

The Art Class of Kay Todd are inviting all area residents to attend a Christmas Art Show on December 10th from 2 until 4 p.m. at the Amerine Heating and Cooling Building in Merkel.

# The Merkel Mail

All area children ages 3-10 are invited to draw a Christmas poster to enter in a Merkel Christmas Fair poster contest. Children may pick up a free sheet of poster paper from the Merkel Mail office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Posters must be delivered to the Merkel Mail by 5 p.m. December 8th. Trophies will be presented for first place in ages 3-10.

Thursday, November 30, 1978... Merkel, Texas

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## Army destroys abandoned dynamite Monday

by Cloy A. Richards

Merkel Police and Fire personnel, as well as a couple of Army folks, got a chance to see if they had steady hands under pressure when a case of dynamite was found Sunday by some local youngsters.

The youths found the dynamite at 6:15 p.m. Sunday on South 1st Street, directly across the railroad tracks from the Little Mexico Gift Shop. Merkel Police Chief Leroy Austermann responded to the call and with the help of Merkel Volunteer Fire Department personnel, moved the

dynamite to the city dump.

Two Army explosives specialist, Sgt. Nickie W. Jordan and Specialist 5 Kenneth Brooks, attached to the 47th Ordnance Detached from Fort Hood were flown to Dyess AFB, and escorted here.

The Army ordnance disposal team, accompanied by Merkel Police and Fire personnel searched the area again Monday morning and found more dynamite, and transported it to the dump.

Using six sticks of plastic C-4 military

explosives, the ordnance team detonated the dynamite in the city dump Monday. The dynamite was destroyed without injury.

Sergeant Jordan said although he had no way to determine the age of the dynamite, still posed a threat of explosion. Jordan said that dynamite that is left exposed for a long period of time can become unstable and pose a threat.

Both Jordan and Brooks said that people should report all explosives to local authorities for disposal.

The Army will come free of charge to check any explosive devise, including war tokens for danger possibilities.

This was not the first time that dynamite has caused some problems for Merkel Fire and Police people. In 1967, a dynamite truck caught on fire near Merkel and when Merkel Volunteer Fire Department folks responded, the truck exploded.

Citizens are reminded to report all finds of any explosives to the Merkel Police Department.



Congressman elect Charles Stenholm spoke recently at the West Texas Council of Governments Annual meeting at the Abilene Civic Center. (Staff photo by glenn Richards)

## Stenholm blames low farm prices

by Cloy A. Richards

Congressman elect Charles Stenholm told approximately 335 West Texas government and business leaders attending the annual meeting of the West Texas Council of Government, that getting fair farm prices is his number one concern for West Texas.

Stenholm said if the "low farm prices paid to the local farmer were increased, or paid a fair price that West Texas would have an additional \$300,000 circulating this Christmas and if agricultural imports were increased, more jobs would be created.

Stenholm also told the audience, made up of mostly local government officials and administrators, that they should return federal revenue sharing funds to decrease their dependence on the Federal Government.

Stenholm said that he and his staff is doing everything in their power to gain a seat on the Agricultural Committee in the House. Stenholm said that committee seat was one of the main reasons he wanted to run for the House and he

felt his agricultural expertise would be beneficial to the committee and West Texas.

Stenholm also said that if the farm price problem was solved, West Texas would be a strong economic area once again.

The congressman said he does not see a thing wrong with exporting food to the Soviet Union and Red China, but he hates to see any food given away, especially to communist countries.

He also said that he will "drop a bill into the hopper his first day in office that will call for balancing the federal budget." Stenholm also said he feels that government spending is largely responsible for the current inflation rate. He also said that some federal agencies, such as EPA, OSHA, and the Department of Energy could stand some reduction and that he would support Sunset Legislation, that would require all federal agencies to justify their existence periodically.

Stenholm said that he will attend the Freshmen Orientation in Washington this week and will meet with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in foreign policy briefings.



## Gotcha

The Merkel Police received their new radar last week. The radar will be put to a lot of use in the school zone by the high school. (Staff photo by glenn Richards)



# FORD BACKS THE BADGERS

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## BADGER BASKETBALL BOYS . . . . GIRLS . . . . SCHEDULE

The Badger round-ballers opened their 78-79 season last week with a loss to Jim Ned. The game was slightly tightly scheduled as the Badgers had only 2 days after the end of the football season to ready for the game.

High scorer in the game was Ken Wells, who hit 66 percent from the floor scoring 21 points. The only other Badger in double figures was Chris Cox, who hit 38 percent from the floor while accumulating 11 points.

Coach Bartee saw, "our 30 turnovers and free throw shooting at 5-18" as two major factors in the game.

Merkel played Jim Ned in a re-match here on the 22nd at Badger gym.

"Averaging 63 points a game is much better than I expected," said Coach Pennick after the girls varsity has won their three opening games (one was a scrimmage with Clyde). The lady snipers are shooting 56 percent from the free throw line and 40 percent from the floor.

In the girl's first meeting with Jim Ned, Gwen Tarpley had 10 points to lead the scoring.

Mrs. Pennick feels the team is turning over the ball much too much having 31 turnovers in each of the first three games.

The girls won the scrimmage with Clyde 55-42 and beat Abilene High in their opener.

The basketball teams at Merkel will pair off and go their separate ways this week-end. The 7th and 8th don't have far to go as they are hosting the Merkel Jr. High Basketball Tourney at the gym.

The J.V. players will head for Divide where they will face Divide in a match up.

The two varsity teams will be traveling to Anson Thursday for the Anson Tourney this week-end. Merkel girls play at 4:00 against Baird, while the boys play the next game scheduled at 5:30 against Baird also.

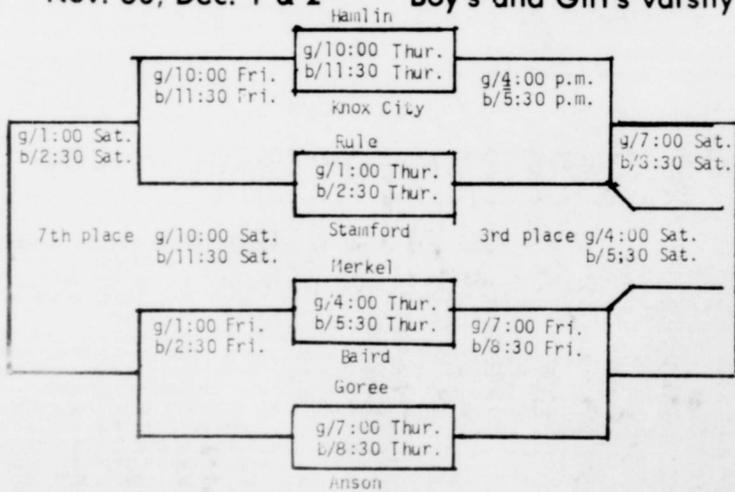
The Merkel girls lost to Knox City last year by one point, said Mrs. Pennick. "We plan on winning this year. Our game with Goree should be very interesting. They're small and quick."

