

The Merkel Mail

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Merkel resident Howard Smith tries to clear a drainage ditch Monday afternoon after seven

straight days of rain. A field South of 11th Street here was flooded by the rains. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

School facilities almost complete

MISD school officials took a walking tour of the newly constructed facilities with the school's architect, Monday.

According to MISD superintendent Bill Everett the High School still has a few odds and ends that need to be completed by construction crews and said those minor items would not keep classes from starting in the new building.

The middle school gym and the extension to the

vocational agriculture shop are already in use and the superintendent said he hoped the school would be ready by Homecoming weekend for tours.

He said classes would start soon in the new high school, but "we will have to live without bells and clocks for awhile, but we are used to that."

Haney and Sivley are the major contractors for the \$1.4 million project.

Crazy Days Cake Bake plans made

The Crazy Days Bake has been planned and the cake bake is open for anyone age 3 to 18.

Entrants are asked to bake a cake and decorate it in the most crazy way imaginable and bring their entry to Boney Insurance Agency. There will be a 25 cent per entry charge and the cakes must be edible.

Decorations on the cake do not have to be edible and the cake may be any size, color or shape you wish.

Cakes must be delivered to Boney Insurance no

later than October 27th. Sponsors are still needed for the event. So far, sponsors include the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Merkel Auto Parts, and Starbuck's.

The Crazy Days parade will be held Nov. 1st and the Chamber is asking all interested parties, groups and organizations to be a part of the parade.

More information is available from the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

Rain, new numbers in Trent...

by Cloy A. Richards

Are you beginning to feel like a duck?

Rain gauge reports from the local area have ranged from 11.4 inches four miles North of Merkel to 16.2 three miles South of town. Those measurements were for a seven day period beginning last Monday.

With all of the rain, only four local homes had reported flood damage, which is quite a contrast from recent hard times in Hamlin and Roscoe.

Some homes in town had water dangerously close to coming in their homes along the Southside of town near the railroad tracks and state highway crews have been working on those drainage problems.

In town, the water department had a minor problem Saturday, but reported no serious incidents related to high water.

The rain may have caused a few problems, but the moisture will keep crops growing, and help new ones start off right, even though the rain may spoil some seeds in the ground. You can't complain about rain in the Big Country.

Go Astros!!!!!!

On page one of this week's paper, you will find a listing of events planned in town for the next couple of weeks. Various groups and organizations need and appreciate your support.

Had one person call in last week and said she did not understand the joke on page one. It is my fault, I thought everyone knew that a Bobwhite is a type of quail.

The phone numbers in Trent have finally been changed and you probably received a supplemental telephone directory last week in the mail that lists the new phone numbers.

Anytime a whole phone exchanges' numbers are changed, it will cause problems, but you can lessen your problems by using the supplemental phone book.

Sometimes, it takes a while for the changes to be listed with directory assistance and the numbers they give you may be the old numbers.

The religion is politics issue has drawn a lot of attention lately in the mass media, but the question has left me wondering about the role of the media in an election.

As far as this editor is concerned, one area that

has not been looked into is the influence the press plays on an election.

As far as I am concerned, the press should put out information concerning the candidates, their beliefs, and their stands on the issues. At the end of the press conference, or following a debate, you will always hear, "And now, we will hear from some of our expert political reporters."

At the same time, I usually turn the dial for another station. Why would a person want to sit through so called political experts rehashing what the candidate just said.

I very much disagree with the newspaper practice of endorsing candidates for office. While editorial freedom is the mainstay of a free press, it seems to me the press should remain neutral on the candidates, and only provide the voters with as much information as possible concerning the election and the candidates. If the media can accomplish that, American voters will be armed with as much information as they need to make an intelligent decision when they draw the curtain in the voting booth.

I am not saying that an endorsement from a newspaper can sway an election. Most newspaper readers take an endorsement as merely another piece of information, a National Newspaper Association survey suggests, but the survey went on to say, endorsements may help people who are on the verge of making up their mind which candidate to vote for, make a decision based on the amount of influence that paper has with its readers.

If you have some time to spare the rest of the week, Roscoe needs you.

Volunteer labor is being used to help pump water away from the Roscoe water treatment plant. Workers may not be needed by the time you get this week's Mail, but a call to Roscoe City Hall will answer that question for you. Their phone number is 1-915-766-3871.

The new school facilities are virtually complete, with the exception of a few touch up items.

MISD board members, as well as the school's architect conducted a walk through inspection of the facilities Monday to designate which specific items need more work.

MISD officials are hoping to have the Open House for the new facilities during the Homecoming weekend.

Board receives 3 bids for lights

The Merkel School Board held a special meeting Monday morning and received three bids for new football field lights, as well as heard a report on hospitalization for MISD teachers.

The board received bids from three firms for new lights at the football field. The bids ranged in costs from \$26,900 to \$30,000.

The board has instructed Superintendent Bill Everett to take the bid he feels is necessary to insure adequate lighting at Badger Stadium.

The board also discussed hospitalization for MISD teachers.

The board in August granted a teacher pay raise that would include cash raises, as well as provide partial or full payment of hospitalization for teachers, depending on years of experience. Teachers with under two years experience

were granted a \$180 annual salary increase, teachers from 2 to 5 years experience drew a \$30 raise and teachers with more than 9 years experience got a \$720 annual raise.

School Board President Charles Jacobs said the plans to offer hospitalization "looks like will have to be forgotten" because a group insurance plan require 75 percent of the staff participate. A recent survey sent to MISD teachers found that 75 percent of the teachers would not participate in the hospitalization program.

Following the meeting, board members went on a walking tour of new school facilities to see what touch up work remained, before the school formally accepts the buildings as complete, which should happen within the next two weeks.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for October 14th.

October calendar jammed

The October calendar is beginning to be jammed with events planned by local groups and organizations.

On October 8th, the Bloodmobile from the Meek Community Blood Bank will be parked in front of the Merkel Lions Club to accept blood donations.

The Merkel Lions Club, in cooperation with the Meek Community Blood Bank is sponsoring a blood donor program that will insure free blood to Merkel citizens if Merkel citizens donate blood in the name of the Lions Club.

