

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, September 27, 1984...Merkel, Texas

Our 96th Year



§ The 1000 block of North 1st here will have three less buildings soon.

Demolition on the three buildings began last week. When the dust

settles the western half of the block will be cleared east to the domino hall. [Staff photo]

Food give-away

program set Oct. 13

Persons meeting income guidelines have until Oct. 4th to sign up for a USDA surplus commodity give-away set Oct. 13th at the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department station.

Items scheduled to be given away include cheese, butter, honey and flour.

Persons can sign up between 8 and 1 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Heritage Hall.

The program is run through the commissioners court and pick-ups are held at the fire station. City council thanked Carsons Supermarket here for their help by donating shopping carts to make the pick-up easier.

Meal program plans

Oct. 6 fund raiser

A fund raiser has been set for the Senior Citizens Nutritional Program here.

Oct. 4th at 6 p.m. meal is being planned. Food offered will include beans, stew, sandwiches, cakes, pies, cookies, corn bread and drinks.

Taylor County precinct 2 commissioner Don Dudley will auction off baked goods.

Money raised will be used to supplement money taken in at the Tuesday and Thursday senior citizen meal program. The lunches at Heritage Hall regularly draw close to 200 people and the fund must average 80 cents per meal.



§ Nature already did some demolition of the old theatre building on North 1st here. It is one of three

building along that block that is being demolished. [Staff photo]

Lot going on around here, welcome exes bond issue. . . more

by Cloy A. Richards

§ I usually start writing this column at about the same time my head hits my pillow Monday evenings.

I would have not slept at all Monday night if I had taken my normal approach. So much is going on, it would have taken all night.

In no way does the order of the topics that follow have anything to do with their importance, but all things must stop and end somewhere.

Homecoming, 1984

Some folks will be back in town this weekend to reminisce about the old days here. Classes of 1934 and 1984 are planning reunions that are historically pretty well attended.

As usual, there will be a Friday pep rally and parade, a bonfire Thursday evening and lots of time spent talking about the good ol' days.

Some of the talk will center around Merkel, and those that come to visit from out-of-town will learn a few new things here.

Some of the old buildings are gone, some are in the process of demolition, and the place just doesn't look the same anymore. Fresh coats of paint are everywhere, streets are paved that were not before, the City Park looks better than it ever has, the grounds at MISD look better than they ever have and . . . you are right, it's not the same ol' place anymore.

Welcome Back to the visiting former students. We hope you like what you see.

City park

§ Merkel City Councilmen approved the plans for the northside city park that will be constructed by using matching grants from the State Department of Parks & Wildlife and the Department of Housing & Urban Development.

It will feature shaded picnic

areas, a multi-purpose court suitable for volleyball and basketball, lighted tennis courts, playground equipment, barbecue grills, trees, and more.

Funds have already been approved on the project and city manager J. A. Sadler will hand deliver, or may have already done so, those documents to proper officials in Austin.

Bond Issue

MISD board members met Tuesday night to set the date for a bond election to build a new high school.

I began writing this column before the meeting, but MISD has been making their feelings known on this issue for quite awhile.

Board members have said in the past that the new facility that now houses Merkel High was designed to eventually be the new junior

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School board will meet Oct. 4th to call for Oct. 30 bond vote

MISD board members decided Tuesday evening to meet Oct. 4th and formally call for a bond election to construct a new high school.

Board members also decided to look into the legal wording for three options on the bond.

Board members met Tuesday evening intending to set the date for the election, but discovered during the day Tuesday the election could not be called because proper, formal notice had not been given of the board's intentions. Instead, the board used the meeting to make their plans public and to answer questions concerning the new proposals.

Exact figures were not available at press time, but the bond package for the first option will carry a price tag close to \$3.85 million and will call for a tax increase from between 25 to 28 cents per \$100 evaluation.

The options, if approved by legal advisors, will include an option to add an auditorium to the new facility at a cost of about \$500,000 and the third option will be to add a cafeteria and lecture hall priced about \$250,000. Those figures could not be confirmed by

the school's architects, Harper-Perkins of Wichita Falls because the board had originally intended to offer a single proposition ballot, and still have that option open to them.

Less than 40 people attended the meeting, a majority of them were MISD personnel. MISD superintendent Bill Everett opened the meeting with these remarks:

"Most of you know our situation. Over the past two years we have realized that we were out of space.

That should come as no surprise to you, we have tried to relay the message through the local paper and other means. We have got to get into some type of building program. We have no choice. Our student population was a little over 900 four years ago and today it is 1,417 and growing. We opened school this year with 1,299. Right now we have a total of 23 kids that need special education classes. We don't have the space. We are leasing space in the Catholic Church for a new Kindergarten class that had to be created after school started and we are operating out of every square foot of space we have."

He added, "I am not going to tell

you that we can go out and build a new high school for nothing. It will take a lot of money. That is the reason for this meeting. If we start tomorrow it won't be near enough time. I am not going to tell you we have to build this new high school because the state is on our back, they are not. But we have programs that must be implemented under the new education bill and that includes limits on numbers of students in classrooms lower than now."

Everett then turned the program over to Merkel High principal Larry Curry. Curry presented architect's sketches and enrollment figures for MISD past and projected to the year 2000. The high school is capable of housing 585 students and is proposed to be constructed Northwest of Badger Stadium on a 40 acre plot the school purchased earlier.

Charles Harper told the audience "Now is good timing for a bond issue. It is also the right time (around the first of the year) to get good bids from contractors

Board members will meet at 7 a.m. Oct. 4th at the high school library to call for an election.

MISD officials hope the election can be held Oct. 30th.

City gives approval for plans on Northside city park

Merkel city councilmen gave final approval for plans for the northside city park at a regular meeting held at the Merkel Ambulance Service Building.

Council was also thanked for their help and cooperation in the senior citizens nutritional assistance program.

Genevieve King thanked council for their help in supporting the senior citizens meal program that feeds the elderly on two days per week at Heritage Hall. Mrs. King also told of plans for a benefit set Oct. 6th that will raise money for the program. An average of 80 cents per meal must be donated and the fund raiser will help to keep that average.

She also wanted to thank the

council for their assistance in government surplus food distributions that have been held here. Another is set for Oct. 13th.

Council approved plans for the Northside city park. No city money will be used in the project as the cost is being shared by the state Parks & Wildlife Department and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Included in the park are plans for lighted tennis court, a partially lighted multi-purpose court for volleyball and basketball, barbecue grills, restrooms, covered shelters and picnic tables. Money for purchase of trees and other landscaping is also provided.

