

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, October 25, 1984...Merkel, Texas

Our 96th Year

MISD Bond election set Tuesday

MISD Superintendent Bill Everett said Tuesday morning "We have done about all we can do and now we will wait until Tuesday to find out what happens" as Tuesday, MISD voters will decide the fate of a school building program that will cost between \$3.885 million to \$5.030 million, depending on the fate of the three propositions.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday and persons will cast their ballots at either the Merkel High Gym or Tye Elementary Cafeteria. Absentee voting will continue through Monday as people may go to the MISD superintendent's office to cast an absentee ballot.

The election is divided into three propositions.

Proposition 1: This calls for the issuance of \$3.885 million in bonds to fund the construction and equipping of a new high school on a 40 acre tract adjacent to Badger Stadium. The high school will include a new gym, band hall, and vo-ag education-show facility.

Proposition 2: Calls for the construction of a new auditorium at a cost of \$500,000.

Proposition 3: Calls for the construction and equipment of a cafeteria and a fine arts department and lecture hall.

Persons will be allowed to vote for or against all three propositions and MISD officials have already said there would be no construction unless the basic high school proposition is approved.

Everett told *The Mail* Tuesday

that a town hall meeting in Tye was planned Tuesday evening and that the district sent a brochure home with school children late last week detailing the bond issue. The citizens committee has already published a page ad in last week's paper, have one again this week and have had 2,500 flyers printed for distribution in town at homes and businesses.

Everett said "The thing that I most want to get across to the people is that we are presenting the facts. We are not proposing to build something that we do not need and we have been putting our case before the people for three years, I don't know what we will do if it fails."

The district also placed in ad in this week's paper that says MISD

will also need additional classrooms at all campuses before the year 1995 and said those would be constructed with local funds as they are needed. Also, Everett added the new buildings would not be considered portables, because they will be steel sided and are designed to last for 40 years.

The ad, printed in this week's *Mail* at the districts' expense, says that MISD will need additional classrooms at all of its existing campuses in the next 11 years and those will be constructed as needed, with local maintenance and operation funds.

Everett said Tuesday he was

proud of some of the academic gains. He said "People around here are starting to be proud of this school and you can see it everywhere. To keep improving academics here, we need the space to do so and we don't have permanent classroom space for the students we have in school now."

Areas of strong opposition to the last bond issue here six years ago have been addressed with this bond in that propositions were added to the ballot giving voters a choice of just how much they want to build, if they want to build at all.

The superintendent wanted to stress a point in the election concerning voters over the age of

65. He said "The vote of the senior citizens is vitally important in that they can show their support of furthering education with a positive vote because it won't raise their taxes on their homestead because they are frozen by law. Sometimes they are left out of local issues but they have the opportunity to cast a vote toward improving education here."

Palmer Pontiac of Merkel and Max Murrell Chevrolet of Merkel have made rides available to voters over the age of 65 to the polls. You may call Murrell Chevrolet at 928-4736 or Palmer Pontiac at 928-5113.

Results of the bond election will be included in next week's edition.

Badgers scare Breck; will take on Comanche

The Merkel Badgers spotted Breckenridge a 15-0 lead early in the second quarter and then came storming back to give the Roos quite a scare. Merkel made it to the Breck 26 yard line with less than a minute to play before a Breck interception killed the drive and secured a 26-22 win. The Badgers are now 0-2 in district and will take on a Comanche team Friday night in Comanche.

Breck opened the scoring on their first possession after a nine play drive and scored at 6:12 left in the first quarter. The point after was good and Breck had a 7-0 lead.

The Badgers came right back and marched downfield and drove to the Breck 7 where Merkel found themselves in a 3rd and six situation. Quarterback Jerry Davis hit receiver Tim Brandon, who struggled to the Breck three where he fumbled. Breck took over and two plays later when the Breck quarterback found a man behind the Badger defense and threw an 89 yard td pass to Steve Atwell. The point after try for two was converted and Breck led 15-0 one play into the second quarter. Merkel didn't help their own cause as the next offensive play fullback John Warkala fumbled, Breck recovered and forced the ball in on 5 plays from the Merkel 32, added the point after and it was 22-0 in the middle of the second quarter.

The Badgers then went on the attack and moved the ball to the Breck 13 and on third and long Badger quarterback Jerry Davis pulled off a perfect bootleg play, fooling the defense, and scored untouched. Davis then threw a two point conversion pass to Tim Brandon and the Badgers trailed 22-8. The Badgers got another chance to score when senior defensive end Lyle Baker recovered a Breck fumble at midfield but time ran out in the half before the Badgers could score.

The Badgers were then stung by a 59 yard touchdown by Breck quarterback, the point after was blocked and Breck ran their lead to 28-8. Offensively, that was it for Breck.

Merkel scored after a short drive after intercepting a Breck pass as Warkala capped the drive with a three yard run. Dean Franklin added the two point conversion on a three yard run and the Badgers trailed 28-16 going into the final quarter.

About midway through the fourth quarter, Steve Farthing went in from nine yards on a 4th down play and Merkel pulled to within six points with 5:30 left in the game.

The Badgers looked like they were in business when they recovered a Breck fumble near midfield but one play later Warkala fumbled as he hit the

middle of the line.

The Badger defense held and Merkel took over for their final drive on their own 34. Davis, hitting Brandon and then handing off to Farthing and Dean Franklin, moved the ball to the Breck 26 with a minute to play when Breck intercepted a Davis pass to seal the win.

The Badgers rolled up more than 300 yards on offense and had more first downs than Breck, who really had only two impressive drives for the evening.

Badger Coach Dick Lepard after the game said "We didn't have

any trouble moving the ball and a couple of mistakes early killed us. We are getting better each week and I am proud of the way they came back. Breck knows they have been in a game tonight."

The Badgers have three remaining games and two come against foes that also are winless so far in district.

The Badgers travel to Comanche Friday, will host Wylie the next week and then travel to Clyde for their final game of the year. The Badgers could finish out of the district cellar for the first time in five years with a win over Comanche and Clyde.

City imposes 2 % Bingo tax

The Merkel City Council adopted a two per cent gross tax on all Bingo games held within the city limits at their regular session Monday night at the Merkel Emergency Medical service building.

Council also authorized city manager J. A. Sadler and police chief Ray Pack to pick between low bids for a used patrol car.

Council was asked to implement the tax by Vernon Wade of the Merkel Emergency Medical service. The city is planning to use the two per cent gross tax for a building fund to construct a new city hall, if it is feasible.

Currently, the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department, the Emergency Medical Ambulance volunteers and Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church hold games here at the former Wilson Food Store Building on North 2nd.

The state requires quarterly expense and income reports from licensed Bingo games in the state and the three organizations here will start paying the two per cent tax in January.

