The Merkel Mail

Thursday October 2, 1986 . . . Merkel, Texas

Our 98th Year

Clyde bops Badgers host Sonora Friday at 8

by Cloy A. Richards

The Merkel Badgers dropped their season opener in Clyde last week 21-0. Merkel committed six turnovers during the contest with four pass interceptions and two lost fumbles as Clyde presented a strong running attack and completed the passes in the clutch.

Speaking of clutch catching, Justin Amerine of Merkel hauled down a few passes of his own, including two spectacular catches over the middle of the field. Offensively, that's about all the Badgers could manage.

Badger head coach Dick Lepard told The Mail Tuesday "Our coaches did a lot of soul searching over the weekend and we decided to do the same things we have been doing all year. I will take the blame for the loss. We didn't motivate the kids well enough and we had a total breakdown both on offense and defense."

Lepard complimented the play of Amerine and added "We don't have poor talent here, we just played poorly last week. I don't know what the big reason was and game of the year offensively and I just hope we don't have to go liked the line play of Phillip through that again."

say something posotive about your William Mehojah, Troy Hovet, team to reporters but when you David Miller and Kyle Doan. win it is a team effort and when

you lose it is a team effort. The desire on the part of the kids just wasn't there. The team is aware of how they looked and how they played. All I ask is that the fans give us a chance to redeem ourselves.

Lepard also said "I am not worried about us taking a downward turn, we work with the kids so close and I can't see any indications they are losing desire and our fans deserve a winner

In other games last week, the Badger JV and "B" Team both lost to Clyde.

In the JV contest, quarterback Brad Pierson led the way rushing with 50 yards and Stephen Bauer performed well at Center, according to JV Coach Luke Taylor. Taylor also complimented the defensive play of John McNeal, David Biera, Kevin Wright, David Thomas and James Glaze.

For the "B" Team, Kevin Roberts was moved to quarterback this week and played well and Tommy White carried the ball well. Taylor said it was the best Seymore and Scottie Meyers. He He added "You always want to also like the defensive play of

Badgers host Sonora

This week, the Badgers host Sonora as both teams will be looking for their first district win. Lepard said Sonora has traditionally been a sound football team as Coach Hopkins has held that post for 18 years. They run the Wing T on offense and a 59 defensive alignment.

The coach said "Sonora doesn't do a lot of fancy things, they run a lot of traps, dives and sweeps. Sonora is 3-1 on the year while the Badgers are 2-2. Last week Sonora lost 8-6 to Brady.

Lepard added "If Sonora makes a mistake, it's not because of coaching, you can tell they are coached well. I expect them to run the ball 80 per cent of the time and size-wise, there won't be much difference between us."

Lineman Chris Biera missed Monday's workout but he is expected to play Friday. Lepard said there were no other injuries from the Clyde game, other than humiliation.

The Badgers are working on a couple of new 'wrinkles' from the wishbone offense this week and Lepard said practice session had been excellent this week.

In other action this week, the JV and Freshman teams will travel to Wylle Thursday with games starting at 5:30. The 7th and 8th grade teams will play Wylie here with games also starting at 5:30.

he should have never said.



Merkel's offensive lineman try to create a hole in the Clyde line at

Clyde last week. The Badgers Sonora Friday at 8 p.m. were defeated in their district opener and last week 21-0 and host

-Newsbriefs-

Fortnightly group meets

The Fortnightly Study Club met September 23 in the home of Mrs. Andy Shouse with Mrs. Orvel Hill co-hostess.

The President Mrs. Allen King, presided for the business meeting. She stressed our workshop Oct. 14 at Heritage Hall in preparation for the Mesquite District Fall Board Meeting, here in Merkel. All members are urged to attend. Mrs. Hill gave the Federation Counselor's Report.

