

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, October 9, 1980...Merkel, Texas

15 cents



Badger receiver Randy Martin (88) appears to be flying closer to this pass in Friday's 0-0 tie with Winters

(staff photo by Drew Mawson)

School tax notices will be late

You have no doubt noticed the 1980 tax statements from MISD have not arrived at your home yet and tax assessor collector Vicki Thomas says it is due to a delay in computer processing.

It will probably be Monday before MISD receives the forms and it will be at least another week before the forms can be processed and mailed out, so most people should start receiving their tax statements around October 20.

City sets public hearings

The Merkel City Council set public hearings for use of federal funds for their next session at their meeting at City Hall Monday night.

Council will be reapplying for Housing and Urban Development Funding, as well as community development funding.

Council, last year, made the application, but the programs were not funded after federal review of programs were made. The funds are released to cities on a competitive basis. In other words, the city that can show the most need for the federal review of programs were made. The funds are released to cities on a competitive basis. In other words, the city that can show the most need for federal dollars in a specific geographic location, will get the money.

If funded, Merkel could receive between \$650,000 and \$700,000 for a one year project, and

could receive about \$1.9 million on a three year project.

Merkel plans to pave, revamp the water-sewer system, build additional housing, set up and enforce housing and building codes, park development, build a multi-purpose building and seek professional help in establishing and administering the projects.

The public hearing will be October 27th at City Hall and the notice of the hearing, as well as some of the details have been posted at City Hall for persons interested.

Public hearings are designed to allow citizens of the community to express their opinion on the needs of projects within the city.

Council also approved monthly bills.

The next session of City Council will meet October 27th at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Badgers tie 0-0

Badger head coach Byron Shelley did not agree Monday afternoon with the old saying that a tie football game was like kissing your sister, he said this tie was much better.

The Badgers held off the Winters Blizzards as the two teams played to a 0-0 tie in Winters, Friday night.

The Badgers played their most consistent game of the year according to Coach Shelley and had two opportunities to win, but two field goal attempts were off the mark.

Shelley told the Mail that defensive and offensive changes made over the past three weeks have helped the Badgers to better take advantage of their strengths, while the changes have also helped to hide a few weaknesses.

Merkel had 118 yards of total offense and 7 first downs. Winters managed 95 yards on offense, had 8 first downs and turned the ball over four times. Winters never got closer than the Badger 13 yard line, while Merkel had the ball on the Winters 1 and their 5 yard line.

Coach Shelley said he had good performances from Greg Arnwine, Mike McCoy, Dusty Barnhill, and Ricky Mathewson on defense and was pleased with Sammy Tunlinson, James Turner, Billy Walters and Allen Allbright on offense.

The Badgers host Hamlin Friday night with kickoff set for 7:30 p.m. and Coach Shelley said they have the largest AA Football team he has seen in quite awhile. He said Hamlin likes to run the ball inside the tackle positions and has a defensive line that will average 218 pounds, including on all state defensive linemen.

Coach Shelley added, "We scrimmaged them last year and we were able to move the ball pretty well against them. We will be doing a lot of play calling from the line of scrimmage against them, like we did against Winters. We just need to get that ball into the end zone."

In other football action last week, the Merkel 7th grade tied Winters 0-0, the 8th grade won 12-8 and the Junior Varsity beat the Winters JV 7-0.

This week, the 7th grade take on Hamlin in Hamlin at 5, the 8th grade play the Hamlin 8th grade at 6, and the JV will play at 7:30 in Hamlin.

Trent wins 60-14

Trent opened District play Friday by downing Hermleigh 60-14. The Gorillas had a big 3rd Quarter scoring 44 points. In the 3rd period, the defense intercepted 3 passes, and recovered 2 fumbles. The score at half was 16-0 Trent. During the 3rd quarter, Trent's defense was too much for a good, strong Hermleigh team. The second half turnovers was too much for Hermleigh as 4 of these gave Trent the ball less than 20 yards from the end zone. Trent opened the 4th with Lloyd Williams blocking a punt. Billy Williams carried the blocked kick into the end zone for a touchdown. Lloyd kicked the P.A.T. In the second quarter, Richard Beaver took a 37 yard pass from Greg Beasley. Lloyd added the P.A.T.

In the third quarter scoring was: Matt Jackson a 30 yard pass from Greg Beasley; Lloyd Kicked the P.A.T.; Richard Beaver 43 yard run; Lloyd kicked P.A.T.; Lloyd Williams 36 yard run; Lloyd added the P.A.T.; Matt Jackson on a 46 yard pass from Greg Beasley; Greg passes to Eddie Adams for the P.A.T.; Greg Beasley 11 yard run; Greg passed to Eddie Adams for P.A.T.; Matt Jackson 17 yard pass from Greg Beasley.

The ball game was stopped in the third quarter due to the 45 point rule. Trent's record is now 4-0 yard 1-0 district. Next game is Friday at 7:00 p.m. Trent vs. Grady. This is Trent's Homecoming.

Homecoming plans, activities get started Friday

It's coming home time again for former Merkel High School Students this weekend.

Homecoming 1980 activities started earlier in the week as High School Students constructed a bonfire at the city dump.

Activities get started Friday here as registration for the Homecoming begins at the Merkel Senior Citizen's Center at 10 a.m. A \$1 registration fee will be assessed and you'd best pay that fee. A jail will be set up downtown and any ex-student caught without a registration tag will be jailed and it will cost you \$2 to bail out.

At 2:30 Friday, a downtown parade and pep rally will be held complete with floats and the Merkel High Band.

The Merkel High HERO and FHA clubs are sponsoring a pre-game spaghetti supper at the Merkel Cafeteria from 5:30 until 7 p.m. Tickets are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 and everyone is invited to attend that dinner before the game.

The football game between the Badgers and Hamlin will kickoff at 7:30 at Badger Stadium. Halftime ceremonies will find the Merkel High Queen and the former student King and Queen's crowned.

An after the game coffee is being sponsored by the Class of 1960 at the cafeteria and the public is invited to attend.

Saturday, another full day of activities are planned. The activities will get underway at 10 a.m. with a tour and dedication of the new High School. A new pot luck supper is planned at the cafeteria and everyone is asked to bring a dish or two. The ex-students association will provide drinks. A 2 p.m. tea is planned and will be hosted by ex-students, Mrs. Ellen Mc Reynolds and Mrs. Edwin Reed. It will be held in the new high school.

At 4 p.m., the Merkel High drama class will provide entertainment in the auditorium and a volleyball tournament will be going on all day, sponsored by the Merkel High cheerleaders. Registration will be held at the gym on Saturday for all activities.

The weekend offers many activities designed to let you get re-acquainted with former classmates.

Trent homecoming weekend looks busy

The 1980 Trent Homecoming will be held Friday and Saturday, October 10 and 11. Activities will begin on Friday at 2:00 p.m. with a pep rally in the High School gym. The Jr. Class will have a supper from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. The Gorillas football game will be at 7:00 p.m. with Grady.

Saturday's schedule will begin at 6:30-8:00 a.m. with a breakfast and visiting. There will be a parade at 10:00 a.m. and lunch will be served from 11:30 to 1:30 by the Senior class. Prices for the lunch are \$2.00 for children and \$3.50 for adults. A business meeting and program will begin at 2:00 p.m. The High School student body will have a Powder Puff football game at 5:00 p.m. The day will end with a dance at the National Guard Armory in Sweetwater from 9:00 p.m. til 1:00 a.m. The Billy Thompson Band from Buffalo Gap will perform.

