# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, October 18, 1984...Merkel, Texas

Our 96th Year

# Town hall meeting held on Oct 30 bond vote

The pros, cons and particulars of a proposed MISD construction program worth \$3.85 to \$5.03 million were discussed by a small gathering at Heritage Hall Monday night. The Merkel Chamber of Commerce sponsored the meeting.

Chamber President Gene Ditmore opened the discussion with introductions of MISD personnel and consultants.

Less than 20 citizens and a total of 40 attended the two hour meeting.

MISD superintendent Bill Everett started things of by telling a story he has told many times in the months since March, when MISD had originally polanned to call an early summer bond vote.

Everett said "When I came here in 1980, our student population stood at 874 and this year it already has been as high as 1,420. Since the burning of the old high school, we have built a new high school, used all ten portables left over from the fire, built several portables, converted every foot of space we have into classrooms and we don't have enough space for two classes today. We need a classroom for 23 students that qualify for special education and we don't have the space and we are holding a kindergarten class at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church because we have no room.

The architect is telling us that we will double in student population in 11 years and we will have 2,600 to 2,800 by 1995. They hit their last projection of five years ago within 40 students and a lot of people didnt believe them then."

Everett followed by asking the crowd a few questions concerning MISD's alternatives.

He concluded by saying "I could go on and on with the statistics that prove we are out of room. We have tried to prepare the voters for the past three years that this was coming. If you have read the paper in the past three years you knew it was coming and I haven't run into any violent opposition to it (The bond package). A few folks have asked me 'How can we afoord it?' and I ask them 'How can we afford not to' If this fails. what will it cost us to build these tacilities two or three years from

now?" The district had pamphlets available showing architects

drawings of the proposed facilities. The bond is split into three Propositions, with the first Proposition calling for the construction of a 63,200 square foot high school at a cost of \$3.885 million. The tax increase necessary to pay for the bonds would be 30 cents per \$100 evaluation, ir an increase of slightly more than 33 per cent over the current 96 cent rate.

The brick building would be constructed on property the school purchased last year Northwest of Badger Stadium at a cost of \$200,000 for the 40 acre plot. The district paid \$40,000 down and is paying the balance at \$25,000 per year on the land.

The new high school is designed to handle 585 students and to free current MISD facilities on Ash for all students below the 9th grade. In Option 1, the new high school would have 30 classrooms, plus a new band hall, gym, snack area, vocational ag instruction center and show arena.

The new facility is designed with "knock out" walls so additional classrooms can be added as

Proposition Two calls for the addition of an auditorium seating 1,000 people at a cost of \$500,000. The 10,000 square foot building will raise taxes an additional 4 cents per \$100 evaluation.

Proposition 3 calls for the addition of a cafeteria and a "lecture hall" that will be used for fine arts including drama and

speech. It also calls for the construction and equipment of a cafeteria complete with a short order grill and seating. Cost is \$645,000 and a tax increase of a five cents per \$100 evaluation will be required to fund the project.

The ballott, reproduced in this issue, calls for a yes or no vote on all three propositions. The ballot is printed in both English and Spanish and persons will be able to vote yes or no on all three Propositions.

The Board has already said it will not sell the school bonds if Propositions 2 and 3 pass and 1

A citizens committee paid for a full page ad this week in this issue and are having 2,500 flyers of the ad printed for door-to-door distribution later next week. \$

MISD has set a Town Hall meeting in Tye Tuesday at 7:30 at the Tye Elementary Cafeteria for MISD voters in that area.

At the Monday meeting, questions were raised about various areas on concern about the bond package and were fielded by Everett, Merkel High principal Larry Curry, Charles Harper- the school's architect; Joe Smith of

First Southwest- financial advisor and school board members Ray Pack and Jack Ferguson, Former board member Larry Dudley, who served on the board at the time of the last bond election six years ago, also fielded a couple of questions.

The citizens committee also plans to distribute a pamphlet to all MISD students in the near future that was prepared by the architects and MISD personnel. They also have another full page ad planned for next week's Mail.

No organized opposition to the bond has surfaced and the paper has not been contacted by any groups planning opposition ads, as was the case in the bond election six years ago. That bond passed by a 3-1 margin.

MISD officials have set the election Tuesday, October 30. Polling places are at the Merkel High Gym and the Tye Cafeteria. Voting will take place from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Absentee voting can be done in person at the Superintendent's office between 8 and 4 or you can receive a ballot by mail by making a request to MISD. attention Donna Lang, Box 430,



homecoming activities this week-Queen Christy Kinnard and Foot- Baker. ball Hero David Butler. Named'

§ Frent High School held their Coming Home Queen and King were Ina Ross and Othell O'Kelly. end. Shown here are Homecoming Band sweetheart was Trudie

## Rain, buildings gone, wet in Dallas...more

by Cloy A. Richarus

The rains we have been having in October must have Jack South and Dink Whisenhunt busy because it looks like we have a chance for a wheat crop this year, which is something of a rarity in the past few years.

Rain has been general and heavy and they say we will keep getting a few chances for more.

has been painted? The buildings, or lots, left by the clearing along North 1st look much better now that the rubble has been cleared and hauled

Did you notice the City Library

Also, Missouri-Pacific crews have been working on tracks. signals and crossings in the area. It's not even close to spring.

