

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, September 25, 1986 . . . Merkel, Texas

Our 98th Year

Badgers top Anson 32-13, face Clyde in district opener

by Cloy A. Richards

The Merkel Badgers used a balanced offensive attack and a tight defense to earn a 32-13 win over the Anson Tigers here last week as the real fun starts tomorrow night in Clyde as the Badgers open district play.

The Badgers, behind the blocking of Tony Roberts, James McFadden, scored five touchdowns and four different players scored. Shayne Reagan, Ramon Moreno, Kenneth Jowers and Shayne Newberry each toted the ball across the goal line.

The Badgers showed early they were willing to pass the ball as the Badgers went deep on the opening play. The ball, slightly overthrown, was dropped but the Badgers served notice they would throw the ball deep on the Tiger defense.

The Badgers took a 12-6 lead in at halftime and moved the ball for a total of 260 yards in the second half to seal the win.

A large crowd estimated at 2,500 was on hand for the annual homecoming tilt as Angela Thomas, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gaston Thomas of Merkel, was named homecoming queen.

Badger head coach Dick Lepard told *The Mail* "Our kids performed well. Anson didn't employ the type of game plan we thought would as they ran a lot of sweeps using their quarterback. We took what their defense would allow us to do and we have proved what we wanted to in the pre-season. We played Sweetwater a good game and then beat two AA schools that are at least considered average. We still have a few things to learn

and we haven't peaked yet, but it's to early for that."

He added "They start counting this week at Clyde and they aren't as big as they have been in the past but they are a little quicker. They haven't faced the wishbone this year so they will be looking at something new. They also put in a new offense against Bangs last week but we feel like they will try to run inside against us."

Lepard said "They had a big win this week and beat a pretty good team in Bangs and I am sure that helped their spirit. Our kids are ready to play and have some confidence. We are starting to fulfill some goals we had set for ourselves and that was to field a good enough team to go to the playoffs."

Lepard complimented key fourth down pass receptions by Justin Amerine and Shayne Newberry.

Lepard said he expects the team to be a full-strength against Clyde as Douglas Taylor has just about kicked a recent sinus infection and Chris Reyna should be recovered from a leg injury.

The coach said "Our coaches have been preparing the team well each week and it is nice to have kids that are willing to learn and will perform on the field. We don't feel like we have to worry about the kids doing what we ask them to do. We haven't beat Clyde in a long time at the varsity level (at least eight seasons) but we aren't afraid to play anyone."

This week, the JV and freshman teams will host Clyde while the 7th and 8th grade teams travel to Clyde. All those games are on Thursday.



§ Badger running back Shayne Reagan turns the corner and heads up field against the Anson Tigers in last week's 32-13 Home-

coming win. The Badgers travel to Clyde Friday night to open district 5 AAA play.

Staff photo



§ Badger running back Ramon Moreno tries to pull away from Anson defenders in last week's 32-13 win over the Tigers. Moreno had one touchdown and has scored five this season.

Staff photo

School sets tax rate at \$1.07

The Merkel school board set the 1986 tax rate at \$1.07 at their regular monthly meeting held last week in the High School annex.

The rate is up 7 cents from last year but 32 cents under the \$1.39 effective tax rate the district could have charged.

The reason for the discrepancy in the two rates is the removal of Nu Corp Supply from MISD's tax rolls.

Board members also discussed the construction of four new classrooms at Tye Elementary school. One class is already past the mandated 22:1 student-teacher ratio and more classrooms are needed for special education there.

MISD maintenance director Hayden Reeves was asked to prepare cost estimates on the project.

City talks over water contract

The Merkel City Council held a brief, routine meeting at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service building Monday night.

Council discussed the newly proposed, 15 year water contract with the City of Abilene.

City manager J. A. Sadler, Tye Mayor Violet Law and Abilene officials met last week and discussed the proposed water contract.

The city manager and council have a few reservations with the wording of portions of the contract. Sadler told council he didn't think Merkel would be able to pass a water bond for the length of the contract (15 years) if the current wording was not changed. Once approved, the contract will increase the base charge of water from \$1 per 1,000 gallons to \$1.50.

Sadler told council he felt the meeting went smoothly and found the Abilene city officials cooperative.

Sessions new Assembly of God pastor

Reverend Richard Sessions is the new pastor at Merkel's Assembly of God Church.

He has a wife Brenda and a daughter Christie. The Assembly of God's services

Council was asked for, and gave permission to a request to purchase a copy machine for City Hall. Sadler said the proposed machine would save money because of plain paper copying.

Sadler also sought and received permission for city employees to shoot skunks late at night and early in the morning in the city limits.

A large number of skunks have been seen in town recently and they are the largest carrier of rabies. Sadler told council "I'd like for Cloy to put something in the paper so people would know what we were doing. I'd hate to have people scared when they hear a gunshot."

