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Bulldogs Out Muscle Badgers

Crippled Badgers Host Coahoma in Finale

By Dale Hammond

I got the flu and the Badgers got beat so it wasn't a good night for either of us last Friday. The Badgers hit on hard times casualty wise also. Brad Pursley is doubtful for Friday's bout with Coahoma with a set of broken ribs. Keith Shields is down with a bad knee injury and Mike Sims is on crutches with a busted ankle. All in all I'd say last Friday's bout with Wylie was as physical a game as I've seen. The Badgers came out on the short end of the stick and there's no use in crying over spilled milk as far as the loss is concerned, it's the injuries

to some fine young men that's my concern. Coach McLeod and the uninjured members of the Merkel Badgers all say that if old Coahoma wants it's revenge then they'll have to pay for it. I've got an old Army Bunkie from Coahoma who will probably be coming down here Friday, puffing on his cigar and going on all about how ol' Coahoma's gonna whup up on us something pitiful like. Old Ikie Rupard is as good a friend as I'll ever have and the times we've had together would never do to be told in a family

paper like the Merkel Mail or any thing else my wife might accidentally read for that matter. But friendship stops right after the National Anthem. So all I can say is Rupard, you old K. P. Dodging, Cigar chomping, broke nosed, redheaded, bandy legged, beady eyed, wore out old route step looking fugitive from the M.P.'s wanted list, just bring 'em on down. I'll guarantee you the Badgers won't be hard to find or easy to get rid of once you've found 'em. They're crippled, stung, and hostile and it's the last game of the year. Let's get out and send 'em off big.



TACO SALE

There will be a Taco Church. Tacos will be on sale, Saturday, November 12, 1977. The sale is in front of Starbucks 12, 1977. The sale is Furniture Store from 11:00 sponsored by the Jr. Youth Group of the Catholic to 1:00.



News and Thoughts

By Martha Sue Justice

The Merkel Band Booster will hold a meeting November 14th at the High School Auditorium at 7:00. There will be a film on the demonstration they gave at the UIL meet in Abilene.

We would again like to thank Cynthia K. Lozano for her thoughtful letter to the editor last week. The praise to the Cemetery Association and Merkel was deeply appreciated by everyone. Big John was a fine man and will not be forgotten. Please give us another visit whenever you are back in the Merkel Area.

This poem comes from Patricia Spradling of Route 3, Merkel. Patricia says she enjoys trying to put thoughts and past experiences into words. They range from true experiences to fiction, including love songs, truck driving, comedy, etc. I think you will enjoy the following written by Patricia, entitled "Memories". I was born on a mountain top in beautiful Oregon. To the sound of chainsaw and waterfalls roarin on. As I grew older, to the fields I did go. Pickin beans and strawberries and swingin a hoe. Life was simple, we didn't need much, just enough to fill our bellies and an occasional tender touch. Saturday night, to town we'd go, Daddy gave us a quarter to see a show. Sunday mornin, up early 'n bright, off to church to learn wrong from right. Soon my childhood had passed me by, the future startled me, with a cry. I was confused, didn't know what to do, -then, Honey, I met you. We fell in love, oh so fast, a few months later, the marriage came to pass. Four pairs of little feet, pattering around, from the sweet love we had found. Life ain't been easy, thats for sure, but our love has grown and endured. When things get rough, and we're really down, all we gotta do, is remember the sweet love we've found. Yes, the love we found is here to stay, -only to grow by each new day.

HSU Sponsoring Conference on "The Exceptional Child In The Home And Classroom"

The Hardin - Simmons University Department of Special Education is sponsoring a conference on "The Exceptional Child In The Home And Classroom" November 17-18 in Moody Center on the H-SU Campus.

Dr. Floyd Hudson, Coordinator for the Learning Disabilities Program at the University of Kansas, will bring the keynote address Thursday evening at 7:30. The conference is being held in cooperation with the Region 14 Education Service Center, Abilene Public Schools, and the West Texas Association for Children with learning disabilities.

According to Dr. Robert Schoonover, Coordinator of the Special Education Department at H-SU, "The program is geared toward activities that the parent can do in the home to help the exceptional child and activities that the teacher can do in the classroom to do the same. This program will lean toward the practical aspects of helping the exceptional child, not just the theoretical."

Schoonover also stressed that the conference is open to all people who have dealings with the exceptional child and to people who want to know more about the exceptional child.

In addition to Dr. Hudson, four other specialists in the area of special education will be on hand to hold mini sessions on Friday. Barbara Reese, Director of William Children's Training Center in Lubbock, will speak on "Functional Living Skills for the Severely and Profoundly Retarded"; Dr. Hudson will bring a session on "Programming for the Exceptional Child in the Resource Room and Regular Classroom"; and Dr. Schoonover will speak on "How Parents Can Help the Exceptional Child in the Home".

Also holding mini sessions will be Dr. Cynthia Green, Director of the H-SU Graduate Reading and Early Childhood Education program, speaking

on "Matn for the Exceptional Child".

All mini sessions will be repeated five times, giving all participants a chance to attend each session.

The Thursday evening address by Dr. Hudson will be open to the public free of charge but those attending Friday's Sessions will pay a \$5 registration fee if reservations are made prior to November

1. All reservations received after November 1 will be \$6. The registration fee includes lunch.

Registration will begin on Friday at 8:30 a.m. with a general session at 9 a.m. featuring the Abilene State School Choir.

For more information on the conference, contact Dr. Robert Schoonover at 677-7281 Ext. 353.

I WONDER WHO THIS BEAUTY IS FROM CRAZY DAYS? If you can identify her and are the first person to call the Merkel Mail after 2:00 p.m. Thursday, a one year subscription will be awarded to that person or the person of their choice. All friends and relatives will not be eligible.