Come over to Anson this week-end and watch the Badgers blitz Baird.



8th grade girls

### Anson Invitational Basketball Tourney Nov. 30, Dec. 1 & 2 Boy's and Girl's varsity



### MERKEL BADGERS 1978 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	SCHOOL	PLACE	TEAMS	TIME
Nov. 21	Jim Ned	There	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Nov. 27	A.C.H.S.	There	B-8&9, G-8	5:00
Nov. 28	Jim Ned	Here	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Nov. 30, 1, 2	Anson Tournament		B-A, G-A	
	Merkel Tournament		B-8, G-8	
Dec. 4	Sweetwater	Here	B-8&9, G-8	5:00
Dec. 5	Clyde	There	B-A&B, G-A	5:00
Dec. 7, 8, 9	Merkel Tournament		B-A, G-A	
Dec. 11	Winters	Here	B-7&8, G-7&8	5:00
Dec. 12	Winters	Here	B-A, B-9	5:00
Dec. 14	Abilene High	There	G-A&B	6:15
Dec. 15	Ballinger	There	B-A, B-9	5:00
Dec. 21, 22, 23	A.C.H.S. Tournament		B-A, G-A	
Dec. 29	Clyde	Here	B-A, G-A&B	5:00
Jan. 2	Stamford	Here	B-A&B, G-A	5:00
Jan. 4	Stamford	There	B-7,8,9	5:00
Jan. 5	Coahoma	There	B-A, G-A&B	5:00
Jan. 8	Stamford	There	B-7&8, G-7&8	5:00
Jan. 9	C. City	Here	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Jan. 11	Wylie	There	B-7&8, G-7&8	5:00
Jan. 12	Wylie	There	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Jan. 15	Anson	Here	B-7&8, G-7&8	4:00
Jan. 16	Anson	There	B-A, G-A	6:30
Jan. 18, 19, 20	Coahoma Tournament		B-7, G-7	
	Anson		B-8, G-8	
Jan. 19	Winters		B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Jan. 22	A.C.H.S.	There	B-8&9, G-8&9	5:00
Jan. 23	Ballinger	Here		5:00
Jan. 25	Stamford	Here		6:00
	Winters	Here		5:00
Jan. 26	Stamford	There	B-8&9, G-8	5:00
Jan. 29	Sweetwater	There	B-A, G-A&B	4:30
Jan. 30	Coahoma	There	B-9	5:00
Feb. 1, 2, 3	Sweetwater	Here	B-7&8, G-7&8	
Feb. 2	Coahoma		B-A, G-A&B	4:00
Feb. 5	Sweetwater Tournament		B-8&9	5:00
Feb. 6	C. City	Here	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Feb. 9	Wylie	There	B-7&8, G-7&8	5:00
Feb. 12	Wylie	Here	B-A&B, G-A&B	5:00
Feb. 13	Anson	Here	B-A&B, G-A	6:30
Feb. 16	Anson	Here	B-7&8, G-7&8	6:30
	Winters	Here	G-A&B	
	Ballinger	There	G-A&B	



7th grade girls



7th grade boys

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# Farm/Ranch News

## TFB says no to cheap food policy

Texas Farm Bureau President Carrol Chaloupka said Monday that the wrong kind of a farm program could lead to a "cheap food" policy by government that would benefit neither farmers nor consumers.

Addressing the 45th annual meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau at the Dallas Hilton, Chaloupka warned producers about piling up surpluses in government held reserves.

"We must avoid giving political planners the opportunity to impose a cheap food policy on us," Chaloupka said.

Chaloupka referred to the large increase in private storage built by producers, and urged farmers to keep control of their grain.

The leader of the state's largest farm organization said the only way producers will get fair prices is to balance supply with demand. He referred to the recent experience in the cattle industry.

"The cattle industry has gone through a devastating four years, but it did reduce cattle numbers by 15 percent, and today cattle prices are very good," he said.

Chaloupka pointed to other problems that must be solved if farmers and ranchers are to obtain a high net income in the marketplace. These include, he said, expanding exports, controlling inflation, lessening government regulations, restraining the "monopoly power" of labor unions, and "sensible" water and energy policies.

The state farm leader stressed the importance of farm exports to agriculture. He said one-fourth of farmers' income results from foreign sales, and that the production of one acre in three of cropland is exported.

He said many people in agriculture still do not realize how much farmers depend upon exports. "If we didn't have this outlet," he said, "our prices for export commodities—assuming current production—would be way below the cost of production. And, a lot of us would be out of business."

Still on the subject of exports, Chaloupka said agriculture could not afford a farm program that forced foreign buyers to pay 100 percent of parity for American farm products. He pointed out that the U.S. does not control the world markets.

"Anytime you have a law like that, you can

prepare to take tremendous cuts in your cotton, grain, rice, and soybean production," he said. "I don't mean acreage, I mean production."

The farm leader said inflation-caused primarily by government deficit spending—is the greatest problem facing this nation. If inflation is not stopped, he warned, it will be the "downfall of this society as we know it."

Chaloupka said Farm Bureau has a policy that deals with inflation. It includes adopting amendments to the U.S. Constitution requiring Congress to operate on a balanced budget and restricting the tax authority of government to a realistic percentage of the gross national product.

On the subject of government regulations, Chaloupka said there is no excuse for the degree of regulation and restraint Americans are subjected to today.

"The unneeded regulations and the bureaucracy they have spawned create special problems for all of us," he said. "They take away our freedom. They add to the cost of everything we buy and sell."

Commenting on what he termed the "stranglehold" union labor has on the American economy, the farm leader said unions are protected from anti-trust provisions of the law. This "unfair advantage" should be restrained, he said.

On another subject, Chaloupka said water may become the most limiting resource to which Texas must adjust.

"We in Farm Bureau are going to have to be leaders in the development of a water resources plan to eliminate shortages in water-deficit areas as well as prevent flooding in the surplus areas," he said.

The TFB leader commented that the President's energy bill is "worthless" as far as Texas is concerned as it would regulate intra-state use of natural gas. He said total deregulation would provide incentives for adequate production of energy supplies.

Chaloupka commended county leaders for helping to pass the Tax Relief Amendment in the general election. But, he warned, enabling legislation is still necessary if agriculture is to have relief from agricultural land taxes.

"If we fail to pass enabling legislation this next session, we may never have another chance again," he said.

## Best market buys

Best buys this week at Texas grocery markets include grapefruit, fryer chickens, potatoes and winter squash, according to Gwendolyn Clyatt. Large-size eggs and grocery market feature items in several departments are other economical buys, she reports.

