

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, October 24, 1985 ...Merkel, Texas

Our 97th Year

Badgers host Comanche Friday

The Breckenridge Buckaroos had no trouble with the Merkel Badgers last Friday at Breck as the Badgers fell 35-0.

This week, the Badgers will be hosting the Comanche Indians at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Comanche and Merkel both are carrying 2-5 records and identical 0-2 district records. The winner of this contest is almost assured to not finish last in the district.

In other action this week, Merkel B, 7th and 8th grade teams will be in action against Wylie here. Games will start at 4:30. The JV and freshmen games with Abilene High have been cancelled at Abilene High's request.

About last week's game with Breck, Badger head coach Dick Lepard told *The Mail* "I think we had a lot of kids on the field that were afraid of and intimidated by Breck. The offensive line play was embarrassing. I can assure you, that is not the way Coach Taylor teaches our linemen to play. It has been a very hectic year for us, we have had to move a lot of players around and I am extremely pleased with some of the efforts we are getting from our younger players."

Kenneth Jowers, a freshman started last week at quarterback and Coach Lepard liked what he saw. "Kenneth didn't get a lot of help from his blockers, but I felt he handled the pressure of the situation very well. He made some freshman mistakes, but he also made a few plays that looked like a senior quarterback. The Breck coach was impressed with him and I think Kenneth will do us a good job at quarterback."

Lepard added he was disappointed with the team's effort at Breck. He said "Our kids have been outcared and intimidated for the last two weeks. I want Merkel to have respect- I mean the kids, the team, the parents and the community. We are not getting much of that anymore. We are not trying to make any excuses, we are trying to teach and we have a lot of young football players that are trying to learn."

Lepard said he would make a couple of changes in personnel on the line for the Comanche game.

About Comanche, Lepard said "They are a lot like we are- they are struggling. They have good team speed and size and they will probably play us a very good game. We seem to bring out the best in other teams because people take the attitude 'we can't lose to Merkel' so we usually face good efforts from our opponents."

Comanche will use multiple offensive sets and they run a 5-2 defense scheme. Lepard added "They don't throw the ball very often but they try to run the ball inside and they will keep coming right at you."

Lepard said his team would work hard on pass blocking this week, to give Jowers time to throw the ball and he also said they would work on the kicking and kick receiving game. Merkel has had trouble punting the ball all year and Jowers will probably assume those duties as well.

Lepard said "Losses probably hurt the coaches as much as they hurt the players. We aren't trying to make any excuses for the kids, the kids still have to learn a lot and they need confidence on the field. We are going to work real hard this week and be ready for the game Friday."

Lepard said the Badgers could get the momentum they need with a win Friday. "If we can beat Comanche, and then play up to our potential, I feel like we could end up 5-5 on the year and that would be a large step in the right direction."

Merkel will be looking for its first AAA district win since being moved to that class five seasons ago.

Following Comanche, the Bad-

gers will host Wylie here Nov. 1 for the homecoming game and then travel to Clyde Nov. 8th for the season finale.

Lepard also said "we did decide to scrap the idea of combining the

Freshmen and JV teams. The kids didn't seem to want to play together and we are working with each team separately again.

That combined team was blown away by Breck here last Thursday 53-0.

Homecoming parade is Nov. 1 at 4 p.m.

The Merkel High Homecoming is set for November 1st.

The Homecoming parade will be combined with the Crazy Days parade this year and organizers are hoping for an extra-large parade. The parade will start at 4 p.m. Friday.

Farmers are encouraged to drive their tractors. Golfers are asked to drive their carts and organizers are hoping antique car owners and floats from all organizations will be included.

The Homecoming Association will be awarding cash prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place floats and the Chamber of Commerce will be awarding prizes for the

best decorated bicycles and 3-wheelers.

The organizers are also forming an alumni marching band to include former Merkel High band members. Former band director Glenn Reed has already consented to direct and Bob Hammond will be the drum major. Ex-band members are asked to contact George or Charlotte Starbuck or Ann Payne. Recent Merkel High band members are asked to contact Charlicie and Mike Myers.

Parade organizers are hoping that each club and group in town will have some time of an entry in the parade.

Spaghetti, former Band students, class ... more

by Cloy A. Richards

On your way to the game Friday, take enough time to go to Heritage Hall and have some spaghetti.

Preceptor Eta Omega will be serving spaghetti from 5:30 until 7 p.m.

Football, I don't even want to talk about last weekend.

The Trent Gorillas did manage the only bright spot as they won their first game of the year.

The Badgers, Aggies and Cowboys all got smoked and those dadgummed Longhorns won.

I don't know why I put myself through all of that misery.

Yes I do, there's always next week.

Former MHS band members will be holding an organizational meeting and rehearsal at their part of the Homecoming Parade next Friday.

They will meet Oct. 31 at the Band Hall at 7:30 p.m.

An alumni band is being formed for the parade this year and if you want more details, talk to the Starbuck's here.

Want some words of wisdom?

Then I will have to get a guest writer.

Seriously, here are a few that Badger Coach Dick Lepard made available to his team this year and it's worth reading.

What is class? Class is respect of others. It is a deep and genuine respect for every human being, regardless of their status in life. Class is having manners, it's always saying thank you and please. It is complimenting people for any and every task that is well done. It is treating every other person as you want them to treat you in a similar situation. Class is never making an excuse for your own shortcomings. It is always helping others bounce back from mistakes.

Our kids are going to learn the meaning of class. And when we do win, it is going to be something special. They are special young men and the type we can all be proud of. I thank the good Lord for this opportunity.

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry. Two days which should be kept free from fear and free of

ap-rehension. One of the days is yesterday, with its mistakes, its cares, its faults, its blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday is past forever beyond our control. We cannot redo a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said. Yesterday is gone.

The other day we should not worry about is tomorrow, with its possible burdens, its promises and its poor performances. Tomorrow is beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow's sun will rise with brightness, or behind the clouds, but it will rise.

This leaves us only one day. Today. Any man can fight the battle of just one day. The good Lord made the world one day at a time. It's only when you and I have the burden of those two awful days... yesterday and tomorrow, that we break down.

"Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Get excited, folks, where are you.

I got a kick out of some assistant superintendent from Abilene the other night on the news. When asked about a 25 (or close to that) percentage of failing students at AISD schools by a reporter, he cites 56 percent figures in Dallas and says Abilene students aren't doing as bad as that.

Then I am sure you read where some 6 man team in the state had to cancel the rest of their season because of failures in the no-pass no play reality in Texas schools.

