The list is on our bulletin board this month.

The third graders had a busy week last week. In language, the third graders began a unit on poetry. They drew a green picture on green paper and they quickly decided that different colors add a lot of spice to life.

In spelling, Tammy Collier, David Conaster, Shirley Jackson, Luci Masonheimer, Scotty O'Kelly, Kim Orr and Tracie Russell all made 100's on their spelling tests. Kim Orr was the only third grader to make a 100 on the chapter test, although most of the grades were As.

The fourth grade has been learning a little about etymology, a study of words. Have you ever wondered what your family's last name really means. We did some investigating into our own last names.

Lone Star rodeo finals Nov. 15-18

Tommy and Bobby Steiner, prominent nationwide bucking stock producers from deep in the heart of Texas--Austin, have a new honor to add to their list of many.

Their supreme bucking stock, routed out of a large ranch near Lake Travis, travel the year around to American-wide rodeos, have a history of National Finals' records at the National Finals Rodeo annually every December in Oklahoma City.

Texas--the state of magnitude and magnificence was not to be outdone by a national finals held each year by a neighboring state.

A veritable limitless paradise of nationwide super sports stars, the Lone Star State is producing it's own superlative superstar sporting event--The Lone Star Circuit Finals at the Taylor County Coliseum at 8:00 p.m. in Abilene, Texas from Wednesday, November 15th through Saturday, November 18th.

The Lone Star Circuit Finals originated out of a new program called the Circuit System invented by several ingenious professional cowboys at the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association Board of Directors' meeting three years ago.

The United States of America was divided into 12 circuits, with Texas deserving one of it's own--The Lone Star Circuit. The Circuit System gives identity to professional rodeo cowboys, who cannot compete on a national basis, usually due to family or business ties.

The Lone Star Circuit is chock full of National Finals' winners--cowboys and stock like the Steiners. Since the days of the pioneer of their family, Buck Steiner, still living and working in Austin, down to his only son, Tommy, now partnering with his middle son, Bobby, they have become the elite in bucking athlete producers.

The Steiners have had stock voted "Stock of the

Year" by all the rodeo cowboy champions like the bull, Black 6, in 1975, and it's become a natural habit with them. In 1976 and 1977, the Steiners had more bulls and horses voted to compete in the National Finals than any other bucking stock producer in rodeo.

Just like in the National Finals, the top Texas rodeo cowboys, many national winners, will vote on some of the Steiner's favorites like Bull No. 11, who has been bucked 32 or 33 times this year by August and had only been ridden five times, or the bull they call 9+ that has only been successfully ridden once this year by John Bland at Mineral Wells, Texas.

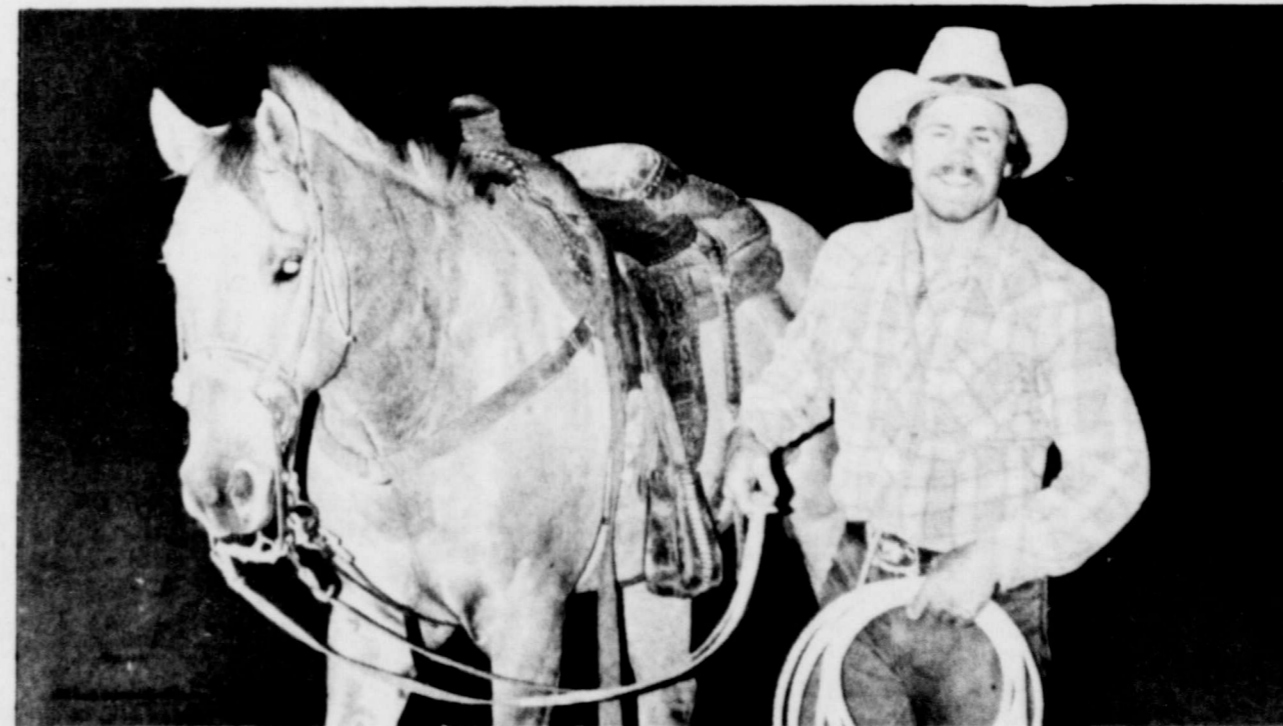
A sure shiner, will be a yellow horse called Cry Baby. Last year, after he competed in the National Finals as a successful bareback bucking horse, he was saddled at one of Bobby Steiner's rodeo schools, and came out bucking four times higher.