In other action, two longtime

members of the Merkel Housing Authority Board of Directors resigned and their replacements were named.

Charter board members John Hammond and Howard Carson were replaced by Frank Duran and Juan Ybarra of Merkel.

The city also heard that 12 more streets a block long were ready for paving. The city has a price of about \$940 per street and the paving is being funded by past due tax collections.

Councilmen also expressed an interest in raising fees for non-city residents' use of the landfill.

Sadler told council Merkel was receiving quite an influx of waste at the landfill here because our rates were lower than those charged by the City of Abilene landfill. Councilmen raised the issue while discussing a new arrangement with the city of Tye to accept their refuse at the Merkel landfill. The city agreed to charge Tye \$20 per load and Sadler estimates they will dump five or six loads per week at the site. Sadler said he estimated the city could use the current site for the next 10 years.

Libby Doggett here

Tuesday on campaign stop

Libby Doggett will remember Merkel from her campaign trails for her husband as she told *The Mail* "this is the largest crowd we have had on one of our short stops" after she spoke to almost 100 people at Taylor Electric Co-Op here Tuesday.

She is the wife of U. S. Senate candidate Lloyd Doggett, who faces Phil Gramm in the Nov. 6 election.

She answered questions from

the audience following a short message to the crowd concerning her husband.

She said one of Lloyd's enemies once described him as a man "so honest that you could shoot craps over the phone with him."

She pointed to her husband's record in the Texas Legislature, his attendance record of 99.6 per cent of the votes, the passage of 125 bills through the legislature and his belief in a balanced budget.



Badger running back Dean Franklin heads upfield after eluding a Breck defender here last Friday night. The Badgers, after spotting Breck to an early 15-0 lead staged a good comeback but fell short 28-22. (Staff photo)

Badgers play well, Bill

sounds like a broken record

by Cloy A. Richards

I was proud of the Merkel Badgers Friday night, it was the best I have seen them play since a 6-0 upset over Hamlin a couple of years ago. They came just short of upsetting Breck here Friday, after spotting Breck a 15-0 lead. Three fumbles and an interception kept the Badgers from their biggest win in quite some time.

Breck was lucky to win and they knew it. The Breck kids, fans and coaches were all quite subdued going off the field and didn't look like a team that had just won a game, more like one that survived. It was cleanly played game and well officiated, for a change.

The Badger offense has been moving the ball well against the so called class of the district in Graham and Breck. Merkel had more than 300 yards and 22 first downs against Graham and about the same against Breck. Turnovers have plagued the Badgers all season and kept them from being more successful. What is pleasing is that Merkel has been moving the football well, and must eliminate the mistakes and can win two of their three remaining games to finish out of the cellar for the first time in five years. Like a little rain in a dry time, we will take it.

The Badgers face Comanche Friday at Comanche then host a tough Wylie team and then travel to Clyde, who's having a bad year. Speaking of football, plenty of

Merkel fans made sure I had the opportunity to read a column written by a sportswriter in Graham that was highly critical of the Badger players and coaching staff following the Graham game a couple of weeks ago. They were quite upset with the matter and wanted a written response.

If what we writers at the low end of the journalism totem pole had to say was all that dadgummed profound or important, you wouldn't be reading about it in the Graham paper, or *The Mail* for that matter.

No sir, we would be working for the heavyweights. Like *Star* or *The National Enquirer*.

Some of the locals even unleashed one of our communities' most influential minds on any subject, that of Luther, who once again has managed to put his foot in it.

I guess someone from Graham will be cancelling their subscription this week, or they would if anyone in Graham was a subscriber.

I had a nice talk with MISD superintendent Bill Everett Tuesday morning and once during the conversation he told me "I must sound like a broken record."

In fact, he does, but I can understand, he's been telling me these same things during our "little chats" over the past three years.

Everett told me "It would be a wonderful thing to me personally if this bond were to pass by a 3-1 mandate because it would be a vote of confidence for our school's administration and board. We will take it if it passes: one vote because we desperately need the space."

Dr. Doggett was in town Tuesday and she made a bit of local political history.

She was the first person to come to Merkel this general election year and ask for a vote. I didn't say national, state or county.

Besides that fact, she was here campaigning for her husband, Lloyd, who's ruling a no hold barred campaign with Phil Gramm for retiring U. S. Senator John Tower's seat.

She endeared herself to the local audience when she told the story of how she and Lloyd met. She said "I first met him when he was campaigning for student body president at the University of Texas, he got my vote and stole my heart."

Judging from the reaction of those attending the meeting, she did a little heart stealing herself.

Call in your Classifieds

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McAnally says most songs vulgar & disgusting

by Russell McAnally

A few months ago, a man told me his 14 year old son came to spend the summer with him as he was living with his mother in another part of the state. The son brought his stereo and had it hooked up and going by the second night. The rock music was so loud in the camper in the back yard that it was really disturbing to the rest of the family in the house. The father finally went out to turn the volume down a little and looked at some of the tapes being played. Some of them talked about the devil and satan worship.

When all the causes of drug use and sex abuse by our youth are listed- I believe the music and the giving of youth to it for the past 20 years will be at the top of the list. A few weeks ago, one of the rock music heroes sent out a questionnaire asking what the young girls would do to personally meet the hero back stage after the concert. One young girl wrote "I would get down on my hands and knees and offer my body to him". The note was delivered to the hero by the mother of the young girl. When questioned, she didn't see anything wrong with it.

I am fully aware of how popular this will make me but I am not running in a popularity contest. I

have always been concerned that so many of our youth give of themselves so completely to their music. A concert in Abilene was performed with one of the performers going through the act of vomiting blood there on the stage. This was part of the concert. There is something drastically wrong when an individual or group of people come to the place where they can accept such repulsive action.

I had though I was a country music lover but I am ready to give that up. I grew up on songs like, "A Tisket a Tasket a Brown and Yellow Basket," now that is a wholesome song. I never did

understand what I was singing about. Wouldn't it be awful if it is discovered there was a hidden meaning in it? The country-western and popular songs of today are disgusting and vulgar- at least many of them. If these songs were acted out on a stage they would be X rated or banned from viewing. In fact, there is a movement on to get these songs rated so there can be some control over them. They will keep giving us more and more of that we do not protest against.

Let me answer one question which so many will be wanting an answer- If you put a ban on rock, western and popular music- what do you have left? Some would say

that you would have nothing left. I say, that would be about equal out with what we have now. Now, there are good pieces of music in rock and country-western. My main concern is that people

like the rough ones better than the good ones. John Wesley said "Leave off the singing of those songs that do not glorify God." You can say what you like about John Wesley or me. If you think I

am off my rocker listen to what my dad did. He heard me singing "Alabama gal ain't you coming out tonight-Come out tonight- and dance by the light of the moon" and he turned my volume down real low.

