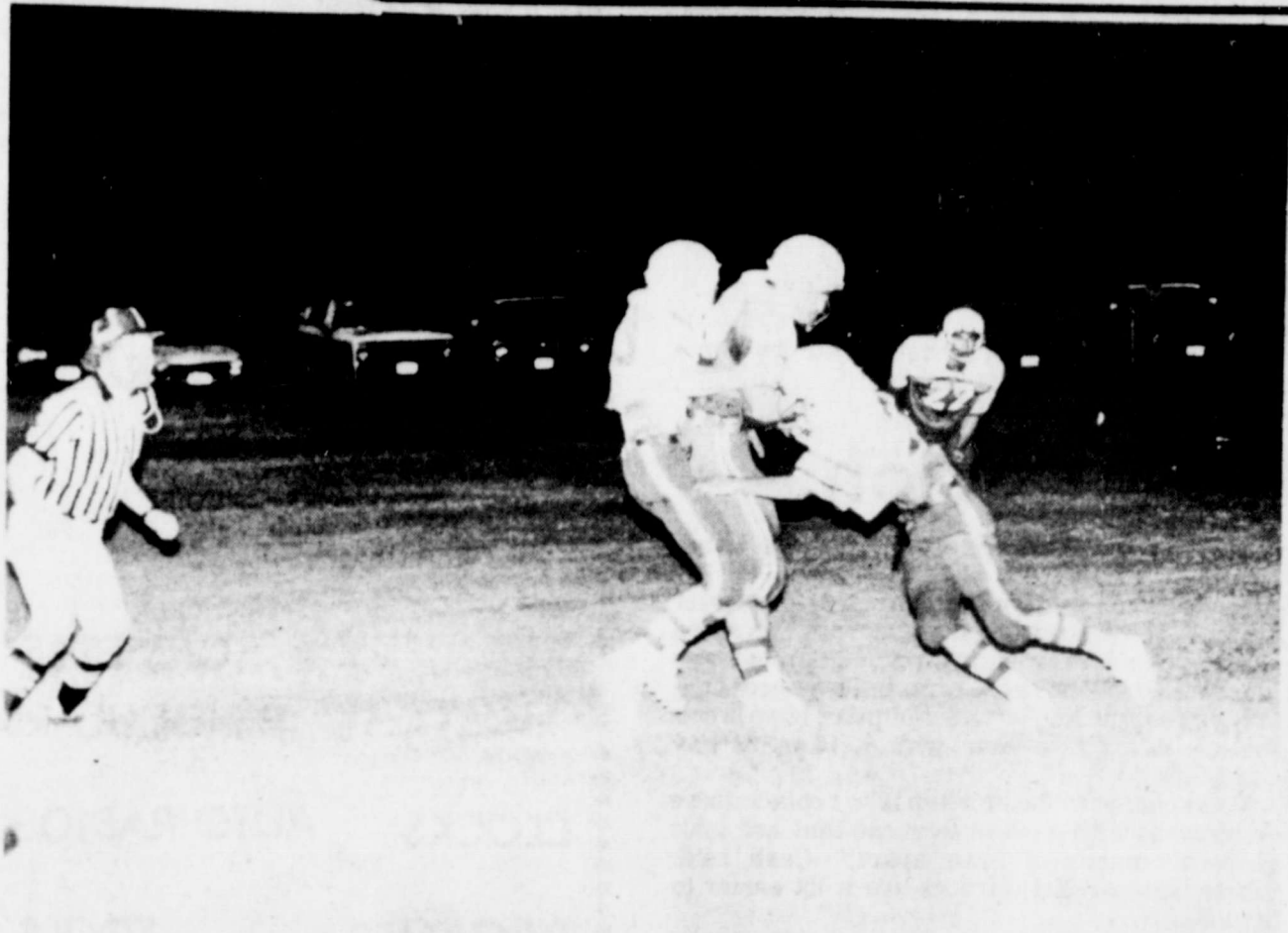


The Merkel Mail

Thursday, September 25, 1980...Merkel, Texas

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Terry Owen and Sal Acosta (Acosta is on right) sandwich a Jim Ned receiver after he caught a

pass for a short gain in last Friday's loss to Jim Ned. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

Homecoming plans shaping up

Plans being made for the Merkel Homecoming are in high gear and association members are planning two full days of activities, as well as some classes making plans for receptions during Homecoming, Oct. 10-11.

The Ex-Students Association is selling chances on a color television for \$1 each or seven chances for \$5. The money received will help offset expenses for homecoming. The television can be seen at Merkel Auto Parts and several local merchants are selling tickets as well.

October 10 a parade and pep rally are scheduled and any ex-student caught at the events will be "arrested" and released for a fee

of \$2. Registration will be held at the Merkel Senior Citizens Center.

The ex-teachers will have a tea in the new high school from 2 until 4 p.m. Oct. 11.

A volleyball tournament has also been scheduled Saturday afternoon and more information on that is available from Christie Barnett.

Exes will also be voting on Homecoming Queen and Mr. Ex. Candidates for Queen are Mildred Barnett, Louise Boaz and Bonnie English. Mr. Ex candidates are Jeff Chancey, Junior Clark and Ernest Ray Reynolds.

The Homecoming Queen will be crowned at halftime of the Merkel-Hamlin game Friday night, Oct. 10th.

Fall, vote, joke & vandals...again

by Cloy A. Ricnards

Summer officially ended at 4:02 Monday afternoon and about the same time, our second Northern front of the season moved to signal the change in season, it also brought in rain.

No accurate measure of rainfall was available by deadline Tuesday because it was still raining, but rainfall amounts for this area were predicted at 2 inches by the National Weather Service.

Some folks that have already sown wheat and other crops were grinning from ear to ear and the early week rains will definitely improve soil moisture in the area and that is greatly needed.

The rains of late have ended the mandatory water conservation policies in the City of Trent and have gone a long way in filling area stock tanks. It was about time, wouldn't you say?

You only have about ten days to get your voter registration in order for the November general elections, according to Nancy Saunders, Taylor County elections administrator. Being a registered voter, and exercising that right is the easiest way for a citizen to take an active part in the American political process.

The Merkel Lion's Club has arranged for the Bloodmobile from the Meek Community Blood Center to be in front of the Merkel Lion's Club, October 8.

The Merkel Lion's Club is sponsoring a blood donor program that will allow Merkel citizens to have free blood transfusions, as long as donations are made by people here.

The way it works is for each pint donated through the Merkel Lion's Club, the club is given a credit for one pint. Then when a citizen from here or this area needs blood, and contacts the Merkel Lion's Club, the blood will be issued at no charge to the user.

The program will only work if Merkel people decide to spend about 30 minutes of their time to make a blood donation. The bloodmobile will be in front of the Lions Club from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Local project chairmen are George Starbuck and Jack Keenan.

Have you got any crazy ideas for Merkel Crazy Days. If you do, Martha Sue Justice at the Merkel Chamber of Commerce is ready to talk with you about them.

Heard a good joke this weekend. It seems a farmer was bragging about his dog being the best quail dog in the world and of course, some of his friends wanted him to prove the point.

They decided to leave the coffee shop and take the dog out in the country for some field trials.

While they were heading out the coffee shop door and toward their pickups, the dog jumped from the back of a truck and threw a picture-perfect point on a little kid walking down the street.

Well, that pretty well broke up the crowd and extremely embarrassed the ol' boy who was trying to convince everyone his dog was the best. The red faced man walked over to the boy and said have you been quail hunting today? The boy

said no. Well does your daddy raise quail? no again the boy said. Have you eaten any quail today? The boy again said no. The man, growing a little impatient, said, you aren't carrying a quail in your pocket are ya boy? No again the boy said.

The man, about ready to accept defeat and embarrassment in front of all his friends said he was sorry for wasting the boys time and wished him well.

As the boy was turning around to walk away, the frustrated farmer called to him and apologized for giving him the second degree and said by the way son, what is your name.

Bob White, the boy replied.

