

The Merkel Mail

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Contractor Haney says school construction not 45 days behind

A partner in the Haney and Sivley Construction firm, the firm that has the contract for new school construction for the Merkel ISD said "I certainly do not agree with the estimate that school construction is 45 days behind schedule" in a Monday interview.

Linville Haney told the Mail that he would not "go picking numbers out of the air" to give an estimate of how many days construction is behind and he blames rain, and slow delivery of building supplies for any delays.

Charles Harper, of Harper and Associates, the architectural firm that is supervising construction on the \$1.4 million project told the Merkel School Board last week that construction was running 45 days behind and that serious problems could come up if a great deal of concrete work was not finished by mid-November.

Harper was referring to concrete footings, foundation for Merkel High, tilt-up walls for the Merkel Middle School Gym and the Merkel Elementary Multi-Purpose room.

According to Haney, his crews started pouring

footings for Merkel High on Tuesday and the foundation would get started after the footings are in place. Haney also said that walls for the gym and multi-purpose room should begin being raised this week.

Haney also said that the bricks for the Vocational Agriculture Center have been ordered and are en-route and that bricks for Merkel High and the other facilities have been ordered but that some brick suppliers are estimating delivery at 120 to 150 days.

Dr. Raymond Eteridge told the Mail that a meeting planned for board members, architects and construction officials has been called off, for right now. Dr. Eteridge said "They are really moving on the project and we feel there is not a need for a meeting just yet."

Haney and Sivley crews have about six more weeks before the freeze season will start here. One average temperatures fall below 40 degrees for extended periods, large amounts of concrete cannot be worked.

Rural governments still one vote shy on appraisal board change

by Cloy A. Richards

It has been rather quiet this week in the wake of ten city and school governing bodies adopted resolutions challenging the proposed makeup of the Taylor County Tax Assessment Board.

Those rural governments are proposing that a seven member board be elected with the rural areas receiving enough votes to elect four of the seven members.

The plan, established by Senate Bill 621 mandates that counties establish a county wide appraisal board, and the state plan said it would consist of five members, elected by those governments controlling the greater amount of taxes levied.

Unless, seventy-five per cent of those governmental bodies involved could suggest and agree on could be proposed.

The rural governments now need only the approval of the seven member board plan by the Impact City Council.

The reason the Impact vote is needed is because Winters will also be a part of the Taylor County Assessment Board. The Winters ISD took no action to

become part of the Runnels Board and they will be members of the Taylor County Board according to Pat Allen of the County Clerk's office.

If seventy-five per cent of those rural governments do agree on the seven member plan, some other complications could make the seven member plan even more confusing.

Taylor County Tax Assessor-Collector Richard Petree has asked for an Attorney General's ruling on the seven member board proposal. The ruling had not been made as of deadline and Petree was on vacation and unavailable for comment.

In Tarrant County, the makeup of the county appraisal board is being challenged in a lawsuit.

We will be hearing and you will be reading a lot more about the makeup of the Taylor County Assessment Board in the future. It is true that the assessment board will operate under the authority of the state assessment board but this board will have the authority to set property assessments.

Those assessments have a direct bearing on the amount of taxes paid by the taxpayer.

Appraisal board headed for court?

by Cloy A. Richards

We'll show them, we will sue 'em.

Sounds a lot like the State Attorney General, some governments in Harris, Travis and Houston Counties.

We may be headed for one of our own.

Taylor County Tax Assessor Collector Richard Petree has asked the Attorney General in Texas for a ruling on the proposed changes to the makeup of the Taylor County Tax Assessment Board.

The change, as explained in another story on page one, will put seven instead of five members on the Taylor County Tax Assessment Board. Those seven members will be dominated by the school districts of Trent, Merkel, Jim Ned and Wylie, as well as the City of Abilene, Abilene ISD and Taylor County.

That also would give control of the seven member board to the four school districts. They make up 10 per cent of the taxes levied by all Taylor County Governments, but, under the proposal, that group would control the board.

Seems like someone, in times of sue me, I'll sue you, ought to and may well, sue someone over that.

What this county assessment board issue boils down to is representation. The smaller school districts would have been denied any representation if the state approved five member board were elected by the largest taxing entities. The seven member plan will assure representation, but that representation is out of balance when you consider that Abilene ISD, The City of Abilene and Taylor County levy 90 per cent of all taxes in the county.

Last week, the school's architect said school construction was running 45 days behind schedule. That comment was made in open session of a public meeting, and later the contractor said he did not agree with the estimation.

We had a couple of comments that printing Mr. Harper's remarks without confirming them with the

contractor was irresponsible.

In our defense, the board meets on Tuesday nights and to get what happened in board meetings in that week's paper requires about two hours of work when the meetings end.

Since the paper is printed on Wednesday morning, we did not have opportunity to interview the contractor until this week's paper.

There is a related story on page one about construction progress. Tuesday at noon, Haney and Sivley construction crews began pouring 29 of the 64 foundation footings at Merkel High. Tilt-up walls have not been raised at the new gym because the crew that has the contract to raise the walls has not shown up.

Progress is being made, slowly at times, but some progress is made daily. Rain, material shortages and other problems haven't helped at all.

A friend called in Tuesday and asked if I knew anything about the work around 1-20.

Well, I wish there was another way of saying this, I don't have any facts on what is happening there. I hear, it is mainly leveling and know that the maintenance has been scheduled under general upkeep of Interstate Highways for quite a while, but I will get a job description and write an article on the activity.

What happened to the fall weather? Football season is already three weeks old. The Merkel High Badgers have found the going rough in their first three games, but, as far as I can tell, their attitude remains bright. Coach Shelley said it best the other day, "we can score points, problem is we are letting them score more, we have to change that around."

The Badgers have the week off this week, as does Trent, who is sporting a 3-0 record.

Emergency care course is planned here

An Emergency Care Attendant's Course is scheduled to begin here in November.

The ECA course is required for persons who want to qualify as an emergency medical technician. Registration is scheduled for Nov. 1 at the Glene Manufacturing Building at 111 Kent in Merkel.

Persons interested in taking the course can get more information by calling City Hall in Merkel at 928-4911. You will need to leave your name and phone

number so Texas State Technical Institute, the directors of the course, can plan for the number of people attending the course.

The course will cost \$46 and \$11.74 for the textbook. Included in the instructions are basic skills in CPR, splinting, emergency treatment for injury and illness. Persons completing the course have the opportunity of obtaining certification in several areas by the state.



How deep are we digging?

John Decker (left) watches as Hank Bradberry sures another footing site at Merkel High Monday. Bradberry seems concerned with Decker's progress as he peers into Decker's footing sight. concrete was poured into 29 footings at the High School site Tuesday. (Staff photos by Cloy A. Richards)



Clyde blasts Badgers 42-14

The Merkel Badgers have a chance to regroup this week as they have an off-night Friday, following their 42-14 loss to Clyde.

Clyde dominated the game with a balanced rushing and passing attack led by Larry Young, Tom Hunt and Tommy Ramos.

Clyde managed 22 first downs, Merkel had nine. Leading ground gainer for the Badgers was Mark Meritt who rushed eight times for 48 yards. The Badgers scores came after Ty Nelson put the Badgers in good field position after a Clyde kickoff with a 30 yard return to the Merkel 48. Bart Pursley got a first down on third and six with a nine yard run and Danny Davis threw a 36 yard touchdown pass to Ty Nelson.

The other Badger touchdown came on a forty yard drive following a Clyde fumble recovered by Randy Martin. Meritt gained three and a 15 yard unnecessary roughness call gave the Badgers the ball on the 23. Bart Pursley completed a 14 yard pass to Scott Cain to put the ball on the Clyde nine where Ted Holmes scored. The two point conversion attempt was good as Pursley hit Lee Hines with a pass, accounting for the Badger's 14 points.

James Turner also recovered a Clyde fumble and Sal Acosta intercepted a pass.

Coach Byron Shelley said the Badgers would spend the next week working on basics and trying to iron out problems with the Badger defense. Coach Shelley said the Badgers would spend 90 per cent of their time working on defensive basics.

He added, we can score a couple of touchdowns per game, we have to find a way to defensively hold our opponents.

The Badgers will open district play on Oct. 5

against Coahoma here.

In other football news, the Merkel Junior Varsity was downed by the Clyde JV 47-0, the eighth grade lost 26-12 and the seventh graders lost 26-12. The seventh and eighth grade played Clyde last week and all three will play at Jim Ned Thursday.

The Badger Booster Club, which meets each Tuesday in Portable Classroom no. 3 at Merkel High, elected officers recently. They elected Art Hererra as president, Wayne Goode as vice president and Jeanette Pursley as secretary-treasurer.



Bart Pursley (20) picked up eight yards on this carry against Clyde Friday night. The Badgers lost to Clyde for their third loss of the season and have an off week this week. (Photo by Don Tabor, courtesy the Clyde Journal)



Would you like to know how to drive one of these things? TSTI is offering an Wmergency Care Attendant course starting in November. The ECA

course is required to become an Emergency Medical Technician. For more information, call City Hall. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Newsbriefs

Snake

Mrs. Billy Williams, of 601 Kent in Merkel found an unwelcomed visitor in her flower beds last Friday. She discovered a two and a

half foot rattler and summoned a neighbor to take care of the snake. Mrs. Williams said she doesn't like snakes at all and that people should be wary of them now, because they are

looking for a home for winter. She said she had lived on Kent for seven years and had never seen a snake in her yard before.

and Barbara Welch and "Social Behavior" by Gloria Henslee and Belle Hammond.

Favorite recipes were collected from each member to be compiled into a cookbook that will be on sale at the Tasting Tea to be held Oct. 13 at Senior Citizens Building. Refreshments were served by hostess Judy Elliott. Members present were Kay Teaff, Mary Hill, Minyon Seymour, Barbara Welch, Ann Doan, Karen Riley, Nancy Hogan, Gayla Beard, Annette Clark, Michelle Hammond, Gloria Henslee, and Belle Hammond.

Homecoming

The final planning meeting for Merkel Homecoming will be Friday afternoon at 5:00 at Pug and Leo's. We will make final plans for all the activities and would like to request those working on class mailing lists to please have them completed by the meeting and bring them or turn in to Sec. Sarah Lucas or VP, Betty Conley. At this time we will finalize all committees and be able to have an announcement on all candidates and will be able to give to the Mail next week all information on Candidates and place and times on all activities such as talent show, etc. We also will be contacting all local merchants to do homecoming promotional sales.

Lambda Beta

Labda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met September 18 at the home of Judy Elliott. Programs presented were "Morals and Mores" by Gavla Beard

Singing

Sunday the 30th there will be a Taylor Jones County singing in the Senior Citizen Bldg. in Merkel, beginning at 2:00. Everyone welcome.

Notice

THE CITY OF Merkel, Texas will receive bids on the sale of Lot 4 Block E, martin Addition in the City of Merkel until 5:00 P.M., The city reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids to best serve the interest of the city. Lou David Allen, Mayor City of Merkel 107 Lamar Merkel, Texas 79536

School menu

The menu for the Merkel ISD is as follows:

Wed. 26; Fried fish with tartar sauce, black eyed peas with snaps, cabbage slaw, sweet n sour dressing, corn bread, and lemon pudding.

Thurs. 27; Beef tacos, taco sauce, pinto beans, lettuce and cheese, and cowboy cookie.

Fri. 28; Hamburgers, lettuce and tomato, pickle and onions, French fries with cat-sup, buns, and fresh orange wedge.

Monday, Oct. 1; beef and cheese pizza, buttered mixed vegetables, lettuce wedge with choice of dressing, and wacky cake.

Tues., Oct. 2; oven fried cutlets with cream gravy, snow-flake potato, vegetable salad with choice of dressing and hot rolls, chilled pineapple.

Wed, Oct 3; Spaghetti, with ground beef and cheese, buttered whole kernal corn, green salad with dressing, and garlic batter bread, whipped cherry jello.

Xi Nu Chi meets

Xi Nu Chi, chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, held their regular meeting Tues., Sept. 11 in the home of Rose Etheridge.

Committee reports were given by each chairman.

Program for the evening was given by Jocille Brady, chairman, titled "Face of the Earth" with co-chairman Liz Eager.

A western dance to be held in the Abilene Civic

Center was discussed. Larry Teaff was elected Chapter Cowboy to represent Xi Nu Chi at the dance.

Refreshments were served to the following members by hostess Rose Etheridge: Mamie Steck, Connie Harris, Glenda Teaff, Jocille Brady, Connie Ybarra, Anita Allen, Liz Eager, Ginny Yaddow, Blanche Hewitt, Bobbye Mansfield, Betty Allday, Pat Neff, Pat Castille and Louise Dubose.

Recycle old eye glasses

Recycle old eyeglasses to bring sight to the poor? Why not - recycling may seem like a new conservationist idea, but a group of volunteers in Short Hills, N. J., many of them housewives, have been doing it for years, ever since 1932.

As a non-profit organization called New Eyes For The Needy, Inc.,

this group of volunteers have helped over one million persons to see.

Last year over one million pairs of old glasses were sent to New Eyes For The Needy, Inc., Short Hills, N. J. 07078, where groups of volunteers over 250 in number, have been taught to sort and classify them.

Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. R.A. McCarthy of Longmeadow, Massachusetts are happy to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Robin Ann to Mr. Markus Edward Clemmer of

Kismet, Kansas. Clemmer, formerly of Merkel, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Clemmer Route 3, Merkel. The wedding will be October 13 in Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

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Barbara Long of Wyoming was the big winner this year in Charleston, SC, with her "Curried Chicken Rolls." The \$4,000 recipe from the host state of South Carolina was "Gingered Pear Chicken and Walnuts." A "Chicken and Macaroni" casserole from Connecticut was third, followed by Maryland's "Chicken Mushroom Dinner" and "Williamsburg Creole Chicken" from Virginia.

There were many other tasty recipes among the 51 finalists. Among them was "Herb Garden Chicken Salad," an unusual combination of chilled chicken and vegetables, created by a young Rhode Island artist.

