

# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, October 7, 1982..Merkel, Texas

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## Rotan races past Merkel 26-0;

## Wylie here Friday for district opener

The Rotan Yellowhammers, led by the running of Roger Hooper and a swarming defense, downed the Merkel Badgers 26-0 in Rotan Friday night.

Merkel's offense never got on track as the Badgers managed only one first down during the game. Starting Badger linebacker and quarterback Jimmy Don Rogers suffered two broken bones in his left hand and is expected to be out of service for the next three to four ball games.

Tight end Gary Forehand will return to action this week after missing the last three games from an injury. Coach Eddie Lang told the Mail Monday he had not decided who will start against Wylie at quarterback and said it was between John Womack and Russell Lucas.

Coach Lang told the Mail Monday that his offensive team did not perform against Rotan but said it's hard to replace quarterback in the middle of the game and not have some bad things happen. Merkel had it's worst night of the season with fumbles as the Badgers dropped seven and lost four.

Lucas was also not used as running back because of a shoulder injury and Lang said that hurt the ground game. When Merkel did try to throw the ball, Womack wasn't given enough time to set up before Yellowhammer defenders were swarming him.

Lang said the defensive unit, played pretty well, although they gave up 26 points. Rotan's coaching staff told Lang Sunday the Yellowhammers played their best game of the season so far Friday.

Lang said the loss might help the Badgers because "it brought us back down to earth after we had won three in a row, we know we are human and that we can get beat. It's time to regroup and get back to business."

### MERKEL HOSTS WYLIE KICKOFF AT 8

The Badgers will host a winless Wylie team here Friday at Badger Stadium. Lang told the Mail Monday Wylie is a team that is improving a little every week and have shown they can get some things done on the football field. Lang added "Wylie reminds me a lot of us at this time last year. They will have moments where they look pretty good but they are not consistent enough to keep their opponents from driving against them on defense and making little mistakes on offense."

Lang said Wylie has a lot better ball club than people are giving them credit for having and says they can definitely move the ball on offense.

Lang said he thinks the Badgers can run the ball against the Wylie defense and said the Badgers would "throw a little surprise at them" sometime during the game.

The contest is the first district tilt for both teams so the winner will be in at least a tie for the district lead after the first week.

In other action last week, the Merkel 7th, 8th and JV teams downed Rotan and this week those teams will travel to Wylie. The 7th grade game will start at 5 p.m., and the 8th at 6 and the JV tilt will start at 7:30.

Fans attending the game are reminded they cannot go onto the field following the games and a fence encircling the field has been installed.

Friday night's game is also Parent's Night, where the parents of the players will be introduced with their sons at the start of the game.

There has been a change in the schedule for the Thursday games this week.

The 7th Grade will play at home at 5 p.m. followed by the 8th Grade at 6:15, also here.

The Freshmen and JV will travel to Wylie, their games will start at 6 p.m.



Rotan's Roger Hooper (21) scored four touchdowns to lead Rotan to a 26-0 win in Rotan last week. Here Hooper has gotten past Greg

Arnwine (72) Jimmy Mendez (33), and is about to be hit by Jimmy Don Rogers (13). (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

## Crazy Days parade is Oct. 30

The Merkel Crazy Days parade has been set for Oct. 30 at 2 p.m.

The annual parade features a Crazy Days Band (which is made up by volunteers that must have no musical talents), crazily decorated bicycles ridden by equally weird youngsters, and even a crazy float if you have that ambition.

Along with Crazy Days activities, a Crazy Dress Day in town is set Oct. 29 and 30 and Crazy Dress Day at school will be Friday Oct. 29.

More information on Crazy Days is available from Martha Sue Justice at KMIO radio station.

## FFA benefit softball tourney set

A men's recreational slow-pitch softball tournament will be held in Merkel, Oct. 9-10.

It will be an ASA-sanctioned event limited to the first 16 teams. It will benefit the Merkel Future Farmers of America. An \$80 entry fee has been established. The deadline for entry fee and

15-player roster is Monday, Oct. 4. No Red Dot balls will be allowed.

For further information, call Walt Harris in Merkel at 915-928-4723. Mail fee and roster to Harris at Big Country Inn, Route 3, I-20, Merkel, Tx. 79536.

## Child welfare group is 50

Alice King of Merkel is a part of an organization in Taylor County that has spent 50 years aiding children.

The Taylor County Unit of the Texas Child Welfare Board and all other county welfare boards from across the state are celebrating their 50th anniversary this month and this is Child Welfare Week in Taylor County.

The Welfare Board is designed to oversee the treatment children receive from various government and private organizations in dealing with their problems.

These problems include health, physical or sexual abuse, drug and alcohol problems, abandoned children, children taken into custody

for crimes and those assigned to the state as wards because of their parent or parents legal problems.

