The F. H. A. HERO Club of MHS elected officers Friday, September 8, 1978. They are the following: Pres. Debbie Phillips, 1st V. Pres. Rena Reeves, 2nd V Pres. Kaye Lynn Butman, Recording Sec. Lesa Hart, Sec. Danna Russell, Treasurer Carla Shelton, Reporter Suzy Beaird, Sgt. at Arms David Wharton, Parleamentarian Evelyn Costa, Song Leader Suzanne Byrd, Historian Tommie Santee and Reporter Suzy Beaird.



Thursday, Sept. 14, 1978

The Badger Booster Club is now meeting each Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in portable classroom no. 3 at the high school.

New officers elected for the year are Calvin Wolf, president; Rosey Castille, vice president; and Jane Jones, secretary and treasurer.

Memberships are now open and those interested may contact Pat Castille, R. Lee Brown, Vaughn Doan, Art Herra or John Brady

Everyone is invited to join the Badger Booster

15 Cents

48 attend citizens meeting ; discuss upcoming bond vote

by Cloy A. Richards

A crowd of approximately 48 people attended a concerned citizens meeting held by a newly formed political group in the Tye area. Members of the Merkel School Board and Dr. Raymond Etheridge, superintendent of schools attended and answered questions heard from the floor.

Etheridge opened the meeting by calling for a couple of changes. He said that from his six months of observations in this school district, he has found misunderstandings and a lack of communications. To help solve those problems, Etheridge announced plans to create an advisory council composed of a teacher, himself, and two citizens, to be elected. That council is planned to discuss issues, find solutions to school problems and Etheridge said, "This will work if we give it

Etheridge explained the called for construction in the bond proposal as well as general repairs and fire code work needed District wide.

Etheridge also announced growth figures for recent years. Etheridge reported that in 1972-73 there were 784 students in the Merkel ISD, 73-74, 768; 74-75, 829; 75-76, 891; 76-77, 958; 77-78, 1019, as of today, 1017, a decrease of two and there are 11 less children in kindergarten in this district this

After Etheridge made those statements, the floor was open for questions. The citizens from

the Merkel High School Auditorium at 7:30.

physical facility needs of the students.

district wide are also included.

the Tye Hementary school cafeteria.

construction.

School District.

By Cloy A. Richards

overlooked.

issues need to become worthy.

Those are the anti-factions

approval of the bond.

concerning Saturday's 1.4 million bond election.

A town meeting has been scheduled for tonight (Thursday) in

The main topic for the evening is discussion of details

Dr. Raymond Etheridge will make a presentation concerning the

The bond calls for the construction of a new high school, a

vocational agriculture all purpose facility, a multi-purpose,

all-weather facility for the Merkel Middle School and a physical

education-atheletic facility. Runds for general improvements

A representative of the architectural firm of Charles

The financial advisor for the school will also be there to answer

questions concerning increased tax assessments pending

The election is scheduled for 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday.

Voters may cast their ballots at the Merkel High School Gym and

The meeting is open to all citizens of the Merkel Independent

I wish you folks would have picked an easier

The upcoming Bond election smacks with all

And this my friend, is all about a worthy issue. There are four sides as I see it, and I have

heard very good arguments concerning all four. There is a faction that says \$1.4 is not enough

money to do all the things that need to be done.

There is a faction that says \$1.4 is too much money and they can't bear the tax increase.

And there is a faction that feels they are being

There is a faction that is all for the bond issue.

As I said earlier, there are points that each side has that makes sense if you look at it objectively.

The voters of the district have a dicision to

make. It will be a hard enough decision to make

the romance and emotion that multi-faceted

issue to introduce me to the local political scene.

Whatever your feelings . . .

Harper and Associates in Witchita Falls will answer

questions on the technical aspects of the planned

Tye are concerned because they feel they have been left out of the upcoming bond elections. The group also made it known that they wanted to retain their elementary school, keep it in good fashion and do some repair work on the existing facilities.

The Tye group, known as the "Citizens for Community Awareness" also wanted to know how the passage of the \$1.4 million bond issue would help Tye. One school board member said that the board always kept the best interests of Tye in mind in any actions taken. A board member also said that when the bond passes, money that would normally have to be spent for repairs on facilities, that are scheduled for destruction, will leave more monies for repair and maintainance work district wide.

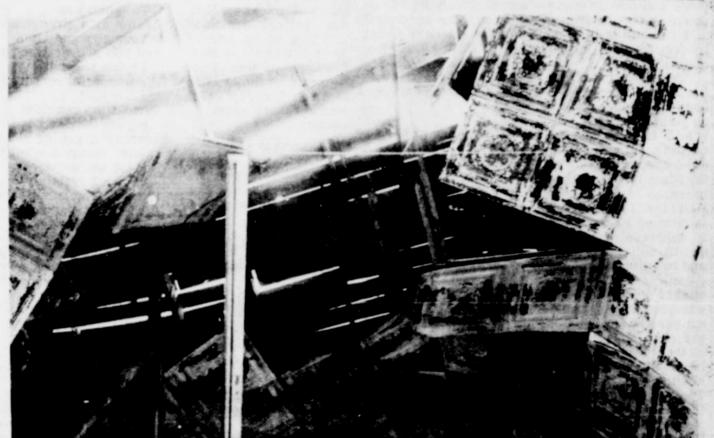
One citizen from the Tye group said that citizens there were faced with the possibility of having growth stop if there wasn't some expenditures on existing facilities in Tye. The citizen said that people would not move into an area if the younger children had to be sent somewhere else for school. (There are no plans to close any of the existing facilities in Tye.)

Although the citizens committee and the board members might disagree on some points in the bond election, the meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere and tempers were maintained at all

IOWN

meeting

tonight



The roof fell in on the Osco Jr. College Building in Merkel Labor Day night.

The 10 classes that are now meeting every week have been moved temporarily to the portable

buildings at the High School. The Millingers Brothers, owners of the building, are meeting with the insurance company now. (Staff photo by Melanie Richards)

Homecoming schedule

The Badger Homecoming plans are being made for ex-students of Merkel High School.

On Sept. 22, ex-students may register from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Building. A parade will and a pep rally will be held in front of the Merkel Drug Co. The Badgers face Clyde in the 8 p.m. contest and a coffee, hosted by the

On Saturday, a registration will be held at the school cafeteria from 10 until 11 a.m., a dinner is scheduled from 11 until 1:30 p.m. catered by the L&W Snack Bar followed by entertainment and a business meeting.

Trophies will be given for best float in the be held at 2:45 that day homecoming parade, best decorated entry by a child, and the best entry by a High School

Due to the lack of time, no notices will be mailed and the homecoming committee is depending upon the word being passed around.

Bill Brauen, Mr. and

Mrs. Ed Reed, Big

Country Inn, Mr. and

Mrs. O.H. Dorees, Mrs.

Craig Humphries, Mr.

and Mrs. H.R. McKee-

Fibrosis drive

Becky Herrera, Lone Star Chapter Chairman will be in charge of for Cystic Fibrosis, and North of Tye; Barbara her volunteer helpers are ready for "Kiss Your Baby" Campaign weekend.

These ladies are donating their time to collect help children in the future to conquer this

lung disease. When volunteers call on you this weekend, consider making a donation and checks made to the Cystic Fibrosis

Foundation are deduc-

table.

