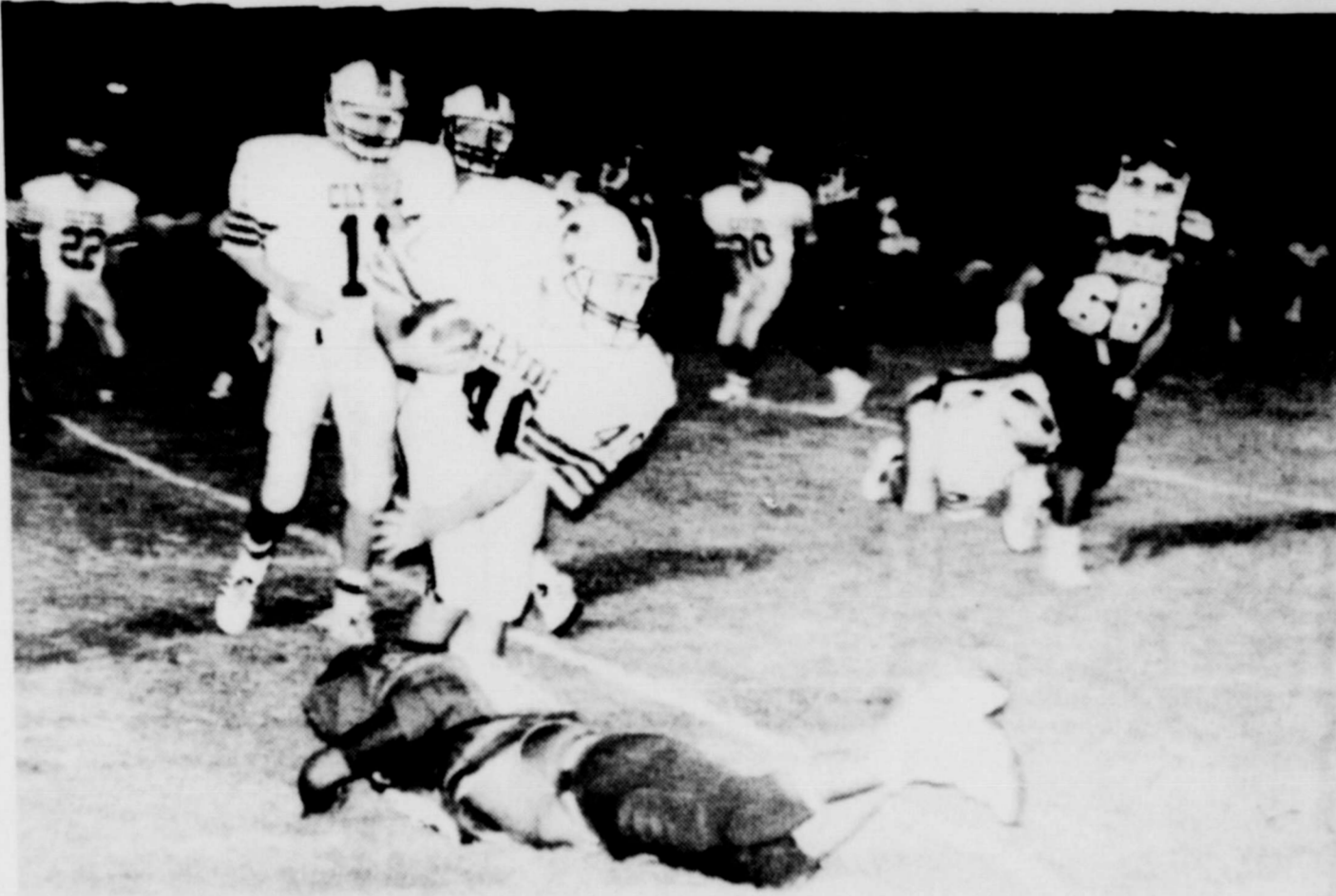


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§ Badger lineman David Biera brings over Clyde. The Badgers will try to go down a Clyde runner in last week's win 2-0 in district play when they travel to Sonora Friday. Staff photo

Badgers top Clyde, Sonora is next

The Merkel Badgers, behind the passing of junior quarterback Kenneth Jowers, downed the Clyde Bulldogs here Friday night to open district 5AAA play with a win 25-17.

The Badgers pleased the capacity Homecoming crowd as they fought back from a 10-0 deficit to take their first win over Clyde in at least a decade.

Clyde jumped out to a 10-0 lead with a strong rushing attack and threatened another score before the Badger defense held and Merkel got the ball back on their own 15 yard line with under a minute to play in the half. Jowers hit running back Ramon Moreno with a screen pass and after linemen Billy Hair and John Paul Dudley cleared a path, Moreno cruised to the Bulldog 45. Jowers then hit Brit Pursley and later Corey Hines to move the ball to the Bulldog 11. There the Badgers threw three straight incomplete passes before Jowers hit Moreno in the corner of the endzone with 4 second remaining in the half.

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In other action last week, the JV Badger head coach Dick Lepard told **The Mail** Monday "I think this was a win needed by a lot of folks. We haven't beaten Clyde in a while and I was just glad to be a part of it."

The coach said he was proud of the defense of which he said "They moved the ball on us but we bent and did not break."

He added "You have got to give a lot of credit to Clyde, they have a good team and I wouldn't be a bit surprised if they beat Ballinger this week."

Lepard praised the play of the offensive line, who only allowed one quarterback sack in 20 passing attempts for the game. He was also pleased with the passing of Jowers and the receiving of Moreno, Pursley and Hines. He also said Newberry's kickoff return was a turning point in the game.

He thought the key plays of the game were the kickoff return, the screen plays to Moreno and Hines in the final drive of the first half, as well as a Pursley catch that

kept a drive alive in the final quarter. He said "We are finally getting a team effort. There were some individuals who made outstanding plays, but we are getting good efforts from everyone."

He added "We feel good about what's happening right now. This will be our fifth game of the season this week and the season will be half over. Beating Clyde is a sweet victory and it meant a lot to the kids. It's a big win to start off 1-0 in district and we feel like each week from here on out we will be playing for the district championship."

This week, the Badgers make that long trip to Sonora and take on a team that is 4-0, having downed Brady 20-17 last week. Lepard said Sonora runs the Wing T offensive set and plays a basic 50 defensive alignment. He said "Coach Hopson has been there for 18 years and they are a very fundamentally sound football team, they are 6-4 or 7-3 almost every year."

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First, the bad news

by Cloy A. Richards

I know where to start but I'd rather write about the Badgers win over Clyde first and Friday's game with Sonora, but, first things first.

MISD got some bad news late last week when a copy of a hearing officer's recommendations arrived Friday morning. MISD has lost round one in an appeal by former Merkel High teacher-coach Bob Mace, who was fired last September.

First, just a little background (details are in the story on this page). Mace was arrested and convicted of a DWI in the summer of 1986. Former MISD superintendent Bill Everett found out about it later and recommended to the

board they fire him. The board suspended Mace with pay until a local hearing could be held and on Sept. 30, 1986 the hearing was held and Mace was fired. Mace appealed that decision to the Commissioner of Education and late this summer, a hearing was held in Austin. The officer conducting that hearing, an attorney, ruled in Mace's favor last week and recommended to his boss, the Commissioner of Education, that Mace be reinstated with back pay.

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was defeated by Clyde 25-12 while the 7th and 8th grade teams both won.

The team will be leaving for the Sonora game by chartered bus between 3:30 and 4 Friday. School will be dismissed early again this week to allow fans plenty of time to make the trip. Classes will be dismissed at 12:55.

Statistically, the Badger rushing attack was led by Hines who gained 53 yards on 13 carries.

Moreno had 52 yards on six carries, Jowers had 22 yards on four carries and Newberry had 18 yards on 6 carries. Jowers completed 13 of 20 passes with no interceptions. Moreno caught 4 for 70 yards, Pursley had three for 47 yards, Newberry and Hines each caught two for 15 yards, while John Walsh had one for 18 yards and Mike Farthing one for 15 yards.

The Badgers punted three times for a 38 yard average.

Injury wise, linebacker Steve Williams is questionable this week and Moreno should be returning to his defensive cornerback spot. Jowers was slowed by a hip pointer at the end of the first half of the game, but should be at full speed Friday.