Council also asked Sadler to look into an ordinance concerning truck and other motor vehicle parking. Sadler said the ordinance would include all motor vehicles that either block vision at intersections and create any type of nuisance in a neighborhood.

start with Sunday School at 9:45 with worship services beginning at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Worship is also held on Wednesday evenings at 7. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

Football, photos, auction, meetings, more

by Cloy A. Richards

Homecoming drew the largest football crowd I have seen here in nine seasons and it was a pretty sight to see Badger Stadium filled. The only seats that were available on our side of the field were by the band and the railbirds and others standing near the concession stand could have easily filled those seats.

The Badgers put on quite a show as they scored five touchdowns, threw the ball 24 times and played aggressive defensively.

This week, the games start counting as the Badgers open district play and I am excited. During the last four seasons, we got to start with Breckenridge and Graham in a five team district and that made the going very rough. This year, it's an eight team district with only Ballinger looming as a major force.

The Badgers have proven themselves on the field this year in their first three games and would like nothing more than to continue that in the district race.

One thing that is encouraging so far this season is the Badgers ability to play all four quarters. The Badgers still have enough physical stamina in the fourth quarter to be effective and that makes life on the gridiron so much better. As Coach Lepard is fond of saying, that comes from weight lifting and off season preparation (coaching other than only ten Friday nights each fall).

Load up the kids, grandkids,

ma, pa, aunts uncles and cousins and make the 45 minute trip to Clyde Friday night. Kickoff is set for 8 p.m.

My prediction (I know you have waited for this a long time) Merkel 33- Clyde 22 and the reason is better defense, the ability of the Badgers to throw and catch the football coupled with hunger that seems to be evident on the part of the coaching staff and Badger players. If fans can match those attitudes, the Badgers will be hard to stop.

The Merkel school board discussed the possibility of building four new classrooms at Tye Elementary to take care of overcrowding at that facility last week.

An immediate need of two classrooms exist and board members, at their regular session last week, gave maintenance director Hayden Reeves the go-ahead to look in to the matter.

I am so embarrassed, again. My pictures at halftime of Merkel's Homecoming game were not of "usable quality" and I am sure it is something I did when I processed film this week.

Regardless, I couldn't obtain a photo of Homecoming Queen Angela Thomas, Coming home King Alvin Wozencraft or Coming Home Queen Louella Hughes. I should have my hands on some n for next week's edition.

You now have a place to get all types of baking done here as Melba Glasscock has re-opened her baking shop. She has an ad in the paper on the Classified page.

Jua Lee's, another new enterprise here is also offering tasty pastry, fried chicken and other home-made items.

We'd like to welcome both of the new enterprises here.

Ol John Starbuck is quite a Badger fan.

He had his truck all "Badgered" out in the Homecoming parade and now has a comparison chart for football results hanging in the front window of Starbuck Furniture. If the Badgers keep playing football the way they have so far this year, John will be just one of many Badger fans.

The Taylor County Senior Citizens Nutritional program, which provides lunch each Tuesday and Thursday at Heritage Hall, will be holding a benefit auction tonight (Thursday) starting at 6:30 p.m. at Heritage Hall.

Local Precinct 2 County Commissioner Don Dudley will auction off cakes, pies and miscellaneous items following the meal.

The group is trying to raise funds for home leal deliveries that are taken to senior citizens that are not able to attend the luncheons at Heritage Hall.

If you have never been by the place when lunch is being served, you are missing something. Lots

of folks take part in the meals and fellowship that goes along with the twice a week meetings and the program needs and deserves your support.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a financial planning seminar Oct. 9th at Heritage Hall.

The speaker will be former Merkel resident Rodney Coper with Merrill-Lynch financial planning services.

The seminar will be free of charge and reservations may be made by calling Marilyn Tittle at the Chamber office at 928-5722.

The Chamber has also planned the dates for its annual Christmas Fair Nov. 22 and 23rd. The event has been moved from Heritage Hall to the Merkel United Methodist Church Gym for more floor space.

Reservations are also available for the Christmas Fair and can be made by calling Marilyn Tittle at 928-5722.

Speaking of future events, the Merkel Elementary PTO Halloween Carnival will be held Oct 25th on the elementary school campus.



The Richard Sessions Family

Childers earns national honor

Horace Childers, Line Superintendent for Taylor Electric Cooperative, will be awarded the O.G. Anderson Award at the National Utility Training and Safety Education annual conference in San Antonio on September 22-25, 1986. The awards banquet will be held on September 24.