Along with the Steiner's, other top Texas bucking stock producers, all supreme in their own right, such as Bradford Ivy from Fairfield, Texas and Bernis Johnson at Cleburne, Texas and Neal Gay of Mesquite, Texas will have their prime stock selected by the circuit finals cowboys for Texas' own thrilling finals--The First Annual Lone Star Circuit Finals.

You will get to see in person each and every night from November 15th through the 18th, the nationwide and especially, Texas rodeo superstars in their bucking glory.

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 915-677-4576.

For further press information, you may contact Carol Young at 1258 Peavy Road, Suite 197, Dallas, Texas 75218 or call 214-767-2765 or 214-328-0478.



Steve Bland, son of R.L. Bland of Trent, will be one of the contestants in this weekend's Lone Star

Circuit Final Rodeo in Abilene. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Legal notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: John Clark, Respondent:

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Henry J. Strauss 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 Cheryl Roxanne Clark, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 14th day of September, 1978, against John Clark Respondent, and said suit being numbered 1459-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Cheryl Roxanne Clark and John Clark", the nature of which suit is a request to Petitioner prays that the Court grant a divorce and decree.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

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

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 3rd day of November, 1978.

Irene Crawford Clerk
326th District Court,
Taylor County, Texas.
By Faye Lyons, Deputy.
39-11c

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF EDWARD

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Edward Erette Rowland, were issued on November 1, 1978, in Cause No. 13,653, pending in the County (Probate) Court of Taylor County, Texas, to:

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STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has filed with the Federal Government a Compliance Assurance in which it assures the Rural Electrification Administration that it will comply fully with all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Agriculture issued thereunder, to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the conduct of its program and the operation of its facilities. Under this Assurance, this organization is committed not to discriminate against any person on the ground of race, color or national origin in its policies and practices relating to applications for service or any other policies and practice relating to treatment of beneficiaries and participants including rates, conditions and extension of service, use of any of its facilities, attendance at and participation in any meetings of beneficiaries and participants or the exercise of any rights of such beneficiaries and participants in the conduct of the operations of this organization.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to Charles Jacobs, President of the Board, Merkel Independent School District for the Demolition of the Existing High School Structure in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared by Charles Harper Associates, Architects Engineers Planners, will be received at the office of the Superintendent of Schools, P.O. Box 430, Third and Ash St., Merkel, Texas 79536; until 3:30 P.M. CST, 28 November, 1978, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud.

The project is a "public works" project and labor standards and practices set forth in various annotated civil statutes of the State of Texas 5159A shall be complied with.

Drawings and Specifications may be examined without charge at the office of Charles Harper Associates, the Architect and at the Office of the Superintendent of Merkel Independent School District; and in the Plan Rooms of Dodge, Wichita Falls,

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and Abilene. Two complete sets of Drawings, Specifications, and Contract Documents may be obtained from the office of Charles Harper Associates, Architects, at 4724 Old Jacksboro Highway, Wichita Falls, Texas, upon payment of a deposit of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) as a guaranty of the safe return of the drawings, Specifications and Contract Documents. Additional sets may be obtained by payment of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for each set. All Drawings and Specifications are the property of the Architect and must be returned to him.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid bond, cashier's check or certified check for 5 percent of the amount of the proposal, made payable unconditionally to the Merkel Independent School District.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to receipt of bids without the consent of the Owner.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities.

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Trent whips Ira 52-15

The Trent Gorillas wound up their football campaign with a 52-15 drubbing of the Ira Bulldogs. The win ran the Gorillas record to 8-1 for the year and in second place in the district race.

The scoring for Trent was led by Herbert and Gilbert Beaver. Herbert scored two touchdowns on long runs of 78 and 50

yards. Gilbert scored on passes from Gorilla quarterback Danny Freeman of 50 and 35 yards.

Lloyd Williams scored on a 12 yard run and toed five extra points.

Eddie Adams scored on a 30 yard touchdown pass from Greg Beasley and Kerry Patterson returned an intercepted pass 23 yards for a touchdown.

For working parents

Problems unique in money management

Families with two money earners face unique challenges in managing their money, a family resource management specialist says.