In football action this week, the Badgers will host the tough Baird Bears, who feature a fine passing attack and, are undefeated in three games this year. Kickoff is set for 7:30 at Badger Stadium. In other action, Merkel's JV, 7th and 8th grade teams will travel to Baird Thursday. 7th graders start at 5 p.m., 8th grade at 6 p.m. and the Junior Varsity will play at 7:30.

So far, the varsity is 0-3, the Junior Varsity is 0-1, the 8th grade is 1-1, and the seventh grade is 2-0.

A couple of names were left off of the MISD personnel roster printed in last week's paper.

Robbie Hicks is teaching high school math and Judith Solchik is teaching high school biology.

Those mosquitos are getting down right ridiculous.

The recent rains must have hatched all of the eggs laid all summer and those buggers are attacking.

I did not make it to the football games here Thursday and judging from the bites on my daughter's arms when she came home after the game, I am glad I did not.

Off seems to be in short supply here and the city has operated the spraying machine to get rid of the pests, but still they persist.

I read a story this weekend about mosquitos in the coastal area have been blamed in the death of about 45 cattle. Maybe it will freeze soon, that may be the only thing that will get rid of them.

Vandals hit the Merkel and Tye school campuses over the weekend and spread some paint on the walls of the portable buildings at the high school, as well as damaged the wall of the Middle school gym and broke windows on doors at Tye Elementary.

It is not true that your editor was questioned for having a part in the crime. The reason I was suspected was because it seems the vandals could not spell anything properly.

If you happen to see a youngster with red and blue paint on him, trying to buy a pocket dictionary, grab them.

Seriously, it is a crying shame that a facility on campus would be damaged, even before students get a chance to use it, and anyone that has information on the Saturday night vandalism at the school contact the Merkel Police Department.

City looking at medical insurance

The Merkel City Council held a short meeting Monday night where hospitalization insurance for the 11 city employees was the only item on the agenda.

Les Miller, an independent broker, presented a hospitalization plan that would provide major medical insurance excluding maternity and dental benefits. Cost to the city would be \$43.09 per month for the employee's insurance and the employee would have been charged \$23.59 for his dependents.

Council pretty well agreed the city should pay for the employee's health insurance with the employee picking up the tab for dependent coverage.

Council decided Monday night to table the proposal brought by Mr. Miller and seek more competitive policies. The policy Mr. Miller described to council was an Aetna Insurance Company plan.

Council will hold their next session, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Badgers fall, face Baird here Friday

It wasn't quite the same ol' story Friday night as the Badgers traveled to Jim Ned to take on the Indians, but the end result was the same as the Indians downed the Badgers 14-3 for their third straight win.

Merkel rolled up 289 yards on offense and held Jim Ned scoreless until the last play of the third quarter and the Badgers had a golden opportunity to go into a halftime one touchdown ahead but failed to score.

The Badgers got close at the end of the first half as they drove the ball to the Indian 1 yard line and elected to gamble for the touchdown on a fourth and goal play. Jim Ned's defensive end came across the field to stop the Badgers about six inches short of a touchdown and a halftime lead.

The Badgers held the Indian offense in check as Jim Ned turned and errant pass by quarterback Sammy Tumlinson into a touchdown as the Indians' Kevin Deen raced 48 yards with the interception for the touchdown. The point after was blocked.

The Indians waited until 1:23 left in the game for their other touchdown as fullback Jerry Atwell went right up the middle of the Badger defense and scored on a 19 yard romp.

The Badgers came back at the end of the game, moving the ball 78 yards in 38 seconds before the drive stalled and Willie Marsh put the Badgers on his 18 yard field goal.

Badger head coach Byron Shelley told the Mail Monday, the game was the best the Badgers had played since he became head coach last season. He said, "We had two real good opportunities to score touchdowns Friday night, but Jim Ned played well on defense when they had to."

"We drove the ball the length of the field right

before the half but, just couldn't get the ball over the goal line," he added.

Coach Shelley said, "We have got the offense moving the ball, we just need to get over that goal line. We have had the ball inside our opponents five yard line six times this year and we have not scored a touchdown yet."

Coach Shelley said he was pleased with the effort Friday and praised the play of quarterback Sammy Tumlinson who completed 11 of 25 passes for 152 yards and ran the ball 16 times for 86 yards. He also liked the way Terry Owen, Bart Pursley played defensively and also said Randy Martin had a good game with five pass receptions for 45 yards.

The Badgers fumbled twice and had one pass intercepted and returned for a touchdown.

The loss was Merkel's third straight this year and give the Badgers a 0-1 record in district play.

In other 8-AA action Friday, Winters upset the seventh ranked Rotan Yellowhammers 7-6, Hamlin ran wild over Anson 54-0, Baird tuned up for the Badgers by stomping Hawley 72-8 and Jim Ned beat Merkel 14-3.

The Badgers host Baird here Friday night with kickoff set for 7:30. Shelley said Baird has a good passing attack and that they are a good, solid football team that will not make many mistakes. They are undefeated as they had an easy win with Cross Plains 55-0, beat Haskett 34-0.

In other football action last week, the Junior Varsity was defeated by Jim Ned 14-0. The 7th grade won their second straight game over Jim Ned and the eighth grade evens their record to 1-1 with a 34-20 win over Jim Ned.

This week, the 7th grade travels to Baird with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff, followed by the 8th grade game and the Junior Varsity contest is scheduled for 7:30.

Taylor Telephone meeting Tuesday

Taylor Telephone will hold its 25th annual meeting Sept. 30 at 2 p.m. in the Merkel High School Auditorium.

The meeting is being held to discuss matters of business affecting the cooperative and to elect three members to the board of directors.

A nominating committee met last month and selected Sam West and Eddie Brady of Hamby, A.L. Moore and Roger Bryan of Nubia and Tuscola and C.A. Fomby and Stanley Boulter of Tuscola. The nominating committee consists of Opal McAdams of Hamby, Sammy Tally of Hamby, Tom Vaughn of Tuscola, Lester Scheafer

of Norton, Robert Malose of Nubia, and H.I. Riddle of Tuscola.

The present directors of Taylor Telephone are Jack Farmer-president, C.A. Fomby-vic president of Tuscola, Frank Antillely-secretary, Wingate, J.L. Poor of Hamby, Thomas Hyde of Sweetwater, Sam West of Abilene, A.L. Moore of Merkel, Troy Sloan of Merkel, and Lance Smith of Lawn.

Taylor Telephone was formed in 1962 and now has approximately 4,000 main stations, 14 telephone offices in nine counties and offers modern telephone service throughout the Big Country.

Lions club planning pancake supper

The Merkel Lions Club is sponsoring a Pancake Supper set for Oct. 14 at the Merkel School Cafeteria.

The food fare will be pancakes, bacon, milk and juice. Proceeds will go to sponsor Lion's Club community activities. Advanced tickets for adults are \$2 each and are available from Lions

Club members, as well as the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Hicks Auto Supply and Hi Val.

Tickets at the door are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. The dinner will last from 6 until 8 p.m.

Meet police chief Jerry Cowin

New Merkel Police Chief Jerry Cowin told the Mail Friday, "All I want to do is cover and protect this town, and help keep Merkel a fine place to bring up a family."

Chief Cowin went to work September 15, replacing Ray Pack, who recently signed on with the Taylor County Sheriff's Department as a rural deputy.

Cowin said, "I am sure the people here will miss Ray as Police Chief, he did a fine job in running the department."

Cowin started in law enforcement work 14 years ago with the Brown County Sheriff's Department and stayed there three years. He had attained the rank of Chief Deputy and then joined the Palo Pinto County Sheriff's Department. From there, he went to the Coleman Police Department and then went to Colorado City where he attained the rank of assistant chief before resigning that post to accept the Merkel job.

Cowin holds the advanced certification for Law Enforcement officers from the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education.

He is married to Reita Cowin. They have three sons, Doug 16, Dwayne 15, and David 10 and a five year old daughter, Nikki, who is 5.

