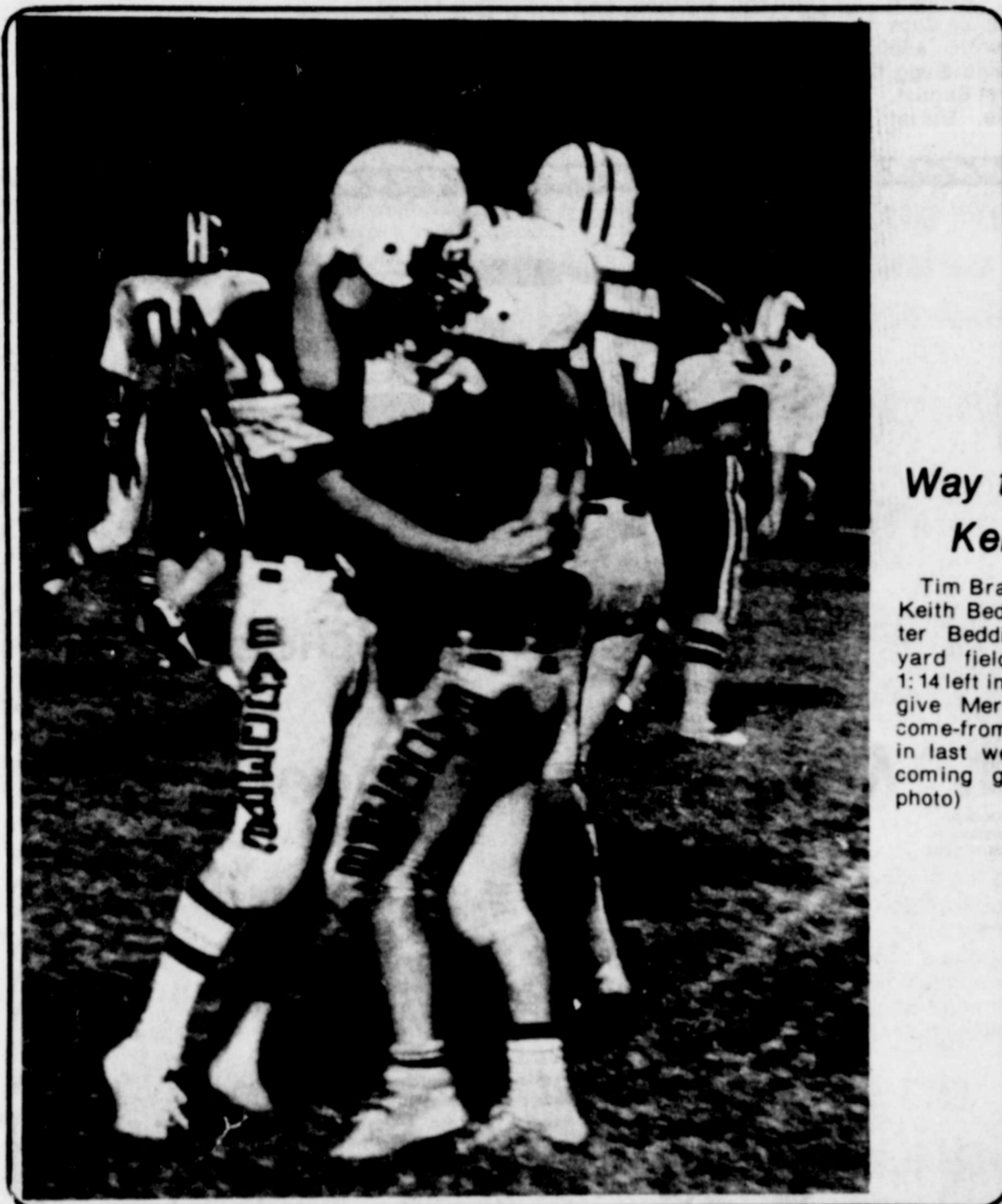


# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, September 23, 1982...Merkel, Texas

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## Way to go Keith!

Tim Brady (71) hugs Keith Beddingfield after Beddingfield's 29 yard field goal with 1:14 left in the game to give Merkel a 15-14 come-from-behind win in last week's Homecoming game. (staff photo)

## School sets tax rate at \$1; notices will be mailed Monday

The Merkel school board set the 1983 tax rate at \$1.00 per \$100 evaluation at their regular session held at The Big Country Inn Tuesday morning.

The board was able to do that after the Taylor County Appraisal Board finally made complete figures on current evaluation available.

Final appraisal figures released by the board look like this: Real Property \$84,528,082, Personal Property, \$56,285,058, Oil Property \$25,089,660, Exemptions \$7,930,966 for a total appraised value of \$157,971,834. That figure does include a \$30 million evaluation on property owned by Nu Corp, of which the board has budgeted no income for the school tax year. The school believes it will generate \$1,027,000 in taxes this year.

The board spent a little time discussing the tax value as well as what it can expect from Nu Corp.

MISD superintendent Bill Everett told the board they would be generating the same amount of money they had to operate on last year. He also told board members that many MISD taxpayers would be looking at their tax liabilities double and he placed a large part of that blame on Nu Corp's demise. He said "as far as Nu Corp is concerned, we might not get a penny, we might get a little money, or we may collect the full tax. That is in the hand of the courts (Federal Bankruptcy Court). I'd be real happy if we get \$100,000 out of them this year, although it may take up to three years to get it."

MISD taxpayers can expect to get their notice of appraised value and tax rates for Taylor County, MISD and the city early next week as the appraisal district said they would try to mail those notices Sept. 26.