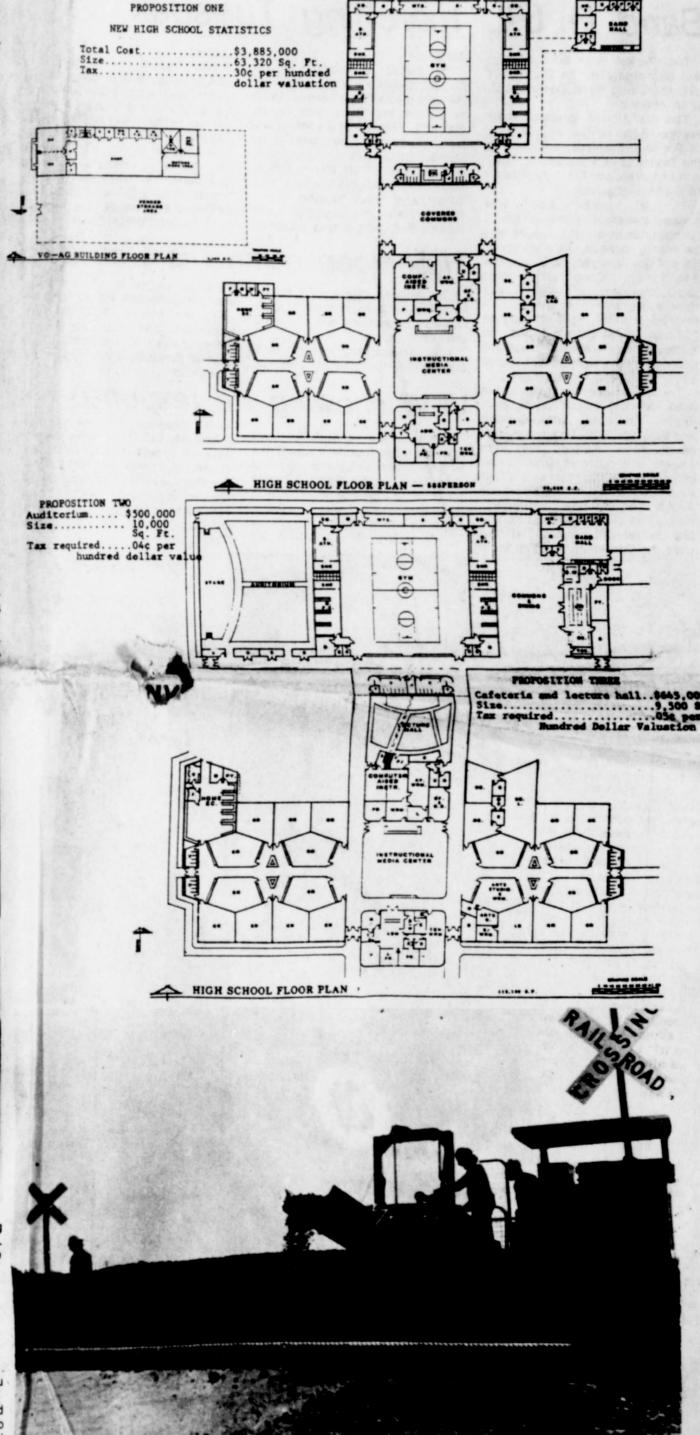
Texas-Oklanoma, wnat can you

It was an exciting contest and man was it wet. You don't have to tell John Scott Lanford of Merkel how wet and crowded it was there. He was at the fair picking up a couple of grand champion and reserve awards in the Rambouillet Show at the State Fair, also Saturday.

in the next 11 days, as many as 1,500 people will have an important decision to make here and it smacks of everything people who like to "thoroughly discuss" (afgue) and that is taxes, childre and education.

They can be broken down even further by adding two categories to each group.

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Missouri Pacific crews have en in the tree in the past three weeks resurbeing, inspecting and refurbishing their tracks. The work is part of a \$7 million project in this region and these

workers were repairing the crossing across from the Merkel Gin. The snot was made on the last day of Grade Crossing Safety Week in Texas, a week set aside to draw attention to the hazards of vehicle-

train collisions at grade crossing Surface work also took place at the Oak Street crossing, where Merkel's last fatal accident took place in 1988. [Staff photo]

## Bloodworth promoted at United

United Savings & Texas 1103 announced the promulon of Kay Bloodworth, Dorothy McClaran and Donna Thorne to the position of assistant vice presidets in its Abilene region. The annoudement was made by Gerald R. Williams,

Bloodworth is manager of United's Branch here and has been with the Association for four years. She has nine years savings and loan industry experience and s a 1973 graduate of Abilene High. one attended Central Missouri State and McMurry.

With \$3.5 billion in assets, United Savings is the state's second largest. Headquartered in Houston, the company has offices in the state's major cities.

(From Page One) Let's see, (1) Taxes- nigh or low; (2) Children- mine or someone leses and (3) Education The way it was or the way it is

supposed to be. From there on, the possibilities are unlimited.

