



# Nine amendments on Tuesday's ballot

By Cloy A. Richards

Tuesday is the big day as voters will decide a new president, but in Texas, voters will have the chance to add to the Texas Constitution, as they have done more than 200 times in 140 years.

There are nine proposed Constitutional Amendments on the ballot this year and the Mail asked the League of Women Voters to help explain the amendments, as well as arguments for and against the amendments. The arguments were not put together by the League. The League contacted organizations the changes would effect, as well as watchdog organizations to get their response to the nine proposed changes.

**Proposition 1.** Senate Joint Resolution 35 would allow banks to place unmanned telling machines within the same county or city where the bank is located. It will also allow banks to share the machines as long as that agreement does not violate anti-trust restrictions.

**ARGUMENTS FOR:** The banking industry in Texas has had a long fight for branch banks in Texas cities. The banking industry feels their clients can be more adequately served because these machines would be installed at locations throughout large cities, making banking easier. The telling machines may also be operated around the clock, so a bank will always be open.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST:** Texas voters have always been against the concept of branch banking, because a large bank could gain a monopoly if it has enough branches. There are also arguments that this service is already authorized, as long as the unmanned teller is located on existing bank property, and allowing the unmanned tellers to be placed anywhere within the county would put undo pressure on smaller banks in rural communities.

**Proposition 2.** The amendment would allow the State and the accused the right to an interlocutory appeal from the following trial court rulings in criminal cases: pretrial ruling on the constitutionality of a statute, on a motion to quash, dismiss or set aside an indictment, and a motion to suppress evidence.

**ARGUMENTS FOR:** The Texas Legislators, in drafting this amendment, were seeking a way to allow courts to make rulings in certain instances, before a trial even starts. The Legislature believed the amendment would cut down in trial time.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST:** Leading state lawyers and civil rights groups have argued that although the State is granting the same benefits to themselves and the accused, the instances when these motions could be used in court would more favor the State, therefore infringing upon the rights of the accused. Trial lawyers in the State, who will obviously benefit from the decision for the amendment, have argued the proposal is vague.

**Proposition 3.** This amendment requires only one Board of Equalization for the purpose of administering a valorem taxes in each county. The Constitutional requirement for county commissioners would be eliminated and it would prevent elected officials of the county from being members of the Board of Equalization.

**ARGUMENTS FOR:** When single tax appraisal districts were authorized last year, Legislators left the option to the county of belonging to the county-wide tax appraisal district or not. The amendment would require all counties to join the taxing district within their county, and would place a more appropriate share of the burden of equalizing taxes.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST:** Although more than 65 per cent of Texas counties have joined their county-wide, tax appraisal district, it has been argued that a constitutional amendment requiring counties to do so would erode the power of the county. There is still a large sentiment that does not agree with single appraisal districts for counties, because it erodes local control of taxing authority.

**Proposition 4.** Probably the most controversial of the proposed amendments, this amendment would allow for local option bingo games for charitable organizations. The games must be approved by local elections and all proceeds must be spent in the State. The State Comptroller's Office would have power to determine what is and isn't a charitable organization.

**ARGUMENTS FOR:** What is being done illegally all over Texas will now be legalized and various church, civic and fraternal organizations will receive the benefits of money spent.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST:** Texas lawmakers and enforcers have argued that Bingo will bring in organized crime and that the statute is not clear as to who is and is not a charitable organization.

**Proposition 5.** This amendment would give the governor expanded power to exercise fiscal control over appropriated state spending. It does not, however give the governor unchecked control, because all decisions made by the governor would have to be approved by a panel made up of Legislative leaders and budget committee chairmen.

**ARGUMENTS FOR:** Texans have never had the privilege of having one person in control of appropriated state spending and the way the amendment is set up, it would place the control of appropriated spending into the hands of the governor, as well as other elected officials. Proponents argue that state spending can go unchecked, if this proposal is not approved.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST:** There is a large sentiment the Texas governor has too much power as it is and that same thought says this bill will do nothing but add one more bureaucratic step to budget authorization, which has never been a smooth process in the past.

**Proposition 6.** This amendment would give the governor the right to remove any person he appointed to a state office. The removal must be approved by the Senate, and if the Senate is not in session, a special session may be called, to last for no longer than two days.

**ARGUMENTS FOR:** Texas governors have always been held 'captive' by their political appointments and could not have them removed unless they were convicted of a charge serious enough to warrant removal from office. This power will allow the governor to get rid of incompetent persons in State jobs.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST:** The bill would allow the governor to fire his appointed state officials if

they do not do exactly what the governor tells them to do, and many of the firings could be purely political. Opponents of the bill also say the governor should more closely check out people he is appointing, thereby removing the need for removal.

**Proposition 7.** Allows Texas counties with populations less than 5,000 to construct and maintain private roads, as long as the county charges a reasonable rate for their work.

**ARGUMENTS FOR:** Rural Texas counties rarely have private road builders and costs of constructing private roads are inflated because of travel time by the contractor. Since counties are required to have road maintenance equipment, counties could financially benefit from the road work.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST:** The Texas Consumer Federation says that many Texas counties have been doing private road work for years at no charge and the amendment would only give the privileged few more privileges. They also

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The Tye Elementary School Honor Roll is as follows:

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**A Honor Roll: Third Grade:** Lisa Donaldson, Shawn Miller, Matthew Thornton. **A-B Honor Roll:** Patricia Martin, Mary Turner, Misty Jarvis, Mi Hwa Chon, Greg Goodgion, Jenee Kojka, Sandra Marshall, Sheri Miles.

**A Honor Roll: Fourth Grade:** Cissy Sever, Irene Alvarez, Tracy Moore. **A-B Honor Roll:** Misty Morris, Davy DeLeon, Stacy Boyd, Mendy Bunselmeyer, Dewayne Clark, Kaycee Ward, Shelly Thornton, Shelly Hands, Shelly Glisson.

**A Honor Roll: Fifth Grade:** Stacie Johnson, Michelle Goodgion. **A-B Honor Roll:** Son Mi Chon, Frank Pardus, Allan Isom.

## Raffle drawing held

The drawing for the Middle School Raffle was Saturday night at the PTO Carnival. The winner of the 30-30 Winchester Deer Rifle was Ronnie Snow, Rt. 3 Box 160, Abilene and Marie Beard of 1012 Oak, Merkel won the 12" Black and White Philco Television.

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maintain reasonable charge is too vague and would like to see a financial parity clause included, to ensure the county will make a profit on the road work.

**Proposition 8.** Would basically change the name of the Court of Civil Appeals to the Court of Appeal, change the name of Associate Justice to Justice For Members of the Supreme Court here, as well as require members to be licensed attorneys in the state while holding office.

**ARGUMENTS FOR:** Basically, the amendment offers no real change but would allow for the removal of any Supreme Court Justice who has been disbarred.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST:** No organizations have expressed any opposition to the amendment.

**Proposal 9:** The amendment allows spouses to agree that income or property arising from separate property, is to remain separate property.