Trent Bookfair To Begin November 15th

The Trent Schools in Trent will sponsor a student book fair from November 15 to November 17. Students will be able to browse and purchase books at designated times during book fairsdays. Books will be on display in

the High School Library. The book fair committee invites all students, parents and visitors to attend the fair. Parent visitation is encouraged from 2:45-3:30 each day. The fair will encourage student interest in reading and in building home libraries, and will also contribute to a worthwhile project. All profits will be used for photography expenses of the annual staff.

The Trent Annual Staff is sponsoring this event, with Mrs. Margaret Presswood serving as book fair chairman. The committee includes Robbie Freeman, John McLeod, Velma Perkins, Loanna West, and Pam Evans.

The book fair display will include attractive new books from many publishers in all popular price ranges: wonderful books to read or to give as gifts. All readings interests will be represented, including classics, fiction, biographies, adventure stories, science, nature, crafts, mystery and reference books. The committee is working with Educational Reading Service, a professional book fair company, to furnish an individual selection of books for the fair.

Booster Club Feels Noticeable Growth

Booster Club President Phillip Pursley reports that the Booster Club membership has grown this year more than it has for the past several years. Club Secretary Vincent Barnett reports that they have 168 members this year. The Booster Club would like to thank all the area people who have supported the Badger team this year. The enthusiasm shown throughout the season has been tremendous. The Booster Club invites all you Badger fans out to Badger Stadium this Friday night to support the home team in the last game of the season.

Domino Tournament

There will be a domino tournament sponsored by the Merkel High VICA Club, beginning Saturday (8:00 a.m.) December 10, at the Lion Club Center. The tournament is to determine the domino champions of the "Big Country", and to raise money for the VICA Employee-Employer Banquet.

December 10th Anyone interested in playing, should choose a partner and sign up at Seymore Insurance. The VICA Club will be selling cakes, pies, cookies, sandwiches, tea, coffee, and soft drinks. Entry fee will be \$6.00 per team. Trophies go to the first and second and third place winners.

Don't go through life looking for only the ugly and dirty occurrences that will fall in your path. Look for the small things, the simple things, and all the beauty that surrounds us. Most often, they hold the touch of infinity.

Due to shock and overdue anxiety, the "Ding-A-Ling's" boss is currently recuperating in an area rest home. It seems that one day out of the clear blue sky, the Ding-A-Ling acquired a burst of energy. (I'm sure we can all assume by now that her typewriter and adding machine were attuned to very slow use—and some days not used at all). Well—the Ding-A-Ling as I said before had this sudden burst of energy, typed two letters and added three columns of figures all in one day. Consequently the typewriter carriage flew completely off in the floor and the adding machine exploded. The unexpected noise and activity from that particular desk was just more than the boss could handle. We would like to extend our sympathy and understanding to this man and assure him that it is safe to come back to work, because the Ding-A-Ling has recovered from her energy attack and is back to her steady coffee break!

SOILING THE ATMOSPHERE - There's not much good a person can say about a dust storm, but one midwestern soil scientist reports that they do have at least one redeeming feature. He notes that airborne soil particles can react with gaseous, acid, radioactive and particulate air pollutants, making them less harmful when they fall back to earth in rainfall. He claims that dust does play an important role in our lives and soil scientists are trying to develop ways to neutralize dangerous elements in the environment. Other researchers under his direction are studying dust movements in the Southwest since there is suspicion that particles from this area may have a bearing on violent storms, such as tornadoes, and may affect rain, snowfall and climatic change.

Pity without help is not compassion. Congratulations J. P. on your 40th birthday. I would have never guessed you were that old.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY- Let us build securely on the Rock- goodness, kindness, and our never faltering faith in God.

My friends, all that is true, all that is noble, all that is just and pure, all that is lovable and gracious, whatever is excellent and admirable -fill all your thoughts with these things. -Philippians 4:8.

MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL					
BASKETBALL SCHEDULE					
DATE	SCHOOL	PLACE	TEAMS	TIME	
NOV. 18	Clyde	HERE	G - AAB B - A	5:00	
22	Jim Ned	HERE	G - AAB B - AAB	4:00	
29	Rotan	HERE	G - AAB B - AAB	4:00	
DEC. 1,2,3	ANSON TOURNNEY	HERE	G - A B - A	T.B.A.	
6	Clyde	HERE	G - A B - AAB	5:00	
9	Bula	HERE	G - AAB B - AAB	4:00	
13	C. City	HERE	B - AAB B - AAB&P	5:00	
15,16,17	MERKEL TOURNNEY	HERE	G - A B - A	T.B.A.	
21,22,23	A.C.H.S. TOURNNEY	HERE	B - A	T.B.A.	
30	A. C. H. S.	HERE	G - A B - AAB G - AAB	5:00	
JAN. 3	Ballinger	HERE	B - A G - AAB	5:00	
6	Stamford	HERE	G - AAB B - A	4:00	
10	Wylie	HERE	G - AAB B - AAB	5:00	
13	Coahoma	HERE	G - A B - AAB	5:00	
17	Winters	HERE	G - AAB B - AAB	4:00	
20	C. City	HERE	G - AAB B - AAB	4:00	
24	A. C. H. S.	HERE	G - AAB B - A	5:00	
27	Ballinger	HERE	B - A G - AAB	5:00	
31	Stamford	HERE	G - AAB B - A	5:00	
FEB. 3	Wylie	HERE	G - AAB B - AAB	4:00	
7	Coahoma	HERE	G - AAB B - A	5:00	
10	Winters	HERE	G - AAB B - AAB	4:00	
14	C. City	HERE	G - AAB	6:00	
24,25	BOYS REGIONAL TOURNNEY			T.B.A.	
MAR. 3,4	GIRLS REGIONAL TOURNNEY			T.B.A.	
2,3,4	BOYS STATE TOURNNEY			T.B.A.	
9,10,11	GIRLS STATE TOURNNEY			T.B.A.	

