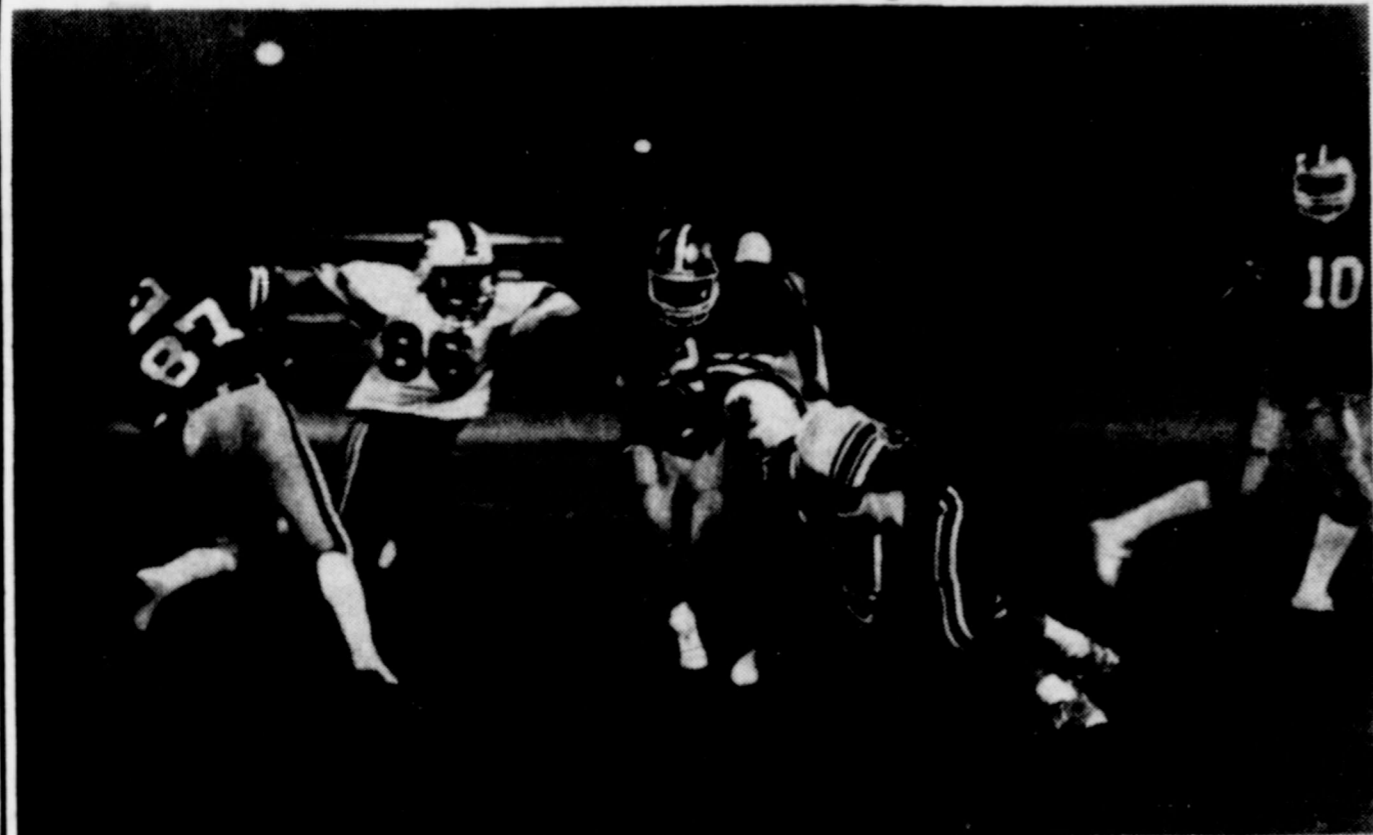


# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, September 19, 1985 ... Merkel, Texas

Our 97th Year

## Badgers scalp Jim Ned 41-7; travel to Roscoe Friday



§ With the offensive line opening holes like this, the Merkel Badgers coasted to a 41-7 win over the Jim Ned Indians here

last Friday. The Badgers travel to Roscoe Friday for an 8 p.m. kickoff. [Staff photo]

The Merkel Badgers rolled up 438 yards of total offense behind the running of Dean Franklin and the passing combination of Matt Cain and Ramon Moreno to down Jim Ned 41-7 here last week.

The Badgers, with the win, run their season record to 2-0 and will face their strongest challenge to date Friday when they travel to Roscoe to take on the state ranked Roscoe Plowboys.

In last week's game, the Badgers totally dominated the Jim Ned Indians and with the exception of a kickoff return for a touchdown, the Indians were held to four first downs and 80 yards on offense.

Badger Coach Dick Lepard told The Mail Monday, "Our kids executed real well. I don't think that Jim Ned has that bad of a team. Our kids played real well and our big tests will come in the next three weeks."

