Thin Purple Line Holds

(Badgers 20, Indians 18) (Howes, McCoy doubtfull for Roscoe)

By Dale Hammond

salts could bring on.

to think that this area's failed to capitalize but on referees must be madly in the Indians next posseslove with the Merkel Bad- sion, Keith Shields ripped gers because they tied a through and blocked an room the second half and Indian runner loose from yellow flag on them last Indian punt. Once again soon demonstated that the ball. The Badgers take Friday with more regular- the Badgers couldn't score ity than a dose of epsom but the tide was in our favor and somehow you The standing room only could tell it was just a crowd (at least on Mer- matter of time. An excelkel's side of the field) got lent punt return by little to watch two football Mike Brady was wiped out stairs to get on the board

games. The first half by a flag, but still the suddenly with a touch- later the Indians hit pay showed us an extremely Badgers kept coming on down. The Indian's at- dirt. With 59 seconds and confident bunch of Bad- strong. Pursley was mix- tempt at a two point two points down the Ingers handle the Indians of ing his plays well with conversion was stymied dians hit pay dirt. With 59 Jim Ned with a minumum Doan, Shields, Howes, and and at this point in time seconds and two points of difficulties in spite of Cliff Dye. Pursley then there was still no cause for down the Indians lined up the numerous penalties. faked in to the line, rolled alarm. On the kick off we for the two point conver-The second half showed us out and nailed Mike Sims fumbled the ball. This was sion. A tired but determinthat you had better not with a picture perfect pass one of five fumbles that ed bunch of Badgers gearrest on your laurels until play for six big ones. The seemed to haunt us all ed up one more time, and they turn out the lights PAT was good and it evening along with the one more time the Indians and lock the doors. I'm not seemed the Badgers were numerous penalties. It were denied that elusive trying to say the boys in complete control of the was clear that the Indians two point conversion, from Tuscola put a scare situation. At this point were a fired up ball team thanks to a Badger line in to anyone but I saw Ned during the second quarter, and I think that at this jamming the holes and Watts' hair turn red right nothing seemed to bother point in time, had the Pursley and Schultz shoot-before my very eyes. the Badgers. The Badger Badger defensive unit ing the gap to drop Jim Saturday morning Coach defensive unit anchored by shown any sigh of panic, Ned's last hope. An on side Jerry McCleod was smil- Dwain English, Grant Jim Ned could possibly kick failed and Pursley ing, but it was more the Murrell, Rusty Watts, and have blown us right out of and Co. ran out the clock. nervous smile of someone Billy Nichols and company the tub. Our troops down They say you can prove who had just crossed a was winning the battle of in the trenches were hard any thing with statistics railroad track only to look the trenches. Offensively pressed, but Richard but one statistic sticks out back through his rearview the Merkel ground game Schultz, Mike Crouse, most of all and thats mirror and see a freight was relentless. Garth Randy Cox and Jay Boyd train go zipping by his Doan punched out a big along with the rest of the had ten flags thrown first down deep in Indian entire roster stuck it out against them for a total of The win was a costly one territory and then Wham! and gave as well as they 78 yards. I personally with Coach McCleod list- Howes bulls his way over received. Brad Pursley don't think that any refeing both Rick Howes and for six more. Pursley came up with a big ree from the Abilene Brad McCov as lost for added the extra and things interception and the Badaction when the Badgers couldn't be better. The gers took over deep in game against Merkel with It seems that no sooner late in the 2nd quarter but count all the yardage wounded" werebeing was starting to show. Slowly but surely the Thin Purple Line was driven back deeper and deeper culminating in an Indian score. Once again the Indians went for two points and once again they were denied. The game had closed to two points difference, (14-12 Merkel) with time left to play. Two

Not long ago, there was finished than McCoy was ferocious and the secon- a suicide pilot on his last a popular song that went out with a painful knee something like, "Tie a injury. The Badgers had yellow ribbon 'round the jumped right in the middle old Oak Tree, If You Still of things with a Pursley Love Me". I'm beginning interception. The Badgers to think that this part of the first half which closed injury. On and on the Indians good. Jim Ned's Indians came, when suddenly came out of the dressing Dwain English blasts an

out with things looking they would take a lot of over and immediately on beating to stay down. The the first play the ball Indians stopped the Bad- squirts loose and Jim Ned gers cold on their first comes up with it again. possession and proceeded The clock says one minute to punch out two first and thirty four seconds down and then strike left. A couple of plays

> bly one of our best all but that goes both ways as it always has since before the Civil War. I join all the Badger Boosters in inviting everyone to go to Roscoe and watch a Bad-

ger give a Plowboy fits. Game statistics are as punts, avg.- Merkel 3-35, Jim Ned 4-26.

Individual statistics are as follows: rushing Howes 17-51, 1 TD, 1 Fumble; Pursley 11-64, 3 fumbles; Doan 9-37; Dye 7-13; Cox Our two point try fell 3-11, 1 fumble; McCoy 1-6. short. Brady was injured Passing Pursley 5-13, 80 on the scoring play and we yards, 2 TD. Pass receivlost yet another man. On ing Brady 2-35 yards, 1 the kick off play, Howes TD; Howes 2-30 yards; bored in on an Indian like Sims 1-15 yards, 1 TD.



Vernon Presswood **Named District Secretary**

years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Presswood, was

Vernon Presswood, 16 record of all meetings of has a steer this year and the District, help with the he plans to take it to the district leadership contest Fort Worth and Houston

had an officer. His duties judging contest and live-will consist of keeping a stock judging contest. He

selected as the Big Coun-try District Secretary, district banquet. and participate in the stock shows. He also has two lambs he is taking to September 6 at Cisco, Texas. There were 20 schools represented at the Big Country District the Taylor County and September 6 at Cisco, Texas. There were 20 schools represented at the Big Country District Banquet.

Vernon participated in the State Fair of Texas at Dislas. He currently holds are chapter farmers Deand sold at the premium gree and plans to apply for his Lone Star Farmers

Commissioning Ceremonies for USS Texas attended by Mr. & Mrs. Robbins

Mark White, inviting them Area to receive an invitamately 250 Texans. There was Mayor Dan Hemphill.

On August 31, 1977, Mr. were very few personal The 585-foot-long ship U. S. Rep. John Mahon,

and Mrs. V. A. Robbins of invitations sent out by Mr. was launched in 1975 and the Merkel Country Club White and Mr. and Mrs. is the Navy's seventh chairman of the House were written a letter by Robbins were one of the nuclear-powered powered the Secretary of State, few in the Big Country missile cruiser. Her two tee, called the ship "a to attend the commission- tion. Mayor Fred Lee Texas capable of speeds in ing ceremonies of the U.S. Hughes was invited, but excess of 30 kinds.

S. Texas. The ceremonies was unable to attend. contain enough fuel for 10 ships.

Attending from Odessa years of operations. "The world is more at ing ceremonies of the U.S. Hughes was invited, but excess of 30 knots and clear propulsion in naval

The USS Texas is the fourth warship to bear the state's name. The first it is necessary that this was a Confederate twin nation maintain the screw iron clad ram. She mightiest arsenal the was seized by Union forces in 1865 and sold in 1867.

The first U. S. Navy ship

world has ever seen, Mahon said.

"The two conditions are

the Navy's first battleship. Launched in 1889, that Texas was active in the sented the ship with a Spanish-American War. In picture and two goblets 1911, the ship was decommissioned and renamed San Marcos. Subsequently, she was sunk as a target for gunfire prac-

The second USS Texas was commissioned in 1914 and served in European waters during World War I. During World War II, the USS Texas saw action in the Atlantic, Mediterranean and Pacific.

Following the war, the ship was decommissioned and moved to the San Jacinto Battlegrounds Monument near Houston, where she serves as a

The \$252.8 million ship, which will be based at the Norfolk Naval Station, was commissioned under a bright sky as a crowd of

a pier along side.

a Texas Democrat who is Appropriations Commitnuclear reactors make the strong testimonial to the proven capabilities of nu-

peace than at any other time in recent history. Yes

"The two conditions are named for Texas was also not accidental; one requires the other."