Merkel School News

By MillyBright, Media Coordinator

This week's football schedule:
Varsity Nov. 11 Coahoma Here 7:30 Last Game.

The next Merkel PTO meeting will be November 22nd in the cafeteria at 7:30.

The Merkel PTO Membership Contest will end November 22nd. If you have not joined, send \$1 per adult to your child's homeroom. This is not limited to just parents. The room in each building with the highest percent of members will be awarded a coke party and \$15 to buy books, art supplies, and other extras for their classroom. A lot of the rooms are really working for this honor. This is an opportunity for you as parents to have a vote in how the project money is spent for the schools, and our children. So join PTO and be present at the next meeting, November 22nd. Only members of Merkel PTO will vote on the projects.

The Merkel Middle School Student Council is selling metal social security cards for \$2 each. See one of these members or their sponsor, Ken Elliott, if you are interested.

Annuals for Merkel Elementary, Merkel Middle School, and Tye Elementary are on sale through November 28th. They are \$5 each. These will be sold through the offices in Tye and Merkel Elementary Schools. Homeroom teachers will sell annuals in the Merkel Middle School. This is the only time the annuals will be on sale. Deadline is November 28th.

The Merkel PTO will be selling Merkel Badger Banners at the schools. They are \$1 each.

F.H.A. members are selling M&M's. Anyone wishing to purchase a box may contact any F.H.A. member.

Last Friday, the third grade classes of Merkel Elementary School went to McMurray's Homecoming Tee Pee Indian Villiage and then played at the park until time to return to school. They had a great time.

Mrs. Braune is needing white legg hosiery containers, for an art project. If you have any of these, please contact Mrs. Braune or bring them by the Merkel Elementary School.

The last day to buy school pictures in the Merkel Elementary School will be Thursday, November 10th.

The last day to buy school pictures in the Merkel Middle School will be Friday, November 11th.

Starting January 9th, the Book Mobile will be visiting the Merkel Elementary School every other week.

The Merkel PTO Steering Committee for Ways and Means Projects met, Monday, November 7th. The recommendation was made to retain a balance of \$300 in the PTO account and divide the rest of the money evenly between the two buildings, Merkel Elementary and Merkel Middle School. Three priority projects were decided upon for each building to be presented November 22nd at the next Merkel PTO meeting for members to vote upon. For the Merkel Elementary Building, the priority list is as follows: 1. Hard Back Library Books for grades 1,2,4, and 5 and display cases. 2. A laminating machine to preserve bulletin boards, games, flashcards, and

other items that become worn with use. 3. Additional playground equipment. The priorities for the Merkel Middle School are as follows: 1. Room repair 2. A sign (marquee type) with the school's name and a place for announcements to be displayed in front of the school. 3. A movie projector.

These items will be voted upon at the next Merkel PTO meeting that is to be held November 22nd. Literature and brochures will be provided to tell you more about the items listed. If anyone has any outstanding bills that have not been turned into the Merkel PTO Treasurer, Paula Douglas, please do this before November 22nd so that an accurate balance can be presented. Remember only members of PTO will vote, so join PTO so you can have a choice.

Saturday, November 19th will be a Professional Growth Day for Teachers in Merkel I. S. D.

The next Merkel School Board Meeting will be November 21st.

School will be dismissed at 1:30 Wednesday, November 23rd for the Thanksgiving Holidays. November 24th and 25th will be holidays. School will resume Monday, November 28th.

Friday night at the football game. Sweethearts and favorites will be announced at halftime.

Some reserve seats are available for Friday's game. For more information come by the Superintendent's office by Friday, 4:00, November 11th.

Badger Tracks

M.H.S. has really been busy this past month. The Senior Class has been busy deciding on and ordering their pictures. The F.H.A. has been really successful selling M&M's and the Letterman's club has been busy selling jackets to all those Badger fans here in Merkel.

The Senior Class would like to take this opportunity to thank the cheerleaders for their great pep rally at the bonfire. These girls worked hard and we appreciate their help. We would also like to thank everyone who donated wood, the city for the land and the fire department. Without all these great people the bonfire would not have been possible.

This may be late but I would like to congratulate Pam Morgan for winning Homecoming Queen. Also, the three other nominees, Suzy Rister, Tammy Thomas and Lori Dubose, are to be commended for their fine work.

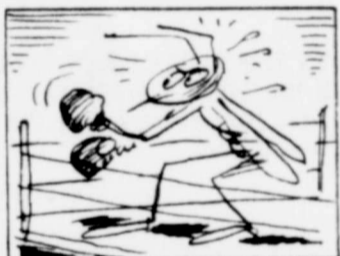
The M.H.S. Student Council is still selling fruit cakes and anyone who would like to order fruit cakes for Christmas may still do so. If you would like to order some fruit cakes, get in touch with anyone from the student

council or their sponsor, Mr. Holloway.

As everyone knows, the Merkel Badgers play the Wylie Bulldogs Friday night. I want everyone of you Badger fans to travel to Wylie and back the Badgers. This will be an important game to Merkel, so we look forward to winning! Also the Jr Varsity will be playing Wylie here Thursday night, come out and see the Jr Varsity! Remember every body--Chain A Bulldog!!!



Coffee beans are actually the pits of a red, cherrylike fruit.



In Canton, China a fighting cricket called Genghis Khan won fights with as much as \$90,000 at stake.

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| BOOTS | \$25 | |
| MENS COWBOY | | \$57 ⁵⁰ |
| BOOT | | |
| INSULATED | | \$25 ⁹⁹ |
| BOOTS | | |
| BASKETBALL | | \$13 ⁹⁹ |
| SHOES | | |
| WESTERN | VALUES TO | \$14 ⁹⁹ |
| SHIRTS | \$21 | |
| WESTERN DRESS | | \$20 ⁰⁰ |
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Goodman Home Demonstration News

Goodman Home Demonstration Club held its regular meeting Friday, October 28 in the home of Mrs. Garland Price. Seven members were present for this meeting.