The way the program works is, when a person from Merkel wants to donate blood, they may go to the Meek Community Blood Bank and tell the assistant the donation is to be credited to the Merkel Lions Club. Then, when a Merkel citizen has a need of blood, that person may contact the Lions Club, who will see that the blood is issued to the party requesting the blood at no charge, as long as Merkel's Lions Club has a plus balance of blood donated.

The Bloodmobile will be parked in front of the Lions Building from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Local project chairmen are George Starbuck and Jack Keenan.

Things really start hopping on October 10th as Homecoming 1980 festivities begin.

Homecoming activities will get started at 10 a.m. Friday, October 9th with registration being held at the Merkel Senior Citizen's Center. At 2:30 p.m., the Homecoming parade will be held downtown and a pep rally will follow.

The Merkel FHA and HERO Clubs are sponsoring a spaghetti supper from 5:30 until 7 p.m. at the Merkel School Cafeteria. Food fare will include spaghetti, sauce, salad and garlic

bread. Pies and cakes will be available for an extra charge.

Adult tickets are priced at \$2.50 and children may eat for \$1.50.

The game between Merkel and Hamlin is set for 7:30 and the High School Homecoming Queen, the ex-students Queen, as well as Mr. X will be crowned at halftime.

Following the game, a coffee will be held at the School Cafeteria with the Class of 60 as host.

Saturday's activities will start at 10 a.m. as a tour of the new high school will be held and at noon, a Pot Luck dinner will be held at the school cafeteria.

At 2 p.m. a tea is being planned by ex-teachers, Ellen McReynolds and Mrs. Edwin Reed, in the new high school. The event is designed for all ex-teachers and ex-students.

At 4 p.m., the drama class will provide some entertainment in the auditorium and a volleyball tournament will go on all day Saturday sponsored by the Merkel High Cheerleaders.

Several classes are planning reunions, including the classes of 1938, 1950, 1953, 1954, 1965, and 1969.

The ex-students are selling chances on a color television to be given away and chances are on sale for \$1 each or 7 for \$5.

The Merkel Lions Club will be holding a pancake supper from 6 until 8 p.m. October 14th at the Merkel School Cafeteria.

Tickets are on sale for \$2 and will be \$2.50 at the door for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12.

Proceeds will go to help offset costs of Lions Club Community projects.

It looks like a busy month.

Baird handles Badgers easily

The Badgers prepared last week in practice for a strong Baird passing attack, but what they saw here last Friday night was a Baird rushing attack that ground out 329 yards on a wet Badger stadium turf.

The Baird Bears, led by Gregg Austin's 194 yards on the ground had no trouble handling the Badgers as they went on to win 31-0, despite turning the ball over seven times.

The Badgers never did get anything going offensively as the Baird defense limited the Badgers to 96 total offensive yards.

Baird got off to a 10-0 lead in the first quarter following two safeties and a 42 yard drive set up by a Badger fumble.

This week, the Badgers travel to Winters, who has a 2-0 record in district play and has recorded one of the biggest upsets in AA football this year two weeks ago, knocking off Rotan 7-6.

Winters got by Hawley last week as they scored with 34 seconds on the clock to win 14-7.

Badger Coach Byron Shelley said Winters is a big team on defense, with the line averaging 190 pounds per man. He said he also expects back Robert Johnson to give the Badgers a hard time of offense.

Shelley told the Mail Monday he has made a couple of minor adjustments on offense for this week's contest and added, "We have ran three plays and punted too many times."

Shelley said he was pleased with the defensive play of Greg Arnwine last week as well as Randy Martin's two pass interceptions. He added that James Turner has improved at the linebacker slot. Offensively, he praised the blocking of Ricky Mathewson and the play of Bart Pursley.

Shelley said, "We will be calling some plays at the line against Winters because they do some things defensively that we might be able to take advantage of."

In other action last week, the 7th graders tied Baird 0-0, the 8th grade lost 20-0 and the Junior Varsity lost 18-14.

This week's action finds Winters traveling here for a 7th grade 5 p.m. kickoff, followed by the 8th grade at 6 and the Junior Varsity will start at 7:30. Kickoff for the varsity game in Winters is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. A special note to Badger fans traveling to Winters: The Winters Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a beef stew and cornbread supper at the school cafeteria on Washington Street from 5 until 7 p.m. Proceeds will go to rebuild a roof that collapsed on their Chamber building recently.



Tom Walton (75) puts the stop on a Baird runner during last Friday's game here. The Badgers lost 31-0 and will face Winters in Winters Friday night at 7:30. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

What's happening in Tye

by Harold Boyd

Rain, rain go away...wished it were the case. Late in coming by all means, but it is needed for the future crops and economy of this area. It is also a sign of a true fall, cooler temperatures, lighting of the fire places and bringing in the wood.

Yes, it won't be long before it will be time to light the heater, build a fire in the fire place. But, before this is done, there are some things that need to be done. Check your vent pipes to insure that they are not rotted out. If this is the case, repair and replace them. The gases that aren't burned are dangerous and could cause death. Space heaters...the most dangerous item, only if care and caution is not exercised. Check the burners, hose...by all means don't use rubber hose, use approved flex line that are designed for the use with butane, natural gas. Insure that your home has some external air able to enter, for heaters need fresh air as well as you. Proper ventilation is a must. Check the filter, insure that it is ready and not dirty. This can save you dollars in using energy if filter is clean. Stock up on a few extras, they do pay for themselves. Last but not least, check on escape routes in your home. Inform each member of proper escape should you have a fire and what to do. If your neighbor is older, unable to do these things, have someone to check it or obtain a qualified plumber or heating company to assist you on this. In any case, take a few precious moments in fire safety and education.

As some of you know, it says, "Will be opened Oct. 1" to the Isoms, congratulations and be of success to you all. Tye is growing and this is a sign of it. Have you ever looked around and seen as many businesses? Tye has acquired several over the past few years. When the new sewer system is completed, we can expect a growth. From your last census, Tye has grown to a population of some 1300 people from some 800 or so citizens. Good government and leadership, careful planning and dedicated citizens are a result of this.