Gov. Dolph Briscoe prefrom the battleship Texas that served in both world

The governor also gave ter new ship a \$25,000 silver service, bought by donations from Texas citi-

Aften the commissioning cermony, there was a Texas-style reception, with almost a ton of Texas beef and 2,400 yellow

for the crewmen country and weeken singer Charley Price and a meal prepared by Albert Agnor of Marshall, Texas, who claims the title of international chili cooking cham-

A texas state spokesman said citizens donated more than \$35,000 for the celebration. Much of the food about 3,000 looked on from was presented by Texas

TRENT HOMECOMING

Homecoming, October 8, win. 1977. Activities begin Fri-day night with a "Powder Su 7:00. Bonfire at 8:30.

Saturday morning breakfast at 6:30. Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11:30 to 1:00. Program will ing for \$100.00 Saturday old acquaintances.

You are cordially invit- afternoon during the proed to the 1977 Trent gram. Must be present to

Supper will be served Puff" football game at from 4:30 until 6:15. The football game begins at 7:30 p.m. Trent vs Mc-Cautiey.

Contact a Junior Class member to order mums. Come and join in on begin at 2:00 p.m. Draw- activities and renewing

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constructed at the center all sents will be \$2.00.
entrance of the home stadium and we urge all the following: Eastlandpeople setting in the reserve sections (sections C Ballinger-October 7, 7:30)

Superintendent's office. noon, Thursday Septem-We hope those of you who ber 15. After this date all are interested in saving 50 seats will be open for the

& D) to use the ramp upon p.m., Stamford-October entering and leaving the 21, 7:30 p.m., Coahoma-bleachers.

CJC Final Registration Date Sept. 14th

Cisco Junior College's munity College Center of registrar, Olin O. Odom Abilene at anytime during III, reminds area resi- regular office hours, 8:00 dents that registration will a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Regiscontinue through Thurs- tration at the Coleman and day, September 15 at the Merkel Extension Centers Cisco campus and all off may be accomplished campus extensions. Simply by going to the desired class at its reguproblem in registering as larly scheduled meeting late as September 15, Mr. time, Mr. Odom pointed Odom urges those who out. He also emphasized wish to take college credit that students could regiscourses to register now in ter for classes in any of order to begin attending the five locations, at any classes. Classes are pre- of three offices--Cisco, sently in session, and a Clyde, or Abilene. minumum a mount of missed class time is bene- Doyle Maynard ficial to the student.

Cisco Junior College offers a variety of low cost quality courses in both academic and technical vocational fields. "For the person planning to continue his education past Doyle Maynard will high school," Mr. Odom speak at the Merkel lege offers a wide range of ber 18-21. opportunities for expand- Topics and times are as ment this year, and we Home Again; Sunday, 6:00 invite anyone, college age p.m. The One Thing All or older, to enroll in one of Christians Have; Monday, the many programs we 8:00 p.m. When God Has

the main campus in Cisco, Go Down; Wednesday, at the Clyde Educational 8:00 p.m. What The Center, or at the Com-Church Needs Most.

Sept. 18-21

Mer."
Had Enough; Tuesday,
Students may register at 8:00 p.m. Let Not The Sun

more big gains were wiped out by penalities and Mike Sims was carried off the field after being clothes lined by a steel cable To Speak bordering the playing area. By this time Badger reserves are down to near zero and there is no rest for anyone. Somehow Grant Murrell, came up said, "Cisco Junior Col- Church of Christ, Septem- with enough energy to mount a big pass rush to kill yet another hard Ining knowledge. We're an- follows: Sunday, 10:30 a. dian drive. Seconds later delipating a large enroll- m. You Will Never Go Pursley reaches down and Pursley reaches down and uncorks a zinger to Mike Brady for a big six points.

travel to Plowboy land Indians and Badgers their own territory. Two out being a little "one next Friday evening. This swapped punts with nej- successive big gains were sided" anymore than is going to hurt. There's no ther side able to gain any wiped out by penalty flags. you'll convince me that way you can lose two lads decided advantage. The Garth Doan's statistics the Badgers or Merkel will of this caliber and not feel Indians tried to go up would be far more im- ever get a decent write up pressive if only you could in the Reporter News. Going to Roscoe next had the National Anthem the Badger pass rush was taken away from him by week without Howes and flags. He's had a lot of McCoy is going to hurt. good runs cancelled out. You can't have an eigh-Pursley was able to bail us teen man roster and lose out on a quarterback two of you best with out option play that allowed feeling it, but as Coach him to punt from fairly McCleod said; "He would respectable field position. not jeopardize a ny play-The third quarter ended er's physical well being with Badger fortunes just to win a game." The looking somewhat better task will fall on Garth but not by much and not Doan who keeps improvfor very long. By this time ing with every game. attrition was taking it's Clifford Dye, Chris Cox, toll and our "walking and Keith Shields, probathrown into the fight. With round players on the team, the Badgers leading 14 to 6 The Plowboys will be up the Indians bench power for the Badgers next week,

> follows: First downs-Merkel 11, Jim Ned 10; penetrations- Merkel 6, Jim Ned 3; yards rushing-Merkel 170, Jim Ned 147; yards passing- Merkel 80. Jim Ned 58; passes com-pleted- Merkel 5 of 13, Jim Ned 2 of 10; passes intercepted by Merkel 3, Jim Ned 0; fumbles lost-Merkel 5, Jim Ned 4; penalities, yards- Merkel 10 for 78, Jim Ned 5 for 31;



By Martha Sue Justice A Country and Western Musical will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Stith Community Center. Musicians are WELCOME, -along with families and others who want to hear the music. Concessions will

Mr. & Mrs. V. A. Robbins

News and

Thoughts

All things are possible if we have faith in God.

WELFARE MESS- The U. S. News and World Report of August 8, 1977 reported that the total number of welfare recipients gas 23,300,000. The annual cost in 1977 is estimated at \$38,098,000,000. The number of employees administering public assistance programs was reported at 346,000, including 342,000 state and local and 4,000 federal. The number of poor being assisted was reported at 8.1 percent of all U. S. families after allowances for government payments such as social security, medicaid, and welfare. The per capita cost of these programs in 1976 was \$179.70 (bases on 212 million population and cost of \$38,098,000,000) compared to only \$21.72 in 1965 (based on 193,526,000 population and cost of \$4,200,000,000).

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Deaths and Funerals

Alonzo Peterson Dies

Alonzo P. Peterson, 74, of Merkel died at 3:10 p.m. Wednesday in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a brief illness. Services are pending with Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born September 2, 1903, in McCellan County, he was a retired Taylor County employee. He moved to Merkel in 1906. He married Ophelia Byrd September 25, 1921, in

Funeral Held for Lillie Bratcher

Funeral services for Lillie Gertrude Bratcher, who died Friday at the Good Samaritan Center were Monday at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. H. Wyatt Bartlett officiating. Burial was in Restlawn Memorial

Park. Mrs. Bratcher, 84, died at 1:45 p.m. Friday at the center. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ameican Cancer Society in care of Floyd Hall at the First National

Bank Mrs. Bratcher was preceded in death by her husband. Thomas Jefferson Bratcher, in 1963. She was born in Vera, Texas, on May 9, 1893, and came to Artesia in 1940. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Pallbearers were Lowell Irby, George E. Kaiser, J. King, Truett Gill, Bob Horner, and Bill Holly. Honorary pallbearers were Bert Jones, L. E. Hodges, Walter Short, B. C. Aaron, Forrest Lee. Kermit Southard, C. C. Nelson, Elwood Kaiser, W. A. Beard, Dr. Owen C. Taylor, Dr. James E. Gaba, J. T. Haile, Ladsun Worley, John Simons, and Leroy Holly.