Cowin said the people of Merkel have been extremely friendly to him and said he is impressed with the two current officers in the Police Department. He said he foresees no major change in the operation of the Police Department

in the near future.

He also made an appeal to the people of Merkel to come to the Police Department or call when they have a problem that requires assistance from the police. He said, "We are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and we are here to serve the public. I want everyone to feel free to contact us when we can be of any assistance."

He added he loves small towns and plans to make his job here a career move. He said he had met Sheriff elect John Middleton and said he hoped to maintain a fine relationship between the Merkel P.D. and the Sheriff's office.

He closed by saying he wanted to work to the best of his ability, to enforce the law and to keep Merkel a clean, good place to live.



Tye news

by Harold Boyd

Another week is here and this month is almost gone. With the debates out of the way, just where are we? This month is gone, and soon it will be fall, that time to bring in the lawn furniture, get the wood stacked for the cooler nights, and a host of your favorite programs are on the way for your viewing.

The new grocery store? DeWitt has been working overtime at the new store that he hopes to be opened by the 1st of October. He will be carrying a complete line of groceries for your convenience, and it is his hope to keep prices down for you. We would like to wish him well in his business adventure.

They say that they come home. Mr. John Roys is returning to the Tye Elementary School as head custodian. Would like to say John, welcome home from all the kiddos and parents. Speaking of school, the Tye PTO is planning their Halloween Carnival this year to help raise funds for projects for the school, beings that we did not have one last year. As plans are revealed, we will pass it on in our column. To all of you parents that attended PTO's meeting, a heartfelt thanks, this is by far the greatest show of attendance and do hope that you will give Lennie your support this year as well as the school. It takes people to make anything successful, surely Tye has these people. So keep your school in mind, support it whenever you can and be there when they meet.

Mom and Pa Harrison are grand parents again. Floyd and Vickie Davis had a baby girl Saturday, Sept. 20. Her name is Kellie Marie and she is doing fine. Congradulations "Dink" and Vickie.

Thanks to a few dedicated people, Leon Van Grup and our police chief, the new truck is about to be finished and should be in service this week. Surprising what can be done in a short time. The financial picture of the department is not so good... We are to a point that we don't dare to spend any more money till we get some more in the "Kitty". For all of you that did give of your talents, money, you now have an up to date piece equipment that should give us good service for a long time. It can't stop here; still need a tank truck equipped and refurbished, rebuilt and personnel trained to use it. Need members in the worst way so as we can get a key rating in hopes that we can be trained, have the necessary equipment to get a reduction in our fire insurance. The current membership is in progress of rewriting the by-laws, charter, and constitution beings this is the 1st step toward fulfilling the merits of getting a key rating on insurance. With this being done, getting members we could save ourselves a good sum of money when premiums are due. Again, tickets are on sale for that 30-30 rifle that will be raffled off in November. Get your tickets now while they last. This money will stay in Tye and will benefit you.

I've been told that all the scouts are starting up again, they need helpers, members and community support. So if you have a young man or lady and want to get them in scouting, check around. If there is any news or the exact people leading scouts, contact me so as we can have your name and telephone number to pass on to our readers. We will help you all we can in letting people know what, when and where you meet.

Who is that new face at City Hall? Well its time that you go by and meet her. Glenda Teaff is our new Court Secretary, she will be taking over Pat Steward's job and would like to welcome her to the city staff.

Still see a lot of birds flying around, with all the shooting, can't be getting very many of them. Just whether the birds are faster or the later, poor shot. This it will be deer season and the real test of endurance comes about or you'll hear about the big one that got away....

For this week, take care and do hope your week is one of health and progress.

Joshua Brandon Bird buried

Graveside rites for Joshua Brandon Bird, infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bird of 1358 S. Bowie who died at birth at 4:28 p.m. Sunday at Hendrick Medical Center, was at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Midway Cemetery at Hodges directed by Elliot-Hamil Funeral Home with the Rev.

Temple Lewis officiating. Survivors include his parents; two brothers, Trey and Joel; paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Bird of Merkel; maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Bill Potter of Snyder; and great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Potter of Abilene.



Blanche Hewitt and Mike Warren are shown next to the new NCR computer that will modernize the Farmers and Merchants National

Bank's record keeping. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

Plowing over doubles erosion

Farmers in the Big Country who plow up and down the hill over terraces may be losing a lot more topsoil to erosion than they realize.

So says Ken Cash, district conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, at Abilene.

"Research indicates that plowing over terraces can double the amount of erosion as compared to farming with the terraces on the contour," Cash said.

The actual amount of gross erosion depends on several factors, including percent slope, length of slope, type of crop grown, amount of crop residue left on the surface, type of soil, and rainfall.

"All things being equal, there will be more erosion on land where cotton follows than on land where sorghum follows sorghum," Cash said. "That's because sorghum produces more residue which, if left on the surface, reduces erosion."

He gave this specific example of soil loss plowing up and down the hill over the terraces as compared to farming on the contour with terraces as computed by the Universal Soil Loss Equation. The equation is backed up by many years of research by the USDA Science and Education Administration - Agricultural Research.

"On a Sagerton Clay Loam Soil with a 3 percent slope growing cotton following cotton up and down the hill over terraces, we could expect about 13 tons of gross erosion per acre per year," Cash said.

But by simply farming on the contour with the sorghum residue on the surface with contour

farming, you could reduce erosion to about 5 tons per acre."

Cash said one reason some farmers plow over terraces is because their land was terraced several years ago when two-row equipment was standard. These terraces were built as economically as possible and left a lot of point rows...rows that are difficult to farm with 8, 10 or 12 row equipment.

"One solution to the problem is to replace these old terraces with modern terraces that are built an even number of rows apart," Cash said. "These new parallel terraces are a lot easier to farm."

He said parallel terraces cost more than standard terraces, partly because more cuts and fills are usually needed to get property aligned.

"But they are a lifetime investment," Cash stressed. "And since they are so much easier to farm, few farmers ever plow over them."

Bookmarkers meet

The Bookmarkers (High School Library Club) had its first meeting of the year Wednesday night at the home of their sponsor, Mrs. Ruth Windsor. After looking at the cat collection and working puzzles, the group made plans for future meetings. On September 27, a

Hay Ride with invited guests is scheduled. Library Aides this year are Billy Walters, Mary Bunselmeyer, Debbie Williams, Tina Bicknell, Samantha Mashburn, Ramon Acosta, Mike Bowen, Tom Sloan, Jack Mitchell, Christina Acosta, Roberta Duran and Leta Brenem.

F&M Bank installs computer

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank has recently installed a new computer to handle the personal checking accounts.

The computer was installed Sept. 1st and it is designed to provide a more accurate record of personal checking accounts. Since the computer's design is hinged on the use of personal checking account numbers and the bank will no longer provide counter checks.

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Pursuant to TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN. art. 1446c (43)(1975) Lone Star Gas Company hereby gives NOTICE of the Company's intent to implement a new schedule of rates effective on the latter of October 20, 1980

or such other date as new rates become effective in the City of Merkel, Texas to be charged for natural gas service to residential and commercial customers in the environs areas (outside incorporated limits of Merkel, Texas.)

The rate schedule is expected to furnish a 10.10% increase in the Company's gross revenues in the environs of Merkel, Texas.

A Statement of Intent has been filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas and is available for inspection at the Company's business office located at 155 Hickory, Abilene, Texas

Any affected person desiring to contest such changes in rates can file a complaint with the Director of the Gas Utilities Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78711.

Lone Star Gas Company

Notice of Tax Increase

The City of Trent proposes to increase your property taxes by twenty one (21) per cent.

A public meeting on the proposed increase will be held on September 29, 1980 at 7 p.m. at the City Hall, City of Trent.

The Trent City Council has considered the proposal and voted in a meeting of, The Council as follows:

FOR the proposal to increase taxes :

- Booth West
- Ken Kraatz
- Jerry F. Patterson

AGAINST the proposal to increase taxes:

- None
- ABSENT and not voting:
- Randy Hunt

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Adult Education classes start

Vandals hit Merkel School facilities over the weekend and the worst damage was at the new Junior High Gym. Vandals spread paint and profanity on the walls of the gym, as well as the portable buildings at the High School, according to superintendent Bill Everett.

