

The Mail was not able to obtain the scores from Tuesday's basketball games, but we do know that the boys and girls junior varsity's were defeated, the boys varsity lost by ten and the girls beat Hamlin, handily.

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, November 22, 1979...Merkel, Texas

15 cents

A Merchants Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Nov. 27th beginning at noon at the Lion Club Building here. The dinner is being planned by members of various civic and social organizations to say thanks to Merkel merchants for their support in various fund raising efforts.



Junior Varsity quarterback Sammy Tumlinson heads upfield against the Wylie Junior Varsity last Thursday at Badger Stadium. They lost a close

contest, as more than half of their games were decided by less than five points. (Staff photo by Royce Fowler)

Badger sports future looks bright

by Cloy A. Richards

The Christmas season officially has opened. It used to be considered bad form to advertise Christmas until after Thanksgiving was over but advertising folks changed that a few years ago.

You have already started seeing Santa on television and will continue to do so for quite a while. The holiday we now have our thoughts on is Thanksgiving. It is an appropriate time of the year to reflect on the events of your life over the past year and to give thanks for the good times and to ask for strength to get you through the bad.

Of course, it also means deer season, quail season, playoff season in football, the beginning of basketball, and this year, the Texas shoot-out matching Houston and Dallas.

If you are traveling during the weekend, use extreme caution because the highways will be loaded this weekend.

The girls started the basketball season on the right foot Saturday as the junior varsity and the varsity pounded out wins over Abilene High School. Norma Frazier led the varsity with 22 points against the Eagles as the girls won by 15.

If you have not had the opportunity to catch the girls basketball team, do so at their next game. Their schedule is printed weekly in the Mail and the girls should be one of the strongest teams in 2-A basketball.

New coach Jan Averitt has the girls in good form as they continue to play a swarming defense that causes turnovers and forces the opponents to take bad shots. The Badgers did not shoot as well as they will in their first contest but that kind of thing can be expected when you are playing your first game.

The Badger football team just finished their season Friday against Abilene Wylie. It was a long, sad season for the Badgers as they finished 0-10 on the year but there are some bright sides to look at in Badger football. Next year they will be competing against smaller schools and that should help the program as well as some talent upcoming from junior varsity.

The Badgers will return 13 from this year's team and have a very good place-kicker in Keith Beddingfield coming up. Beddingfield is a freshman placekicker that has a live leg. He gave Badger fans a preview of things to come Friday as he just missed

a 31 yard attempt that had plenty of length Friday and sailed wide right. He told me on the sidelines that he has hit from 47 in practice. A kicker with that kind of talent as a freshman could create quite a name for Merkel High and for himself.

The Badgers will also be returning James Turner who has to be the best linebacker in the district and former Badger head coach Jerry McLeod said Turner is as good a linebacker as you will find. Quarterback Bart Pursley will also return as will fullback Buster Brown. Pursley was a much improved quarterback this year as he worked on his throwing. He is also a good runner and return man on kicks. Brown just came into his own this year as a fullback and has shown he can also catch a ball. Brown is a good linebacker and makes tackles all over the field.

Randy Martin will also return and his speed at flanker could prove dangerous next year. The challenge that is easily visible will be to rebuild an offensive and defensive front line. O.C. McKeenan and Ricky Mathewson will be the only returning starters at interior line positions.

While we are on that, the turn-out for the Badger Boys basketball has been good so far. The varsity will have at least 11 seniors trying out for the team and a good crop of juniors. After Friday's football game, basketball practice was held twice Saturday, twice Monday and once early Tuesday preparing for their season opener on Tuesday.

The Mail would like to congratulate the Farmers and Merchants National Bank on their 75th anniversary in Merkel. The Mail was to do a feature this week on the bank's anniversary and its contributions to the growth of the area but the editor had a three day virus late last week and was unable to prepare the story. Watch next week's paper.

The Chamber of Commerce has announced December 8th as the date of the Christmas Parade. The Parade will be run, as in the past, with trophies for floats and best decorated bicycles and the Miss Merry Christmas winners will be presented. Most local merchants will be planning specials for Christmas shopping during that time.

Board hears management report

Merkel school board members were treated to a calm session Tuesday as the board tackled a lengthy agenda that was highlighted by a glowing personnel and financial management reports.

Trustees heard from Jerry Crisp, an auditor with Conley and Company, the firm that has the contract for the school's financial record keeping. Crisp presented the 1978 financial audit to the board and he said there was no comparison with this annual audit than previous ones. Crisp said the school was to be commended for their efforts in cleaning up their record keeping and said the Texas Education Agency would find it hard to say bad things about the school's financial records. He said the improvement in the past year alone was phenomenal.

Merkel ISD Superintendent Dr. Raymond Etheridge told the board he had also had the school's personnel records audited by TEA and said they also gave the school a glowing report on those records. He said things included on those records are pay, academic certifications, federal criteria. Etheridge said he was pleased with the outcome of that audit.

Charles Harper, the school's architect told the board of new completion dates promised by the contractor for the Middle School Gym, Multi-Purpose room and Ag Shop. Harper said the contractors said the facilities would be ready by Jan 1st. He added that they had a lot of work to do in six weeks and also said that he would be able to tell if they were going to make that deadline within the next 15 days.

The board also learned that a new state formula

calls for an increase in adult meal prices. State regulations now require the school to charge 34 cents more than the highest price of a student lunch. New adult lunch prices were set at 95 cents.

After discussion, the board directed Dr. Etheridge to write a policy concerning trips taken by students, regardless of nature of the trip. The direction came after the board learned that Mike Baskerville, the school attorney informed the board that Merkel ISD has no policy concerning senior trips.

Dr. Etheridge told the board that he and High School Principal Allen Merritt had met with Senior Class officers concerning a senior trip. Etheridge said that both he and Merritt are opposed to an over-night senior trip but agree to a Senior Day. Etheridge said the class officers also liked the idea of a senior day.

After discussion, Etheridge said "I think the board should direct me to write a policy, not only for senior trips, but for all trips taken by Merkel ISD students that are school-related."

The superintendent also said that his disapproval of a senior trip was the administration's disapproval, not the board's.

The board hired a new biology teacher, Susanna Solchik, as well as a HECE teacher, Lisa McCain and a third grade teacher, Andrea Fox.

They accepted the resignations of Sharon Nichols at the end of the year, Mary Grimes at mid term, and re-accepted Gary Bartee's resignation, because two resignation documents had been delivered.

Gins report 9,581 bales ginned

Merkel area gins have processed 9,581 bales as of Monday afternoon and are rapidly closing in on the 1977 record cotton harvest figures.

Planter's Gin in Trent is running around the clock and has already ginned 4,700 bales and they have 800 bales in the yard waiting to be ginned. Red Shafer, gin manager also told the Mail that about 3,000 bales are formed in modules and are waiting in fields.

Shafer said that about 50 per cent of the cotton in the Trent area was stripped and that cotton grades are still holding up well, mostly in the middling class with a few in the strict.

He also said that this year's harvest "Has had better overall quality, volume and there may not be another crop like it for years." He added that the gin would surpass its one season ginning record sometime this week with quite a bit of cotton left to gin.

Stith Gin has ginned just over 2,000 bales according to new gin manager Finley Barnett. Barnett told the Mail that they had about 200 bales in the yard and about 4,000 bales waiting in modules on the farm. Barnett said the grade cards are coming in good and he estimates 50 per cent of the crop is stripped. He

said that the gin may be one-third finished ginning for the year. He said that he likes working with the module because it will allow gin to process all of a man's cotton at one time, relieving the problem of scraps as well as the modules are easier for the farmer to manage. He said that Stith Gin was currently searching for a yard trailer to handle modules.

A bookkeeper at the Merkel Co-Op Gin said they had managed to gin 1681 bales and that the gin is on an around the clock schedule. They estimated between 3 and 400 bales to be ginned in the yard and said they did not have any idea of how much cotton was in modules waiting on them. They also reported receiving their first grade cards of the season recently.

Kenneth Link at the Link Gin in Noodle told the Mail Monday that they would have the yard clean Monday. He said they had ginned 1,200 bales so far and felt sure they would receive more cotton as soon as the word got out that their yard was clean. He also said they knew of no modules waiting on them in the fields. He also reported receiving their first batch of grade cards and that most were graded in the middling category.

According to figures released by the four local gins, 9,581 bales had been ginned so far with an estimated 8,400 bales stripped and either sitting in trailers in the gin yards or formed into modules and waiting in the fields.

Roof repaired on youth center

Norma Frazier's 22 points led the Merkel girls to a 49-34 season open win over the Abilene High Eagles.

The girls also ran off a 15-2 lead in the first quarter.

Behind Frazier's 22 points, the other post player, Nancy Click got 10 points, Gwen Tarpley added 9, Becky Watts and Jackie Casey each got two points.

The Badgers shot poorly from the floor in the first half hitting 30

percent of their shots and hitting 48 percent in the second half. They did shoot well from the free throw line, hitting 68 percent of their shots.

Head Coach Jan Averitt said she was pleased and disappointed at their first effort. She said they would work on the outlet pass, and defense in preparation for Tuesday's game against Hamlin.

The Badger junior varsity also managed an overtime win against the Eagles.

Frazier leads girls past Abilene High

The Merkel Youth Center finally has a new roof, thanks to the efforts of a few local ladies and citizens that donated money.

The Youth Center began asking for funds to repair holes in the roof that kept the center from being open last summer.

The Center raises \$700 for the roof and the balance, \$700 was paid for by the Community

Action Program in Abilene.

Ruby Shipman, Estelle Carson, Mrs. Leon Harris and Syble Riney all helped during the fund-raising effort for the center and many local businesses and residents, as well as former Merkel residents contributed to the fund raising effort. A roofing crew from Abilene finished the roof repairs last week.



Norma Frazier goes up for two of her 22 points in their season opening win over Abilene High School. Frazier led the team to a 15-2 advantage in the first quarter, played flatly the second quarter, then finished strong to nail down a 49-34 win. (Staff photo)



(Left to right) Taresia English, Mike Pape and Jan Melton won the Big Country District FFA radio competition. They competed in area competition in Stephenville Tuesday. (Staff photo)

Garden club

The Merkel Garden Club met November 15 at the Big Country Inn. The Club members voted to participate in the Merchants Appreciation Dinner. Leslie and Dee Dee Masonheimer presented a program on 4-H, a youth development program. They talked about their various projects such as cooking and sewing, and the care and training of lambs, horses and pigs. They entered shows and got various awards. These projects take much time and effort. Record books are kept, and are judged and awarded ribbons.

