## THE MAIL



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

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 lowa reported being snagged in the seat of the pants by an anchor from a flying object.

There also were similiar 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 Otia Imperialia) in 1897 would be fully as fantastic as the

reports themselves!" These two items were publications reporting the in-

cidents 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 attract-'ing the attention of hundreds of people." . Now, what happened to that anchor?

## Badgers open District 6-AA against hungry Wolves

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 winloss record but the loss last week against Class AA Eastland will leave the Badgers needing to prove something as they go against the larger

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 of-

fensive 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

and it wasn't until the second quarter that they loosened up and began to perform. But, Coach McLeod said he was especilly proud of the way the Badgers fought back and nearly pulled off the

noticeably tight when the kickoff came

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 lettermettincluding 14 who started at one time or another.

Heading the returnees is all-d.strict 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 190pound 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

## 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 herowere 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 Chatervuart and Kenny Nance. Miss Chatervuart and Nance were

named the sweetheart and football hero. Band sweetheart nominees were Brenda Griffith, Shirley Brenem, Deodle 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 Chatervuart were honored during halfti me ceremonies Saturday at Trent's Homecoming. Nance was named football hero and Miss Chatervuart was named football sweetheart.

## Final school budget shows \$183,012 surplus

The Merkel Independent and \$20,310,81 in the bank for School District ended the year a total \$210,027.07. with a surplus of \$183,012, according to the amended budget approved by the chool 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 cate of deposits and savings

which were approved last year accounted for \$27,015. according to accountant Jim

However, bills for items and projects not completed Lawless.

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

Then, to close the books on the year, the Board apshow \$189,716.26 in certifi- proved 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

\$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 pre-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. Ex- was reported that \$1,024,784 penditures totaled went for payroll costs. \$1,322, [82, leaving the The Board scients. 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

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

#### 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.

'Tarda 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

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

as a write-in candidate. He is Buddy Carey of 212 West Merkel. Carey is the second person to announce intentions to com-

pete 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

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 elec-

tion 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

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 Abilena.

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 votingage Texans voted in 1974 and in the last Presidential election 43 per cent of voting-age Texans voted.



BAND SWEETHEART--Drum Major John Stevens Shirley Brenem with roses after she was named 2s heart during halftime ceremonics at Trent's Ho Saturday night.

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town, Crenshaw said he had

no such plans at this time.

"We are just going to build

store," he said. "There

(incorporate) so we could sell

beer at the store," he added,

"but that isn't true."

### 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

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

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. Heis pastor at the Faith Baptist Church in Snyder.



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

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

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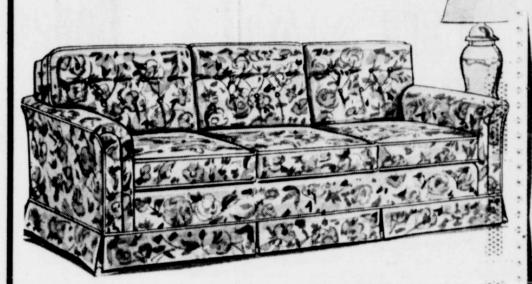
### **Noodle Homecoming**

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

A second planning meeting will be Monday, October 4 As to the possibility of in-7:30 p.m. at the Noodle Community Center. All interested corporating the area into a 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 Sloun; a 24-hour convenience Queen's nominating committee, Mrs. Cricket Sloan, Miss. Modell Eoff and Mrs. Evorie Dillard; registration, Ms. probably was some talk around that we were going to Lois Womack and nominating committee for 1978 officers. Troy Sloan, Cline Satterwhite and Pinkey Cypert. Presidet of the 1976 homecoming is Eulan Hatfield and secretary Mrs. Vernon Stanley.

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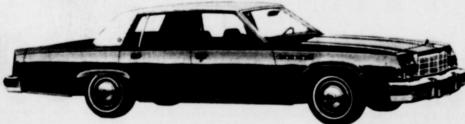
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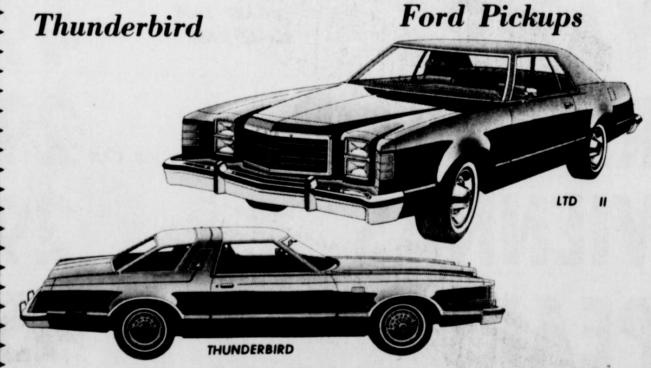
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The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 15th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

(Seal) Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County. By Sandra Harris,

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Badgers stumble before charging Mavericks

Markel's Badgers saw their undefeated season hopes end Friday night in Eastland, 20-15; against their first Class AA opponent.

However, they proved they have the ability to fight back and overcome adverse circumstances and discovered they can do other things on the football field against good Class AA competition besides run up the middle.

For the first time this year the Badgers displayed their passing form -- and it looked

The Badgers experienced some untimely miscues and penalties but still charged from behind to almost pull off their fourth straight victory. They did appear sluggish at times and were not as crisp as they had been the three previous games.

Still, the Eastland Mavericks came to play and to upset the undefeated Badgers -- this they did, finally getting their experienced performers working in harmony

Badgers to get no closer than their own 35 the five times they lost two of the possessions on fumbles.

The Mavericks, meanwhile Merkel 14 once during their five possessions.

terceptions for the six times it had possession the second

Merkel had 101 yards running and 115 passing as Quarterback David Pfiester intercepted. had 33 yards on nine carries, Keith Austerman, five yards on 2 carries, Larry Smith 29 yards on 11 carries, Brad Pursley, 6 yards on one carry and Roger Doan had 28 yards on 7 carries.

PUBLICATION

TO: Rudy Day or alias Ruby

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-

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 Mon-

day next after the expira-

tion of 20 days from the date

of service of this citation,

then and there to answer the

petition of Beula Wynne Love,

Supervisor Taylor County

Child Welfare Unit, Peti-

tioner, filed in said Court

on the 16th day of September,

1975, against Ruby Joanna

Lemons Day or alias Ruby

Schaffer, mother and William

Joe Day, father and said suit

being numbered 11,066-DR on

the docket of said Court, and

entitled "In The Interest of

Patricia Darlene Schaffer, a

Child," the nature of which

suit is a request to Petition

to Terminate Parent-Child

Relationship. Said child was

born the 9th day of May,

1975, in Abilene, Taylor

The Court has authority in

this suit to enter any judgment

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upon you, including the

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If this citation is not served

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The officer executing this

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

Schaffer, Respondent:

GREETINGS:

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Eastland dominated the STAUNCH WALL -- Merkel defenders put up a wall around gain. No. 11 is Brad Pursley and No. 22 is John Biera. At first half, allowing the Eastland's Wesley Collins to stop the Maverick after short left is Mark Shaw, No. 33. Coming up to assist is Merkel's Grant Murrell.