The Merkel Police Department is investigating the incident and the superintendent said the paint will be hard to remove from the walls of the gym, because of the gym's porous surfacing.

Vandals hit school facilities

Adult education classes began Monday night at Merkel High, but according to instructor Milly Bright, it is not too late to enroll. If you are 16 years old or older and desire to take refresher courses, prepare to pass the G.E.D. (General Education Development Tests), or work toward a regular high school diploma, your attendance will be the first step.

Classes will be held on Monday and Tuesday nights from 6:30 until 8:30.

The instructor this year is Milly Bright. She received her B.A. from Tarleton State University, Masters of Education from Sam Houston State University and Administrative and Supervisory Certificates from Abilene Christian University.

Mrs. Bright has 12 years teaching experience. She has taught Plan A Resource classes at Merkel Middle School for the past 6 years. For more information call 928-5813.

Big Country grabs second place

The Big Country Inn Softball team consisting of George English, Mitch Atkinson, David McFall, Gaston Thomas, David Stout, Greg Henderson, Stanley Leamon, Chris Mashburn, Justin Harris, Walter Harris, Eddy Harris, Walt Harris, David Scott, Gary Heverman, Earl Laird and Fred Hunt took second place in the Merkel Softball League this year.

There were eight teams in the League. This was the league's first year and the league is already looking forward to next year. The games were exciting and the fans were tremendous.

On game nights, it seemed like everyone in town was there. We were very proud of the success of the league and would like to thank everyone for participating.

Team standings ended up like this; Methodist Men, Big Country Inn, Church of Christ, Trent Rejects, Baptist Deacons, Rags, Baptist Ambassadors and Cal-Tex.

School menu

The Merkel School menu is as follows:

Thursday Sept. 25: Beef Tacos, taco sauce, pinto beans, lettuce, cheese, and pineapple nut cake.

Friday Sept. 26: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onions, french fries with cat-sup, and oatmeal cookies with raisins.

Monday Sept. 29: Spaghetti with beef and cheese, buttered

whole kernal corn, vegetable salad with choice of dressing, and fruit cup.

Tuesday Sept. 30: Oven fried pork steak, cream gravy, snowflake potatoes, carrot and raisin salad, hot rolls, and sliced peaches with whip topping.

Wednesday Oct. 1: Beef tacos, taco sauce, pinto beans, lettuce and cheese, and raisin cobbler.

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Reader disagrees with editorial

Dear Editor: While reading your comments 18 Sept. 1980 on Gov. Bill Clements, can't help but believe that little thought was put into it. Yes most people in-

cluding Gov. Clements would like to see federal spending reduced. However, when our nearsighted, egotistical President along with a congress so impervious to reasoning passes a Winfall Profit Tax on oil, a commodity no different from timber or coal, that will take millions of dollars out of the state of Texas, it becomes easier to see why Gov. Clements would like to see some of this money come back. After all these children and their parents are not citizens. They do not pay taxes as you and I, and most children if not all will receive free lunches. Why shouldn't those states whose congressmen endorse forced busing and an unconstitutional Tax on oil be expected, along with their constituents to help share this added expense. After all didn't our fine President authorize aid to 100,000 plus illegal Cubans, Vietnamese, Cambodians, and Haitians. This aid isn't just coming out of Florida or New York coffers. So why should we as Texans bear this burden alone.

Please print this reply, because I firmly believe their are others that share the same feelings.

Sincerely,
Curtis C. Rister
Rt. 1 Box 150A
Merkel, Tx. 79636

directly on their employer for not reporting wage earnings to the IRS and the State Comptroller's Office. If they are renting homes, they are paying local school, coun-

ty and city taxes through a portion of their rent. If their children do receive a free lunch from a school cafeteria, that school is reimbursed for that lunch by US

DA. P.S. For the Winfall profits tax, it is unfair to small royalty owners, but I'd rather see winfall taxes than a 50 cent plus excise tax on gasoline.

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"CLICK." That's where energy conservation begins. Turning off unnecessary lights, running the clothes washer, dryer, and dishwasher only with full loads. Turn the TV off when you leave it. Set your thermostat at 78 degrees for cooling and at 68 degrees for heating. These are simple conservation measures that can add up to big savings with just a little effort.

For even greater energy savings be sure your home has adequate insulation in the walls and ceilings. Double paned windows or storm windows and doors also help to insulate.

Weatherstripping and caulking are important to help keep your heating or cooling inside where it belongs. An energy efficient heat pump can provide 200% efficiency for summer cooling and winter heating.

All of these conservation measures can save you energy. And saving energy means you're saving money, all year long. West Texas Utilities wants you to get the most for your energy dollars. If you want more information on energy conservation we'll have one of our energy consultants assist you free of charge. Just call WTU.

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Editor's Reply: If illegal aliens in the United States are not paying taxes, the blame can be placed

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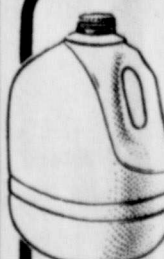
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Rock Home, 57 acres, mobile home hook-up; basement, apartment, pool needs repair. PRESTIGE 928-5623, 692-2222.

30-TFC FOR SALE: 1978 Mobile home, 14 X 52. Furnished, washer, dryer, air conditioner. Trent. Call 862-2001, 862-6225 after 5:00 and weekends.

30-2tp FOR SALE: 2 bedroom, one bath, large living area, on 3/4 acres, located on edge of city limits, all city utilities, can be seen by appointment only. Cyrus Pee agent, 928-5613.

30-TFC HOUSE FOR SALE OR RENT: nice modern house, 1500 sq. ft. on large lot, 1 block from church and school in Merkel, 817-835-4350 or 928-5488.

26-TFC FOR SALE: 2 bedroom, Merkel, large corner lot, will sell FHA or VA, \$16,000. 2 bds at Merkel Country Club, \$11,000 and \$10,500. Older home, stone construction, 3 bedrooms on 8 1/2 acres at Eula. Extra acreage available. To settle estate, 242 acres in Calahan County. Pecan orchard, livable home, whenever you are buying or selling, call Ronnie Hardy at Century 21, or stop in Abilene, 182 South Willis 673-4535 or 846-431.

27-TFC FOR SALE: House hold furniture, many items in good condition, call 928-5666 after 7 p.m.

30-3tc FOR SALE: Recurve Bow, Wing, 57 lb. pull, 62 inches. Call before 5 928-5712 or after 5 928-4859.

FOR SALE: Vented wall gas heater, new, has never been out of crate. Automatic thermal control, good deal, gas saver. Call 928-5834.

31-1tc FOR SALE: 1965 Plymouth Car. Call 928-5183.

31-1tp FOR SALE: 12 X 60 two bedroom mobile home, \$7,500; 1979 Kawasaki 750, \$1,900. Call 928-5724.

31-2tp BAZE HOME furnishing sale, less than one year of use, side by side refrigerator freezer, gas stove, portable dishwasher, older bedroom suit in good condition, kitchen dinette and misc. Sale Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 8 to 8, 802 Oak Street.