Lepard said, "Our offensive line had a great game. They were hitting people and putting them on their backs." he also praised the running of Dean Franklin (138

yards rushing) and Douglas Taylor.

Defensively, Lepard said, "When you hold a team to four first downs, you have 11 people out there doing a great job." He singled out Taylor, defensive ends Shayne Newberry and Justin Amerine and defensive backs Matt Cain and James Wright.

Lepard also said he saw quite a few things he was happy with in the win over Jim Ned. "The touchdown pass to Moreno in the second half was an audible. Cain read the defense, changed the call and our lineman didn't jump offside, the backs did their job and Cain made a good throw."

The coach also said the off-season conditioning program is paying off because the team has had no major injuries and the kids aren't getting tired before the end of the games.

This week, the Badgers face Roscoe and the Plowboys are also 2-0. Lepard said, "Coach Kennedy has been there six years and they

have been to the playoffs six times. They handled Rotan and Baird in their first two games and they are a big, sound football team."

Roscoe, like Jim Ned, runs an option oriented offense and will play solid defense.

Lepard added, "The next three weeks will show us what kind of a team we will have this year. Roscoe will be tough, Stamford is always good and Bangs looked real good against Jim Ned in a pre-season scrimmage. But, it really doesn't make any difference if we are 5-0 or 0-5 in pre-season because it doesn't count until district starts."

The three high school teams finished their second undefeated week in a row. The freshmen beat Sweetwater 34-0 and the JV won over Jim Ned by the same score.

This week, the 7th, 8th and B teams will host Sweetwater here and the JV will travel to Hamlin for a 7:30 kickoff. Kickoff for the Badger-Roscoe game will be at 8:00 p.m. in Roscoe.

Peace Leo Mashburn.

No cause for the accident was determined, but at Department of Public Safety Trooper on the scene told **The Mail** the car was traveling at a high rate of speed when it left the interstate.

The bodies of the three men were sent to Dallas for autopsies Sunday.

It was the first fatality near here on I-20 since March.

## High school principal says 6 rooms needed next year

The Merkel school board held its first regular session since the start of school Tuesday night and went into executive session to discuss alternatives in dealing with too few classrooms and too many students here.

Board members also heard reports from principals and started a new program of "Meeting the teachers" at their meeting held in the high school library.

Speaking before the board Tuesday were Karla Lepard and Mrs. Bill Everett of Tye Elementary, Pam Carson and Donna Bryan of Merkel Middle School and Pat Neff and Dick Lepard from High School.

All of the teachers gave glowing reports of cooperation between faculty and teachers and all said they thought the start of school here was the smoothest yet.

Merkel High principal Larry Curry presented the board with a list of proposed needs for Merkel High next year. Curry said he would need a full time aid to cover study halls, a special education

teacher, an assistant principal / counselor, a math / science teacher and a coach / english or PE teacher.

Curry also told board members he would need at least six, but probably eight classrooms and Curry proposed building an eight classroom wing, complete with offices, restrooms and lockers, to be used for a Freshman Wing.

Curry said his current school enrollment was 371 in the high school and said just from a large 8th grade class coming in and a small Senior class graduating his enrollment would go up 50 students, not counting any additional students moving into the district.

Curry also said MISD was the 2nd fastest growing school in the Region 14 Service Center, behind Wylie schools.

Curry also said a parking lot at the high school and the football field was needed, as well as a place for high school students to eat lunch.

Board members adopted nu-

merous policies required by the state and also decided to allow student initiated meetings from any legal organization or religion. The move was made because two high school students had requested using school facilities for prayer meetings. Under the Equal Access law, if the meetings are allowed, facilities would have to be open to any legal group wanting to meet at MISD facilities during the school day.

The board also formally applied for funds for bussing students living within a 2 mile radius from school, but living along a hazardous route.

Texas law states those students may be transported with state funds and MISD, with its vote, will be applying for state funds. The affected areas are two mobil home parks in Tye.

In other action, board members approved the employment of Susan Peachy at Tye, Kay Hobbs at Merkel Middle School and Barbara Graham at Merkel High.

## Tax rebates are down here

Merkel's sales tax rebates are running 1.17 per cent less than those last year according to a news release from the State Comptroller's Office.

Merkel's latest check was for \$2,730.86, compared to \$3,021.56 for the same period last year. So far this year, Merkel has received \$46,645.89, compared to \$47,199.19

through the same period last year.

Trent's tax rebates are 30.93 percent behind those last year. Trent has received \$1,420.77 so far this year, compared to \$2,057.12 for the same period last year.

Tye's rebates continue to be the strongest in the county. Tye has received \$58,677.18 so far this year, compared to \$46,530.51 for

the same period last year. Tye's rebates are 27.05 ahead of last year's pace.