Vandalism has once hit our schools as reported last week in our columns of the Mail. We can only expect more of it due to the modes of transportation of the younger generation. Although it is unexcusable, it needs to be slowed down and or stopped. This type of stuff can't be condoned because of a few irresponsible people, not all young people are bad, only a few that give the others a bad name. It is my wish and hope that our younger people in Tye aren't a part of it. As it was stated before, we only have a 40 hour policeman a week, and he can't be everywhere at one time. So this leaves it up to us to watch over our public buildings, churches, businesses and school and to report any and all acts of crime. CRIME does not have any hours...it works 7 days a week and 365 days a year. It has been said, quote, "we never had this problem, till we had a policeman"... "What do we need of a policeman" The signs do show we have the same problems as the city of Abilene, only ours may be on a smaller scale. Be the extra eyes of this community and

report any suspicious acts of violence or crime to the proper authorities, and maybe we can slow it down or put a stop to it.

The scouts are looking for more young boys...many a young man has come out of this great organization and have become leaders of their communities. So if you have a boy or girl contact the local scouting office to put in touch with the leaders of the community. Here in Tye, we are fortunate to have Bill Adams and Lennie Neith that have been involved in scouting for the past several years. Haven't heard if we have Brownies etc. Should we have, please contact us.

Sickness has struck a longtime resident of Tye and beings that we are the people we are, lets do what we can. A fund has been set up for Mrs. Bill Passmore by Rev. Bob Roby, pastor of the First Baptist Church here at the Citizens National Bank in Abilene. She is fighting cancer. With medical insurance, such as it pays, it costs several hundred dollars to get treatments in above what their insurance pays. Bill is employed by a good and respective company over in Abilene, AWISCO. Your prayers and monetary support will be appreciated, so if you can spare a dollar or what ever, send it to CNB, Abilene, Texas c-o Mrs. Bill Passmore Fund.

It is ready and for service...within the past 30 days a few volunteers, concerned merchants, business men and donations, Tye Volunteer Fire Department now has a replacement truck. The total project has cost about some \$2,500 for it and it lacks a little, but in time it will come. The new vehicle is a 3/4 ton 1962 Ford utility truck, outfitted with a 259 gallon water tank, 1 inch hose reel with 100 ft. of hose, 1-1/2 inch lines and one 2 inch line if needed. The truck is equipped with a 2 way radio, air smoke pak, and nozzels. Their next project is to rebuild the tank truck and equip it to state insurance specifications to get our key rate. Again, they would like to mention the donors of either money, material, and talents. Elmo Moore Trucking, Clarks Welding, Cooley Welding Service, Tye Body Shop, Permium Corp, Ken Griffin Diesel Repair, and you that have donated money. Thanks to you from the members of the Tye Volunteer Fire Department. Yes, we are still after members...some 35 active ones to help the growth and strength of this community. Won't you take the time to be a part of the protection of this community?

Now Crazy Days is coming up and we in Tye have once again been invited to participate. Contact the Chamber of Commerce in Merkel for details. Can we say...We'll be there?

The Tye PTO annual Halloween Carnival is in the making...and again everyone is invited to attend and support this once a year project. As details are revealed, we shall pass it on to you in this column.

So for another week and 92 more days til Christmas, we'll see you next week. Tell your advertisers that you saw their ad in the Mail. They appreciate you now and trust in your support as they support the community in donations and other unknown items.

Fortnightly meets

"Texas Wildlife" was the subject for the program when the Fortnightly Study Club met in its regular meeting on September 23 at the Big Country Inn. Mrs. Andy Shouse called the meeting to order and Mrs. Ray Wilson introduced Mrs. Johnny Hammond and Mrs. Allen King who discussed Texas Wildlife and exhibited pictures and books of those found in Texas.

If one studied wildlife, Mrs. Hammond said, one can better understand that everything—birds, insects, animals, and plants—serve a purpose in the world and benefit mankind. She pointed out that more people of all ages, however, engage in and enjoy watching birds than any other wildlife. In her discussion of the birds, both common and native to Texas, she said that birds, too, have a service to perform. Some birds transport seeds, some prey on rodents, some help keep insects under control, and some bring pleasure through their singing and with their beautiful plumage. The common sparrow (of which there are some nineteen species in Texas) is valuable to all wildlife because it is an alarm bird—it is the first to recognize and identify danger and the first to leave once danger is gone.

The difference between a weed and a flower, Mrs. King said, often depends upon where it is. Many weeds to the farmer are valuable sources of medicine or they bring beauty to the flower garden. There are, she said, more than 5,000 species of Texas wild flowers. Not only do these plants give a fragrance to the air, but they also feed the birds, bees, and animals and thus furnish food for humans. The Texas Highway

Department has become one of the most extensive gardeners in Texas by keeping Texas wild flowers along the roadways and by scattering the bluebonnet, the State flower, throughout the State. Among some of the most beautiful of Texas flowers are the some twenty-one species of cacti. Their yellow to deep orange blossoms in the spring and their deep red pear-apple in the fall add color and beauty to the landscape and furnish food to bees in the springtime and to birds and animals in the fall. Some apples and berries of the wild plants are used by humans for jellies, etc. Because of the popularity of the cacti and some of the other wild flowers as house and garden plants, they are dug while they are young and the plants are fast becoming an endangered species, Mrs. King said.

During the business meeting, reports were heard on the progress of plans for the upcoming Spring Convention of the Mesquite District of the Federation of Women's Clubs to be held in Merkel and the tentative plans for a sidewalk sale in October.

Mrs. Charles Eager, hostess for the meeting, served refreshments to Mmes. Shouse, Hammond, King, Wilson, C.M. Brown, Johnny Cox, W.R. Cypert, S.C. Dixon, Mack Fisher, Comer Haynes, C.B. Knight, Ed Sandusky, Aaron Sudderth, Alf Walla, Ray Elmore, Russell McAnally, and Lynwood Harrison, and Misses Maurine White, Mildred Hamm, and Avis Deavers.

Florist meeting set

The Mid-West Texas Florist Association's 10th Annual Design school will be Sunday, October 5 at the Abilene Civic Center. Designs and design tables will be on display for the public to view free of charge from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Pack buried here

Dick Pack, 68, of 1041 S. 13th died at 10:15 p.m. Tuesday at Hendrick Medical Center after a lengthy illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Thursday at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel in Merkel with the Rev. H.B. Terry, pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Abilene, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Born Jan. 18, 1912, in Thurber, he had lived in the Abilene area since 1949. Mr. Pack was a Baptist. He married Caldonia Owen, Nov. 28,

1932, in Glen Rose.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Dickey of Hawley, Danny and Raymond both of Abilene; a daughter, Peggy Light of Hawley; a brother, Victor of Carbon; two sisters, Skeet Reid of Houston and Dorothy Griggs of Lufkin; 12 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were his grandsons; Timmy Pack, Tony Pack, Ricky Pack, Glenn Pack, Joe Light and Andy Langston.