Where the Taylor County Child Welfare Board comes in is a caretaker type role to insure these organizations are accomplishing their responsibilities.

Mrs. King's group of the Welfare Board meet the third Tuesday of each month and she has been doing so for six years as a member of the board.

Texas Governor Bill Clements and Taylor County Judge James McMillon have signed proclamations naming this week Child Welfare Week in the county and in the state.

## Blunders, taxes, bills before

## order, tax laws...more

by Cloy A. Richards

I made a couple of very obvious mistakes in last week's paper. First I switched some wedding pictures Mrs. Throya Green's wedding pictures next to the wedding story of the Bryan-Jacobson's and vice versa.

Then I called my sister's new daughter a nephew, which was another obvious blunder.

Then my wife left town to work in College Station for a few days, my Aggies and Badgers both got embarrassed on the field, at least the Oilers did not lose, but I just found out that my wife will be going to College Station again, so it's back to square one.

I feel bad about the aforementioned errors in last week's paper and hope I can somehow make it up to those affected.

But, I know how it feels when things are going a little rough on you.

Things will get better, heck I might even learn the difference from baby nieces and nephews, while at the same time learn to put pictures in their proper place.

The Merkel City Council met in special session Wednesday night to formally adopt the new tax rate of 31.9 per \$100 evaluation.

This will mean an increase in some taxes for some residents because of the recent evaluation performed by the Taylor County Appraisal District.

The city will not be gaining any additional revenue from the evaluation because it will still be collecting the same amount of funds generated from personal property taxes last year.

The city budget, like most other folks, will be stretched a little this year. One reason is the rate request from West Texas Utilities.

It will affect residential customers less than municipalities and governments, because of raises in electrical rates for street lighting and pumping charges.

It happened again Monday.

I had ordered something for the paper and I got the bill before I got the merchandise. Some companies ought to move some of their

accounting folks to their shipping department. Then, at least, I'll want to do business with them again.

The Merkel Badgers will try to get back on the winning track here Friday night as they host the winless Wylie team.

We have finally seen the handiwork committed by Texas voters when the Peveto Bill passed the 67th Texas Legislative Session.

It's been talked about, argued about, cussed and discussed for nearly two years and we have received our first bill for taxes under the new appraisal districts.

Mine came Tuesday morning. I don't really have any sad songs to sing about my property taxes on The Mail. I'd seriously consider selling the building for \$11,782 cash, there's office space available around here.

My tax obligation for the county is \$27.10 and the school's bill is \$117.82.

I'm not griping, it was considerably more last year but the old evaluation was too high on this building.

Regardless, some people got hit, and they got hit pretty hard with the new appraisal district's findings.

A lot of homeowners have seen their tax obligation double under the new appraisals, I've also personally seen tax obligations more than triple for some homeowners.

Yet the school and the county and the city are going to get about the same amount of money they collected last year.

What has happened, through all of the legislative referendums we have voted in the past four years, is a shifting of the percentage of the tax burden, back to the residential homeowner and away from farm-ranch land, utility companies, oil holdings and industry.

It's not that simple because there are a lot of variables involved, but basically, that's what the exemption package passed three years ago set up and the Peveto Bill completed.

To borrow a line from the Reagan election rhetoric, "Now ask yourself a question. Are you better off now than you were four years ago?" Some of us are, some of us are not.

## Boosters fill bus to Electra

The Merkel Athletic Booster Club met Monday night at the high school.

The Rotan Merkel game film was shown. The Badgers did a good job but Rotan had a very good team. We were very proud of our boys.

The chartered bus for Electra is now full unless we have a cancellation. Every seat needs to be paid for by Friday the 8th, to have your seat confirmed. If you plan to cancel please let Jocile Brady know at 928-5705 or Sarah Lucas at 928-5630

or Mr. Everett at 928-5813.

Friday night will be parents night. All parents need to be at the football field by 7:15, introduction begins at 7:30. Please all parents or relatives need to be there to walk with your son. This is an important night for the boys. Lets support them.

Players of the week were picked. They are: Offensive, Lorne Sloan; Defensive, Jimmy Mendez; Lineman, Jay Gibson.



The 1982-83 FFA officers include (seated left to right) Brenda Hohertz, vice president, Chris Mashburn, president, Melinda Riney, secretary, (back row, left to right) Ken Hogan, treasurer,

Dusty Farmer, historian, Jay Gibson, sergeant at arms, Keith Beddingfield, parliamentarian, Chuck Peterman, reporter and Shane Smith, sentinel. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)



# Newsbriefs

## Spaghetti supper set Friday

Final plans for the Oct. 8 spaghetti supper were the main topic of business at the Sept. 28 meeting of Beta Sigma Phi chapter Xi Nu Chi at the home of president Ginny Yaddow. Peggy Valentine and Judy Elliot gave a thought provoking program on communication dealing with the issue "do you really mean what you think you say".

