#### Florists meet

The Mid-West Texas Florist Association is holding their annual design school Oct. 7th at the Civic Center in Abilene. Designs will be on display for public viewing from 1 until 4 p.m.. There is no charge to the public.

# **The Merkel Mail**

Thursday, October 4, 1979 ... Merkel, Texas

# 12 rural governments set 7 man appraisal board for county

County Clerk Janice Lyons received 12 resolutions passed by rural taxing entitie opposing the five member county tax assessment board and calling for a seven member panel to be dominated by rural school districts

Ms. Lyons told the Mail in a Monday interview "As far as I know, the seven member board will be elected in the next two months, under the plan specified in the resolutions I accepted and that calls for seven members, one each from five school districts, one from the City of Abilene and one from Taylor County.

She also said, the law allows for a new board to be elected every two years and that unless the new plan is challenged, the board will be elected by Nov. 1.

When asked if the seven member plan had been challenged she said "Not at this point, and if a challenge is forthcoming, it would have to come

through the County Clerk's office or the District Courts here.'

Ms. Lyons also told the Mail that she has not Leen informed of any decision by the State Attorney General's Office concerning a challenge to the makeup of the board. She said that Taylor County Tax Assessor-Collector Richard Petree had requested a ruling and she has not been informed of any such decision.

The seven member board, that the urual districts agreed on will change the base of power on the board from intentions of the state plan. The state plan called for five members, elected by the governing bodies with the most amount of tax levied. That board would have been controled by Abilene ISD and the City of Abilene. The new board will be elected by four rural school districts with tax levying governmental bodies in Abilene will receive three

# Homecoming plans made

Plans for the 1979 Merkel Homecoming have been finalized and will feature a spaghetti supper, football, and parade

Activities get started Oct. 18th with the burning of the bonfire. On the 18th, registration will be held at the Senior Citizen's Building from 9 a.m. antil 5 p.m. There will be a \$1 fee.

A spaghetti supper will be held at the school cafeteria from 5:30 until 7 p.m.and is being sponsored by the Band Booster Club. Cost will be

The Badgers will play the Anson Tigers at 7:30 p.m. and at halftime, the high school queen, and the ex students queen and Mr. X will be crowned. A coffe and visitation will be held immediately ther the game sponsored by the class of '59. On Saturday, registration will be held from 9 a.m until noon. The parade is scheduled to get started at 11 a.m. Saturday and lunch will be pot luck at the school cafeteria. You are asked to bring a covered in to that. A business meeting follows at 1:30, an auction sale runs from 2 until 3 p.m., an open house at Merkel Schools from 3:30 until 4:30 p.m. and a talent show is set from 4:30 until 6 p.m. The Association asks that any ex-student who has moved and not notified them, to please do so by writing Mrs. H.C. Reid at 710 Yucca in Merkel. The Merkel Badgers will face Coahoma in their first district contest of the year Friday and kickoff is set for 7:30 at Badger Stadium.

On Thirsday's schedule, the 7th grade will host Winters at 5, the 8th grade hosts Winters at 6 and the junior varsity will play Winters at 7:30. All games are at Badger Stadium.



City checking elegibility requirements for funded private housing repairs

> The Merkel City Council passed a resolution Friday asking the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funds to help ease problems in community development and economic needs. The resolution, passed Friday, called those problems critical.

> Under the Urban Development Action Grant Program, cities that meet federal qualifications can apply for federal loans or grants to help reclaim housing that is declining or to make general improvements on private homes. The resolution also said that the "City Council of

> Merkel recognizes the need to develop effective and meaningful programs to stimulate new and expanded private investments to revitalize the local economy and to assist in reclaiming declining neighborhoods." The resolution added that "The City of Merkel

> seeks to work in constructive partnership with representatives of the private sector in the development of programs to meet the City's critical community development and ecomonic needs."The resolution says the city will file for the grant to see if the city is eligible to receive such funds. Mayor Lou David Allen said "we are really checking to see if the David Allen said "we are really checking to see if the money is available to us and what the requirements are to receive fund". City Manager J.A. Sadler said the application will be made in January and we are eligible for about \$450,000 in federally secured loans and grants for repair to private homes and that money is available for grants on commercial and retail development retail development.