## Goodman club holds meeting

The Goodman Extension Club met Oct. 24th in the home of Mrs. Dennis Butler with the president, Mrs. Garland Price, presiding with 7 members present.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Dennis Butler. Recreation was "quote your favorite Bible verse" by Vivian Winters. A motion was made to pay bills. An invitation, from Nocy Wilborn, was read, inviting the Senior Citizens to a created camp in the Brownwood Center, Nov. 4th. A quilt will be put up in the home of Vivian the 28th. All members come and bring a cover dish and quilt.

**ARGUMENTS FOR:** The amendment would allow persons about to be married to separate their property or holdings from those properties or golding acquired after marriage. It would prevent a man or wife from contesting property gained before marriage.

**ARGUMENTS AGAINST:** Opponents of the amendment say that Texas divorce laws are practical, have not been successfully challenged by appeals, and say they need not be changed.

That is a recap of the nine proposed Constitutional Amendments. None of the arguments for or against the proposals are the option of this newspaper. The arguments were provided by the State Office of the Texas League of Women Voters. The Texas media has not carried a lot of information concerning the amendments, they have only given you their recommendations on how to vote. The Mail is simply offering this information as background information, so the voter can make a wise, competent, informed decision.

One of the members, Ruth Agnew, is in the Nursing Lodge in Anson.


The meeting was turned over to the leader trainer, Amy Price, for a program on Dying Magic of Color. Some points brought out on Tying to dye, design dying, and make your own designs on your children's t-shirts and clothes.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Dan Butler, Nov. 14th. The program will be Smart on Sales.

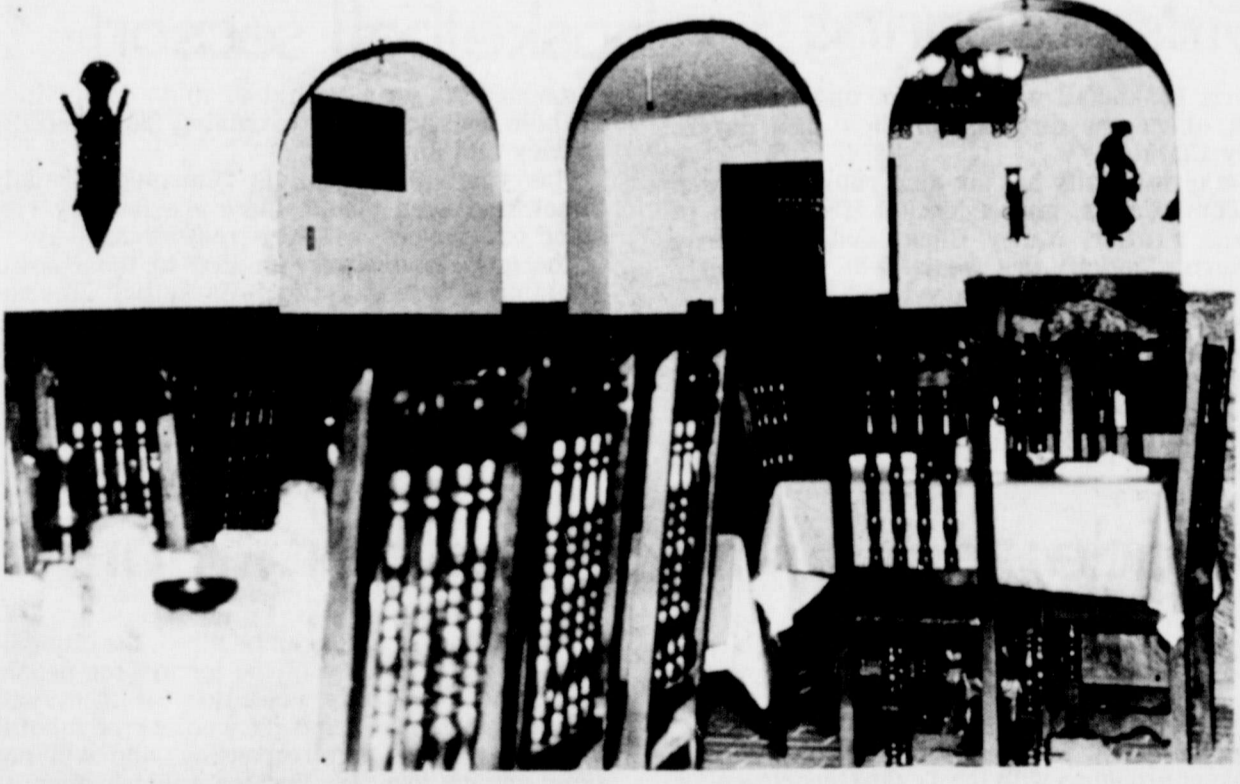
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### Refunding club meets

The Merkel Chapter of the Big Country Refunders met Monday morning Oct. 13th at the home of Carol Norman, to hold their 1st annual "Founding Fathers and Refunding Mothers" mini convention. The meeting was attended by several local women interested not only in saving money thru the use of coupons, but interested in making money by refunding.

Topics discussed were Mrs. Norman's recent trip to Dallas to attend the annual refunding convention in that city, some of the legalities involved in refunding, tips on running refunding ads and what to look for when choosing which refunding magazine to subscribe to. It was agreed to start a local information bulletin in which those attending can list forms, coupons and proofs of purchases they need and then trade these with other members. Currently, arrangements are being made to hold meetings for those interested on a monthly basis. Trading of extra forms and coupons then began and the door prize was won by Linda Kinder.

Anyone interested in attending one of these meetings or who would like more information is urged to call Mrs. Norman at 928-5710 afternoons and evenings.

### Friday is tacky day

Friday will be Tacky Day at Merkel Middle School. Tacky Day is sponsored by the Merkel Middle School Student Council. The judging will be Friday at 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in grades 6, 7, and 8th for the "Tackiest Dressed." Money prizes of 5, 3, and 2 dollars will be awarded. There will be no charge for competing in the contest, so come dressed tacky and enter in the fun.

Also, there will be a film immediately after the Tacky Day Contest. The title of the film is "Candle Shoe". The cost of the film is 75 cents. Please pay for your film through your 1st period class. The public is invited to the Tacky Day Contest and may stay for the film by paying the 75 cents at the door.

## Allred-Smith wed in Dallas

Miss Donna Sue Allred and Mr. David Lane Smith were united in marriage Saturday, Oct. 11, 1980 at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. David Alessandro of Sunset Church of Christ in Dallas, Texas, officiated the double ring ceremony at the Sunset Church of Christ.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Allred of Dallas and formerly of Noodle. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. David A. Smith of Dallas.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a long ivory wedding gown, with a fitted bodice and an empire waistline. The queen Victorian neckline and long sleeves all accented with lace. She had a chapel length train with a finger tip veil with a blusher.

She carried out the tradition of something old, something blue. The bride wore her great aunt's pearls for something old, her dress was something new, and her garter served as something blue. Her veil was something borrowed. She also had the traditional penny in her shoe.

Jamie Allred of Dallas, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kim Kidd of Keller, Kathy Quiroga of Grand Prairie and Mrs. Vickie Self of Galveston. Flower girl was Windy Adams of Dallas, niece of the groom.

