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given him.

James 1:5

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Badgers open District 6-AA against hungry Wolves



By Carl Dingler

As one of the city councilmen said Friday morning, the best thing about the presidential debates last Thursday was the 27 minutes of silence.

By now everyone is tired of reading about polls showing who won. Nobody wants to wait until after the November 2 election.

After reviewing all the answers and comments, it's for certain public is not the winner. Sure, there were a great many figures and facts tossed back and forth in this first debate between Jimmy Carter and President Gerald Ford. But, there were no real answers provided the public, answers that would help them decide on the best candidate to run the nation the next four years.

Looking at the replies closely, one gets the impression that the public is again being fed a big batch of that distasteful political hash which comes out as Republican or Democrat hogwash and represents another four years of status quo--something that the majority is becoming quite tired of having.

It was Ford blaming the Democratic congress and tax laws they enacted (when in fact Ford helped enact these laws as a leader while he spent half his life in Congress) and of Carter reliving the old days, recalling Trumanisms, and blaming Ford for Watergate and Nixon.

The questions asked were not new to either candidate and actually presented nothing new for the public to digest. It would have been more enlightening had the two candidates questioned each other and debated these issues.

The two parties are going to have to realize that a great part of the nation is growing weary of hearing the same old electioneering time after time with nothing new being presented.

They are going to have to realize they can't promise everything and then deliver nothing after taking office--nothing but larger salaries and more benefits for themselves.

No matter what the public wants, all the predicting of who won and lost will probably go on through the next debates and up until the election. And, when the last faction has been greased with promises of grandeur of a perfect world, it will still be the same old Republican or Democratic government doing the same old things in Washington.

While we same old citizens continue to answer dumb reports, pay higher taxes, continue to suffer from inflated prices and lower salaries--paying more and more while getting less and less in return.

If they aren't careful, there might arise an Independent party and topple the dream house of honey and cookies. The trend is near. It's a time for honesty and some straight answers and believable promises.

Yes, we agree, the 27 minutes of silence during the debates was the most golden and made the public the winners--for 27 minutes.

And, while on the debates, it was amusing to note that the start of the fall season was pre-empted by a "rerun" performance by the candidates.

Wonder what ever happened to that old anchor which is supposed to have come from a flying saucer in Merkel in 1897. It was reported to be on display at a local store during that time.

The anchor incident came to life in a book by John A. Keel titled Why UFOs.

In the book is a chapter on dragging anchor reports on UFO's and it quotes a story about an incident April 28, 1897 in Merkel. Also that same year a farmer in Iowa reported being snagged in the seat of the pants by an anchor from a flying object.

There also were similar incidents reported in A. D. 956 and A. D. 1200 in Ireland.

The book points out that "Yet a citizen of Merkel, Texas, possessing a copy of the Speculum Regali (or the Ota Imperialia) in 1897 would be fully as fantastic as the reports themselves!"

These two items were publications reporting the incidents outside churches during those early times.

The article as it appeared in the Houston Daily Post:

"Merkel, Texas, April 26--Some parties returning from church last night noticed a heavy object dragging along with a rope attached. They followed it until in crossing the railroad it caught on a rail. On looking up they saw what they supposed was the airship. It was not near enough to get an idea of the dimensions. A light could be seen protruding from several windows; one bright light in front like the headlight of a locomotive. After some ten minutes, a man was seen descending the rope; he came near enough to be plainly seen. He wore a light-blue sailor suit, was small in size. He stopped when he discovered parties at the anchor and cut the rope below him and sailed off in a northeast direction. The anchor is now on exhibition at the blacksmith shop of Elliott and Miller and is attracting the attention of hundreds of people."

Now, what happened to that anchor?

Fun, games and practice are over this week as the Merkel High Badgers get down to the serious task of their first Class AA warfare with the start of District 6-AA combat.

And, the Badgers get their first test of fire from the pre-season favorites--Colorado City Wolves. Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Badger Stadium.

The Badgers ended the pre-season preparation with a successful 3-1 win-loss record but the loss last week against Class AA Eastland will leave the Badgers needing to prove something as they go against the larger Wolves.

The Badgers will be out to prove they can compete again against Class AA competition and will be out to pull an upset and get the edge in the district race.

Coach Jerry McLeod said he feels the two teams are near equal with their defenses but he feels Merkel will have an edge in offense.

Thus far the Wolves have shown little offensive punch in winning two of four contests. They have scored but 37 points while allowing 55 to be scored against them. Colorado City lost to Slaton, 21-0 and to Post, 34-20. They beat a weak Sweetwater of Class AAA, 7-0, and a weak Cisco, 10-0, of District 9-AA.

Scoring has been spread among six athletes.

Coach McLeod said he thinks Friday's game will be a "dandy game."

"The defenses are close to even and the two losses prove they can be scored on. It will be a real tough defensive game but I feel we have the best offensive game."

He said the loss to Eastland could have been "good for us."

McLeod pointed out the Badgers discovered they can throw the football if they have to and he rated Eastland as one of the best teams they will face this year. "They should have won all of their games," he said.

In fact, McLeod feels the loss rather than being negative for his team will produce a positive attitude this week.

He pointed out that this first road trip was anything but smooth. The Badgers had to wait an hour in Abilene while their bus was repaired and didn't get to the field until nearly time to start playing. It interrupted their routine, he pointed out. They were noticeably tight when the kickoff came and it wasn't until the second quarter that they loosened up and began to perform.

But, Coach McLeod said he was especially proud of the way the Badgers fought back and nearly pulled off the victory after falling behind, 14-0.

"The interception by John Biera was the big turning point," he said. We did have 12 men on the field and why I don't know. We have never done anything like that," he said.

The interception was canceled and Eastland regained possession and went on to score the winning touchdown in the fading minutes of the contest.

The Wolves return 20 lettermen, including 14 who started at one time or another.

Heading the returnees is all-district running back Wayne McKee and five second team all-district choices in end Jackie Ellis, tackle Steve Belvin, guards Kevin Herm and Ruben Ornelas and center Jim Jordan.

Belvin tips the scales at 282 pounds, giving plenty of beef to the 180 to 190-pound forward wall.

Quarterback Ray Torrez and fullback Gary Hulme add experience in the backfield.

However, the Wolves haven't indicated they have found the offensive punch they were lacking last year when they went 5-5 and this may prove the edge the Badgers need Friday night.



EX HONORED--Receiving honors by the exes during Homecoming ceremonies Saturday night during halftime of the Trent-Blackwell football game is Anna Bell Siegal Bright, representing the classes of 1930-1939. Zeb Bright at right watches as Mrs. Bright receives the award.

Merkel doesn't have a chance

Merkel doesn't stand a chance against Colorado City. At least that is what Coach Jerry McLeod reports the Colorado City coach Mike Farda told him in a telephone conversation Tuesday.

"Farda gave us credit for doing a fair job against Eastland," McLeod said. "It was not a good job but just a fair effort," he said.

McLeod also reported Farda as saying all his team is well and ready for the first time and that the Wolves are planning on living up to their pre-season prediction of winning District 6-AA, starting with a victory over Merkel Friday night.

Carey joins write-in race

Interest continues to mount in the Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace race.

Another candidate has announced he will seek the post as a write-in candidate. He is Buddy Carey of 212 West Merkel.

Carey is the second person to announce intentions to compete for the job held by Walter Thames.

