

# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, October 3, 1985 ...Merkel, Texas

Our 97th Year

## Bangs bops Badgers 13-8; Badgers visit Stamford Friday



Badger linebacker Ricky Jowers makes a classic tackle on the Bangs quarterback last Friday in Bangs. The Dragons used two

blocked punts to ease by the Badgers 13-8. The Badgers take on the Stamford Bulldogs in Stamford Friday. [Staff photo]

The Bangs Dragons converted two blocked Badger punts into touchdowns to down the Badgers 13-8 in Bangs last Friday. The loss evens the Badgers record to 2-2 as the Badgers prepare to travel to Stamford to take on the Bulldogs Friday night. Kickoff is set for 8 p.m.

"I don't know what to tell you about last week's game," Badger Head Coach Dick Lepard told **The Mail** Monday. "I'll take the blame for the loss, we came out flat and stayed that way. We just played poorly and were beaten by a bad team. They (Bangs) came out ready to play."

Lepard added, "I can't sugar coat things. We played poorly, we

made some mistakes and I hope we learned something from it."

The Badgers are now looking at their three roughest weeks of their schedule as Stamford will end the pre-season and the next two games are with district favorites Graham and Breckenridge.

About Stamford, Lepard said, "They have lost two games but they were defeated by Eastland and Graham. They run out of the I on offense and their I back is very fast and has broken some long plays this year. They also run a balanced pass-run attack."

On defense, Lepard said the Bulldogs run the "Old Brownwood 4-3 stacked defense and they will

come at you."

Lepard said some offensive changes would be made before the Stamford game, installing some of the Wishbone style offense.

Lepard added, "I am not down on the kids for last week's game. We want them to be the best people and players they can be, but I am disappointed with the way we played last week."

In games last week, the JV was idle and the Freshman team came away with a big win over the Abilene High Freshmen team 14-12.

This week, the 7th and 8th will host Stamford while the Freshmen and Varsity teams will travel to Stamford.

## People for Progress providing transportation for area elderly

Local elderly people and the handicapped will have a new source of transportation from People for Progress located in Sweetwater.

The program provides rides to people living in rural areas to larger cities where they can visit doctors and take care of personal business.

People for Progress, located in Sweetwater, is funded by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, as well as

the Federal Urban Mass Transit Authority. The program is designed to provide transportation to those who have none or can't safely operate a vehicle.

According to Mickey McWhiter with the program in Sweetwater, "All we ask is a 48 hour notice of their transportation needs. Right now, we are sort of hampered by a lack of vehicles and drivers, but we do have two mini-vans and there is no charge for the

service." He added, "Our board of directors will be meeting in the next four or five months and we will be starting some kind of a fee, but I guarantee, it will be a bargain."

He added, "I think this will be a real good program for Merkel and other small communities."

To find out more about the program, or to schedule transportation, call (toll free) 1-800-592-7433.

## Taylor Electric will expand operation

U.S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen announced today that Taylor Electric Cooperative will receive a \$3.5 million dollar loan from the Rural Electrification Administra-

tion. The money will be used to finance 213 miles of distribution lines, sub-station facilities and system improvements.

President of the Cooperative is Mr. Clovis McMurray of Trent, and manager is Don Hart of Merkel.



§ Merkel's Justin Amerine [86] and Danny Santee [87] arrived a little late on this pass play in

Bangs last Friday. The Bangs Dragons downed the Badgers to even Merkel's record to 2-2. [Staff photo]

## Rain, Bangs fajitas ... more

by Cloy A. Richards

I guess we get to save Dale Hammond's rain-making cartoon for another dry spell because the threat of printing it finally brought us the 1 inch plus rain we have been looking for early Sunday morning.

In fact, the rain was reported from 1.7 to 2 inches locally.

The rain will certainly help some of the local wheat that was "dusted-in" and will probably prompt a lot more wheat planting here this week and next.

The Bangs Dragons had to make drives of seven and three yards for their two touchdowns to beat the Badger at Bangs last Friday. Two bad snaps from center started the problem and the Badger offense could not overcome the 13 point deficit as the Badgers evened their season record to 2-2.

It was a game the Badgers should not have lost and Merkel Head Coach Dick Lepard was still in a little agony Monday morning.

When I walked in for our weekly chat, he said, "I wish I could lie and said we played great, but the people who went to the game know better."

So, what's the problem, you say. I don't know, it looked like the Badgers had no enthusiasm and it should be easier to "get up" for a team when you know you ought to beat them, especially when wins are as hard to come by as they are here.

This week, the Badgers start a

rough three week segment of the schedule when the Badgers travel to Stamford this Friday, host Graham here next Friday, and then travel to Breckenridge in two weeks.

We will see what the team is made up of Friday as they try to re-group against Stamford.

And what about those Freshmen?

The 9th grade team beat Abilene High's 9th grade team 14-12. Not their second team or their third team, their 9th grade team.

They are still unbeaten in their third year of organized football and I can't wait to see those guys on the varsity in the next two or three years.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce will be cooking fajitas again, this time before the Graham-Merkel game, Oct. 11th.

From 5 to 7 p.m., the Chamber will be using the Jerry Dawson recipe and those of you who have had the pleasure to consume the Chamber's fajita's know the best to be had in the Merkel-Abilene area are made right here.

For \$3.50 you will get two fajitas with spanish rice and beans, pica-de-gayo (the good stuff you put on fajita's) and tea. For the non-fajita people, the Chamber will also be selling a hot dog plat with chips for \$1.

