

Badgers - Bulldogs Break Even 0-0

By Dale Hammond

You might call last Friday night's zip-zip tie between the Merkel Badgers and Stamford's Bulldogs a game of "ifs", "what ifs", "might haves" and inches. I for one think it was a combination of good defensive action, timely or untimely penalties and a case of somebody wanting something too much.

Stanford's defensive unit demonstrated why nobody has ran up any big scores against them. The Bulldogs possess a couple of linebackers that are as fast as anyone I've seen.

The Badgers took the opening kick off and as so many games before, proceeded to move the ball with much authority right down and on the following play Garth Doan found a big hole and was one step away from all the points we would have needed for the rest of the night. Merkel was flagged and stopped on the five yard line, a Merkel fumble stopped an excellent drive but a couple of plays later Stamford returned the favor at their own sixteen. Stamford's defense rallied and the Badgers hopes died on the six yard line.

One of the most questionable calls of the season kept Stamford alive and nullified a tremendous defensive effort by the Badgers. A roughing the kicker was called against Merkel AFTER the punter mishandled the snap. I've always been led to believe that a loose ball makes a kicker fair game but this was just another of the Big "If's".

The half ended and after the homecoming ceremonies the Bulldogs came out fighting. The Bulldogs got within field goal range and their soccer style kicker caused plenty of concern because he had the range but his "Kentucky Windage" was off. The third quarter ended in a defensive dead lock. Garth Doan ushered in the fourth quarter by coming up with a big grab of a Stamford fumble which started off the biggest Badger drive of the game. Pursley, Doan, McCoy and Howes ran, caught, and threw while the offensive line literally knocked the Bulldogs back and it looked like nothing would stop us from reaching "Badgerville" but with third and goal a Pursley shot was picked off and time became our biggest enemy. The Badgers forced Stamford to kick and Pursley and his receivers promptly went to work but it was just not to be. With two seconds left, Pursley lofted a long one to McCoy in the end zone but it was evident Stamford's scouts had done their home work. I think even the water boy was down covering Brad on this one.

The Badgers had to go without the services of a 100 per cent Keith Shields and his big booming body was sorely missed. It was very evident that McCoy is still hobbled by his knee injury also. Howes, Doan, Dye, English, Watts, Murrell, the entire Badger roster played some solid football both ways. Pursley had his most disappointing night passing with 4 of 13 for 39 yards, but he still ran like someone who's just offer-

ed his body up for scientific research right before a demolition derby.

The Badgers now get a week off to rest and regroup, mend and heal. Some great football sage of bygone days once said "a tie game is just like kissing your sister." Well I don't know about that but to me if you don't win or lose, then that means you break even. Right? Well now, according to a conversation I had with Leroy Riney, one of my Daddy's old 42 playing partners, and a longtime Mulberry

Canyon farmer, breaking even ain't all that bad. All things considered Leroy said all the farmers are praying for at least a tie this year.

Game statistics are as follows: Rushing: Merkel 154, Stamford 102; Passing Merkel 4-13 39 yards, Stamford 4-11 26 yards; Intercepted: Merkel 2, Stamford 0; Fumbles Lost: Merkel 1, Stamford 3; Penalties: Merkel 6-55 yards, Stamford 1-15 yards; Punts: Merkel 5-33 yards average, Stamford 4-33 yards.

**TYE PTO
CARNIVAL
THURSDAY
NIGHT
SUPPER 5:30
CARNIVAL 6:30**

**MERKEL PTO
CARNIVAL
FRIDAY NIGHT
CORNATION 6:00
CARNIVAL
AFTER
CORNATION**



News and Thoughts

By Martha Sue Justice

Mr. Harold Walker brought this interesting news in--The building on the corner of north 1st and Lamar is now being renovated for a brand new business which is coming to Merkel--A FISHING WORM FACTORY--and that is the truth! While cleaning out the building a menu was found from the Nook Cafe which supposedly went out of business some time during the 50's. Listen to these prices--Plate Lunch 75 cents, choices of meat were: Fried Chicken, Hamburger Steak, Chicken Fried Steak, Roast Beef or Pork, Fried Cat Fish, Breaded Veal Cutlet or Bar B-Que Beef. Vegetables were: Spiced yams, fresh blackeyed peas and macaroni and tomatoes. This meal was also served with hot roll and butter. One of the Ala Carte items listed was large T-bone steak 75 cents. We will have more information later on the worm business that will be opening in the very near future.

About 300 people are afflicted annually by undulant fever. Though seldom fatal, the disease is described as one of the worst plagues of man in terms of suffering. Undulant fever in man is usually contracted by contact with brucellosis infected animals. Most victims of the disease are farmers, ranchers, veterinarians and slaughter house workers. The U. S. Department of Agriculture and participating states pay indemnity for cattle which must be slaughtered because of brucellosis infection. In 1976, payments were made for 186,663 cattle.

Big Country Inn is baking a special scarecrow cake for the Sunday Buffet!

A special thank you goes out to the Dairy Bar of Merkel. The Cunninghams gave away a free Bar-B-Que supper last Thursday night in honor of homecoming. The people of Merkel certainly did appreciate it!

Mrs. A. D. Hill called to tell us that her son-in-law called her from Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Sunday to wish her a Happy Mother-In-Law Day. Mrs. Hill said, "It made my day."

The following item was found and brought into this office by Mildred Cypert--This article started off with "I have just been to my last high school reunion. It's just not fair to all those balding, aging, dissipated, frumpy, flabby, graying people wandering around trying to be cheerful when I look so great. I found myself walking up to classmates saying, "What Happened?" "If anyone had told me my best girlfriend would be nearly white-haired, I wouldn't believe it. My wig nearly fell off when I saw her. "It's funny about the teachers though, why Mrs. So-so looked 70 years old when I had her, and tonight she only looked about 50! "Poor devils, fighting middle age. I shouldn't have gone, but I wanted to see them all again before they get too old to appreciate Me."

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - Daily prayer is the guardian of the soul.
God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the ways of escape, that you may be able to endure it. - 1 Corinthians 10:13



Crazy Daze Arrest

Merkel City Judge - Janet Deen and Merkel Justice of the Peace - Henry Guenther making a citizen arrest Monday of Cathy (Mikie) Pack for Vagrancy.

