

The Merkel Dump Grounds will be open Mon-Fri. 8-5 and open only til noon on Sat. beginning Monday, Feb. 5th.

There will be a meeting for the United Girls Softball Association Monday, Feb. 5 at 7:00 P.M. at the Justice of the Peace office at 132 Kent. All adults interested in helping, are urged to attend.

The Merkel Mail

February 1, 1979...Merkel, Texas

There will be a meeting of all concerned parents of the outcome of the future of Boy Scouts in Merkel, Feb. 16th in the Merkel Methodist Church at 8:00. Parents that have scouting experience are urged to attend this meeting.

15 cents

April 7 set for trustee election

The board of trustees called an April 7, election to fill two, three year positions on the board when the terms of Dink Whisenhunt and James Boyd expire.

This year's and all future elections will be different than those past in that candidates for the board must run for positions. The current board members were designated places according to date of expiration of their terms. Whisenhunt's term expires April, '79 is place 1.

The changes meant that all future candidates must choose a place he intends to seek in election and must also file that place number for inclusion on the ballot. The order in which the candidates names are placed on the ballot will be arranged by lot.

The board also heard some of the current plans from Harper and Associates concerning construction of facilities approved in the recent bond election.

Shugart named to replace Farmer on council

The Merkel City Council met in a scheduled meeting last Friday and tentatively named a replacement on the council for Darrel Farmer, who resigned three weeks ago.

The council named Emma Lois Shugart, a local businesswoman and plant manager at Walls Manufacturing.

Kent Satterwhite, was named as mayor pro-tem to replace Farmer.

In other business, city Manager J.A. Sadler informed the council that the city could purchase a used ambulance from Ft. Sill, Okla., for \$351 and Lance McGee would go get it if someone furnished the gas.

Council acted to acquire the ambulance, saying it would be a good back-up for the new ambulance, scheduled to arrive within 60 days.

Council also formally voiced support to a recent Housing and Urban Development (HUD) proposal to build additional housing here. Council adopted a resolution in support of additional housing here.

Insurance losses due to freezing water lines were discussed. The council expressed concern over the number of abandoned vehicles parked on city streets and hoped owners of abandoned vehicles would move them.

How to buy a windmill

The Mail-bag 70 years ago

The gala days for the Merkel Country will be August 20, 21, and 22, 1907 when the Ex-Confederate Veterans will hold a three day reunion at W.A. Cozart's, five miles south of Merkel. Visitors should not hesitate to come, thinking they will not be cared for, because Merkel and her citizens do not have the name of being "short" and they know everything else but "fail". The place for the picnic grounds at Cozart's is an ideal one, there being plenty of grass and water, and this has been the place for the annual reunion for years.

If you want a windmill, you can not buy a better one than the "Challenge". Thousands of satisfied purchasers are using them throughout

West Texas and they always give universal satisfaction. They are strong and durable, light running and a Challenge will last a life time.

New Barber Shop opens: J.M. Pate is now open for business in the new rock building of Dr. Warnick's on Kent Street. Call and see me for a neat hair cut and clean shave.

Get a Better Job: Your head, if trained, is worth from \$5 to \$10 a day; your hands are worth from \$1 to \$2 a day. Are you drawing a HEAD salary or a HAND salary? A Draughton course will educate your head-will qualify you for the highest position at the highest salary.

Ray Pack attends certification school

Ray B. Pack of 211 Oak, Merkel, has begun basic certification training for law enforcement officers at Texas A & M University.

He was enrolled from the Merkel Police Department. Completion of

the six-week course will equip Pack to serve as a public police officer.

The training is conducted by the Law Enforcement and Security Training Division of the Texas Engineering Extension Service, part

of Texas A & M.

Course study and proficiency areas include criminal justice and investigation, basic law, traffic control, police and juvenile procedures, firearms training, public speaking,

first aid, crowd and riot control and crime scene techniques, among others.

The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education specifies minimums for peace officer certification

Get 'em while they're hot

KNOCK-KNOCK! at 4 o'clock (not a minute sooner) Friday afternoon February 2nd, you may open your door to friendly smiles topped by pairs of shining eyes and hear the perennial chant, of buddies in unison, "We are selling Girl Scout Cookies! Do you want to buy some?"

These little Girl Scouts of the West Texas Girl Scout Council are the future home-makers, teachers and community leaders of the next decade. They are learning to accept responsibility today as they experience the thrill of meeting the public on its terms, making change for, the \$1.25 per box of cookies, and telling customers that they have 2 new cookies this year. A natural ingredient Granola cookie and crunchy Sesame Wheat Crackers are being sold in addition to the usual peanut butter patties, sandwich cremes, thin mints, shortbread, and peanut butter sandwich.

Through participation in the 1979 Cookie Sale, Girl Scouts are living their ethical code, recognizing fairness, honesty, cheerfulness, courtesy, and respect for others and themselves in their salesmanship development in business like transactions. They learn to say "Thank You"

and smile even when you say "not this time".

Rewards are many for the Scout: a cookie patch if she sells 48 boxes, a Brownie can take her father to the Brownie-Dad Special to be held June 8-9 and July 6-7 at Camp Boothe Oaks if she sells 84 boxes. A third grade Brownie might elect to attend a summer session at camp instead of going to the Br.-Dad event. Partial or full camperships can be earned through selling from 9 to 22 cases. There is a new Cookie program which will give Cadettes and Seniors an opportunity to earn credit toward Council events and Wider Opportunities.

Income from the Cookie Sale is used to build the troop treasuries, provide camperships and awards, help members attend national and international events and training, maintain established camp, promote troop camping, make improvement at Camp Boothe Oaks, and maintain the Council properties.