The meal will be served at Heritage Hall from 5 to 7 p.m. and people wanting to reserve a few of the fajita's can do so by calling the

Chamber office.

You don't have time to take 'Aunt Mary' to the doctor today and she has an appointment, what are you going to do?

Now, there is a program that can help. People for Progress, based in Sweetwater, is starting a transportation program for area elderly and handicapped people.

See the story in this week's paper for more details.

All I want to know is who snuck into the Astrodome last Sunday wearing Septian's uniform. The guy kicking, or trying to kick was not the Rafeal Septian we have all come to know and depend on.

Anyway, the Cowboys got by the Oilers in a game neither should be too proud of.

Did you know there are 10 soccer teams from the Merkel area playing in the Big Country Soccer Association?

That's quite a few and I have run into a small problem on it.

Some of the mothers of the Royals were bugging me because I haven't been writing any stories about our team and I told them I came to the games to watch my son play and people would give me a hard time if I made a big deal about the Royals being 4-0 on the year and playing great.

No sir, if I ever mentioned that I would get myself in trouble.

## EMS sets Sunday open house

The Merkel Emergency Medical Service will be hosting their open house Sunday from 2 until 5 p.m. at the EMS building at 106 Lamar.

The Merkel EMS service has 19 volunteer members with a combined total of 88 years of experience. The service has six paramedics, two EMT-special skills and 11 EMTs.

The EMS team consists of one paramedic on call, an EMT and an EMT-special skills on call for 48 hours. Teams can be contacted by radios and my be called out at night by telephone.

The local EMS organization has spent \$50,000 since local Bingo games began raising money. The service has spent \$10,000 for their building; \$11,000 for a radio system; \$13,000 for two telemonitoring units; \$1,500 for four pairs of Mast trousers; \$6,500 for an ambulance; \$6,400 for two life packs, \$1,200 for other equipment and has paid for tuition and books for 10 members' training courses. The EMS also donated \$4,500 for street signs here.

Sunday, EMS personnel will be demonstrating equipment and taking blood pressure readings.

The local EMS was honored by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce as our "Citizens of the Year" for 1985.

Office of the group are: Vernon Wade-President in charge of Bingo; Ribert Harris - President vice-president in charge of the ambulance service; Blanche Hewitt-secretary-treasurer and di-

rectors are Steve Cochran and Jan Williams.



§ Trent's Benjamin Beaver was named football hero and Lisa Slaton was named football sweet-

heart at Trent's annual homecoming contest last Saturday. [Photo by Brenda Kraatz]



## Volunteers, labels ... more

From Page 1

The local EMS and volunteer fire department will be holding their open house Sunday from 2 until 5 p.m. at their facilities on Lamar Street.

We owe a lot to these two groups. The volunteers provide all citizens with professional emergency services at no cost to the city.

Maybe we should all take a little time Sunday and drop by the open houses at the fire station and ambulance service.

Just to say thanks if nothing else.

There is an ad in this week's

paper urging people here to save labels from Campbell's and Swanson products for Merkel Elementary school.

The labels collected this year will help pay for additional playground equipment at the school.

Just send them to school with any elementary school students and they will place them in the collection box in front of the school office.

We all got a chance to see if the heater was working Sunday and Monday as we had our first blast of Northern air in quite a long time.

## Canyon-Blair reunion set

Mulberry Canyon and Blair Reunion will be held at 122 Edwards October 5 at 9 a.m. A covered dish luncheon will be served at 12:30. The occasion is for all former and present residents and all new comers are urged to attend. Many former residents from out of town and other states will be present. All members of the families are expected to attend.

## UGSA will elect officers Monday

The United Girls Softball Association will be meeting Oct. 7th at 7 p.m. at Taylor Electric's meeting room. The meeting is being held to complete the election of officers.

## Dean-Jaynes clans set reunion

The Dean and Jaynes family will hold their reunion Oct. 13th at Heritage Hall. Friends and relatives are encouraged to attend.

The building will be open at 9 a.m. and paper goods and fried chicken will be provided. Persons attending are asked to bring other dishes.

## Pioneer church will study book of James

You are invited to join with the congregation of Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church as they study the book of James Oct. 6th. The Bible study will start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided.

## Nelson elected Valentine sweetheart

Xi Nu Eta, chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met September 24 in the home of Carol Portie, Abilene, for their monthly meeting. Members present were Kathy Dacy, Dee McCollum, Carol Portie, Jana Nelson and Cathy Pack.

Plans were made for the upcoming area convention held in San Angelo. The Valentine Sweetheart was elected with the winner being Jana Nelson of Abilene. The next meeting will be October 8, 1985 in the home of Cathy Pack, 1515 Heath, Merkel, at 7:00 p.m.

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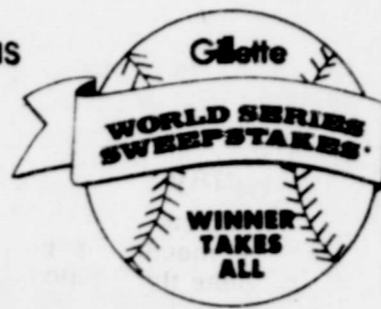
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2.5 oz.



\$2.49

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\$1.75

30's



\$2.49

15 oz.



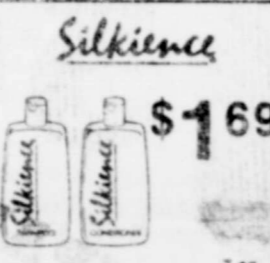
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\$1.69

7 oz.



