

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, October 30th, 1986 . . . Merkel, Texas

Our 98th Year

Board hears audit report, names 50 teachers to career ladder

The Merkel School Board was presented the annual audit report, heard a report comparing gasoline to diesel powered busses and started a new bus route at their regular session held last Tuesday at the Merkel High Annex.

Board members also approved a list of 50 MISD teachers eligible for career ladder bonus payments.

Condley and Company, MISD's Certified Public Accounting firm presented the annual audit report to board members. The audit found no weaknesses in the accounting procedures used by MISD. A synopsis of the funds spent and earned appear in a paid ad in this week's Mail.

The report did disclose that MISD is owed \$683,757 in past due taxes. In the last four tax years alone, MISD has not received \$270,163 in 1983; \$103,543 in 1984; \$124,770 in 1985 and \$148,058 in 1986.

In other action, board members learned:

It costs about \$90 per month less to operate a gasoline powered school bus compared to diesel power. MISD maintenance director Leon Harris ran a one month study and made his findings known to the board.

Board members approved a new school bus route to Quail Country, North of Tye. The new

route is 60.4 miles long each day.

Merkel High withdrew from the Southern Association of Public Schools. MHS had previously been a member because of accreditation through that organization and MISD superintendent Bill Everett told *The Mail* Monday "We dropped membership because they weren't doing us any good."

The board also decided to file a request to the Texas Education Agency for a waiver on classroom size at Tye Elementary. Construction started Monday on a portable classroom at Tye and should be completed before the end of November. The board will also construct a new permanent struc-

ture at Tye for additional classroom space.

That building will cost between \$145,000 and \$150,000 and will include 5,824 square feet.

Approved career ladder applications from 50 teachers. Teachers on that list include: (Merkel High) Gayle Baker, Darlene Cummings, Robbie Hicks, Adrian Hood, Dick Lepard, J. T. Naron, Pat Neff, Billy Riley, Joan Walker, Lisa Walker, Bill Woods and Skip Townsend (Middle School) Lendon Bauer, Donna Bryan, Pam Carson, Cherry Curry, Donna Dunn, Kenneth Elliott, Teresa Lambeth, Sally Odenwald, Karen Riley and Shirley Williamson (Merkel Elementary) Lillie Braune, Dayna Henderson, Carolyn Kelso, Jane Roberts, Barbara Sandusky, Ida Seymore, Laura Stegmoller, LeAnn Tarpoley, Peggy Valentine, Delbert Dearing, Kay Dearing, Dana Dozier, Patricia Sims, Jan Whisenhunt, Darlene Watson, Jeanie West and Jane Wade.

(Tye Elementary) Paula Deen, Fredalyn Everett, Pattie Greer, Karla Lepard, Gloria Hoover, Shirley Newland, Birdie Page, Yvonne Sloan, Margaret Sims, Yvonne Sloan, Deborah Utley and Kathy Banks.



Badger defensive lineman Tim Harris [62] hits the turf after the as they travel for an 8 p.m. kickoff Friday's 26-0 loss to the Bearcats.

Staff photo

Council tables insurance bids

The Merkel City Council met Monday night and tabled a bid for liability and fleet insurance for the city. Councilmen also gave approval for the purchase of a used car for a police car.

Council held their regular meeting at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service Building.

Also, council learned that a Tuesday meeting with City of Abilene officials had been can-

celled. The meeting was to iron out differences with the proposed new water contract with the City of Abilene. City manager J. A. Sadler was told Abilene's lawyers were re-wording some of the proposed contract.

Council members received a bid on the city's liability, vehicle and property insurance for the coming year. The bid on liability coverage was \$11,354 and the fleet policy

total was \$11,229. Last year's liability cost the city about \$9,000. City councilmen decided to delay action until additional bids can be reviewed.

Councilmen gave their approval for Merkel Police Chief Bob Jones to select a car for a new patrol car. Bids were received from Palmer Pontiac and Max Murrell Chevrolet, both of Merkel. Council decided to leave the choice to Chief Jones.

State approves local rehabilitation

Governor Mark White informed the City of Merkel Tuesday the application for state funds for housing rehabilitation has been approved.

Thirty homes here will be made more energy efficient through the project and the project will take in eligible homes throughout the city.

Merkel's city management has not yet received application procedures and they will be made public when they become available.

Musical planned to benefit local youth

A country & western musical is set Saturday night to benefit a local youth with leukemia.

David Benson is in Houston at a cancer research hospital and donations will be welcomed.

The musical will start at 7 p.m.

and all area musicians are invited. It will be held at the Old Lions Club Building.

Trent runs record to 5-1-1 with 53-20 romp over Blackwell

The Trent Gorillas rolled to a 53 to 20 victory over the Blackwell Hornets last Saturday night at Blackwell's homecoming. Senior running back and middle line-backer Chris Simpson led the Gorilla charge by rushing for 4 touchdowns, passing for two more and grabbing 2 interceptions. The 190 pounder hammered out 86 yards on 15 carries averaging 5.7 yards per carry. While Simpson was scoring T.D.s, his partner in the backfield, Lewis Knapp, was running up and down the field chalking up 290 yards on 34 carries for an average of 8.5 yards per carry. Knapp, a sophomore,

also scored a T.D. Brian Massey, a junior end, hauled in one of Simpson's passes for the T.D. Senior center Sam Jones, was also on the receiving end of one of Simpson's passes for another T.D. Freshman running back Keith Oden put the final touchdown on the board while Freshman Lee Hunt kicked 4 extra points and Mike Payne added another extra point by catching a pass from Hunt on a fake kick.

The Gorilla defense played stingy football in the first half, allowing the Hornets only 8 points.

Head Coach John Grimland was pleased by the play of his team.

but said he was concerned about the upcoming game with the Jayton Jaybirds, ranked No. 1 in the state. The Jaybirds are unbeaten since they joined sixman football two years ago and should prove to be the biggest challenge for Trent this year. Although it is expected to be a tough game for the Gorillas, seniors Chris Simpson, Sam Jones, and Billy Fee, said they are looking forward to the game. They know the explosiveness of the quick Jayton team and all agreed that the key for the Gorillas to shut down the Jaybirds would be for Trent to execute and not make any mistakes. Trent will host the Jaybirds this Friday night at 7:30.

Crazy Days parade is Saturday, Badgers, elections . . . more

by Cloy A. Richards

The wild and crazy Crazy Days parade will be held Saturday starting at 2:30.