Graham at Chicago World Book meeting

Barbara Graham, a local sales manager for World Book, recently attended the Company's annual three day achievement conference in Chicago. Nearly 3,000 sales-

people attended the meeting. Highlights of the conference included appearances by singer Andy Williams and the comedy team of Skiles and Henderson. Over \$50,000 worth of prizes

were given away at the conference. Mrs. Graham, a Merkel resident, has been with the company for five years.

MISD lunch menu

The following is the MISD school lunch menu:

Oct. 26: Pizza, lettuce and tomato salad with corn, rosy pears.

Oct. 29 Chicken fried steak with cream gravy, seasoned green beans and creamed potatoes, sliced pears.

Oct. 30 Bar-b-q links, buttered with corn and cole slaw, apricot macaroons.

Oct. 31 Toasted cheese sandwiches, vegetable soup and jello with fruit.

Nov. 1: Mexican fiesta, pinto beans, rice, lettuce, corn, pineapple tidbits.

Nov. 2: Hamburgers, all the trimmings and fries, rice krispe cookies.

Nov. 5: tacos with taco sauce, pinto beans, lettuce and cheese, applesauce cakes.

Nov. 6: chicken fried steak with cream gravy, whipped potatoes with buttered english peas, orange-pineapple jello.

Nov. 7 grilled cheese sandwiches vegetable beef soup, prune bars.

Nov. 8 Beef stew, carrots and potatoes, lettuce wedges with dressing, rosey pears.

Nov. 9 hot dogs with chili, trimmings and fries, rice krispe bars.

7th & 8th football

by Coach Woods

The Merkel 8th grade Badgers pushed their season record to 4-0-1 with a 40-0 shutout of the Breckenridge 8th grade team.

Kenneth Jowers hooked up with Cory Hines for a 62 yard td and Jowers added the 2 point conversion to make it 8-0. Hines later scored on a 35 yard run to make it 14-0, still in the first quarter.

Shortly before the half, Jowers and Hines teamed up again for a 40 yard touchdown pass to make it 20-0.

In the second half, Jowers opened the scoring with a 35 yard scramble for a td and later in the third quarter Eddie Proctor went in from 15 yards out and Jowers added the two point conversion to make it 34-0. Hines capped off the scoring with a 20 yard run to make it Merkel 40, Breck 0.

Hines had an outstanding night scoring four touchdowns and Kenneth Jowers passed for 120 yards. The line play of Scott Graham, John McNeal, James Glaze, John Paul Dudley and David Biera dominated their opponents.

The team is looking forward to hosting Wylie here tonight.

by Coach Yancey

The Merkel 7th grade team ran into a tough Breckenridge team last Thursday at Badger Stadium.

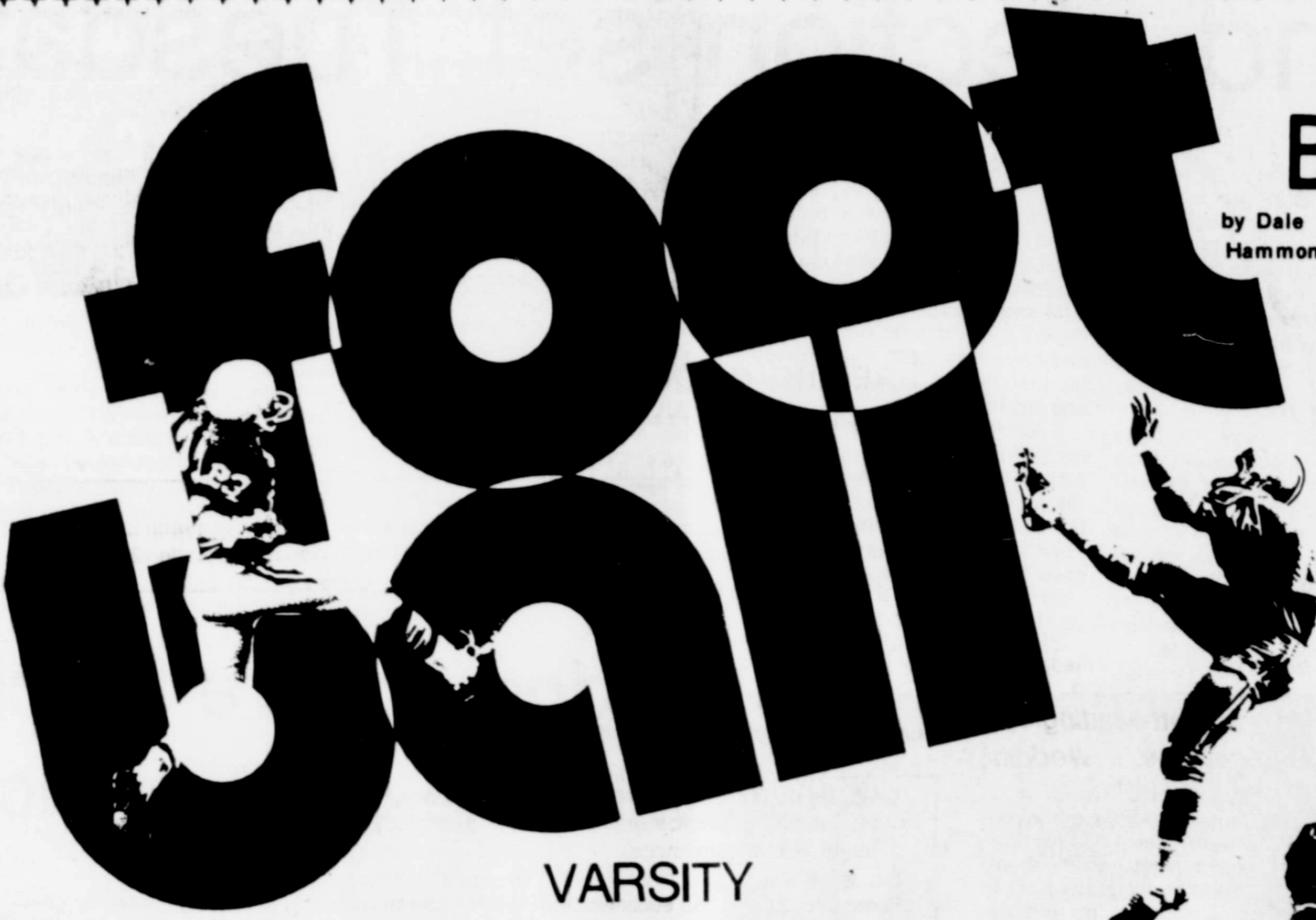
Tommy White scored early on a 30 yard quick pitch to tie the game at 6-6. Breckenridge then ran the score to the final of 40-6.