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:

**FRUITS**--Grapefruit offers high quality and low prices, especially in bags-5, 8 or 18 pound bags. Apples have moderate prices.

For best buys on other fruits, compare prices on oranges, grapes, bananas, cranberries, tangerines and tangelos.

**POULTRY**--Fryer chickens make an economical meat choice in spite of slightly higher prices. Large-size eggs are a budget buy, also.

**VEGETABLES**--Best buys are potatoes, sweet potatoes and winter squash (hard-shell).

Other budget-stretching items are cabbage, carrots, turnips, broccoli, rutabagas, cooking greens and dry yellow onions.

**DAIRY**--Feature items are eggnog, yogurt and cottage cheese.

**GROCERY MARKET AISLES**--"Specials" include canned applesauce, peanut butter and sugar.

**FROZEN FOOD CHESTS**--Check for low prices on vegetables, strawberries and dinners.

**BEEF**--Markets follow no pattern on "specials". Some offer chuck cuts, while others offer loin or rib cuts or ground beef.

## Cattlemen outraged at USDA decision

United States Department of Agriculture has shown a disregard for the cattle industry's wishes when it adopted new guidelines for improving department regulations, Don C. King, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association secretary general manager, said Nov. 22.

"Although USDA had asked for industry suggestions on how to improve the process of creating new regulations, its final report shows that virtually none of the suggestions were taken. Instead of making the rule making process simpler and easier to understand, USDA has maintained its past course of making the process more complicated and more burdensome. In short, USDA has given us a formula for more complicated procedures for producing regulations instead of its stated goal of simplifying the decision making process," King said.

USDA began the revision of its rule making process after President Carter directed all his executive agencies to "improve regulations." USDA asked for suggestions from industry groups like TSCRA, but in the end, it seemed to incorporate none of the

suggestions into the new procedures, King said. In presenting suggestions into the new procedures, King said.

In presenting suggestions for improving the rule-making process, TSCRA has asked that "the rule making process should be responsive to public opinion, free from decision making of administrators and bureaucrats, conscious of the interest of Congress and, most of all, simple and understandable to the average citizen."

King also said that "We are adamantly against misuse of public tax monies through subsidizing agency-desired testimony from specific individuals or groups."

Paying for testimony from witnesses led to the resignation of Robert Angelotti, administrator of USDA's Food Safety and Quality Service on Aug. 4.

"Despite our suggestions," King said, "USDA agreed to continue paying witnesses for expenses incurred when giving testimony. And we feel sure that ex-

penses will be paid with public tax money only when testimony supports the USDA official position.

"We asked for a rule making process that the public could have a hand in, one that would be responsive to the needs of the persons that USDA serves. But instead it maintains its position of keeping all decision making processes within the bureaucracy."

"We asked for less duplication among agencies, but the department

has seen fit to increase the paperwork between agencies which will only increase duplication and waste of public tax money.

Perhaps then public money would not be needed to produce a new rule making process that in effect is more complicated than the old one. Apparently USDA's request for industry comments was more 'window-dressing' than sincere interest for industry input," King said.

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## FFA news

The chapter has been preparing for the local stock show. There will be a lot of work put into this one day show. We all know that it will be a big success.

This week we would like to spotlight three of our V.A. II 3rd period class students.

Sheila Adair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Adair, was a member of the parliamentary procedure team last year and this year.

Last year, she had a Hereford Heifer for her project that she will use for a project this year.

Cary Metts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Metts, was on the judging team and parliamentary procedure team last year and this year. For his project this year, he has one gilt and one barrow.

Ken Well, a junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wells, is taking his second year of Ag.

Ken is treasurer of the F.F.A. and junior class. He is raising a feeder calf for his project this year.

Ken is on the Varsity Basketball team this year. He played football and basketball last year.

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## South, Hicks wed

Janice Lee South, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lee South, 402 Cherry Street, Merkel and Michael Cason Hicks, son of Mr. Waymon Hicks of Merkel and Mrs. E.L. Whitaker of Weatherford, were married Saturday, Nov. 25th, 1978 in the First United Methodist Church in Merkel, with Rev. Russell McAnally officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mrs. Everett Ray Brown of Phoenix, Ariz., sister of the bride, was Matron of Honor. Bridesmaids were Lori DuBose and Cindy Shipman of Merkel and Marsha Vernon of Abilene. Ringbearers were Dana Brown and Christopher Brown, of Phoenix, Arizona, niece and nephew of the bride and flower girl was Stacy South of Anson, niece of the bride.

Jackie Minze of Mer-

kel was best man. Groomsmen were Clifford Dye of Merkel and Mark Hicks, brother of the groom, and Jerry Fuller, both of Weatherford. Tommy South of Anson, brother of the bride, and Richard Hill, of Merkel, seated guests.

The bride's parents hosted the reception in the Church Fellowship Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Hicks hosted the rehearsal dinner at the Merkel Country Club.

Following a wedding trip to Dallas, the couple will be at home at 303 Cherry Street, Merkel.

The bride is a Senior at Merkel High School and is employed at Castille's Hardware and Gifts in Merkel. The bridegroom attended schools in Weatherford and graduated from Merkel. The bridegroom is employed by Amerine Heating and Cooling Service in Merkel.



## Co-Op contest

An all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. next June will be awarded to two young people from this area by Taylor Electric Cooperative, according to Don Hart, Manager of the Cooperative.

The trip is part of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's annual rural electric youth tour that brings around one thousand rural youths to the nation's capitol each year. Mr. Hart said winners of an oratorical contest sponsored by the

Cooperative would be awarded the trip which begins on June 8th and runs for about 11 days.

The contest is open to any boy or girl who is at least sixteen years of age but not eighteen years of age prior to September 1, 1979.

Entry forms are available at the local schools and at the Taylor Electric Cooperative office in Merkel, Texas.

Contest entrants will be required to give an 8 minute talk on the subject, "Future Energy Sources." All entries must be in by January 15, 1979.

## Tye gets increase

Tye continues their dramatic tax revenue climb with another bumper month of \$2,342.46 in October, compared to \$1,818.31 last year. The rebate checks to

the city of Tye have climbed 44 percent more than last year.

Trent receives a quarterly check and those figures will be released next month.

## How the Badgers were named...

by Hoy A. Richards

As a newcomer to Merkel you wonder about a lot of things. For example, our first football season had the whole family guessing as to how the Badger became the symbol of the fighting spirit of the school's athletes. Now until someone tells us different here is how we newcomers guess it happened.