MISD's failure rate you ask. Try three percent. About 16 MISD students fell victim to no-pass, no play and that's not bad.

Of course, those 16 would tell you different.

The stock tanks are close to full, the wheat has enough moisture to get off to a good start and now we need some dry weather so harvest can continue.

The Merkel Elementary Halloween carnival is Saturday with the coronation of the king and queen starting at 6:15 in the school auditorium. The carnival kicks off right after that at the new Elementary school gym and the elementary annex.

The event is the major PTO fundraiser of the year.



§ The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department recently put a new vehicle in service, a rescue vehicle.

§ The vehicle is loaded with

special equipment firefighters need to extricate accident victims and was paid for by proceeds from the Department's Bingo games. [Staff photo]

Board hears insurance plan

The Merkel school board held a routine meeting last Tuesday night at the Merkel High Library.

Board members heard from teachers from each MISD campus.

Donna Bryan of Merkel Middle School presented a plan to pursue for a faculty member group health insurance policy. MISD has been paying \$1,000 above state scale in lieu of insurance.

The board also renewed its agreement with the Educational Service Center's special education cooperative.

In other action, the board accepted the resignation of Debra Hardy as a high school science teacher and approved hiring Deb-

bie Curry as a temporary replacement.

The board also chose the Metropolitan 6 series of achievement tests for local testing.

In other school news, MISD fared well under the new no pass-no play rules in effect this year. The failure rate at Merkel High was 3 per cent of all students.

About 16 students who were participating in extra activities failed to pass all of their classes and will be out for six weeks. MISD superintendent Bill Everett told *The Mail* "Our coaches have been watching grades each week and we had a small number of

students who did not pass all of their classes."

In other school news, MISD's enrollment has dropped about 20 students from the last check and enrollment now stands at 1,468. The new show barn for the Merkel FFA has been completed and a new office was added for the business office.

The board held a special meeting Tuesday night to consider an offer to sell six lots in the Bettis Heights addition on Merkel's Northeast side, near the Merkel Golf Course. The school obtained the property in the 1950s in tax suits.

MISD nurse warns of fatal disease

MISD nurse Helen Jones wants Merkel parents to know about Reye's Syndrome, a potentially fatal disease that is associated with viral infections.

The disease strikes children from infancy through adolescence and can develop three to five days after the onset of chicken pox, an upperrespiratory illness or other viral infections.

After those infections have run their course and the child is seemingly feeling better, parents should be on the lookout for the symptoms of Reye's Syndrome.

The symptoms of the disease include persistent or continuous vomiting; listlessness (loss of pep and energy); drowsiness; personality changes (such as irritability, combativeness or slurred speech); disorientation (unable to identify whereabouts or family members) and delirium or convulsions.

Your child's life can depend on you noticing these symptoms, and then obtaining medical attention.

Also, the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control have advised parents of children under 18 to not give aspirin for symptoms of chicken pox, influenza like illnesses or colds. A non aspirin substitute has been recommended in those cases.

After a child's viral infection has run its course, symptoms might appear that would normally be masked by anti-nausea medications and aspirin. If your child has a viral infection, be on the look out for the symptoms associated with Reye's Syndrome. The symptoms include persistent or con-

tinuous vomiting; listlessness (loss of pep or energy, drowsiness); personality changes, disorientation and delirium.

Your child's life may depend on early diagnosis of Reye's Syndrome. There is a 90 percent rate of recovery if Reye's Syndrome is diagnosed early.

Also, the Federal Food and Drug

Merkel PTO Halloween carnival is Saturday

Merkel Elementary's PTO will be holding their annual Halloween Carnival Saturday.

Activities start with the coronation of the King and Queen of the Elementary school at the auditorium at 6:15.

This year's carnival will be held in the new gym and the ele-

Meal program needs drivers

The Merkel Senior Citizens Food Center is in need of volunteers to help deliver meals to shut-ins in Merkel and Trent.

It only takes a short time on Tuesdays and Thursdays from about 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We

Livestock group will meet Oct 28 to plan show

The Merkel Livestock Association will meet Oct. 28th at the new show barn.

The Association will be making

Administration and the Centers for Disease Control have warned that children should not be given aspirin or combination aspirin products during episodes of flu, chicken pox or colds.

For more information on the disease, contact your family physician or Helen Jones at MISD.

mentary school annex rooms.

Activities include a cake walk, crazy medicine, ring toss, go fish, plant walk and much more.

Food and drinks will be available.

The PTO still needs donations of Fritos, band aids and boxes of gauze.

need help on the North and South sides of Merkel and in Trent.

The group has a good gathering of volunteers but people are needed to fill-in for them.

For more information, or to volunteer, call 928-5764 or 928-5273.

plans for the annual Merkel Stock Show.

All interested are encouraged to attend.

MISD lunch menu

The following is the MISD lunch menu:

Oct. 24: Pizza, blackeyed peas, buttered corn, pineapple jello.

Oct. 25: Sloppy Joes, baked beans, combination salad, rosey pears.

Oct. 28: Crisptos with cheese stick, buttered corn, broccoli with cheese, sliced pears.

Oct. 29: Bar-b-q links, pinto beans, potato salad, apple cheese crisp.

Oct. 30: Tuna sandwiches, vegetable salad with dressing, macaroni and tomatoes, pineapple cake.

Oct. 31: Chicken fried steak with cream gravy, seasoned green beans and whipped potatoes, sliced peaches with whip topping.

Nov. 1: Hamburgers and all the trimmings, tater tots and walk to school cookies with almonds.

Nov. 4: Pizza, buttered corn,

lettuce wedge, apricot cobbler.

Nov. 5: Beef tacos with sauce, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes and cheese, jello with fruit.

Nov. 6: Spaghetti with beef and cheese, green beans, lettuce and tomato salad, spiced applesauce.

Nov. 7: Burritos, mixed vegetables and spanish rice, pineapples.

Nov. 8: Hamburgers with all the trimmings, tater tots, brownies.

NO TRICKS, ALL TREATS!

