

**Taylor County's
Only Legal
Weekly
Newspaper**

BIBLE VERSE
Count it all joy, my brethren,
when you meet various trials,
for you know that the testing
of your faith produces steadfastness.

James 1: 2-3



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SEALS DRIVE--Don Hensley, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank is chairman of the Christmas Seals campaign in Merkel which is under way. Hensley along with James Binion and Ross Clements of Abilene are advisors for Tuberculosis.

**Hensley heads
Christmas seals drive**

Christmas Seals fight lung disease and are still doing so after 70 years. Taylor County volunteer advisors are Don W. Hensley of Merkel, James Binion and Ross Clements of Abilene. The Lung Association's fight against tuberculosis began in 1907, and that successful battle is the medical miracle of the 20th century. Now, 70 years later, Christmas Seals are still fighting TB, and have responded to the need to work with other lung diseases such as emphysema, asthma, and bronchitis. This year's seals picture scenes of rural America spanning the years of the Lung Association's existence.

In Taylor County and the Big Country area, Christmas Seal money is used to initiate programs teaching better breathing to children with asthma; to conduct training workshops for medical professionals that improve lung care services; to provide informational programs on tuberculosis, emphysema, asthma, and other crippling lung diseases; to furnish educational materials on the respiratory system and on lung disease to teachers, students, and the public. Nationally, Christmas Seals fund medical education and research programs to find new ways to treat these diseases.

**City meets with Attorney General
over new educational authority**

A Board of Directors will be named Friday at the 7:30 a.m. City Council meeting, getting the newly formed Merkel Higher Education Authority into full swing. The unique body was formed at a called meeting of the Council October 29, in an attempt to keep higher education facilities in Merkel. The Chamber of Commerce and the City Council also are planning to write Governor Dolph Briscoe and outline the history and background on the reasons behind forming the Authority. Informing the Governor was advised by Attorney General John Hill at a meeting last week in Austin among Mayor Lou David Allen, Chamber manager Benny Melton and City Coordinator J. A. Sadler. The three met with the Attorney General in Austin in an attempt to gain a legal ruling of the Council's action in forming the Authority. Hill refused to rule on legality of the move whether the action by Merkel would override this amendment to the education law concerning the banning of junior colleges in Taylor County. He refused to make a ruling saying it would have to come from the Education Coordinating Board. Hill then called newly installed State Education Commissioner Kenneth Ashworth to discuss the matter and to set up an appointment for the Merkel panel. Ashworth refused to see them. The panel said the Attorney General felt the amendment concerning junior colleges affected the entire state until facts were presented indicating that it could possibly be a special interest bill

passed to aid the private colleges in Abilene. After Ashworth refused to see the group Hill indicated it might be in the best interest for Merkel to present the case to the Governor. The panel went to see the Attorney General in an effort to get a legal ruling in order that it could go ahead with plans to lease buildings and contract with a college to provide higher education for Merkel. The Mayor and Melton agreed that it is up to the new Authority to get ahead with plans and for any legal objections to come from outside sources. Cisco Junior College has indicated to the Chamber that it will go along with an agreement with the new Board if one is presented to it. "We plan to continue with the Authority as if it is as good as gold," Mayor Allen said. The amendment as presented by representative Grant Jones and passed at the last session of the state legislature pertains to counties over 97,500 population as of the 1970 census and prohibits extension colleges. It is seen as a special interest law to oust Cisco Junior College from competing with the three church-related schools in Abilene. It would also close the Cisco extension in Merkel as it is in Taylor County. A hearing is set November 15 at 10 a.m. in Weatherford to determine whether Cisco is going to have to close its doors in Taylor County. It appears likely this will be the case as there is such a law on the books. Melton has gone through the Texas

Almanac picking out the counties of more than 97,500. All 17 counties have junior colleges or state supported schools except Taylor County. Thus, his and the City Council's belief that the amendment is a special interest law for only Taylor County. With hopes of keeping a form of higher education available in Merkel and not wanting the city to be told what it can or cannot do by an outside city or group, Melton and the City Council drew up and passed the ordinance forming the Educational Authority. There is a law approving such a move. However, it has never been done as far as anyone can determine. How this will affect the educational coordinating board's state-wide planning has yet to be seen. Under the Authority a contract can be made with any junior college or senior college--private or public--to conduct classes in Merkel. No taxes are involved on citizens of the community. Actually, if the plans progress, it clears the way for Merkel to come up with a state supported 4-year extension college for Merkel and all of Taylor County. As the Mayor pointed out the possibilities are great for Merkel. Thus, if Cisco Junior College is extricated from Abilene, then the Merkel Higher Education Authority should be seen as a possible attempt to capture any and all programs and courses that would be lost in the extrication process of Cisco from Abilene. In other words, Cisco could move its facilities to Merkel and draw students from Abilene--with the contract approval by the Merkel Board.

THE MAIL



By Carl Dingler

Hope all you faithful readers in Trent received your copy of last week's paper--especially before this one arrives. We received numerous telephone calls and personal visits Thursday and Friday when The Merkel Mail failed to arrive.

We are sorry for the inconvenience. We got the papers to the post office as usual Wednesday and the Post Office got them on their way to Abilene as usual Wednesday afternoon which should have been right on schedule for their arrival in your home Thursday morning.

However, what happened after that has not been determined.

The Merkel Lions Club is having its light bulb sale this week so if you need light bulbs now is the time to order. If you know a Lions Club member contact him and he will personally deliver to your home or place of business. If you don't know a member then call The Merkel Mail and we will take the order.

At least one new postal employee at Merkel won't get misplaced. His wife saw to that with a neat note and special gift in a brown paper bag addressed to the postmaster.

Roosevelt (Rosey) Castille who's wife is very "understanding" sent the bag and note along with Rosey as he started his new job as a fulltime rural route carrier recently.

The note: "Attention Postmaster. Please attach end of string to Rosey and keep ball at post office so he can find his way back. He gets lost going to Trent. Concerned wife." In the sack was a huge ball of twine.

Friday was 1950's day at Merkel High and the students dressed like the students of the 1950's. Sure hope we didn't look that bad.

Newly elected Constable Vernon Wade questioned our wording in answering a young woman caller last week concerning the State Trooper situation in Merkel.

We said in the column that "She made a good point, if people didn't want to get tickets they shouldn't be breaking the law."

"And, yes, she gave her name. It was enjoyable to listen to her point of view, even though we differed on a solution."

"Well, we didn't mean to imply that we are differing with her on breaking the law. This corner believes that if you dance to the music you should be expected to pay the fiddler."

In other words, we agree that if anyone breaks the law they should expect to be caught and some form of punishment administered. Yes, I have paid my share of traffic fines and, yes I was guilty every time.

What we meant by differing on a solution referred to a course of action to promote better understanding and

respect and good will toward the citizens of Merkel and the State Troopers. This is the solution that an answer is needed for--oh, a solution is needed to stop people from breaking the law but no matter the speed limit or the law there are going to be those who want to go a little faster or tempt fate. The world is just that way.

However, the young caller and this corner differed on a solution toward creating a better image--not over the law.

Sorry if anyone read any different meaning into our statement.

The Governor's plan to help ease taxes for school districts through increased state aid appears a sound move and one that is needed. However, some of the other figures and facts he presented at the Austin meeting which weren't brought out bears mention.