2 whole broiler-fryer chicken breasts, halved
3 quarts water
16 small new potatoes, halved
2 cups chopped celery
1 cup chopped green onion, white and green parts included
two thirds cup cooking oil
one third cup wine vinegar
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 teaspoons basil
2 teaspoons dill weed
2 teaspoons dried mint leaves
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt

In Dutch oven, place chicken and water. Cover and simmer 10 minutes. Add potatoes; cover and simmer 20 minutes more or until fork can be inserted in chicken with ease. Cool; drain. Separate meat from bones, discarding bones and skin. Cut chicken in bite-size pieces. In large bowl, place chicken and potatoes; add celery and onion. In small bowl, mix together oil, vinegar, lemon juice, basil, dill, mint, sugar and salt. Pour on chicken mixture. Refrigerate about 2 hours or until well chilled, toss once during refrigeration. Makes 4 servings.

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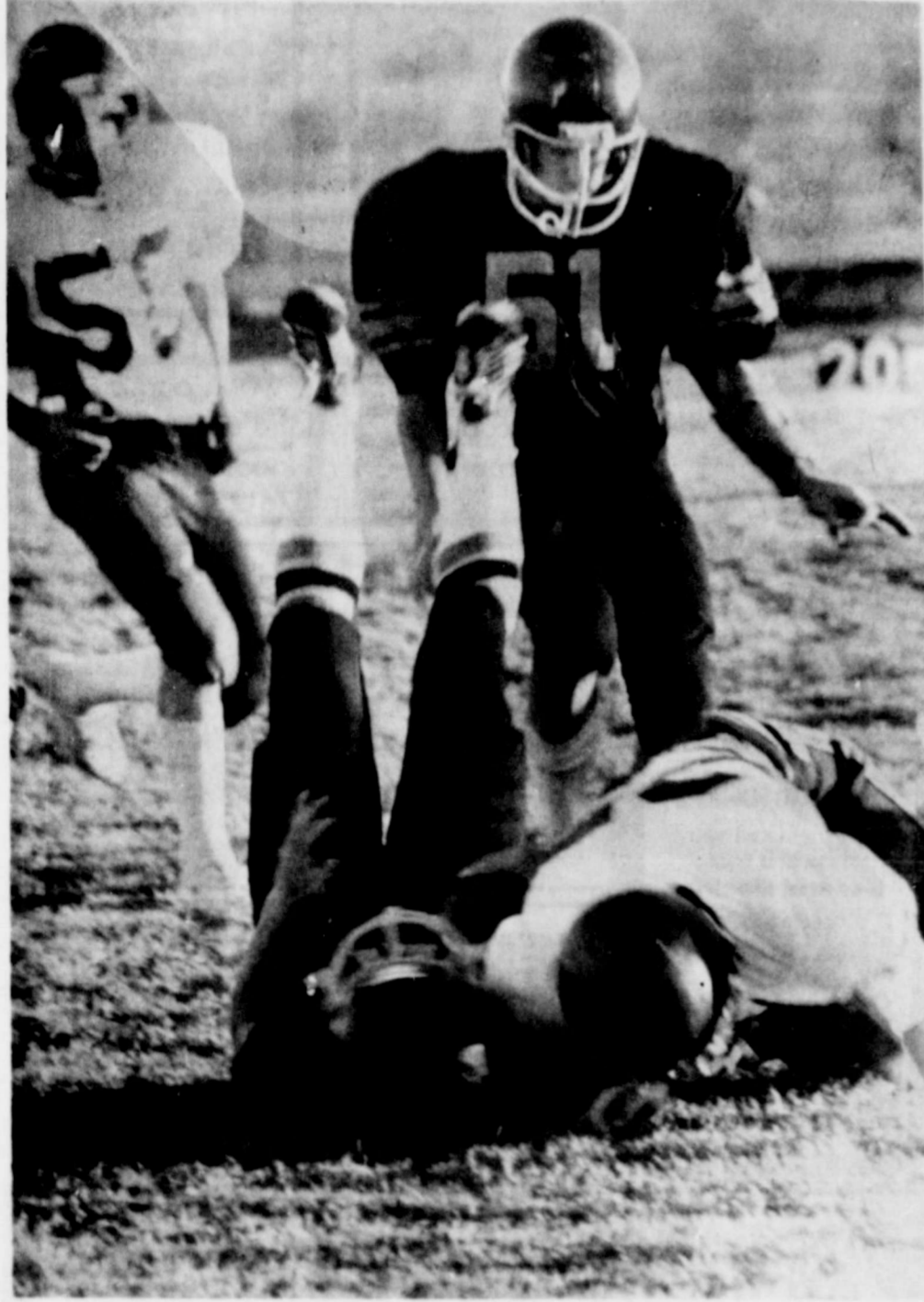
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J.V. linebacker Willie Marsh turns the Clyde quarterback upside down as a teammate stands helplessly nearby. Kenneth Corbin (50) offers assistance. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Merkel PTO will meet

The Merkel PTO will have its first meeting of the 1979-80 school year Oct. 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. All parents are urged to attend, as the membership drive continues.

To become a member, send \$1 to school with your child to be counted for his room in the contest between each room in the Elementary

School and between the home-rooms in the Middle School.

A monetary prize will be awarded to the winning room in each building to be used for the benefit of the student in that room. The contest will close for prizes at the end of the school day, Friday, September 28.

New officers of the PTO are: President-Larry Gill, 1st V.P.-Yvonne Dudley - in

charge of the Halloween Carnival, 2nd V.P.- Pat Neff - in charge of membership and programs, Treasurer- Zoie Russell and Secretary- Mary Hill.

Plans for the Halloween Carnival will be discussed and a program will be presented by one of the classes. Come and see your child in action and let's work for the betterment of our schools!

printed in the paper. It is entirely up to them.

The More Pictures The Better

This paper simply wants pictures of all the youngsters and the more the better. So the mothers and fathers of the community in which this paper circulates

should remember the date Saturday Oct. 6th, and bring their children to the photographer.

You will be mighty glad afterwards, if you did and very very sorry if you do not permit your children to participate in this event. The

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It is an undisputed fact that the responsibilities of tomorrow's world our nation and community will rest upon the shoulders of the children of today. Since this is true, the publisher of this newspaper would like to give you a good look at these future "World Builders."

The only way we can do this is by publishing pictures of them in a feature series. To assure the latest and best reproduction pictures they must all be of uniform size and quality.

An expert children's photographer with all the necessary equipment for this specialized work will be here Saturday Oct. 6th.

Pictures will be taken at Crawford's from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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There is no charge to the parents. There are absolutely no strings to this invitation. It is bonafide in every sense of the word. Parents do not have to be subscribers, nor even readers of this newspaper to take advantage of this feature. Neither are they obligated to purchase pictures after they are taken. Those who want some additional prints may obtain a limited number by arrangement with the studio representative when they select the pose they want



The Consumer Alert

by Mark White Attorney General

AUSTIN—Last week's column discussed some of the reasons for the high prices we must pay for utility services. This week I will explain what this office is doing to prevent further increases in these prices.

There has been a major national effort directed toward shifting our source of energy from oil to coal. Partially because of the new "value" of coal as an energy source, the state of Montana, a major coal producing state, attempted to impose a 30% severance tax on coal mined in that state. The effect of this tax would be a rapid escalation of the cost of coal, a cost increase that would be passed along to the utility consumer. For this reason, my first day in office I intervened in a state district court case filed in Montana challenging that state's efforts to impose the tax.

Another major factor in the cost of coal as an energy source is transportation. Once the decision has been made to use coal as the energy source, there normally is only one railroad to haul it from the mine to the utility. The railroads have begun to escalate their coal hauling charges in alarming amounts. For instance, Burlington Northern Railroad formerly charged \$7.00 per ton to haul coal. That rate was increased to \$12.00, an increase which was approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Then, not satisfied with the \$5.00 per ton increase, Burlington Northern went back to the Commission, requested and obtained a further increase to \$16.80 per ton. Still not satisfied, Burlington Northern returned to the Interstate Commerce Commission yet

another time and this time was granted an additional increase in excess of \$18.00 per ton. Last year's increase in rates alone will cost San Antonio consumers an additional \$17 million per year. In order to assist the effort to stop these exorbitant increases, this office intervened in the San Antonio Public Service Board v. Burlington Northern Railroad proceeding before the Interstate Commerce Commission. Partially due to the efforts of our office, the United States Attorney General has decided not to defend the I.C.C. on the most recent rates it granted to Burlington Northern and will support our position in the

review of these orders now pending before the United States Court of Appeals in Washington, D. C.

The serious implications of uncontrolled increases in the cost of coal was dramatically demonstrated by the evidence collected by the Joint Economic Committee. The Committee examined the effect of coal transportation rates on the use of coal, especially the antitrust and foreign trade implications. The Committee found that because of skyrocketing coal shipping rates, several major utilities are turning to foreign coal to satisfy their coal needs. For example, Central power and Light, facing a coal shipping rate of \$20.00 per ton from Colorado to Coletto Creek, Texas, is negotiating for African coal. The utility believes it can save money by shipping it from Africa to the United States instead of from Colorado to Texas. Tampa Electric has contracted to receive 25% of its coal requirements from Poland. San Antonio reportedly is negotiating with Japanese companies involved in mining Australian coal.

This country's energy crisis and the resulting high cost of energy will not be cured by substituting Polish or African coal for Arabian oil. Foreign energy dependence must be discouraged; domestic energy resources must be made

available at economical rates. For this reason, I will continue to oppose suppliers or transporters of coal who seek to increase their rates merely because of the new "value" of this energy resource.

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FOR SALE: 2 Bedroom House completely paneled, water well, large storage shed. Priced for quick sale. 928-4916. 32-1tc

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 3 bedrooms, dining room, large den, utility room, 2 lots, mobile home space, water well garden spot, close to school. Phone 928-5086. 32-1tp

FOR SALE: Drop Leaf Kitchen Table and six chairs. Chairs in excellent condition. Call 928-5755 after 5 p.m. 32-1tc

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Brown recognized outstanding in FFA

Buster Brown is one of 53 outstanding 4H, FFA and FHA youth throughout Texas to be honored at a formal banquet October 5 at the Sheraton Hotel in Dallas. The annual event is sponsored by the State Fair of Texas and the Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Brown of Merkel. He is the District 7 4H Council Member.

The honorees are chosen at the state level of each organization based on nominations from local clubs. The young people must have been very active in their groups during the past year and have displayed superior leadership

abilities. Honorees are given a charm or tie tack, two nights complimentary lodging and are guests at a country and western dance after the banquet.

The awards banquet begins at 7 p.m. the evening prior to the State Fair's Rural Youth Day when Texas' rural youth and their parents are special guests at the Fair.

4H, FFA (Future Farmers of America) and FHA (Future Homemakers of America) groups encourage young people to develop service and leadership qualities while becoming involved with projects such as livestock, cooking, sewing, farming and family living.



Buster Brown

Homemakers meet

The Texas Extension Homemakers Association Council met Sept. 19th at the Activity Center in Anson at 2 p.m. for a regular meeting.

Mrs. Vada Hudson, Chairman and member of the Stith club called the meeting to order. Several quiz games were led by Mrs. Daisy Mashburn. The Council consisted of 4 Council Officers, 8 members, 1 visitor and 6 clubs were represented.

Mrs. Alma Foster, yearbook chairman, Mrs. Bertha Hunter TEHA chairman and Mrs. Louise Chancey will meet Oct. 2 to make final plans on the yearbooks.

Mrs. Nocy Wilburn, County Extension Agent, informed the members that effective Oct. 1, Tommy K. Antilley will become County Agent, replacing Kirby Clayton who is retiring. Mrs. Wilburn also informed the members that Clay Deatherage, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Deatherage is the

1979 State 4H Record Book winner in Beef cattle. Clay will receive an expense paid trip to the National 4H Congress in Chicago.

A scrap book from each club will be judged by the time the November Council meets.

A Gift Program will be held at the Activity Center November 1, starting at 10:00 a.m. It will be a "Show and Tell" program, similar to the one held last year, consisting of Christmas Gifts made by members. Each club will furnish 4 doz. cookies.

The County Council Party will be held at the Activity Center Dec. 6th.

Delegates going to the State Convention in Ft. Worth from the clubs are Mrs. Daisy Mashburn, Lois Rust and Bertha Hunter, TEHA Chairman. The Convention will be at the Greenoaks Motel from Sept. 25th through 27th. Other members attending will be Mrs. Vada Hudson and Helen Haynes.

Xi Nu Chi supper

Xi Nu Chi, chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, had their annual Dove Hunt Family Supper Saturday night in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church.

A night of fun and entertainment was planned for members and their family by the social committee, which included: Mrs. Robert Harris, Mrs. Mamie Stick, Mrs. Larry Teaff and Mrs. Jim Allday.

Attending were: Mrs. and Mr. James Allday and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Etheridge and son, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neff and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Teaff and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yaddow, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dubose, Mrs. Jimmy Leverich, and Mrs. Mamie Stick and granddaughter.

Garden club meets

The Merkel Garden Club met Sept. 20 at the Big Country Inn.

Roll call was answered with fun we had this summer.

Alice King called the meeting to order. He also read a poem, Take Time.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Tom Allday, Mrs. Bill Black, Mrs. W.L. Brown, Mrs.

Oda Clark, Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. Mary Click, Mrs. Albert Criswell, Mrs. Lottie Everett, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mrs. Ora Griggs, Mrs. Dee Grimes, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. Allen King, Mrs. E.J. Patterson, Mrs. G.R. Peachy, Mrs. Tom Russom, Mrs. W.T. Sadler, Mrs. John Shannon and Mrs. Aaron Sudderth.

The Scientists Tell Me...

Beef Tenderness Can Be Increased By Better Processing Methods

By Robert L. Haney
TAES Science Writer

Retail consumers who buy one day soon, notice a marked improvement in quality.

A combination of improved processing methods can greatly increase the characteristics consumers desire in less expensive grass-fed beef, according to scientists who have been working on the problem for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Grain finishing of beef has for years been recognized as the best way to improve quality, but it's expensive. Grass-fed beef, though cheaper, is usually lower in quality, less tender, less fatty and has more yellow in fat coloring than grain-fed beef.