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL
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★ King & Queen Coronations start at 6:15 p.m. at the Auditorium

★ Carnival starts at 7 p.m. Activities Include

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- ★ Crazy Medicine ★ Go Fish ★ ★ Darts
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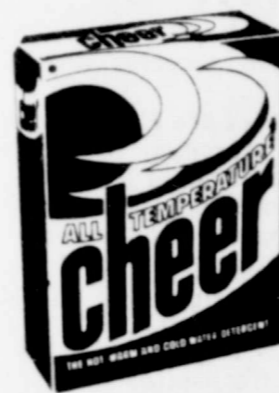
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Mike Payne [44] takes off for good yardage last week. The Trent Junior high is 4-0 on the year. (Photo by Ken Kraatz)

Trent Jr. High is undefeated

The Trent Junior High extended their winning streak to 4-0 with a 39-19 win over Mozelle last Thursday. Trent's scoring was lead by Jamie Masonheimer with three touchdowns, Robin Kraatz with a touchdown and Mike Payne with a touchdown. Payne also returned a kickoff for a touchdown. Playing well both offensively

and defensively were Lee Hunt, William Self and Chris Jones. Playing good defense for Trent were Lonnie Clark, Travis Walker and Mike Wallis.

Garden club holds meeting

The October meeting of the Merkel Garden Club was held in the home of Mrs. Allen King. Mrs. Tom Russom was co-hostess for the covered dish luncheon. Becky Rogers presided over the business meeting. The club's yearbook was dedicated to Mary Cleo Sadler for her outstanding participation and devotion to the club throughout all her years of membership. Mrs. Sadler is a charter member of the club which first met Feb. 3, 1947. Olga Peachey, program chairman, introduced Mary Click who

spoke on forcing bulbs for indoor bloom. Muriel Thompson used pictures to illustrate her report of her recent trip to the Northeast to view the fall panorama of the changing leaves. Alice King told of her trip to Fiji, New Zealand and Australia.

Present were Georgia Allday, Peggy Black, Mary Click, Mrs. Albert Criswell, Inez Detrick, Lottie Everett, Alice King, Olga Peachey, Becky Rogers, Mary Russom, Mary Cleo Sadler, Muriel

Thompson and Lenora Wilburn. The National Arbor Day Foundation will send new members ten flowering trees, two white dogwood, two American redbud, two European mountain ash, two Washington hawthorn, two flowering crabs, for members joining by Oct. 31.

Membership contribution is \$10. Send to Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave, Nebraska City, Nebraska 68410.

Dear Editor: Jesus can help

Dear Editor:
Oh, what a difference.
My friend, would you like your life to be different? Are you unhappy with your life the way it is? Do you need help to cope with everyday situations in your life? Have you tried to "clean up your act" and failed again and again?
Well, my friend, there is still hope for you. Jesus can make a difference in your life. The power of God is real today.

Do you know there are people in every church in Merkel who care about you and care enough that they are praying for you every day? We are asking God to put a hunger in your heart to turn to Him. Do you feel the spirit of God tugging at your heart? Ask Jesus right now to come into your life. Just say "Jesus, I believe you are the son of God. I believe you died on the cross for me. Forgive me, a

sinner, and come into my heart." Now, join me in the House of God of your choice this Sunday. Read God's word. Ask God to change your life. Changes will take place slowly. Remember, people cannot change the way you think and your attitudes; only the power of God can.

In Christ's Love
Mageline Kearns

Pack-Pritchard will repeat vows

Karen Pack of Merkel and Carl Greg Pritchard of Houston will be married Oct. 26th at heritage Hall at 7 p.m.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Earnest and Jo Pack of Merkel and the prospective bridegroom is the son of Carl Pritchard of Houston and Mrs. Neal Von of Lubbock.

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Water amendment plan backed

Approval of Constitutional Amendment No. 2 by state voters in the general election on November 5, 1985, would conserve the water supplies of the state of Texas, thereby making water available for future use by municipalities, industries and agriculture.

Voter acceptance of this constitutional amendment, which provides for the issuance and sale of \$200 million in bonds to create the Agricultural Water Conservation Program, will set the wheels in motion for irrigators throughout the state to obtain low interest loans for upgrading their irrigation application efficiency.

Seventy-two percent of the water currently used in the state of Texas is used by agriculture. At the onset of this bonding program, a pilot program funded with \$5 million will be established to test the success of a low interest loan program, as well as test the interest of irrigators in this type of program.

Funds available through this bonding program will be administered by underground water conservation districts and the soil and water conservation districts throughout the state.

Irrigation application efficiency improvements that could be considered under this loan program include the modification of existing center pivot sprinkler systems. This type of modification has been documented to improve water-use efficiency up to 20 percent. Additionally, the installation of the underground pipeline, which eliminates evaporation and deep percolation water losses in transporting irrigation water, could be funded, eliminating water losses from 10 to 20 percent per 1,000 feet. Also, the purchase of a surge irrigation system that improves irrigators' efficiency from 10 to 40

percent could qualify for a loan under this program.

Under the provisions of Constitutional Amendment No. 2, the only cost to state taxpayers would be in the case of a default on a loan made under the Agricultural Water Conservation Program. Even then, the cost would be minimal, as the equipment purchased under the loan would be sold at public auction. The proceeds of this sale would be used to repay the loan. Any balance remaining on the loan would then be shared on a 50-50 basis by the soil and water conservation district or the underground water conservation district issuing the loan, and the state.

These days, many elections are decided by a small minority of eligible voters. This may be the case on November 5 when 14 Constitutional Amendments are voted on by Texans statewide, and water issues extremely important to the state are addressed.

Constitutional Amendment No. 1 would provide for the issuance of \$380 million in bonds for water development, transportation, wastewater treatment, water quality, flood control and water supply projects. Amendment No. 2 authorizes the sale of \$200 million in state bonds to provide low interest loans for farmers in upgrading their irrigation efficiency.

In a similar election in 1968, when a constitutional amendment concerning state water issues appeared on the ballot, the measure was defeated statewide by a small margin of approximately 5,000 voters. During that particular election, West Texans voted in favor of the issue by a large majority, but the voter turnout was only about 15 percent of the registered voters.

The 5,000 majority votes cast

against the constitutional amendment in that 1968 election could have easily been offset if even one additional voter per precinct in West Texas had gone to the polls.

The provisions of Constitutional Amendments 1 and 2 are for all Texans. However, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce urges West Texans to lead the way in supporting these two extremely important water issues by going to the polls in record numbers to vote for Constitutional Amendments 1 and 2.

Preceptor group meets

Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday at the REA hall with Jane Carson as hostess.

A brief summary of the trip to Mexico was given and plans to attend Phi Phi's Country Dance were discussed, as well as plans for a spaghetti supper Oct. 25th before the football game. Jane Carson presented a report on New Orleans.

Refreshments were served to Val Patterson, Betty Conley, Kathy Leverich, Mamie Steck, Jane Carson, Blanche Hewitt, Connie Ybarra, Betty Satterwhite, Louise DuBose and Liz Eager.