Mrs. Archie Nichols, Mesquite District President, was our guest speaker. As Mrs. Shouse introduc-I think both camps are doing a ed Mrs. Nichols, she listed some of very good job at pointing out the her accomplishments. She is a Governor White said a lot of Baylor University, has a Phi Beta things he wished he hadn't four Kappa Key. She came to Baird to years ago whil ex governor Bill teach at age 19. After teaching 7 Clements has said a lot of things years, until 1942, she retired in 1978 after teaching 37 years. She Both are coming at each other was honored as outstanding teawith both barrels loaded and it cher by T.F.W.C. in 1962. She is will not let up until early very active in her church, teaching an adult Sundy School Class and helping to organize the Mexican Baptist Mission. In civic affairs, she is active in Historical Society being chairman of Resteration of T. & P. Depot, a project of Wednesday Study Club and Corrine Blackburn Club. She was named outstanding citizen of Baird in 1985 by the Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Nichols brought us new

her usual enthusiasm. She recom- and desserts. mended this guideline, investigate eliminate and concentrate, in all

our club work. Attending were Evelyn Reed, Hill and Donna Brnovak. visitor and members Pam Carson, Edna Hill, Madelon Horton, Alice King, Aileen Knight, Ruth- Connie Harris. Lassiter, Pat Neff, Alwyne Sandusky, Ida Seymore, Anna Belle Trent Junior High wins Shouse, Clara B. Walla, Maurine White and Lucille Wilson.

Senior Citizens

donation sale set

928-5074.

Xi Nu Chi meets

Tuesday, September 23, 1986, Xi Nu Chi held it's annual "Rush" Nancy Johnson's home. A brief business meeting preceded the party. A head count for the by the entire little Gorilla squad. upcoming cowboy dance held in Paul McDaniel was smallest Abilene, and other topics were player on the team and a sixth touched on.

Naron, Sandra Wurst and Donna Oflen team as he led the defense. perspectives and visions as she Brnovak. A beautiful table decorreviewed the projects and pro- ated in rainbow colors was the grams for the coming year with setting for the potato bar, salads Eagles at 6:00 P.M.

Entertainment was Crazy Bridge conducted by Donna Bryan. The winning pair was Mary

Members present for the even-Bess Dixon, Anna Lou Ferguson, ing were: Judy Elliott, Mary Hill, Linnie Fisher, Mildred Hamm, Donna Bryan, Nancy Johnson, Ruby Hammond, Lucy Haynes, Nancy Duncan, Minyon Seymore, Barbara Gardner, Anita Allen and

The small, but quick, Trent Gorilla football team recorded their second win of the season by defeating the Oflen Mustangs last A Senior Citizen donation sale Thursday night by the score of 18 will be Thursday at 9 a.m. to 5 to 12. The Gorillas put 18 points on p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the board before the Mustangs Saturday 9 a.m. until. Set up your were able to counter with 12 late own table if you prefer. Donations in the 4th quarter. Trent's first will be received and appreciated. score came in the first quarter For more information call with quarterback Travis Walker firing a bootleg pass into the endzone to Jeff Sanford. Jamie Masonheimer scored again when the Trent defense forced a Mustang fumble in the Oflen endzone and he recovered it for the six. Mike Hicks caught a pass party for perspective members at from Masonheimer to conclude the scoring.

A fine team effort was turned in grader, was instrumental in his The honored guests were Debbie rushing efforts against the larger

Trent travels to McCaulley this Thursday night to take on the

Badgers, 'Stros, fajitas . . . more

by Cloy A. Richards

Okay, right off the bat, the main crow dish from last week. Yes, I predicted a 33-22 win over Clyde. The only thing I was close to correct on was Clyde's score.

Coach Lepard wasn't exactly looking forward to our weekly chat this week because the loss was embarassing to him, as well as the players. Fact is Clyde seemed to want to win the game more than the Badgers did and they performed well on the field, where it counts.

This week, the Badgers host Sonora in what should be a good game. Both teams are looking for their first district win and it ought to be a hard fought game.

Also, the coaching staff will be doing something new this week. Coach Lepard said he ordered purple and gold coaches attire and said it was something he may should have done a couple of years ago. He has taken a little grief over the colors coaches wear so he has corrected that situation. Will the attire make any difference you ask. Emphatically no, but it will make a few people look for something else to be unpleased about around here.

Great food here this weekend on Friday and Sunday.

The Chamber will be preparing fajitas Friday night before the game and will serve from 5 until

7:30 p.m. at Heritage Hall. The annual Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church will be holding their annual Jamacia celebration at the City Park Sunday and if you have attended that event in the past, you know food prepared there is excellent.