Mrs. James Barley Kotrlik Mulberry Creek, Ann Adams south side; Mrs. Cade and Beverly Herrera Tye town; Jo Ann Moore and Pat Wells Vailey High Park for this case that will and Glenda Pence El-

Cystic Fibrosis may be mistaken for asthma, pneumonia or allergies.

If there is a salty taste when you kiss your baby, this may be an indication of Cystic Fibrosis and a doctor should be consulted.

Merchants meeting

chants Association will meet September 18th at the Big Country Inn at 7

The association will discuss the possibilities

The Merkel Mer- of a 'Gong Show' type talent show and other future projects.

All Merkel merchants are invited and those attending may order

Getting it right

slipped by. It was reported that Jason Bennett called in a contri-

bution. Eight - year-old

In our Jerry Lewis Jason did not call in a telethon story on page contribution, he collectone last week a mistake ed \$28 from going door to door for the telethon.

> The Mail regrets the error

class of 58 after the game at the school cafeteria.

Ambulance donations The Merkel ambu-

lance fund is within

ing the magic amount

for the community to

\$3,000 dollars of reach-

purchase a new ambulance. The following donations have been made to the fund: Farmers & Merchants National Bank, KBGG Radio,

dations, Mr. and Mrs.

ver, Merkel Apartments Limited and Naomi and Mrs. L.B. Hester. Merkel Industrial Foun-

Donations may be made at the Farmers & Merchants National Bank or at City Hall.

The only thing I don't want to see happen is this issue to tear wide gaps in certain segements of this community. Disagreements are fine and probably healthy, but we must remember that we are all in this together and we all have one vote.

City council makes purchases

The Merkel City Council met Friday and approved plans to clean up a dirty problem.

The pumps at the town's sewage facility are worn out. One pump out of four is functioning properly so sewage treatment capabilities were slowed.

City Manager J.A. Sadler requested the council to approve a

\$3,090 request for the purchase of two pumps. Sadler said the pumps that are worn operated for 13 years and the

is about 10 years. Sadler said the situation was of an emergency nature and counal acted promptly and approved the motion. Sadler said that a few

required to install the pumps, but that all set fixtures would adapt to the new pumps.

and read the reports.

average life expectancy The Council also approved approximately \$800 for new fire hoses for the Merkel Fire Department. The city will buy 300 feet of one and one half inch hose and the same amount of modifications would be two and one half inch

without the facts. I urge you to attend the citizens

meeting tonight, urge you to study what construction is called for if the Bond is approved.

You may come to the Mail during business hours

But think long and hard in the next couple of days. The best thing I have heard said about this

issue is a quote I will steal from Raymond

Etheridge, Review the facts, think of the kids and

If you don't make it by the Tye Elementary

School Cafeteria, or the Merkel High School Gym Saturday then, as I see it, you won't really have a

good basis for disagreeing with whatever dicision

The city also approved plans to send a man around part time to see what can be done about potholes. The council decided against utilizing Texas National Guard personnel and equipment for city street repairs because insurance costs per weekend would run around \$400.



Fun, rides, shows, and food at the fair. See related stories on page 6.

(Staff photo by glenn Richards)

Club tea held

The Lambda Beta

Chapter of Beta Sigma

Phi held their Beginning

Day Tea, August 27th.

Bobbye Elliott hosted

the tea in her home and

Activities at the tea

included a presentation

of the coming year's

badges by Gloria Hens-

lee. Mary Hill handed

out to the members the

new year books, which

are dedicated to all the

past presidents of the

Lambda Beta Chapter.

Many of these past

presidents continue to

be active in either the Xi

Nu Chi or the Lambda

Beta Chapters in Mer-

kel. The Theme of the

coming year was an-

nounced; "Seek New Horizens", and commit-

tee chairmen gave out-

lines of the coming

Those present were

Milly Bright, Bobbye

Elliott, Judy Elliott,

Gloria Henslee, Mary

Hill, Nancy Hogan, Ka-

ren Riley, Kay Teaff,

and Barbara Welch.

year's activities.

refreshments were

served.

August 27

Newsbriefs

Reid receives B.B.A.

Jeffery Clyde Reid received his B. B. A. from West Texas State University at the 1978 summer graduation. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reid of Canyon and formerly of Merkel. Reid is the grandson of

Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Reid. Jeffery is presently associated with his father in the construction business

Car insurance

rates up

Taylor county residents will bite an eight dollar car insurance rate computing to a 3.2 percent increase in pre-

The adjustments to the rates charged for insurance will be made on policies written Nov. 1 and thereafter, according to new schedules adopted Sept. 6 by the State Board of Insu-

Of the forty rating territories in the state, 20 will receive increases, 18 will be reduced

and two will not change. Insurance industry requests for increases were for an average of 8.9 per cent on passenger cars, and the total on that basis would have been \$95 million in additional premiums. The amount granted by the board is a \$35 million increase, about \$60 million less than was sought by the insurance industry

Melton dismissed

Clarence Melton of Merkel was dismissed recently from Hendrick Medical Center. Edgar Patterson, of Merkel was admitted to the West Texas Medical Center last weekend Both hospitals hold visiting hours from 2 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. David

Anderson will celebrate

their 71st wedding anni-

versary on September

15 with a small family

party scheduled at their

The Andersons met at

a "candy breaking" in

1906, south of Tye and

1907. They have lived in

their married lives. Mr.

Anderson was born Oc-

Gap. Mrs. Anderson was

born Callie Jones of

Leadhill, Ark. Nov. 26,

1892 and came to Texas

with her parents in 1905.

The Andersons have

two children: Mrs. Ruth Campbell of Merkel and

Mrs. Odelle Anderson of

Burkville; five grand-

home Saturday.

under 13 are not permitted to visit.

Show and sale

The Blue Ribbon Swine Breeders Association will hold the third annual show and sale Saturday, September 16 at the Dorthea Griffin Show Arena. Sale will begin at 7 p.m. preceded by sift and show at 10:30

There will be 200 club pig prospects, boars and gilds. All breeds and crosses will be represented. The judge will be J.D. Smith from Roscoe. The auctioneer will be Kenneth Gregg from Plainview. For more information call Billy Kniffen, Clyde, 915-893-4275 or 915-893-

Warrens return

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Warren have returned from a long weeks trip to Alberquque. While there, the Warrens stayed with Mrs. Warren's 92 year old sister.

The Warrens also visited other relatives in

Grants approved

Governor Dolph Briscoe has approved three criminal justice grants affecting Taylor County. They are:

--\$57,394 to Taylor County for the Big Country Foundation, a juvenile detention facility; -\$27,723 to Abilene for

Crisis Center, and --\$31,588 to the West Central Texas Council of Governments for criminal justice pla ning

continuation of the Rape

Two arrested

Anderson's celebrating

were married Sept. 15, and Mrs. Odell Ander-

Taylor County all of bell; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry

tober 16, 1887 in Cedar Mrs. Jim Young of

Two Anson women were arrested here last Wednesday as they at-

children, and two great

grandchildren. They at

Church in Merkel.

tend the First Baptist

Mrs. Anderson keeps

the lawn and the flowers

and they both enjoy

working in their garden.

celebration are: Mr.

son; Mrs. Ruth Camp-

Garrett; Marc and Pau-

la of Victoria; Mr. and

Goliad: Mr. and Mrs.

