

The Merkel Mail

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Girls find out tonight who they will face for district championship

Although the Merkel girls lost two of their last three district games, they are still sitting where they want to be, at home, resting, but not for long.

The second half of the district 6-2A race found Wylie and Coahoma tied for the title and those two teams meet tonight in Snyder to see who will face the Badgers Saturday for the district championship.

The Badgers earned their spot in Saturday's contest by going undefeated through the first half of district play and Coahoma and Wylie earned their spots in Thursday's playoffs by getting past the Badgers.

The Badgers lost a thriller to Wylie last Tuesday in Merkel's last home game of the year.

The Badgers had a miserable first half shooting as they only scored one field goal. They also trailed by 14 points with 3:17 left in the game before Norma Frazier went to work.

The Badgers managed to tie the game with 24 seconds left and then it was a free throw contest from there and the Badgers ended up one point short.

Frazier led the Badgers against Wylie with 17 and Nancy Click and Sara Prasarn added 4.

The Badgers breezed by Anson in Anson Friday 49-32 and Nancy Click led the way with 18. Norma

Frazier got 12 and Jackie Casey and Kay Amerine added 6.

Against Coahoma, the Badgers started off well and then got in serious foul trouble as Frazier, Click and Gwen Tarpley each sat out two quarters because of fouls.

The Badgers lost by 3 and Frazier, who played only half the game scored 27 and Sara Prasarn added 11. Kay Amerine and Nancy Click had 7.

Badger coach Jan Averitt told the Mail Monday that she didn't really have a preference for an opponent between Coahoma and Wylie, but she added that Wylie would probably beat Coahoma Thursday because "Wylie always seems to play real well in the big games."

The coach added that her players would probably rather play Wylie than Coahoma because of the revenge factor involved with Wylie. She said that both teams run the same basic offense and that the Badgers would defend either team with the same basic defense with a couple of changes adapted for their opponent.

Coach Averitt also said that although the Badgers will only have one full day to prepare for their district championship game, she would rather

already have qualified to be in the game than having to play Tuesday and win and then win again on Saturday.

She said that Coahoma has been in a do or die situation for the past three weeks and that it gets hard on a team to have to win so many games in a row to make the playoffs. She said the same holds true for Wylie.

It all gets down to do or die for the girls teams now.

If Wylie wins Thursday, school officials said in a memo Monday that the district championship game would be held Saturday at either Hardin Simmons or McMurry College.

If Coahoma wins on Thursday, the district championship game would be held Saturday evening, probably in Sweetwater.

There won't be much time for celebrating for whoever wins the district as they will only have one full day to prepare to take on the defending State champs.

The bi-district playoff game is scheduled for Tuesday in Snyder with the winner of the Merkel-whichever game going against the Slaton Tigers.

Girls season down to nitty gritty, DWI suspensions, county mess, more

by Cloy A. Richards

By this time next week, our girls basketball team will be either one of the favored teams to win the regional tournament or at home resting from another long basketball season.

As far as the Badgers are concerned, it is do or die time come Saturday and then it will be time to take on the giants on Tuesday.

The girls are in the district championship game set for Saturday night against the winner of the Wylie-Coahoma playoff for the second half championship.

The winner of the Saturday contest will then have one whole day to figure out how to beat Slaton, the reigning queens of girls 2A basketball.

The Badgers, after getting by the first half of the season undefeated, lost two of their last three games, and those two losses were at the hands of Wylie and Coahoma.

In the loss to Wylie Tuesday, the girls made one first half basket. I don't think that will happen again, and if it does, I hope it happens to the opposition.

It seemed as if the Wylie coach had a wire strung right through the middle of the Badger basket, and whenever we put up a shot, they tightened the wire and knocked the ball out. Nothing would fall.



(Left to right) Nancy Click, Norma Frazier, Kay Amerine, Gwen Tarpley and Jackie Casey stare at the clock in disbelief as the Badgers had just completed an 18 point burst in two minutes to tie the Wylie girls here last week. The girls lost the contest by one. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

In the Coahoma game, three starts, including Norma Frazier and Nancy Click, who provide the majority of the scoring for the Badgers, spent a lot of time on the bench because of foul trouble. No team plays well when three of its five starters are on the bench.