Governor Briscoe recommended that the State increase its share of the Foundation School program to 90 per cent, with the remaining 10 per cent assigned in the districts on the basis of estimates of taxable value. This means Merkel's state aid would increase by \$79,400 and the local share would decline by \$93,800.

He also told the large number of educators on hand that 24 years from now (by the year 2000) that the level of living will increase by at least 50 per cent which is a doubling of the American economy and the population will show a conservative 50 per cent increase.

He said, "Another way to look at it would be: take today's economy and build another one just like it, on top of what we presently have. What a challenge, but also what an opportunity, and here in Texas, with an even faster growth rate than the average for the nation, an even greater challenge. And it is imperative that our education system keep pace."

Think about it and the great potential for Merkel and this area.

Later in his speech he points out one of the greatest challenges is providing a means to reach those children who do not now take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them.

Giving figures he said, "Of the 258,000 first graders who enrolled in the fall of 1963, only 158,000 graduated in the Spring of 1976. 100,000 young Texans failed to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them."

He stated the challenge is to reach the 38 per cent of those who enter the first grade and drop out before graduation from high school.

He recommends more career-job oriented education so that those who are not going to go further with their academic studies will have the opportunity to learn a skill and a trade.

Didn't realize the dropout rate is so high. It points out there is a need to stem this waste of young talent and to help those youngsters to better futures. Appears the Governor is well aware of the situation and is attempting to take steps to help remedy the problem.

Did you hear about the Aggie who got a CB for his birthday and spent the next week shopping the junkyards and stores--for a handle for it.

Confucius once said "Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

And, this final one from here and there: The golfer confidently eyed the next hole and remarked to his caddy: "This should be good for a long drive and a putt." His swing however, hit the sod and pushed the ball only a few feet.

"Now," said the caddy, "for a heck of a putt."

Thames, Wade easy victors in city

Judge Walter Thames easily won the race for Justice of The Peace, Precinct 2, and will take office immediately to fill the unexpired term of the office. Thames will serve two years after being named to replace Lewis Millet in March.

Thames easily won the Democratic nomination for the post over two write-in candidates and will not have to wait until January 20 to take office as he is filling an unexpired term.

Thames polled 853 votes in the Precinct while write-in candidate Marie Cunningham received 243 votes and write-in candidate Buddy Carey received 66.

The Merkel vote gave Thames 244 votes from those voting straight Democratic and 360 votes from individually marked ballots. Mrs. Cunningham got 195 in Merkel and Carey 45.

Vernon Wade also was elected to Constable Precinct 2 without opposition. He received 716 votes in the Merkel box.

There was a record 952 voting in Merkel while at Tye 245 voted, 165 voted at Trent and 63 voted at Butman.

There were 16 ballots thrown out at Merkel because voters didn't sign the numbered tag and deposit it in a separate box.

And, there were 10 people who didn't vote for a President in the Merkel balloting. The 952 represented 72 per cent of the eligibility list which includes several duplications and deceased persons.

All the area boxes went for President-Elect Jimmy Carter and the Democratic ticket, indicating they want a change in the government.

According to some of the farmers and ranchers voting, they feel Carter will be more aware of their problems and will attempt to come up with a solution while President Gerald Ford and the Republicans have not presented a positive approach to solving these problems.

Tye went 142-99 for Carter, Merkel voted 613-309 for Carter, Trent voted 114-49 for Carter and Butman favored Carter 45-16.

In the Senate race Tye favored incumbent Lloyd Bentsen over Alan Steelman 137-98, Merkel 668-220, Trent 109-53 and Butman 51-11.

For Railroad Commission Tye favored Jon Newton over Walter Wendlandt, 173-56, Merkel 730-113, Trent 120-31 and Butman 52-5.

For Supreme Court Justice Place 2, Don Yarbrough, who was being contested by a heavy write-in campaign, Tye went with Yarbrough, 131 to 19 for Tom Lorance and 16 for Sam Houston; Merkel favored Yarbrough 489 to 156 for Lorance and 85 for Houston; and Butman had 38 for Yarbrough and 6 for Lorance.

Turning to the amendments concerning additional funding for Water Development, Tye voted against Amendment No. 1, 85-84 and favored No. 2, 92-72; Merkel voted yes to No 1, 375-297 and yes for No. 2, 411-245;



Judge Walter Thames talks with Secretary Jackie Best

Trent voted yes to both 55-39 and 64-34; and Butman voted no to No. 1, 27-20 and yes to No. 2, 23-21.

The 35,391 votes cast in Taylor County is 6,000 more than the previous record.

While the rural areas were favoring the Democrats and Carter, Abilene went Ford and carried Taylor County by a 4,978-vote margin. Carter carried 13 of the 16 rural boxes and Ford won 23 of 33 boxes in Abilene.

Steelman also wound up winning the Taylor County race, 16,391 to 16,336, and here again it was the city vote that swung the race in favor of the Republicans.

The county's totals for these races: President, Carter 14,451, Ford 19,429, Anderson 88, Camejo 2, McCarthy 121; U. S. Senate, Bentsen 18,336, Steelman 16,391, Gallion 68, Vasquez 44; Railroad Commission, Newton 20,506, Wendlandt 9,342, Garza 419, O'Reilly

65; Supreme Court Justice, Yarbrough 13,177, Lorance 6,403, Houston 3,985; Amendment One, 15,057 for, 12,652 against; Amendment Two, 17,788 for, 9,520 against.

A breakdown of the county figures in the presidential race:

A total of 1,298 persons either did not vote for president, or their ballot was invalidated for some reason. Total vote in the presidential race was 34,093.

Of the 4,366 votes cast in the 16 rural boxes, Carter won 56.6 per cent Ford 42.3 per cent.

Of the 29,514 ballots cast in the 33 city boxes (including absentee), Ford got 59.5 per cent, Carter 40.5 per cent.

The turnout of 35,391 was 67 per cent of the registered voters, compared to the national average of 52 per cent.

Next election for Merkel is the first Saturday in April when the school board and City Council will have their election.

Swine flu clinic Saturday

Merkel will hold its second swine flu clinic Saturday. The clinic will be at Merkel Lions Club building from 1 p.m. until 5 Saturday to give both monovalent and bivalent vaccines. Monovalent vaccine will be given to those who are 13 years old and above.

Bivalent will be given to persons who have a chronic illness or who are over 65 and will be available for those who missed the previous clinic when more than 300 took advantage of the free shots.

There are no immunizations scheduled for persons 3 to 17 who are in good health.

All workers should report at 12:45.

Tractor, mower stolen

The Merkel Cemetery Association is seeking help in locating a stolen tractor and mower.

The \$2,900 John Deere tractor and mower attachment was stolen from Rose Hill Cemetery tool house November 4, Fred Starbuck reports.

The tractor was 16 horsepower and the mower was 48 inches. They were 3 months old.

Starbuck said the Cemetery Committee will appreciate any leads to the theft that the public "may give on this."

Final rites held for Seago

The Rev. Kenneth Jones officiated at the final rites of Charles Seago, 84, of Merkel who died October 30. He was assisted at the First Baptist Church services by Rev. James Williams of Anson. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born July 20, 1892, in China Springs, he moved to Merkel in 1903 and married Mae Grayson June 21, 1914, in Noodle. They lived in the Shiloh Community and returned to Merkel in 1944. He retired from Taylor Electric Co-Op in 1964.