\$1.39

Twin Pack



\$4.49

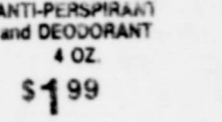
30 Tablets



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\$3.49



\$1.99

Robitussin

4 oz. Size



\$1.59

30's



\$2.09

10 oz.



99¢

3 oz.



\$1.39



\$1.99



\$1.99



\$1.99



\$1.99



\$2.39

5 oz.



\$2.09

4 oz.



\$2.19

8 oz.



\$2.79

8 oz.



\$2.49

11 oz.



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5 oz.



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30's



\$1.89



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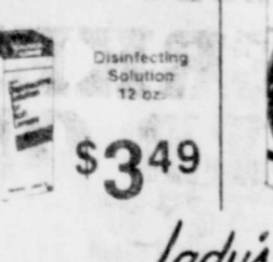
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10 oz.



\$2.99

12 oz.



\$3.49

12 oz.



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9 oz.



\$1.99

Less Mfg. Refund - \$1.99



\$1.79

25 Tablets



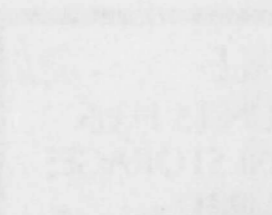
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131-11c

Auction every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. Consignments accepted. Fridays 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and Mondays from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Consign early to be sure to get in sale. West Texas Auction Arena 928-4301 or 928-4063 Wayne Thompson, Auctioneer TXS 046-0032.  
128-41c

For Sale: Keyboard, \$100 and take over payment. For more information call 928-4478.  
130-21p

For Sale: 1981 Cadillac Seville with new diesel engine, loaded, call 928-4365 evening, 698-2161 daytime.  
130-TFC

For Sale: 1980 Kawasaki 1100, like new, 1,945 miles, call 928-4948.  
131-21c

For Sale: 14 ft. Arkansas Traveler, deep V, 35 horse Evinrude motor \$600, 928-4403.  
130-21c

For Sale: 1977 Ford Leisure Van, Nice, in Good Condition. For more information call 928-4816 after 5.  
130-TFC

For Sale: 13 cubic foot Catalina upright Freezer, \$150, call 928-4818.  
131-11c

2 ten speeds For Sale: nearly new, call 928-5644  
132-11c

For Sale: carpet, girls bedroom furniture, recliner, stereo cart, washer, air conditioner, maple bed, mattresses, draperies, bedspreads, etc. call 928-5321.  
132-11p

Gov't Surplus Cars & Trucks Under \$100. Now available in your area. Call 1-619-565-1522 24 hrs.  
132-31c

For Sale: "To settle estate", Duplex Apartment plus 3 car garage apt. 711 Yucca, See W.H. or H.J. Carson 928-5445 or 928-5231.  
132-TFC

For Sale: Zenith 21" color T.V., cable ready, needs minor adjustment call 928-5033.  
132-11c

For Sale: 1977 Malibu Classic, 306, 2 door, cruise, am-fm 8 track, clean, 928-4175, 928-4189.  
132-11c

Puppies, part blue heeler, part Australian shepherd, nine weeks old \$50 each, Shawn Moore 928-5427.  
132-111nc

**MISC.**

Free Kittens, to good home, 6 weeks old, calico, call 928-4959.  
131-31nc

Electrical Work, new or rewiring, ceiling fans, reasonable rates. Quality work, no job too small, call anytime, 928-5795.  
116-TFC

Needed immediately. Nurses aide 2-10 p.m. shift, also extra housekeeper and afternoon laundry. Apply in person Starr Nursing Home, Merkel, Texas.  
126-TFC

Wanted: used trombone, call 846-3291 after 5.  
132-11p

Free Kittens: 928-5993.  
132-11c

Found 9-28-85. Medium sized dog, chocolate colored male. Free dog for adoption. Merkel Vet Clinic 928-5235.  
132-111nc

**Classifieds**

**NOTICE**

Cyrus Pee has closed his office in town but he is still in the Real Estate business, operating from home. To list your properties for sale, or if you are looking for property to buy, call Cyrus Pee at 928-5613.  
131-21p

Registered child care. Monday - Friday: 5:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Children 1-5 and after school. Balanced meals and snacks, fenced yard. Call 928-4030 or come by No. 7 Pioneer Court. Drop ins are welcomed.  
131-41p

**REAL ESTATE**

For Sale: 3 bedroom house, 1,200 square feet, 1 car garage, 1 1/4 bath, built-in stove and refrigerator, 2 lots 150 X 40, horse pen & storage building, small above ground swimming pool 806 Locust 928-5145 by appointment only.  
128-41p

Nice Doublewide mobile home for sale, cheap, \$12,000.00. Must sell soon. Unoccupied at this time, needs little work and must be moved, 928-4902  
126-TFC

House For Sale: 3 year brick home, with 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, family room with fireplace and Cathedral ceilings on 1 1/2 acres of land, South of Trent on Fm Rd 1065, Call after 5, 862-6444.  
131-TFC

Mobil Home for Sale: good starter home, new carpeting, set up on lot, a tin shed and a wooden shed, porch, underplined, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 window air conditioners. Call 928-5650 \$9,000.  
120-TTC

For Sale: 2 bedroom home located west of Trent School, call 862-6352.  
131-41p

House For Sale: 2 bedroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, house is ready to move into. New paint inside and out price is right. Call Cy Pee, Agent 928-5613.  
126-TFC

House For Sale: 2200 sq. ft., brick, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, large kitchen, utility room, living room, dining, fireplace, new carpet, automatic double garage, sprinkler system. 1508 Sunset, 915 928-5966.  
131-21p