This award is presented annually to a supervisor with the rural electric cooperatives who has demonstrated significant achievements in line maintenance safety practices and/or training. The award is in honor of "Andy" Anderson who spent his entire working career in developing tools and working procedures for the electric utility industry. The recipient is chosen from a group of line superintendents from the host state for the conference. A special evaluation committee composed of managers, line superintendents and the Job Training and Safety staff from Texas A&M evaluated the nominees on seven weighed categories to determine the recipient. Mr. Childers was chosen as the man most qualified for the award.

Horace Childers, better known as "Chili" to his co-workers, has been with the Cooperative for over forty years. He has come up through the ranks, from lineman's helper to the position he now holds. His expertise in the rural electric system has helped the Cooperative through some difficult situations. Safety on the job has been one of his main concerns in teaching and training personnel for the Cooperative. The Cooperative had a major accident with a lineman in 1965. Mr. Childers received an award from the insurance company at that time for saving the life of the lineman after he had gotten into an electric line. "Chili" rescued him from the top of the pole and brought him down where he received medical treatment, then hospitalized for his injuries, and eventually was able to return to work.

"Chili" has worked many ice

storms during his years with Taylor Electric. He knows the dangers that accompany an ice storm, like working many hours in bad weather conditions and getting too fatigued to do a job safely. "Chili" stresses getting service restored as quickly as possible, but with safety first when working under hazardous conditions. He remembers his early days as a lineman's helper, then as a lineman working both construction and maintenance when the

Cooperative was just getting started. He has been through the many changes in the rural electric system. He has been a part of the growth of the Cooperative. He remembers "how it was in the early days", but he has kept up with the times and the changes throughout his career.

"Chili" and his wife, Mary, will attend the conference in San Antonio where he will receive the award. They are parents of two sons, Scotty and Chris.



Newsbriefs

Pack-Massey at show

Two students from the Merkel FFA participated in the Washington County Fair Heifer Show held in Brenham this past weekend. Bennett Massey placed 5th with his heifer in November-December of 1985 age class. Debbie Pack placed 6th with her August-September of 1985 heifer and 4th in the January-February of 1985 class. Debbie was also selected to compete in the Showmanship Class.

Golden club meets

An assortment of delicious casseroles, salads and desserts was in the offering for the Merkel Garden Clubbers luncheon meeting held September 18th at the home of Jewel Criswell. Leota Sherrell and Billie Hartley were gracious co-hostesses.

Following the meal, Leota Sherrell conducted the business meeting, at which time the new yearbooks were passed out and reviewed. The yearbook commit-

tee has done a fine job of scheduling varied and interested programs for the upcoming year.

Bessie Perry was introduced and welcomed as a new member. Other members present were: Robbie Wilson, Alice King, Estelle Humphrey, Lennie Fisher, Wynette Barkley, Georgia Allday, Billie Hartley, Inez Detrick, Leota Sherrell, Peggy Black, Muri Thompson, and Jewel Criswell.

Also attending, as a guest, was Thelma Stanley of Lubbock, Texas.

The next meeting will be at the home of Peggy Black on October 16th at 3:00 p.m.

Xi Nu Eta meets

Xi Nu Eta, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, held their Beginning Day with the Great Taco Tour in the home of Marilyn Tittle on August 24. Members and guests each brought something with a taco either on it or in it.

Those attending were: Monty

and Marilyn Tittle, Jana Nelson, Larry and Sondra Smith, Sherry Vinson and Zane Wright, Cathy Pack and Pat Warren, Randy and Danna Dunagin. Also attending were guests Weldon, Sally, Cody and Trina Tittle.

Trent Band Boosters

The Trent Band Boosters want to thank the community for their support during the Trent vs Rule football game. Due to their support, we raised a total of \$217. Thanks to Shannon Payne's German Chocolate cake \$144 was raised. Thanks to our homemade ice cream lovers a total of \$73 was raised. This money helped the "The Bold Gold" purchase two drum harnesses needed for marching competition on October 11 at Shotwell stadium. Miss Cooper and The Bold Gold says thanks.

Public

Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: DON DAVENPORT,
dba Don Davenport Operating Address Unknown Defendant,
Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 8th day of October 1986, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 350th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Amended Petition was filed in said court on the 9th day of July, 1985 and Supplemental Petition was filed on June 18, 1986, in this cause numbered 750-D on the docket of said court, and styled, SAFARI DRILLING CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs. DON DAVEN-

PORT dba Don Davenport Operating Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: SAFARI DRILLING CORPORATION are Plaintiffs and DON DAVENPORT dba Don Davenport Operating are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff delivered certain goods and services to the Defendant in accordance with the terms of a drilling contract entered into between the Plaintiff and Defendant. Defendant has failed and refused to pay for the goods and services furnished, and Plaintiff ask for judgment against the Defendant for the sum of \$59,632.31, for attorneys fees as cited in the petition, for pre-judgment interest as permitted by law, for an order of sale, for costs of suit, and for such other and further relief as Plaintiff may be entitled either by law or in equity, 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 process shall promptly execute the same

according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 22nd day of August A.D. 1986.