Phil Seiler of Goliad;

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky

Campbell of Victoria;

Mr. and Mrs. Bill

Campbell of New

Braunfels; Mr. and Mrs

Danny Willy of Odessa

and Mr. and Mrs. Buddy

Hunter of Merkel.

Those attending the

tempted to leave the Ben Franklin Store in

Merk el. Merkel Police Chief Leroy Austerman made the arrests after receiving a call from a Ben Franklin employee.

Betty Morison and Wanda Shellman were apprehended at 11:40 a.m. Wednesday and possesed \$70 worth of merchandise.

The two were released on Bond.

Upcoming Art tea

The Merkel Art Association will sponsor a welcoming tea, on Monday, September 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the Abilene Savings Branch at Merkel. The business of the hour will be the election of new officers. All members are urged to

License check

The Merkel Police Department will be conducting a license check periodically.

Fair horse show results

Area winners in the West Texas Fair Horse Show include: Geldings 1974 or before, Sundown Pepper owned by Bennie Carrol of Tye, shown by Rodney Carrol. Sundown Pepper was also named the grand champion gelding.

Also winning in the Junior Angus Show Division is Buster Brown, Merkel, showing Badlands Black Cap W88.

130 million

The state earned more than \$130 million in interest this year according to state treasurer Warren G. Harding

Lambda Beta Meets

A meeting of the Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi was held September 5th in the home of Barbara Welch. Judy Elliott and Kay Teaff presented a

program on the subject of "Growing Up". The members discussed upcoming activities and

refreshments were serv-

Those present were Milly Bright, Ann Doan, Bobbye Elliott, Judy Elliott, Gloria Henslee, Mary Hill, Nancy Hogan, Chera Hohhertz, Sarah Lucas, Karen Riley, Minyon Seymore, Kay Teaff, and Barbara

Poem to the Editor

Dear Editor, Friends in Merkel and West Texas

You are so nice I want

To thank you. I came as a stranger to Your city and land, And you are so friendly

To this old man. It's wonderful here and All is well,

But it's the beautiful People that makes it so swell. The city is getting old and Some things are not mod,

But for the wonderful People I certainly thank God.

I'm not complaining about The city as such, For I love all of it so

Very much. I have a good job, a good Church and good friends, And I thank God for all

That He sends. I know you are busy, But I wanted to say,

Thank you friends for Making my day. In our life span we meet

Good folks and bad, But only nice ones are Here and for this I'm glad. You many not know me but We're not strangers yet,

You're just a friend I Haven't met. May God Bless you all as You go on your way,

And I say to one and all,

'Have a nice day.' "If you meet me and forget me, you have lost nothing. If you meet Jesus Christ and forget Him, you have lost everthing.'

Always Your Friend, Don Neugent 403 Kent

attend

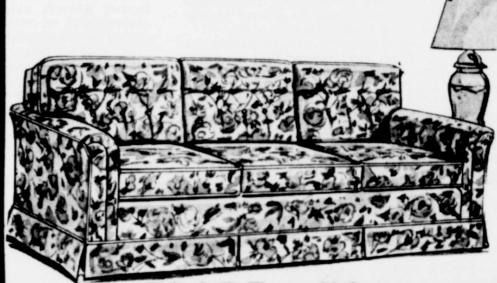
The children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. (Bob)

Brazelton will be hosts for a 50th Wedding

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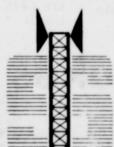
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30-1tp

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29-4tp

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My husband and I would like to extend our thanks to every one for the many acts of kindness and thoughtfulness during my recent surgery. Friends are wonderful and so comforting. God Bless each one. Ouida and H.C. Reid

Due to an oversite of the Mekel Mail, this card of thanks was accidently left out last week. The Mail regrets the error.

30-1tp

The family of Simmons Tarpley Callaway wish to express our sincere thanks for all kind deeds shown at the time of the illness and death of our beloved mother. All prayers, visits, cards, food, floral offerings and contributions given in her memory are Pee. deeply appreciated.

We especially thank Dr. Torres and the staff at Anson General Hospital and the Leisure Lodge for their care and concern while she was with them. Also for Tommy South, Minister of the Anson Church of Christ, for the beautiful Memo-

rial service. May God's Blessings be with each of you for your thoughtfulness in our time of sorrow. 30-1tp

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After exhaustive planning and study, your elected representatives on the Merkel ISD school board have put together a package plan that will serve our communities educational needs in such a a manner that we can all be proud of. At the same time, your school board has never lost sight of the fact that while we all want the best education possible for our children, it must be something that we as a community can afford!

We feel that the bond issue that will be presented for your approval Saturday, September 16 will pass with your help. You will be voting for a school system we can all be proud of and for a school system this community of hard working axpayers can afford.

How will the \$1,400,000 bonds be financed?

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33,333	20,000	314.00	374.00		60.00
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ABOUT THE ELECTION

. When will the election be held?

2. Who may vote?

September 16,1978, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Any resident of the Merkel Inependent School District who is a registered voter.

.3. Where can I vote?

Residents of the district who live in Taylor County voting precints 20, 24, 25, 27, 28 and 34 or in Jones County will vote at the Merkel School Gymnasium, Markel, Texas. *

Residents of the district who live in Taylor County precints numbers 21,22, 21, 22, 37, and 50 will vote at the Tye Elementary school cafeteria, Tye, Texas. *

* Your voter registration certificate identifies the voting precints you live in.

SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITIONS

NEW CONSTRUCTION

New high school, 22,500 square feet
New middle school gym, 8,000 square feet
New vocational agriculture shop, 3,100 square feet
New multi-purpose room 1,500 square feet

RENOVATIONS

New heating and air conditioning for the Merkel Elementary and middle schools Repairs and fulfilling state fire code regulations

Estimated cost of project and ammount of \$1,400,000 bond issue

VOTE FOR X MERKEL ISD BOND ISSUE

Paid for by committee for improved schools Merkel ISD, George English Sec. Treasurer



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Karen Vinsent of Witchita Falls is the new band director here in Merkel. Karen is a graduate of Midwestern University where she majored in

Music Education.

Her teaching assignment includes two fifth grade classes, one here in Merkel and the other in Trent, sixth grade band, a junior high band that includes both 7th and 8th grades, and the High School band. The high school band will be marching about 32 members. Karen is single.



The new English I & IV teacher, Thelma Roberts is a recent graduate of A.C.U. with a major in Educational Psychology and English. Thelma has received experience as a teachers aide in McClennon Independent School District this summer.

When asked if she likes the area, Thelma replied, "I'm having a good time and everyone is real friendly." Thelma is single.



Gary Bartee is another new teacher that will be taking on teaching as well as a coaching job. Gary graduated from Texas Tech University in 1974. He has taught at Hamlin High School where he was the Head Basketball Coach, a job he will take over here at Merkel when the time comes. Gary has lived in the Big Country since birth, being born in Albany. The Biology department and assistant football coach will join in with Tennis and Basketball as Gary's duties. Gary is married and has three children, ages 6, 2, and 1.