## Lambda Beta meets

On Sept. 21st, 1982 an ice cream social was held in the home of Christi Quance, president of Lambda Beta. The social was held to get acquainted with the prospective rushers. Everyone enjoyed a buffet of ice cream with every kind of topping available. The guest present were Rita Moore, Kay Bishop, Debbie Best, Kay Hobbs, and Debbie Roberson. Members present for the gathering were Anita Brassfield, Chera Hohertz, Kay Bloodworth, Christi Quance, Ann Leach, Barbara Peterman, Annette Clark, Mychele Hammond, Tara Flowers, and Vicki Hays.

## Pre-Wylie

### spaghetti set

Beta Sigma Phi chapter Xi Nu Chi will hold a spaghetti supper Friday Oct. 8 at Heritage Hall before the Wylie game from 5:30 to 7:30. Tickets are on sale by members or at the door at \$3 for adults and \$2 for children.

## Lambda Beta

## hears presentation

Lambda Beta met on Sept. 28, 1982 in the home of Anita Brassfield. The program was on Maturing - Learning to Learn and was presented by Christi Quance and Vickie Hays. The election of Lambda Beta's Valentine Sweetheart was held and Christi Quance received the honor. The members present for the meeting included Anita Brassfield, Ann Leach, Christi Quance, Mychele Hammond, Annette Clark, Tara Flowers, Chera Hohertz and Vickie Hays.

## Preceptor Eta

### Omega meets

Preceptor Eta Omega, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met Tuesday at the REA. Mamie Steck was hostess.

The program for the evening was presented by special guest speaker Mr. Wayne Palmer, plant manager of Walls Industries for Merkel.

Mr. Palmer gave a report on the responsibilities and operations as plant manager of Walls.

After the meeting refreshments were served to the following members: Jocille Brady, Louise Dubose, Opal Garner, Barbara Hobbs, Val Patterson, Ann Reeder, Mamie Steck, Ruth Tipton, Connie Ybarra, and Blanche Hewitt.

## Stith sets

### cemetery work

There will be a working at the Stith Cemetery Oct. 16 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Each one bring a sack lunch & we will eat at the Community Center.

## Hobbs-Reeder reunion set

The annual Hobbs-Reeder family reunion will be held at Merkel Heritage Hall on Oct. 10.

Friends and family are invited to attend.

## After-game fellowship planned

There will be an after the game fellowship, Friday, Oct. 8 following the Wylie Merkel game at the Methodist Church Gym, all students welcome for refreshments & fun.

## Riding club sets supper

The Merkel Riding Club will have their pot luck supper Wednesday at 8 at the REA Building.

## Canyon, Blair residents meet

Former and present residents of Blair and Mullberry Canyon met Saturday in the Senior Citizens building for their sixth annual reunion.

Many towns were represented. Mr. & Mrs. Earl Fitzgerald of Mission Texas came the longest distance which was over 550 Miles.

Blair Neill was cited as the youngest present. She was named for Blair town.

Over one hundred registered and enjoyed the luncheon.

## Miller-Borden wed here

Shelly Diane Miller an Jimmy Gordon Russell were married Saturday at First Baptist Church of Merkel with Bu-ton Hunt of Cave Springs Baptist Church of Neosho, Mo. officiating.

Given in marriage

by her father, the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad D. Miller, 2065 Highland. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Gordon Russell of Neosho.

The bride was attended by her sisters, Cheryl Ann Miller, maid of honor, and Dina Miller, bridesmaid.

Flower girl was Gofdie Russell of Neosho, sister of the groom, and the ring bearer was Benjie Miller.

Best man was Terry Broyles of Tye. Seating guests were the bridegroom's brothers Davie Russell and Charles Russell, both of Neosho.

The bride's parents hosted the reception at the church.

A graduate of Abilene High School, the bride is employed by TG's Hair Design. The groom is a graduate of Neosho High School and received the bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Missouri. He is employed by Wayne Bullock Contractors.

Following a wedding trip to Lake of the Pines, the couple will live in Abilene.

## Obituaries

### Mary Kennedy

Mary Clara "Manie" Kennedy, 88, of 70 Mill Court died at 11:10

a.m. Wednesday at Happy Haven Nursing Center. Services were held at Elliott Hamil Funeral Home.

The Rev. H.B. Terry Baptist minister, will officiate. Burial was held in Mount Hope Cemetery in Anson.