Although two incomes have helped push median family income to over \$18,000, or 34 percent more than for single earner families, more money doesn't necessarily mean fewer problems, Nancy Granovsky points out.

Mrs. Granovsky is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

First of all, the second paycheck doesn't always go as far as people thought it would. It cost money to earn money.

Some of the costs of earning a second income are obvious ones: taxes, insurance, social security and other expenses, transportation, and extra clothing.

But, there are also hidden costs, the specialist continues.

INCOME TAX

When there are two earners, the "marriage penalty" of the progressive income tax system affects family income.

When this happens, the first dollar of the second income is taxed at the same high rate as the last dollar earned by the first earner.

For example, if a husband earns \$15,000 and his wife earns \$8,000, her first dollar is taxed at the same rate as the last dollar he earned, not at the same rate as his first dollar.

The effect is higher taxes.

SPENDING FOR SERVICES

Another "hidden cost" of two incomes is increased spending for services usually provided by the family for itself.

The growth of fast-food establishments is testimony to the growing number of families who eat many meals away from home because time

and energy for meal preparation are limited.

Housekeeping services are also bought by some two-job families.

As more money is spent for services, less money may be left over to meet other expenses or for special purchases, the specialist says.

AVOID OVER-SPENDING

Having two paychecks can lead to unrealistic expectations about what money can buy.

Families who know a second income will be only temporary should time any long-term credit purchases carefully, Mrs. Granovsky advises.

When the second income stops but installment payments are still due, serious financial problems can arise.

Even if the second income is permanent, couples should exercise caution in spending beyond their means and their needs.

SPENDING PLAN

Two-job families can receive maximum satisfaction from their money if they base their financial decisions on open communication and thoughtful planning.

Establish financial goals both spouses agree on, and set realistic time tables in achieving them, she recommends.

Discuss how to handle in coming money. Should it be "his", "hers" or "ours"?

Some alternatives include:

-pooling all the money into one account and paying everything from a single account with special allowances for each spouse.

-letting each spouse control his-her own income with contributions for household operation or with each responsible for paying specific items each month.

Designate who will take responsibility for paying bills.

Try out the system and be willing to make adjustments in it if things don't work out.



Steve isn't the only rodeo competitor in his family. Steve's wife, Kay, will also compete in the finals of the Lone Star Rodeo Circuit this weekend in Abilene. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Tye Times

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First Grade (Mrs. Reed) Jody Singletary (not pictured), Matthew Thornton and Virginia Pena Second Grade (Mrs. Sloan) Eric Smith, Son Mi Chon and Wendy Clossman

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Tye PTO says thanks

Many thanks to all the mommies and daddies that helped with our Halloween Carnival. We appreciate you so much. We all had a good time during October, but I think everyone is ready to move on to other things now.

We have begun a new month and everyone is looking forward to Thanksgiving holidays. We will be learning new Thanksgiving songs and making turkeys and pilgrims for the next few weeks. We are trying to understand "Plymouth Rock" these days. It seems Plymouth only means a car of a known type to most children. I wonder what would happen if I tried to explain Plymouth Rock chickens to them? I read an interesting article in a late issue of *Early Years* magazine for teachers through grade three. It was called "Don't sit like a W!" Sometimes smaller children (K-3) sit like W's



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What's happening in Tye



Mrs. Sloan named teacher of newly formed second grade

The Merkel Independent School District Board of Education employed Mrs. Yvonne Sloan as an elementary teacher during a special called meeting of the school board on November 7th.

Mr. Todd, Principle of the Tye Elementary School stated that due to the large increase in enrollment at the Tye campus, Mrs. Sloan will be placed in the newly formed second grade. The enrollment at the Tye Campus is up 50 students since the close of school last year.

Mrs. Sloan is a 1958 graduate of Hardin Simmons University where

she received the Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. While at Hardin Simmons she was a member of the B.S.U. Choir, Future Teachers and several other school organizations.

Mrs. Sloan has four years of successful teaching experience at the elementary level, including Sweetwater and Abilene.

Mrs. Sloan is married to W.E. "Bill" Sloan and they have three children. Lori-16 a sophomore at Merkel High School. She is a member of the Future Homemakers of America and the Badgers Pep Squad.

Loren-14 an eighth grader at Merkel Middle School. He is a member of the football team and vice president of the student council. Lu Amy-7 years who is in the first grade at Merkel Elementary.

Mrs. Sloan is a member of the Stith Home Demonstration Club, W. M.U. Director of Merkel First Baptist Church, Woodmen of the World, Camp 136 and a member of the Eastern Star Chapter no. 30.

Mrs. Sloan's husband, Bill, is a sales representative of the Woodmen of the World.

Mrs. Sloan's main interest is her home, school, and church.

