

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, December 9, 1982...Merkel, Texas

25 cents

WTU receives 4.7 % increase says it will ask for more soon

West Texas Utilities Co. rates will increase early next year by an average of 4.7 percent as result of a settlement agreement reached this past week.

WTU and all parties involved, including the Public Utility Commission staff and the Texas Municipal League, agreed on a retail revenue increase of \$10.2 million annually. WTU had proposed an increase of \$20.4 million.

WTU officials said the Company agreed to the settlement because it was in line with recommendations of the PUC staff, and that the Commission usually does not deviate far from the staff's recommendations. The main difference between WTU's request and the amount allowed is the rate of return on common equity. WTU had sought 18 percent and received 16.25 percent, which is about the same percentage granted in WTU's last rate settlement last February.

"It is obvious that as result of this settlement we'll have to ask for another increase sooner than we had hoped," said Glenn Teaff, WTU local

manager.

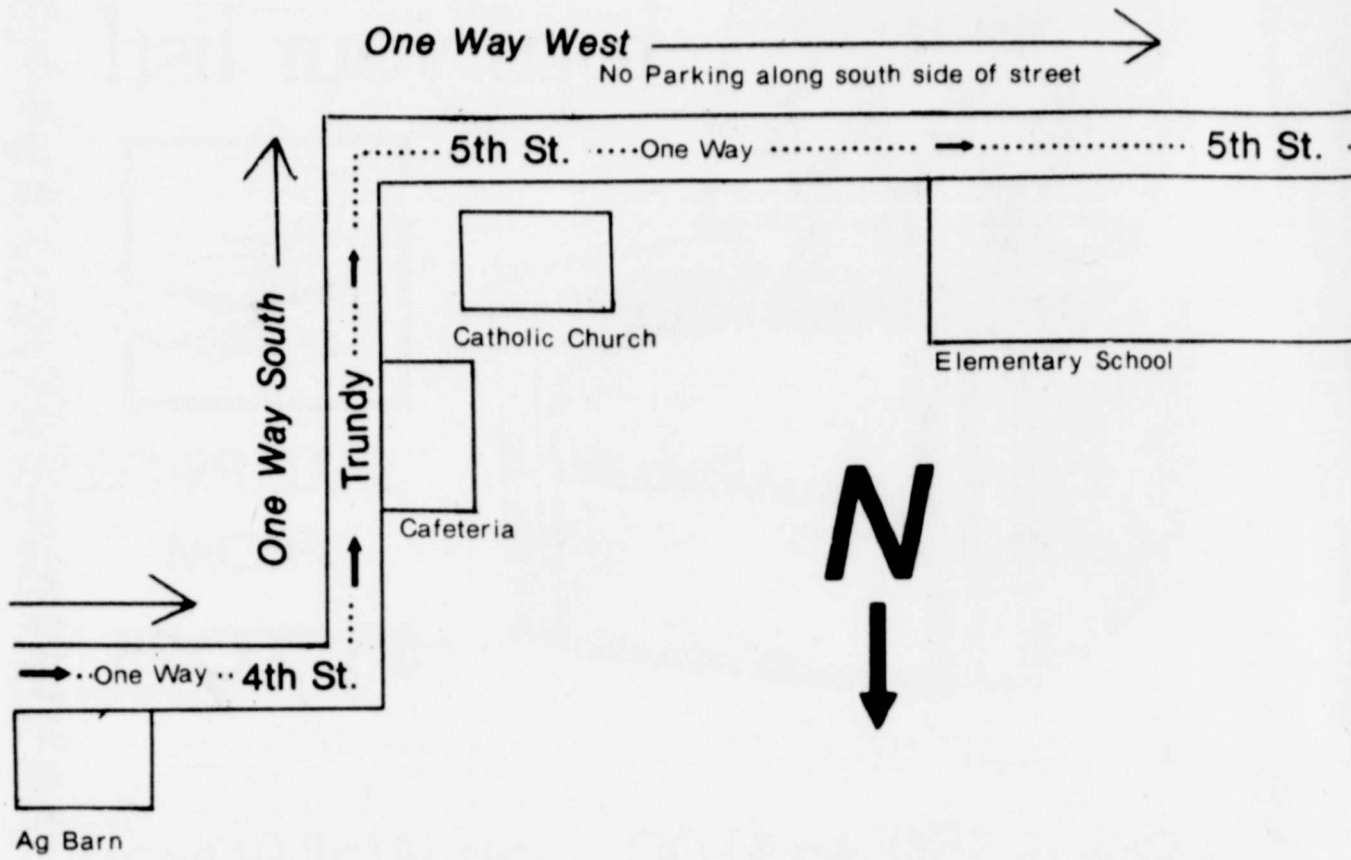
He said WTU management has indicated that a new rate case may be filed as early as April of 1983. The new rates are scheduled to go into effect Jan. 7 unless the PUC changes the date.

Effect on monthly residential bills, including both the base rate and estimated fuel cost charges, would be as follows:

For 600 kilowatt-hours—\$45.76 at 7.63 cents per kilowatt-hour, compared to \$43.39 at 7.23 cents per KWH under the present rates.

For 1,000 kilowatt-hours—\$71.98 at 7.20 cents per kilowatt-hour, compared to \$68.30 at 6.83 cents per KWH under the present rates.

Residential rates vary, depending on whether the home has electric water heating, electric heating, or a combination of both, but the average increase for the residential customer classes will be 4.96 percent. The increase for commercial customers will average 5.55 percent and the increase for large power customers would average 2.96 percent.



Former Noodle students meet

About 170 former students, teachers and patrons of the Noodle school met in the Fellowship Hall of the Merkel Church of Christ, Saturday, November 27 for a Homecoming. The event is held every other year on even numbered years.

Noodle school began in 1891 and closed in 1973. It was located in the southern part of Jones County, about seven miles north of the Taylor-Jones County line. Since the school disbanded the Homecoming events have been held in Merkel.

More than 140 were served a catered lunch Saturday with several joining the group for visiting in the afternoon.

For the program Cricket Miller Sloan led the group in singing old school songs. This was followed by musical entertainment provided by the Sosbee sisters, all of whom attended Noodle school. These girls were popular singers during high school days and still sing together regularly.

Opal Garner, who has served as president for two terms, presided over a business session. She

opened with a brief Memorial service for those who had died since the last Homecoming. She conducted a brief business session with minutes of the previous meeting, then presented the new slate of officers chosen by a nominating committee. Elected as president was Juanita Daniel Zachry of Abilene, and Ruby Touchstone McCoy as vice-president. Mary Stanley has served the group for several years as secretary-treasurer and was re-elected.

Cline Satterwhite presented special awards to Mr. and Mrs. Davis Williams of Mesa, Arizona for the ones who had come the greatest distance. Mrs. Williams was the former Eva Mae Vancil and was a teacher at Horn and Noodle.

Mrs. Mabel Goode McDermitt of Abilene, class of 1916, was the recipient of the gift for the oldest student present.

Homecoming officials estimate that the crowd this year was the largest in several years. The 1984 Homecoming is scheduled to meet in Merkel again on Saturday following Thanksgiving.

MISD band-choir programs changed

The Merkel ISD Bands and HS Choir will be presenting 2 evenings of Christmas musical entertainment next week. On Wed., Dec. 15th the HS Band and Choir will be performing in the auditorium at 6 p.m. Selections the choir will be performing include "Silent Night", "Silver Bells", and "Gloria" which will feature soloist Don King. The HS Band numbers include "Winter Wonderland", "Do You Hear What I Hear?", and

"Christmas Pops Medley". The Fianle will be a joint performance of the band and choir doing "Christmas Celebration".