Okay Texas sports fans, the Houston Astros have made it into the post season playoffs and they face those dastardly New York

Mets starting next week. The Stros won their division with the usual excellent pitching and this year, timely and power

I have read quite a bit about the Mets pitching staff in the press and that's fine. I hope the Astros'

pitchers will be giving them all haven't you. something to write about next

It's a seven game series and it weaknesses of their opposition. Summa Cum Loude guaduate of should be a dandy.

Have you noticed all of the cotton that is starting to open up

around here. We have and local fields are sure looking good.

You have noticed the political November.

ads on ty in the governor's race.

Trent ties Ira 18-18; plays Weinert Friday

Defense was the name of the game last Friday night as both the Trent Gorillas and the Ira Bulldogs had a hard time finding the end zone in a District 4 Sixman football game. Ira moved quickly into a 12-0 lead in the first quarter and then the Trent defense came alive allowing only one more score through the next three periods. The Gorilla offense flirted with victory on several occasions but penalties and missed 4th down conversions negated those efforts. Sophomore running back Lewis Knapp had his third 100 yard plus game in the rushing department and scored 2 touchdowns. Freshman wide receiver Lee Hunt displayed his fine catching ability with key receptions leading to several of Trent's scores while catching a pass from sophomore quarterback Dock Carriker in the end zone for a T.D. Senior middle linebacker Chris Simpson led the Gorillas' defensive charge with seven solo tackles, nine assisted tackles, one fumble recovery and an interception. Freshman Mike Payne also turned in a fine performance on defense by accounting for eight solo tackles, and nine assists leading all Gorillas in tackling. Lewis Knapp and his sophomore classmate Jason Massey each collected an interception to aid in the stout Gorilla defense. The hustle of freshman defensive end Chris Jones reinforced the aggressive Trent defense by adding eleven assisted tackles, one solo tackle and two fumble recoveries. Junior Brian Massey turned in a fine performance at the other defensive end, filling in for an injured Sam Jones.

Coach John Grimland was well pleased with the aggressive play of his defensive unit, but said that extra time would be taken this week in workouts to work the bugs out of an offense that averaged 46 points per game in the first two games of the season.

This Friday at 7:30 p.m., Trent travels to Weinert for a non-district clash with the Bulldogs.

Financial seminar set

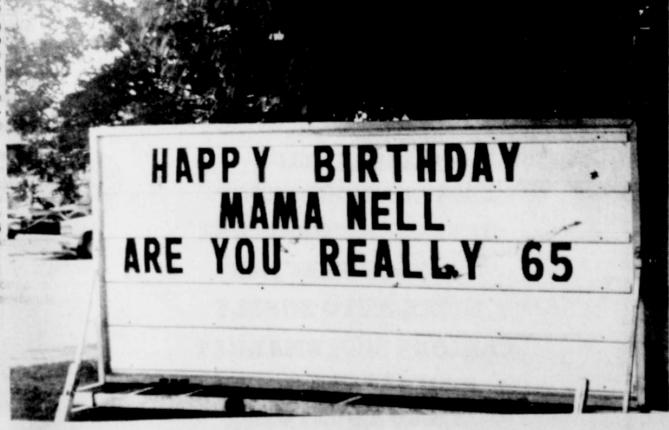
merce is sponsoring a financial planning seminar Oct. 9th at Heritage Hall.

Rodney Cosper, associated with Merrill-Lynch Financial Planning Services will be the speaker.

Cosper told Chamber members he wanted to make the presenta-

The Merkel Chamber of Com- tion to women first and might offer a seminar to everyone, depending on how the first one

There will be no charge for the seminar and reservations can be made by calling Marilyn Tittle at the Chamber office here at



Fannelle Boney was 'honored' at City Hall from co-workers. wasn't much in keeping a this week with a birthday greeting Fannelle is a long-time city secret around that group. employee and said there just

Art Lawler



McBath didn't look much different lying in the coffin his daughter had provided for him with his money.

He had tried to hold on to every cent, so Ellen had plenty to spend when it came time for funeral arrangements. The coffin was a plain brown - \$400 cheaper than the water-scaled gold one next to it in the display room.