To administer such a program, a specialist in administer the program. He would be responsible for making sure housing remodeling is up to local standards as well as assisting individuals in applying for portions of the grant money available. The grants will be approved by the administrator and will be guaranteed at local banks. The Farmers and Merchants National Bank informed Sadler that they would participate in the program, if it is funded. If the funding is approved, HUD will require the

7:00 p.m. at their regul-ar place of meeting, 307 El Paso St. Rev. W.G. Richardson invited those who love good 15 cents singing to attend.

Gospel sing

Victory Gospel Sing-ers will meet Oct. 8, at

The Badgers are 0-3 on the year and will face a strong Coahoma team that is returning 14 starters from last year's team.

The Badgers have found the going rough so far this year and have had the last ten days to work on suring their defense. The Badgers had an off week last week and head coach Byron Shelley told the Mail that the Badgers wouls spend their time working on the basics of defense. The Badgers have allowed at least 40 points per game in their first three contests.

In las' week's action, the 7th Grade downed Jim Ned 8-0, and the 8th Grade lost 12-0.

Workers started pouring concrete footings at Merkel High School last week. Workers should finish the footings this week. (Staff photo by Cloy A Richards)

# City taking progressive steps

#### by Cloy A. Richards

The Merkel City Council took a bold, progressive step last Friday during it's regular session. The Council decided to see if the city is eligible for federal funds that are designed for persons with low and moderate incomes.

Regardless how you view your income, most folks in Merkel are eligible for assistance in home repairs, additions, insulation, solar heating and other

property improving activity. The City would also receive funds to clean up vacant lots on a one time basis. Merchants could also receive assistance but the rpogram is designed to help keep your neighborhood up to standards.

The money is funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and, like all federal programs, have rules that must be strictly achered to.

Since federal funds will be used to improve local housing, and the city will be administering the use of those funds, the City must adopt, and enforce housing, business codes and zoning ordinances.

Before you go out and throw rocks at City Hall at the though of zoning, plumbing, electrical and housing standards, one must remember, the City decided Friday to see if they are eligible for the funds

Council did discuss Friday how to obtain citizen input into zoning and other building standards. They decided that a citizen's panel should be appointed to make suggestions concerning the zoning ordinances and seek inputs from other citizens.

What I am tyring to get across is that we should not panic when the City decided to see if it is eligible for Federal money. If we find that we are, and we can put those funds to use by helping people maintain their homes in a dignified manner, then we

should be ready to come up with codes and ordinances to protect those investments.

The Mail will start a series next week on what the rpograms are the City has applied for and how they can benefit our citizens. We will also be checking into some sample City codes and ordinances pertaining to business and residential districts, and how those codes could effect you.

What has happened so far is a definate start. If the City finds it is eligible, we could receive up to \$500 for aid in refurbishing neighborhhods and cleaning up vacant property.

There will be four ladies in town next week that may ask you to donate money for the Merkel Youth Center (see story on page one). They are Syble Riney, Esther Carson, Ruby Shipman and Mrs. Leon Harris. The ladies need to collect \$550 for a new roof for the Youth Center roof and they need your support

The Merkel Homecoming Association has finalized their plans for this year's activities and the parade is set for Oct. 20th at ll a.m.

The Merkel Parent-Teachers Organization held their first meeting Monday night and President Larry Gill reported that more than 100 attended and he said they have gotten off to a good start. They decided to hold the Halloween Carnival on Oct. 27th and a time and location will be announced next week.

The Mail has not set a definate date for the Crazy Days Parade this year as some conflicts have already come up. Also, no decision has been reached on when children will don their costumes and trick or treat. Halloween falls on Wednesday this year and it has been a post in the past to trick or treat on days other than when church is held.

# repairing I-20 near Merkel

This construction worker seems to be holding up

his end of the bargain at the Middle School Gym

site last week. Workers began raising concrete

walls. (Staff pho to by Cloy A. Richards)

**Highway Department** 

Texas Highway Department crews are busy decreasing the angle of on ramps to I-20 near Merkel as well as getting ready to apply a new surface layer on the Interstate.

According to Pete Gaulding, an engineering technician with the Texas Highway Department, the work is scheduled form Wells Lane, east of Merkel to Loop 39, then from Loop 39 on Merkel's west side to the Noodle Dome Road.

According to Gaulding, the Texas Highway Department, is removing lightweight asphalt (the top inch) and will apply a hot mix asphalt covering about an inch and a half thick. When the first layer is applied, it will be allowed to settle until spring and then a waterproofing process will be applied. He added that the asphalt season stops on Oct. 15 and will begin again on April 3rd.

