

There will be a meeting of the American Agricultural Movement at the Taylor Electric Co-op Thursday evening at 7:30. All interested farmers and concerned citizens are invited to attend. There will be a discussion of the happenings in Washington, D.C. and suggestions on how our area people can help.



Thursday, February 8, 1979 ... Merkel, Texas

There will be a United Girls Softball Association Monday night at 7:00 at the Justice of the Peace office, 132 Kent. Any adults interested in helping are urged to attend this meeting.

The Sandusky's from Ed's Feed and Seed hosted a dinner for local cotton growers at Pug and Leo's Monday night. About 28 farmers attended the dinner and heard a presentation from a Prowl representative. Prowl is a chemical herbicide to control weeds.

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Two 18-wheelers collided two miles east of Merkel on I-20 Tuesday. One driver was rushed to

Hendrick Medical Center for minor injuries by the Merkel Ambulance Service. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

The Mail-bag 70 years ago

One of the most practical methods of increasing the price of cotton is to increase its uses. The farmer, by using cotton goods and materials whenever feasible can add considerably to the consumption of cotton products and many business houses and manufacturers by putting up their merchandise in cotton bags and wrappers can materially increase consumption and by buying from Texas factories will patronize home industry as well. Increasing consumption of our agricultural products and patronizing home industry will make us prosperous.

Speak nothing but what may benefit others or yourself. It is better to talk of things than of persons. Avoid trifling conversation.

H. E. Graham, who has been interested in bee culture for several years, has found the study of the busy little bugs so fascinating and bee farming such a paying industry that he will increase his holdings until he becomes the largest

individual bee owner in this area. He has already established three large apiaries. Last year Mr. Graham sold a great deal of honey from these farms at very profitable prices.

Good roads are the great arteries that put the producers in touch with the outer world and the great markets of the earth.

S. A. Chenault, once a resident of this place, spent the time between trains here Sunday afternoon shaking hands with friends and looking at the town.

This is the season of the year when mothers feel very much concerned over the frequent colds contracted by their children and have abundant reason for it as every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality and paves the way for the more serious diseases that so often follow. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

Tye PTO, Merkel officials getting ready for 13th hearing

Tye residents and school lawyers are sharpening their pencils in preparation for the Feb. 13th hearing, granted on a request of the Merkel Independent School District concerning a suit alleging non-representation on the Merkel Board of Trustees.

The Austin based-Texas Education Agency has scheduled "Administrative hearing" in the suit brought by the Tye Parent Teachers Organization.

Tye residents point to a paragraph in the Texas Education Code that states that citizens of a school district that is consolidated with another, is allowed board representation guaranteed them.

Merkel school officials maintain that that segment of the law, applies only for the period directly following consolidation.

Both sides in the dispute don't have much to say about it publicly, but both agree that the TEA hearing will probably end up being round one.

According to Mrs. Don Rogers, court reporter for Judge Don Lanes' 42nd District Court in Abilene said "no dates have been set for a hearing. The tye group filed suit in that court on Jan. 9 and since that time nothing else has officially happened."

The Mail will have a full report in next week's paper about the Austin Hearing.

Students being re-vaccinated

Dr. Curzon C. Ferris of the Abilene Taylor County Health Department has released the following statement:

There is increasing evidence to indicate that a statewide epidemic of measles (rubeola) will occur this year. Many cases are being reported among secondary school students (grades 7-12) in East Texas. 8 other states are already reporting epidemics as a result of these outbreaks and subsequent investigations are recommending that all students vaccinated prior to '68 or before their 1st birthday be re-vaccinated.

In order to comply with the above recommendations, the Abilene-Taylor County Health Department, in cooperation with the Merkel I.S.D. and Trent I.S.D., has agreed to conduct a measles clinic at Merkel Middle School Library

on Feb. 15 from 9-12 a.m. Students who need revaccination will be receiving forms through the school that need to be signed by the parent and returned if you would like to take advantage of this free clinic. In case your child has been revaccinated since the date we have on our records, you will need only to send a physician certified immunization record to school to update our records. Since Merkel schools have over 200 students who will be receiving letters, it is hoped you will seriously consider this situation and see that your child is fully protected against this disease. Parents of pre-school children who have not received their measles vaccine and are over 15 months of age, may also bring their child and record of previous immunizations to this clinic.

Board being elected by positions

The school board election that takes place April 7th will be different this year in that candidates must run for designated board places.