Cory Chick, Tommy White, Michael Blue, Steven Bauer, Brandon Rice and Shannon Jones all played well.

The Badgers will play Wylie here Thursday starting at 4:30. A B team game is scheduled but at press time Tuesday the coaches did not know if Wylie would bring enough players for a B team game.

Football

by Dale Hammond



GO BADGERS!

DUSTY IS ONE OF THOSE GOOD OL' COUNTRY BOYS THAT WE ALL HEAR ABOUT AND SELDOM MEET. WHEN HE LOOKS IN THE TV CAMERA AND SAYS "HI MOM" HE REALLY MEANS IT. A TRUE AMERICAN, DUSTY BELIEVES IN HOT DOGS, BASEBALL, MOM'S APPLE PIE AND CHEVROLET- SPECIALLY THE APPLE PIE!

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Newsbriefs

Woodall's have

first child

Mr. & Mrs. Danny Woodall of Trent are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born Oct. 17 at Humana Hospital of Abilene.

Tara Lee Woodall was born at 10:42 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs. 14 ozs and was 20 1/2 inches long. Her parents are owners of Merkel Drug here.

Her maternal grandparents are Hex & Pat Beck of Valera, Tex. Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Othor Meeks of Haskell and Maude Sue Beck of Coleman.

Paternal grandparents are Frank J. & Bettie Sue Woodall of Knox City. Paternal great-grandmother is Cora Lee Saunders, also of Knox City.

81 club sets bike-a-thon

The 81 Study Club will be hosting a St. Jude Research Hospital Bike-a-Thon Oct. 27 in Trent. First prize for the child raising the most money will be a bicycle along with other prizes and awards.

For donations or additional information, contact Grace Holt at 862-6220.

Preceptor Eta Omega meets

Ruth Tipton was hostess Oct. 16 for a meeting of Preceptor Eta Omega held at Taylor Electric.

She was also in charge of the program on goals and training for a car-

eer. Attending were Jane Carson, Betty Satterwhite, Louise DuBose, Kathy Leverich, Ruth Tipton, Jocille Brady, Liz Eager, Betty Conley, Mamie Steck, Bobby Mansfield and Blanche Hewitt.

Their next meeting will be Nov. 16 with Jane Carson as hostess.

MHS students of the month

The Merkel High students of the month are: Freshmen-Kristi Elliott and Lynn Hays; Sophomores-Stacey Newberry and Shane Reagan; Juniors- Anne Everett and Keith Watson and seniors- Melissa Davis and Donnie Brady.

4-H club holds meeting

by Stacy Norton

The Merkel 4-H Club met Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. at Taylor Electric. Joe Bob Stricklin, a veterinarian talked about horses.

Their next meeting will be Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at Taylor Electric. Sharon Foster will be the guest speaker and she will discuss gun safety. The club meets each second Tuesday of the

month. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

Shiffett-Mattingley set Nov. 1 wedding

Rachel Shiffett of Abilene and Kenneth Wayne Mattingley of Merkel have announced their plans of marriage Nov. 1

The ceremony will be held at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church in Abilene.

Trent juniors sponsoring booth

The Trent Junior Class will have the concession stand at the Halloween carnival Oct. 30th. The carnival will start at 6 with a coronation also sponsored by the Juniors. The booths will open after the coronation and will close at 9. The concession stand will carry tacos, nachos, burritos, chili, fries, drinks and sweets.

Sr. Citizens set Halloween fete

The Merkel Senior Citizens at 122 Edwards will be holding their Halloween party Oct. 26th starting at 6:30.

Persons attending are asked to bring a covered dish for the meal and music will follow the meal.

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82 TOYOTA COROLLA 4 door, rear wheel drive, auto, power, air, AM-FM tape, rally wheels, rear window defogger, 1 owner, sharp.	\$5895	8-79 CATALINA 4 DOOR SEDANS White, warranty available.	\$2495	79 VW WINDOW VAN 12 passenger, auto, air, 50,000 miles, one owner, nice.	\$2995
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 Charter Number 7481 Comptroller of the Currency 11 District

Statement of Resources and Liabilities

	Thousands of dollars
Cash and balances due from depository institutions	1,075
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	4,300
Interest-bearing balances	8,467
Securities	
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	830
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases net of unearned income	7,203
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	63
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	-0-
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	7,140
Assets held in trading accounts	-0-
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	185
Other real estate owned	-0-
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	-0-
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	-0-
Intangible assets	-0-
Other assets	648
Total assets	22,645
Deposits:	
In domestic offices	20,088
Noninterest-bearing	6,188
Interest-bearing	13,900
In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs	-0-
Noninterest-bearing	-0-
Interest-bearing	-0-
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	-0-
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	108
Other borrowed money	-0-
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	-0-
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	-0-
Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits	-0-
Other liabilities	419
Total liabilities	20,615
Limited-life preferred stock	-0-
Perpetual preferred stock	-0-
Common stock	375
Surplus	375
Undivided profits and capital reserves	1,280
Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	-0-
Total equity capital	2,030
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital	22,645

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Barber-Beauty shop for sale. Equipped. Call 928-5434 after 5 p.m.

79-TFC

Alfalfa hay for sale: \$5.50 per bale. Call 928-4337.

84-4tp

For Sale: King sized bed & 1971 Mercury Montego. Call 928-4403.

85-1tc

Gov't surplus Cars & Trucks under \$100. Now available in your area. Call 1-(619) 569-0241. 24 hours.

85-2tp

Misc

Horseshoeing & trimming. Call Dan Burnett at 236-6258.

77-10tp

Will repair furniture, old trunks, all types of wood working in shop. Call A. D. McCain at 736-6712.

84-2tp

KID'S KORNER DAY CARE CENTER 2nd & Oak. Open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Call 628-4381.

86-1tc

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

49-TFC

We are now taking applications for housekeepers and nurses aides. Starr Nursing Home- apply in person.

84-2tc

Germania Insurance Company, for your insurance needs. Locally represented by Donna Carter, 928-5348.

33-TFC

Real Estate

10.9 acres in beautiful Elm Valley with lots of Oaks, Mesquites, cedar trees. School bus at front door, 1,000 feet frontage on Highway 89. Water well & well house in place. Cleared building site, plenty of deer & turkey, lots of peace & quiet, good place to raise kids. Ideal for weekend cowboy & outdoorsman. Creeks with cattail nearby. \$25,000, 18,500 down, balance will Texas Vet finance. Call 915-678-1805 for details.

84-2tc

For sale: 2 bedroom mobile home. Assume payments of \$256.79 per month and its yours. No down payment. Call 928-4763.