Marie Cunningham announced as a write-in candidate September 16.

Thames virtually won election to the JP post in the primaries when no one filed to run against him on the Democratic ballot.

Thames was named by the Taylor County Commissioners to fill the term of Lewis Millett who resigned in March with two years to go on his term.

Thames name will be on the November 2 general election ballot and had anticipated no opposition.

Carey in announcing said a few friends thought it might be a good idea. "I thought I might do some good." He said he had no particular ax to grind with either opponent. He has lived in Merkel since 1953 and has lived in the area all his life. He operates a TV repair shop.

This is his first time to run for a public office and when asked why he didn't run in the primaries he stated that he didn't think of it at the time.

Mrs. Cunningham and her husband operate the Dairy Bar in Merkel.

Voter deadline now

If you are not a registered voter and you want to have a say in the outcome of the elections November 2--nationally, statewide and locally--then you have until Friday to register.

To be eligible to vote, a person must be registered 30 days before the election.

Voter registration forms may be picked up at the Merkel City Hall or at the Taylor County Courthouse in Abilene. It takes less than 5 minutes to complete.

So, if you want to have an opportunity to determine the political future of Merkel, the state and the nation, register and then vote.

Statistics indicate that less than 20 per cent of voting-age Texans voted in 1974 and in the last Presidential election 43 per cent of voting-age Texans voted.

Trent homecoming gala time

It was a gala homecoming at Trent Saturday with a parade, dinners and old friends renewing their fun days at Trent.

Judged best float of the nine-float parade was the one by the Methodist Church which featured angels singing. Second best was the one by the Baptist Church and the Garden Club was judged third best.

The Hardin-Simmons University six white horses and the Trent fire truck opened the parade through downtown and led the group to the school where a pep rally was held.

Presented at halftime were the nominees from the exes, the sweetheart and football hero.

Representing the freshman class for football sweetheart and hero were Cheri Patterson and Herbert Beaver. For the sophomores were Sue Bryan and Robert Freeman; for the juniors were Robbie Freeman and Bobby Brazelton; and for the seniors were Joyce Chatervert and Kenny Nance.

Miss Chatervert and Nance were named the sweetheart and football hero. Band sweetheart nominees were Brenda Griffith, Shirley Brenem, Joanne Jackson and Leanna West. Miss Brenham received the nod.

Anna Bright and Zeb Bright from the class of 1930-1939 were named the top honor for the exes.

Representing the 1919 class was Maude Alexander accompanied by Sonny Sipe. For 1920-29 were Aera McLeod and Carlan McLeod; for 1940-49 were Elsie Price and Spud McLeod; for 1950-59 were Willie Martin and Bobby Marsh; for 1960-69 were Linda Hughes and Odell Barnhill; and for 1970-76 were Riva Cariker and Mike Cariker.



HOMEcoming HONOREES--Seniors Kenny Nance and Joyce Chatervert were honored during halftime ceremonies Saturday at Trent's Homecoming. Nance was named football hero and Miss Chatervert was named football sweetheart.

Final school budget shows \$183,012 surplus

The Merkel Independent School District ended the year with a surplus of \$183,012, according to the amended budget approved by the School Board at its regular meeting September 21.

The Board was presented with the final month's bills and then approved the final amended budget to end the year as of August 31.

The final month's report show \$189,716.25 in certificate of deposits and savings

and \$20,310.81 in the bank for a total \$210,027.07.

However, bills for items and projects not completed which were approved last year accounted for \$27,015, according to accountant Jim Lawless.

The School Board approved payment of \$107,231.94 in bills for August.

Then, to close the books on the year, the Board approved the moving of funds to make accounts balance.

The tax collection and evaluation was \$1,610.62 more than budgeted with High School administration over \$3,193.43 and Middle and Elementary administration over \$6,819.08.

To offset these deficits the Board approved moving funds remaining in other areas. On the debit side were \$1,000 in temporary employment, \$400 in other payroll and \$210.62 in professional salaries, to offset the

\$1,610.62. \$5,712.51 in professional salaries and \$4,300 for library aides salaries remained to offset the administration costs, according to Lawless and Superintendent Travis Davis.

The Board then approved the amended budget as presented.

It showed \$93,317 as the balance left from the preceding year as of September 1, 1975. Total revenue col-

lected is \$1,411,877. Expenditures totaled \$1,322,192, leaving the balance of \$183,012 to start the new year with.

Assessed valuation of the district is \$54 million with a total tax rate of \$1.57. Of the total income, \$526,145 was from local taxes and other sources, \$831,102 was from state revenues and \$54,630 was from federal revenues. Of the total expenses it

was reported that \$1,024,784 went for payroll costs.

The Board pointed out and Davis concurred that with a payroll this large, Merkel ISD is the No. 1 industry in the area.

Later in the meeting Davis advised the Board members that the assessed valuation of the district is now \$54,691,521 with \$32,814,913 taxable.



BAND SWEETHEART--Drum Major John Stevens presented Shirley Brenem with roses after she was named Band Sweetheart during halftime ceremonies at Trent's Homecoming Saturday night.

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24-Hour store planned

Fred Crenshaw at Wylie Truck Terminal reported this week plans to build a 24-hour convenience store.

Crenshaw said an area near the truck stop on the I-20 access road had been staked off for the store. However, he reports a change in location may be made before building begins.

He said the builder is due to look over the location this week.

Crenshaw said a location will be determined this week and construction started soon.

He said the group has already built stores in Lorenzo and Levelland and plans to build at least six more in six North Texas locations. He also reported Wichita Falls, Abilene, Lubbock and Brownwood as being considered as locations to build stores.

Revival set

The Calvary Baptist Church at 508 Runnels will have a revival Monday through Friday.

The revival starts each night at 7:30 p.m. with evangelist Buck Hatfield conducting services. His pastor at the Faith Baptist Church in Snyder.



**LOOK
WHO'S
HERE!**

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dye of Merkel are the parents of a son, Eric Wayne, born September 22 at 5:20 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dye of Merkel and D. L. Bowen and Mrs. Shirleen Evans of Angleton.

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Noodle Homecoming

The Noodle Homecoming will be held Saturday, November 27 at the Merkel Lions Club building.

A second planning meeting will be Monday, October 4 7:30 p.m. at the Noodle Community Center. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Committees will be reporting on progress and other plans will be made for the homecoming. Committees selected are: program, Kent Satterwhite; food, Mrs. Leona Slou; Queen's nominating committee, Mrs. Cricket Sloan; Mrs. Modell Eoff and Mrs. Evorie Dillard; registration, Ms. Lois Womack and nominating committee for 1978 officers, Troy Sloan, Cline Satterwhite and Pinkey Cypert. President of the 1976 homecoming is Eulan Hatfield and secretary is Mrs. Vernon Stanley.

Time For A Change?