At Texas A&M, scientists compared one side of 42 forage-fed carcasses that received 1, 2, or 3 treatments to the opposite side that had no special treatment.

The following treatments were used alone and in various combinations:

1) *Electrical stimulation* - given within one hour after slaughter (2 minutes of 50 impulses of 440 volts, 5 amps (50 cycles per sec.).

2) *Pelvic suspension* (developed at Texas A&M and called Tenderstretch) - rather than by conventional hind leg.

3) *Delayed chilling* - treated sides held at 70°F for 8 hours after slaughter and then placed in a 34°F cooler with untreated side.

4) *Cooler aging* - unwrapped shortloins stored at 34°F for 14 days.

5) *Blade tenderization* -

a mechanical method of cutting muscle fibers.

Top rounds were tenderized twice; short loins were tenderized once.

With one exception, neither flavor nor juiciness ratings for loin steaks and top round steaks were appreciably affected. Nor did the use of tenderization techniques increase cooking loss or decrease water-holding capacity.

What did happen, according to Dr. Gary Smith, is that all the treatments increased tenderness of the steaks.

For loin steaks, tenderness was improved by about 25% by cooler aging, 22% by blade tenderization, and 66% by cooler aging plus blade tenderization.

Maximum tenderization of loin steaks was achieved by combining electrical stimulation, cooler aging and blade tenderization or by the use of

delayed chilling, cooler aging and blade tenderization, according to Smith and his associates, Drs. Z. L. Carpenter, T. R. Dutton and R. L. Hostetter.

On top round steaks, these scientists found that maximum tenderization was achieved by the combined use of electrical stimulation, pelvic suspension, delayed chilling and blade tenderization.

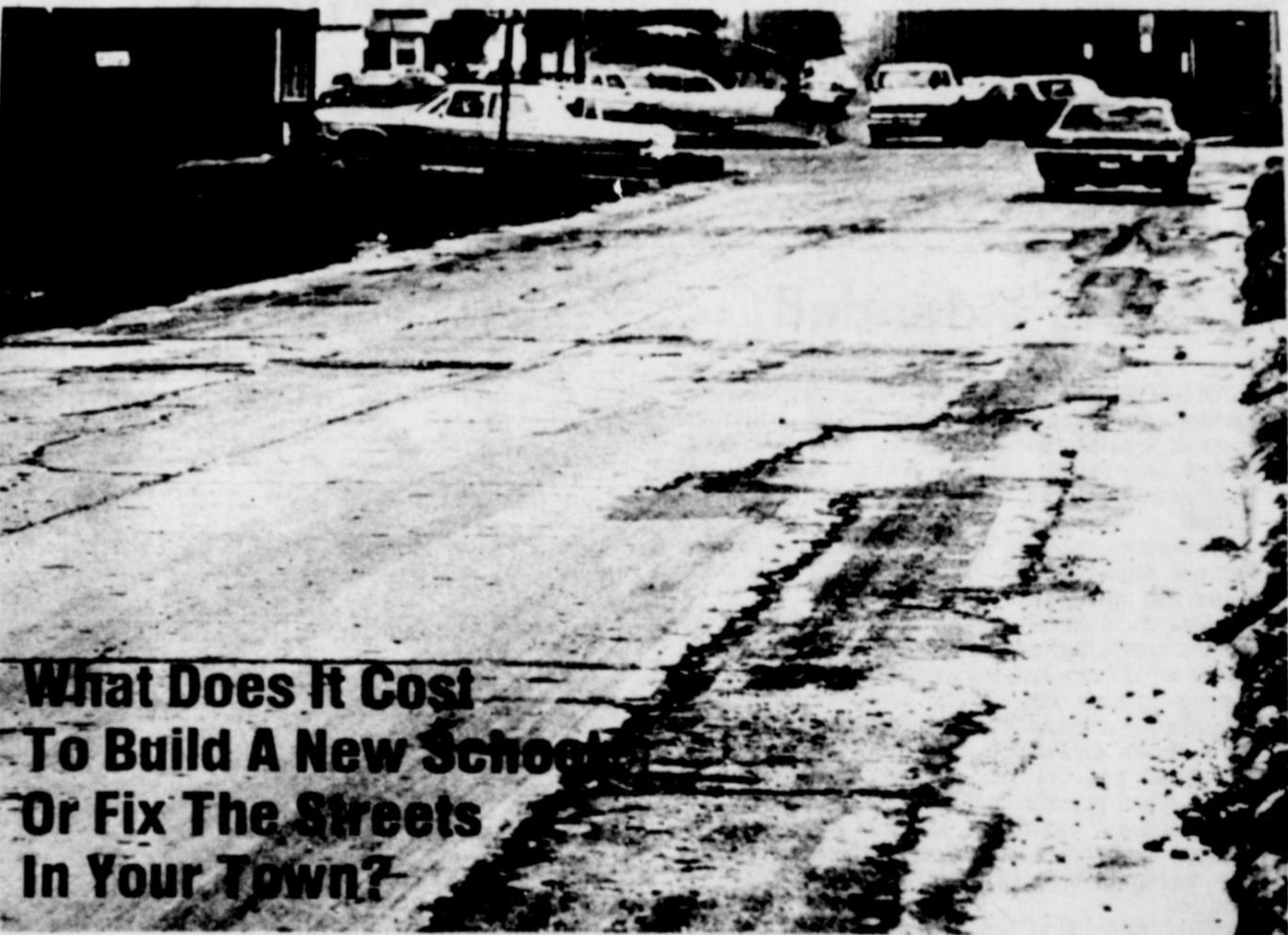
Cost of these treatments is reasonable and won't add much to the retail price, while they do add a great deal to the quality of forage-fed beef.

Editor's Note: Any questions regarding this column should be addressed to Science Writer, Dept. of Agricultural Communications, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.



These two modern day hobos had eluded the camera Monday, but were photographed as the photographer caught up again, further down the line. Their hiking gear is visible between the two

man and they would probably be the first to tell Illinois Central Gulf officials that they were doing their part in saving energy, by taking the train. (Staff photo by Ooy A. richards)



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The Merkel Mail

Halbrooks, former Trent official, dies at 76

Lonnie Paul Halbrooks, 76, of Trent died at 7:27 a.m. Friday in Hendrick Medical Center. Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday in Trent Methodist church.

The Rev. Floyd Richardson, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Trent Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born April 9, 1903, in Comanche County, he moved to Trent in 1906 and was a retired stock farmer. He served on the Trent School Board for several years and was the Democratic election judge at Trent. He was a member of Woodmen of World Lodge. He married Birdie Mae Holston Dec. 20, 1932, in Abilene.

Survivors include his wife; a son, John Heatley of Albany; a brother, Filbert of Loop; and two grandchildren.

A sister, Lucy Steen, and a brother, Jack, both died in 1976.

Pallbearers will be Kenny Duncan, Kenneth Heatley, Moody Meixner, Jerry Frank Patterson, Billy Wayne Hamner and Duane Shugart.

Honorary pallbearers will be Monk Stowe, Delton Jones, John Boyd, Richard Scott, Zed Bright and F.H. Duncan.



Hey! Number 10!
You can't do that!

Willie Marsh (25) and an unidentified Badger J.V. player wrap up Clyde's runner, Kenneth Corbin (50) and Tony McEnroe (71) come up to see just what the heck Clyde's number 10 is doing. The Clyde JV won 47-0. (Staff photo by Gray A. Richards)

Local poet; dog days of summer

By Patricia Spradling

Hot Indian Summer days,
With crisp Autumn nights,
Hometown football games,
Fans cheering to their delight.
The pumpkins are ripening,
Upon vine laden hills,
Halloweens just around the corner,

Trick-or treaters will soon ring the doorbells.
The leaves are turning from red to gold,
Their lustrous beauty, Another one of "Mother Natures" miracles.
A majestic bonfire, Scool supporters all around,
Chanting their cheers, Letting their team know,

They won't let them down.
Hot dogs cooking over an open fire,
Marshmallows melting in your mouth,
As you watch the flames climb higher and higher.
The crops are nearly all harvested,
A festive mood in the air.

You can't help but feel optimistic,
And thank God for his share.
Soon Autumn will surely pass,
Bringing Winter on it's way.
But I'll enjoy this lovely season,
Each and every beautiful day!!!

Bookmarkers meet

The Bookmarkers (Merkel High Library Club) met Thursday night at the home of their sponsor, Mrs. Ruth Windsor. Activities for the year were planned. Puzzles, conversation, cokes, and hobby examinations filled the evening.

Library aides this year are Josh Amerine, John Townsend, Tammy Davis, Walter Elmore, Nina Morris, Lori Sloan, Billy Walters, Christina Acosta, Mary Bunselmeyer, Sharryl Luckey, Srinton Prasarn, and Sheila Swinney.

Grazing extended

COLLEGE STATION—Extend your warm-season pasture's grazing period by sodseeding a cool-season grass of legume into it, suggests Don J. Dorsett, forage specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A and M University System.

A common example is wheat, oats, ryegrass or legumes sodseeded into bermudagrass to provide winter and spring grazing.

Before deciding to sodseed, carefully consider the disadvantages and advantages, Dorsett suggests.

Because of the warm-season base grass, sodseeded pastures furnish less fall and early winter grazing than those planted in prepared seedbeds. Also, some warm-season grazing is lost with sodseeding, and sodseeded pasture may retard the growth of warm-season grasses during a dry spring.

In addition, sodseeded pastures require more nitrogen than those planted on a prepared seedbed and are highly dependent on rainfall near of after planting.

On the "plus" side, sodseeding uses land during a normally unproductive period by extending the pasture's grazing period, says Dorsett. And seedbed preparation is simpler with sodseeding.

Sodseeded pastures also provide better footing for grazing livestock due to the warm-season grass root system. In addition, fertilizer applied will help warm-season grasses next spring.

Need is the determining factor when deciding between sodseeding and prepared seedbed winter pasture, believes the forage specialist.

Stocking calf operations need fall and winter grazing, so the producer is almost forced to pick the prepared seedbed. Spring-calving cows and calves winter well on good hay, and sodseeded pastures provide early spring grazing.

If you decide to sodseed, allow the warm-season grass to make early September growth, but don't fertilize, advises Dorsett. In late September, graze or closely cut the grass so sunlight can reach the soil.

Plant in late September-early October. While specially designed equipment is preferred, a standard drill can be used. The most popular method, disking, is the least effective, contends the specialist.

Ryegrass at 10-20 pounds per acre can be seeded alone, overseeded on small grain, or seeded in a legume mixture. Seed oats, wheat, barley or rye at 100 pounds per acre.

Fertilizer is the key to successful sodseeding, emphasizes Dorsett. Determine needed nutrients by a soil test, and apply nitrogen only after the grass is up.

Allow the sodseeded pasture to grow five or six inches before grazing it.

Academy requirements

Washington, D.C. -- following requirements: (1) Must be a U.S. citizen; (2) Must be over 17, and a legal resident of the 17th Congressional District; (3) Must be under 22 years of age on July 1, 1980; (4) Must never have been married; (5) Must be physically fit, including excellent eyesight; (6) Must have a good high school record.

Stenholm stressed that political influence is not a factor in his nomination to the academies. Nominations are based on the individuals' mental and physical abilities.

Interested young persons who meet the requirements should write to Congressman Charles W. Stenholm, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515, no later than October 15. Congressman Stenholm emphasized that all young persons who are genuinely interested in a military career have the opportunity to compete for nomination and he will consider all qualified applicants fully.

Prible's will celebrate 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Prible of 206 Orange St. in Merkel, are being honored this month by Merkel Dairy Queen and are being given a special dinner and jewelry in celebration of their Golden Wedding anniversary on Sept. 22.

Of all the couples with wedding anniversaries in September who have signed up for the anniversary dinner program at the Merkel Dairy Queen, the Pribles have been married the longest.

Every couple registering at the Merkel Dairy Queen receives a

free wedding anniversary dinner at the restaurant as a gift of Dairy Queen, whether they are celebrating their first, 50th or longer anniversary during the next 12 months.

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Trent News

Thursday, Sept. 27, 1979

7th grade news

The 7th grade class has elected King and Queen nominees, class officers and favorites for the 1979-80 year. They are King Ted Wood, Queen Twylla Conatser, class officers

President Cody Johnson, secretary Nancy Brenem, treasurer Doyle Brenem. Favorites are Roger Brenem and Christy Kinnard. Our class sponsor is Mrs. Key.



Congressman

Charles W. Stenholm

Congressional Comment

WASHINGTON, D.C. — To paraphrase an old story, there was once a man who built a mighty house; a beautiful house complete with scores of rooms, enough, in fact, for every man, woman and child in the village.

And the people were in awe of the gift and they rushed to move into their new homes, as their old ones were in sad repair and they could not afford to rebuild.

But, while that towering house was a masterpiece of gingerbread from the doorstep to the highest turret, the builder had put all of his money into the beautiful shell of the house and had neglected to construct a foundation.

The house and all of the people came tumbling down. That may be a rather simplistic way of describing the construction of some of our nation's economic and tax policies in recent years, but the description fits. While the Federal Government has concentrated on fancy gingerbread, very pleasing to the general populace, it has neglected the underlying foundation.

We are now facing an economic slowdown, along with rampant inflation and declining productivity. During past periods of recession, the Congress has built a gingerbread house in an attempt to solve the problems by setting up programs aimed at stimulating the economy through increased Federal spending.

But rather than solving the problem, these measures have fueled inflation because fewer goods are being chased by more dollars. Pumping up the demand for goods only gives short-term relief to a sagging economy and does nothing to correct the structural inefficiencies in the marketplace — the foundation — that are responsible for stagnating growth.

It is time for the rebuilding

of the foundation of our economic strategy. The emphasis should now be placed on the supply side of the economy. Policies which expand our capacity to produce goods and services more efficiently are the most effective in dealing with our current economic problems.

You fight inflation and recession by producing more goods, cheaper, not by lengthening costly unemployment and welfare rolls.