New teachers

Jr high news

This week's football schedule is as follows: Sept. 14th- 7th grade Anson Here 5:00, 8th grade Anson Here 6:30.

There are four new staff members at MMS. Mrs. Lila Chafey is teaching sixth grade English, Sixth grade Reading and 7th grade Reading. She received her B.A. in Elementary Education from Louisiana Tech University and her M. Ed. as Reading Specialist from Hardin-Simmons University. Mrs. Chafey's husband, Frank, is a pilot at Dyess AFB. They have two children, Rick, who is a senior at North Texas State University, majoring in Medical Technology and a daughter, Jeannene who is married and living in Abilene.

Mrs. Chafey has four years teaching experience. Mrs. Billye Wilkerson is Mrs. Chafey's Title I Reading Aide. Mrs. Wilkerson attended Abilene Christian College and has lived in Merkel seven years. Her husband, Wyman, is a sales representative for Hydratex Industries. They have four children, Mark age 20, Kyle age 18 and a freshman at ACU, Dion age 16 and a junior at MHS, and David age 14, a freshman at MHS. Mrs. Wilkerson has been a regular substitute teacher for Merkel ISD for the past two years.

Mr. Sam Jernigan is teaching 7th grade Texas History, 8th grade Science and is the 8th grade coach. Mr. Jernigan received his B.S. in Physical Education and History from McMurry College. Mr. Jernigan and his wife, Bonnie, live in Mountain View Estates Northeast of Merkel.

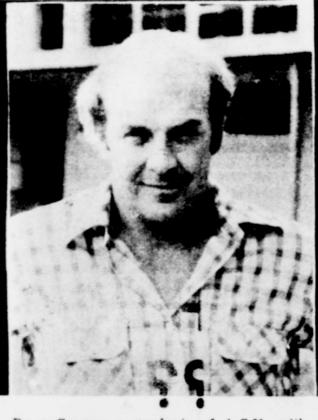
Mr. Chuck Bell is teaching 7th grade science, 6th grade physical education, and is the 7th grade coach. Mr. Bell attended McMurry College where he studied Biology, Chemistry, and played on the varsity football team. Mr. Bell's father was a missionary in Brazil where his family lived for ten years.

Mrs. Minyon Seymore is the MMS secretary. Mrs. Seymore attended Texas Tech. Her husband, Phil, is a farmer and they make their home here in Merkel with their three and one-half year old daughter, Shelly. Mrs. Seymore has been with Merkel ISD for seven and one-half years, as a teacher aide, substitute teacher, and secretary. She was Merkel High School Secretary last year.

Teachers have gone over the Badger Guide with each student. Each MMS Student has a copy which gives the school calendar, the organization of the school, school regulations, and school policies. Each teacher has a conference period during the day. Parents, please feel free to call and set a time to talk with your child's teacher.



Milton Bradev is the new Physical Science teacher at the high school this year. Originally from Salt Lake City, Mr. Bradey has been living in Abilene for the past 10 years. Having graduated from McMurry in 78, this is Mr. Bradey's first teaching job. Mr. Bradey is married with two child en, ages 4 and 2.



Doug Guynes a graduate of A.C.U. with a major in Physical Education, will be teaching Fundamentals of Math at the High School this year.

Doug will also have various coaching assignments. With experience coming from Head Coach of Football at Blanket High School, he will take over the 1st assistant coach position here. Having coached Basketball at Loraine High School, Doug will assume the responsibilities of the ninth grade basketball team. When Spring rolls around, Doug will be heading up the track department at Merkel High School. Doug is single.



Tye kindergarten news

What is that noise? Where is all that chattering coming from? Do I hear laughter? Yes! Now I hear footsteps in the hall, many of them-Oh my it must be that time again, all the children are coming back its---school time again!!! (So soon?) My, the summer went so fast, but all the teachers look rested and eager to begin a new year. Some went to Hawaii and Las Vegas, Ruido: and a 14 day camping trip in a new trailer. Some went to Colorado and some went to the beach. Some visited their grandchildren.

I was peeping in the first grade room and saw a new teacher. She seems very delighted and anxious to get to meet her new charges. Her name is Beverly Reed and she takes the place of Mrs. Mitchell who moved to teaching Reading classes. Everyone else will be at the same "old stand" but some with many, many children this

year. Kindergarten is blooming as ever with 29 pupils this year. They are all so cute and busy I guess you could multiply by 2 and see what it really feels like.

Everyone has something to say and can't wait to talk so they all do it at the same time.

The first day at school went extremely well this year considering the crowded rooms and all. Maybe that is a "sign" of good things to follow or a cold winter or something. Seems like everyone I hear talking is telling about the "signs" of a hard winter--two sets of blooms on the mesquite trees, doves flying straight up, thick shucks on roasting ears, heavy fur on horses and all animals. I have even seen (already) 2 flocks of geese flying south and that was late August.

Enough of the weather prediction. Hope everyone has a good year.

Go Badgers--Have a winning year.

See ya when you don't see me--The Schoolhouse Mouse



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the upcoming bond election? (The spray is really for eliminating mosquitoes.) (Staff photo by

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2. I'm too old to serve the Lord (Genesis 18:9-12). God's Reply: Genesis 18:13, 14.
3. I'm too limited in abilities to serve the Lord (Exodus 3:11). God's Reply: Exodus 3:12.
4. I'm too bashful to speak, I can't serve the Lord (Exodus 4:10). God's Reply: Exodus 4:11, 12.

5. I can't serve the Lord, I'm too busy (Luke 14:16-20). God's Reply: Get others in their place (Luke 14:21).

-Michael J. Peck, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Westfield, New York

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5. WILL WE HAVE ENOUGH ROOM FOR STUDENTS IN 5 YEARS ???

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Legal Notice

BY PUBLI-CATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Joe Sheppherd, Respondent

GREETINGS YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District 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 Patrick Xavier Prew and Melinda Ann Prew, Petitioners, filed in said Court on the 29th day of August, 1978, against Joe Sheppherd, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 1397-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Staci Lee Rowe, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to terminate the parent child relationship between Staci Lee Rowe

and Joe Sheppherd. Said

Alv in Jefferson Smith.

55, of 2949 Russell,

Abilene, formerly of

Merkel, died at 6:15

p.m. Tuesday in the Big

Spring Veterans Admin-

stration Hospital after

a lengthy illness. Ser-

vices were held Friday

at 4 p.m. in the Starbuck

Funeral Home Chapel

The Rev. Joe Davis,

pastor of the Calvary

Baptist Church, officiat-

ed. Burial was in Rose

Born September 1st,

1943, in Merkel, he had

lived most of his life in

Taylor County. He was

an employee of the

Texas Highway Depart-

ment for 35 years. He

married Marilyn Shoe-

maker in 1947 here. He

was a member of the

Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his

wife and three daugh-

ters. Linda Hardin and

Trudy Davidson, both of

Abilene, and Denise

Brantner of Austin, his

mother Minnie of Mer-

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The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same accord ing to the requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 31st day of August, 1978.

Irene Crawford Clerk, 326th District Court. Taylor County, Texas. Elise Mitchell, Deputy.

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were held at 3 p.m.

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sisted by the Rev. T.C.