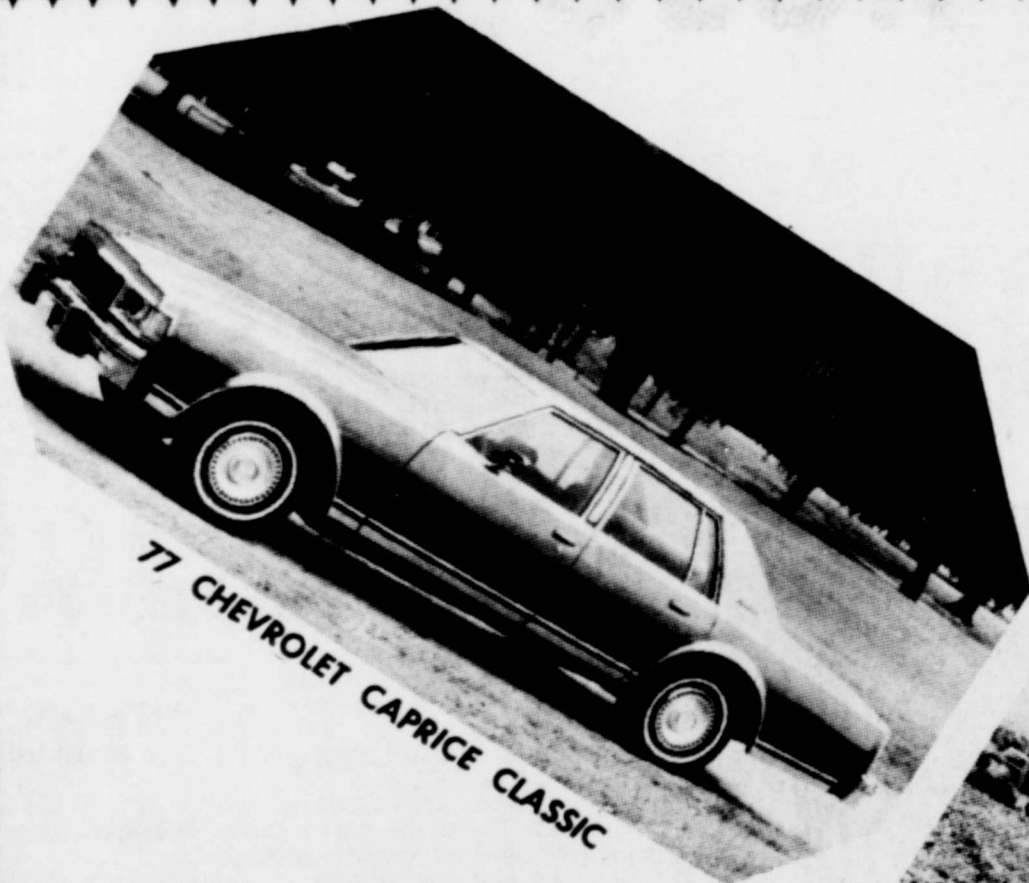
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Gertrude Ward 32-1tp

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MANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations 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 Alice Faye Epperson, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 9th day of August, 1976, against Milton Epperson, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 12,185-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Johnita Michele Epperson and Milton Dwayne Epperson, Children," the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate Parent-Child Relationship. Johnita Michele Epperson was born on the 29th day of September, 1972, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas and Milton Dwayne Epperson was born on the 2nd day of November, 1973 in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment 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. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the

date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 15th day of September, 1976.

(Seal) Irene Crawford
Clerk,
Domestic Relations Court,
Taylor County,
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By Sandra Harris,
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23-4tc

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FOUR GAME TOTALS

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING			
No.	Yds.	Avg.	
Smith	56	195	3.5
Pflester	47	130	2.8
Austerman	23	79	3.4
Howes	16	78	4.9
R. Doan	7	28	4.0
Pursley	8	26	3.3
TOTALS	157	536	3.4
4 Opts.	177	457	2.6

PASSING

No.	Cp.	Yds.	Int.	TD
Pflester	36	1424	3	3
4 Opts.	44	2173	6	1

RECEIVING

No.	Yds.	TD	
Pursley	5	88	0
Smith	2	33	2
Howes	1	9	0
Biera	1	4	0
TOTALS	14	214	3
4 Opts.	21	272	1

PUNTING

No.	Yds.	Avg.	
Smith	18	710	39.4
4 Opts.	22	736	33.5

INTERCEPTIONS

No.	
Biera	2
Hutchings	2
Smith	1
Pursley	1
TOTAL	6
4 Opts.	3

FUMBLE RECOVERY

No.	
Hutchings	2
Shaw	2
Smith	1
R. Doan	1
Muller	1
TOTAL	8
4 Opts.	3

SCORING SUMMARY

TD	EP	TP	
Smith	5	5	35
Hutchings	2	0	12
Biera	1	2	8
Pflester	1	0	6
TOTALS	9	7	61
4 Opts.	5	2	32

TEAM TOTALS

Merkel	4 Opts.
First Downs	41
Rushing	536
Passing	214
Poses Compl.	14-36
Intercepted by	6
Punts, Avg.	18-39.4
Penalties, Yds.	22-33.5
Fumbles lost	12

Score by quarters:

Merkel	7	13	29	12-61
4 Opts.	7	13	6	6-32

DISTRICT 6-AA

Team	W	L	T	Pts.	Opts.
Coahoma	2	0	1	42	13
Merkel	3	1	0	61	32
Stamford	2	2	0	83	54
Colorado C.	2	2	0	37	55
Winters	1	3	0	39	61
Wylie	1	3	0	42	116
Balling	0	4	0	25	136

SCORING LEADERS

TD	EP	TP	
Smith, Merkel	5	5	35
Moore, Winters	4	0	24
Meadford, Stam.	3	5	23
Mays, Stam.	3	2	20
Tucker, Wylie	2	2	14
Hutchings, Merkel	2	0	12
Dickson, Coahoma	2	0	12
Frazier, Coah.	2	0	12
Taber, Stam.	2	0	12
Petty, Stam.	2	0	12
Clark, Wylie	2	0	12
Chapman, Winters	2	0	12
Biera, Merkel	1	2	8
Belvin, Colo. C.	0	7	7

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Eastland 20, Merkel 15; Post 34, Colorado City 20; Winters 14, Eldorado 0; Albany 28, Wylie 0; Stamford 28, Haskel 20; Coleman 34, Ballinger 25; Coahoma 9, Tahoka 0.