You have by now, or probably will hear some passionate pleading concerning the bond vote Oct. 30th, whether you ask for it or not.

I hope you will take the time to look over the sample ballot in this week's paper, because the voting can be a little confusing.

Proposition is a yes or no box. Thethree propositions.

More simply, if you want new ones you want and if you don't here Friday at 7:30 p.m. want any of the construction then check no on all three.

breeze in the booth.

Some say there may not be much reason for taking notice in a

Graham, but there is

The Badgers scored three touchvoter will mark their choice on all downs and 22 first downs on a larger, tougher opponent.

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It won't get any easier this week school facilities check yes by the as the Badgers host Breckenridge

Thursday afternoon, the powerful 8th grade team will host Breck Repeat that twice a day between with games starting at 4 as the B now and Oct. 30th and it will be a team and 7th grade team will play. The 8th graders were undefeated last year, were tied this year in their first game and have won three straight including a 40-6 51-24 loss last week by the Badgers barbuecueing of the Graham at the hands of pre-season favorite Steers 8th graders last Tuesday.

## Band in UIL marching Tuesday

The Merkel High School Band will participate in the District II UIL Marching Band Contest Oct. 27 in Abilene.

The band will present their portion of the contest at 4:24 p.m. in Shotwell Stadium, adjacent to the Taylor County Coliseum. They will be the second Class AAA band to perform that day.

The 86 member band will present a marching show of about six minutes in length. Judges will be Henry Schrab, former president of the Texas Music Educators Association; Doug Williamson, past president of the Texas Bandmasters Association and

Charles Johnson, band director at Pampa. Each band is to be evaluated on a statewide standard and assigned a rating from I to V with I being the highest rating.

There are seven bands in Class AAA; Merkel, Wylie, Clyde, Ballinger, Coahoma, Breckenridge and Colorado City. The junior high bands from Abilene and San Angelo will perform first in the contest which will start at 3. Class AAA begins at 4:12, the Class AAAA and AAAAA bands will follow the Class AAA bands and the contest will conclude at 6:36 with the Cooper High Band from

The public is welcome at the contest and there is no admission for spectators. Everyone is asked to sit on the West side of the stadium. The twirling contest will be held under the east side of the stands. Local twirlers competing will be Tami Elliott, Kristy Elliott, Kelly Riney, Angela Thomas, Kim Greer and Stacy Norton. Tami, Kristy, Kelly and Angela will also compete in the twirling ensemble band competition in Texas.

The Merkel High band in conducted by Bill Woods and the assistant director is Cherry Curry. Woods is in his first year with the Merkel system, having taught at Seagrave High for 20 years and Levelland High for eight years. His bands in Seagraves were considered among the state's finest, receiving 16 consecutive sweepstakes awards, the highest

#### Halloween carnival is Oct. 27

ne annual elementary school Halloween Carnival and King & Queen Coronations will be held

The carnival will start at 6:30 p.m. and supper will be served at

the school cafeteria. There will be plenty of activities for all ages so joing the Merkel PTO in this important fund raiser for them. Money raised at the carnival is used to purchase supplies for the classroom.

### VFW showing life response

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxillary would like to announce the scheduling of a demonstration by Ester Wheeler for the Life Line Response Unit of the West Central Texas Council of Governments on Aging.

This is such an important life

saving program, that we teel the entire Merkel-Trent area should have an opportunity to learn its merits and how it works. We therefore, extend an invitation to the public. Please, anyone who can come and see this demonstration Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Post home.

#### 50th tea set

The GFWC Merkel Fortnightly Study Club will hold its Golden Anniversary Tea in the ome of Mrs. Perry ers at 302 Oak hars tea will be held 4 until 5:30 p.m. Oct. 23 and the ladies of the community are in-

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§ Gorilla quarterback Patrick

pass against Mozelle in Trent and Trent's season record fell to Penton is rushed as he attempts a Friday night. Mozelle took the win 1-4. [Staff photo]



§ Mike Warren and Gregg Fisher next to their location on North 1st. city employees last week. [Staff have completed the demolition The city library also was painted and clearance of two buildings at the east side of that block by

photo]

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS +TO: LESLIE C. CAR-PENTER, Residence 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,

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then and there to answer the petition of REGINA ANN CARPENTER, Pe- ion. titioner, filed in said Court on the 4th day of October, 1984, against

REGINA ANN CAR-PENTER, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 11,075-C on the docker of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of the Marriage of REGINA ANN CAR PENTER and LESLIE C. CARPENTER", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to grant a divorce between

spondent and decree

such other relief as requested in the petit-

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

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Issued and given w der my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 4th day of October, 1984. Rilla Mahoney Clerk 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy (Seal)

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## Xi Nu Chi plans meat-bean supper

Nancy Johnson was hostess to and Barbara Gardner. Members serving at 5:50 at Heritage Hail. at Pleasantville.

and their guests.

Guests included Nancy Duncan, Karen Riley, Susan McClintock

Xi Nu Chi's model meeting Oct. 8 attending were Peggy Valentine, They will be serving a bean and A salad supper was served Hill, Minyon Seymore, Connie everyone to buy a ticket from following the meeting to members Harris, Judy Elliott and Vonne members or at the door. You can Dena Tumlinson.