85-2tp

For Sale: River front cabin and five acres on Colorado River 20 miles West of Lampassas.

2 bedroom, large living area- dining and kitchen 1 bath. A 10 X 20 deck looks down on 300 foot wide river bed with water from bank to bank most of the year. This acreage includes fishing and hunting rights. Spring water on the lot with pump provides more than ample water. Also has electricity and telephone line. Call 928-5050.

Brick house for sale by owner. Price reduced new loan, many extras call 928-5476.

82-4tc

For sale by owner: 3 bedroom house at 707 Yucca. Shown by appointment, call 846-5125 or 928-5345.

84-2tp

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

80-TC

REDUCED-REDUCED Assume a non escalating 12 per cent veterans loan. 3 bedroom, 2 baths large utility room, kitchen has built-ins; central air & heat, large den, Bill Condra 698-4440 or 677-3487.

Coldwell Bankers Metro Realtors 83-4tc

For rent

For rent: 2 bedroom, unfurnished trailer in country available the 1st. Call 928-5107.

85-2tp

For rent: 3 bedroom, one bath house. Call 235-2983 for information.

85-6tc

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

58-TFC

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

33-1tc

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

77-TFC

FOR LEASE: Very large 3 bedroom, 2 bath, central heat and air, built-ins in kitchen, carpeted, \$425 per month. Call Bill Condra 698-4440 or 677-3487.

Coldwell Banker Metro Realtors 83-4tc

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

81-Fc

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

27-ttc

Thank You

I would like the opportunity to thank all the people who donated time, food and money in our booth at the Jamaica. Special thanks to all the ladies who donated time in making tamales. It was very hard work, but we made our booth a success again as it has been in the past years. May God Bless each and everyone of you.

Janie Jaramillo

The desire to express to our kind neighbors and thoughtful friends our heartfelt thanks for their many expressions of sympathy. The visits, cards and floral offerings were especially appreciated.

Mrs. Carrie Tipton Mr. & Mrs. G. M. Reeves & Family Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Watson Mr. & Mrs. Payton Scott & Family

Garage Sales

Garage Sale at 212 Oak, Saturday. Clothes and misc.

85-1tp

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HAROLD WALKER 928-5872

302 CHERRY

The Classifieds

Garage sale at No. 12 Pioneer Court, Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 8 until noon. Also have 2 male dogs for sale. Call 928-4368.

85-1tc

3 family garage sale at E. L. Tarpley's place one half mile West of Stith Saturday from 9-5. Childrens & adults clothes, nic-nacs, stereo and air conditioner.

Garage Sale: Sarts at 9 Saturday; wall furnace heater, couch, tables, curtains, mostly womens clothes, shoes, hand bags, lots of stuff. Bettis Heights, turn left off 126 North on 1st paved road, 2 story house on right.

Inside sale Thursday 8:30-4:30 at 505 Haynes Jimmy Davidson.

85-1tc

Estate Sale 205 Rose Everything goes, household items and house. Friday & Saturday 9-5 p.m.

Public notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: KINGSTON BOOKSTORE dba DRAGON TREE PRESS, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days after the date of service of this citation before the Honorable 350th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said Court on the 30th day of April A.D. 1984 in this cause, numbered 152-D on the docket of said court and styled TRI-CONTINENTAL LEASING CORPORATION

Plaintiff VS KINGSTON BOOKSTORE dba DRAGON TREE PRESS, Defendant.

The nature of Plaintiff's demand is fully shown by a true and correct copy of Plaintiff's Original Petition, accompanying the citation and made a part hereof.

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 13th day of September, A.D. 1984.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney Clerk, District Court Taylor County, Texas by Kelly Gandy, Deputy (Seal)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE

Notice is hereby given that Toni Lambert doing business in Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, with its principal place of business at Rt. 1 Box 10, Merkel, Texas 79536, was dissolved on October 24, 1984 and incorporated as T. J. & T. Tire Company, Inc. on October 24, 1984. The business will be conducted by T. J. & T. Tire Company, Inc. at Rt. 1 Box 10, Merkel, Texas 79536. This notice is given pursuant to Article 1302-2.02 of the Texas Miscellaneous Corporation Laws Act, Section 6.103(7) of the Texas Business & Commerce Code, and Section 35 of Article 6132b of the Texas Civil Statutes. T. J. & T. Tire Company, Inc. BY: Toni Lambert 85-31-4tc

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Floyd's Place NOW OPEN!! Sunday 12-10 p.m. Fri. & Sat. 9-12 p.m. Your Favorite Cold Beer (Next door to The Little Brown Jug) 1 1/2 Miles North of Conoco Truck Stop-Tye, 692-4260

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Newspaper ads rate well

Newspapers pack a solid wallop for Texas business and residential communities alike... far outdistancing all other forms of communications.

Results of the Texas Consumer Survey 84, the largest and most comprehensive study ever conducted on readership, listening, viewing and shopping habits, heavily documents Texas newspaper superiority.

86.3 percent of Texans read a newspaper every week, with 80 percent reading their local community newspaper;

70.6 percent of Texas newspaper readers usually read local merchant ads, and

87.6 percent of the readers say that the ads in their local newspaper are important to them personally.

These are just three of the dozens of highlights revealed by the statewide study which was conducted by Consumer Data Research of Oklahoma City.

The study also provides in depth detail of the vast audience appeal

of Texas newspapers. This portion of the data emphasized:

(A) 69.6 percent read at least five issues of their daily paper and 84.3 percent read every issue of their local weekly;

(B) 72.6 percent of local newspaper readers who respond to the survey are married;

(C) Over 50 percent of the families subscribing to local newspapers comprise three or more people;

(D) Husbands and wives in 43.3 percent of the Texas newspaper reading families both have jobs with combined incomes totaling more than \$20,000;

(E) 64.19 percent of Texans who voted in the 1982-83 elections are newspaper readers, and

(F) 79.4 percent of Texas newspaper readers own their own homes.

Further details also reveal that 82.8 percent of Texans read all local news in their newspaper; 70.3 percent read the special sections; 58.4 percent read the editorials, and; 54.3 percent read

the state news.

The study also suggested that local merchant ads were the most thoroughly read advertising matter. Those figures include: 89 percent of Texas newspaper readers usually or at least sometime read all local merchant advertising; 85.4 percent usually or sometimes read all the inserts in the newspapers and 85.59 percent usually or sometimes read department store advertising.

The survey also outlined the strengths and weaknesses of direct mail along with radio and television.

Direct mail advertising in Texas, much of it conducted by out-of-state firms, is usually read by 43.7 percent of the addresses, with only 31 percent of that number reading all of a single mailing.

Radio and television, while being listened to by as much as 73 percent of Texas consumers and seen by at least that many people, nevertheless, must divide those numbers by dozens of stations and channels.