Attest:
Rilla Mahoney, Clerk,
350th District Court,
Taylor County, Texas.
By JoAnn Lackey
Deputy.
180-4tc-100

NOTICE FOR BIDS

September 25, 1986

Notice is hereby given that the City of Tye, Texas will receive bids in the office of the City Secretary, Tye Municipal Building, P.O. Box 145, 205 North St., Tye, Texas until 3:00 P.M. on the 3rd day of October 1986 for the following items:

Material and labor for the furnishing and installing of chain link fence for backstop, dug-outs and outfield fence for the Tye Rister Park Project funded by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept.

Specifications for the above may be obtained from the office of the Tye City Secretary, 205 North St., Tye, Texas. Additional information concerning the project may be obtained by calling 915 692-8588.

Usual rights reserved.
Jo Moore
City Secretary
City of Tye, Texas
182-1tc-35

NOTICE OF INTENDED TRANSFER

Notice is hereby given that on October 1, 1986, the entire assets of Abilene Physical Therapy and Sports Rehab Clinic, whose address is 5200 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene, Texas will be transferred to Abilene Physical Therapy and Sports Rehab Clinic, Inc., a Texas Corporation whose principal place of business is at 5200 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene, Texas which will become bound to pay the debts of the said Abilene Physical Therapy and Sports Rehab Clinic, and that the said Corporation will be solvent upon becoming so bound.

DATED September 23, 1986.

William R. Keeble
Owner
Abilene Physical Therapy and Sports Rehab Clinic

William R. Keeble
President
38-2tc-182

Area women invited to fall tea

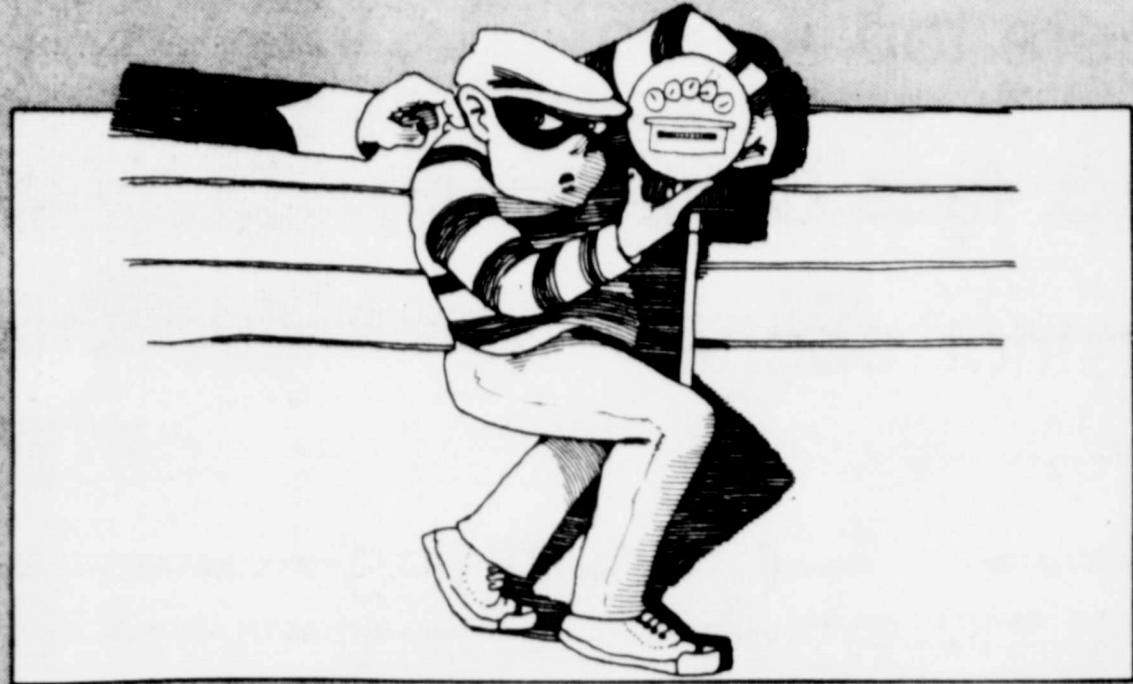
All ladies of the Merkel area are invited to the Annual Fall Tea of the First United Methodist Church on Sunday, September 28 at 2:00 p.m.

This is an Interreligious Concerns Program on "Joyful Faith". This year's speaker is Mary Hill. Congregational singing, special

music and prayer will round out the program.

A reception will follow in the fellowship hall. Come and bring a friend.