As you know, almost anything goes and trophies will be awarded in human and animal divisions. Martha Sue Justice has all the details on the parade.

Don't be surprised if you walk into a local business Friday and the store keeper or employees look a little strange. Merchants are being encouraged to dress crazily Friday and Saturday.

The Merkel PTO Halloween Carnival went well last Saturday. The annual event is a major fund raiser for that organization.

Watch out for little ghosts and pumpkins on the street Friday for All

Hallows Eve. If you want a great excuse not to answer your door Friday night for trick-or-treaters, take the drive to Brady and watch the Badger football game. It's just a suggestion.

If you do stay in town Friday night, please be careful in your car. Lots of little Merkelites will be out collecting their annual candy lode and area dentists couldn't be happier.

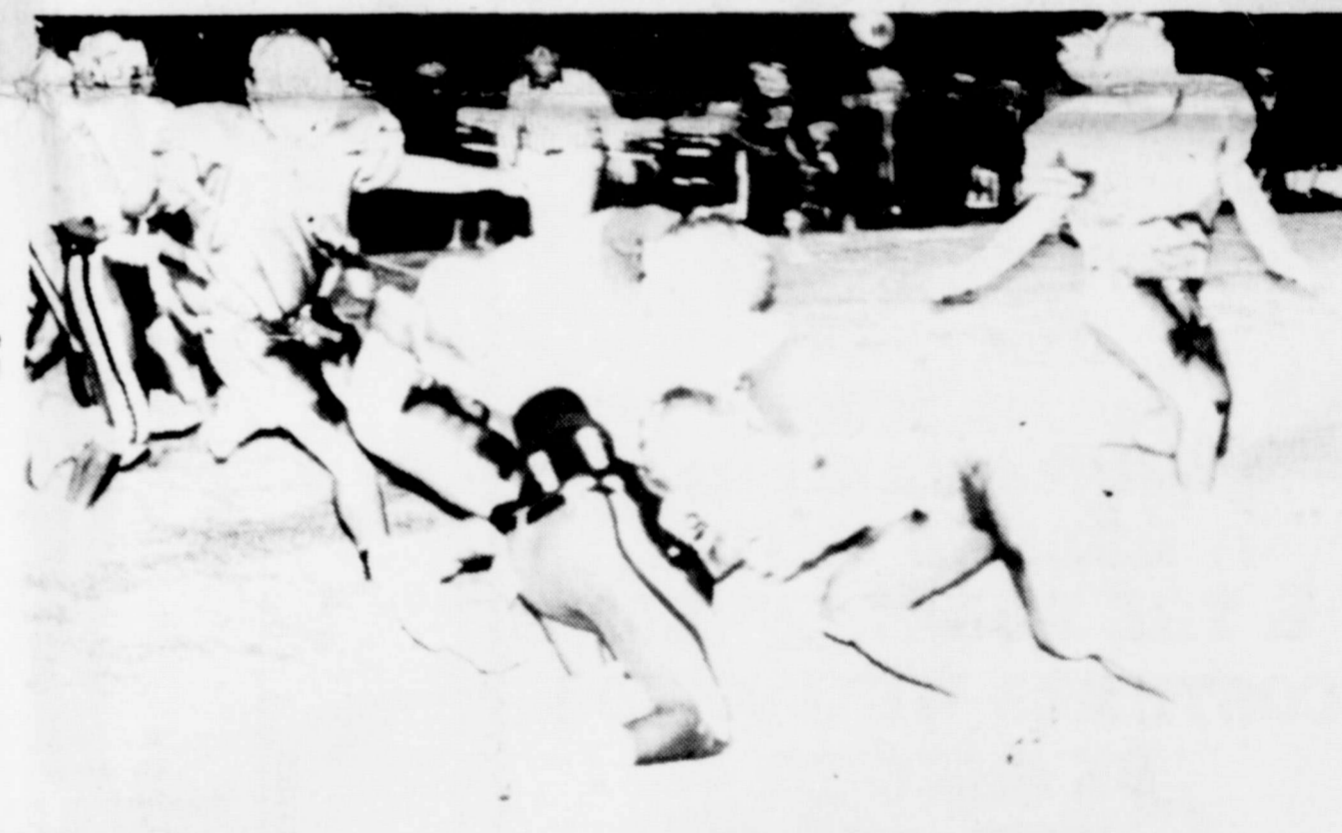
The Badgers played Ballinger pretty well last Friday night, didn't they?

Reading the score, it didn't look like it was a pretty good game. Merkel has faced two fine football teams and have not been embarrassed. If the Badgers can manage a win Friday against Brady and then take Coahoma in the season finale, their record will be 6-4 on

the season and 4-3 in district play. This is my ninth football season here and I haven't seen a 5-5 team or more than 1 district win in a season. That's quite an improvement in anybody's book.

Get ready for the media blitz during the next week as Tuesday general elections will be held throughout the state.

The largest clamour is coming from the governor's race. More than a couple of people have told me they don't know how they will vote and that indicates, to me anyway, a strong leader has not emerged from either party. The statewide race ought to be close. Do your part next Tuesday and vote.



The Badger defense swarms a Ballinger runner in last week's 26-0 loss to the state-ranked 4-4 on the year and own a 2-3 Bearcats. The Badgers are now district record.

Staff photo

Badgers face Brady Friday

The Merkel Badgers played the Ballinger Bearcats evenly statistically but lost a 26-0 decision to the 3rd ranked Bearcats. The loss places the Badgers season record at 4-4 and 2-3 in the district race. Ballinger is now 7-0 and 4-0 in the district.

Defensively, Tim Harris, Douglass Taylor and Eddie Proctor had good efforts according to game films and offensive lineman had what line coach Luke Taylor called "an almost perfect game." He scored a 91 out of 100 on game films.

The Badgers held Ballinger to a 6-0 score until 9 second remained in the first half and Ballinger scored from 29 yards out. Ballinger added two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to secure the win.

Assistant coach Luke Taylor told *The Mail* Monday "We beat them statistically and I think our kids have played better each game and we are looking forward to the next two games."

The Badgers committed five turnovers during the contest but head coach Dick Lepard said turnovers were not the cause of the loss. He said "Ballinger is ranked third in the state and they have a good football team."

This week, the Badgers take on Brady at Brady at 8 p.m.

Halloween night. Brady is 6-2 on the year and 4-1 in district play. Brady has Merkel and Ballinger remaining on the schedule and are fighting for the second playoff position against Clyde. Brady has changed offenses since a season ending injury to their starting quarterback and also lost their starting wide receiver. Lepard said he expects Brady to use the Wing T of Split back offensive set and the 27 defensive scheme.