On Thursday night, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. in the auditorium the Middle School and beginning bands will perform their numbers which include "Rudolph", "Jingle Bells", and "Deck The Halls". The concerts are free of charge and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Shop here, sports, golf...more

by Cloy A. Richards

I know of some people that have already finished their Christmas shopping.

Sickening isn't it? Especially for those who wait until at least Dec. 24 to start.

The Mail would like to remind our readers that Merkellites should buy all they can at home this season.

Spending money in town has definite impacts on local merchants and the city and money spent at home stays here.

Money spent elsewhere ends up in the same place!

The Cowboys and the Redskins had a heck of a game Sunday didn't they?

Did you see that one banner on TV from the Redskins fans. It simply read "I HATE THE DALLAS COWBOYS!"

Try that in Texas Stadium.

Football fans will have a treat Friday, if you are willing to drive about 25 miles to the west.

One of the state's hottest football teams, the Eastland Mavericks will play their semi-final game in Sweetwater against Hale Center at 7:30 p.m.

Should be a dandy.

If you want a good hunting story, talk to Bob Hook. I heard about one of his latest episodes, but you'd better get the story from him.

Basketball fans will have a real treat Dec. 11 on Super Station WTBS in Atlanta (Channel 6 on Merkel TV Cable) as Virginia and Georgetown will square off. The game will pit the two best "big men" in college basketball as Virginia's Ralph Sampson and Georgetown's Pat Ewing will take the battle above the boards.

The game will start at 8 p.m. and should be one of the best college games played until the NCAA tournament in early March.

Speaking of sports, there will be a very important meeting here Thursday night concerning the future of golf in this area.

As most of you already know, the Merkel Country Club has been taken over by Abilene National Bank. For the time being, the bank has agreed to let the Merkel Golf Association run the golf course until the bank decides what to do with the property or completes a sale on the course.

The meeting Thursday night is open to all people interested in golf in the area. It will start at 7 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Co-Op building.

A meeting was held last Thursday, attended by 27 people. Members will discuss Thursday membership dues, operating procedures and other particular details concerning the operation of the course.

Your attendance is encouraged and I'll be giving special tips on how to blow a two foot putt right afterwards.

It's an anniversary of sorts for me this week. I edited the second issue of December at Pope Air Force Base seven years ago and this week begins my eighth year in putting out a newspaper on a regular basis.

I'm still amazed each Wednesday in Anson when I see it roll off the press, especially some weeks, when the two previous days it looked as though it would never happen.

The One Way signs near Merkel Elementary are up and local drivers should start heeding those signs.

See the chart on Page One for details.

Basketball action hot & heavy

The Merkel girls took third place in the Bronte Tournament this weekend and the Merkel JV boys took third in the Hawley tournament this weekend highlighting the week's basketball action.

VARSITY GIRLS

The Varsity girls took third place in the Bronte Tournament last weekend.

The girls opened the tourney with a 39-34 win over Bronte. Melinda Riney led the way with 12, Debra Carey added 10.

The girls then lost to Hawley 65-40. In that game, Carey had 9, Windi Whisenhunt had 8 and Tina Bicknell had 8.

The girls won the consolation trophy by downing Christoval 52-37. Cindy Sims was high point with 14, followed by Whisenhunt with 11.

Earlier last week, the girls lost to Hawley 52-50. Carey led the Badgers with 22 points in that contest.

This week, the girls will play in the Albany Tournament with their first game at 10 a.m. Thursday against Baird. They will play at Bronte Tuesday at 6:30 next week.

JV GIRLS

The JV girls played in the Hawley JV Tournament this past weekend and went 1-1.

Led by Chris Rich and Sandy Forehand who scored 12 each, the JV downed Brownwood 46-35. Mum Prasarn added 9.

The JV took a three point loss to Wylie 43-40. Forehand led the way with 10 and Debbie Green added 8. The JV will not play again until Dec. 30.

FRESHMAN GIRLS

The Freshman girls lost to Wylie last week 51-35. Kelly Beights poured in 16, Sandy Forehand added 10 and Amy Irvin 6. The Freshmen will play Haskell here tonight (Thursday) at 5 p.m. and will play next Tuesday here at 5 p.m., against Wylie.

BOYS VARSITY

The Merkel boys got off to a bad start last week as they dropped their first game of the season 61-41 to Hawley. Boys Coach Cliff Smith told the Mail Monday "We just did not start off right, or at all. We only scored four points in the first quarter and eight in the second and you don't beat anyone scoring like that."

Derald Muniz did manage 17 points to lead the way.

In the Bronte Tournament, the boys won their first game over Bronte 52-49. Smith described the game as average for the Badgers and said

Local gins pass 10,000 bale mark, should reach at least 13,500 bales

Planters Gin in Trent still leads the way in bales ginned as the local cotton crop easily went past the 10,000 bale mark last week.

Cotton stripping was interrupted by rain for the second week in a row causing some delays in harvesting the remaining cotton.

At Planter's Gin, they have processed 5,422 bales as of Monday morning and they had about 6 to 700 bales on the yard waiting. They were working on ten hour shifts and said they expected anywhere from 1,500 bales to 2,000 bales additionally to come in before the stripping season is over.

The Merkel gin has processed 3,859 bales and said they didn't have too much to do as they only had one trailer and one module waiting. They said they had no idea of when they would be getting any more cotton to gin but said they were expecting more soon. They also said results from samples have been good so far.

Russell Lucas and Sammy Tumlinson led the way with 14 each. Michael McCoy added 11.

The next game was one Smith found hard to describe. The Badgers lost 62-60 to Hawley and said his team played excellent ball for three quarters and then the fouls hit. In the fourth quarter, Hawley scored 16 of their 22 points from the free throw line. Russell Lucas easily had his best game of the year scoring 28, Sammy Tumlinson scored 14 and Derald Muniz scored 12.

The boys then lost 61-51 to Winters for the consolation trophy. Muniz led the way with 14, Lucas added 12 and McCoy and Jimmy Don Rogers each scored six.

The boys will play in the Albany tournament this weekend with their first game at 11:30 a.m. Thursday against Baird.

The boys will then travel to Bronte Dec. 14.

BOYS JV

The boys Junior Varsity played in the Hawley JV Tournament and lost their first game 42-26 to Hawley. In the consolation game, Rodney Gowins scored 10, Sean Woodard 9 and Todd Hensley 8 as the JV downed Coahoma for the third place trophy.

8TH GRADE BOYS

The Merkel 8th Grade defeated Baird twice in their first two games of the season.

Merkel had little problem with Baird on the road as the 8th graders, led by Justin Amerine's 14 points, won 30-15.

Douglas Taylor scored ten and had four assists and Amerine led the rebounding with ten.

In the home game, it took a 20 foot jumper with 32 seconds left from Danny Santee to lift the Badgers over Baird 30-29.

Santee and Taylor each scored 8 and Lance Jones led in assists with 6. Amerine hauled in 11 rebounds and Taylor and Santee each recorded five steals.

The Merkel 8th grade boys, led by Justin Amerine's 13 points downed Albany 39-37.

It took two free throws from Danny Santee with 10 seconds left to lift the Badgers to the win here Monday night. Douglas Taylor recorded six assists during the contest.

7TH GRADE BOYS

The Merkel 7th Grade team had no problem with Baird last week as Ramon Moreno scored 10 and Brit Pursley had 8 to lead the way in a 34-10 win.