Melton, pastor of the

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Church in Abilene. Bu-

rial was here at the

Born July 18, 1913 in

Anson, she married

Frank Merritt Oct. 18.

1936 here. The couple

had lived here since

Survivors include her

husband, a son, Jerry

Merritt of Merkel; a

daughter, Mrs. Roy

Rose Hill Cemetery.

Church here.

(Sandy) Davis of Merkel; three brothers, Merritt dies J.M. Steel of Abilene, Cleburn Steel of Fort Celia Mary Francis Worth and Herman Merritt, 65, of Merkel Steel of Anson; two died at 8:40 p.m. Friday sisters, Mrs. J.T. Holat Hendrick Medical linger and Thelma Steel



An Open Letter To

As citizens, taxpayers, and parents we feel it is necessary for someone to speak up for our rights (if we don't, it won't be long before they're gone!!!) and inform residents what will happen if the bond election for \$1.4 million dollars is passed on Saturday, September 16. YES, a bond election is necessary and we would be the first to help pass one provided it included room for

growth and expansion in the future. Our actions and reactions are based on facts made available to us through attendance of several board meetings, architect's statepublished in the local newspaper. According to these sources, and our interpretation of such, it appears that the bond is sufficient to complete only the new High School plus, hopefully, enough for a new Merkel Middle School Gym. The architects reported at a public meeting that they expected the bond

money would be barely enough to complete the High School as projected. Needed repairs and fire code work has been mentioned in every report published-but no one can guarantee that this will be accomplished from funds resulting in the passing of the bond. HOW WILL IT AF-FECT OUR CHILD-REN?

A. This bond does not allow for future building. There are approximately 486 students (K-5) in both Merkel and Tye with room for about 75 more. The architect working for Merkel I.S.D. has projected that by 1990 Merkel will have 600 students (K-5); and Tye, 500 students (K-5). Where will we put these 1100 students?

B. The Merkel Middle School, Mer-

where there was no school or the school was overcrowded? With no school growth, there will be no growth within the community. HOW WILL IT AF-FECT US AS TAX-

What tangible benefits are we getting for our money? No one can definitely tell us what the money will be spent for or how much work can be ac-

complished. got to plan ahead and make our voice heard in the plan-

WE CARE ABOUT OUR SCHOOL-IT'S PRESENT AND IT'S FUTURE. DO YOU????? VOTE NO IN THE SCHOOL BOND ELECTION, SAT-

BER 16,-in the Mer-

kel Gym or the Tye

Political announcement paid for by "Citizen's for Community Awareness", Glenda Pence, Treasurer.)

All Merkel ISD Voters

kel Elementary, and Tye Elementary School all need fire code work done. After the High School is built, will there be enough money left to bring all these buildings up to fire code regulations?

HOW WILL IT AF-FECT OUR COM-MUNITY? Would you move into a community

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Wilson says area ag picture bright

As of Friday, Merkel in the area is headed has recorded 3.2 inches of rain in September and area agricultural prospects are looking

According to Joe Wilson, Taylor County agriculture extension agent the rains "Couldn't have done anything but help-

Wilson said most of the late grain sorguhm

sewing of fall wheat, and the rain will increase yields because of boosted weight. The cotton farmers around are happy because a lot of ing because the rains will bring pasture grass right along," Wilson Taylor County cotton was starting to look bad,

around. Wilson also said the rains are laying down a good underground mois-

but these rains will

certainly help that turn

barley and oats. "Even most of the livestock men are smil-

ture base for the fall

added. Wilson said the rains were very spotty but Merkel and most of

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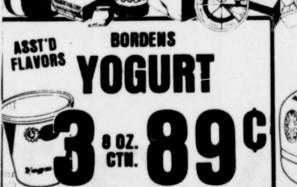
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Gene Vosberg of Tulsa

groomsman was David McCormick of Tulsa. Steven Paden, brother of the groom, and Brad Wade, brother of the

The bride's parents hosted the reception in the Garden Room of the

bonds would be payable solely from the revenue from the sale or lease of these facilities. The building or acquisition of such facilities must be determined by the local government to be necessary

posed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

constitutional "The amendment to provide that the legislature may permit political subdivisions to issue revenue bonds to develop employment opportunities for its

S.J.R. 44 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution which would allow the legislature to authorize cities and towns to issue tax increment bonds to finance the redevelopment of blighted areas. The bonds are to be paid solely from revenue from municipal tax increments. Payment cannot be made from the revenue of municipal taxes, utilities, or other services.

will appear on the ballot is as follows: "The

amendment to give the authorize cities and towns the redevelopment of blighted areas and prohibiting any city or town from granting its money or lending its credit for such purposes."

S.J.R. 53 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution to allow the legislature to exempt from taxation solar or windpowered energy devices.

is as follows: constitutional "The amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from taxation solar and wind-powered energy de-

NUMBER FIVE

such activities.

tion to another court. The wording of the pro-The amendment grants posed amendment as it justices of the peace concurrent jurisdiction with is as follows: county courts where the amount in controversy is between \$200 and \$500,

"The constitutional amendments authorizing certain districts to engage in fire-fighting activities and to issue bonds or other indebtedness or to issue bonds or otherwise lend their credit for fire-

fighting purposes."

at the fair The West Texas Fair, held at the Fairgrounds in Abilene, was officially started last weekend

What's happening

with a parade and opening ceremonies. Most of the activities in this years' fair are happening this weekend.

The gate admission for fair activities for adults is \$2 and \$1 for children 6-16 years old.

Today is Mr. Pibb day at the fair. The KEAN Machine, a customized Pinto station wagon will be given away on the Midway at 10 p.m. Van Dermeide, Werner Hirzel, Mr. Pockets and the Zooland Petting Zoo, which are free attractions, will be performing on the Midway

Also tonight, the Captain and Tennille will perform at the Colisuem at 7:30. Tickets will be

available at the door.

Tomorrow is Senior Citizens Day at the fair. No admission and a party are the highlights for senior citizens. The party is set for 1 p.m. at the Coliseum. The first 100 couples to enter the Golden Age Couple contest (for those married over 50 years) will receive a remembrance gift. Contests will also be held for the Oldest Man and the Oldest Woman that attend the fair tomorrow.

Also tomorrow, in the Modern Living Mall, a microwave casserole contest is scheduled for 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The rules include: All entries must be completely prepared in a microwave oven. Recipes must be included with each entry. Judging will be based on appearance, taste and originality of the recipe. Each contestant may enter two items, but only one in each category The names of the winners will be posted in the Foods section upon completion of the judging. Enteries in the food contest will be returned at the conclusion of the judging from 5 to 6 p.m.

Categories included in the contest are main dish, side dish, and dessert dish. A first prize of \$8, second of \$6 and third of \$5 are offered.

Starting Saturday's activities at the fair, is a cake festival. Contestants will be admitted to the fairgrounds by showing cakes and decorating supplies at Gate 14. Contestants may enter only one cake in each category. Entries will be judged on creativity, decorating ability, and overall appearance. Divisions include adults (themes are To Delight a Child, A Thing of Beauty, Original Design, Shape, and Decoration) youth (Theme My Favorite Cake) and Boy or Girl Scout division

(Theme Beginners Luck). Entries will be received from 1 p.m. until 2:30

p.m. Saturday.

