

The Merkel Mail

Thanksgiving Day, 1983...Merkel, Texas

Merkel High will host Super Brain bowl

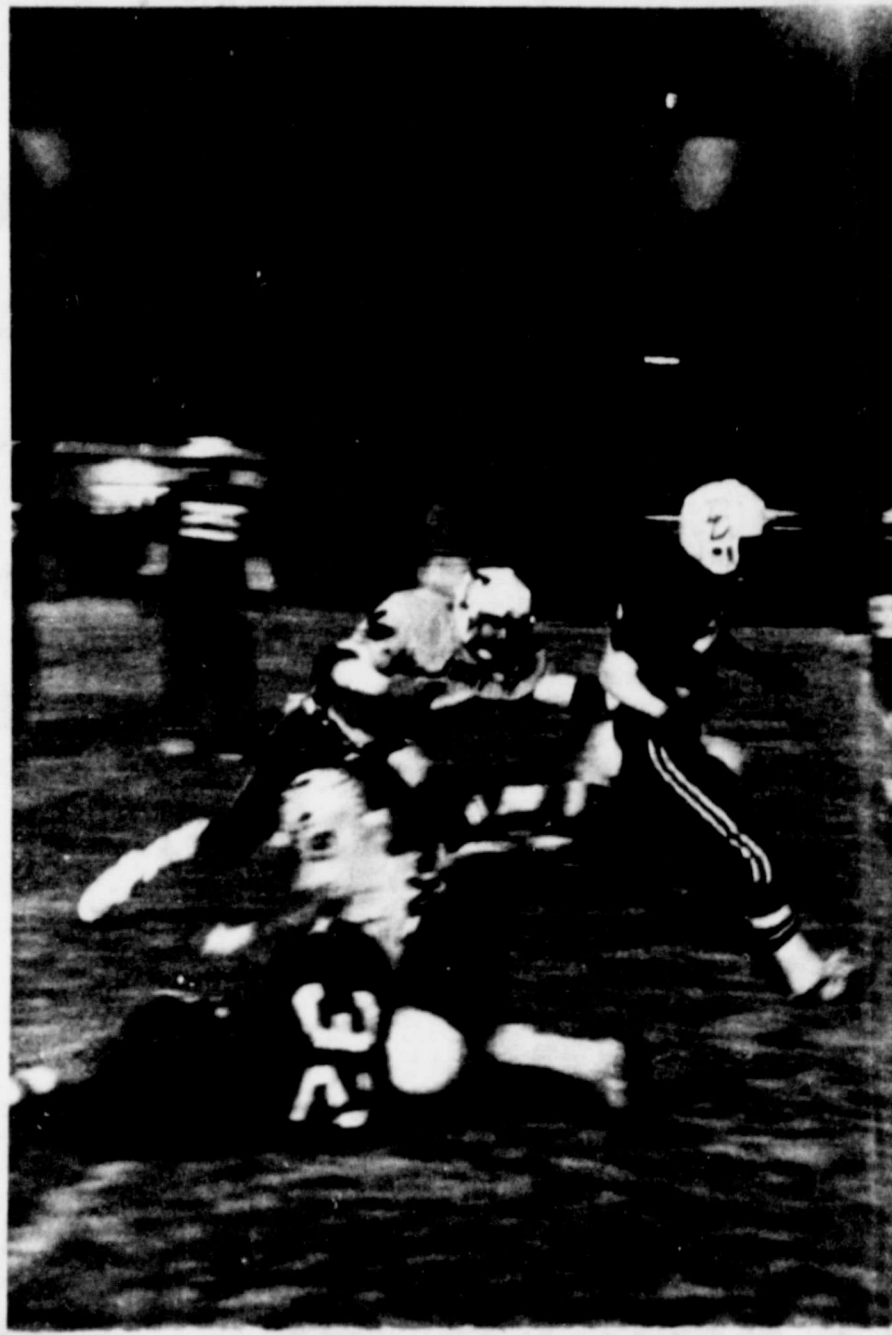
Merkel High will play host to "The Super Brain Bowl" Jan 21. Teams will be participating from at least Merkel, Trent, Breckenridge, Wylie and Hamlin.

Teams will represent each grade level in high school and the cost per team is \$75. Winners will receive plaques for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Also, Merkel High has initiated a new scholar's program. The program offers both honors and advanced placement classes. These classes are designed to challenge the top academic students and give them the opportunity to earn college credit while attending high school.

Students must meet several criteria before entering the scholar's program. The honor classes are available to freshmen and sophomores in the areas of English, math and science. The honors courses available to juniors and seniors include English, math and science also.

Acceptance as a freshman or sophomore does not guarantee progression through the scholar's program. Certain standards must be maintained in order to remain in the program.



Billy Williams stretches to get a hold on Dawson runner Arthur Hernandez. Hernandez had a big game leading his team to a 64-18 win. [Staff photo]

School board hears audit report; sets special meeting December 6

The Merkel school board heard a report on the school audit for the year and hired a junior high history teacher during their regular meeting held last Tuesday in the Merkel High Library.

The board also paid bills totaling \$62,517.90.

The history teacher was hired in middle school to take care of increased student population. MISD superintendent Bill Everett told *The Mail* Monday that work has already started on a new portable to be used as a

middle school classroom and said the district was kicking the idea around of moving sixth graders into the portables next year.

The board will be holding a special meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 6 with Charles Harper and Joe Smith.

Harper and his firm were hired in last month's board meeting to conduct a survey projecting student enrollment growth and that impact on existing MISD facilities. Smith will attend the meeting to advise

the district on its financial assets and liabilities.

In other news, Everett said that at least two classes of students from Merkel High would receive vocational training at TSTI-Sweetwater. He said enough students had pre-registered in computer programming and Auto mechanics.

Most of the two hour, ten minute meeting was taken up by a review of the district's financial audit, presented by Condeley and Company of Abilene.

68 students take CPR classes



David Glasscock was one of the Merkel High students that passed a CPR class offered at

Merkel High by the Merkel Emergency Medical Service. David is being tested by Ann

Wade of the service. [Staff photo]

Sixty-eight Merkel High students received CPR certification last week after two weeks of training. The health students of Mr.

Townsend, Mr. Smith and Mr. Tate were taught CPR by Merkel EMS PARAMEDIC Connie Harris, Ann Wade and EMT Jan Williams.

The students received instruction in CPR, obstructed airway management and signs and symptoms of heart attacks.