The players will be riding on a chartered bus because of the distance to Brady (about 100 miles).

Lepard said "The kids and our

school are starting to earn some respect and this is the first step in accomplishing goals we set for the season. We win the next two games and we have a 6-4 record and that will help start off next year on the right foot."

Lepard also added If the kids go out and play like they have the last few weeks, we will be all right. Brady has a good team, that's why they are 6-2."

In other games this week, the Badger 7th and 8th grade will travel to Clyde for a 5:30 kickoff and the JV and B teams have been combined and will host Clyde at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Fund started for leukemia patient

David Benson, 8th grader in Merkel, son of Karen Benson, is in M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. David has been in remission from Leukemia for 5 years, but has had a bad setback.

His grandparents are Joyce and

Carl Cain, formerly of Merkel, now at Winters. Loyd Smith, grandfather, is in Colorado City.

A fund has been set up for David at Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Merkel.

Donations to David will also be accepted at area merchants.

Middle school yearbooks on sale

Middle School yearbooks will be on sale from November 3 thru

November 7. The cost is \$9.00. Students may give their money to Teresa Lambeth or Pam Carson.

Merkel High honor roll for 1st six weeks

The following is the A Honor Roll for the first six weeks at Merkel High:

Michael Adkins, Mark Aldrete, Eric Ascencio, Stephanie Ashorn, Laura Baker, Michelle Barnett, Dayna Bentley, Walter Best, Tracy Bicknell, Chris Biera, David Biera, Angie Boggs, Michelle Brandon, Susan Brandon, Dianna Brown, Sandra Bynum, Lee Cain, Lisa Cannon, Mi Hwa Chon, Son Mi Chon, Dewayne Clark, Doyle Clary.

Also, Kyle Coker, Michelle Davis, Russell Doan, Lisa Donaldson, April Duncan, Toby Dupont, Kristy Elliott, Amy Ferguson, Staci Ferguson, Michael Gandy, Michelle Goodjohn, Shelly Gray, Susan Hammond, Lynnca Hays, Caren Hendrix, Candice Henslee, Clara Herrera, Jeff Hobbs, Abby Irvin, Tami Isreal, Stephen Jacobs.

Also, Stacie Johnson, Anissa Jones, Debbie Keller, Julie Lee, Lee Leverich, Robert McFadden, nie McMillon, Shawn Melissa Messick, Sheri Miller, David Miller, Phoebe Mills, Ramon Melissa Morris.

Also, Linda Munden, Pam Shaye Newberry, Stacey Debbie Pack, Brad Pierson, Shane Pietsch, Laurinda Chris Reyna, Billy Riley, Tony Roberts, Glyn Ann Robert Sanders, Danny Ted Seymore, Lu Amy Penny Smith, Todd Steadman, Tracy Taylor, Renea Thomas, Krista Toombs, Wade Tran, Misty Vaughn, Fondale Watson, Kim Welding, Steve Williams and Michael Woodall.

The A-B honor roll includes: Bridget Acuna, Justin Doug Bauer, Steven Bauer, Steven Biera, Sandra Black, Sabrina Boswell, Chris Brown, Angela Cannon, Kevin Cannon, Angela Carson, Brad Cochran, Glen Robert Davidson, Michael Davis, Shelle Doan, John

Dudley, Michelle Dudley, Robynn Dudley, Toby DuPont, Jason Duran, David Dutton, Mike Farthing, Jennifer Gaona, Tricia Garrett, Billy Hair, Richa Hill. Also, Henry Howk, Tina Allan Isom, Lance Jones, Jeremy Judge, Kristen Kennedy, Carolyn Lally, John David Layher, Larry Lee, Jon Mack, Jonnie Martin,

Harris is 3rd in state FFA competition

Melissa Harris, a local F.F.A. member, has received a third place Proficiency Award from the Texas Future Farmers of America. At the 1985-86 local F.F.A. District Banquet, she received the District Henslee, Jeff and Area IV Proficiency Award. Melissa's application went on to State where it placed third out of ten other applications from ten other areas. According to Mr. Naron, she is the highest ranked ever received by a Merkel student. Melissa's award winning project was growing wheat and haygrazer.

Melissa says she would never have received the award without the help and encouragement of her parents, Robert and Connie Harris, her grandparents, Joe and Pat McCarthy and Pug and Leo Harris, and her ag teachers, Mr. Riley and Mr. Naron.

Xi Nu Chi meets

Xi Nu Chi met on Tuesday, October 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Minyon Seymore. Committee reports were given and Donna Lang's letter of request for a leave of absence was accepted with regrets. Donna Bryan was elected new City Council Representative with Sandra Wurst being appointed new Publicity chairman to replace Donna Lang.

Donna Bryan presented a program reviewing the meaning and purpose of Beta Sigma Phi. Hostess Minyon Seymore served refreshments of homemade soup man, Robert Davidson, Michael cornbread and cobbler to the other members.

Jamie McClintock, Dusty McLeod, Grace Molina, Tammy Molina, Dusty Moore, Keith Menden. Also, Scottie Myers, Mandy Pack, Gary Palmer, Rhonda Payne, Kevin Pilgrim, Brit Pursley, David Ray, Anja Reyna, Christy Reynolds, Kim Richards, Gaylynn Richardson. Also, Amy Schmidt, Karen

Sharpe, Mitzi Shelton, Chris Shugart, Gayle Shugart, Ed Silvia, Mille Sorrels, Deann Stevens, David Thomas, Chip Townsend, Cassie Townsend, Michelle Vera Cruz, Kayce Ward, Veronica Washington, Billy Webb, Leota Wheeler, Tommy White, Twyla Wilburn, Judy Williams, Marie Wiloth and Jerry Workman.



Melissa and her grandfather, Joe McCarthy, run the M & H Farms near Merkel. Melissa plans to continue representing the Merkel F.F.A. to the best of her ability. Melissa is 16 years old and a junior at Merkel High School. A member of M.H.S. band. She is currently co-captain of MHS Flag Corp. Melissa has been active in FFA showing for the past 8 years. Currently she has on feed, 6 lambs, 3 sows, and 10 barrows. Ms. Harris plans on attending Tarleton State University with a major in Veterinary Medicine.

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published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under title 12, United States Code, Section 161.