Tye volunteer fire department deserves thanks

by Vicki Spurr

During the approaching season of Thanksgiving, we pause to reflect on the many blessings that we, as Americans, are able to enjoy. Most of the time, our thoughts are turned to our loved ones, the homes we live in, the freedoms we are privileged to share, and the physical comforts afforded to us. However, it should also be a time when we remember all the people who help make these comforts possible. At the top of our list should be our own Tye Volunteer Fire Department.

As our society leans toward more "Self-centeredness" it is refreshing to find a group of people who give of their time and themselves. In fact, they could be our "unsung" heroes!!!

With an effective "buddy" system of notifying each other and virtually "dropping" whatever they might be doing, they quickly respond to that cry for help or cry of smoke! They often work long hours and in all types of

weather (fires rarely happen at convenient times!!). Our hats are tipped to you, Tye Volunteer Fire Department!

In addition to their fire fighting abilities, they also lend their talents toward community activities-be it the school, the monthly musical, or other special projects. They are a vital ingredient of our "Community Spirit".

When you see a volunteer fireman, go up to him-her and say thanks for a job well done. Especially say a word to these: Otto Brazell, Fire Chief; John David "Bubba" Roys, Jr., Assistant Fire Chief; and Linda Sanders, Secretary Treasurer. However, they can not do the job alone, they have a list of willing and able volunteers. They meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Fire Station and are always looking for new faces. Join Them!

Fire fighting is no game-let's all do our part and never give a fire a chance to start!!

Tye city council meets

In a specially called meeting on Monday, Nov. 6th, Tye City Councilmen heard a report given by Billy Jacobs, a construction engineer with the Yeatts and Decker engineering Firm, in which Mr. Jacobs stated that most of the paper work had been completed and that construction of the city sewer system should begin soon. Mr. Jacobs reported that the estimated total cost would be approximately \$57,000.00 and it would cost the city of Tye about 25 per cent of the total. The completion date will be approximately one year from the start of construction. Mr. Jacobs also told the councilmen that they may need to adopt a City Plumbing Code in order to meet guidelines set up by the Environ-

mental Protection Agency.

In other action Mayor James Barley discussed the need to hire a city policeman to replace Allen R. Woody who recently resigned to accept a position with the Taylor County Sheriff's Department. Councilman Bill Adams stated that he felt there was a need for a city policeman and after some discussion it was decided to make a decision at the next city council meeting on Nov. 14th.

Mayor Barley also discussed the need for street repair, dog control and the needed repair to city owned equipment.

Cecil Todd, Principal of the Tye Elementary School, was present and stated that the school had benefitted both from the city policeman

and city dog control, but that dog control was becoming a problem before school hours in the morning.

In recent council meetings new city ordinances have been discussed. Listed below are some of the city ordinances which people should be aware of: Creation of Office of "Chief of Police", Regulating Speed Limits, Livestock Ordinance, Municipal Court Judge, Planning and Zoning Commission, Building and Housing Code.

Interested citizens may attend city council meetings which are usually held the first Tuesday of each month. The councilmen for the city of Tye are Art Herrera, Bill Adams, Witt Ison, Ernest Tyner, and Melvyn White. Jo Moore, City Secretary.

Dyess commander awards students for posters, essays

Colonel James E. Weber, Base Commander at Dyess Air Force Base, presented plaque awards to twenty-four Tye Elementary School students who were winners in the Dyess Air Force Base Fire Department Poster and Essay Contest in observation of Fire Prevention Week. Mrs. Janet Williams, a representative from the Officers Wives Club and Mrs. Peggy Gruttari, a representative from the Enlisted Wives Club, presented a five dollar bill to all first place winners, a two dollar bill to all second place winners and a silver dollar to all third place winners.

Other Dyess personnel taking part in the presentation were Major Lawrence W. Klumas, Base Fire Marshall, Hugh D. Swift, Base Fire Chief and Sam T. Crawford, Assistant Fire Chief.

First place winners who received plaques and a five dollar bill in the poster contest were: Kindergarten, Bob Dillon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dillon; first grade, Mrs. Evans room, Michael Grubbs, son of Mr. and Mrs.

John Shugart; first grade, Mrs. Reed's room, Jody Singletary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Singletary; second grade, Mrs. Coke's room, Lance Autry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Autry; second grade, Mrs. Sloan's room, Eric Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Smith; third grade, Kim Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Watson; fourth grade, Kathy Corbin, daughter of Mrs. Sherron Corbin; and fifth grade, Stephanie Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boyd.

Second place winners who received plaques and a two dollar bill in the poster contest were: Kindergarten, Crystel McGan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arnold; first grade, Mrs. Evans room, Morton Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boyd; first grade, Mrs. Reed's room, Matthew Thornton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Thornton; second grade, Mrs. Coke's room, Stacy Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boyd; second grade, Mrs. Sloan's room, Son Mi Chon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pyong O. Chon; third grade, Allan

Isom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Isom; fourth grade, Sandra Kotrlík, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Kotrlík; and fifth grade, Mike Allison, son of Mrs. Nelda Allison.