AVISO PUBLICO

UN RESUMEN DE LAS ENMIENDAS PROPUESTAS A LA CONSTITUCION ELECCION GENERAL

LA ENMIENDA PARA ALIVIO DE

IMPUESTOS (H.J.R. 1)

H.J.R. 1 propone una en-Texas permitiendo a la legislatura que exente pro-piedad personal intangible; requeriendo que la legislatura exente ciertos articulos caseros y efectos particulares; y permitiendo a la legislatura que exente todo la propiedad personal del hogar seguro, de la imposición de impuestos estatales y locales sobre propiedad.

La enmienda requiere a la legislatura que disponga la imposición de impuestos sobre tierras agrícolas y rancheras basada en su capacidad productiva en vez de su valor de mercado y permite a la legislatura que disponga la imposición de impuestos a bosques de madera basada en su capacidad productiva. La enmienda permite a

los gobiernos locales que extiendan la exención actual de no menos de \$3,000 del hogar seguro residencial para personas de 65 años o más de edad para incluir ciertas personas in-

La enmienda concede una exención de \$5,000 en el valor de mercado del hogar seguro residencial en los impuestos para es-cuelas públicas sobre pro-piedad. Autoriza a ta legislatura que conceda una exencion adicionalide los impuestos para escuelas públicas sobre profiedad de una cantidad que no exceda \$10,000 del valor de mercado de hogares seguros residenciales de perso-nas 65 años or más de edad y ciertas personas inhapa-citadas. Si la persona de 65 años o más de edad es elegible para esta exención la cantidad total de los impuestos para escue-las públicas sobre A hogar seguro de aquella persona

no puede incrementarse. La enmienda previene que gobiernos locales incrementen los impuestos sobre propiedad a menos que el cuerpo administrativo provea aviso público y lleve a cabo una audiencia pública. La enmienda requiere a la legislatura que disponga por ley que cada propietario reciba aviso de la revaluación de su pro-piedad y la cantidad de incremento en sus imprestos.

La enmienda limita las apropiaciones de los ingresos de impuestos estatales en una cantidad que no exceda la tasa de crecimiento económico estatal que se anticipa, con la legislatura

autorizada para conceder exenciones de emergencia. La enmienda prohibe la valuación de propidad in mueble a través del estado para los fines de impues-

tos sobre propiedad. Se re-

quiere que la ejecución de

7 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 1978 normas y procedimientos uniformes para la valuación de propiedad con el propósito de impuestos so-bre propiedad, se origine con la autoridad que im-

> La terminologia de la enmienda propuesta tal como aparecerá en la boleta es como sigue: "La enmienda constitu-

pone los impuestas sabre

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cional disponiendo alivio de impuestos para hogares seguros residenciales, personas mayores de edad, personas incapacitadas, y tierras agricolas; exten ciones de bienes muebles; la verdad en procedimien-tos tocante a la imposición de impuestos, incluyendo participación de ciudadanos: de nuevo definiendo la base de impuestos; limitando los gastos del esta-do; y la administración de impuestos sobre propie-NO. 1

S.J.R. 50 propone una enmienda a la constitución de Texas para eliminar la referencia arcaica al "In stituto de Sordos y Mudos." La enmienda permitiria al estado de Texas que compre productos y servicios de individuos incapacitados en facilidades de rehabilitación no lucrativas sin cumplir con los requisitos de oferta que se aplican a otros contratos estatales. La enmienda también eliminaria la formalidad de la aprobación de ciertos contratos estatales por el Gobernador, el Secretario de Estado, y el Contralor de Cuentas Pú-

La terminología de la enmienda propuesta tal como aparecerá en la boleta es como sigue:

"La enmienda constitucional eliminando la refe-rencia arcaica al "Instituto de Sordos y Mudos, permitiendo que ciertos productos y servicios de personas incapacitadas sean usados por agencias y departamentos del gobierno del estado, requeriendo que otros productos y servicios requeridos en la ope ración del gobierno del estado sean obtenidos por ofertas concedidas al postor responsable que ofrezca el precio más bajo, haciendo que todos los procesos de procuración sean sujetos a las leyes establecidas por la legislatura y eliminando el requisito que el Gobernador de Texas, el Secretario de Estado, y el Contralor de Cuentas Públicas de Texas participen personalmente en tales negociaciones.

(S.J.R. 55) S.J.R. 55 propone una enmienda a la constitución

tan bonos para la reconstrución o adquisición de facilidades (terrenos, equipos y mejoras) con la intención de desarrollar oportunidades de empleo. Estos bonos se pagarían solamente de los ingresos de la venta o arriendo de éstas facilidades. Gobierno local debe de determinar que la construción o adquisición de tales facilidades

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es necesaria para desarro-llar oportunidades de em-

cional para disponer que la legislatura puede permitir que las subdivisiones políticas emitan bonos de ingresos, para desarrollar oportunidades de empleo para sus ciudadanos." NO. 3

(S.J.R. 44)

S.J.R. 44 propone una enmienda a la constitución de Texas que permitiria que la legislatura autorize a ciudades y pueblos la emisión de bonos de imincrementados puestos para financiar el desarrollo de areas deterioradas. Solamente se pagarán los bonos de los ingresos de los incrementos en impuestos municipales. No pagos se pueden hacer de los ingres de impuestos municipa. les, servicios públicos u otros servicios. La terminología de la

enmienda propuesta tal como aparecerá en la boleta es como sigue: "La enmienda constitu-

cional que da a la legislatura el poder de autorizar las ciudades y pueblos para expedir bonos para finan-ciar el desarrollo de areas deterioradas y prohibir cualquier ciudad o pueblo de conceder su dinero o prestar su crédito para tales fines.'

NO. 4 (S.J.R. 53)

S.J.R. 53 propone una enmienda a la constitución de Texas para permitir que la legislatura exente de la mposición de impuestos aparatos para energia o de viento. La terminologia de la

enmienda propuesta como aparecerá en la boleta es como sigue: "La enmienda constitucional autorizando a la legislatura para exentar de impuestos aparatos de energia solar o de viento.'

NO. 5

(H.J.R. 37) H.J.R. 37 propone una enmienda a la constitución de Texas para conceder competencia exclusiva a neces de paz en causas ciiles cuando la cantidad en controversia no excede \$200, a menos que la legislatura conceda competencia exclusiva a otra corte. La enmienda concede a jueces de paz competencia concurrente con cortes de condado cuando la cantidad en controversia sea entre \$200 y \$500, a menos que la legislatura conceda a la corte de condado com-

petencia exclusiva. La cumienda también

concede a jucces de paz

Also Saturday at 5 p.m., the West Texas Fair is

sponsoring a cow chip throwing contest.

Each contestant will throw three chips and the furthest throw will be counted. If a chip breaks up in flight, the piece that travels the greatest distance will be counted.

Competition will be divided into two divisions of Men 16 years or older and women, 16 years or

On top of all that, there is always plenty of food, fun and shows at the West Texas Fair.

Local residents take ribbons in fair

The following local residents faired well at the West Texas Fair over the weekend. The following list is not complete in that many events only

listing winners by name and not by hometown. John Scott Lamford of Merkel won many awards in the different classifications of the Rambouillet Ram competition. Lamford is of the Bar O Ranch in Blanket.

