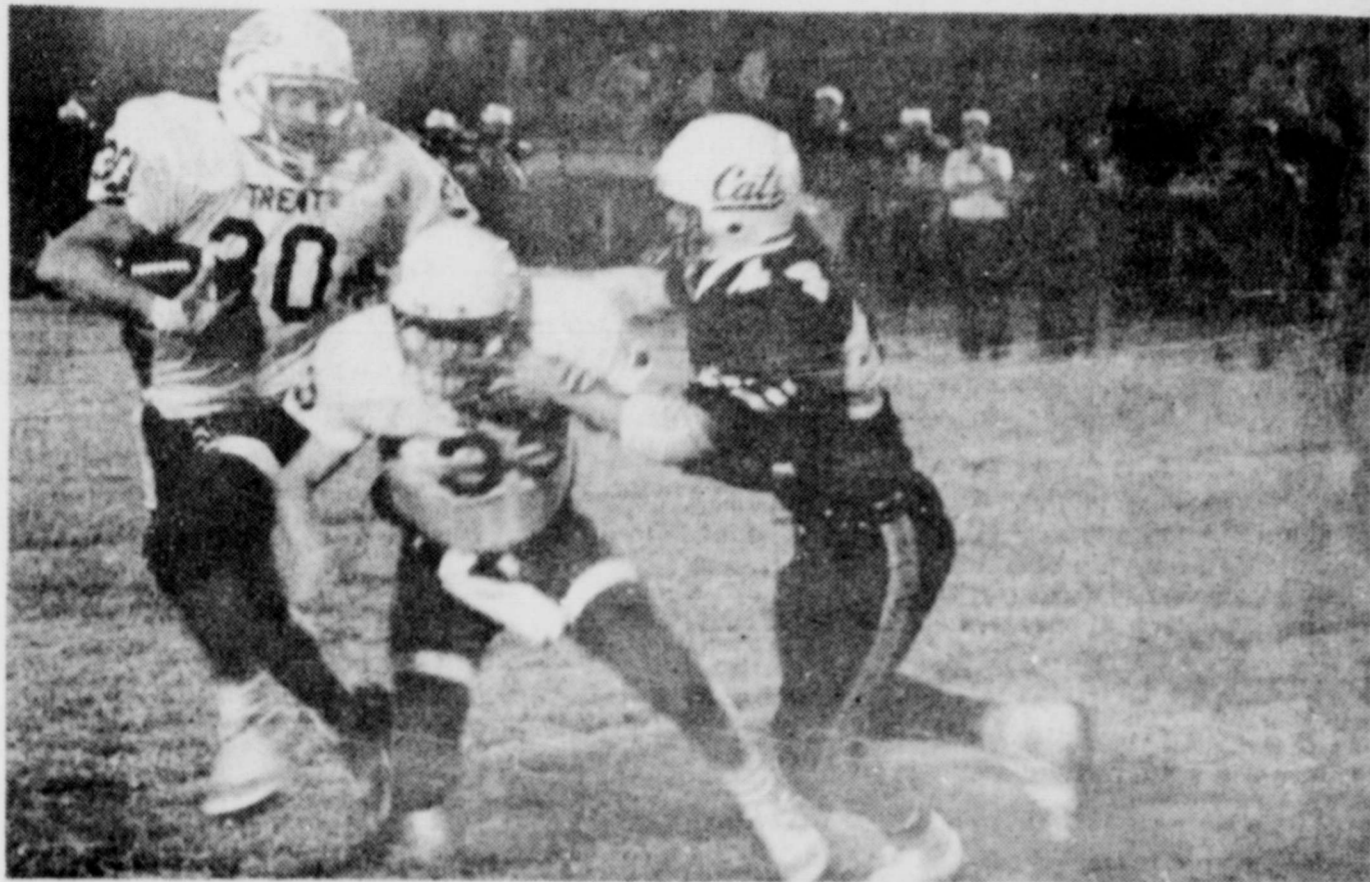


The Merkel Mail

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Trent running back Lewis Knapp looks for running room against Wellman last week in Gail. Trent was eliminated from the playoffs in the contest. Staff photo



Badger quarterback Kenneth Jowers was named the unanimous choice as first team quarterback and punter in District 5AAA. The good news for Badger fans is Jowers is a junior and will return next year. Photo by Glenn Richards

3 Badgers are 1st team all-district

The 1987 Merkel Badger football team had three players named to first team all-district led by quarterback Kenneth Jowers who was a unanimous choice as first team quarterback. He was also the unanimous choice as first team punter. Defensive back Shayne Newberry also made the

first team defensive unit in the secondary. A host of other Badgers were also mentioned (see related story) and they are to be congratulated. Biera and Newberry are seniors and Jowers is a junior. Named to the second team were offensive halfback Newberry, and split end Brit Pursley was also named to the second offensive

team. Mentioned honorably on the offense were tackles Robert McFadden, center Tony Roberts and halfback Tony Roberts, as well as running back Corey Hines. Brit Pursley was also mentioned honorably in the defensive secondary.

'Rillas, Badgers, Thanksgiving...more

by Cloy A. Richards

Joey and I headed for Gail last Friday to watch the Trent-Wellman playoff game. The Gorillas fell behind early in that game and things got quickly out of hand as Wellman raced to a 62-20 win. Even though the local team lost, it was good to see a Six-Man game again. It's an exciting brand of football, kind of like a continuous fast break basketball game. Trent had a good season with their 8-2 record and although they will miss Seniors Scott O'Kelly and Brian Massey, they have 10 of 12 starters returning next year. That ought to be enough to keep Trent coaches Ed Donahugh and Doug Gore, as well as the 'Rilla fans, excited until next August.