The Merkel school

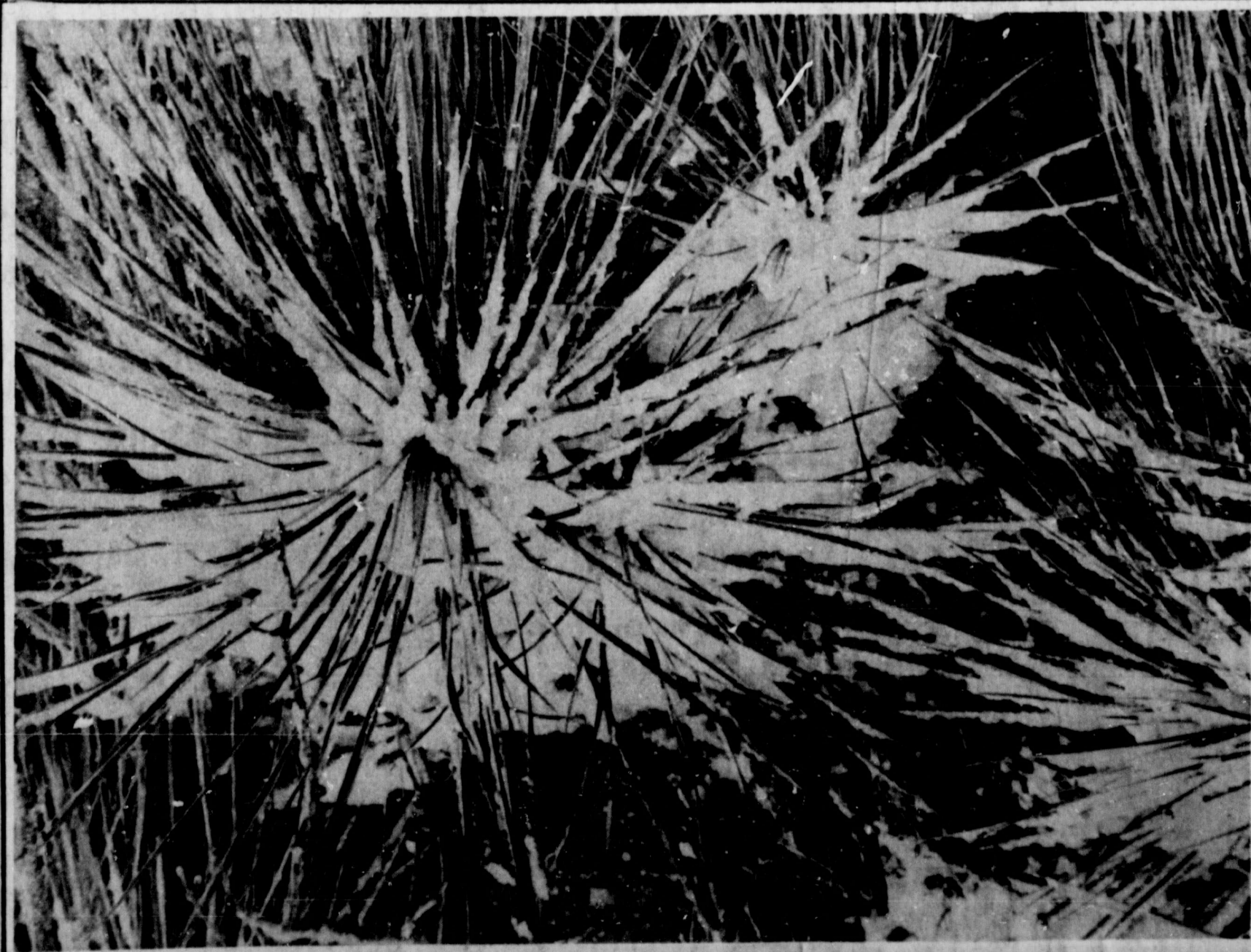
board adopted the designated position in a vote two weeks ago and all future trustee elections will be conducted under the place format.

Dink Whisenhunt and James Boyd's terms of offices expire in April of

this year. The present board members, their designated positions, and their date of expiration are as follows: Dink Whisenhunt, place 1, April 79; James Boyd, Place 2, April 79; Leroy Taft, place 3, April 1980;

Kenny Hogan, place 4, April 1981 and Larry Dudley, place 7, April 1981.

The designated positions were arranged according to the date of expiration of office.



Where in the world did all that snow come from? According to the National Weather Service, the Airport in Abilene received about four inches on Monday and Merkel got about three during that storm.

Two hours after the news deadline Tuesday, it began snowing again and will more than likely put the moisture amount received at about one and one half inches.

One accident Tuesday morning on Interstate 20, two and one half miles east of Merkel closed the east bound lane and slightly injured a motorist.

The snow also closed Merkel schools Monday and Tuesday, cancelled basketball games and meetings. The snow also cancelled the organizational meeting of the girls softball league. That meeting was postponed for one week.

It did make for some pretty scenery, as staff photographer Glenn Richards made a trip through town Monday morning.



The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department held their annual banquet last week which drew approximately 75 people for a meal and presentations. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Phillips dies at 73

Stacie Phillips, 73, of Fort Worth and formerly of Merkel, died Tuesday evening in a Fort Worth hospital after a short illness. Services were at 10 a.m. Friday in the Lucas Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Worth. Graveside services were at 3:30 p.m. in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel. The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated.

Born June 4, 1905, in Dublin, she was the daughter of the late Rufus and Eustacia Tackett and moved with her family to Taft, where she attended school. She married Clyde Deavers June 3, 1922, in Corpus Christi. He died in 1940.

She later married M. M. Phillips in Corpus Christi. She lived in Merkel for several years, moving later to Corpus Christi, where she was employed by Leichenstine's Department Store. She retired and moved to Fort Worth. She was active in the Baptist Church, and was a member of church choirs in the Merkel and Corpus Christi Baptist churches.

Mr. Phillips died in 1968.

Survivors include two sons, Clyde Deavers of Woodstock, N.Y., and Franklin Deavers of Fort Worth; two sisters, Wauldine Tackett and Lillian Willoughby, both of Corpus Christi; six grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Stenholm named to two committees

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm has been appointed to the following Subcommittees of the Agriculture Committee: Livestock and Grains; Cotton; Oilseed-

s and Rice; and Dairy and Poultry. The Congressman sought membership on these Subcommittees as he feels these assignments will be particularly impor-

tant to his representation of the diverse interests of the 17th District of Texas.

The Congressman noted that the 17th District includes twelve of the top seventy cotton-producing counties of Texas, three of the top five peanut counties, two of the three leading milk-producing counties of

Texas, in addition to the extensive livestock and grain production in all

counties throughout the District.

Mr. Stenholm went on to say "the 17th District of Texas is one of only twenty four agricultural districts in the Congress today.

Boys lose

The Varsity boys lost a low scoring slow place game here last Friday night. Colorado City took a 34-24 victory to boost their record.

"We slowed the game down a lot," explained Coach Bartee, "they beat us 103-45 last time, we knew how to keep that from happening again."

The quarter scores showed that the Badgers were down by 2 after the 1st, 5 at the half and still 5 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

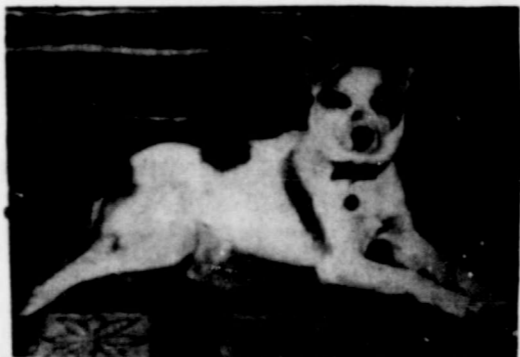
"We were in it with about 4 minutes left in the game, but they just pulled away," said Coach Bartee.