Overall Standings
W L T PF PA
Ballinger 4 0 0 86 28
Sonora 4 0 0 91 27
Brady 3 1 0 98 27
Merkel 3 1 0 99 91
Colo. City 2 2 0 48 68
Clyde 2 2 0 68 58
Coahoma 2 2 0 42 60
Wylie 2 2 0 55 31

Last Week's Games
Wylie 27, Coahoma 9, Ballinger 14, Colorado City 7, Sonora 20, Brady 17, Merkel 25, Clyde 17

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He added "I have dealt with over 40 school districts in the past five years and things don't have to go this far if people can be reasonable with one another. I think they (The MISD board) should pass a rule at their next meeting that says any teacher convicted of a DWI be fired. I wouldn't have any problem with that at all."

The hearing officer wrote "The Board's action to terminate Petitioner was grounded upon the recommendation of the district superintendent. The Superintendent's recommendation was based in his view that driving while intoxicated is an offense involving moral turpitude and that, having received a DWI conviction, Petitioner (Mace) had suffered irremediable damage to his leadership abilities. Respondent's (MISD's) reliance on moral turpitude as a ground for terminating employment finds meager support in Texas law."

The hearing officer further wrote "While Respondent (MISD) candidly admits that it has no official policy relating to DWI convictions, it contends that Petitioner (Mace's) employment was properly terminated because a DWI conviction impairs leadership qualities which are inherent to the position of teacher-coach. The vitality of this justification is questionable in light of the wholly different treatment accorded another teacher-coach employed by the district at the

Hearing officer rules against MISD in case

A former Merkel High coach and teacher and won the first round of being reinstated after a hearing officer ruled in his favor Sept. 23rd.

Former Merkel High teacher-coach Bob Mace was fired by MISD Sept. 30, 1986. Mace appealed that decision to the Texas Education Agency and hearing officer Terry J. Johnson ruled last week that Mace should be reinstated by MISD, with back pay. MISD superintendent James Logan told **The Mail** MISD would file an exception (appeal) on the hearing officer's ruling.

The scenario began when Coach Mace was arrested for driving while intoxicated in March of 1986. Mace pleaded nolo contendere to the charge and was convicted in June of 1986, was fined, and placed on two years' probation.

On July 1st, former MISD superintendent Bill Everett told Mace he would recommend to the Board of Trustees that his contract be terminated and on July 17th, Everett made that recommendation to the board. Everett told board members he wanted Mace fired because the DWI conviction "constituted moral turpitude" and that Mace's leadership abilities had been impaired as a result of his conviction. At the regular board meeting in August, Mace was suspended with pay pending the outcome of a hearing he requested. That hearing was held Sept. 30th, 1986 and MISD fired Mace at that meeting.

Mace's attorney, Dave Haigler told **The Mail** Monday "We tried to settle this before we took it to the Texas Education Agency for about 60 to 80 cents on the dollar and they (the board and the former superintendent) didn't take us seriously. They never had any idea that we would win."

The matter has now been forwarded to the Commissioner of Education for his final decision. MISD has until Oct. 15th to file an exception to the hearing officer's ruling and according to the superintendent and MISD's attorney, David Wagner, MISD will file the exception. Wagner told **The Mail** Monday "A lot of things could happen. They (TEA) could just ask for more information, schedule a re-hearing or they can accept the recommendations of the hearing officer. The commissioner himself will have to make the final decision and that could take as long as two years. The hearing officer is like an assistant to a judge telling someone how he will probably rule on a case."

Haigler told **The Mail** the whole basis to the case was that MISD had discriminated against Mr. Mace. Haigler maintained, and the hearing officer agreed, that Mace was discriminated against because MISD had another teacher-coach on the payroll who had two previous DWI convictions and although those convictions were not known by MISD at the time the coach was hired, they were known at the time the decision was made to fire Mace. At that time, MISD had no policies concerning DWI convictions and no other district employee had ever been terminated on grounds of having received a DWI. Haigler said of that decision "What MISD did was make up a rule (concerning DWI convictions) and then applied it discriminatorily. You don't do that in a free country."

The attorney also said he felt good about his chances all along. Haigler said "I felt it was an open and shut case of discrimination. There was a similar case of a school district that had a rule about punching a time clock. Two teachers failed to punch the clock and one was fired, the other wasn't. The principal of the case

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Council discusses animal control, telephone system, reserve police

The Merkel City Council met Monday night and approved the 1987 tax rolls for the city.

Council also discussed an animal control ordinance at their regular meeting, held at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service Building.

Councilmen authorized City Manager J. A. Sadler to investigate a new animal control ordinance that would be written to only be enforced if complaints against livestock within the city limits were lodged and signed to persons living in areas where animals were being kept.

Sadler told councilmen he wanted to write an ordinance that could only be enforced if people were having problems with neighbors who kept animals. Sadler will report back to council with a draft of that ordinance at an October meeting.

In other action, council told Merkel Police Chief Bob Jones they wanted to approve use of "reserve policemen". Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite told Chief Jones he felt his department "didn't do the right thing" when a reserve officer was used recently in an investigation. That officer also wrote a traffic ticket and council agreed with the idea that a reserve officer should only be

Blair-Mulberry Canyon reunion

The Blair-Mulberry Canyon Reunion for all Exes will meet Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center here for a day of food

time of Petitioner's termination."

He also wrote "This employee had been hired four months after his second conviction for DWI. Although these convictions were not known at the time the employee was hired, they were discovered by the district superintendent in advance of the Petitioner's (Mace's) termination. The employee was offered a chance to confess his convictions and explain the circumstances to his students. He did so; no termination of his employment was sought. Petitioner (Mace) was given no such option. Each employee was hired as a teacher-coach. Each had similar leadership responsibilities. Each was under contract with the district when the offense came to light. Yet one employee was terminated, the other not."

The officer concluded by writing "The outcome of this appeal illustrates the infirmity of unwritten policies, unevenly applied. The decision in this case does not reflect approval of driving while intoxicated and should not be interpreted to restrain in the slightest degree local policies and programs designed to address the issue of alcohol abuse."

He then recommended the Commissioner of Education grant the instant appeal and that MISD be ordered to reinstate Mace with back pay.

When the commissioner will make a decision is not known, there is no timetable the Commissioner must follow. Mace's attorney said "If the school board wants to fool around and delay this thing, we will have something else to ask for. An appeal will cost them."

used to assist the city police, not to initiate investigations or to issue citations. Sadler told council "I think the reserve program is great but only with prior council approval." Chief Jones told councilmen he would speak with the officer involved in the incident and make sure that he understands how the reserve officers are to be used.

Council also authorized the city manager to investigate an alternative source for long distance telecommunications. The city received a proposal from Action Telecommunications last week that indicated a possible savings on long distance telephone calls of about \$450 per year. Sadler told council "I am a firm believer in saving \$450 years and I am also a firm believer in being able to tell who placed long distance telephone calls." Sadler said Action's program would issue an employee code to each city employee and the monthly bill would indicate who placed calls where.

Council also granted a request from the Texas Department of Highways to lower the speed limit on FM 126 starting in February to 40 miles per hour. The state is planning to widen the Farm to Market Road North of town and that work is scheduled to start in February.

Organizers are hoping that all residents and former residents will be able to attend.

Hearing, Badgers, school out early again Friday...

wait for the Commissioner to make his ruling or they can play 'let's make a deal' with Mace and his attorney. Those are the three basic options but they aren't as pleasing as they sound.

If the administration and board decide to appeal the officer's recommendation, Mace's attorney says he will go to a district court in Austin and ask for his fees. If they do not appeal the Commissioner will probably follow his hearing officer's recommendations since the man is a lawyer and is hired to hear these cases and make recommendations. If the school decided to try and deal with Mace and his attorney, they probably will remember the way the board treated them when they offered a deal before this matter got completely out of hand.

What does all of this mean to us? Well, my friends, the bottom line is the ol' pocketbook. This mess has already cost some MISD dollars and will cost some more, possibly a lot more, depending on the action the board decides to take.

There are three new school board members and a new superintendent who will be getting a crash course in "legalease" over the next few weeks because MISD only has until Oct. 15th to file an exception if they plan to do so, which will call for a special school board meeting since one is not scheduled until Oct. 20th.

We will keep you posted.

It was a super weekend around here.

Homecoming '87 got off to a blazing start with the bonfire Thursday, followed by a good crowd watching a good parade here Friday and you couldn't have asked for a much better game Friday. Parties and get-togethers rounded out events as another Homecoming here is history.