A Hot Air Balloon Cookie Patch to be awarded this year carries out the theme of the sale. Looking Up-Aiming High. Cookies freeze well and can be enjoyed all year long.

The West Texas Girl Scout Council is a participating agency of the United Way.

Keeping up

Editors Note: The Mail will run a weekly feature concerning the status of construction of facilities approved in the recent bond election.

The Olshan Demolition Company of Dallas, having completed knocking down the facilities scheduled for demolition and are currently working on foundations and the basement of the old high school and the old gym.

School officials have been working closely with Harper and Associates, the architectural firm in charge of designing the new facilities. Officials from the firm presented update ideas and alternate plans to the board of trustees last Tuesday night.

Blair water meets

The second annual meeting of the Blair Water Supply Corp. Inc. will be at 7:00 P.M., Feb. 5, 1979 at the Taylor Electric Building in Merkel.

A progress report will be given by Pres. Justin D. Sandusky.

An election will be held to fill three positions on the board of directors. The terms of Lloyd Gilmore, R.E. Clemmer, and Arthur Moore will expire at this time. Nominations will be heard from the floor to fill these positions. All members are urged to attend this meet-



Rick Howes, No. 32, takes a shot in Stamford as Chris Cox, No. 20, awaits the rebound. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Girls bring

record to 24-1

by Glenn Richards

The girls brought their season record to 24-1 with a victory over Stamford last Friday night.

The small but quick Bulldog team couldn't stop Cindy Boone who had 13 points.

Norma Frazier added 13 of her own points along with 15 rebounds to do her part for the

cause. Gwen Tarpley was also in double figures with 10 points and 12 saves in the game.

There are 3 games left on the varsity schedule. Colorado City will come to Merkel tomorrow night. The girls will travel to Wylie for a Tuesday night game.

The girls remain undefeated in district play and must only tie in the 2nd half to win the district 6 2A race.

Boys beat Stamford

by Glenn Richards

The boys varsity took their first victory in the 2nd half of district play Friday night from Stamford.

The Badgers played a good defensive ball game, holding the Stamford Bulldogs to 41 points, while they had 49 of their own.

Mike Sims and Rick Howes both had 10 points. The Badgers played a more confident game of basketball, moving the ball around on offense working for the good shot.

"We had some good play from the bench," said Coach Bartee, "they kept us in the game, while the starters got a rest."

The win brought the Badgers record to 6-15 for the season and 1-3 in the 2nd half of district. The boys play Colorado City here tomorrow night and have only two games next week to finish out the season.

Sewing class taught

You are invited to attend a series of four Sewing Classes to be taught by the Taylor County Extension Agent, Roberta Watters, on WEDNESDAYS - February 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th. You may attend either the 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. classes. The sewing classes will include using interfacing, machine embroidery, collars and sleeves, care of the sewing machine, sewing points for several different fabrics such as corduroy, velvet, etc., and sewing with stripes, plaids, and border prints. Anyone interested in learning new sewing techniques is encouraged to attend.

To register - mail \$1.00 to cover cost of materials, along with your name and address, and indication of the class you are registering for: (10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.), by February 2 to: County Extension Office, Old County Courthouse, Abilene, Texas 79602.

Make checks payable to County Extension Office. For more information - call 677-1711-Ext. 321.

Getting it right

In the Typ Section under Legal Notices, the advertisement for Bids from the Housing Authority of Merkel, the

number 60 units is used and is incorrect. There are to be 30 units instead of the original 60. The Mail regrets the error.

Once around town briefly

Deans list

Cisco Junior College's fall semester Dean's List includes one student from Merkel. Students on the Dean's List have earned a 2.5 or better grade point average on a 3.0 system.

Merkel student making the Dean's List was Fred Nalley.

Boltz medal

Airman First Class Steve Boltz has been awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service while stationed at Randolph AFB in San Antonio. He was also chosen Airman of the Month twice during his fifteen months of service at Randolph.

Airman Boltz is presently assigned to the 21st Security Police Squadron at Elmendorf, Alaska. He is the son of Ron and Lois Boltz of San Antonio and the grandson of Dewitt Campbell and the late Louella Campbell of Merkel.

Open house

You are invited to an open house for Freddy and Sandra Toombs at 308 Rose, Sunday, Feb. 4th from 2:00 to 3:30. Gifts are selected in downtown stores.

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Diltz have announced the engagement of their daughter, Judy Lyn to James Douglas Guynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Guynes of Early.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Merkel High School and is employed by Taylor Telephone Cooperative of Merkel.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Abilene Christian University and is employed by the Merkel School.

A March 17th wedding is planned.

Graduated

E.A. Conley, Jr. of Merkel is one of 27 mid-term graduates of McMurry College who will receive their degrees next May along with the rest of the 1979 graduating class.

Conley earned a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing-finance at McMurry.

He is the son of Betty Conley of 1008 Locust, Merkel.

Deans list

Cisco Junior College's fall semester President's List includes two students from Merkel. Students on the President's List have made straight "A" record for the semester.

Merkel students making the President's List were: Dorothea E. Bishop and Thomas D. Santee.

Bike-A-Thon

Mrs. Rebecca Herrera was today named Chairman of a Bike-A-Thon in Tye by Reuben D. Duke, President of the Lone Star Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

She will be conducting the Bike-A-Thon to raise funds which will support research and care for children affected by cystic fibrosis, severe asthma, chronic bronchitis, bronchiectasis and other related lung-damaging diseases.

Catholic dinner

Tickets for the Annual Mexican Dinner which will be held Feb. 18 are now on sale from members of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church. They may also be purchased at Amerine Heating and Cooling or Starbucks Furniture.