He was a deacon in the

Baptist Church and a member of the Merkel Masonic Lodge No. 710. He also was a member of the Merkel Eastern Star Lodge No. 212 and a life member of Chapter and Council Royal Arch Masons of Anson.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, Edward of Midland and Robert of Hobbs; a daughter, Mrs. Zeb (Anna Zell) Bright of Cross Plains; two brothers, Horace of Fredricksburg and John of El Paso; three sisters, Leah Dollar of Portland, Elsie Turnbow of Shamrock and Louise Dupree of Fredricksburg; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. A son preceded him in death.

Xi Nu Chi

The Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the Abilene Savings building November 2nd.

The meeting was called to order by President Louise DuBose. Committee reports were given and plans for a Christmas Bazaar were discussed.

Following the business meeting the program "Communications: Public Relations and the Press" was given by Kathy Leverich.

Members present were Mamie Steck, Jocille Brady, Louise DuBose, Elizabeth Eager, Opal Garner, Connie Harris, Bobby Mansfield, Charlotte Starbuck, Kathy Leverich.

Lambda Beta news

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Saturday in the home of Faye Jones for a brunch honoring an Abilene Beta Sigma Phi Chapter-Xi Omicron Zeta.

The brunch was held for members of both chapters to become better acquainted with one another. A few games were played and refreshments were served.

Members present were as follows: Faye Jones, Chera Hohertz, Linda Leddy, Sara Lucas, Betty Allday, Anne Booth, Pat Castille, Annette Clark, Mary Hill, Betty Coker, Bobby Elliott, Glenda Teaff, Barbara Welch, Ginny Yaddow, Terri Martin and Gloria Henslee.

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Betty Coker Tuesday, November 2. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Allday. Roll call was answered to the question, "What is your favorite piece of music and who is your favorite singer?"

A bread sale is being planned by the Ways and Means Committee for the end of November.

The program on music was presented by Betty Coker and Bobby Elliott.

Members present were as follows: Betty Allday, Anne Booth, Pat Castille, Annette

Clark, Betty Coker, Bobby Elliott, Judy Elliott, Mary Hill, Sarah Lucas, Chera Hohertz, Minyon Seymour, Glenda Teaff, Barbara Welch, Ginny Yaddow, Linda Leddy, Gloria Henslee, Ann Doan and Terri Martin.

Saturday, November 6 Lambda Beta members and their children visited the Starr Nursing Home.

Door decorations for Thanksgiving were put on each door. November birthday gifts were passed out to the patients, followed by visiting.

School Board to meet
The Merkel School Board will hold its regular meeting Tuesday. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Merkel High School.

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Final rites held for Campbell

Services were held November 3 for R. N. (Bob) Campbell, 84, of Merkel who died November 1 at his home following a lengthy illness.

Services were at the Merkel Church of Christ.

Dr. Rex Kiker of Abilene Christian University officiated, assisted by Larry Gill, minister of the Merkel Church of Christ. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born June 14, 1892, in Taylor County, he married Mattie Lou Gilmore in 1912 in Dallas County. She died in 1969. Mr. Campbell lived in the Merkel area all his life. He was a longtime member of the Merkel Church of Christ and retired from farming in 1960.

Survivors include a son, Robert L. Campbell of Merkel; three daughters, Mrs. B. M. (Faye) Ueckert and Mrs. W. B. (Loyce) Toombs, both of Merkel and Mrs. Lon (Vada) McDonald of Ackerly; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

A son, J. B. Campbell, died in 1960.

Twirlers earn top rating

Merkel High School's twirlers received a Division I rating in the University Interscholastic League competition in Abilene last week.

Quinet Mary Roeder, Lesa Hart, Cindy Smith, Lisa Owen and Shannon Bagby earned the

Division I rating for their performance.

Also, Miss Smith earned a Division I rating for her solo twirling competition.

Meanwhile, the Merkel High band received a III rating for its UIL performance in Class AA.

Trent also won a III rating in Class B.

The schools, representing six classifications, were rated from one through five. A rating of one is superior; two excellent; three good; four fair; and five poor.

Conley visitors

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Leona Conley was her sister Mrs. Mary Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Al Leveritt from Houston. Then Mrs. Conley accompanied them to Big Spring to visit their brother Grant Riggan and family who is sick. Their two other brothers Mr. and Mrs. Gold Riggan of Lamesa and Mr. Loyd Riggan of Big Spring met them at Mr. and Mrs. Grant Riggan's home over the weekend. Mrs. Mary Harris, Mrs. Leona Conley and Mr. and Mrs. Al Leveritt went on to visit their brother Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Riggan of Stanton.

Garden Club meets

The Merkel Garden Club will meet November 18 at 3 p.m.

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Ray Pack buys Club
Ray Pack has announced the purchase of the Big Country Club in Abilene. He and the Halfbreed will perform there between their other engagements. Pack said in announcing the purchase. Pack said the Club will open daily at 3 p.m. and will be open seven days with a \$1 cover charge on Friday and Saturday only.
There will be a live band performing nightly, he said. Pack said recording star Joe Stampley is booked for an engagement there starting January 9.
He purchased the club from Lee Shelton and said he has already taken over as owner and manager.

Cub Scout news
Audra Horton and Billie Walters attended the council Roundtable at the council office in Abilene.
Merkel Pack 220 won two honors. We won the honor blue ribbon and the summer-time awards certificate and ribbon.
We will have a den leaders meeting November 18 and a Pack meeting November 22. Remember to save your Post box tops for the boys to collect. The date must be on the top.
For collection call one of these numbers, 928-5702, 928-5156, 928-5106, 928-5821, or 928-4483.
If you know a Cub Scout, they will be happy to collect them. We wish to buy school play ground equipment with them.
We will have a Pack weiner roast Friday November 14 at the City Park.
Webelos will meet at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday until further notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Rachel Martinez, Respondent;
GREETINGS:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED 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 Eliseo L. Martinez, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 14th day of September, 1976, against Rachel Martinez, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 12,336-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Eliseo L. Martinez and Rachel Martinez," the nature of which suit is a request for Divorce.
The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.
The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the children 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 children 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 8th day of November, 1976.
(Seal) Irene Crawford
Clerk,
Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas,
By Faye Lyons,
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Mr. Mrs. Mike Wallace

Mike Wallace, McGuire

exchange vows in England

Australia, Texas and Scotland were featured in a wedding at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, Haywards Heath, England July 17, when Elizabeth McGuire, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGuire, of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, was married to William Michael Wallace, of Arlington, Texas, and Lindfield, England.

The bridegroom is the only son of William Wallace and the late Mrs. Lul Bell Wallace, of Texas, and stepson of Mrs. Joan M. Wallace. The bride's parents flew from Australia especially for the occasion and the bridegroom's two grandmothers, Mrs. Cora Reeves and Mrs. Verdie Patterson, made their first flight from Merkel, Texas, to be present. Relatives and friends traveled from Scotland to provide a real Scottish-Texas-Australian flavour to the "gathering of the clans." After a honeymoon in the Canary Isles, the couple is spending some time in Scotland.