Speaking of Trent, we owe a special thanks to W. E. and Kay Dulaney for all of their efforts in covering the Trent football teams for **The Mail**. As they say in the rodeo business, "give them a hand fans, 'cause that's all they get".

Merkel's football team was well represented in the all-district selections released this week.

Badger quarterback Kenneth Jowers was the unanimous choice as the first team punter and quarterback. Not bad considering he missed two and a half district games due to an injury. Also named to the first team were Chris Biera as a defensive lineman and Shayne Newberry in

the defensive secondary. A host of other Badgers were also mentioned (see related story) and they are to be congratulated.

The community-wide Thanksgiving service is Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Assembly of God Church.

All local residents are invited and a combined choir will present special music. An offering will be collected and the proceeds will be used by the Merkel Ministerial Alliance's transient relief fund.

I hope you noticed we will have an early deadline next week because of the post office being

closed on Thanksgiving Day. The deadline will be noon Monday.

The Merkel school board meets tonight at the High School break room. The board regularly meets on Tuesday nights but it was changed due to a home basketball game Tuesday.

The local Christmas Fair was cancelled this year due to a lack of participation from local and area vendors. I realize we published a full page ad for the event last week, and it did generate some interest, but not enough to make the event pay for itself.

Local cotton gins go over 2,000 bales

The cotton harvest was again slowed by rain over the weekend but cotton strippers were rolling again Tuesday.

At the Merkel CoOp Gin, 1,400 bales have been ginned so far. They reported no cotton on the yard Tuesday morning and Bennett Massey said cotton prices were going up slightly. The seed is \$70 per ton.

Over at the Trent Gin, 1000 bales had been ginned as of Tuesday

morning and they reported about 200 bales on the yard. They reported the per pound lint price was between 54 and 60 cents, depending on the grade and the seed price was \$80 per ton.

The Trent gin expects to be working around the clock starting next week and they said they had not started ginning any "frost cotton" and the cotton they were ginning had been killed by chemical application.

Wellman eliminates Trent

by W. E. Dulaney

The zone champion Trent Gorilla's season came to a crashing halt last Friday when the Wellman Wildcats shocked the 'Rilla's 62-20 in the District 4 playoffs. The Wildcats, who came into the game as the West Zone co-champs, used their quickness to roll up 553 yards offense and the pursuit to shut down the potent 'Rilla ground game. Even though Lewis Knapp picked up 131 yards, it took him 27 carries as the Wildcat defense keyed on him all night long.

The game opened with Trent kicking off and Tony Timmons brought the ball back 80 yards for six Wildcat points. J. Rowden ran in the extra point and the 'Cats had a quick 7-0 lead with only 13 seconds gone in the game.

The 'Rillas came right back. Behind good gainers by Knapp and Mike Payne, the 'Rilla offense drove the length of the field before the drive stalled and Scott O'Kelly put the 'Rillas on the board with a 33 yard field goal. That brought the score to 7-4 with 7:36 left in the 1st quarter.

The rest of the 1st quarter and the majority of the 2nd quarter was all Wellman as the 'Cats scored 29 straight points to go up 36-4 enroute to a 44-12 halftime lead.

The first Wellman score after the 'Rilla field goal came at the 6:40 mark of the 1st quarter when Chance Baker took the 54 yard bomb from Timmons in for six. After Rowden added the extra point, the 'Cats led the heavily favored 'Rillas 14-4.

A little over two minutes later, the 'Cats put six more on the board when Rowden, who on the night had 186 yards on only 18 carries, went in from 27 yards out to push the score 20-4 'Cats.

The score stayed at 20-4 until the 6:14 mark of the 2nd quarter when Timmons took a 'Rilla punt back 50 yards for six points and David Pendergrass split the uprights to up the lead to 28-4.

The 'Cats wanted more and at the 2:25 mark of the second quarter Timmons scored 6 more on a 42 yard pass from Robert Mercado. Pendergrass again added the point after and Wellman led 36-4.

The 'Rilla defense provided the next score when with 52 seconds left in the half, Chris Jones fell on a muffed 'Cat punt in the end zone. After O'Kelly split the uprights, Trent had closed the gap to 36-12 and seemed to have new hope.

The final 'Cats score of the first half came with 15 seconds to play in the half when Timmons took a 20 yard pass from Mercado for six more.

The second half was a better football game as even though Wellman outscored the 'Rillas 18-8, the Trent offense played well moving the ball up and down the field but never crossing the goal line. While the defense, led by Keith Oden and Jason Massey, along with Chris Jones, continued to punish the 'Cat offense with some vicious hits, Wellman pulled away.

The last 'Rilla t.d. came on a 10 yard run by Noe Falcon late in the 4th quarter but by then, the 'Cats, who according to their coach played their best game in two years, were making plans to play Balmorhea next week in the Bi-District round of the state playoffs.

"We finally ran into some speed" said a disappointed coach Doug Gore, "we played with a lot of heart but we were just flat. We did learn what it takes to go further though and we're young so we'll be back. Gore continued by saying "We had a great season, the guys shouldn't hang their heads, they have a lot to be proud of."

The 'Rillas, who finished their season at 8-2 after the upset loss, will now start their basketball season but each and every player should hold their heads high. Even though the season is over and

ended a lot sooner than everybody thought it would, these kids are a class group and all should be congratulated for a season that nobody in this area will forget. From seniors Brian Massey & Scott O'Kelly on down to the freshmen "fire ants", the 'Rillas never gave up and this reporter would like to take his hat off to each and every player on the 1987 East Zone Champion Trent Gorillas. Congratulations guys, you are # 1 in everybody's eyes around here.