No Badgers were in double figures. Chris Cox was high scorer with 8 points with the rest of the points split between the other players.

"We only had five turnovers, that's the best we've done all year in that category," Coach Bartee said.

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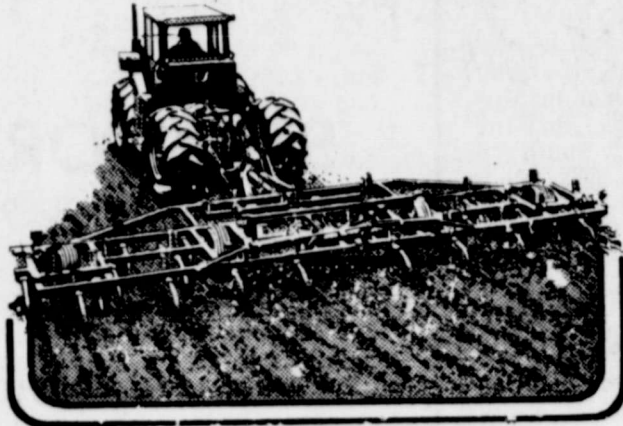
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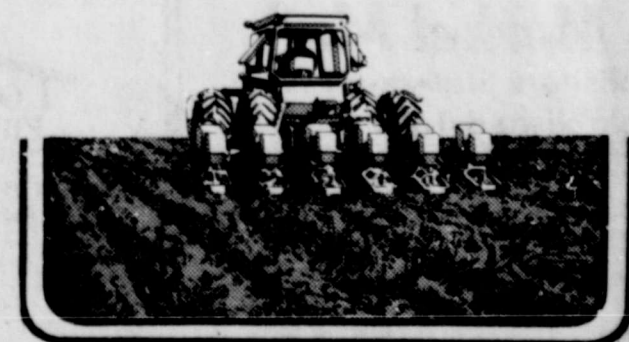
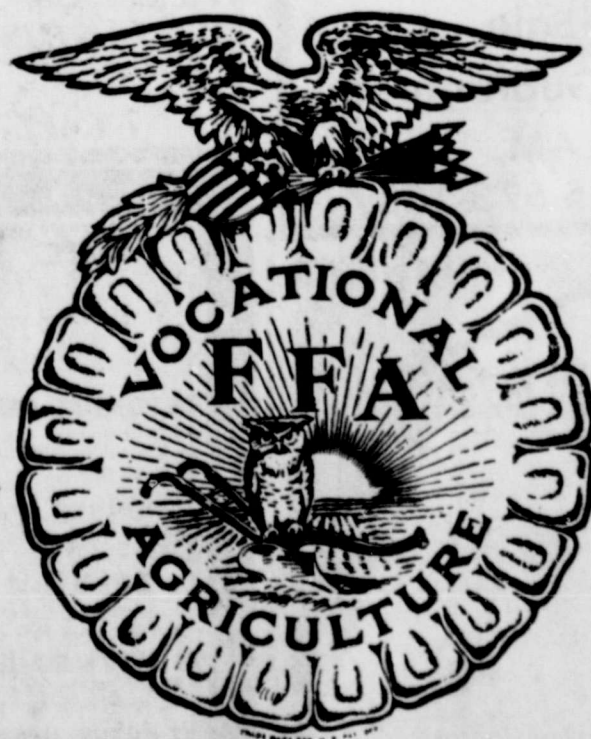


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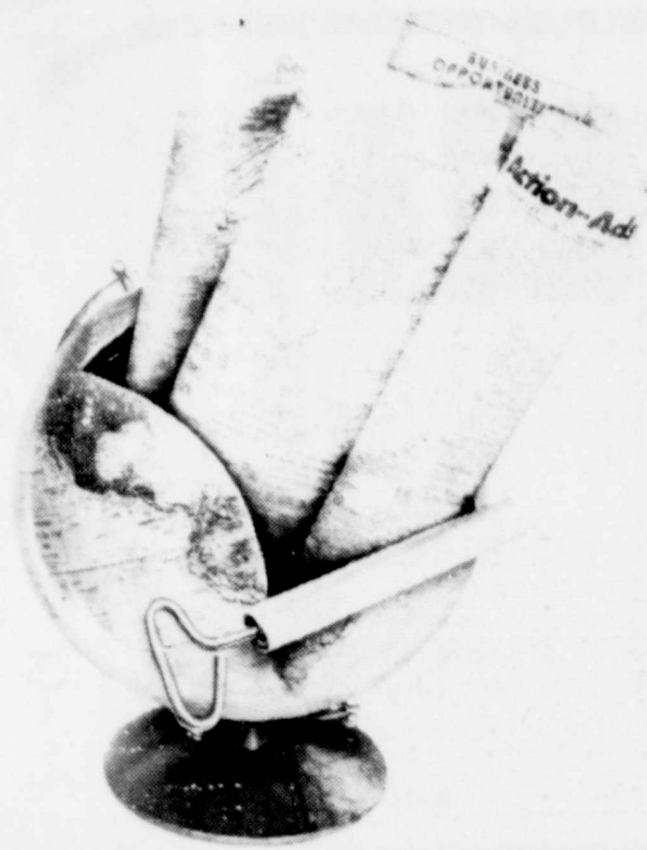
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Rister dies at 79

Lula Bell Rister, 79, of Tye died at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Hendrick Medical Center after a lengthy illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Edward Bigham, pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Coleman, assisted by the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Tye Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 12, 1899, in Coryell County, she had

lived in Tye since 1900. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Rebekah Lodge No. 89 of Abilene, and was a seamstress for many years.

Survivors include two brothers, Sam Rister of Abilene and Ossie Rister of Tye; three sisters, Mrs. Roy Hewitt, Mrs. Bill Hays and Mrs. Joe C. Higgins, all of Merkel and several nieces and nephews.

Nephews were the pallbearers.