Everyone who is an ex-student please come and enjoy 2 days of visiting and fun.

Merkel High students start big move

Students at Merkel High School moved into their new building the sixth and seventh of this month with classes starting Tuesday. Their new school has 19 classrooms. Two of them specially designed. One for art classes includes a sink and wiring for akiln, the other for drama classes has a miniature stage, with lighting. Another one of nineteen rooms will be used as an audio-visual room until needed for classes.

Mr. Merritt said he has had nothing but good comments about the new building, "they seem to be taking alot of pride in it." Especially the seniors, who keep reminding the under classmen not to step on the new badger.

"Space wise, we seem to be in good shape for the next 10 years," said Mr. Merritt. For a while there won't have to be much shuffling of teachers from one room to another. Also, for the first time in 3 years, students will have lockers to keep books in and the teachers will have the use of an intercom system instead of having to worry with office aids.

Saturday is an unofficial open house, with plans in the making for an open house to all of the community on an upcoming Sunday.

So with the beginning of this week, alot of headaches were taken care of and things should be running smoothly before too long. (Remember folks, if you're visiting the new school, "Don't step on the Badger!")

Homecoming here, state stock show, vandals caught, Go Astros!

by Cloy A. Richards

You haven't changed a bit.

You say you have seven kids and four grandchildren?

Do you remember when ol' Bobby let a snake go in Mrs. 's and So's room?

Homecoming, ain't it grand.

This weekend, former students of Merkel High will get a chance to see how much each other has changed, compare brags on grandkids and re-acquaint themselves with long lost friends as Homecoming 1980 activities will be held during Friday and Saturday.

Former students will notice a definite change as they will be here for the first public showing of the new high school building, will get a chance to meet a new superintendent, as well as meeting with former classmates.

Merkel High now has about 300 students and one of the most used phrases this weekend will surely include "boy, things weren't like this when I went to school here."

The Mail wants to extend a hearty welcome to all former students and hope your stay will be a pleasant one.

The Merkel FFA'ers will be traveling to the State Fair in Dallas this weekend to participate in the stock show.

I have heard the FFA members have some fine stock to show at the fair and are looking to place in several categories.

We wish the FFA team the best of luck and do hope the travel van makes the trip free of mechanical problems.

Keep going Astros!

Let the Merkel Lions Club prepare dinner for you Tuesday night.

The Lion's Club is sponsoring a pancake supper, Oct. 14 at the Merkel School Cafeteria. The club is trying to raise some money to conduct various community projects and tickets are on sale for \$2 each and \$1.50 before Oct. 14. At the

door, the adult tickets will be \$2.50.

The Merkel Police Department, along with Merkel School officials caught the vandals that caused about \$1,000 in damages two weeks ago as they painted on some of the newly built school facilities.

The two arrested were students at Cooper High in Abilene and their parents will pay for the damages.

That is one of the best ways to put a stop to vandalism. Hit the culprits right in the pocketbook.

The Merkel High Football team has given some very improved performances in their last three games.

Three weeks ago, the Badgers stayed close to Jim Ned, losing 14-3 to a team that is undefeated in district play. The Baird game was a sound thrashing for the Baird Bears, but then again, they are a state ranked team. Last Friday's game was a 0-0 tie with Winters. Although the Badgers had one more penetration than Winters, it still goes into the record books as a tie.

Hamlin will be a tough opponent for the Badgers in the Homecoming game Friday, but at least the players can go into the game with a little better attitude than in weeks past. Congratulations are also in order for the Junior Varsity as they took their first win of the season here last week by outscoring Winters, 7-0.

Although formal dedication ceremonies for the new buildings at Merkel High will not be held until early november, a tour has been set up for 10 a.m. Saturday morning so that former students at Merkel High can get a sneak preview of the building. It will also be a good chance for local citizens to see how their bond issue money was spent at the new school.

Plans are in the mill to have Crazy Days this year including a cake bake, a parade and other events. More information is available from the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

The Merkel School menu is as follows:

Thursday October 9: Tacos, taco sauce, spanish rice, lettuce, cheese, and no bake peanut butter squares.
Friday October 10: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, french fries with catsup, and raisins.

Monday October 13: Steak, cream gravy, creamed potatoes, seasoned green beans, hot rolls, and fresh fruit.
Tuesday October 14: Burritos,

lettuce, tomato, onion, buttered mixed vegetables, and orange wedges.

Wednesday October 15: Enchiladas, pinto beans, carrot stick, spanish rice, and peaches with whip topping.

Thursday October 16: Ground beef tacos, taco sauce, lettuce, tomato, spanish rice, mexicali corn, and sliced pineapple.

Friday October 17: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, onions, tater tots, and raisins.

Obituaries

Phillip Deason

Philip Ray Deason, 64, of Merkel died at 5:15 p.m. Thursday at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Dallas following a lengthy illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home with the Rev. David Bugg officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Born September 15, 1916, in El Dorado, Ark., he moved to Merkel in 1972. A 35-year member of the Masonic Lodge, he was a thirty-second degree mason and had been a member of the Ironworkers Local No. 710 in Monroe, La., for 40 years. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II and married Betty Swiger Feb. 14, 1958, in Smackover, Ark.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Becky and Kathy Ferguson of Abilene; a brother, George Deason of Sulphur, La.; three sisters, Mrs. Garland (Gay) Stone of Smackover, Mrs. Glenn (Mozelle) Brohard of Fort Worth and Ophelia Voyles of Alvin; a nephew and four nieces.

Pallbearers were Roy Mashburn, Walter Harris, R.O. Payne, A.B. Parham, Buddy Hunter and Wiley Noah.

Cleo Douglas

Cleo Patry Douglas, 87, of Merkel died at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at Starr Nursing Home after a long illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the United Methodist Church, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home with the Rev. Lynward Harrison, retired Methodist minister and the Rev. Ray Elmore, pastor of the church officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Aug. 13, 1893, in Coryell County, she had lived in the Merkel area most of her life. She married Marvin Douglas, Aug. 27, 1913, in Union Ridge. He died April 18, 1979. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include four daughters, Mary Bell Clarkson of Batesville, Miss., Faye Henderson of Odessa, La Verne Teaff of Merkel, and Patricia Robbins of Senora; a brother, Henry Biggs of Odessa; two grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Asha Bicknell

Asha Steadman Bicknell, 89, a longtime resident of Trent, died at 7:05 a.m. Monday in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, where she had been a patient since Friday. Services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Trent Church of Christ, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory in Abilene with the Rev. George A. Snyder from Raytown,

Mo. officiating. Burial was in Trent Cemetery.

Born May 3, 1891, near Sulphur Springs, she was the daughter of John and Hattie Gafford, pioneer residents of Trent. She married Walker F. Steadman Dec. 20, 1910, in Sweetwater. He preceded her in death. She married W.J. Bicknell Dec. 10, 1939, in Merkel. He also preceded her in death. She had lived in Trent since 1905 and was a member of Trent Church of Christ for more than 65 years.

Survivors include a son, John K. Steadman of Trent; a daughter, Mildred Steadman White of Marshall; two step-sons, Norman Bicknell of Abilene and Otto Bicknell of Odessa; a step-daughter, Modell Eoff of Merkel; a sister, Bess Keltz of Vernon; four grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Foy B. Steadman.