Game Statistics

	Trent	Wellman
First Downs	11	16
att-rush	52-214	28-328
Pass- att-t.d.'s	6-22-0	9-21-4
Pass yards	84	223
Fumbles lost	2	1
Int. by	1	2
Penalties-yards	3-25	12-140
Punts-avg.	1-44	0-0

Community wide Thanksgiving service

The annual Community-wide Thanksgiving service will be held Sunday at 7 p.m. at Merkel's Assembly of God Church.

The service will begin at 7 p.m. The Rev. Willie Turner, Jr. will preach and a combined churches choir will provide special music.

Local churches participating in the event are the Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, Merkel First Baptist Church, Calvary Baptist Church of Merkel, the

Merkel Assembly of God, Grace Presbyterian Church of Merkel, the Mission For All Church of Merkel and Merkel's First United Methodist Church.

The community wide service is sponsored by the Merkel Ministerial Alliance and a collection of a special offering that ministers to the needs of transients will be collected.

Everyone is invited to attend the service and a fellowship will be held following the service.

Lord's Acre sale set

Pioneer Memorial United Methodist Church, located 15 miles Southwest of Merkel on FM 126 announces their 37th annual Lord's Acre Sale Saturday evening Nov. 21. Supper will be served starting at 6 p.m.

A program will begin immediately after the meal.

The friendship quilt this year will feature many names and dates.

Don Dudley will serve as the auctioneer and David Chaffin is the pastor. The public is invited to attend.

Chamber of Commerce cancels annual Christmas Fair this weekend

The Chamber of Commerce Christmas Fair and Parade, originally scheduled for this weekend at Heritage Hall, has been cancelled.

The Chamber's Board of directors voted last week to cancel the event due to too few booth spaces being rented for the event.

The Chamber will hold the annual Christmas parade, either Dec 5th or 12th. The exact date will be announced later.

The Chamber's cookbook, will be delivered and available for sale within the next 10 days. To reserve your copy, call the Chamber Office at 928-5722.

Early deadline for paper next week

The **Mail's** deadline will be a day earlier next week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The deadline for all news and ads will be noon Monday as the paper will be printed Tuesday.

The change is being made so the Thanksgiving edition will be de-

livered by mail on Wednesday.

MISD will dismiss classes early Wednesday and will be closed Thursday and Friday, as will Trent schools. City Hall in Merkel and Tye will also be closed for Thanksgiving Thursday, as well as the local banks and the post offices.

MISD board will meet tonight

The Merkel School Board will meet tonight (Thursday) for their regular meeting.

The board is scheduled to hear the annual audit report. The board will also pass a resolution in support of a new member for the board of directors of the Central Tax Authority.

Board members are also scheduled to approve the textbook committee for the 1987-88 school year.

Sr. Citizens will meet tonight

The Merkel Senior Citizens of 122 Edwards Street will meet tonight (Thursday) instead of the scheduled date of the 4th Thursday of the month (due to the Thanksgiving Holiday). Senior

They will also hear reports from personnel in charge of maintenance, curriculum, the campus principals and the superintendent.

The board will also go into executive session to discuss the evaluation and re-assignment of an employee.

They will approve new substitute teachers.

The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday) in the high school lounge.

Citizens are asked to bring a covered dish of vegetables, salad or dessert. Turkey and dressing will be furnished. Visitation will be held from 4 until 6 p.m. and the meal will start at 4:30.

Local FVW post collecting food, toys

Merkel FVW Post 5683 and the Ladies Auxillary are now collecting toys and canned goods for needy families of the Merkel and Trent area.

Donations are being accepted at

the Weldon Tittle home at 904 Orange in Merkel and the the FVW Post.

Remember "Let's Help Ours First." Call 928-5555 for more information.

Stith Homecoming is Sunday

Former residents of the Stith Community will hold their annual reunion Sunday at the Stith Community Center.

The event will get started at 10 a.m. and a luncheon will be

served. Meat and drinks will be provided but persons attending are asked to bring a dessert, salad or vegetable dish.

For more information, contact Frank Mundy at 698-7724.

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Tom Kerns

Tom L. Kerns of Huntersville, N.C. died Nov. 11 in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Born May 19, 1908 in Sedgewick, Ga., he was the son of the late Evan and Grace (Albertson) Kerns. He owned and operated Carolina Auto Service before retiring.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13 in Charlotte, N.C. Burial followed in Sharon Memorial Park, also in Charlotte.

He is survived by two sons, Larry Kerns of Lawrenceville, Ga. and Terry Kerns of Cornelius, N.C.; two daughters, Maxine Ridenhour and Marie Wentz of Surfside Beach, S.C. and Joan Jones of Monroe, N.C.; a sister Mrs. Leah Spurlock of Merkel, 13 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

James Huckaby

James K. Huckaby, 69, of Abilene, died Monday at an Abilene hospital.

Services were held Tuesday at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Abilene with the Rev. Charles E. Chatham officiating. Graveside services were held Wednesday at the Hearn Cemetery in DeWitt, Ark.

Born in Abilene, he had lived in El Paso.

Born in Arkansas, he had lived in El Paso and moved to Abilene in 1978.

He was a lumberjack in DeWitt and was in the insect exterminating business in El Paso. He was a furniture restorer in Abilene.

He was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

He is survived by a daughter, Margaret Alba of Abilene; a son, John Huckaby of Merkel; two brothers J. C. Huckaby of Louisville, Ky. and Jim Bob Huckaby of DeWitt; a sister Colleen Fletcher of DeWitt; ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Joe Lerma

Joe P. Lerma, 67 of Merkel, died Nov. 10 in the Big Spring VA

Obituaries

Hospital. A Rosary was held Nov. 13 at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church here and funeral services were held Nov. 14, also at Our Mother of Mercy.