In order to promote productivity, changes must be made in our tax laws. I have cosponsored the Capital Cost Recovery Act, designed to encourage real economic growth by stimulating investment in more efficient plant and equipment. This legislation would scrap existing depreciation schedules for fixed assets and substitute in its place a simplified system of rapid depreciation. The proposal would allow a 10 year writeoff for buildings, a five year writeoff for equipment and a three year writeoff for limited investment in cars and light trucks. This is no "quick fix," gingerbread solution, but a long-term attempt to make the United States more competitive in world markets.

Among major industrialized nations, the United States is 18th in both economic and productivity growth over the past 10-year period. In 1978 the actual rate of fixed business investment was 9 percent of the Gross National Product, compared with 20 percent for Japan and 15 percent for West Germany. We cannot continue to ignore the facts. Our economic position in the world is in decline. The choice now before us is whether or not we have the courage to reverse this trend — before the gingerbread house falls on us. Clearly meaningful tax reforms, such as the Capital Cost Recovery Act, would be at least a beginning in the building of a strong economic foundation.

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First National Bank of Abilene, Texas, at the address below given. Suit upon same is barred by the general statute of limitations before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. The residence and post office address as to the place to file said claim is:

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Abilene, Texas 79604
Dated this 20th day of September, 1979.
First National Bank of Abilene, Texas
Independent Executor of William Arch Daniel, Deceased
No. 14,400, in the Probate Court in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas

Senior class

Raising money

The senior class is busy working to earn money for their Sr. Trip. One project is the collection of old batteries. If you have any and would like to get rid of them, call any senior.

Class members are: Herbert Beaver, Gilbert Beaver, Tammie Hicks, Cheri Patterson, Teresa

Brazelton, Debbie Jackson, Sherry Jackson, Billie Gregory, Kim Richardson, Danny Freeman.

On Oct. 13 Homecoming, come over and have dinner with the Seniors at the cafeteria. Meal will be served from 11:30-1:00.

Elementary news

By Paula Valdez, secretary

In math we've been doing billions and millions and thousand and hundreds. We have already had a math test, social studies test, health test, and had two spelling tests.

We have 11 kids in our room; 6 boys and 5 girls

The King and Queen are Velma Childress and Wilson Stephens. President is Simon Delacruz. Vice President is Lester Patterson, secretary is Paula Valdez, treasurer is Kate Wood. Favorites are Susie Valdez and Chris Simpson.

Legal notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Daniel Cabera 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 Nicholas Bernal Stokes & wife, Diamantina Stokes. Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 14th day of September, 1979, against Daniel Cabera, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 2991-c on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Danny Ray (Gongora) Stokes, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate Parental rights and grant adoption of said child. Said child was

born the 23rd day of July, 1973, in Abilene, Taylor County, 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 September, 1979.

Irene Crawford Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Johnnie Woodard, Deputy.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIM AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GERTRUDE BROOKRESON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration on the Estate of Gertrude Brookreson, Deceased, were issued to the undersigned on the 17th day of September, 1979, in the proceeding indicated hereto, which is still pending, and that Bernice Brookreson of Tuscola, Texas now holds such letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County named below are hereby required to

present the same to the same, Bernice Brookreson, at the address below given. Suit upon same is barred by the general statute of limitations before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. The residence and post office address as to the place to file said claim is:

Bernice Brookreson
Route 1, Box 149
Tuscola, Texas 79662
Dated this 18th day of September, 1979.

Bernice Brookreson
Independent Executor of the Estate of Gertrude Brookreson, Deceased No. 14,401, in the Probate Court in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas

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Gorillas crush Divide, run record to

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The Trent Gorillas finished their pre-season with a 3-0 record by downing the Divide Trojans 46-0. Leading the way for the Gorillas was Herbert Beaver with 74 yds on 3 carries. Herbert had T.D. runs of 13

and 48 yards. Lloyd Williams kicked 3 extra points and had a T.D. run of 21 yds.

The second Quarter scoring opened with a pass from Greg Beasley to Eddie Adams. Eddie Patterson added a T.D. of 20 yds. with 1 second

left in the first half. Lloyd Williams kicked a 20 yd. field goal. In the third quarter Richard Beaver added the final score with a T.D. run of 30 yds. The Trent defense has been the big part of the gorilla pre-season.

Trent has scored 170 points in three games while holding their opponents to 20. The gorillas take Friday off, then return to action at Trent against Highland on Oct. 5, at 7:00 p.m. This will be the district opener.

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Tye Times

Thursday, Sept. 27, 1979

Cotton prices may be down

RALEIGH--Supply and demand fundamentals, based on current conditions, suggest that lower cotton prices might occur in coming months, report Cotton

Incorporated economists. However, they say, should price weakness develop, it probably would be short-lived. The analysis is contained in the September

issue of the Cotton Summary, monthly publication of Cotton Incorporated. Cotton Incorporated is the fiber company of American cotton producers.

Tye School news

Mrs. Evans First Grade

The boys and girls in Mrs. Evans's room have adjusted to first grade beautifully. They are always thrilled over having their own desk and locker, which is quite different from kindergarten. Some have been a little disappointed because they did not learn to read the first week of school. They are a nice sweet group of boys and girls who are very eager to learn and I am sure that we are going to have a good year.

We have been using a Ready Go Math program which is only one of the many new teaching aids that was purchased for our school this year. This math program is used to reinforce the fundamentals of our beginning math. Worksheets and cassettes are used to provide visual discrimination activities and motor skill development. Listening skills are emphasized while following directions recorded by Mr. Soundman, an appealing character, whom the children love.

We have also been working on learning Chisanbop, which is a new and simple Finger Calculation Method. Chisanbop was not designed to replace, but rather to reinforce the present concepts taught in math. This unique psychomotor experience reinforces a child's knowledge of numbers and also provides a sense of security with numbers which would not otherwise be achieved at so young an age. Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Moss and Mrs. Key are taking a course in Chisanbop at McMurry College. The teachers find chisanbop to be fascinating, and we are having as much fun as the children are. Mrs. Sloan Second Grade

We have been in school for three weeks and have been very busy. The first weeks of school are used to review what was learned last year.

There is so much to do each day. We have three reading groups each day. As each group reads, the others are doing their writing, math and spelling. Everyone is eager to read and works very hard.

The cool weather has really been nice. We have discussed the different seasons and made colored leaves for fall. We put the leaves on the windows in our room. As each child does good work, they will have a star put on their leaf.

Everyone seems to be getting back into the swing of being in school again. We are looking forward to a great year. **SCHOOL WIDE ACTIVITIES**

On Thursday, September 13th, two of our parents, Mrs. Mary Turner and Mrs. Dolly Shelton, went to a Title I workshop in Abilene. Both parents are members of the Parent Advisory Council for the Title I Reading Program.

Mrs. Mitchell, the reading teacher, along with Mrs. Herrera, the reading aide, and the parents attended the meeting from 8:30 till 2:30. All said it was informative. We found out we have a lot of work ahead of us in

order to meet the needs of the students. More information on things that will happen later on in the year that you as parents can attend will be published far in advance.

Tuesday, September 18th, was eye examination day at Tye Elementary. Dr. Derosa, from Dyess Air Force Base, came out to do the exams. Mrs. Barbara Kotrlak, Mrs. Ann Adams, Mrs. Phyllis Boyd and Mrs. Sandy Neith were the parents who helped with this project. The children had their eyes examined for depth perception, 20-20 vision in each eye and the optical nerve. The boys had their eyes examined for color blindness also.

We wish to thank Dr. Derosa and his crew of helpers plus Dyess Air Force Base and also our parents for being so

cooperative with all the work that was done.

The eagerness to learn displayed by each of these children is truly inspiring. Parent concern and cooperation will not only be greatly appreciated, but will help to make this a great school year. **ALL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

On Tuesday September 11, the Woodman of the World came to our school and presented us with a 3x5 flag and some smaller flags for our rooms. The flags were presented at an impressive ceremony at the school flag pole attended by all students. Douglas Taylor and Mike Olvera helped with the ceremony and represented the school at the function. We would like to thank Mr. Rish and Mr. Sloan of the Woodman of the World for their cooperation in this project.

The city council met in regular session on September 11. All council persons were in attendance and the following items were discussed and approved. The city minutes, police report and financial reports were approved. Two ordinances were passed after deep thought and investigating were done. These ordinances, one controlling grass, weeds etc. and one regulating traffic on certain streets in Tye were passed.

Mr. Otto Brazell was appointed to a three year term on the zoning board in place of Temple Lewis thus giving the city a five member staff to assist the council in a planned community.

Beings that the city has no map of the current water lines, Mr. Tyler and Brazell will complete this task so we

will know where and size of water lines or if we need to repair any lines.

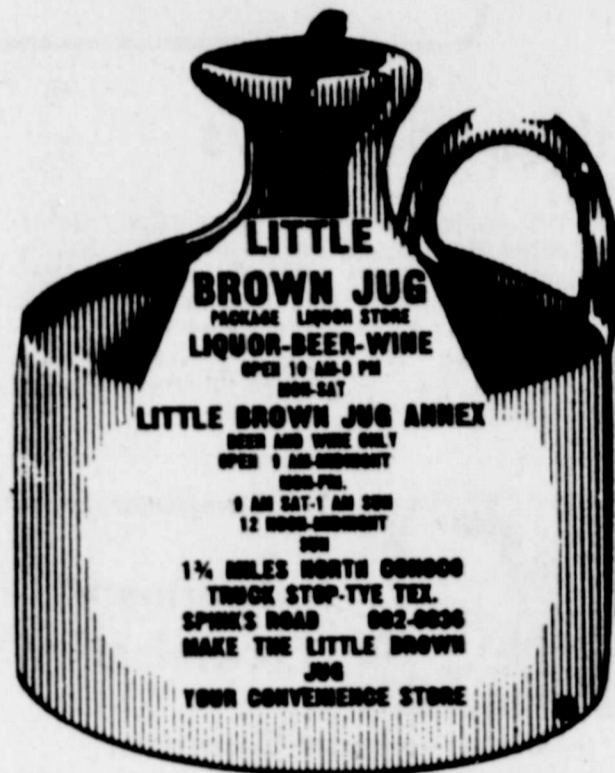
The Senior Citizens Building has been completed and an open house will be held in the very near future. Both buildings have had a paint job inside and out. We all can be proud of the two nice facilities and of the few that worked very hard on getting this project to where it is. Speaking of open house, Dowell our newest industry in ye will host their open house Spetember 28. If you are wondering what they do, whats inside those buildings take the time and go by and see it. We can be proud of the new industry to our city. Lets encourage others to come to Tye, a progressive city. Welcome Dowell and the best to you.

Our time is something that a few of us have very little left in our day...but can you spare an evening or two a month in serving your community? There are a few organizations that could use you. Our Vol. Fire Dept. needs members to assist in the event of any emergency that it could be called upon. The trucks sure do need work on them, repairing pumps, paint and the like. If you can spare some time, come

by the Fire house and Tuesday, about 7 P.M. and get involved. Also Tye PTO is still alive and active and at the monthly meetings we need you. Hear and see what is happening at our school. Your time and talent will be most appreciated. Whether you have children in this school or not you still can be a member.

In as much as I have no more news for this week. Will close, have a nice week.

City council meets



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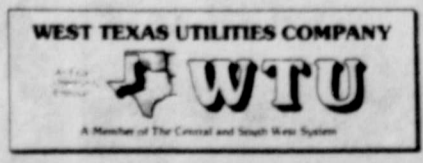
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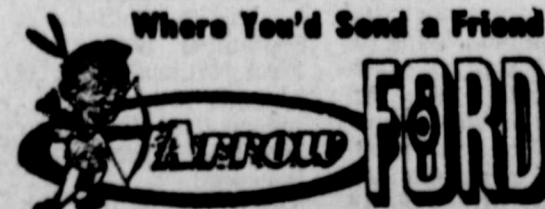
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	9-14	12-38 Rotan-H	8:00
	9-21	Clyde-T	8:00
	9-28	Open	7:30
	10-5	*Coahoma-H	7:30
	10-12	*Winters-T	7:30
	10-19	Home Coming *Anson-H	7:30
	10-26	*Ballinger-T	7:30
	11-2	*Colorado City-H	7:30
	11-9	Stamford-T	7:30
	11-16	*Wylie-T	7:30

September 6: Junior Varsity at Baird at 7:30.
 September 13: Junior Varsity here against Anson at 6:30. Ninth Grade here against Anson at 5:00. Eighth Grade at Anson at 6:30. Seventh Grade at Anson at 5:00.
 September 20: Junior Varsity here against Clyde at 7:00. Ninth Grade here against Clyde at 5:30. Eighth Grade at Clyde at 7:00. Seventh Grade at Clyde at 5:30.
 September 27: Junior Varsity at Jim Ned at 7:30. Ninth Grade OPEN. Eighth Grade at Jim Ned at 5:00. Seventh Grade at Jim Ned at 5:00.
 October 4: Junior Varsity here against Winters at 7:30. Ninth Grade at Haskell at 5:30. Eighth Grade here against Winters at 6:00. Seventh Grade here against Winters at 5:00.
 October 11: Junior Varsity at Haskell at 6:00. Ninth Grade here against Eastland at 7:30. Eighth Grade here against Eastland at 6:00. Seventh Grade here against Eastland at 5:00.
 October 18: Junior Varsity at Anson at 6:30. Ninth Grade at Anson at 5:00. Eighth Grade here against Anson at 6:30. Seventh Grade here against Anson at 5:00.
 October 25: Junior Varsity here against Ballinger at 7:30. Ninth Grade here against Ballinger at 6:00. Eighth Grade at Ballinger at 7:30. Seventh Grade at Ballinger at 6:00.
 November 1: Junior Varsity OPEN. Ninth Grade at Clyde at 5:30. Eighth OPEN. Seventh OPEN.
 November 8: Junior Varsity here against Haskell at 6:00. Ninth OPEN. Eighth OPEN. Seventh OPEN.
 November 15: Junior Varsity here against Wylie at 6:30. Ninth Grade here against Wylie at 5:00. Eighth Grade at Wylie at 6:30. Seventh Grade at Wylie at 5:00.