Leaders and parents encourage 4-Hers to work toward scholarships. The girls believe that 4-H provides an opportunity for youth in the future. Refreshments were served to Georgia Allday, Peggy Black, Faye Brown, Lola Cox, Jewell Criswell, Linnie Fisher, Ora Griggs, Mary Grimes, Alice King, Verdie Patterson, Ogia Peachy, Mary Russon, Jessie Shannon, Mary Sadler, Leota Sherrill, Louise Sudderth, Merle Thompson, and visitors Nelda Masonheimer, Leslie Masonheimer, and Dee Dee Masonheimer.

Mulberry 4-H meets

By Dee Dee Masonheimer
Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club met Monday, November 12 at their club house. Luci Masonheimer led the 4-H Pledge and prayer. Jackie Swinney led the American Pledge. Michael Boyd gave a report on the County skating party. Sheila Swinney gave a report on her trip to the State Fair in Dallas. She showed her lambs. She did real well. Congratulations, Sheila. Sheila

was also elected to serve as the club's secretary. Ronnie Freeman of Trent gave the program on solar energy. He showed slides and presented a very interesting program. We all enjoyed it. We had three guests, Mrs. Alice King and two assistant county agents, Fred Schlutt and Alfred Bunting. We also had one new member, Tracie Russell. Our next meeting will be our Christmas party.

Study club meets

Mrs. S.C. Dixon was hostess for the Dec. 13 meeting of The Fortnightly Study Club at the Big Country Inn. Mrs. Carl Hughes presented a 1935-36 year book to the club historian that formerly belonged to Mrs. Roger Burgess. "Homespun Christmas Favorites" was the theme of the program brought by W.T.U. Home-Economist Carla Holloway. She gave each one a cook-book to use as we followed her presentations, beginning with a beautiful holiday table cloth on to cakes, candies, cookies, breads and etc. to making Christmas decorations. She presented some very unique ideas on

how to package gifts of food for Christmas giving. Members present were Mrs. C.M. Brown, Miss Mary Collins, Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. W.R. Cypert, Miss Avis Deavers, Mrs. S.C. Dixon, Mrs. Bryan Dungan, Mrs. Charles Eager, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Miss Mildred Hamm, Mrs. J.W. Hammond, Mrs. Comer Hayes, Mrs. Buster Horton, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. C.B. Knight, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, Miss Maurine White, Mrs. Alf Walls, Mrs. Ray Wilson, and honorary members, Mrs. Allen Forbis and Mrs. Lynnward Harris-on.

Mail local events calendar

NOVEMBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			21 Community Wide Thanksgiving Service First Baptist Church 7 p.m.	22 THANKSGIVING DAY	23 Feb Rally Trent 2:00 Lone Star Circuit Finals Style Show & Luncheon 3 p.m. Five Inn	24
25	26 College Night Abilene High 8 p.m.	27 Merchants Appreciation Dinner	28	29 Person Show Wesgate Mall Nov. 29 & 30	30 City Council Meeting 7 a.m.	
DECEMBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Student Council Supper 4:30-7:30 School Cafeteria	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15

FFA teams place in district meet

Our chapter participated in the Big Country District Leadership Contests last week. We had six teams representing our school, and we feel they did an outstanding job. The team results were as follows: Radio Team: 1st place (Jan Melton, Taresia English, Mike Pape) Junior Skills Team: 4th place (Jeff Scott, Jimmy Leonard, Sammy Tulimson) Senior Chapter Conducting: 5th (Mark Bland, Kelly Knight, Ann Melton, Dusty Barnhill, Cary Metts,

David Wilkerson, Lisa Allen, Gayle Irvin, Michelle Brown, Willy Townsend) Greenhand Chapter Conducting Team: 7th place (Tim Brady, Chris Mashburn, Debra Cary, Lorne Sloan, Mark Turner, Amye Amerine, Buster Brown, Todd Davis) Senior Skills Team: 7th place (Jerry Goode, Todd Gregory, Joel Huggins) Greenhand Quiz: 8th place (Roy Johnson, Eddie Harris, Greg Arnwine, Mike Hagar) This week we salute the Shannon Side Apart-

ments. For the past two years, Mr. Bob Reynolds and Mr. Arthur Stone of Reynolds and Stone Associates, owners of the housing complex, have made substantial contributions to the Merkel FFA in memory of Mr. John Shannon. Mr. Shannon was extremely interested in the youth of the Merkel area for many years. On behalf of all the Merkel FFA members and their parents we would like to pause and say, "Thank you". The thing that costs

the least and does the most is just a pleasant smile. Have a nice day. See ya next week with more AG news.

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Lee Edward Rogers

MERKEL - Lee Edward Rogers, 95, of Trent died at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Mercy Hospital in Slaton. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Trent Baptist Church. The Rev. Rudy Fambrough, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Trent Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home. Born Oct. 21, 1884, in Texas, he had farmed in

the Trent area since he was 18 years old. He was a Baptist. He married Mary Etta Young Nov. 13, 1910, in Hastings, Oklahoma. Mrs. Rogers died Oct. 5, 1966. Survivors include two sons, Edward of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Huey of San Bernardino, Calif., and a daughter, Mrs. Ansil (Velma) O'Neal of Slaton, eight grandchildren, and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Marion Leslie Paynes

TRENT - Marion Leslie Paynes, 89, of Trent died at 10:40 a.m. Saturday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a lengthy illness. Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Trent Baptist Church. The Rev. Wayne Oglesby, Baptist minister of San Angelo, will officiate, assisted by Sherman Driggers. Burial will be in Trent Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel. Born Feb. 25, 1890, in Oklahoma, he had moved to Jones County in a

covered wagon when he was six. He moved to Trent in 1949, where he operated a service station until his retirement. He married Clara Caffey Dec. 19, 1909, in Anson. He was a Baptist. He was a member of the Oddfellows. Survivors include his wife; a son, R.O. of Trent; two daughters, Mrs. George (Faye) Byrom of Trent and Mrs. Clifford (Mosell) Talbott of Abilene; a sister, Bessie Jackson of Merkel; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Obituaries

James Tipston

MERKEL - Services for James Walter Tipston, 86, of Hot Springs and formerly of Merkel, who died Sunday in Hot Springs, will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers will be L.S. Tipton, Edger Tipton, Stanley Toombs, Tommy Biltz, Ford Smith, Jr. and R.L. Bland.

Albert Chancey

MERKEL - Albert Lee Chancey, 64, of Merkel died at 2:20 p.m. Sunday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene following a lengthy illness. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Merkel Church of Christ. Larry Gill, minister, will officiate. Burial will be in Suth, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 20, 1915, in Jones County, he was a lifelong resident of the Merkel area. He was a member of the Merkel

Volunteer Fire Department. He was a deacon in Merkel Church of Christ. He retired from Montgomery Ward in May. He married Aleda Goodman Sept. 4, 1937, in Baird. Survivors include his wife; two sons, Jack of Newton and Ron of Lubbock; five brothers, Jeff, Ed and H.R. Jr., all of Abilene, Clyde of Merkel and Paul of Oklahoma City; two sisters, Oma Reese of Seagoville and Judy Jennings of Abilene; his mother, Elizabeth Chancey of Merkel; and four grandchildren. A daughter, Judy, died in 1945.

Honorary pallbearers will be Otis Foster, Manny Reamy, Vessie Justice, Frank Brosaux, Lewis Carter, Beauford Allen, and Tom Fox.

Irl Walker

MERKEL - Irl Walker, 74, of Merkel died at 2 a.m., Oct. 30 at Hendrick Medical Center after a brief illness.

Services were held at First Baptist Church.

Rev. Kenneth Jones, Pastor, officiated. Mr. Walker was buried at Rose Hill Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home Directing.

Born Aug. 31, 1905, in Copperas Cove, he moved to Merkel in 1920. He farmed and in recent years operated a service station.

Mr. Walker was a deacon in the Baptist Church. He worked part-time for the Merkel school district for 27 years. He was a charter member of Merkel Senior Citizens Club. He married Annie Reeves Jan. 6, 1927, in Abilene.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Dr. Gaston Walker of Hurst and Dr. Jimmy Walker of El Paso; a daughter, Irlene Brown of Liberty Hill; two brothers, Burt Walker of Lampasas and Mack Walker of Abilene; a sister, Annie Abbott of Ruidosa, N.M.; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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Boone receives county award

Jack Boone was named the Outstanding Extension Farm Cooperator for 1979. The award was made at an Extension Information and Appreciation Luncheon, Tuesday, November 13, in the Extension Meeting Room.

Mr. Boone is a farmer and active leader in the Merkel area. For the past three years he has conducted cotton variety demonstrations in cooperation with the Extension Crops Committee.

In addition to raising cotton, Mr. Boone also produces wheat, and grain sorghum, and raises cattle.

He is a member of the Sun Water Cooperation

Board, and has served as assistant swine superintendent for the Abilene Area Livestock Show for the past several years.

He and his wife, Mary, have four children; three daughters, gale Strickland of Bronte, Christi at Texas Tech University at Lubbock, and Cindy at Texas Tech University at Lubbock, and Cindy at Western Texas College at Snyder, and one son, Galen of Merkel.

Mr. Boone and his wife have served as 4-H leaders for fourteen years, and they are members of the First Baptist Church of Merkel.

Stith-Goodman meet

The Stith Extension Homemakers Club was hostess to the Compere and Goodman Clubs in the Stith Community Center November 14, 1979.

Mrs. Dickerson, President presided over the business meeting. Mrs. Vernon Hudson called the roll. A devotion was given and the opening prayer worded by Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Roy Mashburn directed two games. Mrs. Clyde Mims read a poem.

Mrs. Ab Hunter and

Mashburn gave an interesting report on the TEHA convention they attended in Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Mashburn stated club work has an opportunity to grow. The Key to Membership is YOU. Make your programs interesting for both young and old.

Mrs. Hunter gave the details of the trip and the day's activities.

Refreshments were served to eight members from Compere, five from Goodman, and ten from Stith.

Xi Nu Chi meeting

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Blanch Hewitt Tuesday night.

The program for the evening was given by Anita Allen on the Far East.

Committee chairmen each gave reports and the city council report was discussed.

Ginny Yaddow was

elected to represent Xi Nu Chi's sweetheart in Abilene in February.