Tye church sets revival

A laymen led revival will be held at the Tye Baptist Church Oct. 27th through 30th.

The Sunday morning service will start at 10:55 a.m. and night services will be held at 7 p.m.

The church is located on Morgan street in Tye. Featured speakers are Orlin Smith, Melvin White, Bent Griffith, Steve Teaff and Daryle Smith.

Fred Thomas is pastor of the church.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: CHERYL MORRIS, Address Unknown, 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 FLOYD MORRIS, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 25th day of April, 1985, against CHERYL MORRIS, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 11,797-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of the Marriage of FLOYD MORRIS and CHERYL MORRIS", the nature of which suit is a request to obtain a divorce and custody of the children.

The Court has authority in this suit to

decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding upon you.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree in the children's interest which will be binding upon you.

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 10th day of October, 1985.

Rilla Mahoney, Clerk 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas By JoAnn Lackey, Deputy (Seal). 135-75-11c

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RESIDENCE UNKNOWN, ABILENE, TEXAS, Respondent:

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 16th day of October, 1985.

Rilla Mahoney, Clerk 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy, (Seal) 135-86-11c

the 9th day of October, 1985 in Abilene, Texas. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement 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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For Sale: 1985 GMC Caballero, call 928-5182, or see at 1406 Herring.

135-11c

For Sale: Labrador golden retriever, male, 6 months old, registered, papers in hand. Call 736-6770 (local).

135-11c

Poodle puppies for sale. Call after 5, 928-5121.

135-11p

MISC.

To Give Away Cute Kittens Call 928-5806

134-11c

Needed Immediately, Nurses aides, 2-10 p.m. part time extra house keeper and full time relief laundry and house keeping. Apply in person Starr Nursing Home.

134-TFC

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116-TFC

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33-TFC

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66-11c

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135-4tc

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135-11p

GRANNY'S PLAYHOUSE Licensed Child Care, Open 6 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at 207 Orange, 928-4904.

133-13tp

Auction, Monday Oct. 28, West Texas Auction Arena starts at 6:30 p.m.

135-11c

Merkel VFW Bake Sale, Saturday, Oct. 26th 9 a.m. at Ben Franklins. Sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the VFW.

135-11nc

NOTICE To the person who took my wallet at the Merkel Dairy Queen. Keep the new wallet and money. Please return my pictures and ID. No questions asked. Terri Gaskill, P. O. Box 127, Trent.

135-11p

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135-11nc

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2 family garage sale: 1414 Heath, Friday beginning at 8:45. Men's, women's & children's clothes, shoes, toys, flower pots & baskets, yards & yards of material (more added this week) & misc. All clothes will be 1/2 price.

135-11p

Two family garage sale: 2 sets of couches and matched chairs, table and 4 chairs, chest of drawers, tools, odd tables, swing set, stove, refrigerator, dishes, turquoise jewelry, recliner, dresser and night stand, stereo, toys, Avon products, 15 X 3 round pool, clothing all sizes, also large sizes, sheets, stroller, books, lawn mower, bicycle built for 2, lots more. Come see at Rt 3 M 106, Mountain View Estates or call 928-4489 Thursday - Saturday 9-5:30 p.m.

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Unfurnished house for lease, five large rooms, fenced yard, 816 Oak Street, \$245 per month. To rent, call collect 602-943-1408 between 8-10 p.m. One months rent plus deposit of \$150 required to move in.

135-3tc

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

131-TFC

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

132-TFC

For Sale: 3 bedroom house. Call Ted Smith at 928-5081 or 928-4728.

122-TFC

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

129-TFC

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

126-TFC

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

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For Sale: 1150 Sq. Ft. Double wide, on one acre, carport, water well and fenced yard owner will finance, 928-4966 or 928-5970.

134-11c

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

126-TFC

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

120-TTC

For Sale: In Eula, 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, completely renovated, central heat and air and front porch on 5 acres. With 2 water wells, \$60,000. Owner will carry. Call 529-4214.

135-11nc

For Sale: 2 bedroom mobile home on 2 lots, partially furnished, big garage, completely fenced with chain link \$7,500 or best offer. Call 893-2254.

135-11c

exceptional bargain. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, double wide with central air and heat, 3 city corner lots, privacy fence, well, storage sheds and garden. Assumable 928-5425

135-11p

It Must Go. You may assume a non-qualifying non-escalating, small equity loan, large 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with central heat and air. Seller wants OUT. Consider paying all allowable closing costs on any new loan. Re/ Max 696-3730.

134-3tc

Own your own jeanswear, ladies apparel, childrens, large size, combination store, petites, maternity, accessories. Jordache, Chic, Lee, Levi, E Z Street, I20d, Espirit, Topmboy, Calvin Klein, Sergio Valenta, Evan Picone, Liz Claiborne, Members Only, Gasoline, Healthtex, Over 1,000 items. \$13,300 to \$24,900 inventory, training, fixtures, grand opening, etc. Can open in 15 days. Mr. Keenan 305-678-3639.

135-11p

For Rent: 3 bedroom house, stove, refrigerator, washer and dryer, ceiling fans, fenced yard \$300 month, \$150 deposit, 928-5194.

134-TFC

For Rent: 2 bedroom rock house, stove, refrigerator, \$250 a month, \$150 deposit, 2 blocks from school. 928-5194.

134-TFC

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

27-TFC

For Rent: extra nice 2 bedroom mobile home, water furnished, on school bus line, near town. Call 692-9241 or 928-5416 after 6 p.m.

133-TFC

Mobile Home Lots For Rent: first month free, west end of south 7th street, \$50 a month, call 928-4973.

133-TFC

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89-TFC

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12 X 50 mobile home for rent, 5 miles South on FM 1235. Call 928-5454

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128-TFC

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

107-TFC

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

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We want to express our heart felt thanks to everyone who sent flowers, get well cards, and visited me while I was in the hospital. A special thanks to the Methodist ladies who have furnished meals for the last week. Thanks everyone for your concerns and prayers. A special thank you to the pastors that visited me and the many who have offered prayers for my recovery. Tommie & Ann Cutler 135-11p

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Jon R. Irwin, individually and d/ b/ a Custom Craft Homes, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of TEN days from the date of service of this citation, same being the 4th day of November, A. D. 1985, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court on the 18th day of October, A.D. 1985, in this cause, numbered 16,877 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Estate of James Braddock, Deceased, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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 18th day of October, A.D. 1985.