One change local drivers will be interested in is the on and off ramps will be reworked. Gaulding said "some of those ramps were built on the early Interstate program and planes and the curves of the ramps are a little hard to negotiate." He said they have removed the curb and gutters on the ramps and will lessen the angle to allow for easier entering and exiting the Interstate.

The maintenance is a contract operation and is a part of scheduled maintenance for Interstate Highway systems. Gaulding said, "We are just trying to take care of the Interstate because it will deteriorate if we don't. That road takes a lot of use and abuse and it went through a rather rough winter last year.

## Youth center still needs \$550 for roof

Still needing about \$550, four local women will begin a business to business campaign next week to obtain funds to fix the roof of Merkel's Youth Center.

The roof on the Youth Center has several leaks and the Community Action Program in Abilene has agreed to fund 50 per-cent of the repair bills if the community would come up with the other 50 per-cent. So far, fund raising efforts have netted \$150.

According to Ruby Shipman, she and Mrs. Leon Harris will visit the business district next week and solicit for funds from local businessmen. She said

# Community Action Program determining needs

The Community Action Program is concerned with serving your needs. In order to meet those needs, we

must first determine what your needs are. They are asking that Merkel citizens call the Community Action Program if they need assistance in finance, health or physical needs, housing or dothing, nutrition, transportation, mental health, employment, education training, handicapped sercity to adopt building and housing codes, as well as zoning ordinances to protect private and commercial districts.

Those ordinances will be drafted from sample ordinances provided by the Texas Municiple League. Local inputs will be made and cost of drafting and establishing those codes would also be funded through the grant. Sadler told the council that he was seeking

information for funds to construct a new water tower and funds for recreational facilities. He said, "We have never received that much money one time, but we have been successful in the past at getting projects funded, and the city will compete for funds on a statewide basis.

In other action, the council passed a resolution to ive control of the Tri-City Baseball League and the USGA softball league fields to representatives from those organizations. Improvements are planned for both fields and Tri-City President Bill Sloan made the request for control. He also said that the league was not seeking control of the field to prevent people from playing there, just to insure its availability when it is needed for league activities. The next scheduled session of the council is Oct. 12

at 7 a.m. at City Hall.

that people that wanted to make donations may do so by bringing them to Syble Riney at Syble's Beauty Nook or Esther Carson at Carsons Supermarket, There is also an account for the fund at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

Ruby Shipman said that the money needs to be secured as soon as possible because she is concerned what might happen to the building if it is left unrepaired through the winter. The Youth Center provides recreation, learning activities and other functions for local children.

vices, legal services or help with utility bills. Based on the response received they Community Action Program will decide if they need to keep the Outreach Worker employed in the Merkel area. If you have questions or need assistance, contact Ommunity Action at 673-5785 or contact Pete Ybarra or Viola Harris at Box 332 in Merkel.

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# Church boasts

## rhythmic choir

In February of this year the First United Methodist Church of Merkel started a Rhythmic Choir with children in grades 1 and up, under the direction of Ginny Yaddow and Mary Hill.

The group does not think of movement as an "art" or as a "performance". But they think of it as something that an individual or a group may use to explore the meaning of God's word and a new way to worship and glorify Him. We all understand "worship with word" for since childhood most of us have read the psalms and sung the beautiful hymns of our churches. What we are trying to do when we add movement

1. Putting into symbolic movement deep religious feelings.

2. Physical manifestation of deep and meaningful spiritual awareness.

3. A means by which moods may be created for the purpose of becoming spiritually close to God

4. The use of rhythmic movements and designs to interpret religious

ideas and feelings. 5. Spiritual interpretation through body movement.

6. The use of symbolic movement to reveal spiritual ideas and concerns.

So far this year we have been privileged to worship in His name at the Fair Park United Methodist (Abilene), First Baptist (Leuders). Pioneer Memorial Methodist (Pioneer) and we are looking forward to worshipping at the Saint Paul United Methdist Church (Abilene) sometime this month.