A quilt was finished before the meeting.

The council report was given. The names of the 1978 council officers elected are: chairman-Vada Hudson; vice-chairman-Alma Foster; Secretary-Meta Moritz; Treasurer-Amie Price. Term begins in January.

A new supply of cook books have arrived. The council Christmas party will be Thursday December 8.

Goodman Club officers were elected at the last meeting. They are: President-Mrs. Garland Price; vice president-Mrs. Dan Butler; secretary-treasurer-Mrs. Charlie Seago; council delegate-Mrs.

Ricky Menking Participating in "Bold Eagle"

First Lieutenant Ricky A. Menking, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor A. Menking of 1972 Briarwood, Abilene, Texas is participating in "Bold Eagle", a United States Readiness Command exercise at Eglin AFB, Florida.

Lieutenant Menking is an exercise plans officer

with Detachment 9, Tactical Communications Area, at Shaw AFB, S. C.

Bold Eagle will involve approximately 20,000 Air Force, Army and Navy personnel, and is designed to provide participating forces with training in joint tactics, techniques and procedures.

The lieutenant, a 1965 graduate of Merkel (Tex.)

High School, received a B. S. degree in engineering management in 1975 from the University of Missouri at Rolla and was commissioned later that year upon completion of Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas.

His wife, Linda, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Windham of 1208 N. Second St., Merkel.

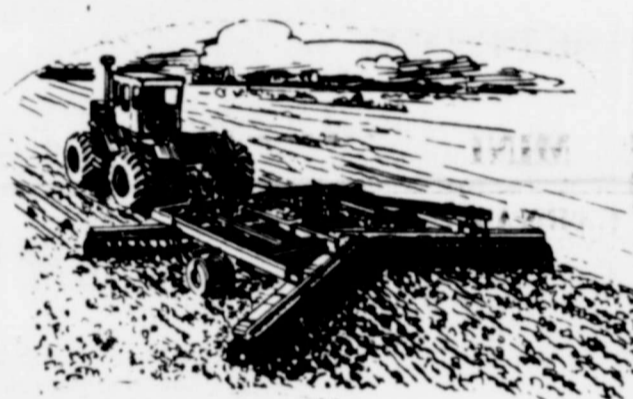


A jewelry store uses a tarantula as a guard, along with a sign in the display window noting "This area is patrolled by a tarantula." Break-ins have declined dramatically.



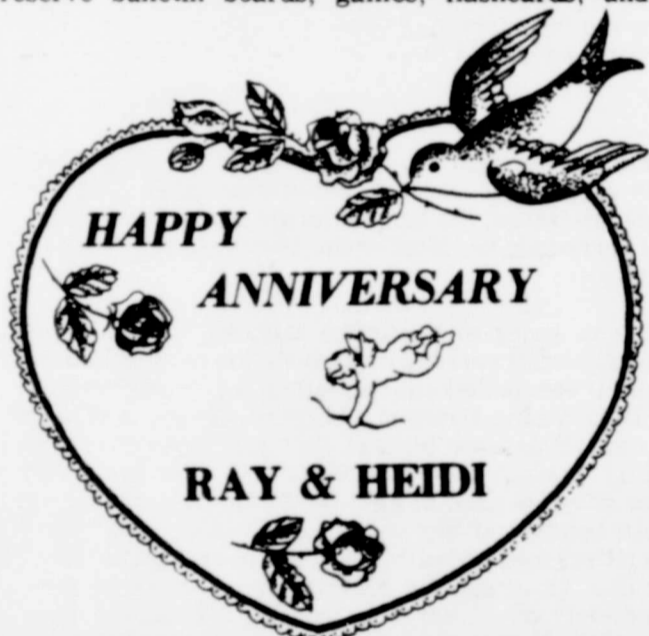
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PIE SHELL

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49c

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CREAM BANQUET
PIES EA **49c**

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ROLLS PKG **59c**

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CUT CORN **59c**

PRODUCE
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JONATHAN
APPLES LB **29c**

BANANAS LB **19c**

RED EMPEROR
GRAPES LB **49c**

VALENCIA
ORANGES 5 LB BAG **79c**

RUSSET 10 LB BAG
POTATOES **79c**

LIPTON
INSTANT TEA 3 OZ **\$1 59**

WOLF
CHILI & BEANS 24 OZ **89c**

STAR KIST
TUNA 6 OZ **59c**

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HEINZ
SWEET PICKLES 24 OZ **98c**

NABISCO
RITZ
CRACKERS 1 LB BOX **79c**

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CARNATION
COFFEEMATE 11 OZ **89c**

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MILK PRESTONS LOW FAT GAL **\$1 49** REG HOMO GAL **\$1 59**

MILK PRESTONS LOW FAT 1/2 GAL **85c** REG HOMO 1/2 GAL **89c**

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 2 bedroom house, attached garage, water well, carpeted 65 by 140 lot, terms. 672-2223 or 677-4261, Abilene. 38-1tp

FOR SALE: 65 Chevy Pickup like new, low mileage. See at 1415 North 2nd. 38-1tc

PEANUTS FOR SALE: Contact Lee Presswood after 5:00 p.m. 928-5815. 38-1tc

FOR SALE: 620 John Deer with equipment 928-4809 or 928-5345. 38-1tp

FOR SALE: Kenmore 36" Gas Range, has broiler and covered griddle on top. Good condition, 1408 Herring Drive. 928-5182 or 928-5671, J. L. Fisher. 38-1tc