Attest: Janice Lyons Clerk, County Court, Taylor County, Texas by Dorothy Plumlee, Deputy (Seal)

135-58-11c

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: This is a suit for collection of five (5) separate promissory notes given Plaintiff by Defendant. Plaintiff prays for judgment in the amount of \$67,473.86 plus past due interest, for reasonable attorney's fees and all costs of suit and for all other relief, both legal and equitable, general or special, to which this Plaintiff may show itself entitled.

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Witness, Rilla Mahoney, Clerk of the 42nd District Court(s) of Taylor County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 11th day of October A.D. 1985.

Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Rilla Mahoney.

Trent downs Talpa Central 45-19



5 Bebo Beaver of Trent [29] is slowed down by a Talpa Central player. Trent won it's first game

of the year last Friday as Beaver scored or assisted in scoring six touchdowns. [Photo by Ken Kraatz]

The Trent Gorillas won their first game of the year Friday night by defeating the Talpa Central Rams 45-19. Trent jumped out to a 13-0 quarter lead, only to have the Rams go in at half time tied at 13. Trent came out and received a kickoff, and, on the first play from scrimmage, Benjamin Beaver ran around right end for a 47 yard touchdown. Trent went on to lead three quarters and ended the game with the final score at 45-19. Beaver had 217 yards on 22 carries and completed 8 of 13 passes for 143 yards, scoring or assisting in scoring six touchdowns. Sam Jones had two touchdowns on the receiving end of passes and Chris Simpson and Jason Massey each had a touchdown. Mike "Dock" Carriker played superbly in his first start at quarterback for the Gorillas and Randy Hughes and Billy Clark also played well. Trent's next game is against Blackwell.

M.H.S. HOMECOMING

NOVEMBER 1 & 2

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY:

- 10 to 4PM * Registration at Heritage Hall
- 4PM * Parade
- * Pep Rally Following Parade (Downtown)
- 7:30PM * Football Game at Badger Stadium
- * Coffee and Business Meeting after the Game to held at Heritage Hall.

SATURDAY:

- 9AM till NOON * Recollections and visitations at Heritage Hall for all Merkel Ex's. Continental Breakfast will be served.

***If you are unable to attend, but would like to vote for the "Coming Home King and Queen," please detach the form below and send a dollar to: THE MERKEL EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 683
MERKEL, TX 79536

Trent seniors holding auction at carnival

The Trent Senior Class will be holding an auction at the Halloween Carnival. Area merchants have donated merchandise to the auction and many homemade items have been donated by

parents and friends.

Also, a used Xerox plain paper copier has been donated and it will be a good opportunity for someone needing a copier.

The auction will begin at 6:30

p.m. Oct. 29th at the Trent Band Hall.

The annual Trent Halloween carnival will be held Oct. 29th with the coronation of the King and Queen at 6 p.m. The carnival will last until 9 p.m.

Elementary names honor students

The Merkel Elementary School Honor Roll is as follows:

1st Grade A Honor Roll: Taras Beasley, Blue Bogard, Sara Boggs Stephanie Bunch, Stephanie Burns Dusty Carter, Cody Cox, Matthew Dearing, Randy Dudley, Brent Fisher, Tabitha Garrett, Justin Goldsmith, Angela Gregory, Adreane Holloway, Jason Hudman, Jeffrey Jacobs, Leslie Jacobs, Jeanette Lanford, Amanda Love, Marisila Martinez, Michael McMurray, Cody Minze, Craig Mullins, Jane Roberts, Hollie Shipman, Eric Stegemoller, Jeremy Tipton, Crystal Watson, Rowdy White, Tristan Wilburn, Jaycen Woods. A-B Honor Roll: Anthony Alexander, Coty Braddock, Bryan Cruz, Sheri Ely, Jonoma Galloway, Cam Hendricks, Roberto Hernandez, McKinsey Laird, Shawna Maxwell, John McCullough, Jason Morton, Artie Rollins Shaun West, Jada Woodall.

Russ Holloway, Wendy Hudman, Dee Dee Jackson, Stacy Jones, Jason Kofod, Brent Martin,

Jennifer McKee, David Melendez, Cliff Owen, Orville Pirraglia, Shelly Seymore, James Wade, Tony Windham.

Ladies auxillary meets

Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of World War I 2248 of Merkel and Trent met Tuesday, October 17 for a covered dish luncheon and a business meeting. Five members paid their dues, it's that time.

All enjoyed the dinner. We are sorry that Parilee Gibson is in the hospital. We hope she will have a speedy recovery. The next meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday of November.

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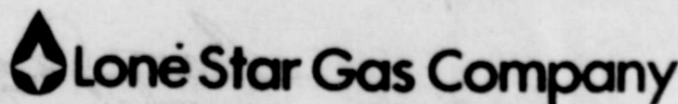
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Ranchers keeping 11 % fewer cattle

Cow numbers have declined as softened in recent years, beef sharply (11 percent) in Texas inventories must be adjusted to during the past two years due to that demand if the cattle business drought conditions, and now a lot is to be a profitable enterprise, of cattlemen are thinking about points out Dr. Ernest Davis, restocking their herds. It's a economist in livestock marketing decision that requires close analy- with the Texas Agricultural Ex- sis, particularly since the market tension Service, The Texas A&M University System. "Since nation- outlook remains bleak. "Because the demand for beef wide inventories remain more than adequate to meet consumer

demands, producers cannot afford to rebuild herds too rapidly." Davis and Dr. James McGrann, also an Extension economist, recently analyzed a number of restocking alternatives as to their potential for profit. None of the alternatives, however, offer the rate of return that a cattleman could achieve by liquidating his herd and putting the cash in a certificate of deposit at 10 percent interest.

While this analysis shows fall as the best time of the year to restock, that's when most cattlemen cut back herds due to declines in grazing," Davis notes. Along with these restocking options, ranchers need to consider other enterprises for economic survival, such as expanded hunting, recreation and leasing, adds Davis.

Alternatives considered were fall restocking with cow-calf pairs, bred heifers and open heifers as well as restocking in the spring with these three options. Restocking strategies were evaluated using net present values and average annual rates of return.

Cash flow feasibility also should be an important consideration, particularly for the producer who must borrow for restocking. The cow-calf option has an initially large cash outflow in the purchase year but immediately generates a cash flow. On the other hand, heifer options require less initial cash outflow but are slower to generate cash flows.