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Jim Ned**

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 Coaching Staff
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 Sam Jernigan
 Lynden Bower

**MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL
CHEERLEADERS**
 Becky Watts-Head
 Lisa Shugar
 Kim Mashburn
 Lisa Allen
 Linda Wilson
 Trish Powell

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Farmers & Merchants National Bank		Stanford's Electronics	
111 Edwards	928-4728	123 Kent	928-5762
Taylor Electric		Shannonside Apartments	
1610 N. 1st	928-4715	1-20	928-5038
Allsups		Skinny's	
1-20	928-9788	1-20	928-5914
Emma's Clothes Closet		Amerine Heating & Air Conditioning	
131 Kent	928-5100	502 Kent	928-4876
Palmer Pontiac and GMC		Big Country Inn	
1208 N. 1st	928-5113	1-20	928-4723
Dairy Queen		Max Murrell Chevrolet	
1-20	928-5314	1-20	928-4736
El Tye-O		Merkel Brick & Lumber	
	915-698-2180	102 Lamar	928-5014
Taylor Telephone Cooperative		Castille's Hardware and Gifts	
1-20	(915) 846-4111	214 Edwards	928-5310
Wylie Truck Terminal		Arrow Ford	
1-20	928-5584	4001 S. 1st	1-692-9500
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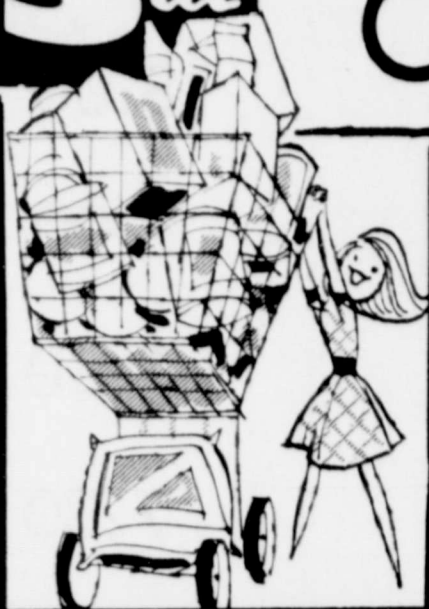
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Contractor Haney says school construction not 45 days behind

A partner in the Haney and Sivley Construction firm, the firm that has the contract for new school construction for the Merkel ISD said "I certainly do not agree with the estimate that school construction is 45 days behind schedule" in a Monday interview.

Linville Haney told the Mail that he would not "go picking numbers out of the air" to give an estimate of how many days construction is behind and he blames rain, and slow delivery of building supplies for any delays.

Charles Harper, of Harper and Associates, the architectural firm that is supervising construction on the \$1.4 million project told the Merkel School Board last week that construction was running 45 days behind and that serious problems could come up if a great deal of concrete work was not finished by mid-November.

Harper was referring to concrete footings, foundation for Merkel High, tilt-up walls for the Merkel Middle School Gym and the Merkel Elementary Multi-Purpose room.

According to Haney, his crews started pouring

footings for Merkel High on Tuesday and the foundation would get started after the footings are in place. Haney also said that walls for the gym and multi-purpose room should begin being raised this week.

Haney also said that the bricks for the Vocational Agriculture Center have been ordered and are en-route and that bricks for Merkel High and the other facilities have been ordered but that some brick suppliers are estimating delivery at 120 to 150 days.

Dr. Raymond Ehteridge told the Mail that a meeting planned for board members, architects and construction officials has been called off, for right now. Dr. Etheridge said "They are really moving on the project and we feel there is not a need for a meeting just yet."

Haney and Sivley crews have about six more weeks before the freeze season will start here. One average temperatures fall below 40 degrees for extended periods, large amounts of concrete cannot be worked.

Rural governments still one vote shy on appraisal board change

by Cloy A. Richards

It has been rather quiet this week in the wake of ten city and school governing bodies adopted resolutions challenging the proposed makeup of the Taylor County Tax Assessment Board.

Those rural governments are proposing that a seven member board be elected with the rural areas receiving enough votes to elect four of the seven members.

The plan, established by Senate Bill 621 mandates that counties establish a county wide appraisal board, and the state plan said it would consist of five members, elected by those governments controlling the greater amount of taxes levied.

Unless, seventy-five per cent of those governmental bodies involved could suggest and agree on could be proposed.

The rural governments now need only the approval of the seven member board plan by the Impact City Council.

The reason the Impact vote is needed is because Winters will also be a part of the Taylor County Assessment Board. The Winters ISD took no action to

become part of the Runnels Board and they will be members of the Taylor County Board according to Pat Allen of the County Clerk's office.

If seventy-five per cent of those rural governments do agree on the seven member plan, some other complications could make the seven member plan even more confusing.

Taylor County Tax Assessor-Collector Richard Petree has asked for an Attorney General's ruling on the seven seat board proposal. The ruling had not been made as of deadline and Petree was on vacation and unavailable for comment.

In Tarrant County, the makeup of the county appraisal board is being challenged in a lawsuit.

We will be hearing and you will be reading a lot more about the makeup of the Taylor County Assessment Board in the future. It is true that the assessment board will operate under the authority of the state assessment board but this board will have the authority to set property assessments.

Those assessments have a direct bearing on the amount of taxes paid by the taxpayer.

Appraisal board headed for court?

by Cloy A. Richards

We'll show them, we will sue 'em.

Sounds a lot like the State Attorney General, some governments in Harris, Travis and Houston Counties.

We may be headed for one of our own.

Taylor County Tax Assessor Collector Richard Petree has asked the Attorney General in Texas for a ruling on the proposed changes to the makeup of the Taylor County Tax Assessment Board.

The change, as explained in another story on page one, will put seven instead of five members on the Taylor County Tax Assessment Board. Those seven members will be dominated by the school districts of Trent, Merkel, Jim Ned and Wylie, as well as the City of Abilene, Abilene ISD and Taylor County.

That also would give control of the seven member board to the four school districts. They make up 10 per cent of the taxes levied by all Taylor County Governments, but, under the proposal, that group would control the board.

Seems like someone, in times of sue me, I'll sue you, ought to and may well, sue someone over that.

What this county assessment board issue boils down to is representation. The smaller school districts would have been denied any representation if the state approved five member board were elected by the largest taxing entities. The seven member plan will assure representation, but that representation is out of balance when you consider that Abilene ISD, The City of Abilene and Taylor County levy 90 per cent of all taxes in the county.

Last week, the school's architect said school construction was running 45 days behind schedule. That comment was made in open session of a public meeting, and later the contractor said he did not agree with the estimation.

We had a couple of comments that printing Mr. Harper's remarks without confirming them with the

contractor was irresponsible.

In our defense, the board meets on Tuesday nights and to get what happened in board meetings in that week's paper requires about two hours of work when the meetings end.

Since the paper is printed on Wednesday morning, we did not have opportunity to interview the contractor until this week's paper.

There is a related story on page one about construction progress. Tuesday at noon, Haney and Sivley construction crews began pouring 29 of the 64 foundation footings at Merkel High. Tilt-up walls have not been raised at the new gym because the crew that has the contract to raise the walls has not shown up.

Progress is being made, slowly at times, but some progress is made daily. Rain, material shortages and other problems haven't helped at all.

A friend called in Tuesday and asked if I knew anything about the work around I-30.

Well, I wish there was another way of saying this, I don't have any facts on what is happening there. I hear, it is mainly leveling and know that the maintenance has been scheduled under general upkeep of Interstate Highways for quite a while, but I will get a job description and write an article on the activity.

What happened to the fall weather? Football season is already three weeks old. The Merkel High Badgers have found the going rough in their first three games, but, as far as I can tell, their attitude remains bright. Coach Shelley said it best the other day, "we can score points, problem is we are letting them score more, we have to change that around."

The Badgers have the week off this week, as does Trent, who is sporting a 3-0 record.

Emergency care course is planned here

An Emergency Care Attendant's Course is scheduled to begin here in November.

The ECA course is required for persons who want to qualify as an emergency medical technician. Registration is scheduled for Nov. 1 at the Glene Manufacturing Building at 111 Kent in Merkel.

Persons interested in taking the course can get more information by calling City Hall in Merkel at 928-4911. You will need to leave your name and phone

number so Texas State Technical Institute, the directors of the course, can plan for the number of people attending the course.

The course will cost \$46 and \$11.74 for the textbook. Included in the instructions are basic skills in CPR, splinting, emergency treatment for injury and illness. Persons completing the course have the opportunity of obtaining certification in several areas by the state.

How deep are we digging?

John Decker (left) watches as Hank Bradberry sures another footing site at Merkel High Monday. Bradberry seems concerned with Decker's progress as he peers into Decker's footing sight. Concrete was poured into 29 footings at the High School site Tuesday. (Staff photos by Cloy A. Richards)



Clyde blasts Badgers 42-14

The Merkel Badgers have a chance to regroup this week as they have an off-night Friday, following their 42-14 loss to Clyde.

Clyde dominated the game with a balanced rushing and passing attack led by Larry Young, Tom Hunt and Tommy Ramos.

Clyde managed 22 first downs, Merkel had nine. Leading ground gainer for the Badgers was Mark Meritt who rushed eight times for 48 yards. The Badgers scores came after Ty Nelson put the Badgers in good field position after a Clyde kickoff with a 30 yard return to the Merkel 48. Bart Pursley got a first down on third and six with a nine yard run and Danny Davis threw a 36 yard touchdown pass to Ty Nelson.

The other Badger touchdown came on a forty yard drive following a Clyde fumble recovered by Randy Martin. Meritt gained three and a 15 yard unnecessary roughness call gave the Badgers the ball on the 23. Bart Pursley completed a 14 yard pass to Scott Cain to put the ball on the Clyde nine where Ted Holmes scored. The two point conversion attempt was good as Pursley hit Lee Hines with a pass, accounting for the Badger's 14 points.

James Turner also recovered a Clyde fumble and Sal Acosta intercepted a pass.

Coach Byron Shelley said the Badgers would spend the next week working on basics and trying to iron out problems with the Badger defense. Coach Shelley said the Badgers would spend 90 per cent of their time working on defensive basics.

He added, we can score a couple of touchdowns per game, we have to find a way to defensively hold our opponents.

The Badgers will open district play on Oct. 5

against Coahoma here.

In other football news, the Merkel Junior Varsity was downed by the Clyde JV 47-0, the eighth grade lost 26-12 and the seventh graders lost 26-12. The seventh and eighth grade played Clyde last week and all three will play at Jim Ned Thursday.

The Badger Booster Club, which meets each Tuesday in Portable Classroom no. 3 at Merkel High, elected officers recently. They elected Art Herrera as president, Wayne Goode as vice president and Jeanette Pursley as secretary-treasurer.



Bart Pursley (20) picked up eight yards on this carry against Clyde Friday night. The Badgers lost to Clyde for their third loss of the season and have an off week this week. (Photo by Don Tabor, courtesy the Clyde Journal)



Would you like to know how to drive one of these things? TSTI is offering an Emergency Care Attendant course starting in November. The ECA

course is required to become an Emergency Medical Technician. For more information, call City Hall. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Newsbriefs

Snake

Mrs. Billy Williams, of 601 Kent in Merkel found an unwelcome visitor in her flower beds last Friday. She discovered a two and a

half foot rattler and summoned a neighbor to take care of the snake. Mrs. Williams said she doesn't like snakes at all and that people should be wary of them now, because they are

looking for a home for winter. She said she had lived on Kent for seven years and had never seen a snake in her yard before.

and Barbara Welch and "Social Behavior" by Gloria Henslee and Belle Hammond.

Favorite recipes were collected from each member to be compiled into a cookbook that will be on sale at the Tasting Tea to be held Oct. 13 at Senior Citizens Building. Refreshments were served by hostess Judy Elliott. Members present were Kay Teaff, Mary Hill, Minyon Seymore, Barbara Welch, Ann Doan, Karen Riley, Nancy Hogan, Gayla Beard, Annette Clark, Michelle Hammond, Gloria Henslee, and Belle Hammond.

Homecoming

The final planning meeting for Merkel Homecoming will be Friday afternoon at 5:00 at Pug and Leo's. We will make final plans for all the activities and would like to request those working on class mailing lists to please have them completed by the meeting and bring them or turn in to Sec. Sarah Lucas or, VP, Betty Conley. At this time we will finalize all committees and be able to have an announcement on all candidates and will be able to give to the Mail next week all information on Candidates and place and times on all activities such as talent show, etc.

We also will be contacting all local merchants to do homecoming promotional sales.

Lambda Beta

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met September 18 at the home of Judy Elliott.

Programs presented were "Morals and Morals" by Gayla Beard

Award winning chicken salad

The National Chicken Cooking Contest, sponsored each year by the National Broiler Council, is a good cross-section of how America cooks chicken. With a contestant from each state and the District of Columbia cooking it out for the top prize of \$10,000, and the title of the year's champion chicken cook, a number of interesting recipes emerge.

Barbara Long of Wyoming was the big winner this year in Charleston, SC, with her "Curried Chicken Rolls." The \$4,000 recipe from the host state of South Carolina was "Gingered Pear Chicken and Walnuts." A "Chicken and Macaroni" casserole from Connecticut was third, followed by Maryland's "Chicken Mushroom Dinner" and "Williamsburg Creole Chicken" from Virginia.

There were many other tasty recipes among the 51 finalists. Among them was "Herb Garden Chicken Salad," an unusual combination of chilled chicken and vegetables, created by a young Rhode Island artist.

HERB GARDEN CHICKEN SALAD:

- 2 whole broiler-fryer chicken breasts, halved
- 3 quarts water
- 16 small new potatoes, halved
- 2 cups chopped celery
- 1 cup chopped green onion, white and green parts included
- two thirds cup cooking oil
- one third cup wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons basil
- 2 teaspoons dill weed
- 2 teaspoons dried mint leaves
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt

In Dutch oven, place chicken and water. Cover and simmer 10 minutes. Add potatoes; cover and simmer 20 minutes more or until fork can be inserted in chicken with ease. Cool; drain. Separate meat from bones, discarding bones and skin. Cut chicken in bite-size pieces. In large bowl, place chicken and potatoes; add celery and onion. In small bowl, mix together oil, vinegar, lemon juice, basil, dill, mint, sugar and salt. Pour on chicken mixture. Refrigerate about 2 hours or until well chilled, tossing once during refrigeration. Makes 4 servings.