Ellen said McBath would have wanted

You could have propped the old man up - chaise-lounge style, - in his casket and he'd have looked the same as he did sitting in her living room. The corpse was wearing a black, pinstriped suit as it rested eternally, the same one McBath rested in while setting in her solid green

Before driving over to Ellen's, he'd

get out of his pajamas and put on the suit. He had black, shiny shoes to match, and a black fedora with a black ribbon and a red feather. The bow tie was usually red, also.

For two hours, McBath would sit in the same chair looking dead, but well dressed. People didn't so much talk to him as they did at him. It was the same on the day of the funeral.

"You never took your medicine the way you were supposed to," Ellen would scold the remains. "You could have lived another 10 years. You just did this to get back at me."

McBath, as always, said nothing.

During his mortal years he thrived on the fussing. His own wife, Norma, had died a decade earlier. Being fussed over brought back some of the attention he used to get from her. At home he'd sit

Services held for Olga Gamble

Olga Gamble, 98 of Merkel, died Fortnightly Study Club. She was a Center in Abilene.

Funeral services were held She married S. D. Gamble here Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Starbuck in 1913. Chapel with Bob Christian officia- Her husband preceded her in

Cemetery here under the direction of Merkel and four grandchildren

a covered wagon. She attended Sharon Wright of California. of the Merkel Garden Club and the grandchildren.

Sept. 27th at Hendrick Medical member of the Grace Presbyterian Church.

death

Burial followed at Rose Hill She is survived by a son David of the Starbuck Funeral Home. Karlen Hardy of Merkel, Brom-Born Oct. 23, 1887, she moved wyn Leamon of Wichita Falls, here at age four with her family in Richard Seifried of Germany and

Merkel schools and was a member She is also survived by seven

Sumners services held

Merkel, died at her home at 10 was a nurse at the Abilene State a.m. Sept. 23.

Funeral services were held Sept. 26th at the Starbuck Chapel with David Strange, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church officiatia-

Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home. Born Nov. 28, 1910, here, she had

Clarice Lorene Sumner, 75, of lived here most of her life. She School for 11 years.

She married Leslie Sumner Jan 16, 1937 in San Antonio. He died Oct. 27th, 1975.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church here.

She is survived by daughters Ade O'Donnel of Merkel and Ina Gene Kelly of Ft. Worth as well as several nieces and nephews.

alone in his easy chair and listen to radio preachers threaten him. He seemed to appreciate that attention, also.

When McBath came driving up in his Pontiac, his daughter always reacted the same way. "My gosh, look at that. What'll you bet he hasn't taken his medicine?"

McBath would shuffle up the walk, somehow keeping his hands clasped together. He'd knock, even when the door was open and only a storm door barred his entrance.

"Come on in, don't just stand there," she'd say. But McBath would never be able to work the latch. Ellen would start cursing, then she'd unhinge it for him.

Ellen fussed. It gave him something to men would laugh softly, then cough. do with his hands and face. After the pipe was lit and the first puff of smoke entered medicine. That he washed his dishes his lungs, he'd cough gently, lean to one without soap. That it was a wonder he side, and replace the lighter in his right hadn't expired well before his 80th birthcoat pocket. The ritual was repeated with day, instead of just short of it. almost every puff.

the funeral. Most were old men you could the inheritance money. It was owed to find any other time, poaching in the bar- her, after all, for all the years of cleaning ber shop, or sitting in the shade on a and fussing over a stubborn old man who bench at the courthouse.

They sat in a room full of folding The old men agreed. "You did an awful chairs and talked about McBath as if he lot for him." they kept saying. "You wasn't dead. "You're too tight for your own good," one of them said. "Yeah, has

McBath liked to light his pipe while anybody checked his pockets?" The old

Ellen told them he wouldn't take his

His daughter wiped her eyes with Only about 25 people showed up for Kleenex and talked of what she'd do with never once even said thank you.

ought to take a trip to Europe with it." "I just might do that," she told then

"There's nothing to stop me." She didn't, though. She left the mone in the bank and let it draw more intere:

for a few years. Then she died, leavin McBath's money to her own daughter who promptly spent it.