The dinner will be from 11:00 - 2:00 in the Merkel School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$2.50 for adult plates which include tacos, enchilada, rice, beans, salad, tostado, and drink. Children's plates are available for \$1.50 and desserts will be sold extra. Carry out plates may also be ordered.

A microwave oven will be given away at the dinner. Tickets for 4 are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. They may also be purchased from church members at the dinner.

Deans list

The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at McMurry College, according to Dr. Paul Jungmeyer, dean of the college. They are: James Dan Allen, Merkel; Pamela Gay Welborn, Trent; Vicki Diane Burnett, Merkel; and Selma Suzanne Warner, Tye.

Allen is a 1961 graduate of Nacogdoches High School and is majoring in accounting at McMurry.

Mrs. Welborn is a 1970 graduate of Trent High School and is majoring in elementary education at McMurry. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clovis McElmurray of Trent.

Mrs. Burnett is a 1973 graduate of Wichita Heights High School and is majoring in Psychology at McMurry. She is the wife of Mr. Daniel Jay Burnett of Merkel.

Miss Warner is a 1977 graduate of Merkel High School and is majoring in business at McMurry. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.N. Warner, Sr. of Tye.

Tuesday school

The Church of Christ Tuesday School now has openings for 2 children. If you are interested in sending your child, ages 3-5, to our Tuesday School, they will not go through a babysitting program. They will be taught in a classroom situation by capable teachers in the areas of Bible, art, manners, numerals, alphabet, etc. Our weekly program lasts 6 hours each Tuesday and includes free play and sharing time activities for a nominal fee. If interested, call 928-5852.

Stith HD meets

The Stith "Texas Extension Home Makers Club" met in the home of Louise Hudson Jan. 24th. The president, Margaret Dickerson called the meeting to order. Hostess Louise Hudson, read the 13th Chapter of 1st Corinthians. Mrs. Mae Jones lead the prayer. Daisy Mashburn led in the recreation. Roll call was answered with "A Sewing Good I made". The minutes were read and approved. The Council report was read. Daisy Mashburn was one of the delegates elected to go to the district meeting March 14th at Quanah, Texas. Council dues and year books were all paid. Nancy Wilburn, Vada Hudson, and Bertha Hunter will attend a training meeting Jan. 30th at Graham, Texas.

Refreshments were served to 7 members and a visitor. The next meeting will be Feb. 14th with a Valentine party in the home of Vada Hudson. The program will be "Landscaping" given by Leadees "Training".

The club is open to all regardless of race, creed, etc.

Xi Nu Chi meets

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met with their families in the fellowship hall at the United Methodist Church for a family stew and game night Saturday, Jan. 20. Members and their families attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dubose, Mr. and Mrs. Peck Eager, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris, Kris and Melissa, Mr.

and Mrs. Jimmy Leve-rich, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore, Christy and Dusty, Mrs. and Mrs. Billy Bob Neff and Pam, Mr. and Mrs. George Star-buck and Johnny, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Teaff, David and Erick, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yaddow and Tod, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Etheridge and Edwin, Mrs. Val Patterson, Mrs. Mamie Steck and Mrs. Rikki Casady.

Legal notice

APPENDIX A Statement of Nondiscrimination

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

at and participation in any meetings of beneficiaries and participants or the exercise of any rights of such beneficiaries and participants in the conduct of the operations of this organization.

Any person who believes himself, or any specific class of individuals, to be subjected by this organization to discrimination prohibited by Title VI of the Act and the Rules and Regulations issued thereunder may, by himself or a representative, file with the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, or the Rural Electrification Administration, Washington, D.C. 20250, or this organization, or all, a written complaint. Such complaint must be filed not later than 180 days after the alleged discrimination, or by such later date to which the Secretary of Agriculture or the Rural Electrification Administration extends the time for filing. Identity of complainants will be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of the Rules and Regulations.

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Trent News...

...& School News

First graders at Trent Elementary have been writing stories about Indians. We have been illustrating our stories with drawings.

We are continuing our study of jungle animals. Last week, we discussed the hippopotamus, lion, leopard, and the llama. We're enjoying learning about these different animals that live in South America and Africa.

The second grade began a project on drawing maps in Social Studies. We are studying the businesses in our town and becoming acquainted with directions and observations. After each one has completed a small map of the town, we shall choose the best map and draw a larger one making this activity a group project. We have really improved in writing original sentences. Our teacher is quite proud of us. We are still working hard on improving our math and reading skills. Some of us were quite imaginative in our art project this week. Our "magic friends" were quite creative and original.

The fourth grade is enjoying the study of poetry this week. We each selected a poem to make our own by memorizing it. One reading group is making a poem

try notebook. They have been illustrating the poems they read.

We are doing science experiments, working with molecules.

The fifth grade is very industrious since this is report card week. The children have worked hard to make good grades on their tests. Every spare moment has been taken with SRA reading tapes or workbook exercises and work on the VIL Picture Memory, Spelling or Poetry Reading.

Book activities were done Tuesday. Mike Moore did puppets with his book report; Benjamin Beaver made a shadow box; Missy Simpson, a cartoon; and Kim Wallis, a book cover.

Trent Junior High girls have just completed their part of Highland's Invitational Tournament. They first played the Hermleigh girls and won largely with outside shooting by a score of 12 to 8. Then they played and lost in overtime with Highland, 28-22. Finally they won in a try for third place by defeating Westbrook by 29-22. This earned their trophy, and made

it possible for them to have a happier trip back to Trent, than would have been likely otherwise!

Karen Jackson scored 8 points in the first

game, 10 in the second, and 11 in the third, while Vickie Fenter scored 6. Karen was high point player for all three games, with a lot of help from the other players.

Club news

The Goodman Extension Homemakers Club met the 16th and the 26th during the last weeks in January.