Anita Allen, Dianne Parker, Mary meat supper. They encourage enjoy the supper for \$2.50 for Friday, Xi Nu Chi will begin adults and \$2 for children under

## Cowgirl hall of fame seeks nominees

The women can either have a doctor, artist, pacesetter, author Fame, of which Merkers Goldia background as a cowgirl, or she etc. Malone is a member, is seeking may have made a significant Send names and biographies to: the names of women who can be contribution to our western heri- National Cowgirl Hall of Fame considered as candidates for the tage through her life as a pioneer, and Western Heritage Center, educator, historian, missionary, Box 1742, Hereford, Texas 79045.

## Students hold presidential election

The Merkel High student Coun- meeting was held Oct. 2 and cil has been involved in several projects lately. They held a President's Luncheon last Tuesday. All the presidents from various school organizations, the superintendent and the school board president attended. The District convention planning

Lanford rams-ewe tops in state

John Scott Lamford of Merkel had entries in 11 classes and scored in each class in the Rambouillet Show at the State Fair in Dallas.

Lanford won 1st place in all 11 divisions and showed the champion ram and ewe and the reserve champion ewe.

He was also awarded the Premier Exhibitor Trophy. Lamford also had the champion

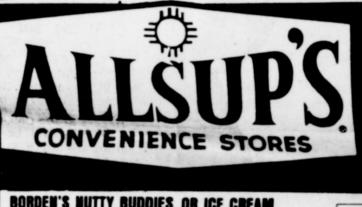
and reserve champions at the West Texas Fair & Rodeo in Abilene.

Gardski's. Sean Woodard, Kelly Presidential election. The students Riney, Melissa Davis and Tim will have to register and then Jacobs attended.

Merkel's idea (We can't spell s ccess without U) will be used as results from other schools across the theme for this years District the state. The students results will Convention Nov. 15 at Abilene then be compared to the actual

We will be sponsoring a mock vote. The results will then be sent to Austin and combined with the voting results.





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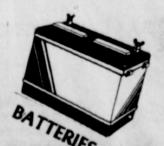
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84-4tp

For Sale: Travel-trailer, 17 feet. Call after 3 p.m. 928-5041. Very good shape.

83-2tp

Fishing boat for sale: Sears Crafstman, 7 hp motor 14 foot, trailer. First \$450 takes it. Also have 7' X 14' trampoline for sale in excellent condition, fully padded, \$550 firm. Call 928-5650. 84-1tp

For Sale: 1976 El Camino, 61,000 miles, power, air, \$1,800. 16 foot bass boat with 1978 Chrysler 55 hp motor, drive on trailer, 3 new tires \$2,500. Free small white shaggy puppywill make small dog. mother can be seen. Call 928-4189.

1976 Ford Pinto wagon runs perfect, must sell, for more information call 928-4489. 84-1tp

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For sale by owner: bedroom house at 707 Yucca. Shown by appointment, call 846-5125 or 928-5345. 84-2tp

House reduced for sale: 3 bedroom, one and three-quarter bath. den, fireplace, cement cellar, 2 storage sheds, good water well, pecan trees. \$42,000. Call 928-

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Brick house for sale by owner. Price reduced new loan, many extras call 928-5476. 82-4tp

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Coldwell Bankers Metro, Realtors 83-4tc

#### For rent For rent: 3 bedroom

house 5 miles out, city

water, pecan trees, partly furnished. Call 928-84-1tp Apartments for rent; 2 bedroom, refrigerator & stove Upstairs \$250 per

month with \$150 deposit downstairs with dishwasher \$275 per month with \$150 deposit. 6 month lease required. Call 928-5194. 58-TFC

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House for rent at 211 Rose \$270 per month. Central heat and air. Call 928-5939.

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## The Classifieds

1,2 or 3 bedroom mobile home for rent in Merkel. 928-4973. 27-tfc

#### Garage Sales

2 family garage sale 710 Avondale Oct. 19 & 20 starts at 8:30 a.m.; bed, night stand, winter coats, boys clothes, mens western suits, all sizes of ladies clothes and misc

Farmers yard sale: Saturday if weather permits. Odds and ends, farm equipment, lots of sweeps, a John Deere B tractor & equipment, couch & chair and Charlie Higgins home place. Call 928-5509.

2 Family yard sale No sales before 9 a.m. Friday Only at 704 Locust. Lots of mens. womens, and childrens clothes, toys and misc items. Nice large 3 bedroom house is also for

Garage sale at 302 Cherry Friday only. Bicycle, kitchen faucets, pop-up toaster, pillows, lots of misc.

84-1tc

Moving sale: Thursday & Friday, starts at 9 a.m.; air cooler, portable dishwasher, 2 female goats, etc. 4 miles North of Joes Boots. Call 928-5530.

84-1tc

3 family carport sale at 712 Rose, Thursday, Friday & Saturday.