Charter Number 7481 Comptroller of the Currency Southwestern District

Statement of Resources and Liabilities

	Thousands of dollars
ASSETS	
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	908
Interest-bearing balances	5,700
Securities	7,118
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	900
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	8,084
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	109
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	-0-
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	7,975
Assets held in trading accounts	-0-
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	177
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	521
Total assets	23,299
LIABILITIES	
Deposits:	
In domestic offices:	
Noninterest-bearing	6,117
Interest-bearing	14,465
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	109
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	426
Total liabilities	21,117
Limited-life preferred stock	-0-
EQUITY CAPITAL	
Perpetual preferred stock	-0-
Common stock	375
Surplus	375
Undivided profits and capital reserves	1,432
Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	-0-
Total equity capital	2,182
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital	23,299

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.

Don W. Hensley
 [Signature]
 [Signature]
 Directors

Betty Jane Tittle
 Name
 Vice-Pres.-Cashier
 Title

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 October 16, 1986
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5th grade Halloween poems

These Halloween Poems were submitted by Mrs. Roberts' Fifth Grade Reading Class:

One dark, eerie Halloween night
An ugly witch was a scary sight
Her broom was zooming so very fast

The ghosts and goblins knew she couldn't last.
The vampire rose up from his grave
To see who could dare to be so brave.

But the night was scary and so black
The skeleton and the werewolf went back.
Back to the grave so very deep
They didn't know it was trick or treat.

by Shellie Boggs
Halloween

On a scary Halloween night
I came upon an eerie sight
A witch was carrying a vampire
on her broom
Across the sky, they flew past
the moon

They landed at a haunted house
And there to meet them was a goblin
and a mouse
"Let's go trick or treating,"
said the witch
And off they went without a hitch.

by Cody Carson
Halloween

Halloween at midnight a witch
on her broom
Will ride around the moon
And beware of the vampire on
this dark night
On Halloween he bites.

by Donnie Gray
Halloween

Do you know what is this night?
That's right, it's Halloween
night.

It's a beautiful sight.
Out come witches, ghosts, goblins,
vampires and werewolves too
They all come out to haunt you
That's right, They roam the
whole night.
It's such a scary sight.
They all come on an eerie eve,
then leave at midnight.

by Eric Mullikin
October Thirty-First
Tonight is October thirty-first.
The vampires have a great big
thirst
The goblins come out tonight
They are a scary sight

The ghosts are all so mean
It's Halloween.
by Ronnie Halsei
Halloween
It was dark and scary on a
Halloween midnight
The ghost and vampire were
such an eerie fright
The old ugly witch flew high
above
Of the costume with the magic
glove
Her broom swept all the rooms
of the haunted house
On this October thirty-first eve
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by Michael Buckner

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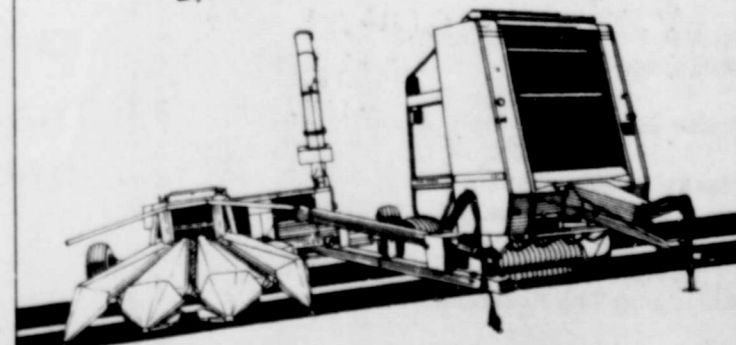
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The P.S. says, "I think he would enjoy talking to you."

He would enjoy talking to me? Is he, He, or is he Dale Hinshaw? Has Hinshaw previously died, and is he now living in heaven? Or were these God's words telling me to either meet Him in heaven for coffee, or to go see His agent Hinshaw?

The postmark isn't much help. It doesn't say "Heaven," but it doesn't say Brady, Texas, either. What is does say is Abilene, Texas. But this only adds to the mystery.

Are we to assume God sent it to Abilene to be relayed to Buffalo Gap, U.S.A. (12 miles South), or that He sent it to Hinshaw who drove to the Abilene post office to mail the letter instead of dropping it in a box in Brady?

Then again, was Hinshaw only kidding about living in heaven? Or is he a ghost, or an angel who was actually sent from Heaven?

Possibly there is a town called Heaven I've never heard about. It is also possible, though not probable, that Hinshaw had a few too many snorts and thought he was in heaven, when he was in Brady, or Abilene, or Heaven, Oklahoma, or Texas, or wherever.

Then again, I'm probably being too literal. Hinshaw seems like a decent fella. Either God recommended him to me, or he recommended me to God. In either case, it speaks well of the man.

For some reason, I've received hundreds of letters similar to this one through the years. Some were comforting, others disturbing. A few have been signed by, "The Lord." Or "God Almighty." Or "Your Creator." Or "Your Father in Heaven."

Some just weren't very positive. There were prognostications that I was "Knock, Knock, Knocking on Hell's Door."

One lady not only predicted I was going to hell but promised she would be upstairs looking down on me and laughing.

Another woman sent me a booklet with a picture of the devil on the front. He had horns protruding from his forehead. He had a pointed tail, carried a pitchfork and had the kind of eyes your mother always told you to run from.

Art Lawler



Occasionally I've been foolish enough to spar with these people. It always resembled a shootout in Dodge City. I was the guy wearing the black hat and sporting a pistol full of faulty information.

My weapons, I was told, were discovered while walking down paths. The wrong path, the wayward path, the path of destruction, the path of hopelessness, the path of passion, etc., etc.

On the other end of Dodge there was always a tall, right-thinking person wearing a white hat that looked a lot like Matt Dillon's. He usually packed a white King James in his holster and my trendy "Good News for Modern Man" never stood a chance.

Being the sporting type, he would wait until I made the first move.

"It is not necessarily evil to read Huckleberry Finn." I'd fire.

The right-thinking person would then

blast me for God, using "Thou shalt not" cartridges.

Naturally, I never won one of those shootouts and I'm tempted to retire from the ring in one piece. You can't get any closer than heaven's door in this life, can you?

Besides, as Willard Scott, the weatherman on the "Today Show," once noted, "When you're on the backside of 40, you're too old to box with God."

Or His agents.

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Anyone wishing to address this columnist should write P. O. Box 432, Buffalo Gap, Texas, 79508.