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School menu

The menu for the Merkel ISD is as follows:

Wed. 26; Fried fish with tartar sauce, black eyed peas with snaps, cabbage slaw, sweet n sour dressing, corn bread, and lemon pudding.

Thurs. 27; Beef tacos, taco sauce, pinto beans, lettuce and cheese, and cowboy cookie.

Fri. 28; Hamburgers, lettuce and tomato, pickle and onions, French fries with catsup, buns, and fresh orange wedge.

Monday, Oct. 1; beef and cheese pizza, buttered mixed vegetables, lettuce wedge with choice of dressing, and wacky cake.

Tues., Oct. 2; oven fried cutlets with cream gravy, snow-flake potato, vegetable salad with choice of dressing and hot rolls, chilled pineapple.

Wed, Oct 3; Spaghetti, with ground beef and cheese, buttered whole kernal corn, green salad with dressing, and garlic batter bread, whipped cherry jello.

Xi Nu Chi meets

Xi Nu Chi, chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, held their regular meeting Tues., Sept. 11 in the home of Rose Etheridge.

Committee reports were given by each chairman.

Program for the evening was given by Jocille Brady, chairman, titled "Face of the Earth" with co-chairman Liz Eager.

A western dance to be held in the Abilene Civic

Center was discussed. Larry Teaff was elected Chapter Cowboy to represent Xi Nu Chi at the dance.

Refreshments were served to the following members by hostess Rose Etheridge: Mamie Steck, Connie Harris, Glenda Teaff, Jocille Brady, Connie Ybarra, Anita Allen, Liz Eager, Ginny Yaddow, Blanche Hewitt, Bobbye Mansfield, Betty Allday, Pat Neff, Pat Castille and Louise Dubose.

Recycle old eye glasses

Recycle old eyeglasses to bring sight to the poor? Why not - recycling may seem like a new conservationist idea, but a group of volunteers in Short Hills, N. J., many of them housewives, have been doing it for years, ever since 1932.

As a non-profit organization called New Eyes For The Needy, Inc.,

this group of volunteers have helped over one million persons to see.

Last year over one million pairs of old glasses were sent to New Eyes For The Needy, Inc., Short Hills, N. J. 07078, where groups of volunteers over 250 in number, have been taught to sort and classify them.

Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. R.A. McCarthy of Longmeadow, Massachusetts are happy to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Robin Ann to Mr. Markus Edward Clemmer of

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The wedding will be October 13 in Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

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J.V. linebacker Willie Marsh turns the Clyde quarterback upside down as a teammate stands helplessly nearby. Kenneth Corbin (50) offers assistance. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)



The Consumer Alert

by Mark White
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Last week's column discussed some of the reasons for the high prices we must pay for utility services. This week I will explain what this office is doing to prevent further increases in these prices.

There has been a major national effort directed toward shifting our source of energy from oil to coal. Partially because of the new "value" of coal as an energy source, the state of Montana, a major coal producing state, attempted to impose a 30% severance tax on coal mined in that state. The effect of this tax would be a rapid escalation of the cost of coal, a cost increase that would be passed along to the utility consumer. For this reason, my first day in office I intervened in a state district court case filed in Montana challenging that state's efforts to impose the tax.

Another major factor in the cost of coal as an energy source is transportation. Once the decision has been made to use coal as the energy source, there normally is only one railroad to haul it from the mine to the utility. The railroads have begun to escalate their coal hauling charges in alarming amounts. For instance, Burlington Northern Railroad formerly charged \$7.00 per ton to haul coal. That rate was increased to \$12.00, an increase which was approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Then, not satisfied with the \$5.00 per ton increase, Burlington Northern went back to the Commission, requested and obtained a further increase to \$16.80 per ton. Still not satisfied, Burlington Northern returned to the Interstate Commerce Commission yet

another time and this time was granted an additional increase in excess of \$18.00 per ton. Last year's increase in rates alone will cost San Antonio consumers an additional \$17 million per year. In order to assist the effort to stop these exorbitant increases, this

office intervened in the *San Antonio Public Service Board v. Burlington Northern Railroad* proceeding before the Interstate Commerce Commission. Partially due to the efforts of our office, the United States Attorney General has decided not to defend the I.C.C. on the most recent rates it granted to Burlington Northern and will support our position in the

review of these orders now pending before the United States Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C.

The serious implications of uncontrolled increases in the cost of coal was dramatically demonstrated by the evidence collected by the Joint Economic Committee. The Committee examined the effect of coal transportation rates on the use of coal, especially the antitrust and foreign trade implications. The Committee found that because of skyrocketing coal shipping rates, several major utilities are turning to foreign coal to satisfy their coal needs. For example, Central power and Light, facing a coal shipping rate of \$20.00 per ton from Colorado to Coletto Creek, Texas, is negotiating for African coal. The utility believes it can save money by shipping it from Africa to the United States instead of from Colorado to Texas. Tampa Electric has contracted to receive 25% of its coal requirements from Poland. San Antonio reportedly is negotiating with Japanese companies involved in mining Australian coal.

This country's energy crisis and the resulting high cost of energy will not be cured by substituting Polish or African coal for Arabian oil. Foreign energy dependence must be discouraged; domestic energy resources must be made

available at economical rates. For this reason, I will continue to oppose suppliers or transporters of coal who seek to increase their rates merely because of the new "value" of this energy resource.

Merkel PTO will meet

The Merkel PTO will have its first meeting of the 1979-80 school year Oct. 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. All parents are urged to attend, as the membership drive continues. To become a member, send \$1 to school with your child to be counted for his room in the contest between each room in the Elementary

School and between the home-rooms in the Middle School.

A monetary prize will be awarded to the winning room in each building to be used for the benefit of the student in that room. The contest will close for prizes at the end of the school day, Friday, September 28.

New officers of the PTO are: President-Larry Gill, 1st V.P.-Yvonne Dudley - in

charge of the Halloween Carnival, 2nd V.P.- Pat Neff - in charge of membership and programs, Treasurer- Zoie Russell and Secretary- Mary Hill.

Plans for the Halloween Carnival will be discussed and a program will be presented by one of the classes. Come and see your child in action and let's work for the betterment of our schools!

printed in the paper. It is entirely up to them.

The More Pictures The Better

This paper simply wants pictures of all the youngsters and the more the better. So the mothers and fathers of the community in which this paper circulates

should remember the date Saturday Oct. 6th, and bring their children to the photographer.

You will be mighty glad afterwards, if you did and very very sorry if you do not permit your children to participate in this event. The

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Pictures will be taken at Crawford's from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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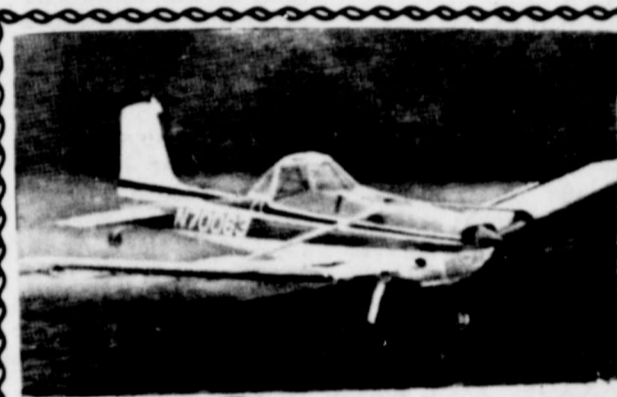
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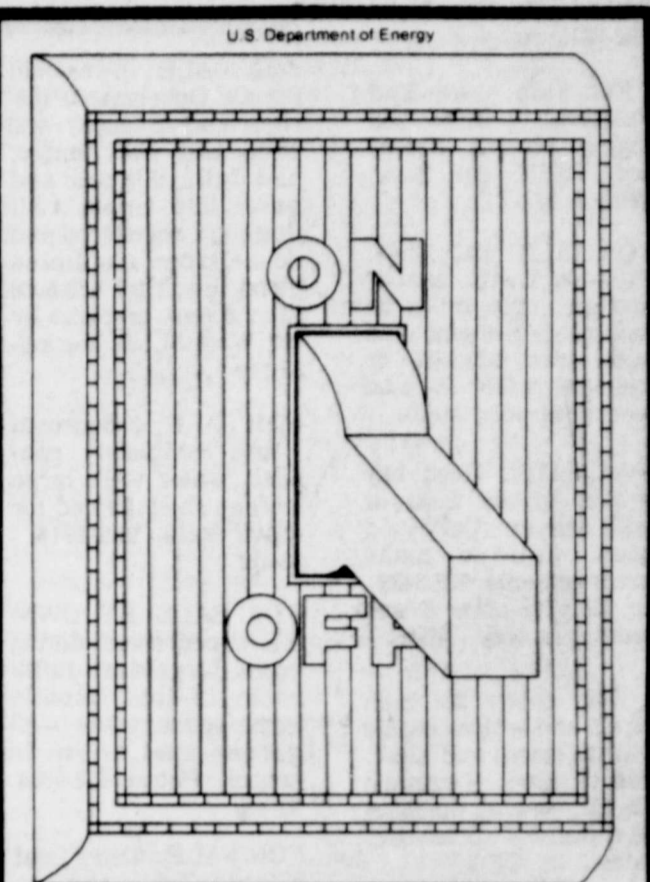
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A. C. Terry
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Brown recognized outstanding in FFA

Buster Brown is one of 53 outstanding 4H FFA and FFA youth throughout Texas to be honored at a formal banquet October 5 at the Sheraton Hotel in Dallas. The annual event is sponsored by the State Fair of Texas and the Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Brown of Merkel. He is the District 7 4H Council Member.

The honorees are chosen at the state level of each organization based on nominations from local clubs. The young people must have been very active in their groups during the past year and have displayed superior leadership

abilities. Honorees are given a charm or tie tack, two nights complimentary lodging and are guests at a country and western dance after the banquet.

The awards banquet begins at 7 p.m. the evening prior to the State Fair's Rural Youth Day when Texas' rural youth and their parents are special guests at the Fair.

4H, FFA (Future Farmers of America) and FHA (Future Homemakers of America) groups encourage young people to develop service and leadership qualities while becoming involved with projects such as livestock, cooking, sewing, farming and family living.



Buster Brown

The Scientists Tell Me...

Beef Tenderness Can Be Increased By Better Processing Methods

By Robert L. Haney
TAES Science Writer

Retail consumers who buy cheaper grades of beef may, one day soon, notice a marked improvement in quality.

A combination of improved processing methods can greatly increase the characteristics consumers desire in less expensive grass-fed beef, according to scientists who have been working on the problem for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Grain finishing of beef has for years been recognized as the best way to improve quality, but it's expensive.

Grass-fed beef, though cheaper, is usually lower in quality, less tender, less fatty (externally and internally) and has more yellow in fat coloring than grain-fed beef.

At Texas A&M, scientists compared one side of 42 forage-fed carcasses that received 1, 2, or 3 treatments to the opposite side that had no special treatment.

The following treatments were used alone and in various combinations:

1) *Electrical stimulation* - given within one hour after slaughter (2 minutes of 50 impulses of 440 volts, 5 amps (50 cycles per sec.).

2) *Pelvic suspension* (developed at Texas A&M and called Tenderstretch) - rather than by conventional hind leg.

3) *Delayed chilling* - treated sides held at 70°F for 8 hours after slaughter and then placed in a 34°F cooler with untreated side.

4) *Cooler aging* - unwrapped shortloins stored at 34°F for 14 days.

5) *Blade tenderization* - a mechanical method of cutting muscle fibers.

Top rounds were tenderized twice; short loins were tenderized once.

With one exception, neither flavor nor juiciness ratings for loin steaks and top round steaks were appreciably affected. Nor did the use of tenderization techniques increase cooking loss or decrease water-holding capacity.

What did happen, according to Dr. Gary Smith, is that all the treatments increased tenderness of the steaks.

For loin steaks, tenderness was improved by about 25% by cooler aging, 22% by blade tenderization, and 66% by cooler aging plus blade tenderization.

Maximum tenderization of loin steaks was achieved by combining electrical stimulation, cooler aging and blade tenderization or by the use of

delayed chilling, cooler aging and blade tenderization, according to Smith and his associates, Drs. Z. L. Carpenter, T. R. Dutton and R. L. Hostetler.

On top round steaks, these scientists found that maximum tenderization was achieved by the combined use of electrical stimulation, pelvic suspension, delayed chilling and blade tenderization.

Cost of these treatments is reasonable and won't add much to the retail price, while they do add a great deal to the quality of forage-fed beef.

Editor's Note: Any questions regarding this column should be addressed to Science Writer, Dept. of Agricultural Communications, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.

Homemakers meet

The Texas Extension Homemakers Association Council met Sept. 19th at the Activity Center in Anson at 2 p.m. for a regular meeting.

Mrs. Vada Hudson, Chairman and member of the 5th club called the meeting to order. Several quiz games were led by Mrs. Daisy Mashburn. The Council consisted of 4 Council Officers, 8 members, 1 visitor and 6 clubs were represented.

Mrs. Alma Foster, yearbook chairman, Mrs. Bertha Hunter TEHA chairman and Mrs. Louise Chancey will meet Oct. 2 to make final plans on the yearbooks.

Mrs. Vacy Wilburn, County Extension Agent, informed the members that effective Oct. 1, Tommy K. Antille will become County Agent, replacing Kirby Clayton who is retiring. Mrs. Wilburn also informed the members that Clay Deatherage, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Deatherage is the

1979 State 4H Record Book winner in Beef cattle. Clay will receive an expense paid trip to the National 4H Congress in Chicago.

A scrap book from each club will be judged by the time the November Council meets.

A Gift Program will be held at the Activity Center November 1, starting at 10:00 a.m. It will be a "Show and Tell" program, similar to the one held last year, consisting of Christmas Gifts made by members. Each club will furnish 4 doz. cookies.