Our group consists of our organist, Annette Clark and Dan Allen sings for us and the Rhythmic Choir members are: Candice Henslee, Tami Elliott, Christy Elliott, Penny Smith, Richa Hill, Melissa Harris, Cassie Townsend, Dusti Whisenhunt, Shelle Doan, Leigh Ann Allen, Kyle Doan, Ken Hogan, Mary Hill, and Ginny Yaddow. Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit? Glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's. I Corinthians 6:19, 20. WE WOULD LOVE TO WORSHIP WITH YOU.



The Methodist Church in Merkel has formed a youth choir and the choir, as well as t's directors are shown. (Staff photo by Cloy A Richards)

# Tourney this weekend

ers

The final slowpitch softball tournament for the year will be held this weekend. Any teams in-terested in entering may contact Walt or Nita Harris at the Big Country Inn for information. The tournament is open to both men's and wom-

en's teams. The tournaments are held to benfit the Pony League and they are trying to build a concession stand and restrooms plus provide new equipment for the play-

All proceeds from the

teams and concessions will go to the Pony League so everyone is invited to participate or just come out and watch the games. Volunteers are needed

to help with concessions and scorekeeping so if you can help, you are needed.

#### School menu

The menu for the Merkel ISD is as follows. Oct. 4th, Fried fish and tarter sauce, blackeved peas with snaps and seasoned spinach, hot rolls and Lemon pudding.

Oct 5th, Hamburgers with lettuce, tomato, pickle and onions with french fries and catsup, buns and chocolate no bake cookies.

Oct. 8th, Beef and

neese pizza, with but

ding.

# Tye school news

Woodsmen of the World.

They also presented a

new large flag for the

Tye School flagpole. We

enjoyed going to the

program when the flags

were presented. One of

the men who came to

the school to present the

flags was Mr. Bill Sloan,

husband of our other secong grade teacher,

Every day we study

Mrs. Yvonne Sloan.

Third Grade Mrs. Key The third grade has been reviewing the different concepts that were learned in second grade. For example, in spelling and reading we are analyzing the long and short vowel sounds, rules, and word patterns. All were excited when we started reading in the third grade readers

We are also working with the basic subtraction and addition facts in math, along with discrimination training with mixed exercises. Our lessons this week have been on numeration and extending the idea that the meaning of a digit depends on the value of the place it occupies.

In language we have discussed speech sounds, work order in sentences and writing names and titles, such as Mr., Mrs., and Miss. On Monday we will begin work in our language notebooks, which goes along with our text book.

I took a survey this morning in my class to see what the most enjoyable activity for third graders was. You guessed it - RECESS. Spelling and writing were second and third. One little boy, when asked what he liked best replied, "summer vacation'

This week in preparation for "Fire Prevention Week," Fireman Crawford, from Dyess Air Force Base talked with each class about some things they should know in case there is a fire at their home.

Second Grade McCoy We have twenty students in our class this

year. There are eleven girls and nine boys. Each morning we begin our day by pledging our

alliegiance to the Amer-

Mrs.

reading, math, writing, spelling and language. On Fridays we usually have time for art and we enjoy a special time for sharing things in "Show

and Tell" As we begin the month of October we look forward to cooler weather and we hope to make a field trip to see "Teepee Village" at McMurry College.

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Mrs. Neff's class.

child's teacher. They

have scheduled their

next meeting for Dec.

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# Newsbriefs

#### PTO

The Merkel PTO met Monday night at the school auditorium for their first meeting. Pr-esident Larry Gill explained that the purpose and philiosophy of PTO is that everything PTO does must be for the benefit of the children. Plans are being made for the Halloween Carnival on Oct. 27th. Weather permitting, the fun will be held outside this year.

Teachers from the elementary school and Middle School were introduced by their prin-

#### Williams-Dye

Sheri Lyn Williams and Clifford Lee Dye will be married on Oct. 13th at 7:30 in Merkel's First Baptist Church. Sheri is the daughter of Mr. Robert J. Will-iams of Merkel, and Gifford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Dye of Merkel

#### Verna Black

MERKEL-Services for Verna Mary Black, 67, of Hawley and form-erly of Merkel, who died sunday, will be at 3:30 pm. Tuesday at first Baptist Church. The Rev. Ken neth Jones, pastor, will offic-inte, assisted by the Rev. Ken Law. Burial will be in rose Hill

will be in rose Hill Demotory, directed by Funeral

The PTO membership drive will continue, but the contest per room ended last Friday. Win-ning \$25 from the Ele mentary was Mrs. Rister's room. Mrs. Townsend's room from the Middle School will receive \$25. They even had some outstanding and surprising members to join their room, includ-ing the President of the

United States. Brnovak's Winning a trophy for their room for having the most parents pre-Mr.and Mrs. Dean

Hart, of Pauls Valley, sent at the meeting was 

10th.