Third place winners who received plaques and a silver dollar in the poster contest were: Kindergarten, Katy Renaud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Renaud; first grade, Mrs. Evans room, Shanna Key, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mac Key; first grade, Mrs. Reed's room, Virginia Pena, daughter of Mrs. Petra Pena; second grade, Mrs. Coke's room, Tasha Todd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil W. Todd; second grade, Mrs. Sloan's room, Wendy Clossman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Clossman; third grade, Maury Oler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Oler; fourth grade, Dusty Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore; and fifth grade, Tracy Brown, daughter of Mrs. Tina Franklin.

We are sure grateful to all Dyess Air Force Base personnel for asking us to take part in this contest and for taking an interest in our children and school.



First Grade (Mrs. Evans) Michael Grubbs,

Morton Boyd and Shanna Key



Fourth Grade (Mrs. Winter) Kathy Corbin,

Sandra Kotrlík and Dusty Moore



Fifth Grade (Mrs. Dean) Stephanie Boyd,

Mike Allison and Tracy Brown



Second Grade (Mrs. Coke) Lance Autry, Stacy Boyd and Tasha Todd

Fire Prevention Week tips

During Fire Prevention Week all students at Tye Elementary School took part in class discussion involving all types of fire hazards which we feel all family members should become aware of.

KITCHEN-All electrical appliances and tools should have a testing agent label. Have appliances repaired if they aren't working right. Don't overload the outlets. Water and electricity combined cause shock. Have dry hands; don't stand in water. If an appliance gets wet, have it serviced. Don't store things over the stove, people get burned reaching. Turn pot handles so children can't pull them down. Wear tight sleeves when you cook. Loose-fitting garments can catch fire.

LIVING OR FAMILY ROOM-Use large ashtrays. Before you go to bed look under cushions for burning cigarettes.

*Use a metal fireplace screen. Have the chimney checked and cleaned regularly. Put lighters and matches where small children won't find them. Use special outlet covers to keep children's fingers out. Allow air space around the T.V. and stereo to prevent overheating. If the T.V. doesn't work right, it can be a fire danger. Have it checked out. Keep portable heaters away from people and combustibles.

BASEMENT, GARAGE, AND STORAGE-Store gasoline and other flammables in tight metal containers. Don't use flammable liquids near heat, a pilot light, or while smoking. Have heating equipment checked yearly. Clean up your work bench. Keep flammables away from sparks. If a fuse blows, find the cause. (replace a fuse with the correct size.) Sort and

remove rubbish. Don't store things near the furnace or heater.

BEDROOM-Buy a smoke detector and install it outside your sleeping area. It should have a testing agency label. Plan two escapes from each bedroom. Smoke in a chair, not in bed. Don't overload electrical outlets.

OUTDOORS-Don't use gasoline on a grill fire ever. Once the fire has been started, never use lighter fluid either. Use dry kindling to revive the fire. Move lawnmower away from gasoline fumes before starting. Cool motor before refueling. Use flashlights, never fire, inside a tent. Buy a flame-retardant tent. Install a lightning protection system.

The classroom material for fire prevention week was supplied in part by Dyess Air Force Base and National Fire Protection Association - Boston, Massachusetts. Learn not to burn!!!



Third Grade (Mrs. Key) Kim Watson, Allan Isom and Maury Oler



Kindergarten (Mrs. Paige) Bob Dillon, (not pictured) Crystel McGan and Katy Renaud

School menu listed

The Tye School menu is as follows:
Monday Nov. 13th
 Chalupas with refried beans and cheese, lettuce, tomato salad, taco sauce, sliced peaches and cake.
Tuesday Nov. 14th
 Tin Can Casserol, combination salad with choice of dressing, corn bread, and apricot cobbler.
Wednesday Nov. 15th
 Chicken fried steak, cream gravy, whipped potatoes, seasoned green beans, hot rolls, and chilled peaches.
Thursday Nov. 16th
 Fried fish, tarter sauce, cabbage slaw, potatoes au gratin, corn bread, and orange whip.
Friday Nov. 17th
 Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, French fries with catsup, buns, and oven baked doughnuts.

that may be swallowed; and brittle plastic or glass that breaks easily. They should watch out for poorly built toys with sharp spikes or pins that are exposed when pulled apart; and toys with triggers, gears, or other parts activated by a spring or motor that may pinch fingers or catch hair.

QUESTION: Do you have any safety tips for toys already in the home?

ANSWER: Since tripping over toys causes the most accidents, parents

should insist that children put their toys away. Parents should also try to supervise young children while they are playing and explain to them how to use their toys. In addition, toys should be examined periodically. Broken toys should be fixed and the ones that can't be repaired should be thrown away.

IT'S YOUR HEALTH

Answers to your questions from the Texas Department of Health

QUESTION: Christmas is coming up and millions of Texans will be shopping for toys. Does age really make a big difference when buying a toy for a child?

ANSWER: Yes it does. A few months, or a year or two in a child's development can make quite a difference in the child's ability to play and cope with various types of toys.

