

# The Merkel Mail

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Some kids just couldn't wait to get back to one of their favorite parts of the school, the swings. School started here Tuesday for about 1,000 MISD students. (Staff photo)

## County fair and rodeo starts Saturday

The West Texas Fair and Rodeo will get started Saturday and will run through Sept. 13 at the Taylor County Fairgrounds.

Adult ticket prices are \$3 and the admission covers all fair events including the rodeo.

Entries on most categories were due Wednesday and activities get started on a full schedule Saturday.

Saturday, demonstrations will be offered in making a meal of wheat, china painting, cake decorating, making yeast bread, tole painting and magic with micro-waves.

Sunday's demonstrations include, the National Fibres Council Contest and china painting.

Other demonstrations included during the week are in muppet making, quilting, macrame, pottery, desserts, corsages and other hand work.

Area youngsters will also be competing in the first of the annual fall-winter stock shows and the stock will start arriving at the fairgrounds Friday.

The AQHA sanctioned quarter horse show will start at 8 p.m. Friday and sheep will be judged Saturday at 8 a.m.

A tractor pull is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Rodeo will get underway at 8 p.m. Saturday.

All activities will be held at the Taylor County Fairgrounds.

## Badgers face Menard Friday

Two of the Badgers three touchdowns came on passes from quarterback Sammy Tumlinson, one for 65 yards to Ty Nelson, the other on a 32 yard pass to Jimmy Leonard. Randy Martin also scored one, racing 66 yards for a touchdown.

Defensively, Shelley said good performances were turned in by Tom Lawton, Billy Walters, as well as Sal Acosta and Randy Martin, who each hauled in one interception.

In the Junior Varsity scrimmage, Russell Lucas hauled in two touchdown passes to lead the Badgers to a two to one win.

Lucas took a 60 yard pass from Lorne Sloan and a 65 yarder from Michael McCoy for the Badgers two scores.

The JV had 149 yards of offense and Shelley said he had good defensive performances from Michael Tutt and Tim Brady. He was also happy with the offensive line play of Billy McKeenan and Wayne Brown.

Coach Shelley said he expects Menard will pose a good opponent for the Badger's opener but says they are ready for the season to start.

He said Menard is a big, physical team that will have fair speed. Menard has won one, and lost one of their pre-season scrimmages.

The Merkel Badgers, hot off a three touchdown to none victory over Spur, take on Menard in the 1980 season opener at Badger Stadium at 8 p.m.

The Badgers rolled up 226 yards of offense during their 30 plays of the scrimmage and held Spur to four first downs.

Badger head coach Byron Shelley told the Mail, he was pleased with the team's performance, but noted from viewing the films some work is still needed in the offensive line.

The tentative starting lineup for the Badgers Friday include: Offensive tackles David Ries and O.C. McKeenan, guards, Alan Albright and Ricky Mathewson, center Tony McInroe, wide receivers Sal Acosta and Ed Herrera, Tye Nelson at tight end and tailback Randy Martin, fullback James Turner and quarterback Bart Pursley.

Defensive starters are linebackers Sammy Tumlinson, James Turner, and Willie Marsh, defensive ends Gary Tutt and Dusty Barnhill, tackles Greg Arnwine and Billy Walters, Tom Walton at nose guard and Terry Owen, Sal Acosta and Randy Martin.

Brooks Boyd and Tommy Hays are this year's managers.

The JV will start their season Sept. 11 at 8 p.m. here against Eastland.

## MISD superintendent resigns

MISD Superintendent Dr. Raymond Etheridge resigned at a special meeting of the Merkel School Board Tuesday night.

Bill Everett, who was hired as an assistant superintendent last month, was named the new superintendent.

In a prepared statement, Dr. Etheridge said "I feel my term with the school district has been fruitful and I have enjoyed working with the board. I will make myself available to the board on a short term basis to help out with any transitional problems.

The Board decided to accept his resignation and then voted to retain his services through January 31, 1981 as a consultant to the district and the new superintendent.

The resignation came after a series of closed door board meetings which started in May.

In other action, board members decided to split into three classes kindergarten students at Merkel Elementary. At least 69 students are attending two classes and a kindergarten teacher told the board that 34 students in one class and 35 in another was too much to handle. The board hired an additional kindergarten teacher but is now searching for classroom space. Jane Roberts was hired to teach the new kindergarten class and school officials will meet with representatives from Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church here to see if their facilities can be used for the additional classroom space, until the new high school is built and some of the portable buildings can be moved.

In other personnel actions, the board accepted the RESIGNATION OF Don Holloway and hired new teachers Lance Martin, Evelyn Fowler, Carol Newley, Carla Beems and Mrs. Patty Smith.