A doer is gone, bad movie, thanks, we will be closed, camera...more

by Cloy A. Richards

Merkel lost one of its best young friends Sunday morning with the death of Donnie Cloyd.

Donnie was one of those precious few "doers" that every town needs more of.



He was a volunteer fireman... and had attended numerous training courses to be a better one, was a Paramedic with the Merkel Emergency Medical Service, which takes hours of classroom and on-the-job training, and those two activities are on a volunteer basis.

He worked for the city and was always there when he was needed.

The thing I will remember most about the man was his compassion for others. At a Christmas fire three years ago, Donnie was the first to try and save children's Christmas presents from the fire. At a couple of fires, he made sure I was safe, always keeping a watchful eye on me. During a potentially dangerous hostage situation at the Big Country Inn, Donnie also kept an eye on me.

I will miss seeing him, as will many of the friends he had made here, will miss his smiling face while at City Hall having a cup of coffee waiting for my carpooler for another day of classes at TSTI.

He will be missed by the

entire town at the next fire or accident.

We have one less "doer", something this town, or any town for that matter, will sorely miss.

Donnie was only 29 when his time came, and in those few, short years, had already done more out of the goodness of his heart for his fellow man, than most people do in a lengthy lifetime, and for that, he left his mark here, and he will be remembered.

I don't know how many of you rushed out to see *Independence Day* but we rented it and watched it this weekend on the VCR. Except for the fact that it was a wiered experience seeing Anson and Merkel on the screen, the movie was not that good, as far as I am concerned.

I am thankful to live in this country and enjoy the freedoms we share.

I am thankful for those people who defend those freedoms, in some recent cases, with their lives.

I am thankful for my wife and my children, they give me reasons to try and move ahead.

I am thankful for this community and the people in it.

Joey and I took a short run to Temple this week to visit with my mother's family.

I hadn't seen a couple of cousins in well over 5 years and it was a treat to see them, their wives, and children.

Joey learned how to swing across a ditch on a rope swing, a very big event in the life of a six year old.

Our office will be closed until Monday at 9 a.m.

The gang and I are leaving Tuesday for San Antonio and then on to College Station for visiting and the A & M -tu game. Texas is ripe for a picking, playing the way they have for the last three weeks and am looking forward to The Game.

Trent was eliminated from the

playoffs Friday night in Gail and they will miss a couple of kids very much that played in their last game.

Billy Williams has been a work horse for the Gorillas and Casey Johnson brought the passing game back to Trent with his arm. The Gorillas will be able to replace them somehow, that's how you win as many games for as long as they have been winning them.

My wife found out how frustrating a camera can be Saturday.

She decided to stay home Saturday so she could cover a couple of stories for *The Mail*. She went to a spaghetti supper for the Merkel Emergency Medical Service and to the Lord's Acre Sale at Pioneer Methodist Church. A flash control button ruined her pictures, and her day Sunday when I developed the film.

Continental Telephone of Texas has officially announced that it has agreed on a compromise settlement with the Public Utility Commission of Texas regarding its recent request for increased rates. The Commission has approved an annual increase of \$1.769 million, effective Nov. 3.

The major features of the new rates include a method of pricing based on usage. Continental feels it was important for the Commission to agree that customers should only pay for what they use and don't pay for what they don't use.

Also, the new rates included a 25 cent charge for directory assistance calls. Continental will not charge for the first three calls per month.

The basic charge will see one party lines go up about 75 cents per month and Continental officials said a brochure detailing rate changes and other pertinent information will be included in the next billing statement.

Farmer named head of phone group

The Texas Statewide Telephone Cooperative Inc. held its annual meeting last month and named Derrell Farmer, manager of Taylor Telephone Cooperative its president for the coming year.

TSTCI is made up of 23 telephone cooperatives over the

state and it has 19 small independent telephone companies as associate members.

Farmer has been employed by Taylor Telephone for the past 28 years and has been manager for the past nine years. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Cell-Tell of Abilene, with headquarters in Lubbock.

Mr. Farmer is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer. He was raised in the Mulberry Canyon community and has lived in the Merkel area most of his life. He is married to the former Jynell Schaffer from Blackwell. They have three children, Vicky, Gina and Kevin.



Farmers face increases

Of all types of energy used by Texas farmers next year and beyond, natural gas will be the most costly due to deregulation. Farmers can expect to pay 6 to 9 per cent more for natural gas next year for crop irrigation and drying and 16 to 20 per cent more by 1985. Fertilizer produced from natural gas is expected to cost 10 to 15 per cent more by 1985 over this year's planting season prices.

Industrial prices for natural gas tripled from 1975 to 1982 and may double again, points out Dr. Forrest Stegelin, an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A & M University System. It's due in part to the current Natural Gas Policy Act for decontrolling gas prices.

Increases in natural gas prices have a major impact on farming, notes the economist. In 1981, U. S. Farmers used about 80 billion cubic feet of natural gas for crop irrigation and drying while four times this amount went into fertilizer

production.

Natural gas is the basis for more than 95 per cent of the U. S. ammonia production and accounts for 75 per cent of the variable cost of producing ammonia fertilizer. Doubling natural gas prices would increase the cost of producing ammonia about 75 per cent but would boost production costs of urea and ammonium nitrate only 35 per cent.

Since the larger, newer, more efficient fertilizer plants along the Texas Gulf Coast are already paying higher prices for Interstate gas, they will not incur the substantial price increases from deregulation facing users of interstate natural gas, says Stegelin. Furthermore, they have access to cheaper, imported ammonia from Canada, the Soviet Union, Mexico, the Caribbean and the Middle East. Import competition from these regions with surplus gas and a need for foreign exchange of U. S. Dollars will hold down fertilizer prices.



Mr. & Mrs. Fred Johnson

Johnson's celebrate 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson of 1505 Sunset will be the honored guests at a reception in their home in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple was married Nov. 28, 1933 and the reception will be held Nov. 27 from 2 until 6 p.m. at their home.

Children of the couple

that will be in attendance include O. L. Adams of Goodland, Kan, Mrs. Harold Mansell of Ruldosa, N. M. and Mrs. Joe Butler of Rising Star, and their children, as well as brothers and sisters of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson was born April 1, 1911 in San Saba and she was born

March 23, 1911 in Rotan. They met in Merkel, were married in Abilene, and have lived in this area all of their married life.