Survivors include eight sons: Burnice, Orval and Alton Bratcher of Artesia; Glenn Bratcher of Philadelphia, Pa., Homer Bratcher of Albuquerque, Carlton Bratcher of Phoenix, Ariz., Lynn Bratcher of Muleshoe, Texas, and Earl Bratcher of Merkel, Texas

Also surviving are four daughters: Margie Ward of Morton, Texas, Vivian Jones of Condord, California, and Velma Conner of Fort Worth, Texas; Three sisters: Millie Thurman of Sea Drift, Texas, May House of Colorado City, Texas, and Maurine Hutton of Grand Prairie, Texas; also one brother Arther Hughes of Baird, Texas; 38 grandchildren, 55 great grandchildren and seven great great grandchildren.

Terpening and Son Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

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Stith. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Merkel. He was employed 1942 until 1955. He was self-employed as a stockman until he retired May

31, 1968. Survivors include his wife; two sons, Lewis of Merkel and Calvin of Orange; three brothers, Lester of Abilene, Cecil and Jim both of Merkel; two sisters, Mrs. Andy Saffel of Merkel and Mrs. Fred Bradley of Miles; seven grandchildren; and seven great grand-

children. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Robert J.

Funeral Services held For David DuBose

David B. DuBose, 85, of Merkel, was dead on arrival at 6:50 a.m. Saturday at Hendrick Medical Center after a sudden Sinton; and several nieces illness. Services were at and nephews. 2 pm Monday in the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel. Elder J. S. Kirkpatrick, Primitive Baptist reno, Frank Rodriguez, minister from Midland. officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born June 20, 1892, in Devine, he was a retired service station operator. He married Annie Burgin June 2, 1912, in Moor. They moved to Merkel in 1928.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Marvin of Trent and Bobby of Merkel; two daughters, Ann Palmer of Merkel and Hazel Martin of Abilene; three brothers, Herbert of San Antonio, Howard of Silver Springs, Nev., and Clifton of Alice; two sisters, Lois Ward and Tommie Blum, both of San Antonio: 12 grandchildren; and 17 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two daughters. Grandsons will be pallbearers.

Last Rites Held for John Lozano

John Biera (Big John) Lozano, 36, of Merkel died at 6:15 p.m. Saturday in by Taylor County from West Texas Medical Center after a lengthy illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Merkel. Father Jerome O'Machoney, paster, officiated and burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Fun-

> eral Home. Born May 30, 1941, in Merkel, Mr. Lozano attended high school in Merkel. He had worked as a service station attendent for many years and had been active in the Little League Program.

Survivors include a daughter, Cynthia; his mother. Teresa Biera of Mineral Wells; three brothers. Morris Ramirez and Alex Ramirez, both of Mineral Wells and Larry Ramirez of Amarillo; three sisters, Mrs. Leo Ortega of Merkel, Mrs. Sammy Chavez of Amarillo and Janie Ramirez of

Pallbearers were Lee Biera, Danny Malone, Benny Melton, Hijinio Mo-Robert Rodriguez, Louis Valdez and John Ybarra.

Gary D. Owens Dies

Gary D. Owens, 36, of 1809 Jameson died at 2 a.m. Sunday in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Alberquerque, N. M. Services are pending at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory.

Born November 9, 1940, in Spur, he had been disabled while in the mili-

Survivors include two daughters, Stacy Owens and Tracy Owens, both of Azel; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Owens of 1809 Jameson; a sister, Gwen Atkinson of Merkel; and two brothers, Ronald and Curtis, both of 1809 Jame-

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A Tribute To Lillie Bratcher

Mrs. Bratcher died at the Good Samaritan Center August 19.

Mrs. Sanders says, "I met Mrs. Bratcher on one of my visits to the Good Samaritan Center. There was something special about her. In the months to follow I learned to love her as though she was a part of my family.

She had a radiance about her that could only come from the deep peace within, of knowing fully well that your heart and soul are right with God."

Mrs. Sanders brought us the following poem she wrote in tribute to Lillie Bratcher:

A ROSE OF BEAUTY There are many varities of flowers, in God's Heavenly Bouquet. Their fragrance seems to linger on, when they've been plucked away. This lovely rose God's chosen will brighten His Bouquet although we'll miss the beauty of her quiet simple ways. I feel 've been so richly blessed just knowing her awhile, as I remember the softness of her timid little smile. She loved our blessed Saviour, She exalted His dear name; And

Every so often a person though I know she suffered is touched by someone in much I never heard her such a way that it inspires complain. In my mind's certain achievements and eye, I can see her now, In creativity. That was the a garden up above, way Lillie Bratcher af- arranging flowers with fected Barbara Sanders, tender care, as she gives them a touch of her love.

Brides Maids Luncheon

Brides maids luncheon honoring Lisa Gregory was hosted by Carolyn Kelso in the home of the bride elect Friday September 2. The table was decorated with yellow and white daisies and white

Special guest was Mrs. Howard Laney of Tye, grandmother of the bride

Jim Ned Wins Over Merkel 8th Grade 10-8

The score was 10-8 with time! Jim Ned winning. Even Gary Tutt ran 42 yards though our boys lost, they on a reverse for a score. gave the Indians a rough O. C. McKeehan scored

Lisa Gregory Hosts Cookout

Lisa Gregory hosted a Stacy Stanley of Noodle, cook out and lawn party Sue Russell of Ind., Anna honoring the brides maids Soble of Wis., Karen Saturday, August 27th in Rhodes of Texas City,

Todd Gregory, and Joe her home. Those attending were and Jan E. Gregory.



the extra point on a power play over the right guard Gary Tutt scored on a 58 yard reverse, but it was called back on a clipping

penalty.

Jim Ned jumped out to an 8-0 advantage by a 7 yard run by their left halfback. The quarterback scored the extra point on a

sweep to the left. Safety Danny Riggan was caught in the end zone for a two-point safety, after making a fine play for an interception that made the score 10-0.

Gary Tutt made his first long run for the touchdown which was called back, late in the 3rd quarter. Tutt's run for 42 yards counted and with O. C. extra point the score was 10-8,

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The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Waldon, and was given in marriage by he"

Forward March!! **Forward**

March!!

As anyone knows who :********** has attended the last two football games, the "Big Purple Band from Badger Land" has hit the field again for another marching season. But this year with a different look. The marching style to be a bit different and the show's should be really exciting! Nearly every member has a changed attitude this year and alot of the thanks goes to our new, kind, understanding, inspiring, terriffic band director (he told me to say that) Mr. Tony McGowan. Seriously. he's been really great.

Thanks Mr. Mac! Saturday at the West Texas Fair Parade the Merkel High Band was there and marching through the streets of Abilene right behind our Drum Major Kandi Ascencio, and those six fantastic twirlers (Mary made me say that). The band recieved a participa-tion trophy for our efforts.

Don't forget this Satur-day will be the garage and bake sale to help raise money for our trip to Dallas again to participate in the "Parade of Cham-pions Marching Band Con-test" on October 10. The garage-bake sale starts at 9:00 to 6:00 at Gllene's at the corner of the Fina Station. If you'd like to donate something bring it by or call a band member and we'll try to come get it. Donations will be appreciated.

We elected band officers Monday, they are as follows: Tammy Martin president, Shannon Bagby Vice president, Mary Roeder - secretary, treasurer, and me, Alice Cunning-ham - reporter. Sounds like a real group of leaders.

Don't forget the sale C 917 N. 2ND Saturday. See you there.

Merkel FFA News By Cindy Boone

at Merkel.

School

Board

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Note

The board met Tuesday.

The F. F. A. is continu- Mr. and Mrs. F. T. THE STATE OF TEXAS ng to grow and girls V. A. I-girls 10, boys 27, V. A. II irls 2, boys 16, VA Glenn Sandusky. III-girls 3, boys 12, total enrollment 70.

the 77-78 school year. Vernon Presswood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Presswood, was elected secre-

There will be a Swine Short Course, September 19-22. The Swine Production specialist to teach the course is Mr. Bob Cohem. For additional information contact Mr. Billy Riley, F. F. A. teacher.