The Badgers obviously played well defensively as they held Baird scoreless the first quarter and the fourth.

Christmas parade Saturday

The annual Merkel Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. Santa Clause will be on hand to talk to children in a barricaded area on Edwards at the end of the parade. He will also be handing out candy to children.

The Chamber will award cash prizes in the float, horse, car and bike categories and will also present some mystery prizes.

Participants in the parade are being asked to start lining up at 1:30 at the Merkel Assembly of God Church on North Second.

FFA stock show almost here

The Merkel Chapter of Future Farmers of America will be attending the Big Country FFA District Banquet, December 8 at Briarstone Manor. The banquet will begin at 7 with Chuck Peterman presiding in the office of Treasurer. There is a special sweetheart contest at this banquet with the winner going on to area to represent the Big Country District and her chapter. We are pleased to present Miss Becky Middleton as our chapter sweetheart and wish her the best of luck.

Dusty Farmer competed on the area level in extemporaneous speaking contest. Dusty came home with a fifth place banner November 22 from Stephenville.

The Merkel Livestock Show is December 18. As you know a lot of work and planning must go into this show to make it run smoothly and that is just what FFA members, parents, and people from the community have been doing. Mr. Riley, Mr. Naron, and FFA members have been very busy ear-tagging animals, getting them ready for the show, and working and cleaning on the show area. Parents and people from the community have been just as busy gathering donations. We appreciate all these people but especially you for support and donations because without you we could not put on the best Stock Show possible. If

you wish to donate please contact the Vo. Ag Dept. Thank you!

Our spotlights this week are from the V-III class: Todd Fielder son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Duniap of Route 3 is 15 a sophomore and a chapter farmer. His project this year is a gilt and barrow. Todd has competed on the leadership and judging teams. He attended the state convention last summer. Todd enjoys playing basketball, hunting and farming.

Parker Wilson son of Don and Judy Wilson of Route 3 is 15, a sophomore and a chapter farmer. Parker will show a chester and spot pigs this year. Last year he showed 4 barrows and placed very well at all major stock shows. He competed on the FFA Quiz team his freshman year. Parker attended the local and state conventions and banquets. He won \$50 because he sold the most fruit last year. His hobbies include model rocketry, RC planes, helicopters and gliders. Parker thinks he may want to join the Air Force after high school.

A.D. Roys son of Mr. and Mrs. Aury Roys of Route 1, Tye, is a sophomore, 15 years old and a chapter farmer. A.D.'s project is a gilt as it was last year. His hobbies include working on old cars.

Trent inducts NHS members Dec. 12

Trent High School's annual induction ceremony for the Trent Chapter of the National Honor Society will be December 12, 1982, at 2:00 p.m. in the Trent Gym.

To be eligible for membership consideration, students must be a Sophomore, Junior, or Senior, have a cumulative grade average of 90 percent.

Additionally, potential members must meet high standards in leadership, service, and character.

Leadership is based on the Student's participation in community or school activities. To meet the service requirement, the student must have been active in service projects in the school and

community. Character is measured in terms of integrity, behavior, ethics, and cooperation with both students and faculty.

Candidates are screened by a faculty council consisting of High School Teachers.

Those selected this year are: Casey Johnson-Junior, Farrion Hambrick-Junior, Christy Kinard, Nancy Brenem, Roger Brenem, Patrick Penton, & Steven Schreiner all Sophomores.

Officers for the National Honor Society this year are: Matt Jackson, President; Billy Williams, Vice President; Pam Massey, Secretary; Mrs. John Brady is serving as advisor.

Bailey grad of Allsup's school

Sharon L. Bailey, manager of the Allsup's store at Route 1-1 20 in Merkel received her diploma from Gary Whittington, instructor, for successfully completing the Allsup's Store Manager Training Course. The classes, held at the company's home offices in Clovis, New Mexico, prepares new managers for assuming the

responsibilities of operating an Allsup's store. According to Whittington, "The eight day course is intensive, with theory, policy and procedure and practical application covered. It's a demanding class designed to prepare the managers to handle the duties of their challenging position and better serve our customers."

Hughes' hold annual reunion here

The descendants of John S. Hughes gathered at Heritage Hall in Merkel on Thanksgiving Day for a day of visiting and reminiscing. About seventy-five brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins, grandchildren, and friends shared a bounteous dinner.

Attending were Mrs. Carl Hughes representing the family of Carl M. Hughes. Of this family were J.W. Hughes of Big Spring and his children John, Sandra, and Evelyn and the grandchildren; Mary Lou Hughes Hays and Paxton and their children, Kenneth Hays and family; and Carla Hays Price and family; Mrs. Earl Hughes, Sr., representing the Earl Hughes, Sr. family, her daughter Jane Hughes Wade, Brandon Wade, and son Brad; Mary Hughes Bird of Ft. Lupton, Colorado; Dorothy and John B. Hughes and daughter Lisa Jan of Merkel; Nell Hughes Miller and Powell Miller and children Bill and Lockett Wood and grandchildren of Dolores of Boulder, Colorado; Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Hughes and children Sharon and Ron, and grandchildren from Pueblo and Denver, Colorado; La Verne Hughes Elliott and Gilbert and their son Steve of Grand Prairie; William Hughes and son Robert and granddaughter Kim of Houston and Austin; Camara Hughes Barrick and sons Larry and Rex, daughter Rhew Ann, and grandson Jarin of Arlington.

Local relatives attending were G.W. and Faye Hughes, Lou Ella Hughes, Alma (Cox) and Oliver Rister, Genevieve Cox King, and Ray King and son. Friends who called were Fred and Mildred Starbuck, Zada Bird, Bessie and David Gamble, Johnny and Ruby Hammond, and Robert Higgins.

Bazaar set Saturday

Be sure to stop by the WTU Building Sat. morning beginning at 9 for the Xi Nu Chi Christmas Bazaar.

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Model	Cash Rebate on Purchase	Dec. '82 Cash Rebate In Lieu of Waiver	Maximum Rebate
228-hp 8640	\$4,500	\$1,700	\$ 6,200
179-hp 8440	4,000	1,350	5,350
180-hp 8480	3,600	1,200	4,800
155-hp 4640	3,400	1,050	4,450
130-hp 4440	2,800	850	3,650
110-hp 4240	2,300	750	3,050
90-hp 4040	2,200	700	2,900
80-hp 2940	1,800	500	2,300
70-hp 2640	1,300	400	1,700
60-hp 2440	1,200	350	1,550
50-hp 2240	1,100	300	1,400
40-hp 2040	900	250	1,150
370-hp 8850	\$8,200	\$2,300	\$10,500
290-hp 8650	6,400	1,900	8,300
225-hp 8450	5,700	1,500	7,200

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MHS honor roll

The Merkel Middle School Honor Roll is as follows:

6TH GRADE A
Walter Best, Michelle Dudley, Taylor Walston, & Richard Lacey.

6TH GRADE A-B
Kenneth Jowers, Jon-David Layher, Wade Toombs, Robert Turner, David Biera, Lisa Harris, Krista Johnson, Shane Lancaster, Steve Leverich, Dewayne Campbell, Julie Koflanovich, Maxie Lang, Pam Neff, Christi Wade, Cissy Sever, Melinda Baker, Mendy Bunselmeyer, Jennifer Gaona, Deim Tran, Anissa Jones, Mary Dillon, Twila Wilburn, Bridget Vaughn, Lorena Pack, Glyn Ann Rutledge, & Jennifer Davis.