The Rev. Father Martin officiated at the marriage service, for which the church had been decorated with flowers by members of the family and friends. Mr. Peter Quinnell, a family friend, played the organ for the singing of "Amazing Grace" and "Morning Has Broken" (by special request of both families). "The Lord's my

Shepherd" and "Love Divine." During the signing of the register, "My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose" was played. Given away by her father, the bride wore a gown of white silk crepe with short train, embroidered with guipure lace, and matching head-dress and traditional veil. She carried a bouquet of Corrina pink roses, stephanotis, freesia and white heather, and received a gold locket as a gift from the bridegroom. Mrs. Teresa Ramsey, from Scotland (cousin of the bride) attended as matron of honour, wearing a silk dress which was a subtle blend of oyster, cream and rust. She wore a matching head-dress to blend with her bouquet of roses and cream freesia. Thomas Ramsay, cousin of bride, was groomsman and he also read a lesson. The second lesson was read by Mrs. Lynn Sampson, a family friend.

Ronald Kann, a friend and colleague from Aberdeen and California, accompanied the bridegroom as best man. Guests were entertained by the bride's parents to a reception at the Bull Inn, Newark, where a buffet was served under the personal supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hargreaves. There followed an evening reception at the home of the bridegroom's parents. The wedding cake was specially made by Mrs. Susan Andrews, of Hassocks, and was beautifully decorated, the theme being the Australian "Kangaroo," the Lone Star of Texas and Scottish heather. The bridegroom and best man are helicopter instructor pilots flying out of Aberdeen on North Sea oil rigs, and both also flew together in Iran and Africa. The bride worked as a hotel receptionist at the Skean D'hy Hotel, Dyce Airport, Aberdeen.

Early deadline for Thanksgiving

In order to give the employees of The Merkel Mail a Thanksgiving holiday and to allow our subscribers to get all the top values from our advertisers during the week-end, deadlines have been changed for Thanksgiving week. The Merkel Mail will be distributed by the Post Office on November 23 (Tuesday). This will give those doing last minute Thanksgiving shopping time to take advantage of the top values being offered. To better serve our subscribers, therefore the deadline for submitting stories for this edition will be Friday, November 19 at noon. Likewise all advertisements, classified and display will have a noon, November 19 deadline.

Chef's Special

By Andy Anderson
Merkel Country Club



Cranberry Orange Bread

Today's recipe is a very easy way to add a little something special for your next dinner. Try this Cranberry Orange Bread and I'm sure you'll be very happy with the comments it brings.

2 cups sifted all purpose flour
3/4 cup of sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons of baking powder
1 teaspoon of salt
1/2 teaspoon of baking soda
1 beaten egg
1 teaspoon grated orange peel
3/4 cup of orange juice
2 teaspoons salad oil
1 cup coarsely chopped cranberries
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1. Sift together flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and baking soda.
2. Combine egg, grated orange peel, orange juice and salad oil.
3. Add to dry ingredients, stirring just until moistened.
4. Fold in cranberries and walnuts.
5. Bake in greased 9 x 5 x 3 inch loaf pan at 350 degrees for 60 minutes or until done.
6. Remove from pan, cool, wrap, store overnight.

Lambda Beta

Since its founding in 1931, Beta Sigma Phi has grown to be an international organization. Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi welcomed Terri Martin, Gloria Henslee, Ann Doan, Robbie Hicks, and Linda Letty into their chapter by the formal ceremony of the Pledge Ritual. During the next six months these new pledges will become familiar with the aims, purposes, and ideas of Beta Sigma Phi. After the rituals, members and pledges had dinner at Pug and Leo's Family Restaurant. Members present were as follows: Anne Booth, Milly Bright, Pat Castille, Annette Clark, Betty Coker, Ann Doan, Bobbie Elliott, Judy Elliott, Gloria Henslee, Robbie Hicks, Mary Hill, Chera Hohertz, Linda Letty, Sarah Lucas, Terri Martin, Minyon Seymore, Glenda Teaff, and Ginny Yaddow.

Martin favors Governor's plan

Rep. Elmer Martin said he favored Governor Briscoe's recommendation to increase the state's share of the total Foundation School Program from 75% to 90%.

Martin was in Austin last week for the meeting of the Governor's Office on Educational Resources which released its findings as to the taxable value within each school district in Texas. "The most important merit of the Governor's proposal," Martin said, "is its goal to ease the financial burden on local school districts and local taxpayers."

The amount of the local fund assignment will require approximately 9¢ per \$100 valuation in local taxes, a substantial reduction compared to the current 35¢ per \$100 valuation," the Colorado City legislator continued.

Should the Governor's proposal be enacted by the 65th Texas Legislature, a total of \$850 million in state money would be used to finance public education and assist local school districts.

"According to the proposal," Martin said, "the operating and maintenance cost allotment would be increased from \$95 for each student in average daily attendance to \$105 for each student in average daily attendance."

A partial breakdown of state funds is as follows: ---\$50 million to operations and maintenance costs ---\$25 million to transportation costs ---\$15 million to personnel units and adjustments ---\$250 million to state equalization aid. The increase of \$15 million in the area of personnel

units would benefit the smaller schools which have difficulty in maintaining adequate staffs, according to Governor Briscoe's office.

House Bill 1126, passed by the 64th Legislature, stipulated that personnel units would be adjusted for schools with an averagedaily attendance of fewer than 1,000 students and those schools which covered an area of at least 300 square miles.

Under the Governor's proposed legislation, the requirement of 300 square miles has been deleted.

"Should the 65th Legislature enact Governor Briscoe's recommendations, a School District Assessment Practices Board would be established to provide uniform tax assessment practices and procedures to ensure equity among all taxpayers," Martin concluded.

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Tri-City meet

The Tri-City Baseball Project meeting is set Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Big Country Inn.

Placement of the fields will be determined and representatives of the girls and boys leagues are needed at the meeting. Also, those who will be involved in field construction are requested to be present.

Pot luck supper

There will be a Pot Luck supper Saturday for the Merkel Riding Club.

It will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Co-Op building.

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Howes, Austerman top Badgers

Ricky Howes and Keith Austerman players of the week for the Merkel High School Badgers.

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Howes, a sophomore, was the leading rusher against Wylie. He had 87 yards rushing on eight carries which included a 36-yard touchdown the second quarter.

Austerman, a senior playing his final game for the Badgers Friday at Coahoma, came up with his finest defensive performance of the year according to Coach Jerry McLeod.

He made "10 or 11 tackles" and was the leading tackler of the game, Coach McLeod said.

For the year Howes has 202 yards on 35 carries for a 5.8 average. He was injured and has not played in three games.



Election officials check registrations, pass out ballots

Seventh grade ends year with win

Coach Russell Gee's Seventh grade football team ended the season on a winning note Thursday with a 6-0 victory over Wylie.

Gary Tutt scored the only touchdown of the game on a 65-yard run on the second play of the contest in Wylie.

Coach Gee praised the defensive effort of his team which allowed Wylie to cross midfield but twice during the game. O. C. McKeenan had 9 unassisted tackles from his linebacker position to lead the defensive effort.

The Seventh graders ended with a 1-6 win-loss season, scoring 26 points to the opponent's 102.

Ninth falls, 36-0

Merkel's ninth grade football team ended its year with a 36-0 loss to Wylie Thursday. The loss gives the freshmen a 1-5 season win-loss record. The win was 8-0 over Stamford. Merkel had 14 points on offense and gave up 144 for the year. Losses were to Stamford, Wylie twice, Colorado City and to Rotan.