The meeting of the 16th was held at the home of the club's president, Mrs. Garland Price.

Business included the election of Mrs. Frank Carter as delegate for the district meeting.

In other business, two checks were sent to local schools. One went to the Abilene State School and the other went to the Rehab Center.

The meeting of the 26th was held in the home of Mrs. David Carter.

The program for the evening was given by Mrs. Nancy Wilborn and was entitled, "Sewing Machine Use and Care." The next meeting will be Feb. 9th in the home of Mrs. Zone Adams. Plants will be the topic of the evening.

Trent livestock show donators

The Trent Livestock Show 1979 Donations are as follows: Ben Franklin Store, Crawford's, West Texas Utilities Co., Taylor Telephone, Farmer's Union, Connie Mac Seymore, Wilson's Grocery, Ed's Feed & Seed, Ann's Flowers, Higginbotham Bartlett Lumber Co., Hicks Auto Supply, Max Murrell Chevrolet, Dubose Texaco Service, Merkel Auto Parts, Carson's Supermarket, Western Auto Store, Merkel Locker Plant, Palmer Motor Co., Duane Shugart, Castille's Hardware, H.W. Lemen's Inc., Merkel Drug, F&M National Bank, Stanford's Radio & T.V., Amerine Heating & Cooling, Hi-Val Farm & Home Supply, Henderson Grain Co., Dr. Thuy Dinh Tran, M.D., Starbuck Co., W.T. Sadler Clinic, Dr. Donald W. Warren, M.D., T.J. Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gilmore, Clark's Sign of the Times, Merkel Brick & Lumber, Ricky McElmurray, Merkel Electric, Pug & Leo's Restaurant, Don Dudley, Sonja's Beauty Shop, Circle A Western Store, John Hamner, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Williams, Star Hardware, Clark Hamner, Billy Wayne Hamner, Owen O'Kelly, Home State Bank, Carlton McLeod, Ronnie Freeman, Red Adams, Mrs. D.P. Adams, Trent Cafe, Onis Graham, Dubose Shamrock, Carrier Food, Cal McAninch, Trent Community Club, A.B. Driggers, Planter's Gin, Yates Sipes, Brazelton's Garage, Price's Garage, Red Shafer, Trent Garage, Mr. & Mrs. Ted Simpson, Jay Slaughter, O'hell O'Kelly, Odell Freeman, Spud McLeod, Mr. & Mrs. Booth West, Carl Edwards, Brenda Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. John Boyd, Cal-Tex Feed Yards, Inc., B-K Cattle Co., John Henry Swinney, Clovis McElmurray, Mark Williamson, Roy Neff, Wayne Mills, Rex Bland, Abilene Farm Supply, Hamilton Supply, State Farm, Billy Joe Toombs, Allied Southland Distributors, Big State Tire Co., Shook Tire Co., Taylor County Ford Tractor, Inc., Agri-Business Co., D&D Feed Supply, Inc., Alton Whiteaker, Farm & Ranch Western Wear, Luskey's Western Wear, Abilene Livestock Auction, Scott Fuel, Inc. Seven Eleven Auto Supply, El Rancho Feeds Co., McCoy Funeral Home, First National Bank, Sweetwater Cotton



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The First National Bank of Abilene
Attn: Mr. Tommy Martin
P.O. Box 701
Abilene, Texas 79604
Dated this 24th day of January, 1979.

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50-1tc

Thank you, Mr. Sam Jones, for all the kind and friendly deeds you did while you were at Wilson's Grocery. Sam was there around 25 years and we will miss him very much. Your Friends and Neighbors
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The family of Mrs. Staci Deavers Phillips sincerely appreciate the thoughtfulness and the kindness extended us in the loss of our mother and sister, Clyde Deavers and Family, Frank Deavers and Family, and Avis Deavers
50-1tc

REAL ESTATE

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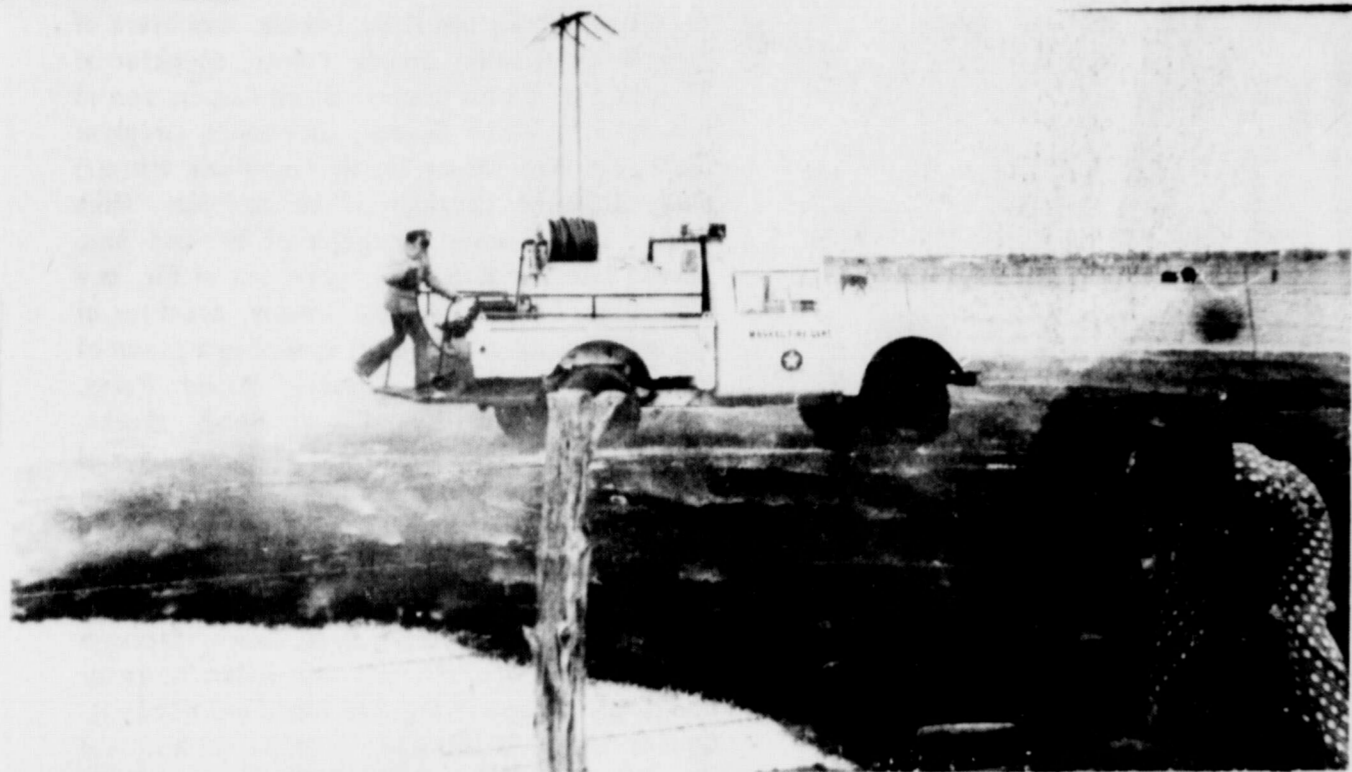
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Club meets