REAL ESTATE

WANT TO BUY from individual 200 to 300 acres cultivated land south of Merkel. Phone week days Abilene 692-6483 and week ends Nubia 846-4150. Call Raymond Munden. 35-4tc

LAND FOR SALE? Call Collect-Bill Largent, Farm and Ranch Mgr. at Frances McClure Inc., Realtors. 3157 South 27th Abilene. 698-3211, Night 698-2375. 46-tfc

HAVE BUYER for nice home in or around Merkel, up to \$45,000. Contact Dorothy Varner 672-1315, Landmark Realtors, 673-5169. 38-1tc

FHA HOME FOR SALE: Small Equity call 928-5247. 38-1tc

Services

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MOTEL MAID 4 days a week call 928-4923. 35-tfc

NEEDED: dishwasher for weekends, morning shift. Apply at Big Country Inn. 38-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, visits, and prayers during my stay in the hospital and since coming home. Thank you Brother Forbes for your visits and prayers, and especially to my mother-in-law, Boots, and my sister Pauline. I love you all, Yvonne Dudley 38-1tc

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED: a fairly new used washing machine, in good condition. Phone: 928-5017 or 928-5712 Salinda Justice. 38-2ntc

WE BUY PAPERBACKS. Come by or call The Merkel Mail, 928-5712. 3-tfc

WANTED: Clean, woven rags. Bring by The Merkel Mail at 917 North 2nd. No knit or terry cloth please. 26-tfc-nc

PUBLIC NOTICE

GARZA, JR. AND WIFE, CARMEN GARZA, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A suit on a note in the original principal sum of \$4,248.00 given by the Defendants to the Plaintiff, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this October A. D. 1977.

Attest: Irene Crawford Clerk
104th District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Sandra Harris, Deputy. 36-4tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Luther Charles Walker, Respondent: GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Willie Glover and wife, Jo Willie Glover, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 28th day of October, 1977, against Luther Charles Walker, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 231-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of Schirlede N. Walker, A Minor", the nature of which suit is a request to Change Name of Minor.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 28th day of October, 1977.

Irene Crawford Clerk,
326th District Court,
Taylor County, Texas.
By Sandra Harris, Deputy. 38-1tc

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Under spotlight:

Billy Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Harris and a senior at Merkel is a V. A. III student. Billy has been active in VA for the past three years, and has raised pigs, he has shown in Merkel and Abilene shows and is planning on showing again this year.

Billy has been active in school sports also; he has participated in football and in golf, last year his golf team went to Regional competition.

Dolin Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Welch, is a junior and a VA III student.

Dolin was a freshman at Phoenix, Arizona and participated on the livestock judging team there. His team placed 4th in the State competition. He was a class officer his freshman and sophomore years and was on a Rodeo team his freshman year.

Dolin's project consist of a steer, four heifers, and a cow-calf operation with his father. This year he plans to show a steer at Houston.

Kirk Hicks, son of Mr. Waymon Hicks, has just moved to Merkel as a VA II student. Kirk was a VA I student his freshman year in Weatherford, Texas. He raised a steer last year and also participated

in the FFA Quiz. This year, Kirk is also raising a steer and plans on showing it.

Everyone keep up the good work!



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DATE	Varsity	Opponent	Place	Time
2 September	Baird	There	8:00	
9 September	Jim Ned	There	8:00	
16 September	Roscoe	There	8:00	
23 September	Eastland	Here	8:00	
30 September	C. City	There	7:30	
7 October	Ballinger	Here	7:30	
14 October	Winters	There	7:30	
21 October	Stamford	Here	7:30	
28 October	OPEN			
4 November	Wylie	There	7:30	
11 November	Coahoma	Here	7:30	

Coaches-Jerry McLeod, Edgar Cowart, Tony Mauldin.
Cheerleaders-Becky Watts, Kim Mashburn, Kathryn Irvin, Lisa Shugart, Gav Pfister, Cindy Boone.
Travis Davis, Superintendent
Lee Presswood, Principal

DATE	Junior Varsity & Ninth Grade	Opponent	Place	Time
1 September	Baird JV	Here	7:30	
8 September	Jim Ned NG	Here	7:30	
15 September	Hawley JV	There	7:30	
22 September	Stamford NG	There	5:00	
29 September	Eastland JV	There	7:30	
6 October	Hamlin NG	Here	5:30	
13 October	Open			
20 October	Ballinger JV & NG	There	6:00 7:30	
27 October	Winters JV	Here	7:30	
3 November	Hamlin NG	There	7:00	
10 November	Stamford JV	There	7:00	
17 November	Wylie NG	There	7:30	
24 November	Winters JV	There	7:30	
1 December	Rotan NG	Here	7:30	
8 December	Wylie JV & NG	Here	6:00 7:30	
15 December	Open			

DATE	Seventh - Eighth Grade	Opponent	Place	Time
1 September	Baird	Here	6:00	
8 September	Jim Ned	Here	5:00 6:00	
15 September	Stamford	Here	5:00 6:00	
22 September	Eastland	There	5:00 6:00	
29 September	Open			
6 October	Ballinger	Here	6:00 7:30	
13 October	Winters	Here	5:00 6:00	
20 October	Stamford	There	4:30 5:30	
27 October	Winters	There	5:00 6:00	
3 November	Wylie	There	6:00 7:30	
10 November	Open			

Coaches-Bob Patty, Russell Gee
Principal-John Cain

DATE	Opponent	Place	Time
Sept. 2	Talpa	There	8:00
Sept. 9	Benjamin	There	8:00
Sept. 16	Open		
Sept. 23	Blackwell	There	8:00
Sept. 30	Divide	Here	8:00
Oct. 8	McCaulley	Here	7:00
Oct. 14	Highland	Here	7:00
Oct. 21	Ira	There	7:00
Oct. 28	Hermleigh	There	7:00
Nov. 4	Hobbs	Here	7:00
Nov. 11	Zone Play-Off Game		

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Mr. and Mrs. Larry Justice are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Salinda Sue to Jimmy Lee Giesler,

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Merkel 8th Grade VS Winters

Merkel's 8th grade football team played some tough defense and Gary Tutt provided the offense in Merkel's 22-12 whipping of the Winter's Blizzards two weeks ago.