Billy Jacobs, an engineer for Jacobs & Martin, presented the

plans to council Monday evening and they will be hand delivered to proper parks and wildlife authorities by Merkel city manager J. A. Sadler.

Council also heard a report on delinquent tax collections. Sadler told council the city had collected \$5,000 from the first mailing of a collection letter from an Austin law firm. An additional mailing will be made soon and after that, persons still owing taxes can be taken to court.

Council also learned that three buildings on Loop 39 will be demolished and that will leave the domino hall, the city library and Boney Insurance on that block. Pat Warren and Gregg Fisher are demolishing the buildings.

Homecoming weekend will be busy

The Merkel High Ex-Students Association is getting ready for Homecoming, set Sept. 28 & 29.

Events will get started with registration all day Friday at Heritage Hall. A parade will be held at 3 p.m. downtown and a pep Rally will be held in front of Merkel Drug. Kickoff for the game is set for 8 p.m. and a coffee and visitation will be held at Heritage Hall following the game.

Honor classes this year are 1934 & 1964. Candidates for Mister X are David Gamble & Freddy Toombs. Candidates for Coming Home Queen are Clara B. Walla and Sarah-Lucas.

Those that are unable to attend homecoming may still vote for their choice by mailing their vote or donations to Debbie Doan, 210 Taylor Merkel.

Saturday at noon, a pot luck luncheon and business meeting will be held, also at Heritage Hall. Also, class reunions from 1946-47-48 and 49 will be held at Heritage Hall Saturday night at 7 p.m.

People attending those functions are asked to bring chips & dips.

For persons wishing to reserve a space in the parade, they should contact Lee Ann Tarpley at 928-5362, Mike Warren at 928-5961 or Debbie Doan at 928-4516 at

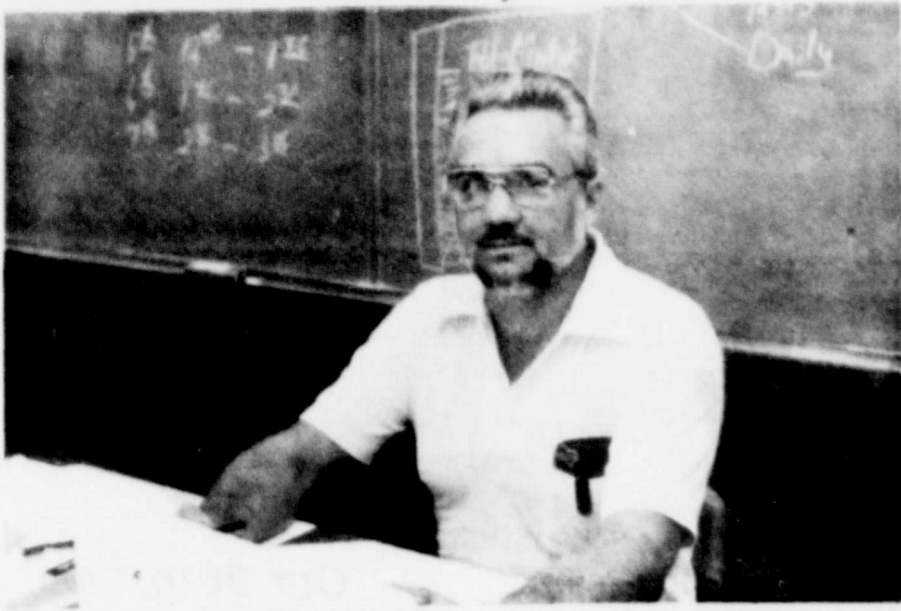
home or 928-5811 at work.

The Class of 1934 and people interested in visiting with them are invited to Dave Gamble's home after the game Friday.

The Class of '64 has a busy weekend planned with reunion activities.

They are the host class for the after coffee time at Heritage Hall Friday night.

They will hold their reunion at 3 p.m. at the Church of Christ Family Center. They are planning snacks, food, old football films, past teachers to visit with. They also asking that people attending bring along pictures and other memory items.



Ken Elliott is a middle school biology teacher, is married with two children and a grandchild. He is a Graham native and holds a



Jana Cook is an 8th grade math teacher and holds a degree from HSU. She is from Abilene and enjoys traveling and cross-stitching.



Shirley Ann Williamson is a 6th grade reading teacher here. She holds a degree in elementary education from ACU and is a Tulsa Native. She enjoys attending ball games.

Pros & cons on bond, lot of new taxes & old...

high when MISD ran out of room in the current elementary and middle school buildings.

Room they ran out of four years ago, when portables from the high school were filled and more being put up all the time. Even the "albatross", as it is now known, (originally designed as a foul weather PE facility) was turned into classrooms. More are currently being constructed and enrollment is at an all time high.

You have heard all of that before, if you cared to, and will be told that time and time again over the next few weeks.

No organized opposition exists for the proposals so the other side is hard to present. Playing a devils advocate, your initial reactions will be "taxes are already high enough", "What's wrong with portable buildings when I went to school we had to walk 3 miles and then the teacher was so rough that..." and more.

A bond election is a bond election. Local elected officials are presented a need from paid professionals on things that are needed by that organization and the people simply decide if those things are needed and if they can pay the additional taxes.

It's as simple as that, although it sometimes can get very complicated.

Regardless of what your initial reaction is, don't decide how you will vote until you listen, read or see the facts presented.

You owe that to yourself, your pocketbook and the students.

New taxes

Beginning Oct. 2 a whole new slew of state taxes will kick in as well as a .125 percent state tax increase. The price of a lot of items will rise 5.125 percent because they will be taxed for the first time.

One of them hits close to home as all newspaper subscriptions delivered in this state are now subject to the state tax. We have now raised the in-county rate to \$10 and the in state rate to \$11.75. The list of new taxable items is long and has a lot to do with amusements and service oriented businesses. Of course, the fuel tax is already in and the new state license and fees prices have also all been changed.

So, the next time you take the kids to the zoo, pick up a sack of fertilizer, take in a movie, pick up the cleaning and head home, don't be surprised when you count your cash at the end of the evening. It cost you an additional 5.125 percent.

Merkel city councilmen heard a little good news about delinquent tax collections here, the city picked up \$5,000 of the \$50,000 in back taxes with the first mailing of a letter from an Austin-based law firm.

New letters will arrive shortly and they will be more forceful and will be the last required letter before tax cases can be placed into the courts for collections.

Money derived from tax collections are being used for additional paving and the city is already paving two streets with funds they have already raised.