QUESTION: How can parents know if a certain toy is right for the age level of their child?

ANSWER: Parents should look for the warning label on a toy which states that the toy isn't recommended for a child under a certain age. If such a label warns that the toy is too advanced for their child, they should look for something else. Manufacturers are required to place precautionary warning labels on toys so parents can match the right toy with the age bracket of their child.

QUESTION: Who sets the standards for the testing of toys that we see on the market?

ANSWER: The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission has regulations for the use and abuse testing of toys. These regulations provide tests for impact, bite, flexure, torque, tension and compression—all simulating the normal and reasonably foreseeable use, damage and abuse of toys, games and other playthings. Testing is done using different age levels in children for whom the toys are intended.

QUESTION: What are some of the things parents should watch out for when buying toys?

ANSWER: They should avoid toys with

obvious hazards such as sharp points; rough or unfinished surfaces; small, detachable parts

Tye Elementary children learning importance of posture

I read an interesting article in a late issue of *Early Years* magazine for teachers through grade three. It was called "Don't sit like a W!" Sometimes smaller children (K-3) sit like W's and I think it would be a good idea to pass the information on. "It is potentially harmful to a child's health" when they sit this way. At least four areas of the body may be adversely affected. The hips have too much stress put on them; the thighs twist inward in an unnatural position; the kneecaps, which should be facing forward, twist inward and the feet are also

turned in. Children who make a habit of sitting this way may walk and run with knees and toes turning inward and their feet kicking out to their sides. (Think! I know you have seen this in a child, maybe your own.) An orthopedic doctor suggests that sitting between the legs ("W" fashion) may create loose kneecaps or early hip arthritis.

Let's watch for better posture and encourage our children not to sit between their legs.

Children will help. As soon as this is explained to them you will hear (as I do so often)

"Teacher, Johnny is sitting like a W." Good luck and thanks for listening.

The reading students have been learning new letters, sounds, blends, suffixes and prefixes with Learning With Laughter Kits obtained from our Region 14 Service Center. These delightful kits have colorful, cartoon-like filmstrips and tapes, games and posters. The reading students enjoy films, filmstrips, tapes, games and kits from our Service Center. These are delivered once a week and are a good source of enrichment for our students.



Tomatoes in November? This greenhouse in Merkel is producing a bumper crop of fall tomatoes. The greenhouse is owned by Dwain

Burnett and Lynn Talley. (Staff photo by Melanie Richards)



This field of grain sorghum north of Max Murrel

Chevrolet was one of the few that were harvested by Tuesday rain. (Staff photo by Melanie Richards)

Carter veto to drive beef prices up

President Carter's "pocket veto" of the Meat Import Act of 1978 Saturday night virtually assures higher beef prices for American consumers for several years, says John B. Armstrong, president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, representing 14,000 cow-calf producers in Texas and surrounding states.

"Retail beef prices will remain high for years to come," Armstrong said, "because farmers and ranchers have very little incentive to rebuild their herds and their confidence in the government has been shaken severely by the President's action."

Current domestic cattle numbers are down because producers have been forced to sell off their herds in recent years as the cattle industry went through a financial bloodbath.

"This legislation would have given cattlemen and consumers much-needed market stability. It was, in fact, anti-inflationary," Armstrong said.

"I am personally shocked that the President can ask us, as American citizens, to voluntarily comply with

his new anti-inflation program when he exempts himself. The President's handling of the

meat import act is a sad example of what happens when political

trade-offs undermine the welfare of the U.S. cattle industry."

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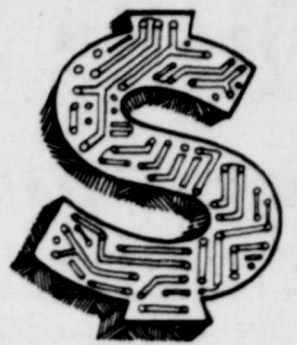
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About 30 people showed up on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month for the annual Armistice Day Observance. The World War I

Veteran's Associations sponsored the observance and a lunch. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Thanksgiving service set for Nov. 22

The annual Community-Wide Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Grace Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening, Nov. 22, at 7:00 p.m. "This service, which is a growing tradition for the Merkel community and area, affords an opportunity for people of all faiths to unite together in an expression of gratitude to God for all His blessings of the year," said Rev. Kenneth F. Jones, pastor of Merkel's First Baptist Church and co-ordinator for the worship service program.

Rev. John Mikow, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, will serve as host-pastor. Other pastors and churches participating are: Rev. Joe Bushnell of First Assembly of God; Rev. Jones of

First Baptist Church; and Rev. Allen Forbis of First United Methodist Church.

The Thanksgiving offering, which is received during this service, is used by the participating ministers to provide assistance for needy families within the community, and for helping transients who come to the ministers seeking travel assistance.

"This service gives all people of our community an opportunity to come together for a time of worship and for fellowship with one another," said Rev. Jones. "We want to invite everyone to attend the service and to join us in expressing our thanks to our God, who has so richly blessed us!"

