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The Merkel Mail

All area youngsters still have a couple of days to get your Christmas posters to the Merkel Mail for a Dec. 9 poster contest. The Mail will accept posters until 5 p.m. Friday, December 8th and trophies will be given in ages 3-10.

Thursday, December 7, 1978... Merkel, Texas

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DON J. HART

Don Hart

Hart back from White House rural energy seminar

by Cloy A. Richards

Don Hart, manager of the Taylor Electric Co-Op was in Washington, D.C. last Thursday to discuss rural electric policies with President Jimmy Carter, Vice President Walter Mondale, and other officials.

Hart said it was his first White House level seminar he had attended, although he goes to Washington quarterly, where he serves on the board of directors for the National Rural Utility Co-Op Financial Corporation. That corporation supplies loans to electric co-ops.

Attendees at the White House seminar included Bob Bergland, Secretary of Agriculture, Ray Marshall, Secretary of Labor, Cecil Andrus, Secretary of Interior, Doug Coestelle, Environmental Protection Agency, Bob Fergan, Rural Electric Association and John O'Ladey, Deputy Secretary of Energy.

Hart said Carter attended 30 minutes of the four hour seminar and left for meetings with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

During the meetings Hart said the attendees discussed federal regulations, and red tape that electric co-ops must face to secure loans for generating and transmission problems. Hart said that in his opinion the Federal Government is being too particular in loan procedures and too many additional regulations are being piled on electric co-ops.

Hart said Carter made a few points during the talks including nuclear energy. Carter said there would be a limited amount of funds available for nuclear research and Carter maintained his stand against fast breeder nuclear reactors. (Fast breeder reactors leave chemical residue that can be manufactured into explosive devices).

Carter re-emphasized his commitment to cut the Federal deficit from 48 to 30 billion dollars and promised that budget cuts would be uniform. Carter reported that some federal programs would be deferred and some would be eliminated.

Hart said that when he went to the seminar, he had fears that electric co-ops would be getting some bad news from the President, instead they received some good news.

Hart said that two years ago, the Office of Management and Budget did a study that gave several options on how OMB felt electric co-ops should be financed. The study contained a few options that co-ops were not happy with and the administration decided to shelve the OMB study.

Hart said the reason he feared bad news is because Carter has a habit of presenting bad news in front of the people it would affect. (Carter announced voluntary inflation fighting formulas including lower labor raises in front of the Teamsters and amnesty for draft evaders in front of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.)

Hart said that although he has done a lot of business in Washington, that he was impressed with the White House. He said the meetings were held in the East Room and from there they went down a long hall for the reception.

Hart also said he was impressed with the White House press corps that attended the meetings.

Hart said of Carter that he spoke off the cuff and the famous Jimmy Carter smile is seen less and less. He also said that he feels that "Carter has made his mistakes but what impresses me is that the President is not afraid to bite the bullet when something goes wrong. I was already primed for the other shoe to fall because of the OMB study, but it didn't happen".

Hart said the talks ruined a hunting trip he had planned but he did get a chance to talk to former Cowboy Leroy Jordon, who was on his way to see the Auburn-Alabama game.

Hart closed by saying, "It's not very often a country boy goes to the White House," speaking of himself.

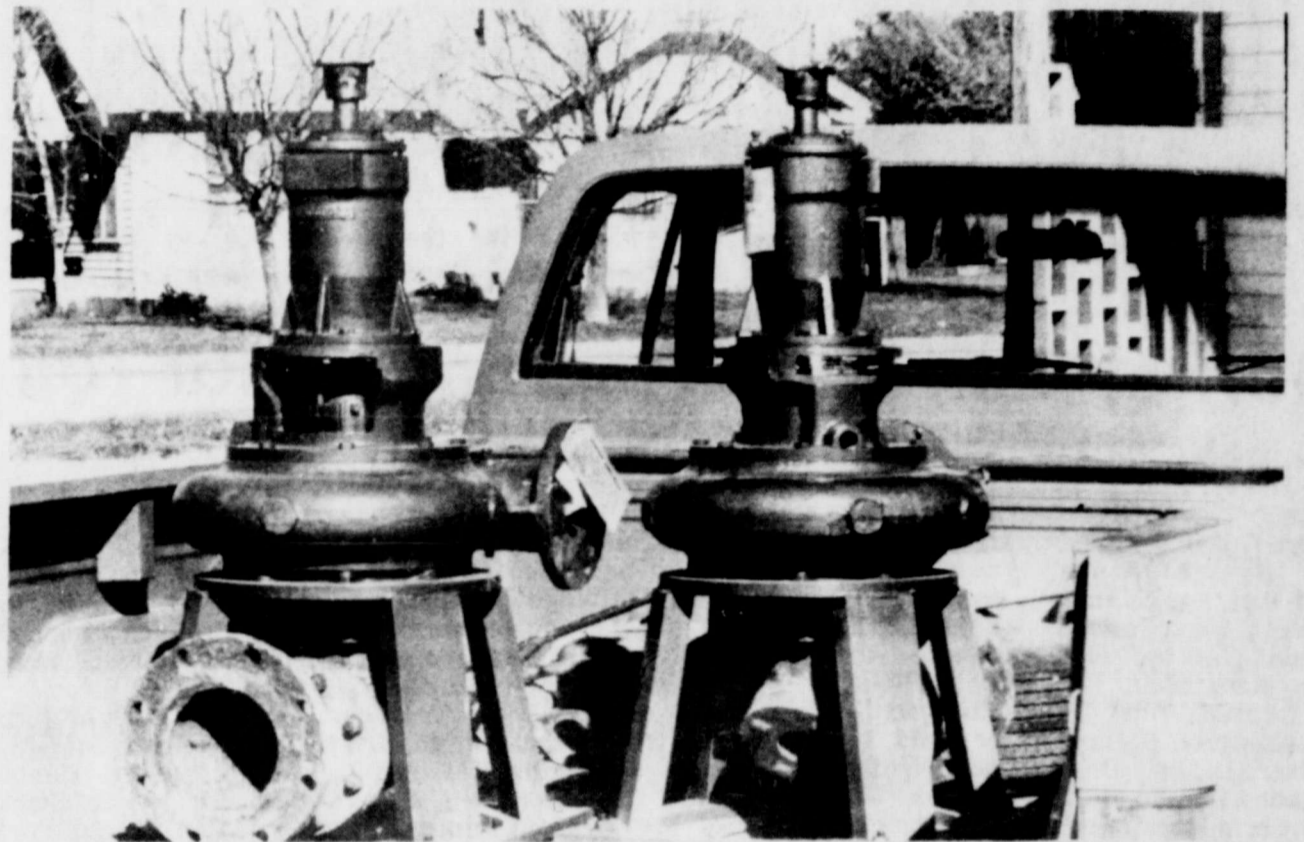
But then again, it is not very often that a country boy lives in the White House.

Police crack down on speed limit near school

The Merkel Police had a relatively quiet week end this past week and most of their business of late has been speeders in the school zone.

Merkel Police made two arrests Saturday night when a fight broke out at the Queen Hearts Club.