Country Style, 2 yr. old 2400 sq. ft., 4 bdrn., 2 bath, dining rm., L.R., fireplace, 4 ton, heat pump, c-a and electric, city water, 36 x 22 red metal barn with corral and fenced 1/2 acre, 3 car carport, trees, all on 1.59 ac. 1/2 mi. S. Trent, FM 1065, call 915-862-6386 for appointment.  
101-TFC

For Sale: Nice 2 bedroom mobile home to responsible party on rent to buy terms. Nice location \$200 per month Call 928-5635 early morning or at night.  
131-TFC

Ideal starter home, cute little 2 bedroom frame house, living room, bath remodeled kitchen with stove, big back yard, \$18,500 call 928-4426 after 5 p.m.  
132-TFC

For sale: 3 bedroom house, Call Ted Smith at 928-5061 or 928-4728.  
122-TFC

Small tract Southside of Merkel (21 lots) excellent for building site. Also in Bettis Heights Addition, 150 x 150. Call Cy Pee, Agent 928-5613.  
129-TFC

**For rent**

Shannonside Apartments 1,2 & 3 bedroom apartments, all electric, central heat & cooling. For more information, call 928-5038.  
89-TFC

Mobil home for lease with option to buy; 2 bedroom, 1 bath, completely furnished, one bedroom has a king sized bed, before 5 call 692-0702 after 5 call 928-4034.  
107-TFC

Unfurnished house for lease, two large rooms, fenced yard, 816 Oak Street, \$245 month, To rent phone collect 602-943-1408 between 8-10 p.m. One month rent plus \$150 deposit required for move in.  
132-31p

Lease with option to buy. 1 year old brick home on 1 acre FM 1235, Central heat and air, 2 bedrooms, double garage, all build-ins, \$475 per month. Appraised at \$53,000. Hooker Realtors 677-9145.  
111-TFC

1, 2 or 3 bedroom mobil home for rent in Merkel  
928-4973.  
27-TFC

Large, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchen, dining room and living room. Central heat and air, 4 ceiling fans, cook stove, side-by-side refrigerator, washer & dryer. Storm windows \$375 per month \$150. South edge of town on FM 1235, 928-5194.  
1 downstair apartment left with 2 bedrooms, 3 ceiling fans, central heat & air, 1 bath, refrigerator, stove & dishwasher. \$275 per month \$150 deposit 928-5194.

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128TFC

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132-TFC

**GARAGE SALES**

3 Family Sale: bassinet and matching dresserette, baby clothes, play pen, strollers, baby carrier, stove, washing machine, air cooler, sofa, rocking chair, dining table with 4 chairs, dishes, glasses, silverware, utensils, lots of misc. Come by Rt. 3 M 106 Mountain View Estates or call 928-4489 or 928-5790. Thursday thru Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
132-11p

Three Family Garage Sale: Saturday Only. 9 a.m. til 3 p.m. 1412 Herring Drive.  
132-11c

2 Party Garage Sale: Friday and Saturday 621 N. 2nd.  
132-11p

**Card of Thanks**

Many thanks to all the kind people that were concerned while I was in the hospital, the cards that were sent, the phone calls, visits, and prayers that were offered. Special thanks to Rev. John Wagoner. Love You All, Melbae Irvin  
132-11c

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE - Notice is hereby given that R S Rig Service, whose principal office is at 2989-B Pine Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, intends, on or before August 1, 1985, to be incorporated without a change of firm name. Dated: August 1, 1985 Rusty Saunders Owner  
129-41c-16

**LEGAL**

The Tye City Council during a special held council meeting, September 30, 1985, passed and approved the following ordinances.

ORDINANCE # 85-2: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TYE, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1985 and ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1986.

ORDINANCE # 85-3: AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF TYE, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1985 and ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1986.

Jo Moore  
City Secretary  
131-11c

132-11c-31  
CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS -TO: NORMAN ALVERNEST YEAGER, Respondent;

GREETINGS: -YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Court-

house 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 LIDA MARR YEAGER, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 2nd day of April, 1985, against NORMAN ALVERNEST YEAGER, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 11,687-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of LIDA MARR YEAGER and NORMAN ALVERNEST YEAGER", 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 judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property 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 make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 26th day of September, 1985.

Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Rita Moore, Deputy.  
132-11c-87

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132-11c-87

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF R.L. EDWARDS, DECEASED - NOTICE is hereby given that Original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of R.L. Edwards, Deceased, were issued on September 23, 1985, in Docket No. 16,831, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to: Harry W. Howard

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Taylor County, Texas. The address is 1311 Edgewater Road, Abilene, Texas, 79602. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 25th day of September, 1985. Respectfully submitted, Whitten, Haag, Hacker, Hagin & Cutbirth P.O. Box 208 Abilene, Texas 79604 (915) 672-7824 By Laura Lee Price State Bar No. 16300600 Attorneys For The Estate Of R.L. Edwards, Deceased  
132-11c-43

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Stamford boosters set pre-game brisket dinner

The Athletic Booster Club of Stamford High School will have a pre-game brisket supper Friday night from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. The menu will include brisket, beans, potato salad, and all the

trimmings along with tea and coffee. Ticket prices are \$3.75 for adults, \$2.75 for those 12 and under with pre-schoolers eating free. All Merkel Badger fans are invited to this pre-game meal just across from Bulldog Stadium.

Ten free flowering trees will be given to people who join the National Arbor Day Foundation during October, 1985.