PTO Halloween Carnival and Cornation

The Merkel PTO Halloween Carnival and Cornation will begin at 6:00 Friday, October 28th. The cornation of the winners of the Queen and King Contest will be crowned for each building, in the High School Auditorium. As soon as this is completed the doors of the Carnival will open. The containers for the Queen and King Contest will be picked up and turned in to the principal's offices at 12:00 Friday, October 28th. There have been alot of workers on this contest. We are proud of the response from our town in supporting this project. The Candidates for Queen and King in the Elementary building are kindergarten: Greer-Lynn Gregory and Penny Smith, Ulley-Stephen Jacobs and Angela Carson; First grade: Peel-Wade Toombs and Robin Jones, Holloway-Chris Shugart and

Michelle Barnett, Allen-Lance Autry and Michele Dudley; 2nd grade: Pursley-Lynn Hays and Krista Toombs; 3rd grade: Braune-Chad Pack and Tracy Bicknell, Wilson-Brit Pursley and Michelle Woodward; 4th grade: Cowart-Todd Yaddow and Kelly Riney, Seymore-Matt Cain and Pam Ely; and 5th grade: Rister-Shane Smith and Leigh

Ann Allen, McGowan-Ken Hogan and Dusty Whisenhunt. The Candidates for Queen and King in the Middle School are 6th grade: Brenda Hohertz and Michael McCoy, 7th grade: Lisa Phillips and David Wong, 8th grade: Gary Tutt and Sharryl Luckey. The carnival will have some new games and booths this year. Fun! Games! Prizes! Food!

Helen Jones is Assigned School Nurse for Merkel and Trent

Helen Jones has been hired as the School Nurse for Merkel and Trent. She works at Merkel Schools on Wednesday (all day) and Thursday mornings. She works at Trent on

Tuesday mornings. She is a registered nurse and received her training at Hendrick Hospital School of Nursing. Helen is the wife of Virgil Jones, vice president at F&M National Bank. They have two children Lance, who is in the third grade and Anissa who is in the first grade.

Mrs. Jones plans to screen for vision, hearing, and dental needs, by Christmas in grades, kindergarten, first, third, and fifth. She will be checking all health records to make sure that they meet state requirements. Letters are in the process of being sent to parents of students who do not meet state immunization requirements. Students will be suspended from school until these requirements are met. If any parents have special problems that they wish to bring to the nurse's attention they may call the campus office of your child and make an appointment. The Merkel School Board set up the following performance responsibilities for the school nurse: 1. Assist school physician, school health committee, and administrators in developing school health programs. 2. Participates in work of health curriculum committee. 3. Conducts school programs of immunization, physical examination and sight and hearing testing as directed by the superintendent. 4. Observes students on a regular basis to detect health needs. 5. Instructs teachers on screening students for health defects. 6. Maintains up-to-date cumulative health records on all students, with the assistance of school personnel.

7. Reports to parents, school personnel, physicians, clinics, and other agencies on student health matters, as directed by the Superintendent. 8. Visits student homes when necessary. 9. Assumes authority, in the absence of a physician, for the care of a student or staff member who has suffered an injury or emergency illness. 10. Administers first aid in accordance with established first aid procedures. 11. Makes recommendations to school physician and superintendent on health needs of individual students. 12. Recommends policy on exclusion and readmission of students in connection with infectious and contagious diseases. 13. Participates in inservice training programs. 14. Assists school personnel in maintaining sanitary standards in schools. 15. Provides for T. B. Testing: flue shots (or other necessary health care as desired for Merkel I. S. D.). 16. Initiates program for T. B. Testing of students as directed by school physician.

We are proud to have this added service in our schools to serve our children.

John Lanford Takes Honors at Livestock Exposition

John Scott Lanford of Merkel, Texas won in the following categories at the Pan-American Livestock Exposition, State Fair of Texas in Dallas. Class 61-Fall Ram Lamb- 1st; Class 62-Spring Ram

Lamb-2nd; Class 63-Pair of Ram Lambs-2nd; Class of 67-Fall Ewe Lamb-2nd; Class 68-Spring Ewe Lamb-1st; Class 70-Yearling Ewe-2nd; Class 71-Pair of Yearling Ewes-2nd.

Merkel Delegates Attend T.S.T.A. Convention

School was dismissed Monday, October 24th for the teachers in Merkel I. S. D. to attend the District T. S. T. A. Convention in Sweetwater. Sunday evening, the Tenth Annual House of Delegates met. The following were elected delegates from Merkel I. S. D. to represent our members at the District level: Lee Presswood, Karen Riley, Cecil Todd, and alternate Marianne Rankin.

Dr. Marvin English, president of Eduscope, Inc., of Wilmette, Illinois a widely known and distinguished lecturer and writer was the main speaker. Dr. English has been a classroom teacher, Consultant Supervisor Educational Director, Asst. Dean of Graduate Studies in the National College of Education, and at present he heads a consulting group to schools and industry. Sectional meetings were held after the luncheons. This is an in-service day for teachers for professional growth.

Mrs. Cowart's Fourth Grade Class Presents Program for PTO

The Merkel PTO met Monday October 24th in the High School Auditorium. Mrs. Cowart's fourth grade class presented the program with a puppet show and choral readings. It was enjoyed by all. There is some real talent in that fourth grade group. Sarah Lucas gave a report on the plans for the Carnival to be held Friday night. The cornation will begin at 6:00 in the auditorium. The following steering committee for

Ways and Means Projects was appointed to plan for future projects: John Cain, Charlie Helmer, David Riley, Dale Hammond, Jack Ferguson, Chera Hohertz (chairman), Mrs. Braune, Mrs. Peel, Mr. Elliott, and Mrs. Hart. If you have any ideas of ways to spend the money for our school, please contact one of these members. They will be talking to interested persons to get their ideas. The membership contest will end November 28th. The dues are \$1 per adult. The room with the highest percent of members in each building will be honored with a coke party. The next PTO meeting will be November 22nd.

Ron Chancey is a Member of LCC Meistersinger Chorus

Ron Chancey, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Chancey, 408 Cherry, Merkel, is a member of the 60-voice Lubbock Christian College Meistersinger Chorus for the 1977-78 school year.

Chancey, who sings tenor for the chorus, is a junior music major. Under the direction of assistant professor of music Charles E. Cox, the group includes freshmen through seniors. They present 60-minute concerts of sacred music.

The Meistersingers, in its 18th year, perform many times during the year for special occasions on campus, before Lubbock-area church groups and during their four annual tours throughout the U. S.

Lubbock Christian College, located on the high plains of West Texas, is a private liberal arts college which is the academic home for 1,200 students representing 35 states and 16 foreign countries.