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

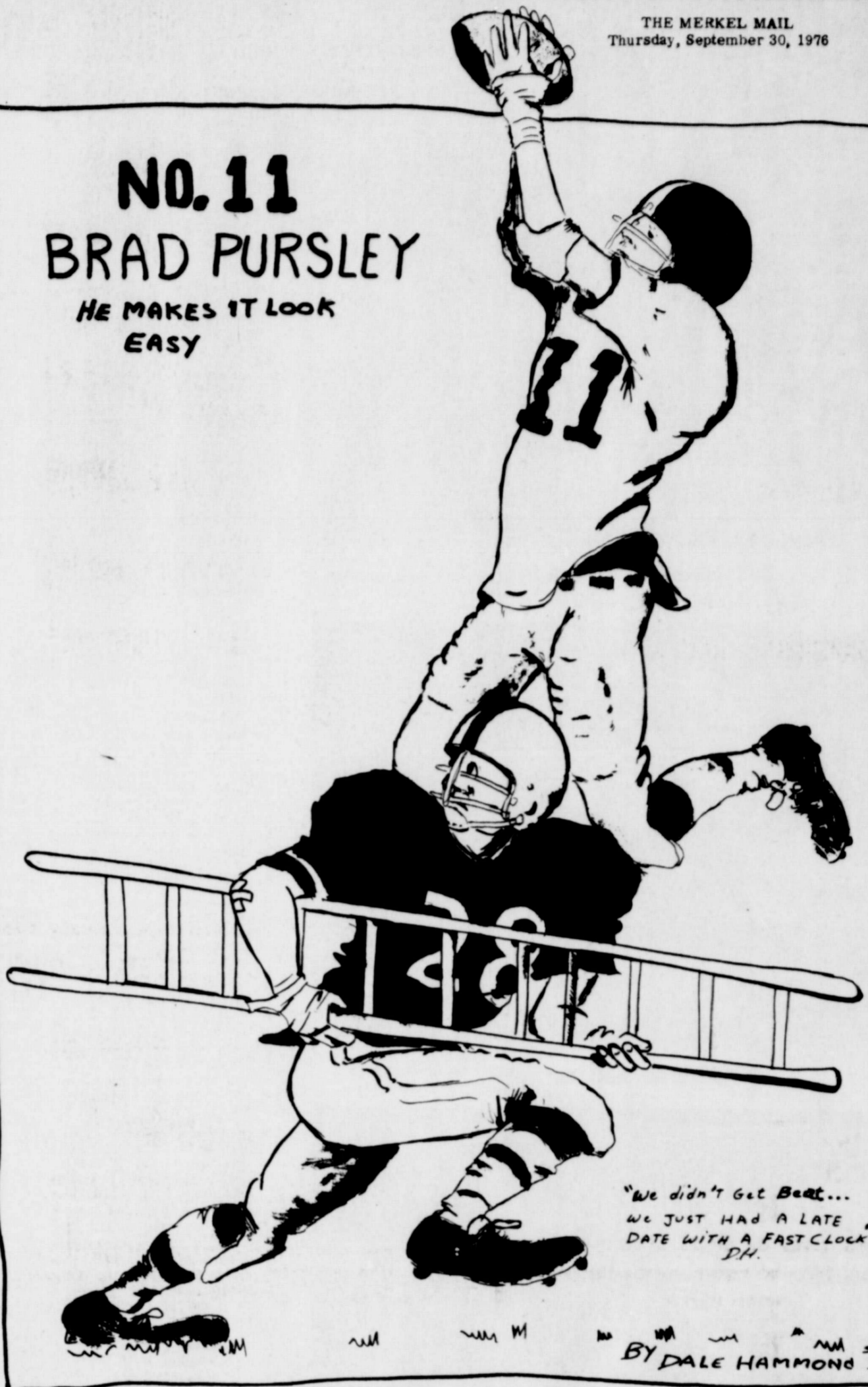
DISTRICT OPENS
Colorado City at Merkel, 7:30 p.m.
Winters, open
Coahoma at Wylie
Balling at Stamford
OCT. 8
Merkel at Ballinger, 7:30 p.m.
Wylie at Colorado City
Stamford at Winters
Coahoma at Crane (non-district game)

JUNIOR VARSITY SCHEDULE

NINTH GRADE SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	Baird JV	6-20	There	7:30
9	Jim Ned NV	0-6	There	7:30
	Colorado City 9th	no game	There	7:30
16	Roscoe JV	8-14	There	7:30
	Stamford 9th	0-12	Here	6:00
23	Eastland JV	6-16	Here	7:30
30	Wylie 9th	There	Here	7:00
Oct. 7	Colorado City 9th	Here	Here	7:30
14	Winters 9th	There	Here	6:00
	Winters JV	There	Here	7:00
21	Stamford	There	Here	6:00
28	Winters 9th	Here	Here	6:00
	Winters JV	Here	Here	7:30
Nov. 4	Wylie 9th	here	here	6:00
	Wylie JV	9th=0-1	JV=0-4	7:30

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Dallas Cowboys 1976 Schedule

LEAGUE GAMES

Date	Opponent	Kickoff (Dallas Time)
Sun., September 12	PHILADELPHIA	1 p.m. 27-7
Sun., September 19	at New Orleans	1 p.m. 24-6
Sun., September 26	BALTIMORE	3 p.m. 30-27
Sun., October 3	at Seattle	1 p.m. (3 p.m.)
Sun., October 10	at New York Giants	1 p.m. (noon)
Sun., October 17	at St. Louis	8 p.m.
Sun., October 24	CHICAGO	1 p.m.
Sun., October 31	at Washington	4 p.m. (3 p.m.)
Sun., November 7	NEW YORK GIANTS	1 p.m.
Mon., November 15	BUFFALO	8 p.m.
Sun., November 21	at Atlanta	1 p.m. (noon)
Thu., November 25	ST. LOUIS	2:30 p.m.
Sun., December 5	at Philadelphia	1 p.m. (noon)
Sun., December 12	WASHINGTON	3 p.m.

Cowboys 3-0



JUNIOR HIGH SCHEDULE

Seventh-Eighth Grade

Sept. 2	Baird 8th	0-6	There	6:00
9	Jim Ned 7th	0-8	There	5:00
	Jim Ned 8th	0-28	There	6:00
16	Roscoe 7th	8-20	There	5:00
	Roscoe 8th	0-6	There	6:00
23	Eastland 7th	6-24	Here	5:00
	Eastland 8th	36-0	Here	6:00
Oct. 7	Colorado City 7th	Here	Here	5:00
	Colorado City 8th	Here	Here	6:00
14	Winters 7th	Here	Here	6:00
	Winters 8th	Here	Here	7:30
28	Winters 7th	There	Here	6:00
	Winters 8th	Here	Here	7:30
Nov. 4	Wylie 7th	Here	Here	6:00
	Wylie 8th	Here	Here	7:30