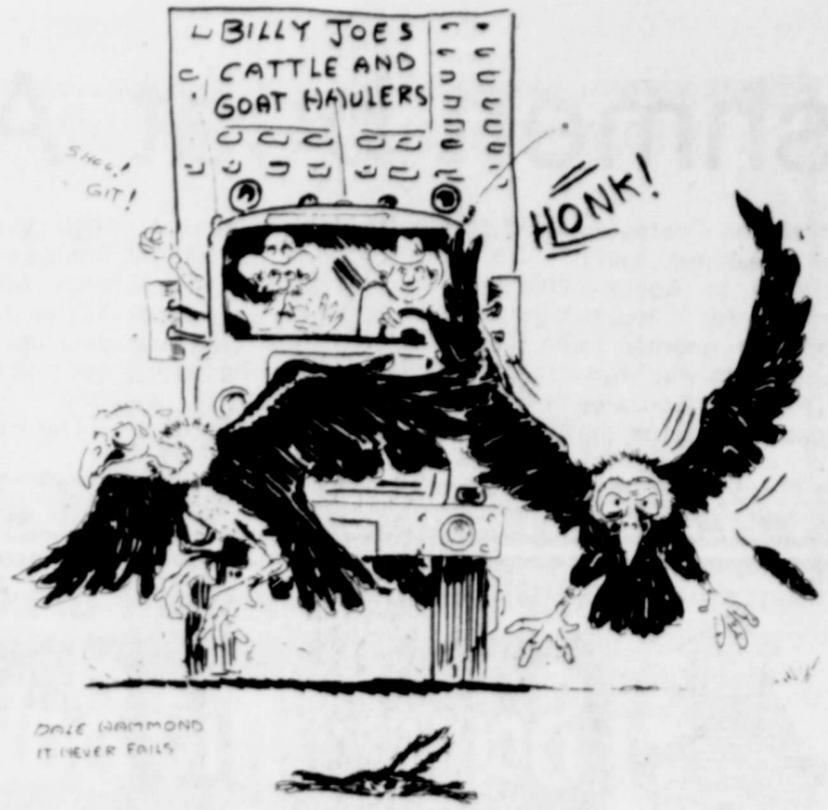
The Foundation will give two White Dogwood, two American Redbud, two European Mountainash, two Washington Hawthorn and two Flowering Crab Trees to members joining during October. The free trees are part of the Foundation's efforts to improve the quality of life in America by encouraging tree planting.

"The Foundation is encouraging more people to plant trees in the fall, which is an excellent time for tree planting," John Rosenow, the Foundation's executive director, said. "So we're giving these free

flowering trees to people who make a \$10 membership contribution during October.

"These trees were selected because they will give a colorful flowering of pink, white, and red blossoms throughout the spring," Rosenow added. "The six to twelve inch trees will be sent postpaid at the right time for planting between October 15 and December 10, with enclosed planting instructions."

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, a \$10 membership contribution should be sent to Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by October 31, 1985.



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**Elderly told to research Medicare benefits**

People age 65 and over who qualify for Medicare do not always get the greatest benefits from their coverage, says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service consumer economics specialist.

"There are steps that consumers can take to help reduce the gaps in their Medicare coverage," says Bonnie L. Piernot.

Start by choosing doctors and medical suppliers who accept assignment, she says. Assignment is the specified charge Medicare allows for a procedure.

When a doctor does not accept assignment, the consumer or supplemental insurance must pay the difference, reminds the specialist.

Those with serious illnesses requiring extended care can ask their doctor to consider moving them to a skilled nursing home when Medicare coverage for hospital costs expires, Piernot points out.

"Patients can also ask the doctor to consider home health service visits when the hospital and skilled care coverage are used up, or if hospitalization is unnecessary," she says.

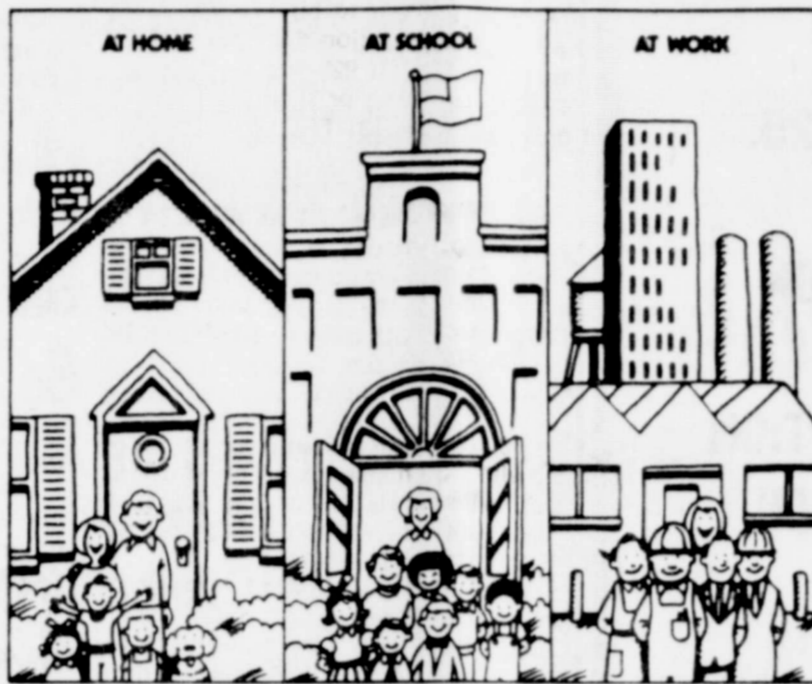
"It's especially important for patients to prepare their Medicare claims carefully," the specialist advises. "Keeping accurate records and filling in the claim forms completely will help you get the benefits you're entitled to receive."