Not being an ex Merkel High student, I sure got caught up in some of the activities this year.

Cub Scouts plan rally here, group needs volunteer help

Merkel Cub Scouts will be holding a rally Oct. 8th at 7 p.m. at the Merkel Scout Hut.

All boys in grades 1-5 who are interested in scouting, and their parents, are urged to attend. All boys currently in scouting and their parents are also urged to attend.

The local scout organization is in need of adult leaders. Needed

What a game! The Badgers came from behind, twice to beat Clyde for the first time in a decade. They did it with a passing attack that just gets better and better each week, with the big play and in very exciting fashion.

While Shayne Newberry's 90 yard kickoff return and Ramon Moreno's 45 yard gallop on a screen pass were memorable and key plays, a 10 yard screen at the Badger 22 late in the first half from Kenneth Jowers to Corey Hines was a play I won't forget. With the clock reading 25 or so seconds and the Badgers facing a 3-10, Hines took a short pass from Jowers and broke no less than four tackles to get the first down by no more than an inch. Four plays later Jowers hit Moreno in the corner of the end zone and the Badgers led 12-10 at the half.

The Badgers had a great offensive effort all night long as the line blocked, receivers caught and runners ran. Defensively, the Badgers gave up quite a few rushing yards but remember, they were playing a team with an all-district running back who averages about 150 yards per game and went to the playoffs last year. The defense made a bunch of big 3rd and 4th down plays in the second half and that is very encouraging.

The Badgers take that long trip to Sonora this week and Sonora is fresh off of a 20-17 win over Brady. It will be a game of a basic hard running football team fighting a passing attack on offense. Both teams will score and the team that wins will play defense just a little better than the other. With a win in Sonora this week, the Badgers will be a giant step closer to their goal of making the playoffs.

School dismisses early Friday, same time as last week. The change was made to give everyone plenty of time to make that 160 miles trip to Sonora. Classes will dismiss at 12:55.

are a male leader for the 10 year old boys as well as an assistant for the Cub Scouts. The organization also need help in re-roofing the scout hut, minor plumbing, and repairs to the walls of the scout hut.

For more information, please contact Merrie Rogge after 5 p.m. at 928-5865.

8th grade tops Clyde 36-7

David Dotson ran for two touchdowns and passed for another to lead the Badgers to a 36-7 win over Clyde here Thursday night. Dotson scored the first touchdown on an 18 yard run after the Badgers recovered a fumble. Later in the 1st quarter, Fidel Avalos scored on a 10 yard run, again after a fumble recovery. Lorenzo Whitney ran in the two point conversion.

Clyde got on the scoreboard on a two yard run late in the 1st quarter after a long pass completion. Lorenzo Whitney then ran

eight of his 100 yards for a 20-7 halftime lead.

In the second half, Dotson connected with Robert Pace on a 30 yard touchdown pass following a nice drive. Scott Walker added two points on an option run to make the score 30-7 at the end of the third quarter. Dotson then scored again on a 15 yard run in the fourth quarter to make the final score 36-7.

This win improves the 8th record to 2-0. The Middle School does not have a game this week, starting back at home Oct. 8th when they host Wylie.

7th grade downs Clyde 8-0

The 7th grade Badgers shut out the 7th grade Clyde Bulldogs Thursday night 8-0. The outstanding award goes to the defense allowing only three first downs in the contest. The Badgers scoring came on an eight yard run

with the point after conversion good for two points.

The Badgers are open this week and take on another pack of Bulldogs October 8th when they host Wylie. Kickoff is set for 5:30 p.m.

Hunter's Insight

by Josh Amerine

Archery season begins Saturday (Oct. 3rd), hailing the beginning of the real hunting season. Birds are fun, but the serious hunting is big game. During archery season, a hunter may use his entire tag if he is capable, but he may not exceed the four deer limit in both archery and regular season.

Reaching the limit during archery season is difficult anyway, in spite of the 4 million plus deer population in Texas this year. Texas Parks & Wildlife estimates the archery success rate between seven and ten percent annually.

By far the most popular system for bowhunting deer in Texas is stand hunting over feeders. While this can be effective, it usually does not produce the most mature deer. Even early in the seasons the most desirable deer will feed

nocturnally. A more effective approach would be to position a stand in heavy brush along the route to a feeder in anticipation of catching one of the older deer. While you would see less deer this way, they would be larger.

Speaking of large deer, the potential for record book deer is good for our general area. Boone and Crockett records list a Taylor County deer in the top 50 best deer ever shot; and, the number 3 non-typical White Tail is from Brady. This is the legendary 70 point Lone Star Brewery buck that was killed in the 1800s and stood as the number 1 non-typical until just a few years ago. Over the next few years, I feel we will see some spectacular bucks from this area. Perhaps one of you will be the one to get him.

Good hunting.



Badger players and coaches show their reaction to Clyde surrendering the

ball on the fourth down play late in the game. Merkel downed Clyde for the first

time in at least ten years here Friday. Staff photo

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'Rilla's rout Ira 36-0 in district opener

by W. E. Dulaney

The Trent Gorillas spoiled the Ira Homecoming Saturday afternoon by blowing away the Bulldogs 36-0. It was the first district game for the 'Rilla's and they started it off right when they scored first with 6:43 left in the 1st quarter on a Mike Payne 1 yard dive. After Lewis Knapp busted the extra point, the 'Rilla's led 8-0. On Ira's second possession, the stiff Gorilla defense completely dismantled the Ira offense, and forced them to punt. After taking over, the Gorilla offense marched down the field behind the slashing runs of Knapp, Payne and Keith Oden before quarterback Dock Carriker hit a diving Lee Hunt in the left corner of the endzone for a 14-0 Gorilla lead. After the Knapp extra point, Trent led 16-0 with 3:12 still left in the 1st-quarter.

Ira's offense, which only gained 193 yards all day, continued to find yards hard to come by against the Gorilla defense led by Payne, Chris Jones and Brian Massey, and had to punt to the Gorillas.

After receiving the punt, Trent drove the length of the field before Knapp burst over from 14 yards out. The extra point was blocked but at the 7:09 mark of the 2nd quarter, Trent had increased their lead to 22-0.

In the second half, the Trent defense continued to stuff the Ira

running game. On the afternoon, Ira had only 53 yards on 32 carries for a 1.5 yard per carry average. The defense, led by Payne, Knapp, Jason Massey and Lee Hunt lived in the Ira backfield all afternoon and sacked Ira's quarterback Charles Barbee five times, three by Chris Jones.

While the defense controlled the line of scrimmage for the Gorillas, the offense stuffed the ball down Ira's throat behind the running of Knapp, Payne, Oden, Noe Falcon and Cipi Falcon, who all averaged five yards a carry with Knapp and Payne both leading the 'Rillas with 65 yards.

The 'Rilla offense cranked up

the running attack in the 3rd quarter. Knapp, Payne and Noe Falcon repeatedly ran into the Bulldog defense driving the ball downfield before Payne slammed in for his second td of the afternoon on a one yard dive. When Knapp busted the extra point, Trent had increased their lead to 30-0 with 4:30 left in the 3rd quarter.

The final Trent td came on a short two yard dive by 5'3" 165 lb Noe Falcon, who ran over three larger Bulldogs at the goal line, going in standing up. The extra point was no good but at the 9:56 mark, the 'Rilla's had closed the scoring at the final of 36-0.

The Gorilla defense gave the offense two more scoring chances by recovering Ira fumbles inside the Bulldog 20 yard line. Coach Doug Gore showed class by running dive plays to keep from running up the score.

Coach Ed Donahugh told **The Mail** "We looked better but we are going to get even better, I promise you that." Coach Gore echoed Donahugh's statement by saying "The defense played well, they stopped them all day long, the defense won this game."

The Gorillas are open Friday but return to action against Hermleigh Oct. 9th in Trent at 7:30 p.m.