He is a retired farmer and rancher and they are members of the First Baptist Church. They have nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

MHS honor students

The following is the Merkel High honor roll for the second six weeks:

All A
Tracy Bicknell, Tim Brandon, Melissa Davis, Tami Elliott, Joan Fariello, Melissa Henson, Brenda Hohertz, Abby Irvin, Amy Irvin, Angie Kelly, Kelly Riney, Sheri Riney, Becky Teague, Trung Tran, Lucretia Wade, Kim Weiding, Margaret Wilde, Allan Windham, John Ybarra.

A-B Honor Roll
Brandon Abernathy, Bill Adams, Rita Adkins, Bonnie Anderson, Donnie Brady, Michelle Brandon, Stacy Cowling, Clay

Carey, Pam Ely, Thomas Doan, Sherry French, Michael Gandy, Jay Gibson, Todd Hensley, Chris Horton, Tina Jarimillo, Brenda Kinder, Maery Kinder, Teresa King, Tim Laman, Michael McCoy, Dusty Moore, Linda Munden, Derald Muniz, Rosa Oviedo, Debbie Pack, Richard Powell, Steven Page, Lisa Procter, David Ray, Shane Reagan, Billy Ray Riley, Cevellia Roberts, Sanna Scott, Connie Segura, Gayle Shugart, Shane Smith, Angela Thomas, Chris Tomash, Ray Walters, Fondale Watson, Parker Wilson, Michelle Woodard and Sean Woodard.

81 study club meets

The meeting of the Eighty-One Study Club was called to order by President Grace Holt. The meeting was held in the fellowship hall of the Trent Baptist Church.

There were six members present. They were Paula Forehand, Patty Hackney, Grace Holt, Goldia Malone, Willo Ramsey and Betty Stautzenberger.

Brother Carl Rae, pastor of the Trent Baptist Church was a guest speaker. Brother Rae gave a very interesting speech on National Bible Week. He told of the many different Bibles, the history of them, and how they came to be today. He also pointed out the differences in them. He

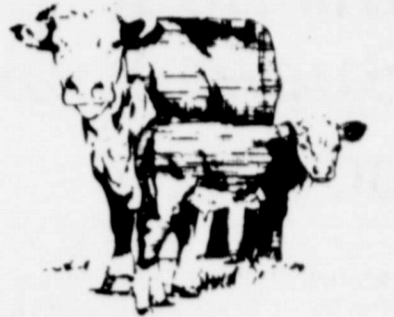
also informed us that this month was National Bible Month and that this year was National Bible Year.

Patty Hackney was the hostess of the meeting and she served refreshments and had a variety of Bibles on display.

At our next meeting, the Eighty-One Study Club will be having a Thanksgiving supper. Each member is to bring a covered dish as well as a guest. The meat and drinks will be furnished.

This supper will be Nov. 28 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Trent Baptist Church.

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VFW auxillary makes presentation

The Merkel VFW Post 5683 Ladies Auxillary delivered 54 towel bibs to Dewayne Vaughn, chief of recreational therapy at Big Spring Veterans Hospital Nov. 5th.

Those making the trip were President Wilma Seago, Sr. Vice-President Wanda Tittle, Jr. Vice-President Kathy Gregory

and Treasurer Tommy Niell.

At the regular meeting, plans were discussed for a Veteran's Day Buffet, also the annual Christmas party and the convention to be held here in February.

The District Convention last month in Abilene was attended by 14 members of the local ladies auxillary.



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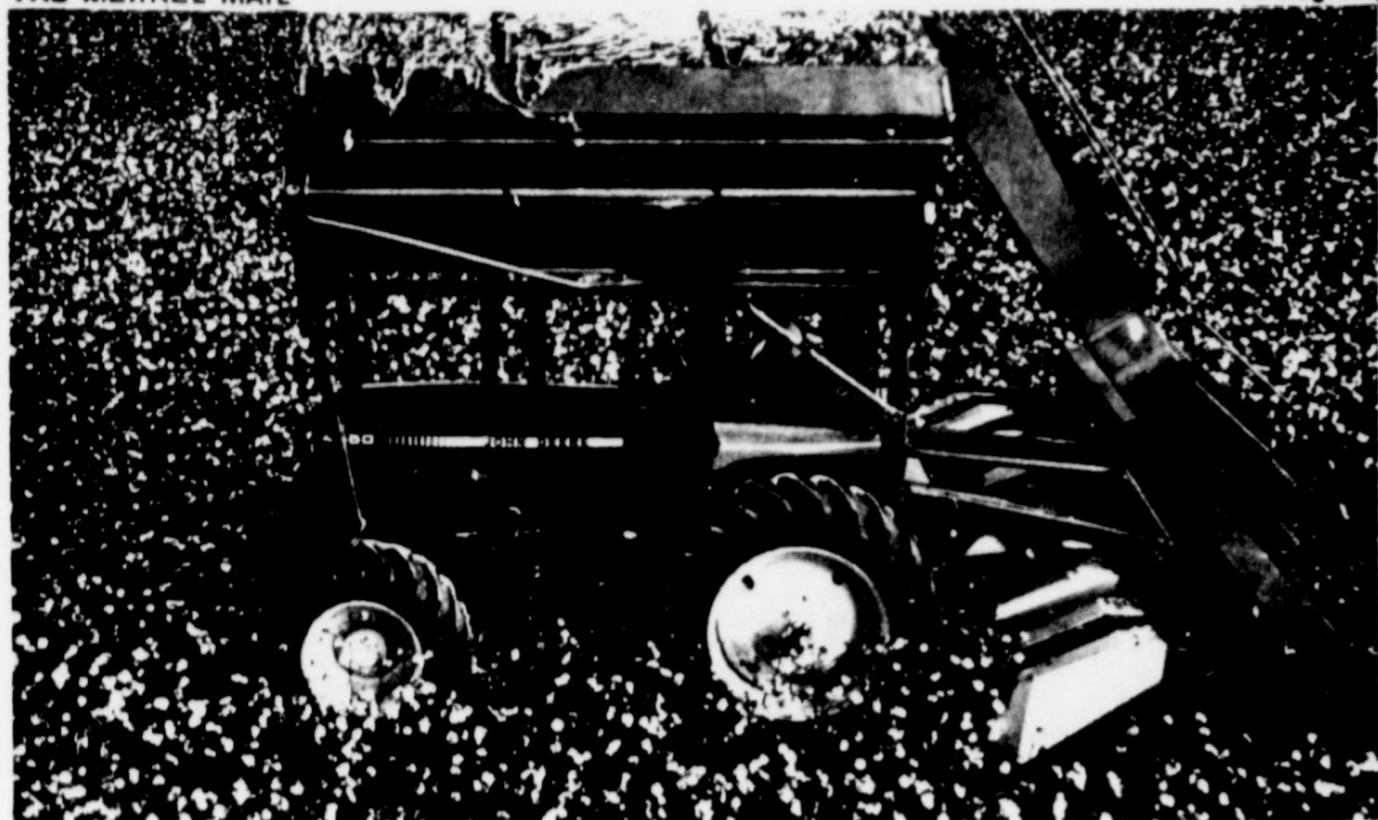
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Abilene Farm has cotton stripper

Abilene Farm Supply, John Dealer in Abilene, has just returned from a special announcement meeting in Lubbock where a big new cotton stripper was introduced. It's the John Deere 740, a one-of-a-kind four or five row tractor-mounted stripper.