CRAZY DAZE

Merchants will be offering special and crazy prices all week. They will also be special drawings everyday by many of the merchants in Merkel. PARADE SATURDAY 2:30 P.M. Awards will be presented by the Chamber of Commerce for:

- Craziest Horse and Rider
- Craziest Car
- Craziest Float
- Craziest Bicycle and Rider
- Craziest Band Member

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will be held at the finish of the parade Saturday behind L & W Snack Bar. MANY, MANY NOTABLE PEOPLE WILL BE ON HAND TO BE DUNKED--AND WE PROMISE THEY WILL BE PEOPLE YOU HAVE BEEN WANTING TO DUNK FOR A LONG TIME. ALL DUNKEES WILL BE ADULTS. So come on out for the fun. This special dunking is being co-sponsored by L&W Snack Bar and Amigos Sincero Club of Merkel to raise money to build a SKATE BOARD COURSE at the city park and also a regular SKATE COURSE. Help us start this project off with a bang!

TYE HONOR ROLL

The Tye Elementary Honor Roll is as follows:
Second Grade (A)- Michelle Goodgion, Clara Herrera, Allan Isom, Stacie Johnson, Julie Payne, Mindy Steward, Tasha Todd, Kim Watson. (A-B)- Kenny Dosser, Joe Alvarez.
Third Grade (A)- Joe

Miles, Angela Tyler, Sandra Kotlik, Kathy Corbin. (A-B)- Dusty Moore, Steven Keith, Sonia Wells, Paulette Monk.

Fourth Grade (A)- Kevin Mitchell. (A-B)- Mike Keith, Keith Watson.
Fifth Grade (A)- Robert Brooks, Bill Adams. (A-B) Greg Spurr.



Mitzi Hart working with David Wong.

David Wong Makes Remarkable Progress In Merkel School

Merkel Middle School students have been privileged the past few weeks to have David Wong from Taiwan as a seventh grade student.

David moved with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Hwa Jing Wong, Eddy, and Ami to Tye in the latter part of August. This was his first experience in an American school and he has met the challenge well.

native language, he has shared his language and various artifacts with the students here. David has made remarkable progress in learning English during the past eight weeks. He has studied English one half of the school day. The tape recorder language master much in dividualized help, plus a student who is very willing to learn have made it possible for him to learn rapidly.

The seventh grade class honored him by electing

him as their representative for Halloween King.

David will move to San Angelo the first of November, but the students and teachers at Merkel Middle School will always remember the smiling Chinese Student who inspired them as much as they inspired him.

Mrs. Hart, a reading specialist, has helped David in learning to read and has given up extra time to work with him as well as having him two other periods.



School Menu

Monday October 31
Beef and Tater Bake, vegetable salad, choice of dressing, hot rolls, and sliced peaches with topping.

Tuesday November 1
Braized Beef Tips, brown gravy, buttered rice, green beans, hot rolls, and apple cheese crisp.

Wednesday November 2
Pizza, mixed vegetables, lettuce wedge, choice of dressing, and walk-to-school cookies.

Thursday November 3
Fried Fish with tartar sauce, english pea salad, hot rolls and fruited jello.

Friday November 4
Sloppy Joes, onion, pickle relish, french fries with catsup, buns, chocolate brownies and pink lemonade.



Charles Stenholm

Stenholm Running For Congress

Charles Stenholm announced on Tuesday, October 4, his candidacy for congress from the 17th Congressional District.

The Stenholms traveled on two buses accompanied by supporters from their home town, visiting 23 communities for announcement rallies throughout the day.

The reason for the bus tours, Stenholm said, "is to bring my announcement to as many people as possible and to make this a district-wide campaign right from the start."

Stenholm, a Stamford resident, emphasized in his announcement that all residents, regardless of whether they lived on the farms, in small towns, or larger cities of the district, have a stake in what happens to the district's basic source of wealth, which is the land. "What helps the producers of food, fiber, and energy," he said, "helps us all; and what hurts them hurts us all."

Stenholm cautioned that district residents should not consider the problems of this area without looking at problems in other areas of the economy. "Businessmen, manufacturing people, consumers, agricultural and energy producers, and senior citizens share the same basic problems: Costs of production and costs of living are rising every day because of inflation; government regulations that have no relation to the needs of the country punish producers and consumers instead of encouraging production, initiative, and peace of mind.

Speaking to on-lookers at each brief stop, Stenholm said that the 17th district is "unique among congressional districts" in that voters can send someone to congress who knows the problems of agriculture, business, rural and urban areas from a lifetime of living and working in the district. He added

that the "numbers of individuals involved in agricultural and energy production has decreased at a time when this production has increased in importance to the country."

"When you consider that the voice of this important segment of our economy has decreased in Washington where the laws, rules, and guidelines are written that regulate the economy where we all make our living," Stenholm said, then the importance of sending "someone to Washington who understands the needs of a district whose livelihood is tied to the land makes the uniqueness of the 17th district very crucial."

The day's tour ended in Big Spring Tuesday evening with a rally. Stenholm is seeking the congressional seat now held by Omar Burleson. Burleson announced in August that he would retire at the end of his

current term in 1978. Charles Stenholm was born October 26, 1938 in Stamford, Texas. He is the son of Lambert and Irene Stenholm, both deceased.

Mr. Stenholm is married to former Cynthia Ann (Cindy) Watson of Dumas. They have three children; Chris, 15; Cary 11; and Courtney Ann 5. He is a Farmer and Livestock Producer Management, Farm Enterprises Director, First National Bank of Stamford.

7th Grade Wins 34-6

The 7th grade Little Badgers defeated Stamford 34-6. Allan Green made a TD from 20 yards away, Tommy Tumlinson made 3 TD's, one from 55 yards away, one from 31 yards away, and one from 18 yards and scored the extra 2 points. Roy Johnson made a TD from 1 yard out and Brian Gary made the extra 2 points.

REPORT OF CONDITION

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The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel

In the state of Texas at the close of business on September 30, 1977 published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under title 12, United States Code, Section 161.