Statistics

	Trent (3-1)	Ira (1-3)
First downs	16	6
Rushing	43-265	32-53
Att-Comp-td's	3-9-1	8-16-0
Yards passing	25	140
Fumbles lost	2	4
Int. by	0	0
Punts-avg	2-31 0	2-33 5
Penalties	8-55	4-26

Last Weeks Results

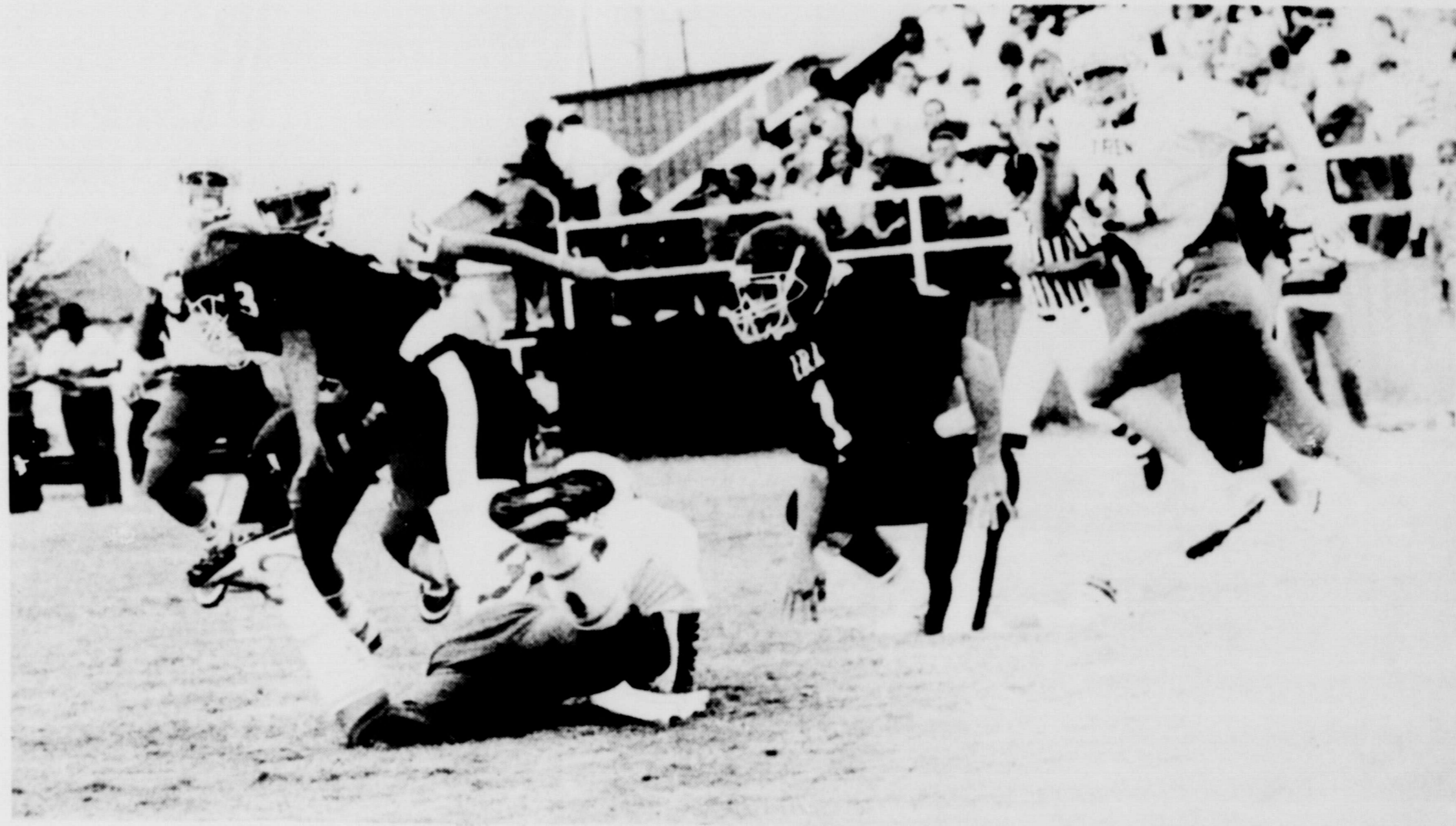
Guthrie 34 Blackwell 22
Hermleigh 29 Highland 14
Tren 36 Ira 0

This Week's Schedule

Ira at Hermleigh Saturday
Trent - Open
Highland - Open
Jayton at Blackwell

Note: Newcastle's 54-8 victory over Jayton as reported in the **Abilene Reporter News** was over the Jayton JV. This means it will not count toward the Jayton season record and their four year regular season unbeaten streak is still alive.

Season	W	L	T	PF	PA
Jayton	3	0	0	102	41
Trent	3	1	0	153	71
Blackwell	2	2	0	121	105
Hermleigh	1	2	1	79	131
Highland	1	3	0	111	165
Ira	1	3	0	81	143



§ Trent's Mike Payne [38] grabs an Ira runner as Brian Massey [41], Jason

Massey [10] come in to help. The Gorillas beat Ira 36-0 and are now 3-1 on

the year and 1-0 in district play. Photo by Shannon Payne

Trent's gym will have a new look, 3 point line

The Trent school gym will be closed the week of Sept. 28th through October 5th for renovations.

Pitzer Products of Pittsburgh, Kan. will be repainting, re-lining and adding a three point line to the gym's floor.

The new three point line is due to the OIL rule that will allow the three point shot is basketball for the first time, this season.

by W. E. Dulaney

Trent Junior High blasts Hermleigh 55-14 to go 2-0

The Trent Junior High Gorillas continued their winning ways Thursday night running their record to 2-0 with a 55-14 pasting of the Hermleigh Cardinals.

The younger Gorillas started fast when Pete Chavez swept in from six yards out and after John Galvin ran in the extra point, the Gorillas led 7-0 with 5:29 left in the 1st quarter.

Two minutes later, the Gorillas ran up six more points when Chavez burst in from 14 yards out. Jeff Sanford ran in the extra point and with 3:05 left in the first quarter, Trent led 14-0.

With 1:19 left in the 1st quarter, the special teams got in the act by blocking a Hermleigh punt out of the endzone for a safety and a 16-0 lead. After receiving the Hermleigh kickoff, Trent promptly scored again at the :56 mark of the 1st quarter when Jeff Sanford rambed 17 yards for the Gorilla td. The extra point was missed but at the end of the first quarter Trent led 22-0.

The two teams battled evenly until the 3:11 mark of the second

quarter when Iory Dean scored from a yard out. Dean also got the extra point and Trent led 29-0 at the half.

The second half was more of the same with John Galvin, David Sanford, Jeff Sanford and Ralph Chavez all scoring td's behind the blocking of center Jerry Collier.

Galvin's td came at the 1:57 mark of the 3rd quarter on a 3 yard sweep making the score 35-7. Hermleigh finally got on the scoreboard with 3:47 left when Steve Morales scored from six yards out and tallied the extra point to bring the score to 35-7.

After the Cardinal kickoff, the Gorillas drove the ball down the field on two plays. The final play of the drive was a five yard sweep for the td by David Sanford. The extra point was no good and Trent led 41-7 with 2:32 left in the game.

The Younger Gorillas came storming back after a Cardinal punt when Jeff Sanford scored with 1:03 left in the game on a 3 yard run. After Sanford ran in the extra point, the Gorillas led 48-7.

The last Cardinal td came when

Morales burst up the middle for a 54 yard kickoff return. He also ran in the extra point and at the :47 mark of the 4th quarter, the Cardinals were down 48-14.

The younger Gorillas were not through yet and 22 seconds later Ralph Chavez burst in from 35 yards out and Scotty Hudson ran in the extra point to make the final Trent 55-Hermleigh 14.

Coach Doug Gore told **The Mail** "What can you say about a game like this? We played good defense and everybody got a chance to play, we have got a tough one coming up as McCaulley is undefeated and wiping everybody out."