The County Council Party will be held at the Activity Center Dec. 6th.

Delegates going to the State Convention in Ft. Worth from the clubs are Mrs. Daisy Mashburn, Lois Rust and Bertha Hunter, TEHA Chairman. The Convention will be at the Greenoaks Motel from Sept. 25th through 27th. Other members attending will be Mrs. Vada Hudson and Helen Haynes.

Xi Nu Chi supper

Xi Nu Chi, chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, had their annual Dove Hunt Family Supper Saturday night in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church.

A night of fun and entertainment was planned for members and their family by the social committee, which included: Mrs. Robert Harris, Mrs. Mamie Stick, Mrs. Larry Teaff and Mrs. Jim Allday.

Attending were: Mrs. and Mr. James Allday and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Etheridge and son, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neff and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Teaff and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yaddow, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dubose, Mrs. Jimmy Leverich, and Mrs. Mamie Stick and granddaughter.

Garden club meets

The Merkel Garden Club met Sept. 20 at the Big Country Inn.

Roll call was answered with fun we had this summer.

Alice King called the meeting to order, he also read a poem, Take Time.

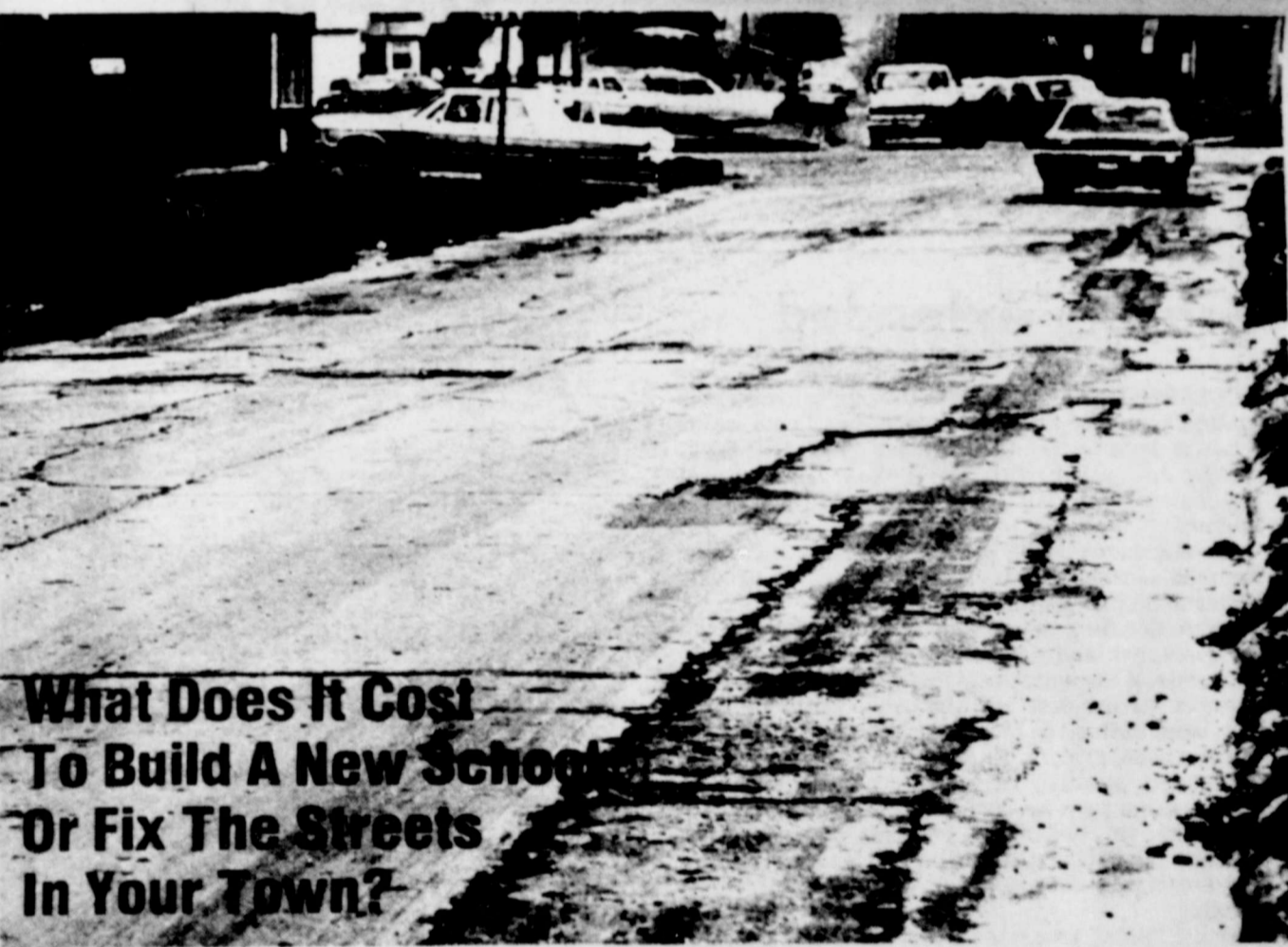
Refreshments were served to Mrs. Tom Allday, Mrs. Bill Black, Mrs. W.L. Brown, Mrs.

Oda Clark, Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. Mary Click, Mrs. Albert Criswell, Mrs. Lottie Everett, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mrs. Ora Griggs, Mrs. Dee Grimes, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. Allen King, Mrs. E.J. Patterson, Mrs. G.R. Peachy, Mrs. Tom Russom, Mrs. W.T. Sadler, Mrs. John Shannon and Mrs. Aaron Sudderth.



These two modern day hobos had eluded the camera Monday, but were photographed as the photographer caught up again, further down the line. Their hiking gear is visible between the two

men and they would probably be the first to tell Illinois Central Gulf officials that they were doing their part in saving energy, by taking the train. (Staff photo by Ooy A. Richards)



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The Merkel Mail

Halbrooks, former Trent official, dies at 76

Lennie Paul Halbrooks, 76, of Trent died at 7:27 a.m. Friday in Hedrick Medical Center. Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday in Trent Methodist church.

The Rev. Floyd Richardson, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Trent Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born April 9, 1903, in Comanche County, he moved to Trent in 1905 and was a retired stock farmer. He served on the Trent School Board for several years and was the Democratic election judge at Trent. He was a member of Woodmen of World Lodge. He married Birdie Mae Holston Dec. 20, 1932, in Abilene.

Survivors include his wife; a son, John Heatley of Albany; a brother, Filbert of Loop; and two grandchildren.

A sister, Lucy Steen, and a brother, Jack, both died in 1976.

Pallbearers will be Kenny Duncan, Kenneth Heatley, Moody Meixner, Jerry Frank Patterson, Billy Wayne Hamner and Duane Shugart.

Honorary pallbearers will be Monk Stowe, Delton Jones, John Boyd, Richard Scott, Zed Bright and F.H. Duncan.



Hey! Number 10!
You can't do that!

Willie Marsh (25) and an unidentified Badger J.V. player wrap up Clyde's runner, Kenneth Corbin (50) and Tony McEnroe (71) come up to see just what the heck Clyde's number 10 is doing. The Clyde JV won 47-0. (Staff photo by Goy A. Richards)

Local poet; dog days of summer

By Patricia Spradling

Hot Indian Summer days,
With crisp Autumn nights,
Hometown football games,
Fans cheering to their delight,
The pumpkins are ripening,
Upon vine laden hills,
Halloweens just around the corner,

Trick-or-treaters will soon ring the doorbells,
The leaves are turning from red to gold,
Their lustrous beauty, Another one of "Mother Natures" miracles,
A majestic bonfire, Scool supporters all around,
Chanting their cheers, Letting their team know,

They won't let them down,
Hot dogs cooking over an open fire,
Marshmallows melting in your mouth,
As you watch the flames climb higher and higher,
The crops are nearly all harvested,
A festive mood in the air,

You can't help but feel optimistic,
And thank God for the many blessings you share,
Soon Autumn will surely pass,
Bringing Winter on it's way,
But I'll enjoy this lovely season,
Each and every beautiful day!!!

Bookmarkers meet

The Bookmarkers (Merkel High Library Club) met Thursday night at the home of their sponsor, Mrs. Ruth Windsor. Activities for the year were planned. Puzzles, conversation, cokes, and hobby examinations filled the evening.

Library aides this year are Josh Amerine, John Townsend, Tammy Davis, Walter Elmore, Nina Morris, Lori Sloan, Billy Walters, Christina Acosta, Mary Bunselmeyer, Sharryl Luckey, Sirinton Prasarn, and Sheila Swinney.

Grazing extended

COLLEGE STATION—Extend your warm-season pasture's grazing period by sodseeding a cool-season grass of legume into it, suggests Don J. Dorsett, forage specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A and M University System.

A common example is wheat, oats, ryegrass or legumes sodseeded into bermudagrass to provide winter and spring grazing.

Before deciding to sodseed, carefully consider the disadvantages and advantages, Dorsett suggests.

Because of the warm-season base grass, sodseeded pastures furnish less fall and early winter grazing than those planted in prepared seedbeds. Also, some warm-season grazing is lost with sodseeding, and sodseeded pasture may retard the growth of warm-season grasses during a dry spring.

In addition, sodseeded pastures require more nitrogen than those planted on a prepared seedbed and are highly dependent on rainfall near of after planting.

On the "plus" side, sodseeding uses land during a normally unproductive period by extending the pasture's grazing period, says Dorsett. And seedbed preparation is simpler with sodseeding.

Sodseeded pastures also provide better footing for grazing livestock due to the warm-season grass root system. In addition, fertilizer applied will help warm-season grasses next spring.

Need is the determining factor when deciding between sodseeding and prepared seedbed winter pasture, believes the forage specialist.

Stocker calf operations need fall and winter grazing, so the producer is almost forced to pick the prepared seedbed. Spring-calving cows and calves winter well on good hay, and sodseeded pastures provide early spring grazing.

If you decide to sodseed, allow the warm-season grass to make early September growth, but don't fertilize, advises Dorsett. In late September, graze or closely cut the grass so sunlight can reach the soil. Plant in late September-early October. While specially designed equipment is preferred, a standard drill can be used. The most popular method, disking, is the least effective, contends the specialist.

Ryegrass at 10-20 pounds per acre can be seeded alone, overseeded on small grain, or seeded in a legume mixture. Seed oats, wheat, barley or rye at 100 pounds per acre.

Fertilizer is the key to successful sodseeding, emphasizes Dorsett. Determine needed nutrients by a soil test, and apply nitrogen only after the grass is up.

Allow the sodseeded pasture to grow five or six inches before grazing it.

Academy requirements

Washington, D.C. -- Congressman Charles W. Stenholm has announced the final request for applicants who are interested in competing for nominations to the service academies for the class entering July, 1980. A competitive nomination procedure will be used to select the nominees in order to give all interested young persons who meet the requirements an equal opportunity.

The service academies are the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland; the Military Academy at West Point, New York; the Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs, Colorado; and the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York. "These institutions offer a fine education and a great opportunity for service to their country by young persons who wish to follow a military career," Stenholm said.

In order for Congressman Stenholm to consider applicants, a candidate must meet the

following requirements:

(1) Must be a U.S. citizen; (2) Must be over 17, and a legal resident of the 17th Congressional District; (3) Must be under 22 years of age on July 1, 1980; (4) Must never have been married; (5) Must be physically fit, including excellent eyesight; (6) Must have a good high school record.

Stenholm stressed that political influence is not a factor in his nomination to the academies. Nominations are based on the individuals' mental and physical abilities.

Interested young persons who meet the requirements should write to Congressman Charles W. Stenholm, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515, no later than October 15.

Congressman Stenholm emphasized that all young persons who are genuinely interested in a military career have the opportunity to compete for nomination and he will consider all qualified applicants fully.

Prible's will celebrate 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Prible of 206 Orange St. in Merkel, are being honored this month by Merkel Dairy Queen and are being given a special dinner and jewelry in celebration of their Golden Wedding anniversary on Sept. 22.

Of all the couples with wedding anniversaries in September who have signed up for the anniversary dinner program at the Merkel Dairy Queen, the Pribles have been married the longest.

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Trent News

Thursday, Sept. 27, 1979

7th grade news

The 7th grade class has elected King and Queen nominees, class officers and favorites for the 1979-80 year. They are King Ted Wood, Queen Twylla Conatser, class officers

President Cody Johnson, secretary Nancy Brenem, treasurer Doyle Brenem. Favorites are Roger Brenem and Christy Kinnard. Our class sponsor is Mrs. Key.



Congressman Charles W. Stenholm

Congressional Comment

WASHINGTON, D.C. — To paraphrase an old story, there was once a man who built a mighty house; a beautiful house complete with scores of rooms, enough, in fact, for every man, woman and child in the village.

And the people were in awe of the gift and they rushed to move into their new homes, as their old ones were in sad repair and they could not afford to rebuild.

But, while that towering house was masterpiece of gingerbread from the doorstep to the highest turret, the builder had put all of his money into the beautiful shell of the house and had neglected to construct the foundation.

The base and all of the people are tumbling down. That may be a rather simplistic way of describing the construction of some of our nation's economic and tax policies recent years, but the description fits. While the Federal government has concentrated on fancy gingerbread, by pleading to the general populace, it has neglected the underlying foundation.

We are now facing an economic slowdown, along with rampant inflation and declining productivity. During past periods of recession, the Congress has built a gingerbread house in an attempt to solve the problems by settling on programs aimed at stimulating the economy through increased Federal spending.

But rather than solving the problem, these measures have fueled inflation because fewer goods are being chased by more dollars. Pumping up the demand for goods only gives short-term relief to a sagging economy and does nothing to correct the structural inefficiencies in the marketplace — the foundation — that are responsible for stagnating growth.

It is time for the rebuilding

of the foundation of our economic strategy. The emphasis should now be placed on the supply side of the economy. Policies which expand our capacity to produce goods and services more efficiently are the most effective in dealing with our current economic problems.

You fight inflation and recession by producing more goods, cheaper, not by lengthening costly unemployment and welfare rolls.