In other police news, the locals have been cracking down on speeders in the school zones. Merkel Police Chief Leroy Austermann said all of the tickets written have been for speed in excess of 28 miles per hour, the speed limit near the school is 20.



These pumps will be installed beginning this week at the water treatment plant. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

City awaiting word on grants

If you have seen the back of City Manager J.A. Sadler's pickup lately, you will notice two shiny pumps.

Those pumps are destined to spend their working lives in the bowels of the city water treatment plant upon installation, expected to start Thursday.

Sadler said the pumps are hard to install and there is a danger factor for city employees. Once the pumps are in place, the water treatment capacity at the cities plant will be increased and will allow for re-circulation of waste water. This process is commonly used in facilities that are designed for larger populations (such as Merkel's plant) where the water can be re-cleaned, after initial cleaning.

Sadler also reported that no word has been received from the state prison system on the status of new stop signs, to be installed around the school. An inmate labor strike delayed production and delivery dates of the inmate made road signs.

The city has also made formal application for a federal grant to pay a full time city landfill operator. If the application is accepted, the city would receive an 18 month grant for labor costs. Currently, city crews perform labor at the dump whenever they have the time from their other duties. The grant application process is being handled by the West Texas Council of Governments.

In another Council of Government project, the rural development section at the council is checking regulations to see if Merkel can receive funds for the hiring of a policeman-trainee, school crossing guard.

The Merkel City Council will meet in a regular business meeting Friday morning at 7 a.m.

A couple of reminders, the city offices open at 7 a.m. each Monday morning for people to pay water bills and school and city taxes. School and city taxes must be paid by Jan. 31st, 1979.



Santa Claus will officially arrive in Merkel this Saturday when the Merkel Christmas Parade begins at 2:30 Saturday. The Merkel Chamber of Commerce and the Merkel Merchants Association is sponsoring a Merkel Christmas Fair and Parade, activities get underway at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Christmas winners. They are Shanna Key from Tye Elementary, Abby Irvin, Merkel Elementary, Judy Jinkins, Merkel Middle School and Amy McCoy, Merkel High School.

The parade committee will offer cash prizes for the first three places in floats and first three places in decorated bicycles.

The other activities that day, the Auxillary of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department will be taking pictures with Santa directly after the parade and the Merkel Mail is sponsoring a poster contest for children between the ages of 3-10. Trophies will be announced at 1:30 p.m. at the Merkel Mail.

Saturday will be a good time for area folks to come into town and visit the booths at 10 a.m., do a little Christmas shopping and watch the Merkel Christmas Parade.

At presstime the following groups or clubs have scheduled booths including the VFW Auxillary, the Amigos Sinceros Service Club, the Fortnightly Study Club, The Merkel Motocross Club, the CCD Class of the Catholic Church.

Also in town that day is the annual Xi Nu Chi Bazaar that gets underway at 10 a.m.

The parade, that begins at 2:30 Saturday, will be led by a combination of the Merkel High and Merkel Middle School Band and will include the Miss Merry

Howes makes All-District Offense and Defense

Badger running back and linebacker Rick Howes, was the only Badger to make the All-District First Team and he did it in fine fashion by making the first team offensively and defensively.

Howes, a 195 pound senior, made all district

as a running back and linebacker and was the only player in 6-2A to be named all district both ways.

Second team honors went to Dwayne Roysden at guard and Buster Brown was named to the second team as a defensive lineman.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Mrs. Head's house on Kent has up all the lights and works for the Christmas season. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)



These students at Merkel Elementary received

T-Shirts for their work during the M.S. Read-A-Thon. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Merkel Elementary names honor roll

The Merkel Elementary Honor Roll is as follows:

First Grade A Honor Roll: Bridget Acuna, Chad Bartee, Sabrina Boswell, Lisa Cannon, Angela Carson, Kyle Doan, Mfsti Doan, Robynn Dudley, Toby Dupont, Melissa Halford, Stephen Jacobs, Dusty McLeod, Tricia Newsum, Chris Pack, Kevin Pilgrim, Melinda Reagan, John Reppond, Gay Lynn Robertson, Penny Smith, Chip Townsend, Michael Tyus. A-B: Damon Allredge, Laura Baker, Roy Cunn-

ham, Doreen Fletcher, Lynn Gregory, Susan Hammond, Heather Henson, Cassandra Moreno, Denise Moreno, Staci Pack, Christy Reynolds, Brandon Rice, Johnny Ray Thomas, Billy Williams.
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ky Hernandez, Joey Howell, Anissa Jones, Martin Landeros, Pam Neff, Lawrence Rhone, Kim Richards, Glyn Ann Rutledge, Chris Shugart.
Third Grade A Honor Roll: Angie Moreno, Ramon Moreno, Ted Seymore, Todd Smith, Krista Toombs. A-B: Angela Carson, Kyle Coker, Shayna Cunningham, April Duncan, Kristy Elliott, Crissy Nalley, Ladonna Roysden, Leslie Roysden, Mindy Stewart, Amy Stuckey.
Fourth Grade A Honor Roll: Suzan Alberts, Ab-

by Irvin, Debbie Pack, Danny Santee, Angela Thomas. A-B: Tracy Bicknell, Tina Jaramillo, Emma Pepin, David Ray, Sheri Riney, DeAnn Stevens, Fondale Watson, Michelle Woodward.
Fifth Grade A Honor Roll: Ronna Casey, Alyse Ferguson, Debbie McLeod, Regina Stuckey. A-B: Cammie Bright, Matt Cain, Clay Carey, Kevin Coker, Sue Cunningham, Pam Ely, Edwin Etheridge, Gayle Landeros, Amy Irvin, Kelly Riney, Lucretia Wade, Todd Yaddow.

High school honor roll

The Merkel High School A Honor Roll is as follows: Charleen Fariello, Pam Cren-

shaw, Cindy Smith, Sheila Sloan, Stacy Seymore, Danna Russell, Lesa Hart, Mark Bland,

Edward Herrera, Janice Carey, Shannon Bagby, Mary Fariello.

Xi Nu Chi holding 7th annual bazaar

The Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Merkel will hold their 7th annual Christmas Bazaar this Saturday in the West Texas Utilities

Building from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The Bazaar will feature home made bake goods, tree ornaments, package decoration,

candy and many other items. Anyone wishing to place special orders may call one of the following members: Liz Eager at 928-5246, Lou-

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Gina Farmer was voted the most valuable player of the Anson Girls Tournament. The Merkel girls took first in that tourney last week-end. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

High School girls have perfect record

The Merkel girls kept their perfect record going over the week-end as they tiptoed through the girls bracket at Anson scoring 152 points to their opponents, 116 points in three games.

The first game brought Merkel against Baird, Thursday night. Both Gina Farmer and Norma Frazier had 12 points as the Badgers won 47-45. The girls only shot an average of 28 percent from the floor, shooting 64 times and making 18.

In the second game, the Badgers took on a smaller, but very quick Goree team and won 45-41. Norma Frazier had an outstanding game with 13 rebounds and 19 points, shooting 80 percent from the floor. The team average was up 19 percent this game to 47 percent.