The following members were served refreshments: Pat Neff, Ginny Yaddow, Bobbie Mansfield, Kathy Levech, Mamie Steck, Liz Eager, Anita Allen, Connie Ybara, Jocille Brady, ouise DuBose and Connie Harris.

Legal notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Carey Jones
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 Taylor County Child Welfare Unit, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 8th day of November, 1979, against Carey Jones, and said suit being numbered 3200-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Loraine Johnson, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate Parental Rights. Said child was born the 24th day of September, 1979, in Abilene, Taylor

County, Texas.

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

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 9th day of November, 1979.

Irene Crawford Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Johnnie Woodard, Deputy. 40-1tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Pamela Ann Sweat
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 Donnie Paul Sweat, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 28th day of September, 1979, against Pamela Ann Sweat, and said suit being numbered 3043-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Donnie Paul Sweat and Pamela Ann Sweat", the nature of



J.H. (Hugh) and Mary Paint Creek at Lake Wimberly display part of Stamford. Mrs. Wimberly their 58 pound catch said the crappie were taken at Dick's Dock on "just biting that day."

Livestock show

The Merkel Livestock Show will be held Saturday, December 29th beginning at 10:00 a.m. All stock will be in the pens on December 28th, excluding steers, rabbits and broilers. Approximately 150 head will be shown, which will include lambs, barrows, rabbits, broilers and steers.

L.J. Gray will serve as Announcer. Superintendent of the steer class will be R. Lee Brown with Buster Brown serving as student assistant superintendent.

Superintendent of the lambs will be Jerry Gibson, with assisting students Jan Melton and Mike Pape. Superintendents of the swine department will be George

English, Jerry Goode and Harold Bails, with students assisting, Mark Bland, Mike Jordon, and Darla Gartman. Superintendent of the Poultry show will be L.J. Gray, with students assisting, Jimmy Leonard and Donald Tutt. The rabbit superintendent will be Wyman Wilkerson, with students assisting, David Wilkerson, Debra Cary and Tim Brady.

Officers that were elected for the coming year are as follows: President-Larry Johnson, Secretary-Beverly Johnson, Treasurer-Benny Melton.

All entries to the Merkel Livestock Show should be given to Billy Riley or J.T. Naron by Friday, December 21st.

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76 VW STATION WAGON 7 passenger, sun roof, air, AM-FM, with cassette, 20,700 miles	\$5695	79 FAIRMONT FUTURA 2-door, 6 cylinder, vinyl top, automatic, air, power, cruise, tilt wheel, AM-FM stereo, sport wheel covers, bumper group, 13,000 miles	\$5595
70 VW CAMPHOLE AM-FM with cassette, nearly new tires, engine has been replaced. Drive to appreciate.	\$1795	76 FAIRMONT 4-door, V8, automatic, air, power, radio, red finish, 31,000 miles	\$3695
79 FORD 250 SUPER CAB 460 engine, automatic, air, power, cruise, 15,000 miles	\$6595	76 PINTO RUNABOUT V6, vinyl top, automatic, air, power, radio, sport wheels, 57,000 miles	\$2695
77 CHEVROLET V8 IMPALA 4-door, vinyl top, automatic, air, power, 29,000 miles	\$2995	77 MERCURY MONARCH 4-door, V8, automatic, air, power, cruise, AM-FM stereo, tape, 28,000 miles	\$3595
72 CHEVROLET V8 IMPALA 4-door, automatic, air, power, vinyl top, local trade-in, solid	\$1295	77 LTD 4-door, V8, automatic, air, power, cruise, 28,000 miles	\$2995
80 CHEVROLET BEL AIR 4-door, automatic, air, power, one owner	\$895	77 LTD II 4-door, V8, automatic, air, power, cruise, runs and drives good! 80,000 miles, clean, AS IS	\$1995
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Miscellaneous

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2. On December 4, 1979, which is the first Tuesday of the month, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m. at the courthouse door of Taylor County, Texas, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest in and to the working interest in and to the working interest or leasehold estate of J.L.H. Corporation in and to the described property.
Dated on 1st day of November, 1979.
JACK LANDRUM, SHERIFF
Taylor County, Texas
By: Eddie Swanson Deputy
EXHIBIT "A"
The entire working interest or leasehold estate which was vested in J.L.H. CORPORATION, THE ORIGINAL Lessee, under and by virtue of the following Oil, Gas and Mineral leases covering lands located in Taylor County, Texas, to-wit:
Lease executed by Ruby Jones, as Lessor, under date of April 16, 1979, duly recorded in Volume 1120, page 724, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, covering the West one-half (W 1/2) of the Northwest quarter (NW 1/4), Section 7, Block 3,

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Mrs. R.H. Mathews (right) was honored with a celebration at Merkel's First Baptist Church Friday. A surprise visitor, Carrie Williford of Dallas also attended the celebration.

100th birthday celebrated here

A reception honored Mrs. R.H. Mathews Friday afternoon at the First Baptist Church, Merkel, Texas, with friends and relatives expressing love and good wishes on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Adding to the festivity was the surprise arrival of her sister, Mrs. Carrie Williford of Dallas, Texas, who will be 103 on her next birthday in February.

Hosting the party were her children, Mrs. Era Blair of Santa Rosa, Calif., Colonel and Mrs. Frank H. Mathews, Richardson, Texas, Mrs. Lillian Mathews, Abilene, Mrs. Wm. R. Reeves, Phoenix, Arizona, and Mrs. Noel D. Addy, Tucson, Arizona.

Greeting the guests was Mrs. Lillian Mathews and presiding at the Guest Book were Mrs. Henry Speaks and Mrs. James D. Harper of Phoenix, Ariz. Mrs. Buddy Walters, Mrs. Frank Mathews, Mrs. Jerrell Stallo of Winfield, Kansas, and Mrs. Larry Kline of Woodbridge, Va. served cake

and punch from a lovely appointed table centered by a bouquet of bronze mums and daisies, flanked by crystal candleabra.

A program of Mrs. Mathews special requests was presented, including a greeting by Era, scriptures read by Frank, song by Thelma and Pearl accompanied by Mrs. Comer Haynes.

A "MONEY TREE", SPONSORED BY Mrs. J.W. Hammond, was prominent on the gift table, along with many gifts and remembrances including baskets of cut flowers and pot plants.

Out of town guests were Roy Mathews of Sunnyvale, Calif., Lt. Mike Addy, Enid Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Page Baxendale, Strawn, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Malone of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Veach of Dallas, Mrs. Opal Jones of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Harper of Phoenix, Arizona, John Mars of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Blair, Lawton, Oklahoma, John Blair of Rockport, and Jim Pleasant of Clyde.

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Radio team places first

The Merkel FFA Radio Team placed first at the Big Country District Parliamentary Procedure Contest last Thursday at Abilene Cooper High School. The team members were: Jan Melton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Melton; Tarsia English, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. George English; and Mike Pape, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Pape.

In the radio contest a script is written concerning some phase of the FFA. A team of three members will present this to a panel of

judges. After hearing only their voices, they are judged on diction, tone, and content.

On Tuesday, November 20th, the team will travel to Tarleton State University in Stephenville where they will compete in the Area IV Leadership Contest.

MHS student council spaghetti supper set for December 7th

The Merkel High Student Council has planned a spaghetti supper for Dec. 7th from 4:30 until 7:30 at the school cafeteria.

Council members are raising money to have

the Badger emblem placed in the floor of the new high school and other council activities.

Cost for the supper is \$2.50 and \$1.50 for children younger than fifth grade.

Merkel Badgers
1979-80 Basketball Schedule

Date	School	Place	Teams	Time
Nov. 17	Abilene High	Here	G-B, G-A	6:30
Nov. 20	Hamlin	Here	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Nov. 27	Sweetwater	Here	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
29, 30, 1	Anson Tourn.	There	B-A, G-A	
29, 30, 1	Winters Tourn.	There	B-B, G-B	
Dec. 4	Hamlin	There	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
6, 7, 8	Merkel Tourn.			6:30
Dec. 11	Winters	There	G-A&B	6:30
Dec. 13	Ballinger	Here	G-A&B	6:30
13, 14, 15	Roscoe tourn.	There	B-A	
Dec. 18	Samford	There	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Dec. 20	Abilene Christian Tourn.		Varsity Girls	
21, 22	Anson (Jr) Tourn.	There	B-B, G-B	
Jan. 3, 4, 5				
Jan. 4	Coahoma	Here	B-A, G-A&B	5:00
Jan. 8	C-City	Here	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Jan. 11	Wylie	There	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Jan. 15	Anson	Here	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Jan. 18	Winters	Here	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Jan. 22	Ballinger	There	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Jan. 25	Samford	Here	B-A&B, G-A&B	5:00
Jan. 29	Coahoma	There	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Feb. 1	C-City	There	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Feb. 5	Wylie	Here	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Feb. 8	Anson	There	B-A&B, G-A&B	4:00
Feb. 12	Winters	There	B-A&B	6:30
Feb. 15	Ballinger	Here	B-A&B	6:00

TRENT HIGH SCHOOL AND JR. HIGH
1979-80 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Opponent	Place	Teams	Time
Tues. Nov. 6	Ira	G (HS&JH)	6:00
Tues. Nov. 13	Jayton	G (HS&JH)	6:30
Mon. Nov. 19	Divide	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Nov. 20	McCaulley	B&G (HS&JH)	5:30
Tues. Nov. 27	Hobbs	B&G (HS)	6:30
Thurs.-Sat. Nov. 29-Dec. 1	Trent Tourn.	(HS)	
Mon. Dec. 3	Divide	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Dec. 4	Hobbs	B&G (HS)	6:30
Fri. Dec. 7	OPEN		
Tues. Dec. 11	Jayton	B&G (HS)	6:30
Thurs.-Sat. Dec. 13-15	Roscoe Tourn.	(HS)	
Tues. Dec. 18	McCaulley	B&G (HS)	6:30
Thurs.-Sat. Dec. 27-29	Jayton Tourn.	(HS)	
Fri. Jan. 4	Highland	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Jan. 7	Blackwell	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Jan. 8	Bronte	B&G (HS)	6:30
Fri. Jan. 11	Robert Lee	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Jan. 14	Wingate	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Jan. 15	Highland	B&G (HS)	6:30
Jan. 17-19	Blackwell Tourn.	There	?
Fri. Jan. 18	Divide	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Jan. 21	Divide	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Jan. 22	Blackwell	B&G (HS)	6:30
Jan. 24-26	Highland tourn.	There	?
Fri. Jan. 25	Bronte	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Jan. 28	Blackwell	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Jan. 29	Robert Lee	B&G (HS)	6:30
Fri. Feb. 1	OPEN		
Mon. Feb. 4	Wingate	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Feb. 5	Divide	B&G (HS)	6:30
Fri. Feb. 8	Blackwell	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Feb. 11	Divide	B&G (JH)	6:30
Unknown	Hobbs tourn.	There	?