The other day we were working on the Mail Bag column and reading the Merkel Mail, Friday, April 16, 1905 edition when we ran across this article on page 4. Headlined-Real Badger Fight. Two hundred sports of city of Merkel enjoyed entertainment at Ball Park. The article goes on to say that a man from Forks of Creek brought a badger to town to do battle with the best watch dogs in Merkel. The badger was described as full grown and a fighter from the tip of his bushy tail to the end of his pointed nose. He had a better snap than a politician and teeth sharper than a safety razor. W.W. Williams captured the never-to-be forgotten symbol of ball park battles in Merkel on the old Sam Vurtis place. Word got around town fast that a badger that never had been beaten was prepared to take on dogs that hadn't been eaten. Well being sporty folks, about 200 citizens soon gathered at the ball park to watch the fight. The first member of the canine family to represent the City of Clover, as Merkel was called in those days, was Arnold Dye's English bulldog "Bobin". He was the town's bully (dog) who had upset many a buggy and scarred the day lights out of children just by his looks, not to mention how the cats of Merkel felt about this 80 pounds of meanness. All is said that after three rounds of "Bobin and the Badger" the owner hollered enough, and the fight was stopped.

Well being fair folks in Merkel all agreed that the badger should have another opportunity to defend his hide. Now there were not many automobiles in Merkel in 1909 but one was sent for the second biggest bully dog in Merkel. "Old

Watch" the property of Bone Johnson was brought to the ball park. "Old Watch" was not real mean but it was often said that the reason more trains did not stop in Merkel was because Old Watch just chased them right out. Well the Mail reporter had little to say again about the three rounds of "Watch and Badger", only that Bone hollered louder than Arnold to stop the fight.

What happened then is a sign of those times. What do you do with a champion badger? You don't have a zoo. It is too far to the veterinary school at Texas A&M, and who would keep a fighter that could beat up on every bully in town. What you do is, and I quote from the article, "A purse was made up among the spectators and given to W.W., the captor of the badger, and the hide brought another good piece of money. About two hundred citizens were witnesses."

Well, being a newcomer and not knowing any better, I believe that those two hundred people said right then and there, "We will always remember the badger as the best fighter in the ball park". Just think what would have happened if Bobin had won. "Go Bobins, Beat Clyde", or what if Old Watch had won. "Watch our Old Watch Win". Me, I am glad the badger won. Just makes more sense to yell, "Go, Fight, Win, Badgers".

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The Lord has never promised to deliver us immediately from every trial, but He has promised to bring us through.

He brings us through the waters and the fire (Isaiah 43:2), and He even takes us through the flood (Psalm 66:6). He brings us safely through the depths (Psalm 106:9) and even takes us through the deserts (Isaiah 48:21). Job 29:3 promises that God will take us through the darkness, and Deuteronomy 2:7 states that He will take us through the wilderness.

When we come to the end of life, Christ will take us through the valley of the shadow of death (Psalm 23:4).

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# Tye Times

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## 3rd and 4th grade news

### 4th Grade Mrs. Winter

School days are flying by and fourth grade students at Tye Elementary School have begun making Christmas balls to decorate the Christmas tree in their room. They are using beads, sequins, and bows on styrofoam balls. These are very colorful, and when our school Christmas party is over, they will take them home to put on their Christmas trees at home.

Last week was American Book Week and all of the students gave an oral book report. For some, this was a new experience, but a rewarding one as well. Also, several students are planning to do the reading required in order to receive reading certificates at the end of the school year.

The class is enjoying the "Weekly Readers" which have just started coming. They particularly enjoy the "game page", but there are also many interesting and unusual news items included.

Our class has been doing several dictionary exercises. They have really enjoyed competing in dictionary drills where teams compete in locating, pronouncing and giving definitions for new words.

### 3rd Grade Mrs. Key

Third grade is getting some of the Thanksgiving spirit incorporated into their math. The students will practice addition and subtraction skills while they "follow the dots" to a Thanksgiving surprise.

On a duplicating master, number from left to right one to one hundred thirty. Then, ask each child to solve the math problems on the left side of the paper and write the answers next to each problem.

When the students have solved all 27 problems they will be shown how to use their answers to find the surprise. First, the children find the first answer and draw a straight line connecting the dot above it to the dot above the second

answer. Next, they find the third answer and draw a line to the dot above it. Continue joining each number to the one preceding it until all 27 answers have been connected in succession.

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## Bill Adams bags two

by Vicki Spurr

That's a deer with two e's and our slayer is none other than Bill Adams (Junior, that is). In case you don't know Bill, he's twelve years old and quite capable of slaying "deers" or "dears"!

On Saturday, November 18, he went hunting south of Merkel with several men. Not only did he bag the first deer, a eight point, but also

managed a second deer before nightfall. Rumor has it that it wasn't only because he reached his limit that the other men were ready for him to call it quits!!

When I asked Bill if he was ready to go again next year, there wasn't even a second's hesitation as his eyes sparkled, and he said, "You bet!"

Congratulations, Bill. When did you say the B-B-Q would be?!!



## Shanna Key named Miss Merry Christmas

Shanna Key, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mac Key, was named Miss Merry Christmas by the total student body of Tye Elementary School. Shanna will be one of the participants in the Merkel Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade on December 9th in Merkel.

Other candidates for

Miss Merry Christmas from Tye Elementary were: Melanie Damme, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Damme, Jonnie Sever, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sever, Katina Neith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Neith, Lori Willborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Willborn, Sherri Miles,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roddy Miles, Mi Hwa Chon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pyong O Chon, Son Mi Chon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pyong O Chon, Shelley, Thornton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Thornton, Melissa Roys, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aury Roys, Cissy Sever,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sever, DeDe Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hall,

Lori Owen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Owen, Clara Herrera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Auturo Herrera, Kathy Corbin, daughter of Mrs. Sherron Corbin, Sandra Kotrliek, daugh-

ter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Kotrliek, Marie Terral, daughter of Mr. Doris Terral, Brandy Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Elrod.

Stephanie Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boyd and Tracy Brown, daughter of Mrs. Tina Franklin.



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## Tye policeman named

Mr. Joseph Rzcudlo, age 28, was employed as City Policeman in a special called meeting on November 21st.

Mr. Rzcudlo is a graduate of the Security Police Academy and was involved in police work while in the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Rzcudlo is a member of several organizations including president of the Abilene Gun Club, a member of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and he is a Abilene REACT volunteer.

Mr. Rzcudlo is married and has two children.

Mr. Rzcudlo has traveled to such points as England and Korea. His hobbies include skeet shooting, fishing and hunting.

In other action the council employed Joe Rodriguez of Tye as maintenance assistant.

The Tye School menu is as follows:

Monday Nov. 27  
Pizza, seasoned corn, lettuce wedges with choice of dressing, and diced peaches.

Tuesday Nov. 28  
Barbecue beef, potato

salad, pinto beans, hot rolls, and apple cheese crisp.