But those are excuses, and the Badgers don't need any.

They have already beaten every team in the district this year, including Wylie and Coahoma and thus have proven to themselves that they are capable of defeating the winner of Thursday's playoff.

When it comes to playoff time, the game changes. There are no more home courts, where deafening chants of go Red go or go Wylie go won't have their effects on the Badger girls. Our girls usually didn't have to put up with those loud chants at home much this year anyway.

When they blow the whistle Saturday night, it will probably be in a gym large enough to take the crowd sounds and soften them. And when that whistle blows, the players will simply try to put in practical application, those theories and plays they have been working on all year. In other words, it will be simply a matter of execution of a planned attack, and the team that executes better than the other will win.

We wish we could tell you where the game was going to be played Saturday so that as many people as possible could plan to attend. You may call the Mail Friday afternoon or any time Saturday and we will let you know.

If the girls win Saturday, plan on making the drive to Snyder Tuesday to see the bi-district playoff.

Defeating Slaton is not going to be an easy task, but stranger things have happened in the world of sports. If our girls could pull off that upset, you'd certainly want to be able to say you saw it happen. And, in this writer's opinion, it couldn't happen to a better bunch of girls.

Make plans to attend the game Saturday, and, if we win on Tuesday. Let's do all we can to aid the girls in their bid for the state championship.

Texas Attorney General Mark White released a ruling Friday that said persons convicted of misdemeanor driving while intoxicated charges will surrender their driving license for one year.

The ruling strikes down numerous Texas lower court rulings that offered probation for first offense conviction for DWI, but now the persons convicted of any DWI charge will lose their license for a year. Seems like a good idea to me.

Our County government has a dandy mess going. It seems the Commissioners Court had charges filed of misappropriation of funds against a former court reporter for receiving payments for appellate work which had not been authorized by the district attorney's office.

So former 104th District Court Reporter for 17 years Kevin Williams sued right back and said the record he performed and charged the county for work ordered by the DA's office, and approved for payment by the DA's office and the commissioners court.

It seems as if the latest FBI investigator has Texas House Speaker Clayton in a corner concerning a stack of \$100 bills that have been sitting in the office of Clayton for three weeks.

Clayton maintains he never intended to keep the money offered him in a fake insurance bribe scheme by undercover FBI agents.

His guilt or innocence will be taken up later. What this reporter wants to know is why it took the Los Angeles Times to break the story.

Every daily paper in the state was beaten to that story.

If you are like me, you didn't get your first real large gas bill until January, and February's bill should be no better.

The weather has already been colder than last month and Monday, the Texas Railroad Commission granted Lone Star Gas a rate increase.

The Commission estimated that the new increase would raise the cost of gas by 60 cents per one thousand cubic feet of gas or about 92 cents per month, on the average residential gas bill.



Ray Pack, shown here helping out in a house fire in December, was named Merkel's new Chief of Police. Pack is a 19-month veteran of the Merkel Police Department. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Council tabs Pack new police chief

Merkel City Council unanimously appointed Ray Pack as chief of police following the resignation of Leroy Austermann.

Austermann resigned on January 29th and is now the manager of the Merkel Dairy Queen.

Council members also voted Friday to accept the deed on the Max Mellinger building on North Second.

The Mellinger's building which is heavily damaged from roof cave-ins was turned over to the city. It is the same building that housed the Merkel campus of Cisco Junior College.

Council went into executive session to discuss a complaint against the city's judiciary.