In order to promote productivity, changes must be made in our tax laws. I have cosponsored the Capital Cost Recovery Act, designed to encourage real economic growth by stimulating investment in more efficient plant and equipment. This legislation would scrap existing depreciation schedules for fixed assets and substitute in its place a simplified system of rapid depreciation. The proposal would allow a 10 year writeoff for buildings, a five year writeoff for equipment and a three year writeoff for limited investment in cars and light trucks. This is no "quick fix," gingerbread solution, but a long-term attempt to make the United States more competitive in world markets.

Among major industrialized nations, the United States is 18th in both economic and productivity growth over the past 10-year period. In 1976 the actual rate of fixed business investment was 9 percent of the Gross National Product, compared with 20 percent for Japan and 15 percent for West Germany. We cannot continue to ignore the facts. Our economic position in the world is in decline. The choice now before us is whether or not we have the courage to reverse this trend — before the gingerbread house falls on us. Clearly meaningful tax reforms, such as the Capital Cost Recovery Act, would be at least a beginning in the building of a strong economic foundation.

Senior class

Raising money

The senior class is busy working to earn money for their Sr. Trip. One project is the collection of old batteries. If you have any and would like to get rid of them, call any senior.

Class members are: Herbert Beaver, Gilbert Beaver, Tammie Hicks, Cheri Patterson, Teresa

Brazelton, Debbie Jackson, Sherry Jackson, Billie Gregory, Kim Richardson, Danny Freeman.

On Oct. 13 Homecoming, come over and have dinner with the Seniors at the cafeteria. Meal will be served from 11:30-1:00.

Elementary news

By Paula Valdez, secretary

In math we've been doing billions and millions and thousand and hundreds. We have already had a math test, social studies test, health test, and had two spelling tests.

We have 11 kids in our room; 6 boys and 5 girls

The King and Queen are Velma Childress and Wilson Stephens. President is Simon Delacruz, Vice President is Lester Patterson, secretary is Paula Valdez, treasurer is Kate Wood. Favorites are Susie Valdez and Chris Simpson.

Legal notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION, THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Daniel Cabera 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 Nicholas Bernal Stokes & wife, Diamantina Stokes. Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 14th day of September, 1979, against Daniel Cabera, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 2991-c on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Danny Ray (Gongora) Stokes, a child", the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate Parental rights and grant adoption, of said child. Said child was

born the 23rd day of July, 1973, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

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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 herof, 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 September, 1979.

Irene Crawford Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Johnnie Woodard, Deputy.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIM AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GERTRUDE BROOKRESON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration on the Estate of Gertrude Brookreson, Deceased, were issued to the undersigned on the 17th day of September, 1979, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that Bernice Brookreson of Tuscola, Texas now holds such letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County named below are hereby required to

present the same to the same, Bernice Brookreson, at the address below given. Suit upon same is barred by the general statute of limitations before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. The residence and post office address as to the place to file said claim is:

Bernice Brookreson
Route 1, Box 149
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The Trent Gorillas finished their pre-season with a 3-0 record by downing the Divide Trojans 46-0. Leading the way for the Gorillas was Herbert Beaver with 74 yds on 3 carries. Herbert had T.D. runs of 13

and 48 yards. Lloyd Williams kicked 3 extra points and had a T.D. run of 21 yds.

The second Quarter scoring opened with a pass from Greg Beasley to Eddie Adams. Eddie Patterson added a T.D. of 20 yds. with 1 second

left in the first half. Lloyd Williams kicked a 20 yd. field goal. In the third quarter Richard Beaver added the final score with a T.D. run of 30 yds. The Trent defense has been the big part of the gorilla pre-season.

Trent has scored 170 points in three games while holding their opponents to 20. The gorillas take Friday off, then return to action at Trent against Highland on Oct. 5, at 7:00 p.m. This will be the district opener.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIM AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM ARCH DANIEL, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration on the Estate of William Arch Daniel, Deceased, were issued to the undersigned on the 17th day of September, 1979, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that the First National Bank of Abilene, Texas now holds such letters. All persons having claims against the estate, which is being administered in the County named below are hereby required to present the same to the same, the

First National Bank of Abilene, Texas, at the address below given. Suit upon same is barred by the general statute of limitations before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. The residence and post office address as to the place to file said claim is:

First National Bank of Abilene, Texas 401 Cypress Abilene, Texas 79604 Dated this 20th day of September, 1979.

First National Bank of Abilene, Texas Independent Executor of William Arch Daniel, Deceased No. 14,400, in the Probate Court in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas

Tye Times

Thursday, Sept. 27, 1979

Tye School news

Mrs. Evans First Grade

The boys and girls in Mrs. Evans's room have adjusted to first grade beautifully. They are always thrilled over having their own desk and locker, which is quite different from kindergarten. Some have been a little disappointed because they did not learn to read the first week of school. They are a nice sweet group of boys and girls who are very eager to learn and I am sure that we are going to have a good year.

We have been using a Ready Go Math program which is only one of the many new teaching aids that was purchased for our school this year. This math program is used to reinforce the fundamentals of our beginning math. Worksheets and cassettes are used to provide visual discrimination activities and motor skill development. Listening skills are emphasized while following directions recorded by Mr. Soundman, an appealing character, whom the children love.

We have also been working on learning Chisanbop, which is a new and simple Finger Calculation Method. Chisanbop was not designed to replace, but rather to reinforce the present concepts taught in math. This unique psychomotor experience reinforces a child's knowledge of numbers and also provides a sense of security with numbers which would not otherwise be achieved at so young an age. Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Moss and Mrs. Key are taking a course in Chisanbop at McMurry College. The teachers find chisanbop to be fascinating, and we are having as much fun as the children are. Mrs. Sloan Second Grade

We have been in school for three weeks and have been very busy. The first weeks of school are used to review what was learned last year.

There is so much to do each day. We have three reading groups each day. As each group reads, the others are doing their writing, math and spelling. Everyone is eager to read and works very hard.

The cool weather has really been nice. We have discussed the different seasons and made colored leaves for fall. We put the leaves on the windows in our room. As each child does good work, they will have a star put on their leaf.

Everyone seems to be getting back into the swing of being in school again. We are looking forward to a great year. SCHOOL WIDE ACTIVITIES

On Thursday, September 13th, two of our parents, Mrs. Mary Turner and Mrs. Dolly Shelton, went to a Title I workshop in Abilene. Both parents are members of the Parent Advisory Council for the Title I Reading Program.

Mrs. Mitchell, the reading teacher, along with Mrs. Herrera, the reading aide, and the parents attended the meeting from 8:30 till 2:30. All said it was informative. We found out we have a lot of work ahead of us in

order to meet the needs of the students. More information on things that will happen later on in the year that you as parents can attend will be published far in advance.

Tuesday, September 18th, was eye examination day at Tye Elementary. Dr. Derosa, from Dyess Air Force Base, came out to do the exams. Mrs. Barbara Kotlik, Mrs. Ann Adams, Mrs. Phyllis Boyd and Mrs. Sandy Neith were the parents who helped with this project. The children had their eyes examined for depth perception, 20-20 vision in each eye and the optical nerve. The boys had their eyes examined for color blindness also.

We wish to thank Dr. Derosa and his crew of helpers plus Dyess Air Force Base and also our parents for being so

cooperative with all the work that was done.

The eagerness to learn displayed by each of these children is truly inspiring. Parent concern and cooperation will not only be greatly appreciated, but will help to make this a great school year. ALL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

On Tuesday September 11, the Woodman of the World came to our school and presented us with a 3x5 flag and some smaller flags for our rooms. The flags were presented at an impressive ceremony at the school flag pole attended by all students. Douglas Taylor and Mike Olvera helped with the ceremony and represented the school at the function. We would like to thank Mr. Rish and Mr. Sloan of the Woodman of the World for their cooperation in this project.

The city council met in regular session on September 11. All council persons were in attendance and the following items were discussed and approved. The city minutes, police report and financial reports were approved. Two ordinances were passed after deep thought and investigating were done. These ordinances, one controlling grass, weeds etc. and one regulating traffic on certain streets in Tye were passed.

Mr. Otto Brazell was appointed to a three year term on the zoning board in place of Temple Lewis thus giving the city a five member staff to assist the council in a planned community.

Beings that the city has no map of the current water lines, Mr. Tyler and Brazell will complete this task so we

City council meets

will know where and size of water lines or if we need to repair any lines.

The Senior Citizens Building has been completed and an open house will be held in the very near future. Both buildings have had a paint job inside and out. We all can be proud of the two nice facilities and of the few that worked very hard on getting this project to where it is. Speaking of open house, Dowell our newest industry in ye will host their open house September 28. If you are wondering what they do, whats inside those buildings take the time and go by and see it. We can be proud of the new industry to our city. Lets encourage others to come to Tye, a progressive city. Welcome Dowell and the best to you.

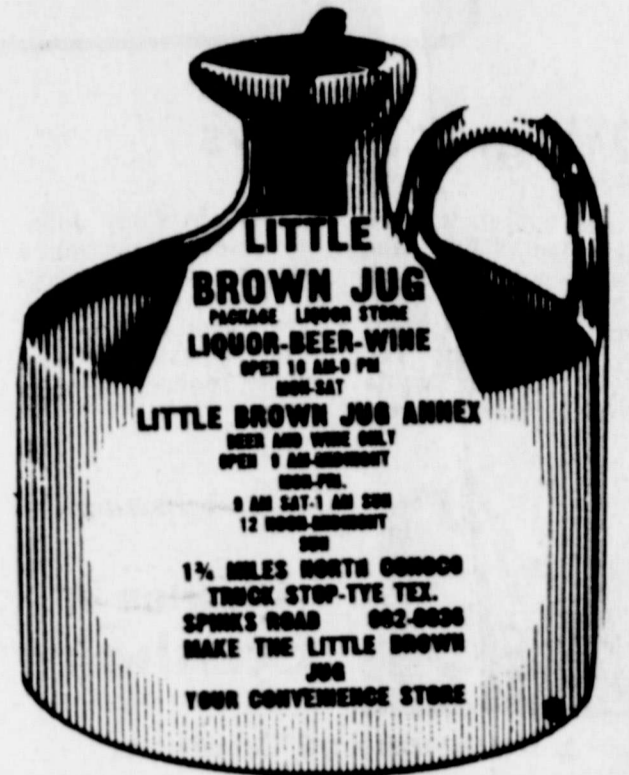
Our time is something that a few of us have very little left in our day...but can you spare an evening or two a month in serving your community? There are a few organizations that could use you. Our Vol. Fire Dept. needs members to assist in the event of any emergency that it could be called upon. The trucks sure do need work on them, repairing pumps, paint and the like. If you can spare some time, come

Cotton prices may be down

RALEIGH--Supply and demand fundamentals, based on current conditions, suggest that lower cotton prices might occur in coming months, report Cotton

Incorporated economists. However, they say, should price weakness develop, it probably would be short-lived. The analysis is contained in the September

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September 6: Junior Varsity at Baird at 7:30.
September 13: Junior Varsity here against Anson at 6:30. Ninth Grade here against Anson at 5:00. Eighth Grade at Anson at 6:30. Seventh Grade at Anson at 5:00.
September 20: Junior Varsity here against Clyde at 7:00. Ninth Grade here against Clyde at 5:30. Eighth Grade at Clyde at 7:00. Seventh Grade at Clyde at 5:30.
September 27: Junior Varsity at Jim Ned at 7:30. Ninth Grade OPEN. Eighth Grade at Jim Ned at 4:00. Seventh Grade at Jim Ned at 5:00.
October 4: Junior Varsity here against Winters at 7:30. Ninth Grade at Haskell at 5:30. Eighth Grade here against Winters at 6:00. Seventh Grade here against Winters at 5:00.
October 11: Junior Varsity at Haskell at 6:00. Ninth Grade here against Eastland at 7:30. Eighth Grade here against Eastland at 6:00. Seventh Grade here against Eastland at 5:00.
October 18: Junior Varsity at Anson at 6:30. Ninth Grade at Anson at 5:00. Eighth Grade here against Anson at 6:30. Seventh Grade here against Anson at 5:00.
October 25: Junior Varsity here against Ballinger at 7:30. Ninth Grade here against Ballinger at 6:00. Eighth Grade at Ballinger at 7:30. Seventh Grade at Ballinger at 6:00.
November 1: Junior Varsity OPEN. Ninth Grade at Clyde at 5:30. Eighth OPEN. Seventh OPEN.
November 8: Junior Varsity here against Haskell at 6:00. Ninth OPEN. Eighth OPEN. Seventh OPEN.
November 15: Junior Varsity here against Wylie at 6:30. Ninth Grade here against Wylie at 5:00. Eighth Grade at Wylie at 6:30. Seventh Grade at Wylie at 5:00.

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
9-7	22-39 Baird-H	8:00
9-14	12-38 Rotan-H	8:00
9-21	Clyde-T	8:00
9-28	Open	7:30
10-5	*Coahoma-H	7:30
10-12	*Winters-T	7:30
10-19	Home Coming *Anson-H	7:30
10-26	*Ballinger-T	7:30
11-2	*Colorado City-H	7:30
11-9	Stamford-T	7:30
11-16	*Wylie-T	7:30

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Jim Ned**

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Sam Jernigan
Lynden Bower
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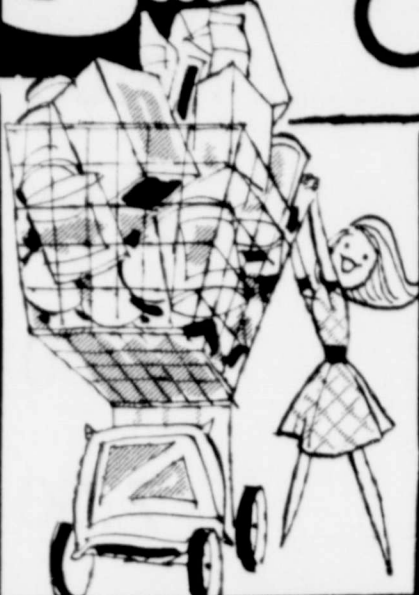
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