Wednesday Nov. 29  
Beef and spaghetti with cheese, seasoned green beans garlic bread, and fruit float.

Thursday Nov. 30  
Turkey pot pie, green salad with choice of dressing, biscuits, and wackey cake.

### School menu

Friday Dec. 1  
Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, french fries, and cowboy cookies.

## Tye news from 70 years ago

**TYE NEWS - 70 YEARS AGO**  
S.Y. Reese made a flying trip to Merkel Friday.

Health of our community is not very good. Mrs. Smith is on the sick list, we are sorry to hear.

The Home Mission Society at the Methodist Church meets every first and third Saturday in each month.

Mrs. J.S. Thomas and wife were the guests of Tom Abbott and wife Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Abbott are the happy parents of a fine new baby girl.

There will be a rally at the Presbyterian Church next Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Everybody is invited.

## How we sweetened the melting pot.



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## WTU installing test meters

West Texas Utilities Co. within the next few weeks will install special meters and recorders for about 350 customers as it initiates a comprehensive study of electric usage patterns in its service area.

The 350 customers comprise a random sample chosen by computer from throughout the WTU system. Only residential and small commercial customers are included.

"These are the two classes of customers we know very little about, so far as their electric demand habits are concerned," said Darwin Breeding, manager of WTU's Rate and Regulations Department.

Breeding emphasized that the information provided by the special recording devices will have no effect on the individual customer's electric bill, but will provide valuable information about the entire system which eventually could benefit all customers.

"This data will improve our decision making," he said, "especially in rate structuring, marketing, engineering analysis, and corporate and systems planning."

Probably the most important use of the research results will be in electric load analysis for future rate structuring. Breeding said President Carter's new Energy Act had made it "absolutely mandatory" that utility companies take the initiative to form load research programs that will provide accurate data for future rate issues as well as information to be utilized in the regulatory process. However, WTU's plans were underway before the Energy Act was passed.

State regulatory bodies, including the Public Utility Commission of Texas, also are requiring load research data from electric companies.

The first step in WTU's program will be to make personal contact with each of the 350 customers and to have them fill out questionnaires. The questionnaires will be administered by personnel from WTU's Customer Technical Services Department, headed by Bill Baxter. The questions will concern such basic facts as size of house, type and number of

electric appliances, amount of ceiling insulation, and number of persons in the family.

The special equipment then will be installed at the site of the old meter, and the information recorded by magnetic tapes will provide specific details on electric demand by each customer.

"With the information from the questionnaires and the accurate load data from the tapes, we'll have a better knowledge of our customers' electric use patterns," Breeding said. "It's possible that we can use this information to improve the utilization of our generation and transmission facilities, and this could be beneficial to all customers."

"For one thing, it will enable us to better define the loads that

cause our system peak demands," he said. "This can help us decide such things as the feasibility of time of day rates for these customer classes."

Time of day rates for residential customers are under study by the Texas PUC, and already have been implemented on a limited basis by some companies in the state.

The initial phase of the load research program will last at least a year, and the project likely will continue as a permanent program, involving different types of customer samples. Also initiating such programs are WTU's three sister companies in the Central and South System. The four companies are sharing computer facilities in order to reduce the cost of the operation.

"No bird soars too high if he soars with his own wings."  
William Blake



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# Trent News

Thursday November 30, 1978



## Fire destroys home at Cal-Tex

A house that housed some single hands at Cal-Tex feedyard burned to the ground Monday while the hands were at work.

The house was engulfed in flames when Merkel Volunteer Fire Department personnel arrived and was destroyed.

No one was hurt in the blaze and the cause of the fire has not been determined.

## Trent news from 70 years ago

TRENT - 70 YEARS AGO

J.L. Banner spent Wednesday in Merkel, the guest of his son, John.

Mr. Cotton's new residence is almost completed.

Mrs. Irving Hale is visiting in Dallas and Terrell.

The farmers have been delayed with the cotton on account of the severe weather this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blackman and Miss Roxie

Smith have returned from Putman.

We had the pleasure of being a guest at the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Thanksgiving dinner—it was grand. We never enjoyed anything like that dinner and hope soon again to enjoy another. Long live that great organization.

Mr. Estes has sold out and gone back to Arkansas. His family will soon follow. We regret to lose this good family, but our loss is someone else's gain.

## Trent elementary school news

First graders at Trent Elementary enjoyed getting ready for the Thanksgiving holidays. We made paper plate turkeys for decorations and listened to the story of the Pilgrims and Indians. Wednesday, we listed everything for which we were thankful.

We are happy to have a new student, Bobby Garcia from Sweetwater, Texas.

The second grade enjoyed playing new math games in order to sharpen their math skills. We welcome Joe Esquila to our class. We had a very enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday and we are eagerly anticipating our Christmas projects.

Luci masonheimer and Scotty O'Kelly are honor students in spelling. They have made a

100 on every spelling test. Tammy Collier is math student of the week for doing excellent work. Scotty O'Kelly is sick this week and we hope he gets well soon.

The fifth grade enjoyed our short week and Thanksgiving vacation. We celebrated with popped corn just like the Pilgrims. Everyone did well

with their division problems. This was the first time this year that we've worked with remainders. Missy Simpson won our timed multiplication test.

Book activities are due today. Missy has made a game to go with her book. Janna King has done a cartoon. Kim Wallis made a neat shadowbox.

We are involved in a project of Northwestern Europe. We are making maps, drawing flags, and making travel folders for the countries.

We are also learning about birds of the world. We are making a kit from the National Geographic Society.

# Stenholm taking Texans with him to DC

Congressman-elect Charles Stenholm of Stamford announced his choices to serve on his staff recently. He will be employing two West Texans along with several Washingtonians with West Texas ties in his Washington D.C. office.

James Morgan, 30, De Leon attorney and farmer, will serve as Stenholm's legislative assistant in charge of agricultural affairs. Robert Dyer, 30-year-old rancher, of Cisco will serve as an aide concerned with energy related matters. Stenholm remarked, "I am pleased to have these men going with me to Washington. They are young, hard working, and will serve the people of the 17th District well."

Judith Curtis, formerly retiring Congressman Omar Burleson's Washington office manager, will be the new congressman's Administrative Assistant. She joined Burleson's staff 22 years ago and has worked and traveled extensively throughout the district.

Carlton H. "Sonny" Lee, formerly of Snyder and now a student at American University in Washington, will be a part time employee in the office. His studies and interests are in foreign affairs, and will concentrate primarily on foreign agricultural markets along with other duties.

Ken Walter, son of Abilene Nancy Walter and also a former employee in the Burleson office, will be a legislative assistant.

"The District office of a congressman is his ears back to the people," Stenholm said.