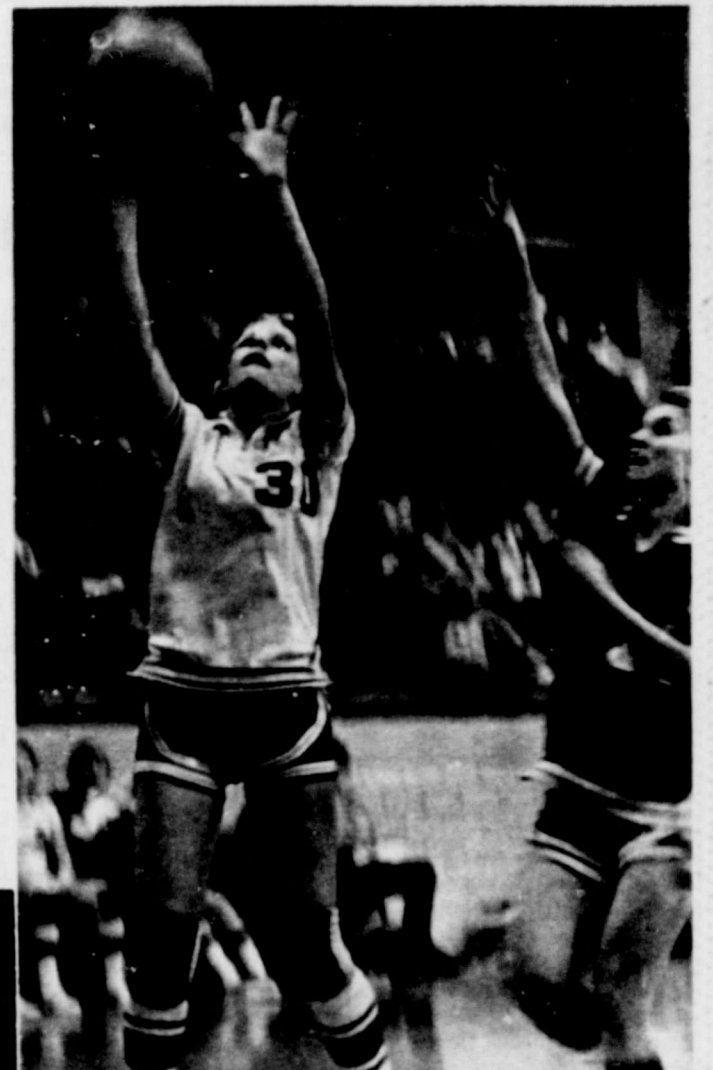
Council did not have anything to say about the complaint, but that the letter had nothing to do with a local woman's complaint that is still before council. Ann Talent had appeared at a council meeting four weeks ago to complain about her treatment by Merkel Patrolman John Davis. Mayor Lou David Allen did say that the complaint involved the city's judicial system.

Council also heard an audit report from Jerry Hill a CPA from Stamford. Hill also presented council a proposal to provide a monthly computerized breakdown of expenditures and revenues by city departments.

The audit covered fiscal year 1977-78 and was approved by council.

City Manager J.A. Sadler also informed council that they would pay off their last part of the city's bonded indebtedness and that would only leave a revenue bond unpaid.

Council also approved payment of the monthly bills.



Judy Castille (30) puts up a layup against Wylie. The Badgers will face the winner of the Coahoma-Wylie game Thursday for the district championship Saturday. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

175 farmers attend alcohol fuel meeting

A large group of farmers attended a meeting of the Texas Fuel Alcohol Production Association at the Taylor County Courthouse Thursday and discussed possibilities and applications of local gasohol and alcohol fuel plants.

The group is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization that is seeking to develop practical means of producing gasohol and alcohol fuel for operation of farm machinery and other vehicles.

The group is currently trying to organize and check interest in the area. They are also trying to establish themselves as an information point for area grain producers on the feasibility of producing alcohol for fuel.

At the Thursday meeting, Association president Jerry English told the crowd of about 175 farmers and ranchers that the answer to much of the nation's energy problems is lying in fields all over the country.

He said the Texas Fuel Alcohol Production Association would try to become associated with the National Alcohol Fuel Production Association.

During the meeting, association officials talked about existing rules and regulations covering the production of alcohol, what type of documents the government requires before issuing a license to produce alcohol for fuel, and how pending legislation will affect those policies.

Association officials also indicated that the procedures or red tape for obtaining a license to produce alcohol is becoming less of a burden and that pending tax credits for development of alternative sources for oil-based fuel are expanding and are making it more economically feasible for farmers to consider production of alcohol for fuel.