Lamford took (from the Rambouillet class) a 1-2 in spring ewe lambs, first in fall ram lambs, stfirst in yearling rams, grand champion ram, 1-2 in spring ewe lambs, second in fall ewe lambs, second in pair of ewe lambs, second in yearling ewes, reserve grand champion ewe, second get of

sire, and second in exhibitors flock. Scott Lanford placed 2-3 in fall ram lambs, first in pair of ram lambs, third in pair of ewe lambs

and third in get of sire: In the junior breeding sheep division, Jerry of Miller of Merkel placed third in the Hampshire yearling ewe division. Also in the sheep division, of Jan Melton of Merkel took the lightweight

southdown and other breeds division. In the West Texas Fair Rodeo, Ken Welch of Merkel tied for second with Pat Carriker of Trent

in the saddle bronc competition. In team roping, Rex Bland of Trent teamed

with George Cox of Del Rio to place second. FOR THOSE GOOD SHELL **PRODUCTS** JERRY KINSEY'S SHELL

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competencia concurrente con ambas cortes, cortes de condado, y cortes de dis-trito, cuando la cantidad en controversia sea entre

\$500 y \$1,000, a menos que la legislatura conceda a la corte de condado o distrito competencia exclusiva. La terminología de la

como aparecerá en la boleta es como sigue: "La enmienda constitucional para extender la competencia de los jueces

enmienda propuesta tai

de paz en causas civiles.' (S.J.R. 45)

S.J.R. 45 propone una enmienda a la constitución de Texas para permitir que la legislatura aumente el número de jueces en cualquier corte de apelaciones civiles. Al presente, cortes de apelaciones civiles están limitadas a un juez presidente y dos jueces asociados. La enmienda también permitiría a las cortes que sesionen por secciones, con la concurrencia de una mayoría de los jueces en la sección siendo necesaria para decidir una causa. La terminología de la en-

mienda propuesta tal como aparecerá en la boleta es como sigue: "La enmienda constitucional permitiendo que la

legislatura aumente el número de jueces en cual-quier Corte de Apelaciones Civiles, permitiendo que Cortes de Apelaciones Civiles sesionen por secciones, y requeriendo la concurrencia de una mayoría de jueces para decidir una causa.'

NO. 7 (S.J.R. 48)

S.J.R. 48 propone una mienda a la constitución de Texas eliminando la Comisión de Edificios del Estado y el Fondo de Edificios del Estado. La autoridad de la Comisión de Edificios del Estado ha sido trasladada por ley a la Junta de Control del Es-

La terminologia de la enmienda propuesta tal como aparecerá en la boleta es como sigue: "La enmienda constitu-

cional para abrogar la au-toridad constitucional de la Comisión de Edificios del Estado y el Fondo de Edificios del Estado."

NO. 8 (H.J.R. 42)

H.J.R. 42 propone una enmienda a la constitución de Texas permitiendo que ciertas subdivisiones políticas o distritos del estado que al presente pueden emitir bonos u otras deudas o de otra manero prestar su crédito participen en actividades contra incendios y que emitan bonos o de otra manera prestar su crédito para sostener tales actividades.

La terminologia de la enmienda propuesta tal como aparecerá en la bo-

leta es como sigue: "La cumienda constituautorizando que cicrtos distritos participen en actividades contra incendios y emitan bonos o

de otra manera presten crédito para tales propó-sitos."

Merkelites showed well at the West Texas Fair. division. Jan Melton (above) won a Blue Ribbon in the sheep vows during ceremony in Tulsa

Cynthia Jane Wade, officiated. Mrs. Brandion Wade, marriage by her father. Mrs. John Myrick of

of Mr. and Mrs. Steven

Paden of Tulsa, Okla., honor and Sandy Hogan

PUBLIC NOTICE SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

"The Tax Relief

Amendment" (H.J.R. 1) H.J.R. 1 proposes an

amendment to the Texas Constitution allowing the legislature to exempt intangible personal property, requiring the legislature to exempt certain household goods and pering the legislature to exempt all or part of the personal property homestead from state and local

property taxation. The amendment requires the legislature to provide for the taxation of farm and ranch land on the basis of its productive capacity instead of its market value and allows the legislature to provide for the taxation of timber land on its pro-

ductive capacity. The amendment permits local governments to extend the present exemption of not less than \$3,000 of the residence homestead of persons 65 and older to include certain disabled persons.

The amendment grants an exemption from public school property taxes of \$5,000 of the market value of the residence homestead. It authorizes the legislature to grant an additional exemption from public school property taxes of an amount not to exceed \$10,000 of the market value of the residence homesteads of persons 65 years of age or older and certain disabled persons. If a person 65 years of age or older qualifies for this exemption, the total amount of public school taxes imposed on that person's

> creased. The amendment prevents local governments from increasing property taxes unless the governing body provides public notice and conducts a hearing. The public amendment requires the legislature to provide by law for each property owner to receive notice of the revaluation of his property and the amount taxes will be increased.

homestead may not be in-

The amendment limits appropriations from state tax revenue to an amount not to exceed Texas' estimated economic growth rate, with the legislature authorized to make exceptions for emergencies. The amendment pro-

hibits the statewide ap-

praisal of real property

for property tax pur-

poses. Enforcement of

uniform standards and

procedures for appraisal

of property for property

tax purposes is required

to originate in the taxing

(S.J.R. 55)

amendment to the Texas Constitution to permit local governments to issue bonds for the reconstruction or acquisition of facilities (land, equipment and improvements) designed to develop employment opportunities. These

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erty tax is imposed. The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

authority where the prop-

"The constitutional amendment providing for tax relief for residential homesteads, elderly persons, disabled persons, and agricultural land; for personal property exemp tions; for truth in taxation procedures, including citizen involvement; for a redefinition of the tax base: for limitations on state spending; and for property tax administra-

NUMBER ONE (S.J.R. 50)

S.J.R. 50 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution to delete an archaic reference to the Deaf and Dumb Asylum." The amendment would allow the State of Texas to purchase products and services done by handicapped individuals in nonprofit rehabilitation facilities without complying with bid requirements applicable to other state contracts. The amendment also would eliminate the formality of the approval of certain

of State and the Comptroller of Public Accounts. The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot

state contracts by the

Governor, the Secretary

is as follows: "The constitutional amendment deleting the archaic reference to the 'Deaf and Dumb Asylum, allowing certain products and services of handicapped individuals to be used by agencies and departments of state government, requiring the procurement of other products and services required in the operation of state government to be made under bids awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, making all such procurement processes subject to laws enacted by the legislature, and eliminating the requirement that the Governor, the Secretary of State, and the Comptroller of Public Accounts of Texas be personally involved with such transactions."

NUMBER TWO

S.J.R. 55 proposes an

bride, were ushers.

to develop employment opportunities. The wording of the pro-

citizens.'