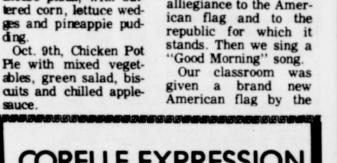


The Merkel High 9th grade girls were welcomed to high school by the girls of the class of '80 at initiation last week. (Staff photo by Clov A. Richards)

Tyler.

Okla. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Stanberry of Everyone was invited to attend an open house Quitman and Mr. and in the Elementary and Mrs. Dennis Waler of Middle School follwoing Austin were guests in the meeting. Parents were able to meet their

the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak in Mulberry Canyon. Frank, Dean and Marian were members of Co. B, 602 TD Battalion during World War II. They served in the Eurpoean theatre. The Brnovak's attended a reunion in June of the 602 TD Battalion in



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# Smith named artist of month

A solo exhibit of the paintings of Ms. Ford (Frankie) Smith, Jr. of Merkel is being spon-sored by United Savings of Texas at 302 Edwards Street, Merkel.

The public is invited to attend the special rec ption, from 2-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, 1979.

Frankie, born in the picturesque Hill Country, at Junction, Texas, has been interested in all forms of art since early childhood.

She specializes in oil paintings. Much of her subject matter came from rural background.

The scenic Llano Rivers which meet in the

south end of this beautiful little resort town, flow clear, rapid streams of water, a paradise for artist, fish, deer, and wild turkey. Frankie is a charter member of the Merkel Art Association and the

first president of the organization, has had a solo showing at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel and has shown work in the Texas Fine Arts Association.

Her husband, recently retired was a local farmer and rancher. They have six children. They are all married. They also have fifteen grand children and two great-grandchildren.

# Fortnightly club

The Sept. 25 meeting of The Fortnightly Study Club was in the home of Mrs. W.R. Cypert with Mrs. Don Dudley Cohostess.

After a time of refreshments and visiting, Mrs. Johnny Hammond presided for a business session.

Diversity of Interests was the theme for the program- African Convention and Tours.

Mrs. And y Shouse told of the African violet convention which she and Mrs. Cypert attended in Denver. She told of various tours to places d interest in the area surrounding Denver. The home of Mrs. Jim brown, wife of a gold mine supt. was one of the places they visited. he is better known as the unsinkable Molly Brown. Mrs. Shouse gave some very interesting facts of her color-ful life.

Mrs. Cypert chowed slides of the African violet show in Westgate Mall in Abilene. She also showed the many violets she grows in her home. Mrs. Cypert was a blue ribbon winner in the show.

Those present were Mrs. Don Dudley, Miss Mary Collins, Mrs. Johns y Cox, Mrs. W.R. Cypert, Miss Avis Deavers, Mrs. Bryan Dunigan, Mrs. Charles Eager, Mrs. Mack fisher, Miss Mildred Hamm, Mrs. J. W. Hammond, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. Allan King, Mrs. C.B. Knight, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. Andy house, Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, Miss Maurine White, Mrs. Roy wilson, Mrs. S.D. Gamble and Mrs. Allen Forbis.



Mrs. Ford (Frankie) Smith Jr. was selected as the Merkel Art Association as the Artist of the Month. (Staff photo by Coy A. Richards)

# **Best market buys**

"Good buys" in food will await Texas shoppers this fall, says Marilyn Haggard, a foods and nutrition specialist.

Several price drops and supply increases are responsible, she explains. Miss Haggard is with thge Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas A&M University System.

PORK-shwos promise throughout the fall since prices fell six per cent in June and supplies are 16 to 18 per cent above last year's levels.

BEEF--likely will remain stable due to a slower economy, although earlier forcasts promised higher prices

CHICKEN- saw a 16 per cent drop in prices last June, and prices should stay very favorable due to a 10 to 11 per cent inmcrease in supply over last August.

TURKEY-prices should also be rosey for fall.