Charter number 71481 National Bank Region Number 11

Statement of Resources and Liabilities

Indicating If in Thousands

		Thousands
ASSETS	Cash and due from banks	2,673
	U.S. Treasury securities	100
	Obligations of other U.S. Gov't agencies and corps	61
	Obligations of States and political subdivisions	none
	Other bonds, notes, and debentures	1,449
	Federal Reserve stock and corporate stock	10
	Trading account securities	none
	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	none
	Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	8,145
	Less: Reserve for possible loan losses	47
	Loans, Net	8,098
	Direct lease financing	none
	Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	99
	Real estate owned other than bank premises	none
	Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	none
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	none	
Other assets	182	
TOTAL ASSETS	12,672	
LIABILITIES	Demand deposits of individuals, prtshps., and corps	5,048
	Time and savings deposits of individuals, prtshps., and corps	5,760
	Deposits of United States Government	28
	Deposits of States and political subdivisions	661
	Deposits of foreign govts. and official institutions	none
	Deposits of commercial banks	none
	Certified and officers' checks	40
	TOTAL DOMESTIC DEPOSITS	11,537
	Total demand deposits	5,304
	Total time and savings deposits	6,233
	Total deposits in foreign offices	none
	TOTAL DEPOSITS IN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN OFFICES	11,537
	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	none
	Liabilities for borrowed money	none
	Mortgage indebtedness	none
Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding	none	
Other liabilities	170	
TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)	11,707	
EQUITY CAPITAL	Subordinated notes and debentures	none
	Preferred stock No. shares outstanding none (par value)	none
	Common stock a. No. shares authorized 66,000	165
	b. No. shares outstanding 66,000 (par value)	200
	Surplus	400
	Undivided profits	200
	Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves	965
	TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL	200
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL	12,672
	MEMORANDA	Average for 30 calendar days ending with report date:
Cash and due from banks		2,230
Fed. funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell		55
Total loans		8,213
Time deposits of \$100,000 or more in domestic offices		680
Total deposits		11,721
Fed. funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		none
Liabilities for borrowed money		none
TOTAL ASSETS		12,871
Standby letters of credit (outstanding as of report date)		none
Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more (outstanding as of report date)		680
Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more (outstanding as of report date)		none

I, Betty Jane Tittle

Name

Vice-President-Cashier

Title

of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Betty Jane Tittle

Oct. 17, 1977

Date

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

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PORK ROAST LB 98¢

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BAMA RED PLUM JELLY 18 OZ 59¢

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LIPTON INSTANT TEA 3 OZ JAR \$1.59

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CORN KOUNTRY KIST WHOLE KERNEL 2/ 12 OZ 49¢

PORK & BEANS VAN CAMPS 300 CAN 2/ 49¢

PINEAPPLE DEL MONTE CHUNK 15 OZ 45¢

PEARS DEL MONTE 303 CAN 45¢

GREEN BEANS DEL MONTE WHOLE 303 CAN 2/ 69¢

CHERRY PIE FILLING WILDERNESS 21 OZ 89¢

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Beverly Jan Wooten

Wooten - Carey To Wed October 29th

Miss Beverly Jan Wooten became the bride of Wayne Mitchell Carey Saturday, October 29, 1977 at 5:00 p.m. at the 1st United Methodist Church in Abilene. The Reverend James E. Murrell of McLean, Texas, and uncle of the bride and formerly pastor at the First Methodist in Merkel uniting them in marriage.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Wooten of Camp Butman, Merkel.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Walter Charles Carey of Rt. 5, Carmel, New York.

Attendants were Maid of Honor, Ann Wooten, sister of the bride, of Merkel; bridesmaids, Mrs. Barbara Dahl of Abilene, Miss Rosemary Duran, Merkel, and Mrs. Liz Colfry, Abilene.

The best man was Bill Cox of Abilene.

The groomsmen were: Steve Dahl of Abilene, Don Lang of Abilene, and Gary Case of Abilene.

The bride is a 1974 graduate of Merkel High School and attended McMurry. She is employed by the Abilene State School.

The groom is a 1975 graduate of Carmel High School and is employed by the U. S. Air Force.

The couple had a wedding trip to New York.

J-L Cole, president of the Taylor County Unit of the American Cancer Society, has announced that the unit will hold its Basic

Orientation for present and prospective board members, Tuesday, November 1st, and Thursday, November 3rd. The orientation will begin each night at 7 p.m. at Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

Cole added that the purpose of the Basic orientation is to highlight the services being offered by the American Cancer Society and the efforts being made by local volunteers. Cole encouraged those desiring more information to contact the local office of the American Cancer Society, in Abilene, at 673-4295.

Ted Veitengruber Dies in Kansas

Ted Veitengruber, 72, passed away October 19, 1977. Services were held October 22, 1977 at Lucas, Kansas. Mr. Veitengruber was the father of Mrs. John (Gloria) Henslee.

Cole stated that the Tuesday night session will be held in the hospital conference room on the second floor of the Anderson Wing. The Thursday night session will be held in the hospital auditorium on the ground floor of the Anderson Wing.

The orientation is not limited to just board members- the general public is encouraged to attend.

White - Bragg Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Larry White of Snyder have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rhonda Jean, to David Wayne Bragg, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bragg of Abilene.

The couple plans a November 5th wedding in Merkel.

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Merkel Homecoming Enjoyed by Everyone

Homecoming started with a big bang Friday beginning with a parade and pep rally.

Registration and the Exes luncheon was held Saturday at the Senior Citizens Building. Fred and Leta Heddy prepared and served this very delicious meal.

Officers for next year are as follows: Mike Warren, President; Pinky W. Cypert, Vice President; Judy Dudley, Secretary.

The oldest ex was Joe Bickley, 1911 and Hobb Robertson, 1917; Homer Laney, 1917.

The homecoming Queen was Pug Harris 1936. Mr. Ex was Pinky Cypert, 1935. Mr. and Mrs. Truett Patterson came the farthest.

The Merkel Homecoming Committee would like to thank each of these people: Gary Hicks for organizing the parade, Travis Davis, Lee Presswood, and all students of the Merkel Schools, Mrs. Jack Ferguson, Mrs. Dwel McLean, Mrs. Earl Walker, Mrs. Jack Hogan, Mrs.

Y. W. Hammond, Gayle Baker, Mr. Don Halloway, Max Murrell Chevrolet, Palmer Pontiac, Waymon Adcock, Pat Cypert and family, all participants in the parade, and the L & W Snack Bar for preparing the meal.

HSU Annual School Sing Nov. 11-12

The 17th Annual All School Sing will highlight Homecoming Parents Day Festivities at Hardin-Simmons University, November 11-12.

The theme for this year's homecoming is "Three Ring Circus". The three rings represent the involvement of alumni, parents, and students during the school year. A circus tent will be erected in the center of the campus to accent the theme. Student groups will have side shows and carnival style booths for visitors to enjoy. Prizes will be awarded for the best booths.

The Sing, which annually packs Behrens Chapel Auditorium, will be presented both Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30. Sigma Alpha Iota, women's music fraternity, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, men's music fraternity, sponsors the annual show which attracts campus clubs and organizations who compete for cash prizes and trophies. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students. Tickets can be purchased after October 31 at the Hardin-Simmons School of Music.