Dear Editor, Homecoming soon

Dear Editor:

The officers of "The Ex-Students Association" of 1980 would like to invite all Ex-Students of Merkel High School to attend the Merkel Homecoming, October 10 and 11th. Also we would like to extend this invitation to anyone that lives in Merkel and the surrounding area that has any interest in the Merkel Schools to attend. A lot of activity has been planned that each and everyone of you would enjoy. We would like to encourage everyone to come out and make our out-of-town guest feel welcome.

The Homecoming celebration will begin Friday at 10:00 a.m. with registering at the Senior Citizens Building. A \$1.00 registration fee entitles you to vote for the Homecoming Queen and Mr. Ex. There will be a jail set up downtown and any ex-student caught without a registration tag will be put in jail. To get out you will have to pay \$2.00 to register.

At 2:30 p.m. a parade and downtown pep rally is scheduled. (Hope you are planning your floats now. A \$20.00 first prize, \$15.00 second prize, and \$10.00 third prize will be given.)

The evening meal is being sponsored by the FHA & HERO Clubs of Merkel High School at the school cafeteria. Everyone come and support this group and enjoy a good meal.

The football game between Merkel and Hamlin will be at Badger Stadium at 7:30 p.m. After the game a coffee is being held at the School cafeteria with the class of 1960 being the host class. A short business meeting will be held at this time. This is always a good time to visit with old friends.

On Saturday at 10:00 you will be able to view the new High School.

Everyone will want to come and see the new building.

At 12:00, a pot luck luncheon will be served. All you have to do is bring a dish or two. The association will furnish everything else. (Tea, coffee, plates, cups, etc.)

At 2:00 p.m., the big event of the day is a tea planned by Mrs. Ellen McReynolds and Mrs. Edwin Read in the New High School for all ex-teachers and ex-students. This is the time you can really reminisce and think of all the good times you had at Merkel High.

At 4:00 p.m., the Drama class of Merkel High will have the entertainment in the High School auditorium. Come out and see what the students of Merkel High are doing now. (Can you remember the plays you where in?)

A volley ball tournament will be going on all day Saturday. Sponsored by the Cheerleaders of Merkel High School. If you would like to get up a team and play in this tournament contact Christi Barnett. Be sure to go by and see what's going on in the Merkel Gym.

Several classes have planned reunions. Some that we know of are classes of 1938, 1950, 1953-54, 1965 and 1969. (Now is the time to plan your class reunion.) They have made plans for Saturday night.

The Ex-student Association has to have money to carry on the Homecoming each year. This year chances are being sold on a color television. Drawing will be held after lunch Saturday October 11, you don't have to be present to win. Buy a chance for \$1.00 or 7 for \$5.00.

Thank you, Mr. Editor, for printing this so the people of Merkel will know they are wanted at Homecoming.

Betty Conley
Imogene King

Newsbriefs

Promoted

Marine Staff Sgt. Theibert J. Dye, grandson of Robert J. Dye of 408 Thornton St., Merkel, Texas, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with 2nd Force Service Support Group Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He joined the Marine Corps in February, 1974.

Tournament

The Merkel High School Cheerleaders are sponsoring a volleyball tournament for Homecoming. The tournament will be held Saturday, October 11th. Anyone can have a team and exes are urged to sponsor one. Team entries are \$10.00 per team and must be in by noon Monday, October 6th.

Lambda Beta

Lambda Beta honored Max Morris, husband of member Jodie

Morris, at a western dance in Abilene on September 4. Those attending were: Mychelle and Bob Hammond, Gloria and John Henslee, Nancy and Kenny Hogan, Jodie and Max Morris, Kay Teaff and Barbara Welch.

Lambda Beta

Lambda Beta met on September 23 for a program on Literature and Prose given by Nancy Hogan and Chera Hohertz.

Those present to enjoy refreshments by Beverly Reed were: Mynon Seymore, Beverly Reed, Chera Hohertz, Nancy Hogan, Gloria Henslee, Mychelle Hammond, Belle Hammond, Annette Clark and Gayla Beard.

Lambda Beta would like to invite all Merkel Exs who are past or present Beta Sigma Phi members to ride on their Homecoming float. For more information contact Gloria Henslee at 928-5576.

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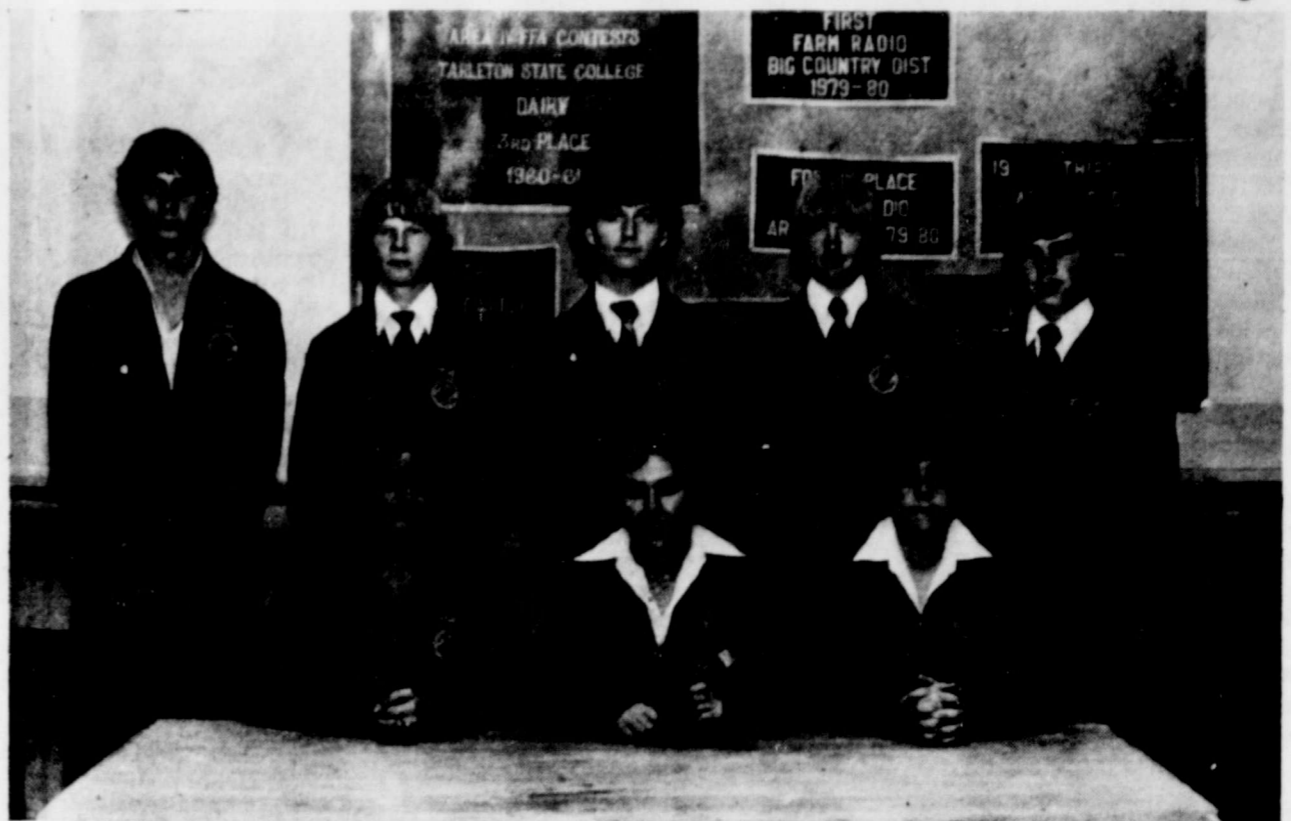
The 1980-81 school year has been a success so far. The students have been working hard painting and cleaning up the new part of the ag building. We expect to have everything cleaned up and ready to begin working.