Danny Smith of Dallas, brother of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Joe

Gonzales of Dallas, Hector Silvas of Dallas and Jeff McGraw of Dallas. Ushers were Rusty Adams of Dallas, brother-in-law of groom, Dean Milner of Dallas. The ushers lit the candles. Mrs. George Murfle of Austin, bride's aunt, registered guests. Serving at the reception were Mrs. Linda Woodard of Dallas, Lisa Landers of Dallas and Mrs. Penny Cochran of Snyder, cousin of the bride, were at the brides table. At the groom's table were Mrs. Leesa Smith of Dallas, sister-in-law of groom, Mrs. Debbie Adams of Dallas, sister of groom.

Guests were from, Houston, Abilene, Noodle, Snyder, Austin, and Galveston.

The bride is a 1976 graduate of Kimball High School. She attended Abilene Christian University and graduated from Dallas' Baptist College with a B.S. degree in education. She is employed by Dallas Independent School District.

The groom is a 1976 graduate of Sunset High School. He is in Dallas Baptist College and will graduate in Spring 1981. He is employed by Jones Truck Line of Irving, Texas.

After a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will reside at 217 North Ravinia, Dallas, Texas.

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## Stenholm, Carter better for farmers

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm today called upon Republican Presidential candidate Ronald Reagan to "either repudiate the anti-farmer statements of his chief agricultural advisor or quit saying he is for improving the income and lot of the American family farmer."

Stenholm, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, cited statements in the Sunday Dallas Morning News which quoted Reagan's farm and food division co-director Richard Lyng as saying "the dwindling number of family farmers are no reason for alarm and that, in fact, the reductions have been necessary for the good of the country."

In Abilene for part of a District-wide speaking tour, Stenholm said, "Such thinking is devastating to every hardworking family farmer and rancher and to the small businesses and communities of this land who depend upon the viability of the family farms and ranches."

"If that statement is an accurate reflection of Ronald Reagan's beliefs, then I invite him to get out and drive through the small rural communities of the 17th Congressional District to see how 'helpful' it is when we lose our family farmers. To see the boarded-up downtown businesses and to witness the closed schools and churches in these small communities, and then to hear that 'these reductions have been necessary for the good of the country' leaves me in utter amazement."

Stenholm said, "If this statement is true, than I believe the message here is clear to America's farmers and ranchers as to where we are headed

and what views are held by those persons who will be setting the agricultural policies of this nation under a Ronald Reagan Administration.

"It has been the family farmer who has made possible the dramatic advances in farm productivity and farm efficiency that they profess to support. How can they then say that it is 'good for the country' that we lose these people out of agriculture?"

The Congressman said he objected strongly to Lyng's additional statement that the U.S. would not have its present level of health care, education and communications "if we hadn't relieved an awful lot of people from the drudgery of food and fiber production."

"My view," he continued, "is that food and fiber production is one of the noblest professions in this country and to call it 'drudgery' is to insult the millions of Texas and American men and women who strive to make a living from the land. It reflects a clear misunderstanding on their part as to the importance and satisfaction of those efforts which have afforded this country the most abundant, lowest cost and high quality food supply in the world."

"We need national political leaders who share a commitment to the importance of the farm and ranch families of America and not someone who feels that their work is 'drudgery' from which they need to be relieved 'for the good of the country,'" Stenholm concluded.

## The Consumer Alert

by Mark White  
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Here is something that may be of interest to those of you who have experienced or will experience the heart sinking feeling of returning to the space where your car was parked only to discover an empty spot. You will be happy to know that the Legislature of Texas has recognized this as a problem area and passed legislation governing under what circumstances you may be towed legally at your own expense, as well as when you may recover expenses incurred due to an illegal tow.

Article 6701g-2 of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes addresses the removal of unauthorized vehicles from parking facilities or public highways. The statute gives

the parking facility owner or towing company the right to remove and store any unauthorized vehicle without the consent and at the expense of the owner or operator of the vehicle, if a sign or signs are prominently displayed specifying who may park in the facilities and stating that all others are prohibited. The sign(s) must be readable from all entrances to the parking facility; however, they need not be illuminated. The parking facility owner or towing company also has the right to remove and store an illegally parked vehicle at the owner's expense and without his consent if the vehicle is obstructing an entrance, exit, fire lane or aisle of the parking facility. If you as the operator or owner of an unauthorized vehicle have received actual notice from the facility owner that you will be towed away if the vehicle is not voluntarily moved, the law gives you no recourse. Here again the act of the facility owner towing your car away is legal and will be at your expense. The towing company is also insulated

from liability in this situation so long as it receives written verification from the parking facility owner that the owner/operator of the unauthorized vehicle actually has been notified of the intent to tow if the vehicle is not removed. In all other instances a parking facility owner or towing company may not remove any unauthorized vehicle unless it is done under the direction of a peace officer or the owner/operator of the vehicle.

Any parking facility owner who removes an unauthorized vehicle under the conditions set out above will not be liable for any damages arising out of the removal or storage of the vehicle, as long as the removal is accomplished by an insured towing company.

It is important to note that this statute also is violated if the parking facility owner has a pecuniary interest in the towing company or if the towing company has a pecuniary interest in the parking facility. That is, no consideration may pass between these entities in connection with the removal of

a vehicle from a parking facility.

The statute further disallows a towing company to remove a vehicle from a public highway unless it is done under the direction of a peace officer or the owner/operator of the vehicle.

Any violation of this Act is a Class B misdemeanor, which places liability on the facility owner or towing company for damages arising from the removal or storage of the vehicle, including any towing or storage fees assessed in connection therewith, plus reasonable attorney fees. Violators of this Act may be enjoined pursuant to provisions of the Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act.

If you have been the victim of a questionable tow feel free to file a complaint with the Attorney General's Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division. It is only through your complaints and our subsequent investigations of the alleged illegal practices that we can thwart such activities.

## Proposal limits cotton acreage

Cotton growers have a high stake in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's proposal to require growers to plant within their normal crop acreage (NCA) to be eligible for 1981 upland cotton program benefits.

USDA announced the proposal in the Federal Register Oct. 3.

National Cotton Council President Herman Propst, a grower of Anson, Texas, has asked producers and other industry members to petition USDA for re-consideration of the NCA proposal.

"USDA has already made NCA compliance a part of the wheat program announced in August, and there are indications it plans to do so for all the other program crops," Propst said.

"While not mentioned in the cotton proposal, we have determined that USDA will also demand cross-compliance among crops and compliance on all farms owned and/or operated by a grower on which a program crop is planted," he explained.

Propst said the NCA requirement discriminates against cotton producers because crop acreage is a much higher percentage of the NCA in the Cotton Belt than in most other regions. In most cotton states, present crop acreage exceeds the official NCA by a substantial amount. NCA is the total of all major non-allotment crops planted in 1977.

"Besides the obvious problem NCA compliance creates for a farmer who is cropping land that was not in crops in 1977, there is another problem that many producers may not be aware of," Propst said.

