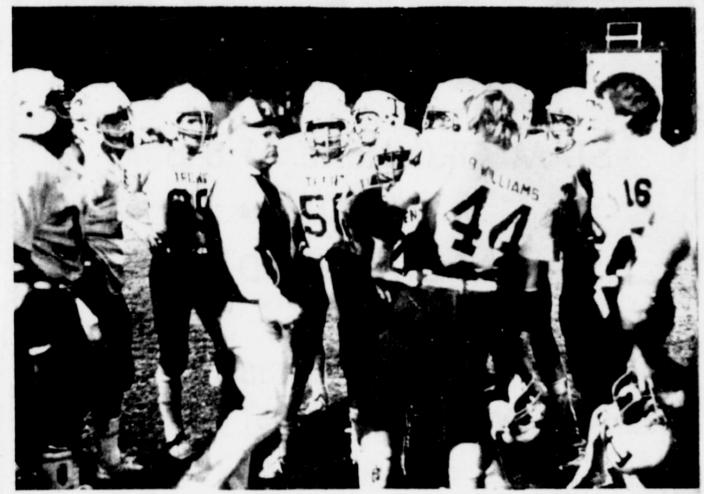
The Merkel Mail

Thursday, November 3, 1983...Merkel, Texas

25 cents



Trent head coach George Deck has a serious discussion with his players following their 50-4 loss to defending state champion Highland in Highland

last Friday. Trent has made the six man state playoffs and may get a chance for revenge during those playoffs. [Staff photo]

Highland races past Trent 50-4

The Trent Gorillas lost their first game of the season Friday in Highland as the Hornets ran

Trent has made it into the state playoffs and Trent Coach

touchdowns to lead the team. Highland also was able to break up the Trent offensive pattern by employing a delayed blitz that seemed to confuse the Trent blocking schemes. School board hires consulting firm to study growth impacts on MISD facilities

The Merkel School Board hired a consulting firm to study growth patterns for MISD, payed bills and adopted a new evaluation form for teachers at their regular session held last Tuesday at the High School Library.

The board also approved of a reading lab for Merkel Middle School beginning next year.

School Superintendent Bill Everett told **The Mail** Friday "we hired the consulting firm of Perkins and Harper of Wichita Falls to conduct a study of projected needs due to growth here in enrollment. We simply decided that now is the time to get things started "

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ON FOUR LEGS, YOU'LL THANK ME JUST LIKE YOU DID LAST

CITY BOYS START BLAZIN'

The superintendent added "we are totally out of room in the Middle School and without adding or losing any students, the new high school will be completely out of room in four years." He went on to say a new portable room would have to be constructed before the next school year starts. MISD's enrollment is over the 1,325 mark currently and Everett said the school was picking up five and losing two per week.

The consulting firm was in on the planning and architecture of the current high school building. In other action, the board adopted a new teacher evaluation form, one that was created by a panel of teachers. Texas law mandates that teachers be evaluated on an annual basis, while MISD teachers are evaluated each year.

Also, starting next year, students at Merkel Middle School will be tested for reading skills and those not reading at required levels will be required to attend a remedial reading lab. The student must give up an elective class to attend.

The board also payed bills totaling \$60,486.19 and hired Karrie Docter to replace Sylvia Jinkerson at Merkel High.

to a 50-4 victory.

Highland, the defending state six man champs, used a strong running game and a defense that held Trent's Bebo Beaver to limited yardage to win the George Deck told **The Mail** after the game "I hope it is a different story if our two teams meet again."

Hornet running back Harold Light ran for 220 yards and two The game ended early in the third quarter by virtue of the six man 45 point rule.