Pallbearers were F.H. Duncan, Carlton McLeod, Troy Sloan, Zed Bright, Layne Wells, Garnet Wilks and Elton Freeman.

Honorary pallbearers were Billy Salyer, Joe Alexander, Carl Edwards, O.V. Barnhill, Jack Bright and Charles Loveland.

Booster club

The Badger Booster Club held a pot luck supper at the Merkel School Cafeteria last Tuesday and the event drew 125 people.

Two local men, Connie Mack Seymore and Bill Sloan were named membership chairmen and were given a little incentive to place new members with the club. The man that signs the fewest number of members will get a pie in the face at the halftime of the Merkel-Hamlin game Friday.

Co-chairmen for other projects during the year were named and they are Pat Castille and Beverly Johnson. They will be coordinating a concession stand at the volleyball tournament this weekend.

President Billy Lucas recognized all of the student athletes attending the dinner and expressed hope that local residents would get behind the student athletes for all sporting events at Merkel High.

Allen named bank officer in Georgia

A former Merkel, Texas resident has been appointed to an officer-level position with C&S Bank of Tifton, Ga.

Mike Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Allen of Merkel, has been appointed assistant consumer credit officer by the bank's board of directors.



The Consumer Alert

by Mark White
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Consumer Education Week will begin October 5 by Presidential Proclamation. Here in Texas the mayors of many cities have joined with the President, myself and other state officials in asking people everywhere to focus their attention during this week on the critical importance of consumer education.

I agree with the President that, "every citizen can benefit from knowing more about consumer laws, rights and avenues of redress." The volume of consumer complaints filed daily with state and local governmental agencies serves as a constant reminder that effective consumer education still is needed to reduce the confusion and disputes that accompany far too many consumer transactions.

Consumer education is a lifelong learning process. Consumer education also is a

"total" learning process. There is no single area that can be isolated and studied in order to become a truly educated consumer. Instead a whole range of basic skills is required: improved reading comprehension, math skills, the ability to view or hear advertising critically instead of passively and the ability to organize our financial affairs—all of these and more are involved in consumer education.

Many good programs for consumer education, public and private, are now in place. But we need a more comprehensive and coordinated approach. Just as our democratic political system needs well-informed citizens, our free economy needs well-informed consumers who can participate effectively in the marketplace partnership among consumers, government and business.

Although the primary

responsibility of my Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division is law enforcement—taking legal action against those who deceive consumers—we recognize fully our added responsibility of educating the public to approach consumer transactions intelligently. This column is one, small way in which we try to meet this responsibility; regular meetings in which we talk with groups of consumers to explain basic rights and responsibilities is another. Unfortunately, the vast majority of consumers we see are those who already have been victimized. In the few years that this Office has been actively engaged in consumer protection we have not been able to do as much "preventive" work as I would like.

Today, as one additional contribution to the goals of Consumer Education Week, I am proud to announce the publication of a brochure by the Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division entitled "Texas Consumer Protection." This brochure explains the rights, remedies and obligations of Texas consumers as spelled out in the Deceptive Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act. As you may know, this statute is the centerpiece of Texas Consumer Protection and an understanding of its provisions will go a long way in helping the consumers.



Todd Smith, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. Smith, won the Huffy 10 speed bike offered by Dairy Queen.

Todd's entry, along with the others, will be sent on to the national drawing to be held October 7th. National prizes still to be won are: Hawaiian vacation, two Archie Cat Snowmobiles, his-n-hers wetbikes, 1980 Mazda GLC Hatchback, or a Lund runabout with Spirit outboard motor. All of the prizes are valued at \$5,000.00

To our Merkel customers.
After October 1, 1980 gas bills may be paid at the Boney Insurance Company
Lone Star Gas Co.

Xi Nu Chi holds luau

Xi Nu Chi members held a Luau Saturday night at the Methodist Gym.

It was a night of fun and lots of entertainment planned by the social committee.

Ginny Yaddow was the hula-hoop winner. Best dressed woman and man awards were presented to

Connie and Juan Ybarra.

Members and husbands present for the Luau were: Connie and Robert Harris, Blanche and Lawrence Hewitt, Betty and Jim Allday, Anita Neff, Connie and Juan Ybarra, Mary and Richard Hill, Ginny and Lee Yaddow, Mammie Steck and Val Patterson.

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Saturday 9:00-1:00

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR LIGHTS GO OUT



We'll do our best to keep it from happening, but let's face it. Even with the miracles of modern technology, it sometimes occurs in the best of systems.

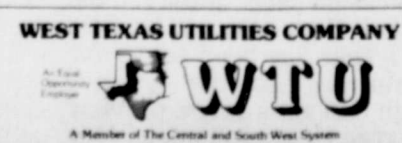
So, if your power goes off, we hope you'll help us get it back on as quickly as possible.

HERE'S WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

1. Check your neighbors. Call them or go outside and see how widespread the outage is.
2. If your house is the only one affected, check your breaker box.
3. If the trouble is not on your side of the meter, call us — your local WTU office — and give us the following information:

- Your name and address
- Time of the outage
- The area affected (as many addresses as possible)

We'll take it from there. Please don't prolong the call with questions that can't be answered. We'll be getting many other calls, depending on how widespread the outage is. And, if you're answered by a recorded message, it means that the dispatcher already has been swamped with calls and that we're working on the problem.



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78 CHEVROLET IMPALA 2-door, automatic, air, power, vinyl top, radio, 305 engine \$3995	78 DEMO LTD 2-door, automatic, air, power, half vinyl top, 1000 miles \$5595
77 THUNDERBIRD All power assists, decar group, air, cruise, AM-FM with tape, 01 wheels \$3995	78 CHEVROLET IMPALA 4-door, 305 engine, automatic, air, power, cruise, vinyl top, 25,000 miles \$4795
80 FORD LTD 4-door, 302 engine, overdrive, all power assists, twin front seats, air, cruise, AM-FM with cassette and CB, automatic, air, rear defroster, wire wheel covers, reclining seats, etc. 6000 miles \$8395	77 PLYMOUTH DUSTER Coupe, automatic, air, power, AM-FM, radio, vinyl top, 38,000 miles \$2595
80 TOYOTA 4 TOR PICKUP 4-speed, air, radio, rear hitch, 15,000 miles \$5595	

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Compere club holds meeting

The Compere Extension Home Makers Club met September 25 in Mrs. Dewey Ramsey's home for the regular meeting. Mrs. Clyde Mims, vice president, presided for the meeting. The prayer was given by Mrs. Dewey Ramsey. Mrs. Mims directed a game, "completing sentences with Books of the Bible".

Roll call was answered with "When I was Gyped". Mrs. Taylor read the minutes and gave the finance report.

Mrs. Ab Hunter gave the council report. She reported "Food Fair" will be October 3 in Anson. Speakers from A&M will be present. Cuts of beef will be discussed in a morning and afternoon session. Council will sponsor a gift show to be held at the Activity Center, November 20.

Books were filled in, completing the time and place for the remaining programs of the year.

Mrs. Hunter gave the program on "ways of being Gyped." Her remarks were: Beware of Special deals offered. Private parties, promising so much for so little. Second hand cars and magazine bargains, Obituary and insurance deals, a free inspection can result in a big bill for you. Beware of gadgets to save gasoline. Beware

of inheritance and property settlements except by a reliable lawyer. Don't try remedies for disease unless prescribed by a doctor. Always read a contract before signing, you never get something for nothing. When in doubt, contact the "Better Business Bureau".