"The championship game was sort of a let down after the game with Goree. Stamford didn't have a whole lot," said Miss Penick of the final game.

The Badgers boomed Stamford 60-30 in the final game. Gina Farmer contributed 14 points and seven saves, while Norma Frazier had 13 points and 14 rebounds. Cindy Boone also had 10 points.

Gina Farmer was picked most valuable player for the Tourney. Gina had 45 points in three games.

Norma Frazier was picked as a member to the All-Tournament Team. Norma had 44 points for the Tournament and has been the leading rebounder for the girls all year.

Coach Penick said, "The turnovers were considerably down in the last two games, but we still aren't playing very aggressive defense."

The girls will be participating in the Merkel Tournament.

Boys place fourth in Anson tourney

The boys lost their bid for third place by dropping their second game in the tourney to Rule 43-32. The Badgers shot a poor 29 percent from the floor during that game. "We're taking good shots," said Coach Bartee, "but they're just not falling."

Thursday night the Badgers beat Baird 58-41. Badgers on double figures were Mike Sims with 10 points, Ken Wells with 16 and Rick Howes with 15.

Friday night the Badgers lost to Goree 44-33. Again poor shooting percentages hurt the Badgers. They shot 31 percent from the floor. Coach Bartee said, "One night we took 90 shots and only made 20. You can't win shooting like that. I've always believed if you held a team to between 45-50 points, you should win. We're holding them to the points, we just can't put our own in."

The boys record is 1-4 for the year. The Badgers will be hosting the Merkel Invitational Basketball Tourney this week-end.

Pack 220 meets, presented new flag

by Brit Pursley
Pack 220 had a pack meeting last Monday night and received a new flag from Bill Sloan of the Woodman of the World.

The old flag was burned in a flag burning ceremony that each scout took part in.

Den 1 presented a skit on mountain men and some scouts received medals and badges.

8th, 7th grade girls doing well

The Merkel 8th grade girls' basketball team has started off with a bang by defeating ACMS with the score of 62 to 11 on Monday night, Nov. 27. The girls did an outstanding job both offensive and defensive. Windi Whisenhunt was high point with 16. The girls played Stamford in the Merkel Tournament and defeated them with the score of 34-2. Tina Bicknell and Windi Whisenhunt were high point girls scoring 10 points each. The second game of the tournament, the girls played Wylie. Wylie defeated Merkel 33-18. Pam Massey was high point with 6 points.

The girls playing on the 8th grade team are: Amye Amerine, Tina Bicknell, Tonja Bicknell, Debra Carey, Windi Whisenhunt, Jackie Owen, Pam Massey, Rosie Biera, Kim McCasland, Pam Allbright, Susan Conner, and the managers are Tammy Townsend and Kim Gurganus.

Coach Hicks is very proud of the girls and is hoping that they continue the fine job that they are doing this year.

The Merkel 7th grade girls' basketball team has played two games. They played in the Merkel Tournament against 8th graders. They gave ACMS and Anson a tough time defensively, even though ACMS and Anson beat the young team. The scores were ACMS 14- Merkel 4 and Anson 20 and Merkel 4.

The 7th graders are in a tournament at Moran this week-end.

Merkel tourney

Merkel Middle School sponsored an eighth grade tournament this past week-end. The eight teams that participated were: Wylie, Hawley, Merkel 7th, ACMS, Merkel 8th, Anson, Stamford, and Ballinger. Two of the games were won by the winning field goal made with less than 5 seconds remaining in the game.

Wylie girls won 1st place by defeating Hawley in the championship game.

Anson girls won consolation by defeating Ballinger.

Hawley boys won 1st place again for the 2nd year in a row by defeating Ballinger in the championship game.

Anson boys won consolation by defeating Merkel 8th.

The following players received all tournament trophies: Girls: No. 3 Moreland-Anson; No. 25 Clark-Hawley; No. 14 Beal-Wylie; No. 31 Tina Bicknell-Merkel; No. 22 Johnson-Ballinger; Most Valuable Player-No. 32 Gray-Wylie. Boys: No. 14 Hagar-Merkel; No. 44 Dunn-Anson; No. 25 Enzor-ACMS; No. 11 Elliott-Ballinger; No. 24 Collins-Stamford; Most Valuable Player-No. 22 Anderson-Hawley.

All of the coaches want to thank everyone for the fine support that you gave to the teams during the tournament.

JV girls place second in Divide tourney

The J.V. girls traveled to Divide last week-end for a basketball tourney there.

The girls returned with a 2nd place trophy. Their only loss came from the Loraine Varsity in the championship game, 62-26. At the end of the first quarter, the score was 12-12, but, "They were just a little bit too good for us," said Coach McLeod.

The girls beat the Loraine J. V. Thursday 47-14 and then the Divide Varsity in a squeazer 37-35 before their loss.

Gayla Bowerman was named to the All-Tournament Team for her efforts.

The J.V. will be in Jim Ned this week-end for a tournament there.

Visitors

Thanksgiving visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Reid were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reid, Jeff and Terri of Canyon and Mrs. Mary Kate Campbell of Amarillo.

Open House

An open house will be held Dec. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the first house in the Humphrey addition.

The open house is for Billie Deaterage and Pete Benson.

Birthday party

Belle Hammond was surprised last Thursday evening in her home with the smiling faces of Ricky Riley, Jason Nalley, and Mark Reed. The children all presented Belle with birthday presents. The mothers, Teri Nalley, Karen Riley, and Beverly Reed served cake and punch. Others attending were Brad and Chrissy Nalley, Billy and Billy Ray Riley, and Suzie, Clay, and Dale Hammond.

Sorority meets

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their regular meeting November 21, in Chera Hohertz's home. Two programs were presented to the members: Sarah Lucan and Mary Hill gave a talk on "Establishing Our Place," and Nancy Hogan and Judy Elliott spoke on the subject of "Living," and the best ways to spend out leisure time. After the programs were presented the chapter held a baked goods auction and members had a chance to purchase delicious treats to take home to their families for the

Thanksgiving holiday. Among the subjects discussed during the business meeting were plans for the upcoming Christmas Fair and the progress of the portrait sales project.

Chere served refreshments to the members and a short executive board meeting was held.

Those present were: Gloria Henslee, Annette Clark, Kay Teaff, Barbara Welch, Sarah Lucas, Mary Hill, Mychele Hammond, Judy Elliott, Millie Bright, Belle Hammond, Karen Riley, Nancy Hogan, Minyon Seymore, Ann Doan, and Chera Hohertz.