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their regular meeting Jan. 16, in the home of Annette Clark. Gloria Henslee presided over the business meeting. Members present were: Kay Teaff, Sarah Lucas, Karen Riley, Ann Doan, Gayla Beard, Nancy Hogan, Mychele Hammond, Mynon Seymore, Mary Hill, Annette Clark, Belle Hammond, Chera Hohertz, and Barbara Welch.

given to the St. Jude's Hospital. Other topics of the business meeting included plans for the club's Valentine party and a discussion of the portrait selling project. Karen Riley then presented a program entitled "Teaching Others." Karen stressed the importance of attitudes and values which are taught to children in their very early life and then ask members to tell of people in their own lives who had been an influence on them. After the program, the meeting was dismissed and members enjoyed refreshments.

HECD project

The H.E.C.D. Club will conduct a fund raising campaign starting on Feb. 2. They will be taking orders for different assortments of placemat and coaster sets which will meet the needs of any occasion. The money received from this campaign will be used for Employer Appreciation Banquet. In order for them to reach their goal, they need the help of everyone in the community. They will be calling on every home and offering

them an opportunity to order one or more quality items: placemat and coasters; coordinating candles, and candle holders; acrylic hot pads, each can be ordered individually. Also a complete collection consisting of the following: placemats, coasters, hot pad, candle-ail items matching and coordinated with a daisy or strawberry pattern. Everyone needs and uses various kitchen products, so let's all support this fund raising drive.

Pinckley is 97

To celebrate Mrs. Cynthia Pinckley's 97th birthday, which was Jan. 26, a surprise party was given by Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley and Mrs. Nina Belle Hughes. The party was at the honoree's home, 507 Edwards, Sat. Two of her children were present for the happy occasion. Jarrett Pinckley of Merkel and Mrs. Fay Reeve of Friona also attended and helped with the hostess duties. Aiso helping was Miss Carol Reeve of Lubbock. She is a granddaughter of

Mrs. Pinckley. A beautifully decorated birthday cake was served with toasted pecans, punch and coffee to a number of friends and neighbors. These attending were: Mrs. Johnny Teaff, Mrs. Edna Teaff, Tasha Todd, Mrs. Allan Forbes, Mrs. Cora Reeves, Mrs. Lynwood Harrison, Mrs. Mary Lou Hayes, Miss Mary Collins, Mrs. Vernice Palmer, Mrs. John Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sliger, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton.