The board also heard update from the superintendent. He reported construction work on the bus barn was going well and said the roofing project at Tye Elementary was completed. He also reported the school had received a \$10,100 settlement on insurance for hail damage done to the roofs at Merkel High, Elementary and Middle schools. He estimated that amount would cover about 75 to 80 per cent of those repairs and the board authorized he and MISD maintenance supervisor Hayden Reeves to get those repairs underway.

The superintendent also reported enrollment set at 1268, about 100 more students than this time last year. That growth sparked a few comments from Everett. He said "We've got about all the students we can say grace over. We have got things juggled around right now so we are not experiencing any problems, but those are stop gap measures. We need to take a real close look at our needs in the not too distant future. As they build homes, scrape off places for mobil homes we are adding students. Abilene schools have lost 175 students from last year and those students have moved to Wylie, Clyde and here. As we continue to grow, we need to get ready for it."

The board payed bills from the last school year of \$12,130.70 and new bills of \$111,011.51.

Also, the board hired Judy Elliott as a full time aide at Tye Kindergarten and Martha Snowden as a part time aide for Tye special education.

Merkel Classroom Teacher Association president Ken Elliott told the board his organization's membership among teachers had more than doubled over last year. The group now has 51 members, compared to 21 last year.

## Badgers make it 2 in a row, hosts Ranger here Friday

## Methodists celebrating 100 years

There was preaching for the Methodist in Merkel before 1882. The first service was held at the T and P Depot, the first railway agent, J.L. Vaughn, a devout Christian, insisted services be held in the depot.

Merkel was on the Sweetwater Mission and preachers came to hold services. Rev. Strickland came from Mulberry Canyon. In 1901 the first pastor, Rev. Hider, came to Merkel to live.

The Methodist Church in Merkel was organized in 1882 in a school building on the north side of town, where the Assembly of God now stands. Seven members were present for the first meeting.

In 1891 a frame building, forty feet by sixty feet was erected on the site where the present building now stands. The frame church was replaced by a red brick church in 1905 and on April 22, 1906 friends were invited to attend the opening of this building.

In 1900 the first parsonage was built and served the purpose until 1910, when one was built directly west of the church.

In 1922 the membership outgrew the church and plans were made to enlarge the Sanctuary and the present educational annex was built.

In 1936 the present parsonage at 411 Locust was built, under the pastorate of Rev. J.H. Crow.

The first Sunday School was organized in 1884 by Mr. Marion French, but due to the drought and other hindrances many people drifted and only four Methodist families remained. As times improved, the Church School was re-established.

Those who acted as capable leaders were pioneers and were links in a chain of Christian faith. Many have passed away, but some who served as leaders in the Church are still faithful members.

In 1950 the Church was remodeled to its present

state, by Rev. Hugh Hunt. The exterior was remodeled in a modified Old English design. Rev. Hunt was able to restore one art figure, The Good Shepard, and it is near the front of the Sanctuary.

The Women of the Church was organized in 1884, and later became known as the United Methodist Women. The Methodist Men was chartered in 1957. In Feb., 1979 the Rhythmic Choir was started and is still very active. Only 2 weeks ago the Bible Bowl was started for children in grades 1-5.

Activities will begin Friday Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m. with Rev. Ray Elmore, former pastor bringing the message. Special music will be presented and an after glow will follow the service.

Saturday activities will begin with a 5:30 Barbecue sponsored by the Methodist Men. An auction will follow the barbecue. Highlighted will be the Centennial quilt to be auctioned off to highest bidder. The evening worship will begin at 8 p.m. with Rev. Hugh Daniel (son of former pastor Rev. Newt Daniel) delivering message. His wife Joy will bring the special music.

Sunday morning worship will begin at 10:30 with Rev. Alvis Cooley, former pastor, bringing sermon. A pot luck dinner will be served after morning worship service. An old fashion sing-song will follow lunch. Refreshments will be served at 5 and evening will begin at 6:30 with Dr. E.D. Landereth preaching.

Many improvements of the church remodeling will be completed by this celebration.

Pastor is Joe B. Allen and Centennial Committee co-chairmen are Opal and Robert Malone.

All friends and former members of the First United Methodist Church are invited to attend.

## 2-1 ?, congrats., injured...more

By Cloy A. Richards

There's 1:14 left the kick is up, it's hooking left it's... good.

Merkel downs Baird on a 41 yard field goal to give the Badgers their first winning record at any point during the season.

Sounds kinda like a fairy tale, doesn't it? Well, my friend it isn't a fairy tale, it's fact.

Another couple of notes from the game Friday. The crowd was great, it's the first time in quite a while I have heard the fans cheering except when the cheerleaders decide to do "two bits."

It was the largest crowd I've seen in some time and they dadgummed sure got their money's worth.

And the Badgers went out, and came from behind for goodnes sakes, to win a game.

I'll admit, I didn't think I'd be writing any words like that this football season, and it sure feels good to be able to.

Congratulations are in order to Mrs. Paul Orsborn and Arthur Moore. They were named Coming Home Queen and Mister X at halftime of Friday's game.

Also, Angie Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lou David Allen for her being named Homecoming Queen.

Dale Hammond told me Monday morning he was recovering from injuries received during the flight of Keith Beddingfield's winning field goal Friday.

Seems he was in the wrong place at the time. He was sitting in front of Rosie Holmes (Keith's sister) and she got a little excited (understandably so) when the ball sailed inside the crossbars.

Dale said the bruises would heal in a few days.

Merkel Volunteer Fire Department Chief Waymon Adcock said last Tuesday's call to the Interstate brought back a few memories.

The Chief nearly lost his life 13 years ago when he responded to a very similar accident.