The economists found that each of these six options had a negative net present value; in other words, investing in restocking would return less per head than investing in a CD at 10 percent. Only three options, fall cow-calf, fall bred heifer and spring cow-calf, had positive annual rates of return. "The fall bred heifer option was the best overall and had the highest average annual rate of return at almost 7 percent," points out Davis. "This was 1.8 percent higher than the next best option of

"A rancher needs to consider the total ranch debt situation and repayment capacity when looking at restocking alternatives," emphasizes Davis. "The balance sheet and projected cash flow are good tools to help in this analysis, and the Extension Service has computer programs to aid in this effort. Interested cattlemen should contact their county Extension office regarding such an analysis."

Tuesday-Thursday school at Church of Christ has openings

Tuesday-Thursday school at the opportunity for a Mother's day Merkel Church of Christ has some opening for Thursday sessions. Pre-schoolers age 3-5 are encouraged to attend. For further information, contact Bernice Jacobs at 928-5176.

Proposition 8 will guarantee Vet's home loans

Proposition 8 will enable the Texas Veterans Housing Assistance Program to continue making \$20,000 long-term, low-interest home loans to eligible Texas Veterans. The measure will be offered to voters for approval on November 5, 1985 in the form of a constitutional amendment along with 13 other measures.

"Without Proposition 8's additional \$500 million bonding authority, the continuity of the program will be threatened," Mauro said. "For this reason the Legislature overwhelmingly supported the Sunset Commission's recommendation that this program be given an additional \$500 million in bonding authority."

A total of \$500 million in general obligation bonds will be sold to fund the housing program if the measure is approved.

"I want to invite all realtors, lenders, and area Veterans to attend this hearing," Mauro said. "We'll try to answer any questions and we'll take under consideration any suggestions that will help the Veterans Land Board better serve Texas Veterans."

"When Rep. Frank Tejeda, Sen. Lindon Williams and I initiated the Texas Veterans Housing Assistance Program, I don't think anyone, myself included, imagined how popular the program would be with Texas Veterans," Mauro said. "In less than two years we have committed almost the entire \$500 million initial bonding authority and made over 22,000 loans to Texas Veterans without costing the Texas taxpayer a penny."

Mauro said the continued home loan funding provided by Proposition 8 will stimulate the construction of 25,000 new homes and will create an additional 45,000 jobs in the Texas economy.

"The \$500 million in home loans has not only helped thousands of Texas Veterans become home owners," Mauro said, "but has poured millions of dollars into the Texas home construction industry and into related commercial deve-

lopment." "Proposition 8 has already received the endorsement of the Texas Alliance of Vietnam Veterans, The Brotherhood of Vietnam Veterans, the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American G.I. Forum."

Walker honored on 80th birthday

Annie Walker of Merkel was honored with a reception celebrating her 80th birthday. Hosting the occasion were her children, Iriene Brown, Dr. Gaston Walker, Dr. Jimmy Walker, and families.

A color scheme of shades of pink was carried out in floral arrangements and the three tiered birthday cake. Granddaughters Connie Walker, Sharon Brown, Sybil Simpson and Marla Shell served at the registry and refreshment tables.

Many friends and relatives gathered locally and quite a few from out-of-town.

Mrs. Walker was born Oct. 11, 1905. She is the daughter of George and Frances Reeves. Mr. Reeves, a lawman, was killed in the line of duty pursuing a fugitive in 1926.

She is the widow of Irl Walker. As a team, they operated a business on Highway 80 East from 1947-1979. After Mr. Walker's death in 1979, Mrs. Walker moved to 409 Yucca where she now resides.

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This is a local contest!

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Merkel Drug

Oct. 24th
9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

REPORT OF CONDITION

Consolidating domestic and foreign subsidiaries of the

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of _____, Merkel, Texas

In the state of _____, at the close of business on September 30, 1985

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Charter Number 7481 Comptroller of the Currency 11th District

Statement of Resources and Liabilities

	Thousands of dollars
ASSETS	
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	1,755
Interest-bearing balances	1,900
Securities	11,332
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	400
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	8,063
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	101
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	-0-
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	7,962
Assets held in trading accounts	-0-
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	155
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	726
Total assets	24,241
LIABILITIES	
Deposits:	
In domestic offices:	
Noninterest-bearing	7,855
Interest-bearing	13,786
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	94
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	436
Total liabilities	22,171
Limited-life preferred stock	-0-
EQUITY CAPITAL	
Perpetual preferred stock	-0-
Common stock	375
Surplus	375
Undivided profits and capital reserves	1,320
Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	-0-
Total equity capital	2,070
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital	24,241

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.

[Signatures]

Directors

Betty Jane Tittle
Vice-Pres.-Cashier

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.

[Signature]
October 11, 1985

TSU senior helping Merkel ag classes

Kay Richards, senior Agricultural Education major from Tarleton State University, has begun her student teaching in the Merkel Public Schools. She is under the supervision of Billy Riley and J.T. Naron, vocational agriculture teachers.

Richards will be in the community from October 21 through December 12 for the purpose of receiving training in vocational agriculture teaching. This arrangement has been made by mutual agreement between Bill Everett,

Superintendent of Schools, and Tarleton State University. The student teacher will assist with all activities concerning the local vocational agriculture program. Upon completion of this training period, she will receive the Bachelor of Science degree from Tarleton State University and be eligible for a vocational agriculture teaching certificate.

Dr. Bill Irick and Dr. Len Steakley are the Tarleton State University supervisors for the teacher education program in the Department of Agricultural Education.



Kay Richards

Independent American quake relief account

Independent American Savings Association has opened an account at each of their forty-seven branches statewide to receive donations for the earthquake victims in Mexico. The accounts will generate funds for the official Texas State relief organization, Texas Response.

Independent American Savings Association asks everyone to join us in our efforts to aid the victims of the devastating Mexico City earthquake. Donations made to Texas Response may be mailed or taken to any of the Independent American Savings Association branch offices.

Badgers take volleyball loss

The Merkel JV and Varsity volleyball teams found the going rough against Breckenridge. The JV lost 3-15 and 13-15 here last Tuesday. Michelle Dudley was 8 of 9 serving while Teresa Lucas and Mitzi Shelton were both 100 percent serving. The team served a low 71 percent. In the varsity contest, the girls were defeated 1-15 and 5-15. Coach Rhonda Rainwater told The Mail the girls played a bad game and the team served at an 80 percent clip. One hundred percent servers were Amy Irvin, Stacy Newberry and Michelle Woodard. The coach added that Amber Whisenhunt and Christi Wade played well offensively off the bench.