The next school board meeting is scheduled Sept. 16 for the regular monthly meeting of the board.

## Homecoming is Oct. 10, 11

Homecoming will be Oct. 10 and 11 this year, so everyone start planning your reunions and parties.

On Friday, Oct. 10 there will be a parade and pep rally. Now is the time to plan a float for your club or organization. There will be 3 prizes for the best floats.

Game time is 7:30 at Badger Stadium against Hamlin with the crowning of queens and kings at half-time. After the game there will be a business meeting with the Class of 1960 Host and the Class of 1930 the Honor class.

On Sat. Oct. 11, will be a pot-luck dinner and tour of schools and visiting with friends.

Soon we will be selling chances on a color T.V. to help the homecoming fund.

You are invited to homecoming if you have ever attended Merkel Schools, so plan on coming this year and enjoy seeing new and old friends.

## Telethon raises \$

The annual Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon was held this week-end and Merkel contributors kicked in \$459 to the cause.

A local collection center was manned at City Hall Sunday and Monday and Merkel's contributions were added to the Big Country total of slightly more than \$102,000.

Television station KTAB in Abilene carried the event, which raised \$25,000 more than last year's effort.

The national goal of \$30 million was surpassed with about 25 minutes remaining in the telethon and the national total was \$31,103,787 at the end of the show.

The telethon benefits the Muscular Dystrophy Association, which is a conglomeration of research hospitals and private labs that are searching for cures in the approximately 40 areas of muscular dystrophy.

## Taylor Electric co-op construction begins

Construction started this week on 4,000 square feet of additions to Taylor Electric Cooperative according to Tommy Cutler of the Co-Op.

The additional space will be used to house offices for the engineering and line departments and storage.

There will be no major contractor on the job, as separate bids were accepted by the board of directors for each construction phase.

The Cooperative hopes to move into the new portion of their facility on Merkel's West side shortly after January 1st.

The computer operations will also be moved from the front office to a new computer room to house present and future computers.

Cutler told the Mail the changes and additions were being made to more centralize the office spaces at the co-op to better serve their customers.

Costs for the addition is estimated at \$226,730.

## F&M Bank hosts fourth annual luncheon

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank hosted their fourth annual teachers luncheon at the Merkel School Cafeteria last Wednesday.

Don Hensley, president and chief executive officer of the bank, commended the Merkel School Board for their efforts over the past year and said they have done an excellent job.

About 110 people attended the luncheon, mostly made up of teachers and other school workers.

Each school principal introduced their new teachers to the audience. New High School teachers include: Martin Gholke, Mary Clark, Eddie Lang, Luke Reynolds, Robbie Hicks, Billy Talbert, Randy Tierce, Evelyn Fowk.

New Elementary teachers include: Dana McGlothlin, Carla Moore, Pam Welborn, Laura Segemeller and Lisa Hudman.

New teachers at Tye Elementary include Betty Walker and Carla Mease.

School Board President Charles Jacobs gave the teachers a welcome back from the school year and said the board is excited about the coming school year because of new facilities. He closed his remarks by saying teachers had one of the most important responsibilities in the nation, and that was the education of our youngsters.

Don Newbury, director of communications at Tarrant County Junior College in Fort Worth, was the speaker for the luncheon and he brought the house down with his Texas-styled humor.

The event was catered by Pug and Leo's and covered by KTAB-TV in Abilene.



F&M National Bank President Don Hensley speaks to the crowd attending the bank's fourth annual teachers luncheon. (Staff photo)



Guest speaker Don Newbury really broke up the crowd at the recent teachers luncheon when he pulled a camera and took the photographers picture. (Staff photo)

## School starts, there, got it right

by Cloy A. Richards

School starts, school starts, school starts, school starts.

I promised myself we would try to get that right this week since a glaring headline decreed last week, "school starts here Tuesday." I must also apologize for the cutlines in the two football pictures. They were under the wrong pictures.

Not much earth shattering going on this week, but a lot of things are happening.

Merkel High will start their 1980 football season Friday night against Menard. The Badgers have had two pretty good showings in their first two scrimmages of the year and should prevent a tougher opponent over last years disappointing 0-10 season.

The West Texas Fair and Rodeo gets underway Saturday and will run for one week at the Taylor County Fairgrounds.

Kids are back in school now and that always signals a start of quite a few local activities. One word of caution to people driving near the schools. Local police will enforce the 20 M mph speed limit, as well as making sure drivers come to complete stops at all stop signs. The last two years have been free of any serious accidents involving school children and a little caution by people driving in that area will keep that record intact.

Dove season started Monday afternoon and not too many local hunters are reporting very good hunts.