Hayes has state champ Chester

The Merkel chapter of the Future Farmers of America, just returned from the State Fair of Texas in Dallas. Results from the fair in the swine division are: Tommy Hayes who had the champion Chester White and placed first in the heavy chester class. In the medium weight Chesters, Crisswell Whisenhunt placed 10th, and Russell Morgan placed 12th. In the light weight Chesters Lynn Hayes placed 13th. In the heavy weight Cross class John Paul Dudley placed 16th. In the medium weight Crosses Tommy Hayes placed 17th. In the medium weight Berkshire class Billy Ray Riley placed 24th. In the heavy weight Duroc class Mellisa Harris placed 28th, and Tommy Hayes placed 3rd. In the medium weight Duroc class Robynn Dudley placed 9th. In the light weight Duroc class Jay Williams placed 11th. In the Lamb Show: Jon Bright placed 24th and 25th with his Southdown lambs and Chuck Peterman placed 8th and 32nd with his Dorset and suffolk Lambs.

The Merkei Chapter would like to thank Wall Industries for donating the coveralls to the chapter.

There will be a Livestock Association meeting Nov. 8th at 7:30 in the ag shop. This meeting will be to set up the local show.

Like it is, sorry I blew the pictures,

Purple Pride, Badgers...more

by Cloy A. Richards

Between a rock and a hard place is exactly where the Reagan Administration found itself last week when committing troops to Grenada.

I have read anything I can get my hands on about the situation, especially considering my former profession as an Air Force Information Specialist. My main job was to run the base newspaper at Pope Air Force Base, the base that delivered the 82nd Airborne paratroopers to Grenada. I was also one of the "official Air Force spokesmen" for the base when members of the civilian news media needed questions answered.

Without getting into too many details, I also, on a combat mission, would be assigned to doccument the mission through photos and escort civilian media types.

I told you all of that to set up a few comments about Grenada, and how I feel we handled the situation.

First off, after a week of reading and thinking, I feel we took the right action sending in troops when we did. There were 1,000 Americans on that island and noone in charge of Grenada, if indeed anyone was in charge, could guarantee their safety. If we haven't learned our lessons of Americans being safe in foreign lands in the past six years, then we never will.

And if it took the lives and supreme sacrifice of more than 200 Marines to prove to our leaders that Americans can be killed in a flash on unfriendly foreign soil, then their sacrifice is all the more noble, if it needed to be made more so to begin with.

I do not agree with the Reagan Administration's complete news blackout in Grenada for American journalists for more than 72 hours.

It would be stupid to suggest that the media go in with the initial, strike force, or even be allowed in during the day of the invasion, but after that, the media should have been allowed in. The Reagan Administration was holding to the line that 'noone could guarantee their safety' as late as Monday. Nonsense, reporters that want to be there would surely have been in danger, but we saw the Vietnam War every night at 5:30 filed by reporters that risked their lives to get stories back.

E. Walking

It's a peculiar position that I am in, having seen both sides of the information game, but I have learned one lesson, telling it like it is can be 50 time more effective than telling it like it was.

The Merkel Badgers will be playing their final game of the season here Friday night as they host the Stamford Bulldogs at 8 p.m.

I have got four young people I need to apologize to.

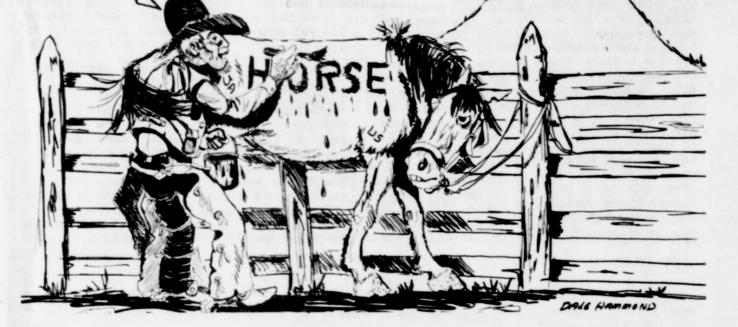
While developing film Monday, I learned that I had blown the pictures of the Halloween Carnival King and Queen and Prince and Princess.

So, to Prince Jason Clinton, Princess Brandy Tarpley, King Josh Mashburn and Queen Kriste Smith, I apologize. The kids did a fine job in raffle

ticket sales this year.