Melton celebrates 89th birthday

Clarence Melton celebrated his 89th birthday in his home with family and friends. Cake and coffee were enjoyed by the following: Ms. Jackie Page, a daughter from Huntington Beach, Ca., a son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Melton, of Anson, a daughter, Ms. Margie Land of Merkel, a granddaughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Brunzell, Nate and Julie from Santa Fe, N.M., a brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Melton of Andrews, a brother and his wife of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton.

The following friends visited during the evening: From Merkel: Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Suber, Ms. Annie Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Conner, Ms. Earl Palmer, a niece; From Tye: Ms. Gladys Watson, Ms. Pearl McCartney, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Casper, Mr. Lee Hassey, Ms. Virginia Potts, Ms. Packwood, Ms. Opal Dennis, Ms. Leota Griffith, Ms. Vi Penny.

A grandson from Houston, Michael Land, called to wish a Happy Birthday. Flowers were

received from a granddaughter, grandchildren, Russell and Cathy, Ms. Becker Mauger and two great who live in Huntington Beach, Ca.

Preceptor Eta Omega meets Tuesday

Preceptor Eta Omega of Beta electric living consultant of West Sigma Phi will meet at the REA Texas Utilities, will present meeting room on Tuesday, Nov- WTU's Holiday Program. All ladies of the Merkel area are invited. Guest speaker, Linda Caton, invited.

ATTENTION: SPOOKY GOBLINS
TRICK OR TREATS: COME TO POLLY'S RESTAURANT FRIDAY FOR A HALLOWEEN BUFFET: CHILI CHEESE & CHICKEN ENCHILADAS WITH A LOT OF SALADS
5 pm to 9:30 pm \$4.00 PLUS TAX
CHILDS PLATE UNDER 12 \$2.00

VIDEO COUNTRY HALLOWEEN SPECIAL
RENT 2 MOVIES GET THE THIRD ONE FREE
FRIDAY ONLY

NEW ARRIVALS

POLICE ACADEMY III
INDIANA JONES AND THE TEMPLE OF DOOM
AT CLOSE RANGE
COMING SOON

BONN AMERICAN

RAW DEAL
SPACE CAMP

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103 KENT

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On November 4th

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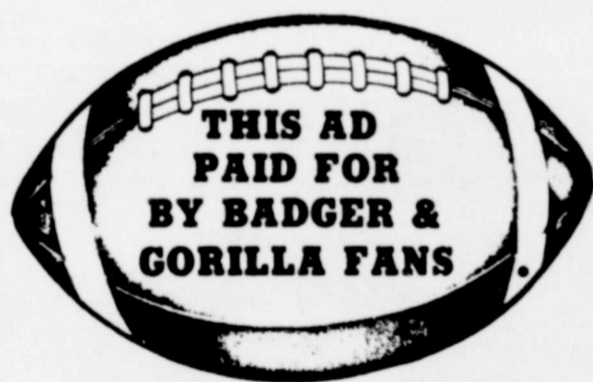
7th & 8th GRADE AT CLYDE CLYDE 5:30 THURSDAY