Again it was 6 a.m. o. Tuesday morning, again it was 1-20, again the incident started when truck tires overheated on a trailer, but the last time the worst happened, a truck load of dynamite exploded.

Kinda makes a man think, doesn't it?

Keith Beddingfield's 29 yard field goal with 1:14 left in the game gave Merkel a 15-14 Homecoming victory over the Baird Bears here Friday night.

Beddingfield had narrowly missed a 42 yard attempt at 6:24 left in the game but his 29 yarder sailed inside the left crossbar to give Merkel the come from behind win.

For the second week in a row, the opposition fumbled their first offensive play of the game but this week, the Badgers converted that miscue, recovered by Jimmy Mendez into a five yard Russell Lucas touchdown.

Baird came right back and took the lead after they drove the ball 64 yards on 11 plays and added the point after to make it 7-6.

Merkel then answered as John Womack hit Lorne Sloan with a 30 yard touchdown pass to put the Badgers in front 12-7.

Baird came back again with good running from their offensive backs to score the fourth touchdown of the first quarter with two seconds to play in the quarter, staking the Bears to a 14-12 lead.

The two point margin remained until Beddingfield's last minute heroics.

The win also completed Merkel's first four game sweep in one week over the past three years as Merkel's 7th, 8th and Junior Varsity teams posted wins over Baird in Baird Thursday night.

Merkel Coach Eddie Lang told the Mail Monday Baird had played the type of game he thought they would and said he knew the Bear's running game would give the Badgers fits.

He praised the offensive unit's two touchdowns in the first quarter but said he was a little disappointed the defense had allowed the two first quarter Bear touchdowns.

He singled out the play of Keith Beddingfield, Jimmy Don Rogers, Lorne Sloan, Russell Lucas, Jay Gibson, Greg Arnwine and John Warkala and Brad Nalley.

He also had some kind words for Beddingfield. "It all came down to Keith's kick. He had hit

them pretty well before the game, in fact he hit from 52 yards and the 42 yard attempt was just barely wide, but he came through."

### RANGER HERE FRIDAY

The Badgers will host Ranger, who's off to a 3-0 record here Friday.

Lang said Ranger runs its offense from the I formation and they throw the ball about half of their plays. Quarterback Lynn Stewart has a very large target to hit at tight end in Senior Johnny Rogers who is 6'6" tall.

Lang said people have moved the ball real well on Ranger's defense but said they get very stingy when the opposition nears their goal line.

He said Ranger has also shown they can score from anywhere as they have returned two kicks for touchdowns so far this year.

Ranger will be a tough team to pass against because they run a four man secondary but Lang said the Badgers would definitely throw the ball against them. He added "our line is so young that it is tough for us to run the ball all of the time. We have to get their linebacker off the line of scrimmage with the pass so our running game can be effective."

He also added the Badgers would be spending a lot of time this week on tackling drills because he did not feel the Badgers did a good job tackling against Baird, especially on kick returns. The Badgers had a 54 yard punting average against Baird but returns hurt the Badgers and Lang said he wanted to correct that situation.

He also had praise for the crowd Friday. "It meant a lot to me and the kids to hear the fans in the stands Friday. They were cheering and that makes a difference. I'd like to see a good crowd here Friday for the Ranger game because it's the last home game before we head to Rotan and then come back here in two weeks to start district with Wylie."

The Badger 7th grade, 8th grade and Junior varsity teams will play in Ranger Thursday. The 7th grade will start at 5, the 8th grade at 6 and the JV will play at 7:30 p.m.

## Homecoming draws 283 students

The Merkel Homecoming Association reported one of its best Homecoming Weekends in recent years as 283 former Merkel High students participated in weekend activities according to Pat Byrd.

The 1982 Coming Home queen was Mrs. Paul Orsborn and Mister X was Arthur Moore. They were crowned at halftime of the Merkel-Baird game Friday night.

Friday's activities started off with the largest Homecoming parade in four years. The parade was almost four blocks long and a large crowd attended the downtown pep rally. The Junior Class float, depicting a grave yard for the Baird Bears won first place. Mrs. Sandusky's second grade class "going bear hunting" was second and the Class of 1956, riding a vintage John Deere tractor was third. The Class of 56 donated their cash prize back to the Homecoming Association.

The get-together following Friday's game at

Heritage Hall drew a full house and former students enjoyed an evening of talking about "the field goal" and reminiscing.

Saturday's luncheon drew a little more than 150 people at Heritage Hall.

During the business meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Holloway were elected the new presidents of the Merkel Homecoming Association. Mr. and Mrs. Buster Tarpley were named vice presidents, Debbie Doan as secretary and Mike Warren as treasurer.

The oldest Merkel former students attending was Mrs. Andy Baker of Merkel and the people traveling the longest distance to attend were Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson of Lenoir, Tenn.

The Merkel Homecoming Association would like to thank all of the former students who attended the weekend's festivities, as well as all of the people who volunteered their time making Homecoming Weekend the success that it was.

## Newsbriefs

### Riding club sets play day

The Merkel Riding Club will have a play day at their arena Sept. 25th at 7 p.m.

There will be four age groups and a \$5 entry fee. Events will include barrel racing, pole bending and flags. Also, the club will be riding in the Homecoming Parade this Friday.

All area riders are welcomed to attend the events.

### Catholic Church sets festival

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church is having their annual "festival" on Sunday Oct. 3 starting at 1 p.m. til 9 p.m. There will be Bingo, cake walk, ring toss, plus a dunkin' booth sponsored by Lupitas softball team. There will also be live music through out the event, Mexican folk dancers from Lubbock, Texas & Hamburgers, Tacos, Taquitos-de-Barbacoa & Homemade Tamales will also be served. Orders are now being taken for Tamales, mild or hot to be picked up at the festival by calling Dolores at 928-5275 or Carrie after 5 at 928-5704, or Janie after 5 at 928-5867. Please come and join the fun!