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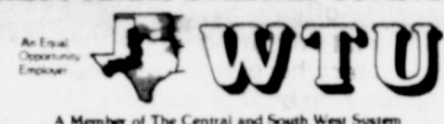
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§ Margaret Newby, a former resident recently met with the National Federation of First Lady Nancy Reagan. She was invited to the White House. She currently lives in Elgin. Complimentary photo



Mr & Mrs. James C. Barley

Barley's celebrate 50th

There will be a reception for Mr. and Mrs. James C. Barley of Tye Sunday, September 28th at the Tye Methodist Church. Their Anniversary. The reception will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and please no gifts.

Xi Nu Eta works Huey Lewis

Members of Xi Nu Eta worked the Huey Lewis Concert held in Abilene on September 18 as a Ways and Means Project. We had two concession stands. Members were allowed to go into the colliseum to get a quick peek at Huey Lewis. Those working were: Marilyn Tittle, Cathy Pack, Sherry Vinson, Danna Dunagin, Dee McCollum, Jana Nelson, Carol Portie, Sondra Smith, Larry Smith.

Fellowship follows Trent game Friday

There will be a "Fifth Quarter Fellowship" at the Baptist Church this Friday night after the Trent vs Ira football game. All Trent High School and Jr. High students are invited to come immediately after the game. This fellowship is sponsored by the Trent Churches, so ladies we need your help with the sandwiches, chips, dips, cookies. The fellowship hall will be open by 7:00 Friday evening.

MISD lunch menu

The Merkel School menu is as follows:

Monday September 29: burritos with cheese wedge, lettuce and tomato salad, spanish rice, blue berry cobbler.

Tuesday September 30: spaghetti, green beans, buttered corn, garlic bread, peaches and cream.

Wednesday October 1: fish nuggets, cole slaw, pork and beans, corn bread, pineapple jello.

Thursday October 2: beef tacos, pinto beans, shredded lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, brownies.

Friday October 3: bar-b-q pork, french fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onions, apple wedge.

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Obituaries

Robert James

Robert Ray James, 60, of Merkel died at 10:15 p.m. at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral services were held Sept. 21 at Merkel's First Baptist Church with Allan Cartrite and Wayne Keller, pastor, officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born March 4, 1936 in Noodie, he

was a World War II veteran having served in the United States Army. He had married Billie Bland in Abilene June 15, 1949.

He was a civil service employee for the past 20 years at Dyess Air Force Base.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Dennis of Taylor and Dana of Merkel; two daughters, Deb-a daughter Debroah Jones of Merkel and a brother Joe James of Alvin. He has also survived by six grandchildren.

The family has requested that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

a great grandson Terry Davis of Odessa great granddaughters Gaylene Kitchens of Fredricksburg, Andrea Davis of Abilene, Kayla Jimenez of Abilene, Kandell Wheeler of Abilene and a great-great-granddaughter Amanda Jimenez. She was preceded in death by a son, R. D. Hunter. Nephews served as pallbearers.

Henry Schultz

Henry E. Schultz, 87, of Tonopah, Nevada, died Sept. 17. Funeral services were held at Merkel's First Baptist Church with Dr. Don Greenway and Wayne Keller, pastor, officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 6, 1898 in Texas, he was a retired farmer/rancher and was a Baptist.

He is survived by three sons Harvey Earl Schultzt of Las Vegas, Dors Ray Schultz of Merkel and Leroy Schultz of Mineola; four daughters, Beulah Viola Hudson of Tonopah, Audrey Ruth Jackson of Tonopah, Dorothy Fay Warren of Las Vegas, Nev., and Marie Goode of Merkel; 22 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

Ina Hunter

Ina Mae Hunter, 83 of Odessa, died at Coronado Nursing Home in Abilene Sept. 19.

Funeral services were held at Merkel's First Baptist Church Sept. 21 with Wayne Keller, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born April 20th, 1903 in Taylor County, she had lived in the county most of her life. She married Roy Hunter Sept. 28 1955. He preceded her in death. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by a granddaughter Sara Wheeler of Abilene.

Howard Brown

had the idea

for Blair homecoming

Dear Editor:

As Howard Brown was talking to a group of friends in 1970 in front of Merkel Drug, a passerby stopped to ask if they were having a Blair reunion.

Howard said we should have one. In a few days, he was talking about a reunion.

It became a reality in 1976. Blair was only a part of Mulberry Canyon and they all joined together and a decision was made.

A meeting was called to organize a community affair. Not a school. Over 100 people from other states and all over Texas still come for the big event which includes all former and present residents, former school teachers and pastors are present.

Time is spent visiting and serving a covered dish luncheon. Howard has since passed away, however his family members still attend.

The younger generation are well prepared to continue.

We will be meeting the first Saturday in October at the Merkel Senior Citizens Building and we look forward to seeing you there.

Annie Walker

Trent lunch menu

The Trent School menu is as follows:

Monday September 29: Breakfast: juice, cereal, milk. Lunch: chicken patties, gravy, corn on the cob, salad, peach cobbler, rolls, milk or tea.