# **Obituaries**

#### Luther Welcome Ross Jr.

#### Verna Black

Merkel - Verna Mary Black, 67, of Hawley and formerly of Merkel died at 11:20 a.m. Sunday in West Texas Medical Center following a lengthy illness. Services are pending at Starbuck funeral Home. Born July 31, 1912, in Hector, Ark., she moved to Merkel in the late 1990's. She moved to Hawley in 1974. She was a member of the Hawley Baptist Church. She married forest Black June 13, 1930, in Oklahoma. He died in 1977. Survivors include two sons, Jimmy and Doyle, both of Houston; six daughters, Doris Dan-Cleve and Joan Kirk, both of Howley, Lois Deen Jr., Janis Dal-rymple, Debra Hamilton and Linda Pugh, all

of Abilene; Three sis-

ters Mrs. Weldon Lucas

of Fort Worth, Mrs.

Bille Carter and Mrs.

Ruth Maynard, both of

Arkansas; two brothers,

Bert McKown, both of

Arkansas; 19 grand-children; and three

A daughter preceded

great-grandchildren.

Class of

70 reunion

The graduating class of 1970 will hold a

It will be at the Lions

dub building Oct. 19th, following the football

game. All class mem-

bers are urged to attend

their 10th year reunion.

her in death.

reunion.

Welcome Ross Jr., 69, of Trent died at 1:25 a.m. Tuesday in West Texas Midical Center in Abilene after a brief illness. Services were to be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in Trent Baptist Church. The Rev. Jim Lawless, pastor, was to officiate, assisted by Sherman Driggers. Burial was to be irrose

MERKEL - Luther Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home. Born May 28, 1910, in Abilene, he moved to Trent at age 2 and was a retired farmer. He was a baptist. He married Ina Patton Nov. 15, 1934, in roscoe. Survivors include his wife; a son, sid of Abilene: a daughter,

Mrs. Jimmy (Floydel) McMahan of Abilene; two sisters, Mrs. R.W. Johnston of Happy and Mrs. Elmer Hall of Littlefield; and four grandchildren. Pall Bearers were: Arthur Maberry, Robert Boyd, Ricky McEl-murray, bob Welborn,

Mike Carriker, Joe Brazelton.

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LITTLE BROWN JUG ANNEX

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# Small town...big problems

many ways to conserve

fuel and save on those

high gas bills. Insulation

#### By Harold

Have you ever undertook a job of reporting? What goes into getting a column ready for Print? The hours and rewrites of a column so as it will sound right to the read-er without offending any one person etc? I enjoy writing the column when there is news to report, funny incidents or news of the happenings in our small but progressive community. Without any news, I do not have much to go on or write so that leaves me to digging into re-search of interest or raise some questions. So for this week, here are some of the happenings that have occured in Tye. We were unforfunant that we had a escapee at large hidding here in ye this past week. He was an escapee whe was trans-ferred to the Taylor County Jail in Abilene for a hearing and trial on a former charge. Being that he apparent-ly did not like his temporary new home, he decided that he'd get aut of Dodge and head to parts other than jail. A few days of liberty netted his recapture and

placed him back into the jail house plus addition-al charges placed against him. Then comes another note regarding the several busts or arrests of some citizens in the city of Tye for narcotic violation

We may be a small community but we have the same problems that ours are on a littler scale. Still crime lerks here in Tye and whether we like it or not, it's here. Be alert and report anything that isn't up to par to the local authorties. Be a good citizen and be watchful of your neighbors home for others that you may not be familiar with. Your local vol. fire department answer e d two alarms this week. One was a truck fire at the truck stop. Damage was minimal and no injuries to be reported. The second one was two grass fires on the Laney Rd. north of Tye. This is the seasons for brush and weed fires. Be careful of our-door fires, they can cost damage. Speaking of fires, the 7th to the 14th is national Fire Prevention week here in the state. Check your home, business and areas of work for violation or potential dangers. Take for instance your fire places....clean and check the chimney for blocked passages, store wood properly and be sure that you have an approved fire screen to keep the hot sparks where they belong. Your city council will meet the second Tues-day of the month at the community center. If you are not aware of how or what they do, come out and listen to them make decisions and help them by talking to them regarding items that you may be concerned with. If you haven't been out on the air base road where the road was totaly gone, forget it. Your Council persons have taken care of tis and the area or intersection of Air Base Road, Morgan Street. it has been repayed and is much better than it was a month ago. Fall season is on its way, are you ready for the upcoming winter weather? There are