Football

GO BADGERS!

by Dale Hammond

This week's featured guest for the Purple AND GOLD! is Tim Baber, No. 50. Tim is a major standout in Biology and studies art. Tim says his big goal in life is to use H. Ross Perot for some big lab tests in his beloved biology class. When it comes to art, Tim says his number one priority is to replace me at The Mail which does not say much for his motivation! Tim is a cross country runner in track and all you have to do to get him to run is just place him downwind from Mama's cooking.



THURSDAY
7TH & 8TH GRADE AT BANGS AT 5:00 PM
FRESHMEN HAMLIN HERE AT 4:45 PM
JUNIOR VARSITY ABILENE HIGH HERE AT 6:30 PM
FRIDAY
VARSITY HOMECOMING BANGS HERE AT 8 PM

Table with 2 columns listing local businesses and their addresses/phone numbers. Includes WYLIE TRUCK TERMINAL & SHAMROCK, FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK, TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOP, MICHAEL'S INN, STARBUCK FURNITURE, DUBOSE BUTANE & TEXACO, BEN FRANKLIN STORE, SHANNONSDIE APARTMENTS, P & L AUTO PARTS, SKEET'S RESTAURANT, MERKEL BRICK & LUMBER, HI-VAL FARM & HOME SUPPLY, MERKEL DRUG COMPANY, CARSON'S SUPERMARKET, MERKEL VETERINARY CLINIC, TAYLOR TELEPHONE COOP, RAE-RAC COMPRESSOR RENTAL & REPAIR, PALMER PONTIAC & GMC.



John Warkala (with ball) heads upfield as Tim Baber (52) picks

what Plowboy to block here last day night at 8 p.m. for the annual week in Merkel's 27-0 loss to Roscoe. Merkel faces Bangs Fri- homecoming game.

Roscoe rolls over Badgers 27-0

Roscoe struck twice in seven second at the end of the first half here Friday night as they cruised to a 27-0 win over the Merkel Badgers. The loss puts the Badgers at 1-2 on the season.

Merkel's only offense came from fullback John Warkala, who was held to 36 yards on the ground, but the Badgers were held to 62 yards of offense on the night.

Both teams were unable to a serious threat until midway in the 2nd quarter when Roscoe broke open a couple of long runs and found themselves inside the Badger 10. A bad pitch was recovered by Roscoe lineman Richard Cuellar to keep the drive alive, but the Badger defense held Roscoe on four plays at the goal. After taking over on downs, the Badgers were forced to punt from the end zone. Starting with good field position, Roscoe went 40 yards on five plays as fullback Kevin Reed went in for the score with 2:27 left in the half. The point after was kicked by Nathan Richburg and Roscoe lead 7-0. The ensuing kickoff was mis-

handed by the Badgers and Roscoe recovered on the 22. On the next play quarterback Matt Denman hit Tommy Williams with a touchdown strike. Richburg again added the point after and it was 14-0 at the half.

After that, Roscoe scored three more touchdowns on big plays and cruised to an easy 27-0 win.

Defensively, James Wright and Tommy Joe Bolden turned in good performances.

Roscoe line dominated Merkel's making moving the ball impossible. Roscoe's starting front five

lineman outweighed the Badgers by 27 pounds per man.

Badgers take on Bangs

Bangs comes to town as Merkel's homecoming foe and they have had their problems this year.

Bangs is 0-3 on the year and have been shut-out in all three of their contests.

The Merkel Junior Varsity kept their record clean by dominating Colorado City here last Thursday and the freshman team also won. Both the middle school squads were idle.

Booster club sets raffle, sale

The Merkel Badger Booster Club met Monday at the high school building. The autographed football was won by Darlene Williams at last week's game. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1 each for the game this week.

Don't forget to order your donuts at \$3 per dozen from the Booster Club on Oct. 6th in the business area or you may call in an order at 928-5037 or 928-5249. The club will have a decorated trailer for the varsity boys to ride

in the Homecoming Parade Friday.

Congratulations are in order for the girls volleyball team for their win over Weinert Monday. They met Graham in a district game Tuesday. Also, to the Freshman and JV team for winning last week. The Merkel JV is 3-0 on the year and dominated the Colorado City team here last week.

The freshmen will face Hamlin at 4:45 p.m. Thursday and the JV will play Abilene High at 6:30.

JV cruises past C-City; now 3-0

The Merkel High Junior Varsity Badgers played host to the Colorado City Wolves Thursday night and ended up on top by the score of 32 to 7. This was the Badgers third win in a row.

The game was a defensive battle in the first half with Colorado City gaining a 7 to 6 halftime lead. This was the first touchdown scored on the Badgers this year. They have had two previous shut-outs.

The Second half started out with a bang for the Badgers when Douglas Taylor returned the opening Kickoff 80 yards for a score. The Badger defense, led by Justin Amerine, Thomas Doan, Danny Santee, Shane Reagan and Jay Williams, kept Colorado City off the board in the whole second half.

The Badger offense got in track in the second half as they put 20 points on the board, good line

blocking by Lenny Neith, Kerry Miller, Wayne Johnson, Shane Burks, and Darren Lancaster provided good holes for backs Dusty Taylor, Shane Reagan and Danny Santee. Taylor had one 70 run of 50 yards.

The Badgers will play host this Thursday, September 27, to the Abilene High Junior Varsity. This will be a real test for them and they need everyone's support. Game time will be 6:30.

What's all this homework talk?

by Russell McAnally

There is a lot of talk about school kids doing their "Homework." I am not sure what they mean when they say, "Homework." Some schools have determined that the learning will be done at school in class work and no homework demanded. The "Homework" they are talking about is not the same as it was in my day. Let me tell you what "Homework" meant to me in the glory days of my youth.

We lived over three miles from school and over an hour was needed to walk to school—the school bus had not been invented by then. Recess was the most important part of the day. There was a mid-morning and mid-afternoon break called recess, for playing games. The lunch hour period was also a time of playing games. Our lunches were wrapped in some kind of paper or in half gallon syrup buckets. Some of the more well to do kids even had lunch pails-storebought T he secret was to eat your lunch without anyone knowing what you were eating. The meanest thing that could be done in that day was for someone to steal your lunch. Most lunch containers contained at least one biscuit. There were a number of options as to what went into the biscuits. Some had peanut butter, fried or scrambled eggs, jelly, butter mixed with sugar-syrup, sausage or ham. One biscuit with ham and another with jelly was a good lunch.