To show people just what the F. F. A. does, each week we will be are Randy Holmes, son of for

Dress Revue

The State 4-H Dress Revue will be held September 15-17 in Abilene at the Sheraton and the Civic Center. Fifty 4-Hers from all across Texas will represent the fourteen districts. One winner will be named Saturday during the luncheon to represent the state at the National 4-H Congress in Novem-

The public is invited to Suzy Hewitt of Merkel attend the Awards Program and Fashion Revue September 6, with all The officer executing The officer executing The brides parents host16 at 5:30 p.m. in Modern with the board asking for and make due return as and make due return as and make due return as the law directs.

points won a \$75.00 calcu- high school for 1977-78 September, 1977.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bartlett, and Grant San- TO: IVAN BULLARD dusky, son of Mr. and Mrs. respondent. GREETINGS Randy is a junior at

At the Big Country hogs for two years. Randy and answer before the Texas, at the Courthouse District F. F. A. meeting, has done really well and is Honorable 326th District of said County in Abilene, with twenty of the area schools involved, they shows in Merkel, Abilene, Texas, at the Courthouse o'clock a.m. of the Mon-elected district officers for and San Angelo stock of said County in Abilene, day next after the expirashows. Last year he won Texas, at or before 10 tion of 20 days from the fourth place and a second 0'clock a.m. of the Monday date of service of this place. He also won the next after the expiration of citation, then and there to light weight division and 20 days from the date of answer the petition of went on to win Reserve service of this citation, Donnie Johns and Wife, Grant, a junior at Mer- the petition of Donnie filed in said Court on the kel, shows steers. His Johns and Shirlene Johns, 6th day of September, freshman year he won Petitioner, filed in said 1977, against SAMMY Reserve Champion at Court on the 6th day of MORGAN, Respondent, Houston. Last year he September, 1977, against and said suit being numplaced first in his class at IVAN BULLARD, Re- bered 13-C on the docket of Abilene's Regional show spondent, and said suit said Court, and entitled and won Grand Champion being numbered 13-C on In The Interest of and the docket of said Court, delete above

and entitled "In The Inspotlighting someone in the class. This week they have something to work BULLARD, a Child", the Ray Bullard, a Child", the nature of which suit is a nature of which suit is a 1977, in Odessa, Texas.

child's adoption.

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Irene Crawford Clerk

326th District Court or Taylor County, Texas By Faye Lyons, Deputy

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: SAMMY MORGAN Respondent. GREETINGS

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear YOU ARE HEREBY Honorable 326th District then and there to answer Shirlene Johns, Petitioner,

request to Said child was request to said child was born the 20th day of April, born the 20th day of April,

The Court has authority 1977, in Odessa, Texas.

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

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at 1:00 p.m. in Civic board members present this writ shall promptly this writ shall promptly Center on September 17. A except Don Hart and serve the same according serve the same according public revue will also be Bobby Tolliver. Members to requirements of law, to requirements of law, given Friday, September of the Band Boosters met and the mandates hereof, and the mandates hereof

the band can attend the Issued and given under Issued and given under State Fair Marching Con- my hand and the seal of my hand and the seal of the student policies for Texas, this the 6th day of Texas, this the 6th day of September, 1977.

Irene Crawford Clerk 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas By Faye Lyons, Deputy



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Campaign Winners for Crawford's test. The board approved said Court at Abilene, said Court in Abilene,

The bridegroom is the

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was the brides maid and

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The brides parents host-

tered guests.

was the best man. Jodie

Williams, also of Merkel.

Campaign winners for lator; 4th place winner year. The board ammendthe 4 week campaign were number 85 Mrs. Marie ed and approved the final as follows: 1st place win- Wheeler with 1,397,000 1976-77 budget. They also ner number 28 Mrs. O. W. points, 5th place winner approved job descriptions Dickerson with 4,675,000 number 57 Mrs. D. L. and policies for bus drivpoints won a \$175.00 gift Butler from Trent with ers. The board approved certificate; 2nd place winner number 58 note to finish paying for Mrs. Modell Eoff with construction of the Merkel points won a \$100.00 gift certificate; 3rd place winner ner number 21 Mrs. Dent a 19 piece treasure chest certificate with a 19 piece treasure chest certificate with the second state of the life with Gibson with 2,471,000 of knives valued at \$60.00. September 19th.

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THE MERKEL MAIL

I am a band member, and I support it completely. I feel like we'll get better as we go along. I have one gripe-why don't the parents help us with our money raising? In other schools, parents play a big role in raising money for band activities. Here, parents decide on projects, dont't ask our opinion, and we do the work they decide on. I don't mind doing the work, but I do think it would be nice for the parents to get behind us and help us raise money. Why can't band parents come through with activities that involve parents and students working together? Sign me, A Band Member

Dear Band Member:

I am sure there are others who would agree with you. Your letter has much food for thought. There is no reason why parents couldn't sponsor dinners, benefits, have tournaments, bake sales, etc. With all organizations selling something right now-I am sure some of you are worn out with it. How about it band parents?

I do not care to go steady. I like having fun and being free to date who I please. Most of the guys here expect you to date only them and they get all hurt

Why don't the guys realize they miss out on getting to know a lot of people and having a lot of fun. Dating should be taken less seriously. Sign me Free and

Dear Free and Glad of it:

You sound like a wise girl to me. Teen-age years are important. These years lay the foundation for adulthood. Teenagers should shop around and get to know a lot of people. When you choose a mate later on, you'll know the qualities which are important. This should help you have a better basis and make a better choice for a happier marriage.

A lot of my friends have sex with their boy friends One girl I know, makes out with them all. They feel that the boys won't like them if they don't go along with the sex idea. I say if that is all a boy is interested in, he can look elsewhere! I want no part of sex before marriage. I'm saving myself for someone special. Sign me Old Fashioned

Dear Old Fashioned:

You may be considered old fashioned by today's living, but that is nothing to be ashamed of. In the long run, you'll come out ahead. A girl whose only attraction is sex, usually finds herself alone eventually. Those who depend on sex for popularity, have no popularity. A girl's reputation, self respect, peace of mind, and wholesomeness are worthwhile assets and should be guarded and treasured by her. Girls who are free and easy often lose these traits. Once they are lost they are hard to regain. There is a moral aspect that still holds true-sex outside of marriage is wrong.

Someday, you will find that someone special, and you'll be glad you saved youself for him. He'll consider you special, and you are!

Dear Mimi:

As parents we don't teach our young people much about responsible living. By neglecting this important aspect of living, we are cheating them. Every young person needs to have responsibility, be an important part of family activity, be disciplined, and help to develop self discipline. Responsible living includes more than taking out the trash or making a bed. Responsible living includes the way a young person lives their life. It includes living in a way that others may know the kind of person they are and what they stand for. Parents can foster this responsible living by setting a good example for their children. Sign me, Concerned.

Dear Concerned:

A good letter. There is a saying that the child is a reflection of the parents. Parents take a closer look at your child. What do you see? Should you also be concerned?

Dear Mimi welcomes all letters. Letters are kept confidental. Address correspondence to: Dear Mimi, Box 428, Merkel Mail, Merkel, Texas 79536.

Visits and Visitors

Bob spent the week end bought melons and vegebefore last in Bell County. tables on the Courthouse They visited a cousin of square in Comanche. Mrs. Reynolds in Killeen, They visited some old an uncle on Belton Lake, friends in the Rising Star also an uncle near Nursing home and a sister Youngsport. Then they in law in Crossplains.

at Youngsport on Monday. country, and enjoyed see- pass.

Mrs. O. J. Reynolds and On the way home, they ing all those people. They * drove through several* miles of rain, but were ≯ glad to get home in≯ Merkel.