or various makes, brands are on the market. One area that most of us overlook is around the plug plates on the wall. You'd be surprised how much cold air comes in here. A solution for that is to pull the plug plate, place some insulation in the plug box and place air duct tape around the cut out . thus sealing the open-ing. Place the wall cover back on and it will stop the flow of air into the room. There are many other areas, such as your vents on the end of the house, need to cover them upl in the winter, heat rises. so that means that your attic has lots of warm heat there and goes out the ends. Take some plastic wrap and seal it off. You'd be suprised to see how much heat you will save. During the day time, the sun beats down and will warm up the attic and the space between the attic and ceiling will retain the heat if the vents are sealed off. The Tye PTO will not host a Halloween Carnival this year. It has been suggested that the Fire Dept. and other organizations take over this task to raise money for their respective groups or the community for the coming year.

This is due to a small

problem regarding rais-

ing funds by use of our school. The administra-tion of the MISD seems that it can dictate where these funds can and will be spent. the feeling of the group doesn't feel that this is right and to save any more friction between the MISD and supporters of the Elementary school, it was agreed to not have a carnival. One of thses days we will not have aur school if things kep going as they are. Then what?

Tye, you all have another fine and healthy





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THE MERKEL MAIL

# **Trent News**

Thursday, October 4, 1979

#### **Powder Puff**

# Trent getting ready for homecoming, start district play

Trent Homecoming activities are planned to get underway Oct. 13th with the Powder Puff football game at 6:30, followed by the Bonfire. On Saturday, breakfast will be served at 6:30 a.m. and the parade will begin at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11:30 until 1 and a program will get started at 1 p.m. A drawing for \$100 will also be held during the program.Dinner will be served from 4:30 until 6:30 and the

football game begins at 7:30 as Trent takes on McCaulley. Persons interested in

Mums

on, Oct. 13th.

COLLEGE STATION - Bartering is an old idea

with a new twist - to beat inflation, says Bonnie

It's catching on again, even among dentists,

lawyers, doctors and other professionals who are

bartering for food, gardening services, leisure

Mrs. Piernot is with the Texas Agricultural

Extension Service, The Texas A&M University

IDEAS TO WATCH FOR

With bartering, families can get living essentials

They can trade time, skills, products and services.

Some include mechanical, sewing, needlework or

Swapping can be among friends, families or even

equipment, ads and other products, she says.

without using their limited money

Piernot, family resource management specialist.

ordering mums may contact members of the junior class.

#### The Trent Jr. Class will have a Hamburger

Supper during the Homecoming Celebrati-

The supper will be served from 4:30-6:30 in the Trent School Cafeteria. Grilled hamburgers with all the trimmings, plus potato chips will be served for \$1.50 per plate. Tea and coffee is included. Desserts and soft drinks will be available at extra charge.

# Football

The Trent Jr. High-Brought their record to

1-1 last Thursday by downing the McCaulley Eagles 52-38. Scoring for Trent was Benjamin Beaver with 5 T.D.'s on runs of 40, 29, 10, 63, and

50. Benjamin passed to roger Brenem for 3 extra points. Billy Williams scored on runs of 40 and 55 yards. Billy ran over 1 extra point. the last score was a pass

farfit (Due to injury), and Oct. 25 they play Ira

#### High School

Trent High School opens district play Friday by hosting the Highland Hornets. All district games start at 7:00 P.M. Except Homecoming on Oct. 13. which starts at 7:30 P.M.

## 5th grade

Some of the things we've been doing this week are: Taking time tests in math; Reviewing math concepts; Studying about the first iron works built in America in 1622; Taken more tests this week in math and social studies: Helped the teacher decorate a bulletin board; and Learned some new games with fourth grade for P.E.

Preparations are underway for the powder puff football game between teams of Trent HIgh School girls. The Jr. Class sponsors this event annually on the Friday night before

Homecoming. Teams, coaches and cheerleaders have been selected. Everyone is invited to come see the fun. Tickets will be 50 cents and 25 cents. A concession will also be available.

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within the same family.

For example, in your own family, trade babysitting services for sewing skills.

Energy savings are possible with bartering, too. Carpool with someone, or exchange "taxi" services for some other service with someone who cannot share in childrens' transportation duties.

Bartering works for gift giving, too. Give housecleaning for one month or a dinner or

child care. BARTERING 'WATCH OUT'S'

Zoning restrictions in some communities may limit the types of bartering if they become similar to a business.