7TH GRADE A
Allan Isom, Angie Cannon, Son Mi Chon, Kristy Elliott, Michelle Goodgion, Stacie Johnson, Brit Pursely, Amy Stuckey & Krista Toombs.

7TH GRADE A-B
Chad Archa, Kyle Coker, April Duncan, Staci Ferguson, Tami Israel, Angie Moreno, Ramon Moreno, Ted Seymore, Todd Smith, Misty Vaughn, Angie Boggs, Doug Bauer, & Clara Herrera.

8TH GRADE A
Sheri Riney, Danny Santee, & Billy Ray Riley.

8TH GRADE A-B
Debbie Pack, Angela Thomas, Abby Irvin, Fondale Watson, Kim Welding, Judy Henson, Sandra Kotrlak, Tina Jaramillo, Tracy Bicknell, David Ray, & Ron Turner.

James new postmaster

Dennis R. James is appointed the new postmaster at Big Lake effective Saturday, December 11, Sectional Center Manager-Postmaster, Norman R. Adamson, Sr. of Waco announced today.

James, age 27, is a native of Merkel and has served as Superintendent of Postal Operations in Hamlin for the past 2 years. He began his postal career as a city letter carrier in Abilene and has also served as Officer-In-Charge at Colorado City.

Postmaster selections are made on the basis of merit from a list of qualified candidates submitted to the Sectional Center Manager by a Review Committee. The Review Committee, composed of a district director from the same district, a sectional center director or postmaster from the same sectional center and a sectional center manager or postmaster from a different district, review the applicants for the position and recommend to the sectional center manager those candidates who best meet the position requirements. The sectional center manager then selects and recommends to the Postmaster General the best qualified person for appointment to the vacancy.

Dennis attended McMurry College in Abilene and received a BBA degree in Accounting in 1980. He and his wife, Kathy, have two children: Derek, age 3; and Leslie, age 5 months.

Pokin' Fun

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by Dee Biskely

Get ready sports fans. This news could start a national trend. Everybody knows about baseball and beer, but have you heard about beer baseball?

A California friend of mine invented the game and has all the lawsuits to prove it. Here's the way it works: Two sober teams meet on an abandoned cow pasture. The game is played according to traditional rules except the pitcher has to have a 4-ounce shot of beer before he throws each ball. If the batter hits the ball, he has to drink a similar shot before he advances to first base. If the fielder catches or chases down the ball, he has to drink a shot before throwing the ball to where ever he's supposed to throw it. Get the picture?

The game is especially tough on pitchers. Talk about losing control, an active pitcher can lose his arm, sense of balance, and direction to the bench. One such superstar shook off so many signals from the catcher that the catcher crawled out to the mound to see what was the problem. The pitcher said he couldn't make out the signals and needed to revise the system. "So what additional

signal do you need?" asked the catcher. "Like which way is up ... and forward" replied the fast-baller.

The first and only time this game was played, it set several records: The most pitchers ever used in a game, including pitchers of beer and pitchers of baseballs; the first unassisted triple play because three players could not find their respective bases; and, the only daytime game ever called on account of darkness. The actual outcome of the game will forever be disputed because nobody remembers the score. In fact, a few can't recall 1982.

And there were many lawsuits filed, so all should be forewarned, but as might be expected, eyewitness accounts are rather sketchy. My friend says he persuaded everybody to spend the night at whatever position they were playing.

The remedy for the worst cases of bloodshot eyes was to throw the guy in a bale of hay until they cleared up. This may sound strange, but for California it's rather normal. Going into the next state, there is a rumor that a sign reads "Leaving California, Resume Normal Behavior."

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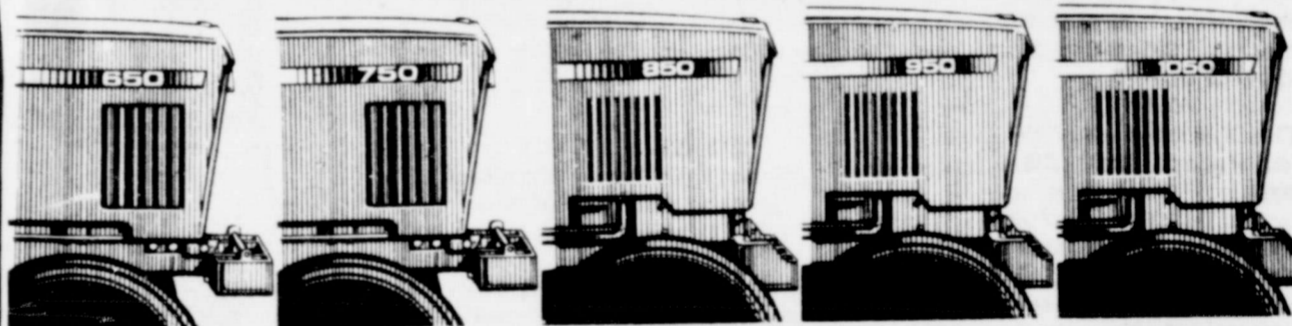
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Fit most autos, pick ups, tractors, boats or golf carts. \$30. Call 928-5694.
2 row John Deere Cult. & Planter, Front mount 200 gal. weed sprayer, Water Pump. 846-4328.

35-TFC
AKC Registered Golden Retriever pups. Champion Bloodline. Call before 3 at 928-4434 or after 3 or weekends at 928-5522.

39-3tp
SPECIAL: A History of Rural Taylor County, by Juanita Daniel Zachry. Two for \$30 until Christmas. Call Mrs. H. C. Reid at 928-4946.

39-2tpd
AKC yellow Labrador puppies, championship bloodlines, will be ready December 24th Taking Deposits. 928-5152.

40-1tc
Wood for Sale.
Several cords ready. Bill Peterson, 208 Orange 928-4833.

40-1tc
Artificial Christmas tree, some decoration, couch, TV game. Call 928-5962 or come by 210 Rose, Wed-Thurs.

40-1tp
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40-1tp
For Sale: Heddman Hedder's & chrome sidepipes 350-400 Chev. GMC 928-4948.

40-1tp
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40-1tp
For Sale by Owner, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, in Merkel, \$35,000, call 928-5662 after 5.

40-2tp
This Years Fresh Shelled Pecans. Call 928-4908.

40-1tp
For Sale: 1977 Cougar XR 7, loaded, 43,000 miles, Call Faye Robertson, 928-5806 after 5 p.m.

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37-TFC
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23-TFC
Granny's Playhouse, Child Care open from 8:30 AM till 6:00 PM Call 928-4904 or come by 207 Orange.

30-tfc
Christmas Worries Are Over- Crafts Sale Ceramics, stuffed animals, Christmas items. Wood & Metal Crafts-Windmills, clocks, pump jacks, pen sets. Thursday & Friday 8:30-5:00. Two and two tenths miles past city limits sign on Country Club road.

40-1tp
Need Woman to help with housekeeping 2 days a week at 712 Rose. Call 928-5243.

40-2tp
Would Like a Ride to Abilene 5 or 6 days a week. Working Nov 15 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Call 928-5834.