JV doesn't play

Due to some of the athletes playing on the varsity Friday, Thursday's junior varsity clash with Wylie was canceled, according to Coach Jerry McLeod.

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Badgers insure winning season, beating Wylie

Starting Junior Varsity members and playing without key starter David Pursley, the Merkel High Badgers still found enough offensive punch to stop a weak Wylie, 20-0, in District 6-AA action last week.

Coach Jerry McLeod started several Junior Varsity players as a disciplinary measure against several of the starting seniors who missed a Monday practice.

However, the starters all were in the lineup by the middle of the first quarter. Pursley broke a thumb in practice last week and will be out for Friday's game against Coahoma.

Pursley also is expected to miss part of the basketball season because of the injury.

The Badgers got two touchdowns the second quarter and coasted until the final seconds of the game when they again scored to give them a winning season no matter the outcome of Friday's contest.

Coach McLeod's team is now 6-3 for the year and 3-2 in district, his

first year as head coach at Merkel. The Badgers defense didn't do too badly against the Bulldogs who are 1-8-1 for the year and 0-5-1 in district.

Wylie was held to two first downs in the game and 46 yards rushing, 10 the second half. Too the Bulldogs got but 3 of 10 pass completions for 9 yards.

Meanwhile, the Badgers had 230 yards running and 21 passing with Ricky Howes the leading rusher with 87 yards on 8 carries. Larry Smith ran for 78 yards on 22 carries and Roger Doan had 73 yards on 16 carries.

Quarterback David Pfister lost 11 yards in five carries but made up with it with some excellent ball handling and passing for one touchdown.

Keith Shields had three yards on two carries.

In pass receptions, Doan caught one for six yards and Craig Hutchings caught a 15-yarder for the touchdown.

Wylie could get no closer than Merkel's 42 the first half and reached the

Merkel 40 the second half before having a pass intercepted by Pfister. John Biera also intercepted a Wylie pass and Mark Shaw recovered a Wylie fumble.

After forcing the Bulldogs to punt on the opening series the Badgers advanced easily from their 37 to the Wylie 16 before a fourth down effort fell a yard short.

Both sides exchanged punts before the quarter ended.

Then, after Wylie again punted on fourth down on the first play of the second quarter the Badgers took seven plays to move 79 yards to score what turned into the winning points.

Howes broke on a 36-yard run and received the key block allowing for the touchdown from Garth Doan, 9:07 remained in the second quarter.

Both teams exchanged two punts before Wylie was backed to its 14 on good defensive plays by Shaw, Pfister, Roger and Garth Doan.

Shaw recovered a fumble at the Wylie 14 and three plays later Pfister connected with Hutchings for the 15-yard touchdown and 23 seconds remained before halftime.

This time for extra points Smith faked a kick and Shaw passed incomplete for the extra points.

The third quarter experienced more punt exchanges with Pfister intercepting one pass to halt a Wylie drive and the Badgers intercepting a Merkel bid at the Wylie 46.

Biera also broke up the exchange of punts routine with an interception the final quarter.

With time running out Wylie was forced to try for a first down at its 25. Doan and Keith Austerman threw Cory Tucker for a yard loss on the play and Merkel got possession.

Eight plays later, Roger Doan powered over right tackle the final yard for the score on a third down and one play. There were 2 seconds to go in the game.

This time Shaw took the fake extra point kick and hit Biera in the end zone for the two points.

	Merkel	Wylie
First Downs	17	2
Rushing	53-230	30-46
Passing	21	9
Passes Compl.	2-11	3-10
Intercepted by	2	1
Punts, Avg.	6-37.0	8-33.1
Penalties, Yds.	2-20	2-27
Fumbles Lost	1	1

Score by Quarter:

Merkel 0 12 0 8 20

Wylie 0 0 0 0 0

M-Ricky Howes, 36 run, 9:07

M-Craig Hutchings, 15 pass from David Pfister, :23

M-Roger Doan, 1 run :02, John Biera pass from Mark Shaw for extra points



Election Judge Joe Lassiter (right) signs more ballots during election

Badgers hope to surprise Coahoma in Finale

The Badgers, meanwhile, have had time to adjust to their elimination loss to Stamford and have a win on which to build for next season. Too, the Badgers will be out to prove they can whip the tougher district opponents.

The Badgers are the only District 6-AA team thus far to contain the Colorado City Wolves, Merkel nearly surprised the Wolves before falling, 14-7. Since then the Wolves have allowed but one touchdown in dominating their opponents, including a 33-0 blast of Coahoma.

Coahoma is 6-2-1 for the year and 3-2 in district, having lost to the two same teams as Merkel—Stamford and Colorado City.

Coahoma opened with a 6-6 tie at Wall and beat Post, Crane, and Tahoka in non-district games. They ran over

The Badgers will face a frustrated Coahoma Bulldogs football team Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Coahoma.

Coahoma, who had been favored to fight for the District 6-AA title with Colorado City, has no incentive left other than to finish the season with the best record possible. The same goal facing the Badgers.

Coahoma was knocked out of any title hopes last week by Stamford, 9-0. Stamford and Colorado City meet in Colorado City Friday for the district championship, both teams sporting undefeated district records.

Coach Jerry McLeod feels his Badgers will have a good opportunity to beat the Bulldogs as they will be coming off the crucial loss and will possibly be mentally down with no title at stake.

Wylie, 32-8, Ballinger, 21-7, and Winters, 21-0, for the three district victories.

The Bulldogs have balanced scoring with Jim Phillips having 30 points, Tracy Frazier, 26, Ken Kelso and Edwin Dickson 18, Tim Greenfield 6, Lanny Goss 7 and Rodney Lee has a touchdown, two field goals and 11 extra points for 23 points.

Coahoma has 13 lettermen and 8 starters on this year's club with 11 seniors.

The Bulldogs have a good defensive team as evidenced by the low-scoring teams (except for Colorado City) and the three shutouts.

However, they have not generated the offense to compliment the defensive efforts.

Comparison of averages has the Badgers averaging 13.2 on offense for the year and 6.8 on defense and in district they are averaging 11.2 and allowing 9.4.

Coahoma is averaging 14 points on offense and 7.8 on defense for the year. In district the Bulldogs average 14.8 on offense and 11.4 on defense.

Thus, with these averages you could say Coahoma is 1.8 points better for the season than Merkel. Or, you could say Coahoma is 1.2 points better than Merkel in District. That, plus the home-field advantage, certainly gives the Badgers an underdog role they will have to overcome to end the year with a victory.