Dear Editor: vote for direction

Our responsibility Oct. 30 is to vote for a positive directive. This directive will enable our MUSD board to start the process of building a much needed high school.

Through months of hard work and planning, the board has entrusted, to us the voters, the needs of our school in three propositions.

Proposition One: will build the new basic high school facility. Only what is needed now will be built. The building is designed to be added on to as the needs exist.

Proposition Two: will build an auditorium at this new facility. In order to handle the full range of activities and curriculum, the auditorium is surely needed.

Proposition Three: will build a cafeteria and lecture hall. This proposition is a must to have a complete self-contained high school. The lecture hall is really the fine arts, drama, and audiovisual section of the new school.

Now is the time to act. The power of direction is ours. If this new high school had been built five

years ago the cost would have been less than \$3.5 million. Today the cost is over \$5 million. Tomorrow: ?

One of the greatest gifts of our country is the education of all children. Yesteryear generations paved and paid for our education. It is our privilege and honor to pay for tomorrow's. We are willing and eager to pass this

Badger boosters view film, next meeting Oct. 29

The Merkel Badger Booster Club met Tuesday of this week to view the film of the Breckenridge football game last Friday. Their next meeting will be Oct. 29.

Tuesday was the last volleyball game this year. We are proud of this year's team and know they will do even better next year.

heritage to them.

The directive is ours. Let us point the school board in the right direction.

Thank you for your time and vote.

Concerned taxpayers, friends of education, loving parents and proud grandpa and grandma
Billy Bob & Pat Neff
Rt. 3 Box 11 Merkel

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY

REG OR DIET	COKES	6 PK	\$4.69
WELCHS	GRAPE JUICE	12 OZ	76¢
	GATORAIDE	32 OZ	89¢
PARKAY	MARGARINE	1 LB	79¢
SKINNER	MANACOTTI	8 OZ	89¢
	SLOPPY JOES	15 1/4 OZ	\$1.29
	MINUTE RICE	14 OZ	\$1.58
HUNTS	TOMATO PASTE	6 OZ	2/\$1.00
HUNTS	TOMATO SAUCE	8 OZ	\$3/\$1.00
REYNOLDS	WRAP	12 x 175	\$1.79
DELSY	TISSUE	4 ROLL	\$1.19
PUFFS ASST	TISSUE	175 CT	98¢
BATH SIZE	IVORY SOAP	3 BARS	\$1.09
DELI			
	FRIED PIES	2/\$1.00	
	PEACH, APPLE OR CHERRY		

GAS N GRUB NO 3

WE WELCOME FOOD STAMPS
WE GIVE S & H GREEN STAMPS

FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW CONCERNING FUTURE BUILDING PLANS AT MERKEL ISD

IN ADDITION TO THE NEED FOR A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, MERKEL ISD WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING CONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. THIS CONSTRUCTION WILL BE DONE WITH AVAILABLE FUNDS FROM MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION.

1. TYE ELEMENTARY-6 ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS AND RESTROOMS TO BE CONSTRUCTED AS NEEDED. THESE WILL BE PERMANENT STRUCTURES WITH CONCRETE SLABS & STEEL SIDING SIMILAR TO THE NEW BUILDING THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN CONSTRUCTED ON CAMPUS.

2. MERKEL ELEMENTARY- 7 MORE CLASSROOMS OF PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION. ALSO, ADDED RESTROOM SPACE. THESE BUILDINGS WILL BE THE SAME TYPE AS THE TYE CONSTRUCTION.

3. EXISTING MIDDLE SCHOOL-5 ADDITIONAL ROOMS OF THE SAME TYPE OF PERMANENT STRUCTURE AS TYE & MERKEL ELEMENTARY.

A TOTAL OF EIGHTEEN CLASSROOMS & RESTROOM FACILITIES AS MENTIONED ABOVE WILL BE NEEDED OVER THE NEXT SIX YEAR PERIOD. THIS ADDED SPACE SHOULD FULFILL OUR NEEDS UNTIL THE YEAR 1995.

Autumn Gold

CUNNINGHAM'S QUICK STOP

DRIVE THRU WINDOW
FREE COFFEE WHILE YOU SHOP

<p>HAM & CHEESE OR BARBQUE SANDWICH 99¢</p> <p>PACKER TRIM BRISKET 8-10 LBS \$4.29 LB</p> <p>HOMEMADE CHILI PINT \$1.69</p> <p>MEDIUM EGGS DOZEN 69¢</p>	<p>IMPERIAL SUGAR 2 LBS 59¢</p> <p>6 PK DR PEPPER \$1.19</p> <p>PARADE CHILI OR PINTO BEANS 2/69¢</p> <p>311 ASH 79¢ LB</p>	<p>HAMBURGERS 99¢ EA</p> <p>CHERRY OR APPLE TURNOVERS 29¢ EA</p> <p>MARIGOLD MILK LOW FAT \$1.89 GAL HOMO \$1.99 GAL</p> <p>ARMOUR STAR BACON 79¢ LB</p>
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928-5378

IF YOU CARE

FOR THE CHILDREN

VOTE YES

ON MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL

BOND ISSUE

OCTOBER 30, 1984

**TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO SENIOR CITIZENS NEEDING A RIDE TO THE
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Newsbriefs

FFA news

by Stephanie Boyd

We would like to wish good luck to the exhibitors from the Merkel FFA Chapter as they attend the Dallas Stockshow.

They include: Shane Smith, Todd Smith, Jon Bright, Jay Williams, Lance Perry, Melissa Harris, Russell Morgan, Cassie Townsend, Chuch Peterman, Billy Ray Riley and Lynn Hays.

The district banquet is coming soon and many chapter members will receive awards at the banquet.

last month's birthday party. Buddy Smith & Fiddling Friends performed the 18th and was enjoyed by everyone. We appreciate their appearances.

Bingo was held and our volunteers seem to be getting fewer and fewer. People wanting to help should contact Shirley McBride at 928-4844 or Stephanie at the Nursing Home.

Betty Phelps is a new resident here. Mrs. Faye Burke of Trent was admitted here but succumbed shortly after. Our sympathy to her family. We also will miss Mr. Lee. He was always at the nursing station but our loss is Heaven's gain. He was such a frail but lovely little man.

Kenneth is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Dave Shields of Santa Anna and Betty is the former Betty Arnold, daughter of Lester Arnold and Marie Davis of Coleman.

The couple moved here in 1975 and son Keith is a 1979 Merkel High grad. He is married to the former Phyllis Bogle who also attended Merkel schools.

JV faces Abilene High Gold team today

The Merkel JV Badgers traveled to Breckenridge Oct. 18 and were downed by Breck 39-14. The Badgers are now 4-3 on the year.