31-1tc A New Water Well Drilled? Also Install Meyers Subs & Jacuzzi Jets ROBERT HIGGINS 928-5998

MUST SELL 1972 El Camino, rebuilt carburetor, new distributor, tune-up, gets 18 miles per gallon, has mags, 250 six cylinder, air, radio, \$1,395. 1108 S. 10th or call 928-5219. 31-1tc

FOR SALE: 3 bedroom brick house, 6 miles out of Sweetwater on Roby Hwy. or will trade for a house in Merkel. 235-5514. 28-3tp

FOR SALE: 1977 Volkswagon Rabbitt, 44,000 miles, 928-5666 after 7. 31-2tc

Garage Sales 6 Family Garage Sale-Saturday only, 8 a.m. 4 blocks West of Post Office in Trent, Back of house, Othell O'Kelly. 31-1tc

GARAGE SALE: 1112 South 3rd, Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Men and women clothing, 10 speed bike, dishwasher, chairs, mattress and springs and other household items. 31-1tc

2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE Misc. house and yard, West of Gin in Trent, Friday 8-5, Saturday 8 til 2. 31-1tc

YARD SALE: Thursday and Friday, Sept. 25-26, 8 to 5, weather permitting, 109 Lois. 31-1tp

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THINKING OF SELLING YOUR HOME? I specialize in Merkel property. For free market analysis ask for Jackie Shay, Senior Realtors, 698-3411 or 692-4747. 30-TFC

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Sunset Day Care Center, 5 a.m. until 6 p.m. 928-5051, 1522 Sunset. Drop in's welcomed. 30-4tc

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BABYSITTING in my home for details call Cindy Bunch, 928-5046. 30-2tp

For Rent Card of Thanks

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FOR RENT: Trailer space; Inquire at 602 Rose. 27-TFC

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FOR RENT: private bedroom and bath, kitchen privileges. Call 928-5777 after 5. 31-TFC

FOR LEASE: Drive in cafe, 928-5378. 31-TFC

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HELP WANTED: Kitchen help and dishwasher, 5:30 - 10:30 Tuesday through Saturday. Apply in person at the Merkel Country Club. 31-TFC

CARPOOL OR WILL TRADE for ride to 2565 S. Danville, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday Call 928-5927 after 5:30. 31-1tp

FOUND on school ground, girls sterling birthstone ring. Call 672-7505, Abilene. 31-1tc

WANTED: Pasture land to lease. Contact, Edith Kennedy at 928-5679 or 928-5005. 31-4tp

WOULD THE OWNER of a female Doberman pincher, please call after 5, 928-5290. 31-1tc

HELP WANTED: Needed - immediately experienced nurse aides 6-2 shift. Apply in person Starr Nursing Home in Merkel. Also needed part-time help in laundry and housekeeping. Apply in person. Starr Nursing Home. 31-1tc

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I would like to thank everyone for all of the prayers, flowers and other kindnesses shown me during my recent illness and stay in the hospital. These acts will not be forgotten. Mrs. G.A. Fisher and Children. 31-1tc

We are deeply grateful for the comforting support extended to our family during our recent sorrow. The prayers, visits and help with our meals are sincerely appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Harwell and family, Youlinda Hester, Wayne Carey and families. 31-1tp

NOTICES CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Larry D. Kelly, Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 13th day of October A.D. 1980, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 13th day of May A.D. 1980, in this cause numbered 36664-A on the docket of said court and styled The Citizens National Bank in Abilene, Plaintiff, vs. Larry D. Kelly, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: "Suit on Promissory Note" as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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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 25th day of August A.D. 1980.

Attest: Irene Crawford, District Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Johnnie Wakefield, Deputy. 28-4tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Basilisa Ronquillo, Respondent: GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation,

then and there to answer the petition of Jose Ronquillo, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 8 day of Sept., 1980, against Basilisa Ronquillo, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 4476-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Jose Ronquillo and Basilisa Ronquillo", the nature of which suit is a request to Grant Divorce Petitioner request to be Appointed Conservator of Children.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

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 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.

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quirements 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 the 8th day of Sept., 1980.

Irene Crawford, District Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Johnnie Wakefield, Deputy. 30-4tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Laura Ellen Sellers, Respondent: GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation,

then and there to answer the petition of John E. Sellers, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 9th day of April, 1980, against Laura Ellen Sellers, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 2800-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of John E. Sellers and Laura Elen Sellers", the nature of which suit is a request that Court grant divorce to Petitioner, Petitioner request to be appointed Conservator of Children.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

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 adoption.

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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 the 16th day of Sept., 1980.

Irene Crawford, District Clerk, Taylor County, Texas. By Johnnie Wakefield, Deputy. 31-1tc

"Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of October, 1980, the entire assets of Abilene Cabinet Mill, whose address is 1409 North Treadaway, Abilene, Texas, will be transferred to a new enterprise named K.A. R.L. & G., Inc., a Texas corporation, whose address is 1802 Swenson, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

This new enterprise is organized to take over and continue the business now under the name Abilene Cabinet Mill. The corporation will assume all of the debts of the transferors, and the transferors will receive nothing from the transaction except shares in the corporation which will be subordinate to the claims of creditors of the corporation. Dated September 22, 1980.

Richard L. Godbout, Transferor Karen A. Godbout, Transferor K.A.R.L. & G., Inc. By Richard L. Godbout, President" 31-2tc

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Griffith-Arnold wed in Tye ceremony

Elizabeth Inez Griffith and Gary Lee Arnold were married at Tye Baptist Church with the Rev. Temple Lewis officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Griffith of Tye. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ken Arnold of Abilene.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mrs. Victor Cantrell was the bride's honor attendant. Bridesmaids were Teresa Griffith of Tye, sister of the bride, and Kelly Moore of Arlington, cousin of the bride. Flower girl was Patricia Griffith sister of the bride. Lighting candles were John Mark Moore of Arlington and Timothy Arnold

brother of the bridegroom.

David Griffith of Tye, brother of the bride, was best man. Groomsmen were Glenn Arnold, brother of the bridegroom and Steve Cochran of Merkel. Seating guests were Victor Cantrell and Kyle Davis.

The bride's parents were hosts for the reception in the church fellowship hall. The bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Moore, were host for the rehearsal dinner in their home at Tye.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School and is employed by United Cable Television.

The bridegroom is employed by E.C. Tool.



Mrs. Gary Lee Arnold

1965 grads planning reunion

Some of the members of the Class of 1965 are planning a class reunion during the homecoming weekend. However, we need current addresses for several class members. If anyone can help with these addresses, please contact Ann Doan at 928-5717 so

we can mail them invitations. Addresses needed are as follows: Mike Arnold, Archie Daily, Susan Glidewell, Jennifer Griffin, Tommy Hatchett, Craig Litton, Freddy Mewborn, and Stella Wright. Any addresses will be greatly appreciated.

Xi Nu Chi honors Hill

Xi Nu Chi, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, presented Richard Hill as their chapter cowboy of the year Saturday night at the Abilene Civic Center.

Pho Phi, Chapter of Abilene, hosted the western dance to start off the year.

Jerry Hewitt and his band from Abilene played for the

special event.

Mr. Hill is married to Mary Hill. Members from Xi Nu Chi present were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leo Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Juan Ybarra, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yaddow, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hill and guest Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore.

Don Mayes succumbs

Don Carlos Mayes, long time Jones County resident, died after a lengthy illness September 13 in Huguley Memorial Hospital, Ft. Worth, Texas. He was born Sept. 17, 1908 in Haskell, Texas. He was the son of the late Walter and Annie Mayes of Noodle. His home was in Edgecliff, Ft. Worth. He was a retired boiler maker and worked in the shipyards in World War II on the East Coast. A member of the Baptist Church of Ennis, Texas.

He was a Mason.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter and three brothers, including Buck Mayes.

Survivors include: his wife, Mary of Ft. Worth, one daughter Marlene French of Brookland, Texas; four grandchildren; and two great grandchildren; two brothers, Wayne (Toney) Mayes of Houston, Winifred Mayes of Kemp; and one sister, Mrs. Clayton (Sis Mayes) Dillard of Noodle.

Pack-Scarborough

Karen Pack and Richard Scarborough were married Friday September 12, 1980 at the Justice of the Peace office by Henry Guenther.

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest (Pee Wee) Pack of Merkel. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Scarborough of Abilene.

The bride is the

The couple will live in Merkel.

Smith has new job

Troy L. Smith, son of Fannie Carver of 508 Manchester in Merkel, has joined Ethyl Corporation as a research chemist in the chemical research section of the Research and Develop-

ment Department. Dr. Smith received his BA degree from East Texas State University and his Ph.D. from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Ethyl Corporation is located in Baton Rouge, La.