COACHES- Greg Henderson, Russell Gee
PRINCIPAL- John Cain

7th-0-3 8th-1-3

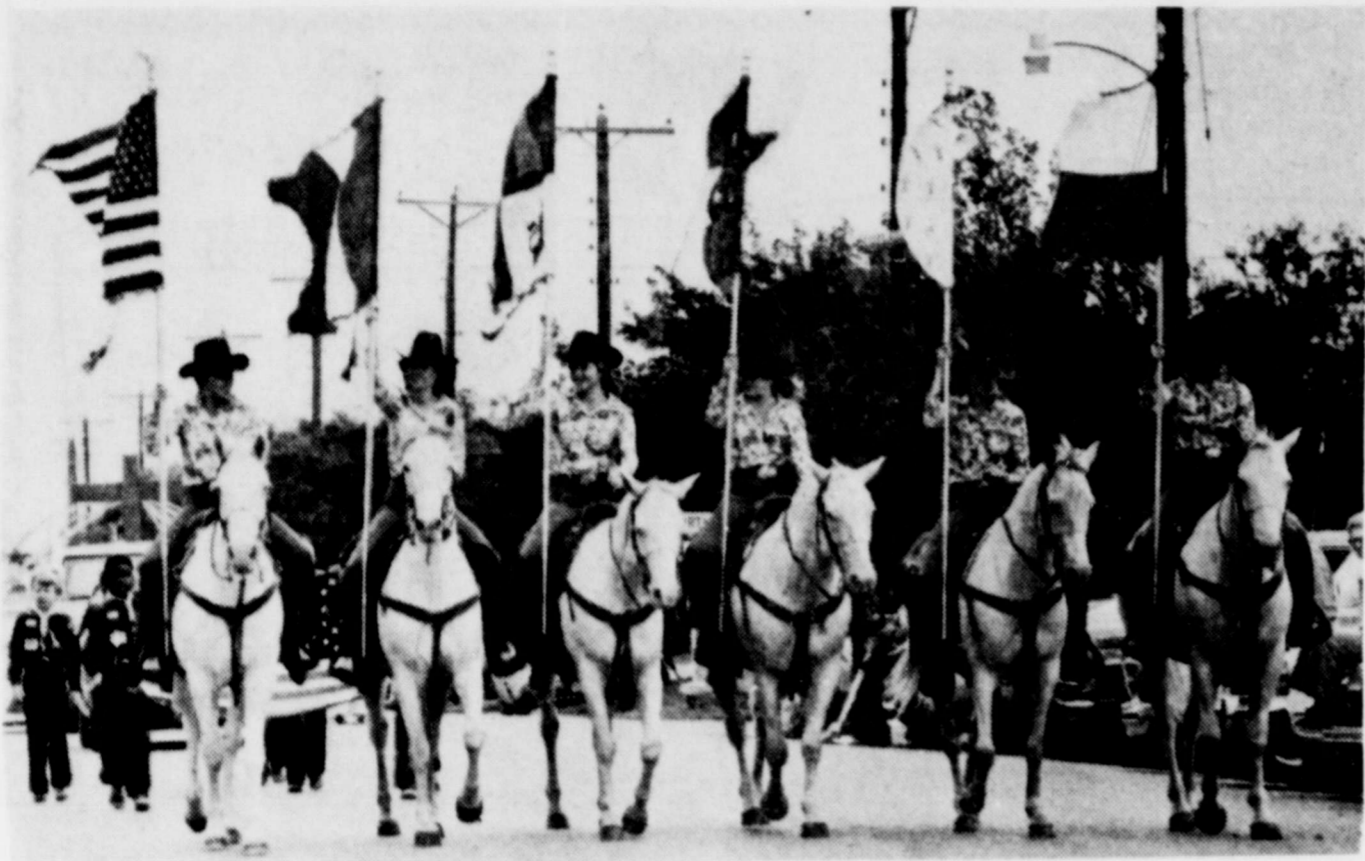
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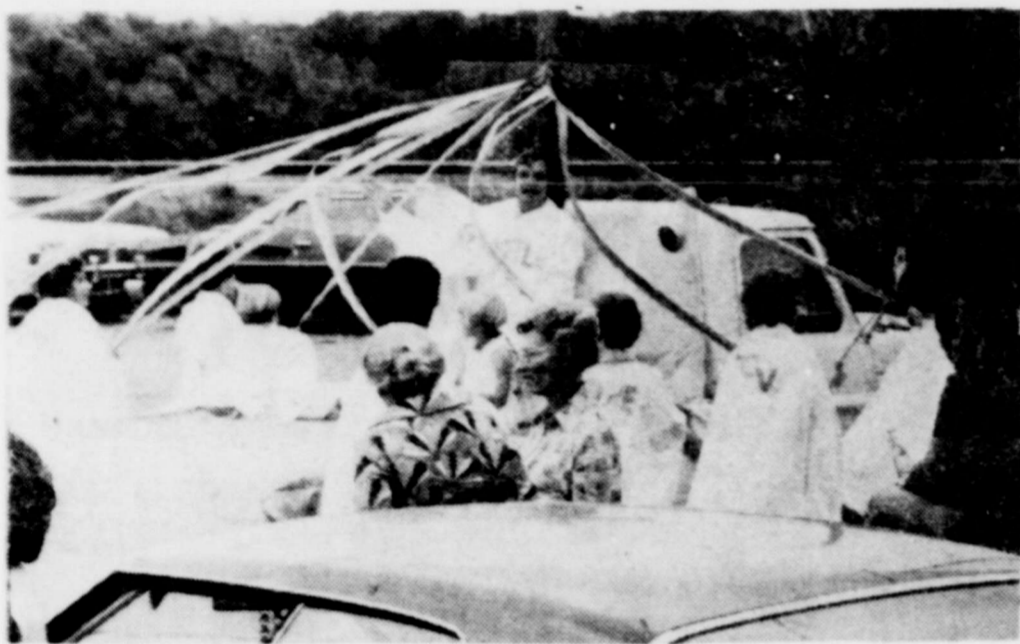
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First Baptist news

First Baptist Church has two new deacons, Roy Hewitt and Buster Thompson. Tommy Riney of Merkel has been ordained and will take over a pastorate in Abernathy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney of Merkel. The youth departments are working on a religious drama. The WMU women are meeting every Thursday at 9:30 a. m. at the church.



Happy clown passes out candy

Nelson reunion

On September 18 at Union Community Center near Snyder, a reunion of Nelson cousins met. Their special guests were their aunts and uncles and their husbands and wives. There were 49 present and those attending from Merkel were Mrs. Alyce Oliver and her daughter Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Doan and their daughter Shelle; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Owen and their children Lisa, Terry, Jackie and Monty Cliff; and Mrs. Pat Warren and daughter Kelly Ann. Mrs. Oliver was the oldest attending. The youngest was her grandchild, Monty Cliff, 16 months old, son of the Bobby Owens; and her youngest great grandchild Kelly Ann, 1 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Warren. There were 4 generations of this family represented, fifteen from Merkel attending.

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Trent stung by Hornets, Divide next foe

Trent High School's Gorillas travel to Divide Saturday for their first road trip of the season. The Gorillas also will be attempting to end a 2-game losing streak against the winless Divide six-man team. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Divide has lost 53-26 to Highland, 44-8 to Hobbs and 28-24 to Ira, all of District 3-B. New coach Randy Roemisich has three starters back at Divide, center Mingo Avila, end Gabriel Avila and half-back David Chapa. Lettermen are ends Tom Sears and Milton Eve and end Randy Frizzell who has moved to quarterback.

The Gorillas of Coach Bobby Campbell, meanwhile, will be coming off a 42-24 Homecoming loss to Blackwell and will be out to get a final win before the district starts next week.

The Gorillas gave the Hornets a tough football battle and the score could have been a great deal closer had miscues not canceled other touchdowns by Trent.

The loss leaves Trent with a 1-2 win-loss record. James Mays was the key for Trent, scoring twice and carrying the football 25 times for 267 of the Gorillas' 342 yards.

Herbert Beaver also scored twice and had 73 yards on 14 carries.

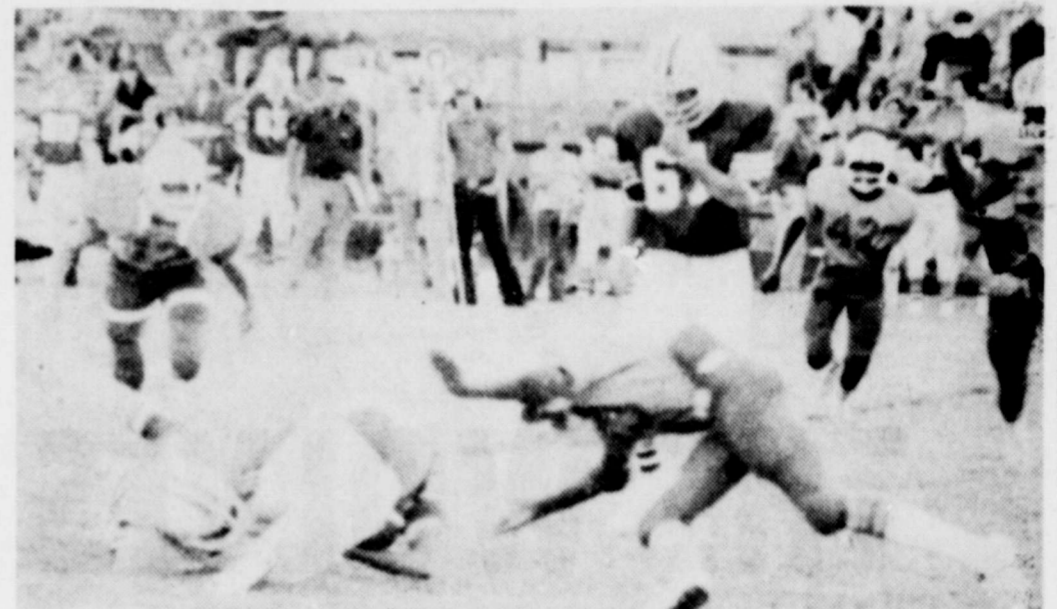
Blackwell was led by Bruce Holland who had 160 yards on 29 carries and two touchdowns, Quarterback Lynn Pate passed for three other Blackwell scores, hitting Bryan Andrade for 35, Charlie Roland for 10 yards and Mark Ely for 19 yard TD's. Andrade ran 3 yards for the final TD. Kent Friddy kicked three times after the touchdowns for six points.