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Thursday, November 22, 1979

The attendants are probably glad this guy didn't hover into the full service lane at the Tye Texaco station. Actually, the helicopter was being towed on a flatbed and the truck was getting the fill-up. (Staff photo)



Tye City Council meets

By Harold Boyd

Your City Council met in regular session on November 14 at the Tye Community Center. Some 20 interested citizens showed up to listen and see how our council persons conduct your city business. The following business was conducted. I will report only briefly what was discussed.

Representative from Milerman & Milerman Ins. Company presented a insurance plan for the city employees and their dependents. The cost will be paid for the city workers and the employees can insure their dependents at their cost. This has been discussed for several meetings and I feel in my opinion this is great to keep with other employers. As time continues, there will be other incentives and benefits that we must do for our faithful employees.

The Police Department reported that there were 75 charges in the month of October, 7 less than last year and our calls are down to approximately 15-20 calls a month. This speaks good of our community. The city will meet with the

county judge to set up a contract with the county jail to house prisoners. Officer Rzuclidlo will check into this and report to the city council next meeting. Your city court turned in a very good report, traffic violations were 81, 1 warrant was issued, 7 dismissals and turning in a report of over \$2000 paid into the city way of fines.

Jo Ann Moore turned in a financial report, showing the city in the black. The 3rd reading designating the Abilene Reporter News as the official publication for the City of Tye. The next item was on office equipment. The city is to purchase a computer type of machine that will take care of the billings of the water, sewer, and garbage. This machine will also be used or can be used for numerous other things in the future. Council approved the purchase of this machine in the sum of 3,000 dollars through revenue sharing funds. These funds must be used or they are withdrawn.

A motion was made to delete the provision of May 9th, 1978 reading to withdraw proposed sewer

line off of FM 707 that would only serve 5 to 7 families. This will save the city some 15,000 dollars or more with this deletion from the sewer lines.

The city has accepted an offer to have all scraps and junk to be hauled off from the maintenance yard at no cost to us. City to receive two thirds of the proceeds from the sale of said junk. Under the misc. part of the meeting, Mr. Leon Davis requested from the council to be exempt from Ordinance 79-14. The council voted to give him a variance from that ordinance. Council adjourned for the evening. This is a brief report, should you like to read the minutes of this meeting, they can be read at the city hall.

This Thursday, we here in the United States, celebrate a start of the holidays with Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving should fill our mind with many things that we should give thanks for. What are they? In my eyes there are many blessings that we should give thanks to HIM for and be happy for the other many untold blessings that we have. For a few things. We don't have a man in uniform that is currently engaged in battle or conflict, this hasn't happened in the last 15 years. Remember Man.. That we still are a country that is united and can still voice ourselves under the laws that our forefathers set up for us to live under. A country that is blessed with food, shelter and a pursuit of life and opportunity.

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Regardless of inflation, and internal crisis that we have. Nothing is perfect, but as far as I am concerned, we still have the best country to live in. Yes, we do have some problems to overcome, but we shall overcome them if we stay united and believe in our pledge to our country. Yes, I am

thankful for these and many other blessings that we have and do not realize.

Not only this day give thanks, but for days ahead. I hope that everyone will take a few moments to think of all the wonderful things that we take for granted, do give Him thanks with all your heart and a prayer for those who are held captive in the far and middle East that they someday will come home safely. My prayer for the celebration of His birthday is that we all remain united and strive to conquer all the problems that now face us as a nation, when you get down, look around and be thankful that what you have is more than someone else in the world.

I hope that your Thanksgiving day is one of great fellowship and trust. God bless each and everyone this day, have a truly, heartfelt Thanksgiving from my home to yours. See you next week, and hope that no one becomes a "Turkey".....

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Gorillas face Paint Rock as playoffs begin here Friday

The Trent Gorillas won't be the only team putting a perfect record on the line Friday night as they face Paint Rock in the Six-Man Bi-District Championship in Trent Friday night.

Trent is sporting a 9-0 record and Paint Rock's record is just as impressive at 10-0. Both coaches, Bob Campbell of Trent and E. V. Click of Paint Rock, expressed concern over the other team's ability to score.

The teams met in a pre-season scrimmage but Click said he has seen Trent play three times and he says he

knows the Gorillas have a weakness his team can attack, troubles is, we can't find it Click adds.

On the other hand, Coach Campbell said he saw Paint Rock play last week and he says they have a couple of good runners.

Click says that Paint Rock runs about six basic offensive sets and that his teams success this year comes from team effort. He said that he does not have a star that he will go to in a particular situation and that he does not have any speed or size to speak of.

The coach also added that it had been 10 years since they had made it to the playoffs and that

they had never had a perfect season before. He said the Gorillas were awful fast and awful tough and "our kids will have a hard time just trying to catch some of those Trent boys."

Coach Campbell at Trent told the Mail that the Gorillas would pay close attention to Paint Rock's tandem of runners.

He said it has been three years since Trent had made it to the playoffs and they lost their bi-district game that year. He said the players that are juniors and senior now have been looking forward to getting into the playoffs again.

He also added that the off week last week helped a few bruises heal. He also said he plans to start Lloyd Williams at wingback, Danny Freeman at quarterback, Herbert Beaver at tailback, Richard Beaver at right end, Eddie Adams at center and Gilbert Beaver at left end. On defense, he will go with Gilbert Beaver and Riley West at defensive ends, Richard Beaver, Herbert Beaver and Greg Beasley at defensive halfbacks and Danny Freeman at safety.

Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. at Gorilla Stadium. A downtown pep rally is also scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday.

Freman's hold open house for solar home

The Ronnie Freemans held an open house Saturday to unveil their home four and one half miles North of Trent.

The home is heated with a combination of solar heat and a fireplace designed to be used as a back-up system for the solar collectors as well as being cooled through solar power.

Freeman is head of the solar department at Sweetwater's Texas State Technical Institute and taught a course sponsored by Taylor Electric Cooperative on solar technology.

The home has 2150 square feet of living space and has 120 square feet of solar

collectors manufactured by Solar Research. The units use Freon to transfer heat and can store 100 gallons of solar heated water in its tanks.

The home also features appliances and lighting fixtures that are manufactured to be energy efficient.

In a welcoming card printed by the Freemans, they said the home is the first of its kind in the United States.

The open house attracted tele vision attention from Abilene and the open house drew well-wishers and persons interested in solar energy from across the Big Country.

FFA competes

By Leslie Masonheimer Six members of the Trent FFA participated in the FFA contest held at Cooper High in Abilene on November 15.

The radio team consisted of Lloyd Williams, Todd Richardson, and Carlos Garza.

Matt Jackson, James Freeman, and Leslie Masonheimer took the

FFA Greenhand Quiz. The results of these contests will be printed next week.

The Trent FFA completed their fruit sales. Eddie Adams was the top salesman. He received a \$30 gift certificate. The fruit orders will arrive around the second week of December.

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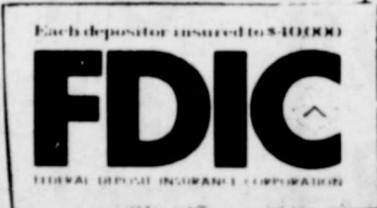
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The Mail was not able to obtain the scores from Tuesday's basketball games, but, we do know that the boys and girls junior varsity's were defeated, the boys varsity lost by ten and the girls beat Hamlin, handily.

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, November 22, 1979...Merkel, Texas

15 cents

A Merchants Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Nov. 27th beginning at noon at the Lions Club Building here. The dinner is being planned by members of various civic and social organizations to say thanks to Merkel merchants for their support in various fund raising efforts.



Junior Varsity quarterback Sammy Tumlinson heads upfield against the Wylie Junior Varsity last Thursday at Badger Stadium. They lost a close

contest, as more than half of their games were decided by less than five points. (Staff photo by Royce Fowler)

Badger sports future looks bright

by Cloy A. Richards

The Christmas season officially has opened. It used to be considered bad form to advertise Christmas until after Thanksgiving was over but advertising folks changed that a few years ago.

You have already started seeing Santa on television and will continue to do so for quite a while.

The holiday we now have our thoughts on is Thanksgiving. It is an appropriate time of the year to reflect on the events of your life over the past year and to give thanks for the good times and to ask for strength to get you through the bad.

Of course, it also means deer season, quail season, playoff season in football, the beginning of basketball, and this year, the Texas shoot-out matching Houston and Dallas.

If you are traveling during the weekend, use extreme caution because the highways will be loaded this weekend.

The girls started the basketball season on the right foot Saturday as the junior varsity and the varsity pounded out wins over Abilene High School. Norma Frazier led the varsity with 22 points against the Eagles as the girls won by 15.

If you have not had the opportunity to catch the girls basketball team, do so at their next game. Their schedule is printed weekly in the Mail and the girls should be one of the strongest teams in 2-A basketball.

New coach Jan Averitt has the girls in good form as they continue to play a swarming defense that causes turnovers and forces the opponents to take bad shots. The Badgers did not shoot as well as they will in their first contest but that kind of thing can be expected when you are playing your first game.

The Badger football team just finished their season Friday against Abilene Wylie. It was a long, sad season for the Badgers as they finished 0-10 on the year but there are some bright sides to look at in Badger football. Next year they will be competing against smaller schools and that should help the program as well as some talent upcoming from junior varsity.

The Badgers will return 13 from this year's team and have a very good place-kicker in Keith Beddingfield coming up. Beddingfield is a freshman placekicker that has a live leg. He gave Badger fans a preview of things to come Friday as he just missed

a 31 yard attempt that had plenty of length Friday and sailed wide right. He told me on the sidelines that he has hit from 47 in practice. A kicker with that kind of talent as a freshman could create quite a name for Merkel High and for himself.

The Badgers will also be returning James Turner who has to be the best linebacker in the district and former Badger head coach Jerry McLeod said Turner is as good a linebacker as you will find. Quarterback Bart Pursley will also return as will fullback Buster Brown. Pursley was a much improved quarterback this year as he worked on his throwing. He is also a good runner and return man on kicks. Brown just came into his own this year as a fullback and has shown he can also catch a ball. Brown is a good linebacker and makes tackles all over the field.