The hostess gift went to Mrs. Hazel Spurgin. Refreshments were served to two gentlemen, Mrs. Clayton Dillard and Dewey Ramsey; two visitors, Mrs. Grace Lee Brown and Mrs. Maud Buzbee; members, Mrs. Clyde Chancey, Hazel Spurgin, Judy Devaney, Clayton Dillard, Clyde Mims, Hugh Taylor, Ab Hunter, Wilson Williams, and the hostess Mrs. Dewey Ramsey.

The next meeting will be October 9 in Mrs. Clyde Mims' home.

The thought: "If you blame others for your failures, do you credit others with your success?" All meetings are open to everyone regardless of race, creed, color, sex, national origin or economic circumstances.

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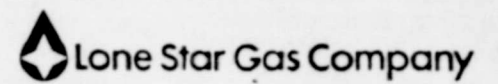
Pursuant to TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN. art. 1446c §43(1975), Lone Star Gas Company hereby gives NOTICE of the Company's intent to implement a new schedule of rates effective on the latter of October 20, 1980

or such other date as new rates become effective in the City of Merkel, Texas to be charged for natural gas service to residential and commercial customers in the environs areas (outside incorporated limits of Merkel, Texas)

The rate schedule is expected to furnish a 10.10% increase in the Company's gross revenues in the environs of Merkel, Texas.

A Statement of Intent has been filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas and is available for inspection at the Company's business office located at 155 Hickory, Abilene, Texas

Any affected person desiring to contest such changes in rates can file a complaint with the Director of the Gas Utilities Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78711.



Cemetery donors

The Merkel cemetery donations are as follows: Mrs. Earl Hughes, Sr. in memory of Mildred Gilbert; Mrs. Trula V. Cox; Dr. and Mrs. W.T. Sadler in memory of Margaret Harkrider; Mary Wimberly in memory of Mildred Gilbert; Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Smith, Special; Esther Collins, Special; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones in memory of Naomi Starbuck, Mildred Gilbert, Edward Farmer; Bessie and Harlan Merritt in memory of Vertis Eller; Opal Nastor; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hamm in memory of Mildred Gilbert; Mr. and Mrs. Byers Petty in memory of Margaret Harkrider, Mildred Gilbert; Mrs. T.C. Jinkens in memory of Lloyd Jinkens; Ruby Jinkens Family in memory of Loyd Jinkens; Patricia Dalziel; Mrs. John W. Hughes, Special; E. Yates Brown, Special; Ed Sandusky Family in memory of Joe Boone; S.U.N. Water Supply Corp. in memory of Joe Boone; Mrs. Jewell Criswell in memory of Frances Carey; Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble in memory of Eufemia Duran; Mable McRee in memory of Frances Carey; Mr. and Mrs. S.C. Dixon in memory of Frances Carey; Melton D. Cross, Special; Laura Gardner Trust, Special; Geneva Gilbreath; Mrs. Callie Anderson in memory of David Anderson, Albert Criswell.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF CONDITION (Including Domestic Subsidiaries)

LEGAL TITLE OF BANK				
Home State Bank				
CITY	COUNTY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
Trent	Taylor	Texas	79561	
STATE BANK NO.	FEDERAL RESERVE DIST. NO.	CLOSE OF BUSINESS DATE		
1398	11	Sept. 30, 1980		
ASSETS			Mil.	Thou.
1. Cash and due from banks			332	1
2. Due from other depositories and all cash items in the process of collection			-	2
3. U.S. Treasury securities			330	3
4. Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations			150	4
5. Obligations of States and political subdivisions in the United States			-	5
6. All other securities			100	6
7. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell			400	7
8. Total loans (including overdrafts totaling \$ 11,866,67) (From Schedule A, Item 8)			2,499	8
9. Lease financing receivables			-	9
10. Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises			23	10
11. Real estate owned other than bank premises			-	11
12. Letters of credit and customers' liability on acceptances outstanding			-	12
13. All other assets			7	13
14. TOTAL ASSETS (sum of items 1 thru 13)			3,841	14
LIABILITIES				
15. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations			1,360	15
16. Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations			1,964	16
17. Deposits of United States Government			-	17
18. Deposits of States and political subdivisions in the United States			184	18
19. Due to banks			-	19
20. All other deposits			-	20
21. Certified and officers' checks			28	21
22. Total Deposits (sum of items 15 thru 21)			3,536	22
a. Total demand deposits			1,432	22a
b. Total time and savings deposits			2,104	22b
23. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase			-	23
24. Interest-bearing demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury and other liabilities for borrowed money			-	24
25. Mortgage indebtedness for which the bank is directly liable			-	25
26. Unearned discount on loans			-	26
27. Letters of credit and acceptances outstanding			-	27
28. All other liabilities			-	28
29. TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures) (sum of items 22 thru 28)			3,536	29
30. Subordinated notes and debentures			-	30
31. Allowance for possible loan and investment losses			-	31
EQUITY CAPITAL				
32. Common stock (No. of shares outstanding 500)			50	32
33. Certified surplus			100	33
34. Undivided profits			155	34
35. Uncertified surplus, reserve for contingencies, and other capital reserves			-	35
36. TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 32 thru 35)			305	36
37. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 29, 30, 31 and 36)			3,841	37

NOTE: This report must be signed by an authorized officer and attested by not less than three directors other than the officer signing the report.

I, the undersigned officer, do hereby declare that this Report of Condition (including the supporting schedules) has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: *Doris McKeith*
AREA CODE/TELEPHONE NO.: 915-862-6151
DATE SIGNED: 10-3-80

NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: *Doris McKeith*
We the undersigned directors, attest the correctness of this Report of Condition (including the supporting schedules) and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: *Anna* SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: *Betty Sommer* SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: *W. H. Lead*

(MAKE MARK FOR NOTARY'S SEAL) State of Texas, County of Taylor, Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of Oct, 1980. My commission expires Sept. 30, 1984. *Betty Sommer*, Notary Public.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Larry D. Manley, 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 Christian Homes of Abilene, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 11 day of July, 1980, against Larry D. Manley, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 4201 C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Baby Girl Manley, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate Parent-Child Relationship. Said child was born the 8th day of July, 1980, in Abilene, Texas, Taylor County.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the

appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 2nd day of October, 1980.

Irene Crawford, District Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Johnnie Wakefield, Deputy.

33-1tc NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that HACK DRILLING COMPANY, a partnership composed of E.E. McGill and F.H. Lloyd, doing business at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, will become incorporated, and that after October 1, 1980, the business will be conducted under the name of HACK DRILLING CO., INC., a Texas corporation, at its same location in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. This Notice is given pursuant to Article 1302-2.02 of the Texas Miscellaneous

Corporation Laws Act and Section 6.103(7) of the Texas Business and Commerce Code. 32-4tc

Farm exports up

Making agricultural news this week is an announcement from the Foreign Agriculture Circular that announced a 50 per cent increase in cotton exports last year.

The report said the U.S. exported 9.2 million-480 pound bales last year, compared to 4.6 million in 78-79.

The USDA is now allowing a full 90 days after a grain reserve is called to settle the account. This will apply to old contracts, as well as new. For example, producers who signed contracts before Jan. 7, 1980 and have not converted to new contracts previously had only 30 days from notification of the call in which to repay the loans.