McCaulley's junior high comes to Trent field Thursday and everyone in the community needs to come out and cheer on the younger Gorillas, who if they get by McCaulley, will probably battle Jayton for the Jr. High district championship.

by Mike Payne & W. E. Dulaney



§ Trent's Lewis Knapp [30] is brought down in Ira Saturday. The Gorilla's won the game and are 1-0 in district play. The

Gorillas are open this week. Photo by Shannon Payne

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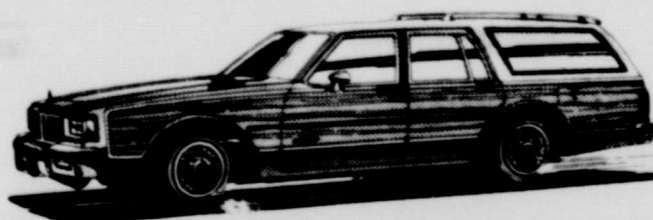
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For rent: 5 year old apartments, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 3 ceiling fans, sprawling living area, fully loaded kitchen. Rent: \$195 - \$220, last month's rent free. Call Shely at 928-3472

39-TFC

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GARAGE SALES Estate Sale: Friday & Saturday 8 a.m. 2 1/2 miles SW of Merkel on FM 126. Numerous small items, 1961 four door Chevrolet Bel Air, one owner 39,000 actual miles, clean

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Big 3 family Garage Sale! Billy Williams home 1/2 mile west of Trent on North side of I-20. Go through cattle guard at for sale sign. Clothing, furniture, dishwasher, antique piano, dryer, lots of misc. items, dune buggy, new refrigerator air conditioner window unit. Saturday only

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Big yard sale at 211 Baker Street Thursday & Friday 9-5. Dishes, lots of clothes and misc.

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Huge 5 family garage sale Saturday only 411 Yucca Merkel. Lamp, dishes, good saddle, wood crafts, Christmas stuff, bed spreads, wood crafts, Christmas stuff, tapes, books, clothes of all sizes, what nots, toys. Don't miss it, something for everyone.

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5 family garage sale at 501 Edwards Thursday, Friday & Saturday. Clothes, dishes, sheets, drapes, a little bit of everything

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Yard sale: Sunday only from 8 until 5 p.m. First road to the right past Walls, 6th house on left side of road and follow signs

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Harvest Temple Church in Trent will be having a garage sale at the Church off of I-20 by Dwayne's Foods. Friday & Saturday until 5 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday. Also a bake sale. They are raising money for carpeting the church

LLN Peanner filed in said Court on the 15th day of September, 1987, against JESSE GALVAN, Respondent, and CARL WAYNE FRANKLIN, and ANTHONY JAMES CAMP, a Child, the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to determine what parent-child relationship exists between the child and the Respondent, that same be terminated, and that CARL WAYNE FRANKLIN be granted a decree of adoption of such child, and that any other relief as requested be given.

Said child was born the 12th day of January, 1983, in the USAF Hospital Dyess, 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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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 18th day of September, 1987.

RILLA MAHONEY, Clerk, 326th DISTRICT COURT, Taylor County, Texas. By JoAnn Lackey, Deputy (Seal) 40-1tc-90

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: CRUZ TOMAS SOLIS, Residence 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 MELODY LOVELAND and LARLEY LOVELAND, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 11th day of September, 1987, against CRUZ TOMAS SOLIS, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 12,291-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of JOHN CRUZ SOLIS, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate the parent-child relationship between Cruz Tomas Solis and the child, and grant adoption of the child to the Petitioners.

Said child was born the 10th day of July, 1980, in Abilene, Texas.

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Abilene, Texas, this the 11th day of September, 1987.

RILLA MAHONEY, Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By JoAnn Lackey, Deputy (Seal) 40-1tc-83

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: VIVIAN DIANCE BOZICH DYE, 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 Second Amended Motion to Modify in Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship of MICHAEL JOSEPH BOZICH, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 28th day of August, 1987, against VIVIAN DIANE BOZICH DYE, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 10,633-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Diane Vivian Bozich and Jessica Marie Bozich Children", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to appoint Movant as Managing Conservator of the minor children, and make proper orders for the support of the children.

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Said child, Diane Vivian Bozich, was born on August 20, 1980 in Virginia, Minnesota

Said child, Jessica Marie Bozich, was born on August 16, 1982, 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 appointment of a managing conservator.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 21st day of September, 1987.

Rilla Mahoney, Clerk 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By JoAnn Lackey, Deputy (Seal) 40-1tc-87

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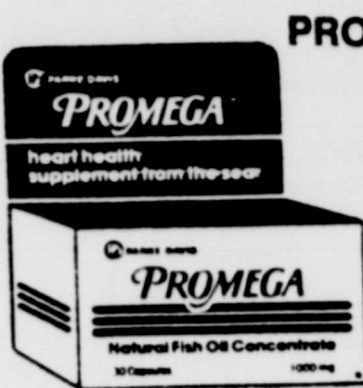
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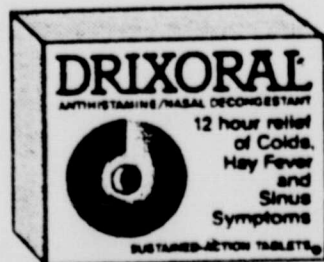
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1987 Homecoming



1987 Homecoming Queen, Krista Toombs is escorted by her father Billy Bob Toombs.

Staff photo



Throwing confetti from the Junior Class float (chosen best in the parade) are (from left) Lori Owen, Kayce Ward, Ray Cobb and Wade Toombs.

Staff photo



Badger football players and cheerleaders seemed to be happy with their transportation in the Homecoming parade here Friday.

Staff photo



The folks from Choo Choo Barbecue found plenty of local children to ride on their 'barbecue pit' in the parade.

Staff photo

Local soccer results listed

The fourth year of Big Country Soccer action was going strong Saturday and Merkel teams were fairly successful.

In the under 6 girls action, the Half-Pints kept rolling along by beating the Smurfettes 8-0 to increase their record to 4-0. Goals were scored by Jennifer Hewitt, Shelley Vaughn with three goals each and Mychelle Andrews with two goals. On defense, Tara Cox and Miranda Riggan had top efforts for the Pints.

In mixed action, the Under 6 sidekicks battled to a 2-2 tie with the Muskrats. Matt Buttman led the Kicks with both goals while Justin Knight, Colby Watts, Adam Vinson and Cortnee DuBose all played tough defense for the Kicks, whose record is now 1-2-1.

Under 8 action saw the Royals

drop a tough one to the Silver Bulls 4-0. The loss drops the Royals' record to 1-3.

Also in under 8 action, the Rowdies ran their record to 3-1 with a 1-0 shutout of the Bombers. Rusty Holmes scored the lone goal for the Rowdies who received good efforts by Ricky Dye, Aaron Dulaney, Kyle Whisenhunt and Cody Guynes.

It was a successful week for Merkel's Under 10 boys teams as the Badgers dropped the Albany Lions and the Royals ties the Jim Ned Spirit. In the Royals game which ended 2-2, the team was led by goals from Chris Gilmore and Jeremy Tipton while Tye Hunt, David Weaver and Adam Tucker contributed fine efforts. With the tie, the Royals record stands at 0-3-1.

In the Badger victory, William Donaldson had four goals, Ryan Holmes had a goal and Justin Goldsmith had a goal in the 6-4 victory. Other stars in the win were Anthony Williamson, Quincy Hines and Shawn West. With the victory, the Badgers remain undefeated at 4-0.

The Dee Feeters, Merkel's under 10 girls team, lost 4-1 to the Lady Bugs to fall to 0-4 on the season. The lone goal for the Dee Feeters was scored by Adrian Holloway.

The Badgers in under 12 action evened their record to 2-2 with an 11-1 laughter over the Defenders. The Badgers spread their scoring out with Ray Pace scoring four goals, Kevin Gilmore two, Brian Miller two, Doug Alldridge two and Gregg Valentine one. One defense, Randall Necessary, Corey Strange, Jason Clinton and Rhett Buntin all had fine games.