Badgers face Wylie in last game

The Merkel Badgers face the Wylie Bulldogs this Friday night at Badger stadium. Coach McLeod's initial reaction on the game with Wylie is, "It's going to be tough, very tough." Why? Coach McLeod explains, "They are very big on defenses their line goes, nose guard 225, right tackle 210, left tackle 185 and end 195. That's Big".

The Bulldogs had hoped for a much more promising year. Their record stands at 5-4 at present for a team that many considered district contenders that's not to good. Wylie has a pair of running backs in Lance Wolfe Sr. 205 and Wesley Marsch Sr. 180 that can gain a mass of yardage.

The Bulldogs have a lot of personnel to choose from this year. There are 41 players out this year for Varsity football in Wylie. Very few go both ways, and that can make a big difference late in the fourth quarter.

There are 10 Seniors playing their last game this Friday night. They are: Jay Boyd, Mike Crouse, Billy Nichols, Rick Howes, Rusty Watts, Jeff Jones, Kelly Wolfe, Mike Brady, Craig Hutchings, and Keith Shields.

Kick off time is at 7:30 at the Badger Stadium. Don't Miss It.

By Cloy A. Richards

The Stamford Bulldogs parlayed a fine passing game and a tough, active defense into a 28-0 shellacking of the Merkel Badgers here last Friday night.

The Bulldogs passed for 211 yards and sophomore quarterback Mike Cox hit on 11 of 14 attempts and two touchdowns.

The Badgers couldn't put any offense together during the contest. The Badgers at times moved the ball but penalties and a few fumbles kept the Badgers with their backs to the wall.

The Badgers managed only six first downs and 134 yards rushing as Stamford gained a total of 37 yards for the night.

The loss was the third district loss for the

Badgers and their sixth of the year. The loss was also their first home game loss this year for the Badgers.

Badger Head Coach Jerry McLeod said the Badgers played the run "adequately" in the first quarter and they played the pass poorly.

Badger credited most of the Bulldog victory to the arm of Bulldog quarterback Cox, whom McLeod had predicted would cause the Badgers more than a headache.

As far as the Badgers go McLeod said, "We moved the ball fairly well until we got within range of the 20. Then things would stop."

The Badgers play their last game of the season Friday night at 7:30 at home against Wylie.

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The sixth grade band will march at Thursday afternoon's football game. The game is the last for

the junior high this season. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Bartlett dies at 73

Mona Faye Bartlett, 73, of Merkel died at 7 a.m. Sunday in Hendrick Medical Center after a long illness. Services were held at 4 p.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church with Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born March 11, 1905, in Abilene, she had lived in the area most of her life. She worked as a tax assessor for three years for the City of Merkel and five years for Merkel Independent School District, retiring in 1976. She was a member of the Baptist Church. She married Clyde Bartlett in Merkel. He died March 16, 1971.

Survivors include two sons, Ralph of Denver and Jim of San Jose, Calif.; a daughter, Mona Jones of Abilene; a sister, Joy Martinez of Vallejo, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Clyde Jr., in November 1977.

Douglass dies at 82

Paul H. Douglass, 82, of Abilene and formerly of Merkel, died at 6 p.m. Sunday in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene following a lengthy illness. Services are pending with Starbuck Funeral Home.

Shanks services held

Funeral services for Josie E. Shanks were held Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Clyde.

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The Goodman H.D. Club met in the home of Mrs. Dennis Butler, Nov. 10th with the president, Mrs. Garland Price, presiding. Prayer was by Mrs. Mae Seago and the recreation was by Mrs. Garland Price. She read the club's goals and the primary purpose of the H.D. Club.

Six members answered roll call with "A Holiday Idea".

The minutes were read then the regular meeting proceeded. The meeting was turned over to members to

Goodman HD

present the program, "Baking for Christmas". Cranberry bread and pound cake decorated with candied fruit were tasted by members. Refreshments were from two recipes, "Frozen Butter Milk and Ham Dip," which was tested from the extension service by Mrs. Butler.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Allen Agnew, Nov. 28.

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Girl's basketball outlook bright

by Glenn Richards

The 78-79 season for the girls basketball team will be underway tonight as the girls take on Abilene High School in a scrimmage at 6:00.

Pat Pennick head coach for the girls said, "this is the best group I've ever coached. Attitude and other wise, and attitude to me is the most important."

This year's rules call for five man full court play, something that a number of coaches, including Mrs. Pennick, have been fighting. Why? "We feel that it's not a girls game and it wasn't made for girls." The reason they changed it was for us to get the girls ready for college play, but that's not really our job." Mrs. Pennick feels that the new rules will help her team despite the feeling on the rule. "We've got a fast team, and the others are going to have a hard time keeping up."

Mrs. Pennick expects the two teams to give them trouble this year will be Coahoma and Wylie, "in that order". Wylie has won the district title 15 years in a row. "That's one tradition we intend to break," said Mrs. Pennick. "They've

gotten a new coach and lost four Sr. from last year."