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1976 Merkel Badgers

Football Schedule Merkel High 6-3 (3-2)

Sept.	3	Baird	12-0	Here	8:00
	11	Jim Ned	21-6	Here	8:00
	17	Roscoe	13-6	Here	8:00
	24	Eastland	15-20	There	8:00
Oct.	1	Colorado City	7-14	Here	7:30
	8	Balling	12-7	There	7:30
	15	Winters	19-12	Here	7:30
	22	Stamford	0-14	There	7:30
	29	Open date			
Nov.	5	Wylie	20-0	Here	7:30
	12	Coahoma	20-0	There	7:30

COACHES: Jerry McLeod, Edgar Cowart, Tony Mauldin
CHEERLEADERS: Becky Watts, Kathryn Irwin, Marsha Clyburn, Cindy Boone, Gay Pfister.
TRAVIS DAVIS, Superintendent LEE PRESSWOOD, Principal

JUNIOR HIGH SCHEDULE

Seventh-Eighth Grade

Sept.	2	Baird 8th	0-6	There	6:00
	9	Jim Ned 7th	0-8	There	5:00
	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	0-8	Here	5:00
		Colorado City 8th	6-16	Here	6:00
	14	Winters 7th	0-20	Here	6:00
		Winters 8th	0-26	Here	7:30
	28	Winters 7th	0-26	There	6:00
		Winters 8th	14-6	There	7:30
Nov.	4	Wylie 7th	6-0	There	6:00
		Wylie 8th	12-12	There	7:30

COACHES: Greg Henderson, Russell Gee
PRINCIPAL: John Cain 7th-1-6 8th-2-4-2

A LOOK AT MERKEL AND DISTRICT 6-AA

NINE GAME TOTALS

RUSHING			
No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Smith	138	5.33	3
R. Doan	56	2.47	4
Howes	35	2.02	5
Pursley	21	7.9	3
Austerman	23	7.9	3
Pfiester	81	5.2	6
Shields	2	3	1.5
Totals	356	11.95	3.4
9 Opts.	376	10.48	2.8

PASSING			
No.	Cp.	Yds.	Int.
Pfiester	103	46.632	6
Sims	1	0	0
Totals	104	46.632	6
9 Opts.	94	34.400	18

RECEIVING			
No.	Yds.	TD	
Pursley	16	240	1
R. Doan	11	146	0
Smith	10	100	1
Hutchings	4	86	3
Biera	3	32	0
Howes	2	26	0
Totals	46	632	5
9 Opts.	34	400	3

PUNTING			
No.	Yds.	Avg.	
Smith	39	15.06	38.6
9 Opts.	46	14.80	32.3

SCORING SUMMARY			
TD	EP	TP	
Smith	9	7	61
Hutchings	3	0	18
R. Doan	2	0	12
Biera	1	4	10
Pfiester	1	0	6
Pursley	1	0	6
Howes	0	6	0
Totals	18	11	119
9 Opts.	12	7	79

DISTRICT

TD	EP	TP	
4	2	26	
2	0	12	
1	0	6	Colorado C.
1	0	6	Stamford
1	0	6	Coahoma
0	2	2	Merkel
9	4	59	Winters
7	5	47	Wylie
5	4	47	Balling

TEAM TOTALS			
Merkel	9 Opts.	Colorado C.	
107	93	1195	1048
632	400	632	400
46-104	34-94	46-104	34-94
18	6	18	6
39-38.5	46-32.3	39-38.5	46-32.3
51-46.5	46-41.6	51-46.5	46-41.6
18	14	18	14

Score by quarters			
Merkel	9 Opts.	Colorado C.	
20	31	35	33-119
7	26	26	20-79

DISTRICT 6-AA

SEASON STANDINGS					
W	L	T	Pts.		
7	2	0	154	82	Earl, Stamford
6	2	1	126	70	Tabor, Stamford
6	3	0	119	79	Torrez, C-City
2	7	0	84	170	Arnspe, C-City
1	8	1	58	240	Phillips, Coahoma
0	8	1	58	219	Tucker, Wylie
					Parham, C-City
					Hulme, C-City
					Moore, Winters
					Frazier, Coahoma

DISTRICT					
W	L	T	Pts.		
5	0	0	171	13	
5	0	0	71	28	
3	2	0	74	57	Merkel 20, Wylie 0, Colorado City 50,
0	4	1	27	83	Winters 0, Stamford 9, Coahoma 0, Bal-
0	5	0	45	110	linger, open.
0	5	1	16	124	

FRIDAY'S GAMES			
Merkel	at Coahoma	7:30 p.m.	Stam-
ford	at Colorado City	Winters at Balling-	er, Wylie, open.

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	0-32	There	7:00
Oct.	7	Colorado City 9th	6-42	Here	7:30
	14	9th opt, to be named	No game	There	6:00
		Winters JV	8-24	There	7:30
	21	Stamford 9th	8-0	there	6:30
	28	Rotan 9th	0-22	Here	0:00
Nov.	4	Wylie 9th	6-12	Here	7:30
		Winters JV	0-36	here	6:00
		Wylie JV 9th-0-5	JV-0-6	No game	here 7:30

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.) 28-13
Sun., October 10	at New York Giants	1 p.m. (noon) 24-14
Sun., October 17	at St. Louis	1 p.m. 17-21
Sun., October 24	CHICAGO	1 p.m. 31-21
Sun., October 31	at Washington	4 p.m. (3 p.m.) 20-7
Sun., November 7	NEW YORK GIANTS	1 p.m. 9-3
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.

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Eighth graders tie Wylie, 12-12

Performing against larger opponents, the Merkel Eighth grade football team of Coach Greg Henderson took the battle to Wylie Thursday before having to settle for a 12-12 tie.

The tie ended the year for the eighth graders and gives them a 2-4-2 season win-loss-tie record. The other win was 33-0 over Eastland and 14-6 over Winters and the tie was 0-0 against Colorado City.

Donnie Tutt scored on a 14-yard quick pitch just before halftime to tie the game at 6-6 and with 20 seconds to play in the game. Buster Brown scored from the 2.

Wylie scored in the first quarter after recovering a fumble at the Merkel 12 and then scored a second time with 3:23 to go the final quarter.

Coach Henderson said his squad controlled the ballgame from the second

quarter after settling down and quit making mistakes.

He praised Willie Marsh, Cary Metz and Donnie Tutt for their defensive efforts.

For the season, Henderson said his team has come on strong and there are some outstanding athletes on the team. "They played against larger opponents all season but improved each game. They could develop into some real talented athletes if they keep improving," he said.

For the season he gave out special honors to Bart Pursley as best back, James Turner as best offensive lineman, Mark Bland as best defensive lineman and to Buster Brown for having the most tackles for the season.

Most improved awards went to Randy Martin in the backfield, Ricky Mathewson for the offensive line, to Cary Metz for defensive lineman and to Donnie Tutt for both offense and defense.

"It was a hard selection to make," Coach Henderson said. "There are so many good athletes on the team. And they all came through real well. It is just a good group of kids."

Fire Auxiliary meets

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Trent girls meet

Jayton Thursday

Trent High School's girls basketball team split its first week's action.

They opened with a 59-56 loss to Jayton and came back with an 83-57 victory over Ira.

The Junior High girls also



CONSTRUCTION--Work is under way on the new tennis court and leveling for the new townhouse to be built at the Merkel Country Club this week. The tennis courts will be 10 feet below the surface to allow for protection from the wind and to allow a clear view of the golf course.

Farmers Union to elect officers

The Taylor County Farmers Union will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Cooperative.

On the agenda is election of new officers and resolutions to be approved by members.

All members are urged to be present for this meeting.