Garage sale at No. 3 Pioneer Court Friday & Saturday from 9 until

Public notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: KINGSTON BOOK-STORE d-b-a DRAGON TREE PRESS. Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to Plantiff's Original Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty

days after the date of service of this citation before the Honorable 350th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plantiff's Petition was filed in said Court on the 30th day of April A.D. 1984 in this cause, numbered 152-D on the docket of said court and styled TRI-CONTINENTAL LEAS-ING CORPORATION Plantiff VS KINGSTON BOOKSTORE dba DRAGON TREE PRESS. Defendant.

The nature of Plantiff's demand is fully shown by a true and correct copy of Plaintiffs Original Petition, accompanying the citation and made a part hereof

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 di-

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, texas, this the 13th day of September, A.D. 1984. Attest: Rilla Mahoney Clerk, District Court

Taylor County, Texas

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by Kelly Gandy, Deputy (Seal) 84-4tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Merkel Texas will receive sealed bids on (1) one pre-owned 4 door sedan for use by the Police Department until 4:30 p.m. Monday, October 22, 1984.

Bid specifications and requirements may be obtained at City Hall.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, and award the contract to best serve the interests of the city.

Mayor 84-20-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE The City of Merkel, Texas will receive sealed bids until 4:30 p.m. October 22, 1984 on renovations of a house and the demolition of one house funded under the City's Community

Bid information and

Mayor

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NOTHING ON HOMESTEAD. THE ONLY WAY IT COULD COST PEOPLE OVER 65 WOULD BE AN ASSESSED VALUE ON FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS OF PROPERTY, OR PROPERTY OTHER THAN HOMESTEAD.

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## CAN WE AFFORD TO WAIT?

NO! COST OF CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES TO RISE AT APPROXIMATELY 12% PER YEAR

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- 2. PROBLEMS OF TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS AND KEEPING GOOD TEACHERS
- 3. VIOLATION OF MANDATED STATE LAWS ON CLASSROOM TEACHER-PUPIL RATIOS
  - 4. POSSIBILITY OF SPLIT SHIFT IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADES
- 5. CONTINUED LOSS OF NEEDED PLAYGROUND SACE AS MORE PORTABLES WILL HAVE TO BE BUILT

## VOTE YES

## OCTOBER 30TH

# ON ALL 3 PROPOSITIONS

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# THE MERKEL MAN

Texan Cheerleading Squad at

§ She is a sophomore psychology

major at SPC and the daughter of

Mr. & Mrs. Juan C. Biera of

South Plains College.

Rosie Biera of Merkel has been named a squad leader for the

#### MISD lunch menu

The following is the MISD school lunch menu:

Oct. 18 Chi cken fried steak with gravy, whipped potatoes and seasoned green beans, sliced peaches with topping.

Oct. 19 hamburgers with all the trimmings and fries, apple wed-

Oct. 22: Burritos with chili & cheese, lettuce wedges, sliced peaches

Oct. 23: Spaghetti with beef & cheese, lima beans, vegetable salad with choice of dressing, fruit cobbler

Oct. 24: Fried fish, tartar sauce, seasoned spinach, blackeyed peas, pineapple chunks.

Oct. 26: Pizza, lettuce and tomato salad with corn, rosy pears.

Oct. 29 Chicken fried steak with cream gravy, seasoned green beans and creamed potatoes, sliced pears.

Oct. 30 Bar-bQ links, buttered with corn and cole slaw, apricot macaroons.

Oct. 31 Toasted cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup and jello

Nov. 1: Mexican fiesta, pinto beans, rice, lettuce, corn, pineapple tidbits.

Nov. 2: Hamburgers, all the trimmings and fries, rice krispe cookies.

#### 81 study club

The 81 Study Club met Oct. 8 in the home of Ann Talent. The. meeting was called to order by president Betty Stautzenberger.

Attending were Lorene Beaird, Paula Forehand, Katie Griffith, Grace Holt, Goldia Malone, Cleo Reece, Betty Stautzenberger, Ann

Talent and Doris Summers. The program was about Texas Heritage.

Their next meeting will be Oct. 24 at the home of Mrs. Grace Holt, who will also be hostess. The theme will be on how to hold a bike-a-thon

#### 7th & 8th football

by Coach Yancy

The Merkel 7th grade tarveled to Graham last Tuesday and was downed 24-0.

Tommy White, Lynn Gregory, Brandon Rice, Shannon Jones, Billy Williams, Richard Bryan, and Ricky Williams played well in the losing effort.

The junior high teams play Breckenridge today. The B team will start at 4 and the others

The coaches and players invite the public to come out and watch. by Coach Woods

The Merkel 8th grade football team traveled to Graham last Tuesday and returned with a 40-8 drubbing of the Steers.

Kenneth Jowers opened the scoring with a 60 yard touchdown run to make the score 6-0. Freddy Gonzales went in from three yards out to finish the drive and Jowers added the two point conversion to make it 14-0.