Tuesday September 30: Breakfast: juice, donuts, milk. Lunch: chicken fried steak, gravy, baked potatoes, buttered cabbage, spice cake, rolls, milk or tea.

Wednesday October 1: Breakfast: juice, blueberry muffins, milk. Lunch: barbeque hamburgers, mashed potatoes, fried okra, banana pudding, rolls, milk or tea.

Thursday October 2: Breakfast: juice, cinnamon rolls, milk. Lunch tuna fish sandwich, vegetable soup, potato chips, pear halves, milk or tea.

Friday October 3: Breakfast: juice, biscuits with sausage, jelly, milk. Lunch: corn dogs, pinto beans, pineapple chunks, cookies, milk or tea.

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Members of Merkel High's Class of 1936 met over the weekend for their 50th Homecoming. Attending were [front row from left] Opal Buzbee Malone and Janet Hayes [middle

row from left] Missi Spurgin, Pug Russell, Thelma Patterson Evans, Hattie Mae Diggins Watts, Alice Carey Walter, Ona Derrick Tubbs, Mable Mattox Higgins, Lou Ella Hughes [back row from left] Rex

Myers, Jack Stamford, R. T. Blair, La Verne Moore, John Leonard, Billy Woodrum, Alvin Wozencraft, H. H. Leonard, Frank Munday, Robert Higgins and Oscar Adcock.

In conjunction with Merkel Homecoming, a large group gathered to honor their 16 deceased classmates and enjoy the festivities. Visiting, picture taking and getting re-acquainted started early Friday morning, followed by a ride on a float in the parade and the football game.

Alvin Wozencraft and Lou Ella Hughes were crowned Coming Home King and Queen at half time of Merkel-Anson game. The reunion was closed with a brunch at the Kiva Inn on Saturday morning.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Adcock, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Walter (Alice Carey) all of Ft.

Worth, Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Blair, Lawton, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ottoman (Janet Hayes) Denton, Tx., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stanford, Odessa, Tx., Missi Spurgin, Midland, Tx., Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woodrum, Long Beach, Ca., Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Leonard, Los Angeles, Ca., Mr. and Mrs. John Leonard, Pagosa Springs, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Ray Evans (Thelma Patterson), San Angelo, Tx.

Also: Ora Derrick Tubbs, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Watts (Hattie Mae Diggins), Annie Fern Jones Berry, Frank Mundy, and Cline Satterwhite, all of Abilene.

Attending from Merkel were Eva Faye Bush Allamon, Lou Ella Hughes, Alice Russell Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malone (Opal

Buzbee), Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Morgan Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Higgins (Mabel Maddox).

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Class of 1936

Xi Nu Eta holds monthly meeting

Xi Nu Eta, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its monthly meeting September 16 in the home of Sherry Vinson.

Plans were made to work the concession stand at the Huey Lewis Concert. Danna Dunagin was selected as our Valentine Sweetheart. Our Cowboy was selected and will be announced at the Cowboy Dance on October 18.

Members and guests enjoyed an interesting program on Self Defense given by special guests, Chief of Police Bob Jones and Patrolman Steve McNalley.

Refreshments were served: Marilyn Tittle, Cathy Pack, Dee McCollum, Sherry Vinson, Danna Dunagin, Jana Nelson, Sondra Smith, and special guests, Pat Black, Bob Jones and Steve McNalley.

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Class of '66 celebrates 20th

The Class of 1966 celebrated its 20th Homecoming Reunion Saturday, September 20 with several activities.

The day started with a picnic at the Southside City Park. Members of the host class of '66 and their families enjoyed a morning of conversation and memories.

Classmates attending the picnic were: Linda Beasley, Honey Lee, Linda Cunningham, Patsy Owen, Minyon Seymore, Lucky Chapman Patti Shaw, Sherry Burton, Sue Buerk, D.A. Bishop, Wayne Thompson, Mike Walla, Steve Butman, Theda Hanshaw, Bruce Allamon, Janie Maxwell, Bill Munden, and Jacque Bibb.

Saturday night, members of the class held its 20 year reunion with a party at the Ramada Inn in Abilene. Classmates shared 60's music, snapshots, and conversation about the events of the past twenty years.

Honey Lee presented each

classmate with a book of memories about the class of '66.

George McDonald was the emcee and class gifts were presented. The class voted to meet again for the 25th Homecoming.

Twenty-one members of the class attended and thirteen of these attended Merkel schools as classmates from the first through 12th grade.