Anson holding first 'legal' dance

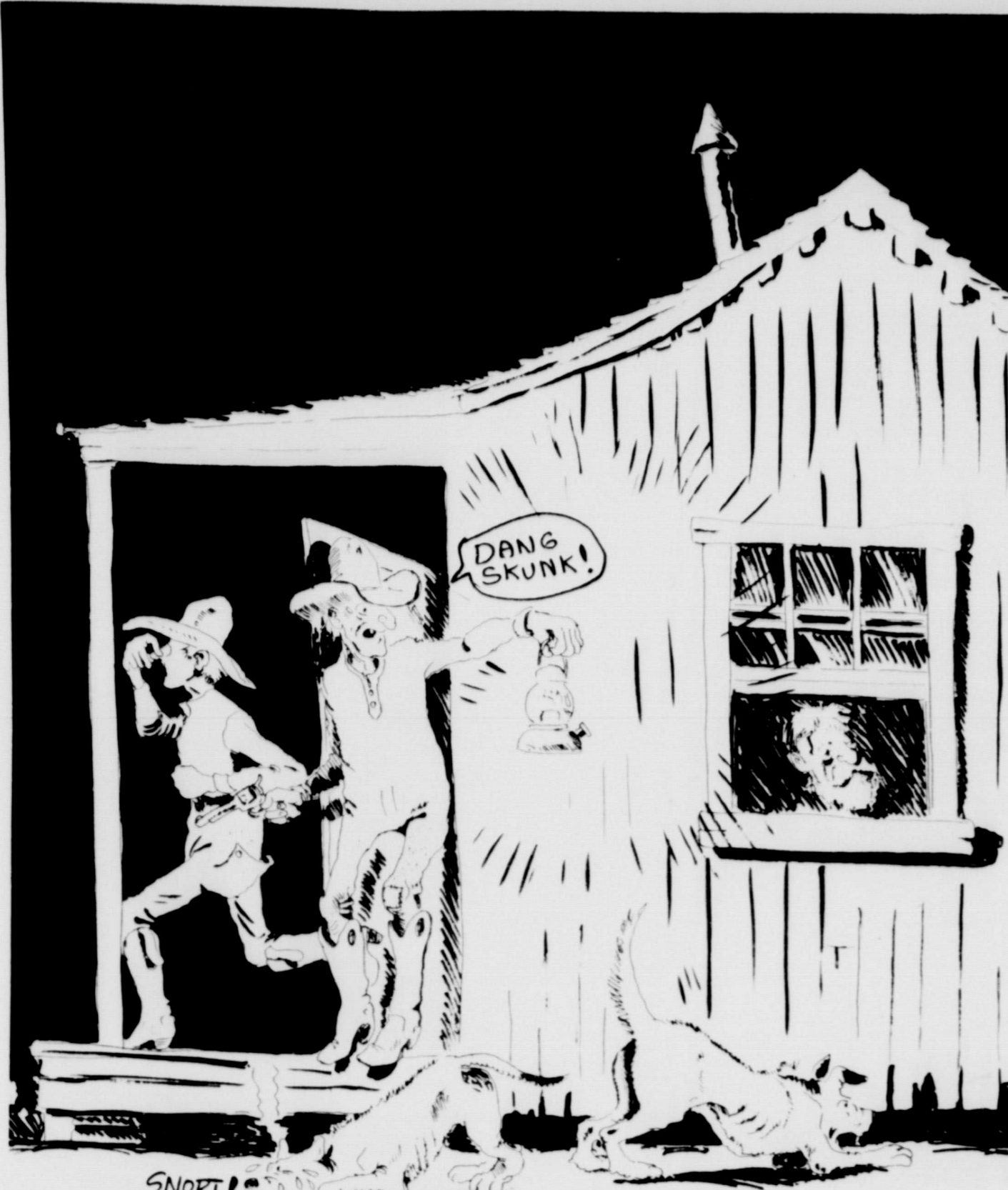
Mason Dixon, one of the top country recording acts in the nation, will play for the first legal public dance in Anson since 1933.

According to Mason Dixon manager Marc W. Oswald, the group is offering their services "in the interest of putting a little pep in the step" of the youth of Anson.

There has not been public dancing allowed in Anson since a 1933 ordinance prohibited dancing with the exception of three days in December during Anson's annual Cowboy Christmas Ball. A group called Footloose formed in January of this year to change the outdated ordinance. A compromise was reached in August between Footloose and the Anson city council.

Manager Oswald stated in a May 7th letter to Anson Mayor Gene Rodgers that "alcohol, drugs and promiscuity are not at all a part of Mason Dixon's show or lifestyle. This group is dedicated to Lone Star State, and just recently spearheaded a Tyler says NO to Drugs campaign in Tyler."

Dances free of alcohol and drugs has been the goal of the Footloose organization since its beginning. Mason Dixon will perform at the Pioneer Hall at the Jones County Fairgrounds Oct. 8th. The door will open at 8 p.m. Bittercreek, a Sweetwater based band, will open the show. Tickets will be available at a cost of \$5 each. Proceeds from the dance will be used by Footloose for the youth of Anson.



OLD TIMERS SERIES
DALE HAMMOND

Principal says MHS off to a great start in '87

To the Editor: This has been a fantastic year for Merkel High School. We have had some great activities and awards thus far. The football team has been super. Kenneth Jowers received the player of the week from the Abilene Reporter News and Shayne Newberry was the player of the week for KTXS television. They represented our school and the team well. If you have not been to a Friday night performance at Badger Stadium,

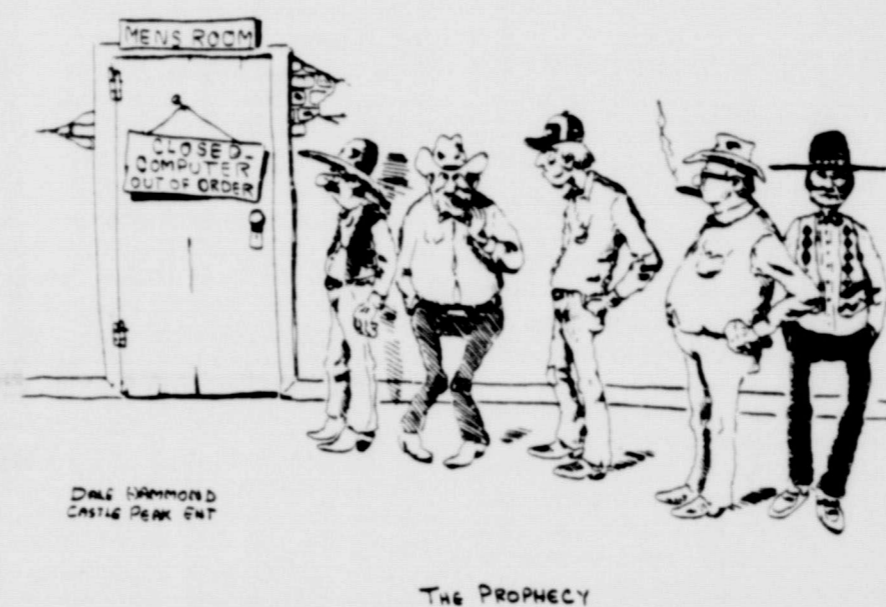
you have missed seeing an outstanding band, twirlers, rifle and flag corps, drill team and cheerleading squad, as well as our new Badger mascot. These are all outstanding young men and women and put in a lot of time and effort for your entertainment.

We also have the largest student council ever for Merkel High School and they are planning a lot of activities for the year. The membership in the FFA is larger than ever at 192. This is the

largest chapter in the state. The FFA had two students place 3rd in the state in proficiency awards. They are Lynn Hays and Cody Hogan. David Ray was 1st in state and 3rd in the nation in proficiency. Lance Perry received his American farmer degree which less than 5 percent of the national FFA members receive.

As you can see, Merkel High is striving to reach the top. We have an outstanding faculty and ask parents to visit with us on any concern you may have. We expect a lot of our students and expect to see academic improvement in each student each day. I would like to thank the parents for their support of our school. Let's continue to work together to make Merkel High School the best it can possibly be.

Robert Damron
Principal, Merkel High School



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THE PROPHECY

CRP now has over 45 million acres

Acres now enrolled in the government's Conservation Reserve Program has passed the halfway point in reaching the targeted 45 million acres nationwide.

With the most recent sign-up period of July 20-31, farmers have committed almost 23 million acres of highly erodible cropland to the program.

Nationally, almost 5.3 million acres were accepted into CRP during the July sign-up, with an average bid price of \$47.90 per acre. Texas farmers had 529,760 acres accepted at an average bid

price of \$39.97 per acre.

CRP was part of the 1985 farm bill and went into effect in early 1986 as a five-year effort to reduce crop production on highly erodible land, explains Dr. Bill Harris, soils specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System. Land accepted into CRP must be kept out of production for at least 10 years and must be planted to grass or trees according to an approved soil conservation plan. The government shares in the cost of establishing the permanent cover.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Odessa Marie Carver, Deceased, were issued on September 28, 1987, in

Docket No. 17,736, in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to Howard Carver, 5601 Richardson Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76119.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently

being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 28th day of September, 1987.
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Obituaries

Johnie Brenem

Johnie Brenem of Fort Hancock died in his home at 11 a.m. September 15th.

Funeral services for the 55 year old man were held September 18th at Starbuck Chapel here. Burial followed at the Trent Cemetery.