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

Born Dec. 28, 1913 in Presidio, he was the son of Jose and Anastacia (Madrid) Lerma. He had married Lenora Franco March 17, 1946. He was a veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife of Merkel; two daughters, Angelina Lloyd of Merkel and Carmen Lane of Fort Richardson, Ark.; seven sons, Ray Lerma of Cape Coral, Fla., Paul Lerma of Monticello, In., Daniel Lerma of Merkel, Victor Lerma of Merkel, Angel Lerma of Denver, Louis Lerma of Merkel; two brothers, Manuel Pallarez of Abilene and Pat Pallarez of Merkel; a sister, Rosa Pallarez of Merkel and 24 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Weldon Tittle, Pablo Borrego, Ruben Duran, Daniel Moreno, Tony Biera and Augie Ybarra.

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

Zelma Holcomb



Mrs. Zelma Ann (Nanny) Holcomb, 80, of Lovington, N. M., passed away Friday, November 6,

1987 after a short illness. Services were held Monday, Nov. 9, 1987 at 10:00 a.m. in Lovington.

Mrs. Holcomb was born Jan. 7, 1907 in McGregor. She was united in marriage to Ed Holcomb April 19, 1924. He preceded her in death Nov. 24, 1966.

She is survived by a daughter, Dorothy Carter of Lovington; a son Ernest Holcomb of Lubbock; two brothers, Joe Mize of Temple and Autry Mize of Clifton; six grandchildren, Sammi Carson of Lovington, James Beene of Corpus Christi, Cathy Pack and John E. Carter of Merkel, Don Holcomb of Lubbock and Ronnie Holcomb of Fort Worth, and 12 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Don Holcomb, Ronnie Holcomb, John E. Carter, Pat Warren, Ronnie Carson and Bobby Rolls.

Xi Nu Chi meets

Xi Nu Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday for their regular meeting in the home of Mary Hill.

President, Nancy Johnson held a short business meeting.

Sandra Wurst presented a program on Thanksgiving.

Mary Hill served a delicious evening meal to Anita Allen, Minyon Seymore, Judy Elliott, Nancy Johnson, Sandra Wurst and Nancy Duncan.

3 from Fortnightly group attend Albany meeting

Anna Belle Shouse, Ruby Hammond and Alwyne Sandusky recently attended the Mesquite District Fall Board meeting in Albany at the First Christian Church. They represented the local Fortnightly Study Club.

A luncheon was served at the Old Jail Museum annex with music provided by The Broadway Eight comprised of students from Albany High School.

During the report session, Mrs. Hammond, the district chairman of the SEA gave a report on Stop Elder Abuse Mrs. Shouse, district conservation chairman gave the emphasis report on Keep America Beautiful and Hazardous Waste. Mrs. Sandusky, the educational department division chairman gave a report on school issues.

Fortnightly group meets

The Fortnightly Study Club met November 10 in the home of Maurine White with Evelyn Martin as cohostess.

Madelon Horton led members in repeating the Club Collect.

Edna Hill gave the Federation Counselor's report.

Mrs. Allen King, president, conducted a business meeting. A decision was made for members to bring gifts to be given to State School clients for Christmas. Vice President Mrs. Johnny Hammond introduced the program, "Native American Trees", given by Grace Lee Brown, and "Biblical Trees", given by Anna Lou Ferguson.

Mrs. Brown began her program with a poem, "Tree of Life", by James Freeman. The **REGISTRY OF FAMOUS TREES** in Washington includes some trees in Texas, and Mrs. Brown told the histories and showed pictures of some of the trees including the Old Bayview Mesquite at Corpus Christi, the Goose Island State Park live oak with an 89' crown spread, and a 250 year old green ash tree at Grapevine, said to be the state's largest tree. Citizen protest can sometimes save valued trees from destruction to make way for the "mark of progress."

Mrs. Ferguson told us of the astonishing variety of trees mentioned in **The Bible**. Trees and seeds are used in many stories and parables in both the Old and New Testaments. Often the tree is used as a symbol of life, knowledge, and strength. To illustrate reverence for trees, she read Joyced Kilmer's "Trees".

Members present were: Grace Lee Brown, Mildred Hamm, Madelon Horton, Aileen Knight, Becky Rogers, Clara Bee Walla, Mary Collins, Ruby Hammond, Nina Bell Hughes, Mary K. Logan, Ida Seymore, Maurine White, Bess Dixon, Lucy Haynes, Joyce Jay, Evelyn Martin, Anna Belle Shouse Lucile Wilson, Anna Lou Ferguson Edna Hill, Alice King, Becky Pyburn, and Syble South.



the defensive secondary, Newberry also was named a 2nd team all-district running back. Staff photo

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'Rilla fans should have stayed

by W. E. Dulaney

Last Friday night, everybody's darlings, the Trent Gorillas were involved in a playoff game that unfortunately ended a lot different than everybody thought it would. Everybody that stayed through the whole game to show their support for the greatest group of kids that this writer has ever been involved with, should all be congratulated for an outstanding season.

My question is to the people that left early. What's the deal? Do the kids have to win for you to be there? Does an outstanding season like the 'Rillas had, not deserved your sticking around for the final whistle? How do you think these kids felt after playing their hearts out that hardly anybody, other than their parents, were around to congratulate them for their sea-

son, to console them for their loss, and show them that the community cares for them, win or lose? I understand the people that deserted the team, and that's what it was...desertion, probably didn't have a son on the team or a daughter that is a cheerleader, but you were there for all the wins. You always had a good word for the team as long as they were winning but let them taste defeat and you haven't got time for the team. What if your son had just played the biggest game of the season and came up short? Would you want people there to tell him nice game, we're proud of you, and give him a pat on the back for trying his hardest? Or would you want everybody to hop in their cars and try to get home before the ten o'clock news comes on

TV. The game of football on this high school level is a character building game. Winning and losing is important, but playing the game to the best of each player's ability is the object of the game. Yes, winning is a lot more fun, but if the 'Rillas had been 0-10 they still deserve better treatment than the "fans" that didn't stick around gave them.