THURSDAY : JUNIOR VARSITY HOSTS CLYDE 7 pm

FRIDAY VARSITY AT BRADY 8 pm

GO GORILLAS

FRIDAY TRENT HOSTS JAYTON 7:30 pm



TODAY'S VIDEOS
ANDY DON HART, CPA

BEN FRANKLIN'S
FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

PALMER PONTIAC & GMC

P & L AUTO PARTS

DUBOSE TEXACO

INDEPENDENT AMERICAN SAVINGS

MERKEL DRUG

WYLIE TRUCK STOP

STARBUCK FURNITURE

TAYLOR ELECTRIC

HICKS AUTO SUPPLY

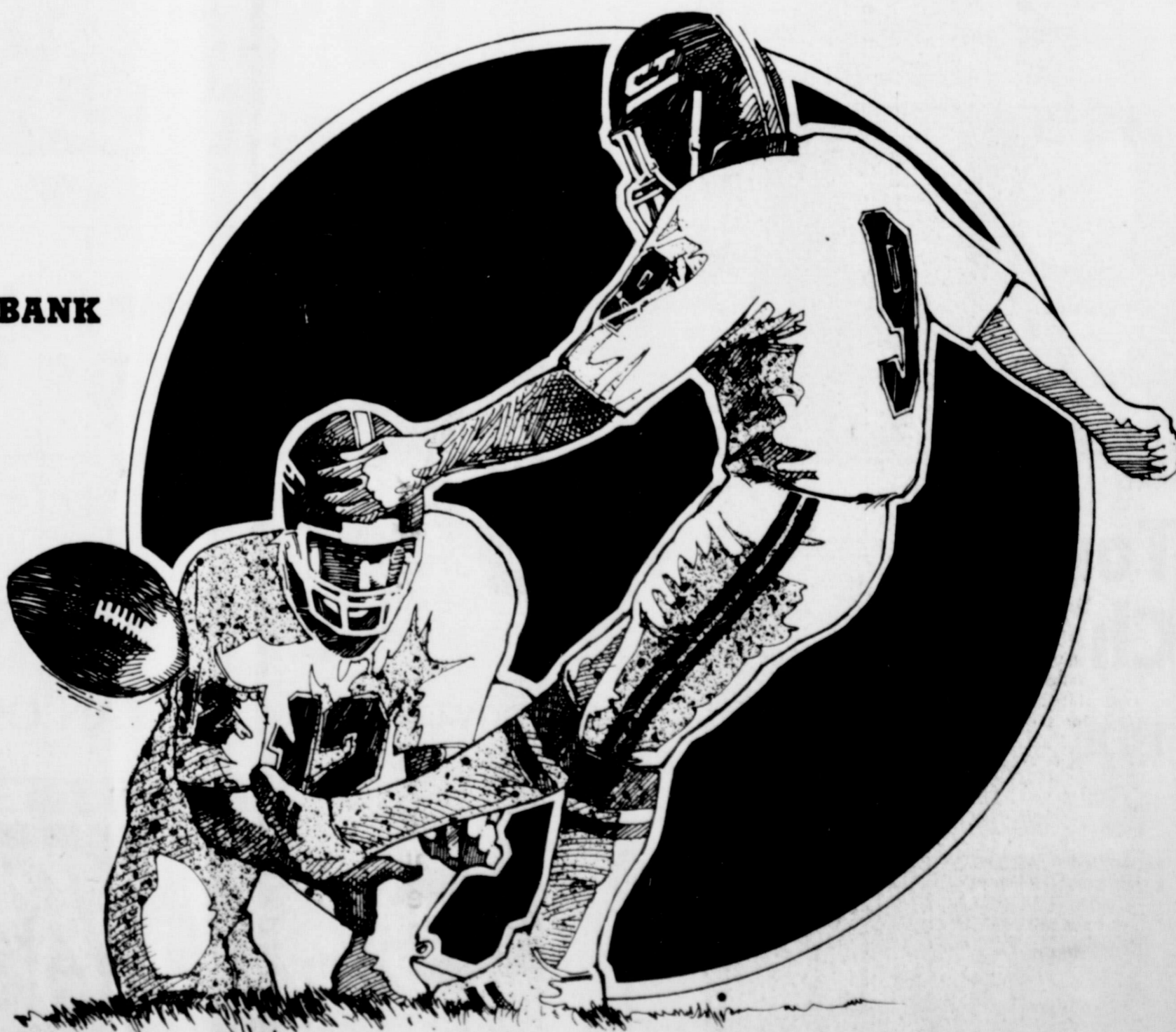
CARSONS SUPERMARKET

HOME STATE BANK

VIDEO COUNTRY

MERKEL BRICK & LUMBER

THE MERKEL MAIL



MISD School lunch menu

The Merkel School menu is as follows:

- Monday November 3: Spaghetti, buttered corn, green beans, garlic bread, apple cheese crisp.
- Tuesday November 4: Toasted cheese sandwich, vegt. beef soup, slice bread, brownies with icing.
- Wednesday November 5: Bar-

B-Q links, pinto beans, fried okra, corn bread, lemon pudding.

Thursday November 6: Pizza, mixed vegt., lettuce wedge, rosey pears.

Friday November 7: Hamburgers with all the trimmings, french fries, peanut butter cookie.

TISD school lunch menu

The Trent School menu is as follows:

Monday November 3: Breakfast: juice, cereal, milk. Lunch: chicken patties, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello with topping, rolls, tea or milk.

Tuesday November 4: Breakfast: juice, donuts, milk. Lunch: cheese sandwiches, beef stew, salad, peach cobbler, tea or milk.

fast: juice, cinnamon rolls. Lunch: meat loaf, white beans, spinach, chocolate cake, rolls, tea or milk.

Thursday November 6: Breakfast: juice, biscuits, sausage, jelly, milk. Lunch: chili-cheese enchilada, corn, salad, pineapple pudding, crackers, tea or milk.

Friday November 7: Breakfast: juice, pancakes, syrup, milk. Lunch: corn dogs, pinto beans, peach halves, cookies, tea or milk.

TODAY'S VIDEOS

137 KENT 928-5668

WEEKLY SPECIALS
WE RESERVE MOVIES

AND VCR'S ★ NEW MOVIES WEEKLY

★ **NEW RELEASES**

★ **BAND OF THE HAND**

★ **MURPHY'S LAW** ★ **MONEY PIT** ★

COMING SOON

END OF OCTOBER OR 1st WEEK IN NOVEMBER

SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON SHIPPING DATE

★ **POLICE ACADEMY III**

★ **TEMPLE OF DOOM**

★ **LEGEND** ★ **BORN AMERICAN** ★

RAW DEAL ★ **CLOSE RANGE & MORE**

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JERRY VINSON HAVE A HAPPY

BILLIE GREGORY HALLOWEEN

MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Merkel, Taylor County, Texas

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

Year Ended August 31, 1986

Data Control Codes	Governmental Fund Types	Totals (Memorandum Only)				
		10	20/30/40	50	98	97
		General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	August 31, 1986	August 31, 1985
REVENUES:						
5700	Local, intermediate, out-of-state	\$ 1,721,744		\$ 103,619	\$ 1,825,363	\$ 1,745,149
5800	State program revenues	2,673,729			2,673,729	2,663,452
5900	Federal program revenues	104,019	68,579		172,598	175,940
5030	Total Revenues	4,499,492	68,579	103,619	4,671,690	4,584,541
EXPENDITURES:						
0011	Instruction	2,320,906	68,579		2,389,485	2,115,882
0012	Instructional computing	61,392			61,392	55,418
0022	Instructional resources and media services	61,450			61,450	63,851
0023	School administration	263,021			263,021	224,594
0025	Curriculum & personnel development	63,415			63,415	49,554
0031	Guidance and counseling services	51,920			51,920	46,369
0033	Health services	18,297			18,297	17,321
0034	Pupil transportation - regular	134,272			134,272	154,539
0035	Pupil transportation - exceptional children	15,498			15,498	10,461
0036	Co-curricular activities	145,744			145,744	124,719
0037	Food services	174,488			174,488	171,302
0041	General administration	220,484			220,484	240,344
0042	Debt services			118,847	118,847	117,414
0051	Plant maintenance and operations	513,191			513,191	432,822
0052	Facilities acquisition and construction	288,207			288,207	295,206
6050	Total Expenditures	4,332,285	68,579	118,847	4,519,711	4,119,796
OTHER RESOURCES AND USES:						
5060	Other resources	60,696			60,696	73,725
6060	Other uses	(92,035)			(92,035)	(113,322)
7000	Total Other Resources and Uses	(31,339)	-0-	-0-	(31,339)	(39,597)
1200	EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER RESOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	135,868	-0-	(15,228)	120,640	425,148
0100	FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,151,018	-0-	37,916	1,188,934	763,786
3000	FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 1,286,886	\$ -0-	\$ 22,688	\$ 1,309,574	\$ 1,188,934



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ASST. Ice Cream **\$1.59**
Ni-Pro Milk **99¢**



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REG. \$1.79 NOW ONLY **\$1.19**

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MONDAY & WEDNESDAY RENT ONE GET ONE FREE VCR \$5 PER DAY \$1 MEMBERSHIP

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\$1.79



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SHURFINE SQUEEZE WAFFLE Syrup 99¢ 24 OZ. BTL.	SHURFINE LIGHT CORN Syrup 99¢ 32 OZ. BTL.	SUNNY FRESH LARGE Eggs 99¢ 18 CT. CTN.	SHURFRESH Biscuits 6 \$ 1 8 OZ. CANS

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Public notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: W.H. Lambeth, Henry McNutt, David Cole, Jewell Gordon Blacksher, Lila Pearl Livergood, J.W. Blacksher, U.B. Blacksher, Joy L. King, Francis Laughlin, Individually and as Executrix of the estate of C.R. Laughlin, Decd., Charles Boggett, H. Douglass, Guy S. Beynon, Sarah Hazel Wire, David James, Mrs. G.H. Johnson, and each of said Defendants' unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, personal representatives, beneficiaries, successors, and assigns.