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E-Wesley Collins, 4 run, 7:05, John Hill

E-Nathan Washington, 3 run, 10:58,

M-David Pfiester pass to Craig Hutch

ings, 20 yards, 5:40, Pfiester pass to Lar

M-Pfiester pass to Hutchings, 13 yards

E-Mike Lewis pass to Brian Haun, 10

For the first time this year

the Badgers lost the coin toss

and had to kickoff to start

It appeared they would be

alright as they forced the

Mavericks to punt on the first

series. They set up at the

Merkel 40 after the punt and

quickly lost a fumble after

down play with a 9-yard pass

and Stutts got 18 yards on

another third down to move

the Mavericks to the 14 where

Collins carried three times,

the final being for four yards

and the touchdown with 7:05

to go the first quarter. John

Hill kicked the extra point

The Badgers appeared to

gain a key advantage from

midfield when Pfiester

passed to the Eastland 22.

Pass interference was the

initial call. But, no, the ball

was called back and Merkel

was given a 15-yard penalty.

was forced to punt.

14-0 Maverick edge.

Three plays later Smith

With a couple of penalties

and key passes by Lewis,

Eastland advanced 84 yards in

13 plays as Washington

scored from the 3 at 10:58

of the second quarter. Hill

kicked the point after for a

again fumbled and lost. This

time the Mavericks had but

33 yards to go. During this

time, Mark Shaw fell on a

loose ball and Grant Murrell

fell on a fumble but the of-

ficials ruled the ball was

dead--causing much abuse

from the large crowd of Mer-

kel fans on hand, contend-

ing the officials used a quick

a tight defense held the Mav-

ericks with an inch to go on

Merkel got out to the 35

However, at the Merkel 14

whistle.

suit is a request to Terminate

day of October, 1972, in Dal- Pre-Paid

fourth down.

Three plays later Merkel

and Merkel trailed 7-0.

Lewis converted a third

Pfiester gained a yard.

kick extra point.

the game.

ry Smith for extra points.

2:10. Smith kick extra point

Austerman at fullback and they had the football--and switched to his usual No. 62 to play on the line when not Rushing at fullback.

Pursley caught five passes scored twice and was at the for 88 yards while Smith had punts, Avg. one catch for a six-yard loss Penolties, Yds and Craig Hutchings caught Merkel scored twice the two for 33 yards and two third period and had two in- touchdowns. Hutchings also intercepted a pass and Smith recovered a fumble for the Badgers.

While Pfiester was hitting 8 John Hill kick extra point. of 19 passes he had three

Eastland's Mike Lewis hit 10 of 15 passes for 124 yards to go with the 182 yards rushing by the Mavericks. Wesley Collins was the key rusher for Eastland with 96 yards Washington 24. on 24 carries. Lewis had 35, Mike Stutts 27 and Nathan

PUBLICATION

TO: Gay Harrington West-

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-

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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 Mon-

day next after the expira-

tion of 20 days from the date

of service of this citation,

petition of Beula Wynne Love,

Supervisor, Taylor County

Child Welfare Unit, Peti-

tioner, filed in said Court on

the 21st day of September,

1976, against Gay Harrington

Westbrook, mother and Jimmy Ray Westbrook,

father, Respondents, and said

suit being numbered 8406-DR

on the docket of said Court,

and entitled "In The Interest

of Tonya Westbrook, a

Child," the nature of which

Parent-Child Relationship.

Said child was born the 3rd

las, Dallas County, Texas.

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mandates hereof, and make

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County, Texas, this the 21st

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brook and Jimmy Ray West-

THE STATE OF TEXAS

brook, Respondents:

GREETINGS:

Merkel Eastland before running out of downs hit Jim Owen on an 18-yard and Smith punted 36 yards, pass on third down to the They got one more chance before the half but Pfiester was intercepted at the Eastland

> The third quarter found the Badgers with more vigor, the Merkel 9 when John Biera They rolled to the Eastland 10 where Pfiester was inter- But, no. cepted. Then after holding the tackle for 16 yards, Pfiester the field at the time. got two and then Pfiester hit

land edge to 14-8. contained the Mavericks Doan and the repeat of the a fumble for Merkel. previous touchdown with a

15-14 lead. . The Mavericks moved to normal. ings intercepted a pass.

fourth down at the Merkel 33 Eastland is 2-2. and again converted when he

Merkel 13.

The shotgun allowed Lewis that extra time to get rid of the football. Still it appeared the drive would be halted at stepped in to intercept a pass.

It was a 5-yard penalty Mavericks for five downs they against Merkel, instead. took over at the Eastland 38 Coach McLeod admitted the after the punt, Smith ran right Badgers did have 12 men on

Stutts was thrown for a 7-Hutchings in the left corner yard loss and on fourth down of the goal for a 20-yard the Mavericks set up for a touchdown at 5:40. He then field goal attempt. Instead, passed to Smith for the ex- Lewis passed to Owen for the tra points cutting the East- 10-yard touchdown with 2:50 left in the game and the final A firedup Merkel defense score of the game, 20-15.

Washington intercepted a again and this time they start- Pfiester pass on the first play ed from the Merkel 48. Key after the kickoff and the Mayplays in the 8-play drive was ericks ran four plays with 15a 30-yard pass reception by yard penalties against each Pursley, a 10-yard run by team before Smith recovered

Time for these four plays 13-yard pass to Hutchings, with long gainers by the Mav-Smith kicked the extra point ericks took an "amazing" and 2:10 was left in the third 15 seconds after the kickoff. period, giving the Badgers a But, with the Badgers in possession the clock got back to

the shotgun formation on the Forced to go for the bomb. next drive but was halted at Pfiester started from the the Merkel 30 when Hutch- Merkel 13 and ran for 16. yards, lost six and hit Pursley Two penalties cut short a for 22 yards to the Merkel hope for a third score by the 45. Pursley then caught a 5-Badgers and Smith punted 30 yard pass and from midfield yards. From the Merkel 44 Pflester passed three times the Mavericks started to the final 10 seconds, all fell work. Lewis got a first down incomplete and down went the on a quarterback keeper on Badgers to 3-1 for the year.

another fumble after a pass Eliminate the final 2 completion to Biera the third minutes and it would have quarter. been a huge success for Mer-

the Badgers back in the lead

with his passing and being

faced with a consistently hard

JV loses tough battle

ADDED WHIGHT--Mike Sims carries an extra load by an Eastland defender as he carries;

the football for Merkel High's Junior Varsity Thursday at Badger Stadium. Merkel led

It was still defense as time kel High School's Junior ran out. With 1:55 to play a Varsity Thursday. 37-yard pass completion for However, that's part of the the touchdown and a quartergame of football and instead back keeper for the extra of their first victory the points put Eastland in front Badgers had to settle for their for the first time. fourth defeat of the season. With Sims attempting to get

out, 16-6. Except for that 2 minutes and an opening series, neither team could navigate the proper course to the goal line.