### Tye Citizens set musical

Tye Senior Citizens will hold their monthly musical Sept. 25. Food & drinks will be served starting at 6 p.m.

### Blair & Mullbery Canyon reunion

Blair & Mullbery Canyon reunion will be at the Senior Citizens building at 112 Edwards, Oct. 2 at 9 a.m.

All present and former residents of that area are urged to be present. Bring a covered dish.

### Fair winners

Among the winners at the West Texas Fair was Joshua Mashburn. In the "Beginners Youth Hobbies and Crafts Division", a 22 rifle, the gun stock of which he had refinished, won a second place.

A paper mache volcano based on chicken wire entered in the "Objects made from Wire, String or Paper Division" won a third place.

### School menu

The School Menu starting Mon. the 27th is as follows: Mon.-Meat loaf with spinach and whipped potatoes and spiced apple rings for dessert, Tues. - Fried Fish Wedges and cole slaw & black-eyed peas with corn bread and lemon pudding for dessert, Wed.-Tacos with pinto beans and orange wedges for dessert, Thurs.- Turkey over rice with green beans and stuffed celery with mixed fruit for dessert and as usual for Friday Hamburgers and brownies for dessert.

In case you missed it last week Thursday's menu the 23rd is Burritos with chili and naxhos with cheese, also tossed salad and buttered corn and for dessert fresh apple wedges. Fri the 24th as usual Hamburgers but Rice Krispi bars for dessert.

### Dillon named

Mandi Dillon of Merkel has been named to receive a presidential scholarship at McMurry

College for the coming year, according to Dr. Thomas Kim, McMurry President.

McMurry is a fully accredited four year liberal arts college in Abilene, Texas. Established in 1923, McMurry is owned and operated by the Northwest Texas and New Mexico conferences of the United Methodist Church.

To be eligible for a presidential scholarship at McMurry, a student must graduate in the top quarter of her high school class. A score of 21 or better

on the ACT qualifies a recipient for additional presidential scholarship funds.

Mandi is a 1962 graduate of Merkel High School. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dave Dillon of 1311 S. 3rd in Merkel.

### PTO workday

There will be a PTO workday Saturday morning, September 25 at 9:00 A.M. for the purpose of painting the halls of the Merkel Elementary building. Please come with paint brush or roller in

hand and help us make our school a more cheerful place for your children.

### Porter in ROTC

Scott A. Porter, son of Arden N. Porter of Merkel, Texas, and Odella A. Rogers of Omaha, Neb. received practical work in military leadership at the Army ROTC Advanced camp, Fort Lewis, Wash. He is a student at Kearney State College, Neb.

### Bible study

Beginning Sunday Sept. 19th at 10 A.M. Dr. Robert D. Christian will conduct a

study of the Book of Revelation at Grace Presbyterian Church. We welcome anyone interested in sharing this study with us.

### Obituaries Callie Mae Price

Callie Mae Price, 89, of Merkel died at 7:20 p.m. Saturday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a lengthy illness. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of Caps Baptist Church, and the Rev. David Bugg, pastor of First Baptist, will officiate. Burial

will be in Trent Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born June 30, 1893, in Kaufman County, she lived in Merkel since 1922. She was a member of First Baptist Dorcas Sunday School Class. She married George Lafayette Price Nov. 21, 1909, in Pruitt. He died Jan. 3, 1964.

She is survived by two sons, Garland of Trent and Nolan of London, Ark.; three daughters, Mattie Lee Buchanan of Merkel, Ciota Elizabeth Crawford of Midland and Callie Oneta Davis of View; a sister, Johnnie Sutton of Los Angeles; 21 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren

and 10 great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons,

Willie and Cullen and two daughters, Lora and Doris.

## Stith group meets

The Stith Extension Homemakers Club met Sept. 8 at the community center.

Daisy Mashburn called the club to order. Gracy Lee Brown being our hostess for the day, brought our devotion and prayer.

During our business meeting we elected new Officers for another year. Vada Hudson, President; Margaret Dickerson, Vice-President; Louise Hudson, Sec.-Treas.; and Daisy Mashburn Council Delegate.

The program was Casserole dishes to stretch the Food Dollar, given by Gracy Lee Brown. There were 11 members and 1 visitor, Mrs. Vada Patterson from Stamford.

Our club is open to all ladies regardless of color or race.



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Angie Allen reacts to the Homecoming Queen's crown being placed on her by last year's queen Rene Aiken Wells. Angie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lou David Allen of Merkel. (Staff Photo by Cloy A. Richards)

### Booster club

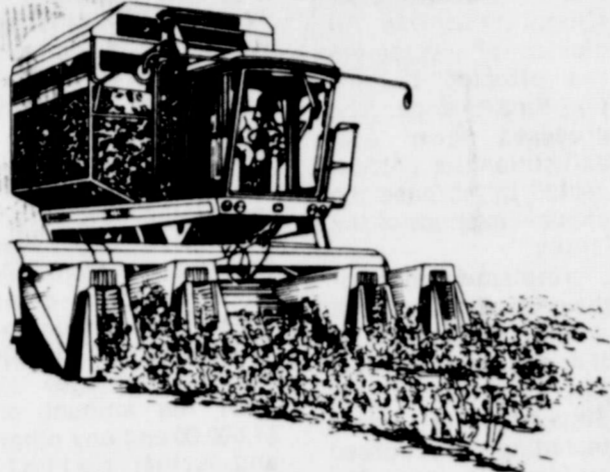
The Merkel Badger Booster Club met Monday night. We all enjoyed watching the film on the Baird-Merkel game.