Dale Hammond's cartoon poked a little fun at the number of dove in the area this year. It would not have made much difference on my first day out Monday. It seemed my lack of being able to hit anything also concerned my three year old son, who would not let me walk out the door without taking him.

After I had filled a small portion of the sky with bird shot and hitting only air, my son asked, "we don't shoot cows, trees, or Joey, right dad?"

Included in the labor union settlements recently won by striking workers is a reduction of censorship for the Polish press.

Along with collective bargaining, over time pay, and labor union recognition, workers came out pretty well.

But aren't the workers supposed to come out well in a Socialist Society. The Polish strike indicates a growing number of people in Iron Curtain Countries are starting to realize that socialism was designed to be a political party for the masses, and it has turned into a political party for the political leaders, with human rights, personal liberties and rights taking daily beatings by party decisions.

This time, the good guys won.

Joe and Yvonne Dudley are in Houston this week where Yvonne will undergo plasma treatments to fight a disease she was stricken with one year ago.

Joe said, in an interview last week, he wanted the people to know when they were returning to Houston, so people could include Yvonne in their prayers.



Mrs. Dale Grimes

## Peggy Watson, Dale Grimes wed

Peggy Watson and Dale Grimes were married Saturday at the First Baptist Church. Officiating was the bride's uncle, the Rev. James Cooper of Lubbock.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Watson. The bride-groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Morris Grimes of Andrews.

Mrs. Wade Stephens of Abilene was her sister's matron of honor. Maid of honor Dana Manley of Deer Park. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Mac Sipe, Mrs. Roy Sharp, Mrs. Warren Carr of Wharton, Mrs. Michael Hoffer of Fort Worth and Mrs. John Carradine of Dallas.

Best man was Bryan Wheeler of San Marcos. Groomsmen were Joe Puckett, Dennis Benton and Mitch Morris, all of Lubbock; John Allbright of San Angelo; Bryce King of Houston and Joe Thompson of Andrews.

Flower girl was Janel Stephens escorted by Chad Sipes and ring bearers were Britt Sipe and Ryan Herring of San Angelo.

Eric Herring of San Angelo lighted candles. Seating guests were Chuck Iles of Kilgore and John McLeod.

The bride's parents were hosts for the reception and the bride-groom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at the church.

The bride is a graduate of Trent High School and received a B.S. degree in home economics from Baylor University. She is employed by Cisco Junior College, Abilene Branch.

A graduate of Andrews High School, the bridegroom attended Texas Tech University and is employed by Continental Telephone of Texas in Merkel.

Following a wedding trip to Red River, N.M., the couple will live at 2601 Minter Lane, Abilene.



## The Consumer Alert

by Mark White  
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Since 1945, Texas State law has provided for creation and regulation of Perpetual Care Cemeteries. As the name would indicate, the idea behind such provisions is that those cemeteries would be cared for forever and the consumer would not have to worry about the cemetery becoming run-down after a loved one had already been buried there.

As a consumer in the market for a burial space, one should not be misled to believe that the perpetual care status automatically means that the cemetery will always be kept beautiful. The only real requirements provided for by State law of a perpetual care cemetery is that a certain amount of money per square foot of land sold must be put into a perpetual care trust fund and that the income from that fund must be used exclusively for the maintenance of the Perpetual Care Cemetery.

There is no effective enforcement tool provided for under the Act to insure that the cemetery will put forth the effort necessary to efficiently spend the income from the trust fund in such a way as to properly maintain the cemetery. Therefore, one should carefully consider the reliability of the cemetery owner and make an evaluation as to the probability that the

owner will properly maintain the cemetery.

Another potential problem which not only exists in the Perpetual Care Cemetery but in any privately owned cemetery which is run for profit is that the only real financial incentive to keep the cemetery looking presentable is to help the cemetery sell additional lots. Once all the available lots are sold, therefore, there is no financial incentive to perform the difficult task of maintaining the cemetery. One great advantage of the Perpetual Care Cemetery has over other privately owned cemeteries run for profit is that even when all the lots are sold, there is at least income from the perpetual care trust fund which is available to the cemetery to continue maintaining the cemetery.

Some consumers have also had disappointing experiences with regard to markers purchased from the cemetery. One should be careful to make sure that the marker placed at the burial space is of the type and quality that he ordered and paid for. Also, as a general rule, the consumer should not be forced to buy a marker from the cemetery, but should be able to purchase a marker wherever he desires as long as certain minimum standards set by the cemetery are met.