NUMBER THREE (S.J.R. 44)

The wording of the proposed amendment as it

constitutional legislature the power to to issue bonds to finance

NUMBER FOUR (S.J.R. 53)

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot

(H.J.R. 37) H.J.R. 37 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution to grant exclusive jurisdiction to justices of the peace in civil cases where the amount in controversy does not exceed \$200, except where the legislature gives exclusive jurisdic-

except where the legislature gives the county court exclusive jurisdiction. The amendment also grants justices of the

peace concurrent jurisdic-

Following a wedding trip to Houston and Galveston, the couple will live in Broken Arrow, Okla. tion with both county and district courts where the

The groom's parents

were hosts for the re-

hearsal dinner at Pep-

pe's Villa Capri.

except where the legislature gives the county or district court exclusive jurisdiction. The wording of the proposed amendment as it

amount in controversy is

between \$500 and \$1,000,

is as follows: constitutional amendment to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in civil cases.'

will appear on the ballot

NUMBER SIX (S.J.R. 45) S.J.R. 45 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution to allow the legislature to expand the number of judges on any court of civil appeals Presently courts of civil appeals are limited to a chief justice and two associate justices. The amendment also would allow the courts to sit in sections, with the concurrence of a majority of the

judges sitting in the section necessary to decide a The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot

is as follows: constitutional "The amendment permitting the legislature to increase the number of justices on a court of civil appeals, permitting a court of civil appeals to sit in sections, and requiring a concurrence of a majority of

justices to decide a case.' NUMBER SEVEN

(S.J.R. 48) S.J.R. 48 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution eliminating the State Building Commission and the State Building Fund. The authority of the State Building Commission has been transferred by law to the

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows: constitutional "The amendment to repeal the

State Board of Control.

Commission and the State Building Fund." NUMBER EIGHT

constitutional authority

for the State Building

(H.J.R. 42) H.J.R. 42 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution allowing certain political subdivisions or districts in the state that can presently issue bonds or other indebtedness or otherwise lend its credit to engage in firefighting activities and to issue bonds or otherwise lend its credit to support

will appear on the ballot

(S.J.R. 50)

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NO. 2

de Texas para permitir que gobiernos locales emi-

Badgers

Bears beat

By glenn Richards

The Merkel Badgers found last Friday's opener tough with the Baird Bears as they faced hard luck and hard hits.

"You wouldn't believe how hard those guys are hitting out there," said Rick Howes, a Sr. running back who at the time of this quote was on the sideline with a bruised lower back that kept him

out the rest of the game.

Baird's defence did a good job stopping the running attack of the Badgers holding them to only 58 yards rushing while Baird picked up 314. Baird's 26 points came on two short runs by Q.B. Chris Vestal and a five yard run by Danny

Stovall who had 141 yards for the night. Bart Pursley no. 20, QB for the Badgers threw 12 passes completing 5 for 94 yards. Most passing coming from the screens and playaction.

The young Merkel defense plaved a long game with Baird being in possession of the ball about 3/4 of the time.

Coach McLeod said, "We made alot of mistakes, Baird's a fine ball club not taking anything away from them, we just had enough mistakes to beat ourselves." Those mistakes came in many forms. Mostly small ones that kept plaguing the Badgers when it really counted.

On the bright side, "He was outstanding, he had 18 tackles and played a great game," Coach McLeod said of Buster Brown a 165 lb. playing

"We'll execute better this week, better the next and hopefully keep improving all the while," said Coach McLeod.



(Jerry McLeod) (Staff photo by glenn Richards)

came through seven

weeks ago. It was "pre-

Country Club to host tennis clinic

The Country Club of Merkel, is making final preparations on the new tennis club. The club will host a tennis clinic featuring tennis pro John Verde.

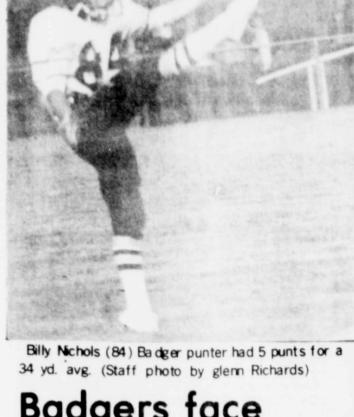
Verde will conduct the two hour clinic utilizing a ball machine that is capable of keeping from one to thirty people busy at one time. That action gets underway at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 30.

Also that day, the club will host a demonstration by professional tennis players including Verde.

The Country Club of Merkel has recently completed work on the tennis facility. There are two courts, artificially surfaced. Club officials said the seating capacity is one of the largest in the state. The tennis area can also be used for outdoor concerts, dances, and pro-

The club also recently completed reconstruction of the dining and club facility. Those portions were damaged during the storm that

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Badgers face Rotan Friday

By Cloy A. Richards

The Rotan Yellowhammers put on a wesome display of offensive power as they buried Spur 41-14. The Badgers will play in Rotan Friday night at 8 p.m. The Badgers will be trying to record their first win following a 26-0 touncing by

Rotan quarterback David Posey led the way as he threw for two touchdowns and ran for two more. As if that wasn't enough for the Badgers to watch, the Badgers will face the fastest back in Class A football, Fred Acorn.

Acorn, the Class A 100 yard dash champion opened Friday's scoring as he raced 39 yards for

The Yellowhammers have six offensive and five defensive starters returning from a 4-6 team. Other Yellowhammers to watch are, guard, Robert Posey, tackle Eli Sepeda, and Willie Hayes at tackle.

The Yellowhammers racked up 382 yards of total offense with 244 coming from the ground attack. Acorn carried the ball 5 times for 112 yards in the first half. Acorn left the game with leg cramps, but head coach Don Mullins said he would be ready for Friday's contest with the

The Yellowhammers operate out of a pro set offense and defend from a split six formation.

Mullins said the Yellowhammers are coming off of two bad years and we did all of our scoring the other night with Sophomores. Last year we only scored 41 points in ten games and that total against Spur was something new for us.

About the Badgers, Mullins said, "we have seen some films on them and we really don't know that much about them. The Badgers do look to be more our size than most teams, except for those two big running backs. Our team is real healthy and we are ready.

Badger coach Jerry McLeod said "he was impressed with the Rotan bunch and he expected

McLeod stated that Badger end Mike Brady may be out of the Rotan contest because of a bad knee. The coach also said that Billy Nichols will operate some from the fullback spot in future

Mc!. od said that defensively, the Badgers would line up a little differently because of Rotans' speed.





Bart Pursley (20) fakes the hand off as Dwayne Roysden (61) sets up the blocks.

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Sept. 21	At CLYDE	5:30
Oct. 12	At EASTLAND	5:30
Oct. 19	ANSON	5:00
Oct. 26	At BALLINGER	6:00
Nov. 2	EASTLAND	5:30
Nov. 9	At STAMFORD	5:00
Nov 16	At WYLE	5:00

8th Grade

Sept. 14	ANSON	6:30
Sept. 21	CLYDE	7:00
Sept. 28	JIM NED	6:00
Oct. 12	At WINTERS	6:00
Oct. 19	At ANSON	6:30
Oct. 26	BALLINGER	7:30
Nov. 9	AT STAMFORD	6:30
Nov. 16	WYLE	6:30

7th Grade

ept. 14	ANSON	5:00
ept21	CLYDE	5:30
ept. 28	JIM NED	5:00
Oct. 12	At WINTERS	5:00
Oct. 19	ANSON	5:00
Oct. 26	BALLINGER	6:00
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