If you think your claim has been underpaid, you can appeal to the Medicare office, says Piernot. About half of those who appeal get at least a partial adjustment, so it is probably worth the time and effort, she adds.

Medicare does not cover all medical expenses, reminds the specialist.

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# Freshmen beat Abilene 14-12

Merkel's Freshmen defeated deciding 2 point conversion. Abilene's Black freshmen team. Our kids showed a lot of 14-12 last Thursday in Abilene. character in this game. We fell Kenneth Jowers ran for 1 touch-down behind 0-6 to Abilene's best team down and passed for another in on their field but these kids just leading the Badgers to the stun-refused to lose. With the score ning victory. Freddy Gonzales 14-12, late in the 4th quarter, we caught the TD pass and ran in the stopped them and drove down to their 30 as the clock ran out. Our line was much smaller and lighter than Abilene's kids, but Coach Taylor has put in a lot of work developing their blocking technique and it's sure paying dividends now. The Freshmen are at Stamford

Thursday for a 5:30 game, before traveling to Graham on October 10th for a 5:30 game.

## MISD lunch menu

The Merkel School menu is as follows:

Thursday October 3: Burritos, mixed vegetables, tomato, lettuce, plum cobbler.

Friday October 4: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onions, French fries, catsup, fresh apple wedge.

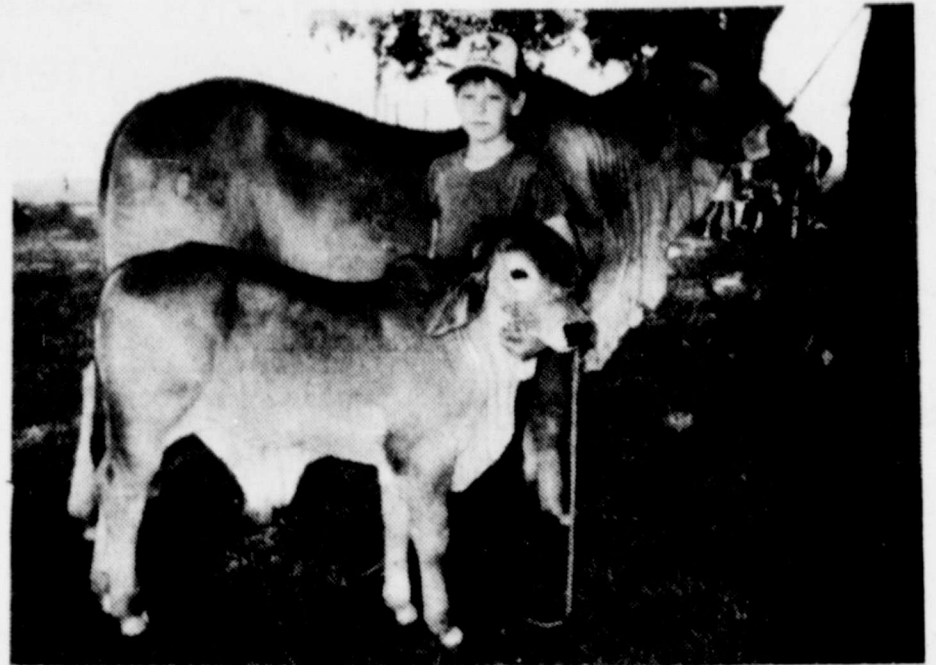
Monday October 7: Crisпитos with chili and cheese, lettuce, tomato salad with dressing, rose applesauce.

Tuesday October 8: Beef and cheese tacos, pinto beans, shredded lettuce, chopped tomato, taco sauce, sliced peaches.

Wednesday October 9: Fried Chicken patties, whipped potatoes, English peas, hot rolls, whipped jello.

Thursday October 10: Toasted cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, apricot halves.

Friday October 11: Hamburgers lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, French fries, raisins.



Casey Ellison was 1st in the Junior Brahman heifer and 3rd in that same Open division at the recent West Texas Fair.

## Funeral services held for John Perry

John C. Perry, 35, died of an apparent heart attack Saturday morning in Las Vegas, Nev. He was found in his apartment at 9:20 a.m. Saturday. Graveside services were at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Tuscola Cemetery, directed by Fry Funeral Home in Tuscola. The Rev. Wayne Burkey, pastor of Tuscola United Methodist, officiated.

Born July 21, 1950, in Merkel, he attended school and was raised in Merkel. He worked in the oil fields while living in Abilene. He moved to Las Vegas 10 years ago. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister. Survivors include two daughters, Sheila Perry and Molly Perry both of Abilene; a niece, two nephews; and a number of cousins.

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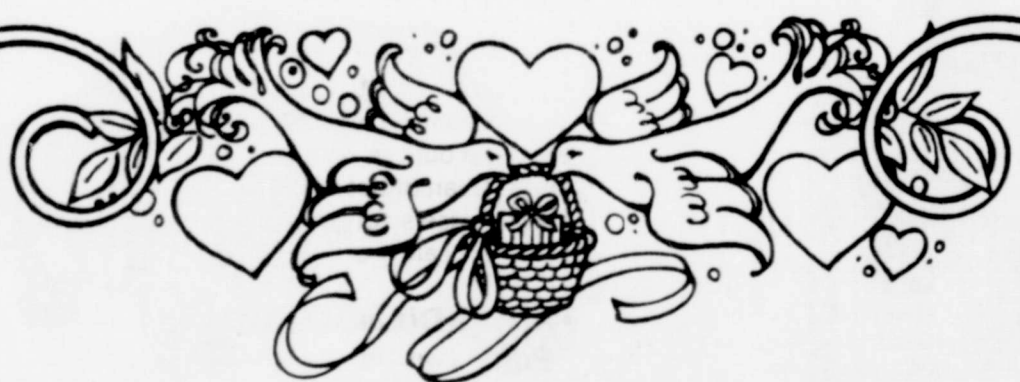
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Highland races

past Trent 68-43

Trent played Highland Saturday night and between both teams, an explosive offensive game was presented.