Born October 23, 1931 in Coral, he was the son of Johnie Lee Brenem and Hessie Jane Brenem.

He was a veteran having served

in the U. S. Army and was a retired Braniff employee. He had married Peggie Wedge May 24, 1977. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife Peggie of Ft. Hancock; two sons, Joey Lee Brenem of Baird and Everett Earl Lawrence of Fort Hancock; three daughters, Marcalinda Ann Centner of Merkel, Nancy Kay Eckberg of Abilene

and Wendy Lynn Wedge of Fort Hancock; a sister, Willie Jane Brenem of Trent; two brothers, Curtis Brenem of Trent and Robert Brenem, also of Trent; his mother, Hessie Jane Camp of Trent, and three grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Frank Pippin Jr., Clifton Morris, Joe Brazelton, J. N. Townsend, Edward Walters and Johnnie Bryan.

Jacquelyn Stevens

Jacquelyn Stevens of Merkel died at her home Sept. 23.

Funeral services were held Sept. 26th at Merkel's First Baptist Church with the Rev. Wayne Keller, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. John Waggoner.

Burial followed at the Elmwood Garden of Peace in Abilene under the direction of the Starbuck

Funeral Home.

Born September 27, 1931 in Jones County, she was the daughter of Joe B. Toombs and Altha H. (Howard) Toombs. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by a son Steve Doan of Merkel; a daughter, Vickie Doan of Baton Rouge, La;

her mother Altha Howard of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a sister, Betty Sullivan, also of Colorado Springs; a brother, Billy Joe Toombs of Abilene and a grandson.

Pallbearers were Joe McDuff, Junior Clark, Lawrence Hewitt, Don Dudley, Laverne Moore and Arthur Moore.

Price Floyd

Price Robert Floyd of Rt 3 Merkel died at his home Sept. 27th.

Funeral services were held Sept. 29th at Merkel's First United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Waggoner, pastor, officiating. He was assisted by Bob Brandon.

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

Born April 8th in Buffalo Gap, he was the son of H. C. Floyd and Mary Elin (Sims) Floyd.

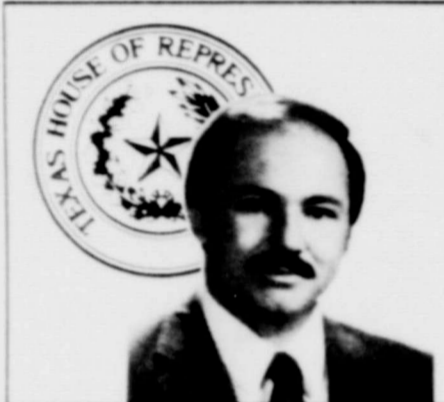
A Methodist, he was a carpenter and retired from farming and ranching in 1976.

He had married Mary Medeline Click Dec. 4, 1935.

He is survived by his wife of Merkel; a daughter, Pat McAlister, also of Merkel; a grand-

daughter Margo Bigbee of Sudan; and two great-grandchildren, Queena and Marjoe Bigbee, also of Sudan; a brother, Paul Floyd of Abilene; a sister, Lillian Floyd, of Merkel, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers were Jimmy Floyd, David Floyd, Bill Foster, Brad Butler, Raymond Click and Leon Floyd.



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STEVEN A. CARRIKER
House of Representatives

The 1987 Constitutional Amendments.

This is the third in a series of informational columns on the constitutional amendments and referendum propositions which Texas voters will consider on November 3rd. The amendments are presented in the order in which they will appear on the ballot, and my intention is to provide arguments that have been raised for and against each proposal.

Amendment No. 8: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds for projects relating to corrections institutions and mental health and mental retardation facilities."

Bond proceeds would fund construction of prisons and mental health mental retardation facilities. Federal courts have mandated the State of Texas make significant capital improvements in these program areas. This amendment would allow facilities to be paid for over the life of the

project rather than all at once in advance as has been the practice in Texas. The result would be lower taxes now but higher taxes later. As the man says "You pay your money and you take your choice."

Amendment No. 9: "The constitutional amendment to provide that a member of the legislature is eligible to be elected or appointed, and to serve in a different state office but may not receive an increase in compensation granted to that office during the legislative term to which he was elected."

The heart of this amendment is to remove a constitutional roadblock which sometimes prevents state senators from seeking higher state office before their terms have expired. If adopted, it would also allow the governor to appoint a legislator to fill a vacancy in a statewide office. If you feel that these people should be available to the electorate as potential candidates or appointees, then you will want to vote for this amendment.

Massey likes his role as linebacker

"I love to hit people", replied Jason Massey. The junior linebacker has been hitting people for the Gorillas since his freshman year and hit people hard enough to make honorable mention all-district his sophomore year at safety.

Jason loves to ride horses and is involved in band, playing both the trombone and marching baritone. Any young man that lives on a farm that has over 150 hogs has to be involved in FFA and Jason is, showing hogs well enough to place 1st in the durocs, 2nd in cross and

3rd in Hampshire categories in the 1985 Trent FFA livestock show.

"I don't rely on having any individual goals" said Jason. "I do have a goal for the team and that is to beat Jayton and win district, then beat Ft. Hancock and win state. That's our #1 goal."

Jason wants to attend a trade school after graduation and learn either the electrical or air conditioning trade. He lives in Mulberry Canyon with his mother and father, W. L. and Janie and brother Brian and sister Ginger.

by W. E. Dulaney



§ Honor class members from Merkel High rode in the Homecoming parade here Friday.
Staff photo



§ Shayne Newberry [40] gets a clearing block from Ramon Moreno [21] in Merkel's district opening win over Clyde

here Friday night. The Badgers travel to Sonora Friday.
Staff photo



§ Tommie Whisenhunt Niell [left] was crowned Coming Home Queen and L. B. Gibson was named Mr. X at halftime of Merkel's Homecoming game Friday. They are both members of the MHS Class of 1937.
Staff photo

AARP wants medicare payments monitored

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) today urged congressional oversight hearings on Medicare's recovery of overpayments to beneficiaries and physicians in Texas.

In Texas, the Health Care Financing Administration, which runs Medicare, inaccurately reimbursed physicians and some beneficiaries for certain physician services. The overpayments total \$15 million. Approximately 15,000 beneficiaries are involved.

"An overpayment of such magnitude needs to be examined and lessons learned. AARP will be monitoring carefully the process by which beneficiaries repay the amount owed to ensure they are being treated fairly. For some beneficiaries repaying even \$100 could be a burden," said AARP Executive Director Cyril F. Brickfield.

If the overpayment is not the fault of the beneficiary, and repayment would be a financial hardship, in some cases repayment can be waived. Beneficiaries should contact their local Social Security office or Blue Cross-Blue Shield office for more information.

Cabral in HSU society

Mrs. Paul Cabral, a resident of Trent, has been selected to the Alpha Chi at Hardin-Simmons University.

To qualify for Alpha-Chi, the student must be in the top ten percent of the senior and graduate classes at HSU.

She is majoring in general and special education and lives with her husband Frank and two children Jared and Jennifer.

by W. E. Dulaney

Trent students place at WT fair

The following Trent students placed winning animals in this year's West Texas Fair and Rodeo Livestock exhibition in Abilene.

Winning heifers were shown by Mike Payne as he posted a second in the junior show and a third in the open show. Dock Carriker was 5th and 3rd in the junior and open show. Placing with fryer rabbits were Jennifer Morse 2nd, Teri Brazelton 5th, Stacey Brazelton 6th, Jeremy Morse 7th, and Mindy Ray 9th. Showing barrows John Galvin 6th, with his light weight hamp.

Winners in the calf scramble included Lee Hunt, Mark Payne and Lewis Knapp. In the calf scramble heifer show, Dock Carriker 2nd, Mike Payne 5th. Dock also brought home the showmanship award for his efforts.

Johnson named to national honor group

Kenneth Ray Johnson of Merkel, a senior at Texas Tech University, was recently selected to the Outstanding College Students of America. Selections were based on academic and personal achievements. He will be eligible for several scholarships as well as being listed in the group's 1987 directory.

He is the son of Beverly Johnson of Merkel and Larry Johnson of Abilene and is the grandson of Joyce Hallford of Trent.

Powell in cast of McMurry production

Ronny Powell of Merkel has been chosen as a member of the cast of McMurry College's fall theatrical play, "Tartuffe" written by Moliere.