Randy Martin will also return and his speed at flanker could prove dangerous next year. The challenge that is easily visible will be to rebuild an offensive and defensive front line. O.C. McKeenan and Ricky Mathewson will be the only returning starters at interior line positions.

While we are on that, the turn-out for the Badger Boys basketball has been good so far. The varsity will have at least 11 seniors trying out for the team and a good crop of juniors. After Friday's football game, basketball practice was held twice Saturday, twice Monday and once early Tuesday preparing for their season opener on Tuesday.

The Mail would like to congratulate the Farmers and Merchants National Bank on their 75th anniversary in Merkel. The Mail was to do a feature this week on the bank's anniversary and its contributions to the growth of the area but the editor had a three day virus late last week and was unable to prepare the story. Watch next week's paper.

The Chamber of Commerce has announced December 8th as the date of the Christmas Parade. The Parade will be run, as in the past, with trophies for floats and best decorated bicycles and the Miss Merry Christmas winners will be presented.

Most local merchants will be planning specials for Christmas shopping during that time.

Board hears management report

Merkel school board members were treated to a calm session Tuesday as the board tackled a lengthy agenda that was highlighted by a glowing personnel and financial management reports.

Trustees heard from Jerry Crisp, an auditor with Conley and Company, the firm that has the contract for the school's financial record keeping. Crisp presented the 1978 financial audit to the board and he said there was no comparison with this annual audit than previous ones. Crisp said the school was to be commended for their efforts in cleaning up their record keeping and said the Texas Education Agency would find it hard to say bad things about the school's financial records. He said the improvement in the past year alone was phenomenal.

Merkel ISD Superintendent Dr. Raymond Etheridge told the board he had also had the school's personnel records audited by TEA and said they also gave the school a glowing report on those records. He said things included on those records are pay, academic certifications, federal criteria. Etheridge said he was pleased with the outcome of that audit.

Charles Harper, the school's architect told the board of new completion dates promised by the contractor for the Middle School Gym, Multi-Purpose room and Ag Shop. Harper said the contractors said the facilities would be ready by Jan 1st. He added that they had a lot of work to do in six weeks and also said that he would be able to tell if they were going to make that deadline within the next 15 days.

The board also learned that a new state formula

calls for an increase in adult meal prices. State regulations now require the school to charge 34 cents more than the highest price of a student lunch. New adult lunch prices were set at 95 cents.

After discussion, the board directed Dr. Etheridge to write a policy concerning trips taken by students, regardless of nature of the trip. The direction came after the board learned that Mike Baskerville, the school attorney informed the board that Merkel ISD has no policy concerning senior trips.

Dr. Etheridge told the board that he and High School Principal Allen Merritt had met with Senior Class officers concerning a senior trip. Etheridge said that both he and Merritt are opposed to an over-night senior trip but agree to a Senior Day. Etheridge said the class officers also liked the idea of a senior day.

After discussion, Etheridge said "I think the board should direct me to write a policy, not only for senior trips, but for all trips taken by Merkel ISD students that are school-related."

The superintendent also said that his disapproval of a senior trip was the administration's disapproval, not the board's.

The board hired a new biology teacher, Susanna Solchik, as well as a HECE teacher, Lisa McCain and a third grade teacher, Andrea Fox.

They accepted the resignations of Sharon Nichols at the end of the year, Mary Grimes at mid term, and re-accepted Gary Bartee's resignation, because two resignation documents had been delivered.

Gins report 9,581 bales ginned

Merkel area gins have processed 9,581 bales as of Monday afternoon and are rapidly closing in on the 1977 record cotton harvest figures.

Planter's Gin in Trent is running around the clock and has already ginned 4,700 bales and they have 800 bales in the yard waiting to be ginned. Red Shafer, gin manager also told the Mail that about 3,000 bales are formed in modules and are waiting in fields.

Shafer said that about 50 per cent of the cotton in the Trent area was stripped and that cotton grades are still holding up well, mostly in the middling class with a few in the strict.

He also said that this year's harvest "Has had better overall quality, volume and there may not be another crop like it for years." He added that the gin would surpass its one season ginning record 1 sometime this week with quite a bit of cotton left to gin.

Stith Gin has ginned just over 2,000 bales according to new gin manager Finley Barnett. Barnett told the Mail that they had about 200 bales in the yard and about 4,000 bales waiting in modules on the farm. Barnett said the grade cards are coming in good and he estimates 50 per cent of the crop is stripped. He

said that the gin may be one-third finished ginning for the year. He said that he likes working with the module because it will allow gin to process all of a man's cotton at one time, relieving the problem of scraps as well as the modules are easier for the farmer to manage. He said that Stith Gin was currently searching for a yard trailer to handle modules.

A bookkeeper at the Merkel Co-Op Gin said they had managed to gin 1681 bales and that the gin is on an around the clock schedule. They estimated between 3 and 400 bales to be ginned in the yard and said they did not have any idea of how much cotton was in modules waiting on them. They also reported receiving their first grade cards of the season recently.

Kenneth Link at the Link Gin in Noodle told the Mail Monday that they would have the yard clean Monday. He said they had ginned 1,200 bales so far and felt sure they would receive more cotton as soon as the word got out that their yard was clean. He also said they knew of no modules waiting on them in the fields. He also reported receiving their first batch of grade cards and that most were graded in the middling category.

According to figures released by the four local gins, 9,581 bales had been ginned so far with an estimated 8,400 bales stripped and either sitting in trailers in the gin yards or formed into modules and waiting in the fields.

Roof repaired on youth center

Norma Frazier's 22 points led the Merkel girls to a 49-34 season open win over the Abilene High Eagles.

The girls also ran off a 15-2 lead in the first quarter.

Behind Frazier's 22 points, the other post player, Nancy Click got 10 points, Gwen Tarpley added 9, Kay Amerine had 4, Becky Watts and Jackie Casey each got two points.

The Badgers shot poorly from the floor in the first half hitting 30

percent of their shots and hitting 48 percent in the second half. They did shoot well from the free throw line, hitting 68 percent of their shots.

Head Coach Jan Averitt said she was pleased and disappointed at their first effort. She said they would work on the outlet pass, and defense in preparation for Tuesday's game against Hamlin.

The Badger junior varsity also managed an overtime win against the Eagles.

Frazier leads girls past Abilene High

The Merkel Youth Center finally has a new roof, thanks to the efforts of a few local ladies and citizens that donated money.

The Youth Center began asking for funds to repair holes in the roof that kept the center from being open last summer.

The Center raises \$700 for the roof and the balance, \$700 was paid for by the Community

Action Program in Abilene.

Ruby Shipman, Estelle Carson, Mrs. Leon Harris and Syble Riney all helped during the fund-raising effort for the center and many local businesses and residents, as well as former Merkel residents contributed to the fund raising effort. A roofing crew from Abilene finished the roof repairs last week.



Norma Frazier goes up for two of her 22 points in their season opening win over Abilene High School. Frazier led the team to a 15-2 advantage in the first quarter, played flatly the second quarter, then finished strong to nail down a 49-34 win. (Staff photo)



(Left to right) Taresia English, Mike Pape and Jan Melton won the Big Country District FFA radio competition. They competed in area competition in Stephenville Tuesday. (Staff photo)

Garden club

The Merkel Garden Club met November 15 at the Big Country Inn. The Club members voted to participate in the Merchants Appreciation Dinner.

Leslie and Dee Dee Masonheimer presented a program on 4-H, a youth development program. They talked about their various projects such as cooking and sewing, and the care and training of lambs, horses and pigs. They entered shows and got various awards. These projects take much time and effort. Record books are kept, and are judged and awarded ribbons.

Leaders and parents encourage 4-Hers to work toward scholarships. The girls believe that 4-H provides an opportunity for youth in the future.

Refreshments were served to Georgia Allday, Peggy Black, Faye Brown, Lola Cox, Jewell Criswell, Linnie Fisher, Ora Griggs, Mary Grimes, Alice King, Verdine Patterson, Ogia Peachy, Mary Russom, Jessie Shannon, Mary Sadler, Leota Sherrill, Louise Sudderth, Merle Thompson, and visitors Nelda Masonheimer, Leslie Masonheimer, and Dee Dee Masonheimer.

Mulberry 4-H meets

By Dee Dee Masonheimer

Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club met Monday, November 12 at their club house.

Luci Masonheimer led the 4-H Pledge and prayer. Jackie Swinney led the American Pledge.

Michael Boyd gave a report on the County skating party. Sheila Swinney gave a report on her trip to the State Fair in Dallas. She showed her lambs. She did real well. Congratulations, Sheila. Sheila

was also elected to serve as the club's secretary.

Ronnie Freeman of Trent gave the program on solar energy. He showed slides and presented a very interesting program. We all enjoyed it.

We had three guests, Mrs. Alice King and two assistant county agents, Fred Schlutt and Alfred Bunting.

We also had one new member, Tracie Russell.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas party.

Study club meets

Mrs. S.C. Dixon was hostess for the Dec. 13 meeting of The Fortnightly Study Club at the Big Country Inn.

Mrs. Carl Hughes presented a 1935-36 year book to the club historian that formerly belonged to Mrs. Roger Burgess.

"Homespun Christmas Favorites" was the theme of the program brought by W.T.U. Home-Economist Carla Holloway. She gave each one a cook-book to use as we followed her presentations, beginning with a beautiful holiday table cloth on to cakes, candies, cookies, breads and etc. to making Christmas decorations. She presented some very unique ideas on

how to package gifts of food for Christmas giving.

Members present were Mrs. C.M. Brown, Miss Mary Collins, Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. W.R. Cypert, Miss Avis Deavers, Mrs. S.C. Dixon, Mrs. Bryan Duniagan, Mrs. Charles Eager, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Miss Mildred Hamm, Mrs. J.W. Hammond, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Buster Horton, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. C.B. Knight, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, Miss Maurine White, Mrs. Alf Walls, Mrs. Ray Wilson, and honorary members, Mrs. Allen Forbis and Mrs. Lynnward Harrison.