He referred to the customary USDA reduction of field acreage in measuring row crops to allow for turnrows and other service areas, but said no such allowance is given for close-planted crops such as small grains.

"Growers who plant wheat or barley behind row crops this fall to a greater extent than in 1977 may find themselves out of compliance with 1981 NCA unless the same amount of turnrow acreage is idled," Propst explained.

He added that Council delegates this year went on record opposed to letting the Secretary of Agriculture require farmers to plant within the NCA if there is no set-aside program, and USDA has indicated there is not likely to be a set-aside for 1981.

Until this year, farm law prohibited the NCA requirement in any year when set-aside was not in effect.

Propst said he is urging Council members with an interest in the acreage rules to write USDA-ASCS, Room 3630 South Building, Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013.

## Farmers must watch cost factors

With increasing production costs continually nibbling away at farm profits, a producer must give closer attention to cost control. This is where his machinery ownership habits come in.

"A farmer can control some of his operating costs by the number of hours he uses a piece of equipment per year and the number of years he owns that equipment," points out Lawrence A. Lippke of Corpus Christi, area economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

The more or longer a piece of equipment is used, the cheaper the per-hour cost of operation, explains the economist. For example, it costs a farmer about \$27 an hour to operate a \$30,000 tractor 300 hours a year for seven years. He can reduce his cost of operation to \$21 an hour by using the tractor for 500 hours a year.

"Given that most farmers will spend about two hours of tractor time for every acre of land in cultivation, using the same \$30,000 tractor for 500 hours a year instead of 300 would reduce production costs by \$12 per acre," says Lippke. "On a 500-acre farm, that's a savings of \$6,000 a year."

However, the effect of years of ownership is not really so dramatic, notes the economist. If this tractor is used only four years at 500 hours per year, cost of operation is about \$23 per hour, only \$2 more than if used the same amount of time for eight years.

"The main reason that hours of use per year is so important is related to the interest either paid or foregone on the investment," emphasizes Lippke.

**CRAZY DAYS**

Hey everyone! Decorate yourself, car, bicycle or float and come to the **Crazy Days Parade** Saturday, 2 pm Downtown **NOV 1**

# Tye PTO carnival is Friday night, Chief Rzcudlo resigns

What's Happening In Tye  
By Harold Boyd

If you aren't at Tye Elementary School tomorrow night, the spooks and witches will get you. Surely you wouldn't want to miss the carnival that the Tye PTO is hosting, starting at 6 p.m. til whenever. They will have a country store, spook house, cake walk, basketball throw, engraving booth, and last but not least a dunking booth. Should you be hungry, you can treat yourself to a hamburger from 6 to 8 p.m. only. Do make it a date, and enjoy an evening of great fun and fellowship. The King and Queen will be crowned and the drawing for the color television will be given away. At this time the PTO wishes to thank the following merchants for their support and donations. Should you need any of their services or products, do them the same favor by patronizing their business. The following have donated either products or services: Circle

## Compere club meets

The Compere Extension Homemakers Club met Oct. 23rd in Mrs. Clayton Dillard's home for the regular meeting. The president, Mrs. Ab Hunter, presided over the meeting. Mrs. Hazel Spurgin offered prayer. Mrs. Clyde Mims directed recreation with "all words to rhyme with zip", "questions on rocks", and a "poem on being 80".

Minutes were read and finance report given by Mrs. Hugh Taylor. Council report was given by Delores Adair. She reported the "Gift Show" will be Nov. 19th at Anson. Gifts to be in on 18th. Dec. 3rd is the Council Christmas party at Anson. The club's Christmas party will be Dec. 9th at Judy Devaney's home. The club's Thanksgiving dinner will be Nov. 18th at 7 o'clock in the Noodle Community Center.

Mrs. Ab Hunter brought the program on "Dying Magic of Color." Fabrics finish has an effect on dyes. Test to see if fabric will take dye. Use Purex to remove dye from enamel tubs, rinse dye garments until water runs clear, dye will not cover stains, streaks will not dye, use liquid dye for best results. Other items can be dyed besides fabrics. Wicker dyes beautifully.

Mrs. Hunter and Judy Devaney gave a demonstration on "Tie and Dye" on two t-shirts with fuschia liquid dye.

The hostess gift went to Mrs. Busby and Ailene Terry. Being two items, they each had a gift. The hostess handed out "rose cuttings" to members that were interested.

Refreshments were served to one visitor, Mrs. Maude Busby, and members: Mrs. Hugh Taylor, Clyde Mims, Dewey Ramsey, Hazel Spurgin, Wilson Williams, Ab Hunter, Don Adair, Steve Devaney, Bud Terry, and the hostess, Clayton Dillard.

The next meeting will be Nov. 13th in Mrs. Busby's home. Members will each take a covered dish for a luncheon.

A Western Wear, Ed's Feed and Seed, Starbuck Furnishings, Hi-Val Farm and Ranch, Exxon, Western Auto, Castille's, Drop 'n Jot, Gloria's Suburan, Ofilias Ceramics, M-Systems Florist, The Blossom Shop, Baccks Florist, Besty Flowers, Cottage Flowers, Flowers by Wards, Highs Flowers, Lucille Flowers, Nitas Flowers, B's Ceramics and Mud Hens, World of Ceramics, again to you merchants, our sincere thanks.

In the last column, I reported that the city council tabled the TV Cable franchised item. For those of you that may want this, there are steps that must be taken to get TV Cable in Tye. First draw up a petition and get it signed by at least 10 of the total that voted in the last election and then present it to the city council requesting the council draw an ordinance for them to operate in the city of Tye. Second is that you request that you be on the agenda at the next council meeting, at this time you can present it to them and then let them go from here. Let them know that you would like this item heard.

Tye Cub Scouts did their thing this past Sunday

and did a good job. The annual push mobile was held at the K-Mart parking lot and they went into the semi finals. Still they came home with a few ribbons and a few bruises. Congratulations boys, you all did a fine job.

Yes, our city policeman is leaving his job and you council will have met to look over applications of a new police chief. Joe, who has served our city is leaving to go back east. He feels that his family need him there due to illness. The people of Tye will host a covered dish supper, Thursday evening at the Community Center, October 29th starting at 7 p.m. till. Bring a covered dish to pass and lets show Joe that we appreciated his services and friendship. It is a must that we have some sort of law and order in Tye and if we get another policeman lets show him support and respect. On behalf of several concerned citizens, Joe, we wish you well and do appreciate your services. We hate to see you go, and there are some that feel the other way. But again on behalf of the majority of us, Best Wishes, we will miss your friendship and

protection. You readers, do show your appreciation by coming to the community center this evening.

Have you had your water turned off lately? Well contractors are still hitting a few water lines now and then but be patient with them, soon we will have this needed item and then maybe our next project will be new water lines. Only one thing at a time can be done and time will only tell.

In November we will have one of the most important elections that this country will ever have. It will be up to the voters to set forth what we want and how we will lead ourselves for the next four years and how we will be respected. So, if you are a registered voter, take to the polls Tuesday and vote your convictions. This is a freedom that we have and it is each and everyone's duty to vote.