For example, some ordinances limit the number of unrelated children cared for in a household. Also, health or sanitation rules may limit the bartering of baked goods in any large quantity or with any regularity.

Time can become the great expense in bartering. To combat this, some communities may want to set up a "trading post" to assist residents.

Legal snarls can result if traders aren't careful, such as with bartering homes or vacation cottages.

The owner's insurance coverage may not apply, and in some of these cases liability suits can arise. Also, you can "barter friends away" if you're not careful.

Since guarantees or warranties don't apply, parterers only have personal integrity to rely on. Finally, be sure to discuss values of products or ervices before you actually trade them. Any barter should satisfy both parties.

Legal notices

NOTICE TO ALL PER-

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them within the time

and in the manner pre-

scribed by law. DATED the 28th day

from Billy Williams to Jesus Valdez. The Junior High has three games remaining all at Trent. Oct. 11 they play

Hermleigh at 6:00 p.m., Oct. 18 they play Hobbs-

# at 6:00 p.m.

Bartering : Old idea with a new twist

The family of William Thomas and Emma Mc-Aninch met at Beach Lodge, Brownwood State Park on september 21-23rd for their annual reunion. Lots of delicious food and good fellowship was enjoyed by all. Present were: Mrs.

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shopping skills.

Reunion

Charles Palmer (Minta), Austin, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Taylor (Nina) and Pauline Davidson of Quitman, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Earth m a n (Thelma) of Los Fresnos, Texas; Bud Sliter and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Hunter of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sliter of Trent; Dr. Jack McAninch of San Francisco, California and the following from Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McAninch, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch; Mr. and Mrs. Cal McAninch; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Mc-Aninch; Mr. and Mrs. Greg Henderson and Heather and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Meeks and Rende and Miss Mabel McRee.

# Speir retires

AUSTIN--Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, today announced he will retire December 31, 1979, after a total of more than 43 years of public service.

He made the announcement during the annual conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, of which he has served as president during the past year.

Speir, 62, was named director of the DPS by the Texas Public Safety Commission after the death of Colonel Homer Garrison, Jr. He had been asistant director since June 1, 1962.

SONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ES-TATE OF PAULINE P. VORHEES, DE CEASED Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Pauline P. Vorhees were issued on September 17, 1979, in Cause No. 14,378, pending in the County Court d Taylor County, Texas, to: Dwain Hart The residence of such Executor # Taylor County, Texas. the post office address is c-o Gaston Welborn, Jr. Attorney at Law 2434 Rountree Abilene, Texas All persons having daims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner pre-Scribed by law. DATED the 28th day of September, 1979. By: Gaston Welborn, Jr. Attorney for the Estate

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office address is:

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of September, 1979. By: Gaston Welborn, Jr. Attorney for the Estate NOTICE OF INCORP. ORATION Pursuant to Art. 1302-209, V.A.T.S notice is given that the business d Beatrice G. Haney heretofore carried on under the name "Bea Haney" at River Oaks Shopping Village, 3301 S. Min Street, Abilene, Texas, has been incorpgrated and will continue to do business at such location under the name d Bea Haney, Inc. Such change of organization is effective October 1, THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR To: Those indebted to or tolding claims against the Estate of Hobson mbertann, deceased, No. 1462, in the County Court of Taylor County, No. 14

The undersigned, having been appointed independent Execut or NOTICE TO ALL PERof the Estate of Hobson SONS HAVING CLAIMS Robertson, dece a s e d. AGAINST THE ESinte of Taylor County, Texas, by the Judge of TATE OF RETTA SCOTT GARR ETT. he County Court on the 17th day of September. Notice is hereby given that original Letters 1979, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Testamentary for the Estate of Retta Scott Estate to come forward and make settlement, Garrett were issued on September 17, 1979, in and Stone having claims against said Estate to Cause No. 14,379, pend-ing in the County Court present them to him within the time preof Taylor County, Texwrited by Law at his flice at 2201 Washington Avenue, Waco, Tex-The residence of such as 76701, where he re-Executor is Taylor County, Texas. The post ceives mail. Witness my hand this the 24th day of Septemco Gaston Welborn, Jr. ber, A.D. 1979. Doyle Garrett 22 Washington Ave. Vaco, Texas 76701 All persons having pendent Executor daims against this Es-tate which is currently the Estate of Hobson nonertson, deceased



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