McBath would not have wanted it that

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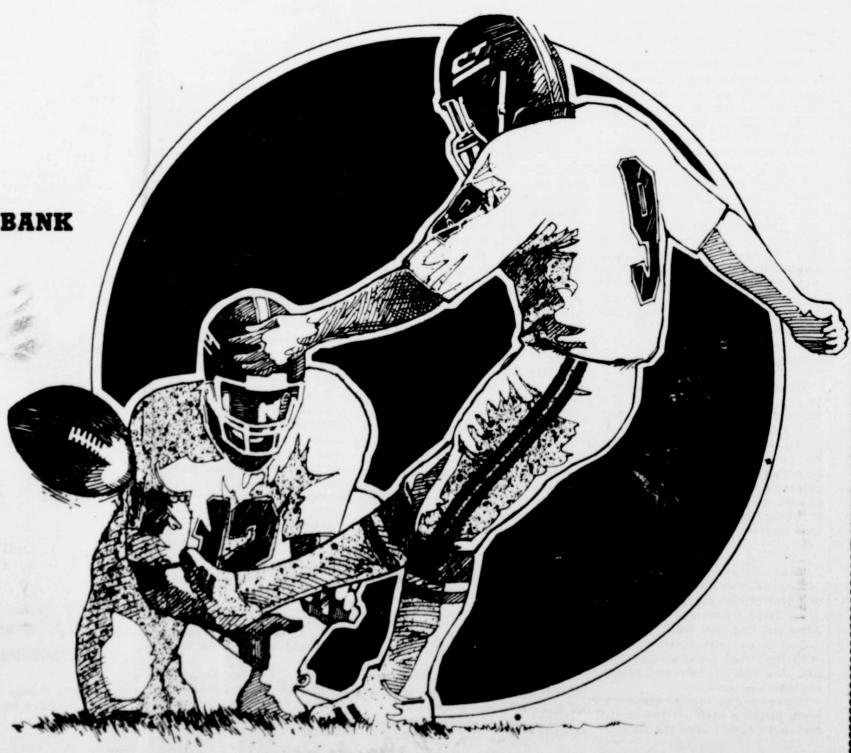
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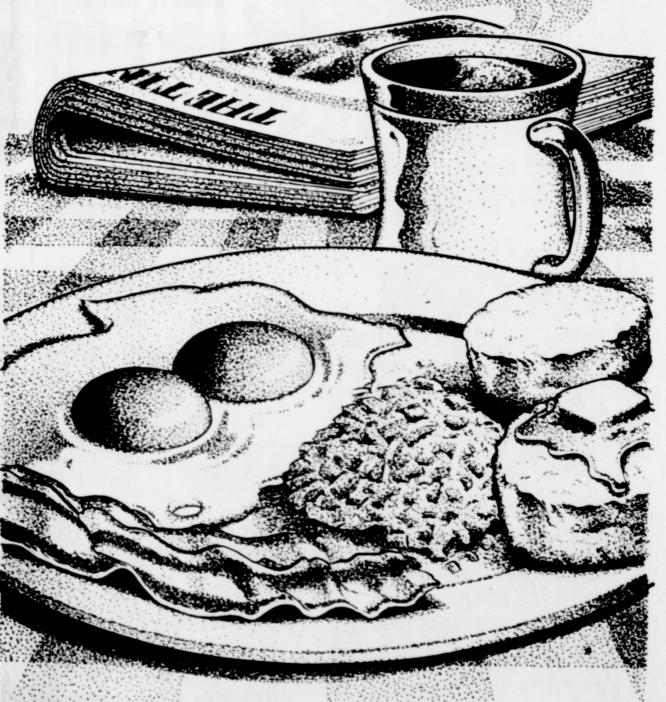
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Preceptor Eta Omega and Xi Nu tor Eta Omega and Xi Nu Chi Roberson.

Stew, cornbread and a beautiful Lambda Beta members present meeting.