Senior Citizens set garage sale; donations needed

The Merkel Senior Citizens will continue their garage sale starting Friday at 6:45 p.m. Everyone is welcomed and donations for the garage sale will be appreciated. A covered dish luncheon will be served Friday at 6:45 p.m.

MMS Honor roll

The following is the honor roll for the first six weeks at Merkel Middle School:

6th Grade All A
Mandy Barnett, Tanya Beasley, Lori Best, Son Hui Chon, Lisa Fenton, Michelle Ingram, Lillian Leach, Sharon Mack, James Melendez, Shayla Miller, Christi Mintz, Ellen Rutledge, Lori Thompson, Annette Windham and Cheryl Wood.

6th Grade A-B
Yvonne Alexander, Fidel Avalos, Peppy Avalos, Chris Baber, Amanda Biera, Scott Cannon, Christie Castillo, Kim Connors, Randy Davidson, Donna Denman, Dayna Doan, Becky Donaldson, Rebecca Dunagin, Robert Eckhart, Travis Emfinger, Sarah Gentry, Matthew Gillian and Julie Harding.

Also, Shayla Hardy, Dawn Henslee, Elizabeth Hernandez, Jennifer Hobbs, Marc Jenkins, Stephanie Jones, John Lally, Kim Lambert, Kerriann Lowell, Joshua Mashburn, Melissa Maxwell, Sonya McAllister, Melissa Miller, Billy Page and Rufus Quittanilla.

8th Grade All A
Laura Baker, Susie Brandon, Dianna Brown, Mi Hwa Chon, Lisa Donaldson, Jennifer Hatley, Susan Hammond, Stephen Jacobs, Melissa Messick, Sheri Miles, Savid Millerm Shawn Miller, Laurinda Powell, Penny Smith and Chip Townsend.

8th Grade A-B
Eric Ascencio, Bridget Acuna, Steven Bauer, Sabrina Boswell, Lisa Cannon, Janette Cavender, Misti Doan, Toby Dupont, David Dutton, Chance Ferguson, Virginia Flores, Chris Gaona, Shelly Green and Mym Kelly.

Also, Sandra Marshall, Dusty McLeod, Tina Myatt, Scottie Myers, Melissa Phillips, Kevin Pilgrim, Christie Reynolds, Gay Lynn Robertson, Owen Tevbaugh, David Thomas and B. J. Wiles.

7th Grade All A
Jamie Beasley, Christie Boggs, Melissa Cuellar, Jana Daniell, Jayma Goldsmith, April Griffith, Traci Jacobs, Cara Kelso, Sean Leamon, Renee Melendez, Cristi

Moore, Tracie Thomas, Phuong Thao Tran, Amy Welborn, Angie Welborn and Daniel West.

7th Grade A-B
Melannie Baker, Ava Bohannon, Brandon Boyd, Morty Boyd, Patrick Brouse, Amber Buckley, James Davis, Devin Ely, Brandy Fenton, Kenneth Fickle, Karen Folkes, Robert Frazier, Dennis Griffin, James Halsei, Betsy Hellums, Gene Henderson, Jennifer Huffman and Bobbie Hurley.

Also, Lee Isenbarg, Collin Jacobs, Angie Leverich, Michelle McMurry, Tonya Moreno, Kenny Nault, Katrina Neith, Ranae Paulsen, Lupe Quintero, Melinda Reagan, Frank Repnyek, Holly Scott, Troy Sims, John Snarski, Manny Swinney, Brandon Toombs and Shawanda Warren.

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Middle school names students of the month

Merkel Middle School has selected their students of the month. In the sixth grade, Peppy Avalos and Cheryl Wood were chosen; James Halsei and Cara Kelso

were chosen from the 7th grade and Lee Kotrlík and Susie Brandon were selected from the 8th grade.

High school honor roll

The High School Honor Roll is as follows:

A-B Honor Roll: Michael Adkins, Justin Amérine, Stephanie Ashorn, Melinda Baker, Michelle Barnett, Doug Bauer, Matt Cain, Clay Carey, Tim Carter, Ronna Casey, Son Mi Chon, Ray Cobb, Kyle Coker, Robert Davidson, Russell Doan, Richard Eleby, Staci Ferguson, Terri Flores, Dean Franklin, Mike Gandy, Maggie Gonzales, Scott Graham, Monty Griffin, Billy Hair, Milo Harris, Caren Hendrix, Candice Henslee, Clara Herrera, Richa Hill, Julie Hinson, Jeff Hobbs, Lance Jones, Kenneth Jowers, Teresa King, Mike Lambert, Gayle Landeros, Carrie Marsh, Connie McMillion, John McNeal, Gary Miller, Leanna Miller, Phoebe Mills, Ramon Moreno, Melissa Morris, Linda Munden, Marjohn Parish, Shawn Parker, Lance Perry, Kelly Pietzsch, Eddie Proctor, Shane Reagan, Kim Richards, Kelly Riney, Tony Roberts, Jeanie Russel, Natalie Schuknecht, Chris Shugart, Laura Smith, Laura Smith, Todd Smith,

Gary Sutterfield, Karen Tilley, Bridgett Vaughn, Misty Vaughn, Lucretia Wade, Kayce Ward, Keith Watson, Twyla Wilburn, Tony Wiles, Michael Woodall, James Wright, Michael Ybarra.

A Honor Roll: Rita Adkins, Kelly Beights, Becky Best, Walter Best, Tracy Bicknell, Chris Biera, Stephanie Boyd, Shelly Brandon, Tim Brandon, Lee Cain, Dewayne Clark, Doyle Clary, Kevin Coker, Michelle Dudley, April Duncan, Alyse Ferguson, Michelle Goodgion, Shelly Gray, Danny Hogue, Amy Irvin, Tami Israel, Anissa Jones, Debbie Keller, Sandra Kotrlík, Jill Laman, Steve Leve-rich, Kevin Mitchell, Pam Neff, Stacy Newberry, Debbie Pack, Leighanne Phillips, Shane Pietzsch, Richard Powell, David Ray, Billy Riley, Sheri Riney, Glyn Ann Rutledge, Danny Santee, Ted Seymore, DeAnn Stevens, Doug Taylor, Angela Thomas, Krista Toombs, Wade Toombs, Diem Tran, Robert Turner, Ron Turner, Fondale Watson, Kim Welding, Allan Windham, Michelle Woodard, Abby Irvin.