This year our ag department has the concession stand during our junior varsity and our varsity home games. We would like for all of you to come support the football guys as well as the ag department.

The Merkel FFA students, who placed in the West Texas Fair, are as follows: Billy Ray Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Riley, placed 2nd with a

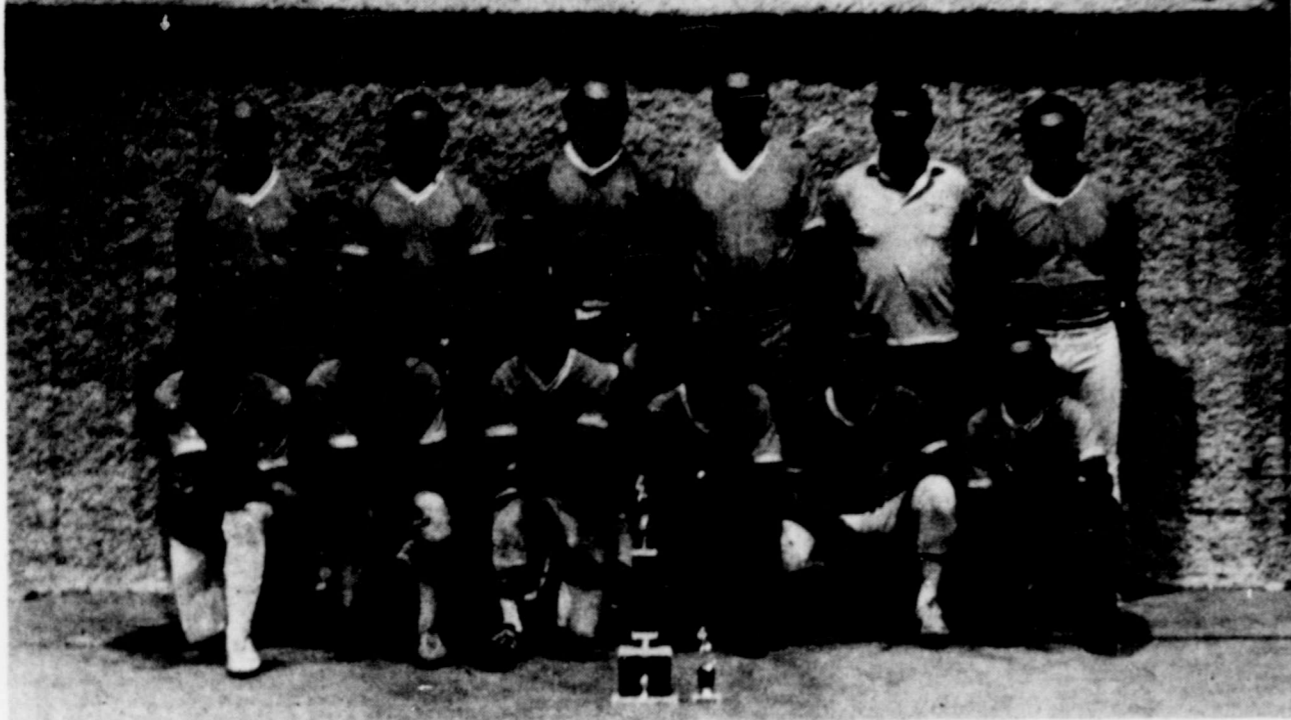
light weight crossbred; Ann Melton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Melton, came in 4th place with a light weight chesterwhite; Brad Nalley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nalley, came in 5th place with a heavy weight crossbred; Taresia English, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George English, placed 9th with a light weight Duroc.

This past week the new FFA officers were chosen and they are as follows: President-Jan Melton; Vice President-Mark Bland; Secretary-Eddie Harris; Treasurer-Chris Mashburn; Reporter-Patti Bird; Sentinal-Amye Amerine; Historian-Mike Hagar; Parliamentarian-Dusty Barnhill; FFA Sweetheart-D.W. Best.



FFA Officers for the 1980-81 school year at Merkel High are (Bottom row, left to right) D.W. Best-Sweetheart, Jan Melton-President, and Amye Amerine-Centennial. (Top row, left to

right) Dusty Barnhill-Parliamentarian, Mike Hagar-Historian, Mark Bland-Vice President, Eddie Harris-Secretary, and Chris Mashburn-Treasurer. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)



The Methodist Men's team won the Tri-City League men's championship this year with a 17-1 record. The team consists of (Top row, left to right) Bobby Owen, Gary Smith, Warren Dozier, Connie Mack Seymore, Dink Whisenhunt and Bill

Whisenhunt. (Bottom row, left to right) Ray Pack, Phillip Doan, Walter Whisenhunt, Greg Fisher, and Bart Whisenhunt. Not pictured are Don Whisenhunt, Sam Jernigan and Donnie Doan. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

Smiley-Butman wed

Cynthia Jean Smiley and Jerrel Lee Butman, Jr. were married Friday, Sept. 19 in Friona, Tex.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smiley of Friona. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Mack Bigbee of Merkel and Jerrell Lee Butman Sr. of Merkel.