Eastland pulled the victory

until the final 1:55 before Eastland won, 16-6.

Merkel played some good football, especially on defense, but Eastland was just as good, defensively, and kept the Badgers cornered throughout the game.

Still, Merkel led the entire game except for the final 1:55. The game was 1:45 old when quarterback Mike Sims lifted a pass to split end Mike Brady catching Eastland off guard. Brady completed the trek to the goal for a 50-yard touchdown.

to attempt to pull off their first victory of the year. It didn't last. Sims saved an Eastland touchdown when he was the last man between the East-

land runner and the goal, later

Then the Badgers were

forced to revert to defense

in the first quarter. Rudy Bi era and Sims again turned in a good defensive performance the second quarter. Merkel stopped an Eastland drive at the Merkel 6 with a fumble recover and before the half Sims intercepted an Eastland pass at the Merkel 27, to end another threat.

Merkel recovered another fumble at the Eastland 36 the third period but couldn't advance the football. Eastland got in a good blow by blocking a Biera punt at the Merkel 42 but the Merkel defense held. The Badgers lost were forced into a costly mistake.

An Eastland pass defender stepped in front of a Sims pass and returned it 19 yards to score at 1:30 and the game was all but over. Again the Eastland quarterback ran for the extra points.

The Junior Varsity is now 0-4 for the year, scoring 20 points while allowing 56. They will take two weeks off before traveling to Winters October Eastland rush, the Badgers 14 for their next contest.

### Section C is reserved

With the first District 6-AA football game Eriday at Badger Stadium, Merkel Superintendent Travis Davis has reminded fans of honoring the reserved seat section.

Davis said that Section C is a reserved section for those who purchased season tickets and for School Board members who were given free season tickers.

Section C is that section to the left of the press box on the North end of the stadium. Section D is to the right of the press box and is for general

admission and for visitors, Davis said. "We don't have the area roped off or partitioned very well," he said, "but Section C is a reserved section and we hope the fans will not sit in the area unless they have a reserved seat ticket."

## Hutchings,

Craig Hutchings, John Biera and Glenn Braune received special weekly honors for their efforts against Eastland's football team last week.

Hutchings was named offensive player of the week by the Merkel High coache Hutchings caught two touchdown passes and made several key downfield blocks for the Badgers. He also intercepted another pass on defense. This is the second straight week for Biera and Braune to be honored,

Braune was named defensive player of the week for his 11 tackles. There were four others with 10 tackles each. Biera was named specialty team player of the week.

Coach Jerry McLeod said of Biera: "He is tough. He just keeps doing it. He does a great job every week."

## Eighth Grade Wins big, 36-0

Merkel's Eighth grade finally got everything just right Thursday night.

Not only did Coach Greg Henderson's charges score their first touchdown of the year, they liked the feeling so well they did it four more

times. End results: Merkel 36. Eastland Eighth grade 0. Battling an uphill battle with new coaching procedures

and larger opponents, the squad had lost three straight, They came close last week at Roscoe but didn't have it all together -- as evidenced by the many lost fumbles.

However, Thursday night they jelled. The team was presented a hardhitting, bruising attack which stunned Eastland. And, the apparent ease with which they scored showed their hard work was starting to pay dividends. The eighth grade victory is

the first this season by any of the four sub-varsity Merkel The win gives Merkel a

1-3 record and the 36 points compares with 40 scored by the four opponents. The game wasn't but 45

seconds old when Quarterback Randy Martin set the pattern for the night. He broke on a 45-yard run. However. this touchdown was called back because of a penalty. At 4:55 Bart Pursley of-

grade touchdown of the year. Pursely intercepted an Eastland pass at 5:35 of the second quarter returning it 65 yards for a touchdown.

Roger White recovered an Pursley ran right tackle for a 14-0 Merkel edge with 3:50 before halftime.



HOWDY--Merkel back Owen Franklin appears to be shaking hands with an Eastland defender in their Thursday encounter. Merkel went on to win its first game of the year,

back Allbright kept the footquarter, Buster Brown got Later second teamtwo first downs and Pursley men Todd Gregory and Alan

made a long gain to set Merkel at the 3-yard line of Brown then scored across left tackle and ran the extra

points for a 22-0 Merkel advantage. Mark Bland then got in on an excellent defensive play for the Badgers forcing an

Eastland.

Eastland punt,

period,

On the punt return, Donnie Tutt hit the left side of the field and threaded his way 70 yards to score. Martin passed to Owen Franklin for the extra points and it was 30-0 with 2:35 left the third

Pursley then threw Eastland for a 6-yard loss and returned an intercepted pass 32 vards and carried a Mayerick on his back while picking up 23 yards before the final quarter started.

Brown got 11 and 13 yards before Merkel's march was ended with a lost fumble.

Allbright got into the act with good yardage and finally with 25 seconds to play, Quarter-

ball for the final touchdown. Next game for the eighth graders is October 7 when they take on Colorado City in Badger Stadium at 6 p.m.

for a 16-0 halftime advantage. At 4:05 of the third quarter Colorado City scored its final touchdown and ran for the extra points. The Badgers fought back but couldn't get on the score,

Seventh grade

falls, 24-6

Danny Wiggins rolled

around right end for 20 yards

with 1:30 to play Thursday

to score for Merkel, but it

didn't prevent the Merkel

Seventh grade from losingits

third straight contest of the

Merkel fell to Colorado

Colorado City scored the

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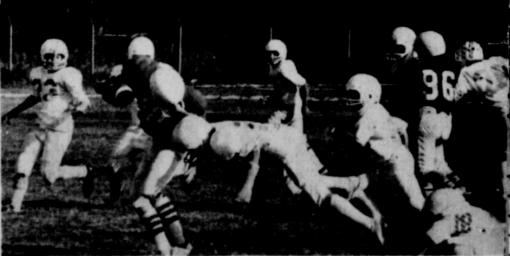
and passed for extra points

City, 24-6.

board until the final minute and a half. Coach Russell Gee's Seventh graders take a week

off before meeting Colorady City in Merkel, October at 5 p.m.