Organize coupons for higher grocery savings

Organize to get the most from food coupons, says Linda McCormack, a family resource management specialist.

For example, arrange an expandable accordion file alphabetically by product categories—bakery goods, breakfast foods, frozen foods—or use a series of envelopes kept in a shoe box or drawer.

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

Once a week, sort coupons, circling expiration date with red ink, and arrange coupons in each compartment so the ones due to expire earlier in the month are in front.

Transfer this week's coupons to a coupon holder or put them with the shopping list, the specialist recommends.

REFUND FORMS

Keep refund forms and qualifiers in an organized system, also, she continues.

File UPC codes, proof-of-purchase seals, inner seals and cash register tapes in separate envelopes, alphabetically by brand name.

BOXES, LABELS

To save space, collapse all boxes so they lie flat. Remove some outer labels from boxes cutting and peeling them off the cardboard backings, the specialist says.

REFUNDING

Some manufacturers offer a refund to all customers who have bought a particular product.

The shopper can take one of the refund forms, fill it out and mail it to the address given, accompanied by whatever proof-of-purchase is required.

It often takes four to six weeks to receive the refund, so keep a log listing the companies, Mrs. McCormack advises.

REFUND-FORM SOURCES

If refunds require "forms" or "required blanks", the request will not be honored without them.

The principal sources of these forms are grocery stores, newspapers and magazines or the companies themselves, she points out.

Grocery stores offer two types of forms. One called the store form is found attached to shelves in tear-off pads.

Another type appears on the products themselves or in the form of a hang-tag.

If the forms are not available, write to the address supplied on the cardboard backing of the form display, or ask at the courtesy booths.

Newspapers and magazines often contain forms not only for cash refunds, but for free samples of the product, or for coupons worth free samples.

Also, write to companies directly—to the customer service department.

OTHER SHOPPER'S SECRETS

Smart shoppers can save grocery dollars in other ways, Mrs. McCormack says.

Make a list and stick to it. Check the sales. Use midweek and Sunday papers to prepare a shopping list, and clip any coupons.

Remember, a bargain is not always a bargain, even if an item is featured in a splashy end-of-aisle display. Check the prices and signs.

Shop with open eyes. Compare prices, scan the shelves up and down, as well as across, the specialist adds.

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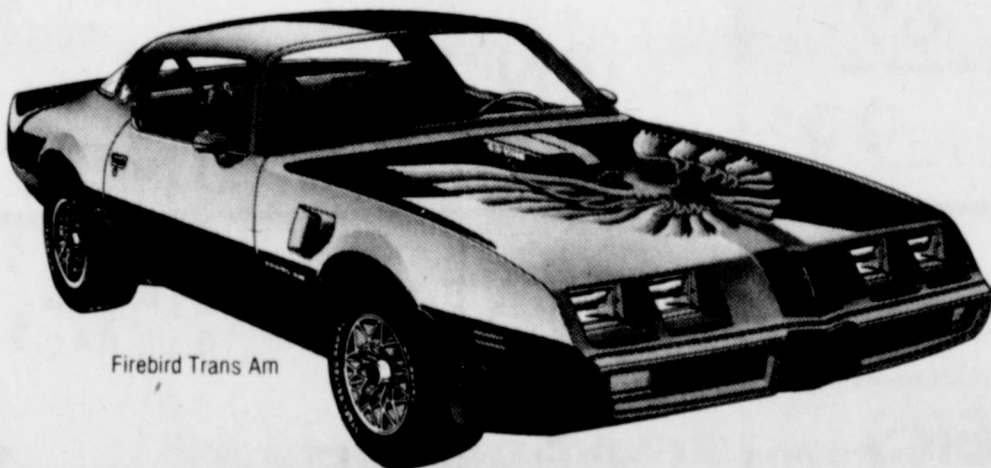
Bonneville Brougham Coupe

The Bonneville Brougham is a six passenger model of efficiency. The styling is aerodynamic, with downswept hood and raised rear deck. There is also standard V-6 economy



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R&R Window opens here

by Drew Mawson

Adding to Merkel's already varied business background is R&R Window Company. Moving from Abilene in search of more room to expand the manufacturing end of their business.

The new business moved to its new location in March, after outgrowing the room it already occupied in Abilene. Owned by Ray Rhynes of Abilene, the company has over twelve years of experience in making windows. Locally, the business is operated by Henry Rhynes, and covers an area that includes Rotan, Sweetwater, Coleman, Rising Star, and Anson.

Specializing in the custom making of storm windows, as either replacement windows or for

new homes and business, R&R Window offers three different kinds of windows, builders windows, metal windows, and replacement windows. Using only metal parts to prevent breakage of pieces.

Not having to worry with mass production, the employees in Merkel, can handle most jobs, but when there is an excess amount of work to be done, work can be sent back to the original plant in Abilene, where mainly just the office work is taken care of.

Locally there are six employees, including, Henry and Joan Rhynes and their son, Kevin.



Keith Rhynes works on a window at R&R Window services' new shop located in the old

Wilson Food Store Building here. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)



Mr. and Mrs. Homer Freeman

Freeman's 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Homer A. Freeman, of Merkel were honored with a luncheon at the Merkel Country Club, Aug. 24, 1980 to celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. Host for the occasion were their children Mr. and Mrs.

Homer Freeman Jr. of Coppell, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Farmer of Abilene. The house party included grandchildren Gayland and Michael Freeman; Tony and Sharon Freeman Sawyer; and Dusty Freeman Farmer.



In some places the Pacific Ocean is more than 36,000 feet deep.

Dear Editor; I am trying to find info on A.C. Roberts

Dear Editor:

I am trying to find information concerning my great grandfather. I have checked with the First Baptist Church of Merkel, for it has been thought that he was pastor of same sometime around 1900. However, the church historian could find no record of anyone by the name of Roberts having been connected with the church.

I checked the old cemetery records also, but could only come up with one A.C. Roberts, but I do not feel that that is correct. Both my father and grandfather's name was A.C., but the information I have on my great father's name was A.C., but the information I have on my great grandfather is that his name was Newton Roberts. My grandfather stated that Newton was buried somewhere around Merkel and he even visited the grave a time or two.

I would appreciate it if you would check

your records from 1880 to 1920 and see if you have any record of a Newton Roberts or any other Roberts that had a son by the name of A.C. Roberts, or that was a pastor of the First Baptist or other Baptist Churches in the area.

If you can't help me or your records do not show any of the desired information, I would appreciate the names of any others that might be able to help me.

Please use the stamped self addressed envelope I have enclosed for any correspondence. If you feel your services shall require a fee, please advise.

If you need any immediate information you may call me collect or my mother there, in Abilene.

Sincerely,
Jim P. Roberts
Box 733
Orem, Utah 84057
1-801-374-8557
Edna Roberts
Abilene, Tx.
686-8691

Mrs. Fisher win grandma's brag at fair

Mrs. Billy Fisher's entry into the grandmas brag contest at the West Texas Fair won a first place ribbon and Stephanie Bunch, her granddaughter, won a merit award.

Mrs. Fisher wrote a testimonial about her granddaughter Stephanie Bunch. Stephanie is the daughter of Darel and Cindy Bunch of Merkel.

Her winning entry is as follows:

Our fifteen month old granddaughter is without a doubt the cutest, smartest and best. With big eyes and super long eyelashes and mouth full of teeth. Her smile would bring joy and steal the heart of anyone passing by.