Following the only Steer score of the game, Gonzales ran over several defenders to push the

score to 20-6 at the half. The Badgers continued to roll in the second half with Jowers going in from 35 yards to make it 26-8. Later in the third quarter, Corey Hines drilled a halfback pass to Monty Griffin for a 50 yard touchdown. Jowers added the two point conversion. Jowers also scored on a 45 yard run in the final

Hines and Davy DeLeon each intercepted a pass. Chris Wright, John McNeil, Jowers and John

Hall all played well on defense. Eddle Proctor won back his starting halfback job with a good

The 8th graders are 3-0-1 and by are looking forward to hosting Breckenridge Thursday

1107 N 2ND

McAnally leaving Merkel to be with family

by Russell McAnally

Somebody should say something about family. Family has recently become more important to me. For 47 years, I have been a Methodist pastor and during those years I seldom had the opportunity to have fellowship with my family. My father died in 1955 and my mother in 1973. I have six sisters and three brothers living today. My participation in family gatherings has been close to zero. They could only get together on weekends and I was always busy in my church at that time. They were always calling me with a 'Sure wish you could be with us this Sunday.

family. Our own children came to and we certainly love the people see us many weekends but they understood that they would be going to church. (Perhaps that is the reason they did not come more often). Instead of being free, I was asked to become a pastor of Fair Park Methodist Church in Abilene for two years and now almost five years at Pioneer Methodist in Mulberry Canyon.

It may be old age but suddenly I have a desire to become part of a this June, I will no longer be a pastor of any church. Since I do living in this area- Elsie, my wife, and I have decided to put our to renew my relations with my Plainview. We love our home here grandchildren. Some of you may

here- but there is family. Three of my sisters, a brother, a daughter. a son-in-law and three grandchildren live less than 20 miles from our new home. It is not a new house and it will take a lot of fixing up. We have worked hard to get this place like we want it, and now we will be leaving it-but with a lot of satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment.

Some of the reasons we are family again. Therefore, starting becoming more aware of family is in reading the Merkel Mail with the Editor relating visits and not have any family members activities with his family in the College Station area. (If A & M keeps getting beat he may speak home and 20 acres on the market- of his family in East Texas). I Seven years ago I retired from sell out- and move to a new home have watched Jack Hogan and the active ministry and intended located 12 miles Northeast of Buddy Smith with families and

have even noticed the Bell sisters have so much fun together. To say that watching these families and others is the reason I am leaving Merkel is a little misleading.

Outside of a few families who would give almost anything to get away from their families- I want to admonish you to do whatever is reasonable and necessary to insure a happy- wholesome and frequent relationship one with another. This involvement should not consume us. There are a few families who have very little to do with everyone except their family circles which is selfish and suffocating. Family is important and you have always had family close by should remember how precious it is. Take up for your family. No one else will

DGERS

Bomber | Davis, he was doing

carrier duty somewhere off Guam.

Talking to Jerry, he expressed the

desire to return home after the

§ Jerry is saving his money so he

can buy his grandpa Frank [NR one] Meritt a new Harley with a

side-car. He says that would help

his grandpa expand his social life.

§ Jerry's mama says he's a good

boy and carries a picture of her

right next to his autographed picture of Minnie Pearl taped

inside his helmet. Jerry's dad,

Roy, says he's hesitant to take any credit for his son's success and is

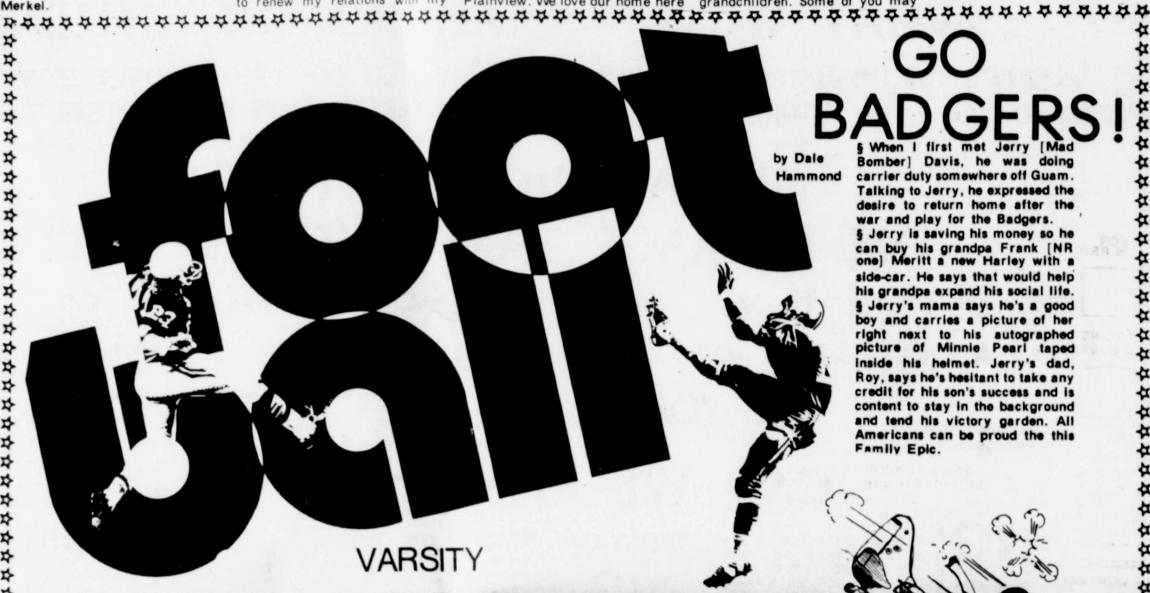
content to stay in the background

and tend his victory garden. All

Americans can be proud the this

Family Epic.

war and play for the Badgers.