This new stripper is designed to be teamed with a high-horsepower tractor, and is said to reduce harvesting cost by as much as 51 per cent. In a comparison test across 1,500

acres, John Deere engineers reportedly found that a new 4 row 740 mounted on a 4450 tractor with front wheel drive costs as little as \$15 per acre to operate. A 5-row version on the same tractor costs only \$14 per acre. They figured it costs about \$30 per acre to harvest with two tractor mounted 2 rows (tractors without front-wheel drive).

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Booster club holds recent meeting

The Merkel Booster Club met Tuesday evening at the High School gym and met the basketball players and coaches. Refreshments were served to all present.

Nov. 22 officially kicks off the basketball season. The varsity and JV boys will play Coahoma here, beginning at 4 p.m. The freshmen travel to Colorado City, and the

7th and 8th grades travel to Coleman. The Merkel Booster

Club will not meet again until further notice.

Barnes' have new son

D. J. Barnes is proud to announce the birth of his new baby brother, Bobby Kirk, born Nov. 7 at 7:53 a.m. at Hendrick Medical Center. He weighed 9' 7" and was 21 and a half inches long.

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Latimer's attend Nimitz dedication

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Latimer of Rt. 3 Merkel, spent Veteran's Day in Fredricksburg for the dedication of the Admiral Nimitz State Historical Park and Museum.

Preceding the dedication, two T-33 fighter trainers flew over, followed by a C-130 with a pilot and crew that took part of the Grenada battle- followed by four fighter planes from Randolph Air Force Base.

The crowd joined in singing "The Star Spangled Banner" as the American flag that flew over the carrier U.S.S. Nimitz, was raised to the top of the Museum.

Speakers for the dedication were Sen. John Tower, Vice Admiral Harry C. Schreder, Jr., Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson and Dr. E. B. Potter.

The dedication ended with a ribbon cutting ceremony by Admiral Nimitz great grandsons Peter and William Van Doren of Chestnut Hill Mass.

The parade was led by the Texas A & M University honor guard The Ross Volunteers, followed by the 1st Cavalry band and Horse Platoon from Ft. Hood and U. S. Navy Ceremonial band from New Orleans.

After the parade and dedication, open house was held all afternoon at the park's three units, the Hotel and museum, the Japanese Garden of Peace, and the History Walk of the Pacific War.

Donald Latimer served in the U. S. Navy Air Corp as a tail gunner on a SBD Dive bomber from his as-

signed ship the U.S.S. Saratoga. He was a-

warded three battle stars. Was wounded in

Sept. 1943 and awarded the Purple Heart.

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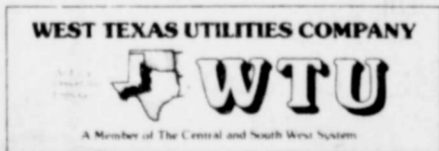


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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: L. Z. Whitney, Defendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 14th day of July A.D. 1983, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 14th day of July A.D. 1983, in this cause, numbered 15,592-B on the docket of said court and styled City of Abilene and the State of Texas, Plaintiff, vs. Willie, Whitney, Sr. DBA Peyton Place, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

Defendants be permanently enjoined from violating the laws of the State of Texas at the location and in the manner previously described; and that the Defendants be ordered by a Mandatory Injunction to abate the violations alleged herein previously as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and 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 14th day of July A.D. 1983.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney Clerk, 104th District Court Taylor County, Texas By Kristi McGinnes, Deputy.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JESSIE ANN POWELL, DECEASED -Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JESSIE ANN POWELL, Deceased, were issued on November 7, 1983, in Cause No. 16,018, pending in the County Court (Probate) of Taylor County, Texas, to: IRENE POWELL EVANS

The residence of such Executrix is Taylor County, Texas. The post office address is: IRMA POWELL EVANS

2121 North 6th Street Abilene, Texas 79603

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner as prescribed by law.

DATED the 15th day of November, 1983. DON R. WILSON P. O. Box 2875 Abilene, Tex 79604 915 (677-1351) STATE BAR No. 21675000 ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: DAVID COX* Address is Unknown, Houston, Texas. Respondent:

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 14th day of November, 1983, against DAVID COX, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 9744-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of BABY GIRL BREWCYNSKI, a Child".

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the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to terminate the parent-child relationship between David Cox and the child.

Said child was born the 9th day of November, 1983, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement 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.

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Rilla Mahoney, Clerk 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy.



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Outsmarting the intellects...

by Russell McAnally

It is such an aggravation to get one of those business letters from, well, like the one that comes direct from Washington D. C., or so it seems. It is from the "Senior Citizens Information Center." All the information you will ever need to know about retirement and Social Security changes will be sent by return mail. With deliberate effort, it looks like it came from the U. S. Government. Along with all the information they will also send a form that only needs my signature to let me qualify for a wonderful Hospital Insurance policy. Later on they will tell me how much the payments are. I know they only send this wonderful opportunity to old people because at the bottom of this letter in very fine print they say "The U. S. Government has nothing to do with this insurance." They hoped the old people would not be able to read the fine print. It hurts my feelings to think that they think I

can't read fine print, and since I do not do business with people who practice deception, I write something stupid on the self addresses, postage paid card and return it to them. In this way, they know that I know they know they are trying to fool me. They are also out twenty cents for the postage.

My Sears monthly payment notice comes with a packet of tempting bargains and even the flap of the envelope has alluring samples that you have to tear off before you can return your payment. I have to do something with those advertisements before I am tempted to raise the amount of my charge account. I have started folding my payment in with the envelope with the tab that is supposed to be torn off, and I also put the packet of colored temptations back in the envelope. That way, they have to unwrap my payment from the tab and throw away their own junk.