Beings that we don't have any news, you take care and we will see you all next week. Again, support the fine merchants that support your community.

## Merkel FFA news

This week we are spotlighting members of our V.A. II 3rd period AG class:

O.C. McKeehan, son of Mr. and Mrs. B.M. McKeehan, has been participating in stock shows for the last three years. He is enrolled in V.A. II. O.C. has been showing pigs for three years and his project this year is a Duroc barrow and a gilt.

Dana Faglie, daughter of Frances Faglie, has participated in stock shows the last two years. She is enrolled in V.A. II this year. Dana's project this year is a cross-bred barrow.

Billy Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams, has been in AG for three years. His projects have consisted of barrows. He is very active in sports. His project this year is a hampshire barrow.

This week is the last week we will be selling our fruit, so make sure you order yours now. See ya next week with more Ag news.

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OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY - OPEN 365 DAYS A YEAR

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<b>SHURFINE STRAWBERRY PRESERVES</b> 18 OZ. JAR <b>99¢</b>	<b>SYLVANIA 40/60/75/100 WATT LIGHT BULBS</b> 2 CT. PKG. <b>89¢</b>	<b>SHURFINE FRESH SHELLED BLACKEYED PEAS</b> 3 PKGS. <b>\$1.00</b>
<b>CANNED/COOKED/SLICED SHURFINE PINEAPPLE</b> 2 CANS <b>\$1.00</b>	<b>SUNSHINE CHIP-A-ROO'S COOKIES</b> 12 OZ. PKG. <b>\$1.29</b>	<b>GREAT BUY! SHURFINE BLEACH</b> 1 GAL. JUG <b>69¢</b>

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A former 4 term member of the Texas House of Representatives, Buddy Temple worked diligently for sound fiscal management of state government, equitable funding of our public schools and sponsored the 1977 Highway bill that insured upkeep of our state's vital transportation system. During the 60th Legislative Session, Buddy Temple won the acclaim of Texas Monthly as the "hardest-working committee member."

In his primary victory, Buddy Temple received more than 56 percent of the vote which was the highest percentage earned by a statewide candidate on the May primary ballot. He received upwards to 80 percent of the vote in his home counties in East Texas.

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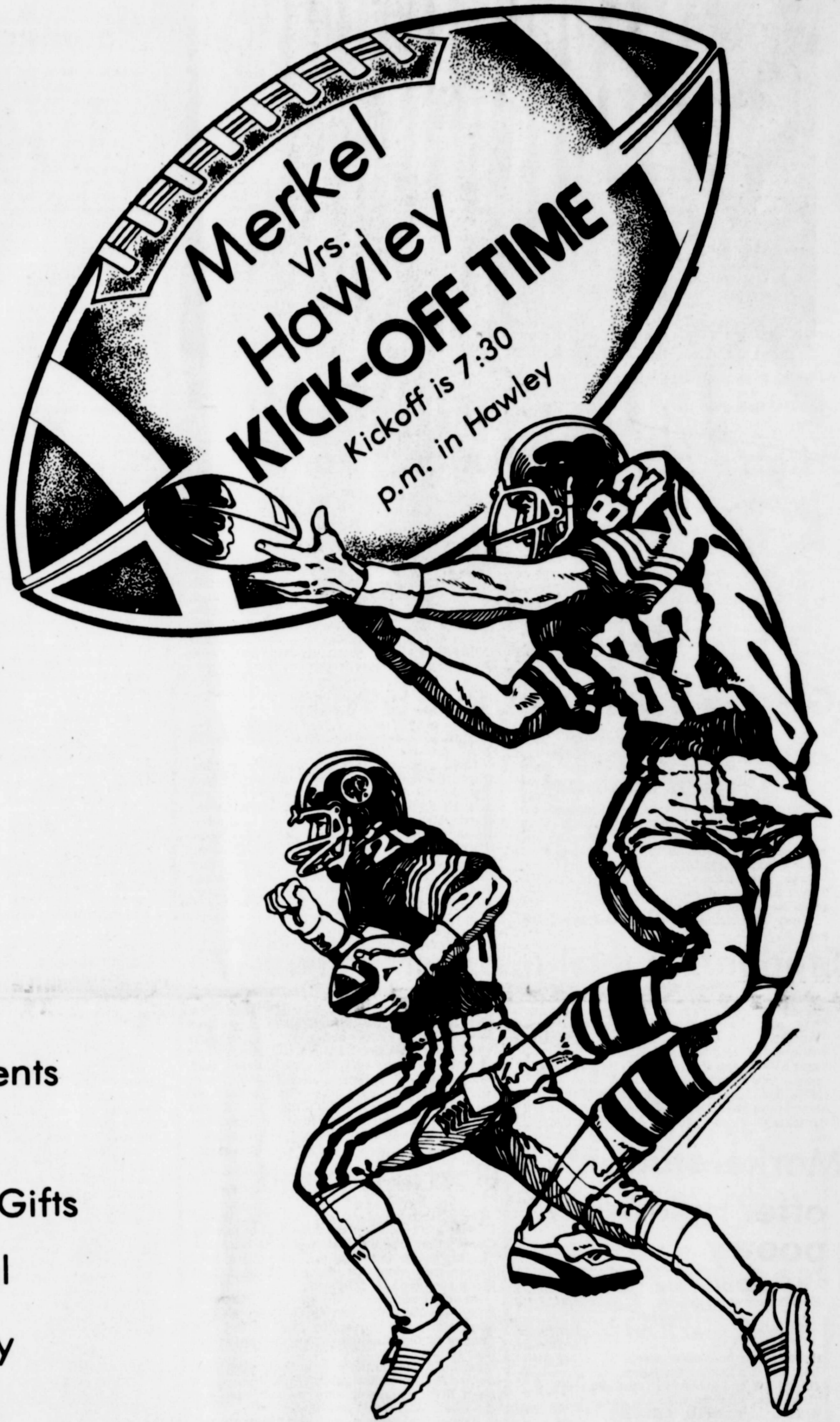
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Badger quarterback Sammy Tumlinson is wrapped up by Rotan's Byron Weathersbee and Keith Mullins in last week's 46-0 loss to Rotan. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)



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- Arrow Ford
- Keenan Land Development



Shelle Doan and Todd Smith (center, wearing crowns) were named Merkel Elementary School's Halloween Carnival King and Queen. Also shown are last year's King and Queen.