'There are moments when ' attended a family reunion. They saw some pretty Don't let it alarm you; they Jules Renard

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Merkel School News

By Milly Bright, Media Coordinator

This week's football schedule: Varsity Friday 16th Roscoe There 8:00 Jr. Varsity Thursday 15th Hawley There 7:30 Ninth grade Thursday 15th Stamford There 5:00 Eighth Grade Thursday 15th Stamford Here 6:00 Seventh Grade Thursday 15th Stamford Here 5:00

The Middle School Twirlers are really looking great. They are Amye Amerine, Wendi Whisenhunt, Kim Gurganus, Stacy Seymore, Rene' Aiken, and Mary Fariello.

The Middle School Cheerleaders are really doing a good job in backing the Badgers. They are Sharryl Luckey, Michelle Brown, Sheila Swinney, Jackie Owen, Rosie Biera, and Mascot, Angie Carson.

Don't forget the Merkel PTO meeting to be held September 26th at 7:30 in the new Kindergarten room at Merkel Elementary. The homeroom that has the most parents, grandparents, or guest present will receive a trophy to display in their room. All parents are encouraged to attend.

This Saturday, September 17th, at the Band Boosters are holding a garage and bake sale from 9:00-6:00 at the old Gllene Mfg. Building. Anyone who has garage sale items or baked goods to donate, please call one of these numbers to have it picked up: 928-5449, 928-5792, 928-4991, or 928-5306.

Remember Reserve Seats are on sale. People holding reserve seats from last year have until the 15th to claim their tickets. There will be 4 home games at Merkel. The complete packet for reserve seats will be \$6 for one and \$12 for a couple. These tickets can be obtained from the Superintendent's office. This is a saving of \$6.

Adult Education Classes will begin September 19th, Monday and Tuesday evenings, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Merkel High School. These classes are free with all instruction, materials, and supplies furnished. There are three basic classes: ESL (English as a second language) Learn to Speak, read, and write English better. BASIC (Learn to Read, Write and Do Math Better) G.E.D. (Prepare to pass the general education development tests for a High School Equivalency Certificate).

Tuesday nights at 7:30, the Booster Club will meet at Taylor Electric. Drawings will be held each week for two members to be invited to travel with the football team to the game, into the field house and on the sideline during the game. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings and view the film of the previous week and hear the scout reports.

Anyone who has any used Popular Mechanics or other mechanical magazines they wish to donate to be used in the high school resource room, please bring them by the high school or call to have them

Swine Production Course for Adult Farmers will begin September 19-22. This is sponsored by the Merkel High School Vocational Agriculture Department. For more information contact Billy Riley, Vo. Ag. Teacher.

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The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dell Gregory and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon C.

Stanley of Noodle. The bride was presented

World War I Veterans to Meet

The Veterans of W. W. I and Ladies Auxiliary will meeting Saturday, September 17th at the R. E. A. Building at 12 p.m.

A pot luck lunch will be served by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Come and enjoy the good eats and our Fellowship. Remember you might miss something if you are not there.

It's time to start working on our membership drive. Bring any elegible buddie or sister to our of Merkel.

Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Tarpley have large gathering Labor Day Week-End

Many friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Tarpley, Route one, Merkel, for three days of fellowship over the Labor S
Day Weekend.

Dove hunting, dominoes, forty-two, and food were

hoka, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Womack, Linda, Sherry, and Carter of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Reagan and Linda of Stratten, Nebraska, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gregory of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Garth Gregory, Craig and Scott of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gregory and Todd of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Hicks, Starlene and Tonya Maxwell, Mrs. Pearl Van Huss, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tarpley, Wan-da Stevens of Stith, Mrs. Danny West, Daniel and Krystal of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Etsinger of Lubbock, Ghronda Tarpley of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Tarpley and Brandi of Merkel, Edwin Dixon and Bob of San Angelo.

The Tarpley's invite all back next year. This has been a amust event for many years and hopefully many more.

WHO NEEDS SUNDAY SCHOOL?

Merkel and Stacy Charles The bride's dress was white (nylon) and wide old fashion lace, seed pearls p.m. at the Merkel Church and lace applique over (satin). The skirt was fashioned with a sweeping train. She chose a finger lace that belonged to her great grandmother. The white baby mums and

Matron of honor was Mrs. Mary Gill of Merkel. Bridesmaids were Anna Godble of Madison, Wis., Karen Rhodes of Texas City, Texas, and Sue Russell of Pershing, Indiana. Their gowns were light yellow crepe, and they wore yellow picture hats meet for their regular and carried yellow and white cone shaped nosegays of baby mums and

> Sue Russell and Todd Gregory, brother of the bride, served as candlelighters.

Mike Sloan of Abilene was best man and groomsmen were Danny Jackson, Ernest Tate of Abilene and Todd Gregory

Karl Bonneaux Craig Gregory of Abi-Bks. Commander lene, cousin of the bride, Jewell Criswell and Charles Hatfield of Auxiliary President Noodle seated guests.

Ghronda Tarpley of Dallas, cousin of the bride registered guests.

OPEN 24

Music was presented by is employed by Gregory's Mr. and Mrs. Alan Scott of Fifth Season in Abilene. Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jacobs, Mr. and graduate of Anson High

The reception was host-

munity Center. boquet was yellow and of Merkel High School and ents hosted the rehearsal is attending Abilene dinner at the Big Country daisies atop a white Bible. Christian University. She Inn.

The bridegroom is

Mrs. Jim Jacobs, and Mrs. School and A. C. U. He is Billy Bob Toombs all of employed by K. C. A. D. Radio in Abilene.

Following a wedding tip veil. She wore a ed by the parents of the trip to Dallas, the couple diamond and pearl neck- bride in the Merkel Com- will live at 2441 S. 3rd will live at 2441 S. 3rd Street, Abilene.

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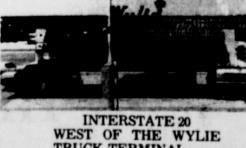
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ters and seven sons, losing have lots of relatives and one daughter at age nine many many friends they months. The daughters are very proud of. are as follows: Karen Weaver, Alice McQuire, Laura, Cindy, Betty, Judy, and Minnie Ann (de-tioning since both have ceased). The sons are as retired, Mr. Lindsey from follows: Tommy, H. T., the garage business and Joe, Vernon, David, J. D. Mrs. Lindsey from Abilene and Frank.

Griffin **Family** Reunion

Griffin, formally of Roby, hostess gift.

Other relatives present wife's stay in the hospital. were Luther and Myrle Treasurer's report was fin of McCaulley; Bill and next year's yearbook. Eloise Griffin of Tahoka; Mrs. Ab Hunter gave a Walter and Joe Griffin of good report on "Pantry mond Griffin and Thur-leader's training meeting, Wilson, Edna McLeod, member. Wise home mak-Cyrus and Ethel Pee, ers shop with these ideas Harold and Linda Wilson, in view.

Jim, Lill, Don, and Dale The following menu and W. Blackwell and Monte ole were given by Mrs. and Wendy Kemmerling of Hunter: Menu: Salmon Sweetwater; Weldon and Croquetts, green beans, Larry Dan Van Liew and corn, salad, and peaches

Other guests attending mixed vegetables, parsley were: James Dosser of flakes. Place in moderate Tye; Jeanette, Kane and oven for a few minutes.

Adams of Abilene. reunion next summer at Anyone who wishes to Center on June 18th.

On September 9th, 1977, They have 12 grand-V. H. and Mary Lindsey children. They are as celebrated 30 years of follows: Jamie, Michell,

or the last 20 years. step-grandchildren; John They had seven daugh- and Regina. They also

They have been doing a lot of fishing and vaca-State School.

Compere H.D. Club News

Compere H. D. Club met day, September 16, will be throughout this area.