Cindy is a graduate of Friona High School and attended South Plains College. She is employed by Friona Enterprises.

Jerry is a graduate of Merkel High School and is employed by the Friona Co-Op Gin.

Following a wedding trip to New Mexico, the couple will live at 1204 Washington, Friona.

WTU asking for rate increase

West Texas Utilities Company has filed application for a general rate increase, Bill Button, local district manager announced.

The official filing was made Tuesday, September 30, with incorporated towns for retail customers within their jurisdiction and with the Public Utility Commission of Texas for an increase to customers outside incorporated towns.

The proposed rates would produce an increase in total revenue of \$12,729,619. This amounts to 8.27 per cent based on revenues of \$153,914,156 for the test period ending this past June 30.

The company requested that the new rates become effective November 4.

One of the basic reasons for the increase was cited as inflation.

"The cost of providing electric service continues to increase more rapidly than revenue," the manager said.

This rate adjustment would be only the second general retail rate increase in the company's entire history, which goes back more than 50 years. The other increase was in 1973 and amounted to about six per cent across the board.

"We've managed to make that six per cent go a long way," the WTU manager said, noting that every other utility company in the state, and probably in the nation, has had at least one increase since then and most of them have had several.

Several reasons were given as to how WTU has been able to manage without a rate increase during the past several years of double-digit inflation. Chief among these was the timing of WTU's power plant construction. Its newest and largest station was completed in the mid-1970s and provided generation reserves sufficient not only to last for several years but to allow profitable energy sales to other companies.

The Company also cited its reputation as a conservative company with firm control of its expenditures.

However, the WTU manager said, the company can no longer absorb the effects of inflation without risking a dangerous decline in its financial condition. Of necessity, the company is entering into a multi-year construction program which will include a new coal-fired power plant and several high voltage transmission line projects.

The proposed rates were based on detailed analyses of each customer rate class, including studies of their energy usage patterns, the investment required to serve them, and the cost of operation applicable to those customers.

The Company's rate structure, which now has over 125 rates for many types and classes, would be reduced to less than 30 rates. The effect of the increase on the different customer classes would vary according to present relative rates of return from each class.

For example, the typical residential electric bill would increase by about 10 per cent.

Although customer bills have risen substantially in the past few years, the increases have been the result of more usage and higher fuel costs. The average residential customer's electric usage in the WTU system increased from 6,363 kilowatt-hours in 1972 to 8,270 kilowatt-hours this past year.

The cost of fuel has risen from 23 cents per million BTU in 1972 to \$1.96 this past summer. Generally, this fuel cost is the only increased

expense that has been shared by the customer under WTU's recent rate schedule.

The city has several options in responding to WTU's rate request. It may approve the increase, deny the increase, or suspend the rates for a certain period of time. The city also has the option of denying the request and ceding future

jurisdiction to the Public Utility Commission.

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Pursuant to TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN. art. 1446c §43(1975), Lone Star Gas Company hereby gives NOTICE of the Company's intent to implement a new schedule of rates effective on the latter of October 20, 1980

or such other date as new rates become effective in the City of Merkel, Texas to be charged for natural gas service to residential and commercial customers in the environs areas (outside incorporated limits of Merkel, Texas.)

The rate schedule is expected to furnish a 10.10% increase in the Company's gross revenues in the environs of Merkel, Texas.

A Statement of Intent has been filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas and is available for inspection at the Company's business office located at 155 Hickory, Abilene, Texas

Any affected person desiring to contest such changes in rates can file a complaint with the Director of the Gas Utilities Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78711.

Lone Star Gas Company

The Classifieds

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Rock Home, 57 acres, mobile home hook-up; basement, apartment, pool needs repair. PRESTIGE 928-5623, 682-2222.

30-TFC
FOR SALE: 1978 Mobile home, 14 X 52. Furnished, washer, dryer, air conditioner. Trent. Call 862-2001, 862-6225 after 5:00 and weekends.

30-2tp
FOR SALE: 2 bedroom, one bath, large living area, on 3/4 acres, located on edge of city limits, all city utilities, can be seen by appointment only. Cyrus Pee agent, 928-5613.

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27-TFC
FOR SALE: House hold furniture, many items in good condition, call 928-5666 after 7 p.m.

30-3tc
FOR SALE: 1977 Volkswagon Rabbitt, 44,000 miles, 928-5666 after 7.

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Card of Thanks

I would like to thank all the friends which remembered me while I was in the hospital. For the visits, cards, prayers, and flowers, all was appreciated and will always be remembered.
Tommie Burfield
32-1tp

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and helped in our recent loss of our beloved mother. For one of the most beautiful floral offerings, those who prepared the food, Br. Harrison, Br. Elmore, and for the choir and special song. A special thanks to each of the ladies at the Starr Nursing Home. The daughters of Cleo P. Douglas; Mary Belle Clarkson, Faye Henderson, La Verne Teaff, Patricia Robbins.

32-1tp
NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that HACK DRILLING COMPANY, a partnership composed of E.E. McGill and F.H. Lloyd, doing business at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, will become incorporated, and that after October 1, 1980, the business will be conducted under the name of HACK DRILLING CO., INC., a Texas corporation, at its same location in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. This Notice is given pursuant to Article 1302-2.02 of the Texas Miscellaneous Corporation Laws Act and Section 6.103(7) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code.

32-4tc
CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Basilisa Ronquillo, 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 Jose Ronquillo, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 8 day of Sept., 1980, against Basilisa Ronquillo, Respondent, and said suit being numbered

4476-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Jose Ronquillo and Basilisa Ronquillo", the nature of which suit is a request to Grant Divorce Petitioner request to be Appointed Conservator of Children.
The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.
The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the children 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 adoption.
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 26th day of September, 1980.
Irene Crawford, District Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Johnnie Wakefield, Deputy.