Mail local events calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			21 Thanksgiving Service First Baptist Church 7 p.m.	22 THANKSGIVING DAY	23 Pop Rally Trent 2:00 Lone Star Circuit Finals Style Show & Luncheon 1 p.m. - King Inn	24
25	26 College Night Abilene High 8 p.m.	27 Merchants Appreciation Dinner	28	29 Pagan Show Stravigne Mall Nov. 29 & 30	30 City Council Meeting 7 a.m.	
DECEMBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Student Council Spaghetti Supper 4:30 - 7:30 School Cafeteria	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15

FFA teams place in district meet

Our chapter participated in the Big Country District Leadership Contests last week. We had six teams representing our school, and we feel they did an outstanding job. The team results were as follows: Radio Team: 1st place (Jan Melton, Taresia English, Mike Pape) Junior Skills Team: 4th place (Jeff Scott, Jimmy Leonard, Sammy Tulimson) Senior Chapter Conducting: 5th (Mark Bland, Kelly Knight, Ann Melton, Dusty Barnhill, Cary Metts,

David Wilkerson, Lisa Allen, Gayle Irvin, Michelle Brown, Willy Townsend) Greenhand Chapter Conducting Team: 7th place (Tim Brady, Chris Mashburn, Debra Cary, Lorne Sloan, Mark Turner, Amye Amerine, Buster Brown, Todd Davis). Senior Skills Team: 7th place (Jerry Goode, Todd Gregory, Joel Huggins). Greenhand Quiz: 8th place (Roy Johnson, Eddie Harris, Greg Arnwine, Mike Hagar)

This week we salute the Shannon Side Apart-

ments. For the past two years, Mr. Bob Reynolds and Mr. Arthur Stone of Reynolds and Stone Associates, owners of the housing complex, have made substantial contributions to the Merkel FFA in memory of Mr. John Shannon. Mr. Shannon was extremely interested in the youth of the Merkel area for many years.

On behalf of all the Merkel FFA members and their parents we would like to pause and say, "Thank you".

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the least and does the most is just a pleasant smile. Have a nice day. See ya next week with more AG news.

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Lee Edward Rogers

MERKEL - Lee Edward Rogers, 95, of Trent died at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Mercy Hospital in Slaton. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Trent Baptist Church.

The Rev. Rudy Fambrough, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Trent Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 21, 1884, in Texas, he had farmed in

the Trent area since he was 18 years old. He was a Baptist. He married Mary Etta Young Nov. 13, 1910, in Hastings, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Rogers died Oct. 5, 1966.

Survivors include two sons, Edward of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Huey of San Bernardino, Calif., and a daughter, Mrs. Ansil (Velma) O'Neal of Slaton, eight grandchildren, and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Marion Leslie Paynes

TRENT - Marion Leslie Paynes, 89, of Trent died at 10:40 a.m. Saturday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a lengthy illness. Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Trent Baptist Church.

The Rev. Wayne Oglesby, Baptist minister of San Angelo, will officiate, assisted by Sherman Driggers. Burial will be in Trent Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel.

Born Feb. 25, 1890, in Oklahoma, he had moved to Jones County in a

covered wagon when he was six. He moved to Trent in 1949, where he operated a service station until his retirement. He married Clara Caffey Dec. 19, 1909, in Anson. He was a Baptist. He was a member of the Oddfellows.

Survivors include his wife; a son, R.O. of Trent; two daughters, Mrs. George (Faye) Byrom of Trent and Mrs. Clifford (Mosell) Talbot of Abilene; a sister, Bessie Jackson of Merkel; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Obituaries

James Tipston

MERKEL - Services for James Walter Tipston, 86, of Hot Springs and formerly of Merkel, who died Sunday in Hot Springs, will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be L.S. Tipton, Edger Tipton, Stanley Toombs, Tommy Biltz, Ford Smith, Jr. and R.L. Bland.

Albert Chancey

MERKEL - Albert Lee Chancey, 64, of Merkel died at 2:20 p.m. Sunday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene following a lengthy illness. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Merkel Church of Christ.

Larry Gill, minister, will officiate. Burial will be in Stith, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 20, 1915, in Jones County, he was a lifelong resident of the Merkel area. He was a member of the Merkel

Volunteer Fire Department. He was a deacon in Merkel Church of Christ. He retired from Montgomery Ward in May. He married Aleda Goodman Sept. 4, 1937, in Baird.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Jack of Newton and Ron of Lubbock; five brothers, Jeff, Ed and H.R. Jr., all of Abilene, Clyde of Merkel and Paul of Oklahoma City; two sisters, Oma Reese of Seagoville and Judy Jennings of Abilene; his mother, Elizabeth Chancey of Merkel; and four grandchildren.

A daughter, Judy, died in 1945.

Honorary pallbearers will be Otis Foster, Manny Reamy, Vessie Justice, Frank Breaux, Lewis Carter, Beauford Allen, and Tom Fox.

Irl Walker

MERKEL - Irl Walker, 74, of Merkel died at 2 a.m., Oct. 30 at Hendrick Medical Center after a brief illness.

Services were held at First Baptist Church.

Rev. Kenneth Jones, Pastor, officiated. Mr. Walker was buried at Rose Hill Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home Directing.

Born Aug. 31, 1905, in Copperas Cove, he moved to Merkel in 1920. He farmed and in recent years operated a service station.

Mr. Walker was a deacon in the Baptist Church. He worked part-time for the Merkel school district for 27 years. He was a charter member of Merkel Senior Citizens Club. He married Annie Reeves Jan. 6, 1927, in Abilene.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Dr. Geston Walker of Hurst and Dr. Jimmy Walker of El Paso; a daughter, Irlene Brown of Liberty Hill; two brothers, Burl Walker of Lampasas and Mack Walker of Abilene; a sister, Annie Abbott of Ruidosa, N.M.; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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Boone receives county award

Jack Boone was named the Outstanding Extension Farm Cooperator for 1979. The award was made at an Extension Information and Appreciation Luncheon, Tuesday, November 13, in the Extension Meeting Room.

Mr. Boone is a farmer and active leader in the Merkel area. For the past three years he has conducted cotton variety demonstrations in cooperation with the Extension Crops Committee.

Board, and has served as assistant swine superintendent for the Abilene Area Livestock Show for the past several years.

He and his wife, Mary, have four children; three daughters, Gale Strickland of Bronte, Christi at Texas Tech University at Lubbock, and Cindy at Texas Tech University at Lubbock, and Cindy at Western Texas College at Snyder, and one son, Galen of Merkel.

In addition to raising cotton, Mr. Boone also produces wheat, and grain sorghum, and raises cattle.

He is a member of the Sun Water Cooperation

Legal notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Carey Jones

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 Taylor County Child Welfare Unit, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 8th day of November, 1979, against Carey Jones, and said suit being numbered 3200-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Loraine Johnson, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate Parental Rights. Said child was born the 24th day of September, 1979, in Abilene, Taylor

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

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 9th day of November, 1979. Irene Crawford Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Johnnie Woodard, Deputy. 40-1tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Pamela Ann Sweat

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 Donnie Paul Sweat, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 28th day of September, 1979, against Pamela Ann Sweat, and said suit being numbered 3043-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Donnie Paul Sweat and Pamela Ann Sweat", the nature of

which suit is a request to Obtain a Divorce. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 13th day of November, 1979. Irene Crawford, District Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Deputy. 40-1tc



J.H. (Hugh) and Mary Paint Creek at Lake Wimberly display part of Stamford. Mrs. Wimberly their 58 pound catch said the crappie were taken at Dick's Dock on "just biting that day."

Stith-Goodman meet

The Stith Extension Homemakers Club was hostess to the Comper and Goodman Clubs in the Stith Community Center November 14, 1979.

Mashburn gave an interesting report on the TEHA convention they attended in Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Dickerson, President presided over the business meeting. Mrs. Vernon Hudson called the roll. A devotion was given and the opening prayer worded by Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Roy Mashburn directed two games. Mrs. Clyde Mims read a poem.

Mrs. Mashburn stated club work has an opportunity to grow. The Key to Membership is YOU. Make your programs interesting for both young and old.

Mrs. Hunter gave the details of the trip and the day's activities. Refreshments were served to eight members from Comper, five from Goodman, and ten from Stith.

Xi Nu Chi meeting

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Blanch Hewitt Tuesday night. The program for the evening was given by Anita Allen on the Far East.

Committee chairmen each gave reports and the city council report was discussed. Ginny Yaddow was

elected to represent Xi Nu Chi's sweetheart in Abilene in February. The following members were served refreshments: Pat Neff, Ginny Yaddow, Bobby Mansfield, Kathy Leveich, Mamie Steck, Liz Eager, Anita Allen, Connie Ybars, Jocille Brady, ouise DuBose and Connie Harris.

Livestock show

The Merkel Livestock Show will be held Saturday, December 29th beginning at 10:00 a.m. All stock will be in the pens on December 28th, excluding steers, rabbits and broilers. Approximately 150 head will be shown, which will include lambs, barrows, rabbits, broilers and steers.

L.J. Gray will serve as Announcer. Superintendent of the steer class will be R. Lee Brown with Buster Brown serving as student assistant superintendent.

Superintendent of the lambs will be Jerry Gibson, with assisting students Jan Melton and Mike Pape. Superintendents of the swine department will be George

English, Jerry Goode and Harold Bails, with students assisting, Mark Bland, Mike Jordon, and Darla Gartman. Superintendent of the Poultry show will be L.J. Gray, with students assisting, Jimmy Leonard and Donald Tutt. The rabbit superintendent will be Wyman Wilkerson, with students assisting, David Wilkerson, Debra Cary and Tim Brady.

Officers that were elected for the coming year are as follows: President-Larry Johnson, Secretary-Beverley Johnson, Treasurer-Benny Melton.

All entries to the Merkel Livestock Show should be given to Billy Riley or J.T. Naron by Friday, December 21st.