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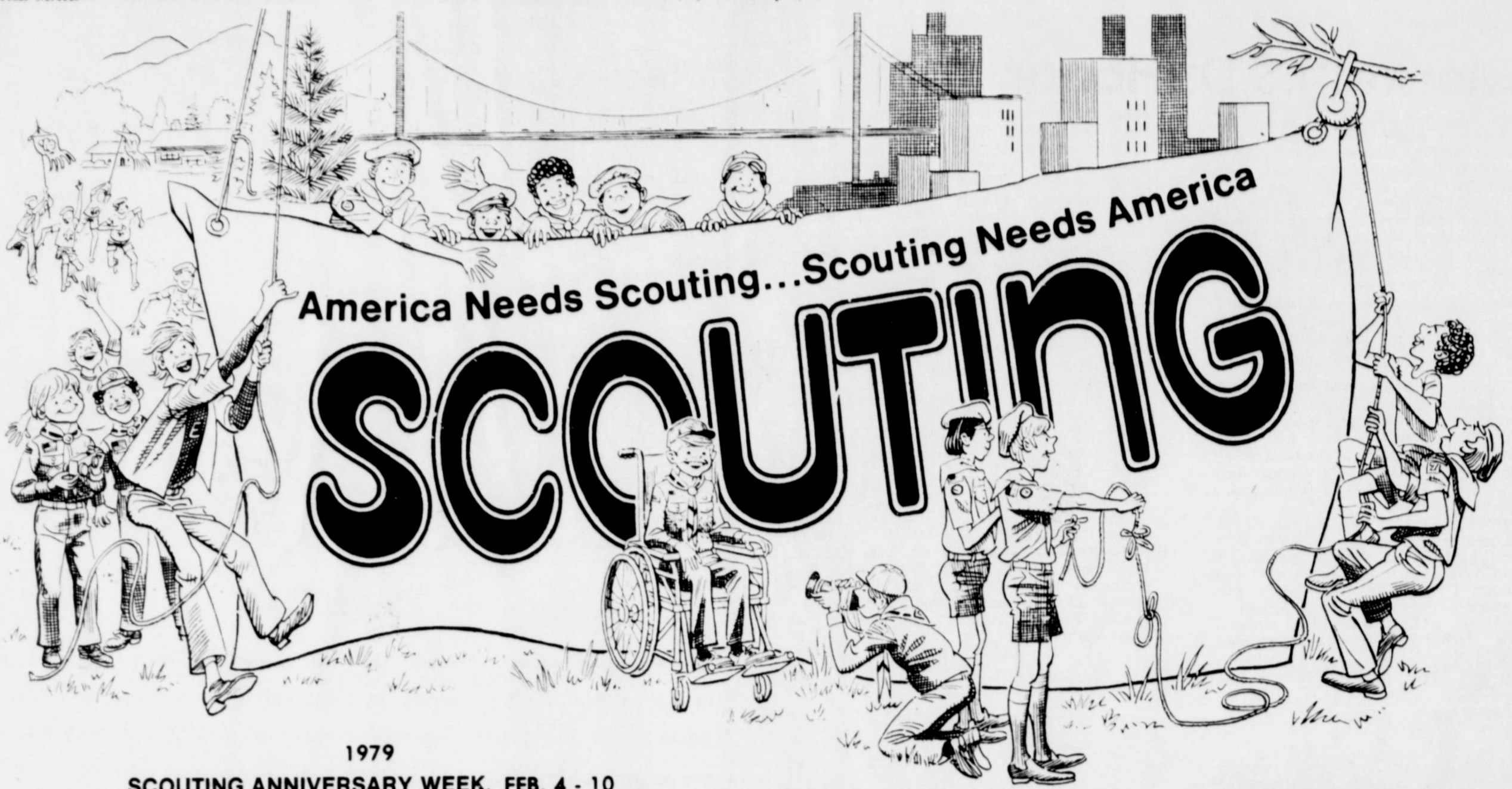
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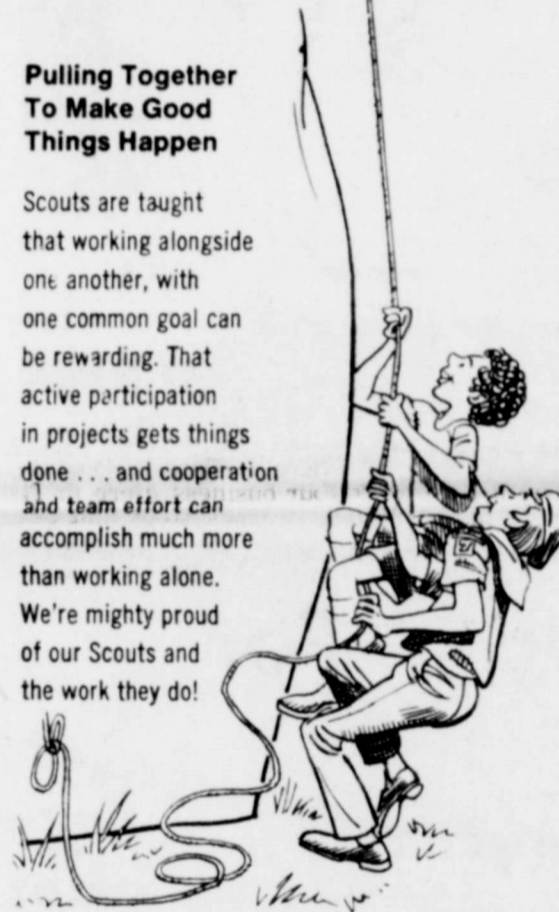
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SCOUTING ANNIVERSARY WEEK, FEB. 4 - 10

Scouting Is

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- Big Country Inn
- Boney Insurance

Pulling Together To Make Good Things Happen

Scouts are taught that working alongside one another, with one common goal can be rewarding. That active participation in projects gets things done... and cooperation and team effort can accomplish much more than working alone. We're mighty proud of our Scouts and the work they do!



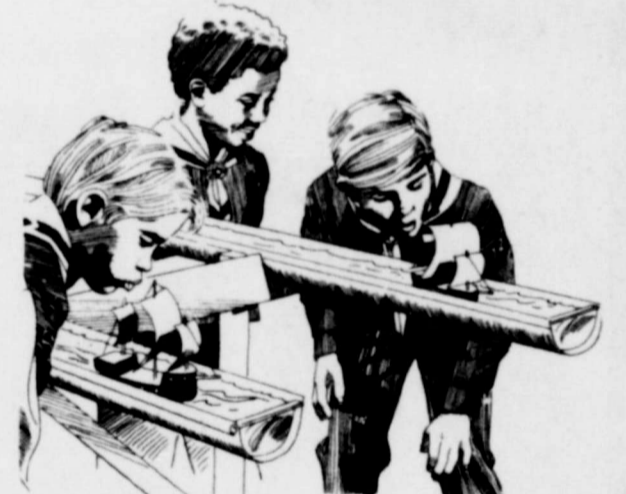
- Carsons Super Market
- Castille Hardware & Gifts
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Aiming High



A Scout learns to develop his skills, to become aware of his capacities... and to try his best at anything he attempts. He's encouraged to be a good winner, and a good loser... and most important, to feel good about himself.