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39-2tp
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House For Rent in Stith Community 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 acre of land. Call Hawley 537-9298 after 4 40-1tp

For Rent: One Bedroom apartment. No Children. 928-5234. 40-1tp

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40-1tc
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Garage Sale: ladies blouses & pants, boys brown suit size 16. Western Boots size 7. 709 N. 2nd Thur - Sun. 40-1tp

Garage Sale: Thurs. & Fri. 8:30 - 5:00. 750 Yamaha, nice dish-washer, RCA TV game with cartridges, some baby and children's item, lots of misc. No early sales please. 2 & two tenths miles past city limits sign on Country Club road. 40-1tp

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Porch Sale: Dec. 10 & 11, 1st house on right, south of Tex Mart on FM 1085 in Trent. Books, glassware, Avon Bottles, dining room suite, gun cabinet, 357 magnum, tires, 15 inch, 13 inch, tools, men's clothes & misc. 40-1tc

Small black puppy, some white on chest, lost in vicinity of Kent, Runnels or El Paso. Reward offered 928-5381. 39-2tpd

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Our recent sad loss leaves us with grateful hearts toward neighbors and friends. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful. Their comforting expressions of sympathy and thoughtfulness will always be remembered. Pam Mashburn Byers Family. 39-2tnc

The Starr Nursing Home wants to thank the Church of Christ and First Baptist Church, for donating their vans to take the residents to the malls to see the Christmas lights. A personal thanks to Jan McCoy, Brother Bugg, Mr. Pribble, and the employees of the home for donating their time to take them out for such a fun time. We all enjoyed the outing and would like to go again. Thans again. 40-1tc

The family of Mrs. Ora C. Griggs gratefully acknowledge all the kind expressions of sympathy during her long illness and at the time of her death. \$ Thanks especially to the staff of Starr Nursing Home, Intensive Care Unit at West Texas Medical and all the other expressions of love shown to her during this time. \$ Thank you Bro. Bugg for the beautiful service you brought and to Syble and Sandy for the beautiful music. To all our friends who brought food to our home and for the dinner later, and all the flowers, cards, calls, prayers and words of sympathy we thank you. Wilfred [Dub] T. Griggs & family, Harry [Corky] M. Griggs & family, Mrs. Gloria Griggs & family and Mrs. George [Olga] Peachy & family. 39-2tnc

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF YSAU ROBERT FLORES DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original letters Testamentary for the Estate of YSAU ROBERT FLORES, Deceased, were issued on November 29, 1982, in Cause No. 15,612, pending in the County (Probate) Court of Taylor County, Texas, to: CATARINO FLORES

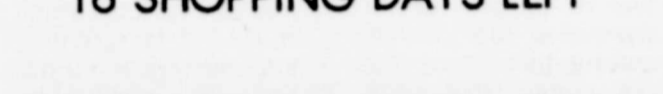
The residence of such Executor is Midland County, Texas. The post office address is: P.O. Box 2152, Midland, Texas 79702

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 30th day of November, 1982.
Don R. Wilson
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Newsbriefs

Patterson's announce daughter's engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Frank Patterson of Trent announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheri Lynn, to Jerry Mack Walters son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Walters of Early.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Trent High School and attended McMurry College.

Her fiancé attended Early High School and is employed by Melton Drilling and Exploration of Midland. The couple plan to be married February 19 in the Trent United Methodist Church.

Starbuck Funeral Home.

Larry Gill, minister, officiated. Burial was Monday in Parkland Cemetery in Plainview. Born Jan. 16, 1905, in Deport, he married Bulah Meeks in September 1924 in Merkel. She died Oct. 31, 1970. He married Edna Horton July 2, 1972, in Merkel. He had lived in Hart since 1965, where he was a deacon at Sunnyside Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Glenn of Hart; a daughter, Mrs. Harold Morrison of Edmonson; two step daughters, Sonja Toliver of Merkel and Jimmie Nutt of Marlin a brother, Jesse of Seymour; four sisters, Ruby Ray of Coleman, pearl Meeks of Hamlin Jewell Trainham of Abilene and Edna Earl Shaw of Wichita Falls; and three grand daughters.

Youth choir

The Calvary Sunshine Youth Choir and the young people of Calvary Baptist Church will be presenting a Christmas pageant, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," this Sunday evening, Dec. 12th at the Calvary Baptist Church, North 5th and Runnels St. This rendition of the Christmas story will feature drama, scripture recitation, vocal and instrumental pieces. The pageant, directed by Mrs. Barbara Graham and Mrs. Sharon Schultz, begins at 6 o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend.

Honor roll

The following students at Merkel Elementary were left off of last week's honor roll.

The include Second graders Tammy Graham and Gena Hawkeswood on the A list and Denise Cargill, Brent Martin & Jon Lee on the AB list.

Carmen Holden, a 1st grader was also left off of the A list.

Arthur Wilson

Arthur Lee Wilson, 77, of Hart, a relative of several Big Country residents, died at 11:50 a.m. Friday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a long illness. Services will be at Merkel Church of Christ, directed by

Hester promoted

American Petrofina Inc. of Houston has announced the promotion of Robert J. Hester to the position of General Manager of Exploration. "Jack"

is a 1942 graduate of Merkel High School. Hester a 1947 petroleum geology graduate of Texas Tech University, was an exploration geologist for Casden Petroleum Co. at Midland until the company was acquired by Fina in 1963.

He lives in Houston with his wife, the former Sue Kidd of Woodville, Tx., who is a school teacher for the Houston School District.

SHERIFF'S SALE
By a virtue of a certain Execution, issued by the Clerk of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, on the 26th day of August A.D. 1982, in a certain cause wherein United Oil & Grease Plaintiff Co., Inc. Vs. Jimmy Rogers, DBA Big "T" Supply Defendant, in favor of the said Plaintiff for the sum of Nine Thousand Four Hundred Forty One and 29/100 Dollars with interest thereon at the rate of 9 per centum per annum, from date of judgment, together

with all costs of suit, that being the amount of a judgment recovered by the said United Oil & Grease Co., Inc. Plaintiff in the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, on the 28th day of October A.D. 1982, I have levied upon, and will, on the 17th day of December A.D. 1982, at 10:00 a.m. located United Oil & Grease 101 Cherry Street Abilene, Texas in the Taylor County, Texas, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of Jimmy Rogers, DBA Big "T" Supply in and to the following described personal property, levied upon as the property of 1-20 ton Hydraulic Jack, 1-Air Tank (Guardian), Assortment of Yard tools, 1-Double Edge Axe, 3-Sledge Hammers, 1-Garden Hand Sprayer, 2-Saddles, 1-Pipe Tool, 2-7/2 B&D Circular Saws, 1-Thos. Electric Impact Wrench, 1-18x2 -14-inch Pipe Wrench, 1-Come-A-Long, 1-36" Crescent Wrench, 1-

18" Crescent wrench, 2-Battorff Bumper Jacks, 1-Set Truck Tire Chains, 1/4-box Sewing Machine String, 2-10" Rollers, Assortment of Bombs, Assortment of Boom Chains, 1-Wheel Barrow, 1-Two-Wheel Dolly, 1-Roto-Tiller, 1-Barbeque Barrel, 1-Headache Rack, 1-20" Lawn Mower, 1-Steel Pole Driver, 1-1962 Gregory Travel Trailer 5LL62315620333, 1-4-wheel Livestock Trailer N19192, & 1-Sort Master Pick-Up Toolbox with assortment of tools.
The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for Nine Thousand Four Hundred Forty One and 29/100 Dollars in favor of United Oil & Grease Co., Inc., together with the cost of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.
John W. Middleton, Sheriff Taylor County, Texas By Eddie Swanson Deputy Abilene, Texas Dec. 3, 1982