The Merkel High Band received a Division 2 rating at UIL marching contests in Abilene Tuesday afternoon. The band performed at P.E. Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

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Cross-Country team 2nd in District

By Eddie Lang

The boys cross country team gave Breckenridge a good fight for the district cross country crown. The final score was Breckenridge first with 33 points and Merkel second with 22 points. The boys that placed was Steve Farthing 4th, Dean Franklin 5th, James Wright 6th, Donnie Brady 8th, Todd Hensley 10th, Clay Carey 13th. Times for the 3 mile course was Farthing 19:31, Franklin 19:48, Wright 19:50, Brady 20:12, Hensley 20:56, Carey 21:51. The boys will go to the regional meet in Lubbock November 5, 1983. The boys will run at 10:30 am at Mae Simmons Park.

The JV boys won the district cross country. The boys competing were Shane Burks 1st with 21:29, John McCarty 2nd with 21:54, and Gary Sutterfield 3rd with a 22:46.

I would like to say a word of thanks to Mr. Mitts and his football coaches for letting the football players go and participate in this event and for the support they have shown toward the cross country program.



The Merkel Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony at This Old House, a new business featuring gifts, bath accesories and handmade Items. Shown [left to right] are Gayle Rynders and Mozetta Dye, owners and Chamber representative Bob Hammond. [Staff photo] TILL WILDINGL WING

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Clowns for Christ available for parties pro shop.

You may have read in the story about the parade that the Clowns for Christ had won a trophy for Best Marching Group in the parade Saturday. This group is headed by J.S. and Beverly Archer of Stith. They are offering their services as clowns for hire. They will come to your Birthday party or any other occasion that you may have the need for clowns. They offer this service free of charge. They do skits and any other thing you can think you would like them to do. If you would like to hire them for something call J.S. or Beverly at 928-5571.

Park fund musical set in Tye

The Country Gamblers are having a musical in Tye at the Community Center Saturday. Donations and money from the snack bar will go to the Rister Park fund.

All cakes, pies, sandwiches or anything to sell for the park fund will be appreciated. Everyone is welcomed. The music will start at 7 p.m.

Xi Nu Chi meets

Xi Nu Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. in the home of Marilyn Tittle of Rt. 2 Merkel. The programs presented were "Service: The Need to Serve and It's Rewards' and "Friendship: Finding, Developing and Maintaining.

A dinner was held after the meeting for members and guests in honor of Thanksgiving Any Beta Sigma Phi member desiring transfer or progression into an examplar chapter should contact Marilyn Tittle, 928-5003 or membership chairman Jana Nelson 692-0211. The next meeting will be in the home of Jana Nelson, Rt. 3 View on Dec. 6. Sr. Citizens

members that do not can be purchased for have a partner may invite a guest. Sign ups are being taken at the

Parents night is Friday

Parent's night is Friday night at 7:30 prior to the game between Merkel and Stamford. Each boy and his parents will be introduced on the field. Parents who cannot attend are asked to have a representative present to escort their son on the field.

There are a few shirts like the boys travel shirts, which

\$13 each. Please contact any of the coaches ball tournament program. This ad will or a Booster Club member to purchase include a picture of the basketball team and 15 The Booster Club lines of advertisements. All parents and has only sold 8 ads for merchants are urged the Caprock Basket-CRAFTHOUSE CERAMICS 137 KENT GREENWARE, PAINTS, BRUSHES, FIRING, CLASSES. Come by and check about different craft classes

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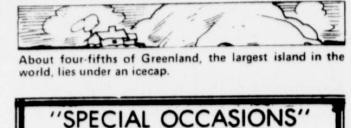
Newsbriefs⁼ to support this moneymaking project for the club. The men won the booster membership contest; therefore the women will host a potluck supper for the

men on Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burl McCoy. All booster club members are urged to come and bring two dishes (1 meat and 1 salad, vegetable or



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> 8th GRADE 7 7th GRADE 5:30 **GOLD TEAM 4**



by Dale Hammond

say thanks

We wish to thank each and everyone for your help in making our fund-raiser and musical a big success. Senior Citizens of the Meal Program

Fortnightly news

Celebrating the diamond anniversary of the Pierian Club were T.F.W.C. Club women from throughout the Mesquite District with a reception in the home of Mrs. J. V. Frizell Oct. 27 in Stamford.