Rocky Bryan played an outstanding game blocking a field goal attempt the first quarter and recovering a fumble.

The first touchdown was set up when Mays intercepted a Hornet pass at the Trent 11. Three plays later he went around the right side, cut back across to the left side of the field and raced 40 yards to score with 2:24 left the initial period.

After the kickoff, Blackwell, undefeated for the year, got a 30-yard burst by Holland and then he went across the left side of the line the final 10 yards to tie the game, 6-6, with 2:10 to go the first period.

The Gorillas came to life after the kickoff and moved to the goal line in five plays with Beaver going the final six



GOES AFTER BALL--Trent's James Mays prepares to leap on a Blackwell griddler in hopes of getting the football as teammate brings Bruce Holland to the turf. At left is Trent's No. 12, Alan Morse and No. 42 is Gilbert Beaver. No. 61 for Blackwell is Tony Varnell.

with 19 seconds to go the first quarter. The touchdown was set up on a 40-yard run by Mays.

It took the Hornets four plays to tie the game with a Pate to Andrade pass at 9:15.

The Gorillas broke the pattern when Robert Freeman passed incomplete on fourth down at the Blackwell 34 and the Hornets took over.

Holland got off a 37-yard scamper three plays later and Blackwell was in front to stay with 6:47 to go the second period, 20-12.

The lead was cut to two points at 4:45 however, as Trent advanced to score in six plays with Beaver getting the 2-yard TD call.

Blackwell kept up its consistent performance after the Trent kickoff and scored again with 48 seconds before halftime on a Pate to Roland pass.

Mays burst loose for a 22-yard touchdown with time running out but a 15-yard penalty against Trent canceled this score and Trent trailed, 26-18 going into the third period.

Alan Morse stopped a Blackwell drive the third period with a pass interception but Trent was forced to punt after three downs.

Blackwell then managed to score again during a drive that involved 46 yards and five penalties.

It appeared Trent had held at the Trent 19 when Friddy came on to attempt a field goal. But it was a fake and Pate passed to Ely for the touchdown at 3:57. Friddy added the extra points for a 34-18 ad outage.

Trent ran out of downs at the Blackwell 17 but the Trent defense held this time and forced a 29-yard punt.

Mays then drove around three defenders and fled 53 yards to score at 9:30 for a 34-24 margin.

Bryan then recovered another fumble and the Gorillas were on the move once more. However, they ran out of downs 10 plays later at the Blackwell 24.

The Hornets then scored six plays later with 2:04 to go as Andrade and Friddy combined for the final points of the game.

Trent lost the ball on a fumble on the first play from scrimmage but held and got one more opportunity.

They got to the one when time ran out.

The Gorillas will have three road games before returning home against Ira, October 22.



Mini-cheerleaders at work

CARD OF THANKS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all friends who helped and remembered us in so many ways during the illness and death of my father. Chera, Harold, Brenda and Tim Hohertz 32-1tc

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ANN'S FLOWERS

School approves freezer purchase, buys three lots

The Merkel School Board approved the purchase of three lots and accepted a bid for the purchase of a freezer at its regular meeting September 21 at Merkel High School.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

After a brief executive session, the Board reconvened in open meeting and rejected the one bid for the sale of a lot next to the Tye Elementary School which it advertised. The one bid was by Floyd

Wigley and it was for \$800 for Lot 12, Block 20 at Tye. Then they approved the purchases of lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 18, College addition which is next to the bus barn at Merkel High. They will pay \$1,750 to H. O. Cassle and Son for the three lots. The Board did not say what it will do with the land.

After talking with Ron Smith, representative from West Texas Coffee and Equipment Company of Abilene, the Board considered the six bids presented for a freezer for the cafeteria.

Smith was present to explain to the Board the expense and construction of freezers. Actually, three firms submitted two bids each—one for an 8 by 13 foot freezer with a 2 hp compressor and one for an 8 by 20 foot freezer with a 3 hp compressor.

Smith explained the largest cost in freezers is in the compressor. After much discussion and comparing prices the Board elected to accept the West Texas Coffee and Equipment Company bid for the 8 by 20 foot freezer. The Abilene firm bid \$4,856 for the small freezer and \$6,950 for the larger one.

It was the low bid. Also, added expense of plumbing and wiring will have to be added to the \$6,950 freezer cost.

The freezer will be installed in an 8 by 20 room presently being used as a

storeroom and office for the Cafeteria supervisor.

Smith said it will take 6 to 8 weeks for delivery of the freezer equipment and another two or three weeks for installation.

Estimated monthly electric

bill is \$100 which is offset in the \$60 monthly locker bill with Merkel Locker Plant and the salary of a custodian required to spend 3 to 4 hours daily going to and from the locker plant to provide food items for the cafeteria. Other bidders were Odessa

Hotel Supply with \$5,050 for the small and \$7,228 for the larger freezer and Waco Hotel Supply with \$5,001 for the small and \$7,156 for the large freezer. All other specifications were the same.

In other action the Board approved Superintendent Travis Davis to sign for commodities, replacing the retired Mack Fisher; approved the hiring of Billie Townsend for English and reading at Merkel Middle School, and authorized Mary Rankin to take a bus 8 miles from the end of her route to her home overnight. She lives at the end of the bus route and Davis said it would save the District 30 or 40 miles daily in expenses.

She will do this temporarily, the Board was told, until she moves to Merkel in the next month or two.

Three letters also were read by Secretary Jacky Reynolds. The Merkel High twirlers thanked the Board for the capes they purchased with school funds. Dr. Charles Taylor of Abilene Christian University complimented the Merkel band on its performance at the West Texas Fair parade, and the third concerned the school system's stand on a tax matter concerning an oil company who is attempting to avoid paying assessed tax on an oil well.

Davis also reported he has received a letter reporting the order for new busses has cleared and that the Dodges may arrive before the first of the year. The Jim Ned game produced \$845.34 for Merkel's part. Enrollment is now at 960 with an increase of 97 at the present time. Davis said the enrollment had been 109 more at one time.

Roof repairs were made on the shop for \$184 and he requested authority to get bids on repairing the cafeteria roof which he said leaks badly. The Physical Science building is leaking again, he said. It was repaired last year.