July 14th in the home of accepted for the 1978 Miss Completed entry for members and seven visi- tion. tors took part in a proagent Nece Wilburn. Mrs. Descendants of J. J. Clyde Mims received the

Sunday, September 11 at the Noodle Community tries already received re-the activity building, Center. The meeting was present 16 area cities. be at least 13 years of age by January 1, 1977, but not where lunch and supper called to order by Mrs. were served picnic style. Dillard, club president. being present was A. J. by club in unison. Mrs.

Griffin of Grandberry; given. The club suggested Lawrence and Elva Grif- a calendar be placed in

Aztec, New Mexico; Ray- meals with ease" from man and Jean Douglass of quick meal suggestions Sylvester; Ray and Ted were given by each club

Alcorn all of Merkel; D. recipe for a quick casser-Della Lawless of Roby; O. and cool-whip. Casserole: A. Burks, Sandra and 1 cup English peas, 1/2 cup Keith Woolf and Maxine rice cooked in chicken Russell of Abilene; Stella broth, 1 cup boned chopand Eiland Hall of Dallas ped chicken, 1 teaspoon and Mr. and Mrs. Don minced onion, 1/2 teaspoon Pyron and girls of Hamlin. seasoned salt, 1 small can

Earl Hines of Merkel; E. Refreshments were D. Wyatt of Sweetwater; served to Mmes: Dewey Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Steen Ramsey, Ernest Spurgin, and Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Clyde Chancey, Clayton Dillard, Don Adair, David The family had a won- Chancey, Clyde Mims, derful time and look for- Keevey Ramsey, Ab Hunward to holding another ter and three children.

Sylvester Community join the Compere Club is

News and Thoughts cont. from page 1

A belated Happy Birthday to D. A. Bishop and Harold Watts. I heard by the grapevine that their birthday cake was quite unusual. Happy Birthday again Dirt Dobbers!

The men will play baseball again this Saturday night starting at 7:30 at the Little League Field. The women will play Monday night at 7:00 p.m. These games are for the benefit of Little League. Anyone that would like to play are urged to come, because both teams have been running short of players. .

QUESTION FOR THE DAY-Are we as understanding of others faults as we should be?

Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye, with never a thought for the great plank in your own?" -Matthew 7:3

Extension of Entry Deadline for Miss Teenage Abilene

gram based on the metric sion included delays in geant Coordinators; Box system, directed by the distribution of the entry 2383; Abilene, Texas, 79604 held a family reunion at Compere Club met among girls unable to September 16, 1977. Cobb Park in Abilene, Thursday, September 8 in locate entry forms. En-

Teenage Abilene Competi- cember 31, 1977. She must The honorary guest, The club creed was read tion are limited to resi- be enrolled in an accreditdents of Crockett, Sutton, ed school in grades 8 Griffin of Sylvester, who is Ramsey read a poem Schleicher, Erath, Rea-through 12 and maintain a 93 years old and the only describing the many ills of gan, Irion, Tom Green, passing grade average. living child of J. J. Griffin. the husband during his Concho, Runnels, Coke,

The Dr Pepper Bottling Sterling, Mitchell, Nolan, Co. of Abilene, sponsor of Taylor, Callahan, Eastthe Miss Teenage Abilene Competition, has announced the extension of the official deadline for Stonewall, and King Country (Carlanali, East-land, Palo Pinto, Stephens, Shackelford, Jones, Fisher, Scurry, Kent, the official deadline for Stonewall, and King Country (Carlanali, East-land, Palo Pinto, Carlanali, East-land, Palo Pinto, Carlanali, East-land, Palo Pinto, Carlanali, East-land, Palo Pinto, Stephens, Shackelford, Jones, Palo Pinto, Carlanali, East-land, Palo Pinto, Stephens, Shackelford, Jones, Palo Pinto, Stephens, Steph submitting entries. ties. Entry forms are now Entries received by Fri- being Redistributed

Completed entry forms, Mrs. Ab Hunter. Three Teenage Abilene Competi- along with a recent photograph, should be mailed to Reasons for the exten- Duncan & Associates, Paforms to schools through- or returned in person to out the 25 counties eligible Duncan & Associates, and a high level of interest Suite 8, Leggett Plaza, by

To qualify, a girl must by January 1, 1977, but not Entries in the Miss yet 18 on or before De-

W. Sherman Bradley receives recognition in **Notable AM**

has been selected by the Manager of Production American Biographical Uranium Division of the Institute for honor and Sunoco Energy Developrecognition in NOTABLE ment Company, Dallas,

this nationally acclaimed many technical publicahistorical volume for his tions related to the energy outstanding contributions field. made in energy research and development.

porated for the past twelve

W. Sherman Bradley years and presently is AMERICANS for 1976-77. Texas. He holds numerous Bradley was chosen for patents and is author of

Now residing in Richardson, Texas Bradley is A 1959 graduate of Mer-married to the former kel High School, Bradley Beth Dunagin who is also holds degrees from Mc- a native of Merkel. They Murry College, Hardin are the parents of two Simmons University, and daughters, Erin Elizabeth the University of Houston, and Heather Elaine. He is He has been employed by the son of Mrs. J. D. the Sun Company, Incor- Bradley, Route 2, Merkel.



Head Lice May Plague

Even Clean Heads

clean heads, although of- Agricultural Extension poos with a medicated The life cycle of a head ten the problem is associated with poor personal hygiene, says Carla Shearer, health education

Ellen Cox Selected

As Distinguished American High

School Student

Ellen Clarice Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cox of Snyder, Texas, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hardy of Merkel, Texas, has been selected a member of Distinguished American High School Students. Ellen has been chosen to represent her church and high school in the nations leading high school honorary society for achieving academic excellence and leadership in civic and church activities. Because of her outstanding record, she has qualified for the high national honor.

Service, The Texas A&M product may kill the lice louse starts when the adult University System.

back to school. They are doctor, pharmacist, or lotransmitted by direct concal health department. In tact-sharing a comb, a any case, follow instructions carefully.

The eggs will hatch within 5 to 10 days and

presence of lice, and nits by lice. The head louse is blood and cannot survive (lice eggs) on the hair one species of lice which long if separated from may be the first observ- lives on the head. These their food source. Dependable sign of head lice.

able with or without pre- two to three millimeters weeks.

Lice may plague even specialist with the Texas scription. Repeated sham- (1-16 to 1/2 inch) long and their eggs. For re- female (who produces 50 Head lice may appear in commendations or treat- to 150 eggs) attaches her the fall when children go ment, check with your eggs to a strand of hair.

> Itching may suggest the tation of the skin and hair days. Lice feed on human ble sign of head lice. in sects-small, grayish ing on conditions, the adult Medications are avail- white and wingless--are may live for three or more

within 5 to 10 days and Pediculosis is an infes- then mature in 8 to 10

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Sav-X Opens New Store

Excitement is mounting

as well as a larger phar-

Clark as pharmacist for

Charles is presently

wood West branch of

the School of Pharmacy at

Bachelor of Science de-

gree there. Charles main-

tains his up-to-date know-

ledge of current drug

information by correspon-



Charles Clark

7TH Grade Scalps Indians

score, it was the Badgers 28 to zip. Coach Russell from then on. There were Gee did a very fine job in no programs so it was preparing and directing almost impossible to re- the little men for their cognize some of the boys. I attack on Jim Ned. We won't single any names hope for a continued suc- extra point. They had one out as the complete team cess for the fighting Little touchdown called back.

Thursday, September 8, should be named. The Badgers. the Merkel seventh grade little men played as a Badgers led by Coach complete team and they Russell Gee scalped the won as such. There were Jim Ned Indians. The some outstanding plays Little Badgers played the made both on offense and Little Indians a scoreless defense, therefore every first quarter. Then opened Little Badger was doing a the second quarter with a very fine job to the tune of



The touchdowns were made by the following: Roy Johnson from 30 yards out, 1 TD; Lorne Sloan 2 points; Alan Green RO) Club met September 2 Bagby, Vickie Hegwood, 2 TD, one from 13 yards out and one from 32 yards out; Sammy Tumlinson made the last touchdown from 29 yards away with Alan Green making the

white cake with cherry clothes to open a new show.