Also on tap for the weekend are various board meeting, club reunions, a 12:15 p.m. Saturday barbeque luncheon at the Abilene Civic Center, a soccer match, and a joint assembly program in Behrens Chapel Auditorium.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees and Board of Development will open homecoming weekend at 9:30 Friday morning in Room 210 of Moody Center. H-SU's Young Associates will meet at 4:30 p.m., followed by a dinner at 6 p.m. in the Presidents Room of Moody Center.

Saturday's activities will include a joint assembly program in Behrens Chapel Auditorium at 10:15 a.m. which will feature student talent, announcement of alumni and parents 1977 officers elect and the presentation of the Keeter Award. The Keeter Award is given annually to an ex-student who has been of special service to the University during the year. Last year's recipient was Jay E. Johnson of Temple. Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher, H-SU's new President, will also be introduced during the program.

Two H-SU groups will hold 25th Anniversary celebrations during the weekend. The ROTC will celebrate its 25th year as a part of the H-SU curriculum. A special retreat ceremony is planned for 4 p.m. Friday at the Maroscher Flag Pole Memorial as well as other events. The class of 1952 will hold its silver anniversary with a special reception in the Beckham Lounge of Moody Center. Dr. Bill Cook, class president, will preside.

Open house for the newly remodeled interior of Sandefer Memorial Hall will be held both days. Guides will be on hand to take visitors throughout the administrative and faculty offices.

A soccer match between H-SU and the Eastfield College Harvesters will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday on Parramoor Field. A varsity basketball scrimmage is also scheduled for Saturday.

Homecoming is planned each year through the Alumni Office and by a committee composed of students, faculty members and alumni. President of the H-SU Alumni Association this year is Mr. John Womble.

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Funeral Held for Willie Frances Smart

Mrs. Charles A. (Willie Frances) Smart, 85, of Albany died at 11:50 p.m. Saturday in Shackleford County Memorial Hospital after a short illness. Services were at 11 a.m. Monday at the United Methodist Church of Merkel with the Rev. Allan Forbes, pastor, and the Rev. Lynward Harrison, pastor of Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church officiating. Graveside services were at 4 p.m. in Memorial Garden Cemetery at Paducah, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born March 27, 1892, in Collin County, she married Charles A. Smart 1908 in Paducah. He died in 1952. From Paducah the family moved in a covered wagon to near Des Moines, N. M., where they homesteaded. From 1920 to 1972 she lived in the south plains area of Texas, moving to Merkel in 1972. She had moved to Albany in June 1977, living with her daughter and son-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. Russell McAnally. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, Kirby of Hobbs; three daughters, Kathryn Waycaster and Thelma McGarvie, both of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Elsie McAnally of Albany; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. W. A. Smart of Albuquerque; a sister, Mrs. J. O. Brooks of Plano; 11 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Two sons, Gayle and Warren A., preceded her in death.

Pallbearers will be Wal-

ter Barnett, Stanley Toombs, Buddy Smith, Jack Hogan, June Hogan, and William R. Cypert.

Merkel Volleyball Team Defeated by Ballinger

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Davis - Holland Engagement Announced

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ber 10 at 2 p.m. in the Calvary Baptist Church in Merkel. The bride-to-be is a 1977 graduate of Stephenville High School. She attended Stephenville Beauty College and is now employed by the Abilene State School in Abilene.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1974 graduate of Fredericksburg High School. He attended Tarleton State University and is now employed by the Abilene State School in Abilene.

Wedding Plans Announced for Smith-Walker

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Smith, 1342 Meander, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Susan Diane, to Sgt. Michael Timothy Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Walker of Merkel.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Merkel High, is in the U.S. Air Force and is stationed at Tinker AFB in Oklahoma.

The couple plans a November 5 wedding at the Bible Center.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Cooper High School and Hardin-Simmons University with a BS degree in education. She is employed by Bible Book

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Don't forget to bring your children under 9 on Saturday, October 29th for the Pinata party after the parade. The drawing for the Chateau will be held right after the Pinata party. The winning number will be announced in the following weeks paper. You must have your ticket to win, but you need not be present for the drawing.

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Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Albert Reagan of Merkel and J. E. Traweck Sr. of Midland. Great grandmother is Mrs. Lydia Hightower of New Mexico.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McKee of Amarillo, Texas and great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Murphree of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Lovelace of Graham.

Pat and Lois Galloway of Syracuse, N. Y. are announcing the birth of a son, Patrick Bryon, born Friday, October 21, 1977. He weighed 10 lbs. and 10 ozs. Bryon has an older brother Jayson Eric.

Maternal Grandparents are Mrs. Albert Reagan of Merkel and J. E. Traweck Sr. of Midland.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Galloway of La Fargeville, New York.

"No man is rich who wants any more than he has got."
Josh Billings

Merkel's 8th grade traveled to Stamford last Thursday to play football and that is exactly what they did in defeating Stamford 34-0. Again it was Gary Tutt leading the way with his second consecutive 200 yard plus game, and again scored three touchdowns.

It was a good team effort as Merkel dominated the contest from the beginning. On its 2nd offensive play the score was 6-0 on a pass from Danny Riggan to O. C. McKeehan, then try for two points was good and the score was 8-0.

The next time Merkel had the ball it took 5 plays on a trick play for the 6 points. The try for points was no good and the score stood at 14-0. That was the halftime score also.

Again it was on the 2nd offensive play, this time in the 3rd quarter, when Merkel put 6 on the board, Tutt went the distance well over 50 yards. The try for 2 was good with Leo

Ortega going over right guard from the necessary three yards out. The score was 22-0.

To round out the score, O. C. McKeehan scored a T. D. on a 12 yard power play over right guard. The P. A. T. was no good and the score was Merkel 28 and Stamford 0. Leo Ortega scored from six yards out again over right guard and again the P. A. T. was no good making the final score 34-0 Merkel.

Everyone played a fine game with some good efforts late in the ball game by Leo Ortega and Kevin Farmer. The offensive and defensive line did a good job all evening in blocking people and clogging up the holes.

The last two ball games the kids have played good football. They are going to have to continue playing good ball as Merkel plays Winters at Winters. This is going to be a tough ballgame, and if Merkel wins, it could mean a winning season.

Visits

Mrs. Floyd Fortner and wife, the former Lavena Harwell of Antioch, California have returned home after visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell, other visitors were Mrs. E. L. Harwell and daughter Mrs. Allen Larrent of

Abilene and Mrs. E. G. Bishop of Rochester, sister of Mrs. Harwell. Her granddaughter, Mrs. Latrese Nelson and son Donly of Hamlin. Mrs. Latrese Nelson also visited in the home of Mrs. B. W. Merritt, her grandmother.