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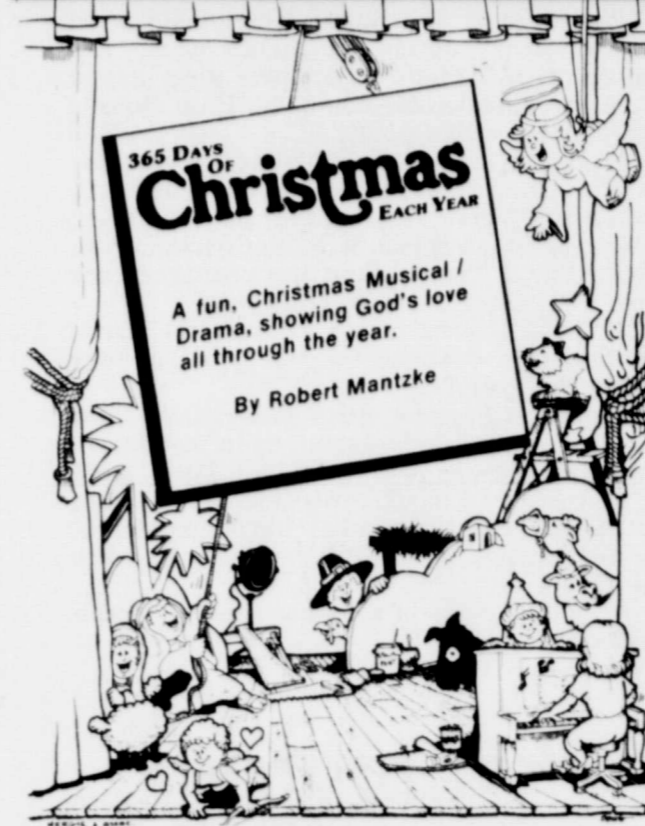
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Best grocery buy

Best values in Texas grocery markets this week include fryer chickens, grapefruit and yellow vegetables, according to Gwendolyn Clyatt.

Also, stock up on frozen orange juice concentrate if it's a favorite, prices will go up soon, she advises.

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

Price-quality trends this week are the following:

POULTRY--Poultry still remains the "economy" meat with fryer chickens "on special" in some markets. Whole birds are the budget buy. Egg prices are rising, and that trend will continue until after the holiday baking demand is over.

FRESH FRUITS--Grapefruit is plentiful, economical and in the peak of quality. Now is the season to buy, although it is available almost all year. Thin-skinned fruits have more juice. Avoid thick-skinned fruits or those with a pointed end. Also avoid fruit with soft or discolored areas.

Other fruits to consider include cranberries, bananas, oranges, grapes, pears, tangerines, and tangelos, along with a record supply of apples.

FRESH VEGETABLES--Economy items are sweet potatoes, rutabagas, hard-shell squash and carrots. Other budget buys are cabbage, potatoes and onions.

More salad items are worth price checks for good buys: head lettuce, escarole, and endive, cucumbers and peppers. The last two will see price hikes soon.

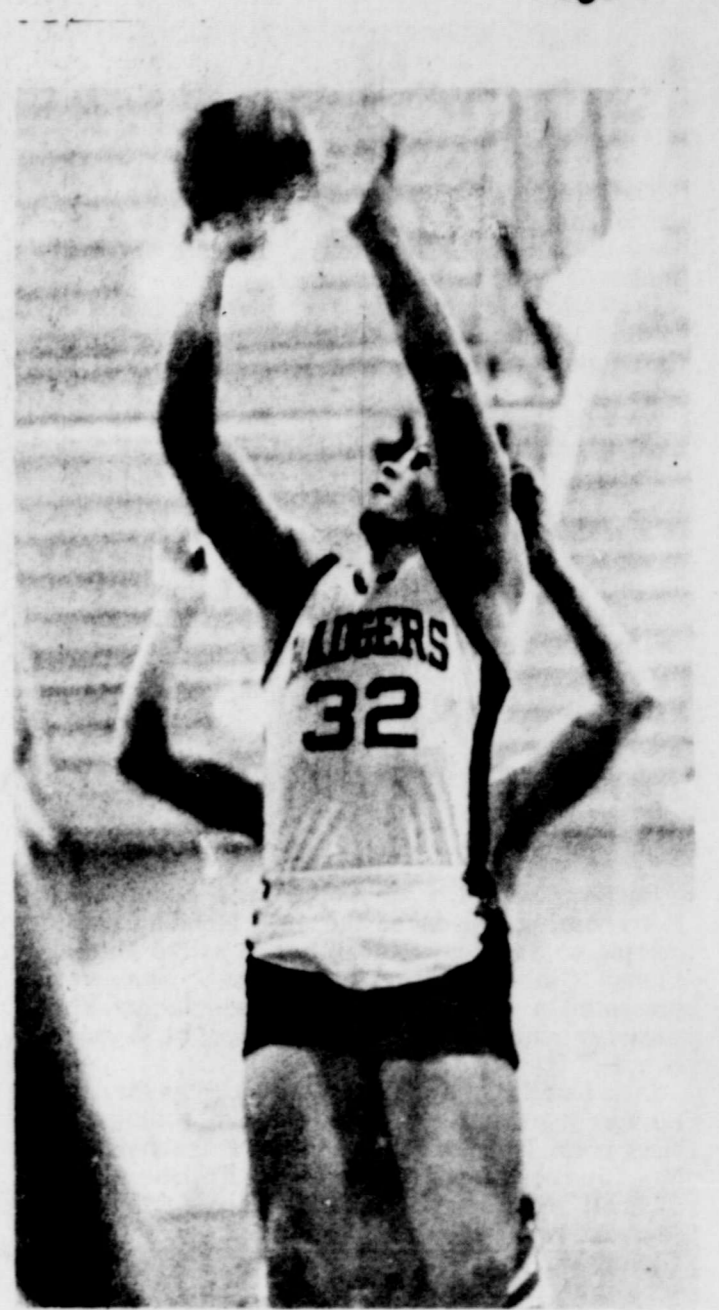
Also, compare prices on cooking greens and broccoli.

BEEF--Best values are chuck roasts and steaks, liver and ground beef with soy protein. Some markets offer values on round and sirloin steaks.

PORK--Supplies are increasing, but prices probably will not drop.

The "better" choices are cured hams, end chops, Boston butts, rib and loin-end roasts.

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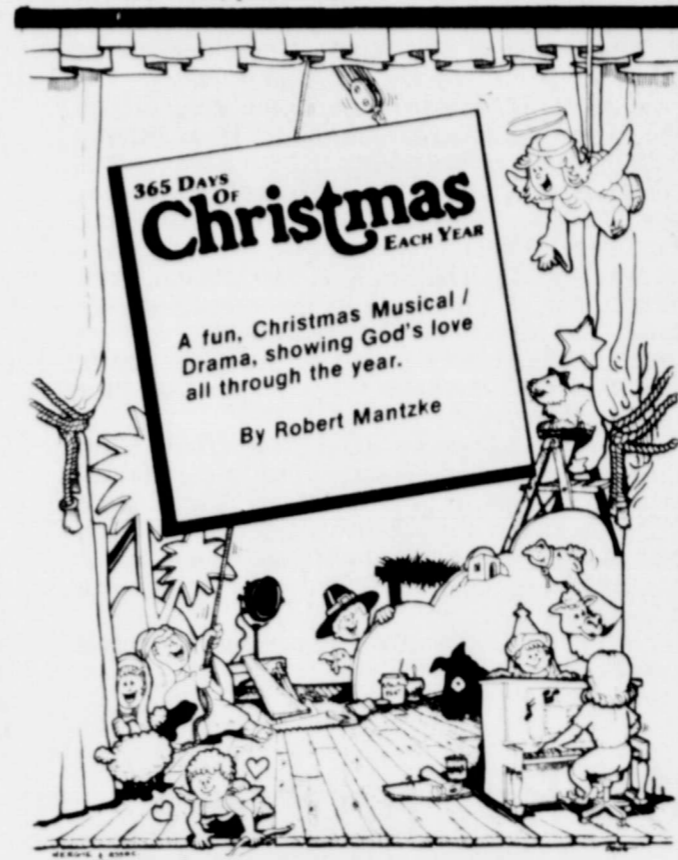
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Best grocery buy

Best values in Texas grocery markets this week include fryer chickens, grapefruit and yellow vegetables, according to Gwendolyn Clyatt.