Trent scored first due to a Highland fumble, and the score see-sawed back and forth throughout the first quarter, with Trent holding the lead 25-24. Highland took advantage of several Trent turnovers, and went in at halftime with a 40-31 score. The second half was not quite as offensive as the first, but both teams scored during the second half, with Highland winning the game 68-43.

Benjamin "Bebo" Beaver scored all of Trent's touchdowns and had a good night both offensively and defensively. Lewis Knapp, in his first start at quarterback, did an excellent job. Jason Massey, Joe Tarin, Dock Carriker, Willie Brazelton, and Sam Jones, all played well.

Fariello in cast

for 'Harvey'

Joan Fariello, a student at Cisco Junior College, has been selected to play Myrtle Mae Simmons in CJC's season opening production of "Harvey" by Mary Chase. Joan is the daughter of Bonnie and Bill Fariello of Merkel.

Other cast members include: Fred Mullinax, CJC speech instructor, as Elwood P. Dowd; Lou Jane Qualls, Cisco High School instructor, as Veta Louise Simmons; Jim Means of Cisco as Dr. Chumley and Jana Meyer, CJC counselor, as Mrs. Chauvenet. CJC student cast members are Kelly Armstrong of Eastland as Ruth Kelly; David Kanady of Cross Plains as Duane Wilson; Tony Cox of Brownwood as Dr. Sanderson; Pam Welch of Munday as Mrs. Chumley; Paul Means of Wichita Falls as Judge Gaffney and Craig Warren of Kermit as E.J. Lofgren. Charles Payne of Cross Plains will serve as stage manager.

"Harvey", a long running Broadway play and popular movie will run in Cisco as a dinner theatre production at the Roof Garden Theatre of the Laguna Hotel on October 24, 25 and 26. For more information or to make reservations call (817) 442-2567.

Services held for Jim Smith

James Thomas "Jim" Smith, 77, of Merkel died at 4:35 p.m. Saturday at Hendrick Medical Center after a brief illness. Services were at 10:30 a.m. Monday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of Caps Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. Wayne Keller, pastor officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born July 8, 1908, in Arkansas, he moved to Merkel in a covered wagon when he was 8 years old. He was a carpenter and a member of the Nazarene Church. He married Lora Price April 23, 1932, in Merkel. She died in 1962. He married Jo Ann Black Oct. 12, 1962, in New Mexico. She died in 1973. He married Loessa Allison July 18, 1974, in Sweetwater. She died in 1979.

Survivors include six sons, Jimmy Smith of Tacoma, Wash., Kenneth, Wesley and Jeffery Smith, all of Willis, and Ricky and Jackie Minze, both of Merkel; four daughters, Vaudie Stetzer of Pittsburgh, Pa., Jennifer Smith of San Angelo, Ann Lindsey of Eula and Kimberly Smith of Merkel; two sisters, Madie Hendricks of Merkel and Tina Moore of Marina, Calif.; 17 grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were D.C. Hendricks, Floyd Smith, Joe Don Smith, Billy Ray Perry, Pat Williams and Howard Carson.



§ Trent's Bebo Beaver prepares to stiff-arm a Highland defender in last week's Homecoming game.

Beaver scored all of the Trent touchdowns in a 68-43 loss. [Photo by Ken Kraatz]

Slaton, Beaver, Childress honored at THS

Lisa Slaton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Slaton, was crowned football sweetheart during halftime Saturday night. Lisa is a senior.

Benjamin Beaver was crowned Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Childress, football hero. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Beaver, of Trent. Sweetheart. Velma is a junior. Benjamin is a senior.

Velma Childress, daughter of

TSTI graduates 7 Merkelites

Several Merkel students were among two hundred and twenty graduates of Texas State Technical Institute in Sweetwater who received certificates or associate degrees in commencement exercises held August 16.

Receiving Associate of Applied Science degrees were James Laird

and George Lister (both in Electronic Servicing Technology).

Those receiving Certificates of Completion were Jim Davis (Automotive Mechanics); Kenneth Elliott (Air Conditioning); Diane Hopkins (Computer Science); and Paula King and Randal Leverich (both in Emergency Medical Services-Paramedic).

Local Skinnys store robbed

Skinnys # 27, located here in Merkel on I-20, was robbed last Monday morning about 6:00 a.m. Taken in the robbery was an undetermined amount of cash.

The robber had broken into the men's bathroom, waited until the morning employee opened up and opened the safe, placed the money on the counter to count. Karen Turner, an employee of Skinnys, was taking the coffee pot to a back

storage room to fill it with water and as she turned on the light a man jumped out wearing a red and blue ski mask, black shirt and gloves. The money was taken off the counter.

Ray Pack, Merkel Chief of Police, advised The Merkel Mail, today, that a man had been arrested and charged with robbery. The money was recovered later the same morning.