They have now scored 1 points for the year while the three opponents have 52



WOOPS--It appears this defender has a sure handle as he clings to the face mask in this seventh grade contest between Merkel and Eastland Thursday at Badger Stadium, Merkel H 191 4802.10

Court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this the 8th day of September, 1976. Irene Crawford Domestic Rela-Taylor County,

32-1tc

day of September, 1976.

Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Sandra Harris,

Funeral The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment Plans or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-**Funeral** child relationship and the appointment of a conservator Service with authority to consent to If this citation is not served Insurance within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall Life The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the Insurance ? ments of law, and the STARBUCK hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Taylor

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squads.

ficially got the first eighth He also ran the extra points to give Merkel an 8-0 lead.

It was canceled due to a clipping penalty against Mer-Eastland fumble at the onefoot line and on the next play

After Kelly Knight recovered an Eastland fumble at the Eastland 42 the third



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#### 1976 Merkel Badgers Football Schedule

Sept.	3	Baird	12-0	Here	8:00	
	11	Jim Ned	21-6	Here	8:00	Homecoming
	17	Roscoe	13-6	Here	8:00	
	24	Eastland	15-20	There	8:00	
Oct.	1	Colorado City		Here	7:30	
	8	Ballinger		There	7:30	
	15	Winters		Here	7:30	
	22	Stamford		There	7:30	
	29	Open date				
Nov.	5	Wylie		Here	7:30	
	12	Coahoma		There	7:30	

CHEERLEADERS- Becky Watts, Kathryn Irvin, Marsha Clyburn, Cindy Boone, Gay Pfiester. LEE PRESSWOOD, Principal TRAVIS DAVIS, Superintendent

Merkel High 3-1



#### 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

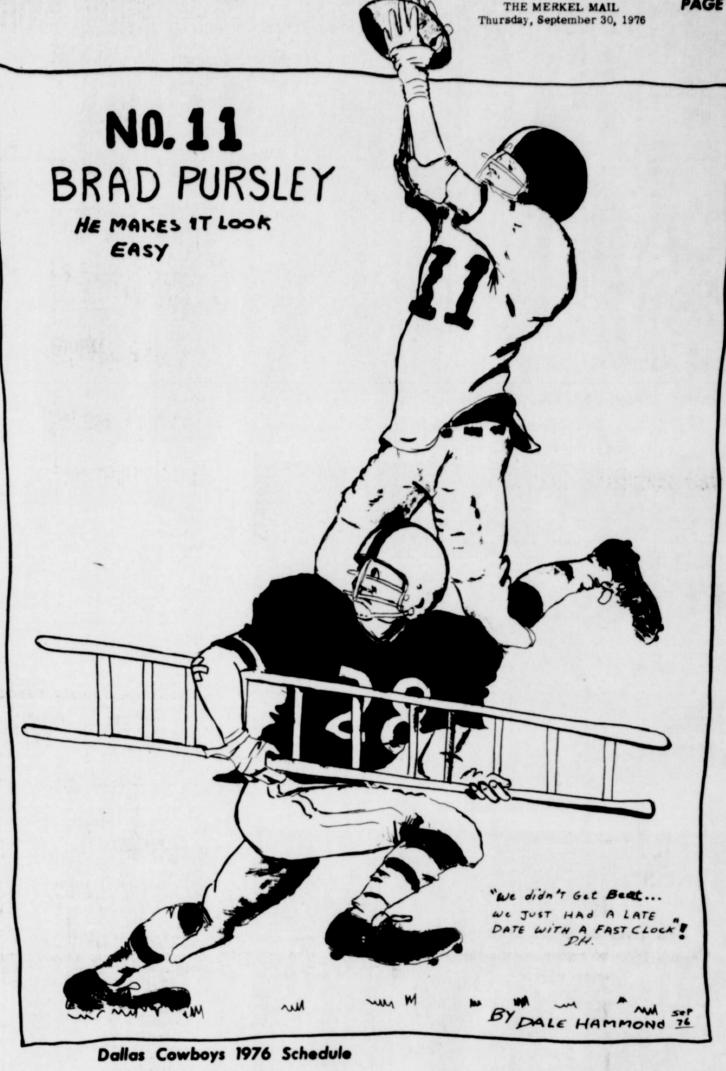
LAST WEEK'S RESULTS Eastland 20, Merkel 15; Post 34, Colorado City 20; Winters 14, Eldorado 0; Albany 28, Wylie 0; Stamford 28, Hasket 20; Coleman 34, Ballinger 25; Coahoma

> FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE DISTRICT OPENS

Colorado City at Merkel, 7:30 p.m

Winters, open Coahoma at Wylie Ballinger at Stamford 22-33.5

		NINTH GRAD	E SCHEDU	LE	
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#### LEAGUE GAMES

Cowboys 3-0

Date		Opponent	Kickoff (Dallas	Time)
Sun., September	12	PHILADELPHIA	1 p.m.	27-7
Sun., September		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			1 p.m.	
Sun., October	31	at Washington	4 p.m. (3 p.m.)	
		NEW YORK GIANTS	1 p.m.	
Mon., November			8 p.m.	
Sun., November	21	at Atlanta	1 p.m. (noon)	
Thu., November			2:30 p.m.	
Sun., December	5	at Philadelphia	1 p.m. (noon)	
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#### 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	5:00
		Colorado City 8th		Here	6:00
	14	Winters 7th		Here	6:00
		Winters 8th		Here	7:30
	28	Winters 7th		There	6:00
		Winters 8th		There	7:30
Nov.	4	Wylie 7th		Here	6:00
		Wylie 8th		Here	7:30
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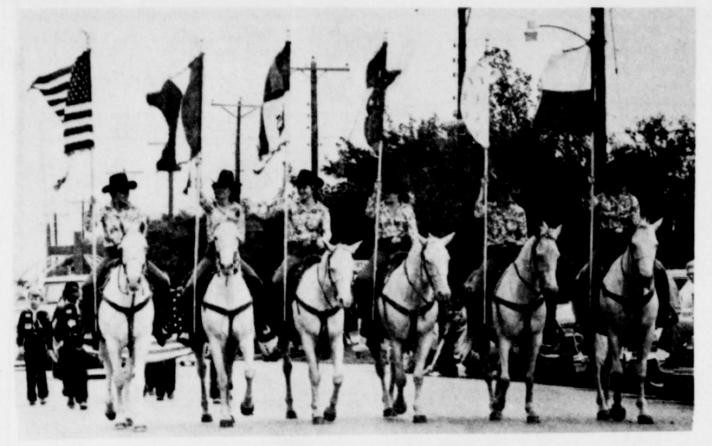
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	Trent	Blackwell
First Downs	13	12
Rushing	43-342	40-221
Passing	39	144
Passes completed	3.9	6-12
intercepted by	2	1
Punts, Ava.	2-33.5	1-29.0
Penalties, Yards	6-57	9-61
Fumbles Lost	2	2

T-James Mays, 40 run, 2:24 B-Bruce Holland, 10 run, 2:10

1-Herbert Beaver, 6 run, :19 B-Lynn Pate pass to Bryon Andrade, 35 B-Bruce Holland, 37 run, 6:47; Kent Priddy kick extra points.