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 350th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10:00 A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 1st day of December, 1986, to Plaintiff's Original Petition filed in said Court on the 15th day of October, 1986, in this cause numbered 1519-D, on the docket of said Court, styled SUN EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION COMPANY, INC., Individually and as Managing General Partner for SUN OPERATING LTD. PARTNERSHIP, Plaintiff vs. W.H. LAMBETH, et al, Defendants. The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: Sun Exploration & Production Company, Inc., Individually and as Managing General Partner for Sun Operating LTD. Partnership vs. W.H. Lambeth, Henry McNutt, David Cole, Jewell Gordon Blacksher, Lila Pearl Livergood, J.W. Blacksher, U.B. Blacksher, Joy L. King, Francis Laughlin, Individually and as Executrix of the estate of C.R. Laughlin, Decd., Charles Boggett, H. Douglass, Guy S. Beynon, Sarah Hazel Wire, David James, Mrs. G.H. Johnson, and each of said Defendants' unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, personal representatives, beneficiaries, successors and assigns.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A suit for the appointment of a Receiver under the provisions of V.T.C.A. Sec. 64.091 for a Receiver to be appointed to execute an oil, gas, and mineral lease on such interests of the Defendants in the following described land situated in Taylor County, Texas, and to consent and to ratify any unitization agreement or agreements respecting same which may now or hereafter be approved by the Texas Railroad Commission, in and for such consideration as the Court may find fair and equitable and that such lease be executed by the receiver, upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Court, to-wit: Properties: G.J. Roberts; G.J. Roberts "B" and G.L. Roberts "C" Description: S/ 2 of Section 228 and North 506 acres of Section 157, Block 64, H.&T.C.R.R. Company Survey, Taylor County, Texas, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at Abilene

Texas, this 16th day of October, 1986.

Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, Taylor County, Texas by: JoAnn Lackey, Deputy. 186-4tc-148

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: J.W. Shuler, William R. Collier, W.H. Lambeth, Frances Laughlin, Individually and as Executrix of the Estate of C.R. Laughlin, Decd., O.E. Sellhausen, Mrs. G. H. Johnson, Charles H. Boggett, Martin Wagner, H. Douglass, Guy G. Beynon, Sarah Hazel Wire, David James, Joy L. King, and each of said Defendants' unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, personal representatives, beneficiaries, successors and assigns.

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10:00 A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 1st day of December, 1986, to Plaintiff's Original Petition filed in said Court on the 15th day of October, 1986, in this cause, Number 17,395-B, on the docket of said Court, styled SUN EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION COMPANY, INC., Individually and as Managing General Partner for Sun Operating LTD. Partnership, Plaintiff vs. J.W. SHULER, et al, Defendants. The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: Sun Exploration & Production Company, Inc., Individually and as Managing General Partner for Sun Operating LTD. Partnership vs. J.W. Shuler, William R. Collier, W.H. Lambeth, Frances Laughlin, Individually and as Executrix of the Estate of C.R. Laughlin, Decd., O.E. Sellhausen, Mrs. G. H. Johnson, Charles H. Boggett, Martin Wagner, H. Douglass, Guy G. Beynon, Sarah Hazel Wire, David James, Joy L. King, and each of said Defendants' unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, personal representatives, beneficiaries, successors and assigns.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A suit for the appointment of a Receiver under the provisions of V.T.C.A. Sec. 64.091 for a Receiver to be appointed to execute an oil, gas, and mineral lease on such interests of the Defendants in the following described land situated in Taylor County, Texas, and to consent and to ratify any unitization agreement or agreements respecting same which may now or hereafter be approved by the Texas Railroad Commission, in and for such consideration as the Court may find fair and equitable and that such lease be executed by the receiver, upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Court, to-wit: Properties: Shelton "228" Description: NE/ 4 of Section 228, Block 64, H. & T.C.R.R. Company Survey, Taylor County, Texas, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at Abilene, Texas, this 16th day of October, 1986.

UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at Abilene, Texas, this 16th day of October, 1986.

Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, Taylor County, Texas by: JoAnn Lackey, Deputy. 186-4tc-142

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: William R. Collier, W.H. Lambeth, Henry McNutt, David Cole, Jewell Gordon Blacksher, Lila Pearl Livergood, J.W. Blacksher, U.B. Blacksher, Frances Laughlin, Individually and as Executrix of the Estate of C.R. Laughlin, Decd., Charles Boggett, H. Douglass, Guy S. Beynon, Sarah Hazel Wire, David James, and each of said Defendants' unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, personal representatives, beneficiaries, successors and assigns.

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 350th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10:00 A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 1st day of December, 1986, to Plaintiff's Original Petition filed in said Court on the 15th day of October, 1986, in this cause, Number 1518-D, on the docket of said Court, styled SUN EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION COMPANY, INC., Individually and as Managing General Partner for Sun Operating LTD. Partnership, Plaintiff vs. William R. Collier, et al, Defendants. The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: Sun Exploration & Production Company, Inc., Individually and as Managing General Partner for Sun Operating LTD. Partnership, Plaintiff vs. William R. Collier, et al, Defendants. The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: Sun Exploration & Production Company, Inc., Individually and as Managing General Partner for Sun Operating LTD. Partnership vs. J.W. Shuler, et al, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A suit for the appointment of a Receiver under the provisions of V.T.C.A. Sec. 64.091 for a Receiver to be appointed to execute an oil, gas, and mineral lease on such interests of the Defendants in the following described land situated in Taylor County, Texas, and to consent and to ratify any unitization agreement or agreements respecting same which may now or hereafter be approved by the Texas Railroad Commission, in and for such consideration as the Court may find fair and equitable and that such lease be executed by the receiver, upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Court, to-wit: Properties: Shelton "228" Description: NE/ 4 of Section 228, Block 64, H. & T.C.R.R. Company Survey, Taylor County, Texas, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at Abilene, Texas, this 16th day of October, 1986.

return as the law directs.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at Abilene, Texas, this 16th day of October, 1986.

Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy (Seal)

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Henry McNutt, J. E. Cudney, Charles H. Boggett, David James, and each of said Defendants' unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, personal representatives, beneficiaries, successors and/or assigns.