The rebates are generated by local sales. The State Comptroller rebates the city's one per cent share of the state sales tax, and mails checks once a month for the city share of all sales within the city limits.

## Auction set tonight to raise money for nutritional program

An auction to raise money for the Senior Citizens Nutritional Program here will be held at 6:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at Heritage Hall.

Precinct 2 County Commissioner Don Dudley will serve as the auctioneer and a lot of those items will be cakes, pies and other sweets.

There will be plenty of food

available for those attending and they will make a good stop before or after football games here tonight.

The proceeds will go to the Senior Citizens Nutritional Program. The program provides two hot meals per week to local senior citizens at no charge. Donations are accepted at the meals, which are held here on Tuesdays and

Thursdays at Heritage Hall. The meals are very well attended by local senior citizens.

Volunteer workers serve the meals at Heritage Hall and the project is under the direction of Genevieve King, the site manager. The Taylor County Senior Citizens Nutritional Program and its volunteers would appreciate your support and attendance.

## 3 killed as car explodes here

Three Abilene men were killed early Sunday morning when their 1980 Cadillac flew off the East bound lane on I-20 at the Derstine Road overpass one mile West of Merkel.

The car was headed East when it left the road, struck a guard rail, climbed over the rail and burst into flames when it fell onto the concrete embankment of the overpass.

Killed in the accident were Jerry Don Wilcox, James Glen Nowlin and Eric Rayford, all of Abilene.

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department received the call at 4:22 a.m. Sunday morning. When they arrived, the car was fully engulfed in flames. All three men were pronounced dead at the scene by Precinct 2 Justice of the

## Badgers roll, clean-up ... more

by Cloy A. Richards

Let's see, the Badgers held up their end this weekend by rolling past Hawley but the Aggies, Oilers and Cowboys all let me down in weekend football action.

The Badgers looked good Friday night as Dean Franklin led the way on the ground and the combo of Matt Cain to Ramon Moreno clicked a few times. Cain was passing with a lot more confidence this week and that will really help the Badgers move the ball.

When was the last time of Merkel High scored that many points in a game?

We had a little rain Friday after we threatened to use one of Dale Hammond's rainmaking cartoons, but if we don't get a good rain soon, we will be forced to pull out one of the rainmakers.

It's beginning to feel like fall anyway.

The cool weather will give all of us a break from high cooling costs, before we start paying high heating bills.

Paul McCauley, a 14 year old Merkel youth we told you about last week, is in a coma and in intensive care at Children's Hospital in Dallas following surgery last Friday.

He is expected to be at the hospital for the next 60 to 90 days. He and his family live at 710 Avondale here.

City, county and state crews pitched in last week to clean up the South side of the railroad right of way.

The work should help carry water away from homes along

South 1st street after heavy rains.

The area looks much better following the work.

Speaking of looking better, the lots the city awarded a contract to be cleaned up are looking very good. Two of the lots are along Old Highway 80 and the work is very noticeable.

The Merkel school board spent quite a bit of time in executive session at their regular meeting Tuesday night, talking about different plans to cope with the increasing student population at MISD.

Merkel High principal Larry Curry said his campus needed at least six additional classrooms before the start of school next year, during regular session Tuesday night.



§ The Badgers celebrate their win over Jim Ned at midfield here last Friday night. The Badgers are 2-0 on the year and

will take on the state ranked Roscoe Plowboys in Roscoe Friday night at 8 p.m.

# JV record is 2-0; down Jim Ned 34-0

The Merkel J.V. made it two in a row, Thursday night, with an easy 34 to 0 win over the Jim Ned J.V. The Badger defense had a great night, allowing Jim Ned to penetrate their 20 yard line only once. Tony Juarez came up with the big play in that series by intercepting a pass in the end zone to stop the drive. Mike Lambert also had an interception, his 2nd in two games.

Outstanding on defense, for the Badgers were Chris Reyna, Ray Goff, Mark Aldrete, Billy Hair, Randy Graham, Michael Woodall, Todd Smith, Robert McFaden, Scott Guenther, and Jay Williams. The Badger defense has only given up 6 points in two games.

The offense was led by the fine quarterbacking of David Doan and the hard running of Mike Farthing and Ray Goff. Ricky Doan also had some fine runs. The halftime score was Merkel 22, Jim Ned 0, with touchdowns scored by Mike Farthing and Ray Goff. In the third quarter, Mark Aldrete caught a 30 yard TD strike from quarterback David Doan and also had another big catch that covered 40 yards to set up another TD run by Mike Farthing. Ray Goff scored the final TD of the night.

The J.V. Badgers are off this week, but will resume play the following Thursday at Bangs, with a 7:30 kickoff. Come and show your support to this fine group.