"Members of Congress must listen and be responsible to the people of their District."

Bill Longley, who was manager for Stenholm, will be manager of the district office in Stamford. Dale King, Anson farmer who worked in Burleson's district office will be district representative and B.P. Cain III of Roscoe will serve as field representative. A travel schedule will be announced early next year for King and Cain as the needs of the district become evident.

Elaine Talley, presently secretary in Burleson's Abilene office, will be in charge of the Abilene branch office to be located in the Omar Burleson Federal Building.

"The congressional staff is extremely important in carrying out the work that must be done by a congressman," remarked Stenholm, "I am proud to have these people working with me to serve you, the people of the 17th District."

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If you're wondering what would make that favorite boy on your list happy this holiday season, why not get him started in one of the nation's

fastest growing sports, Bicycle Motocross, BMX for short?

Patterned after its big brother, motorcycle motocross, BMX has captured the fancy of youngsters aged 8 to 18 from California to New Jersey. It provides healthy, supervised recreational activity for youngsters, who race their 20-inch wheel bicycles over a dirt course that features banked curves, water hazards, and other obstacles to test their riding skills and stamina, and it's great fun to boot!

The SX 100 MAG Scrambler from the Schwinn Bicycle Company is one of the best ways to please "junior" on Christmas morning, as well as introduce him to this new sport. The Scrambler, built for competition, comes fully assembled and can also be used for regular bicycle riding. It combines performance with style, including lightweight glass fiber, reinforced MAG wheels, competition tires and saddle, cross-braced handlebar, and reinforced frame construction.

The BMX Scrambler will be remembered long after Christmas has passed and is certain to make you the big wheel in the family!

# News about Trent from 70 years ago

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1908

Hurrah for Trent. Our sister city to the west has added another valuable institution to her growing list of enterprises and one which will be an important factor in her future growth and the development of the rich agricultural land surrounding her on all sides.

The organization of the Farmers State Bank was completed this week and the institution will open for business upon receipt of the charter from Austin, probably the first of December. The new enterprise starts with a capital of \$15,000 paid in and will be located on the main street in a handsome east front brick building erected and equipped especially for its home at a cost of approximately \$3,000.

The officers, directors and stockholders include some of the wealthiest and most successful merchants, farmers, stockmen and bankers in this section and some of the capitalists of foreign cities. The stockholders of the Farmers State Bank are worth more than one million dollars

and it begins business under the most favorable conditions. The management of the bank will be in the hands of R.O. Anderson, formerly cashier of the First National Bank of Merkel, who has demonstrated his ability during his connection of several years with that institution.

The organization was completed at Merkel the first of this week when the following officers and directors were elected:

Officers: George S. Berry, president; W.D. Hutcheson, vice-president; R.O. Anderson, cashier. Directors: Wm. Capps, Fort Worth; D.J. Rawlings and R.O. Anderson, Trent and George S. Berry, Merkel. Stockholders: Wm Capps, William Bryce, H.L. Pier, Joe Peirano, J.S. Swann, T.J. Coggin, John Sears, Dr. M. Armstrong, S.C. Keith, J. Anderson, R.O. Anderson, R.L. White, Caps and George S. Berry.

A Mosler screw door burglar proof safe has been installed and as stated at the onset, the financial institution will be ready for business upon receipt of the charter from Austin.

## TRENT HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL 1978-79

		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			
Tues.	Jan. 9	Bronte	Here	Boys & Girls	6:30
Fri.	Jan. 12	Robert Lee	There	Boys & Girls	6:30
Tues.	Jan. 16	OPEN			
Fri.	Jan. 19	Divide	Here	Boys & Girls	6:30
Tues.	Jan. 23	Hackwell	There	Boys & Girls	6:30
Fri.	Jan. 26	Bronte	There	Boys & Girls	6:30
Tues.	Jan. 30	Robert Lee	Here	Boys & Girls	6:30
Fri.	Feb. 2	OPEN			
Tues.	Feb. 6	Divide	There	Boys & Girls	6:30
Fri.	Feb. 9	Hackwell	Here	Boys & Girls	6:30



# Scott's celebrating 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Scott of Trent will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 3rd in a reception at the Methodist Fellowship Hall from 2 to 4 p.m.

The reception will be hosted by Mr. Tommy W. Scott and Mrs. Weldon Stoen.

All friends are invited to attend the reception. Mr. Scott was born May 3, 1907 in Runnels

and Mrs. Scott was born April 6, 1911 in Big Lake. The couple met in Lenorah and married in Big Springs on Dec. 2, 1928.

The couple moved to Trent from Lamesa in 1936 where Mr. Scott is a stock farmer.

The couple attend the Baptist Church and have grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

# King in honor society

Miss Vondi King, a junior at Del Rio High School, has recently been invited to active membership of the Del Rio High Chapter of the National Honor Society by the Advisory Committee.

King was initiated into the Thespian club. Earlier this year, she was named "Ramette of the Week" by a vote of

She is the 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean King, formerly of Trent.

# TFU says bill bad for farmers

The leadership of Texas Farmers Union denounced President Carter's veto of the beef importation bill and feed grain program announcement as following the course of "kicking the farmer and kidding the consumer."

Jay Naman, President of Texas Farmers Union, issued a statement from the Waco state office stating that President Carter's decision to veto the beef import plan was a grave mistake that will keep cattle producers from expanding production and make the beef price roller coaster more severe.

"Farmers are not confident at the future of the cattle business and are not expanding their herds at a time when they could safely do so. As a result, consumers are looking at beef shortages and higher prices. President Carter's decision to veto the beef import bill will make the price roller coaster more erratic and punish both cattlemen and consumers," Naman said.

"At a time when feed grain supplies are at historic highs and feed grain producer income is less than the cost of production, it is a national disgrace that the administration won't take the action necessary in assisting farmers in balancing supply with demand. Instead, the administration economists are justifying their weak farm policy by saying that it is necessary to dampen inflation. This is a cruel hoax to the consumer who will pay higher prices because of higher costs along the processor chain. It is a slap in the face of the feed grain producer who is being told that even though improved prices would not exceed the President's inflationary guidelines, he must bear compulsory income controls."

The state farm organization leader explained that President Carter had the opportunity to help both the wool and cotton growers by signing the bill that would give American textile manufacturers badly needed concessions, he chose to punish both U.S. producers of fiber and the textile industry with his veto. Naman predicted that the cotton program, soon to be announced would encourage more production of cheap cotton, outside of the traditional growing areas. He said, "Our efforts to get the administration to announce a set-aside on cotton to assist us in the balancing of supply with demand and getting the price of cotton out of the bargain basement, seems to be falling on deaf ears." According to the Farmers Union, the administration is neither willing to curb textile imports or help American cotton farmers balance supply with demand.