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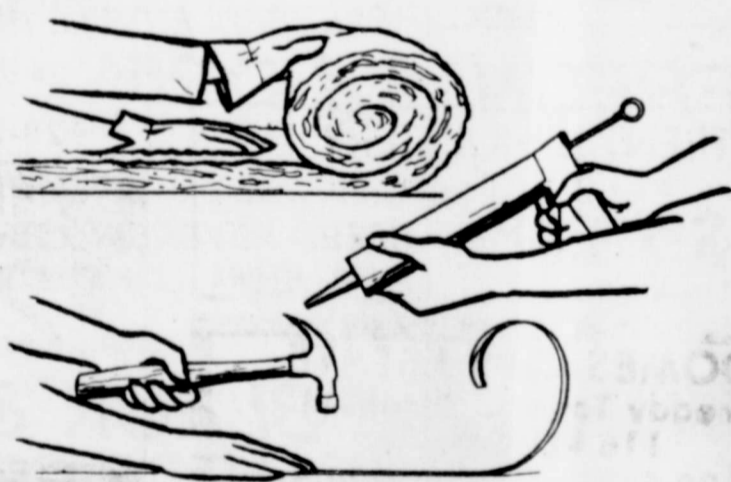


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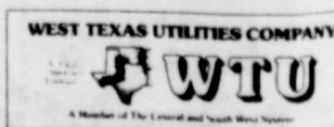
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YELLOW **\$1.00**
3 FOR

COOKED FOOD SPECIAL OF THE WEEK
LARGE FOOT LONG **HERBY'S SAUSAGE 'N BISCUITS**
WITH AN 8 OZ. CUP OF COFFEE ONLY **99¢**

THERE'S ONE NEAR YOU!

DOUBLE BONUSES TO \$1,600

Pick a team of hay/forage tools and John Deere will double the bonus on both

Take delivery on any new John Deere mower/conditioner purchased during this program—get a John Deere money bonus as shown. Take delivery on a new John Deere square baler, round baler or PTO forage harvester purchased during this program—get a money bonus.

But if you pick a team—a mower/conditioner plus a baler or PTO forage harvester—on the same order, you'll qualify for a double bonus on both tools!

There's more: finance with John Deere and the finance charge will be waived until the 1983 season of use in this area.

Model	John Deere Money Bonus	Team Bonus If Bought With Mo/Co
Mower/Conditioner	\$400	—
Round Baler	\$300	\$1400
Square Baler	\$300	\$1400
3940/3960 Forage Harvester	\$400	\$1600

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30 W QT 10W 40 QT
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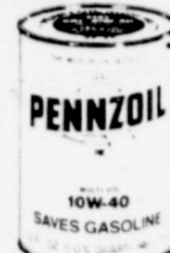
(LIMIT ONE CASE)

TRANSMISSION
FLUID

QT **97¢**



\$1 04
QT



\$1 16
QT



30 W **\$1 09**

\$1 39

STERLING 10W 40

ICE KING BRAND

ANTI FREEZE

\$3 29
GAL

LIMIT ONE CASE



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MECHANIC'S
CREEPERS
\$14 95

ONE
GROUP OF HAND
TOOLS AMERICAN
MADE

40 % OFF

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\$1 09 PINT CAN \$2 09 QUART CAN