I hope each "fan" that left early remembers that Trent has not always been as successful as it was this year, that to build a winning tradition you not only need good coaches and players... but dedicated fans as well. Whether a team wins or loses, they need to know that you care, and I am not sure that these kids know that.



Badger defensive lineman Chris Biera [75] sacks Wylie quarterback Bo Sanford in this year's 34-14 win over Wylie. Biera was named to the first team all district defense this week. Photo by Glenn Richards

Lady 'Rillas down ACHS

The Trent Lady 'Rillas were rude hosts last Tuesday night as they routed Abilene Christian High School's Lady Panthers 46-19 in a preseason scrimmage at the Trent Gym.

The Panthers scored first in the scrimmage but behind Rene Gibson and Tami Collier the 'Rillas scored two unanswered points to go up 10-2 before ACHS was able to close the gap to 10-6 at the end of the first quarter.

Four points was as close as the Panthers would get as Ginger Massey score 8 of her 12 points in the second quarter, while on the defensive side Luci Masonheimer pestered the Panthers into costly mistakes as the 'Rillas outscored

ACHS 18-7 in the second eight minutes to go up 28-13 in the simulated game.

The 3rd quarter, the Lady 'Rillas continued to rout, outscoring the Panthers 10-6. This quarter was a show of team strength as all five had a bucket each.

Trent finished up the rout by outscoring ACHS 8-0 in the last quarter.

"We looked pretty good," said a pleased Coach Robbie Shugart. "We had some good rebounding from Tami Collier, Rene Gibson and Twila Williams and our defense played well. Ginger Massey and Luci Masonheimer (who's playing with an injured

nose possibly broken) both played well defensively.

The Lady 'Rillas started their season Tuesday night as they hosted the Merkel Freshmen. The 'Rillas have shown that they are a team to be reckoned with led by the one-two scoring punch of Ginger Massey and Rene Gibson and the strong board play of Gibson, Tami Collier and Twila Williams, as well as the defensive play of Massey and Luci Masonheimer. The Lady 'Rillas could start making playoff plans of their own as they prepare to challenge Roscoe for the district title.

by Kay & W. E. Dulaney

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A look back at '87 THS football

The Trent Gorillas had an outstanding year going 8-2 and winning the District 4 east title. Highlights of the year were a district clinching win over the Jayton Jaybirds, which was Jayton's first ever 6-Man district loss and a 46-38 win over playoff participant Benjamin, after Benjamin started out with a 24-8 lead.

The first game of the year saw Trent travel to Lenora to take on the Grady Wildcats. After a slow start, the 'Rillas came back from a 24-23 halftime deficit to club the Wildcats 51-37. In the second half surge, Keith Oden and Mike Payne combined for 386 yards on the night to lead the way.

The 'Rillas raised their record to 2-0 the next week by routing Rule 46-6 behind the passing of Dock Carriker and the receiving of Lee Hunt. The 'Rillas racked up 498 yards of offense with 401 coming from the ground game. Lewis Knapp led the way with 127 yards on 18 carries and Oden had 80 yards on 10 carries.

The 3rd week of the season saw the Guthrie Jaguars hand the 'Rillas their only regular season defeat 28-20. The loss was a tough one for Trent to digest as the 'Rillas led 20-8 at the half. Despite the loss, the 'Rillas got good efforts from Knapp with 111 yards on 17 carries and Brian Massey who had 5 receptions for 61 yards.

The following weekend, Trent traveled to Ira to take on the Bulldogs in the first district game of the season. The 'Dogs were never really in the game as the Trent defense, led by Payne, Chris Jones and Hunt, and a strong rushing attack led by Knapp, Oden, Noe and Cipi Flacon dominated the 'Dogs with Trent rolling to a 36-0 shutout win.

Two weeks later the Hermeligh Cardinals got a taste of Knapp and the salty Trent defense, losing to Trent 40-19. Knapp led the 'Rillas to the win with 231 yards on 17 carries and four touchdowns, all in the first half while the Trent defense, led by Payne and Scott O'Kelly, stuffed the Cards holding them to 143 yards on the night.

The 'Rillas proved they were for real Oct. 16th when Benjamin got a taste of 'Rilla power when Trent came back from a 24-8 deficit to corral the Mustangs 46-38. The 'Rilla defense, led by Jason Massey, Payne, O'Kelly, Jones, Brian Massey and Knapp shut down the Benjamin offense holding them to 82 yards rushing and 20 points under the season average.

The Blackwell Hornets became the 6th victim for the Blue Crew as a homecoming crowd watched Trent sting the Hornets 32-22. The very physical game saw Trent lose starters Knapp and Hunt but former Blackwell student Noe Falcon took up the slack in the big win rushing for 80 yards, including a 54 yard dailine for a touchdown.

Trent's 7th win of the season was the biggest win in the history of Trent High School as they beat

Jayton 36-26. In the best game this reporter has ever seen, the 'Rilla team led from start-to-finish and received outstanding efforts from all the 'Rillas in the district clinching victory.

Trent's last regular season game was a 74-28 thrashing of the Highland Hornets. Trent had 587 yards of offense led by Payne, Knapp and Noe Falcon, all with over 100 yards rushing and "fire ants" Lonnie Clark and Cipi Falcon who had 17 tackles for the rock-hard defense.