I get a kick out of my telephone bill. It says, "Please return this portion with your payment, and make sure the address is correctly placed in the envelope so the return address shows in the envelope window." The problem with this is- this return envelope doesn't have a window. I now take my scissors and cut a little window in the envelope with an arrow pointing to the window and I print the word window, so they will know what a window looks like.

One of the things about being retired, for which I am thankful, is, first, that I can still read the fine print, and also that I have time to make these minor irritations into important things so that life will not become boring. It also brings a sense of satisfaction to know that I have, in my old age, out-smarted the Senior Citizens Information Center and the Sears advertising intellects.

Advice: Buy Firewood by the Cord

(AUSTIN)—It's again that time of the year when you see lots of ads for firewood in newspapers, and loads for sale in pickup trucks alongside the road. And while most firewood dealers are reputable, Charles Forester, supervisor of Weights and Measures for the Texas Department of Agriculture, says the unsuspecting consumer can get burned.

His advice: always buy your firewood by the cord.

A cord is 128 cubic feet. Forester explains. "The common expression of measurement is a space four feet wide, four feet high, and eight feet long."

Forester urges consumers to pick a spot alongside their garage, fence or a tree before the firewood is delivered, and then to mark off the exact 4'x4'x8' dimensions for delivery of a cord. "Now, when the seller delivers the wood," Forester continues, "you have them stack it in those prescribed dimensions, and you'll know whether you're getting a cord or not."

There are several other precautions which Forester urges consumers to take.

First, never buy firewood by the pickup load. "There is no standard dimension for a pickup bed, because those vehicles range in size from compact to 'stretch cab.' You never know what you'll be getting," he advises.

"Secondly, don't buy wood by the rick. There is no standard dimension for a rick. A rick can be almost anything a seller wants it to be. Unfortunately, it's never what a buyer wants it to be," said Forester.

Additionally, TDA's weights and measures expert urges consumers to be wary of a dealer who offers a quick discount on the sales prices for dumping the wood in your yard without stacking it in the prescribed location.

Predicts Forester, "When you finally get around to stacking that wood, they've only unloaded a half or three-fourths of a cord. Now at \$100 for a half-cord, you're suddenly paying \$200 for a full cord. You don't realize it until you stack it and measure it. You certainly can't measure the loose-laid

wood out in the yard."

He and his staff will be glad to answer any questions about measurements of a cord or possibly questionable sales practices of firewood. Forester says. Most complaints, he says, actually come

from the state's legitimate firewood dealers, because "they run a straight operation and they like to keep their business clean."

For more information, Forester invites your inquiries to TDA Headquarters in Austin (512-475-6577), or to

any of the Department's 12 district offices scattered throughout the state. Again advises Forester, "Buy by the cord. And if you need help on measurement of the cord, let our office know, and we'll be glad to come out and assist you."



The open house held at WTU here last week drew a pretty good crowd through the day. Ideas, as well as appliances at display were holiday cooking WTU. [Staff photo]

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Preceptor Eta Omega honors service

The Preceptor Eta Omega chapter of Beta Sigma Phi honored the Merkel Emergency Medical Service with a spaghetti supper Nov. 19.

The blessing was given by Rev. John Wagoner, pastor of the First United Methodist Church.

Mamie Steck gave a short history of Beta Sigma Phi and introduced all members

and their husbands. Vernon Wade gave the history of the Merkel Emergency Medical Service and introduced the E.M.S. members.

A plaque was given to Vernon Wade, president of the EMS in recognition of their outstanding service and dedication to the community.

Mr. J. A. Sadler, city manager gave an account of the first am-

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Biera named to group

Rosie Biera of Merkel has been named a Presidential Hostess at South Plains College, serving as an official College ambassador for a wide variety of special functions.

Rosie, 19, is a freshman psychology major and daughter of

Juan C Biera Sr. of Merkel.

During high school she was a cheerleader, student council officer, recipient of the Silver and Bronze Merit Awards, member of the choir and first runner-up to the homecoming queen.



Rosie Biera Gospel sing set in Tye

A Gospel singing has been set in Tye Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Tye Community Center.

The public is invited and no admission will be charged.

MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT MERKEL, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS				
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				
Year Ended August 31, 1983				
	103 General Fund	203/303/403 Special Revenue Fund	503 Debt Service Fund	Total (Memorandum Only)
REVENUES:				
5700	Local, intermediate, out-of-state	\$ 1,261,544	\$ 141,316	\$ 1,402,860
5800	State program revenues	1,397,600		1,397,600
5900	Federal program revenues	73,063	6,073	90,433
5000	Total Revenues	\$ 2,732,207	\$ 152,613	\$ 2,890,893
EXPENDITURES:				
11	Instruction	\$ 1,288,273	\$ 4,979	\$ 1,293,252
22	Instructional resources and media services	34,705	598	35,303
23	School administration	191,971		191,971
25	Curriculum and personnel development	5,772		5,772
31	Guidance and counseling services	18,151	496	18,647
33	Health services	8,306		8,306
34	Pupil transportation - regular	140,808		140,808
36	Co-curricular activities	113,746		113,746
37	Food services	149,829		149,829
41	General administration	167,316		167,316
42	Debt service		134,113	134,113
51	Plant maintenance and operations	360,573		360,573
52	Facilities acquisition and construction	256,390		256,390
6000	Total Expenditures	\$ 2,735,840	\$ 134,113	\$ 2,876,026
OTHER RESOURCES:				
5060	Other resources	\$ 180,635		\$ 180,635
7000	Total Other Resources	\$ 180,635	\$ -0-	\$ 180,635
1200	EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES AND OTHER RESOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 177,002	\$ -0-	\$ 18,500
0100	BEGINNING FUND EQUITY, SEPTEMBER 1	340,802	-0-	347,152
1300	INCREASE IN FUND EQUITY (Note 5)	5,837		5,837
3000	ENDING FUND EQUITY, AUGUST 31	\$ 523,641	\$ -0-	\$ 548,491

Tye elementary honor roll

The following is the Tye Elementary honor roll for the second six weeks:

First Grade All A
 Angie Bagwell, Brandy Brickham, Don Cavender, Heather Davis, Kellie Edwards, Crystal Grooms, Tanja Jackson, Brad Locke, Nikki Peddicord, Eddy Schmoker, Michael Tucker, Debbie Bateman, Hope Maxwell.

A-B
 Jennifer Bermea, Brandi Wilson, Robby Couch, Crystal Gayle, Jimmy Holshouser, Chrissy Mills, Nisha Pritchard, Mickey Simmons.