Xi Nu Chi

"A lazy sheep thinks its wool heavy." Thomas Fuller

selects

Sweetheart

Xi Nu Chi has elected Mrs. Juan Ybarra "Valentine Sweetheart" for 1978. She is to be presented at a Valentine Ball in Abilene on February 11, when representatives from each chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Abilene area will be honored.

CHILDREN PICTURES TO BE TAKEN BY WINSTON B. LUCAS

It is an undisputed fact that the responsibilities of tomorrow's world our nation and community will rest upon the shoulders of the children of today. Since this is true, the publisher of this newspaper would like to give you a good look at these future "World Builders".

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An expert children's photographer with all the necessary equipment for this specialized work will be here Tuesday, November 8th. Pictures will be taken at Crawford's from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

No Charge to Parents There is no charge to the parents. There are absolutely no strings to this invitation. It is bonafide in every sense of the word. Parents do not have to be subscribers, nor even readers of this newspaper to take advantage of this feature. Neither are they obligated to purchase pictures after they are taken. Those who want some additional prints may obtain a limited number by arrangement with the studio representative when they select the pose they want printed in the paper. It is entirely up to them.

The More Pictures The Better

This paper simply wants pictures of all the youngsters and the more the better. So the mothers and fathers of the community in which this paper circulates should remember the date Tuesday, November 8th bring their children to the photographer.

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DATE	Varsity	Place	Time
2 September	Baird	There	8:00
9 September	Jim Ned	There	8:00
16 September	Roscoe	There	8:00
23 September	Eastland	Here	8:00
30 September	C. City	There	7:30
7 October	Ballinger	Here	7:30
14 October	Winters	There	7:30
October	Stamford	Here	7:30
2 October	OPEN		
4 November	Wylie	There	7:30
11 November	Coahoma	Here	7:30

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Lee Presswood, Principal

DATE	Junior Varsity & Ninth Grade	Place	Time
1 September	Baird JV	Here	7:30
8 September	Jim Ned NG	Here	7:30
15 September	Hawley JV	There	7:30
	Stamford NG	There	5:00
22 September	Eastland JV	There	7:30
	Hamlin NG	Here	5:30
29 September	Open		
6 October	Ballinger JV & NG	There	6:00 7:30
13 October	Winters JV	Here	7:30
	Hamlin NG	There	7:00
20 October	Stamford JV	There	7:00
	Wylie NG	There	7:30
27 October	Winters JV	There	7:30
	Rotan NG	Here	5:00
3 November	Wylie JV & NG	Here	6:00 7:30
10 November	Open		

Seventh - Eighth Grade

1 September	Baird	Here	6:00
8 September	Jim Ned	Here	5:00 6:00
15 September	Stamford	Here	5:00 6:00
22 September	Eastland	There	5:00 6:00
29 September	Open		
6 October	Ballinger	Here	6:00 7:30
13 October	Winters	Here	5:00 6:00
20 October	Stamford	There	4:30 5:30
27 October	Winters	There	5:00 6:00
3 November	Wylie	There	6:00 7:30
10 November	Open		

Coaches-Bob Patty, Russell Gee
Principal-John Cain



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- JACK SOUTH GRAIN**
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Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sept. 2	Talpa	There	8:00
Sept. 9	Benjamin	There	8:00
Sept. 16	Open		
Sept. 23	Blackwell	There	8:00
Sept. 30	Divide	Here	8:00
Oct. 8	McCaulley	Here	7:30
Oct. 14	Highland	Here	7:00
Oct. 21	Ira	There	7:00
Oct. 28	Hermleigh	There	7:00
Nov. 4	Hobbs	Here	7:00
Nov. 11	Zone Play-Off Game		

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FOOTBALL

College Night November 8th

Junior and senior students of high schools in the Big Country who are planning to go to college and the parents of these students will have the opportunity to meet and talk with representatives from various colleges, universities, and vocational training schools at a college night program at Abilene High School on Tuesday, November 8, at 7:00 p.m. Representatives from thirty-two institutions have been invited. In addition, representatives from the Army, Navy, and Air Force ROTC programs and a representative to discuss Financial Aid will participate in the program.

The evening program will begin in the auditorium where E. C. Ice, President of the Abilene High School Student Council, will preside. Mr. Walter Bryan, Assistant Superintendent for the Abilene Independent School District, will welcome the students and parents.

Following the general meeting in the auditorium, each student and parent will have an opportunity to attend three discussion groups of thirty minutes each to obtain information about three different colleges in which they are interested.

College representatives will discuss entrance requirements, application procedure, estimated

yearly cost, courses of study, types of housing available, financial aid, and other topics of concern to students and parents.

The colleges and universities which will be represented are: Abilene Christian University, Angelo State University, Austin College, Baylor University, Cisco Junior College, Hardin-Simmons University, Howard Payne College, Incarnate Word College, Lubbock Christian College, McMurry College, Mary Meek School of Nursing, Midland College, North Texas State University, Rice Un-

iversity, Southern Methodist University, Southwest Texas State University, Southwestern University, Tarleton State University, Texas A&M University, Texas Christian University, Texas Lutheran College, Texas Southern University, Texas State Technical Institute-Waco, Texas Tech University, Texas Woman's University, Trinity University, Tyler Junior College, University of Texas at Arlington, University of Texas at Austin, University of Texas at El Paso, West Texas State University, Western Texas College, Air Force ROTC, Army ROTC, Navy ROTC, Financial Aid.



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Burnis Powell Dies

Burnis Powell, 51, of Merkel was dead-on-arrival at 10 a.m. Monday at Hendrick Medical Center of an apparent heart attack. Services were at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Starbuck Funeral Home with the Rev. Temple Lewis, pastor of Tye Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born February 28, 1926, in Breckenridge, he was a retired transport driver. He married Lillian Strach July 13, 1963, in Snyder. He attended Merkel High School and had lived in the Merkel area most of his life. He was a Baptist. He was a Coast Guard veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Ronny of the home; two daughters, Cynthia Sellers of Dallas and Chryee Bright of Odessa; two stepsons, Gary and Richard Strach both of Dallas; two stepdaughters, Linda Hettler of Claypool, Ind., and Deanna Greer of Brownwood; a brother Kenneth of Bangs; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson of Rising Star; his mother in law, Mrs. Frankie Patterson of Dallas; and 11 grandchildren.