British club bake sale

The British Club, made up of students from Merkel High and Abilene High, is sponsoring a Bake Sale this Saturday, Feb. 16th, from 10:00 to 12:00 at the old Ben Franklin Building.

Mrs. Pat Dudley, sponsor of this group, stated that these students are trying to raise money for their trip to London during the schools' spring break.

"these people will be glad to bake anything to your special order," said Mrs. Dudley. Call early and order, or come by the old Ben Franklin Building in Merkel, Saturday, Feb. 16th. For orders, call Mrs. Dudley after 6:00 p.m. at 928-5642, or call Wendy Hogan, 928-5900, Dion Wilkerson, 928-5306, or Susan Peachey, 928-5546.

Cancer victim

Donations to offset medical expenses for a former Merkel resident are being taken at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank here. John Davis, formerly

of Merkel and now living in Cross Plains, is having chemotherapy for cancer.

Donations to offset the heavy medical expenses will be appreciated.

FFA teams compete

The following Merkel FFA members entered their livestock in the recent Houston Live-stock Show.

Entering lambs were Jan Melton, Ann Melton, Keith Middleton, Mike Pape, Willy Townsend, Tammara Phillips, Jay Gibson, Bucky Crouse.

Entering barrows were Ann Melton, Cliff Melton, Eddie Harris, Billy Williams, Billy Ray Riley, Mike Jordan, Melissa Harris, Brad Elliott, David Wilkerson, Cary Metts, Kelly Knight, Walter Elmore,

Mark Bland, O.C. Mc-Keehan, Lisa Allen, Todd Robertson, Eddie Caulder, Jay Campbell, Kevin Farmer, Royce Fowler, Danny Riggan, Dana Faglie, Chris Mashburn, Taresia English, Tammie Cunningham, Donan Justice, Donnie Tutt.

Entering from the Trent FFA chapter were Lloyd Williams, Tammy Hicks, Rebecca Sipes, Fidel Valdez and Danny Freeman in the barrows division and Debbie Jackson in the market lambs.



Wendy Hogan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogan works at the Kiva Inn's accounting department. She plans to attend McMurry following graduation this year. This week is Vocational Industrial Clubs of America week.



Robert Fowler, son of Bill and Barbara Fowler is employed at Walls under the Merkel High MOC program. Robert says he plans to attend Hardin Simmons and then transfer to Texas Tech.



Scott Cain is employed at Palmer Pontiac and is a prep man for new cars and delivers appliances. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cain Sr.

Recent donations to Merkel Cemetery

Merkel Cemetery donations as of February 6, 1980 are as follows: Vera Ely; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson in memory Ina Henderson; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Rister; Mrs. O.H. Griffin, PCM; Mrs. Orene Windham, Mrs. Calley Anderson, Mrs. Leona Conley, Mrs. Bessie Perry and Mrs. Louise Hudson in memory Iva Wells; C.B. Knight in memory W.A. Hague and Mark Malope; E.J. Orsborn Esta Mr. and Mrs. Paul Orsborn; Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Brandon and W.D. Brandon in memory Ada Demere; Mrs. Huddleson, Bessie Clack, Eunice Massey; Mrs. Jennings Winter in memory Ruth Baze and Murry Toombs; David and Bessie Gamble in memory Murry Toombs; Mrs. Kenneth Pee in memory Murry Toombs; Sallie Gant in memory Murry Toombs; Mrs. George T. Moore in memory Ada Demere and Murry Toombs; Fannelle Bo-

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Mrs. George R. Elliott in memory Ruth Baze; Sallie Gant in memory Ruth Baze; James and Leroy Hand; Jewell Dugan in memory Ruth Baze; Mrs. Earl Hughes Sr. in memory Ruth Baze; Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinkly in memory Ruth Baze; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Murphy in memory Etna Moore and Ruth Baze; Mrs. Irven Thompson in memory Ruth Baze; Mrs. Morris Smity and Betty Conley

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Yaddow honored

Ginny Yaddow, member of Xi Nu Chi, was honored at a steak supper in Buffalo Gap Steak House.