Attending the reunion from Merkel were: Linda Beasley, Minyon Seymore, Sherry Burton, George McDonald, D.A. Bishop, Steve Butman, Jimmy Davis, Bruce Allamon, and Marijon Oustad. Out of town guests were Linda Cunningham, Kingswood, Tx., Honey Lee, Ft. Worth, Patsy Owen, Iredell, Texas, Lucky Chapman, Arlington, Tx., Patti Shaw, Abilene, Sue Buerk, Ft. Worth, Youlinda Hester, Ft. Worth, Wayne Thompson, Ft. Worth, Mike Walla, Colorado City, Judy Eiland Abilene, Theda Hanshaw, Sweetwater, Jacque Bibb, Garland, Texas.

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Beta Sigma Phi kickoff tea held

Beta Sigma Phi held its Kick-Off Tea in Abilene on September 21 in the home of Barbara Cummings.

Scrapbooks and yearbooks were brought and displayed for mem-

bers and guests of all chapters to view and enjoy.

Members attending from Xi Nu Eta were: Marilyn Tittle, Danna Dunagin, Cathy Pack, Dee McCollum, Jana Nelson and Sondra Smith.

Lindsey's honored on 40th anniversary

The children of V.H. and Mary Lindsey of Merkel hosted a luncheon for 40 years of marriage Sunday at their home at 602 El Paso. They were married September 9, 1946 by Rev. Ray Price at the Baptist Church in Tahoka, Texas.

V.H. is the son of the late H.T. and Minnie Lindsey of Tahoka and formerly of Putnam, Tx. Mary is the daughter of the late Hugh and Laura Pippin of Post and formerly of Buffalo Gap.

Both are retired, V.H. from the

Texas Highway Dept. and Mary from the Abilene State School.

After raising 13 children, they are enjoying fishing and going to flea markets and car shows. They are blessed with 37 grandchildren and a host of friends. Their daughters are Karen Weaver of Hamlin, Alice McGuire of Barnhart, Laura of Trent, Betty Bowen and Judy Gibson of Merkel, Cindy Rogers of Clyde. Their sons are: Tommy and Joe of Longworth, H.T. of Eula, Vernon and Frank of Trent, J.D. and David of Merkel.

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Survey says most Texans are buckling up

Texans, who were buckling up at the rate of 10 percent to 15 percent before the safety belt law, have earned the national spotlight by buckling up in record numbers and staying buckled up since the new law went into effect last September, according to George R. Gustafson, Texas Safety Association president and spokesperson for the Texas Coalition for Safety Belts.

Observations in 14 Texas cities show that 66 percent of drivers of passenger cars and light pickup trucks are buckling up, he said.

"So far we are avoiding the national tendency of usage rates falling after the first initial public awareness of a new safety belt law," he said. Twenty six states plus the District of Columbia have

enacted safety belt mandatory use laws.

Dallas and Houston had the highest safety belt usage rates of drivers in 19 cities across the nation observed in a study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) January through June, 1986.

In the NHTSA study, Dallas was number 1, with 70.9 percent usage, and Houston was second with 70.1 percent. In third place was San Francisco with 52.6 percent.

An observational study of 14 Texas cities done by Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) of Texas A&M University in cooperation with the State Department of Highways & Public Transportation showed the same high

range of usage in Dallas and Houston.

The TTI study showed high usage for other Texas cities which were not in the national survey, some even higher than Dallas and Houston. Corpus Christi was the highest with 77 percent and Austin was next with 75 percent.

Observations for the TTI study were done in the same time frame as the NHTSA work, January through June, 1986. Penalties under the Texas Law began December 1, 1985.

The TTI study also showed that equal proportions of drivers in passenger cars and light pickup trucks were wearing safety belts. Before the law, usage in pickup trucks was lower than usage in passenger cars, according to

the TTI work.

The TTI study showed an overall usage rate in the 14 cities of 66 percent for drivers, 56 percent for front seat passengers, and 65 percent for the combined driver-passenger category (42,000 drivers observed).

Driver usage in the 14 cities were Amarillo, 65 percent; Austin, 75 percent; Beaumont, 60 percent; Brownsville, 63 percent; Bryan College Station, 70 percent; Corpus Christi 77 percent; Dallas 71 percent; Fort Worth 63 percent; El Paso 64 percent; Houston 69 percent; Lubbock 63 percent; San Antonio 60 percent; Tyler 67 percent and Waco 57 percent.

We in the Texas coalition believe that the positive and vigorous enforcement carried out

by our local, county, and state law enforcement officials accounts for a lot of the Texas success story," Gustafson said.

"The work of private and public sector groups doing local and statewide safety belt awareness programs is also a crucial contributing factor to these good statistics," Gustafson said.

"Of course, the most important benefit of these high usage rates is the decrease in fatalities in seating positions covered by the law. Department of Public Safety data show that front seat fatalities in passenger cars and light trucks

fell about 13 percent during the first nine months under the new mandatory safety belt law in Texas," he said.