Gary Tutt opened the scoring in the first period with a 53 yard run, the points after were good with a pass from Danny Riggan to O. C. McKeenan.

Turnovers hurt Winters with two interceptions and one fumble. Individual statistics are as follows: O. C. McKeenan 1 interception; Terry Schoggins, 1 interception; O. C. McKeenan- 1 fumble; Gary Tutt- 281 yards- 11 carries.

point conversion was good with a pass from Riggan to McKeenan. Making the score 16-6.

Tutt again put 6 points on the board with an 83 yard jaunt, the point afterwards was no good. With the score 22-6, Winters got on the scoreboard with a 16 sweep. The try for 2 points was no good making the score 22-12.

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7th Grade Wins 14-8

The 7th grade went to Wylie Thursday for the last game of the season. They beat Wylie 14-8.

The first TD was made by Alan Greene from 3 yards out. The extra 2 points were made by Roy Johnson making the score 8-0. The 2nd TD was made by Sammy Tumlinson on a pass from Greene, 35 yards out. The extra point failed bringing the score to 14-0.

Wylie scored with one minute and 20 seconds left in the ball game making the final score 14-8. This brought the 7th grade season record to 4-3 and the 8th grade to 3-4.

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Dear Mimi:

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Dear Not Guilty:

If you know someone really stole something, and it is not gossip, you are obligated to tell someone—your parents, hopefully. If you cannot tell them, tell your minister, a teacher, or an older friend. It is wrong to steal and your friends should not get away with it. You may be thought to be guilty by others because they know you were there. You need to clear this up to show your own innocence. It could be done in a way that would protect you from being considered a tattler by your friends. As a citizen you do have a responsibility to tell. It would also help your friends. Little crimes may lead to big crimes. They need to be stopped now.

Dear Mimi:

There is nothing more obnoxious than a person who is a gossip, or a "tale carrier". I work with a person who would take the prize as the "Number One Tale Carrier of the Town." This is a person who should be setting a good example, and there are those who are impressed. Those of us who know this person would like to see them exposed for what they really are. Sign Me...Unimpressed.

Dear Unimpressed:

I am sure there are a number of people around who would fit into this category, and I agree they are obnoxious. Don't worry about exposing someone of this nature. Sooner, or later, they accomplish this all by themselves, and people definitely see them as they are. The old saying—Give them enough rope and they'll hang themselves—could apply here.

Dear Mimi:

My mom and dad bug me real good! They want to know everything I do. They are always telling me what I should do or what I should not do. Other kids do not seem to be bothered this way. Sign Me...Sick Of It.

Dear Sick Of It:

Many boys and girls would like to have your problem. Sit down with your parents and discuss your feelings with them. Be glad your parents care. All children are not so lucky.

Dear Mimi:

I am 16 and my boyfriend is 17. My boyfriend's friends are bugging him about our relationship. They think he is too involved and that we ought to break up. He talks about breaking up, but so far he hasn't. I want to keep him. What should I do? Sign Me...Stuck:

Dear Stuck:

Becoming responsible for yourself and your own decisions is part of growing up. If your boyfriend breaks up because his friends think he is too involved, he is immature. Try talking to him about how he feels about your closeness. Your feelings and his feelings are what counts.

Dear Mimi:

My friend is always asking me to ask boys if they like her, so all the time I'm running around asking boys if they like her. My boyfriend says he thinks this makes me look immature, and that my friend is using me. I don't want my boyfriend to break up with me over this, but I don't want my friend to be mad at me either. Sign Me...Confused.

Dear Confused:

Your boyfriend is right. It does make you look immature. It doesn't help your girlfriend's relationships with the boys either. Let her speak for herself. Help from a third party is often a hindrance. Get your priorities straight, too, and ask yourself how you feel and what you want. You can't please everyone all the time. Work on pleasing yourself.

Anyone wishing to correspond with Mimi should address their letter to Dear Mimi, Box 428, Merkel Mail, Merkel, Texas 79536. All names are kept confidential.

School Menu

The school menu is as follows:

Monday November 14
Chicken fried steak with cream gravy, snowflake potatoes, buttered corn, hot rolls, and peaches with whip topping.

Tuesday November 15
Bar-B-Q beef, potatoe salad, celery sticks, hot rolls, and applesauce cake

Wednesday Nov. 16
Fried fish, tarter sauce, cabbage relish with sweet and sour dressing, black

eye peas with snaps, hot rolls, and orange whip.

Thursday November 17
Beef and cheese pizza, buttered mixed vegetables, lettuce wedge with choice of dressing, and chilled pink applesauce.

Friday November 18
Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, french fries with catsup, buns, and cowboy cookies and orange juice.

Bryan - Brazelton To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bryan of Merkel are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Sue Bryan to Bobby Brazelton, son of Mr and Mrs. Joe Brazelton of Trent.

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Letters
TO THE EDITOR

(EDITORS NOTE)

Last week the Merkel Mail published a Letter to the Editor about an "organization" in the local school along with another Letter to the Editor about a deceased Merkelite. The letter about the organization caused some controversy and should not have been printed. We have received another Letter answering the organization letter. I have elected

not to publish the letter for the simple reason that in my judgement it will do more harm to an already bad situation. In the interest of the school students involved we will publish NO more letters concerning this matter. It is the policy of the Merkel Mail to publish Letters to the Editor, but it is not our policy to publicly air personal disagreements.

Martha Sue Justice
Editor.