30-4tc
"Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of October, 1980, the entire assets of Abilene Cabinet Mill, whose address is 1409 North Treadaway, Abilene, Texas, will be transferred to a new enterprise named K.A. R.L. & G., Inc., a Texas corporation, whose address is 1802 Swenson, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. This new enterprise is organized to take over and continue the business now under the name Abilene Cabinet Mill.
The corporation will

assume all of the debts of the transferors, and the transferors will receive nothing from the transaction except shares in the corporation which will be subordinate to the claims of creditors of the corporation.
Dated September 22, 1980.
Richard L. Godbout, Transferor
Karen A. Godbout, Transferor
K.A.R.L. & G., Inc.
By Richard L. Godbout, President"
31-2tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: William Lester Swonke, 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 Eddie Seivert, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 26th day of September, 1980, against William Lester Swonke, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 4588C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Coty Jerome Burseson, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Termination and Adoption. Said child was born the 27th day of July, 1978, in Harris County, Texas.
The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.
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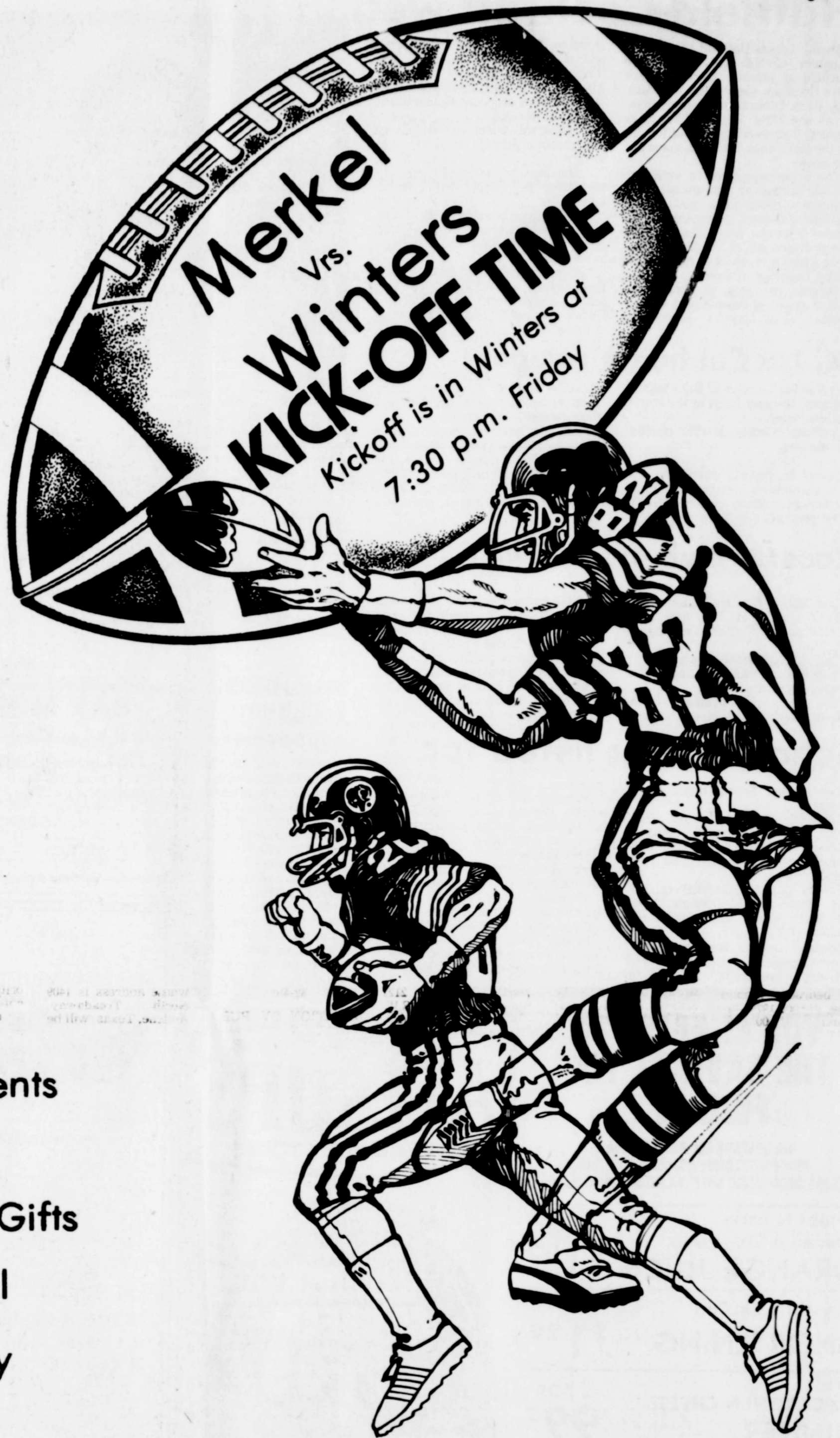
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Hatfield-Cochran wed

Penny Loyce Hatfield of Merkel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eulan Hatfield of Merkel, married Mark Alan Cochran, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Buck Cochran of Snyder, Sept. 27 at the First Baptist Church in Snyder. The wedding was officiated by the Rev. Buck Hatfield, cousin of the bride.

The bride was given in marriage by her father at the double ring ceremony. Best man was Bobby Hatfield of Snyder; groomsmen were Jimbo Thomas, Steve Beaver and Tracy Nixon all of Snyder. Ushers were Charlie Hatfield of Noodle and Ricky Brumley of Snyder.

Serving as maid of honor was Alison Isreal of Noodle and bridesmaids were Marshi Bowlin of

Houston, Robbie Freeman of Trent and Racheal Bogle of Anson. The flower girl was Shanna Briggs of Abilene and candlelighters were Dawn Bowlin of Houston and Brant Briggs of Abilene.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at K-Bob's in Snyder.

Following a wedding trip to Kerrville, the couple will live in Snyder.

The bride graduated from Trent High School and received a AAS degree from Western Texas College in Snyder.

The groom graduated from Snyder High School and attended Tarrant County and Western Texas College. He is employed by Leanco Bearings of Snyder.



Mrs. Alan Cochran

Xi Nu Chi hears recipes

Xi Nu Chi, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met Tuesday night in the home of Anita Allen.