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Card of Thanks

A NOTE OF THANKS to all of our friends. You have helped make the passing of a loved one less of a burden. With your caring and kindness, you have given us a feeling of being very special. May God keep each of you safe in his heart. Martha Sue and Larry Justice. 40-1tc

TO ALL YOU lovely people- We thank you for your kind expressions of love and for making our mother's 100th birthday such a happy occasion. The Mathews Children. 40-1tp

WE WISH TO express our deepest appreciation to everyone for their prayers, food, flowers and personal visits during the recent illness and loss of our loved one, Loessa Smith. Our special thanks to Brother Larry Gill and the Merkel Church of Christ for their many acts of thoughtfulness during this time. May God bless each of you. Mary Simpson Barr, Jim Smith and Family. 40-1tp

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NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE OF REAL PROPERTY 1. By virtue of an execution issued out of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in that court on July 16, 1979, in favor of Frank White, individually and d-b-a White Well Service and against JLH Corporation, in Cause No. 36,087-A, styled Frank White v. JLH Corporation, on the docket of the court, on November 1st, 1979, I levied upon the real property situated in Taylor County, Texas, described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof the property of JLH Corporation. 2. On December 4, 1979, which is the first Tuesday of the month, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m. at the courthouse door of Taylor County, Texas, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest in and to the working interest in and to the working interest or leasehold estate of JLH Corporation in and to the described property. Dated on 1st day of November, 1979. JACK LANDRUM, SHERIFF Taylor County, Texas By: Eddie Swanson Deputy EXHIBIT "A" The entire working interest or leasehold estate which was vested in JLH CORPORATION, THE ORIGINAL Lessee, under and by virtue of the following Oil, Gas and Mineral leases covering lands located in Taylor County, Texas, to-wit: Lease executed by Ruby Jones, as Lessor, under date of April 16, 1979, duly recorded in Volume 1120, page 724, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, covering the West one-half (W 1/2) of the Northwest quarter (NW 1/4), Section 7, Block 3, S.P.R.R. Company Survey; Lease executed by Mary Elizabeth Allyn and husband, Fred Allyn, et al, as Lessor, under date of April 16, 1979, duly recorded in Volume 1120, page 726, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, covering the Northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 8, Block 3, S.P.R.R. Company Survey, SAVE AND EXCEPT 15 acres described as beginning at the southeast corner going north 474 yards and west 153 yards, containing 15 acres belonging to James A. Watson, the above tract comprising some 145 acres, more or less; Lease executed by Mary Elizabeth Allyn and husband, Fred Allyn, et al, as Lessor, under date of April 16, 1979, duly recorded in Volume 1120, page 729, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, covering the East one-half (E 1/2) of the Northwest quarter (NW 1/4), Section 7, Block 3, S.P.R.R. Company Survey; Lease executed by Myrle E. Greathouse and wife, Marcella Greathouse, as Lessor, under date of January, 1979, duly recorded in Volume 1120, page 732, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, covering 51,517 acres out of and being a part of the Samuel Andrews Survey 117 as described therein; Lease executed by Frances Galloway, Independent Executor of the Estate of Ray L. Galloway, under date of January, 1979, duly recorded in Volume 1120, page 737, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, covering some 51,555 acres out of and being a part of the Samuel Andrews Survey 117, as described therein. Reference to each above lease and record thereof being here made for a more complete description.

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Mrs. R.H. Mathews (right) was honored with a celebration at Merkel's First Baptist Church Friday. A surprise visitor, Carrie Williford of Dallas also attended the celebration.

100th birthday celebrated here

A reception honored Mrs. R.H. Mathews Friday afternoon at the First Baptist Church, Merkel, Texas, with friends and relatives expressing love and good wishes on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Adding to the festivity was the surprise arrival of her sister, Mrs. Carrie Williford of Dallas, Texas, who will be 103 on her next birthday in February.

Hosting the party were her children, Mrs. Era Blair of Santa Rosa, Calif., Colonel and Mrs. Frank H. Mathews, Richardson, Texas, Mrs. Lillian Mathews, Abilene, Mrs. Wm. R. Reeves, Phoenix, Arizona, and Mrs. Noel D. Addy, Tucson, Arizona.

Greeting the guests was Mrs. Lillian Mathews and presiding at the Guest Book were Mrs. Henry Speaks and Mrs. James D. Harper of Phoenix, Ariz. Mrs. Buddy Walters, Mrs. Frank Mathews, Mrs. Jerrell Stallo of Winfield, Kansas, and Mrs. Larry Kline of Woodbridge, Va. served cake

and punch from a lovely appointed table centered by a bouquet of bronze mums and daisies, flanked by crystal candleabra.

A program of Mrs. Mathews special requests was presented, including a greeting by Era, scriptures read by Frank, song by Thelma and Pearl accompanied by Mrs. Comer Haynes.

A "MONEY TREE", SPONSORED BY Mrs. J.W. Hammond, was prominent on the gift table, along with many gifts and remembrances including baskets of cut flowers and pot plants.

Out of town guests were Roy Mathews of Sunnyvale, Calif., Lt. Mike Addy, Enid Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Page Baxendale, Strawn, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Malone of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Veach of Dallas, Mrs. Opal Jones of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Harper of Phoenix, Arizona, John Mars of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Blair, Lawton, Oklahoma, John Blair of Rockport, and Jim Pleasant of Clyde.

Radio team places first

The Merkel FFA Radio Team placed first at the Big Country District Parliamentary Procedure Contest last Thursday at Abilene Cooper High School. The team members were: Jan Melton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Melton; Taresia English, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. George English; and Mike Pape, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Pape.

In the radio contest a script is written concerning some phase of the FFA. A team of three members will present this to a panel of

judges. After hearing only their voices, they are judged on diction, tone, and content.

On Tuesday, November 20th, the team will travel to Tarleton State University in Stephenville where they will compete in the Area IV Leadership Contest.

MHS student council spaghetti supper set for December 7th

The Merkel High Student Council has planned a spaghetti supper for Dec. 7th from 4:30 until 7:30 at the school cafeteria.

Council members are raising money to have

the Badger emblem placed in the floor of the new high school and other council activities.

Cost for the supper is \$2.50 and \$1.50 for children younger than fifth grade.

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Merkel Badgers 1979-80 Basketball Schedule

Date	School	Place	Teams	Time
Nov. 17	Abilene High	Here	G-B, G-A	6:30
Nov. 20	Hamlin	Here	B-ABB, G-ABB	4:00
Nov. 27	Sweetwater	Here	B-ABB, G-ABB	4:00
29, 30, 1	Anson Tourn.	There	B-A, G-A	
29, 30, 1	Winters Tourn.	There	B-B, G-B	
Dec. 4	Hamlin	There	B-ABB, G-ABB	4:00
6, 7, 8	Merkel Tourn.			6:30
Dec. 11	Winters	There	G-ABB	6:30
Dec. 13	Ballinger	Here	G-ABB	6:30
13, 14, 15	Roscoe tourn.	There	B-A	
Dec. 18	Stamford	There	B-ABB, G-ABB	4:00
Dec. 20	Abilene Christian Tourn.		Varsity Girls	
21, 22	Anson (Jr) Tourn.	There	B-B, G-B	
Jan. 3, 4, 5	Coahoma	Here	B-A, G-ABB	5:00
Jan. 8	C-City	Here	B-ABB, G-ABB	4:00
Jan. 11	Wylie	There	B-ABB, G-ABB	4:00
Jan. 15	Anson	Here	B-ABB, G-ABB	4:00
Jan. 18	Winters	Here	B-ABB, G-ABB	4:00
Jan. 22	Ballinger	There	B-ABB, G-ABB	4:00
Jan. 25	Stamford	Here	B-ABB, G-ABB	5:00
Jan. 29	Coahoma	There	B-ABB, G-ABB	4:00
Feb. 1	C-City	There	B-ABB, G-ABB	4:00
Feb. 5	Wylie	Here	B-ABB, G-ABB	4:00
Feb. 8	Anson	There	B-ABB, G-ABB	4:00
Feb. 12	Winters	There	B-ABB	6:30
Feb. 15	Ballinger	Here	B-ABB	6:00

TRENT HIGH SCHOOL AND JR. HIGH 1979-80 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place	Teams	Time
Tues. Nov. 6	Ira	Here	G (HS&JH)	6:00
Tues. Nov. 13	Jayton	There	G (HS&JH)	6:30
Mon. Nov. 19	Divide	Here	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Nov. 20	McCaulley	Here	B&G (HS&JH)	5:30
Tues. Nov. 27	Hobbs	Here	B&G (HS)	6:30
Thurs-Sat. Nov. 29-Dec. 1	Trent Tourn.	Here	(HS)	
Mon. Dec. 3	Divide	There	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Dec. 4	Hobbs	There	B&G (HS)	6:30
Fri. Dec. 7	OPEN			
Tues. Dec. 11	Jayton	Here	B&G (HS)	6:30
Thurs-Sat. Dec. 13-15	Roscoe Tourn.	There	(HS)	
Tues. Dec. 18	McCaulley	There	B&G (HS)	6:30
Thurs-Sat. Dec. 27-29	Jayton Tourn.	There	(HS)	
Fri. Jan. 4	Highland	There	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Jan. 7	Blackwell	There	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Jan. 8	Bronte	There	B&G (HS)	6:30
Fri. Jan. 11	Robert Lee	Here	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Jan. 14	Wingate	There	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Jan. 15	Highland	Here	B&G (JH)	6:30
Jan. 17-19	Blackwell Tourn.	There	B&G (HS)	?
Fri. Jan. 18	Divide	There	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Jan. 21	Divide	There	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Jan. 22	Blackwell	Here	B&G (HS)	6:30
Jan. 24-26	Highland tourn.	There	B&G (JH)	?
Fri. Jan. 25	Bronte	Here	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Jan. 28	Blackwell	Here	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Jan. 29	Robert Lee	There	B&G (HS)	6:30
Fri. Feb. 1	OPEN			
Mon. Feb. 4	Wingate	Here	B&G (JH)	6:30
Tues. Feb. 5	Divide	Here	B&G (HS)	6:30
Fri. Feb. 8	Blackwell	There	B&G (HS)	6:30
Mon. Feb. 11	Divide	Here	B&G (JH)	6:30
Unknown	Hobbs tourn.	There	B&G (JH)	?