The wall in the Middle School library has been completed and is a classroom instead of becoming a teacher workroom. He showed the Board a map of 560 acres north of Merkel now being subdivided into 2-5-10 acre lots.

A. E. Fogle is reportedly subdividing the land and roads are being built at the present time.

This was noted to show the potential growth the school district is facing.

Meeting earlier than the 7:30 p.m. stated time, the Board toured the Merkel Elementary school and discussed ways to build additional classrooms and parking facilities for parents, busses and teachers.

Board President Charles Jacobs went over ideas with the other members present (James Boyd was only member not present).

He outlined nine items they need to consider in coming up with a building program.

It was noted that it looked as if \$80,000 is all the Board is going to have to work with, without having to call a bond election, according to Jacobs.

He did say, later, that the \$183,012 surplus is available to be used on the building expansion.

The nine items he suggested the Board consider included what to do about hiring an architect, the type of building, location, the parking area, and number of rooms.

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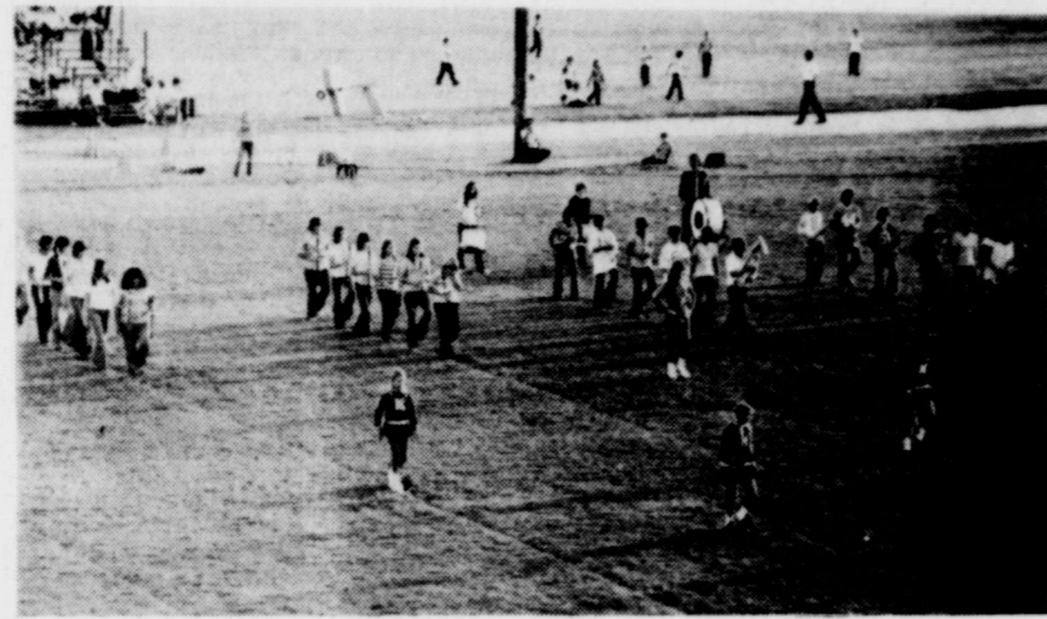
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Final rites held for Joe Amason

Services were held Saturday at First Baptist Church in Merkel for Joe Amason, 59, of Noodle who died Friday at

Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

The Rev. Ed Nowell of Noodle Baptist Church of

ficiated and was assisted by Elton Stary. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born September 19, 1915, in Fisher County, he was graduated from Merkel High School and lived in the Merkel area most of the time since then. He married Polly Thomas February 9, 1935, in Goldthwaite. He was a farmer in Jones County since 1959.

Mr. Amason was a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner. He was a member of Noodle Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Tommy of Pampa and Jerry of Odessa; a brother, Baylor of Graham; two aunts, Ida Mae Douglas of Abilene and Hester Henley of Lamesa; and four grandchildren.

Trucker killed near Merkel

Services were held in Waxahachie for Thomas Luke Huckeba, a 51-year-old Irving truck driver who died in the crash of his tractor-trailer rig Friday night near Merkel.

The eastbound vehicle left the Interstate Highway 20 roadway to the left, skipped over the median and traveled 94 feet in the air over the area between two overpasses, hit the east embankment and disintegrated, said investigating DPS Trooper J. C. Welch.

Welch said Huckeba was pinned for more than an hour before he was freed. Justice of the Peace Walter Thames pronounced him dead at the scene.

The mishap occurred .7

miles west of Merkel near the State Highway 126 exit. Huckeba was driving a truck for his employer, E. L. Farmer of Odessa, when the accident occurred.

The Merkel Fire Department was called to wash diesel fuel off the road.

Authorities were at first unable to identify the body. The body was taken first to Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel before being transferred to Rudolph-Snyder Funeral Home in Waxahachie.

Final rites held for James

Services were held Tuesday for William (Bill) James, 82, of Merkel who died Sun-

day in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene after a brief illness. Services were at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

Larry Gill, minister of Merkel Church of Christ officiated and burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born March 15, 1894, in Hunt County, he moved to Jones County in 1901. He married Mary Burleson December 24, 1914, in Merkel. She died in 1965. He had lived and farmed in the Merkel area most of his life. He was a member of Merkel Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Robert R. of Merkel and Joe Alvin; a brother, Robert L. of Abilene; four sisters, Mrs. M. L. Rutledge of Merkel, Blanche Rutledge of Abilene, Mrs. Elmer Jeans of Hanley and Bess Mosley of Longview; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Herndon rites held

Services were Tuesday at the Anson Church of Christ for Clifton Western Herndon, 85, of Trent who died Monday at West Texas Medical Center.

O. B. Proctor officiated, assisted by Tommy South. Burial was in the Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Born June 24, 1891, in Bosque County, he moved to the Abilene area 25 years ago. Mr. Herndon was a retired farmer.

Survivors include five sons, Boone of Somerset, Massachusetts, Doras of

Anderson visitors

Visiting in the David Anderson's home over the week end were their two children and some of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren to be with them on their 69th anniversary.

Those present were their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Homer Campbell, Marble Falls; son Mr. Odell Anderson, Burkeville; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Campbell, Klynn and Morgan, Denver City; Mrs. Arabell Campbell and daughter Pam, New Braunfels; Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Joe Campbell, Victoria; Judge and Mrs. J. J. Garrett, Victoria; Mr. and Mrs. James Young, Gollad and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sowell and son, Cross Plains.

CAP gets grant

Congressman Omar Burleson announces the approval of a \$140,490 Community Services Administration grant to the Community Action Program, Inc., at Abilene, serving Taylor, Mitchell, Stephens, Jones, Kent, Haskell, Stonewall, Knox, Throckmorton and Shackelford Counties.

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Group seeks water for area south of Merkel

A steering committee has been formed and will meet Saturday in an attempt to form a water district for an area south of Merkel.

J. D. Sandusky is heading the committee in an attempt to get a water district formed and operating.

Sandusky said it is estimated that it will take 18 months to 2 years to get paperwork completed and the project underway and completed.

He said the group hopes to include the area from Tye west to the Taylor County line. It will include Blair community and Trent, he said.

This is the only area not covered by a water supply district, he said.

The SUN Water District recently started operating north of Merkel and Sandusky pointed out that Potosi-Caps have a similar system and one was recently completed in the southern part of Taylor county.

This leaves the area immediately south of Merkel as the only part of the county without a water system.