Naman said, "The only hope we have to get decent prices for 1979 cotton crops now is for the sacrifice they make in reducing acreage."



The Trent boys will be playing in the 2nd Annual Trent Basketball Tourney this Thursday-Saturday at the new Trent gym. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

# Basketball tourney this weekend

The second Trent Basketball Tournament will highlight this weekend's activity in Trent. Girls games begin today (Thursday) at 11:30 as Wylie faces Rotan. The boys teams from those school will square off at 12:45 to start that side of the tournament.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division and teams competing include Wylie, Wylie J.V., Roscoe, Rotan, Old Glory, Hobbs, Coleman and Trent.

First day girls action will pit Wylie against

Rotan at 11:30 a.m.; Roscoe against Wylie J.V. at 2 p.m.; Old Glory against Hobbs at 4:30; and Coleman against Trent at 7:30 p.m.

The respective boys team will play one hour and fifteen minutes after the start of the girls games.

# Newsbriefs

## Insurance lot

The Merkel Independent School Board awarded some 3.5 million in extended fire insurance to Connie Mack Seymore and Benny Melton, who acted as brokers for the new three year policy.

The policy is the standard fire and extended coverage provided to schools and is \$1000 deductible. The policy calls for 100 per cent replacement costs, that will be re-determined annually.

The board received four sealed bids. Other bids received included an Abilene firm, a Dallas firm and another Merkel firm.

## Garden Club

On November 16th the District 8 Garden Club Fall Convention was held at Roby High School. The theme was Autumn Gold. After the business meeting a program was given by Mrs. H.B. Horn on the Madonna. Mrs. Horn is the past State President of the Del Rio Chapter.

A catered luncheon was then held at the Fireman's Hall in Roby. The Merkel, Hamlin, and Roby Garden Clubs were the hosts of the convention. Seven club members were present along with approximately 125 guests. The Merkel Garden Club made the potted plants for the table decorations and all guests received door prizes made by the host clubs.

## Pastor's meet

Hardin Simmons University will be hosting its Annual Bible Study for pastors of the West Texas area Thursday, Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The January Bible Study in Southern Baptist Churches will be over the New Testament gospel of Mark so the pastor's study will focus on this topic.

H-SU president Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher will deliver the welcoming address prior to lectures from four H-SU, will discuss the "Introduction and Major Motifs of Mark," and will be followed by Dr. Jack Weir, assistant professor in Bible and Religion with his paper on "The Galilean Ministry Controversy and Revelation."

Following lunch a discussion of "The Journey to Jerusalem and the Conflict With the Jews," will be presented by Dr. George Knight, associate professor in Bible and Religion, and Dr. Lindell O. Harris, chairman of the division of religion, will deliver his paper entitled "The Little Apocalypse and the Ending of the Gospel." Dr. Austin will speak on the last topic covered with his lecture "Homiletical Suggestions."

## TET Class

T.E.T. class of the First Baptist Church met Nov. 28 for a business meeting and breakfast at the Big Country Inn. Bessie Perry and Estelle Humphrey were hostesses. President Mrs. Mimmie Carey opened the meeting. The opening prayer was given by Wynona Scoggins.

Members present were: Jewell Christwell, Maggie Renfro, Parilee Gibson, Annie Walker, Minnie Carey, Bessie Clack, Estelle Humphrey, Dewie Flemming, Ruby Jenkins, Ora Griggs, Ruth Bage, Jewell Dunigan.

Our next meeting will be a Christmas luncheon December 11 at the Church. The closing prayer

was given by Estelle Humphreys.

## Pecan Show

The 3rd Abilene Area Pecan Show sponsored by Taylor County Extension Service & Abilene Chamber of Commerce will be held at Westgate Mall, November 30 and December 1. There will be two categories in the show, the Nut Category and the Food Category. Entries of both food and nuts are due Thursday, November 30 between 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the mall. Ribbons will be awarded to the first five places in all classes. Silver serving trays will be given to Adult and Youth Foods Sweepstakes Winners and Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show in the Pecan Nut Division.

In the Nut Division a family may have one entry for each variety and the entry must contain 42 nuts. Pecans should not be polished excessively. Unknown varieties will be classified by the judges. All pecans will become the property of the show. First place winners will be sent to the Regional Show in San Angelo, December 12-15.

In the Food Division each entry must be covered with transparent wrap and accompanied by a recipe that will not be returned. Foods must contain pecans as an ingredient; not just decoration. Food may be picked up Friday from 4-5 p.m.

## Stith HD

Stith Home Demonstration Club met Nov. 21 in the home of Mrs. Daisy Mashburn for a Thanksgiving salad luncheon. There were 8 members there for lunch, being 5 members

and 3 visitors. Roy Masburn and grandson, Josh, and Mrs. Ladean Thomas were the visitors. The members attending were: Mrs. Mae Jones, Ophelia Mergel, Margaret Dickerson, Miss Louise Hudson and our hostess, Mrs. Dairy Mashburn. In the afternoon we had our meeting. Mrs. Mashburn acted as president. Roll call was answered with, "What I Have to be Thankful

For". The minutes were read and approved.

Our game was directed by Mrs. Mashburn. She also gave the council report. Our lucky lady of the day was Mrs. Ladean Thomas.

Our next meeting will be a luncheon at Stith on December 7. We reveal pals. Last meeting this year will be this one. Our next meeting will be January 10, 1979. All ladies are invited to our meetings.

## Cotton farmers; market better

Cotton farmers hold the key to the prices they are receiving for their 1978 crop. The key is orderly marketing.

"The manner in which producers market their crop has a great bearing on the price level," points out Dr. Carl Anderson, cotton marketing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension System. "Although the market is still fairly strong, most cotton is traditionally sold in Texas in December and January. Holding back some cotton and marketing only a limited amount can help bolster prices."

Going into this year's crop season, the cotton market looked fairly strong due to the drop in domestic production and stable foreign production, says Anderson. But once the harvest season starts and the new crop hits the market, prices tend to go down. However, with cotton supplies tight as they are this year, orderly marketings can contribute to a more stable price pattern.

"With the weak domestic demand for cotton which currently exists, bunched marketings will cause a slump in prices," contends the

marketing specialist. "Producers short on cash may want to consider placing cotton in the CCC (Commodity Credit Corporation) loan program for several months. This would help even out marketings and maintain a higher price level."

Looking ahead, prospects for a favorable price for 1979 cotton depend on the anticipated crop size which now appears to be substantially larger than this year's crop, notes Anderson. Prices could easily be down near the 1979 CCC loan rate of 50.23 cents per pound for Strict Low Middling 1-1-16 inch cotton this time next year.