Xi Nu Chi meets

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, Jan. 23 in the United Savings building with Connie Harris as hostess. Pat Neff reported the Valentine party would be February 10 at the United Methodist Fellowship Hall. Ginny Yaddow reported the next regular meeting would be in the home of Charlotte Starbuck. Mamie Steck reported to the chapter on the Building Fund Committee meeting in Abilene on Jan. 15. Connie Harris was in charge of the program. Her topic was "Meeting Changes". Connie said that in the modern world, some changes are inevitable.

Some will be good and some will be bad. Some changes will be thrust upon us and some we will initiate ourselves. Much of the great changes that are taking place in the world affect us indirectly or only as a part of the general population. Other changes are specifically affecting only a few of us and, in some cases, one person only.

Refreshments were served to the following: Charlotte Starbuck, Louise Dubose, Ginny Yaddow, Pat Neff, Connie Ybarra, Kathy Leverich, Betty Allday, Rose Etheridge, Mamie Steck, and hostess, Connie Harris.

Durham dies at 73

Wrenn Durham, 73, retired longtime postmaster of Merkel, died at 10 p.m. Sunday at his home after a sudden illness. Services were at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the United Methodist Church. The Rev. Allen Forbis, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born June 7, 1905, in Eastland County, he moved to Merkel as a child and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Durham, who operated the Merkel Mail for many years. He graduated from Merkel High School and attended the University of Texas. He became Merkel's postmaster during the mid 1930s and retired from the post in 1970. He was a member of

the Masons and Merkel Lions Club. He also was a member of the United Methodist Church. He married Neida Clements June 6, 1937, in Brownwood.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Dana Boyd of Kansas City, Mo. and Mrs. Dora (Penny) Jones of El Paso; two brothers, Jack of Sacramento, Calif. and Neil of Clovis, N.M.; four sisters, Mrs. Sie Hamm of Fort Worth, Mrs. L.D. Foreman, Mrs. Tommie Echols and Nell Durham all of Amarillo; and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Truett Thompson, D.C. Hendricks, Johnny Hammond, Pat Cypert, Alvin Wozencraft and Archie Boyd.

Masons were honorary pallbearers.

Fortnightly study club meets

Mrs. Johnny Cox and Mrs. Mack Fisher were co-hostesses for the Jan. 23 meeting of the Fortnightly Study Club at the Big Country Inn.

Mrs. Johnny Hammond conducted the business meeting. As the roll was called, each one answered with the country or countries of origin in keeping with the theme for the program, Diversity Through Heritage. Mrs.

S.C. Dixon, program chairman, led in the pledge to the flag of the United States of America. Mrs. Dixon then introduced the program, "An Indigenisus Character" by Mrs. Andy Shouse, "The Indomitable Two" by Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, and "An American Family" by Mary Collins. We owe much to the people who have left to us such priceless heritage.

Those attending were: Mary Collins, Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. S.C. Dixon, Mrs. Bryan Dunigan, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mildred Hamm, Mrs. J.W. Hammond, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. C.B. Knight, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mrs. Allen Forbis, and Mrs. Lynnward Harrison.

City council meets

The Merkel City Council will meet in a scheduled monthly meeting Friday morning at 7 a.m.

In that meeting, Merkel's first woman city council member, Emma Lois Shugart, will be sworn in.

Getting it right

A sentence was omitted from the Stith Demonstration Club story last week. We omitted "Necy Wilburn gave the program on Sewing Machine Use and Care".

Jacobs granddaughter born

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jacobs are proud to announce the arrival of a granddaughter, Sunny Suzanne Loooper, 9 lbs.

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Wilkerson wins

David Wilkerson, age 15 and a freshman at Merkel High School, attended the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show last week-end and exhibited his show rabbits.

His Stable Rex doe won first place in her class and Best of Variety. His Broken Rex buck placed third. His best win, however, was with his Broken Rex doe. This doe placed first in her class and also was Best of Breed in competition with 97 other Rex. Other rabbits owned by David but exhibited by Tracy Ingram of Lewisville, also placed high. His California Rex buck placed second in its class and his Opal Rex doe was Best Opposite Variety.

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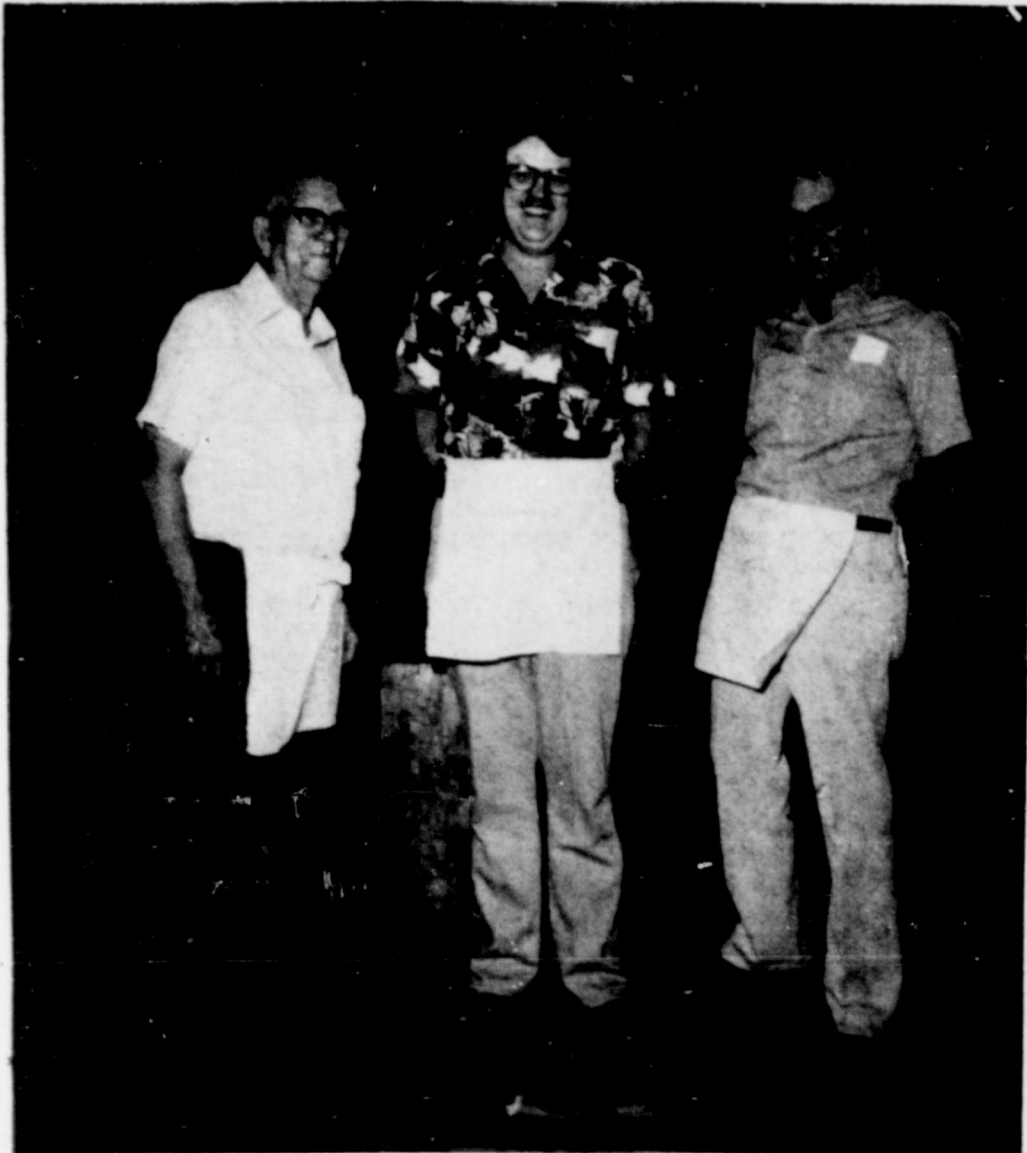
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The 51th Masonic Lodge has joined with the Masonic Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Here, three members of the Masonic Lodge, H.B. Robertson, Glenn Robertson and David Robertson, local farmers, enjoy a social function. (Complimentary photo)