NUMBER ONE

ON THE BALLOT

(S.J.R. 18)

S.J.R. 18 proposes an

mendment to the Texas

Constitution to provide for

expanding the Court of

Criminal Appeals from its

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED

uous education courses, one of which is offered by Sav-X. at TSTI

A native of Little Rock Arkansas, Charles moved to Abilene four years ago with his wife, Nita, and his six year old daughter, Emily-a first grader at Johnston Elementary. Of Abilene, Charles said, "I like the culture here, especially from the standpoint of the schools. Abilene has an excellent school system.'

Charles, excited about the move to the new store, said "The new store will offer the public a greater spectrum in service, not only in the pharmacy, but also with over-the-counter merchandise." He also said that with the move, a part-time pharmacist would be added.

Peggy Jones, a registered pharmacist who has worked relief for Charles for the past year and a half, will fill this spot capably.

"The cat always catches the impatient mouse." Moroccan Proverb

Mary Grimes is Sponsor.

A Meeting was set for

es, Reporter, Program

ing convicted of a prior

The wording of the pro-

posed amendment as it will

appear on the ballot is as

"The constitutional

amendment permitting

denial of bail to a person

charged with a felony of-

fense who has been there-

tofore twice convicted of

a felony offense, or

charged with a felony of-

fense committed while

that person was admitted

to bail on a prior felony

indictment, or charged

with a crime involving the

use of a deadly weapon

where there is evidence

such person has been con-

victed of a prior felony

offense; providing for a

60-day limit to that per-

son's incarceration with-

out trial; and providing

for that person's right of

NUMBER FOUR

ON THE BALLOT

(S.J.R. 5)

legislature to grant exemp-

designated for the preserva-

natural history resources.

The wording of the pro-

amendment authorizing

tax relief to preserve cer-

tain cultural, historical,

or natural history re-

NUMBER FIVE

ON THE BALLOT

(S.J.R. 19)

S.J.R. 19 proposes an amendment to the Texas

Constitution authorizing the

formation of associations

authorized to collect certain

refundable assessments

from producers of poultry,

livestock, and other raw

agricultural or marine

products and validating the

1967 law regarding the for-

mation of such associations.

posed amendment as it will

appear on the ballot is as

The wording of the pro-

appeal."

follows:

Friday of that month.

HERO Elects Officers

The Home Economics Chairman is Cindy Hagar,

Related Occupations, (HE Sgt. at Arms is Ferrell

and elected officers for the Becky Deason, Parli -

each month on the first for the upcoming month.

Kim Perry, President, for different projects. One Freda Crenshaw, VICE - of these projects will be

President, Sherry West, the trip to the state

Se-cretary, Pam Morgan, convention, So Watch Out

Treasurer, Debbie Phillips and Hold on to Your

Officers elected were; having fund raising events

upcoming year. Mrs. mentarian.

Song Leader, Tommy Jon Billfold.

Night Classess in seven vocational fields scheduled

Night classes in seven vocational fields have been scheduled on the Rolling Plains Campus of Texas State Technical Institute (TSTI)

The programs range from blueprint reading to auto mechanics.

Registration for most of the programs will be held Tuesday night, September 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Instructional Programs building on the Rolling Plains Campus. Most of the classes will begin with organizational tioning and refrigeration. meetings September 22.

Students unable to register Tuesday may do so during business hours between September 13 and

the night of September 13 tember 22: Automotive home laundry equipment ignition and tune up, 45 advanced welding, 90 Rolling Plains Campus.

The purchase of matching

T-shirts is on the agenda

In the future we will be

Birds, Birds, Birds...

Mrs. Cowart's 4th grade science classes are studying birds. Pictured are Cammie Bright and Kevin Coker standing in front of a bird nest display. Kevin and Cammie brought the most unusual and best bird nest.

repair and basic air condi- hours; Maintenance and hours These organizational meetings will begin at 7 p.m. in the air conditioning-refrigeration building.

Tuition for all courses is 75 cents per contact hour. Here are the classes for which registration will be Two classes will have held Tuesday and for organizational meetings which classes begin Sep-

repair of automobiles, 80 hand (basic and review), 80 hours; Blueprint read- length. ing, 60 hours; Radio Com-

The home laundry hours; Basic auto body equipment repair and barepair, 40 hours; Short- sic air conditioning courses are each 90 hours in

Additional information munications III, 90 hours about all continuing Edu-(this is a course designed cation night classes is to prepare students to take available by calling the examination for a 235-8441, extension 40 or Radiotelephone Second 41, or by visiting Continu-Class licence); Basic and ing Education on the



hazel tree split open when ripe, often with a sharp click, shooting seeds a dis-

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tance of several feet

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School Menu

is as follows: Thursday, September 15

Beef Tacos Taco Sauce, Pinto Beans, Fried ham patties Lettuce and cheese, sugar cream gravy, blackeyed Friday September 16

Hamburgers lettuce, tomato, pickles, and onion on bun, French Fries with catsup, no bake cookies, and orange juice. Monday September 19

Chicken fried steak cream gravy, seasoned green beans, whipped potatoes, hot rolls, apricot

halves. Tuesday September 20 Beef and vegetable stew combination salad, choice lemon bar, orange juice.

THE STATE OF TEXAS Respondent:

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY will be binding upon you, COMMANDED to appear including the termination and answer before the of the parent-child rela-Honorable 326th Judicial tionship and the appoint-District Court, Taylor ment of a conservator with County, Texas, at the authority to consent to the Courthouse of said County child adoption. in Abilene, Texas, at or If this citation is not before 10 o'clock a.m. of served within ninety days the Monday next after the after the date of its expiration of 20 days from issuance, it shall be rethe date of service of this turned unserved. citation, then and there to The officer executing answer the petition of this writ shall promptly Marlene Kay Collins, Pe- serve the same according titioner, filed in said Court to requirements of law, on the 9th day of Septem- and the mandates hereof. ber, 1977, against Robert and make due return as Collins, Respondent, and the law directs. said suit being numbered Issued and given under 33-C on the docket of said my hand and the seal of Court, and entitled "In said Court at Abilene, The Matter of The Marri- Texas, this the 9th day of age of Mariene Kay Col. September, 1977. lins and Robert Collins", Irene Craw the nature of which suit is a request of Petitioner for a divorce from Respon-

The Court has authority

The school lunch menu of dressing, crackers, Al Joison always wore old frosting

peas with snaps, cabbage

relish with sweet and sour dressing, hot rolls, peach cobbler.

Thursday, September 22 Beef and cheese pizza buttered mixed vegetables lettuce wedge, choice of dressing, Rosie apple-

and onions on bun, french fries with catsup, frosted

PUBLIC

CITATION BY

solving the marriage and PUBLICATION providing for the division of property which will be TO: Robert Collins, binding on you. The Court has authority

in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the children interest which

Irene Crawford Clerk 326th Judicial District Court Taylor County, Texas Irene Crawford

in this suit to enter any 30-1tc

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Friday, September 23

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current membership of five judges to nine judges and o permit the court to sit panels of three judges. The wording of the projudgment or decree disosed amendment as it will

ippear on the ballot is as llows: "The constitutional amendment increasing the size of the Court of Criminal Appeals to nine judges, and permitting the court to sit in panels of three judges."