On display were the club scrap books dating back to the early 1900s to the present time that gave a most interesting history of the club.

Those attending from the Fortnightly Study Club of Merkel were Ruby Hammond. Anna Belle Shouse. Alice King, and Alwyne Sandusky, all officers of the Mesquite District of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

Couples golf tourney set

The Merkel Golf Association will hold a Semi-Scotch couples tournament Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Merkel Golf Course.

Entry fee is \$20 per couple and the fee includes a hamburger supper following the tournament.

The tournament is for members only but

The final curtain of the Senior Saga falls a while. on Russell Lucas, Badger running back. I asked Russell what his definately not interplans were after gradested in running for uation and he said he any political office at wasn't sure. As a this time. However, IF former dance instructthe Democrats can't or for the famous come up with a canchorus line at the didate strong enough Mount Pleasant Folto beat Reagan, then lies, he said he would he would bow to the

like to return there for

wishes of his party and run. § Russell has already § He stated his platform would be simple: stated to me that he is

Shorter school hours. longer recesses, and lots of goodles at the snack bar. When asked about disarmenament, Russell said he didn't want nobody to lose his arm if he could help it. § Makes sense to me!



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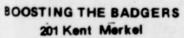
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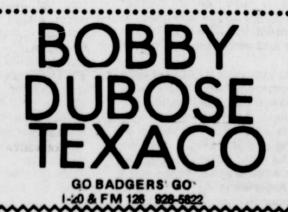
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Merkel Methodist

The Methodist Church Gym was haunted by witches, spiders, bats and ghosts as Xi Nu Chi sorority held their Spook Night Out Halloween Party Oct. 31: The family party featured a family pumpkin carving, relay games, hot dog supper and ghost stories. Trick or Treat bags were passed out to all the children.

Members and families present included Dan and Anita Allen, Connie and Kris Harris, Nancy, James, Phillip and Sue Johnson, Phil, Minyon, and Shelly Seymore, Clifford, Janice, Michele, Chad and Jeremy Smith, Bob, Vonne Dena, Tommy, Denise and Amanda Tumlinson, Gary, Peggy and Greg Valentine, Richard, Mary and Austin Hill and Lonnie Liggins.

The McMurry College Chanters, a 46 member choir, will be performing at 6 p.m. Nov. 6 at the First United Methodist Church here.

Steve Davis, youth minister of the First United Methodist Church here is a member of the choir

This a busy week for the United Methodist church beginning Saturday morning when the Methodist men will meet for breakfast at 7 to host the youth and their sponsors before they go to Dallas to the SMU UMYF day. The outing will be highlighted by attending the SMU vs. Rice game.

On Sunday the 6th we are in for a special treat. The McMurry College chanters will be in concert for the evening worship service at 6. A short

Calvary Baptist

Welcome home to

our preacher and Kay. It's good to have you back on Texas soil! Thanks again to James McKee for filling in these weeks during the preacher's absence

CBC has some weary bones and muscles in it's midst. But, thanks to the men and some teenage boys, the church building has a good looking, secure roofing job on it's North side. Thanks to everyone who turned out to help. We know the turnout both Saturdays was largely due to the food promised by the ladies Thanks again ladies for those scrumptious

dinners and also for your other labors inside the church building A wiener roast is the very most, and that was the case Monday night for CBC. We had a great turn out for the hayride and wiener

roast, even one three headed monster. From the looks of the bones and graves along the pasture trail, some headed out early for the eats, but didn't quite make it. Everyone enjoyed the evening and we all thank the McKees and their helpers the Murphrees for making this

good time possible. ainst James Marvin CITATION BY PUBLICATION Mann, Respond en t, THE STATE OF and said suit being TEXAS numbered 9433-C on the docket of said +TO: James Marvin Court, and entitled "In Mann, Respondent: The Matter of Mar-

GREETINGS: riage of Terri Diane YOU ARE HEREBY Mann and James Mar-COMMANDED to apvin Mann", the nature pear and answer beof which suit is a fore the Honorable 326request to dissolve a th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at marriage. the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Teority in this suit to enter any judgment or xas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the decree dissolving the

actually feel hurt when they SVITJ3333 see the happiness of others. They don't want to live de-PSYCHOLOGY pressed and defeated lives, but they think that the facts THINK JOY of life are against them.