Tye Honor Roll

The Tye Elementary School Honor Roll is as follows:

A Honor Roll: First Grade: Shanna Key, Leo Kotlik, Sheri Miles, Shawn Miller, Lisa Donaldson, Lori Willborn, Sandra Marshall, Misty Webb, Amy Siegrist, Owen Tevebaugh, Mi Hwa Chon, Dustan Gooden, Michelle Davis, Danny Orr, Matthew Thornton, Waylon Floyd. A-B Honor Roll: Michael Grubbs, Travis Johnson, Jimmy Morris, Trent Crayton, Debbie Davis, Daniel Clark, Bryan Pierce, Christine Geesaman, Desrah Thomas, Eric Konopinski.

Second Grade: A Honor Roll: Irene Alvarez, Son Mi Chon, Traci Orr, Shelley Thornton, Tracy Moore, Scott Renaud,

Jon David Layher, Shelle Glisson, Lori Owen, Tasha Todd, Cissy Sever. A-B Honor Roll: Eric Smith, Joe Jordan, Monty Griffin, Jaime Mendez, Liza Castle, Kindra Law, Dee Dee Burson, Kaycee Ward, Meissa Roys, Davy DeLeon, Merdy Bunselmeier.

Third Grade: A Honor Roll: Lyn Allison, Joe Alvarez, Stacie Johnson, Clara Herrera, Cheryl Clark. A-B Honor Roll: Kim Watson, Michelle Goodgion.

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

Fifth Grade: A Honor Roll: Mike Allison, Kevin Mitchell, Keith Watson. A-B Honor Roll: Stephanie Boyd.

Compere HD meets

The Compere Texas Extension Homemakers Club met Jan. 25, 1979 in the home of Mrs. David Chancey. Mrs. Ab Hunter, president, presided over the business meeting. Mrs. Hugh Taylor read a poem, "Smile". Mrs. Wilburn led a game, "Toilet Paper". Roll call was answered with "A Sewing Goof I made." Mrs. Wilburn held the program on sewing and sewing machines, stressed the use of 100 percent cotton

thread on cotton fabric, polyester on polyester and needles no. 11 for light weight fabric, no. 14 for medium and no. 16 for heavy. Ball points for knits is used. If your machine skips stitches change the needle. Also change the needle after 3 garments, as it will be starting to dull.

Refreshments were served to members Mrs. Hunter, Mims, Ramsey, Spurgin, Taylor, Williams, Terry, Chancey and the hostess, Mrs. David Chancey.

Scouting meeting

There will be a meeting of all concerned parents of the out come 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.

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Tye Times

Thursday February 8, 1979

What's going on in Tye

by Harold Boyd

From the desk of the Chief of Police, Tye, Texas...as you travel through the streets of TYE, you may have seen some new fixtures being added. These fixtures are in the form of traffic speed signs. Back in March of 1978, the City Council of the City of Tye passed Ordinance 78-2 in which prescribes general speed limits within the city limits. Section 1-a of the ordinance states, "No person shall operate or drive any vehicle on any street within the city at a speed greater than thirty (30) miles per hour, unless signs which designate a different speed are erected in accordance with this ordinance". This means that all streets in Tye are 30 miles per hour speed zones EXCEPT around the Tye Elementary School which is 20 Mph. Farm to Market (FM707) and Interstate 20 as posted and marked to correct speed. Be it noted to you who think that removing any sign regarding speed, etc. that will change the law. Guess again, you are totally wrong on this thought. The law explains that any street not marked by stop signs within the city limits of a corporation will automatically be 30 miles per hour. Anyone caught damaging or removing an official highway marker, STOP SIGNS, FIELD SPEED LIMIT, WARNING ETC. can be subjected by a fine up to \$400.00.

Should you be wondering as to how to get in touch with the chief, he may be reached through the Tye Police Department at 692-2610 from the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday thru Friday. After these hours call Taylor County Sheriff's Office asking for the Tye Police Department, the number is 77-8518. The Sheriff and his staff are kind enough to provide us with this dispatch service for your protection. Thank you the staff of Taylor County Sheriff Department.