# Girls volleyball team opens year

The Merkel Girls Varsity volleyball team got off to a good start by winning one of 3 games over AAAA Sweetwater September 9th. The girls lost the series 12-15, 15-11 and 13-15. They had a serving percentage of 88 in that contest. Also that night, the Freshmen were defeated 15-10 and 15-9 while connecting on 86 percent of their serves and the JV lost 15-12 and 15-3 while serving at a 61 percent clip.

The varsity team traveled to Colorado City Saturday and came home with one match win and two losses in the C-City Tournament. They opened the tournament with a 15-6, 15-3 loss to Water Pioneer Methodist sets fall program

Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church will be starting its fall Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Memorial is South of Merkel on FM 126 at Mulberry Canyon.

Valley. Kelly Beights was 7 of 7 in serves while the team served at a 76 percent clip. The girls then lost to Clyde 4-15, 15-2, 10-15. Sheri Riney led the team in serving hitting 12 of 13 while the team served 79 percent in. In the final match, the Badgers defeated Aspermont 15-8, 14-16, 15-5. Ziem Tran was 2 for 2 serving while the team served at a 78 percent clip.

The Badgers traveled to C-City Tuesday night (details were not available at press time) and will start district play here September 24th against Breckenridge. The Freshmen, JV and Varsity teams will be in action with games starting at 5:30 p.m.

# Freshmen top Sweetwater 34-0, record now 2-0

Merkel's Freshman Football team continued its winning ways last week by beating the Sweetwater White team 34-0 in the Mustang Bowl Thursday.

Freddy Gonzales opened the scoring with a 50 yard TD run. Kenneth Jowers scored next for the Badgers on a 20 yard run and Freddy added a two point conversion to make it 14-0 in the first quarter.

In the second quarter Kenneth outraced the Mustang defenders enroute to a 73 yard TD run. Corey Hines added the 2 point conversion to make it Merkel 22 Sweetwater 0 at the half.

Jowers scored again in the third quarter on a 7 yard run and tossed a 30 yard TD pass to Wade Toombs later in the third quarter to complete the scoring.

The Freshmen Badgers play host to Ballinger this Thursday and then travel to Abilene to face Abilene High on the 26th.



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# Postal clerk-carrier exams set

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To qualify applicants must pass a written test, and meet physical requirements.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, age, color, national origin, sex, handicap(s), political affiliations or any other non-merit factors.

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Applications must be submitted by September 20, 1985.

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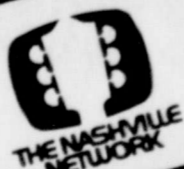
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## Merkel FFA fares well at fair

The Merkel Future Farmers of America students are excited about this school year and they had an outstanding show at the West Texas Fair. The results are as follows:

Breeding Sheep Show: 1st Place Spring Ewe Lamb and Champion Ewe of the Scramble Show was exhibited by Stephanie Boyd. In the weather lamb class Amy Weiborn placed 8th. The Merkel F.F.A. chapter was second overall in sheep herdsman ship.

In the Breeding Beef Heifer show Debbie Pack exhibited the 1st Place Spring Heifer and the 2nd Place Fall Heifer of the Junior Show. Debbie also exhibited the 5th Place Fall Heifer in the Open Brahman Show.

Mandy Pack exhibited the 2nd Place Spring Heifer and 2nd Place Fall Heifer in the Junior Show along with showing the 5th Place Fall Heifer in the Open Show.

In the Steer Show, Jim Wade Placed 5th with his Crossbred Steer.

The Swine Show was next with Lynn Hays, of Merkel, taking the top honors in the Duroc Class. Not only did Lynn take top honors, but reserve as well.

Other Swine placings were:

Medium Weight Hampshire Barrows: 5th place Mitzi Shelton;

Light Weight Duroc Barrows: 6th place Kris Harris, 7th place Melissa Harris; Medium Weight Duroc Barrows: 1st place Lynn Hays, 4th place Lynn Hays; Heavyweight Duroc Barrows: 1st place Lynn Hays; Champion: Lynn Hays; Reserve Champion: Lynn Hays; Medium Weight Crossbred Barrows: 4th Place Lynn Hays; Light Weight Other Pure Breeds: 6th place Cassie Townsend, 8th place Twila Williams, 10th place Jay Williams; Heavy Weight Other Pure Breeds: 4th place Ricky Riley, 5th place Billy Ray Riley, 8th place Steve Williams; Scramble Gilt Show: 6th place Kevin Mitchell, 7th place Kerry Miller;

We were very proud of our fellow students as they exhibited 21 barrows and placed 15 barrows in the top ten pigs of their classes.

Another group of young ladies who done an outstanding job in representing our school and community while competing in the Miss West Texas Fair and Rodeo Queen Contest were: Mitzi Shelton, Candice Henslee, Bredgett Vaughn and Kelly J. Pietzch. Kelly was the first runner up in the Queen's Contest.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the Merkel students who took part in the West Texas Fair.