ALL KNIVES IN STOCK

25 % OFF

for anything that

Sticks or Squeaks



8 oz
Protectant

\$3 29



16 oz
Cleaner

\$2 19



\$1 99



\$2 39



\$1 49

FREON
CAN

\$1 29



ONE ONLY BEST HOME 3/8" REVERSABLE DRILL NO. 7166

\$49 95

REG. \$69 00

ONE ONLY 3/8" VARIABLE SPEED REVERSING DRILL

REG. \$29 00

\$22 95

BLACK & DECKER

3/4 X 60 roll PVC

ELECTRICAL

TAPE **59¢**
roll

TROUBLE LIGHTS

25' 18. GAUGE 2 **\$5 99**

CONDUCTOR REG. \$7 00

25' 16 GAUGE NO. 691

3 CONDUCTOR **\$8 99**

REG. \$11 00

CAN STARTING
\$1 09 FLUID

EXTENSION CORDS

OUTDOOR HEAVY DUTY NO. 267 25' 16 GAUGE 3 CONDUCTOR Reg. \$7 00

\$5 99

OUTDOOR HEAVY DUTY NO. 268 50' 16 GAUGE 3 CONDUCTOR

REG. \$11 00 **\$8 99**

BOOSTER CABLES

HEAVY DUTY 12' 4 GAUGE

\$15 99

REG. \$17 00

HEAVY DUTY 16' 4 GAUGE

\$19 99

REG. \$23 00

THE FOLLOWING OIL FILTERS

25% OFF EVERY DAY LOW PRICE

PF2 PF25 PF30 PF35

Reg. \$4 14 \$4 51 \$4 47 \$4 55

SALE! \$3 10 \$3 38 \$3 35 \$3 41

5 GAL CAN 303

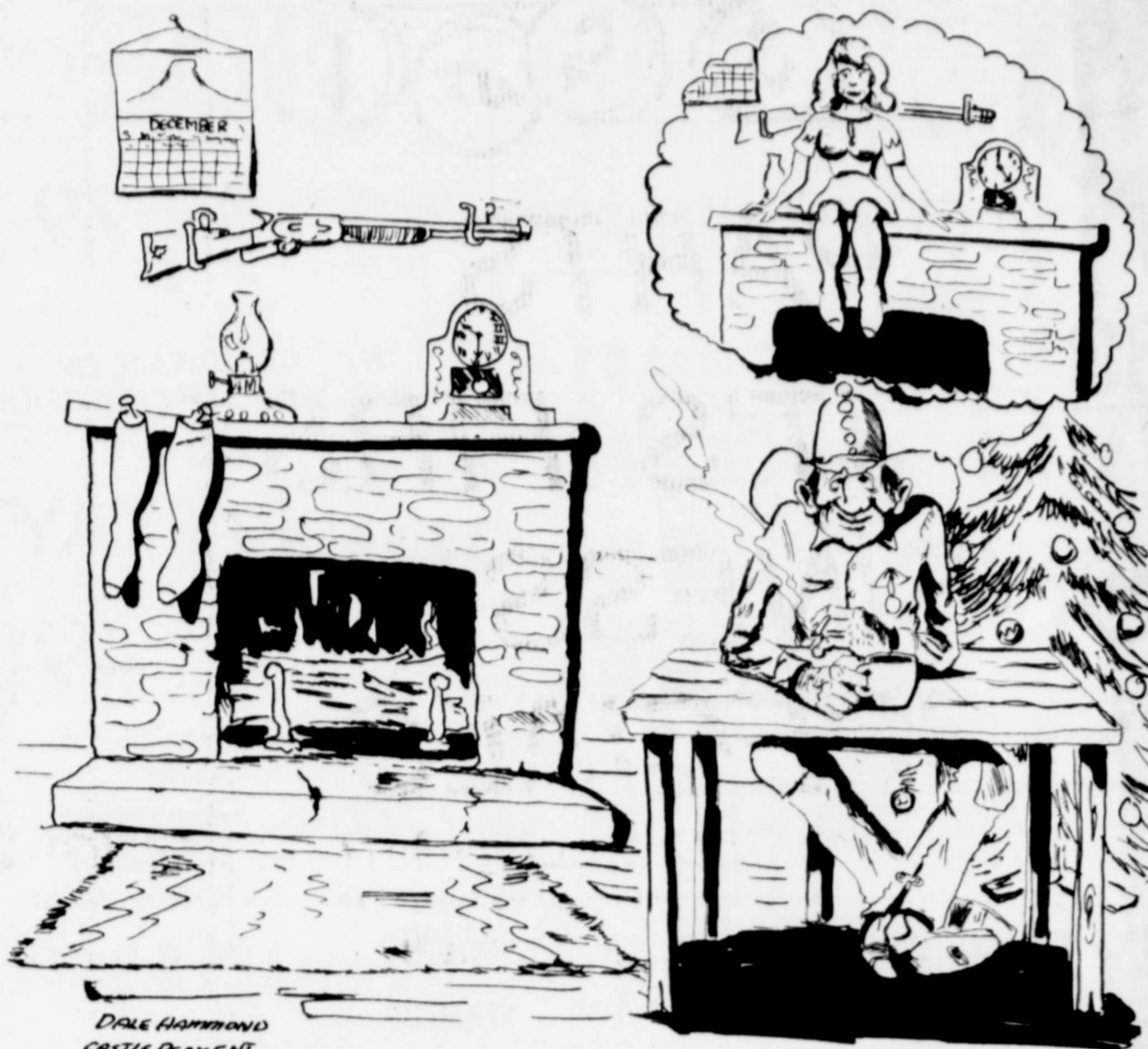
TRANS OIL **\$20 57**

FOR MOST TRACTORS

5 GAL CAN

HYDRAULIC
OIL

\$13 25



DALE HAMMOND
CASTLE PEAK ART

"CHRISTMAS WISHES"

Fortnightly group holds meeting

Alice King and Ida Mae Seymore were hostesses to members and guests when the Fortnightly Study Club met on Tuesday, Nov. 23 in the home of Mrs. Seymore.

The president, Alwyne Sandusky, called the meeting to order and welcomed members and guests, Ida Mae Seymore, substituting for Alice King, Program Chairman, who was absent because of an accident, introduced the guest speaker, Kathryn Cawley, Lone Star Gas Co. representative. The program was on "Christmas Foods-Made and Packaged". There is a saying that "often the best works of art are displayed on the kitchen table". This was easy to believe as everyone present viewed the many beautiful and attractive gifts of food that had been prepared by Mrs. Cawley.

Speaking on "Symbols of Christmas", she mentioned cards and toys, candy and stars, ornaments, angels, snowflakes, evergreens, candles, pinecones, and poinsettias. "But most important of all", she said, "is the joy of love and sharing with family and friends".

In displaying the gift items, she discussed the recipes for the delicious foods that make ideal

gifts for friends and relatives. At the conclusion of her talk, everyone present received a colorful folder that contained recipes for the cakes, candy, cookies, and other foods contained in the attractive packages.

Delicious refreshments were served to: Grace Lee Brown, Mary Collins, Avis Deavers, Bess Dixon, Linnie Fisher, Mildred Hamm, Ruby Hammond, Lucy Haynes, Edna Hill, Madelon Horton, Nina Belle Hughes, Aileen Knight, Becky Rogers, Alwyne Sandusky, Ida Mae Seymore, Anna Belle Shouse, Clara B. Walla, Maurine White, Lucille Wilson, Laurie Allen, members and guests; Lucille Briggs, Ruth Harrell, and Carol Ruth Geissal.

Starr sets Christmas party

Starr Nursing Home will be having a resident Christmas Party on Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the home. We ask family of residents to bring a gift for their relative in the home so each one will have a present under the tree. Santa will be here to deliver the gifts to residents. Anyone wishing to donate cake or cookies contact A. D. at 928-5673 or 928-4758. All families are invited to attend the party. In the past 2 years we have had a good turn out from the families.

School menu

Merkel School Menu for Thursday the 9th will be Turkey Pot Pie, salad, biscuits, and plum cobbler. Friday the 10th will be grilled cheese sandwiches, soup and apple burrito. Monday the 13th will be chicken fried steak, gravy, potatoes, pea salad, rolls and sliced pears. Tuesday the 14th will be meat loaf, spinach, blackeye peas, corn bread and apple cheese crisp. Wed. will be Turkey and Dressing with gravy, green beans, cranberry, rolls and fruit salad.

PTO meeting

The Merkel PTO will hold their annual Merkel Elementary School Christmas Program at the school auditorium at 7 p.m. Monday night.

A short business meeting will be held followed by a program presented by students. Your attendance is encouraged.

Merkel High lists honor students

The Merkel High School Honor rolls for the first 6 weeks reporting period is as follows:

A HONOR ROLL

Clay Carey, Debra Carey, Mike Hagar, Brenda Hohhertz, Diana Landeros, Kevin Mitchell, Steven Page, Kelly Riney, Melinda Riney, Shelly Sherrill, Cindy Sims, Soraya Suksumek, Becky Teague, Trung Tran, Windi Whisenhunt, & John Ybarra.

A & B HONOR ROLL

Angie Allen, Pam Andrews, Tina Bicknell, Rosie Biera, Elane Bodine, Donny Brady, Ronna Casey, Stacy Cowlings, Susan Doan, Tami Elliott, Joan Fariello, Dean Franklin, Tonja Franklin, Nanci Galbraith, Debbie Green, Todd Hensley, Wayne Horton, Amy Irvin, Brenda Kinder, Don King, Angie Kelley, Jill Laman, Gayle Landeros, Michael McCoy, Matt Merritt, Donna Miller, Renee Muniz, Mum Prasarn, Jackie Owen, Denise Pack, Richard Powell, Kris Rich, Steven Register, Greg Spurr, Renee Stamper, Sammy Tumlinson, Lucretia Wade, Keith Watson, Pam Wheeler, Margaret Wilde, Cindy Williams, & Kyle Wolf.

The Merkel High School Honor Roll for the 2nd reporting six weeks is as follows:

A HONOR ROLL

Angie Allen, Clay Carey, Tami Elliott, Nanci Galbraith, Brenda Hohhertz, LDean Hoyt, Don King, Diana Landeros, Kevin Mitchell, Melinda Riney, Shelly Sherrill, Greg Spurr, Soraya Suksumek, Becky Teague, Windi Whisenhunt, & John Ybarra.

A & B HONOR ROLL

Irma Aquinaga, Kelly Beights, Tina Bicknell, Elane Bodine, Debra Carey, Ronna Casey, Kevin

Coker, Brenda Dagstad, Thomas Doan, Alyse Ferguson, Dean Franklin, Brian Gary, Debbie Green, Christopher Horton, Christi Hamlin, Wayne Horton, Ted Hawk, Amy Irvin, Teresa King, Angie Kelley, Barbara Kinder, Brenda Kinder, Gayle Landeros, Jill Lamen, Tim Lamen, Matt Merritt, Becky Middleton, Donna Miller, Renee Muniz, Jackie Owen, Denise Pack, Mum Prasarn, Steven Page, Brenda Rackley, Dris Rich, Jennifer Roby, David Ries, Cindy Sims, Susan Smith, Kelly Stoval, Gina Suckey, Lucretia Wade, Parker Wilson, Cindy Williams, Keith Watson & Pam Wheeler.