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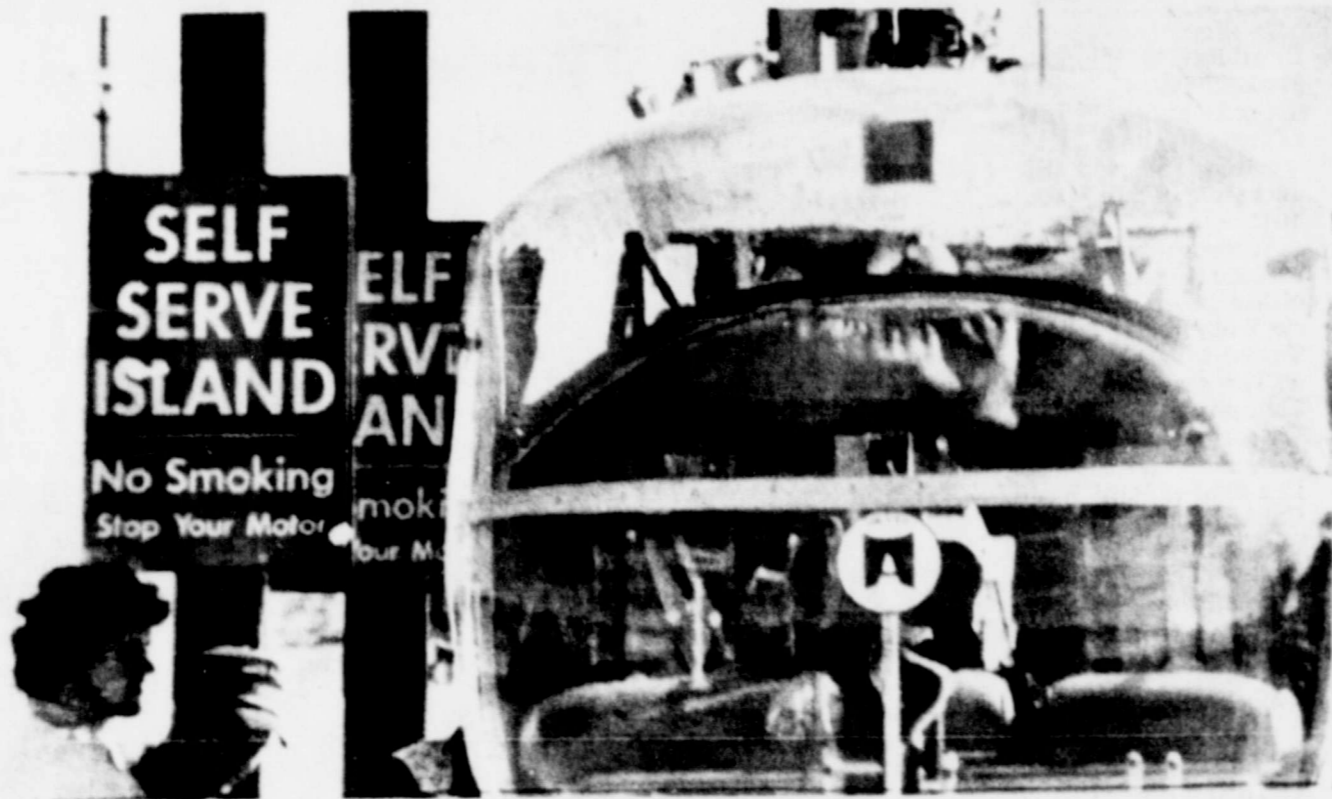
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The attendants are probably glad this guy didn't hover into the full service lane at the Tye Texaco station. Actually, the helicopter was being towed on a flatbed and the truck was getting the fill-up. (Staff photo)



SELF SERVE ISLAND
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Tye City Council meets

By Harold Boyd

Your City Council met in regular session on November 14 at the Tye Community Center. Some 20 interested citizens showed up to listen and see how our council persons conduct your city business. The following business was conducted. I will report only briefly what was discussed.

Representative from Milerman & Milerman Ins. Company presented a insurance plan for the city employees and their dependents. The cost will be paid for the city workers and the employees can insure their dependents at their cost. This has been discussed for several meetings and I feel in my opinion this is great to keep with other employers. As time continues, there will be other incentives and benefits that we must do for our faithful employees.

The Police Department reported that there were 75 charges in the month of October, 7 less than last year and our calls are down to approximately 15-20 calls a month. This speaks good of our community. The city will meet with the

county judge to set up a contract with the county jail to house prisoners. Officer Rzuicidlo will check into this and report to the city council next meeting. Your city court turned in a very good report, traffic violations were 81, 1 warrant was issued, 7 dismissals and turning in a report of over \$2000 paid into the city way of fines.

Jo Ann Moore turned in a financial report, showing the city in the black. The 3rd reading designating the Abilene Reporter News as the official publication for the City of Tye. The next item was on office equipment. The city is to purchase a computer type of machine that will take care of the billings of the water, sewer, and garbage. This machine will also be used or can be used for numerous other things in the future. Council approved the purchase of this machine in the sum of 3,000 dollars through revenue sharing funds. These funds must be used or they are withdrawn.

A motion was made to delete the provision of May 9th, 1978 reading to withdraw proposed sewer

line off of FM 707 that would only serve 5 to 7 families. This will save the city some 15,000 dollars or more with this deletion from the sewer lines.

The city has accepted an offer to have all scraps and junk to be hauled off from the maintenance yard at no cost to us. City to receive two thirds of the proceeds from the sale of said junk. Under the misc. part of the meeting, Mr. Leon Davis requested from the council to be exempt from Ordinance 79-14. The council voted to give him a variance from that ordinance. Council adjourned for the evening. This is a brief report, should you like to read the minutes of this meeting, they can be read at the city hall.

This Thursday, we here in the United States, celebrate a start of the holidays with

Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving should fill our mind with many things that we should give thanks for. What are they? In my eyes there are many blessings that we should give thanks to HIM for and be happy for the other many untold blessings that we have. For a few things. We don't have a man in uniform that is currently engaged in battle or conflict, this hasn't happened in the last 15 years. Remember Man. That we still are a country that is united and can still voice ourselves under the laws that our forefathers set up for us to live under. A country that is blessed with food, shelter and a pursuit of life and opportunity.

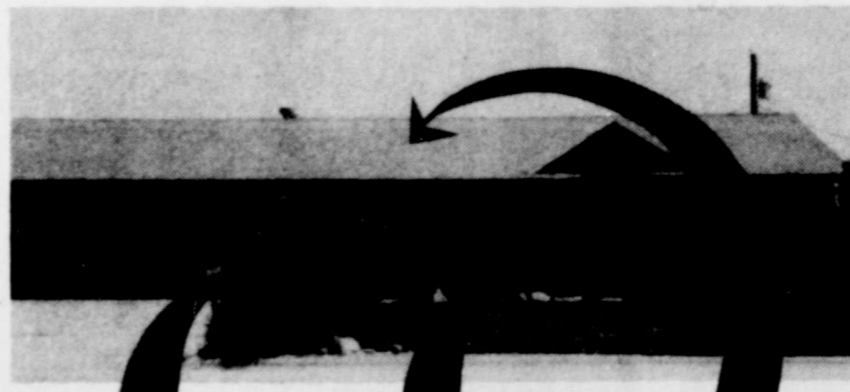
Regardless of inflation, and internal crisis that we have. Nothing is perfect, but as far as I am concerned, we still have the best country to live in. Yes, we do have some problems to overcome, but we shall overcome them if we stay united and believe in our pledge to our country. Yes, I am

thankful for these and many other blessings that we have and do not realize.

Not only this day give thanks, but for days ahead. I hope that everyone will take a few moments to think of all the wonderful things that we take for granted, do give Him thanks with all your heart and a prayer for those who are held captive in the far and middle East that they someday will come home safely. My prayer before the celebration of His birthday is that we all remain united and strive to conquer all the problems that now face us as a nation, when you get down, look around and be thankful that what you have is more than someone else in the world.

I hope that you Thanksgiving day is one of great fellowship and trust. God bless each and everyone this day, have a truly, heartfelt Thanksgiving from my home to yours. See you next week, and hope that no one becomes a "Turkey".....

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Gorillas face Paint Rock as playoffs begin here Friday

The Trent Gorillas won't be the only team putting a perfect record on the line Friday night as they face Paint Rock in the Six-Man Bi-District Championship in Trent Friday night.

Trent is sporting a 9-0 record and Paint Rock's record is just as impressive at 10-0. Both coaches, Bob Campbell of Trent and E. V. Click of Paint Rock, expressed concern over the other team's ability to score.

The teams met in a pre-season scrimmage but Click said he has seen Trent play three times and he says he

knows the Gorillas have a weakness his team can attack, troubles is, we can't find it Click adds.

On the other hand, Coach Campbell said he saw Paint Rock play last week and he says they have a couple of good runners.

Click says that Paint Rock runs about six basic offensive sets and that his teams success this year comes from team effort. He said that he does not have a star that he will go to in a particular situation and that he does not have any speed or size to speak of.

The coach also added that it had been 10 years since they had made it to the playoffs and that

they had never had a perfect season before. He said the Gorillas were awful fast and awful tough and "our kids will have a hard time just trying to catch some of those Trent boys."

Coach Campbell at Trent told the Mail that the Gorillas would pay close attention to Paint Rock's tandem of runners. He said it has been three years since Trent had made it to the playoffs and they lost their bi-district game that year. He said the players that are juniors and senior now have been looking forward to getting into the playoffs again.

He also added that the off week last week helped a few bruises heal. He also said he plans to start Lloyd Williams at wingback, Danny Freeman at quarterback, Herbert Beaver at tailback, Richard Beaver at right end, Eddie Adams at center and Gilbert Beaver at left end. On defense, he will go with Gilbert Beaver and Riley West at defensive ends, Richard Beaver, Herbert Beaver and Greg Beasley at defensive halfbacks and Danny Freeman at safety.

Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. at Gorilla Stadium. A downtown pep rally is also scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday.

Freman's hold open house for solar home

The Ronnie Freemans held an open house Saturday to unveil their home four and one half miles North of Trent.

The home is heated with a combination of solar heat and a fireplace designed to be used as a back-up system for the solar collectors as well as being cooled through solar power.

Freeman is head of the solar department at Sweetwater's Texas State Technical Institute and taught a course sponsored by Taylor Electric Cooperative on solar technology.

The home has 2150 square feet of living space and has 120 square feet of solar

collectors manufactured by Solar Research. The units use Freon to transfer heat and can store 100 gallons of solar heated water in its tanks.

The home also features appliances and lighting fixtures that are manufactured to be energy efficient.

In a welcoming card printed by the Freemans, they said the home is the first of its kind in the United States.

The open house attracted television attention from Abilene and the open house drew well-wishers and persons interested in solar energy from across the Big Country.

FFA competes

By Leslie Masonheimer Six members of the Trent FFA participated in the FFA contest held at Cooper High in Abilene on November 15.

The radio team consisted of Lloyd Williams, Todd Richardson, and Carlos Garza.

Matt Jackson, James Freeman, and Leslie Masonheimer took the

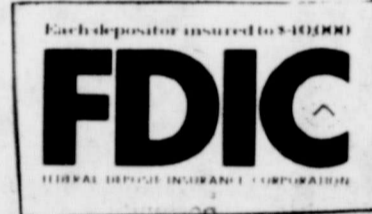
FFA Greenhand Quiz. The results of these contests will be printed next week.

The Trent FFA completed their fruit sales. Eddie Adams was the top salesman. He received a \$30 gift certificate. The fruit orders will arrive around the second week of December.

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