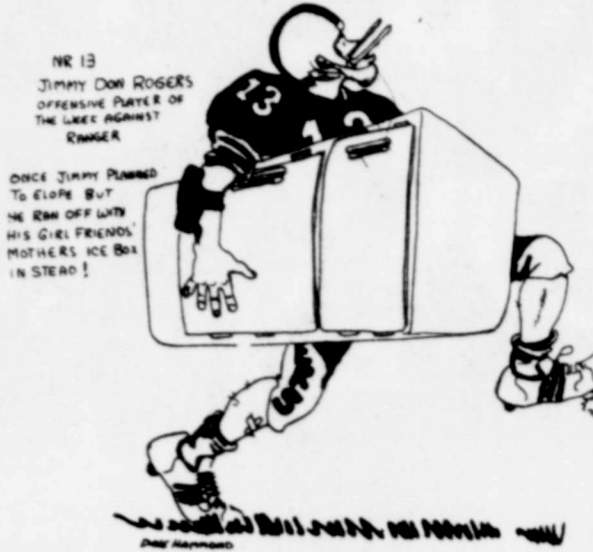
Born Nov. 6, 1893, in Jones County, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Marion Stevens, pioneer area ranchers. She attended Hardin Simmons University and married William H. Kennedy Sept. 25, 1912. He died June 5, 1948. She was married in Golan Community in Jones Co.

She was preceded in death by two brothers.

T.B. Stevens and Cecil Stevens.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Dr. Evelyn Shipman of 70 Mill Court and Mrs. I.J. (Ada) Hall of Canyon; a sister, Ada L. Jeffrey of Clyde; a sister in law, Johnnie Pearl Stevens of Hamlin; 3 grandchildren, Kenney Shipman of Denver, Penney Shipman Brooks of Houston and Jay Hall of Canyon; and 8 great grandchildren.

From all levels of government, Americans get about 150,000 new laws and some two million new regulations a year.



NO. 13  
JIMMY DON ROGERS  
OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK  
CARRIER



NO. 72  
GREG ARNOLD  
LINEBACKER OF THE WEEK  
DEFENSIVE RIGGER  
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JIMMY MENDEZ  
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK  
CARRIER



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8th grade here with Wylie at 6:15

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J. V. at Wylie at 7:30

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Badger quarterback Jimmy Don Rogers hands off to John Warkala in first quarter action in Rotan last week. The Badgers lost to Rotan and

will host Wylie here Friday at 8 p.m. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

## Council likes acreage reductions

National Cotton Council President Ed Breihan said Secretary John Block's announcement of a cotton acreage reduction program along with advance payments should help bolster sagging farm income.

The program announced today by Secretary Block calls for a 20 percent reduction from the 1983 base of more than 15 million acres to be eligible for program benefits. An additional 5 percent paid diversion is offered to participants.

An advance payment of 50 percent of the expected 1983 payments will be made at the rate of 6.4 cents per pound for expected deficiency and 12.5 cents per pound for the diversion payment.

Sign-up for program compliance and advance payments will begin Oct. 1, and the advance payments will be made at that time.

Breihan commended the Secretary on his action. He pointed out that the Council's Board of Directors earlier this month had requested that the Secretary use all tools at his disposal to reduce the cotton carryover to not more than 3.5-4 million bales as soon as practical.

The action had been made necessary by an unusually large 1981 crop and weak market condition, leading to an excessive carryover of 6.5 million bales, Breihan explained.

Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 24th day of September, 1982, against Troy Bell Hasting, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 7915-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the Matter of The Marriage of Alonzo H. Bell, Jr. and Troy Bell Hasting", the nature of which suit is a request to obtain a divorce from the Respondent. Petitioner requests the Court to order a division of the estate of Petitioner and Respondent in a manner that the Court deems just and right.

at Abilene, Texas, this the 27th day of September, 1982.

Rilla Mahoney  
District Clerk  
326th District

Court  
Taylor County  
Texas  
By Johnnie Woodard  
Deputy

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### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION STATE OF TEXAS

To: LAWRENCE DAVID BAYES, 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 WILLIAM LUTHER HAMMOND and BETTYANNE HAMMOND, Petitioners, filed in said Court on the 11th day of August 1982, against LAWRENCE DAVID BAYES, Respondent and said suit being numbered 7730-C on the docket of said Court and entitled "In the Interest of TIFANIE CHARME GENE BAYES, a child" the nature of which suit is a request to terminate the parent-child relationship and subsequently adopt the child. Said child was born the 21st day of December, 1975, in Fort Carson, El Paso County, Colorado. 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 but not necessarily limited to, the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Issued an given under my hand and seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 17th day of August, 1982.