"With the prospects of a sizeable boost in next year's cotton crop, producers might consider forward contracting or hedging in the futures market during the next several months at least part of their 1979 crop at a price that allows a reasonable profit," advises Anderson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson

### Watson's celebrating 50 years of marriage on Dec. 9th

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson of Merkel will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in a reception scheduled for Dec. 9 at the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church of Merkel.

The children and grand children of the Watsons will host the event.

Mr. Watson was born May 7, 1901 in Robinson County and Mrs. Watson was born October 20, 1909 in Hood County. The couple met in 1926 in Newman and were married in Sylvester on Dec. 23, 1928.

The Watsons moved from Newman to Trent and then to Merkel in 1947. Mr. Watson is a retired Merkel City employee and the Watsons attend the First Baptist Church here. They have 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The couple's children and spouses are: Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Watson of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Amason of Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson of Houma, La.; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Rena Vancil of Richardson; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Smith of Thoreau, N.M.; and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Radner of Little Rock, Ark.

### Agency holding public talks

The Health Systems Plan for the 44 county Texas Health Service Area Four is currently being examined and revised by a number of subarea task forces. The task force structure is an integral part of the Tri Region Health Systems Agency's annual amendment process for updating and revising the plan. The current plan is the first comprehensive health plan for the area and was formally approved by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in August of this year.

A total of twelve task forces have begun work on revising the plan. Specifically, task forces have been set up to look at the heart, cancer, infant and maternal, and mental health sections of the plan. A task force has been set up in each of the HSA's three subareas (Nortex, Concho Valley, and West Central) for each of these concerns. The task forces are comprised of physicians, nurses, technicians, and interested citizens who reside in the area. Task force activities will be ongoing through the month of November with recommendations forthcoming sometime in December.

A revised Health Systems Plan should be presented before the Agency's nine member Plan Development Committee around the first of the year.

Area residents are encouraged to watch the legal notices for times and places of upcoming task force meetings. All task force meetings are open to the public and interested persons are encouraged to participate.

### Hart invited to energy confab

Don J. Hart, manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative, has been invited to join President Jimmy Carter in a White House meeting on Friday, December 1, 1978. Rural energy issues will be discussed and rural initiatives announced.

Other participants expected to attend are Bob Bergland, Secretary of Agriculture; Cecil Andrus, Secretary of Interior; Ray Marshall, Secretary of Labor; John O'Leary, Deputy Secretary of Energy; James McIntyre, Director of the office of Management and Budget; and Robert Feragen, Administrator of REA.

Mr. Hart will represent all cooperatives in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona at the energy meeting. Currently, he is one of twenty directors in the United States serving a three year term as a National

Director of CFC, a supplemental financing organization for Rural Electric Cooperatives. Mr. Hart, serving the second year of his three year term, was elected at the National Rural Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

In addition to his work on the National level, Hart has served in various capacities on State-Wide Committees, and the Area Rural

Electric Cooperative organizations. Presently, he is chairman of the Power Procurement Committee for the Electric Cooperatives in West Texas, and chairman of Mid-Tex GNT.

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The Merkel merchants pay a little more for cotton, and sells goods for less.

# Taylor County water study released

Results of the first detailed study of ground water resources in Taylor County were released today by the Texas Department of Water Resources.

Report 224, "Occurrence, Quantity, and Quality of Ground Water in Taylor County, Texas," was written by Department geologist Howard D. Taylor.

Most productive ground water source in the county, the report states, is the alluvium aquifer which consists mainly of sand and gravel deposits bordering major streams. Ninety-nine irrigation wells are reported supplied by the alluvium aquifer, most of them along Jim Ned Creek in the county's southeast quarter, from northwest of Tuscola to east of Lawn.

The alluvium aquifer along Jim Ned Creek contains about 4,400 acre-feet of water in storage, the report concludes, and probably could support a small increase in irrigation development. The alluvium aquifer also furnishes water used for public supply at Tuscola, Buffalo Gap, and

Ovalo; for industrial purposes at a gas plant west of Tuscola; and for domestic and livestock supplies in numerous scattered locations.

A second principal aquifer is the Antlers Formation which consists mainly of sand and underlies the mesas and buttes in the southern half of the county. The ranching industry in south Taylor County depends on this aquifer to a great extent as a reliable source for livestock water supply, the report indicates.

Other aquifers found to contain usable water are the Choza, San Angelo, Lueders, Arroyo, and Vale Formations, and limestone beds of the Fredericksburg Group.

The quality of ground water in Taylor County wells varies greatly, but generally is good. Typically, the water is very hard and low in fluoride content. Locally, a few areas experience troublesome nitrate concentrations.

# Newsbriefs

## Comper

On Saturday night, November 18th, thirteen club members from the Comper Home Demonstration Club arrived at the Noodle Community Center with well filled baskets and table decorations for their Thanksgiving supper. The families of club members, relatives and friends from the surrounding communities made a well filled house, to feast and enjoy the wonderful fellowship on the occasion.

The club's Christmas party will be in the home of Mrs. Clyde

Chancey, December 7th at 2 p.m. Gifts will be exchanged from a tree and pairs revealed.

## Cisco JC

Registration for the spring semester at Cisco Junior College, is now being held, according to Olin Odom, III, Registrar.

Off-campus extensions will begin registration on December 4. Students may register at any time during office hours, from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Student costs are: twelve hours, \$138.00; nine hours, \$108.00; six hours, \$79.00; three hours, \$63.00. Tuition and fees for a full fifteen hours load would be \$168.00.

The first class day for the spring semester will be January 15, 1979. Students desiring more information, may contact Mr. Odom at the Registrar's Office at the CJC campus, by calling 817-442-2567.

## Cascio

### promoted

Marisaia A. Cascio, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. A.C. Asencio of 108 Haynes St., Merkel, Tx., has been appointed to noncommissioned officer (NCO) status in the U.S. Air Force.

The newly selected sergeant completed required training in management, leadership, human relations and NCP responsibilities, before being considered for this new rank.

The sergeant attended Merkel High School. Her husband, Sergeant David L. Cascio, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Cascio of 1506 Barbara St., Austin, Tx.

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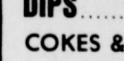
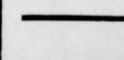
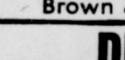
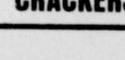
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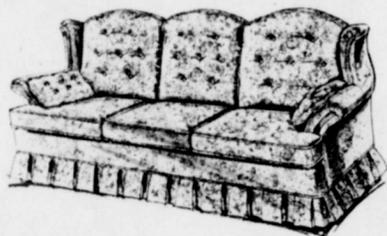
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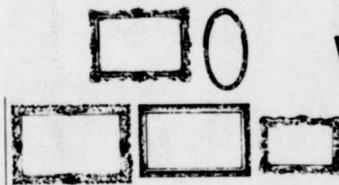
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