This is our community and it takes everyone's help to make it what it is today. Surely we need this and that but only when it happens if you will submit your ideas, talents and efforts. Check around and see where you can be of help. Some of these places are your church, school, community projects and fire department.

Just a note to the parties or party that has one the following things here in Tye over the past two weeks. Removing the stop sign from the intersection of Nolan and Morgan Streets, it is there to maybe save your life, but be aware there are several persons that are now active in helping to protect the property of the city of Tye and these persons that are responsible for theft, damaging or removing property will be turned over to the proper authorities for further action. Recently an inside theft of several new chairs were removed from the Tye Vol. Fire Department. This theft is being investigated by our local law enforcement agency along with assistance of the Sheriff's Department. Also, the directory sign that was removed from the front of the City Hall, plus various other acts of vandalism have been

occurring and again be it wise that there are other EYES now aware and are not afraid to get involved in stopping these unwanted acts.

Remember Girl Scout Cookies are on sale. If you have been overlooked, call the West Central Girl Scout Headquarters and they will contact your area sales chairman and get them on to you.

Have you noticed that just a few get involved? The same people leading and carrying the load. It takes moral and physical support to keep something going, such as your scouting troops. This month is the birthday of the Boy Scouts of America, a dwindling group of young talent that is the future of America. Won't you contact your local scouting headquarters and offer a little of your time and talents and lead these young people to the proper way of life. As I read the Mail, I see not do we only have this problem but our neighbor to the west is experiencing leadership in Merkel. Lend these groups a hand, it will be rewarding and an investment to your community.

Are you satisfied with your city council members? Here is your chance to run against three of them in the upcoming election in April. Should you seek a seat on the city council, it's time to start getting your platform together and get out and get your votes lined up. This is a non paid part of our society and a job that someone has to do and you may help in running the city government. I would like to say that since we have been in Tye, that these people have made various decisions, whether we like or dislike for they acted on their judgement after long discussion of various items that they are elected to do. If you have the time and talent or better ideas, give it some thought and get involved, be elected and lead this fine community to a better way of progression toward the future.

The Senior Citizens are very active in raising money for the new building program that they have undertaken. Each 4th Saturday at the Community center they have an old fashion hoe down musical and you are surely welcome to attend with no admission charge. Fine pastries, sandwiches, coffee, soft drinks and some fellowship among your neighbors, surely a great evening of entertainment.

Again readers, we surely need your news of interest as you can see by the column, it is short and it's missing your news. Won't you share it with others?

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Tye school news

Resource Room
Mrs. VanWinkle

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Children with learning disabilities, physical or mental handicaps are eligible to receive a special record player and records from the Texas State Library, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped for use in their home. If you know an older person who is in need of talking books or a child who may qualify, please feel free to call 1-800-252-9005 or write: Texas State Library, Box 12927 Capitol Station, Austin, Tx. 78711.

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January was a month of snow, ice and very cold weather. This cold weather coming after the Christmas holidays has caused the fifth graders to have a hard time getting use to studying again.

Days were spent reviewing for our six weeks tests. Report cards weren't too bad. We completed the study of addition and subtracting of fractions, and are now studying decimals. In english we have been writing stories and essays. I will put an idea on the board and the students write their own thoughts.

I put this subject on the board "something that makes me happy". Below are some of the results written by Tye Elementary Fifth grade students.

Something that makes me happy is knowing that I am loved by my family and liked by my friends. Whenever my mom gets mad at me I sometimes get mad at her and say that she doesn't love me anymore. She says you know you are loved in this family and don't you say that again. It is nice to know you have some friends and some people say you can have more fun with friends. Well I think so in some ways like playing tag and chase.

Something that makes me happy is when someone comes up to me and says, "I really like you," you know it. When someone comes up to me and says that I know that it's really true. They make me feel good inside. Happy means to me that somebody feels proud inside.

What makes me happy is the fur of a puppy and a kitten's purr and the love they give. I'm happy to hear a bird's chirp.

I like to be happy when I'm lonely. I love to hear songs to make my sadness go away. That's why I'm happy.

Tye judge former Air Force film-maker

by Glenn Richards

The movie business and the United States Air Force don't really seem to go together, but D.C. Hodges, now the municipal judge in Tye, spent 30 years in the Air Force and a good part of those years in various facets of the movie industry.

Judge Hodges at seventeen opted to join the Air Force instead of finishing high school in 1939. (He later finished high school.) He was assigned to Randolph A.F. Base in San Antonio.

At Randolph, Judge Hodges was the manager of the movie theaters on the base.

In 1944 Judge Hodges got caught up in what he called "the old switcheroo," where the Army runs short of personnel from casualties so it transferred wounded to the Air Force for new troops.

"The best thing about this was the Army assigned you to your code (what your particular field is) so I ended up in special services and that is the deluxe tour," explained Judge Hodges. "A team of us would go up to the front lines with our projectors and go to each camp and stay for two or three days to show a different movie each night."

"The movies were sent to us over seas even before they were released in the states," said Judge Hodges.

Occasionally sniper fire would cause them to shut down during shows, "but we just turned it off and waited for things to cool down then start it back up," Judge Hodges said.

He stayed over seas for 16 months then returned to Randolph where he stayed until 1952 at which time he left for Denver for his third movie related job, supervisor to technical film crews.

"I had the easy job," says Judge Hodges, "I was supervisor of four teams that made the movies, the film crew, the editors, the film processing crew, and the sound specialist."

"We made technical films on maintenance or operating instructions on new equipment," Judge Hodges said. The film crew would go to each base where the equipment was for about a week and then return for the other people to do their work."

Judge Hodges was transferred to Dyess and was involved with the disarming of the Nuclear Atlas Missiles. It was a Tricky job, they are so sensitive that stray voltage have set them off.

"When we got that last missile out there you talk about a sigh of relief, we were living with the greatest danger, I guess," Judge Hodges said.

Judge Hodges retired in 1969 with the rank of Tech Sgt.

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Combined bids shall be submitted for General Construction, Mechanical and Electrical work.

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The Board of Trustees of the Wylie Independent School District, Abilene, Texas, will receive sealed proposals until 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 27, 1979 in the cafeteria on the existing campus, located at 7049 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene, Texas. Proposals received after this time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend; proposals will be opened and read aloud.