Rilla Mahoney  
Clerk of the District Court of Taylor County Texas  
by Judy Bennett  
31-4tc

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: JAMES GUNN  
Unknown Address, Respondent:

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Court house of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Mario Alcantar and Glenda Sue Alcantar, Petitioner, filed in said

Court on the 23rd day of September, 1982, against James Gunn, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 7915-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the Interest of Melodie Majuahata Smith, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Petitioners pray that the Court determine what parent-child relationships exist between the child and any other persons, that same be terminated, that Mario Alcantar be granted a decree of adoption of such child. Said child was born the 5th day of March, 1973, in Dallas, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination for the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court

at Abilene, Texas, this the 30th day of September, 1982.

Rilla Mahoney  
Clerk  
326th District Court  
Taylor County  
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Kelly Gandy  
Deputy  
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They were all appreciated. Roy Hewitt

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TO: TERESA LYNN RACKLEY, Address Unknown, 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 GERALD RAY RACKLEY, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 21st day of July, 1982, against TERESA LYNN RACKLEY, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 7619-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of GERALD RAY RACKLEY and TERESA LYNN RACKLEY"; the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to grant a divorce between the petitioner and respondent, and decree such other relief requested in this petition.

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.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 8th day of September, 1982.

Rilla Mahoney Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas By JoAnn Lackey, Deputy.

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TO: Kenneth E. Thompson, Defendant; GREETING: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 326th District Court of Taylor County, Texas at the Court house thereof, in Abilene,

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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 14th day of September A.D. 1982, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 27th day of April A.D. 1982, in this cause, numbered 7216-C on the docket of said court and styled Michael Kenneth Tarpley et ux Pam Delise Tarpley, Plaintiff, vs. Kenneth E. Thompson and Bud Rumfield et ux Sharon Rumfield, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiffs pray that they recover from Defendant's actual damages in the amount of at least \$800.00 and in punitive damages at least the amount of \$1,600.00 and any other and further relief, either in law or in equity, general or special, to which they may show themselves justly entitled 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.

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 14th day of September A.D. 1982.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Kelly Gandy Deputy.

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Page 4 houses until 4:30 p.m. Oct. 11, 1982. Bid requirements and rehabilitation details may be procured at City Hall, 107 Lamar, Merkel, Texas. This is a Community Development Block Grant Program number B-81-DS-48-0013 and any and all contractors are invited to bid.

Kent Satterwhite Mayor

High Blood Pressure And Your Survival

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Fortunately, high blood pressure can be lowered and kept down. But it cannot be cured. Control of high blood pressure can reduce the chance of stroke, heart attack or kidney disease. So it's very important to start treatment early and stick with it.

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If you weigh too much, you're already making your heart work too hard. You may be put on a diet to lose weight. Smoking can make high blood pressure rise even higher. That's why it's important to stop smoking or at least try to cut down.





Yellowhammers Richard Mendoza and Mondo Montez (19) take down John Warkala in last

week's game in Rotan. The Badgers were held to one first down during the contest. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)



**The Consumer Alert**

by Mark White  
Attorney General

AUSTIN—One of the hottest crazes today is electronic games. "Pac Man," "Asteroids," and others seem to have totally captured the interest of the American public. In every convenience store, supermarket, laundromat, and shopping center there will be a selection of teenagers, career professionals, and tradesmen avidly dropping quarters into slots and feverishly working

controls. If you are thinking of investing in electronic videogames either for a full-time or part-time income, you should be aware of certain considerations.

Typically a game retails for between \$2,000 and \$5,000. You should call several suppliers for prices. Many manufacturers sell directly to a customer wanting to place a small order (one to ten games.)

It takes time and equipment

to make a game route profitable. The key is location, which means time spent in making contacts of business owners, moving machines into locations, and then rotating machines to different locations as they lose playtime and become obsolete in one place. In order to move a game, which weighs about 300 pounds, generally the operator needs a vehicle capable of loading and transporting heavy loads. Usually it takes several people with a dolly to move the machines. The best production for a machine in one location is generally from two to six months, so moves are frequent.

Routes require maintenance. Switches and other heavily used parts go out. Most videogame operators keep an inventory of commonly replaced parts on hand, so that the time of a game is maximum.

Beware the "get rich quick" game route plan. There are

many unscrupulous companies either selling poor machines, or failing to deliver the product ordered. Watch out for advertising of a "game show" to be held in a hotel suite for three to seven days.

Often it is difficult to check references or obtain information on these operators. Claims of profitability are phenomenal, but the customer is not told of the time and effort involved in maintaining a route. Usually the pitch recites that the only time needed is to go around and empty the coin boxes, which will be overflowing every day. Beware of supposed innovations in engineering; often this is a gimmick to make the customer think that his game is exclusive in some way. A large down payment or deposit "up front" is another signal that you may be on the way to the cleaners.

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**Some foods can reduce cancer odds**

Although we have heard plenty about foods that appear to increase the chances of getting cancer, a recent study also cites foods that seem to reduce the odds, says the Texas Medical Association.