The three mile walk home was spiced with two boys or two girls in a fight or teasing some girl about some boy. When we arrived home we didn't stop—we walked through the house-picked up another biscuit-punched a hole

in-poured it full of syrup and ate it on the way to the cotton patch where we gathered cotton until sundown. When we got back to the house we milked the cows, fed the hogs, and brought in wood and kindling before supper time. We had done our "HOMEWORK".

There was a short period of time left over for us to "Get our lessons." My parents told me that I always had less lessons to get than any of my brothers or sisters. I thought they were saying I was extra smart but I changed my mind on that after I had my britches warmed-real good "for

having to take the third grade over again."

They say the kids of today are not learning much in school and not doing their homework, I mean lessons. I want to tell you what I think the problem is. Kids do not need to be any smarter, they are so smart now that they don't know what to do with themselves. They may need the old fashioned "Homework" more than they need lessons. Doing Homework builds character—with character you can get whatever you need, without character it is better not to be so smart.

MHS student of month chosen

Each month, the Merkel High School Faculty Advisory Committee will choose an outstanding boy and girl from each class to be the students of the month. Students chosen for September are: Fre-

shmen, Todd Smith and April Duncan, Sophomores Billy Ray Riley and Shelley Brandon, Juniors Ronnie Hines and Robin Ray, and Seniors John Starbuck and Shelley Sherrill.

Council busy with homecoming

It was a busy week for the MHS student council. The council is responsible for the homecoming queen election, the nominees' gifts and the flowers for the queen.

The nominees are: Melissa Davish will be escorted by Sean Woodard; Debbie Green- escorted

by Jerry Davis; Amy Irvin, escorted by Tim Brandon; Kelly Riney, escorted by James Richardson.

The student activity calendars are still on sale. If you would like to purchase one, come by the school office or call 928-5511.

5 attend Eastern Star confab confab

Five members of Merkel Chapter 212 have just returned from Dallas. While there, they attended the 102nd session of Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.

Four of the were given appointments to the Worthy Grand Matron's special committees.

They are Mrs. Margaret Hunter, Buddy Hunter, Mrs. Anna Zell Bright and Mrs. Mildred Starbuck. Also attending was Zed Bright.

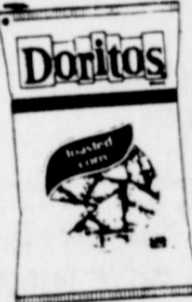
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77-TFC

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79-TFC

Attention Hunters: Pack mule for sale. Saddle broke, sure footed and large, 13 hands. Call 862-6322.

79-3tp

Misc

Does someone you love have a drinking problem? Is it affecting your life? If so, AI-ANNON FAMILY groups can help. A Merkel group is now meeting weekly in the mornings. Call 928-4844 or 928-5067.

49-TFC

Need lady two days per week. lifting involved. Call 928-5268.

81-1tp

Would like to clean your house call 928-4958.

81-1tcg

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81-1tc

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79-5TC

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77-10tp

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33-TFC

Help wanted: Cook, experienced preferred but will train. Apply in person Big Country Inn.

I would like to keep children in my home at Stith, Monday thru Friday. Hours open to your needs. All ages welcome. References available. Call anytime 736-6381 or 736-5296.

81-2tpd

2 ladies will do house-cleaning. Experienced and references. Minimum of \$25. Call 928-4050.

81-1tc

Babysitting in my home; 0-8. Naps & meals included \$30 per week. Mt. View Estates Rt 3 Merkel for more information call 928-4489

81-1tc

Real Estate

House reduced for sale: 3 bedroom, one and three-quarter bath, den, fireplace, cement cellar, 2 storage sheds, good water well, pecan trees, \$42,000. Call 928-5717.

80-TC

For Sale: 3 bedroom brick home on 78.4 acres. Some minerals, call 928-5560 for more information.

79-2tc

For rent

House for rent at 211 Rose \$270 per month. Central heat and air. Call 928-5939.

81-TFC

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-1,2,3 bedroom apartments, shag carpet, all electric, dishwasher, garbage disposal, central heating and cooling. For more information, call 928-5038.

33-tfc

For rent: 3 bedroom mobile, patriy furnished, call 928-5635.

77-TFC

Apartments for rent; 2 bedroom, refrigerator & stove Upstairs \$250 per month with \$150 deposit downstairs with dishwasher \$275 per month with \$150 deposit. 6 month lease required. Call 928-5194.

78-TFC

For rent: 2 bedroom house with ceiling fan, woodburning stove, kitchen stove, refrigerator, and dishwasher, washer-dryer at 1206 N 6th. 150 per month \$250 per month. Call 928-5194.

77-TFC

1,2 or 3 bedroom mobile home for rent in Merkel. 928-4973.

27-1tp

Furnished, 2 bedroom mobile home 12 X 44. Couple, will accept one child. Water paid, carpeted, 7 miles NE of Merkel 928-5677.

80-1tc

Garage Sales

Giant garage sale Thursday & Friday 9-6 Sat 9-12 Aldersgate United Methodist Church at 1741 Sayles.

81-1tc

3 Family Garage Sale Little girls & ladies clothes and shoes, full brass plated headboard \$30, bedspread, paper-back, lots of nic-nacs. Saturday only from 7:00 to 5:00 at 4 Palmer Circle.

81-1tpd

Three family garage sale Thursday & Friday. Sept. 27 & 28 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at 1408 Heath. Sewing machine, coffee machines and etc.

80-2tc

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The family of Bob Dye

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the flowers, prayers, food memorial contributions, for your support concern and sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved daddy, granddaddy, brother and son.
You all have a special place in our hearts God Bless you all.
The family of Bill Dye

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
T O: JEAN-AURELE MAURICE BAIZANA, Whereabouts Unkonwn, Respondent;
GREETINGS:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, 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 MARY TERESA BAIZANA, Plaintiff, filed in said Court on the 21st day of September, 1984, against Jean-Aurele Maurice Baizana, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 11,016-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of MARY TERESA BAIZANA and JEAN-AURELE MAURICE

BAIZANA, the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to grant a divorce between the Petitioner and Respondent and decree such other relief as requested in the petition.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding upon 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 give under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 21st day of September, 1984.
Rilla Mahoney, Clerk
326th District Court
Taylor County, Texas
by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy.