Even though there is no

specific maintenance requirements other than maintaining a trust fund and using the income therefrom for maintenance, if you are aware of a Perpetual Care Cemetery which is in noticeable disrepair, there is a good chance that those funds are not being properly spent and some investigation might be necessary. If any consumer should have a complaint concerning the condition of a perpetual care cemetery, he

should contact the Department of Banking, 2601 North Lamar, Austin, Texas, telephone number (512) 475-4451 or the Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office at P.O. Box 12548, Austin, Texas 78711, telephone number (512) 475-3288. Any problems concerning markers should be reported to the Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division at the above address.

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## Dear Editor...

Dear Editor:  
I want to say again what a pleasure and honor it was for me to address Merkel teachers during the luncheon sponsored this week by the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. As I mentioned during the talk, I have known banks to give teachers pencils, but to provide a nice luncheon for them is indeed a grand thing. Folks at the bank are, of course, good citizens, just like the teachers of Merkel schools who will be doing everything in their power this school year to be helpful to our

most important resource, our children. I don't know any finer people than those in Merkel. I find it interesting that at the luncheon were a majority of members of the School Board, the Mayor, community leaders and others who care. This is as it should be.

I am thankful to the Farmers and Merchants National Bank for sponsoring this luncheon, and for making it possible for me to be a part of it again.

Best wishes for a grand school year.

Kindest Regards,  
Don Newbury

## Reece reunion held

They that enjoyed a get together Sunday August 31 were: Monty Criswell of Petersburg; Mike Criswell, Terry Criswell, Houston; Cleo Reece, Merkel; Floyd and Geneva Reece, Dallas; Loyd and Oma Seagoville; Dorothy Bacon, Merkel; Norman and Brenda Horbert, Debbie, Melania, and Chris, Hartley; Paul and Judy Jennings, Kelly, Jerry and Joey;

Sonny and Colette Goode, Abilene; Vickie, Molly and Teresa, Abilene; Billy and Betty Goode, Arlington; Sue Sue and Lynn Brown, Jeff, Kirk, and Jamie; Jerry and Mike Goode, Merkel; Homer and Lorene Beaird, Merkel.

There were several not present. But they were missed. Hope everyone will be able to attend next year. Same time at the same place.

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## School menu

The Merkel School menu is as follows:

Monday, Sept. 8: Beef and cheese pizza, buttered mixed vegetables, tossed green salad, pizza crust, and pineapple upside down cake.

Tuesday, Sept. 9: Oven fried turkey steaks, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, and jelly.

Wednesday, Sept. 10: Chicken pot pie with mixed vegetables, vegetable salad with choice of dressing, biscuits, and peaches with whip topping.

Thursday, Sept. 11: Ground beef tacos, taco

sauce, spanish rice, lettuce, cheese, and potato pie.

Friday, Sept. 12: Hamburgers, tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, onions, tater tots with catsup, and no bake cookies.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Hear Willard Tate in a Special Series "The Christian Family"

Willard is a special lecturer at Abilene Christian University on "Life learning Skills." He is the former ACU basketball coach and preaches for the Hamby Church of Christ.

When Willard presented this series of lessons last year at a church in a Abilene the attendance doubled and the auditorium was filled to capacity.

We know that you won't want to miss a a single lesson!

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Sept. 10- "Practical Suggestions"  
Sept. 17- "Discipline"  
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4640—2WD, 155 PTO hp	\$1,400	\$ 800
4440—2WD, 130 PTO hp	\$1,200	\$ 700
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## What's happening in Tye

By Harold Boyd

The ninth month is here and three to go, where has it all gone? Seems like yesterday children were getting out for summer, now they are back in. To you that have been gone from our house, the "Mail" and its advertisers welcome home. To those of you that are new comers, we wish you well and a hearty welcome to Tye.

Yes, I'll remind the editor to publish the menus of the schools and as you know, the menus are subject to change due to the availability of food products. As you now may know, there has been increase in food supplies...even felt the increase here at our house. Still the menus are carefully planned to give the student a well balanced meal. More than likely, the only well planned meal by Mrs. Wilson and her staff. There is always comments about the meals but still, you can't get one like that naywhere for the price. If you have any comments or questions, I'm sure Mrs. Wilson will welcome your call or visit, just let her know.

By now, you may have seen and heard the budget for Tye. At the time of this writing, we haven't. Next week we'll give you a general breakdown of Tye's income and expenditures. This reading was your chance to listen, speak up or question the budget as to what is what. As we grow, we'll have what it takes but it can't be down over night. At the present, the long awaited sewer line is progressing well on schedule. Have had some snags, but still coming along. When it is finished, then if money is available, we need to place our priorities on what is next. It takes leaders of progress to move with the times... what was O.K. years ago is not O.K. now. Just looking over the past few years, Tye has had some additions in Police Protection, new City Hall, Court and employees. As we should grow, it will become necessary to re-establish water lines, hydrants, and then something done to the streets. As it has been said, it all takes time and it can happen.