The Badgers jumped to an early 8-7 lead behind the running of Douglas Taylor and a td pass from Dusty Moore to Justin Amerine for the two point conversion. The Badger offense then faltered, losing five fumbles. The defense looked good at times but could not consistently stop the Buckaroos' option play.

The 39 points was the most allowed by the defense this season.

The Badgers will travel to Abilene this week and face the Abilene High Gold Team. They would appreciate your support.

Starr news

by Mary Wimberly

Mrs. Henderson's 1st graders visited the nursing home and brought some of their art work to the residents. There were so many smiling faces, thanks to the children. Mrs. Henderson and Bart Whisenhunt for driving the bus.

Starr's annual spook house will be held Oct. 26th from 7 to 8 p.m. We invite all the children to come and after trick or treat with the residents. The residents enjoy the children and it is a safe way to enjoy Halloween.

Thanks to Ester Carson for the cake and Bernice Palmer for making candy for the residents and the volunteers for helping with

Shields honored

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Shields of Merkel were honored with a party to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Sept. 16.

Guests included Mr. Shields' mother, Mrs. Dave Shields of Santa Anna, Mr. & Mrs. Curtis R Shields & JaDeana of Cross Plains, Mr. & Mrs. David C. Perkins & David Wayne and Annette Kemp, all of Coleman, Allen Prowse of Farmington, N.M. and Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Robertson of Merkel.

Kenneth & Betty were married Sept. 19, 1959 at Cross Plains. The ceremony was performed by Rev. V. D. Walters who later moved to Abilene.

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DR PEPPER 2 LITER \$1.19	TOMATOES LB 39¢
CHOCOLATEE CUP CAKES 4 FOR 4/5 \$1.00	
DURACELL BATTERIES SIZE C & D SAVE 1/2 \$1.99	
JERGENS HAND LOTION 10 OZ \$1.99	
PARADE POTATO FLAKES 15 OZ BOX 89¢	

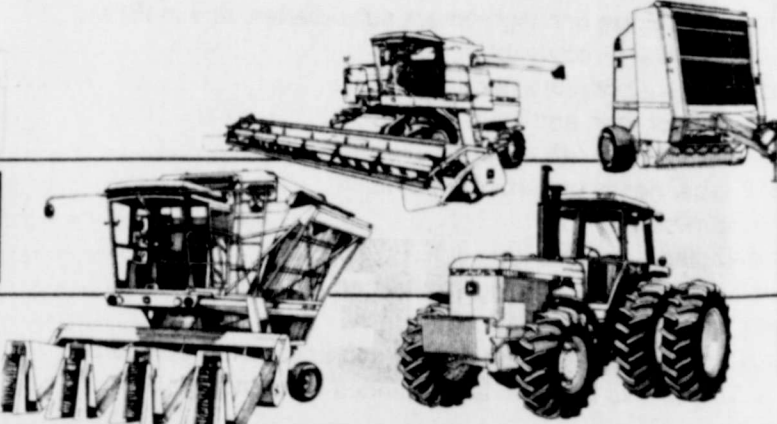
PARADE LAMB & LEAF BAGS 10 CT \$1.29
LUNCH MEAT 8 OZ PACKAGE 89¢
PARADE HAMBURGER PICKLES 32 OZ JAR 89¢
GENERIC CIGARETTES KING SIZE CTN SAVE 1/2 \$6.99
12 FT 10 GAUGE COOPER BOOSTER CABLE \$8.98

DOG FOOD 15 OZ CAN 3 FOR 3/5 \$1.00
PARADE NON DAIRY CREAMER 11 OZ JAR 89¢
PARADE AMERICAN CHEESE 12 OZ \$1.09
ULTRA BRRITE TOOTHPASTE 4.3 OZ 69¢
WISE POTATO CHIPS REG 1/2 \$1.59
PARADE TUNA 6 OZ CAN 69¢
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NEW AND USED TRACTORS. Big allowances and special offers on every new tractor, 40 hp or larger, on the lot. Save many \$1000's on new 50 Series tractors (4050, 4250, 4450, 4650, 4850). Special new allowances on John Deere 4WD tractors equipped for basic pulling power. Finance your tractor, new or used, with John Deere and pay no interest until March 1, 1985*. Or take a cash rebate in lieu of interest waiver on new tractors.

Model**	Cash Rebate in lieu of Waiver on Tractors	
	During Sept.	During Oct.
40-hp 1250	\$ 375	\$300
50-hp 1450	425	350
60-hp 1650	475	375
45-hp 2150	425	350
50-hp 2255**	400	325
55-hp 2350	500	425
65-hp 2550	575	475
75-hp 2750	650	525
85-hp 2950	750	625
100-hp 4050	1000	1225
120-hp 4250	1325	1075
140-hp 4450	1400	1150
165-hp 4650	1700	1400
190-hp 4850	1875	1550
185-hp 8450 4WD	2100	1725
235-hp 8650 4WD	2375	2100
300-hp 8850 4WD	3225	2625

NEW COMBINES. Save \$1000's on a new combine. Finance your new combine with John Deere, interest-free until January 1, 1985*. Huge discounts available in lieu of waiver on new combines.

HAY AND FORAGE EQUIPMENT. OFFER #1—Pick-A-Team cash rebates up to \$1600 on new John Deere hay and forage tools. Buy one now and get a cash rebate. PLUS a certificate good for a double cash rebate if you purchase a second tool before April 30, 1985.

Then save even more with these additional financing offers. OFFER #2—Interest-free John Deere financing until September 1, 1985, on any new or used forage tool, including forage wagons.* Discounts available in lieu of interest waiver on new forage harvesters and forage wagons.

OFFER #3—Interest-free John Deere financing until July 1, 1985 on new and used hay equipment.* Discounts available in lieu of interest waiver on new equipment, except rakes or mowers.

COTTON STRIPPERS. The sooner you buy, the bigger the factory allowance we can pass on to you. Tremendous savings on 484 SP and 283 Mounted Strippers. Interest-free John Deere financing until March 1, 1985* available on all new and used strippers. Discounts available in lieu of interest waiver on new strippers.

NOW'S THE TIME TO SAVE—BEFORE IT'S ALL SOLD! Check out our lot today. We've reduced prices to meet or beat the competition. Someone's going to save a lot of money. It might as well be you!

Special deals and special prices on virtually everything on the lot!



* Availability of John Deere financing subject to approval of credit. These offers may be withdrawn at any time.
** A similar financing rebate offer applies to any 40 Series Tractors remaining in inventory. Ask for details.
*** This model is not available for sale in Nebraska.