T-Herbert Beaver, 2 run, 4:45 B-Lynn Pate pass to Charlie Roland, 10 yards, :48 B-Lynn Pate pass to Mark Ely, 19 ords, 3:57, Kent Priddy kick extra points.

T-James Mays, 53 run, 9:30 B-Bryan Andrade, 3 run, 2:04, Kent Priddy kick extra points. DISTRICT 3-B (SIX-MAN

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Team	W	L	Pts.	Opts
Hermleigh	2	1	84	88
Highland	2	2	163	146
Hobbs	2	2	132	14
iro	2	2	81	100
Trent	1	2	89	106
McCaulley	0	4	72	218
LEADIN	IG S	COR	ERS	
		TD	EP	TF
Kemp, McCaulley		7	0	42
Mays, Trent		6	0	36
Martin, Hobbs		6	0	36
Corbell, Ira		5	5	35
Kesner, Ira		5	4	34
Krejci, Highland		3	14	32
H. Beaver, Trent		5	0	30
Mirando, Hobbs		5	0	30
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SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE Blackwell at Hobbs Hermleigh, idle McCaulley, idle

DISTRICT OPENS obbs at Hermleigh OCT. 9

Trent at McCaulley

# Trent stung by Hornets,

Trent High School's Gorillas travel to DivideSaturday 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 Roemisch has three starters back at Divide, center Mingo Avila, end Gabriel Avila and halfback 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

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

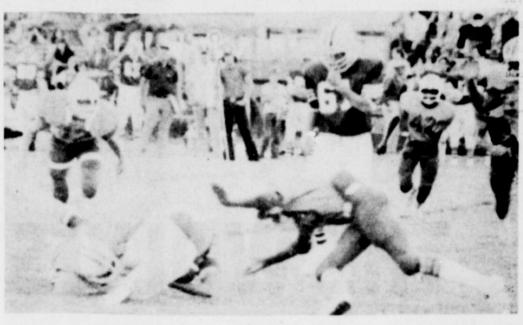
Blackwell was led by Bruce Holland who had 160 yards on 29 carries and two touchdowns, Quarterback Lynn Pate passed for three other Blackwell scores, hitting Bryan Andrade for 35, Charlie Roland for 10 yards and Mark Ely for 19 yard TD's. Andrade ran 3 yards for the final TD. Kent Priddy kicked three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

standing 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 After the kickoff, Black-

well, 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-all, with 2:10 to go the first

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 gridder 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

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

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 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 defense held this time and

Mays burst loose for a 22yard 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 Trem 19 when Priddy points at 4:45 however, as came on to attempt a field goal. But it was a fake and Pate passed to Ely for the touchdown at 3:57. Priddy added the extra points for a

34-18 ad antage. Trent ran out of downs at the Blackwell 17 but the Trent 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 Priddy 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, Ctober 22.



Mini-cheerleaders at work

#### First Baptist news

First Baptist Church has October 12. two new deacons, Roy Hewitt and Buster Thompson.

choir has been asked to sing Abernathy. He is the son of October 12 during the annual meeting of the Abilene Baptist Association which will be held in Merkel, T. C. Melton will preach October 11 and James Cooper of Dallas will preach

Tommy Riney of Merkel has been ordained and will The Merkel First Baptist take over a pastorate in 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.

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#### 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

Mrs. Oliver was the oldest attending. The youngest were 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.

"Good things, when short,

The special guests were James Nelson, Grace Cranfill and Irene Nelson all of Snyder; Buck Nelson, Abilene; Alyce Oliver, Merkel; May Kelly, Stephenville. Others attending were from Dallas, Arlington, San Angelo, Ranger, Abilene, Lubbock, Midland, Snyder and

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## 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 Semember 21 at Merkel High

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

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



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

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

and Son for the three lots.

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

Smith explained the largest cost in freezers is in the compressor.

3 hp compressor.

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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.

and wiring will have to be added to the \$6,950 freezer cost. The freezer will be

added expense of plumbing

at Merkel High. They will installed in an 8 by 20 room pay \$1,750 to H. O. Cassle presently being used as a presently being used as a

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

storeroom and office for the 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.



Junior High band performs

### 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

Services were held in

Waxahachie for Thomas Luke

Huckaba, a 51-year-old

Irving truck driver who died

in the crash of his tractor-

trailer rig Friday night near

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

disentergrated, said in-

vestigating DPS Trooper J. C.

pinned for more than an hour

before he was freed. Justice

of the Peace Walter Thames

pronounced him dead at the

Welch said Huckeba was

Merkel.

Welch.

Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. The Rev. Ed Nowell of Noodle Baptist Church of-

miles west of Merkel near

the State Highway 126 exit.

truck for his employer, E. L.

Farmer of Odessa, when the

accident occurred.

diesel fuel off the road.

Huckeba was driving a

The Merkel Fire Depart-

Authorities were at first

unable to identify the body.

The body was taken first to

Starbuck Funeral Home of

Merkel before being trans-

ferred to Rudolph - Snyder

ment was called to wash

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 grand-

#### Funeral Homein Waxahachie. Final rites held for James

Services were held Tues-

#### day in Hendrick Memorial

day for William (Bill) James, 82, of Merkel who died Sun-

#### The mishap occurred .7 Final rites held

Trucker killed near Merkel

Services were held Sat- heart attack near Alpine. of Grand Prairie who died September 22 of an apparent

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kel Church of Christ with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral

Born September 13, 1910, in Merkel, he married Dorothy Brewer September 17, 1932, in Merkel. They had lived in the Dallas area since 1941.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Barbara Van-Cleave of Grand Prairie and Louella Furgerson of Arlington; a brother, Benny Hobbs of Merkel; two sisters, Ollie Fowler of California and Lila Chancey of Richardson; his mother, Mrs. J. H. Hobbs of Merkel; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

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 De-cember 24, 1914, in Mer-kel. 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

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

Cem stery. 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, Goliad 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.