NUMBER TWO ON THE BALLOT

(S.J.R. 13) S.J.R. 13 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide for an additional \$200 million in bonds or obligations of the State of Texas for the Veterans' Land Fund and to allow surviving widows of veterans to purchase tracts under

ertain circumstances. The wording of the proosed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as

"The constitutional amendment to provide for an additional \$200 million in bonds or obligations of the State of Texas for the Veterans' Land Fund and to allow surviving widows of veterans to purchase tracts under certain cir-

NUMBER THREE ON THE BALLOT

(S.J.R. 3) Under current Texas law person charged with a felony offense who has previously been convicted of two felony offenses may be denied bail. S.J.R. 3 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution which would also result in the denial of bail, for a limited time and subject to appeal. to a person accused of committing a felony while on bail for a prior felony for which the person has been indicted, or accused of a felony involving the use of

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS **GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 8, 1977** products.' a deadly weapon after be-

NUMBER SIX

(S.J.R. 49) by use of electronic devices

discriminatory basis. The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as

NUMBER SEVEN

S.J.R. 5 proposes an amendment to the Texas (S.J.R. 30) Constitution authorizing the tions or other relief from ad valorem taxes on property tion of cultural, historical or posed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as "The constitutional

> The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment changing the name of the State Judicial Qualifications Commission to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, and relating to the commission and the powers and proceedings of the commission, a master, and the supreme court, or court of civil appeals justices serving in place of the supreme court, for the suspension, censure, removal, or involuntary retirement of a justice. judge, or justice of the

cumstances."

"The constitutional amendment authorizing tural or marine associations which may mandate the collection of refundable assessments for improvement of production. marketing, or use of their

ON THE BALLOT

S.J.R. 49 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution to permit the legislature to authorize state and national banks to exercise banking privileges or machines located at such places as may be provided hy law and authorizes the sharing of such electronic devices or machines among banks on a reasonable, non-

follows:

"The constitutional amendment to give the legislature the power to authorize state and national banks to exercise banking and discounting privileges by use of electronic devices or ma-

ON THE BALLOT

S.J.R. 30 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution changing the name of the State Judicial Qualifications Commission to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct and making several changes in its powers and procedures. The most significant change would authorize the Commission to suspend from office judges and justices under indictment.

peace under certain cir-

AVISO PUBLICO UN RESUMEN DE LAS ENMIENDAS PROPUESTAS A LA CONSTITUCION ELECCION GENERAL

PROPOSICION No. 1 EN LA BOLETA (S.J.R. 18)

S.J.R. 18 propone una nmienda a la Constitución de Texas que requiere el aumento del número actual de cinco jueces en la Corte de Apelación Criminal a nueve y que permite la Corte sesionar en paneles de tres miembros.

La terminología de la enmienda propuesta como parecerá en la boleta es mo sigue:

La enmienda constitucional aumentando el número de miembros de la Corte de Apelación Criminal a nueve jueces, y permitiendo que la Corte sesione en paneles de tres miembros.

PROPOSICION No. 2 EN LA BOLETA (S.J.R. 13)

S.J.R. 13 propone una que suministraría 200 millones de dólares más en bonos u obligaciones del Estado de Texas para el Fondo de Tierras de Veteranos y que permitiria a viudas sobrevivientes de veteranos comprar terrenos bajo ciertas circunstancias. La terminología de la enmienda propuesta como aparecerá en la boleta es

como sigue:

La enmienda constitucional para suministrar 200 millones de dólares más en bonos u obligaciones del Estado de Texas para el Fondo de Tierras de Veteranos y para permitir que viudas sobrevivientes de veteranos compren terrenos bajo ciertas circunstancias.

PROPOSICION No. 3 EN LA BOLETA (S.J.R. 3)

Bajo las leyes actuales de Texas se le puede negar fianza a una persona acusada de un delito mayor que previamente ha sido probada culpable de dos delitos mayores. La S.J.R. 3 propone una enmiendo a la Constitución de Texas que también acabaría en denegación de fianza, durante un tiempo limitado y sujeto a apelación, a una persona acusada de cometer un delito mayor mientras estaba bajo fianza por un delito mayor previo por el cual la persona ha sido acusada por gran jurado, o acusada de un delito mayor implicando el uso de una arma morti-

8 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 1977 fera después de haber sido

probada culpable de un de-

lito mayor previo. La terminología de la enmienda propuesta como aparecerá en la boleta es como sigue:

La enmienda constitucional permitiendo denegación de fianza a una persona acusada de un delito mayor que ha sido probada culpable dos veces previas de un delito mayor, o acusada de un delito mayor cometido durante el tiempo que dicha persona estaba libertada bajo fianza por procesamiento de un delito mayor previo, o acusada de un crimen implicando el uso de una arma mortifera y cuando hay evidencia que tal persona ha sido probada culpable de un delito mayor previo disponiendo un limite de sesenta (60) días de encarcelación sin juicio de tal persona; y disponiendo el derecho de

PROPOSICION No. 4 EN LA BOLETA (S.J.R.5)

apelación de dicha per-

S.J.R. 5 propone una enmienda a la Constitutión de Texas que autorizaría la legislatura conceder exenciones u otros remedios de impuestos ad valorem sobre propiedad designada para a preservación de recursos culturales, históricos o de historia natural.

La terminología de la enmienda propuesta como aparecerá en la boleta es como sigue:

La enmienda constitucional autorizando una baja de impuestos con fines de preservar ciertos recursos culturales, históricos o de historia natural.

PROPOSICION No. 5 EN LA BOLETA (S.J.R. 19)

S.J.R. 19 propone una enmienda a la Constitución de Texas autorizando la formación de asociaciones autorizadas para colectar ciertos impuestos reembolsables de productores de aves de corral, ganado, y otros productos crudos agri colas o marinos y validando la ley de 1967 con respecto a la formación de tales asociaciones.

La terminología de la enmienda propuesta como

aparecerá en la boleta es como sigue:

La enmienda constitucional autorizando la formación de asociaciones agricolas o marinas que podrán asignar por man dato la colección de impu estos reembolsables pava el mejoramiento de la producción, venta y con pra, o uso de sus produc-

PROPOSICION No. 6 EN LA BOLETA (S.J.R. 49)

S.J.R. 49 propone una enmienda a la Constitución de Texas que permite la legislatura autorizar bancos estatales y nacionales para ejercer privilegios de banco mediante el uso de aparatos electrónicos o máquinas situadas en tales lugares como podrá disponer la ley y que autorizaría los bancos repartir tales aparatos electrónicos o máquinas de un modo razonable no distin-

tivo. La terminología de la enmienda propuesta como aparecerá en la boleta es como sigue:

La enmienda constitutional para dar a la legislatura el poder de autorizar a los bancos estatales y nacionales para ejercer privilegios de banco y descuento me-diante el uso de aparatos electrónicos o máquinas.

PROPOSICION No. 7 EN LA BOLETA (S.J.R. 30)

S.J.R. 30 propone una enmienda a la Constitución de Texas que cambiaría el nombre de la Comisión Estatal de Capacidades Judiciales a la Comisión Estatal Sobre Conducta Judicial y haría varios cambios con respecto a sus poderes y procedimientos: El cambio más significativo autorizaría la Comisión para suspender de cargo los jueces bajo procesamiento. La terminología de la enmienda propuesta como aparecerá en la boleta es como sigue:

La enmienda constitucional cambiando el nombre de la Comisión Estatal de Capacidades Judiciales a la Comisión Estatal Sobre Conducta Judicial, y perteneciendo a la comisión y a los poderes y actos de la comisión, con un oficial judicial nombrado por la Corte Suprema, y Corte Suprema, jueces de la Corte de Apelación Civil sirviendo en lugar de la Corte Suprema, para la suspensión, censura, deposición o retiro involuntario de un juez, o juez de pas bajo ciertas circunstan cias.



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Opponent

Sept. 2 Talpa
Sept. 9 Benjamin
Sept. 16 Open
Sept. 23 Blackwell
Sept. 30 Divide
Oct. 8 McCaulley
Oct. 14 Highland
Oct. 21 Ira
Oct. 28 Hermleigh

Oct. 28 Hermleigh

Nov. 11 Zone Play-Off Game

Nov. 4 Hobbs

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