She has a large vocabulary of words naming each family member. She is

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NACHO CHEESE 89¢

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10 LB BAG \$2.49

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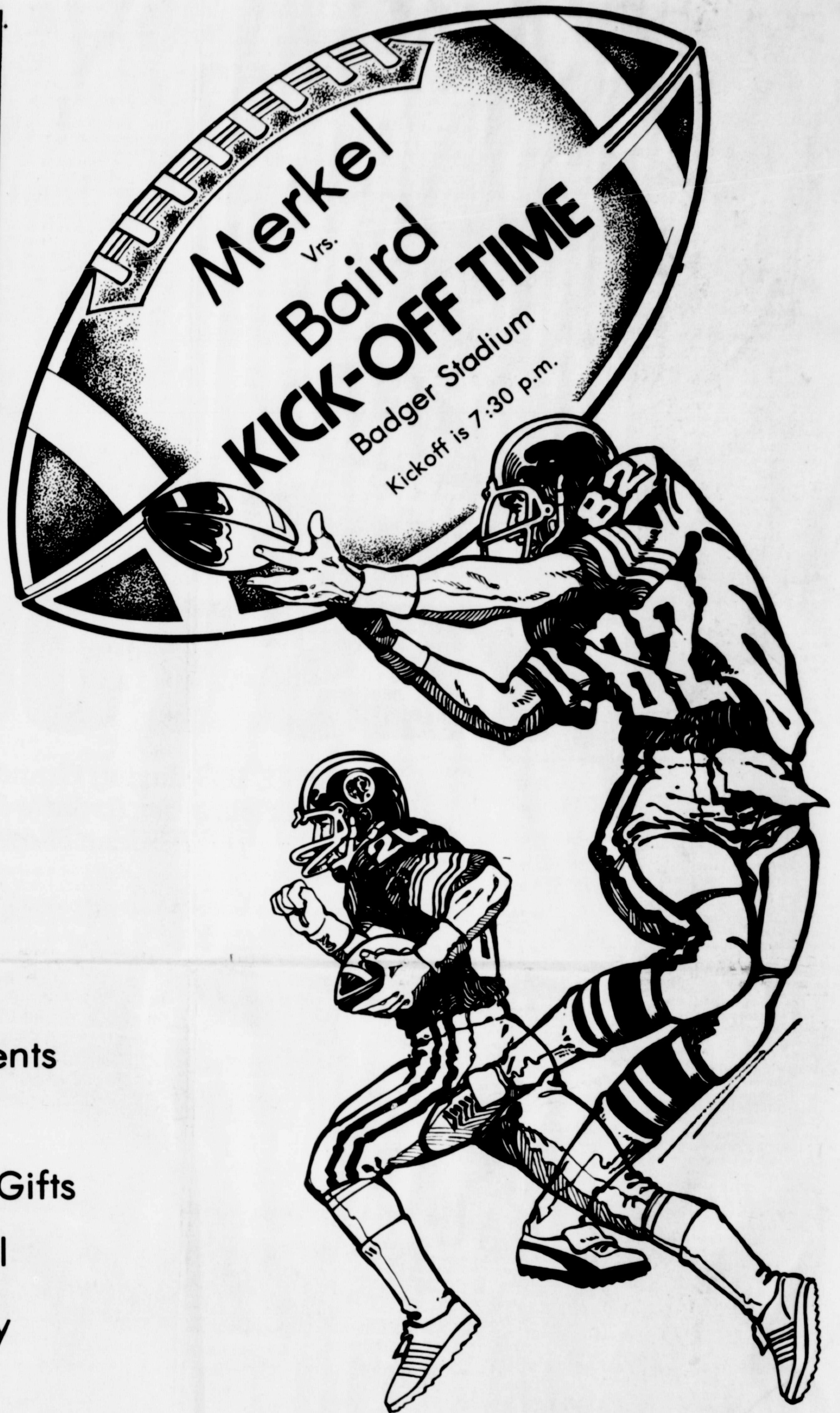
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Badger quarterback Sammy Tumlinson (12) heads upfield for good yardage against Jim Ned last week. Tumlinson was the Badgers leading ground gainer as he racked up 89 yards rushing. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson.)



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Taylor Miller stars as Nina Cortlandt on "All My Children."

emotional blackmail on Dee. Dee has shut out family and friends. Lyla is concerned about Crickett. **THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS** -- Julia is unglued over Victor's post-romantic encounters. The presence of his son in town drives a wedge between them. Leslie warms up to Luke. **ALL MY CHILDREN** -- Tom confronts Erica with the press release. She said she wanted to surprise him with her first paycheck. Ann finds campaign propaganda saying that Paul is a ladies' man. Frank makes a date with Betsy but the date is broken when Nancy is injured in an accident. Tom wants a quickie divorce. Nancy asks Frank to care for Carl Jr. **THIS WEEK:** Erica fights

back. Nancy fights for her life. **ONE LIFE TO LIVE** -- Chuck bugs Pat's room. Dorian arrives in Paris. Herb is in Paris with Dorian to get campaign contributions but she relents. Dorian invites Nicole to Llanfair. Becky's album is cancelled. Clint has eyes for a new Vicki. Tina looks in Ted's checkbook and knows that his money is limited. **THIS WEEK:** Gretel is on to Herb's game. Dorian is taken for a ride. **RYAN'S HOPE** -- Rose refuses Jack's invitation to spend the night. Roger's tape is retrieved by Faith and learns how Roger botched her husband's medical case. Seneca offers suggestions to Kim

on how to improve her role. Faith gets drunk and confronts Roger. Ken George Jones decides to commit suicide. Ryan falls and cuts her face. Jack takes her to the hospital and stands up Rose. Faith passes out in the car and Delia drives her over to Barry's. **THIS WEEK:** Barry has another close call. Ken has a death wish. **DAYS OF OUR LIVES** -- Chris leases the land unaware that Alex is behind it all. Don and Marlena argue and little Johnny is a contributing factor to their unhappiness. Johnny does not relate well to Don and wishes that Joshua and Marlena were his parents. Liz is hurt when she thinks that Neil has taken a bribe not to see her again. Liz

goes out on the campaign trail with Don and winds up in his arms. **THIS WEEK:** Liz sorts out her feelings. Marlena has second thoughts. **ANOTHER WORLD** -- Mitch is injured and is dumped at the doorstep of Dr. Moore. Mitch has amnesia. The doctor gets suspicious and calls the police, but Mitch hears this and flees. Zachary finds a copy of the book "Harry Must Die" at Mitch's and he begins to delve more deeply into his investigation. Joey goes to the lake with Rick only to discover Kit is the life of a big party. She is only doing this to forget her problems with Joey. Pat considers returning to Brava on a temporary basis. **THIS WEEK:** Zachary zeroes in on Rachel. Joey

behaves in a rash manner. **TEXAS** -- Vicky is having severe health problems but won't let on to Reena. Reena continues to be cruel to her mother, lashing out at her for her unhappy childhood. Nita is living in fear but can't break Billy Joe's grip. Justin makes more moves against Alex. **THIS WEEK:** Iris stands between her lover and son once again. Vicky despairs. **GENERAL HOSPITAL** -- Luke plants a blank black book and tries to trap Smith's man. He is distracted and misses seeing the man who takes it. Paddy Kelly is worse. Smith lets Lesley see Jennifer to get information from Lesley. Hutch plans to kill Luke and Laura and fly off to Brazil. Smith plans to have another hit man kill Hutch,

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One of the ways that daytime dramas perform a public service is to alert viewers to important medical breakthroughs within the context of a popular storyline. Recently fans of "All My Children" agonized over the fate of Nina Cortlandt as played by Taylor Miller. Just as Nina was able to break away from her father's possessive influence and find happiness with Cliff, she began to lose her sight as a complication of her life-long bout with diabetes. In Nina's case there was a happy ending. Her condition was arrested and she was able to return to Cliff's arms. Now Nina's only traumas will result from affairs of the heart, not the eye.

The treatment Nina received stimulated a flurry of letters from viewers who were interested in learning more about the procedure. On the serial, Nina seeks help at the Wilmer Eye Institute. The filming for this episode of "All My Children" took place at the famed Wilmer Eye Institute of Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland and showed, step-by-step, how laser beam surgery is used to treat a serious eye condition that sometimes afflicts diabetics.

The footage was taped with the cooperation of physicians at the Institute and utilized Dr. Arnold Patz, Director of the Wilmer Eye Institute and professor of ophthalmology at the Institute, and Dr. Daniel Einkelstein, assistant professor at the Institute, as consultants.