These local hunters recently returned from a successful bow hunt in the Sacramento Mountains of New Mexico. The 800 pound bull elk was dropped by

Ricky Meeks. Hunters are (left to right) Jiggs Chadwick, Gary Hicks, Meeks, Larry Irvin and Greg Fisher. [Complimentary photo]

## STEP nabs 56 for DWI

The last month of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program being conducted by the Texas Department of Public Safety in Taylor County was a success in terms of DWI arrests. A total of 68 persons were arrested for DWI in Taylor County by DPS officers. Fifty six (56) of those arrests occurred while the officers were working extra hours.

For the nine (9) months of this program which ended with August 3278 hours and arrested 463 persons for DWI. With the inclusion of the arrests made while the officers were on regular duty, the total DWI arrests made by the DPS for the nine month period was 555.

Fatal accidents are down in Taylor County for this 9 month period when compared to the same 9 months of last year. For the month of December 1983 and through the first 8 months of 1984, the DPS had investigated 7 fatal accidents involving 12 deaths in Taylor County. For the last nine months (including December 1984) the DPS has investigated 2 fatal accidents involving 3 deaths in Taylor County.

## Trent FFA's W T Fair results

The results of the West Texas Fair and Rodeo are as follows: Mindy Ray 6th Hvy. Wt. Hampshire, Steers: Britt Sipe 4th, Scott Lee Hunt 8th Md. Wt. Hampshire, O'Kelly 8th; Scramble Show: 8th Hvy. Wt. Crossbred. Heifers: Willie Brazelton 9th. The winners in the Calf Scramble, catching calves, were Billy Champion Gilt; Barrows: Leslie Clark and Jason Massey They McGlothlin 2nd Lt. Wt. Hampshire, will receive \$100.00 each to purchase a gilt to show in the 1986 Fair.

## MISD lunch menu

The Merkel School Menu is as follows:

Thursday, September 19: Beef tacos, pinto beans, shredded lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, apple sauce cake.

Friday, Sept. 20: Hot dogs with chili, french fries, chopped onion, relish, carrot sticks, rice krispie bars with almonds.

Monday, Sept. 23: Meatloaf, seasoned spinach, blackeyed peas, corn bread, pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday, Sept. 24: Burritos,

macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, apple cheese crisp.

Wednesday, Sept. 25: Chicken Pattie with gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, whipped jelly.

Thursday, Sept. 26: Tuna sandwich, lettuce and tomato, baked beans, brownies.

Friday, Sept. 27: Hamburgers, french fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, orange wedge.

## UGSA meeting Monday

There will be a U.G.S.A. meeting Monday, September 23 at 7 p.m. at Taylor Electric. The meeting is to vote on new by-laws for the M & T Softball League.

Since there is no current board, it is imperative that a new board be elected. This will be the final election of board members for the 1986 M & T Softball season. Please no children at the meeting.

## Inter-religious tea set

The annual Inter-Religious Fall tea is set for Sunday, Sept. 29 at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Merkel.

All churches and their congregations in the area are invited. The Fall tea consists of a program and a reception. Women from different denominations are also included on the program.

Raquel Armstrong of Trent will be the guest speaker.

A reception will be held following the program and organizers are asking you to mark your calendar.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
-TO: Roderick Lynn Perry, Address Unknown, Respondent;

### GREETINGS:

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the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Irma Juanita Dahn, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 19th day of November, 1984, against Roderick Lynn Perry, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 156-CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Jeffrey Charles Perry, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to terminate the parent-child relationship between Gail Rene Perry and Roderick Lynn Perry and

appoint Irma Juanita Dahn as managing conservator of the child. Said child was born the 16th day of March, 1978, in Arlington, Texas. 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 10th day of September, 1985.

Rilla Mahoney, Clerk,  
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By JoAnn Lackey,  
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130-11p

For Sale: 1981 Cadillac Seville with new diesel engine, loaded, call 928-4365 evening, 698-2161 daytime.  
130-TFC

For Sale: Turntable, BFR Quanta 550 SX excellent condition 928-5845.  
130-11c

For Sale: Travel trailer self contained, great for hunting season, \$700. Call 928-4365 evenings, 698-2161 daytime.  
130-TFC

For Sale: 14 ft. Arkansas Traveler, deep V, 35 horse Evinrude motor \$600, 928-4403.  
130-21c

For Sale: 1977 Ford Leisure Van, Nice, in Good Condition. For more information call 928-4816 after 5.  
130-TFC

For Sale: storage building, all aluminum and wood, 2 windows, 8x16, 1 1/2 year old, make an offer, 928-5827 after 6.  
130-11c

For Sale: Like new tent, sleeps 6, 9x12, also Coleman stove, plus lots more, call 928-5350.  
130-11c