Mrs. Yaddow will represent Xi Nu Chi at the Valentine Dance which is to be held in Abilene Civic Center Saturday, Feb. 16th.

Connie Harris, sweetheart of 1979, presented the crown to Mrs. Yaddow.

Dave Adams, Big Band Sound from Abilene, will provide the

music.

Members and husbands making the trip to Buffalo Gap were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allday, Mr. and Mrs. John Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dubose, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E the ridge, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob Neff, Mr. and Mrs. Juan Ybarra, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yaddow, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Leverich, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Teaff, Mame Steck and Val Patterson.



Warren, Larsen wed in Abilene

Linda Fay Warren and Russel James Larsen Jr. were wed Feb. 9th at the University Baptist Church in Abilene.

Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Warren of Abilene and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schultz of Rt. 2 Merkel. Russel lives at 206 El Paso here and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.V. Larsen of Abilene.

The ceremony was conducted by Dr. Steven Lyon. Music was provided by Sandy Davis and Roy Davis and Mary Goode performed as soloists.

Mary Mims of Early was maid of honor as Steve Harms of San Francisco was best man.

Candlelighters and attendants were Glenn Warren of Abilene and Melinda Lane of Sweet-

water. Ushers were Eddie and Henry Warren, brothers of the bride and Richard Larsen, brother of the groom.

Servers were Cindy Elliott and Beverly Lego, sisters of the groom.

A reception followed the wedding at the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Linda attended Tarleton State University and then was graduated

from West Texas State University with nursing degree. She is employed at West Texas Medical Center.

Russell spent four years in the Marine Corps and then attended the TSTI electronics program. He is now employed by Texas Instruments.

The couple visited Cloudcraft, New Mexico during their honeymoon and plan to live at Rt. 5, Tye.

Xi Nu Chi meets

Xi Nu Chi, chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met in the home of Liz Eager on Thursday.

Connie Harris and Pat Neff gave a report on Southern Europe.

A country of traditional hospitality, a country that is a holiday paradise—that is Switzerland, the land of the snow-clad Alps.

Ginny Yaddow gave the city council report. The Valentine Dance,

which is to be held Saturday, Feb. 16 in Abilene Civic Center, was discussed.

Rehab information was passed out to members who were going to help with Rehab 80 in Abilene.

Refreshments were served to the following members: M a m i e Steck, Liz Eager, Louise Dubose, Connie Ybarra, Ginny Yaddow, Connie Harris, and Pat Neff.

Lambda Beta meets

Lambda Beta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Feb. 5 at Abilene Savings and Loan.

Hostess Minyon Seymore served a delicious buffet dinner of homemade soup, assorted finger sandwiches and fresh fruit.

After a business meeting and reports from committee chairmen, a program on "Beauty

Alive" was presented by Kay Teaff and Gloria Henslee.

Members attending were Gayla Beard, Annette Clark, Judy Elliott, Belle Hammond, Mychelle Hammond, Gloria Henslee, Mary Hill, Nancy Hogan, Chera Hohertz, Beverly Reed, Minyon Seymore, Kay Teaff and Barbara Welch.

Valentines Post Office

The Merkel Middle School Student Council has been getting ready for their Valentine Post Office. The council members will be selling candy, sentiments, jew-

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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 Robert LeFevre Karkruff, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 7 day of November, 1979, against Margaret Lofton, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 3195-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of John Conway Karkruff, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to terminate the Parent-Child Relationship. Said child was born the 27 day of February, 1966, in Harrison County, Mississippi.

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

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

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

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Writers say police deserve more support, reader corrects error

Dear Editor,
Last night I witnessed something that I was really ashamed of. I witnessed the lack of support for our Police Dept. I'm talking about the country and western show that was brought to town for the entertainment of the people. I worked the door along with another policeman's wife, and we did not see one of the city hall personnel there, not one of the council members and not one of the firemen, and only one of the school personnel. Thank you Gerri Dunlap for coming and supporting us. I'm sorry it wasn't free, maybe more would have come. Fire members, we want to wish you as much success and backing that the Police Dept. got on your fund raising Pancake Supper!