In Texas there were 217 fewer deaths in September, 1985 through May, 1986 (1,407), compared to September, 1984, through May 1985 (1,624), relative to those positions covered by the law (department of Public Safety, 1985 final data and 1986 preliminary data).

"The only way to make that good news better is for more and more people to buckle up," Gustafson said.

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Benefit auction set tonight

This Thursday night the 25th at 6:00 there will be a benefit supper at Heritage Hall in Merkel. The supper will be hot stew, red beans and corn bread, and proceeds will go towards the Home Delivery

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Domestic troubles

about

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There was a domestic dispute in area the other day. Things sort of got out of control.

He went for his gun and she started running for shelter. The closest place was an elementary school.

Even as she was being wheeled past the merry-go-round and see-saws to the ambulance, observers were criticizing her for endangering the lives of small children.

The woman probably figured if she ran into the school her husband would come to his senses.

She was wrong. The man chased her into the building, shot her in the shoulder, then went back to the house and turned the gun on himself. Three shots to the chest would end his misery and drive home his final point.

But he was wrong, too.

After a couple of days on the critical list, he has now been upgraded to stable, the same as his wife.

Police say the wife is refusing to press charges, and it makes you wonder about a possible reconciliation. It's happened before under similar circumstances.

I know a woman with an explosive disposition who got angry at her boy friend for making fun of her driving one night.

She buried a knife two inches deep in his abdomen.

He didn't press charges, either. After he got out of the hospital, he just laid on her living room couch and made her feel guilty until he felt well enough to go back to work.

A few weeks later they got married, and recently they celebrated their first wedding anniversary.

He does seem to have a better idea now about when to back off.

Everyone doesn't feel compelled to resort to gunfire in order to settle things, of course. It only seems that way.

I used to have a friend whose wife emptied the cupboard periodically. Some of the dishes went straight to the floor. The ones that sailed better, like the plates, were sent spinning in the direction of his head. He only made things worse by ducking instead of allowing himself to be decapitated.

That marriage would be in about its 30th year right now.

I knew another fella who pointed his finger at his wife at the height of an argument and said, "That is it! We are through!" He then marched out the back door and down the back alley with as much dignity as is possible for a man in his bare feet.

He credits the glass, rocks and stickers with providing the stimuli that brought him back for another try. "It wasn't easy walking back up to the door and asking for my shoes, though," he told me.

The most comforting thing about domestic disputes is that after a while you have them memorized. Each person makes a speech to himself, or herself, trying to put as much conviction into it as an actor in the middle of his 358th Broadway performance.

The last time my wife and I disagreed over something, she walked to the bedroom and slammed the door.

We both got busy, but there was an unspoken agreement. We would definitely get back to this argument as soon as time permitted.

That evening I found her lying in bed on her back with a book around her neck and a lamp shining in her face. She woke up immediately and told me the book wasn't very good.

I had recommended the book. By this time I couldn't remember what the argument was about and neither could she.

As best I could recall, though, it was my turn to apologize, she having done the same the last time we had an argument and forgot what the issues were.

The apology was accepted and no blood was shed. A dull mind can be a precious thing at times.

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Trent Beauty pageant planned

The 2nd Annual Homecoming Beauty Pageant is getting underway. The pageant will be held Saturday the 18th, in the High School Gym at 6:00 p.m. Pageant coordinator, Cheri Patterson, said "last years pageant was a great success and alot of fun. Everyone enjoyed seeing everyone else's children and grandchildren. The divisions are preschool, boys and girls grade school, boys and girls jr. high and high school girls.

The entry fee is \$5.00 for one, \$7.70 for two and \$10.00 for three. That way the families with more children won't have to be out so much. Children can dress in anything cute or fun. Last year a lot of the little boys dressed

western, with hats and bandanas, and they were really cute," stated Miss Patterson, "and this year, some of the moms are talking about letting the pre-school girls wear swim suits." Just what ever they enjoy and have that is fun to wear, its all mostly for the fun and visiting. However the high school and Jr. High girls do wear formals.

The only stipulation is that they are a Trent student, or related to a Trent Ex., so grandma, mom, sister or aunt, let us know if you want your cutie in the show and let your friends see you little beauty. For more information please contact Cheri Patterson in Trent at 862-6328. Trophies will be awarded, and there will be a 50 cent admission at the door.

Xi Nu Eta works at fair

Xi Nu Eta, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, worked at the West Texas Fair and Rodeo as a Ways and Means project. Members and friends worked a concession stand inside the coliseum during the rodeo. The Abilene members worked 3 nights and the Merkel

members worked 3 nights. Those working were Richard and Carolyn Shelburn, Larry and Sondra Smith, Don and Dee McCollum, Sherry Vinson and Zane Wright, Cathy Pack and Pat Warren, Jana Nelson, Danna Dunagin, Marilyn Tittle, Janie Rich.

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