Trent, Lee of Big Spring, Eldon of Midland and Jack of Abilene; a brother Bert of Fort Worth; two sisters, Clara May of Florida and Deliah Gill of Anson; 11 grandchildren; and four

great-grandchildren.

larger freezer and Waco Hotel Supply with \$5,001 for the small and \$7,158 for the large freezer. All other specifications were the same. In other action the Board Approved Superintendent Travis Davis to sign for com-

Hotel Supply with \$5,050 for

the small and \$7,228 for the

modities, 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

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

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

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 \$60,000 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 he \$183,012 surplus is available to be used on the building

expansion. The mine 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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## Dog shooting incident discussed at Council meeting

A dog-shooting incident was the main item of business for the regular meeting of the Merkel City Council Friday morning.

Both sides of theissue were presented to the Council with no action taken.

In handling correspondence the Council revealed a letter from Lone Star Gas ind cating a small rebate will be due customers, on the October bill. The company reported \$534 too much was collected last November.

Another letter from Continental Telephone Company advised of a proposed rate increase as applied for through the Texas Utility Com aission,

However, the form was so complicated that it was not determined exactly how much increase the telephone company was talking about. It was determined, however, that one-party lines would increase to \$11.75 a month if the proposal is approved Currently these customers are paving \$7.50 monthly for the service. No rates were determined for commercial users from the multipage report by the Council.

Any appeal to the rate increase should se made to the Texas Utility Commission the Council said.

Too, the Council received a postcard requesting they have their picture made by the Abilene Reporter News September 28. This is for the progress edition the Abilene newspaper is lanning for late October.

Concerning the HUD report, City Coordinator J. A. Sadler said from receat meetings he has attended that request for funds is progressing smoothly. Back to the dog incident, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carter and Mrs. Mike King, whose dogs were shot recently, were present at the Friday meeting to discuss the

dog ordinance and incident Mrs. Lewis Spratlen, Mrs. King and Mrs. Carter's mother, also were

Mrs. Carter, who lives at 209 Oak, said the dogs in question were a year old in August and that the incident happened Labor Day while they were

She said both dogs were shot and their

heads cut off in "our backyard and dragged off.".

She said they had not been able to find out what had happened to the dogs from the Chief of Police, immediately. She said the dogs were penned in the back yard and the only way they could have been out is that someone let them

She explained that she believed the first dog was shot in her front yard after a little boy was bitten and the police were called The other was shot in the backyard and the first dog was shot a second time when he ran to the

She said they had talked to an attorney and the Humane Society about the matter and were told they have legal grounds for a suit for tresspassing and destroying private property.

However, she pointed out she d.dn't want to sue the city but that "we do need some new laws." She also expressed regret that the youngster had

She also objected to the fact that she couldn't get results of the tests of the dogs' heads which were tested in Austin for rables, Mrs. Carter said they finally called Austin to get the results after spending a hectic weekend with worry. "We were told the Merkel police had received the results the week before," she said. She stated she had called the police department several times and was told they would notify her when they received any news.

The dogs did not have rables and they did not have shots, according to their

When they returned home Labor Day around 7 p.m. the gates were open and there was blood all over the back yard, Mrs. Carter said. It was not until the next day that they were able to piece together what had happened.

Chief Paul Crouse was present and then presented his side. He said he and patrolman Leroy Austerman got the call that a dog had attacked a boy on the 200 block of Ash

The youngster, Wayland Floyd, had two gashes on his left leg and one on his right leg, Crouse reported to the

He contended the larger of the two dogs then appeared to be about to attack him, although it was sitting in the Carter's front yard across the

Crouse said he took his rifle and shot the dog in the chest. It didn't go down, instead running to the north side of the house it entered the back yard of the Carter residence.

"I handed Austerman my pistol and started for the backyard," he said. When he reached the back yard the other dog started to attack Crouse and Austerman shot the dog with the .38 pistol. Crouse then shot the larger dog a second time.

He then took the youngster to Hendrick's Memorial Hospital for treatment which took an hour. He instructed the police dispatcher to take care of the dogs -- which he did

Crouse said all the activity took place in about 20 minutes and that he had been to the house four times attempting to locate the owners since the incident but none was home. He said he did inform Mrs. King's father-in-law at Max Murrell Chevrolet about the incident after he reported receiving a telephone call from King who said ne would handle the siluation.

Mrs. Carter said it was their dogs and the matter should have been taken up with her, not her father-in-law. "If you could go to the Chevrolet house and talk to him, you could have come into the office there and talked to me," she said.

Mrs. Carter said that Mrs. Pack, a neighbor, said that she had told Crouse that the dogs belonged in that yard at the time of the incident.

Crouse said the two boys involved were playing at 200 Rose and the two were going to 202 Ash to ask permission to go swim ning when the two dogs got after them. They were forced onto the roof of an automobile the first time, Crouse said, and then when the dogs headed off down an alley the youngsters got down and were attacked

Crouse said the dogs had no identification and he didn't know where they came from and at the time he didn't know they belonged in that yard.

At this point in the meeting, Mayor Lou David Allen said it appears the chief had reason to go after the dogs under the circumstances. And, he pointed out the chief has no instructions to run around shooting dogs. He also pointed out the city does have a pen for dogs at the dump grounds in

order to hold any that are picked up. "I hate that your dog was killed and I appologize that you were not informed sooner," the Mayor said.

Mrs. Carter countered: "I hate that the little boy was bitten."

The Merkel dog ordinance was then read by Sadler, in an effort to clear up the issue of dogs running loose in the city and what the penalities are.

When the question was asked about shooting across a public street with spectators around, Mayor Allen said the police force has the right to discharge certain duties under certain circumstances.

Mayor Allen said he believed the police chief was justified in what he did and that he regretted the dog had to be destroyed but under conditions occurring at that particular time, it was necessary.

He also told Mrs. Carter that he would welcome a petition to get dog ordinances changed in Merkel.

"If you want to work up a petition we will be happy to consider it," Allen said. "Other people say they want to petition to change things. When they present it we will certainly consider

The present oridnance is hard to enforce with the lack of personnel, it was noted, and the requirement for a \$1.50 annual license by the city hasn't proved enforceable.

Mrs. Carter contended that changes in the dog ordinance is needed and that she intends to seek to get a petition toward changes. Next regular meeting of the City

Council is October 8 at 7 a.m.