By Dr. Oswald Hoffman Lutheran Hour Speaker 'Think joy!" said St. Pau!



Repent of your sins and trust in the Lord.

People would like to feel glad and happy. There is often too much bitterness and disappointment around for feeling or expressing real happiness. Unpleasant memories have a way of raising up and resurfacing. People

January wedding

Harber-Barnhill plan

LaTonya Michelle Harber and L. B. Barnhill III have announced their wedding plans

Tonya, daughter of Milda Harber of Sweetwater and James Harber of Blackwell will become the bride of L. B. (Dusty) Barnhill III in a ceremony Jan. 7 at 5 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Sweetwater. The prospective bri-

> will be binding upon you.

to live in Merkel

in Sweetwater.

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

McKeever buried here Saturday

Hulon Russ "Bud" McKeever, 76, of Merkel who had worked as a barber in Abilene since 1955 died at 12: 15 am Thursday Oct. 27th at Hendrick Medical Center after a brief illness. He was born March 31st, 1907 in Danville, Ark. He married Stella Chester on November 7th, 1926 in Plainview, Ark. He had been a Merkel resident since 1943. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge more than fifty years. He had been an active

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If you're one of these peo-

ple, repent of your sins and

trust in the Lord-the Lord

Christ-to bring you out of

the darkness into the light:

from the gloom and doom

to salvation and life. That is

what He does for people

who have faith in Him, for

the Lord, always and again,

I say, rejoice, Let the gentle

strength of rejoicing be

known to everybody. The

The Lutheran Hour sermon,

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Mr. and Mrs. L. B.

Barnhill Jr. of Merkel

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'Think joy! Rejoice in

anyone, including you.

Lord is near.

Church news=

member of the Merkel Senior Citizen Club and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Merkel. He and his wife ran Macks Cleaners in Merkel for 10 years and had also worked at Hicks Auto Supply. Survivors include his wife, 4 sons; Jim of Abilene, Buddy of Rule, Carl of Rowland Heights, Cal., Ronnie of Houston; 2 daughters; Marlene Farr of Abilene and Mary Messenger of Canyon; 2 brothers; R.A. of Seibert, Colo.,

Wilburn of Danville, Ark., 4 sisters; Macel Willard and Evelyn Partin both of Plainview, Ark., Chloe Vanzant of Ontario, Cal. and Nora Lee McGuire of Littleton, Colo., 10 grandchildren, and 3

great grandchildren. Services were Saturday at 4 pm at the First Baptist Church with Ed Jackson, Kenneth Jones, and B. J. Bennett officiated. Interment was at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Nancy Gouge buried here

Nancy Elizabeth Gouge, 79, of Mesquite and formerly of Merkel, died at 11 p.m. Sunday in a Dallas hospital after a lengthy illness. Services

Wednesday at Calvary Baptist Church here. The Rev. Joe Davis, pastor officiated. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.



reception will follow. We encourage all women to plan to attend the upcoming district UMW meeting on Thursday the 10th at Aldersgate United Methodist church in Abilene beginning at 9 am.

expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Terri Diane Mann, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 2nd day of September, 1983, ag-

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

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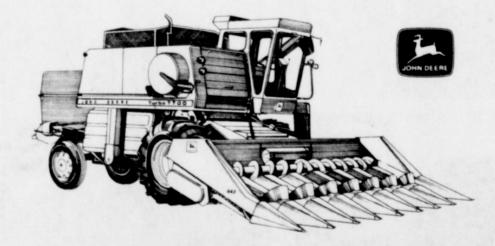
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Crazy Dayz Parade Winners