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WEAVER-DOKES
HEAVYWEIGHT
CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT
ON OUR
BIG SCREEN TV
DEC. 10 8 pm
Queena Hearts

DANCE
RAMBLIN'
FEVER
9-1
SATURDAY NIGHT
MERKEL VFW

LARGE SELECTION
OF FRESH AND ARTIFICIAL
CHRISTMAS
ARRANGEMENTS AND
POINSETTIAS &
GREEN PLANTS
NOW THROUGH CHRISTMAS.
YOU MAY REGISTER FOR FREE
GIFTS TO BE GIVEN AWAY EACH
SATURDAY
ANN'S
FLOWERS

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FRESH FISH & SEAFOOD SALE
SATURDAY, DEC. 11
9 AM - 12 NOON
Between Ben Franklin
and Shell Station
Featuring Shrimp, Oysters,
Fresh Water Catfish
& Other Available Seafood
Conducted by
SIMON'S SEAFOOD MARKET
Of Abilene
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Up to \$5,200
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WAIVER OFFER
On the new John Deere combine
you'll need next season



You can't buy more productivity than you'll get from a Titan combine. And now, take delivery on a Titan ordered during this special offer and you'll get a hefty cash rebate check from John Deere. A cash rebate plus our best offer on a John Deere combine already carrying a list price that's below many competitors.

Then, after the downpayment if you qualify for credit, you can finance your new combine with Deere and finance charges will be waived until the 1983 harvest season in this area.

Model	Rebate on Purchase
4420	\$3,300
6601 Pull-Type	\$2,300
6620 and SideHill 6620	\$4,200
Hillside 6622	\$4,900
7721 Pull-Type	\$2,800
7720	\$4,600
8820	\$5,200

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RAW PEANUTS
PEANUT IN THE SHELL
ROASTED & SALTED PEANUTS
SUNSHADES 1/2 Price
FREE ICE SCRAPER WITH \$10.00 PURCHASE

FRUIT OF THE LOOM
PANY HOSE
ANKLE HI 69¢
KNEE HI SAVE 30%
COCA COLA
SEVEN UP
MR PIBB
SAVE 51%
2 LITER BOTTLE 98¢
LAYS SAVE 32%
RUFFLES 98¢
HORMEL CHICKEN
LUNCHEON LOAF 89¢
HORMEL SPAM \$1.49
WITH CHEESE CHUNKS

EAST TEXAS
YAMS 3 LBS \$1.00
YELLOW
ONIONS 15¢ LB
POTATOES 10 LB BAG \$1.19
ORANGES 39¢ LB
KEROSENE
ALSO
K-1 KEROSENE
BROWN JERSEY SAVE 51%
GLOVES 98¢ PAIR
CROWN PRINCE SAVE 29%
LIGHT SARDINES 69¢
PACKED TUNA STYLE 7 OZ
CLEMENTE JACQUES JALAPENO
NACHO SLICES
SAVE 20% 69¢

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KEEP the CHANGE our LOW PRICES SAVE YOU!

UNDERWOODS
DEVILED
HAM
4 1/2 OZ CAN
73¢



KEEBLER
ZESTA 16 OZ BOX
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PRICES GOOD
THURS-FRI-SAT
Dec. 9-10-11
STORE HOURS
7:30 AM - 6:30 PM
MON THRU SAT
CLOSED ON SUN

JOHNSONS
BABY
SHAMPOO
16 OZ \$1.49
BOTTLE

DETERGENT

TIDE

GIANT
BOX **\$1.79**

WITH \$10 IN TRADE OR
MORE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

HUNTS 2 1/2 CAN
PEACHES CAN **73¢**
WELCH 40 OZ
G RAPE JUICE JUG **\$1.49**
DEL MONTE 303
S WEEET PEAS 2 FOR **89¢**
DEL MONTE 303 FRENCH
G REEN BEANS 2 FOR **79¢**
ARGO 303 CS
G OLDEN CORN 2 FOR **59¢**
VEG ALL LITE
M IXED VEGETABLES 2 FOR **79¢**
CONTADINA 8 OZ
T OMATO SAUCE 2 FOR **49¢**
VAN CAMPS 300
P ORK & BEANS 2 FOR **79¢**

HERSHEYS
CHOCOLATE
CHIPS
12 OZ PKG **\$1.59**

BAKERS
ANGEL FLAKE
COCONUT
7 OZ BAG **73¢**

COFFEE RICH
16 OZ CRTN ONLY **39¢**
VIP BREADED
OKRA 12 OZ PKG **73¢**
SEA PACK HEAT & EAT
CARRY OUT
FISH 2 LB BOX **\$2.29**
JENOS ASST 10 OZ
PIZZA PKG **\$1.19**

BORDENS
ICE
CREAM 1/2 GAL CRTN **\$1.59**

OLEO
PARKAY
QUARTERS POUND **49¢**

ARMOURS
TREET
LUNCHEON MEAT
12 OZ CAN **\$1.09**

MRS BUTTERWORTH
SYRUP
24 OZ JUG **\$1.69**

SWIFT
VIENNA
SAUSAGE
2 5 OZ CAN **89¢**

MORTONS
CHEESE
DOODLES
BUY ONE AND GET ONE **FREE**

SNOWDRIFT WESSONS 3 LB CAN **\$1.69**
COFFEE MAXWELL HOUSE 1 LB CAN **\$2.09**
HELLMANN'S QUART JAR
MAYONNAISE **\$1.29**
FLOUR GOLD MEDAL 5 LB BAG **89¢**

HUNTS
SNACK PACK
PUDDING
4 PACK CRTN **98¢**

Extra Lean PORK CHOPS
Tender...Tasty...Terrific

VLASIC
HB DILL
PICKLES
QT JAR **89¢**

BETTY CROCKER
CAKE MIX
ASST BOX EA **79¢**

MORRISONS
CORN KIT
6 OZ PKG
2 **43¢**

CRACKER JACK
THE BEST
POPCORN
12 OZ JAR **89¢**

GARYS FROZEN
CORN DOGS
10 COUNT PKG **\$2.99**

END CUTS
POUND **\$1.69**

PARADE
MACARONI CHEESE
DINNER
2 7.4 OZ BOX **43¢**

LOW SUDS
DASH
KING SIZE
BOX **\$3.59**

RED DELICIOUS APPLES
WASHINGTON
POUND **49¢**

FRESH GRADE A
FRYERS
WHOLE POUND **57¢**

FRESH GRADE A
FRYERS
CUT UP POUND **67¢**

MAYPON OR WHEATENE
HOT CEREAL
BOX **49¢**

SUN KIST NAVEL
ORANGES LB **39¢**

FRESH
PORK CHOPS CENTER CUT LEAN LB **\$1.95**

CARNATION
COFFEE MATE 16 OZ JAR **\$1.69**

FRESH CELLO LB
CARROTS 2 FOR **59¢**

CHOICE BEEF
CHUCK ROAST BONELESS LEAN LB **\$1.99**

LIQUID
DAWN
GIANT SIZE
BOTTLE **\$1.09**

DIAMOND
PLATES
LUNCHEON
40 CT BAG **\$2.19**

BARTLETT OR D ANJOU
SWEET PEARS LB **59¢**

ARMOUR STAR
FRANKS BEEF OR REG 12 OZ PKG **93¢**

SPILLMATE
TOWELS
JUMBO ROLL **63¢**

FRESH PURPLE TOP
TURNIPS LB **39¢**

GOOCH BR
BACON POUND **\$1.89**

TEXAS
YAMS LB **39¢**

HORMEL
LITTLE SIZZLERS
SAUSAGE 12 OZ PKG **\$1.29**

RUSSET
SPUDS 10 LB BAG **\$1.19**

FOREMOST
HOMO OR SOLO
MILK
GAL JUG **\$2.23**

FOREMOST
LOW FAT
MILK
GAL JUG **\$2.15**

FOREMOST
BUTTER
MILK
1/2 GAL CRTN **\$1.09**

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CHICKEN
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