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10:00 A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of service of this citation, same being the 1st day of December, 1986, to Plaintiff's Original Petition filed in said Court on the 15th day of October, 1986, in this cause, Number 40,090-A on the docket of said Court, styled SUN EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION COMPANY, INC., Individually and as Managing General Partner for Sun Operating LTD. Partnership, Plaintiff vs. Henry McNutt, et al, Defendants. The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: Sun Exploration & Production Company, Inc., Individually and as Managing General Partner for Sun Operating LTD. Partnership, Plaintiff and Henry McNutt, J. E. Cudney, Charles H. Boggett, David James, and each of said Defendants' unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, personal representatives, beneficiaries, successors and/or assigns, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A suit for the appointment of a Receiver under the provisions of V.T.C.A. Sec. 64.091 for a Receiver to be appointed to execute an oil, gas, and mineral lease on such interests of the Defendants in the following described land situated in Taylor County, Texas, and to consent and to ratify any unitization agreement or agreements respecting same which may now or hereafter be approved by the Texas Railroad Commission, in and for such consideration as the Court may find fair and equitable and that such lease be executed by the receiver, upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Court, to-wit: Properties: Shelton "229", Shelton "229-A", A. Sears, G.J. Roberts "229", G.J. Roberts "F" G.J. Roberts "229-A", and G.J. Roberts "229-B". Description: All of Section 229, Block 64, H.&T.C.R.R. Co. Survey Taylor County, Texas, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at Abilene, Texas, this 16th day of October, 1986.

Texans prefer newspaper ads

When asked where they get most of their consumer shopping information, approximately two out of three Texans respond, newspapers, so reports Dr. Frederick Williams, director of the Center for Research on Communications Technology and Society at The University of Texas at Austin. Direct mail ads run a distant second (20 per cent), followed by television (11 per cent), magazines (6 per cent) and radio (4 per cent).

"These figures are not unusual," reports Dr. Gary Wilcox, a specialist in advertising in UT Austin's College of Communication, who is conducting the detailed analysis of the study. "Newspapers are particularly important to people for shopping because they not only convey the product message, but give further information on vendor and price," Dr. Wilcox adds.

Similar to other studies of sources of advertising information the Texas research indicates a relationship of income and education with the use of print media. "This may be a carry-over from a similar correlation found in preferences for sources of news," Dr. Wilcox explains. "The better educated tend to rely upon more sources of information and print in particular," he adds.

Similar to other studies of sources of advertising information the Texas research indicates a relationship of income and education with the use of print media. The current study, when compared with similar information gathered in 1984 from a statewide sample of Texans, further indicates a visible increase in the report of newspapers as a source of shopping information. In the earlier study, newspapers were reported as a main source of shopping information by 50 per cent of the respondents, followed by mail (22 per cent), television (18 per cent) and radio (10 per cent). Magazines were not included as an option in the study.

Those changes in sources of shopping information may reflect several points, Dr. Wilcox says. For example, in difficult economic times, people may have to seek out more detailed information on competitive pricing or sales in

TJHS wins

The Trent Jr. High finished their season last Thursday night in winning fashion by defeating the Highland Hornets 19-12. Jamie Masonheimer rushed for two touchdowns and Pete Chavez caught a pass from Travis Walker for a score. The tough little Trent team was leading by a score of 19-6 with 6 seconds left in the game and Highland got their final score on a 40 yard run and time ran out.

Head Coach John Grimland praised the Jr. High Gorillas on their "Big Heart" play and said that at the first of the year he had not anticipated a winning season because of the graduation of last years 8th grade undefeated team. He said that he has never been more proud of a team than of this years Jr. High Team. The Gorillas finished their season at 5 wins and one loss to Jayton, 21-14.

Preceptor Eta

Preceptor Eta Omega, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, October 21 at the REA meeting room with Opal Garner as hostess. A brief business meeting was held with Kathy Leverich presiding.

The program was presented by Opal. The topic was Our Fair Lady: The Statue of Liberty. Refreshments were served to: Jane Carson, Betty Lu Satterwhite Y Sadler, Kathy Leverich, Blanche Hewitt, Val Patterson, Opal Garner and Ruth Tipton.

8th grade girls

The Lady Badgers got off to a slow start Monday night against Breckenridge, but they fought their way back and took the match. They defeated Breckenridge 6-15, 15-12, 15-4. Leading the scoring was Phuong Thao Tran with 12 points, followed by Tammie Pierson with 5, Ava Bohannon, Cristl Moore, and Melanie Tankersley with 4, Brandy Fenton with 3, and Jayma Goldsmith, Betsy Helliums, Jamie Beasley and Melissa Cuellar with 1 point each. Other girls contributing to the team were Angie Leverich, Cara Kelso and April Griffith. This was the last volleyball game of the season. Now the girls are looking forward to basketball season, which will begin with a scrimmage at Baird on Monday, November 3rd.

order to stretch their money greater use of newspapers in 1986 further. That may account for the in Texas as compared with 1984.

7th grade volleyball

The 7th Grade volleyball team Dunagin 4 points. Other contributors were Son Hui Chon, Lori Monday night. Scoring for the Thompson, Kristi G. Smith, Chris-Badgers were Hope Ward 4 points, ty Russom, Dayna Doan and Coty Vaughn 4 points, Becky Mandy Barnett. Donaldson 2 points, Kristi A. The Badgers begin basketball Smith 2 points, Shayla Miller 1 this week and will scrimmage point, Christy Minze 1 point, Jan Baird next Monday night in Baird. Taylor 4 points, and Becca

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BACK OF DEALER INVOICE SALE ON ALL REMAINING 1986 PONTIAC'S & GMC'S

- 1986 FIERO - "3" TO CHOOSE FROM - SAVE SAVE SAVE
- 1986 GRAND PRIX - "4" TO CHOOSE FROM - SAVE SAVE SAVE
- 1986 BONNEVILLE BRM - ONLY \$1199 HURRY - SOLD
- 1986 SUNBIRD - "1" GT HATCHBACK - "1" COUPE - SAVE SAVE SAVE
- 1986 G600 - "3" TO CHOOSE FROM - SAVE SAVE SAVE
- 1986 TRANS-AM - T-TOPS-LOADED-BLUE - SAVE SAVE SAVE
- 1986 PARISIENNE - "DEMO" THIS ONE HAS IT ALL - SAVE SAVE SAVE
- 1986 SIERRA CLASSIC - "GOOD SELECTION" HURRY - SAVE SAVE SAVE
- 1986 VANDURA CUSTOM VAN - "MUST SEE" - SAVE SAVE SAVE
- 1986 SAFARI VAN - "2" LEFT WON'T LAST LONG - SAVE SAVE SAVE

MERKEL 1-20/LOOP 39 "FIRST EXIT"
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