Walls Factory Outlet won the Truck Trophy



Clowns for Christ received the Marching Group Trophy



Merkelites enjoyed the crazies who turned out to march in the Crazy Days parade last Saturday. The Merkel Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all the participants and citizens who showed interest. seven categories as follows: Car - Marie Cunningham, Truck -Walls, Float - Be Bop Beauty Shop, Marching Group - Clowns for Christ, Marcher - Kyle Doan, Horse - Jaymie and Micky Ramsey, and Bicycle - Erin



Kyle Doan won the Marcher Trophy



Suzanne Byrd & Mike Warren accept the trophy for the Be Bop Beauty Shop float. Trophies were given in Turner.

All photos by Melanie Richards

Kent Satterwhite presents the car trophy to Marie Cunningham.



Mayor Kent Satterwhite presents the Horse trophy to Micky Ramsey.

This page sponsored by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce

MISD Tacky Day Winners



Fourth Grade 1st-Mandy Barnett, 2nd-Rebecca Dunigan, 3rd-Toby Golson



Teachers 1st-Dan Huskerson, 2nd-Susan McAdams 3rd-Melda Knapp



Fifth Grade 1st-Cara Kelso, 2nd-Jayma Goldsmith, 3rd-Shawn Lemon Pre-School 1st-Mandy Bowen, 2nd-Dustin Doan.



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Sixth Grade 1st-Christi Reynolds, 2nd-Michelle Woodard, 3rd-Misti Doan



Seventh Grade 1st-Bridget Vaughn, 2nd-Rhonda Payne, 3rd-Michelle Barnett

First Grade 1st-Tiffany Hill, 2nd-Cene Seymore, 3rd-Robin Cockrin. Not pictured are the Kindergarten winners 1st Shelly Lemon, 2 Tabi Reed and 3rd Rebecca Hobbe.



Second Grade 1st-Wendy Cummings, 2nd-Mandy Householder, 3rd-Nathan Stamper.



Eighth Grade 1st-Cassie Townsend, 2nd-Joe McCarty, 3rd-Jana Pettit This page sponsored by Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel MEMBER THE MERKEL MAIL

PTO says thanks

I nanks to every teacher, parent, child, ticket seller, kitchen worker, and everyone else who had a part in making our Halloween carnival a huge success! Your ALL wonderful and we will be

able to do great things with all the money raised. Thanks again, the PTO Executive officers, Glenn Burton (Pres.), Beverly Wade (Vice Pres.), Donna Lang (Treas.), David Casey (Principal), and Beth Emfinger (Sec.)

Xi Nu Chi meets

Vonne Dena Tumlinson presided over the Oct. 25 meeting of XI Nu Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi when Peggy Valentine and Janice Smith gave a program on Counted Cross Stitch. Each member at least started a stitchery Christ-

Hostess Minyon Seymore served a stuffed potato supper to Anita Allen, Judy Elliott, Connie Harris, Nancy Johnson, Vickie Rodriguez, Minyon Seymore, Janice Smith, Peggy Valentine, Vonne Dena Tumlinson and Mary Hill.

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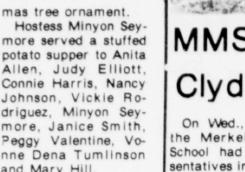
and orange slices.

MISD lunch menu

The following is the MISD lunch menu.

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Nov. 4 Charbroiled hamburgers, and all of the trimmings, fried

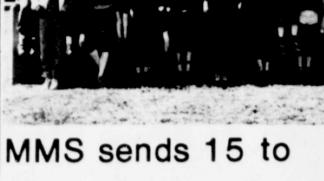


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buttered corn and lettuce wedges, tortillas and pineapple pudd-

Nov. 9 hamburger or cheeseburgers with all of the trimmings, french fries and rice krispe bars.