Riney's announce birth

D'Neal Riney would like to announce the arrival of her baby brother, Jeremy Don, who was born on August 31, 1980 at 1:18 a.m. Jeremy Don weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces and was 20 inches long. Jeremy's parents are Larry and Sherri Riney of Eastland. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ike Neal of Cross Plains; maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Omar Neal of Dunkirk, Indiana. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney of Merkel and the paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. L.E. Riney of Merkel.

1950 reunion

The Merkel High Class of 1950 will hold a reunion dinner Saturday at 7 p.m. at Pug and Leo's Restaurant.

Sylvester reunion

On November 1, 1980 all former residents, students, and present residents will be registered and visit until noon when a catered meal will be served for \$3.50 per plate and if possible we would like for everyone to reserve their meal ticket by October 15, 1980. If

you prefer you may feel free to bring a sack lunch.

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33-1tp FOR SALE: 2 bedroom, Merkel, large corner lot, will sell FHA or VA, \$16,000. 2 bts at Merkel County Club, \$11,000 and \$D,500. Older home, stone construction, 3 bedrooms on 8 1/2 acres at Eula. Extra acreage available. To settle estate, 242 acres in Calahan County. Pecan orchard, livable home, whenever you are buying or selling, call Ronnie Hardy at Century 21, or stop in Abilene, 182 South Willis 673-4535 or 846-431.

27-TFC FOR SALE: Older model, New Moon, 12 X 65, 2 bedroom, mobile home. Call after 5:30 928-5522.

33-2tc FOR SALE: Recurve Bow, Wing, 57 lb. pull, 62 inches. Call before 5 928-5712 or after 5 928-4959.

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32-2tc FOR SALE: 1973 Pontiac Lemans Sports Coupe; 1971 4 door, Catalina Pontiac, call 736-6141.

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33-1tp FURNITURE FOR SALE: sofa, end tables, coffee tables, microwave, Call 928-5666 after 5.

33-2tc FOR SALE: Siamese kittens, 8 weeks old, call after 4:30, 928-4944

FOR SALE: White leghorn rooster, 2 pigs, weighs about 125 pounds each. Call 928-5847.

33-1tc SURPLUS JEEP S, CARS, TRUCKS, Available thru Government Agencies, many sell for under \$200.00. Call (602) 941-8014 Ext. 230 on how to obtain your Surplus Directory.

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Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE: Friday from 9-5. Gas heater-\$40, 2 car radios - \$10 each, dishwasher - \$60, baby walker - \$10, many other items. Mrs. Laverne Moore, 1406 Sunset.

33-1tc GARAGE SALE: 601 Edwards, riding lawnmower, tools, treadle sewing machine, Kenmore electric sewing machine, old pictures, 35 MM camera, old glass, what nots, dolls, and misc.

33-1tc GARAGE SALE AND MOVING SALE: Elys, Cochrans, Cowgers and others. Five miles east of Merkel, south of I 20 at Ely Corner, 9-5 Friday and 8-4 Saturday.

33-1tp GARAGE SALE: 2 family porch sale, lots of clothes, dishes, quilts and quilt tops, high chair, table, and lots of misc. Also sweet potatoes for 45 cents per pound. 208 Orange, Thursday and Friday.

33-1tc MOVING SALE: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 1403 Herring Dr. Baby bed, play pen, blankets, bed spreads, love seat, dishes, games, swimming pool, even a post hole digger, lots more, come see.

33-1tp GARAGE SALE: We are moving several families combined to make big selection. 706 Avondale, Thursday-Saturday, 9 a.m. til ?

33-1tp

The Classifieds

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LOST: female, Siamese Cat, 4 months old, Blue Point, white and gray, pink collar with bells, answers to Bonnie. Reward. Call 928-5247. Debbie Sandusky.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Basilisa Ronquillo, Respondent: 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 Jose Ronquillo, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 8 day of Sept., 1980, against Basilisa Ronquillo, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 4476-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Jose Ronquillo and Basilisa Ronquillo", the nature of which suit is a request to Grant Divorce Petitioner request to be Appointed Conservator of Children.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the children interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child adoption.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court

at Abilene, Texas, this the 8th day of Sept., 1980.

Irene Crawford, District Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Johnnie Wakefield, Deputy. 30-4tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Unknown Father, 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 Christian Homes, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 1st day of October, 1980, against Unknown Father, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 4604-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Baby Girl Chia, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to terminate Parent-Child relationship. Said child was born the 29th day of September, 1980, in Abilene, Texas, Taylor County.

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.

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Rister-Wilcox wed

Sara Susan Rister became the bride of Steven Michael Wilcox September 27, 1980 at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church Chapel in Abilene with Pete Knight officiating.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Rister of Merkel. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Theodore R. Wilcox of San Antonio.

Becky West of Arlington was her sister's matron of honor. Bridesmaid was Rhonda Wilcox of San Antonio, sister of the bridegroom.

Allison McClesky was flower girl and ring bearer was David Stuckey of Merkel, brother of the bride. Stephen Dickey was best man and groomsmen were Randy Wilcox, of San Antonio, brother of the bridegroom. Seating guests were Stephen Rister of Midland and Stan West of Arlington.

The bride's parents were hosts for the reception at the Church fellowship hall. The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at Crystal's Pizza and Spaghetti.

A graduate of Merkel High School, the bride attended Hardin-Simmons University, McMurry College and Abilene Christian University. She received an R.N. diploma from Mary Meek School of Nursing and is employed by Hendrick Medical Center.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Radford High School, Honolulu, Hawaii and attended Texas State Technical Institute. He is in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Dyess Air Force Base.

The couple went on a wedding trip to Austin and San Antonio.



Mrs. Steven Wilcox

Spark's have twins

David and Cathy Sparks are proud to announce the birth of twin sons born August 11 at Hendrick Medical Center.

Clayton Lee weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces and

was 19 inches long. Matthew Clint weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Holloway and Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Sparks Sr.

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During October, which is "Cooperative Month" special recognition will be given to cooperatives for their roles in economic progress of this state and nation, points out Johnny Feagan, economist in organization with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

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Art association holds meeting

The Merkel Art Association met Monday, October 6th at the First United Methodist Church with Cora Reeves, hostess.

President Mary Stanley called the meeting to order.

Minutes were read by Ruth Hogan. Following the minutes, the roll call was called.

There was a discussion regarding the water color class that had been planned for October.

An all day workshop is being planned. Committee reports were given.

Everyone was reminded that Lorene Lee is the Artist of the Month. Her reception will be Friday, October 17th at the United Savings in Merkel.

Members attending were as follows: Mary Stanley, Ruth Hogan, Ruth Cox, Cora Reeves, Ethel Pee, Lorene Lee, and Ann Doan.

FFA's ready for state show

This past week, Mr. Riley and his students worked all the pigs while Mr. Naron and his students weighed them. We are trying to get everything rounded up and get ready for the stock shows.

The people that will be showing in the Dallas State Fair are getting

ready to be on their way. We are wishing them all good luck. The results will be in next week's paper.

All the students are hoping to accomplish more this year. We had pretty good standings last year, but we want to do better this year. Keep hoping for better results and wish us all good luck.

Starr volunteers going strong

We are continuing our volunteer program with 11 volunteers and would be glad to have many more join our ranks. Our volunteers gave 57 hours of service during September. The patients have really enjoyed our volunteers in their red and white aprons and vests.