Before the end of this month, Tye will be seeing a new piece of equipment and no tax dollars cost, volunteers, donations of money will give us a new truck for fire protection. The truck has been an idea and is now a reality. Again to those who gave, thanks. It wouldn't have been without your monetary support. Wish to thank Cooleys Welding for all their excellent help and most appreciated work. Cooley built the tail board, tank and donated his services. To Tye Body Shop, Al Reece, thanks for the paint job that you were kind to give of your time and talents. Again there may be some we have not said thanks to, but we do thank you and hope you will be proud of the truck.

The past week three volunteers attended training school on fire fighting, Leon Van Grupp, Police Chief Joe Rucidillo, Harold Boyd, hosted by Abilene Fire Department and Texas A&M Extension Service. The more we learn the better we feel in being part of your protection.

There are a host of organizations in Tye that meet every week and so on and we'd surely be only to happy to let everyone know where, when, and what you do. Be kind if you'd drop me a note at the shop or call me. We'd like to help you in your fund raising, helping spread your good news.

Next week is fair week and I hope tradition is still here...fair week we usually get rain and if we could

have some it would be great. Overheard that one good thing about this hot dry spell was we haven't had the mesquitos, as we had last year. Pray for rain.

So for another week, take care and do pay extra attention to the students that await the bus. The law prohibits passing a stopped school bus when discharging or loading. Do take care and we'll see you all next week.

### Reynolds return from visit

Mrs. O.J. Reynolds went to College Station on August 16th to see her grandson Royce Watkins get his diploma from A&M University.

From there, she went to her cousins, Zell Hunts home at Killeen. Bob Reynolds had gone to Killeen on Saturday and on Sunday they all went to Belton to a family reunion.

On August 31st, Mrs.

Reynolds and Bob attended the Haile Family Reunion at Hamby in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Deathridge. The Hailes are the children of Mrs. Reynolds late sister, Lola Haile and the late Virgil Haile.

Bonnie Sisk, of Odessa, visited her mother, Mrs. O.J. Reynolds and brother Bob during the Labor Day holidays.

### Dear Editor...

Dear Editor:  
Enclosed you'll find \$7.50 for renewal of my paper. I am a long time ago Ex of Merkel, now residing in San Antonio. I have parents, three brothers, and a sister buried there plus other relatives so you see I

have connections there. I was in the class of 1921 and some of them are still around there. I'm in good health and still go lots, so keep my paper coming.

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## Food prices may go up between 10-12% in 1980

Marketing costs, led by labor, continue to boost food prices, which may be up 10 to 12 percent by late 1980 compared to a year ago.

"Labor's share of the retail food dollar will be more than that of the farmer in 1980," points out Dr. Richard A. Edwards, economist in marketing and food distribution with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. "Our estimates show that 32 cents of every dollar spent for food items this year will go to labor costs while only 30 cents will go to the farmer, the producer of those items."

Labor makes up a big part of the marketing bill or food price spread—the difference between the retail price and the farm value of the commodity, notes Edwards. Other items contributing to the marketing bill are packaging, transportation, pretax profits and costs such as taxes, depreciation, rent, energy and interest.

"About 9 cents of every food dollar goes for packaging, a nickel goes for transportation, almost another nickel goes for pretax profits, and 20 cents covers other costs," says the economist.

While the farmer's share of the food dollar in 1980 will be below that of a year ago and pretax profits are also expected to drop slightly, other parts of the marketing bill should show sharp gains. Edwards estimates that labor costs will be up 10 to 12 percent, packaging costs up 12 to 14 percent, transportation up another 14 percent, and other costs up about 20 percent, due mainly to skyrocketing utility costs.

"A major reason that the marketing share of the food dollar continues to increase is the increasing popularity of convenience foods," points out Edwards. "The time and work involved in manufacturing these products is shifted to the manufacturer from the consumer, a service which means higher prices."

What does the food picture look like in the months ahead?

"Generally, supplies of most food products will be tighter through the remainder of the year due to drought conditions which have lowered production," notes the economist. "This means that such products as poultry and eggs, beef, pork, milk and vegetables will cost consumers more. However, beef may be the exception for a short while due to increased marketings caused by the drought, which could build supplies. In the long run, though, beef supplies will be tight due to reduced cattle feeding and low cattle numbers."

Although both pork and beef production is down, strengthening corn and sorghum prices along with a continued high rate of inflation will likely hold down production expansion until farm prices clearly indicate that operations will be profitable, says Edwards.

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# Economist says income rising

Contrary to popular belief, incomes of people living in rural areas are increasing at a faster rate than those of their city cousins.