The steering committee will set a general meeting and form other immediate plans in getting the project underway.

Named to the steering committee with Sandusky are Loyd Gilmore, Arthur Moore, Frank Brnovak, Freddy Toombs, R. F. Clemmer, Monk Stowe, Richard Scott, Leroy Riney and Wien Joiner.

Stith HD news

Stith Home Demonstration Club met September 22 at the community center. There were 9 present and two were visitors.

Roll call was answered with "Things I need space for." Daisy Mashburn brought a game.

Our program was given by Mrs. Pauline Hill on tube paints. Mrs. Vada Hudson was gone to state meeting at College Station. All members acted as hostess. Our next meeting will be October 13. We invite all ladies in our community to meet with us.

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Congressman Omar Burleson has announced the approval of a \$15,000 Community Service Administration grant to the Community Action Program Inc. serving Taylor County.

The grant starts Friday and is for a year and will provide a community food and nutrition program.

Merkel 4-H Club

The Merkel 4-H Club recently met at the Stith Community Center. Mr. Joe Wilson from the Abilene Extension Office gave a very interesting program on his visit to Ireland to the club members. Mr. J. D. Sandusky gave a talk on the 4-H rifle team and interested boys and girls are encouraged to come and join the team. The practice is the second Sunday afternoon of each month. He also presented Willy Townsend with his trophy that he won at the District rifle meet in San Angelo.

Maury and Tonya Moore and John and Willy Townsend entered and won ribbons at the West Texas Fair with their various entries. These four persons won a total of 24 ribbons and placed in various craft divisions and the baking.

There were also 3 teams who entered the demonstration contests on 4-H day. Tonya Moore and Cindy Boone won first place in the senior team contest with their pork demonstration. Jay Gibson and Willy Townsend presented a gun safety slide demonstration in the junior team competition, and John Townsend won first place in the junior individual category.

The Merkel Club's entry in the Educational Booth competition won second place at the Fair this year, so that \$75 prize money will be put to good use in their club activities.

Next meeting of the Merkel 4-H club will again be at the Stith Community Center and all members and interested persons are urged to attend. We will have a program given to us by the Tandy Company on various arts and crafts. This meeting will begin at 7:30 Tuesday night, October 5.

Volleyball team opens district

The Merkel High School girls' volleyball team started district play Tuesday at Ballinger.

Team members are Gina Farmer, Jeanette Robinson, Kathryn Irvin, Gayle Teaff, Sherrie Ascencio, Annemarie Rankin, Carla Shelton, Sherrie Frazier, Belinda Perry, Betty Lindsey, Lupe Ortega, and Janet Wade. Managers are Kandi Ascencio and Gay Pfister.

The schedule:
September 29, Merkel at Ballinger.
October 5, Stamford at Merkel.
October 12, Merkel at Colorado City.
October 19, Ballinger at Merkel.
October 26, Merkel at Stamford.
November 2, Colorado City at Merkel.
All games begin at 5:30. Admission is 50 cents for students and \$1 for adults.

Lambda Beta news

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, September 21st in the home of Glenda Teaff. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Allday. Committee reports were given. It was announced that Lambda Beta has received a Three Star Rating for the year 1975-76. This rating is awarded by the International Executive Council of Beta Sigma Phi indicating outstanding success in bringing friendship, social and cultural opportunities to each member. Lambda Beta has received this rating every year since 1967.

The program "Science-Natural and Physical" was presented by Mary Hill, captain.

Members present were as follows: Betty Allday, Anne Booth, Milly Bright, Annette Clark, Betty Coker, Bobby Elliott, Judy Elliott, Mary Hill, Faye Jones, Sarah Lucas, Jo Moore, Minyon Seymore, Glenda Teaff, Barbara Welch and Ginny Yaddow.

Abilene Beta Sigma Phi City Council held their annual kick off tea September 18 at the Episcopal Church of Heavenly Rest in Abilene. All area Beta Sigma Phi Chapters were honored. Tables were set up by various

chapters displaying their scrapbooks, badges, and program books. Lambda Beta Chapter members attending were as follows: Sarah Lucas, Bobby Elliott, Judy Elliott, Betty Allday, and Ginny Yaddow. Gloria Henslee, Lambda Beta rushee also attended.

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held an Indian Pow-Wow Party honoring this year's rushees. It was held September 18 in the Methodist Fellowship Hall. Games were played and refreshments served in Indian fashion. The Chief of the evening was Phil Seymore. The door prize was won by Sarah Lucas.

Members and their husbands present were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allday, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Rosey Castille, Mr. and Mrs. Oble Coker, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Seymore, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Teaff, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yaddow. Rushees and husbands present were Mr. and Mrs. John Henslee and Mr. and Mrs. George Martin.

Xi Nu Chi

Members of Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, September 21, in the home of Mrs. John

Brady. The meeting was called to order by President Louise DuBose.

Committee reports were given. The program, "Kinds of Communications" was presented by Louise DuBose, captain and co-captain Connie Harris.

Members present were Mes. Connie Ybarra, Kathy Leverich, Mamie Steck, Charolette Starbuck, Connie Harris, Opal Garner, Elizabeth Eager, Louise DuBose and Jocille Brady.

Chamber eyes promotions

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce met at Merkel Restaurant Monday afternoon to discuss a promotion for Merkel businesses.

There was no action taken and the Board of Directors are to meet again next week after investigating the lottery laws.

The Chamber is investigating some kind of cash bonus promotion which will run until Christmas.

The Board also discussed Christmas activities and heard a report that the city had lost \$640 on the summer recreation program.



GOLD STAR GIRL--Kathryn Irvin of Noodle is the Gold Star Girl for Jones County 4-H Club. The Merkel High School cheerleader earned the top 4-H award for her accomplishments in sewing, cooking and safety demonstrations. She has been a member of the 4-H 7 years. Miss Irvin lives with her grandmother, Mrs. H. O. Irvin of Noodle.

Masons set district meet

The 75th Masonic District Meeting will be held Saturday at 5 p.m. The site for the dinner meeting is the Suez Shrine Children's Park in Mulberry Canyon, located 5 miles south of Merkel on FM Road 126.

The dinner will be a fish fry.

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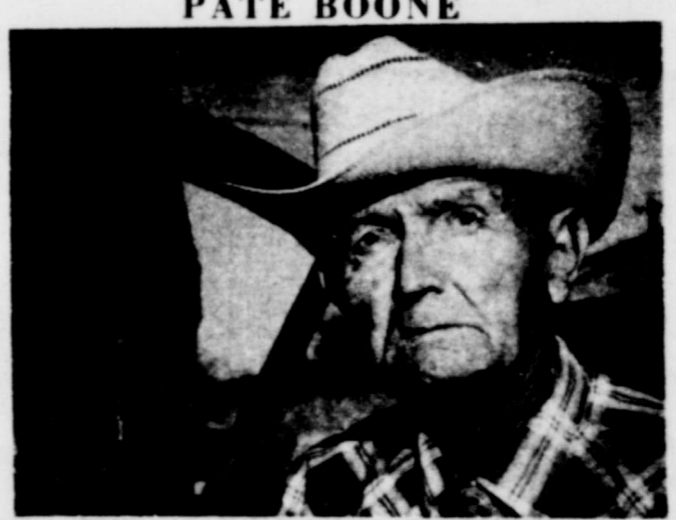
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