Amber Whisenhunt (left) and Wade Toombs (far right). MC for the coronation was Earl Laird. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

## High school honor students named

The Merkel High School Honor Roll is as follows:

A Honor Roll: Soph-Debra Carey, Susan Smith, Mark Turner, Matt Merritt; Jr.-Mary Fariello, Maria Moreno, Alan Glick, Loyce Baker, Stacy Seymore, Kelle Burnett, Debbie Williams, Tammie Cunningham, Ed Herrera; Sr.-Judy Castille, Norma Frazier, Delisa Roysden, Christi Brady, Sheila Adair, Mark Bland, Walter Elmore, Steve Campbell, Becky Dunlap.  
A B Honor Roll: Fresh-Angie Allen, Brenda Hohhertz, Denise Pack, Ray Walters, Melinda

Riney, Joan Fariello, Bonnie Anderson, John Ybara; Soph-Tammy Townsend, Diana Landeros, Karla Terral, Ted Hawk, Pam Allbright, Ronnie Powell, Lorne Sloan, Kim McCasland, Scott Adair; Jr.-Cristina Acosta, Rene Aiken, Connie Page, Mary Bunselmeyer, Ann Wooten, Charles Copeland, Janet Schuknecht, Kim Smith, Roberta Duran, Sirintorn Prasarn, Mandi Dillon, Brad Elliott, Sheila Swinney, Janice Jacobs, Dana Faglie, Lisa Harris, Todd Robertson; Sr.-Carrie Clark, Rhonda Hurley, Tammy Davis, Nina Morris, Sal Acosta, Rickney Mathewson, Kellv Knight, James Turner.

## Gamble celebrates 93rd birthday

Mrs. Olga Gamble celebrated her 93rd birthday, Thursday, Oct. 23rd greeting relatives and friends. She was wearing a huge white orchid, the gift of a friend.

Mrs. Bill C. Haynes and Mrs. W.T. Sadler hosted a salad luncheon in her honor at the Haynes residence in Abilene and there were telephone calls and many cards from far and near. All of these were shared by the group when read by her daughter, Mrs. Doyle Seifried of San Antonio. Among these greetings was one from the Mayor Lou David Allen, bringing best wishes from the citizens of Merkel.

When the birthday cake, containing many

candles, was presented, "Happy Birthday To You" was sung by all.

Those enjoying this fun party were: Mrs. Doyce Seifried, San Antonio; Mrs. Jimmie Lowe, Mrs. Jarrett Williams, Mrs. Robert Wiggins, and Mrs. David Gamble all of Abilene; Mrs. Ronnie Hardy, Mrs. Peck Eagar, Mrs. Paul West, Mrs. Helen Benson, Mrs. John West, Mrs. Booth Warren, Mrs. Dee Grimes, Mrs. John Shannon, Mrs. J.E. Boaz, Mrs. Val Patterson, Mary Collins, Mrs. Fannelle Boney, Mrs. George Peachy, Mrs. Dee Blackey, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mrs. Lola Cox, Mrs. Mae Seago, Mrs. Leota Sherell and the hostesses.

## Student council members named

The Merkel Middle School student body has elected the student council officers for 1980-81. They are: President, Shelly Sherrill; Vice President, Tim Jacobs; Secretary, Cindy M. Williams; Treasurer, Bill Adams; Reporter, Tami Elliott; and Parliamentarian, Kris Rich. The sponsor of the student council is Mr. Ken Elliott. Each homeroom has elected a representative and alternate to attend the meetings. They are: Mr. Bratcher's class- Susan Alberts and Brit

Pursley; Mrs. Carson's class-Kerry Dean and Abby Irvin; Mrs. Tierce's class-Sandra Kotrilik and Marlo McCauley; Mrs. Gohlke's class-Nanci Stevens and Becky Teagues; Mr. Bauer's class-Greg Spurr and Chris Horton; Mrs. Riley's class-Kelly Riney and Martina Moreno; Mrs. Townsend's class-Kelly Sherrill and Donny Brady; Mr. Jernigan's class-Sean Woodard and Kenny Sims; Miss Bewley's class-Lisa Canter and Mum Prasarn; and Mr. Reynold's class-Pam Ely and Dean Franklin.

## Merkel students offer Halloween poetry

The following are poems written by Merkel Elementary students:

Halloween

By Ted Seymore  
5th Grade

Halloween is here once more,  
Just like it was the year before.  
The ghosts and goblins are ready to play,  
"Boo, Boo, Boo" is what they say.  
Witches, bats and big black cats,  
All work together to scare off your hats.  
So all should beware of Halloween night,  
Of all the things that give you a fright.  
Pumpkins

By Chris Brown  
5th Grade

Pumpkins are here,  
Pumpkins are there,  
Pumpkins are everywhere,  
Pumpkins are happy,  
Pumpkins are sad,  
Pumpkins are funny,  
Pumpkins are mad,  
Pumpkins are orange and green,  
And they're all out on Halloween!

## Brown featured

The son of a Merkel woman was recently featured in the Baylor College of Medicine's monthly newspaper.

Raymond Brown, son of Mrs. Ruth Reidenbach of 106 Locust, Merkel, is employed by the Baylor College of Medicine as a painter, but he has extended his talents. He now creates murals using a spray gun, laquer and particle board. His creations are on walls throughout the building.

He has been employed by the Baylor College of Medicine for 19 years.

## Harris named

Eddy Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harris, was recently elected Sentinel of the Big Country District Future Farmers of America at a meeting held at Coleman High School. The MHS Sophomore student was chosen from the district group composed of 20 schools.

An active member of the local FFA Chapter, Eddy is currently serving as the chapter Secretary and represented the Local FFA Chapter at the State Convention in Houston this past summer.

During his freshman year in FFA, Eddy took an active part on the parliamentary procedure team, livestock judging team, which competed at the local, district and area levels.

Harris has been a voting delegate to the district, area and state conventions and has been active in the local group where he has helped with all functions and with preparing chapter exhibits for shows and fairs.

## Stith roof fund report

The Stith Community Center's Roof Fund has received two more donations since last week.

Clark Munday of Ft. Worth and Starbuck Company of Merkel

were the latest donors. An estimation has been made on roof repairs. A contractor said it would cost \$748 to repair the roof and an additional \$150 to replace lumber.



Eddy Harris



## QUEENA HEARTS CLUB HALLOWEEN DANCE HALFBREED

FEATURING MONTY TITTLE  
\$25 FIRST PRIZE FOR BEST COSTUME  
DRINKS AT HAPPY HOUR PRICE FOR THOSE DRESSED IN COSTUME.  
FRIDAY OCTOBER 31  
DANCE SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1 TO HALFBREED

Friday 8:30-12:00

Saturday 9:00-1:00

## Planning menus saves cash

Planning menus on a weekly basis also helps cut down "impulse buying", and it answers the ever-present question, "What shall I fix for dinner?"

MAKE 'SUPER SHOPPING LIST'- Once you've taken inventory and planned your meals, make a "super shopping list."

This starts with a "running" grocery list. It's a list you keep in a handy place in the kitchen so you can jot down food items on it during the week as supplies run low.

Near your list, keep coupons and food ads-to keep the whole system efficient.

BUYING STEPS--Before you go to the store, organize your coupons and group your shopping list by areas of the store. This helps eliminate time and added steps.

Eat before shopping--you'll probably do less impulse buying if you aren't hungry.

Follow your shopping list, but be flexible--so you can take advantage of unadvertised specials.

Doing the best job of food buying starts before you walk into the supermarket: it begins with inventory, meal planning and a "super shopping list."

That's how Marilyn Haggard, a foods and nutrition specialist sums up food buying, and she also has a step-by-step technique for success.