Second Grade All A
 Robin Bishop, Jennifer Johnson, Brian Miller, Josh Perry,

Sandi Wood, Wendi Wolicki.
A-B
 Jennifer Davis, Buster Davis, Chad Fambrough, Stacey Powell, Charlie Granger, Jodi Chapell, Joey Coffey.
Third Grade All A
 Mendy Law, Lori Snowden.

A-B
 Kenneth Bateman, Kimberly Israel, Donnie Windland, Danny Williamson, Sam Murdock.
Third Grade All A
 Tami Sims

A-B
 Jennifer Hicks, Tracy Martin, Cody Parker, Carol Scifres,

Michael Stanley, Eric Snowden.
Fourth Grade All A
 Son Hui Chon, Greg Parker, Chad Taylor, Cheryl Wood.

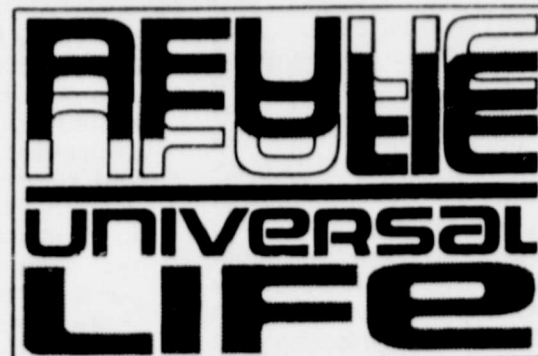
A-B
 Mecky Donaldson, Trilena Dortch, Melissa Maxwell, Tammy Lolly, Shawn Taylor, Jim Tucker, Hope Ward.

Fift Grade All A
 Rodney Bunselmeyer, Jana Daniell, Cristi Moore.

A-B
 Dennis Griffin, Alicia Helms, Chris McCartney, Troy Sims, Mrs. Wheeler's Room A-B
 Jody Lang and Ricky Williams.



The Merkel Middle School has a new Badger mascot and Beverly Williamson is under that suit somewhere. [Staff photo]



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81 study club

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A special thanks goes to Anabelle Shouse and Mrs. Dixon who helped on the registration table.

The meeting was a big success thanks to all of the merchants.

Dunn is grad

Airman 1st Class Kenneth L. Dunn, son of John G. and Jean Dunn of Trent, has graduated from the U. S. Air Force weather specialist course at Chanute AFB, Ill.

Stith officers

The Stith Cemetery Association met Sunday and elected new officers.

Frank Mundy is president, Sam Burns is vice president, George McDonald is secretary-treasurer.

Recent donations re-

ceived included Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mundy in memory of Mrs. Dishman, Mrs. Davis Church in memory of F. J. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry in memory of friends.

Farmer reunion

This year's Farmer Reunion was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Travis Farmer and Dusty of Merkel.

Dinner was Saturday at K-Bob's in Abilene. Those attending besides the host included Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Farmer and Kevin, Blanche, and Lawrence Hewitt; Mrs. Larry Hewitt and Jennifer, Susan Beard and Crystal, all of Merkel; Fredlyn and Therese Farmer of Dallas; Sandy and Brenda Atherson of San Antonio; Alan and Melinda Hinton of Lubbock; Gina Farmer of Coahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Smith and Laneta and Steve, all of Midland.

After attending Kevin's wedding and reception, everyone met in Travis and Phyllis's beautiful ranch home to eat snacks, play pool, cards, and visit.

Wilson on list

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Melissa Wilson has been named to the 1984 United States National

Award winner in Leadership.

Melissa is a freshman at Hawley High and is the daughter of Lynn Dokey of Hawley and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cooper and Mrs. M. L. Dokey of Hawley.

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Church news

Dawson-Brady set Jan. 14 wedding here

Cindy Ann Dawson and Timothy John Brady have announced their wedding plans.

Cindy, daughter of Ann Carter of Colorado Springs and Jerry Dawson of Merkel will become the bride of Tim Brady in a ceremony Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church here.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John

Brady of Merkel and is a 1983 graduate of Merkel High and is attending McMurry College.

He is presently employed by Andrews

Furniture and Abilene National-Boykin Building.

The bride elect is a 1982 graduate of Merkel High and is also attending McMurry. She is presently em-

ployed by First State Bank of Abilene.



More than 1.2 million cubic yards of earth and rock had to be excavated from the site of Manhattan's World Trade Center before building could commence.

Church of Christ

The Church of Christ has been experiencing great attendance this past month in both Bible School and Worship Services.

Nov. 27 has been designated "We Love our Neighbor Day". Every member has been encouraged to bring at least one family member with them to both Bible Study at 9:45 a.m. and Worship Services at 10:30 a.m. A goal of 300 in attendance has been set for Bible School and 400 in attendance at worship services. A special informative lesson will be shared in the morning worship service answering questions concerning—What is the Church of Christ? How many members does it have? What do they believe about the Bible? Why do they worship the way they worship? How does one become a New Testament Christian?

In the evening worship, a vital lesson will be shared on the subject "What Makes Life Worth Living". The families of those who send their children to the "Tuesday School" and those who send their children on the "Joy Bus" are especially encouraged to be our guest on this special day.

And, of course, every family and individual in our fine community is always welcome to all of the services of the church.

Catholic Church

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church will

be holding their Thanksgiving mass Thursday at 10 a.m.

Father Frank Zimmerman will deliver the message at the annual Community-wide Thanksgiving service at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Merkel Methodist

The annual church bazaar is Dec. 3. The booths will be open in the gym from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. A Country Kitchen booth will feature all types of food, including homemade and canned foods and fresh baked goods. The Christmas booth will have ornaments, stockings and other decorations. The garden shop will have all plants and flowers. The arts and crafts booth will be unique and the trash and treasure booth speaks for itself.

A spaghetti dinner will be served in the fellowship hall from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The cost will be \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. All the citizens of Merkel are encouraged to attend. There will be plenty of food and a trip through the booths will be fun for all.

We hope to see you there.

Pioneer Methodist

The Pioneer Methodist United Methodist Church met Saturday night to hold their annual Lord's Acre Sale. They had a very successful auction with 200 people in attendance and nearly \$6,000 raised.

We wish everyone a blessed time of Thanksgiving with friends and loved ones.

"Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord"; Psalm 150:6.

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ concerning you"; 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Happy Thanksgiving

Burnett in honor group at CJC

Kelle Burnett, a sophomore from Merkel, is serving as president of the Phi Theta Kappa organization at Cisco Junior College.

the honor fraternity organized in junior colleges across the United States. It's purpose is to recognize and promote high scholastic achievement.