The show was a success for us and people you don't know what you missed! I can imagine how the entertainers felt after traveling so far to find so few were there to support it.

It was one of the last shows Merkel will ever have. The people who came were just as embarrassed as we were, that the Merkel people just don't care.

We want to thank Judge Guenther for coming and supporting the Police Dept.

After 8 years of fighting for what he believes in, I'm awfully glad Leroy has resigned from the Police Dept. I want to wish the next Chief more support than the past ones had.

New Chief whoever you may be, we support you.

Thank you, Mrs Harriet Austermann

Dear Mr. Editor
My friend and I just had to write on the Benefit Show we attended last night. It was sponsored by the Merkel Police Dept. It was really good show. The people who didn't come sure don't know what they missed.

Only we couldn't believe that no more people showed up than they did. I felt embarrassed about it.

I remember what we read in the Merkel Mail what the city council said, what Mr. J.A. Sadler and the Mayor said to me I personally believe that's what

stopped a lot of the people from coming.

It's really a shame the police dept. don't have anymore support and backing from the city of Merkel. I believe our patrolmen put their lives on the line each day they go out in the street, yet no one seems to realize this. They make dog calls, prowler calls, etc. and I am sure their wives are worried will they be okay or not. I can imagine how it is to be a policeman's wife. I also understand Chief Austermann has resigned. I hate to see us lose him, but after what we saw last night,

I cannot blame the man a bit.

I hope the people of Merkel will wake up to the fact our police also have to be supported! So people, Wake up. Do your thing and support the men who pro-

tect our town of Merkel and yes, our lives at times.

Also what about our teenagers! When there is something going on, they're on the rideaway!!

Thank you, Darlene Williams Delores Bartley

Dear Mr. Richards:

I had intended to discontinue my Merkel Mail, but since you are so persistent I am sending a check for it.

I guess every former Merkelite should read the Merkel news. I noticed in your list of

owners (former) that you listed Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson. I lived there then, knew them very well, but their name was Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson.

I enjoy the paper so keep it coming.

Sincerely, Margaret Higgins 2075 So. Van Ness Santa Ana, California

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Trent News

Trent ISD participating in statewide testing program

All fifth and ninth grade students from the Trent Independent School District will participate in the first Texas Assessment of Basic Skills test program scheduled for Feb. 25-27, 1980.

The assessment plan, first of its kind in this state, will be scheduled once each year under requirements set by the Texas Legislature during its 1979 regular session.

The Trent ISD students will be among 500,000 expected to take the reading, writing composition, and mathematics tests during the February 25-March 12 statewide testing period. Each of the tests will require a maximum of 40 to 60 minutes to complete.

The Trent ISD will report its district and campus aggregate scores to the public at a May or June meeting of the board of trustees, according to Roy Neff, district superintendent. However, individual student scores will be reported only to the student, parents or guardian, and the school personnel directly involved, Mr. Neff adds.

"This testing program is designed to help the student and the school improve achievement," Mr. Neff points out. "For this reason, results will be reported in a manner that will help everyone become more effective."

Third grade students will be added to the annual sequence during the 1980-81 school year, according to plans announced by the Texas Education Agency. The three tests will make up an annual assessment effort designed to help both state and local school officials improve their services, Mr. Neff says.

Overall student performance, both by campus and by district, will be reported each year to the public by the local board of trustees.

Westinghouse Data-Score Systems of Iowa City, Ia., will both help administer the 1980 test program and develop and field test new items for the 1980-81 series under contract to the State Board of Education. The Iowa firm will also operate a computerized inventory of all test booklets to assure strict security at all times.

Basketball over, track starts Monday

Basketball season for Trent boy and girl athletes is over and track season workouts started

in full swing Monday. The Trent boys track team will start their conditioning by cross-country training.

The Trent Senior Class met Tuesday to plan future fund-raisers for their senior trip in March.

Wednesday, seniors collected scrap iron donated to them by Cal Tex Feed Yards to sell for salvage.