The segments make clear the importance of seeking early treatment for diabetic retinopathy, a condition in which the blood vessels lying within the retina become damaged. The segments also make clear that treatment is available to arrest or control the condition.

Laser beam surgery, a breakthrough within the last decade, was explained step-by-step to Nina while she underwent the procedure. Television viewers unfamiliar with the subject learned that laser surgery is done on an outpatient basis and that the procedure involves using rays from a laser beam. There is no surgical cutting.

Viewers who wish further printed information about diabetic retinopathy may write to: Television - Diabetic Retinopathy, The Wilmer Institute, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland 21205



Recap 9/22-9/26
Preview 9/29-10/3

Now a look at what's been happening and what will happen on all the afternoon serials. **SEARCH FOR TOMORROW** -- Sissy struggles with her family problems. Jo can't forgive herself for what Martin was driven to. David pines for Renata. **GUIDING LIGHT** -- More doubt in store for Hope. Rita finds herself in a no win situation. Alan does some fancy footwork. **AS THE WORLD TURNS** -- John continues to play



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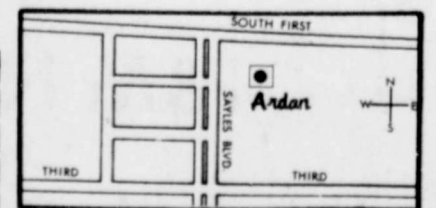


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The 1980 Trent Gorillas include (Front row, left to right) Joey McGlothlin, Mike De La Cruz, Ricky Pennell, Greg Beasley, Casey Johnson and Billy Williams. (Bottom row, left to right)

include head coach Bob Campbell, Lloyd Williams, Richard Beaver, Kevin Whitley, Matt Jackson, Eddie Adams and coach Andy Nieland. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

Trent shuts out Divide 45-0, will face Paint Rock there Friday

The defense kept its record clean Friday by shutting out Divide 45-0. Trent allowed Divide only 2 first downs. A team as yet to make a penetration on the Trent Defense. Richard Beaver opened the game by returning the kick off 80 yards for a touchdown. Lloyd Williams added the P.A.T. Richard scored again during the first quarter on a 50 yard run. Greg Beasley threw two touchdown passes to Matt Jackson. One for 50 yards

and the other for 20. Billy Williams scored from 4 yards out. Lloyd Williams added six points in the closing seconds of the 1st half from 20 yards out. Lloyd Williams threw an extra point to Eddie Adams. Lloyd also kicked 3 extra points. Lloyd, Billy, and Eddie were in on a tackle of the Divide Punter in the end zone for a safety. Trent travels to Paint Rock Friday for a 8:00 p.m. contest. Friday will be a re-match of last years

bi-district game. Paint Rock lost two off of last years team. Paint Rock is a throwing ball club. The defense is going to be tested through the air. Nearly 3/4 of Paint Rock's yardage comes through the air.

The Junior High will start their 1980 season Thursday the 25th against McCauley at Trent. Game time is 6:00 p.m.

Junior class sets garage-bake sale

The Trent Junior Class will be sponsoring a garage sale combined with a bake sale, Saturday, Sept. 27. It will be held at Jerry Nance's house in Trent. The sale will start at 7:30, located 1/2 block South of Trent High School.

Langford, Dickerson

Mr. and Mrs. Jerrel Langford, Midland, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Susan to David Dwayne Dickerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Dickerson, of Trent, Texas. The couple will exchange wedding vows at 7 p.m. October 18 at Bergren's Garden Chapel in Odessa, Tx. The bride-elect is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, Mid-

land. She is employed with Midland National Bank.

Her fiance is a graduate of Trent High School and is employed as a welder with Blake Feeder Systems.

Freshmen, 8th grade elect officers

The Freshman Class of Trent High voted for officers Sept. 17.

The officers are; Billy Williams-President, Casey Johnson-Vice President, Edna Garza-Secretary-Treasurer, Joey McGlothlin and Teresa Moses-Class Favorites, and their King and Queen nominees are Craig Whitley and Teresa Moses.

The Class officers for the eighth grade are as follows; Christy Kinnard-President, Roger Brenem-Vice President, Sherry Sawon, Reporter, Se-

cretary and Jim Simpson-Treasurer. Class favorites are Nancy Brenem and Jim Simpson. The King and Queen for the Halloween Carnival are Doyle Brenem and Sherry Sawon.

Small Cotton Crop Brings High Prices

AUSTIN--Some Texas farmers will be in "high cotton" this year, at least those with harvestable acreage of good quality, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown has reported.

Spot market prices for certain grades of Upland cotton have hit 92.29 cents a pound this month "the highest price anyone in the industry can remember," Brown said. Economists are predicting the futures market will soon be at \$1.00 with further increases ahead.

The Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service's September estimate for

cotton production was for a harvest of 3.6 million bales. "That could mean a potential value of nearly \$1 billion for cotton this year," Brown said.

"Some of our cotton was forward contracted this year at specific rates below current levels, but many farmers will be in the position to receive these better prices," Brown said.

Drought reduced the 1980 crop significantly from the 5.5 million bales last year, and prices started rising in mid-summer.

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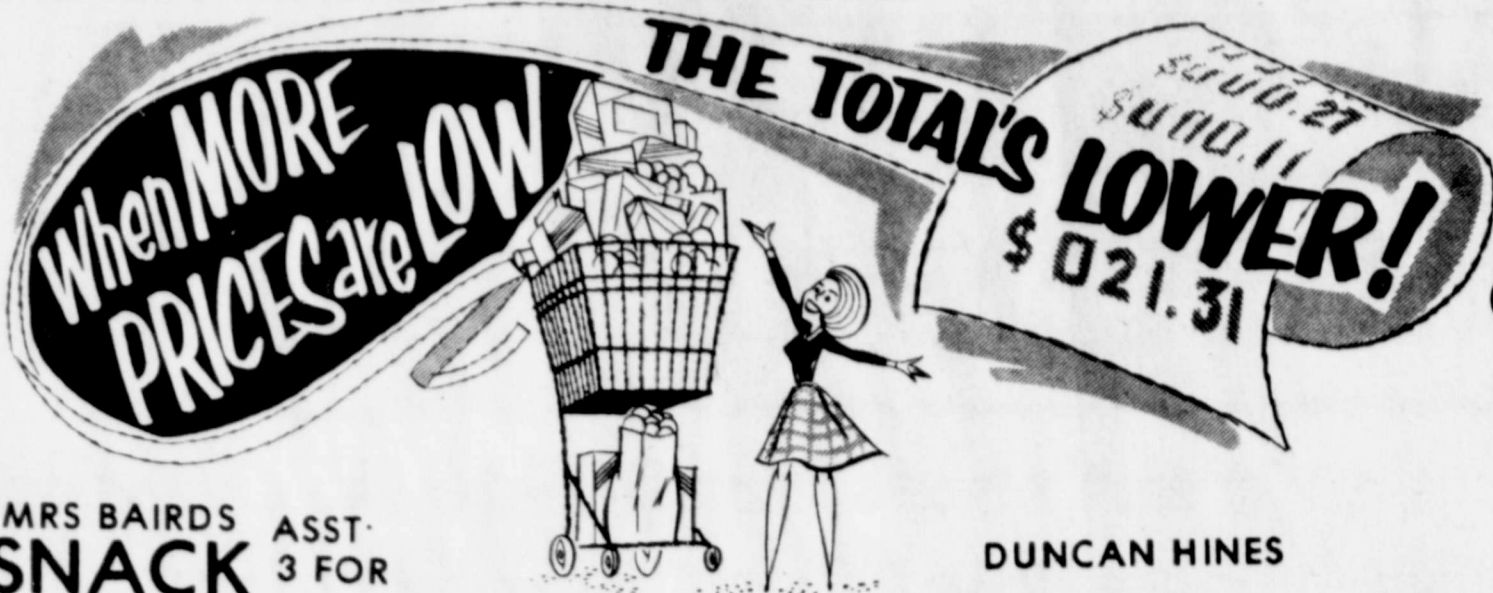
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