80-74-1tc

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ROBERT EARL ADAMS, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Robert Earl Adams, Deceased, were issued on August 29, 1984, in Cause No. 16,373, pending in County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to:

Boles, Fry
Tuscola, Texas 79562

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present

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DATED this the 30th day of August, 1984.
BRADBURY, TIPPEN ROLLINS & ADKINS
by Bryan Bradbury
81-1tc

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Kent Satterwhite
Mayor
81-1tc



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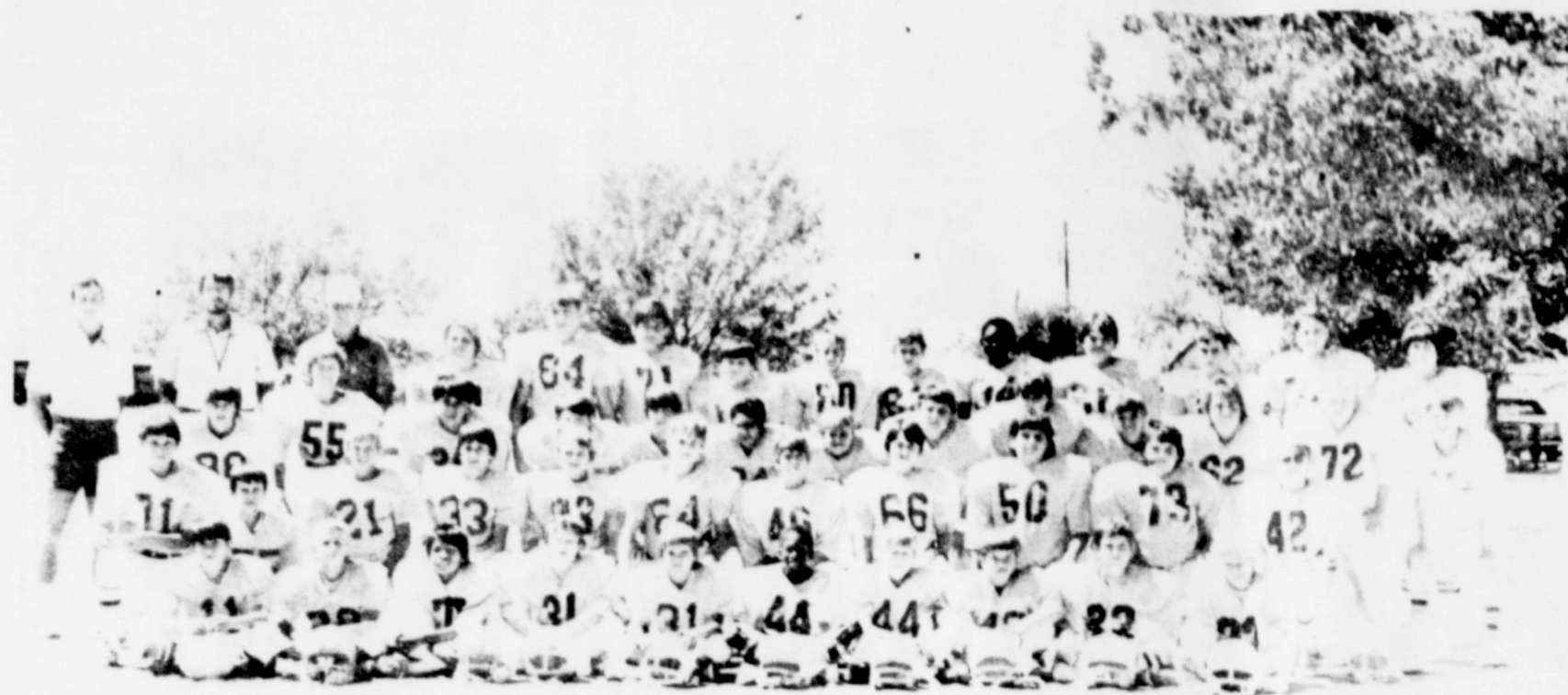
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Playing for the Merkel 7th grade football team this year are [all from left, first row] Chance Ferguson, Brandon Rice, Stevie Bierra, Shawn Miller, Dusty McLeod, Ricky Williams, Richard Stanley, Kevin Pilegrim, David Dutton, Lynn Gregory [second row] Danny Davis, Cory Chick,

Owen Tevebaugh, Lee Kotriik, Jimmy Moore, Jerry Workman, Shannon Jones, Gregg Goodjoia, Johnny Thomas, Trey Bird, Chris Pack [3rd row] Steven Ross, Michael Blue, Chris Gaona, Danon Alldredge, David Miller, Matthew Ascencio, Richard Bryan, David Mercer, David Wheeler, Phillip

Seymore, Jeffrey Story, Billy Williams, Steven Jabobs [4th row] Coach Lee, Coach Woods, Coach Yancy, Joe Jordan, James Blant, Tim Hohhertz, Eric Teaff, Kyle Doan, David Thomas, Tommy White, Jeremy Judge, Chip Townsend, Steven Baur and Toby DuPont. [Staff photo]



Hamlin gospel singing set

A gospel singing will be held Saturday at 8 p.m. at Hamlin High's Auditorium. Invited to attend and hear the music of the Arthur Ward family of Dallas and the Freddy Weaver family of Hamlin.

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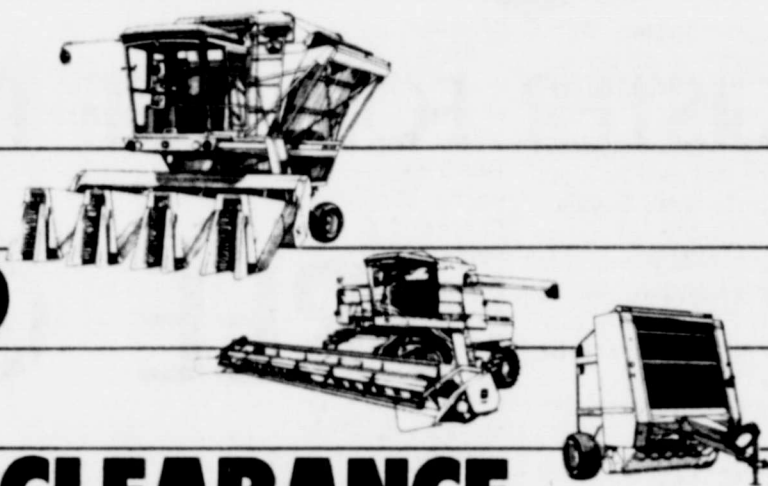
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Troy Johnson, Davey DeLeon, Wade Bombs, Chris Wright, Scott Graham, Tony Duran [middle row] Robert Grewell, Steve Hobbs, Eddie Proctor, Cory

Hines, John Hall, Ray Cobb, Ricky Hernandez, David Bierra, Freddy Gonzales [back row] Doug Bollen-manager, Coach Yancy, Michael Adkins, Monty Griffin,

Kenneth Jowers, Lee Cain, John McNeal, John Paul Dudley, Robert Turner, coach Woods and Coach Lee. [Staff photo]

Recent Merkel cemetery donors named

Recent cemetery donations have been received from the following people:

Skippy & Ethel Hicks in memory of Ray Wilson; Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hogan in memory of Beulah Gilmore; George, Rose, J.C.* & Leola in memory of Beulah Gilmore, Mr. & Mrs. William Fariello in memory of Beulah Gilmore; Mrs. Paul West in memory of Annie Sledge; Mrs. Ray Wilson in memory of Beulah Gilmore; Gerri Dunlap in memory of Beulah Gilmore.