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130-21c

## NOTICE

Cyrus Pee has closed his office in town but he is still in the Real Estate business, operating from home. To list your properties for sale, or if you are looking for property to buy, call Cyrus Pee at 928-5613.  
66-11c

NEED INSTRUCTORS: Casitone Keyboard learning for 11 year old boy. Also guitar lessons in Merkel after school. Dehumidifier for sale, 928-4559 after 6 p.m.  
130-11nc

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Office 928-5541 Home 928-5089

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For Sale: 3 bedroom house. Call Ted Smith at 928-5081 or 928-4728.  
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For Sale: 10 acre homesite near Merkel. City utilities except sewer; phone lines, no mobil homes. Make offer or assume present loan. Call Patty 695-2364, Coldwell Banker Realtors 698-4440.  
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For Sale: 3 bedroom house, 1,200 square feet, 1 car garage, 1 1/2 bath, built-in stove and refrigerator, 2 lots 150 X 40, horse pen & storage building, small above ground swimming pool 806 Locust 928-5145 by appointment only.  
128-4tp

For Sale: Nice 2 bedroom mobile home to responsible party on rent to buy terms. Nice location \$200 per month Call 928-5635 early morning or at night.  
128-3tp

Small tract Southside of Merkel (21 lots) excellent for building site. Also, in Bettis Heights Addition, 150 x 150. Call Cy Pee, Agent 928-5613.  
129-TFC

House For Sale: 2 bedroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, house is ready to move into. New paint inside and out price is right. Call Cy Pee, Agent 928-5613.  
126-TFC

Nice Doublewide mobile home for sale, cheap, \$12,000.00. Must sell soon Unoccupied at this time, needs little work and must be moved, 928-4902  
126-TFC

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130-11c

For Rent: extra nice three bedroom, fireplace, ceiling fans, carpet, \$375, call after 4, 928-5524.  
129-21c

For Rent: Small partly furnished trailer, 5 miles South on 1235, 928-5454  
130-11c

For Rent: 2-2 bedroom houses, \$250.00 per mo., \$150.00 deposit, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher carpeted, central heat, water paid, 1 bedroom house furnished, \$150.00 month, \$100.00 deposit, after Sept. 22, 928-5787.  
130-11p

Garage Sales  
Yard Sale: 208 Marion Saturday 21, 1985 9:00 till 5:00.  
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Big 3 Family Garage Sale: Saturday 9-? behind 1412 N. 2nd, Avon, clothes, and much more.  
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## For rent

Shannonside Equal Housing Opportunity  
1, 2 & 3 bedroom apartments, all electric, central heat & cooling. For more information, call 928-5038.  
89-TFC

Mobil home for lease with option to buy; 2 bedroom, 1 bath, completely furnished, one bedroom has a king sized bed, before 5 call 692-0702 after 5 call 928-4034.  
107-TFC

1, 2 or 3 bedroom mobil home for rent in Merkel 928-4973.  
27-TFC

Lease with option to buy. 1 year old brick home on 1 acre FM 1235, Central heat and air, 2 bedrooms, double garage, all build-ins, \$475 per month. Appraised at \$53,000 Hooker Realtors 677-9145.  
111-TFC

Large, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, kitchen, dining room and living room. Central heat and air, 4 ceiling fans, cook stove, side-by-side refrigerator, washer & dryer. Storm windows \$375 per month \$150.  
South edge of town on FM 1235, 928-5194.

1 downstairs apartment left with 2 bedrooms, 3 ceiling fans, central heat & air, 1 bath, refrigerator, stove & dishwasher. \$275 per month \$150 deposit 928-5194.  
Available soon, large 2 bedroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, bath & utility room. Ceiling fans, storm windows, carpet, fenced yard \$335 per month \$150 deposit. 928-5194.  
128-TFC

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## Yard Sale: Thursday only, 8-6 at 804 Rose.

Garage Sale: Saturday only 1/4 mile West of Trent on Old Highway 80; console stereo and lots of misc. items.  
130-11c

Garage Sale: Thursday, Friday, 8 a.m., 1504 Sunset, off white matching full bed and double dresser, lamps, clothing and misc.  
130-11p

Card of Thanks  
I would like to say thank you to all the special people who have been so nice and kind to me during my recent illness. For all the deeds you have done, for all the prayers, flowers, gifts and cards, I thank you very much. A special Thank You to Alyce and Janet.  
Pat Byrd  
130-11c

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE  
-Notice is hereby given that R S Rig Service, whose principal office is at 2989-B Pine Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, intends, on or before August 1, 1985, to be incorporated without a change of firm name.  
Dated: August 1, 1985  
Rusty Saunders  
Owner  
129-41c-16