For the 1968-75 period, personal income in non-metropolitan counties increased 25 percent faster than in metro counties, points out Jack Jones, community development specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. Jones bases this information on a recently released U.S. Department of Agriculture report, "Income Growth in Non-Metro America 1968-75."

Average per capita income, in dollars of constant purchasing power, increased \$920 in rural counties during 1968-75 compared to \$692 in urban counties, says Jones. Consequently, the income gap between city dwellers and those in rural areas shrank from \$1,651 in 1968 to \$1,042 in 1975. Among non-metro counties, per capita gains were greater in those located far from urban areas.

What caused this spurt in rural incomes during the seven-year period? Increases, in transfer payments, such as pensions and social security payments, and a stronger demand and price situation for food and energy, which boosted earnings in agriculture and mining, were mainly responsible.

Rural counties far removed from metropolitan areas showed more growth from property income (dividends, interests, rental and royalties) and earnings from industry (agriculture, mining and manufacturing) than close-in counties, adds Jones. He speculates that income in counties isolated from urban influence is spent largely within the area, thereby boosting local trade and services. In contrast, non-metro residents near large cities tend to spend most of their income in nearby metro areas.

## Plant bluebonnets now

Now is the time to plant Bluebonnet seeds if you can find them.

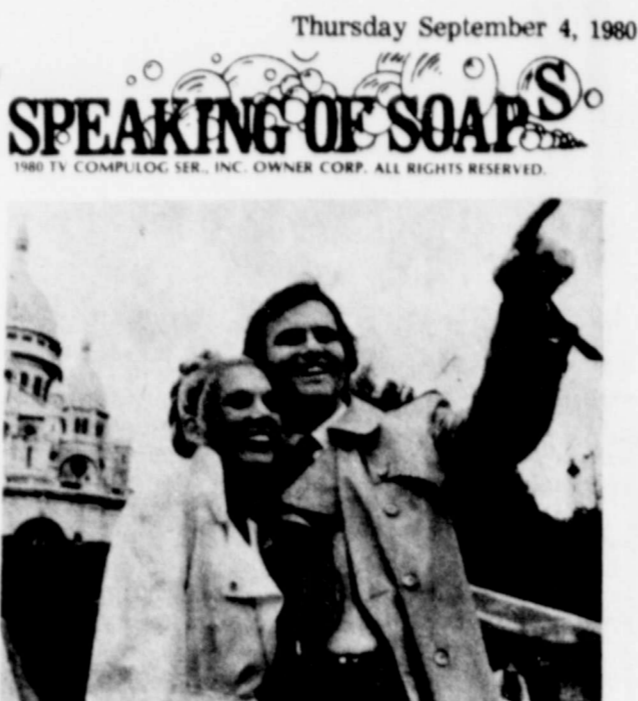
The crippling drought has reduced the Bluebonnet seed harvest to a fraction of the usual production.

Carroll Abbott, of Kerrville, the state's only fulltime wildflower seed and plant collector, usually sells tons of Bluebonnet seeds each season, but he is now limiting his customers to a maximum of 50 pounds each.

The short supply of seed, however, have an extremely high rate of germination.

"It seems like Mother Nature wanted every seed which was produced to grow," Abbott says. "Our germination rate was tested at the State Seed Laboratory and came out to an amazing 94 per cent."

Despite the shortage, Abbott's mail-order seed firm, Green Horizons, still sells the smaller packages at former prices. A thousand seed, for example, costs \$2.35, including tax and postage. With each order, Abbott sends along cultural notes on how to grow Bluebonnets successfully.



Jacqueline Courtney in the role of Fat Ashley and Robert Woods, who plays Bo Buchanan, on "One Life to Live," are shown on a romantic trip to Paris.

BY MARY ANN COOPER

Recently *SPEAKING OF SOAPS* discussed the current network commitment to prime time soaps. As previously mentioned, there will be six nighttime soaps on the air this season. A further indication of the popularity and dignity now being afforded soaps is the recognition given to its creators, producers and performers. Agnes Nixon, creator and head writer of "All My Children," has created a six hour miniseries entitled "The Manions of America." It will air on ABC during the 1981-82 season.

"The Manions of America," set against the strife of 19th century Ireland, chronicles the struggle, survival and ultimate success in the new land and follows the adventures of Irish rebel Rory O'Manion and Englishwoman Rachel Clement, the great love of his life.

Elsewhere at ABC, viewers of "One Life to Live" have wondered if the Paris sequences recently aired were really Paris or the work of a clever set designer in the states. In what may have been the most dramatic and ambitious on-location project in daytime

television, ABC did travel to Paris to tape the sequences.