Also, Marrin & Fredia Egger in memory of Murry & Iva Farmer; Mrs. Thomas Greene; Mr. & Mrs. C. J. Smith in memory of Effie Seale; Mrs. Sam Butman in memory of Beulah London; Mr. & Mrs. C. M. Brown in memory of Maurine Pool; George & Charlotte Starbuck; Mrs. J.R. Bicknell; Ann Tipton in memory of Maurine Pool James Bird in memory of Effie Bird; Betty L. Eason; Craig & Faynell Jones.

Also, Mr. & Mrs. George J. Moore in memory of Mrs. George J. Moore; Hollis & Lillian Floyd;

Mrs. Johnnie Derington; Geroge Douglas in memory of Earnest & Lola Douglas; Mrs. & Mrs. L. D. Bishop and D. A. & Kay Stewart in memory of Beatrice Holt; Mrs. Adell Holt, Catherine Bishop & Mark Holt in memory of Beatrice Holt; Mrs. J. W. Taff in memory of Salene & Bill Taff; Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Farmer; Comer & Lucy Haynes and Neall Taff in memory of Rose Guitar.

Also, Esther Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church in memory of Mrs. Henry Holt; Fern Windham in memory of Beatrice Holt; Mr. & Mrs. Laverne Moore in memory of Cramer Reynolds; Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hogan in memory of Cramer Reynolds; Lloyd & Mildred Mitchell in memory of Cramer Reynolds; David & Bessie Gamble in memory of Cramer Reynolds; Mrs. Stallo & Deborah in memory of Cramer Reynolds; Mrs. W. G. Richardson in memory of Beatrice Holt and Cramer Reynolds.

Also, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Orsborn, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hart and Mrs. David Michal in memory of

Cramer Reynolds; Mr. & Mrs. Comer Haynes and Neil Teaff in memory of Cramer Reynolds; Mr. & Mrs. Earl Palmer in memory of Herbert & Ella Davenport; Ila Mae McLean in memory of Cramer Reynolds; Price and Doca Melton in memory of Billy Dye; Mr. & Mrs. Bobby DuBose in memory of Cramer Reynolds and Billy Dye; Betty Conley in memory of Cramer Reynolds and Billy Dye; Mr. & Mrs. Earl Palmer in memory of Cramer Reynolds; Mr. & Mrs. Fred Guitar; Mr. & Mrs. B. M. Ueckert in memory of

Cramer Reynolds; Mr. & Mrs. H. L. Hammond and Ruby Whisenhunt Family in memory of Cramer Reynolds; Bernice Jones; Bernard & Eva Clark; Mabel McRee in memory of Nina Taylor and Pauline Davidson; Mr. & Mrs. Melton Newsom in memory of Billy Dye and Callie Newsom; Betty Conley and Mrs. Morris B. Smith in memory of Bob Dye, Allen Higgins in memory of Orlan Higgins and Bob Dye; Mr. & Mrs. Fred Perry and Mrs. James Pilant and the Swafford family in memory of J.R. and Emma Swafford.

Trent FFA results from West Texas Fair

Trent FFA members placed in the stock show at the West Texas Fair & Rodeo. Scott O'Kelly placed 2nd and 7th in the steers; he was 2nd and 4th

with the Angus show. In the calf scramble, Brian Massey won \$100 to buy a gilt and Willie Brazelton won a \$300 certificate to buy a heifer.

MISD lunch menu

This is the MISD school lunch menu:
 Oct. 27th- Turkey salad sandwiches, lettuce & tomatoes, carrot sticks, apricot cobbler.
 Oct. 28 Hot dogs with chili, baked vegetable beans, french fries and catsup, fresh apple wedges.
 Oct. 1 Beef stew, carrots & potatoes, lettuce wedges and dressings, corn bread and purple plum cobbler.

Oct. 2 Pizza, vegetable salad, buttered corn, jello with fruit.
 Oct. 3- Tacos with taco sauce, pinto beans, lettuce and cheese, apple cheese crisps.
 October 4th- Fried chicken with creamed gravy, seasoned green beans and whipped potatoes, sliced peaches with whipped topping.
 Oct. 5th- cheeseburgers, all the trimmings and fries, orange wedges.

Mrs. A. E. Hohertz succumbs

Mrs. A. E. (Alma M.) Hohertz, 84, of Bur-Mont Nursing Home died at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday at the nursing home. She had been ill health for about a year.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Thursday at Our Saviour Lutheran Rev. Bob Boyce of Trinity Lutheran officiated. Burial followed at Elmwood Memorial.

Born Alma M. Stephan Aug. 7, 1900 in Lee County, she grew up and attended school in Romney and Eastland counties. She married Albert E. Hohertz Feb. 13, 1921 in Romney. They moved to Taylor County after their marriage. She was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Mr. Hohertz, who died Aug. 9, 1983, was a dairyman at View for many years. A son, Herbert, died in 1977.

She is survived by a son, Harold of Rt. 4 View; two daughters Mrs. Orville (Margaret) Hellberg of Abilene and Mrs. John (Beatrice) Glenewinkel of Levelland; a brother Robert Stephan of Cisco; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Mark Bland, Joe McLean, Steve Glenewinkel, Ronny Hellberg, Lawrence Hellberg, Tim Hohertz, Cody Rnooes, Douglas Bronstadt and David Haedde.

FFA news & spotlights

by Stephanie Boyd

The West Texas Fair & Rodeo has now ended and it also ended many show projects. But many exhibitors went home winners. The Merkel FFA came away a few wins stronger, for instance, Lynn Hays came away with a 1st, 2nd, and also a reserve champion in swine; Shane Smith also had a reserve champion in swine.