NOTICE OF EXECUTION OF SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR  
By virtue of an execution issued out of the 42nd Judicial District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on a judgement rendered in that Court on April 4, 1985, in favor of BILL SMALLEY, doing business as SMALLEY DRILLING COMPANY vs. HAMCO EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY and FORT WORTH BASIN DEVELOPMENT, INC., in Cause No 39,118-A, styled BILL SMALLEY D/B/A SMALLEY DRILLING COMPANY vs. HAMCO EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, ET AL, on the docket of said Court, on September 4, 1985, I levied upon the following property in Taylor County, Texas,

as the property of HAMCO EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY and FORT WORTH BASIN DEVELOPMENT, INC., to-wit:

All of the interest of HAMCO EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY AND FORT WORTH BASIN DEVELOPMENT, INC., as it existed on September 4, 1984, on the following tracts of land

TRACT ONE: 208.5 acres covered by that Oil and Gas Lease dated March 23, 1983 between W. H. Higgins, et ux, and Hamco Exploration and Development Company as recorded in Volume 1289, Page 247, Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, and covered by that Oil and Gas Lease dated March 23, 1983, executed by

Eugene Whitehurst, et ux to Hamco Exploration and Development Company, recorded in Volume 1288, Page 382, Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, both leases covering 208.5 acres out of the Otis G. Eels Survey 453, Cert. 245, Patent 749, Volume 2 in Taylor County Texas, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a stake and stone in ground NW corner of SW corner of said Survey; thence East 1019 varas to stake;

THENCE North 1275 varas to stake;

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situated in Taylor County, Texas:

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THENCE South 1142 varas to the place of BEGINNING, being the same land described in Deed to I. L. Gotcher, et ux, from Jewel Gardner and F. D. Gardner, dated May 10, 1946, recorded in Vol. 347, Page 236, Deed Records of said County, SAVE AND EXCEPT:

(a) 6.48 acres in railroad right of way as shown in Vol. 52, Page 245, Deed Records of said County,

(b) .56 acres deeded to Taylor County in Vol. 178, Page 525, Deed Records of said County, and,

(c) 1.784 acres deeded to Texas in Vol. 532, Page 40, Deed Records of said County.

TRACT TWO: 160 acres covered by that Oil and Gas Lease dated September 5, 1980, from George Herring to J. K. Ridley, and recorded in Vol. 1163, Page 249, Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, and covered by that Oil and Gas Lease dated September 14, 1980 from George Herring, et ux, to Penroc-Guernsey Joint Ven-

ture Recorded in Vol. 1213, Page 477, Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, both leases covering 160 acres, more or less, out of the Otis G. Eels Survey No. 453, in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake and stone in ground NW corner of Otis G. Eels Survey No. 453, in Taylor County, Texas described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake and stone in ground NW corner of Otis G. Eels Survey 453; THENCE South 998 varas to stake and rock mound;

THENCE East 905 varas to point in the tank;

THENCE North at 128 1/2 varas past W. P. Crows SW corner 998 in the North line of Otis G. Eels Survey;

THENCE West 905 varas to place BEGINNING, SAVE AND EXCEPT:

(a) 1.73 acres in right of way deeded dated November 18, 1906, from C. L. Robinson to Morgan Jones, recorded in Vol. 52, Page 135, Deed Records of said County, and

(b) All of the surface of .325 acres in right of way from G. E. Harrison to Texas, dated July 5, 1956, recorded in Vol. 529, Page 9, Deed Records of said County.

Reference is here made to the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, for a more complete description of said leases and the properties covered thereby.

On October 1, 1985, which is the first Tuesday of the month, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. at the Courthouse door of Taylor County, Texas, in Abilene, Texas, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all of the right, title and interest of HAMCO EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY AND FORT WORTH BASIN DEVELOPMENT, INC., as it existed on September 4, 1984, in and to the above described property.

Dated September 4, 1985  
John W. Middleton  
Sheriff  
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By Eddie W. Swanson  
Deputy  
129-31c-209

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## Slaton is Trent FFA sweetheart

Lisa Slaton was elected by the Trent F.F.A. to be the 1985-86 F.F.A. Sweetheart. Lisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Slaton.

The senior student has been very active in the past years showing her barrows at Trent, Abilene, San Antonio and the El Paso stock shows. She also served as the 1983-84 F.F.A. Sweetheart.

## Scholastic-honors test set for MHS

This fall the nearly 1.5 million students across the United States who take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test-National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT-NMSQT) will have a special opportunity to familiarize themselves with the testing format also used on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

On the PSAT-NMSQT, the 30 students taking the test at Merkel High School on Saturday, October 19 at 9:30 a.m. can preview the exam process for the SAT—the prerequisite for many college-bound students, said Barbara Neely high school counselor.

Since 1959, about 30 million high school students have taken the test, which measures verbal and mathematical abilities.

This year, the PSAT-NMSQT will be offered Saturday, October 19 or Tuesday, October 22 at almost 20,000 high schools nationwide.