Ms. Haggard is on the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

TAKE INVENTORY--Take inventory of the food in your cabinets, refrigerator and freezer. This information helps you use food ads a bit later to plan meals on a weekly basis.

PLAN MEALS WEEKLY--Plan meals on a weekly basis. Involve family members in the plans. They can help with menu selection and in assessing variety.

This "pre-planning" a week ahead helps you make use of seasonal best buys, specials and coupons--and that saves money.

## School menu

The Merkel School Menu is as follows:

Thursday Oct. 30: Fried fish with tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, spinach, corn bread, and chocolate pudding.

Friday Oct. 31: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions french fries with catsup, and peanut butter cookies.

Monday Nov. 3: No School.

Tuesday Nov. 4th: Beef and cheese pizza, buttered mix vegetables, lettuce salad with choice of dressing, and pears.

Wednesday Nov. 5: Fried Chicken, cream gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, angel biscuit, and pineapple chunks.

Thursday Nov. 6: Shepherd's Pie, fried okra, buttered carrots, corn bread, apple cheese crisp.

Friday Nov. 7: Hot dogs with chili, onions, relish, tater tots, carrot sticks, coney buns, and fresh orange wedge.

## Collins returns

Mary Collins has just returned from over a month's visit and sight seeing in Arizona with family members, her brother, and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Collins and Collins children in Tucson Arizona, Mr. and Mrs. Toby Collins and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Ward and family and Mrs. Jerry Collins and daughter. Upon return to Texas, she stopped over with her brother in Lamesa, Texas at Mr. and Mrs. Q.A. Collins and in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins. Mountain trips and bridge playing were including in her visit with folks in Arizona.

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STARTS OCT. 29		
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ALL WEATHER COATS 20% OFF	DRESSES 50% OFF	PURSES 50% OFF
JARMAN SHOES 50% OFF UP TO	Use Your Master Charge - VISA - Checkbook - Or Cash	
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# Trent News

Thursday October 30, 1980

## Trent happenings

### Jr. High runs record to 2-3,

The Trent Junior High ran its record to 3-2 last Thursday by downing Leuders-Avoca 38-20. Scoring for Trent was Billy Brazelton on runs of 35, 10, and 3 yards. Benjamin Beaver also scored three times on runs of 45 and 20 yards. Benjamin returned an interception 80 yards for a T.D. Simon De La Cruz ran two P.A.T. and Chuck Pratt ran one P.A.T. Junior High's last game will be Thursday the 30th against McCaulley. Game time is at 6:00 p.m.

High School was open this week. The Gorillas travel to Borden County Friday for a 7:00 p.m. Game time.

### FFA fruit sale

The Trent FFA is still selling fruit and sausage. The price for a 2 lb stick of sausage is now \$3.00. We have just got in 1000 lbs., so we have plenty to sell. The 22 pound box of oranges is \$7.50, the 45 pound box of oranges is \$12.00, the 20 pound box of grapefruit is \$7.00, the 40 pound box of grapefruit is \$10.00 and the 14 pound box of apples is \$9.00. All of our fruit is tree ripened. If you are interested in buying either fruit or sausage call 862-6201 or contact any Trent FFA member.

### Advisory council

The Parent Advisory Council will hold a meeting concerning the Title I Program on Monday, November 10, 1980 at 9:00 p.m. in the Tax Office at the High School. All interested persons are invited to attend.

### Mullberry 4-H awards

During the month of October, many of our members have been involved in local, county and district activities.

On October 4th, Leslie Masonheimer, Dee Dee Masonheimer, Luci Masonheimer, and Pam Massey attended a 4-H Leadership Training in Abilene. They each were presented with a certificate for their participation. Leslie presided over the training.

On October 11, Luci Masonheimer entered Taylor County 4-H Rabbit Show at the Fair Grounds in Abilene. Luci came home with 3 second place wins and 1 fourth place.

On October 21, the annual 4-H Awards Banquet was held at Lytle Shores. This is a banquet held

honoring the 4-Hers in Taylor County who turned in record books. Those attending and receiving award pins were: Dee Dee and Luci Masonheimer and Michael Boyd. Leslie Masonheimer received her annual pin and a special presentation of the "I Dare You" Award. Leslie was not able to attend. The "I Dare You" award is one of the highest awards presented in our county program. Buster Brown, a former Merkelite, also received the "I Dare You" Award. Michael Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Boyd of Trent, received a blue ribbon on his record book. His record book project was rabbits. Leslie, Dee Dee, and Luci, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Masonheimer of Trent, each received a blue ribbon on their books. Leslie's book was entered in Horse, Dee Dee's was entered in Senior Bread and Luci's was in Jr. Breads. Leslie's book won 2nd in District 7 Competition. Luci and Dee Dee each won 1st with their books. Dee Dee's book was entered in the state competition. Dee Dee had an excellent book but it didn't win first. But it was a great honor to have one of the top 10 in the State of Texas.

### Trent ISD tax assessor receives state certification

Don Orr, Assessor Collector, Trent I.S.D., has been designated as a certified Texas assessor by the board of directors of the Institute of Certified Texas Assessors, The Professional Organization of the Texas Association of Assessing Officers.

Achievement of this "CTA" designation represents years of work and study. There are only 416 active certified Texas assessors in the state of Texas, and this designation is re-

cognized by the legislature of the state of Texas, the state property tax board and the board of tax assessor examiners.

The objectives of this institute are to develop the profession of assessing, establish and maintain standards of performance and provide education for its members.

These active tax assessors strive to give fair and equal assessments throughout their communities.

### Genealogy club schedules meeting in Abilene

Are you interested in your ancestors? Have you thought you might try to find out more about your family? Or have you already been bit hard by the "genealogy bug?" If so, consider this your special invitation to join the West Texas Genealogy Society in Abilene at their fall workshop. The workshop will be held Saturday, November 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on the corner of North

12th and Glenhaven. There will be a short class for beginners to help them get started, and there will also be genealogy forms and publications for sale. Members of WTGS are requested to bring genealogy books for everyone to use as their entry fee. The fee for nonmembers will be \$1.00. So sharpen up your pencils and come on out for a fun day on the ancestor hunt! The Address is 3325 N. 12th St., Abilene, Texas.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

In compliance with Sec. 43(a) of Art. 1446c, V.A.C.S., West Texas Utilities Company hereby publishes NOTICE that it has filed, on September 30, 1980, its statement of intent to make changes in its rates charged for electricity and services sold and rendered inside and outside municipal jurisdictions, such proposed changes to be effective November 4, 1980. Such Statement of Intent includes the proposed revisions of tariffs and schedules and a statement specifying in detail each proposed change, the effect the proposed change is expected to have on the revenues of the Company and the classes and numbers of utility customers affected. Gross revenues are expected to be increased 8.27 per cent by the new rates. Statements of intent were filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas and with the following municipalities:

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| Cisco        | Memphis    | Sterling City   |
| Clarendon    | Menard     | Talpa           |
| Clyde        | Merkel     | Throckmorton    |
| Cross Plains | Mertzon    | Trent           |
| Crowell      | Miles      | Turkey          |
| Dickens      | Moran      | Tuscola         |
| Dodson       | Munday     | Tye             |
| Eden         | O'Brien    | Valentine       |
| Eldorado     | Paducah    | Weinert         |
| Estelline    | Paint Rock | Wellington      |
| Goree        | Putnam     | Winters         |
| Hamlin       | Quanah     | Woodson         |

Areas affected by the filing with the Public Utility Commission of Texas are in the following counties:

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|---------------|------------|--------------|
| Baylor        | Fisher     | Nolan        |
| Brewster      | Foard      | Pecos        |
| Briscoe       | Gillispie  | Presidio     |
| Brown         | Hall       | Reagan       |
| Callahan      | Hardeman   | Reeves       |
| Childress     | Haskell    | Runnels      |
| Coke          | Irion      | Schleicher   |
| Coleman       | Jeff Davis | Shackelford  |
| Collingsworth | Jones      | Stephens     |
| Concho        | Kent       | Sterling     |
| Cottle        | Kimble     | Stonewall    |
| Crane         | King       | Sutton       |
| Crockett      | Knox       | Taylor       |
| Dickens       | Mason      | Throckmorton |
| Donley        | McCulloch  | Tom Green    |
| Eastland      | Menard     | Upton        |
| Edwards       | Motley     | Wheeler      |
|               |            | Wilbarger    |

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### SPECIAL PRICES FRIDAY & SATURDAY OCT 31 NOV 1

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|---------------------|-----------|--------|
| GLADIOLA            |           |        |
| FLOUR               | 5 LB BAG  | 89¢    |
| HEINZ               | 44 OZ BOT |        |
| CATSUP              |           | \$1.59 |
| MARYLAND CLUB       |           |        |
| COFFEE              | Lb        | \$2.39 |
| CHARMIN             | 4 ROLL    |        |
| TOILET TISSUE       |           | 98¢    |
| MA TUCKERS          | 42 OZ CAN |        |
| SHORTENING          |           | \$1.29 |
| 12 OZ CAN           |           |        |
| R C COLA            | 6 PK      | \$1.49 |
| LIQUID DETERGENT    |           |        |
| IDEAL LEMON         | 32 OZ BOT | 79¢    |
| FORMOST WHOLE HOMO  |           |        |
| MILK                | 1 GAL     | \$2.13 |
| WHIPPEE FROZEN      | 9 OZ TUB  |        |
| DESERT TOPPING      |           | 59¢    |
| VIP FROZEN          | 2 LB BAG  |        |
| FRENCH FRIES        |           | 69¢    |
| FRESH               |           |        |
| TOMATOES            | Lb        | 39¢    |
| WASHINGTON EXTRA    |           |        |
| FANCY RED DELICIOUS |           |        |
| APPLES              | LB        | 39¢    |
| U.S. NO 1 RUSSET    | 10 LB     |        |
| POTATOES            | BAG       | \$1.49 |
| FRESH               |           |        |
| RUTABAGAS           |           | 19¢    |
| FRESH PORK          |           |        |
| ROAST               | LB        | \$1.09 |
| BEEF SHORT          |           |        |
| RIBS                | LB        | 79¢    |
| GOOCH               |           |        |
| STEAK               | 12 OZ PKG |        |
| FINGERS             | LB        | \$1.59 |
| COUNTRY STYLE       |           |        |
| PORK SAUSAGE        | LB        | 98¢    |
| GOOCH 12 OZ         |           |        |
| BEEF FRANKS         |           | 98¢    |
| GOOCH BLUE RIBBON   |           |        |
| SLICED BACON        | LB        | \$1.39 |
| SUNVALLEY           |           |        |
| OLEO                | 1 LB      | 43¢    |
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BAKERS ANGEL FLAKE  
**COCONUT** 7 OZ PKG **69¢**

FROZEN FOODS  
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**COOL WHIP** 8 OZ TUB **69¢**

PATIO ASSORTED  
**MEXICAN DINNER** SEA **89¢**

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**MEATS** COOKING BAGS PKG **43¢**

JENO'S ASST 13 OZ  
**PIZZA** EA **\$1.19**

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**PUDDING**  
INSTANT 35 OZ 2 FOR **69¢**

KRAFTS  
**MARSHMALLOW**  
JET PUF OR  
MINATURE 100Z **39¢**

PIONEER  
**BISCUIT MIX**  
2 LB BOX **\$1.19**

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**LIPTON**  
3 OZ JAR **\$1.98**

WOLF  
**STEW**  
BEEF 15 OZ CAN **79¢**

AUNT JEMIMA  
WAFFLE  
**SYRUP**  
24 OZ JUG **\$1.39**

KRAFT  
SINGLE  
**CHEESE**  
8 OZ PKG **98¢**

JOHNSTONS  
GRAHAM  
**CRUST**  
PIE EA **69¢**

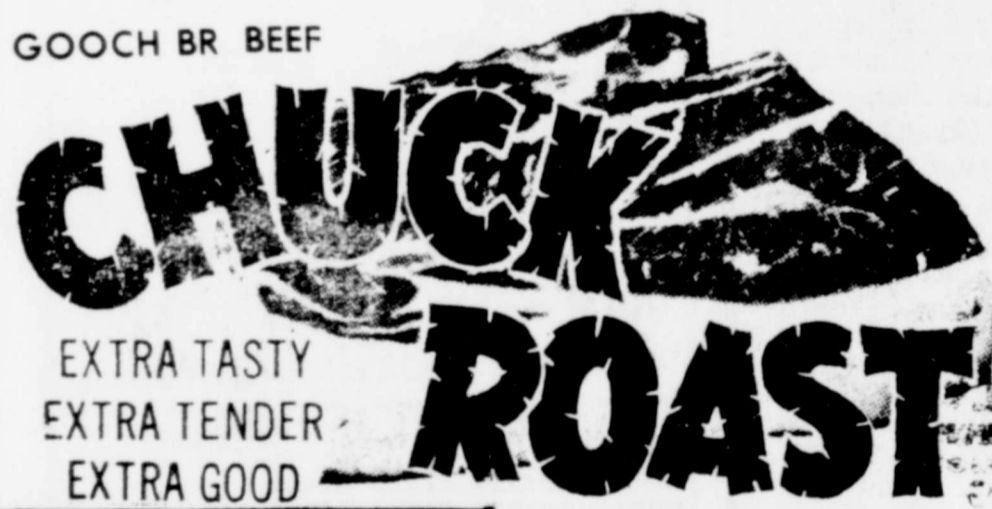
SWEETEN  
**KOOLAID**  
2 QT PKG **49¢**

**CATSUP** HEINZS 32 OZ JUG **98¢**

**FOLGERS** COFFEE 2 LB CAN **\$5.19**

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**MILK** GAL JUG **\$2.19**

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FOREMOST  
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OSCAR MAYER  
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**SAUSAGE** 2 LB SACK \$2.39 1 LB SACK **\$1.19**

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OSCAR MAYER  
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