Some of the services rendered during September include playing the piano, singing, visits and candy brought to residents, hair styling and manicuring in the beauty shop. Wednesday mornings are a particular delight to the residents. Pearl McClain entertains on the piano while Mary Gill and Ly Tran work in the beauty shop. Later in the morning, Lloyd and Fairy Pribble arrive with the movie projector and movies to show the residents. We want to express our appreciation to Mrs. Martin at the Merkel library for providing this film service for us.

Special happenings this past month include, entertainment by the

Tye Senior Citizens group. The ladies of the Dorcas Room of the Merkel Church of Christ also surprised some of the residents with bibs and pillows which they had made.

Dee Perry has been discharged from the home to the hospital and Maurine Pool has returned to her own home. Ruby Jinkens is the newest admission to the home.

Those celebrating birthdays during October include: Minnie Owens on 10-1, Madilene Kitchens on 10-6, Pearl Crocker on 10-13, and Pernecia Hobbs on 10-30.

We were saddened by the death of Cleo Douglas and will miss her very much.

Things are going well with our volunteers and we invite more of you in the community to become involved in providing services to the residents of the Starr Home. You may call 928-5801 to learn what you can do to help as a volunteer.

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Lee named artist of the month

Mrs. Edman Lee has been selected as Merkel Art Association Artist of the month. Her paintings will be displayed at the United Savings in Merkel through the month of October.

The public is invited to a coffee honoring Mrs. Lee, given by The United Savings, on Friday morning, October 10, from 10:00 until 12:00.

Mrs. Lee is very pleased to be a member of the Merkel Art Association, which she joined in August of this year.

Lorene has always been interested in art, especially oil paintings, although she has only been painting for one and one half years and then only by encouragement from a friend.

Mrs. Lee started painting under Pat Garren at Buffalo Gap and since then has painted under several well known artists: Bob Dennis, Ruth Adams, Harold Scott and Pam Briscoe. At present she is painting under Beva Bennett of Abilene.

Even though Lorene has painted some still life, which she likes, her favorite subjects are landscapes with abandoned buildings and oak trees with bluebonnets. Oils has been her only medium so far, but she hopes to venture into another sometime in the future. She would also like to encourage those with a desire to learn to paint, to do so as you can spend many enjoyable hours dabbling in the paint and it is such a marvelous hobby.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee moved to Merkel from Ballinger in 1971. Each was reared on farms, ranches, Mrs. Lee at Goldthwaite, Mr. Lee at Crews. Both are Baptist. They have a daughter, who still lives in Ballinger, Melinda Clayton, son-in-law, Jim, and two grandsons, Chris and Brandon.



Mrs. Edman Lee was named the Merkel Art Association's Artist of the month. United Savings is sponsoring a reception for her, Oct. 10 from 10

a.m. until noon and the public is invited. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)

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Tye happenings

What's Happening In Tye
By Harold Boyd

Since our last column, seems like everything has turned green and is growing. Thanks to the rains and nice weather that we are having.

Our national elections will be forth coming as well as our county and state. It is up to us to vote, but we can not determine the way the people that we elect to office will represent us when they get into the office that they are entrusted to. Do exercise your right by going to the polls and cast your ballot for the person of your choice. Mark your calendar for November.

To those of you that attended the musical Saturday evening and heard the announcement from Otto and Helena Brazell, they are giving up the musicals after the 1st of the year. It is regrettable that they are giving them up, but after some years that they have given of themselves, they have earned a rest and deserve it. Otto and Helena have given of themselves for the past several years and have put in many an hour, getting supplies, donations of food, stuff, musicians to play for you and now it comes time for someone else to fill their shoes. This is not an easy chore, ask them...For those musicals to continue, it will take someone or say everyone to help keep them going. Are you willing to accept this challenge? If so, let it be known. To Otto and Helena, our deepest thanks for your time, energies and love for bringing the musicals to Tye and Truby. May you now take a seat and enjoy them yourself, again thanks from those of us that have enjoyed the musicals.

It is somewhat hard to write this column each week, getting facts, items of interest or news around the town. Surely there is something to be

bragging about, news of interest that can be shared with others. I'd be delighted to have this information to pass around, and the only way I can get it is from you. Take all the organizations here in Tye...surely you are doing something worthwhile and to help achieve your goals, why not let us instate it in the column. The Mail is in some 2,000 homes each week, it doesn't cost you anything except a few minutes of your time to drop us a note or contact me as to whom I may call regarding news of your group or organization. We will print it and let others know about it. Till next week, you all take care.

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Trent News

Jr. High wins 24-6

The Trent Junior High ran their record to 2-0 Thursday by downing Leuders-Avoca 24-6. Scoring for Trent was Benjamin Beaver 3 times. Benjamin returned a punt 70 yards, returned a kick off 63 yards and returned an interception 55 yards. Billy Brazelton scored on a 11 yard run. All four P.A.T. were missed. Trent's next game is at 6:00 p.m. Thursday against Highland at Trent. This will be Junior High's last home game.

Junior class hamburger supper

The Junior Class is having a Hamburger Supper prior to the game Friday in the Trent High School gym, 4:30-6:00. Cost is \$1.75. You can also pick up mums.

Trent elects 7th grade officers

The Trent 7th grade class elected officers and favorites. They are as follows: president-Benjamin (Bebo) Beaver; vice president-Janna King; Secretary-Missy Simpson; Treasurer-Melody Moses; Reporter-Buddy Bredemeyer; Class favorites-Kim Wallis and Billy Brazelton; Halloween King-Jimmy Pratt; Halloween Queen-Trudie Baker; Class sponsor-Mrs. Anita Brown. In a class meeting, plans were made for the Trent Halloween Carnival. The 7th grade class will sponsor a football throw.

Trent sophomores elect officers

The Sophomore class elected officers. They are: President-Ricky Pennell; Vice President-Leigh Ann McGlothlin; Secretary-Treasurer-Verna Wisley; Reporter-Debra Williams; Student Council Rep.-Debra Williams. Class favorites are James Freeman and Leigh Ann McGlothlin. Football Hero and Sweetheart nominees are Matt Jackson and Debra Williams.

Homecoming schedule set

Trent High School has plenty of activities planned for Homecoming weekend.

Activities get underway Friday with a 2 p.m. pep rally, followed by early dismissal from school at 2:30. The Junior Class is sponsoring a dinner before the game at the cafeteria from 4:30 until 6 p.m. The kickoff for the Trent-Grady game is set for 7 p.m. Friday.

Saturday's schedule starts with a 6:30 to 8 a.m. breakfast sponsored by the Trent Community Club, a 10 a.m. parade with about 20 floats, lunch sponsored by the Senior class from 11:30 until 1 p.m. at the cafeteria, a 2 p.m. program for former students at the school and a powder puff football game completes the activities with kickoff set for 5 p.m.

Charles W. Stenholm

WASHINGTON, D.C. —

Two years ago, the Food and Drug Administration and the Department of Agriculture announced that nitrite, used as a preservative in cured meats and poultry, caused cancer. This week, they changed their minds.

The revision was certainly good news for both consumer and producer of those meat products, but the nagging question remains: After two years of consumer uncertainty and untold millions of dollars worth of damage to industry, who is to be held accountable for this error?

As background, in 1978 the two agencies acted on the basis of a single study done at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology that said that nitrite had been found to cause cancer in rats when used in such foods as bacon, hot dogs and other food products.