Players of the week were selected. They were Lorne Sloan-Offensive-Tim Brady-Defensive & Brad Nally Lineman.

The Booster Club will be getting a chartered bus for the people that want to ride to the Electra game Oct. 15. The bus will leave about 4:00 and stop to eat at the cafeteria with the football boys after the game. The price will be \$10 per person. There are seats for up to 49 persons. It will be first come first serve.

You can sign up at this Friday night ball game against Ranger here or call the Supt. Office at 928-5813. We appreciate all the support that has been shown to our boys.

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### Trent wins 42-14

The Trent Gorillas are on a roll as they defeated Hermleigh 42-14 in Trent last week. Trent now stands 3-0 on the year.

Hermleigh opened the scoring with a nine yard run and then Trent came back as Bebo Beaver scored his first of four touchdowns on a two yard run. Trent then knocked the ball loose and recovered it on the ensuing kickoff and Beaver scored again.

In the second quarter, Jesus Valdez scored on a one yard run and then Beaver struck again with a 55 yard run.

Casey Johnson opened up the half in fine fashion for Trent when he took the kickoff 70 yards for a touchdown and Beaver finished his rampage with a 41 yard touchdown dash.

Billy Williams made three of six extra point attempts.

Coach Marvin Winn told the Mail his team is set to play Grady at Grady with a 8 p.m. kickoff. Grady is picked to finish second in the district this year and Winn said it's a game the Gorillas must win if they want to make the playoffs this season. Six man football is also taking the top two teams from each district into the playoffs this season.

Grady opened their district play last week by downing Ira.

Winn said his defensive unit turned in a fine effort last week against Hermleigh in their district opener as they recovered four of five Hermleigh fumbles and also picked off a pass.

Trent's Junior High will kick off their season at home Thursday with a 6th grade game scheduled at 5 p.m. and the Junior High will play at 6.

# Badgers vrs. Ranger -8 pm Friday



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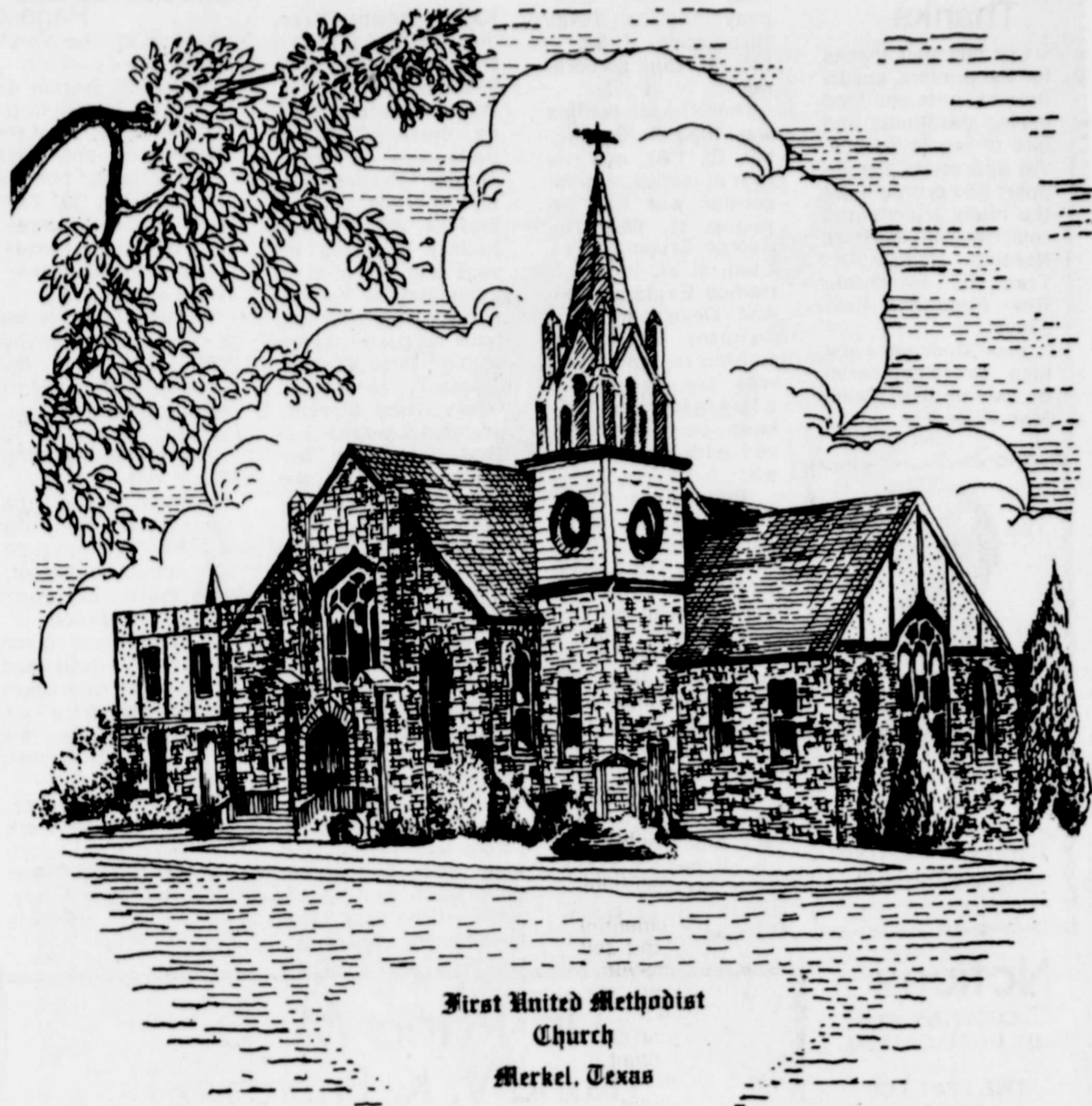
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**Merkel Methodist Centennial 1882-1982**