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EFFECTIVE
OCTOBER 25-27, 1984
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST
PICNIC SUPPLIES- ICE
SOFT DRINKS- FRESH
COOKED FOODS SELF SERVE
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JACKO' LANTERN PUMPKINS \$1.69 EACH

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CHICKEN NUGGETS 99¢ EACH
GREAT HALLOWEEN TREATS
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WASHINGTON EX. FANCY APPLES 4 FOR \$1

BORDEN'S ASST. FLAVORS ICE CREAM \$1.79 1/2 GAL. RND. CTN.

Coke \$2.09

VALUES TO ONE DOLLAR FILLED WITH ASST. CANDY HALLOWEEN GRAB BAGS 49¢ EACH

JUNIOR SCOT-TOWELS 2 ROLLS \$2.88

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PROPOSITION NUMBER 1
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FOR
 [EN PRO]

AGAINST
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SAMPLE

THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,885,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS [NEW HIGH SCHOOL AND VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE EDUCATION FACILITIES] AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF [" LA EMISION DE BONOS PARA EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES POR UN TOTAL DE \$3,885,000 [NUEVA ESCUELA SECUNDARIA Y FACILIDADES PARA EDUCACION DE VOCACION AGRICULTA] Y EL GRAVAMEN DE IMPUESTOS EN PAGO DE ESTO"]

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SAMPLE

"THE ISSUANCE OF \$600,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS [AUDITORIUM FOR HIGH SCHOOL FACILITIES] AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF [" LA EMISION DE BONOS PARA EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES POR UN TOTAL DE \$600,000 [AUDITORIO PARA FACILIDADES DE ESCUELA SECUNDARIA] Y EL GRAVAMEN DE IMPUESTOS EN PAGO DE ESTO"]

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AGAINST
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" THE ISSUANCE OF \$845,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS [LECTURE HALL AND CAFETERIA FOR HIGH SCHOOL FACILITIES] AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF ["LA EMISION DE BONOS PARA EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES POR UN TOTAL DE \$845,000 [SALON DE CONFERENCIA Y CAFETERIA PARA FACILIDADES DE ESCUELA SECUNDARIA] Y EL GRAVAMEN DE IMPUESTOS EN PAGO DE ESTO"]

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STATE BANK NO. 1398	FEDERAL RESERVE DIST. NO. 11	CLOSE OF BUSINESS DATE SEPTEMBER 30, 1984	

Statement of Resources and Liabilities

	Thousands of dollars
ASSETS	
Cash and balances due from depository institutions	553
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	None
Interest-bearing balances	790
Securities	
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	1000
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	3914
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	95
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	None
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	3819
Assets held in trading accounts	None
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	323
Other real estate owned	None
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	None
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	None
Intangible assets	None
Other assets	133
Total assets	6618
LIABILITIES	
Deposits:	
In domestic offices	6048
Noninterest-bearing	871
Interest-bearing	5177
In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs	None
Noninterest-bearing	None
Interest-bearing	None
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	None
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	None
Other borrowed money	None
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	121
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	None
Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits	None
Other liabilities	162
Total liabilities	6331
Limited-life preferred stock	None
EQUITY CAPITAL	
Perpetual preferred stock	None
Common stock	200
Surplus	350
Undivided profits and capital reserves	(263)
Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	None
Total equity capital	287
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital	6618

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

Mike Jones
Director

Mike Jones

President

of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Mike Jones
 Signature

October 16, 1984

Fisher's being honored on 50th wedding anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Fisher will be honored Nov. 3 with a reception from 2 until 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Merkel's First Baptist Church in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Nieces and nephews of the couple will host the celebration. J. L. and Polly were married in Hugo, Okla. Nov. 3, 1934 by Reverend Ernest Quick. They moved to Merkel from Dallas in 1958. He owned and operated two

service stations, a jobber for Fina Petroleum Corporation from 1958 until 1978. He opened an auto parts store in 1964 and sold it on retirement in 1979.

They are members of Merkel's First Baptist. He is a 32nd degree Mason of Dallas, a Shriner of San Angelo and a member of Blue Lodge 710 Merkel.

The couple extend a cordial invitation to all their friends to be with them for this celebration.

UMC class will sponsor haunted house

The Key Class of the Methodist Church will have a haunted house located at the corner of Orange and 3rd Streets.

There will be plenty of chills & thrills. Several witches, mummies, dummies and etcetera have sent in their reservations so don't forget. It starts Halloween Night at 7 p.m.

There will be a fee of 50 cents and children under 6 will be 25 cents.



Badger defensive back Steve Farthing prepares to hit Gary Oliver of Breckenridge. The Badgers, although staging a furious comeback, were downed by Breckenridge 28-22 here last week. They travel to Comanche Friday for a 7:30 p.m. district contest. (Staff photo)

Tandy rites held in Georgetown

Fae Bland Tandy, 81, of Georgetown, formerly of Abilene, died at a retirement home in Georgetown. Born Feb. 11, 1903 here to R. L. Bland and Eula Diltz, she attended schools here. She was graduated from Simmons Academy and received a bachelor's degree from Trinity University.

Her father's family moved to Abilene in 1923. She married Dr. Hugh B. Tandy Oct. 29, 1924. In the early 1930s, the couple moved to

Ozona where Dr. Tandy established the Crockett County Hospital.

After his death in 1960, Mrs. Tandy became a full-time worker for the United Methodist Church serving in its town and country Commission. At the time of her retirement, she was headquartered in Idaho.

In recent years, she had traveled extensively, living in West Berlin and Singapore before establishing her residence in Georgetown.

She was preceded in death by a son, Bland Jackson Tandy.

She is survived by two sons, Kerry of Connor, Mont and Dr. Robert Mills Tandy of Austin; a daughter Nan Tandy of New York; 12 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren; a brother, R. L. Bland of Trent; two sisters Mrs. W. H. Knight of Ruidosa, N.M. and Mrs. Jack Sayles of Abilene.

Former resident's services held

Lloyd G. Vick, 66, of Tallahassee, Fla., formerly of Merkel, died Oct. 13 at a Tallahassee hospital following a short illness.

Services were held last Monday at East Hill Baptist Church, with burial following at MeadowWood Memorial Park in Tallahassee.

field; three sisters, Myrtie Haire Littlefield and Opal Garner of and Gwendolyn Tucker, both of Merkel; and two grandsons.

Born Feb. 22, 1918 at Noodle, he was reared in the Merkel and Noodle area. He was a retired pharmacist and had lived in Tennessee since 1952. He was an Army veteran of World War II and was a member of East Hill Baptist in Tallahassee.

He is survived by his wife, Anne; two daughters, Georgia Ann Vick Terry of Perry, Ga., and Wylene Vick Harness of Sanford, Fla.; a brother Hughie of Little-


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