Also, stock up on frozen orange juice concentrate if it's a favorite, prices will go up soon, she advises.

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

Price-quality trends this week are the following:

POULTRY--Poultry still remains the "economy" meat with fryer chickens "on special" in some markets. Whole birds are the budget buy. Egg prices are rising, and that trend will continue until after the holiday baking demand is over.

FRESH FRUITS--Grapefruit is plentiful, economical and in the peak of quality. Now is the season to buy, although it is available almost all year. Thin-skinned fruits have more juice. Avoid thick-skinned fruits or those with a pointed end. Also avoid fruit with soft or discolored areas. Other fruits to consider include cranberries, bananas, oranges, grapes, pears, tangerines, and tangelos, along with a record supply of apples.

FRESH VEGETABLES--Economy items are sweet potatoes, rutabagas, hard-shell squash and carrots. Other budget buys are cabbage, potatoes and onions.

More salad items are worth price checks for good buys: head lettuce, escarole, and endive, cucumbers and peppers. The last two will see price hikes soon.

Also, compare prices on cooking greens and broccoli.

BEEF--Best values are chuck roasts and steaks, liver and ground beef with soy protein. Some markets offer values on round and sirloin steaks.

PORK--Supplies are increasing, but prices probably will not drop.

The "better" choices are cured hams, end chops, Boston butts, rib and loin-end roasts.

HOLIDAY WATCHWORDS: For holiday menu economy, plan menus--then stick to them.



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Noodle class of 47-48

The classes of 1947 and 48 of Noodle High School met Saturday night, November 25 at the Merkel Country Club to mark the 30th and 31st anniversary of their graduation.

Hosts for the event were Jeri Stanley Evans of Midland, Glennis Satterwhite Lambeth of Gardendale and Josephine Warren Maxwell of Odessa.

Awards were presented for the one with the most grand children, Bobby Martin of Abilene with four; the one coming the greatest distance, Willie Lee Spurgin of Burleson, he also had the youngest child; the girl that had changed the most, Joyce Williamson Hopper of Hermleigh; the girl changed the least, Glennis Lambeth; the boy changed the most, Omer Bishop of Odessa; and the boy changed the least, John Lawlis of Roby.

The tables were decorated with Noodle school pictures, topped with graduation caps. Center piece was a yellow school bus with flowers. Name tags were Mustang heads with the year of graduation on them. Visitor's name tags were red apples with a worm.

Other class members present were: Ruth Stevens Tipton of Merkel, Ruby Stevens Toombs of Abilene, Charlene Gregory Vinson of Hawley, Betty Lang Wade of Abilene, Willa Jo Rogers Petree of Seminole, Oretha Faye Sipes Caffey of Abilene and Lester Lee Hopper of Hermleigh.

Visitors present were: Naylor Eoff, Vernon and Mary Stanley, Ed Tipton, Ada Bishop, Billy Joe Toombs, Della Lawlis, Willie Martin, Dianne Spurgin, Billy Maxwell and Troy Vinson.

The group voted to meet again in six years.



Back row L to R. Omer Bishop, Lester Hooper, John Lawlis and Bobby Martin.



Front row L to R. Josephine Maxwell, Ruby Toombs, Ruth Tipton.

Lucile Ely named homecoming queen

Lucile Beene Ely of Avoca was honored as Homecoming Queen at the 1978 Noodle Homecoming on Saturday, November 25 at the Merkel Lions' Club building in Merkel. She was presented a corsage from the association. She was also honored as the oldest present at 86 years of age.

Dick Griffith of Noodle was honored as Mr. Ex. He was a graduate in 1973, the last graduating class from Noodle. Honored as Ex teacher was Mrs. Juanez Jones Bicknell of Abilene. Mrs. Bicknell recently retired after teaching the last years at Wylie.

Program was presented in song by Syble Riney accompanied on the piano by Annette Clark. Syble also led the group in singing early day songs including school songs and one song in memory of those deceased.

Opal Vick Garner of Merkel was elected president of the association for the 1980 homecoming. The group voted to have it again at the Merkel Lions' Club building in Merkel in two years on Saturday following Thanksgiving. Cricket Sloan of Merkel was elected vice

president and Mary Stanley of Noodle, secretary.

Leta Tarpley Dixon of Abilene was bingo winner with being the first to have a line of names registered on her card as they were called out.

A prize was awarded to Modell Bicknell Eoff for being the one present from the closest point, four blocks.

One hundred eleven registered with approximately two hundred present for the day long gathering.

Present from the greatest distance was Allene Barbee Eoff of Bakersfield, Calif. Her sisters, Faye Fairley of El Paso and Alma Smith of San Marcos were also present. Others from out of state were: Ray Spurgin of Tucson, Ariz., Enola May Sampson of Gonzales, La., and Kirby Goode of Tulsa, Okla. Former school superintendent Van Rutherford and family of Temple were present.

Frances Carter, president, presided over the business meeting. Minutes of the 1976 meeting were read by Stacy Stanley of Abilene. Closing prayer was offered by H.K. Henniger of Lubbock.

Ueckert dies at 69, lived in Merkel 51 years

Bruno Max Ueckert, 69, of Merkel died at 3 p.m. Monday at his home after a sudden illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Merkel Church of Christ with Larry Gill, minister, officiating. Burial

was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born March 9, 1909, in Waco, he had lived here since 1926 and was a retired oil pumper. He was a member of the Church of Christ. He

also was a member of Woodmen of the World Lodge. He married Ona Faye Campbell April 27, 1929, in Sweetwater.

Survivors include his wife; four brothers, Henry of Noodle, E.W. of Hamlin, Leo of Mona-

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A sister, Augusta Pomroy, preceded him in death.