The 'Rilla season came to an unexpected early halt when the Wellman Wildcats pulled a shocking upset in the zone playoff (See related story).

The 'Rilla offense showed a balanced rushing attack this year led by Knapp with 1,175 yards on 167 carries as Mike Payne, Keith Oden and Noe Falcon all contributed heavily. The 'Rillas did not pass often but when they did Lee Hunt with 21 receptions for 313 yards won on the receiving end. Senior Brian Massey also contributed heavily to the 'Rilla passing game, led by quarterback Dock Carriker who was 40 of 99 for 487 yards and nine touchdowns.

The 'Rillas scored 411 points this year led by Lewis Knapp with 108 while Mike Payne and Scott O'Kelly each had 66.

The 'Rilla defense enjoyed a great year holding opponents to an average of 26.6 points a game. Big stars on the defense included Jason Massey who led the team with seven interceptions, Knapp, Payne, Oden, Brian Massey and Chris Jones.

The 'Rillas only lose two seniors next year, Scott O'Kelly and Brian Massey and will have 10 of 12 starters returning to Coach Doug Gore's 8-2 outfit.

Due to the January realignment Trent won't know who their district opponents will be but it is a safe bet that the 'Rillas will be in the thick of things in next year's Six-Man battles.

Final Season Stats

Trent		Opponents		
Points	41.1	26.6		
Rushing	314.5	172.7		
Passing	59.7	123.1		
Individual Rushing				
Attempts Yards TD's				
Lewis Knapp	167	1,175	17	
Mike Payne	103	802	11	
Keith Oden	100	632	8	
Passing				
Att-comp yards TD's INT				
Dock Carriker	40-99	487	9	8
Receiving				
No. Yards TD's				
Lee Hunt	21	313	8	
Brian Massey	14	155	2	

Scoring

TD's	Field Goal	2 pt	1 pt	Total
Lewis Knapp 17	0	3	0	108
Mike Payne 11	0	0	0	66
Scott O'Kelly 0	1	31	0	66
Lee Hunt 8	0	0	1	49

Game Results

Trent 51- Grady 37
Trent 46- Rule 6
Trent 20- Guthrie 28
Trent 36- Ira 0
Trent 40- Hermleigh 19
Trent 46- Benjamin 38
Trent 32- Blackwell 22
Trent 36- Jayton 26
Trent 74- Highland 28
Trent 20- Wellman 62

TRENT HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tammy Collier	SR	C
Luci Masonheimer	SR	G
Glenna Clark	SR	G
Leslie Brazelton	SR	F
Twila Williams	SR	C
B.J. Poindexter	JR	F
Sandy Collier	JR	G/F
Denise Gibson	SOPH	G/F
Renee Gibson	SOPH	C
Brenda Galvin	SOPH	F
Tina Holstine	SOPH	C
Ginger Massey	FR	G
Lisa Penton	FR	F
Julie Clay	FR	C

TISD menu

The following is the TISD breakfast and lunch menu through the Thanksgiving Holidays.

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Tuesday - Juice, Donuts, Milk, Spaghetti, English Peas, Salad, Garlic Toast, Chocolate Pudding, Tea/ Milk.

Wednesday - Juice, Biscuits-Sausage, Milk, Beans & Beef, Buttered Potatoes, Spinach, Corn Bread, Apple Crisp, Tea/ Milk.

Thursday - Juice, Cheese Toast, Milk, Hamburger Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Corn on Cob, Crackers, Sliced Pears, Tea/ Milk.

Friday - Juice, Otameal, Raisins, Milk, Chili Dogs, French Fries, Mixed Fruit, Cookies, Tea/ Milk.

Nov. 23: juice, cereal, milk; burritos, corn salad, peach cobbler.

Nov. 24: juice, biscuits / sausage, jelly, milk; turkey & dressing, green beans, creamed potatoes, fruit salad, rolls.

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Words cannot express our thanks to all our friends here in Merkel during our recent loss. Your prayers, gifts of food & visits were given freely and were gratefully accepted. Merkel... God has blessed you & gifted you with loving kindness. We love you. The Family of Charlie Baker.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to my many friends and relatives for all the kindness shown me while I was in the hospital.

I would also like to express my appreciation for the kindness shown to my brother, John Carter, and I during the recent loss of our beloved "Nanny."

For all the cards, flowers, food, calls, and prayers, we will always be grateful.

A special thanks to my sisters of Xi Nu Eta for all the support they have given me.

May God Bless each and everyone of you. Cathy Pack & Family John Carter & Family

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Newsbriefs

Compere club

Compere Extension Homemakers met November 12, 1987 in the home of Mrs. Frank Carter. President Bertha Hunter called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. Annie Taylor read "The Little Pill". Dolores Adair read "Comedy". Ginger Hoog read some superstitions and roll was answered with "Tell what you do even if you're not superstitious, by 7 members. Minutes were read.

Amie Price gave the Council report. Money for the Agent and TEHA Chairman's gifts was paid. Dolores agreed to make the club gift for the Family of the Year program Nov. 15.

Meeting days were returned to the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. Secret pal gifts were exchanged. Ginger received the hostess gift. The Club's Thanksgiving Supper is Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Noodle Community Center. It will be a covered dish and all members, families and guests are invited to attend. The Club Christmas party will be Dec. 10 at the Adairs with lunch and the revelation of secret pals.

The drawing for a Fan Quilt will be at the Council Christmas Party Dec. 3. You can get your name in the drawing for a \$1 donation or 6 chances for \$5. Club members have tickets. The County-wide Christmas meeting will be held at the Anson Community Center.