A scientific committee of the National Academy of Sciences says in a report that diets rich in fruits, vegetables and whole-grain cereals seem to reduce the chances of getting certain kinds of cancer. The panel specifically urged daily consumption of produce high in vitamin C and carotene, which the body changes to vitamin A.

The committee noted that vitamin C in foods can inhibit the formation of cancer-causing substances. It said foods rich in vitamin C, such as citrus fruits, tomatoes and peppers, appear to lower the risk of stomach and esophagus cancer.

Foods high in carotene are associated with a reduced risk of many cancers, including lung, breast, bladder and skin. These foods include dark-green leafy vegetables and deep-yellow fruits and vegetables, such as carrots, spinach and broccoli.

The study also cited vegetables in the cabbage family—cauliflower, kale and brussels sprouts—for their natural cancer-inhibiting substances.

But the committee advised against taking large doses of vitamin and nutrient supplements. It cited a lack of proof that this is healthful and noted possible toxic hazards.

The study also urged people to cut back on foods that may increase the risk of getting cancer. They include: Salt cured and smoked foods such as bacon, bologna, smoked fish and ham, sausage and hot dogs.

Foods high in fat such as fatty cuts of meat, cooking oils and whole milk dairy products.

**FFA news features tournament, Gibson, Griffin and Hohertz spotlighted**

The true farming nature shown through this week in Mr. Riley and Mr. Naron as they became eager to have our ground tilled and planted. With the help of some very fine farmers in the area, this was accomplished. We would like to thank Mr. Travis Farmer and Mr. Benny Melton for use of their tractors and tandem plow, and to Mr. Leon Harris for sowing the grain with his equipment. Even the Lord cooperated with a little shower over the week end. Maybe this will bring some grazing for our animals.

We hope all will come out this weekend and support the FFA Softball Tournament. Games begin at 8 a.m. Saturday morning at the Girls Softball field. This weeks spotlights are from the VA III class.

Jay Gibson, son of Jerry and Peggy Gibson, of Route 1, Merkel. Jay is a junior and 16 years old. His project program this year consists of show pigs, 2 steers, a boar, and 3 sows. In the past his projects have been lambs, steers, heifers, cows, and bulls. Jay has showed at all major stock shows for the past 3 years. He has also completed in many leadership activities and won many awards such as: Area Star Greenhand, Area Star Chapter Farmer and Area Diversified Livestock Award. Jay's leadership activities consist of Greenhand Parliamentary Team Extemporaneous Speaking Contest (2nd district, 5th area) Public Speaking (1st district, 3rd area). He served as Historian for the chapter last year and has been

elected Sergeant at Arms for the current year. Jay has attended all banquets and conventions at local, district, area, and State levels for the past 3 years. He has also played football for 3 years, basketball for 2 and ran track for 2 years.

Marc Griffin son of Kenneth Griffin of Tye. Marc is 16 years old and a junior. His degree in ag is a Chapter Farmer. Marc's project program for this year and for the past years has been feeder calves. He has also been active in 4H club. Marc enjoys hunting and fishing. After high school he plans to go to TSTI.

Brenda Hohertz daughter of Harold and Chera Hohertz of Route 4 Abilene is 16 and a junior. Her degree in ag is a Chapter Farmer. Her project program this year is feeder steers. In the past she has had feeder heifers and show steers which she showed in Merkel, West Texas Fair and Taylor County. Brenda's leadership activities include Greenhand Quiz Team, Floriculture Team, and Radio Team. The past year Brenda served as Chapter Sweetheart and Sergeant at Arms. This year she is the Vice President of the Chapter. She has attended all banquets and conventions on local, district, area and State levels for the past 3 years. Brenda was awarded Highest Scholastic Award her freshman year, Dairy Award and the merit award for VA II last year. Her other interests include cooking, skiing, and camping. She is active in church youth organization and Student Council (Vice Pres.). Her plans after high school are to attend business school or Texas Tech University.

**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 13, 1982, its Statement of Intent to make changes in its retail rates charged for electricity and services sold and rendered inside and outside municipal jurisdictions, such proposed changes to be effective October 19, 1982. 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. Systemwide retail adjusted annual revenues are expected to be increased 9.4 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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**A & M economist says hope hard to find, but there for agriculture**

Texas farmers are suffering from a siege of economic setbacks that are the most serious since the depression of the '30s. But despite the catastrophic situation, there is some glimmer of hope as farmers forge ahead and plan for 1983.

"Both weather and the marketplace have devastated the hopes of many producers this year," said Dr. Carl Anderson, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. "It's been a year filled with widespread crop losses due to hail, wind, floods and drought, and now at harvest time, huge stockpiles of most crops coupled with a sagging demand are driving prices below production costs."