#### **Keep Smoky Bears** Dear Editor: Before the next election

for Justice of the Peace I would like for every voter to ask this question. Are we ready to try and run off our Smoky Bears from our town? Or-are we ready to cooperate with them? Our local P. D. Dept. will be the first to admit that any help that the Bears contribute to Mer-

kel is appreciated. Some of us are concerned about the "Speed Trap" in or around Merkel. But I can say that I have never worried about getting a speeding ticket

unless I was speeding. The Smoky Bears do not make the laws, they only enforce them. If we do not agree with the law, lets write our congressmen and quit running down our local Bears. They are only doing the job that we are paying them to do.

Hats off to our local Smoky Bears (DPS Officers) and you too Judge Thames. Who

Sincerely, A. C. Robert Merkel, Texas

#### Merkel's image

Dear Editor.

I have enclosed a copy of an article that was printed in the spring about Merkel. This is apparently still going on. Can we let this hurt our name as a town when we are trying to grow? What about our interstate businesses that depend on the highway. Is this what we want our town to be known for? The article came out in Carlsbad, New Mexico paper. The article was written by Ned Cantwell, publisher of the Carlsbad newspaper.

Make no mistake about it, I was guilty.

Official radar records will show that the station wagon crested the hill at 69 mph, far too fast to pretend it was going 55 when it whizzed by the Texas patrolman parked on the shoulder.

The policeman pointed a finger at us, an appropriate warning, I thought, to slow it down to the double nickel. Flashing lights in the rearview mirror persuaded me

#### Riggan moves to Ranger

Derrell Riggan, 19, of Merkel has transferred from Mc-Murry College to Ranger

Conference high jump record of 6-6 last year, will compete for Ranger this year under a

McMurry has withdrawn from the Texoma Conference and no longer gives athletic

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#### in Wylie. September 16.

Junior College. Riggan, who set a Texoma

track scholarship.

#### Wylie 9th grade opponent Merkel's Ninth grade foot-

ball team returns to action Thursday against Wylie. The game is set for 7 p.m.

Merkel will be seeking its first victory after losing its opener to Stamford, 12-0

> the finger had been more meaningful. "you have been clocked by radar at 69 in a 55 mile per hour zone. Was there an emergency to cause you to go so fast?" Texas cops are

polite, if not overly bright. "Would it help if I told you my 5-year-old had to go to the bathroom?" Texas cops also don't have much sense of humor.

When he put me in the police car to write out the ticket, four sad faces peered from the back window of the wagon. Just like Patty Hearst, my family sticks by me, I thought smugly. Only later did llearn that the real cause of their dismay was that my wallet was their ticket to Six Flags Over Texas, and they saw their trip going down the drain.

Real irritation set in when the patrolman informed me i would have to follow him back to town to face the judge and " pay the fine, a custom reserved for out-of-staters -

only. The incident took place in Merkel, Texas, which is this side of Abilene and a stone's throw from Hell. It may BE Hell, one suspects. Can you imagine a worse punishment for bad deeds than to be sent forever to Merkel?

Realizing my bankroll's future was in the hands of the "judge" -- I won't comment on the old boy's mentality, but don't look for him to be appointed to the Supreme Court--I reserved argument until after the fine had been assessed. Two bucks a mile and \$2.50 "court

costs," for a total of \$31.50. Having been furnished a copy of state law which stipulates payment in cash or go directly . to jail, I opted for the former. What happens to those without the cash? What kind of candy bards do you like?

Fine paid, I laid on my best courtroom logic. No one on that freeway is going 55 or less, I informed the cop and the judge. Therefore, everyone is breaking the law. The patrolman admitted this was basically true, but that, depending on the officer, certain "tolerances" were

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allowed Well, then what are the rules of the game? Can we go 58, maybe 60, even 65? Just let us know, and we'll abide. But let me tell you one thing, said I in a voice rising to fever pitch, when you admit, that EVERYBODY is breaking the law and you pick out just ONE driver for a ticket, you are acting in a discrimina-

tory manner. When both the cop and the judge rose to their feet in a menacing manner, it occurred to me that these boys could, indeed, toss me in the clinker on any charge they trumped up on the spur of the moment.

Suddenly, my principles seemed less important than my freedom. Pretending I had won the argument, I stomped from the room. At least I didn't say "thank you."

On a happier note, let us recommend Six Flags. A not unpleasant eight to nine hours drive from Carlsbad, the Texas amusement park offers a wide variety of family fun. They clip you \$7.50 a person for entrance, but when you consider that all rides are free oace inside, the price is

Fairly long lines stretch from the more spectacular rides, but the waiting is not unbearable. With one notable exception found the young people running the park extremely friendly and courteous, It's a worthwhile

It would be even better if you could get there without going through Merkel, Texas.

> Thank you, Barbara McRee Jo Ann Whisenhunt: Judy Pape

#### action

There were 146 cases filed in Justice of Peace Walter Thames Precinct 2 court from September 20 through Tuesday morning.

Those pleading guilty and

paying fines during the week: September 19--Lois Howard, 65 mph, \$17.50; Herbert Noland, 72 mph, \$25; Stanley Thomas, 68 mph, \$22; Billy Bolton, 72 mph, \$28; Charles Darnell, 67 mph, \$20.50; Charles Lafield, 74 mph, \$31; Jeffrey Feyerbacker, 70 mph, \$25; Sharon Smith, 73 mph, \$29.50; Frank Ashby Jr., 72 mph, \$28; David Neal Cooper, 75 mph, \$32.50;

Patricia Swindler, 77 mph, \$35.50; Rita Feister, 65 mph, \$17.50; Jerry Aearn, 65 mph, \$17.50; Martha Cox, 67 mph, \$20,50; No Landeros, no valid certificate, \$12.50, no motorcycle license, \$12.50; Lyndon Yarbrough, non-approved glass coating material, \$12.50; J. B. Gregory, no valid certificate, \$12.50; Gerry Burrer, no valid cer-

tificate on trailer, \$12.50. September 20--Mickey Chaney, 68 mph, \$22; Loretta Hotchkiss, 69 mph, \$23.50; Gregory Bonner, 75 mph, \$32.50; Leonard Kachel, 68 mph, \$25; James Morris Jr., violate promise to appear, \$32.50; William Ashners, 77 mph, \$50; Jesus Borrego, 66 nph, \$19; Savatore Pignatelli, 65 mph, \$17.50;

September 21--Mitchell Bennett, no lease on file, \$102.50; John Teichroeb, 67 mph, \$20.50; George Frey, 72 mph, \$28; Raleigh Moore, 70 mph, \$25; Roger Thomas, 65 mph, \$17.50; Ira Blunt, 70 mph, \$25; Willie Howard, 75 mph, \$32.50; James Scrivner, 77 mph, \$35,50; Gary Lazek, failed to display drivers \$17.50.

license, \$27.50; Verrine Williams, 70 mph, \$25; Louis Blair, 66 mph, \$19, Michael Degama, 85 mph, \$47.50.