Refreshments were served to Ginger Hoog, Dolores Adair, Bertha Hunter, Ailene Terry, Annie Taylor, Amie Price by hostess Frances Carter. They all enjoyed the guest Blake Steele.

Masonic dinner

Merkel Masonic Lodge Number 310 will have a Thanksgiving Supper on Saturday, November 21st. Ham and Turkey will be the main dish but many side dishes and plenty of pies will also be served. All Masons, Eastern Star, friends, relatives and kids are invited to attend the feast. Supper will be served at 7 p.m. at the Lodge Hall.

Precentor Eta Omega

Abilene City Council of Beta Sigma Phi held their Fall Rituals and Luncheon at the Abilene Country Club on Saturday November 14.

Marilyn Baker received her Pledge ritual.

Opal Garner received her life membership in the Silver Circle Ritual. She has been a member of Beta Sigma Phi for 30 years, joining Lambda Beta in 1957. She is a Charter Member of Xi Nu Chi and Preceptor Eta Omega. Having held many offices and committee Chairman in all three degree chapters.

Opal received the Order of the Rose in 1979. She has been selected as Valentine Sweetheart. She currently holds the office of Recording Secretary and is chairman of the Program Committee.

Members attending the Ritual and luncheon from Preceptor Eta Omega were: Mamie Steck, Blanche Hewitt, Y Sadler, Marilyn Baker, and Opal Garner.

FYTathlon set

A FYTathlon, a unique school health fitness event, will be conducted by Merkel Elementary School for students, their families and the community Friday from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m.

The event will feature fitness tests events such as the sit and reach test for flexibility, curl ups for abdominal strength, and a 20 minute jog/brisk walk for cardiorespiratory endurance. Students and their parents form teams to complete the activities and determine their own fitness level. The test activities are taken from the Fit Youth Today program developed by the Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness and the American health and Fitness Foundation. It is considered to be the most advanced and effective fitness program in the country.

Members of the public are invited to take part in the FYTathlon.

MISD menu

Nov. 23-25. Monday - Juice, Cereal, Milk. Burritos, Corn, Salad, Peach Cobbler, Tea/ Milk. Tuesday - Juice, Biscuits, Sausage, Jelly, Milk. Turkey & Dressing, Green Beans, Creamed Potatoes, Fruit Salad, Rolls, Tea/ Milk. Wednesday - Juice, Donuts, Milk. Corn Dogs, Pinto Beans, Pineapple, Cookies, Tea/ Milk.

MERKEL JR HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	TEAMS
Nov. 2	Baird (scrimmage)	T	5:00	7/ 8 Girls
Nov. 9	Baird (scrimmage)	H	5:00	7/ 8 Girls
Nov. 16	C-City	H	5:00	7/ 8/ 9 Girls
Nov. 16	C-City	T	5:00	7/ 8/ 9 Boys
Nov. 19	Wylie	H	4:00	7/ 8 "B" G/ B
Nov. 23	Wylie	H	5:00	7/ 8/ 9 Girls
Nov. 23	Wylie	T	5:00	7/ 8/ 9 Boys
Nov. 30	Breckenridge	T	5:00	7/ 8 Girls
Nov. 30	Breckenridge	H	5:30	7/ 8 Boys
Dec. 3,4,5	Wylie Tournament			7 G/ B
Dec. 7	Clyde	H	5:00	7/ 8/ 9 Girls
Dec. 7	Clyde	T	5:00	7/ 8/ 9 Boys
Dec. 10	Jefferson	T	5:00	7/ 8 "B" Girls
Dec. 14	Sweetwater	H	5:00	7/ 8/ 9 Girls
Dec. 17	A.C.M.S.	T	4:00	7/ 8 "B" G/ B
Jan. 4	Wylie	T	5:00	7/ 8/ 9 Girls
Jan. 4	Wylie	H	5:00	7/ 8/ 9 Boys
Jan. 7,8,9	Wylie Tournament			8 Boys & Girls
Jan. 11	Breckenridge			
Jan. 14	Wylie	T	4:00	7/ 8 "B" G/ B
Jan. 18	Clyde	T	5:00	7/ 8/ 9 Girls
Jan. 18	Clyde	H	5:00	7/ 8/ 9 Boys
Jan. 21				
Jan. 22,23	Jefferson Tournament			7 Girls
Jan. 25	Sweetwater	T	5:00	7/ 8/ 9 Girls
Jan. 25	Sweetwater	H	5:00	7/ 8/ 9 Boys
Jan. 28	Jefferson	T	5:00	7 Girls
Jan. 30	Ballinger Tournament			8 Boys & Girls
Feb. 1	Ballinger	H	5:30	7/ 8/ 9 Girls
Feb. 1	Ballinger	T	5:30	7/ 8/ 9 Boys

Hunter's Insight

by Josh Amerine

I had originally intended to list some of the area hunters who were successful this past weekend, but everyone I have talked to killed a deer. It seemed as though every other vehicle on the road had several deer strapped to it. Judging from the number of deer taken, it would be easy to think that every deer in Texas had been shot. I guess it would be easier to list those hunters that did not bring home a deer if I could find one. It appears that every hunter who wanted a deer got one. Some very nice deer came in, no huge ones, but respectable nonetheless. The most noticeable thing about all the large deer I saw was that they came from all over: one from Nolan county, two from Runnels, one from Taylor, and one from Shackelford. As expected, the deer crop is uniformly excellent.

Robert Fowler is back from his yearly exodus into the Arctic Circle. He spends about half of each year in the cold country

guiding big game hunters in pursuit of such giants as moose, caribou, Grizzlies, and Dall sheep. When Rob is not following wounded Grizzlies near the Bearing Strait, he spends his time running a taxidermy shop. He is one of the absolute best around whether he is working on Gambel's Quail or Shiras Moose. If you would like to see some really large horns or need a mount, give Rob a call; he is in the Nubia exchange.