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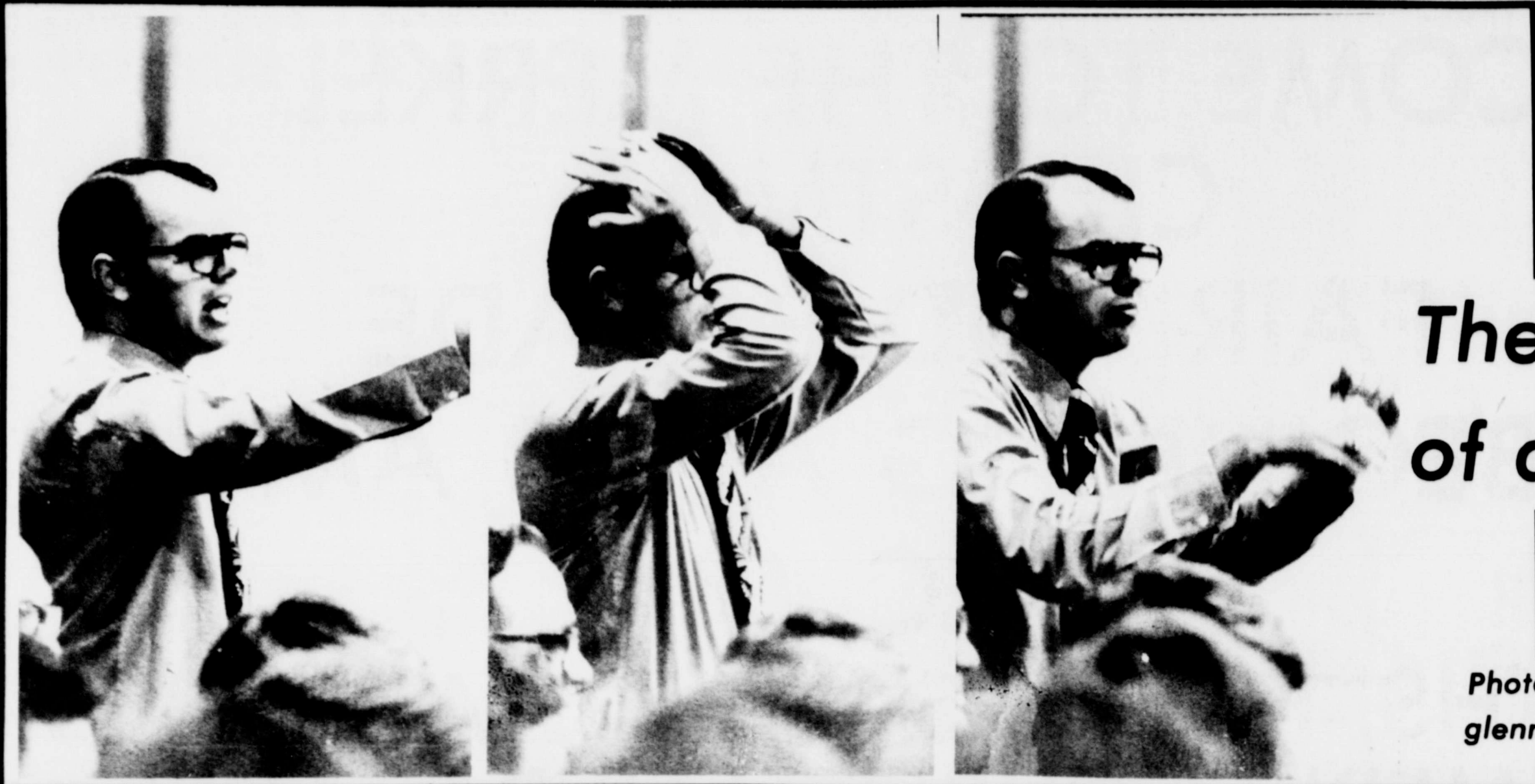
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Trent News

Trent school news

Kindergarten

The Trent Independent School District will be conducting registration for kindergarten on Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Students must be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 1978. Please bring birth certificates and completed immunization records. For more information on registration or requirements for shots required, call the High School.

Kindergarten class

will begin Jan. 18, 1979.

First Grade

First Graders at Trent are busy getting ready for Christmas. Our stockings are hanging

from the Christmas bulletin board, and we're looking forward to Santa Claus this week.

We were sorry to lose one student, William Brown, who moved to Louisiana last week. However, we're glad that Michael Jackson and Melony Orr are back this week, after being ill.

Friday, we had our first spelling bee. This has proven to be a helpful way of learning new words to spell.

Second Grade

The second grade made Christmas decorations for the bulletin board and made a list for Santa Claus. We will be writing letters to Santa soon. We have

another new student this week making a total of 16 in our class. We are finding new fun ways of sharpening our math skills. Friday we had a "math" bee.

Third Grade

In the third grade at Trent Elementary this week Tracie Russell, Kim Orr and Luci Masonheimer were the good workers in spelling. Luci and Kim were good workers in Language and Kim Orr was math worker of the week. We welcome Roger Esquivel from Sweetwater. Scotty O'Kelly is back after the chicken pox.

Fourth Grade

The fourth grade will

be opening a post office this week. Letters may be mailed to Santa and Santa will answer each letter personally. We are making decorations for our Christmas tree this week. Christmas is in the air at Trent Elementary.

Fifth Grade

The fifth grade is studying the heart and the circulatory system. They are reading books for reports on Tuesday.

We are getting in the Christmas spirit and will begin putting ornaments on our tree today.

We have a new student, Mike Moore, from Sweetwater.



70 years ago in Trent

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Miller are the proud parents of a fine boy.

Mrs. Estes and children left Saturday night for Giron, Arkansas where they will reside in the future.

Mr. Will Hammer has moved to our thriving little city.

Saturday night Mrs. Childress was awakened by someone in her house, she took her baby and ran to the depot where her husband was. On returning, they discovered a man coming out at the front door. He had blown out the lamp which

was burning in her room. Mr. Childress gave chase but the man escaped.

The show Saturday night was well attended.

Mr. Boney was a Trent visitor Tuesday.

H.A. Miller and Lon McLearn were in Merkel Saturday.

Walter Clark was in Trent Tuesday.

Our new bank is now open for business and starts out with very promising prospects.

Roscoe wins boys and girls divisions in Trent tourney

The Trent Invitational Basketball Tournament is history, as the Roscoe girls and boy's team breezed through their respective brackets and took home the trophies.

The Roscoe boys beat Hobbs 59-39 in the championship game. But for Roscoe fans it was the second party of the night. The Roscoe girls played Old Glory and won 35-23. Something interesting about Old Glory is their high school has a total of 19 students. There are 13 girls, ten of which are involved in basketball. There are eight girls on the team and two are managers for both the girls and boys teams. Simple subtraction leaves a total of six boys in the school and only five on the basketball team.

The top finishers in the boys bracket broke down to Roscoe 1st, Hobbs 2nd, Wylie 3rd, and Trent 4th. Wylie beating Trent 55-45.

The girls bracket finished Roscoe 1st, Old Glory 2nd, Rotan 3rd, Coleman 4th. Rotan beating Coleman 56-30.

Trent native in business

Kathleen Rumbaugh, nee Kathleen Bryan, a native of Trent, is general manager of the newly opened Bridal Dreams, Inc., in Abilene. The shop is located at 618 Hickory and offers a complete service for the bride.

Associated with Mrs. Rumbaugh in the business are her husband, Marvin Rumbaugh and widely known bridal consultant, Marie Means. Means is available for consultation weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 30th day of November, 1978, against Unknown Father, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 1770-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Simon Peter Knaup, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to terminate parent-child relationship. Said child was born the 12th day of May, 1977, in St. Louis, St. Louis County, Missouri.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's 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's adoption.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements to 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 30th day of November, 1978.