In the sheep division, John Lanford of Merkel walked away with the herdsman award. The Merkel FFA will not lie dormant because the major shows of the season are now starting.

In this week's spotlight we start with Jon Bright. Jon is a junior in high school and currently enrolled in Vocational Agriculture IV. His

projects are sheep and his hobbies include fishing, skiing, motorcycles and listening to rock music. He has participated for three years in ag, 2 years in track and 2 years in basketball.

Next is Chris Cutler. He is a senior and is currently in Voc Ag. He has 11 pigs, 12 head of cattle and 80 acres of wheat for projects. He likes fishing, hunting and track.

Ken Hogan is a senior and is currently enrolled in general ag mechanics and Ag 1. His projects are steers and crop projects.

Also, Kevin Mitchell, Kerry Miller and myself were all winners in the calf scramble each receiving a certificate to buy a registered animal of the type scrambled for to be shown next year at the fair.

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Services held for Bob Dye

R. J. "Bob" Dye, 77, of Merkel, died at 12:31 p.m. last Tuesday at his home after a sudden illness. Services were held at 4 p.m. Thursday at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

Rev. Dean Williams, pastor of the Assembly of God Church here officiated. Burial followed at Rose Hill.

Born March 16, 1907 in Fisher County, he was raised in Mulberry Canyon, south of Merkel. He had lived in this area all of his life.

He was a member of the Assembly of God Church. He had married Ruby Shurlock on Jan. 1, 1927 here. She died March 4, 1983.

He is survived by a son, Bobby of Sweetwater; two daughters,

Beulah Kinsey of Amarillo and Imogene King of Merkel; two sisters Eliza Kingery of Roaring Springs and Clara Smelter of Big Spring; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Eugene Dye, Jerry Horton, George English, Herman Alley, Clifford Dye and Frank Estes.

Catholic church sets

Jamaica, music, dinner, square dancing... more

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church will have their annual Jamaica Oct. 19th. Once again, the ladies of the parish have started making tamales and will be taking early orders. If you would like to order, call during the daytime Maria Moreno at 9285365

and Deiores Chavira at 928-5275.

After 6 p.m. call Janie Jaramillo at 928-5867 and Carrie Acuna at 928-5704.

In addition to live entertainment, the Country Cousins will be performing and all square dancers should attend.

5th Sunday singing set here

The 5th Sunday singing will be held at the First Assembly of God Church at North 2nd and Runnels starting at 2 p.m.

Sept. 30th.
Everyone is welcome to attend, young and old.

Public notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: JOHNNY LOPEZ, Address Unknown, 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 Anrullo Rodriguez and Carmen Montes Rodriguez, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 13th day of September, 1984, against JOHNNY LOPEZ, Respondent and said suit being numbered 124CX on the docket of the Court and entitled "In re Interest of LUPE YVONNE MONTS, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to determine what parent-child relationship exist between the child and Respondent, that same be terminated, that Petitioner be granted a Decree of Adoption of such

child, and that any other relief as requested in the petition be give.

Said child was born the 12th day of December, 1971 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.

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 give under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 18th day of September, 1984.

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

81-87-11c

Hudson remembered by sister

Clarence Hudson was laid to rest on August 29, 1984. He had moved to Jones County in 1915 and had moved to California in 1969 because of poor health. He was the eldest of eight children born to Mr. & Mrs. G. Y. Hudson of Noodle. He is mourned by three brothers and

three sisters.

Written in memory of Clarence by Mamie Wane Hudson Lucas

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there and I do not sleep
I am a thousand winds that blow
I am the diamond glint on snow

I am the sunshine on ripened grain
I am the gentle rain
Where you awaken in the morning light
I am the swift, uplifting on gentle birds in flight
I am not the soft start that shines at night
I am not there, I did not die

Robert Price buried here

Robert E. Price, 62, of Abilene died at 1:45 p.m. Friday at Hendrick Medical Center following a lengthy illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Starbuck Funeral Home chapel.

Rev. Jim Lee of Crescent Heights Baptist Church officiated.

Burial followed at Rose Hill here.

Born Aug. 1, 1922 in Jones County, he had grown up in the Merkel area and married Zella Grantham Feb. 7, 1942 here. He was an Army veteran in World War II and had lived in Abilene since 1946. He was a member of

Crescent Heights.

He is survived by his wife; two brothers Stephen & Gregory of Abilene; three brothers, Jim of Merkel, Emmitt of Mineral Wells and Billy Joe of Snyder; and four grandchildren.

DuPont out of basic

Private Justina C. DuPont, daughter of Shirley A. and Joseph C. DuPont of 409 Haynes,

here has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Sunday McAninch takes Marine unit

Marine Reserve Lieutenant Colonel Thomas W. McAninch, of 708 Noel Drive, Longview, Tex., today assumed command of 3d Battalion, 23d Marines, 4th Marine Division.

Lt Col. McAninch, former executive officer of the Reserve battalion that's headquartered in New Orleans, relieved LtCol. J.D. Watson of Little Rock, AR.

The new commander is, in civilian life, a senior chemist with Eastman Kodak in Longview. The

41-year-old Reservist was graduated from Merkel High where his parents still reside. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McAninch, of 1406 Herring Street.

LtCol. McAninch was graduated in 1966 from McMurry College in Abilene, and enlisted in the Marine Corps. He completed Officer Candidate School, The Basic School and was assigned as a platoon commander for M Co., 3d Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st

Marine Division, in Vietnam.

After a 13-month tour, he returned to the U.S. and joined the Reserve program. He sought and completed the course of study for his PhD from the University of Texas, Austin, in 1974.

LtCol. McAninch is married to the former Miss Carolyn Sue Anderson, of 507 Manchester in Merkel. They have two daughters, Courtney Paige, 15, and Ashley Angele, 9.

VFW sets scholarship contest

"Students win more than awards and scholarships when they participate in the VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program," said Commander J.D. Sandusky of VFW Post 5683 in discussing the broadcast script-writing program conducted annually by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary.

Some of the fringe benefits, according to Commander Sandusky are increased self-confidence and poise, experience in

communicating with others and valuable training in self expression. For the state winners, there is also the broadening experience of a five-day tour of Washington, D.C., and the opportunity to make lasting friendships with the other state winners.

In the twenty-three years that the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary have sponsored the Voice of Democracy Program, more than 5,000,000 high school students have participated. Participants write and then tape-record a three-to-five

minute broadcast script expressing their views on "My Pledge to America". From among the state winners, six national winners are chosen to receive a total of \$32,500 in scholarships.