EXAMINATION AND PROCUREMENT OF DOCUMENTS:

Plans and specifications may be examined at the Architect's office and at Plan Rooms as listed in the Instructions to Bidders. Prime bidders (General, Mechanical, and Electrical Contractors) may obtain one complete set of plans and specifications upon receipt of a deposit

check in the amount of \$150.00 made payable to the Architect.

Prime bidders and other interested bidders may obtain additional sets of plans and specifications by paying the cost of reproduction and handling. All plans, specifications and contract documents furnished on a deposit basis or a purchase basis shall remain the property of, and shall be returned to, the Architect within 10 days after the bid opening.

BID SECURITY:

Bid security in the amount of 5 percent of the total largest proposal must accompany each proposal in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

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The contractors shall be required to provide a Performance Bond and Payment Bond in an amount equal to 100 percent of their contract amount.

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Best grocery buys

Eggs, especially large sizes, are among this week's budget buys, reports Gwendolyn Clyatt, a consumer marketing information specialist. Also, chicken livers on special, some fresh fruits and vegetables, and canned tomatoes and corn.

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

This week's price-and-quality trends are the following:

POULTRY-Egg prices remain stable, although severe winter weather could slow production, cut supplies and raise prices.

Fryer chicken prices are slightly higher, although some have thrifty price tags in some markets.

FRESH FRUITS-Reasonable prices appear on three-pound-size bags of apples.

Grapefruit crops suffered some winter losses, but fruit now on the market has excellent quality. Prices on Temple oranges and tangelos are lower—with good quality.

FRESH VEGETABLES-Cabbage is still a budget item in spite of slightly higher prices. Other economical vegetables are potatoes, carrots, broccoli, eggplant, sweet potatoes and rutabagas.

DAIRY-Look for budget prices on yogurt, cheeses and milk.

GROCERY MARKET AISLES-Some canned vegetables make economical "stand-ins" for higher-priced fresh ones. These include tomatoes, tomato products and corn.

FROZEN FOOD CHESTS-Features are bread dough, dinners, ice cream and orange juice.

RED MEATS-Prices are up this week in general. Beef features include chuck roasts and steaks, ground beef, round steaks and liver—with occasional specials on sirloin steaks and sirloin-tip roasts.

Pork features include Boston butt roasts, quarter loins cut into chops, rib and loin-end roasts and liver. Look for lower prices on lamb shoulder chops in some markets.

CONSUMER WATCHWORDS: For economy meat buys, figure "cost per serving," not cost per pound. Also, shop meat specials and plan menus around them.

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Trent News...

Tutt pleads guilty in shooting of Evans

Billy Joe Tutt of Abilene pleaded guilty to murder charges stemming from the Jan. 8, 1978 shooting of a Trent resident in Merkel.

Tutt pleaded guilty to killing Charles Franklin Evans of Trent after an argument over money and a family problem. Evans was killed after Tutt shot him three times with a .22 caliber pistol.

Judge J. Neil Daniel sentenced Tutt to five years in prison in the 104th District Court last Thursday.

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USDA has good news for Texas farmers

A top U.S. Department of Agriculture official didn't have especially good news for farmers when he addressed the 1979 Texas Farmers Union State convention Friday night.

Dr. J.B. Penn, deputy administrator for economics with the USDA's Economics, Statistics and Cooperatives Service, predicted that net farm income in 1979 will be about the same as in 1978, "or down slightly."

He said that while gross income is expected to increase about 3-4 percent for grain farmers, and somewhat more for livestock producers, heavy inflationary pressures will drive up production costs about the same pace.

Dr. Penn also suggested that it is unlikely that farmers will be able to exert sufficient political pressures on the upcoming session of Congress to change that status quo forecast. "It will be very, very difficult to get any changes in target prices and loan rates from this Congress" because of its sensitivity to the inflationary spiral, said the USDA official.

Dr. Penn disagreed with those who are forecasting a deep recession or a depression. He said nationwide purchasing power will be up 2-3 percent in 1979, unemployment will remain about the same and the inflation rate will be brought down only slightly.

"So the indicators are that we will not have a deep recession, if we have one at all," said Dr. Penn.

Still, inflation will be the "overriding, underlying issue" in the upcoming political season, with Congress and the Administration reacting to a general public that has "swung a little to the conservative side."

"Whether or not the present administration shows any tangible success in the fight against inflation will be a critical factor in the next election," declared the government official.

"So every expenditure will be closely scrutinized as an effort is made to pare the national deficit to \$30 billion."

With many new faces coming to the next session of Congress as a result of the last general election, and with significant changes taking place on the House and Senate agriculture committees, uncertainty faces the agricultural sector's hopes for new legislation, noted Dr. Penn.

Farm Bureau says keep USDA intact

Waco - The Texas Farm Bureau is urging the Texas delegation in Congress to reject any proposals to strip "vital functions" from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In a letter to the 24 Texas Representatives and two Senators, IFB President Carrol Chaloupka said, "I want to place the Texas Farm Bureau squarely on record in opposition to the proposed transfer of major USDA functions to other departments."

Chaloupka referred to proposals by President Carter to create a new Department of Natural Resources and a new Department of Community Development, and have them take over certain functions of USDA.

"We believe that such transfers can only result in programs less responsive to the needs of Texas farmers and ranchers," Chaloupka said. "When

farmers and ranchers are hurt, consumers invariably pay the bill in the form of higher prices for food and fiber."

Under the proposed reorganization, the U.S. Forest Service, all resource-related portions of the Soil Conservation Service, and the Rural Development Program would be taken from the USDA and transferred to the new Department of Natural Resources. Major functions of the Farmers Home Administration would be transferred from USDA to the new Department of Community Development which would be built around the existing Housing and Urban Development agency.

Chaloupka asked the Texas delegation to work with other members of Congress "to reject the proposed transfer of vital functions of the Department of Agriculture."