"This gave our viewers, who may never be able to go to Paris, the opportunity to live vicariously and to see the City of Light at its most glamorous," said Daytime VP Jo Ann Emmerich.

Finally, at "General Hospital," a new face has been added to its fine cast. Michael Basileon has been signed to play the continuing role of psychologist Tony Perelli. The actor's film credits include "The Passover Plot," "A Man Called Horse," and "Uptight." He has guested on numerous TV series including "Charlie's Angels," "The Hulk," and "Chips." He also performed in the TV movie, "The Users."

Meanwhile, if you still want information on Fan Club Associates or need information on how to start or join a fan club for your favorite soap or soap star send a self-addressed stamped envelope to *SPEAKING OF SOAPS* 1640 New Highway, Farmingdale, N.Y. 11735.

Now a look at what's been happening and what will happen on all afternoon dramas.

Recap 9/1 -- 9/5  
Preview 9/8 -- 9/12

**TEXAS** -- Billy Joe hits Nita and gives her a black eye. He lets her see Rickey and comes on to Elaine. She flees and falls down the stairs. Unhurt, Elaine returns home and keeps mum. Dennis has lunch with Alex and Iris but does not buy Alex's explanation. Clipper tells Striker about Vicki's affair with Alex. Striker demands proof. Clipper gets Terry to admit on tape that Alex had an affair with Vicki. Paige hides the incriminating tape. Justin steals a key to Alex's elevator and points a gun at him. Terry interrupts the scene.

**THIS WEEK:** Elaine is bothered and confused. Clipper tries another tact.

**ANOTHER WORLD** -- Mitch is a man scorned and his love turns to bitterness. Craig is playing on Kit's fears and others suspect that he is the one responsible for the break in. Joey and Kit are being hassled by Taylor, and Joey warns him to butt out. Amy continues to see Jerry despite Margo's objection.

**THIS WEEK:** Miranda has some questions about Janice and Mitch. Blaine is broken-hearted.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL** -- Leslie is playing a dangerous game as she buddies up to Smith to gain information about Jennifer's whereabouts. Hutch continues to con Luke and Laura and plans the end. Monica is determined to get Rick back but is resisting her pleas.

**THIS WEEK:** Joe makes a valiant effort to improve the situation. Paddy has some words of caution.

**SEARCH FOR TOMORROW** -- Sunny struggles to lead a normal life while her illness gets the better of her. Jo is upset and guilty about Martin. Brian wooed Wendy.

**AS THE WORLD TURNS** -- Betsy and Cricket lock horns over Eric. Grant had his hands full taking care of Joyce. John tries to get the goods on Lyla.

**GUIDING LIGHT** -- Lucille continues to terrorize Amanda. Alan keeps up his fancy footwork trying to avoid Mike's suspicions. Hope defends her hus-

band once more.

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** -- Peggy is in danger as Sumiko closes in on her plan. Kay is forced to take sides and is upset by this. Laurie plays the mommie role.

**THE DOCTORS** -- Greta is stunned when Billy comes home. He says he is home to stay and is determined to win back Greta. Darcy is upset that Garner still cares for Ashley. Claudia is arrested. Viveca calls Mona after it is learned that she knew Mona's whereabouts all along. Missy's funeral falls on the same day as Lee Ann's birthday. Mona pays a visit to Steve.

**THIS WEEK:** Billy's return raises questions. Brad is licking his wounds.

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES** -- Don and Marlena take an abandoned child into their home. It helps fill the gap left by their dead infant. Chandler tells Neil that if he continues to see Liz he will disown her. When Chandler repeats this threat to Liz she walks out on him. Lee stops taking medicine on purpose to lure Doug back. When she hears that Julie's assailant has been arrested she faints.

**THIS WEEK:** Lee has more problems than she bargained for. Sr. Marie is rocked by the news of Jessica's parentage.

**ALL MY CHILDREN** -- Benny tries to deliver the ransom and is hit over the head by Billy Clyde. Cliff and Nina are married but Cliff doesn't tell Nina that Sybil is pregnant with his child. Sybil refuses to give up the child or have an abortion. Ann handles the role of a candidate's wife well and Paul is proud and appreciative.

**THIS WEEK:** Kirk takes action against Carrie. Cliff's happiness is marred by the truth.

**ONE LIFE TO LIVE** -- Chuck reports that Nicole is a woman from Asa's past and Asa orders Chuck to take care of matters in Paris. Asa tries to get Beau back by faking heart trouble but Beau does not fall for it. Mario and Edwina plan to marry and leave town. Dorian tries to stop them and pulls strings to have him indicted and arrested on the way to the

wedding.