Supper on September 15 at Taylor everyone enjoyed playing Keno. Ila, Debbie Sandusky, Beverly Electric Co-Op. Members from Guests attending from Precep- Helmer, Janet Rogers and Debbie

Chi were present, along with three were: Blanche Hewitt, Val Pat- Lambda Beta, will meet on special guests, Cindy Williams, terson, Mamie Steck, Mary Hill October 7 in the home of Debbie Sandusky for their next regular

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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 of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of ROBERT J. RODRIQUEZ, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 29 day of May, 1986, against ESTELLA ROand said suit being numbered 13,330-C on the docket of said Court and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of ROBERT J. RODRI-QUEZ and ESTELLA RODRIQUEZ", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to

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

If this citation is not served within ninety year beginning issuance, it shall be

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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 dir-

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 23 day of September,

Rilla Mahoney Clerk 326th District Court. Taylor County, Texas. By Jo Ann Lackey, Deputy. 183-1tc-74

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THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: PHILLIP LYNN ADDRESS MARTIN. UNKNOWN. Respon-

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of CHRISTIAN HOMES OF ABILENE. INC., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 22nd

day of September, 1986, against PHILLIP LYNN MARTIN, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 500-CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of BABY BOY HOWELL, A CHILD, the nature of which suit is a request to that the Court determine what parent-child relationrepresent the interest of successful agribusinesses. those persons cited by 2nd day of September. 1986, in Abilene, Texas, Taylor County.

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

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Education and entertainment will Pyles, owner-chef of Dallas' Routh St. Council, Texas Poultry Industry, Texas be spotlighted when TDA's Food and State Fair's special month-long Butcher.' Sesquicentennial celebration Sept. 26-Oct. 26 in Dallas.

More than 125,000 visitors aday are and American Sheep Producers expected to parade through the football field-sized pavilion from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. to view new exhibits and favorite

One new exhibit will highlight Texas' grassroots economic development work. Video monitors and a map ships exist between the pinpointing new agricultural projects as child and any other a commercial redfish farm, a slaughter persons, that an Attor- and retail beef operation and a farmerney ad Litem be appoin- owned flour mill will describe how by the Court to TDA helps small producers develop

TDA will also sponsor three special publication, and that all events -- the fourth annual Black such parent-child rela- Farmers Conference, the Texas tionships be terminated. Championship Cook-Out and the Lone . Said child was born the Star State Wine Competition.

State Sen. Craig Washington of Houston will be the keynote speaker at the Oct. 4 Black Farmers Conference, which is expected to draw about 125 x farmers to the Ambassador Plaza Hotel. Assistant Commissioner for Regulatory Programs Rick Lowerre will speak on TDA's regulatory responsibilities. Three workshops are

The same day on the fairgrounds, outdoor cooks will test their skill with * beef, lamb, poultry and seafood prepared over charcoal grills using recipes with ingredients produced or packaged in Texas. First prizes of \$500 * and two Southwest Airlines tickets will served within ninety be awarded in each category. Cooks

> Judges will include such wellknown food personalities as Stephan ********

Cafe, and Merle Ellis, who writes the Seafood Marketing Advisory Council,

Co-sponsors are the Texas Beef

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The ads make it sound like easy money. "NOW! As an independent mailer you can earn BIG MONEY in your own advertising business. We will pay you \$100 for every one hundred pieces of mail you process-just by following our simple instructions."

THE COME ON

All you have to do is send a nominal sum, usually between \$10 and \$40, and they will teach you how to make money at home. And since the ad promises that the job will have qualities that many people wantindependence, prestige, being your own boss-it's not surprising that many people fall for the old envelope stuffing scam every day.

THE SCAM

Chances are if you send your money to a company that promises to teach you how to stuff envelopes for big bucks, what you will get is an instruction sheet that describes how to get others to send you money for the same scam. The instructions will look something like this:

"Place a classified ad in a national magazine or tabloid that has a high response to its classified ad section. You may use the example below as a model for your ads.

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What the instructions don't tell you is that placing such an ad can get you in trouble with the U.S. Post Office, local criminal prosecutors, or my

Consumer Protection Division.

Some operators have begun to send envelope stuffing offers, as well as other business opportunity advertisements, through the mail. But whether the come-on is read in a classified ad or arrives in the mail, people who actually send in money and then place an ad will end up competing with others who have fallen for the same trick, not to mention the company that placed the original ad. But whether the scam is pitched via on the mails or through classified ads it amounts to the same thing-deception.