And delinquent loans are running rampant, with almost half of the 25,000 Texas farmers with Farmers Home Administration loans behind in their payments. To make matters worse, most have nowhere else to turn for financial backing, said Anderson.

Many farm prices have been driven through the floor by huge crops the past two years, noted the economist. During the first half of 1982, prices for cotton, cottonseed, rice and hay dropped more than 30 percent below the same period last year and grain sorghum averaged about 20 percent less.

Texas livestock producers are faring a little better than crop growers. Hog prices are up 21 percent and beef cattle prices are holding even compared to the first half of 1981 while milk prices are off slightly. Prices for calves, sheep, turkeys and eggs are averaging 5 to 10 percent less while wool prices are off 20 percent.

Along with poor prices, farmers continue to face high interest rates when compared to returns to investments generated from their operations, and high exchange rates have destroyed growth in the export market, Anderson said.

With this overall dismal situation, how can there be hope for farmers?

"Economic health can return from either lower supplies or increased demand that will boost market prices or through more favorable farm program prices," said Anderson. "Either adjustment may take up to three years to develop fully."

Currently, Texas farmers are looking to Commodity Credit Corporation loan rates, farmer-held reserve loan rates and target prices as their main hope for surviving the most severe financial pressure in half a century," he said. "Unfortunately, earlier this year many of them did not recognize the benefits of support prices and the looming financial dangers."

According to Anderson, failure of more than half of the sorghum farmers to take part in the farm program has caused grain prices to fall sharply below the CCC loan rate. This resulted because nonparticipants were ineligible to put their grain into the loan program and thus had to dump large amounts on the open market, driving prices down.

Now farmers must look ahead to the 1983 farm program. Specifics of the program are being developed, said Anderson, and should be available soon for planning next year's crops.

However, farmers can use expected target prices and loan rates for various crops in their early planning. Expected target prices are \$4.30 per bu. for wheat, \$2.86 per bu. for corn, \$4.91 per cwt. for grain sorghum, 76 cents a lb. for cotton and \$11.40 per cwt. for rice. Regular CCC loan rates will be close to \$3.65 per bu. for wheat, \$2.65 per bu. for corn, \$4.50 per cwt. for grain sorghum, 55 cents per lb. for cotton and \$8.55 per cwt. for rice. Anticipated farmer-held reserve loan rates are \$4 per bu. for wheat, \$2.90 per bu. for corn, and \$4.91 per cwt. for grain sorghum. There is no reserve loan for cotton and rice.

Using these anticipated figures, maximum deficiency payments (difference between target price and CCC loan rate) that farmers could expect are 65 cents per bu. for wheat, 21 cents per bu. for corn, 41 cents per cwt. for grain sorghum, 21 cents a lb. for cotton and \$2.85 per cwt. for rice.

"Since reduced production will be a major goal of next year's farm program, it will likely call for laying out 15 to 25 percent of the base acreage for each eligible crop," said Anderson. "Farmers should take this into consideration as they begin land preparation and fertilizer and herbicide applications for next year's crops."

1983 farm income could improve some with increased participation in the farm program since reduced production would help the supply situation and allow loan rates to be more effective in setting price floors. On the demand side, lower interest rates should give a boost to the marketplace. And an improved economic climate could spur the demand for farm products, said the economist.

Meanwhile, farmers will be looking at controlling or minimizing operating expenses, evaluating alternative crops for highest returns while taking a little price risk as possible, foregoing capital purchases and taking a hard look at full participation in the government farm program, Anderson said.

**Fortnightly group holds meeting**

The Fortnightly Study Club met in regular session on Tues., Sept. 28 in the home of Mrs. James Jay. Madelon Horton was Co-Hostess. Each member answered roll call with the title of a book she had read recently.

Mrs. Ed Sandusky, president, presided for a brief business meeting. Heritage chairman, Mrs. Ray Wilson, discussed a project that the club is sponsoring which is preserving the records of the club since its beginning in 1934.

The club voted to hold a Bake Sale on Saturday, Oct. 9, in the Wilson Store Building on North 2nd Street.

Joyce Jay led the members in reading the Collect for Club Women.

Program chairman, Alice King, introduced Fredalyn Everett, who presented a book review. She selected the book "Dearest Friend" by Lynne Whitney.

Refreshments were served to: Mrs. Joe Allen, Mrs. C.M. Brown, Miss Mary Collins, Miss Avies Deavers, Mrs. Bill Everett, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Miss Mildred Hamm, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Buster Horton, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. James Jay, Mrs. C.B. Knight, Mrs. Allen D. King, Mrs. Curtis Rister, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, Mrs. Alf Walla, Mrs. Maurine White and Mrs. Ray Wilson.