**THIS WEEK:** Clint chastises Dorian. Mario tries to clear himself.

**RYAN'S HOPE** -- Kim gets an abortion and tells Seneca she miscarried. Kim levels with Rae about her abortion. Roger badtalks Barry to Delia. Delia learns that Barry has had a third wife in his past. Ken George Jones is dying and Delia plans to comfort Barry. Lily has the same idea and Barry is caught.

**THIS WEEK:** Barry tries to wiggle free once more.

Seneca is very supportive.

**EDGE OF NIGHT** -- Elliott has his sights set on Jody while Jody's fondness for Miles continues. Nicole tells Miles about her illness. Emily is in a catatonic state. Raven stirs up trouble by filling Draper's head with tales about Logan and April. Raven and Nadine have tea.

**THIS WEEK:** Nadine makes a smashing exit from Monticello. Kelly's puppets cause a problem.



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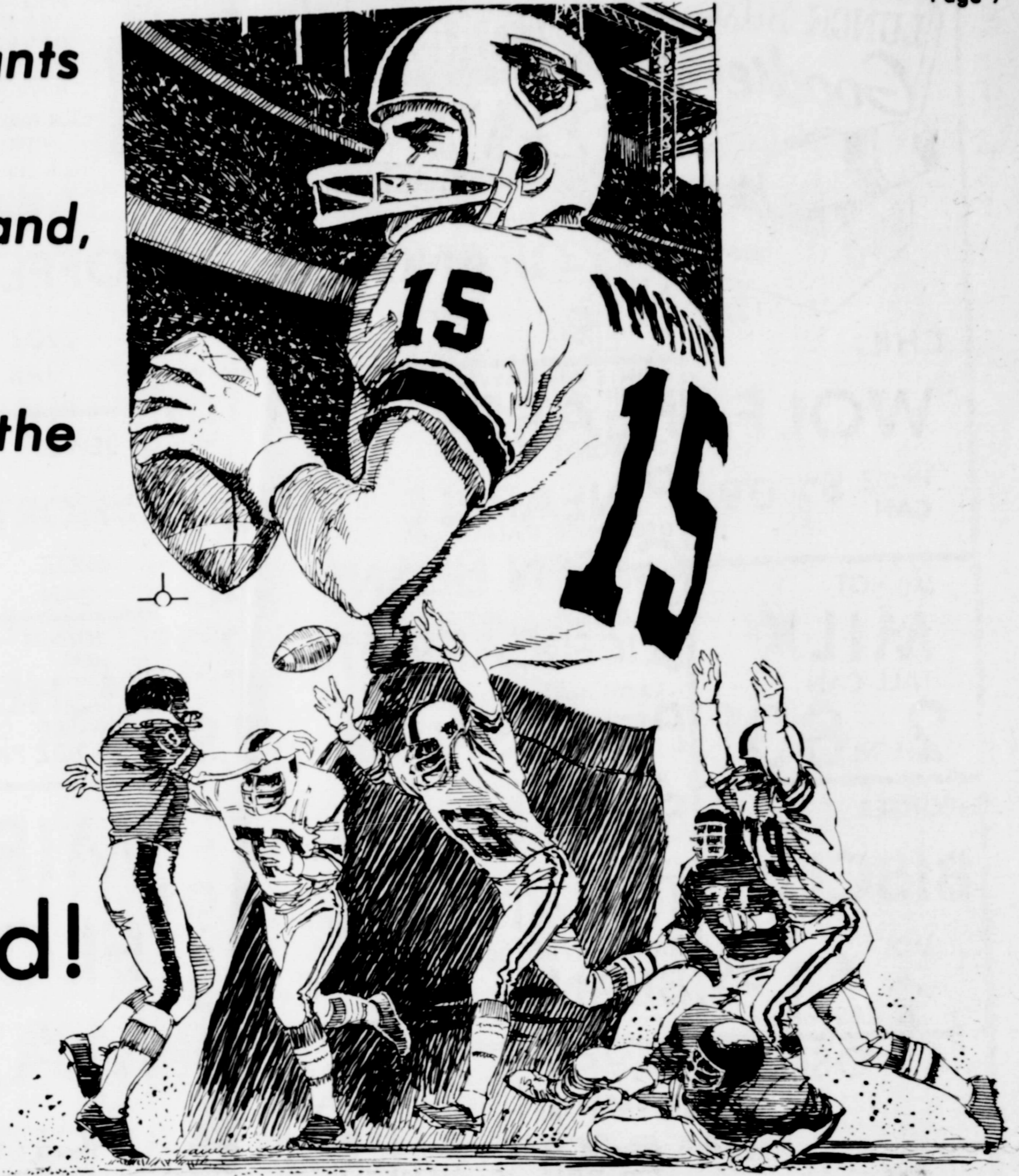
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