Teamwork



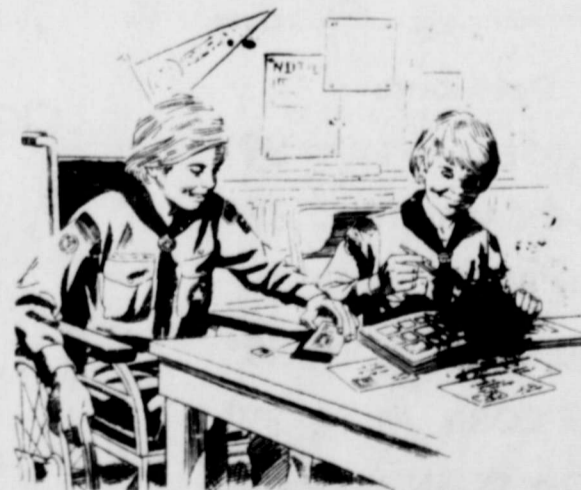
Boys of all different backgrounds are brought together through Scouting. It becomes a rich and rewarding experience for them... sharing, learning and striving... together. Happy Birthday Scouts.

Emma's Clothes Closet

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

Harold Walker Dirt Contractors

Brotherhood



Scouting Helps Make Our World A Little Nicer For Everyone!

The folks in this community would like to extend a hearty 'thanks' to all the Scouts and leaders for the fine work they do. Their dedication to life's highest ideals, have helped to make them the exceptional young men that they are!

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Taylor Electric Co-op

Wall's Industries

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Wilson's Jewelers

Wylie Truck Terminal & Restaurant

America's premier youth organization, The Boy Scouts of America, will celebrate its 69th Birthday February 8th. The week of February 4-10 has been designated Scouting Anniversary Week when prominent political, social and religious leaders will honor the Boy Scouts with national recognition.

Merkel's Cub Pack 220 sponsored by the Merkel Lion's Club and Scout Troop 218 sponsored by the United Methodist Church will share the spot light with 41 other Packs and 37 other Troops comprising the Southern District of Chisholm Trail Council. The Cub Pack under the leadership of Tom Williamson and the Scout Troop guided by Calvin Wolf provide a wholesome Learn and Do Environment to the youth of our community.

A hearty "Happy Birthday" is well deserved by the boys of the organizations and the adults under whose leadership they operate.

Tye Times

Thursday February 1, 1979

What's going on in Tye

by Harold Boyd

It seems from our first column we have received a few words of praise, we appreciate it and thank you. Would dearly appreciate any news, whether it be humor, human interest or just plain fact.

Barbra Kotrlík, President of the Tye PTO had a Community Awareness meeting, Tuesday, January 23 at the Tye Community Center with a very large turnout of interested citizens. Those who attended were informed of the progress of the legal suit filed by the Community Awareness against the Merkel Independent School District. This meeting was held for information only. Should you want any further information, contact her.

What is going on and what about the sewer system? It is still progressing well on the drawing board and awaiting for final approval, money and letting of the bids to contractors. Any time you deal with the government, there is plenty of paper work that needs to be signed, etc. In any case, when Tye gets its sewer system, I can

only see better and bigger things for the citizens of Tye. It will be an encouragement for people to move to Tye as well a business.

Where were you January 25th?? Tye PTO held its monthly meeting and a fairly good turnout was there, but we need your support and attendance to make a better organization. Your input, of ideas and labor of love and friendship are always welcomed in the Tye PTO. Coming up on February 16, 7:00 a box lunch supper will be held at the school in Tye. All persons whether they have children in school or not are welcome to attend. Come on out and meet your neighbor and join in the support of the hub of the community, you will be welcomed and appreciated.

A dream?? That is what Bill Adams presented to the people who attended to the Tye PTO. The dream is that Tye have its own community center financed by fund raising projects by the citizens of Tye. In the making is a 3 day event of a carnival, flea market, a big block dance and possible bar-b-que. Why do we need one? Very simple, we need a place of gathering to associate the citizens with, to work as a community and a place for our young people to be constructive instead of destruction. As plans come together, it will be passed on to you.

Let us take this time to thank the staff at the "Mail" for letting us send in our little tid bits of news, whereas the larger paper carries the bigger load of reporting. The Mail is a hometown paper with your interest at heart. It can only survive with your support by supporting the advertisers of each respective community. The Merkel Mail is an old country paper with new owners, young and energetic, and they do appreciate your support. Have you wondered what keeps a paper alive? Its subscribers and advertisers are the only source of revenue, thru your patronage of the advertisers and subscribing to the Merkel Mail it will survive, thus keeping the money in your community instead in the big city east of us. Your merchants support your community by taking a big part in supporting the various groups, i.e. schools, churches in all their functions through donations etc., and only through your patronage can this happen. Lets take a look at Tye and name a few businesses that are here. Please accept my apology if I overlook your business. Here in Tye we have one of the largest truck stops that offer full facilities between Gorman and Big Springs, several service stations that offer full service for your autos, Bill Love Exxon, Texaco, Shell, Skinnys Groc. and Gas, Art's Barber Shop, the New Image Salon, Ely Auto Repair, Pierce and Lowery Auto Repair, Tye Mobil Station, Clark's Welding, Mr. M Store, El-Tye-O Trailer Sales, Tye Automatic Service, Tye Concrete Co., Permian Corp., Strain Construction, R & R Construction and Trucking, Elmo Moore Trucking, Buddy's Upholstery, Screen and Window Mfg., Professional Saw and Tool Sharpening Service, Crafty Nook, Bill's Truck Repair, Chat

N' Curl Salon, and Cooleys Oil Field Welding Service. Surely I have overlooked someone, but if I have, do contact me or advertise in the Merkel Mail and let everyone know who and what your service or business is. As you read this list, doesn't it make you wonder why we have these businesses? How or what they do for the community? As one mentioned, it's because we see a future in Tye as a growing community and we show our support by setting up our business here and growing here.