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## Rodgers-Tucker wed in in San Angelo. Sept. 24

Suzy Rodgers of San Angelo and Mike Tucker of Big Luke were married, Friday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Harris Avenue Baptist Church in San Angelo officiating was David Abbe, cousin of the bride.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Parker of San Angelo. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Lee Tucker of Merkel.

Matron of honor was Sandra Young of Midland, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Brenda Harrison, sister of the bride and Yvonne Henry, both of San Angelo. Alysia Rodgers, daughter of the bride was Flower Girl.

Best Man was Alan Tucker of Abilene, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Paul Tucker of Dallas, brother of the groom and Ronnie Sanford of San Angelo. Ushers were John Plaster and Eddie Dusek of San Angelo. They also served as Candlelighters.

Parents of the bride hosted the reception in the church fellowship hall. Parents of the groom hosted the rehearsal dinner at Zentner's Daughter in San Angelo.

The bride is a graduate of Eden High School and the groom graduated from Merkel High School.

After a wedding trip to Cloudcroft, N.M. the couple will be living in Big Lake and the groom will be employed by Continental Emsco there.



Amber Whisenhunt hold the trophy she won at the recent West Texas Fair and Rodeo swine show. Her light weight hampshire barrow was first in the judging. (Staff photo)

## Obituaries

### Leslie Greaves

Leslie Greaves, 62, a Trent, a stockfarmer and former Coleman resident, died at 12:15 a.m. Friday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Services were held Sunday at Stevens Funeral Home.

The Rev. Paul Smith officiated. Burial was at Coleman Cemetery. Born May 28, 1920, in Coleman County, he married Louise Bode in 1970 in Trent. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife; three sisters, Mrs. Woodrow (Geneva) Baxter of Coleman, Mrs. Gene (Nellie) Royall of De Leon, and Mrs. James E. (Wanda) Baster of Anson; four brothers, Clifford of Colorado City, Marcus E. and Edgar, both of Coleman, and Raymond of Clyde; and several nieces and nephews.

Nephews were pallbearers.

his wife; a daughter Betty Mathews of Gruver; a brother, Howard of Abilene; three sisters, Willie Mae Winters, Oleta James and Paulene Keys all of Abilene; and three grandchildren.

### John Young

John Otis Young, 73, of Merkel died at 9:30 p.m. Friday at Starr Nursing Home in Merkel after a long illness. Services were held Monday at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. David Bugg of First Baptist Church officiated and burial was held at Elmwood Memorial Park.

Born July 3, 1909, in Jones County, he lived in this area most of his life. He was a member of the Methodist Church and married Zana Lofland Sept. 1, 1928, in Jones County.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, John Jr. of Merkel, David of Dallas, Billy G. of Nederland and Tommy of San Angelo a daughter, Zana Scott of Midland; four brothers, I. R. of Abilene, Jess of Hamlin, W.D. of Stamford and C.O. of Anson; a sister, Ruth Hillier of Hamlin ten grandchildren; & three great-grandchildren.



The "dog days" — the hottest days in the northern hemisphere — are named for Sirius, the "Dog Star", and usually fall between July 3 and August 15.

## Scott's announce engagement

Mr. & Mrs. E. Boyd Scott have announced the engagement of their daughter, Gloria Gail Scott, to Kyle Dewitt Wade, son of Mr. & Mrs. Calvin D. Wade.

Miss Scott is a 1980 graduate of Hawley High School and is a Junior majoring in accounting at McMurry College. She is employed part time by Cloud Printing.

Her fiance is also a 1980 graduate of Hawley High School and is employed by Abilene Glass and Mirror.

The couple plan a January 8 wedding in the First Baptist Church in Tye, Texas.



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### BEEF 'N CABBAGE STIR FRY

- 2 or 3 T. peanut oil
- 1 1/2 lb. thinly sliced beef-top sirloin, round steak, or flank steak
- 1 med. onion
- 1 green pepper
- 2 C. shredded green cabbage
- 2 C. shredded red cabbage
- 1 yellow squash
- 1 zucchini squash
- 8 oz. mushrooms
- 1/4 C. soy sauce
- 2 T. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp. salt or more to taste
- 1/2 tsp. pepper

Heat wok on high, pour in only enough oil to coat pan. Wok is ready for frying when chopsticks or wooden spoon sizzles in oil. Pour in beef and stir fry for about 5 minutes, remove onto warm platter. All vegetables should be sliced very thin diagonally so that all sides are exposed to the surface of the heat. Stir fry all vegetables two at a time in this order: onion, green pepper, green cabbage, red cabbage, yellow squash, zucchini squash and mushrooms. When all foods are cooked, warm all vegetables and meat in wok, add soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper. Blend seasonings well and serve immediately. Serves 4-5.

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