President Connie Harris opened the meeting.

Committee reports were given by each committee chairman. Ginny Yaddow gave a city council report. The program for the evening was

Favorite Recipe Exchange. Each member brought a covered dish and their recipes to exchange.

Members present were: Louise Dubose, Mamie Steck, Pat Neff, Ginny Yaddow, Connie Ybarra, Liz Eager, Glenda Teaff, Blanche Hewitt, Connie Harris, Kathy Leverich, Mary Hill, Val Patterson, and Anita Allen.

Booster club meets twice

The Badger Booster Club met last Tuesday night at Pug and Leo's Restaurant for their first meeting of the year.

Billy Lucas was elected president, Finley Barnett-vice president, Willie Turner-secretary.

The group was introduced to the 1980-81 Merkel Coaching Staff and

saw the game film from the Jim Ned game. Plans were made for a pot luck dinner held Tuesday night at the Merkel School Cafeteria.

The club will conduct a membership drive. Anyone that wants to be a member of the Badger Booster Club are asked to contact any of the group's officers.

School menu listed for

The Merkel School menu is as follows:

Thursday Oct. 2: Fried Fish, tartar sauce, seasoned spinach, cabbage slaw with sweet and sour dressing, corn meal twist, and fresh orange wedge.

Friday Oct. 3: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onions, tater tots with catsup, and chuck-a-nut cluster.

Monday Oct. 6: Beef and Tater bake, vegetable salad with choice of dressing, hot rolls, and sliced

peaches.

Tuesday Oct. 7: Oven fried turkey steak, cream gravy, english pea salad, carrot sticks, snowflake biscuit, and fruit salad.

Wednesday Oct. 8: Bar-b-que pork, pinto beans, cabbage, pepper relish, hot rolls, and orange wedge.

Thursday Oct. 9: Taco, taco sauce, spanish rice, lettuce, cheese, and no bake peanut butter square.

Friday Oct. 10: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, french fries with catsup, and raisins.

FHA-HERO spaghetti supper set

There will be a Spaghetti Supper sponsored by the Merkel FHA - HERO October 10, 1980, in the Merkel School Cafeteria, 5:30 until 7:00 p.m.

The menu will be Spaghetti and sauce, salad, garlic bread, and tea and coffee. Tickets are Adults, \$2.50 and children \$1.50. Pies and cakes are extra.

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Trent News

Trent record perfect

Trent ran their record to 3-0 Friday by downing Paint Rock 51-6. This was the last non-district game. The Trent defense had given up 6 points in while the offense had scored 144 points. Trent opens district play next Friday at 7:00 p.m. against Hermligh at Trent.

Again Friday night, the defense rose to the task. The offense had good field position, the entire due to the defense making Paint Rock punt or make mistakes. Richard Beaver had 2 interceptions.

Mike De La Cruz tackled the Indian tailback in the end zone for a safety. Defensive end Billy Williams and Linebacker Lloyd Williams also had some key tackles that aided in turnovers.

On offense, Richard Beaver lead the Badgers by scoring five times. Richard had runs of 10-27-53-70-49. Lloyd Williams scored three times on runs of 40-15-17. Richard and Lloyd had great success running up the middle due to the blocking of center, Eddie Adams and End Billy Williams.

Trent Jr. High wins 35-18

The Trent Junior High opened the season last Thursday by downing McCaulley 35-18. Scoring in the first quarter was Benjamin Beaver on a 4 yard run. Billy Brazelton kicked the extra point.

In the second quarter, Benjamin scored on a 7 yard run. Billy Brazelton kicked the extra point. Steven Schriener scored from 2 yards out, P.A.T. was no good.

In the 3rd quarter, Billy Brazelton scored from 6 yards. P.A.T. was no good.

4th quarter, Chuck Pratte scored from 8 yards. Simon De La Cruz ran the P.A.T.

The defense played a better second half than

the first. Trent kept McCaulley out of the end zone after giving up 18 points the first half. Jim Simpson had a key interception in the 3rd quarter which stopped the only McCaulley scoring drive.

The junior high play Lueders Avoca at Trent 5:30 p.m. Thursday the 2nd of October.

Trent Homecoming dinner set

The Trent Sr. Class would like to invite everyone to the Homecoming dinner Saturday, October 11, 1980 from 11:30 to 1:30 in the High School cafeteria.

Prices are adults \$3.50 and children \$2.50. The menu will be roast beef, green beans, potatoes, jell-o, salad, bread, coffee, tea, and cake.

The Sr. class has elected favorites and Halloween King and Queen. The favorites are Leslie Masonheimer and David Greenwood. The King and Queen are Marcie Brenem and Todd Richardson.

Middle Clear Fork district election today

An election for District Director for Zone II of the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District Board will be held at the Taylor County Electric Coop. in Merkel, October 2, at 7:30 p.m. The elected director will serve a five year term on the Board. The SWCD Board is responsible for a coordinator of resource conservation programs in the District. (Taylor County)

All landowners (Husband and wife) in Zone II, 18 years and older are eligible to vote. Zone II is located in the North-west part of Taylor County. It is bounded on the north by the Jones-Taylor County line; on the east by Farm Road-707 and U.S. Highway 277; on the south by the Gulf Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad; and the west by the Nolan-Taylor County line.

Bland wins Pendleton Roundup

Steve Bland of Trent was named all-around Cowboy at the prestigious Pendleton, Oregon Round-up, Rodeo last week. Steve won the calf roping event

and placed in the steer wrestling to win \$5000.00 in cash and prizes. He was also awarded two saddles, one in the calf roping and a silver mounted

saddle valued at \$4000.00 donated by the EMI Films of Los Angeles. Steve also placed in the calf roping at the Albuquerque Rodeo for another \$2000.00, moving him into tenth in the world standings in the calf roping and 12th in the all-around with \$33,000.00 won in PR CA rodeos this year.

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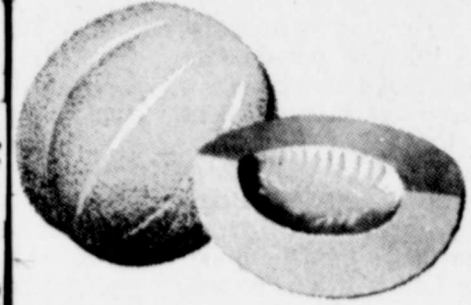
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