Over the weekend I noticed the majority of the deer shot were small bucks. This is fine, but remember a 1 1/2 or 2 1/2 year old buck is not much of a challenge; many of the older does are tougher to get and need harvested more than an immature buck. Give a few of those young nice bucks a chance to grow up and become bragging deer and bring home a doe or two which will improve the overall deer herd by keeping the buck to doe ratio closer. This will make for healthier, bigger deer, more meat in the freezer, and the potential for real trophy size bucks. Good hunting.

Boys open basketball season

The Merkel boys opened their season last week as they scrimmaged Snyder and played their first game Tuesday night (details not available at press time). The boys will play at San Angelo Lakeview Friday and at Breckenridge Tuesday.

Coach Johnny Hampton told **The Mail** Tuesday "We have just been working out as a team a week and so far they have responded well. We had three players hurt last week but two of them are back this week."

Hawley girls down Lady Badgers

The Merkel girls were defeated by Hawley in a pre-season scrimmage last week and coach Jan Whisenhunt said her team did not respond well after they fell behind.

She told **The Mail** Tuesday "We played the 1st quarter well and fell behind in the second quarter. We did not use our fundamentals well and after we got behind we were intimidated... we have to get that out of our heads."

Senior Ted Seymore and Junior Wade Toombs both a nursing ankle injuries and Junior Kenneth Jowers is still unable to practice from a football injury.

Coach Hampton said he was still experimenting with a starting lineup and said the team still had a lot of plays to add.

About the scrimmage last week, Hampton said "We played harder later in the contest, the kids were a little nervous at first."

The basketball program has about 40 players at the high school level this year.

She said her team would face five tough games in a row as the girls will be at Sweetwater Friday and will play at Breckenridge Tuesday.

Coach Whisenhunt said she was still experimenting with her starting lineup and said she had a number of players that could still earn a starting spot.

She added "I hate to lose and I don't want the kids to accept losing... I want them to fight all the way."

John's football picks and Heisman rundown

The following are John Starbuck's football picks of the week: # 1 Oklahoma 21- # 2 Nebraska 31 (A great rivalry which features the Sooner wishbone attack against the Cornhusker aerial attack. This is also a game between two great Big 8 coaches: Coach Switzer and Coach Osborne).

Notre Dame 30 Penn State 10 (All I can say is the Fighting Irish better not be looking past the Nittany Lions towards next week's showdown in Miami, Fla. After all, Notre Dame is playing Penn State, the team that knocked off Miami last year in the Fiesta Bowl).

Texas Tech 36 Houston 35 (This will definitely be a track meet).

UCLA 28 USC 25 (The stars of the show will be Troy Aikman and Gaston Greene for the UCLA Bruins versus Rodney Peete of the USC Trojans).

Dallas 21 Miami 14 (Herschel Walker will lead his team to a victory for the second week in a row).

For the week: 2 wins 3 losses
For the Season: 32 wins 19 losses and 2 ties.

The Run for the 1987 Heisman Trophy [first in a series]

Tim Brown of Notre Dame (Coach Lou Holtz) caught four passes for a total of 114 yards in his team's 37-6 win over Alabama (Tim is the hands-on favorite to win the Heisman this year).

Lorenzo White of Michigan State (Coach George Perles) - rushed for 292 yards on 56 carries and caught a pass for 11 yards in his team's 27-3 win over Indiana. (Lorenzo is an explosive type runner).

Craig Heyward of Pittsburgh (Coach Mike Gottfried) rushed 32 times for a total of 160 yards, caught two passes for a total of 10 yards in his team's win over Penn State 10-0. (As his nickname "Ironhead" implies, he will get yardage any way he can).

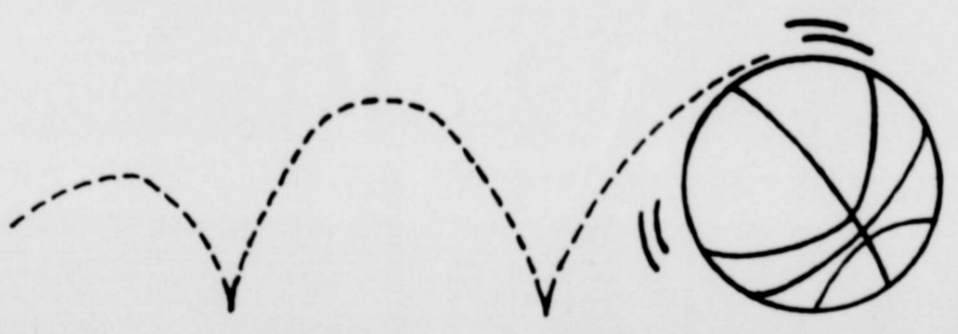
Gordie Lockbaum of Holy Cross (Coach Mark Duffner) - statistics unavailable, his team won over William & Mary 40-7. Gordie is an all-around player who plays both offense and defense).

Chris Spielman of Ohio State (Coach Earl Bruce) - Statistics unavailable, his team lost to Iowa 27-29. (Chris has one thing going against him in the Heisman voting- he plays on the defensive side of the line and tradition has it that defensive players do not win the Heisman).



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Nov. 20 Sweetwater There JV B & Var G
Nov. 24 Breckenridge There JV B&G Var B&G



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Gorillas end season at 8-2

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Brian Massey (41) tries to get to a Wellman pass



Mike Payne (38) gains yardage



The Gorilla defense creates a 'Cat sandwich



Wellman's defense stops Lewis Knapp (30) as Brian Massey (41) looks for someone to block