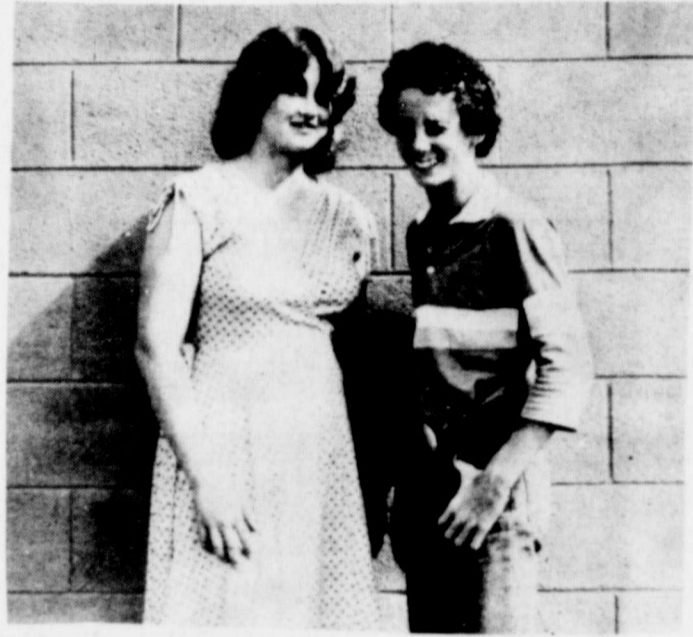
Despite cries from the industry that the research was inclusive, the agencies proceeded to loudly decry the use of nitrite, creating an immediate reaction by the consuming public. Since nitrites have been used for years for the control of bacteria that cause deadly botulism, secondary fears were raised as to the safety of products that did not use nitrites. An estimated \$12.5 billion worth of food — 7 percent of our food supply, has nitrite added to it. In many respects, the nationwide production and distribution system for processed meats, poultry, fish and other products depended on the use of nitrite. And yet, on the basis of a single study, a phase-out of its use was begun and the costs to the industry and the consumer began to add up.

And what, after all of that, was the government's response to the costly error?

The senior official from the Food and Drug Administration told Congressmen at a special briefing this week that he was "sorry that this has caused problems, but that is the price we pay for open government."

Homecoming queen

candidates and escorts



Donna Willis and Casey Johnson



Judy Brenem and Kevin Willis



Debra Williams and Matt Jackson



Rebecca Sipe and Eddie Adams

Homecoming dinner

Everyone is invited to come to the Trent Senior Class Homecoming Dinner on Saturday, October 11th. The dinner will be held in the school cafeteria from 11:30 to 1:00. Adult plates will be \$3.50 and children plates \$2.50.

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SPEAKING OF SOAPS



Judy Lewis, producer of "Texas."

Judy Lewis, producer of NBC's latest daytime entry "Texas," got her education in the entertainment field at a very early age. She is the daughter of Loretta Young.

Lewis graduated with honors from Marymount High School in Los Angeles then went off to New York City to attend Duchesne Residence School, a finishing school for girls. The curriculum included opera, theater, and social work at the New York Foundling Home. She also got a degree from the New York School of Interior Design.

It was then that Judy returned to Los Angeles to become assistant story editor on "The Loretta Young Show" where she remained for two years learning every aspect of script and TV production.

Following a stint of episodic television Lewis went back to New York to take over the role of Tiffany Richards, the spoiled millionaire in Jean Kerr's play "Mary Mary." She had finally realized a childhood dream and was performing on the Broadway stage.

In 1965 it was back to television when Lewis accepted the leading role of Susan Carver in the long-running daytime series, "Secret Storm." She remained in that role for seven years until, in 1973,

ously destructive. Nick has reason to feel threatened by John.

GUIDING LIGHT -- Mike is in pursuit of Alan again. Hope stands by Alan despite a sinking feeling. Ed is supportive of Rita and tries to lend a helping hand.

SEARCH FOR TOMORROW -- David wonders and imagines how things might have been. Sunny struggles with her problem. Sissy is heard from again.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS -- Doug feels he is losing his grip on Kay and fights to hold her. Victor tries to smooth things over with Julia. Luke has reason for hope.

EDGE OF NIGHT -- Kelly loses his job and Jody's as well when he defends her honor at the Unicorn. An angry Elliot threatens to ruin Raven's scheme and she panics. Elliot finds that puppets can be dangerous and deadly.

THIS WEEK: Cliff has some influence over Raven's plans. A new face arrives in Monticello.

ALL MY CHILDREN -- Leora locks herself in the bathroom while her husband rages. Nancy is recovering and plans to tell Carl that Frank is his real father. Cliff tries to tell Nina about Sybil but is interrupted. Sybil, meanwhile has cramps and a miscarriage is feared. Mark proposed to Ellen again.

THIS WEEK: Sybil is hurt and angry. Mark puts pressure on Ellen.

RYAN'S HOPE -- Delia sees Barry kissing Lily and loses



Recap 9/29 -- 10/3
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control of her car. She winds up hitting him. Afterwards she panics and pulls Faith behind the wheel so that she will take the rap for it. Faith is arrested. Kim is bombing out as an actress and runs to Seneca for help.

THIS WEEK: Faith is

clinging to Frank for help. Kim gets some unpleasant news.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE -- Nicole puts her life story on tape for Pat. Chuck has the room bugged and hears it. Nicole goes to Pat's room to give her the tape, but Pat doesn't answer the door. Karen tells Vicki that she can never return to Larry. Dorian hears that Pat and Beau will marry and offers Llanfair for the wedding.

THIS WEEK: Nicole makes another effort to inform Pat. Asa fumes and plans his next move.

GENERAL HOSPITAL -- Luke plans to meet with the left handed boy to have him decode the book. Hutch makes plans to kill Luke and Laura. Paddy Kelly dies and Joe has to be restrained from attacking Smith. Lesley receives a phone call from Laura. The hit man is revealed to Luke. Luke hides the black book. Smith tries to call off the hit man but the hit man says he is now taking orders from only the top.

THIS WEEK: Sally puts pressure on Luke to reveal the hiding place. A dramatic conclusion to this phase of the drama.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES -- Don and Liz have gone to bed and Chandler makes sure that Marlena finds out. Marlena confronts Don and she says that it was a case of two lonely people reaching out to each other and nothing more. Todd and Joshua have the same mother. Joshua knows but Todd doesn't. Chandler looks into Joshua's background.

THIS WEEK: Mickey worries about Maggie's concern for Kyle. Julie is curious about Joshua.

THE DOCTORS -- Billy suggests to Greta that the baby being sick will bring them together. Darcy takes a job at a restaurant to help meet expenses. Mona takes a great dislike to Carolee. Brad confronts Billy about his sudden change in attitude toward his daughter. Viveca invites Steve to her houseboat and criticizes Carolee.

THIS WEEK: Greta worries

that her baby's disease may be fatal. Billy assures his friend that all is well.

ANOTHER WORLD -- Russ tells Rachel about Zachary Colton's interest in "Harry Must Die." He asks Rachel to tell Brian the whole story but Rachel refuses, not wanting to ruin Mac's happiness. Robert Delaney comes to town. Clarice takes Cory to a park so Delaney can see him. Zachary wants Larry to go to St. Croix to get the whole story about Janice and Mitch. Mitch and Mel arrive in the Colorado Rockies and take refuge in a cabin owned by a woman

named Ma Davis. Mitch still doesn't know who he is or what he did.