September 22-- David Bell, 80 mph. \$40; Calvin Merida, 65 mph, \$17.50; Steven Killmer, 80 mph, \$40; Robert Mitchell, 80 mph, \$40; Edwin Farrell, 65 mph, \$17.50. September 23 -- David Her-

ring, 70 mph, \$25; Gerald Williams, 76 mph .- \$34, Robert Monseglio, 66 mph. \$17.50; John Murcheski, 72 mph. \$28; Bonnie Bledgett, 80 mph. \$32; Harry Rotton, 70 mph, \$25; Gregory Williams, 70 mph, \$25.

September 24--Henry Alexander, 70 mpl; \$25; Aubry Seals, 68 mph; \$22; John Favor, 70 mph, \$25; John Maxwell, 70 mph, \$25; Herbert Wendler, 70 mph, \$25; Charles Scott, 74 mph, \$31; Wendell Paris, 79 mph, \$38.50; Oscar Willingham, 69 mph, \$23.50; Russell Havner, deposit debri on roadway, \$17.50; Douglas Webster, no valid certificate, \$12.50; Frank Gunter, 66 mph, \$19; William Kunster, 67 mph, \$20,50.

September 25--Lee Massingell, drove from controlled access highway where prohibited, \$22.50; Elinor Grant, 69 mph, \$23.50; Stephen D'Alessandro, defective tail lamp, \$12.50; Clarence Hall, defective tail lamp, \$17.50.

September 26--William Haldy Jr., expired drivers license, \$25; Hudson Rager, 72 mph, \$25.

September 27--Henry Peoples, no Texas registration on truck trailer, \$27.50; Bill Stone, 67 mph, \$23; Manuel Deleon, 65 mph,



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## Senior Citizens

A supper for the Senior Citizens has been scheduled for Thursday.

The supper gets under way at the Senior Citizens Building at 7 p.m.

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cents apiece and whichever

class buys the most links will

have the longest spirit chain

at the pep rally Friday and

will win the contest. The pro-

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## BADGER TRA

This is Suzy Rister your roving reporter back again with this week's scoop, Well, the Badgers were finally defeated Friday night in the last game of the pre-season. It was a good game against the Eastland Mavericks and the Badgers put forth their usual super team effort but were defeated 20-15. Next week's game starts district play against Colorado City. Everybody come on out to Badger Stadium this Friday night at 7:30 and lets start the season off right,

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**Booth named for high honor** Principal Lee Presswood performance on the 1975 Prehas announced that senior liminary Scholastic Aptitude David Booth at Merkel High School has been named Commended student in the Merit NMSQT). Commended stu-Program by the National dents represent less than 2

tion (NMSC). Booth is among 35,000 class. Although Commended Commended students nationwide who are being recognized for their outstanding

#### Junior Class news The Junior class will have car wash Saturday at DuBose Texaco. Juniors will

be washing cars from 9 a,m. until 5 p.m. Friday night, at the football game, the juniors will be selling baked potatoes at the east end of the concession

stand. The proceeds will go toward the 1976-77 Junior-Senior Banquet.

Junior High

The Band Boosters will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. The program will be presented by the Merkel Middle School B Band, Every band parent is urged to attend. Projects for the school year will be discussed and voted on.

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velopment."

We regret the inconvience to Mr. Bradford.

#### Correction

Neal Cooper charged with driving 75 mph in a 55 mph zone and not Robert Bradford as reported in last week's Merkel Mail.

It should have been David

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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.

GOLD STAR GIRL--Kathryn Irvin of Noodle is the Gold

cheerleader earned the top 4-H award for her accomplish-

ments in sewing, cooking and safety demonstrations. She

has been a member of the 4-H 7 years, Miss Irvin lives

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Meeting will be held Satur- fry,

The SUN Water District recently started operating north of Merkel and Sandusky pointed out that Potosi-Caps have a similiar system and one was recently completed in the southmost 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 under-

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.

## **Volleyball team opens district**

The Merkel High School girl's volleyball team started istrict 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 Pfiester.

The schedule: September 28, 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 Star Grl for Jones County 4-H Club. The Merkel High School year since 1967.

The program "Science-Natural and Physical" was present were as follows: Mr. presented by Mary Hill, captain.

Members present were as Clark, Betty Coker, Bobbye Barbara Welch and Ginny and Mrs. Lee Yaddow. Yaddow.

City Council held their an- John Henslee and Mr. nual kick off tea September Mrs. George Martin. 18 at the Episcopal Church of Heavenly Rest in Abilene. All area Beta Sigma Phi Chapters were honored. Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Tables were set up by various met Tuesday, September 21,

chapters displaying their scrapbooks, badges, and program books, Lambda Beta Chapter members attending were as follows: Sarah Lucas, Bobbye 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 years 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 and Mrs. Jim Allday, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Rosey Castille, Mr. and follows: Betty Allday, Anne Mrs. Obie Coker, Mr. and Booth, Milly Bright, Annette Mrs. Ken Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Elliott, Mr. and Elliott, Judy Elliott, Mary Mrs. Billy Lucas, Mr. and Hill, Faye Jones, Sarah Mrs. Paul Moore, Mr. and Lucas, Jo Moore, Minyon Mrs. Phil Seymore, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore, Mr. and Seymore, Glenda Teaff, Mrs. Larry Teaff, and Mr.

Rushees and husbands Abilene Beta Sigma Phi present were Mr. and Mrs.

Members of Xi Nu Chi

#### Chamber eyes promotions The Chamber is investigating some kind of cash bonus

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 promotion which will run until

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

Christmas.

#### Merkel 4-H Club

The Merkel 4-H Club rewon 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

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.

October 5.

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

Harris.

Members present were

cently 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

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

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 bein at 7:30 Tuesday night

## in the home of Mrs. John

#### Committee reports were given. The program, "Kinds

of Communications" was presented by Louise DuBose, captain and co-captain Connie

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

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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.

#### Grant approved

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

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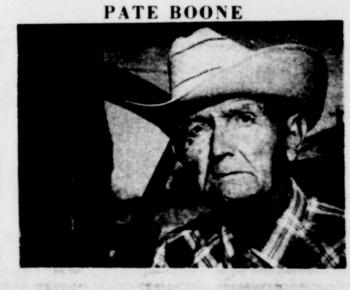
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