Local Fortnightly group holds meeting

The G.F.W.C. Fortnightly Club met September 24, at the Big Country Restaurant with Mrs. C.M. Brown, Mrs. Henry Martin and Miss Mildred Hamm as hostesses. Mrs. Orvel Hill, club President, presided over the meeting and members answered roll call with statements of famous men in history. Mrs. Comer Haynes presented the program, "The Facts of Life", and introduced the members who discussed some opinions of every day living.

Members present were Mmes. C.M. Brown, Randy Carson, S.C. Dixon, R.M. Ferguson, Mack Fisher, Johnnie Hammond, Comer Haynes, Orvel Hill, Buster Horton, Carl Hugnes, James Jay, Alien King, C.B. Knight, Joe Lassiter,

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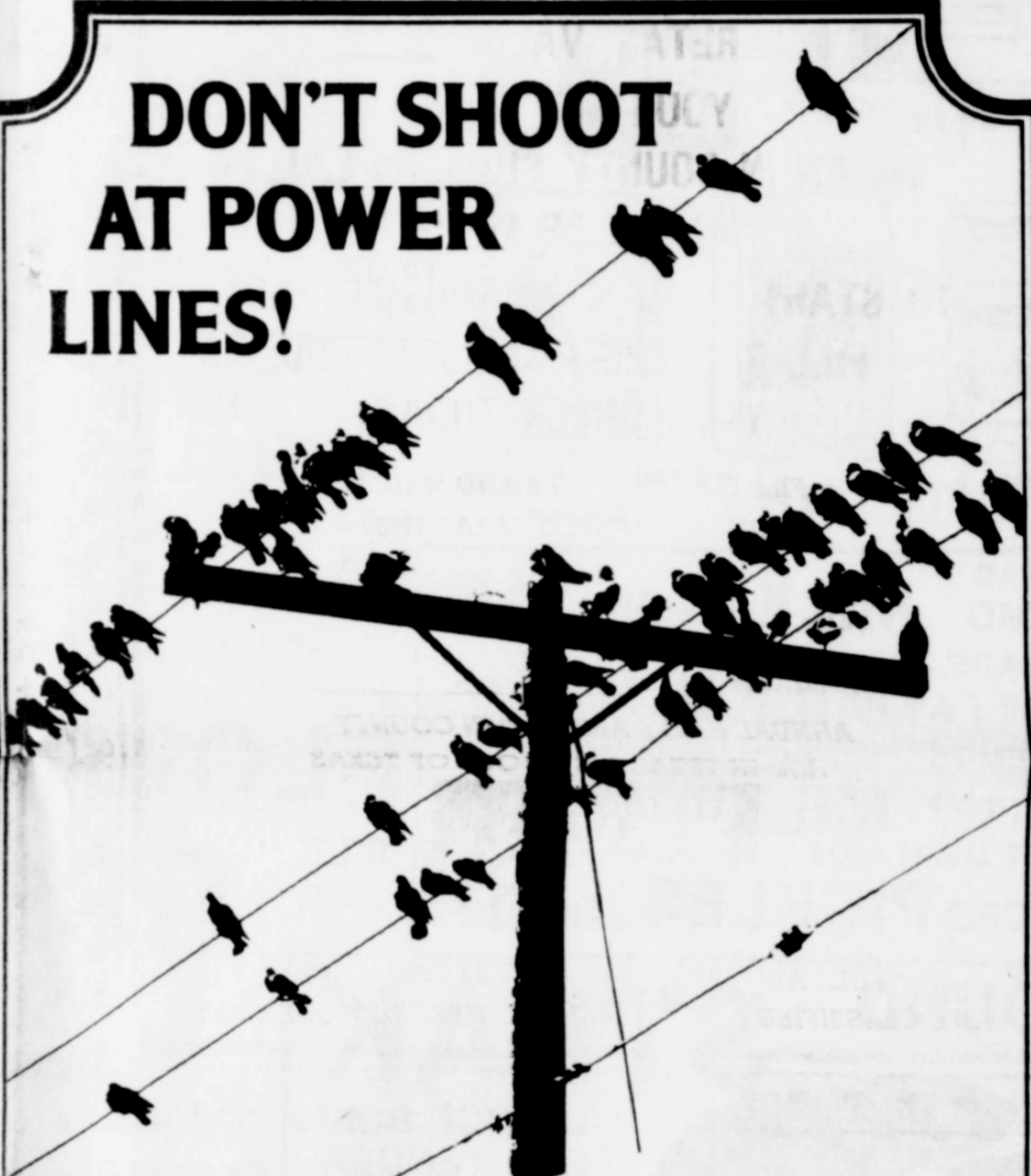
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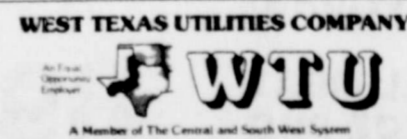
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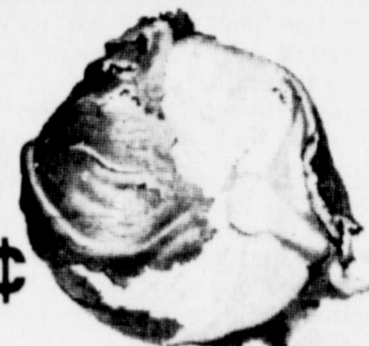
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SUGAR FREE OR REGULAR **Dr. Pepper**  
6 12 OZ CANS **\$1.49**  
BRING YOUR COUPON FOR FREE CAN OF SUGAR FREE DR. PEPPER

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LIQUID **IVORY**  
32 OZ JUG **\$1.59**

BATH **ZEST**  
2 BAR DEAL **89¢**

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