Clyde 2 mile run

On Wed., Oct. 28th the Merkel Middle School had 15 representatives in the Clyde Cross Country 2 mile run. Merkel Middle School did very well considering we ran in

the JV Division. Eighth grader Karry Rich came in 2nd in the JV Division with 16.02 and Kelly Yarbrough another eighth grader came in 3rd with 16.14. Maxie Lang a seventh grader came

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in 5th in JV division with a 16.22 followed by 7th grader Bridget Vaughn with 16.51 taking 8th place and then 8th grader Beverly Williamson taking 10th place with 17.24.

The rest of the participants were Mandy Pack, Caren Hendrix, Norma Cuellar, Katera Windham, Lori Owen, Mary Gann, GIyn Ann Rutledge, Estella Ocon, and Michelle Antaya.

HEARTS

Fortnightly group hears oil program

Alwyne Sandusky and Alice King were hostesses to members of the Fortnightly Study Club on Tuesday, Oct. 25th. The meeting was held at the Big Country Inn.

Following a brief business meeting, presided over by the club president, Alwyne Sandusky, the program on "Local History" was announced by program chairman Alice King. The program was presented

by Avis Deavers, who gave a very interesting talk on "The History of Noodle Dome". It was been said that Black Gold -"Texas Gold" changed the lifestyle of the area, and is still at it fifty years later. She began her description of the discovery of the Noodle Dome oil field by telling how a group of landowners leased 3,000 acres of their land for \$1 an acre to get a well drilled. It took about a year for the three square mile block to be completed. The first well was drilled on land owned by

Joe and Ellen Winters. People drove for miles to see the well being drilled. On Sunday afternoons it was a place for visiting and socializing while watching the drilling procedures. The second well was drilled on the John R. Walling land.

With the development of many good producing oil wells, Noodle Dome quickly became a 'Boom'' town. It's population increased rapidly, and it became almost impossible for one to find a room to rent in Merkel, or even in Abilene. Rooms rented for \$50 a night. "Drilling rigs today," she

said, "are entirely different from the totally wooden structures of 1926." In those days, two trucks could move a rig, whereas today approximately 28 trucks are used to bring in a modern rig. Today's trucks are equipped with TV, radio, and air conditioning.

She concluded her talk by saying that thirty-two wells in

this field are still producing oil and the influence of the discovery of the Noodle Dome pay has been felt not only in this country, but throughout the world.

Members enjoying the program and delicious refreshments were: Mrs. C.M. Brown, Miss Mary Collins, Miss Avis Deavers, Mrs. S.C. Dixon, Miss Mildred Hamm, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Orvel Hill, Mrs. Buster Horton, Mrs. Allen King, Mrs. C.B. Knight, Mrs. Burl McCoy, Mrs. Curtis Rister, Mrs. Phillip Pursley, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. C.M. Seymore, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, Miss Maurine White, Mrs. Ray Wilson, Mrs. Billy Bob Neff, and Mrs. James Jay, one visitor Mrs. Don Robinson of Odessa was also present.

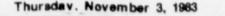
This is the 200th year of General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) and the 50th year of the Fortnightly Study Club.



Salt is really a rock, composed of the mineral halite. WILD WEST WEEKEND

**** GIVE THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE A GIFT FROM THIS OLD HOUSE GIFTS ETC. 1406 N. 1ST MERKEL, TEXAS AFRICAN VIOLETS & SUPPLIES HANDMADE & UNIQUE GIFTS FOR ALL AGES You can still register for the drawing

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34-2tc Misc.

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35-1tp

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34-4tr.

LOST 2 heifer calves 400 to 500 lb sucking calves, may have traveled long distance from Blair area. i black with white face and 1 herford, Call 928-4329 Travis Farmer

ca 3 bedroom, 3 living areas, 2 baths, fireplace, screened in patio area, fenced yard, call Betty. 2 bedroom with nice

yard could be four bedroom on corner lot. water well and fenced.

Carport Sale 8 until 5

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St. Nov. 1 through 15

from 9 until noon and 3

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Gregory's place spon-

sored by the WMC

ladies of Assembly of

35-1tp

fireplace door, screen

door, some tools, small

appliances, men and

ladies clothing, linens

and many misc. items.