One of the biggest warning signs for this kind of fraud or deception is the statement that in order to get more information about the job or opportunity you must send in a fee. Anyone who wants money before giving you this kind of basic job information is someone to avoid. Regardless of the "guarantees" that accompany the ad, if you answer one of this type by sending your hard earned cash, you are very likely to get

Preceptor Eta Omega meets

Preceptor Eta Omega, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met in Heritage Hall, Tuesday, September 16, 1986 with hostess Kathy Leverich.

The chapter worked on cook books to sell and discussed the tasting tea to be held Saturday, September 27, 1986, from 11:30 through 1:00 at the Taylor Electric Building.

The chapter also discussed who would be going to Mexico on Saturday, September 20, 1986.

Those present for the get together were President Kathy Leverich, Betty Satterwhite, Val Patterson, Opal Garner, Liz Eager, Mamie Steck, Jane Carson, Bettye Conley, Y Sadler, Connie Ybarra, and Blanche Hewitt.

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New tax laws will affect farmers

Farmers forced to transfer assets to creditors to satisfy debts no longer have to pay alternative minimum taxes on recognized capital gains.

"This was a serious tax liability that was forcing many farmers into bankruptcy to reduce their tax liabilities," points out Dr. Wayne Hayenga, economist and attorney with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. President Reagan signed the special.exemption bill into law in late April. Since it's retroactive to Dec. 31, 1981, some farmers may have a tax refund coming.

Regarding the liability faced by farmers in forced transfers of assets, Hayenga cites a typical situation. A farmer who bought most of his 500 acres in the late 1960s and 1970s for an average of \$300 per acre was forced to borrow heavily on it in the early 1980s because of operating losses. He owes \$1,300 per acre and can't or milk meet debt obligations with current farm income. His lender agrees to accept the land in lieu of

This triggers capital gains of

\$1,000 per acre, or \$500,000. Of this gain which was excluded, \$300,000 amount, 40 percent or \$200,000 is in this case (less a \$40,000 taxable as ordinary income. A deductible exemption), becomes a farmer may have losses to carry "tax freference item" subject to forward and other deductions to an alternative minimum tax of 20 offset this ordinary income. How- percent. ever, the other 60 percent of the

Trent lunch menu

Thursday October 2: Breakfast: juice, cinnamon rolls, milk. Lunch tuna fish sandwich, vegetable soup, potato chips, pear halves, milk or tea

Friday October 3: Breakfast: juice, biscuits with sausage, jelly milk. Lunch: corn dogs, pinto beans, pineapple chunks, cookies,

Monday October 6: Breakfast: juice, cereal, milk, Lunch; sausage and gravy, hash browns, okra gumbo, lemon bars, rolls, tea

Tuesday October 7: Breakfast: juice, donuts, milk. Lunch: chili, pinto beans, lime jello with pears, corn bread, milk or tea.

Wednesday October 8: Breakjuice, buttered biscuits, elly, milk. Lunch: pizza, corn. salad, apple crisp, tea or milk.

Thursday October 9: Breakfast: juice, pancakes with syrup, milk Lunch: barbequed weiners, potatoes, sauce, carrot and raisin salad, cupcakes, rolls, tea or milk. Friday October 10: Breakfast: juice, cinnamon rolls, milk, Lunch chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, rolls, milk or tea.

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"This rule was designed to impose at least some tax on the wealthy," Hayenga points out. "Inadvertently, it traps farmers who've been forced out of busi-

forced-out farmer in this example would be subject to a 20 percent tax on \$260,000 (\$300,000 gain minus the \$40,000 exemption). That's a tax bill of \$52,000. If the farmer deeds back the property and then is forced into bankruptcy subsequent bankruptcy will not erase the tax bill.

"So the special exemption for farmers will relieve this tax burden and possibly keep some According to Hayenga, the from bankruptcy," says Hayenga

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this citation, same being

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350th District Court of

Taylor County, Texas,

Said Plaintiff's Amen-

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The names of the

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Greeting:

Mrs. Robert James

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