Irene Crawford Clerk,
 326th District Court,
 Taylor County, Texas.
 Carolyn Fiter, Deputy.
 42-1tc

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GEORGE W. BROCK, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of GEORGE W.

BROCK were issued on November 14, 1978, in Cause No. 13663, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to:

Mrs. Beatrix E. Mathias.
 The residence of such Executrix is Cook County, Ill. The post office address is:
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Commerce Building
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 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 30th day of November, 1978.
BEATRIX E. MATHIAS
 By: Randall C. Jackson
 Attorney for the Estate

Cisco Junior College

FLORISTRY, offered for the first time at Cisco Junior College, in the Fall, will continue in the Spring Semester, with students interning at area floral shops.

Floral Design, a course that covers arranging flowers, will be offered in the spring, and is open to anyone interested in the subject.

Floriculture, a course teaching the cultivation and management of flowering plants, will be taught in the spring by Sandy Taylor, who has studied landscape design and plant production. She is a graduate of Tarleton. This course will be offered on Tuesday nights.

Anyone wishing to begin the program in

Floristry, should contact the Admissions Office, or Gerald Bint, Dean of Technical-Vocational Education, at Cisco Junior College by calling 817-442-2567, or by registering for the programs.

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THE MERKEL MAIL

Tye school news and honor roll

5th Grade Mrs. Dean
 November leaves us with a feeling of thankfulness as we remembered anew all of the things we had to be thankful for.

Now we are looking forward to December, which is one of the most festive months of the year. It is a month of celebration when children of all ages burst with thoughts of winter-time fun, colorful holiday feasts and merry-making. It is also a time of a major break in school activities.

Many interesting things have happened in December. The Bill of Rights were ratified in 1791. The Boston Tea Party took place. The Wright Brothers made the first successful airplane flight at Kittyhawk, North Carolina, in 1903. Halley's Comet was seen in 1758. Chewing gum was patented by W.F. Smeple in 1869. The shortest day of the year officially begins winter. Best of all is Christmas Day. A day to remember the birth of our Savior as we give gifts to loved ones.

The fifth graders plan

to make decorations for their room and to put up the Christmas tree.

Meanwhile we are learning about fractions in math, how to find equivalent fractions, reducing to lowest terms and adding and subtracting of fractions. In social studies we are moving westward as we read about the settling of the Oregon Country and the gold rush to California. The tenses of a verb and the special verb "be" are presenting some problems in English. Learning to use the SRA reading lab, along with our base 1 reading program is correcting some of the problem areas in reading. In health we are learning many interesting things about the bones and muscles of our body.

The fifth graders and Mrs. Dean wish all of you a joyous holiday season.

Resource Room Mrs. VanWinkle

The students in the Resource Room continue to make academic and social gains as our school year passes by us

so swiftly. Special treats and activities are planned for this month in conjunction with the holiday season. The children will help make no-bake cookies and candies each Friday in December. Reading, math and spelling will be included in this project. We will also stress "sharing" or "giving" as part of the Christmas spirit by taking a small treat to their parents and little brothers and sisters. We want to thank our parents for their help and concern this school year.

The Tye Elementary School honor roll is as follows:

A Honor Roll: First Grade: Amy Siegrist, Michelle Davis, Waylon Floyd, Owen Tevenbaugh, Dustan Gooden, Matthew Thornton, Mi Hwa Chon, Danny Orr, Shanna Key, Lee Kotrlík, Sheri Miles, Shawn Miller, Lisa Donaldson, Michael Grubbs, Trent Crayton. A-B Honor Roll Johnny Armstrong, Desrah Thomas, Debbie

Davis, Eric Konopinski, Bryan Pierce, Lori Willborn, Travis Johnson, Sandra Marshall, Jimmy Morris.

Second Grade: Son Mi Chon, Traci Orr, Kim Germany, Irene Alvarez, Shelley Thornton, Tasha Todd, Cissy Sever, Davy DeLeon, Lori Owen, Shellie Glisson. A-B Honor Roll: Scott Renaud, Eric Smith, Lisa Castle, Tondtrict Dickson, Jon - David Layher, Melissa Roys, Mendy Bunselmeyer.

Third Grade Honor Roll: Clara Herrera, Stacie Johnson, Joe Alvarez, Michelle Goodgion, Allan Isom. A-B: Tomas Pena, Latricia Cawthorn.

Fourth Grade A Honor Roll: Sandra Kotrlík, Dusty Moore, Joe Miles, Kathy Corbin. A - B: Sonia Wells.

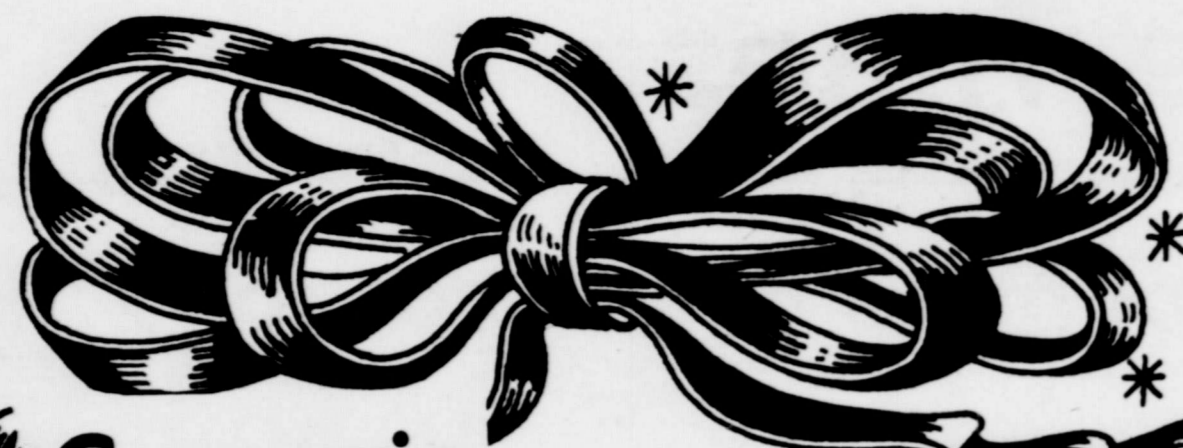
Fifth Grade A Honor Roll: Mike Allison, Kevin Mitchell, Keith Watson.



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Pearl Harbor; 37 years ago

On this date in 1941, a rising sun brought war to the United States. Employing carrier based planes, Imperial Japan attacked the U.S. Pacific Fleet based at Pearl Harbor. In his war message to Congress, President Roosevelt declared that December 7th would be a date that "will live in infamy."

On this, the thirty-seventh anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the still living memory of that day bids us to pause to consider the nature of American foreign policy and the role of the navy in maintaining the peace and security of the U.S.

The principal foreign policy objective of any nation is to prevent, by peaceful means if possible, by waging war if necessary, an attack by any foreign power on its lands or people.

In pursuit of this objective, the U.S. has, since the time of George Washington, sought to secure for its commerce the freedom of the world's oceans and to prevent European or other powers from gaining a foothold in the Western Hemisphere. In the event of war, the U.S. has entered into foreign alliances in order that the war might be carried to the homeland of the enemy and it has opposed the expansion of nations whose political interests are unalterably opposed to those of the U.S. These policies are well suited to the geographic and political conditions of the United States.