Breckenridge here at 7:30 Friday

THURSDAY JV at Breckenridge at 7 Freshmen at Breckenridge at 5:30

B, 7th & 8th Grade here

games start at 4



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THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF" [" LA EMISION DE BOBOS PARA EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES POR UN TOTAL DE \$3,885,000 [NUEVA ESC-**UELA SECUNDARIA Y FACILIDADES** PARA EDUCACION DE VOCACION AGRICULTA Y EL GRAVAMEN DE IMPUESTOS EN PAGO DE ESTO"

**PROPOSITION NUMBER 2 PROPOSICION NUMERO 2** 

[EN PRO] AGAINST [EN CONTRA]

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS [AUDITORIUM FOR HIGH SCHOOL FACILITIES] AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF" [" LA EM-ISION DE BONOS PARA EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES POR UN TOTAL DE \$500,000 [AUDITORIO PARA FACIL-IDADES DE ESCUELA SECUNDARIA] Y EL GRAVAMEN DE IMPUESTOS EN PAGO DE ESTO"]

**PROPOSITION NUMBER 3 PROPOSICION NUMERO 3** 

AGAINST EN CONTRA

FOR

[EN PRO]

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$645,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS [LECTURE HALL AND CAFETERIA FOR HIGH SCHOOL FACILITIES] AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF" ["LA EMISION DE BONDS PARA EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES POR UN TOTAL DE \$645,000 [SALON DE CONFERENCIA Y CAFETERIA PARA FACILIDADES DE ESCUELA SEC-UNDARIA] Y EL GRAVAMEN DE IMPUESTOS EN PAGO DE ESTO"]

## Assembly of God

The First Assembly of God will be selling fried pies Saturday to raise money for mis-

sions. The pies will sell for 50 cents each and come in peach, apricot and ap-

They will be making home deleveries. Call

#### Ramsey is high point at fair

Clarkson's enjoy visit here

Mr. & Mrs. J. C.

Clarkson of Batesville,

Miss. were recent visi-

tors in the home of her

sister and brother-in-law

Mr. & Mrs. Derverl

Mrs. Clarkson the for-

Corey Ramsey of Mer- Rodeo. kel was high point in the the Paint Horse show at Merkel

the West Texas Fair &

mer Mary Bell Douglas

attended the homecom-

ing activities of her

class reunion of 1934.

She reported a very

good time and her class

members had made the

time of visiting very

special to her.

His parents are Kevee 13 and under division of & Jamie Ramsey of

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# Voters asked to vote yes or no on all 3 school bond propositions Oct. 30

#### Hicks is winner

The Ladies Auxillary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars would like tyo congratulate Mary Lou Hicks, winner of our monthly drawing for a \$25 gift certificate at Casron's Supermarket.

#### Bunk Tipton

#### services held here

Bunk Marvin Tipton, 82, a retired farmer of Merkel, died at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Starr Nursing Home after a long illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church here.

The Rev. John Wagoner, pastor, officiated. He was assisted by Rev. Russell McAnally, pastor of Pioneer Memorial Methodist. Burial followed at Rose Hill here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 3, 1902 in Robertson County, he moved to Merkel in 1906. He married Clyde Welch Dec. 20, 1928 here. He was a member of First United Methodist

Church. Two brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Jo Marvaryn Reeves of Irving, Jane Watson of Mouma, La. and Johnnie Scott of Rising Star; two brothers, C. W. and ee, both of Merkel. seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildr-

## Boosters will meet Monday

Booster Club will meet Monday, next Tuesday. Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the high Football games for the week

bringing home a third place

The Merkel Badger Booster trophy from the Aspermont Tour- host Breckenridge at 7:30 p.m. Club did not meet this Monday ney last Saturday. The girls Merkel played well last Friday in because of a meeting held concer- played Breckenridge Tuesday and Graham and had one of their best ning the school bond election. The their final game will be at Clyde offensive performances of the

are: B, 7th and 8th grade here and Graham's 24. Graham had 400 Congratulations are in order for the freshman and JV at Breck- yards rushing to Merkel 120. the girls volleyball team for enridge. Friday, the varsity will Graham had 50 yards passing to

season. The final was 51-24. Merkel had 22 first downs to

## Fortnightly group meets, hears report

The GFWC Merkel Fortnightly reports on the Library Fund and Belle Hughes, Alice King, Ailien Brown and Miss Avis Deavers as sented the federation report. hostesses. Mrs. Orvel Hill pre- Attending were Mmes: Joyce Louise Sudderth, Clara Walla, sided. Miss Maurine White and Jay, Grace Lee Borwn, Pam Lucille Wison, Elsie McAnally,

Study Club met Oct. 9 at the Big the 50th anniversary tea was Knight, Jan McCoy, Kathryn Country Inn with Mrs. C. M. discussed. Alwyne Sandusky pre- Rister, Jeanette Pursley, Alwyne

Mrs. Ray Wilson led a discussion Carson, Bess Dixon, Linnie Fish- and Misses Mary Collins, Avis of the life of Harry and Bess er, Ruby Hammond, Lucy Haynes, Deavers and Maurine White. Truman. The group also heard Edna Hill, Madelon Horton, Nina

Sandusky, Anna Belle Shouse,

## FFA preparing for competition

Another week has passed and the son of Mr. & Mrs. J. W. sows. He wants to be state FFA the Merkel FFA.