HOOK 'Em HORNS Happy Birthday Lorne We Love You The Harris'

Blessed is the man who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the path of sinners nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His Law law doth the meditate day and night Psalms 1:1 & 2

PUBLICATION COPY CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF CONDITION (Including Domestic and Foreign Subsidiaries)

FDIC 8040 35 (9-85) (STATE) <198>

LEGAL TITLE OF BANK	STATE BANK NO
Home State Bank Box 125 Trent, Texas 79561	1398-32
CITY	FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT NO
Trent	11 13 20307
COUNTY	CLOSE OF BUSINESS DATE
Taylor	September 30, 1985
STATE	
Texas	
ZIP CODE	
79561	
Dollar Amounts in Thousands	
ASSETS	Bill Mil Thou
1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions	
a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	704
b. Interest-bearing balances	824
2. Securities	100
3. 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	
4. Loans and lease financing receivables:	
a. Loans and leases, net of unearned income	3 996
b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	113
c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	
d. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4 a minus 4 b and 4 c)	3 883
5. Assets held in trading accounts	
6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	286
7. Other real estate owned	
8. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	
9. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	
10. Intangible assets	
11. Other assets	139
12. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)	5 936
LIABILITIES	
13. Deposits:	
a. In domestic offices	5 457
(1) Noninterest-bearing	2 195
(2) Interest-bearing	3 262
b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs	
(1) Noninterest-bearing	
(2) Interest-bearing	
14. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreement to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	
15. Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	
16. Other borrowed money	
17. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	93
18. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	
19. Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits	
20. Other liabilities	91
21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)	5 641
22. Limited-life preferred stock	
EQUITY CAPITAL	
23. Perpetual preferred stock (No. of shares outstanding)	
24. Common stock (No. of shares a. Authorized)	2500
b. Outstanding	2500
25. Surplus	
26. Undivided profits and capital reserves	105
27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	
28. Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27)	295
29. Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital (sum of items 21, 22, and 28)	5 936
MEMORANDA	Amounts outstanding as of Report Date:
1.a Standby letters of credit, Total	
1.b Amount of Standby letters of credit in memo 1 a conveyed to others through participations	

NOTE: This report must be signed by an authorized officer(s) and attested by not less than three directors other than the officer(s) signing the report.

I/We, the undersigned officer(s), do hereby declare that this Report of Condition has been prepared in conformance with official instructions and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: Betty Hamner
DATE SIGNED: 10-22-85
NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: Betty Hamner, V.P.-Cashier
AREA CODE/PHONE NO.: (915) 862-6137

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

SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: Mark M. Kuban
SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: [Signature]

State of Texas County of Taylor
(MAKE MARK FOR NOTARY'S SEAL) Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of October 1985
and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.
My commission expires 9-30-88 19
Signature Notary Public: Betty Hamner

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DEL MONTE 15 OZ IN JUICE CAN
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TREE TOP
APPLE JUICE 32 OZ JUG 98¢
PARADE 303 CS
GOLDEN CORN 3 FOR 89¢
PARADE 303 CUT
GREEN BEANS 3 FOR 89¢
PREGO
SPAGHETTI SAUCE 15 OZ 98¢
DEL MONTE 303
NEW POTATOES 2 FOR 89¢
CONTADINA 300
WHOLE TOMATOES 2 FOR 89¢
OLD EL PASO
REFRIED BEANS 2 FOR 93¢

AUNT JEMIMA 15 OZ
WAFFLES BOX \$1.19
WEIGHT WATCHERS CHOCOLATE
CHERRY STRAWBERRY
CAKES EACH \$1.39
BIRDSEYE 8 OZ
COOL WHIP TUR 73¢
GREEN GIANT 10 OZ BUTTER
SAUCE
BROCCOLI SPEARS EA. 98¢

KRAFTS
VELVEETA 1 LB BOX \$1.79

KRAFTS
MAYONNAISE 1 QT JAR \$1.69
REG OR LITE

ICE CREAM
1/2 GAL CRTN **\$1.69**

FLAKED COFFEE
FOLGERS 13 OZ CAN \$1.98
1 LIMIT

SHORTENING
Mrs. TUCKER 42 OZ CAN \$1.29

PARADE
OLEO QUARTERS 2 LBS 79¢

CARNATION
MILK TALL CAN 2 FOR 89¢

OLD EL PASO
TACO SHELLS 12 CT BOX 98¢

POST
BRANFLAKES 16 OZ BOX \$1.49

SKINNERS
SPAGHETTI THIN 24 OZ BAG 98¢

PARADE
FLOUR 5 LB BAG 69¢

INSTANT TEA
LIPTON 3 OZ JAR \$1.98

COOKING OIL
CRISCO 48 OZ JUG \$2.39

We're Crowing About these Fine
FRYERS
USDA GRADE "A" FRESH
WHOLE POUND **59¢**

HERSHEYS PURE 12 OZ BAG
CHOCOLATE **CHIPS \$1.63**
KEEBLER LB BOX
CRACKERS 89¢
PARADE
GRAPE **JELLY 18 OZ JAR 69¢**
AUNT JEMIMA
WAFFLE SYRUP 24 OZ JUG \$1.98

WASHINGTON
APPLES
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FRESH GRADE A
FRYERS CUT UP POUND 69¢
FRESH-LEAN
PORK CHOPS END CUT POUND \$1.49
FRESH-LEAN
PORK CHOPS CENTER CUT POUND \$1.93
CHOICE BEEF
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WRIGHTS
SMOKED BACON LB \$1.53
ARMOUR STAR
FRANKS BEEF OR ALL MEAT 12 OZ PKG \$1.29
GOOCH BR
HOT LINKS LB \$1.19
ARMOUR STAR FROZEN 12-14 LBS
BASTED TURKEY 1/2 HEN LB 89¢ **WHOLE HENS 83¢ LB**

VLASIC
POLISH OR KOSHER
PICKLES 32 OZ JAR \$1.29

DAIRYLAND
HOMO
MILK GAL JUG \$1.93

FOREMOST
BUTTER
MILK 1/2 GAL CRTN \$1.09

DAIRYLAND
LOW FAT
MILK GAL JUG \$1.85

CHOICE 4 LB
ORANGES BAG \$1.49
FRESH
TOMATOES LB 49¢
GOLDEN
BANANAS LB 29¢
FRESH
CUCUMBERS 2 FOR 39¢
TEXAS
GOLDEN YAMS LB 39¢
YELLOW
ONIONS LB 15¢
RUSSET
SPUDS 10 LB BAG \$1.29

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BATH SIZE

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TOUCH FABRIC SOFTENER 64 OZ JUG \$1.79

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