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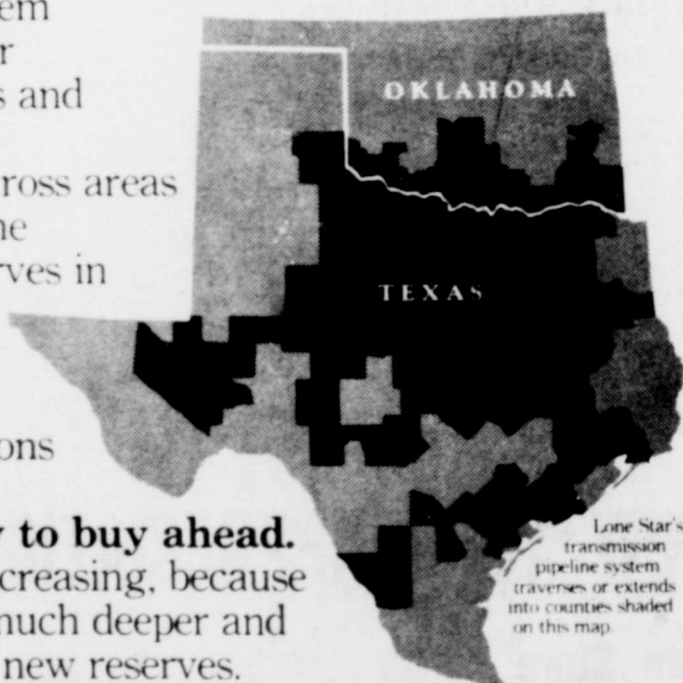
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Elliot wins bass tourney

Merkel Bass Club had a Bass Tournament Saturday at Oak Creek Lake. Fourteen members participated in the tournament.

Ricky Elliott won top honors with a 7 pound 15 ounce black bass. Trophies were presented to him for the largest fish and largest stringer.

Ted Smith won second place with a 1 3/4 pound black bass.

The Merkel Bass Club meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 at Taylor Telephone.

Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens Club will have Talent Night on the 3rd Thursday night instead of the usual 4th Thursday night. Everyone please notice the change and be sure to come.

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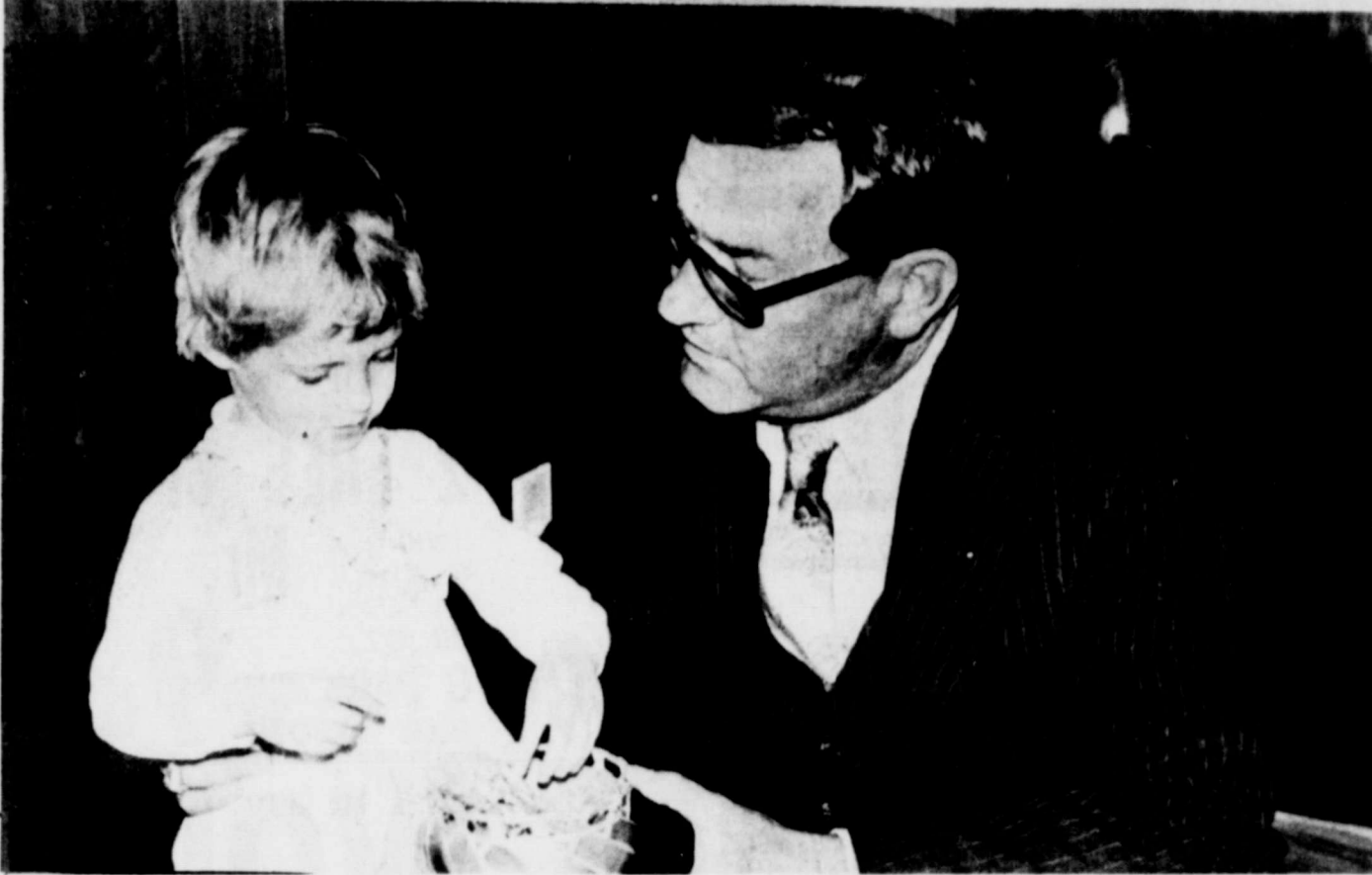
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CANDYMAN--Tanya Riney knows where to come to find her candyman. She takes a stick of candy from Don Hensley's desk at Farmers and Merchants National Bank. However,

she didn't want it for herself as she was planning to get some candy down at the "store" but would take a stick for her brother.

Trent battles for playoff berth

Coach Bobby Campbell sends his squad of tough Trent Gorillas against Witherral Friday night to determine the District 3-B championship. Witherral is winner of the North Zone of the district and Trent is winner of the South Zone. Thus it will pit the northernmost team against the southernmost team in the district. The district was zoned this year when 8-man teams were incorporated into 6-man conferences, eliminating 8-man football. Witherral played 8-man football last year. In Witherral, the Gorillas will find themselves on familiar surroundings. They will be playing a tough, more physical team--something they have done through most of the season. The contest will be Friday at 7:30 p.

m. in Lamesa. Coach Campbell says Witherral runs out of the T and Wing-T formations and will outweigh his Trent team by 15 to 20 pounds per man. "They are real aggressive blockers," he said. "They try to drive it on you and execute well. It's going to be tough." Coach of Witherral is Jug Miller who is in his second year. He coached Ira to its last district title. Trent finished regular season play with a 26-20 victory over Hobbs last week. It gives the Gorillas a 7-2 season and 5-0 district record. Back James Mays scored on runs of 2, 43 and 50 yards to bring his season touchdown total to 23 for 138 points. Herbert Beaver scored on a 70-yard run and he now has 16 touch-

downs and an extra point for 97 for the year. Kenny Nance kicked the extra points. For Hobbs, Mark Anderle, Willis Ogden and Don Denman scored touchdowns and Anderle added two extra points. Coach Campbell said his team played another good defensive game but too many penalties hurt them. He pointed out Trent scored four other touchdowns against Hobbs but they were canceled because of penalties. He also pointed out that it has been their goal of holding the opposition to 20 points per game. "And, this is what we have done in district." (They have a 20.8 average against the five district foes and 25.6 against all nine opponents.)