As for the roster of the girls team, things look real good. The girls will have 4 Srs., 2 Jrs., 2 Sophs. and 2 Freshmen. The team will field 4 returning starters who have ten years of experience between them. The team finished 2nd in district last year with a 23-6 record.

This year's captains had something to say on their expectations for the team. Cindy Boone, 3rd year to play varsity, was all district last year. "We gotta good team. At first with the new rule change I was worried. But now I think we'll be able to put it all together."

Becky Watts, Jr., 2nd year, "I believe we can win district if we can keep it together. I'd personally rather play 6 man half court. It just takes a lot of practice to get used to the new way."

Gina Farmer, 3rd year to play varsity, all district last year, "We'll win district. The new rule is a big change. I'd rather play the old way, but it'll just take getting used to."

The girls are all looking for a good year, and in their minds is breaking that Wylie tradition. Looks like a good year to start a new one.

Noodle planning for Nov. 25 Homecoming

Noodle Homecoming will be Saturday, Nov. 25 at the Merkel Lion's Club building at South First and Oak in Merkel. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Business meeting will be at 1:30, followed by the program. Lunch will be

sack lunches or at Merkel restaurants.

Nominees for homecoming Queen are: Lucille Beene Ely of Avoca; Nell Williams Brown of Greenville; and Martha Cochran McCloud of Merkel; for

Mr. Ex: Horton Williams of Aris; Cecil Justice of Arlington; and Dick Griffith of Noodle; Ex Teacher: Edwin Read of Merkel; Jewell Jennings of Abilene; and Juanez Jones Bicknell of Abilene.

will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of their graduation later in the day at the Merkel Country Club.

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Fortnightly club

The Fortnightly Study Club will have its Annual Money Making Project in the form of What-Not and Bake Sale November 18th in the Hammond Bldg., next door to W.T.U. Co., on Edwards St., time between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

This is a Civic Project and we invite all of you to clean out your closets and contribute what you don't want to our sale. We plan to use the money to plant shrubs and flowers along the Cemetery Fence and other worthwhile Community Improvement projects.

For more information call Mrs. Andy Shouse at 928-5110 or Mary Collins at 928-5746, or Mildred Cypert at 928-5013.

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Carmack of Merkel

have announced the engagement of their daughter, Christina Anna Wiley, 2422 Buffalo Gap Rd., and Richard H. Plant, 3913 Whittier. She is the daughter of the late Frank L. Wiley of Abilene. Richard is the son of Frankie Plant and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Pollock of Corsicana.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Merkel High School and received a B.S. Degree in B.S. Degree in business edu-

Teenage Abilene

Tickets can be pur-

chased at the Abilene Civic Center Box Office, the Dr Pepper plant on Colonial Drive, Grigsby's Rag Doll and from Miss Teenage Abilene semi-finalists. Tickets are also being sold in San Angelo at the Dr Pepper distributor and at Grigsby's Rag Doll. Tickets for the Pageant, which begins at 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 18, are priced at \$2.50 with no seats reserved.

Contestants in the Miss Teenage Abilene competition have already completed the first two phases of judging, a written evaluation prepared by World Book Encyclopedia and a preliminary judging session. During the Pageant, 12 Finalists will be named to continue competition toward the title of Miss Teenage Abilene 1979.

The winner will then

proceed to the National Finals Competition for Miss Teenage Abilene 1979.

Badger Boosters

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

Compere H D
meets at
Ramsey's home

The Compere Home Organization Club met Nov. 9 in Mrs. Kevee Ramsey's home for their regular meeting. Ten members present. Pat Ramsey, president, presided for the meeting. Mrs. Dewey Ramsey offered prayer and Mrs. Hugh Taylor directed recreation, with "Taking a Trip" and reading a poem. Roll call was answered with "A Holiday Idea". Mrs. Taylor read the minutes.

The exhibit of Christmas gifts will be Nov. 15 at the council meeting. December 5th will be a demonstration of packaging of food for Christmas. The Christmas party is at the council December 12.

The Club's Christmas party will be December 7 in Mrs. Clyde Chancey's home at 2 p.m.

The club's Thanksgiving Supper will be November 18th at Noodle Community Center at 6:30.

Members exchanged recipes and refreshments were served to Mrs. Taylor Dillard, Spurgin, Dewey Ramsey, Clyde Chancey, Williams, Mims, Devaney Shields, and the hostess Mrs. Kevee Ramsey.

Everyone is invited to attend the club meetings regardless of race or color.

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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	0-28
NOVEMBER 17 WYLIE	7:30	

The following Badgers are playing their final game for Merkel High School. They are: Jay Boyd, Mike Crouse, Billy Nichols, Rick Howes, Rusty Watts, Jeff Jones, Kelly Wolfe, Mike Brady, Craig Hutchings, and Keith Shields

Blast Wylie

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	5:30	
Nov. 16	WYLIE	5:30	

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	

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