Kelle Burnett

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power air am fm tape nice		4 speed 4 WD		tilt cruise fm stereo blue	
79 POND PRISTA BINA Coupe 4 cyl. 4	\$1895	82 T-1000	\$6895	local car nice	
speed air		4 door 850 miles automatic		83 BONNEVILLE BROOKHAM 4 door 16 000 miles loaded	\$10,600
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owner nice		owner nice		matic power air 1 owner	
82 GRAND PRIX Brougham 18 000 miles	\$8995	81 CHEVY LOV PICKUP Nice automatic power air	\$5995	gold color nice	
loaded		83 CHEVY SILVERADO Long wide loaded a buy	\$9850	77 GRAND PRIX LJ 43 000 miles automatic	\$2195
81 LEMANS LJ 4 door 8 cyl. cruise	\$5695	81 CATALINA 4 door sedan 12 400	\$6995	power air tilt am fm tape	\$3595
80 PONTIAC 6 DOOR automatic power air cruise	\$3695	miles cruise am fm stereo		local owner nice	
local owner		nice		77 GRAND PRIX Automatic power air rally	\$2195
79 POND PRISTO ROADOUT 4 cyl. automatic air AM FM	\$1895	78 POND BRONCO RANGER LT 4 wheel drive am fm stereo	\$5595	wheels a buy	
tape		a buy		77 CHEVY BLAZER 2 wheel drive 4 speed	\$3995
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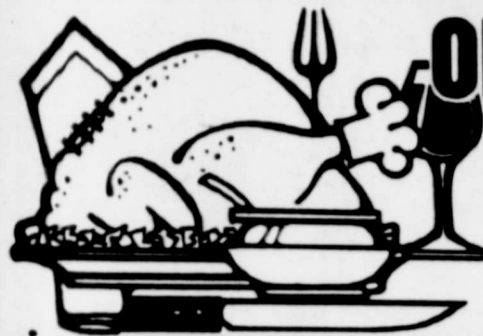
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Greetings at Thanksgiving



Hope yours is filled to the brim with good feasting, good friends. Happy Thanksgiving all!



WE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL DEC 1ST

GAIL'S BARBER & STYLE SHOP

Trent scouts out on the trail

Boy Scouts of Trent's Pack 185 participated in two camps this month. On Nov. 10, scouts Billy Clark, Ricky Tarin, Lonnie Clark, John Thomas and Dock Carriker were joined by Weblos Dannye Martin and Jerry Collier on an overnight trip to Sweetwater Lake. Scoutmaster Bill Clark and Dan Thomas were able to go along with the boys. The scouts hiked in one and a quarter mile, set up camp, did their own cooking, made individual fires and cut their own firewood.

This past weekend, a Camporee was held at Lake Sweetwater for all area Boy Scouts. Pack 185 was able to send Billy Clark, Ricky Tarin, Lonnie Clark, John Thomas, Dock Carriker, Joe Tarin and Mike Payne. Scoutmaster Bill Clark left early Saturday and returned around noon Sunday with the boys.

The group called themselves the Eagles and Billy Clark was their patrol leader. As before, these scouts built their own fires and did their own cooking.

Two trappers happened by to give a talk and demonstration for the scouts on traps and trapping. Also, three Marines, with their dog "Hiker" gave a rappell demonstration for the boys.

Camporee competitions included map reading, flint fires, compass reading, arch-

ery, knot tying, pole lashing and first aid. The Eagles walked away with a first in first aid due in part to

their ingenuity in turning a coat into a stretcher for a head injury victim. The only casualty of

the trip proved to be the Carriker tent. The boys now know you can't boil water in plastic cups.

Johnson buried here Nov. 17

Addie Gertrude Johnson, 86, died Nov. 15 following a lengthy illness in Abilene.

Services were held Nov. 17 at the Merkel United Methodist Church under the direction of the Rev. Elroy Wyisan of Abilene. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

She had lived in the Merkel area since 1917 and was a Methodist. She had married Ben Mitchell in 1912. He died in 1965. She later married A. P. Johnson Dec. 21, 1964 in Clyde.

She is survived by

her husband; two sons, Hollis of Merkel and Ferrell of Prentiss, Miss.; five sisters; Leila Ford of Azelle, Maggie Stockton of

San Angelo, Edna Brown, Jimmie Lawlis of Hamlin and Jewell Fitzpatrick of Pennyan, NY; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Preceptor Eta Omega holds meeting

Mamie Steck, president of Preceptor Eta Omega of Beta Sigma Phi, presided over the meeting in the home of Ruth Tipton, hostess.

The Program, Art Painting, was given by Ruth Tipton, captain, and Louise DuBose, co-captain.

Betty Conley, Jane

Carson and Betty Satterwhite took their pledge rituals.

The following members attended; Opal Garner, Connie Ybarra, Betty Conley, Jane Carson, Ruth Tipton, Liz Eager, Louise DuBose, Mamie Steck, Betty Satterwhite, Kathy Leverich and Blanche Hewitt.



A few Trent men recently returned from a successful Colorado hunting and fishing trip. Shown here is part of the kill that included 14 bull elk, 7

mule deer, 1 bear and a "mess of trout". The hunters included Danny Freeman, R. O. Payne, Steve Shugart, Billy Wayne Hamner and Lloyd Williams.

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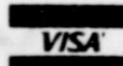
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LUCKY WE ARE UNTIL

WE NEED YOU

THE MERKEL

MAIL STAFF & CITIZENS

OF MERKEL

A Time for Thanks... and Sharing.

Thanksgiving



**PIONEER MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

§ Pioneer Methodist meets for Sunday School at 10 AM with Worship following at 10:55.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

§ Calvary Baptist has Sunday School at 10:00 AM with Worship following at 11:00 and an evening service at 6.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

§ Sunday School is at 9:45 AM and Worship service follows at 10:50 AM. The evening service is held at 6 PM.

**GRACE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

§ Sunday school every Sunday at 10 AM and church service at 11:00 AM.

A message from sponsoring churches to the people of the Merkel area;

We Ministers of the Merkel area express our appreciation to the Community for the opportunity to serve the fellowship with people who love God. This Community Thanksgiving Service is a collective effort to say "Thank You God For Everything". When we say "Thank You God", we should have a definite reason for doing so. Our relationship to God must be a personal experience even in collective worship.