Social Security changes

The 1977 Amendments to the Social Security Act have modified the manner in which a person's entitlement to Social Security benefits is determined. The new Amendments have generally eliminated the payment of any benefits for any prior to the month of filing a claim with the Social Security Administration.

Under prior law a person might delay filing for Social Security benefits and then receive a benefit check for the past months for which he was entitled to receive benefits for up to a maximum of 12 months.

The Speaker Reports

by Bill Clayton

AUSTIN—The horrors of child abuse are present in our cities, towns, and often in our very own neighborhoods. It is time that we begin to take better care of our own—the children of Texas.

During the last interim a special House committee was appointed to study child abuse, to determine the nature of services available from state and local governments for prevention, assistance and counseling and to make recommendations.

The Committee learned that child abuse can range from matters of neglect—not providing food, shelter, care—to outright physical and mental abuse. Child abuse is a leading cause of infant mortality in this country today.

Child abuse is a problem that crosses into all cultural, socio-economic and ethnic groups. A very small percentage of child abusers are psychotic; a large majority are those individuals who experienced abuse or neglect in their own childhoods and, therefore, there is a chain reaction from one generation to the next. Abusers often have problems with drugs and alcohol and many tend to have poor self-images of themselves.

The committee has recommended that there is no single, simple solution to the problem of child abuse. If we are to help our children who are suffering, every step of the process of detection, treatment and prevention must be strengthened and used.

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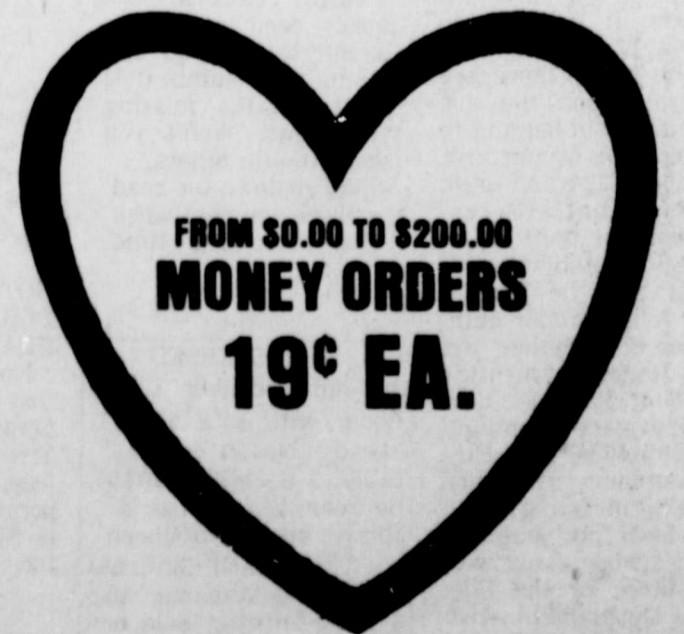
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by Patricia Spradling

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You mean so very much to me,
The things you say and do,
You're always thoughtful and understanding;
How could I help but love you?

You're my ray of sunshine,
And bright shining star in the night,
The very pillar I lean on,
My strength, the light of my life.

You're there to brush away my tears,
When I'm down or feeling sad,
Darling, you're my comfort,
And the best friend I've ever had.

I can't imagine my life honey,
If you weren't here by my side,
The two of us sharing our lives together,
As the years go rushing by.

And in our Autumn years,
When the silver streaks our hair,
We can look back over the years,
And thank God for the many blessings we have shared.

And so, I just wanted to say,
In my own fashion and way,
Honey, I love you,
And Happy, Happy Valentine's Day!

Girls keep on winning, getting closer to district title

The Merkel girls came a step closer to taking the district race last Friday night against Colorado City.

Gina Farmer had 21 points in the game to lead the scoring. Amy McCoy added 15 points to Gwen Tarpley's 14 points to round out the high scorers.

If anything hurt the girls Friday night, it was fouls. Colorado City scored 13 of their 29 points on free throws while Merkel shot 3-14 from the free throw line. Norma Frazier fouled out early in the 3rd quarter and was in foul trouble most of the game.

The girls, despite the fouls, played an extremely good defensive game holding C. City to only 29 points, utilizing the press and an aggressive one on one defense.

On the offensive side of the game, "we had 22 turnovers, that's still a little high, we seem to be getting them all on mental errors," Coach Penick said.

The girls play Anson here Friday night.



Becky Watts applies some defensive pressure in last weeks action. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

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Washington dies

William Washington Huffman, 72, of Merkel was pronounced dead at his home at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. Justice of the Peace Henry Guenther ruled death was due to natural causes. Services were at 4 p.m. Thursday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel. Burial

was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Born May 23, 1906, in Llano, he was a retired carpenter.

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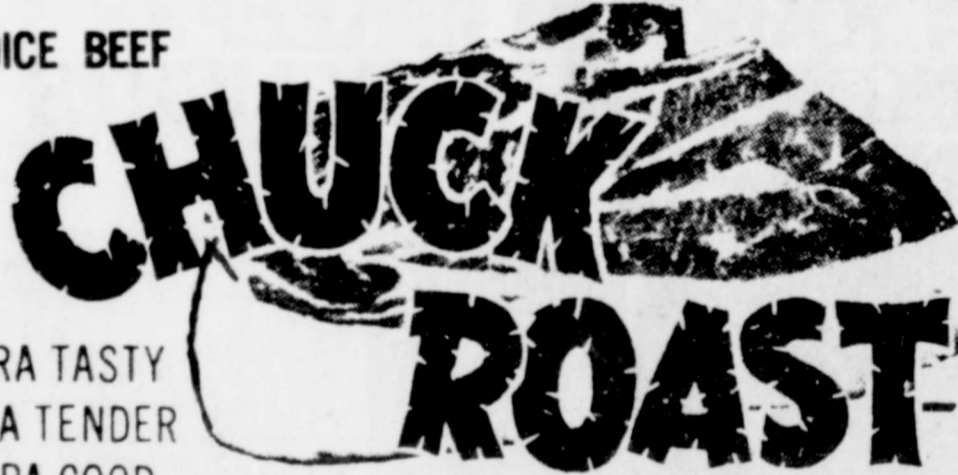
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