Pat Steward has recovered from her illness and is back at City Hall. No, she didn't run away Jo. Glad she is back and her old self again.

DOGS, DOGS... Tye has an ordinance that is in full force re dogs running loose. A dog that is caught running loose is apt to be caught and held at the city yard for a short period of time then disposed of thereafter. Owners can be cited to appear in court for violations of this ordinance which can be costly. All that is being asked is to control your pets if you love them, or pay the penalties. Should you have a stray animal, contact the city clerk and the city will do its best in getting the stray picked up.

February 13 will be the evening the Tye City Council will meet for its monthly meeting. These meetings are held at the Community Center and are open to the public. At our next writing, we will have the agenda and will post it in the Mail for those who are interested in going to the meeting.

Through Manpower, Tye has gotten another employee to assist Don Logan, our city maintenance man to perform his duties. Michael Brooks has been with us just a few weeks and lives here in Tye with his wife and son. Mike, welcome to the city staff from all of us.

The Baptist Church will be hosting a Valentines party about the 9th of February at the church and it is open to all persons. But Mrs. Bob Roby will need to know if you are planning to attend so they can assure enough treats for all. Give her a call and be sure to attend. Again, whether you are or aren't a Baptist you will be welcomed for an evening of fellowship.

Dats all folks. Thank you, and do get me the news. Again my sincere thanks.

School News

Second Grade
During the month of January we have been discussing the winter weather. The children have been eager to learn about winter in other parts of the world. We learned that in lands across the ocean there are many countries that are having warm weather. These

countries are in tropical areas and it is never cold there.

The country that they enjoyed most is where the Eskimos live. We read a book about a family that lives in the Artic on Baffin Island. Snow and ice cover the land and sea nine months of the year. The days are short during the long winter and the

Legal

Notice

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC
Whereas PAYLESS FURNITURE CENTER a partnership of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, has been and is now incorporated as

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and, whereas, said PAYLESS FURNITURE CENTER, INC., shall continue to do business at the same location at the address of 1214 North Mockingbird, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and, whereas, notice to the public is required by Article 1302-2.02, V.A.T.S.:

You are hereby notified of such incorporation of such firm, its new firm name and its compliance with such law.

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Notice is hereby given that Shaddix Implement Company of 1749 North roadway Blvd., Abilene, Texas has incorporated under the name of Shaddix Implement, Inc.

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REVISED-15 Jan. '79
Advertisement For Bids Busing Authority of the City of Merkel, Texas.

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of (briefly describe nature, scope, and major elements of the work) 60 dwelling units, community building and related improvements, and alternate bids to allow reduction of dwelling units, will be received by Merkel Housing Authority c/o Reynolds & Stone, Architects at the office of City Council Room, City Hall, 107 Lamar St., Merkel, Texas until 11:30 A.M., (Central Standard Time) 6th Feb., 1979, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations: Reynolds & Stone, Dallas, Texas, Texas Contractor, Dallas, Texas, Dodge Plan Rooms, Dallas, Abilene, Ft. Worth, Amarillo and Lubbock, AGC P l a n Room, Waco, Texas.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of Reynolds & Stone, Architects located at 401 Stemmons Tower West, Dallas, Texas 75207 upon payment of \$3.00 for each set.

Any BIDDER, upon returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS promptly and in good condition, will be refunded his payment, and

any non-bidder upon so returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be refunded \$25.00. E. Jan. '79
Arthur E. Stone
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Lee Price Wagner, Respondent:

GREETINGS:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of State Department of Public Welfare, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 23rd day of January, 1978, against Lee Price Wagner et al. Respondent, and said suit being numbered 533-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Angela Denise Wagner a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to. Said child was born the 9th day of September, 1969, in Abilene, Texas.

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 of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 17th day of January, 1979.

Irene Crawford Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Carolyn Feten, Deputy.
50-1tc



sun does not rise at all in December. They hunt for seals and have to stand for hours on the sea-ice in cold, stinging wind. If the seals do not come, then many families go to bed hungry.

The women must sew parkas and trousers from caribou skin. Their boots are made of seal-skin. The clothes are sewed with tiny stitches so that the seams will not let in any wind or water.

Everyone agreed that the Eskimos life was very interesting but decided they would rather live in Texas.

Third Grade

The third grade is using a new game they have made called "Dictionary Hunt". On a 12 x 24" piece of cardboard we drew a winding path and divided it into about 12 boxes. I folded a piece of oaktag into a pocket large enough to hold 3 x 5 index cards, and pasted the pocket onto the bottom right-hand corner of the cardboard. For markers we

use paper clips, buttons or beans.

Next my Mysterious Wisteria reading group helped me write questions on the index cards whose answers can be found in available dictionaries. The following are some examples of questions using words from our reading books: What is a spinney? (a thicket, grove, or growth of small trees) What is a marmot? (a stout-bodied short-legged burrowing rodent with coarse fur, a short bushy tail, and very small ears). On each card I wrote the number of spaces the player can move, after the question has been answered.

On the game board I wrote the following directions: "Pick a card. Use the dictionary to look up the answer to the question on the card. Then move your marker the number of spaces on the card."

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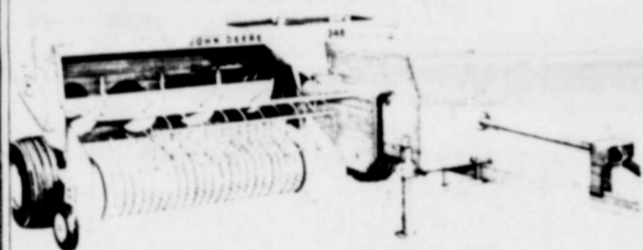
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