Freedom of the seas is essential to the economic survival of an island people. And there can be little doubt that the U.S. is an island. Thousands of miles of ocean separate us from Europe, Africa, Asia, and South America. Vast quantities of our commerce must travel by sea. Cultural exchange and ordinary communication with these outlying portions of the world require large investments of money, technology and time to bridge the ocean barriers that isolate the United States.

The defense of an island requires that its "home waters" be free of potential enemies. It was with this in mind that President Monroe issued his famous "Doctrine" in 1823. President Roosevelt recognized the same principle when he endorsed the idea of a "Neutrality Zone" for the Americas in 1939, and when he consummated the destroyer for bases deal with Britain in 1940.

Ultimately, however, the defense of an island depends on its ability to influence those affairs of the world that have a direct bearing on its political interests. Britain, that quintessentially island nation, was able to practice her "splendid isolation" precisely because she held what all recognized to be the balance of world power. Thus armed, she was able to intervene decisively in world affairs when her interests were

threatened.

The political interests of the United States were well articulated by Washington in his Farewell Address. Among others, he listed tranquility at home, peace abroad, prosperity and "that very liberty you so highly prize." Ultimately, of course, the U.S. can rest secure in the achievement of these interests only when, and if, each of its potential enemies comes to share in them as well. But Washington knew this to be unlikely. Many nations would find cause to be hostile to the political interests of the U.S.

In the event of such hostility, Washington counseled that the U.S. should conduct itself in such a manner that it, "may take such an attitude as will cause the neutrality we may at any time resolve upon to be scrupulously respected; when any belligerent nation...will not lightly hazard the giving us provocation; when we may choose war or peace, as our interest, guided by justice, shall counsel."

The possibility of American neutrality, Washington knew, depended not on the pleasure of foreign nations, but upon the will of the American people to employ their military strength when their interests were in jeopardy.

As an island nation itself, Japan understood the particular significance of naval power to an island people. When they struck Pearl Harbor, the Japanese sought to deprive the U.S. of its primary instrument for securing its foreign policy objectives and political interests.

Once rendered incapable of protecting the sea lines of communication, the U.S. would be wholly unable to project its immense power abroad. In the absence of American power, Japan could grow ever stronger by incorporating newly conquered lands and peoples into its empire. Unable to fight on the enemy's territory, the U.S. would be forced to retreat into the western hemisphere, exposing each of its neighbors to the tyranny of Imperial Japan.

Whether Japan ever intended to invade the United States in fact is of little consequence. Had Japan been successful in creating the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere, the U.S. would have had little choice but to acquiesce in its demands. The foreign policy and political interests of the U.S. would have been dictated to it by a foreign power. By attacking the U.S. Navy, Japan sought to conquer the United States.

That the Japanese attack met with ultimate failure is a tribute to the courage and dedication of the men and women of the U.S. Navy. December 7 will indeed live in infamy. But it is also a date for public recognition of the central role of the U.S. Navy in securing the peace and prosperity of the United States.

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1941.

NEARLY \$40,000 OF U. S. DEFENSE BONDS ALREADY SOLD HERE

Sales of United States Defense bonds in Merkel had reached a total of \$36,825 up to noon Wednesday, according to tabulation made by W. J. Largent, member of the committee in charge of sales in Merkel and surrounding communities. The figure includes sales at the post office and at the F. & M. bank.

"Every one should remember, however," said Mr. Largent, "that there is no closing date for the sale of Defense bonds. If you have not been seen by the committee or have not bought your bonds, do not put it off. Let's make Merkel's response to the sale of Defense bonds on the same loyal scale with the patriotism of our boys in the service."

"Buy a bond and get a Merkel-sponsored sticker for your car windshield, 'Remember Pearl Harbor—Buy Defense Bonds Now.'"

Other members of the committee are Booth Warren and Tom Largent.

28,363 Volunteer.

Washington, Dec. 24—The army recruiting service announced Tuesday that 28,363 volunteers were enlisted in the two-week period starting Dec. 8 after the outbreak of war with Japan.

Bank Gives Employees \$50 Defense Bonds

In lieu of the customary Christmas bonus in cash, the Farmers and Merchants National bank presented each of their employees with a \$50 defense bond this year.

The Christmas Savings club, sponsored by the bank, numbered 57 ac-

counts this year, to whom the sum of \$3,155.00 was made available for Christmas shopping.

BRITISH CHIEF "RELIEVED" BY ACTION OF U.S.

PRIME MINISTER ASSERTS
HE HAS NO DOUBTS ON
HOW WORLD-WIDE CON-
FLICT WILL TERMINATE.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Winston Churchill, the prime minister of Great Britain, seated at the side of President Roosevelt, told American newsmen Tuesday that recent events—the German defeat in Russia and America's entry into the war—had produc-

ed a turning point in the tide of world-wide conflict.

It is impossible to describe his feeling of relief, he slowly said, to find Russia victorious and the United States and Great Britain standing side by side. It was incredible, he added, and anyone who had been through lonely months of 1940 must thank God fervently.

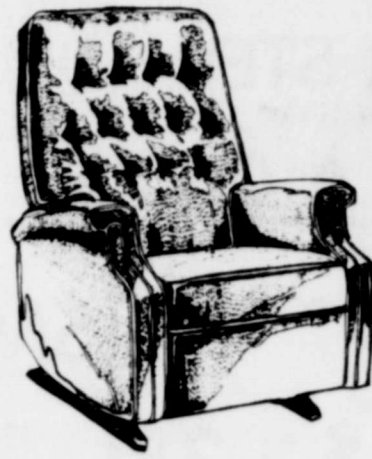
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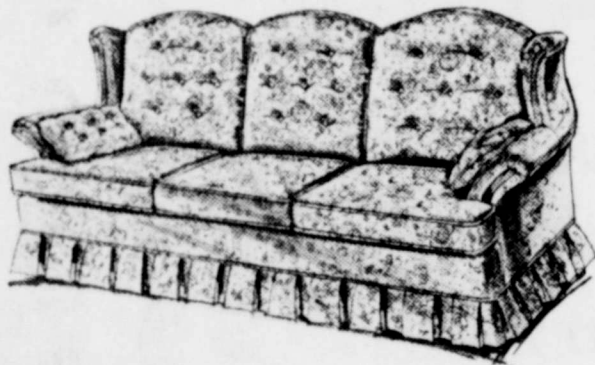


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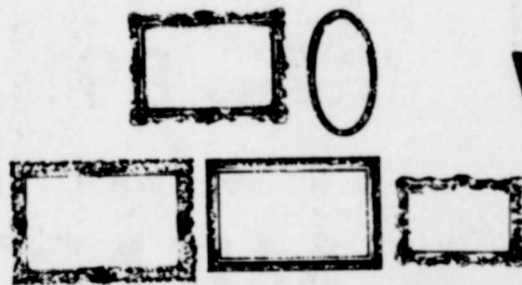
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