"One of the greatest benefits to young people who take part in the program, is that by thinking, writing and speaking up for their country, they gain a better appreciation of their obligation to maintain our nation's freedom heritage", Commander Sandusky said.

Carriker explains vote on school bill

To The Editor:

Because of numerous reasons that have become obvious to students, teachers, and parents since the beginning of the school year (and for other reasons which may not become apparent until future years), I voted no on House Bill 72, the "education" bill of the June special session.

Numerous calls and letters from concerned persons indicate that somehow, in a frustrated effort to strike out at what many people believe to be an ill-conceived and counter-productive change in the statutes, many teachers and parents assume of have been misinformed that all Legislators voted for and supported H. B. 72.

His is not the case and I can assure you that many Legislators, like myself, were concerned with (1) inadequate increases in teacher pay and the imposition of an untested pay scheme which results in many veteran teachers being paid the same as beginning teachers; (2) the inclusion in the statutes of inflexible regulations regarding attendance and grading, matters better handled, in my opinion, by local boards; and (3) the almost certain increase in local property taxes for the majority of the 36 school districts within my legislative district.

A tremendous amount of political capital has been invested in this "reform" measure and I do not hold out great hope that the more objectionable parts can be easily amended. I do hope, however, that the scheduled increase in the proportion of the basic program that local taxes must fund can be rescinded and thereby take added pressure off of property taxes. I am also hopeful that policy-making authority regarding attendance, grading structure, and specialized curriculum will be returned to the local boards where it belongs.

It is difficult, when having campaigned and been elected, in part, on a platform of improving education, to vote against a bill highly touted as education improvement. But I did not perceive

the bulk of H.B. 72 as the kind of improvement we in the 78th district regard as progress, therefore I voted no.

Sincerely
Steven A. Carriker
State Representative

Preceptor Eta Omega meets

President Louise DuBose was hostess to the ladies of Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sept. 18.

Louise was captain and Jane was co captain and they presented a program on marriage.

Oct. 6th was set for the tasting tea and style show from Braggs at

Taylor Electric.

Attending were Louise DuBose, Jane Carson, Kathy Leveridge, Jocille Brady, Blanche Hewitt, Ruth Epton, Connie Ybarra, Betty Conley, Val Patterson, Opal Garner, Betty Satterwhite, Liz Eager and Mamie Steck.

Their next meeting will be at Betty Satterwhite's home on Oct. 2

Merkel EMS holds meeting

Merkel EMS held their monthly meeting Wednesday night, Sept. 5, 1984.

Those present were Connie Harris, Jan Williams, Stan B., Annette Melton, Vernon and Ann Wade, Mike McNally, Steve Cochran, Mike Pippens, and Blanche Hewitt.

Paramedics begin their schooling September 7 and the EMT September 18, 1984.

Merkel EMS have five to enroll for Paramedic Classes, Steve Cochran, Jan Williams, Annette Melton, Paula King and Randy Leverich.

Lions set Oct. 3 blood drive

Merkel Lions will be holding a blood drive Oct. 3 at Heritage Hall from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Meeks Community Blood bank will give Merkel citizens credit for each pint of blood donated

through the drive and that credit can be used by anyone from Merkel in need of blood.

Red Cross will be co-sponsoring the drive.

Lambda Beta Beta is busy

Lambda Beta is off in full swing this year. Our first meeting was held in the home of Peggy Chick Sept. 4. Family and child raising was the topic presented by Kay Bishop and Debbie Roberson.

They met in Sept. 13th with members of other Merkel sororities for an evening of Keno and a wonderful salad supper.

Sept. 18th, they met in the home of Debbie Sandusky to discuss

plans for the year. Pat Schuknecht and Peggy presented a program on your personal score. We are all looking forward to a community friendship night Sept. 27th.

Lambda Beta members for the year are Kay Bishop, Peggy Chick, Annette Clark, Chera Hohertz, Martha Sue Justice, Ann Leach, Rita Moore, Debbie Roberson, Debbie Sandusky and Pat Schuknecht.

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Bob Bullock
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

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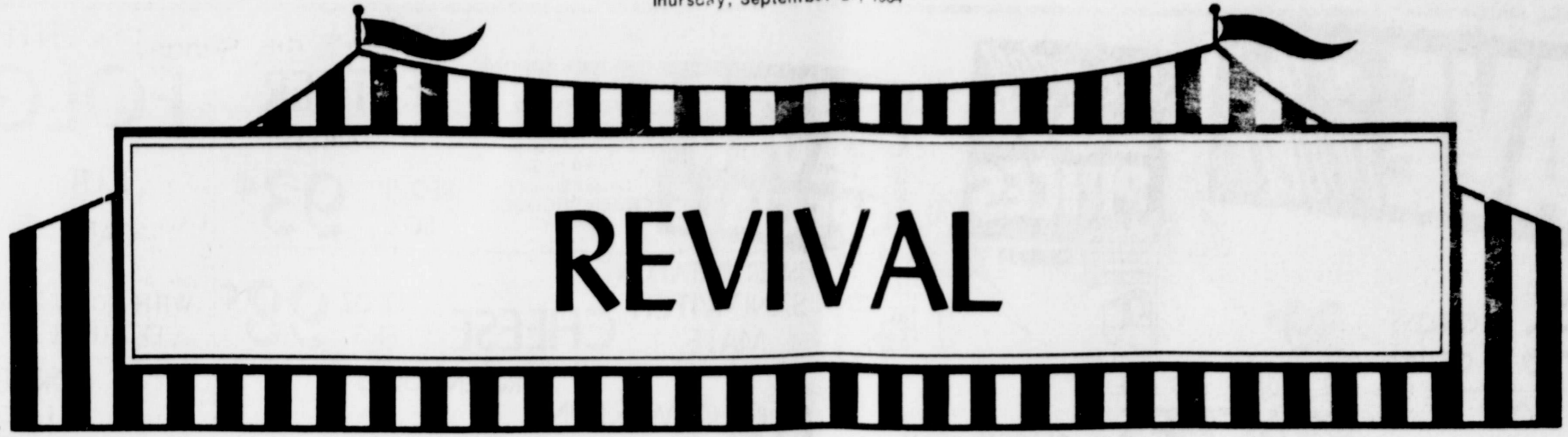


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SUNDAY**

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1 1/2 LB LOAF **79¢**

CHICKEN OF SEA
TUNA
6.5 OZ CAN **73¢**

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3 OZ CAN
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