**FFA meets, names officers**

The Merkel Chapter of Future Farmers of America held their first meeting of the year last week. The chapter elected officers. They are as follows: Pres.-Chris Mashburn, Vice Pres.-Brenda Hohertz, Secretary-Melinda Riney, Treas.-Ken Hogan, Reporter-Chuck Peterman, Sentinel-Shane Smith, Parliamentarian-Keith Beddingfield, Historian-Dusty Farmer, Sergeant at Arms- Jay Gibson.

The West Texas Fair created many hours of preparation for FFA members, teachers, and parents the past weeks. It all came to a climax last week as the results of their work show. The winners are: Light Weight Hampshire Barrow-1st Amber Whisenhunt; Medium Weight Hampshire Barrows- 6th-Tommy Hays & 7th-Randy Leverich; Light Weight Duroc-6th-Jay Williams & 8th-Keith Beddingfield; ight Weight Crossbred Barrows-1st-Melissa Harris, 2nd-Randy Leverich & 8th-Michelle Barnett; Medium Weight Crossbred Barrows- 3rd-Tommy Hays, 5th-Billy Ray Riley & 9th-Lee Leverich; Reserve Champion Crossbred Barrow-Melissa Harris; Other Pure

Breeds Light Weight- 2nd-Billy McKeehan, 3rd-Melissa Harris, 5th-Billy Ray Riley, 6th-Lynn Hays, 7th-Ricky Riley, 9th- Jay Gibson, & 10th-Jay Gibson.

Other winners include: Medium Weight Other Pure Breeds- 1st-Melissa Davis, 5th-Ricky Doan, 7th-Billy McKeehan, & 9th-Gwen Emfinger; Reserve Champion Other Pure Breeds- Melissa Harris; Overall Reserve Champion- Amber Whisenhunt, Steers- 12th- Ken Hogan; Brahmen Junior Calf Class- 2nd-Denise Pack; Junior Yearling Heifer Class- 1st-Denise Pack; Open Brahmen Heifer Show- 8th-Denise Pack; Heifers Calved Jan 1 to Feb 26, 1981- 1st- Denise Pack; Heifers Calved Sept 1 - Dec 31, 1979- 1st-Ray Pack.

Other participants were Kris Harris, Tawlia Williams, Kim Coyle, Judy Williams, John Paul Dudley, Clay Hammond and Sue Cunningham.

The FFA appreciate all who buy from our concession stand at the home football games. This is one of our money making projects. A big thanks from the FFA for all your support.

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**Preceptor Eta Omega meets**

Preceptor Eta Omega held their first meeting of the year at the home of Opal Garner.

President M m m i e Steck opened the meeting and discussed the plans and activities of the forthcoming year. The program was

presented by Opal Garner on "I'm O K You're O K."

Refreshments were served to the following members; Mamie Steck, Kathy Leverich, Connie Ybarra, Louise DuBose, Jocille Brady Ruth Tipton, Val Patterson and Liz Eager.

**Merkel rebates 12 % ahead of 81**

Merkel's rebate of the state sales tax are still running 12.13 per cent ahead of rebates in 1981 according to a news release from the State Comptroller's Office.

So far, Merkel has collected \$47,798.78 this year with the latest check totaling \$2,626.63 for August Sales.

Tye is still running slightly ahead of last year's

pace as their latest check pushed their yearly total to \$45,678.13 for a 2.28 per cent increase over 1981.

The state five per cent sales tax is collected by local merchants and sent to the state on a monthly basis. The Comptroller's Office rebates one per cent of the tax collected monthly to the city where the tax was collected.



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Then there's the all-new S-10 Maxi-Cab Pickup with a large storage space behind the seat for groceries, tools, luggage, camping equipment, etc. It, too, is available with the new 4-Wheel Drive. Completing the S-10 lineup are Chassis Cab and Utility Body models, available in 2-Wheel Drive.

We cordially invite you to visit our showroom and drive the exciting new 1983 S-10 Trucks and any of the other new Chevrolets. You'll find more Chevrolet Trucks to choose from, in more sizes than ever before. With the products we have for 1983, we're sure you'll find exactly the truck you're looking for.

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As big a Homecoming tradition as you can find, here Lisa Cannon gets a little help from a friend making sure her Homecoming mum is on straight at Friday's parade. Lisa is the daughter of Monah Sue Cannon of Merkel. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

In compliance with Sec. 43(a) of Art. 1446c, V.A.C.S., West Texas Utilities Company hereby publishes NOTICE that it has filed, on September 13, 1982, its Statement of Intent to make changes in its retail rates charged for electricity and services sold and rendered inside and outside municipal jurisdictions, such proposed changes to be effective October 19, 1982. Such Statement of Intent includes the proposed revisions of tariffs and schedules and a statement specifying in detail each proposed change, the effect the proposed change is expected to have on the revenues of the Company and the classes and numbers of utility customers affected. Systemwide retail adjusted annual revenues are expected to be increased 9.4 per cent by the new rates. Statements of Intent were filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas and with the following municipalities:

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| Alpine       | Hawley     | Quittaque     |
| Anson        | Hedley     | Rankin        |
| Aspermont    | Impact     | Rising Star   |
| Baird        | Iraan      | Rochester     |
| Ballinger    | Jayton     | San Angelo    |
| Balmorhea    | Junction   | Santa Anna    |
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| Bronze       | Marfa      | Stamford      |
| Buffalo Gap  | McCamery   | Sterling City |
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| Cisco        | Memphis    | Trent         |
| Clarendon    | Menard     | Turkey        |
| Clyde        | Merkel     | Tuscola       |
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Areas affected by the filing with the Public Utility Commission of Texas are in the following:

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| Eldorado              | Moran           | Rule         |
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**Thanks**

Our heartfelt thanks for the prayers, cards, flowers, gifts and food during the illness and loss of our loved one. We appreciate the support and sympathy of the many friends and relatives, all at Starr Nursing Home, Dr. Tran, Dr. Hardwick, Rev. Bugg and Rev. Jones.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: T.L. Stevens, Laurena Stevens Gee, Stanley Stevens, Kathy Stevens, Kenny Stevens, David Sherwood Stevens, and the UNKNOWN HEIRS of each of the foregoing, if any, Defendants in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause;

TO: All persons claiming any interest or title in the South one-half (S-2) of the Southwest one-fourth (SW-4) of Section 41, the Northwest one-fourth (NW-4) of Section 48, and the North forty-three (43) acres of the Southwest one-fourth (SW-4) of Section 48, all in Block 19, T&P RR Company Survey, Taylor County, Texas.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer the Plaintiff's petition at or before ten o'clock (10:00) a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation, that day being September 28, 1982 in the 42nd Judicial District Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be held at the County Courthouse in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. The Cause No. is 37,213, styled Hamco Exploration and Development Company vs. heirs of J.E. Bowers, being his widow, Anna A. Bowers, Jack Bowers and Billy Joe Bowers; the heirs of John Burkett, being Jim M. Burkett, Cortez B. McHaney, J. Elmo Burkett, Jake L. Burkett, Wilda Lee Taylor, Joe W. Burkett, Dale W. Burkett and Katie Lou Allen; George Gregory McLeod, Rosemary Bards, Samuel David McLeod, Willie Rea McLeod Gagnon, Jimmie Weldon McLeod, Donald Lewis McLeod, Huey Lee McLeod; the heirs of A.D. Fulton, being Marjorie Fulton McGuire and Joyce Fulton Cothorn; G.H. Watkins and Beadie Brooks, and their heirs and devisees, being Elbert Othel Watkins, Individually and as Trustee of the Ella Obedience Brooks Trust for Elbert Othel Watkins, and Myna B. Watkins, Individually and as Trustee for the Mina D. Watkins Appointment Trust and as Trustee of the Mina D. Watkins Estate Trust; the heirs of R.H. Bailey, being Vera Drewery, Robert F. Bailey, and Garnetta Strickland; Big

Four Chemical Company, Inc., a Texas corporation, L & L\* Inc., a Texas corporation.

The original petition was filed on September 15, 1981, and the first amended original petition was filed on August 11, 1982. The George Gregory McLeod, et al, in which Hamco Exploration And Development Company is Plaintiff and the following persons are Defendants who are being or have been personally served with citation, to-wit:

Betty Jane Tittle, Effie J. Tittle, Orion Tittle, Cullen Tittle, Weldon B. Tittle, Neeley Warren Tittle, Billy Tittle, John William Hughes and Virginia L. Bruton, The Texas Baptist Foundation, Norman English, J.R. Joyce and his unknown heirs, the heirs of T.L. Stevens and wife, Ada Francis Stevens, being J.P. Stevens, Beatrice Reeves, J.R. Freeman, Anna Joyce Buckner, Jerland Fred Freeman, Maretha Freeman

Kelley, Melba Freeman Marth, Billie Ruth Sessions, J.T. Freeman, Luther, Warren Asaford, Donna Stevens Haynes, Betty Sue Bryant, Stanley Stevens, Kathy Stevens, Kenny Stevens, Anita Meler, Rodney Wayne Stevens and Tammie Lynn Stevens both of whom are minors and have no guardian within this state, James T. Stevens and Henry Keller Stevens, Jr., and Laurena Stevens Gee and her unknown heirs; the heirs of O.A. Smith, being Maurine Terry, Patricia Rosenbaum, and Kay Shaw; the nature of the suit is as follows:

This suit is a petition for relief under the Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act of the State of Texas wherein Plaintiff is seeking a determination by the Court as to who is to share in the proceeds from four (4) oil and gas wells located on the South one-half (S-2) of the Southwest one-fourth (SW-4) of

Section 41, the Northwest one-fourth (NW-4) of Section 48, and the North forty-three (43) acres of the Southwest one-fourth (SW-4) of Section 48, all in Block 19, T&P RR Company Survey, Taylor County, Texas, containing 283 acres, more or less.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) 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, Taylor County, Texas, this 17th day of August, 1982.