Gorilla Growl

By Penny Hatfield

The Trent Gorilla took on the Ira Bulldogs at Ira last Friday night. Trent defeated the Bulldogs in the fourth quarter when the game was called due to a 45 point spread. The Gorillas take on the Herleigh Cardinals this Friday at the Cardinals Stadium at 7:00. The pep rally is at 3:00. We hope everyone will come out and give these guys a big boost. Trent is 3-0 for the district.

The Halloween Carnival will be Monday 31, at the school. Carnation is in the gym. The booths will open after the carnation. We would like to invite everyone and watch out for the spooks.

November 1 will be the first basketball game. Trent will play Ira at Trent at 6:30. Junior High and High School girls will play.

Xi Nu Chi News

Several members of Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi headed to Abilene Sunday October 16 to see My Fair Lady. They had an enjoyable afternoon and will probably attend more plays in the future.

Members who went to Abilene to see the play were: Charlotte Starbuck, Louise Dubose, Kathy Leverich, Betty Allday, Opal Garner, Bob Garner, and Christy Brady as guest.



It is said that a bird raised in captivity without hearing the song of its species develops only a simple approximation of the wild song.



The largest bell ever cast is the Czar Kolokol in Moscow, weighing 200 tons. Though it was made in 1733, it has never been rung.

Spanish Shipwreck Exhibit Opens in Raymondville

mondville, on October 30, 1977.

Through the use of artifacts, maps, drawings, photographs and other interpretive materials, the display recounts the story of three Spanish ships which foundered off Padre Island in late Spring, 1554.

The shipwrecks, partially salvaged by a Spanish expedition that same year and later damaged by treasure hunters, still provide a revealing view of 16th-century Spain and the New World. Incorporated into the exhibit are hundreds of artifacts recovered from the vessels.

The display resulted from an extensive archeological project begun eight years ago by the Antiquities Committee. Several groups have cooperated with the State agency to complete the project.

These include the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory, the University of Texas at Austin, where artifacts were sent for conservation and recording; Old Spanish Missions Research Library at Mission San Jose, San

Antonio, which was contracted to research and translate 16th-century documents relating to the shipwrecks; and the Institute of Texas Cultures, the University of Texas at San Antonio, which designed and constructed the exhibit.

From the shipwrecks, which were investigated by the TAC Underwater Archeological Research Section, have come a wealth of items including anchors, wood fragments, cannon, tools, gold ornaments, silver coins and discs, navigational instruments, eating utensils, rope, and even some preserved food fragments.

"Treasure, People, Ships and Dreams" will travel to major museums in the state after a month's stay in Raymondville. The exhibit is scheduled to visit Corpus Christi, San Antonio, El Paso, Lubbock, Canyon, Fort Worth, Dallas, Austin and Houston over the next three years.

A smaller traveling show including text and illustrations but without artifacts also will be available for display in schools and smaller public buildings. This show may be booked through the Institute of Texas Cultures. Illustrated exhibit catalogs containing the history of the 1554 fleet will be sold at host museums.

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A Referendum in Texas

The bankers of Texas have an opportunity to get out and explain to the public just what banking does these days.

For on Nov. 8, the voters of Texas will approve or reject a resolution, already passed by both houses of the legislature, to let commercial banks, starting in 1979, offer banking service through electronic machines at locations apart from the bank.

The proposal is well written, embodying opportunities for sharing of terminals on a reasonable nondiscriminatory basis, insuring that antitrust laws are not violated, and in other ways protecting the independent banks of the state.

But the basic point that bankers in Texas recognize as they face this referendum is that if the public turns down the proposition, it will be at least two years more — in 1981 or even in 1983, the next biannual meeting of the legislature after that — that the banks of the Lone Star state again will have the opportunity to offer electronic banking to the public.

As in so many of our states at present, the danger to commercial banking from this delay stems from the fact that the thrift institutions — the savings and loans and the credit unions — are subject to no such limitation. Rather, at least one credit union already offers remote electronic banking through point-of-sale terminals at a grocery chain in its state.

Texas is not unusual in that a decision has to be made about electronic funds transfer and remote terminals. But it is the first state to our knowledge in which the bankers must go out and sell electronic banking to the voters and explain to them what it is, what it will do, and how it will serve the public without damaging the independent banking structure of the state.

Considering that the public understands little about banking in any event, this is quite a challenge for the state's bankers. Plans for their referendum campaign are described in an article from Austin, Tex., elsewhere in this issue.

To be sure, there may well be bankers in Texas who oppose enabling legislation for electronic banking. After all, even though it is a holding company state, it also is a state that has prohibited branching because of the desire to protect independent banks. And there are those who feel that electronic banking, even with mandatory sharing and protection rules, might harm the independent stature of the state's unit banks.

But to us, the more significant part of the problem is the time frame that is involved. For if the referendum is defeated, it means that it will be at least four years more before the banks of Texas have the opportunity to utilize electronic banking, since the legislature only meets every other year.

Four years in banking today is a long time — far too long to want to be saddled with any set procedure that can not be changed in the meantime.

For perspective, it must be remembered that the original Hinky Dinky experiment of First Federal Savings and Loan of Lincoln, Neb., is not yet four years old. And look at what has happened to electronic banking in much of the nation in that time.

If Texas bankers do not want to find themselves locked in with technology that may be outdated, while their competitors can install new equipment and get the public adapted to using the savings and loan or credit union for convenient electronic banking, they must get the resolution passed.

Seldom do bankers have to come so directly to the public and sell their point of view, explaining to the voters just what banking does and what this means for the man on the street.

It is quite a challenge to bankers even to get other members of their profession to agree on changes in this fast moving industry.

The public is generally against anything it does not understand. So the bankers of Texas have an urgent reason to explain what banking is and why equality with the credit unions and the savings and loans on this important issue is in the public interest.

Merkel School News

By Milly Bright - Media Coordinator

This week's football schedule:

Varsity October 28th OPEN
Jr. Varsity Oct. 27th Winters There 7:30
Ninth Grade Oct. 27th Rotan Here 5:00

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Eighth Grade Oct. 27th Winters There 6:00
Seventh Grade Oct. 27th Winters There 5:00

PTO Membership Contest will end November 22nd. The room with the highest percent of adults in each building will be awarded a coke party. Dues are \$1 per adult. Send the money to your child's homeroom teacher.

MERKEL PTO HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL - CORNATION FRIDAY OCTOBER 28th at 6:00 in the High School Auditorium. The carnival will begin after the cornation in the old gym. Everyone is invited.

TYE PTO HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL - Thursday October 27th. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served starting at 5:30. The Carnival will start at 6:30. Wonder who will be on that Ducking Booth!!