It should be a personal experience in our relationship with our families and friends. Our relationship with our neighbors is next to our relationship with God. Unless we love them and see the goodness in all people and in all things, we will not be inclined to give thanks. We really depend on the goodness of people for our very existence. There is enough good in America to fill the whole earth. There are people who try to make it dirty, but, if we really love America we will magnify the good and become part of it.

It is true that the Community in which we live has enough gossip, envy and littleness to keep us busy discussing it for a life item. We feel and see, however, that underneath it all is a great host of very fine and wonderful people with houses and families, with farms and places of business and churches that are not of this world. Friends and loved ones fill our lives and make us rejoice.

The fact that we are children of God and the object of his love should call us together more often than once a year. It should be Thanksgiving all the time. Being thankful and serving man and God is gratitude at work.

Thanks be to God who Loves us and constantly gives Himself for us. Your presence will give greater meaning to this service of Thanksgiving.

Sponsoring churches



**OUR MOTHER OF MERCY
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

§ Saturday evening Mass is at 5:30. CCD classes are at 9:30 Sunday morning and Mass is at 11:00 AM. § We will have a Thanksgiving Mass at 10 AM Thanksgiving Day.

**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

§ Sunday School at 9:45 and Worship service at 10:50 AM. The evening service starts at 6.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 9:45 AM with Worship service at 11:00 AM. Church Training at 6 Sunday evening and worship at 7:00 PM. Wednesday Prayer Service is at 7:00 PM.

TAKE TIME TO GIVE THANKS

ATTEND THE COMMUNITY-WIDE THANKSGIVING SERVICE

WEDNESDAY,

NOVEMBER 23, 7:00 PM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



Our BEST THANKSGIVING to YOU for FEASTING



MRS CUBBISON
CORN BREAD
OR
HERBS
STUFFING
12 OZ BOX
98¢

SHORTENING
MRS TUCKER **\$1 33**
42 OZ CAN
BROWN N SERVE
FARM FRESH
ROLLS
2 12 PK **89¢**

FRANKLIN
CRUNCH & MUNCH
5 OZ BOX **79¢**

REYNOLDS
FOIL WRAP
HEAVY DUTY
18 IN **98¢**
25 FT

KRAFTS
MIRACLE WHIP
QUART JAR **\$1 19**
WITH \$10 IN TRADE OR MORE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

FOREMOST
WHIPPING
CREAM 1/2 PT **43¢**

FROZEN FOODS
BIRDSEYE
COOL WHIP 8 OZ TUB EACH **69¢**

ASSORTED
JELL-O
3 OZ BOX
3 FOR 89¢

DEL MONTE 15 OZ
PINEAPPLE ASSORTED CAN. **55¢**
OCEAN SPRAY 300
CRANBERRIE SAUCE CAN **53¢**
DEL MONTE 303 WHOLE
GREEN BEANS 3 FOR **\$1 59**

BAKERS INT
CHOCOLATE
CHIPS
12 OZ BAG **\$1 09**

MRS SMITH
PIE SHELLS 9 IN SIZE **98¢**
BANQUET 20 OZ
MINCE OR PUMPKIN **PIES** EA **89¢**
MORTONS 8 OZ
POT PIES ASST 2 FOR **89¢**

IMPERIAL
BROWN OR POWDER
SUGAR
2 LB BAG **98¢**

DEL MONTE 303 CS
GOLDEN CORN 3 FOR **\$1 59**
DEL MONTE 303
SWEET PEAS 3 FOR **\$1 29**
DEL MONTE 303
SLICED CARROTS 3 FOR **\$1 29**

KRAFTS
SINGLE
CHEESE
12 OZ PKG **\$1 69**

BETTY CROCKER
ASSORTED BOX
CAKE MIX **69¢**

GOLD MEDAL
FLOUR
5 LB BAG **93¢**

LIBBYS 303
PUMPKIN CAN **53¢**
PARADE 300
PORK & BEANS 3 FOR **69¢**
VLASIC 16 OZ
HAMBURGER DILL
PICKLES JAR **79¢**

REG -DIET-CAFFEIN FREE
OR SUGAR FREE
COCA COLA
2 LITER BOTTLE **98¢**

COFFEE
FOLGER
1 LB CAN **\$2 09** LIMIT 1

INSTANT TEA
LIPTON
3 OZ JAR **\$1 49**

DEL MONTE 15 OZ BOX
RAISINS EA **\$1 29**
DEL MONTE
PITTED 12 OZ PKG
PRUNES **98¢**

KRAFTS
MARSHMALLOW
CREAM
7 OZ JAR **59¢**

KRAFTS
VEL VEETA
CHEESE
2 LB BOX **\$3 29**

BLACKBURNS
WHITE
SYRUP
32 OZ JAR **98¢**

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LB **63¢**
GOLDEN STAR THE BEST
TURKEYS BUTTER BASTED 12 TO 18 LB LB **69¢**
AMOUR STAR
HAMS COOKED 3 LB CAN **\$7 29**
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ROUND STEAK BONE IN POUND **\$1 79**
CHOICE BEEF LEAN
RUMP ROAST BONE IN POUND **\$1 89**
CHOICE BEEF LEAN
PIKES ROAST BONELESS POUND **\$1 89**
CHOICE BEEF
SIRLOIN TIP ROAST LEAN POUND **\$2 29**
BONELESS
ARMOUR STAR
BOLOGNA MARKET SLICED ALL MEAT LB **\$1 29**

HORMEL
PLAIN
CHILI
15 OZ CAN **93¢**

TOWIE
STUFFED
OLIVES
5 OZ JAR **79¢**

WASHINGTON EX FANCY
RED DELICIOUS APPLES
POUND **49¢**

FOREMOST
EGG NOG
QT CRTN **\$1 09**

FOREMOST
DIPS OR SOUR
CREAM
8 OZ CRTN **43¢**

FRESH
CELERY LARGE STALK **49¢**

FOREMOST
HOMO
MILK
GAL JUG **\$2 29**

FOREMOST
LOW FAT
MILK
GAL JUG **\$2 19**

GOLDEN
BANANAS LB **35¢**

CLEANER
COMET
2 14 OZ CANS **83¢**

SOFTNER
DOWNY
54 OZ JUG **\$2 09**

OCEAN SPRAY 12 OZ PKG
CRANBERRIES **79¢**

FRESH
BROCCOLI LB **49¢**

TEXAS
GOLDEN **YAMS** LB **33¢**

YELLOW
ONIONS LB **25¢**
RUSSET
SPUDS 10 LB BAG **\$1 59**

CHARMIN
TISSUE
4 ROLL CRTN **98¢**

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40 CT PKG **\$1 89**

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