Ronny will play Orgon in the first theatre production Oct. 1-3. "Tartuffe" is a story about a swindler who gains control over a middle aged man through hypocrisy and bigotry.

Ronny is the son of Mrs. Lillian Powell of Merkel and is a 1983 graduate of Merkel High School.



§ Coach Taylor applauds. Coach Lepard plans, coach Handley lands and Coach Easterling [with clipboard] leaps as the Badgers scored the go ahead touchdown against Clyde here Friday night.
Staff photo

Newsbriefs

John's football picks

The following are John Star-buck's football picks of the week:
 Merkel 30-Sonora 20 (When the Badgers leave Sonora Friday night, they will be 4-1 overall and 2-0 in district 5AAA and Sonora will be picking up the pieces from their first district loss)
 Weiner 15-Trent 45 (The Gorillas will be on a roll after last week's shut-out of Ira)
 Baylor 38-Houston 30 (The Bears will defuse the run-and-shoot offense of the Houston Cougars just enough to win)
 Dallas 20- NY Jets 17 (This game is a toss up)
 UCLA 32 Stanford 18 (A Pac 10 match-up between the first and last teams in the conference)

Last week 3 wins 1 loss
 Season total 11 wins 8 losses

MISD lunch menu

Oct. 1: Salisbury steak with gravy, whipped potatoes, carrot sticks, jello squares with fruit.
 Oct. 2: hot dogs with chili, baked beans, french fries, walk to school cookies.
 Oct. 5th: burritos, spanish rice, lettuce wedges, choice of dressing, applesauce cakes.
 Oct. 6th: sliced turkey, whipped potatoes, fresh green beans, sliced peaches.
 Oct. 7th: tacos with taco sauce, pinto beans, grated lettuce & cheese, plum cobbler.
 Oct. 8th: tuna salad, lettuce and tomatoes, beans, chocolate pudding.
 Oct. 9th: cheeseburgers, fries

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 with all the trimmings, rice krispie bars.

TISD lunch menu

Oct. 1: juice, donuts, milk; grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, french fries, chewey cookies.
 Oct. 2: cinnamon toast, milk; bar-b-que on a bun, potato salad, peaches, cookies.
 Oct. 5th: orange juice, cereal, milk; chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, chocolate pudding, rolls, tea or milk.
 Oct. 6th: juice, donuts, milk; frito pie, corn, salad, corn meal twist, banana pudding, tea or milk.
 Oct. 7th: orange juice, biscuits and sausage, jelly, milk; chicken strips, french fries, salad, peach cobbler, rolls, tea or milk.
 Oct. 8th: orange juice, cinnamon rolls, milk; spaghetti with

meat sauce, english peas; fried squash, chocolate cake, rolls, tea or milk.

Oct. 9th: orange juice, oatmeal, milk; cheeseburgers, pork & beans, mixed fruit, cookies, tea or milk.

Sr. Citizen flu shots

Flu shots will be given to all Merkel citizens age 60 or older at Heritage Hall in Merkel Oct. 8th between 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

To be placed on the list, call 928-5501 only.

Johnston is teaching

Todd Johnston, a student at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, is currently teaching in Merkel High School here as a degree requirement for education majors. He is teaching band.

TEAMS forms available

Forms are available from the Merkel High School Counselor's

office for students needing to take the exit level TEAMS test.

The TEAMS test is for people who did not pass the exit test and failed to graduate from high school. This would apply only to new residents of Merkel as all MHS seniors passed the test last year.

USDA commodities

USDA food commodities will be delivered Saturday at the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department Station starting at 8:30 a.m.

People who may qualify for the December distribution may also sign up at Saturday's distribution.

Sr. Citizens singing set

The Merkel Senior Citizens will hold their 1st Monday singing October 5th at the Senior Citizens Center across from Merkel Drug.

Coxe is out of basic

Everyone is invited to attend. Army National Guard Private

Roger S. Coxe, son of Shirley & Gerald of Grand Prairie and a nephew of Richard Hill of Merkel has completed basic training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

Trent sets annual pageant Oct. 23rd

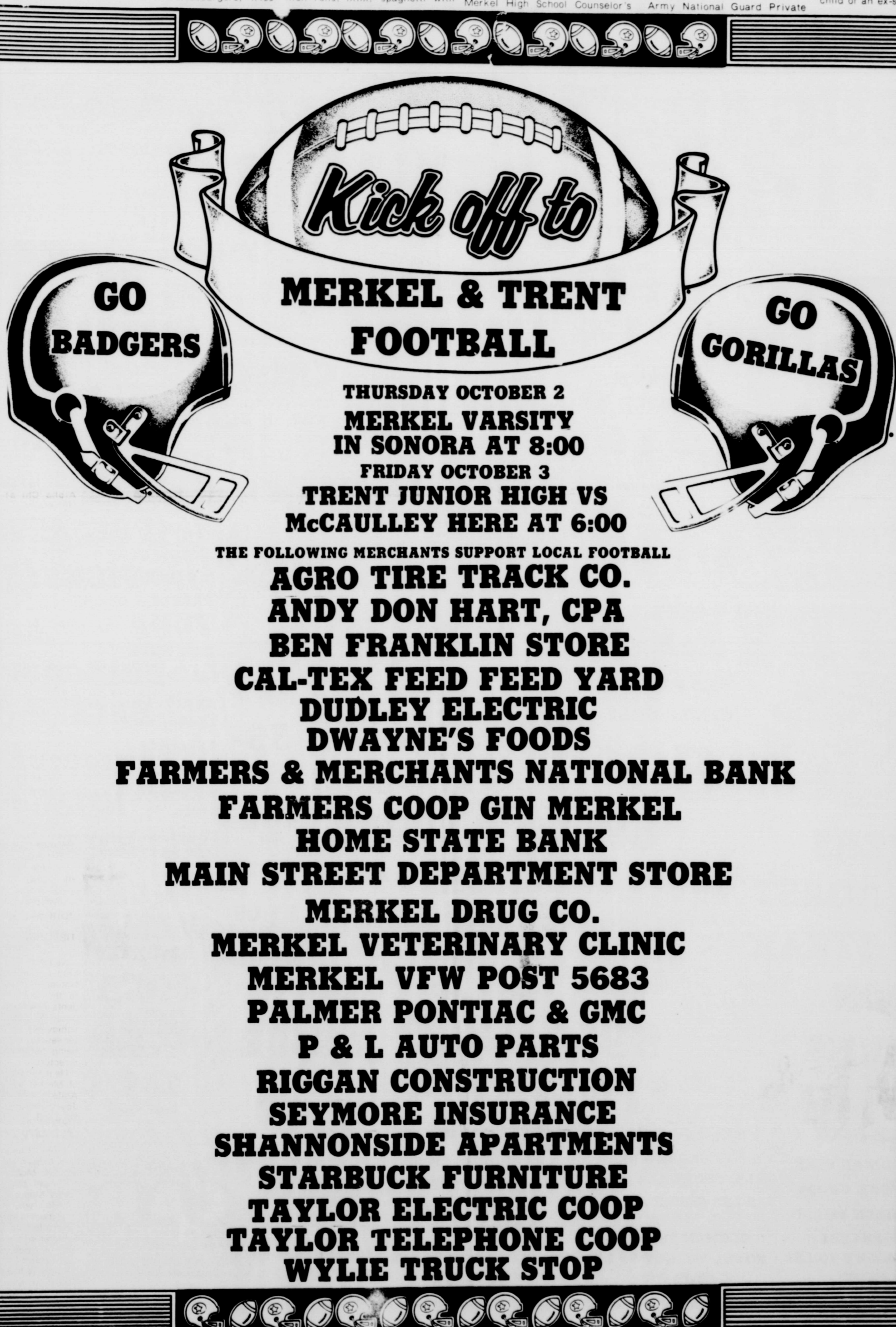
The 1987 Trent pageant will be held Oct. 23rd at 7 p.m. in the Trent gym.

Age categories will include pre-school through high school. The event will kick off the 1987 Trent Homecoming.

Entry fee will be \$5 for one child, \$7.50 for two children or \$10 for three children. Entry deadline will be Oct. 11th.

Anyone wishing to enter should contact either Syra Patterson at the school or Cheri Adair after 5 p.m. and on weekends at 928-3274.

To be a participant, a child must either be a student at Trent or the child of an ex-student.



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