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the coaches and players of the Mighty Badgers for the sportsmanship they showed in Friday nights game with Wylie.

I just wonder how many of us could take the stepping on hand and legs, the kicking while down on the ground and the throwing of punches to the stomach. Our boys took this plus much more and showed they had been trained well by a fine coaching staff, Jerry McLeod, Edgar Cowart, and Tony Mauldin.

If you do not believe the many things that went on, check the number of injuries. These boys played many games with better teams and were not injured like Friday Night.

We may not be district champ but we can boast that the Badgers are number 1 in sportsmanship. This training will be worthwhile later on in these boys life.

Sincerely,
Connie Harris

Dear Editor:

Those who saw the Junior Varsity football team beat Willie last night are sure to join me in saying that it was one of the best, if not the best games this season, however, my main purpose for writing is not to praise the Junior Varsity for their outstanding performance but to talk about a real man in our school system who we should all be especially proud of our head coach, Jerry McLeod.

The character, determination, loyalty, and team spirit that he and his coaching staff have installed in our young people in the sports program is highly commendable. Watching Jerry's performance last night during the game and especially after the game demonstrated to me very clearly that he still exercises the old and proven method of leading our young men by setting the example.

For those who didn't see the game last night, let me explain what I mean in reference to Jerry's de-

monstrated outstanding character and self-discipline to our young men after the game had been won fair and square. Willie has a so-called coach (name unknown to me) who, in complete contrast to Jerry, demonstrated to his team and the fans some of the worse characteristics of manhood and leadership I have ever witnessed. Rather than taking up too much space in explaining his performance in this letter, ask someone who was there. The crowning blow came after the Junior Varsity had held the Wylie bunch to four plays on about the five yard line in the closing seconds of the game to win. This Wylie coach attempted to continue the battle with Jerry on the playing field in complete view of the players and the public. Jerry demonstrated a self-control that is highly commendable. An example again for our young men to follow.

Our thanks goes to Jerry for his fine leadership and my personal thanks to him for the growth I have seen developing in my son toward manhood under Jerry's fine guidance.

Sincerely,
Edd Jones
Tye, Texas

Dear Editor:

We were in Merkel last week for the funeral services of Pinky Cypert and I would like to express my thoughts about the people of Merkel. Never in my life have I seen such love and concern expressed through the acts of kindness the people showed toward Mildred. The food and the flowers that were sent, not to mention the turn out of friends. Surely God must have selected Merkel for a special people.

Mary Freeman
Houston, Texas
A sister of Mildred Cypert

Gorilla Growl

By Penny Hatfield

The Trent Gorillas were surprised by the Hobbs Panthers last Friday night in the final 6-man district game. The Hobbs Panthers defeated the Gorillas 52-24 when the clock was 0. Thus far Trent and Hobbs both ended up 3-2 for the district season. The High-

land Hornets won this district, when they defeated the Hermleigh Cardinals. District play off for Highland is this Friday night. The Trent Gorillas did pretty good this year and we wish them lots of luck next year.

Happy Birthday to some people this week, November 7 Ida Griffith, November 8 Pat Smith, November 9 Sherry Jackson, November 11 Philiph Thomas, November 12 Jerry Nance and November 13 Jim Tawless and Christy Kinnard.

Basketball games for next week are November 15, Abilene High, There 6:30. High School Girls only November 18, Jayton There 6:30, High School Boys and Girls.

The Trent Band went to U. I. L. Marching Contest

Tuesday. The band scored a III which we were all proud of. The Twirlers, Nell Kirk got a III for a solo, Jackie Reed got a III and Cheri Patterson got a III for a solo. Their ensemble recieved a III rating.

Tuesday night was the Jr. High and High School girls first game. The Jr. High lost by one point, 21-20. They played full court boys rules. From what I understand, it was a real experience. Just ask Dee Dee which team she was for in the game. She nearly scored for them once.

The High School girls did better though, they defeated the Ira girls 32-41, which we still play in half-court. Next year the high school varsity will go to full court.

Merkel Volleyball

Team Falls

The Merkel Volleyball team finished the season November 1 with a defeat at Colorado City. The scores for the match were 15-11 and 15-5. Kathryn Irvin had 4 points on 6 attempts, Kandi Ascencio and Gina Farmer both had 4 points on 8 tries, Amy McCoy had 4, Belinda Perry and Sherry Ascencio were 1 for 3 and Cindy Boone had 2 attempts but was unable to score. Even though the girls were defeated, they played one of their best matches by picking up spikes, breaking serves and working as a team. Merkel finished the district ahead of Stamford, Colorado City and Ballinger will have to have a play-off for the district title.



Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gilbert of Oklahoma City are proud to announce the birth girl, Jennifer Ann. She was born on November 2nd. She weighed 6 pounds and 12 ounces.

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Deaths & Funerals

Xi Nu Chi News

Services Held For Austin Petty

Services for Austin Wrennon (Pete) Petty, 64, of Merkel who died at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Hendrick Medical Center after a lengthy illness, were at 2 p.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. C. G. Sewell, retired Baptist minister from Abilene officiating with Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor assisting. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born April 24, 1913 in Merkel, he had lived here all his life. He had been a Taylor County deputy sheriff for four years and had been the chief of police in Merkel for seven years. For the past 13 years, he had been a dispatcher with the Department of Public Safety in Abilene, retiring earlier

this year because of ill health. He married Mattie Austin November 23, 1935, in Abilene. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Jack of Abilene; a daughter, Glenda Ward of Angleton; two brothers, Byers and J. C. both of Abilene; two sisters, Mrs. W. L. Fizzell of Rising Star and Mrs. L. E. Turner of Nimrod; and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Ernest Meeks, Fred Johnson, L. A. Arnold, Paxton Hayes, Jarrett Pinkley and Wright Dishman.