THIS WEEK: Mitch has flashbacks of recognition. Rachel does some fancy footwork. Clarice is in a no-win situation.

TEXAS -- Dennis and Alex have an uneasy time together and Iris is torn between her love for both of them. Justin does all he can to undermine Alex. Vicky is hurt by Reena's insensitivity. Clipper tries to make a name for himself.

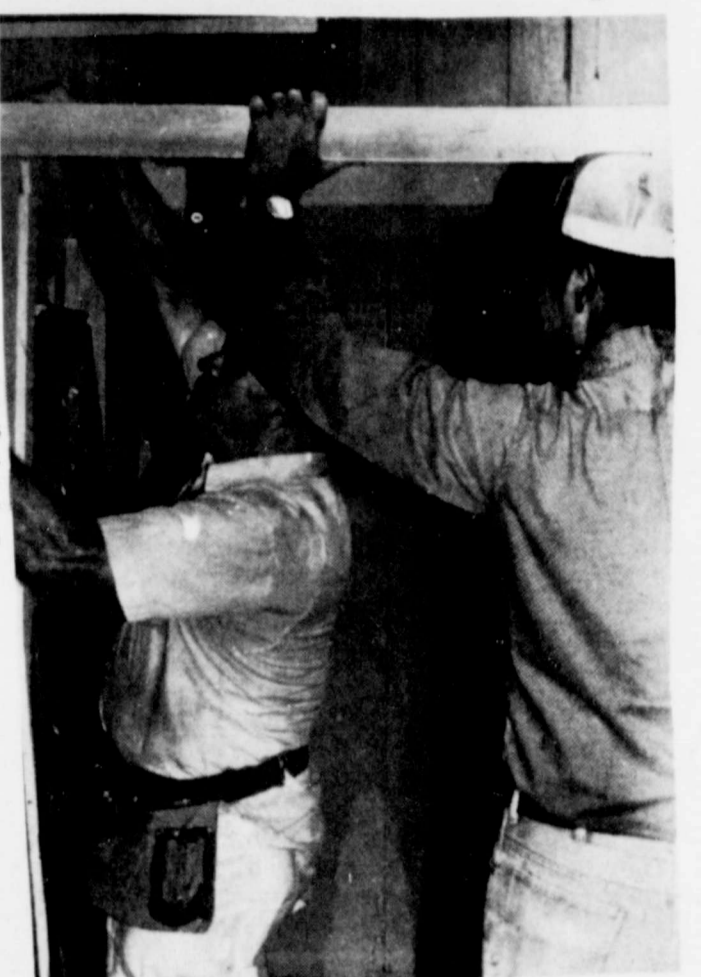
THIS WEEK: Kevin cautions Reena about her cruel behavior. Justin is a thorn in Alex's side.

Bar M meats now open

Merkel is getting a frozen meats store this month, as the W.L. Massey's take on their first business adventure by opening Bar-M Meats at 135 Kent Street.

Bar-M Meats will carry a varied line from frozen fish and burrito, to chicken fried steaks and chicken strips at a price to be competitive with the locker plant.

Mrs. Massey feels their new project has good potential and invites people from Merkel and surrounding areas to come by and see what they have.



Workers spruce up Bar-M Meats' location on Kent Street here. Bar-M is Merkel's newest business, opening this week. (Staff photo by Drew Mawson)



First Baptist Church here presented Eternity in concert Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. Eternity is a religious singing group consisting

of 18 professional singers and musicians and they presented an inspirational ministry through music to the crowd.

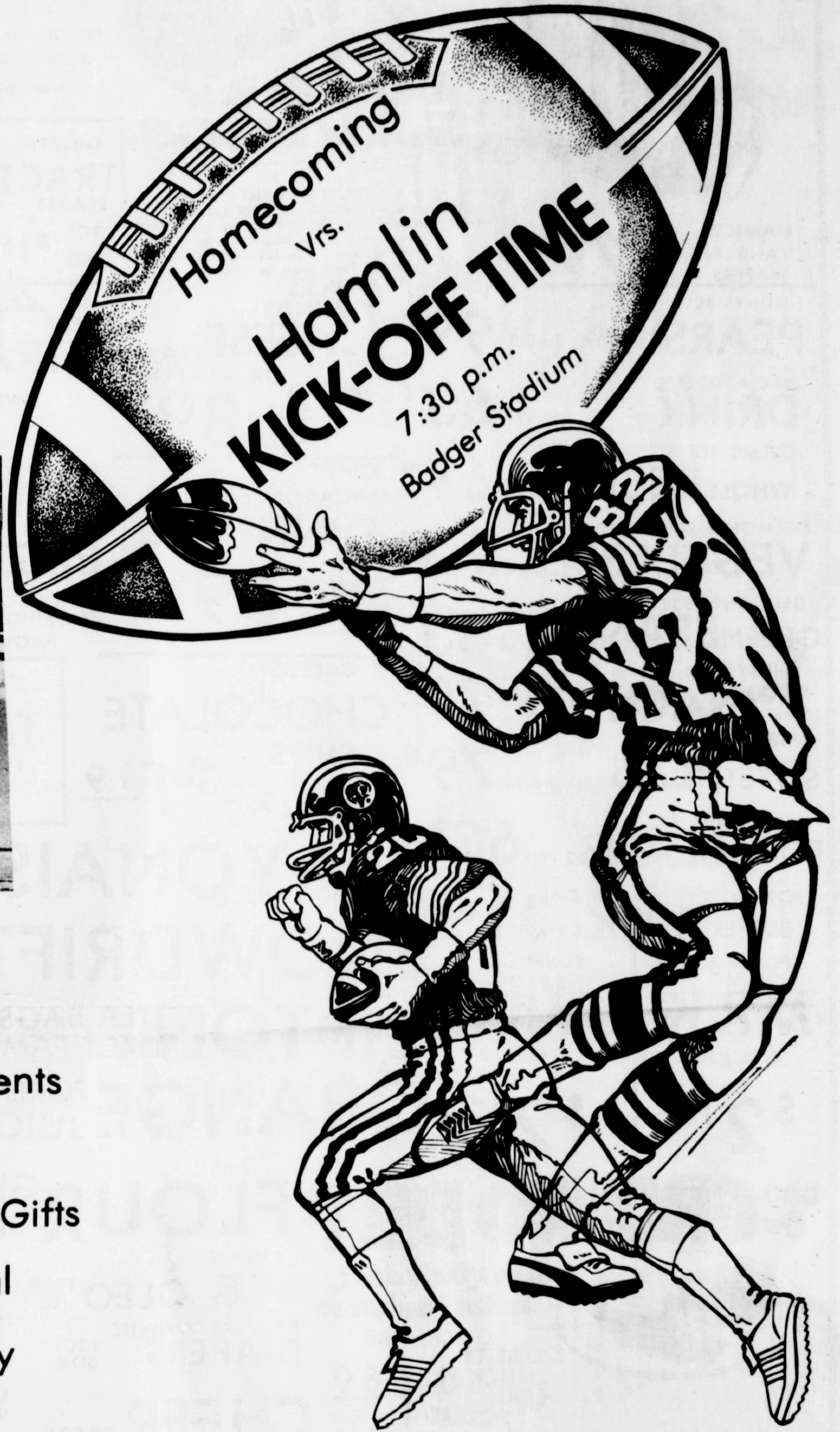
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