Plumbing for donating a trailer to the chapter. This trailer will be put to good use and we really appreciate the support.

Many teams have recently formed to compete in the area leadership competition. Students will learn skills in parlimentary procedure, public and extemperanous speaking.

in this week's spotlight is Jay Williams. He is a sophomore and

football, fishing and showing Tarelton State University and The chapter would like to thank livestock.. He currently has two major in agricultural education. Gregg Fisher of Consolidated projects and they are registered

many new things have occured at Williams. His hobbies include president and plans to attend

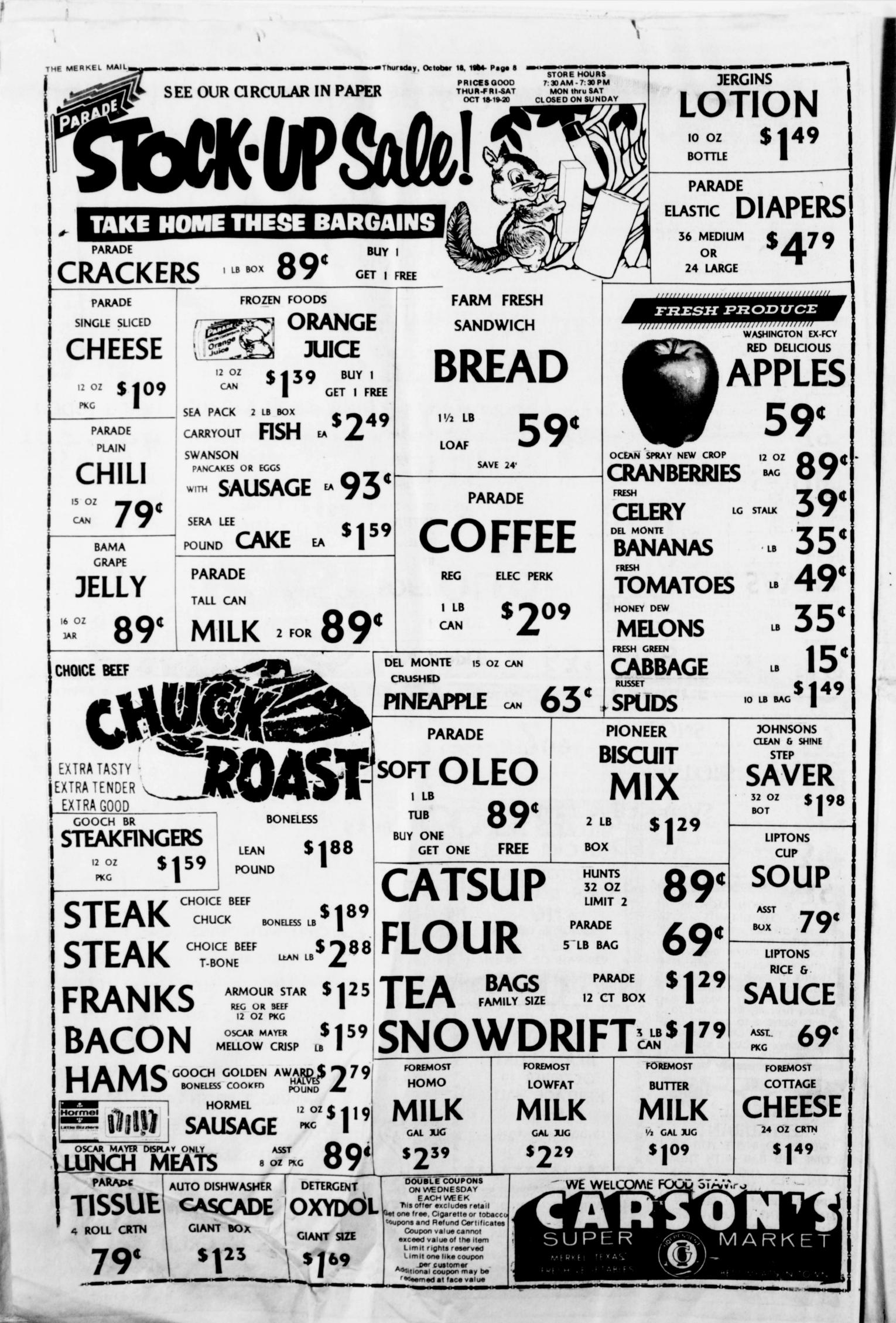
#### Ladies VFW auxillary will provide rides to polls Nov. 6

Auxillary to the Veterans of President Chrsitine Funderburg Foreign Wars, we would like for 862-6158 or Legislative Chairman everyone to be able to vote this Jane Felton 846-4942 before No-November 6. Therefore, we will be vember 1. offering rides to the polls. Anyone

As members of the Ladies needing a ride should contact



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