Congratulations for a very successful homecoming. The bon fire was fun, the parade was good, and the pep rally was inspiring. A lot of hard work was done by the Homecoming Exes Committee. It was appreciated by all. Good Work. Congratulations Pam Morgan for being selected homecoming Queen for 1977.

In last week's paper, Pam Douglas was left off of the A Honor Roll. We are very sorry about this. If their were others please let us know. We are proud of the academic achievement of those on the Honor Rolls. If you see these students around town, tell them how proud you are of them. This is a high achievement, and one to be proud of.

Merkel Art Association News

The Merkel Art Association is sponsoring an art demonstration Thursday, October 27th at the First United Methodist Church. It will be given by Bernice Landrum of Abilene. There will be no charge to members of the Merkel Art Association. There will

be a charge of \$3.00 per person for non members.

TBA Position Paper On Proposition Six

Banking By Use of Electronic Devices or Machines

The Texas Bankers Association believes that consumers across the State of Texas will benefit greatly by the passage of Proposition Six, the electronic banking amendment, by the voters of Texas on November 8, 1977.

The amendment will ap-

pear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to give the legislature the power to authorize state and national banks to exercise banking and discounting privileges by use of electronic devices or machines."

Specific rules for regu-

lating electronic banking will be established by the 66th State Legislature meeting in 1979. Many laws, rules and regulations originate in Washington and do not always recognize or protect the best interests of Texans. Passage of the electronic banking amendment at the state level will allow our Legislature in Austin to establish the guidelines for off-premises electronic banking so that the best interests of Texans are protected.

Passage of the amendment will not bring an abrupt change in banking procedures. Passages will provide for the orderly evolution of electronic banking in Texas.

Electronic banking will not replace bank service now enjoyed by millions of Texans but will provide convenient banking options for those customers who choose to use them. Customers who prefer to use cash or checks may continue to do so or, at their option, they may use a combination of cash, checks and electronic transfers.

The purpose of the electronic banking amendment is to offer greater banking convenience to consumers across Texas. Electronic banking will allow, at the customer's option, an alternate method of paying bills, or purchasing goods and services, or making deposits. After passage of the enabling legislation in 1979, customers who so choose may do their banking at multiple locations twenty four hours a day seven days a week.

Merkel Middle School Announces Girl and Boy of the Month for Sept. & Oct.

Each year, Merkel Middle School chooses a boy and a girl of the month from each grade level. These boys and girls are chosen by the faculty based on their grades, citizenship, attitude, initiative, and academic achievements. They are as follows:

September
6th grade - Judy Jinkins, Wayne Horton; 7th grade - Linda Holmes, Eddie Martin, 8th grade - Yvonne Sinney, Edward Herrera.

October
6th grade - Denise Pack, Mike McCoy, 7th grade - Tina Bicknell, Alan Green, 8th grade - Maria Moreno, Larry Hines.

Trent Board of Trustees Announcement

The Board of Trustees of the Trent Independent School District, in order to best serve the interests of the young people of the Trent Public Schools, is now leasing lots for mobile

homes and selling lots for construction of homes.

For detailed information contact the office of the Superintendent, P. O. Box 105, Trent, Texas 79561 or call 862-2411 or 862-3411.

Lambda Beta News

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, October 18th in the home of Robbie Hicks. The program, "Goals and Training" was given by Milly Bright and Ann Doan. Following the program the committee reports were given.

Refreshments were served to the following: Annette Clark, Robbie Hicks, Gloria Henslee, Milly Bright, Minyon Seymour, Sarah Lucas, Chera

Hohertz, Barbara Welch, Glenda Teaff, Mary Hill, Judy Elliott, Bobby Elliott, Ginny Yaddow, and Ann Doan.

Xi Nu Chi News

Senior Citizens News

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, October 18 at the Abilene Savings Building. Hostess for the night was Kathy Leverich.

Jocille Brady, president, opened the meeting with the opening ritual. Committee reports and city council reports were given. City Council by laws were revised and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Program for the night was on Queen Elizabeth, with Elizabeth Eager as captain and Connie Harris co-captain.

After the meeting refreshments were served to the following members: Mamie Steck, Pat Castille, Betty Allday, Connie Harris, Liz Eager, Jocille Brady, Charlotte Starbuck, Louise Dubose, Kathy Leverich, Connie Ybarra, and Opal Garner.

The Senior Citizens will have a program Thursday night October 27th. A good program has been planned. Everyone is invited. There will be a pot luck supper Halloween night. Our next luncheon will be November 15th.

Visits

Mrs. Truman Carey and Mrs. Carl Carey, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Brooks of Abilene, Margie Bird of Arlington and Patti Bird, visited the O. R. Carey, Sr. Family in Lubbock over the weekend.



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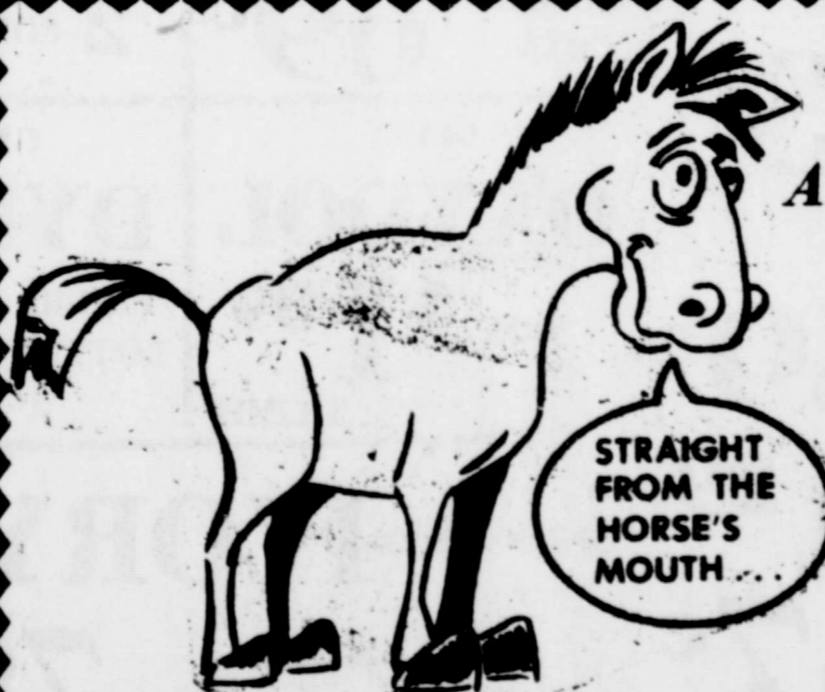
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