BADGER TRACKS

The Badgers were victorious again Friday night
Top boy, girl

Merkel Middle School named the boy and girl of the month for October. They are:
Fifth Grade--Billy McKeenan, Angie Allen.
Sixth Grade--Merritt Turner, Winda Wassenhant.
Seventh Grade--David Wilkerson, Maria Moreno.
Eighth Grade--Walter Elmore, Kim Gary.

Feed additive

Research conducted by Texas Agricultural Experiment Station scientists shows that monensin, a new feed additive cleared only for feedlot rations, may be profitably fed to the beef breeding herd with no ill effects. The research conducted at Overton by Dr. R. D. Randel tested the effect of monensin on growth and reproductive performance of heifers as well as its effect upon lactation and calf and cow performance.

Food production

More than 3,000 agronomists from across the nation will gather in Houston November 28-December 3 for the joint annual meetings of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America and Soil Science Society of America. Theme of the meetings is "Agronomists and Food: Contributions and Challenges." More than 1,100 research papers will be presented.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for help

Dear Editor:
I would like to borrow some of your newspaper space to thank all of the good people and students of Merkel for the great success we enjoyed at the last PTO Halloween Party. When the final totals are in, I think that we were able to make around \$1,000. This is of course above the bills but this should still leave us with a nice little profit. I don't dare start calling out names lest I forget someone. This was a combined effort of teachers, students, parents and the good merchants of our town. I also want to thank the Editor of The Merkel Mail for giving the Carnival good coverage and especially for the fine pictures of our Halloween King, Queen, Prince, and Princess. Along with this I want to thank Kent Satterwhite of Palmer Pontiac, and Sammy and Betty Doan for the use of their automobiles so our "Royalty" could represent us in what has to be one of the best parades this town has ever seen. I think that this has all proved that there are more in Merkel working for the common good than some would give credit for.

Let's Care

I have been thinking about this big stir about dope and the kids dancing. If I remember right there are people like Mrs. Hughes that tried to keep a teen-center going several years after their children were grown, even while my older boys were at home. All the kids did was destroy the property after the new wore off. I have taught Sunday School since I was 12 and worked with girl and boy scouts for years. I feel what we need is more supervising and guidance for the children and less freedom (which leads to boredom) and less talk. If there is dope, and I feel there is, in school get the law in there and get it out of shut up and take the consequences. My children are no better nor worse than the next one. I am going to do all I can to protect them. If we all pitched in and helped by giving the teachers more help and respect in their work I think this would help a lot. Children will not obey any one they cannot respect. We should not expect them to. If we show more respect for the good teachers and get rid of the bad ones our children would have a better chance.

I do, however think most of our personnel at Merkel are fine. When you teach a Sunday school class, have scouts, and drive a school bus, you learn a lot about the kiddos home life and especially about their teachers. Please parents lets show our children and their friends that we care. That's the main thing they're begging for. Thank you for your time and space.
Respectfully,
Billie Walters

Dogs pose problem

Dear Editor,
On the 6th of September, my dog and my sisters dog were shot and killed in my back yard. As a result, my family attended the City Council meeting. I told the City Council that we were never notified about the incident, as we were not at home, and that it took me two days to locate a police officer who would tell me just what happened. The police officer said that being as there were only two men on duty that day, Labor Day, that they did not have TIME to locate us. The City Council also said that they were concerned about the problem of stray dogs running in packs around the city limits, and that once the animals were caught, they did not have the funds to build and maintain an animal shelter for the City of Mer-

ALPHA NU NU

The Alpha Nu Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the home of Mrs. Louise Sudderth November 4th. President Peggy Vanderwerker presided over the meeting. Among the projects discussed was the Toy Demonstration to be sponsored by the chapter on Saturday, November 13. The demonstration will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Many different items will be on display and will be available for purchase. The public is invited to attend. Another project discussed was the Turkey Raffle which the chapter sponsors yearly. This year the tickets will be 25¢ or 5 tickets for \$1.00. The drawing will be held for the large turkey to be given away on December 18th. After the discussions, Mychele Hammond presented the program on "The Mature Personality Aspect of Psychology," in which all members participated. The meeting was adjourned and the members enjoyed refreshments served by Louise Sudderth.

Turks haven't been able to go back to Constantinople for centuries. That's because since 1453 they've been calling it Istanbul!

Nor, did the City Council feel that they had enough money to hire more full time police officers. However, all Merkel Police cars have or are getting CB radios and the police are getting new uniforms. Now I agree that both of the above might be needed, but I also feel that the stray dogs in the city are a problem. And if anyone does not agree with me, they are blind. Packs of dogs roam the city streets at all hours of the day and night, knocking over trash cans, chasing people's pets and marking off their territory on every tree, bush and tire. Many people have tried to take care of this problem themselves, (as no one else would) by putting out poison, which is eaten by a cat, usually a pet, or by squirrels. SHOOTING and poisoning does not get rid of the problem. It only makes people grieve over the loss of their

pet, cat or dog. I have found that the city taxes are higher than the state and Federal taxes. So, why does Merkel not have enough money? Where is it going? And why are the larger problems not handled first? I am not from Texas, but I love it as though it were my own home state. Merkel has grown and prospered tremendously in the last year, and so has its problems. If we want the city to continue to grow, then so must the people. Another thing I can not understand is why some police officers are allowed to use the patrol cars for their personal travels? We have to pay for that gas and the wear and tear on the cars. Do they not get paid enough to buy gas for their own cars?

Cecelia Carter
Phyllis King

DISTRICT 3-B (SIX-MAN) FINAL SEASON STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pts.	Opps.
Trent	7	2	298	228
Highland	7	3	421	288
Hermleigh	6	3	289	208
Hobbs	4	6	320	333
Ira	3	6	199	361
McCouley	0	9	176	469

Team	W	L	Pts.	Opps.
Trent	5	0	171	102
Highland	4	1	226	122
Hermleigh	3	2	189	106
Hobbs	2	3	150	116
Ira	1	4	118	261
McCouley	0	5	104	251

Team	TD	EP	TP
Mays, Trent	23	0	138
Krecl, Highland	16	26	126
Corbell, Ira	16	1	97
H. Beaver, Trent	16	1	97
Peterson, Hermleigh	16	0	96
Anderle, Hobbs	10	22	82
J. Kemp, McCouley	11	0	66
Ogden, Hobbs	11	0	66
Martin, Hobbs	10	0	60

Team	TD	EP	TP
James Mays	23	0	138
Herbert Beaver	16	1	97
Rocky Bryan	4	0	24
Alan Morse	1	10	16
Kenny Nance	0	11	11
Jimmy Adams	1	0	6
Gilbert Beaver	1	0	6
Totals	46	22	298

Team	TD	EP	TP
Trent 24, Hobbs 18, Highland 44, Hermleigh 33, Ira 49, McCouley 26.			

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