Co-workers at the Department of Public Safety office served as honorary pallbearers.

Davey Cox Dies In California

Davey Lee Cox, 47, of North Hollywood, California died at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the St. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank, California, following a lengthy illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Thursday at the United Methodist Church.

also served with the Army in World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Sue; two daughters, Shanon of the home and Mrs. Gene Thindavuz of Houston; his mother, Mrs. Denzel Cox of Merkel; a brother, Corky of Patricia; and two sisters, Mrs. Othell O'Kelly of Trent and Joyce Ferguson of Merkel.

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Funeral Held

For Ethel Powell

Ethel Lee Powell, 86, of Merkel died at 5:51 a.m. Sunday at Happy Haven Nursing Home following a short illness. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Lueders Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born July 13, 1891, in northeast Texas, Mrs. Powell moved to Lueders in 1912. She married Jam-

es Powell in 1915 in Lueders. He preceded her in death in 1963. She had taught school in Lueders for many years until moving to Merkel in 1970. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Jack of Franklin, N.C.; a daughter, Eddis Lee Hardy of Merkel; two brothers, R. A. Bible of Abilene and H. A. Bible of Cisco; and three grandchildren.

Last Rites Held For

L. B. Howard

L. B. Howard, 81, of Abilene died at 7:15 p.m. Sunday in a local nursing home after a lengthy illness. Services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Emil V. Becker, pastor, officiating. Graveside services were at 3:30 p.m. in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel officiated by the Rev. Edwin Mays, his son-in-law. Services were directed by Stephenville Funeral Home.

Born November 19, 1895, in Dayton, Tennessee, he was a retired manager of J.C. Penney's, retiring in 1955 after 19 years. He had earlier been an employ-

ee of Jones Dry Good Company in Brownsville, Stamford and Hamlin. After retirement he was a real estate agent. He married Eula Burkett August 22, 1916, in Abilene. He was a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Edwin Mays of Kilgore and Mrs. Howard McCarroll of Fort Worth; three sisters, Mrs. J. T. Middleton Sr. and Ruth Howard, both of O'Donnell and Mrs. Henry Weldon of Roswell, New Mexico; six grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

Merkel FFA News

By Cindy Boone

Merkel had three students to show at the Dallas State Fair. These students did very well, they are: Jan Melton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Melton and Vernon Presswood son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Presswood (both showed lambs), and Walter Elmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Elmore, showed heifers.

On November 15 there will be a District Leadership Contest at Cooper High School. Merkel will have nine juniors competing and nine freshmen. There will also be a Farm Radio Team consisting of three juniors.

Under spotlight this week are Robert Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cunningham, Elizabeth Griffith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Griffith, and Frank Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murphy. These three students are all sophomores and members of the V. A. II class.

Robert Cunningham has shown pigs for his project. This year Robert is raising two pigs and also has broilers.

Elizabeth Griffith showed pigs for a project last year and showed at Merkel and Abilene stock shows. This year Elizabeth plans to show at Merkel, Abilene, and Fort Worth shows.

Frank Murphy was a V. A. I member last year at Carlsbad, New Mexico. Frank was on a dairy cattle judging team that placed second at Roswell, New Mexico and he placed third at Carlsbad on the F. A. Quiz Contest Team. Frank raised rabbits last year for his project and this year he plans on taking his pig to the Houston Stock Show.

Everyone is really getting into the action and with stock shows getting closer each week, everyone is really working to make their projects the best.



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Xi Nu Chi, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met Tuesday November 1 at the home of Charlotte Starbuck.

Committee reports were given by each committee chairman. By-laws for city council were voted by members. Jocille Brady, president and Connie Harris, city council representative, will travel to Abilene November 9 for the city council meeting. Plans were discussed for the Fall Rituals which will be held in Abilene November 19.

Plans for the Christmas bazaar were also discussed. The bazaar will be held December 10, day of the Christmas parade.

Program for the night was on Interior Design given by Charlotte Starbuck. Interior Decorating has three basic principles. The first step is to make a long-range plan. Decide which room you want to redecorate first. Next, make a list of the furniture you own or expect to buy. The third step is budgeting. Decide how much money you can spend on

furniture each year. Then make a three or five year plan for what you will buy.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Jocille Brady, Kathy Leverich, Mamie Stack, Connie Harris, Betty Allday, Charlotte Starbuck, Louise Dubose, Elizabeth Eager, Bobby Mansfield, Connie Ybarra and guest Peggy Smith, sister of Charlotte Starbuck, visiting from California.



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26	HAWLEY	G - 7&8	THERE	5:00
		B - 7&8	THERE	
30	BALLINGER	G - 7&8	THERE	5:00
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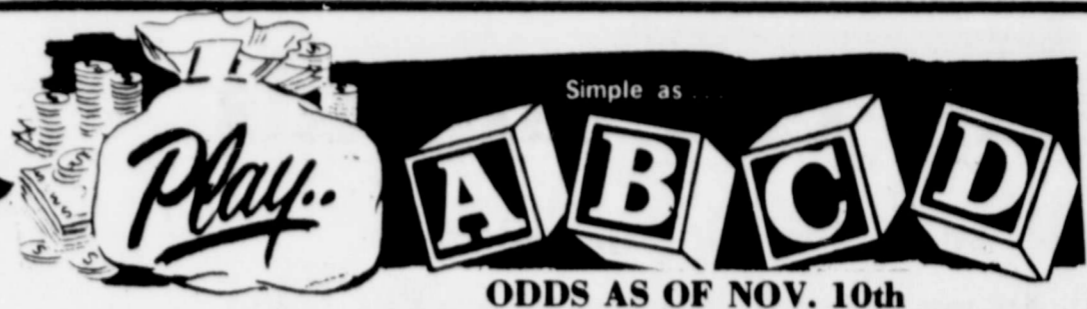
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