Rilla Mahoney,  
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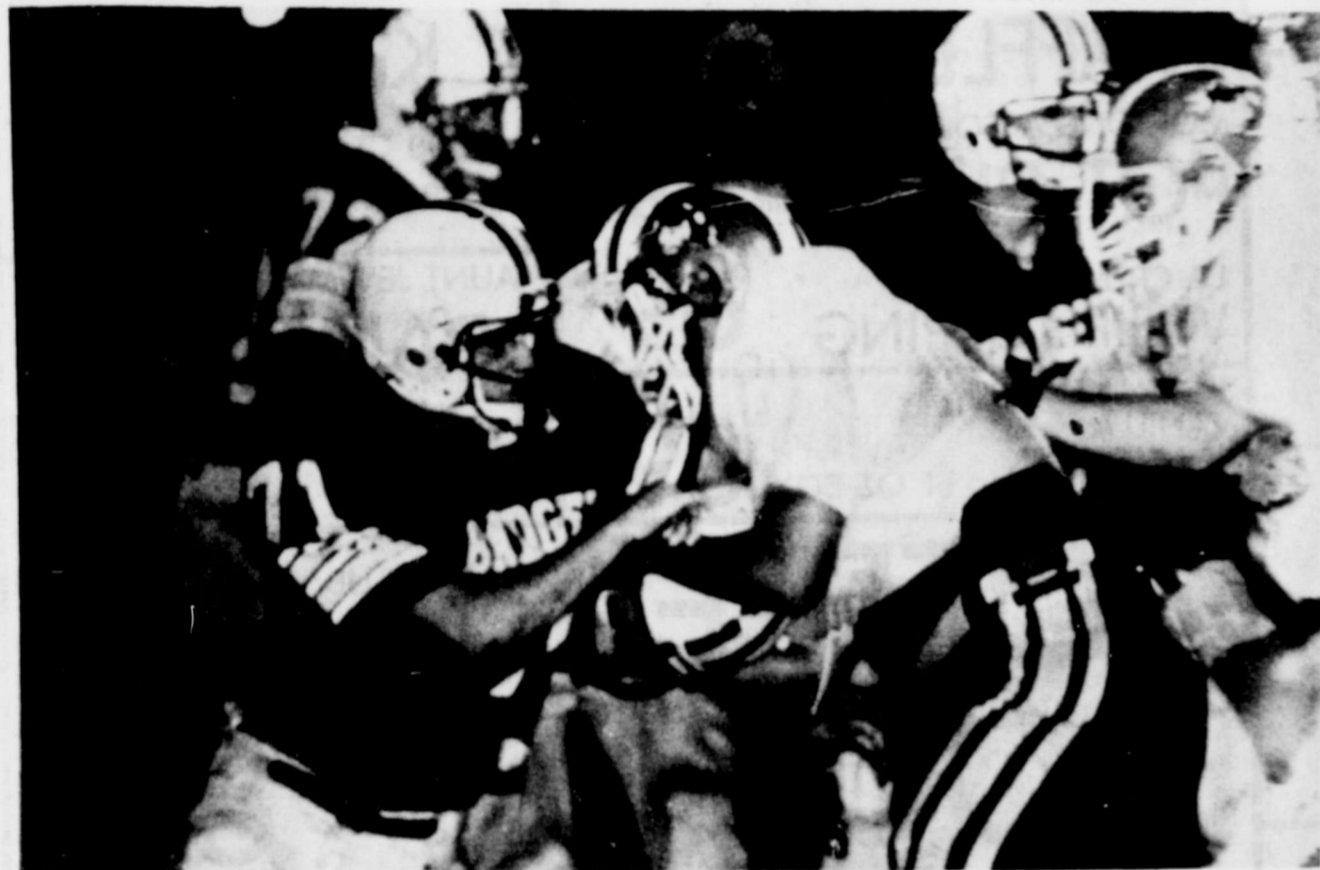
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Mrs. Paul Orsborn, Merkel High Class of 1932 was named Coming Home Queen and Arthur Moore, also of the Class of 1932 was named Mister X at halftime of Merkel's Homecoming Friday night. More than 280 Merkel Former students attended Homecoming. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Dear Editor...

Dear Editor:  
 I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Seniors for 1982 and 83 and teenagers in general. The football game was outstanding, the support and enthusiasm of the many fans and exes were great.  
 I have always loved Merkel and Merkel schools, as I looked around me Friday night, how very proud I was of a town and school that I started 1st grade in 40 years ago.  
 I wish everyone could have attended the Senior Barn Dance held after the game. How very proud we were of our youth. I think the parents had as much fun as the kids, I know I did. It was an end to a very fun weekend for the Seniors and everyone involved. Let's all be proud of our teenagers, they deserve it. I miss them on a daily basis and am looking forward to being home with them again on Jan. 1st.  
 Thanks for letting me brag on our youth. They are our tomorrow and we should all be proud.  
 Jo Ann Mashburn  
 No. 3 Palmer Circle, Merkel



Tim Brady (71) plays tug-a-war with a Baird lineman who has Merkel running back Russell Lucas by the head. Merkel tugged enough to eak

out a 15-14 win and give Merkel a 2-1 mark on the year. The Badgers host Ranger here Friday night. (Staff photo)

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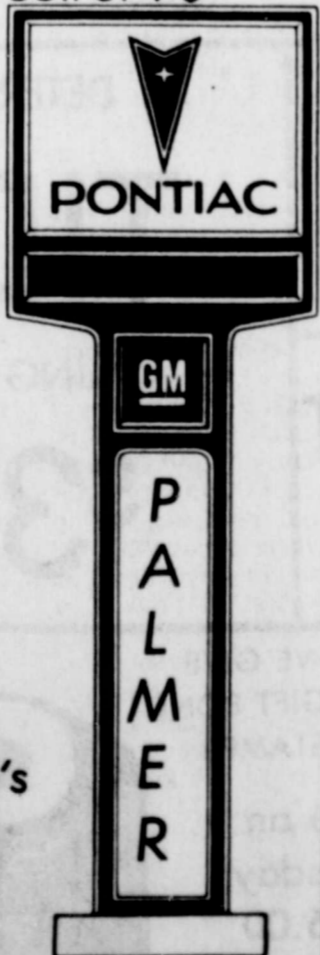
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