Fri. and Sat. from 8

until 5. Take Wimberly

Road exit off of 1-20 go

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Garage Sale Fri. and

Sat. Old Starr Hard-

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bedroom suite \$50. El-

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Harlequin books at 25

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Garage sale: Glass

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Fri. and Sat. 608 Ash.

VA appriasal in hand 3 bedroom, brick on 5 lots work for downpayment or closing. Trent

Corner lot 2 bedroom could be 3 bedroom, needs work, new loan or owner carry.

3 bedroom, 2 living areas, 2 baths on 2 lots owner anxious, reduced, make offer. Large 3 bedroom, shop, 2 storage sheds on 2 corner lots, cash or new loan. 3 bedroom, stucco on 7 lots, owner anxious.

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Thursday, November 3, 1983

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this tract. THENCE N

75 deg. 05' 30" E 3505

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set on the West Boun-

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of Said Lot No. 3, for

the Northeast corner

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This sale will be for

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or company checks

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Taylor County Bank

Sale will be held

10:00 A.M. and levied

upon as the property of

Thomas B. Masters

and that on the first

Tuesday in December

1983, the same being

the 6th day of said

month at the Court

House door, of Taylor

Thomas B. Masters.

can be accepted.

land, more or less.

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tract.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hester Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hester, Monica And Kathy Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dudley & Judy Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy

Hester and Jarod NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN That by virtue of certain Writ of Execution issued cut of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, of the 6th day of October, 1983, by Writ Of Execution of said 42nd District Court for the sum of Eight Thousand nine hundred ninety seven dollars and 33-100 and costs of suit, under a Writ of Execution, in favor of D & J Operating, Inc. vs. Thomas B. Masters, placed in my hand for service, I, John Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County. Texas, did, on the 27th day of October, 1983, levy on certain Real estate, situated in Taylor County, described as follows, to-wit The interest executed upon herein arises out of the Klett No. 1 Lease, and recorded at Volume 1041, page 467 of the Deed Records of Tay-Words can never exlor County, County CIpress our appreciation erk's Office, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and described more particularly as:

Being the South 50 Acres of Lot No. 3 of J. N. McGehee's Subdivision of South 2023 Acres of League No. 144, Guadalupe County School Land, Taylor County, Texas, and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point 670 feet S 75 deg. 00' W and 1930 feet N 15 deg 00' W of the

this 27th day of Octutheast corner of said ober 1983. John W. Middleton Lot No. 3 and this Sheriff Taylor THENCE S 75 deg. County, Texas 05' 30'' W along a By Eddie W. Swanson property line fence Deputy 3505 feet to a 3-8" Iron 35-3TC Rod set by a corner NOTICE TO ALL post at the Southwest PERSONS HAVING corner of Said Lot No. CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF THENCE N 15 deg. VERLIE B. 00' W 621.4 feet along STEPHENS' an existing property DECEASED fence to a 8" Iron Rod set by a corner post at

+NOTICE is hereby given that Original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of Verlie B. Stephens, Deceased, were issued on October 6, 1983, in Cause No. 15,940 pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to: O. B. Stephens, Jr. and John B. Stephens. The residence of such Executors is Taylor County, Texas, and Dallas County, Texas, respectively. The Post Office address of the Executors is c-o Whitten, Haag, Hacker, Hagin & Cutbirth, Post Office Box 208, Abilene Texas 79604, to the attention of Donald L.

Anderson, Jr. 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.

County, in the City of DATED this 26th day Abilene Taylor County of October, 1983. Texas, between the Respectfully submihours of 10 a.m. and 4 tted, WHITTEN, HAp.m. by virture of said AG, HACKER, HAGIN levy and said Writ of & CUTBIRTH Execution I will sell POST OFFICE BOX said above described 208 Real Estate at public ABILENE, TEXAS vendue, for each, to 79604 the highest bidder, as (915) 672-7824 the property of said By: DONALD L. ANDERSON, JR. And in compliance State Bar No. 01223500 ATTORNEYSFOR

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