Wells named Trent postmaster

Sectional Center Manager Postmaster D.E. Holster of Midland today announced the appointment of Jesse L. Wells, as the new Postmaster at Trent, Texas.

effective Saturday, Feb. 9, 1980. Wells, 51, has served with the Postal Service as clerk in the Trent Post Office since July 20, 1971.

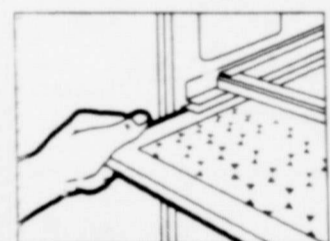
Postmaster selections for offices of this size are made on the basis of merit from a list of qualified candidates submitted to the Sectional Center Manager at

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Keeping Your Heat and Your Cool

Many furnace technicians put the adjustment of the bonnet or plenum thermostat on oil and gas-fired heaters at the top of their list of cost-effective energy-saving measures. This thermostat turns off the fan that forces warm air up through the duct system into the house. On most heaters, the thermostat is set at 120° or higher, resulting in a loss of furnace efficiency. It can be reset to just five degrees above room temperature for a savings of \$9 a year.

If you are unsure about the location of your Lennox thermostat, or how to adjust it, ask your furnace service person during the annual maintenance check.



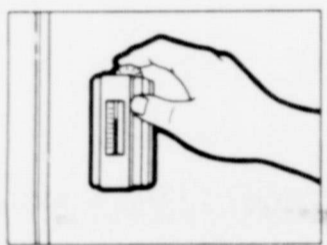
Proper furnace maintenance, by the way, is another great way to save money. Oil furnaces, especially, can waste a lot of

costly fuel if they are not kept clean and in tune. Because of excess soot and/or maladjusted burners, furnace efficiency can drop from 75 percent to below 60 percent, increasing fuel bills by more than one quarter. A furnace technician can do a series of simple stack and burner tests to tell you just what your furnace's efficiency is and advise you on how to improve that efficiency.

One part of the maintenance work you can do yourself. Clean filters are important to both furnaces and to air-conditioners. Clean or change them regularly.

The best furnace energy-saving adjustment is still at the thermostat. Every degree that the house is artificially held above or below outdoor temperatures adds to the fuel bill. A 10-degree night setback is a great way to achieve a 10 to 25 percent savings on heating bills while you sleep. (If you have a heat pump, the savings will be from 5 to 15 percent.) The no-cost way to get the setback savings is to manu-

ally turn down the thermostat at night and then turn it up again in the morning. There are also various thermostats on the market that do the job automatically.



Caution: Some older people may require higher indoor temperatures—above 65 degrees F at all times—to avoid accidental hypothermia, a possibly fatal drop in body temperature. People with circulatory problems or those taking certain types of drugs (e.g., phenothiazines, commonly used to treat anxiety and nausea) may also be vulnerable. In such instances, follow a physician's counsel on both winter and summer thermostat settings in your home.

Don't Duck the Ductwork

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VLASIC SWEET BUTTER
CHIP PICKLES 22 OZ JAR **83¢**

TEXIZE AEROSOL
SPRAY & WASH 16 OZ CAN **\$1 29**

GIANT
TIDE
BOX DETER **\$1 59**

LIQUID
DAWN KING BOT **\$1 19**

FABRIC SOFTNER
BOUNCE 40 CT BOX **\$1 73**

TEXAS RUBY RED
GRAPEFRUIT
SWEET JUICY
LB **23¢**

FRESH
TOMATOES LB **43¢**

WASH RED DELICIOUS
APPLES 3 LB BAG **\$1 19**

FRESH CELLO
CARROTS 2 FOR **49¢**

D'ANJOU
PEARS LB **43¢**

RUSSET
SPUDS 10 LB BAG **98¢**

DELSEY
TISSUE
2 ROLL PACK **53¢**

MARS FUN SIZE
CANDY
ASST LB **\$1 89**

BROASTED CHICKEN
WE TAKE CALL IN ORDERS
8 PIECES FEEDS 4

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Double on Wednesday with \$5.00 or more

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