## Trent sets annual homecoming parade, activities Sept. 27-28

The Trent Homecoming is set for Sept. 27th and 28th with the Junior's powder puff pep rally and football game.

At 7:30 p.m. Sept. 27th, a new event, the Little Mr & Mrs Trent Pageant will be held in the school gym. Masters of Ceremonies for the event will be the Q100 Radio Morning Team. There will be an admission of 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children for both events.

At dusk, the Ex Students and Seniors will light the annual bonfire.

There will be plenty to do

Saturday as events are planned starting at 6 a.m. and lasting until 1 a.m. Sunday morning.

From 6 to 8 a.m., the Community Club will be sponsoring a breakfast at the school cafeteria. Donations will be accepted.

The parade will be held downtown from 10 until 10:30 a.m., the pep rally follows in the gym from 10:30 until 11 and from 11 until 1 you can enjoy a brisket dinner, complete with all the trimmings, at the school cafeteria. The lunch is sponsored by the Senior Class and tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

From 1 until 2 p.m., voting will be

held for Mr. and Mrs. Ex and a program will be held in the gym from 2 until 4 p.m.

The Juniors will sponsor a hamburger supper from 6 until 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Trent will host Highland with kickoff set for 8 p.m. and Homecoming ceremonies will be held at halftime.

A dance will be held from 9 until 1 at the Stardust in Sweetwater. Also, Mrs. Rojean Hicks is asking Trent Exes to mail in old high school or annual photos. She asks that you mail them in a self-addressed stamped envelope to her at Rt. 2, Trent, Texas 79561.

## Insure crops by Sept. 30th

Texas farmers have until the last day of September to buy crop insurance for small grains.

"Crop insurance is basically a risk management strategy in which a farmer pays a premium to protect against large, unpredictable yield losses," says Dr. Ashley Lovell of Stephenville,

economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"Crop insurance can assure a farmer of a minimal cash flow in case of a major crop loss so that he will have a chance to farm the next year," adds the economist. Producers who insured their

small grain crops last year will have their contracts renewed automatically unless they cancel them, Lovell points out. However, any changes in the level of coverage or price election must be made by Sept. 30.



DALE HAMMOND

# Anniversary Sale

PRICES GOOD SEPT. 18 - 24

FREE ICE CHEST WITH \$15.00 PURCHASE  
EXCLUDING GAS OR CIGARETTES

PARADE  
**SUGAR**  
\$1.39  
5 LBS

PARADE  
1 GAL  
**BLEACH**  
69¢

BEEF LIVER  
CHICKEN  
**DOG  
FOOD**  
15 OZ  
4 FOR \$1.00

Hormel  
**SLICED  
BACON**  
\$1.39  
LB

MRS. BAIRD'S  
**CINNAMON  
ROLLS**  
3 FOR \$1.00

**CHOPPED  
HAM**  
\$1.59  
LB

GANDY'S  
**ICE  
CREAM**  
1/2 GAL  
\$1.49

**GATORADE**  
32 OZ  
99¢  
ALL FLAVORS

GANDY'S  
**MILK**  
HOMO - LOW FAT  
GALLON  
JUGS  
\$1.89

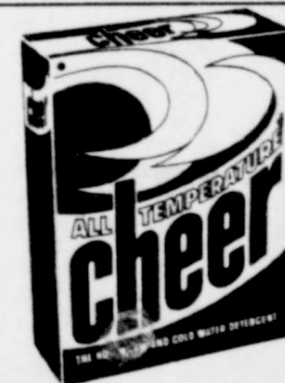
**PEPSI**  
77¢

2 LITER BOTTLE  
REGULAR & DIET PEPSI  
MOUNTAIN DEW SLICE



\$1.19  
7 1/2 OZ BAG

TWIN PACK  
**HI-DRI**  
69¢



GIANT SIZE  
\$1.69

MRS  
BAIRD'S  
**BREAD**  
1/2 LB  
LOAF 59¢

GRADE A EXTRA FANCY  
RED DELICIOUS  
**APPLES 4 LBS \$1.00**

2 LB JAR  
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JELLY  
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SATURDAY ONLY  
**HOT DOGS &  
FREE PEPSI 25¢**

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Quick Stop**

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928-5378

## Writer proud of local youth

Dear Editor:

While attending the Badgers' football games the past two Friday nights, I found myself feeling a lot of pride in the young people in our community. I looked carefully at each group, and it felt good to see so many students participating in the school's activities and doing such a good job of it. In the midst of today's society where there is so much concern for the abuse of alcohol and drugs, and disrespect, there is a secure warmth that comes from watching these kids performing their tasks with such self-esteem. Having spent my own school years being involved in sports and various

organizations, I look back on how those activities enriched my life and helped me to attain my long range goals, and how much of an impact the coaches and teachers and sponsors had on my life academically, socially and emotionally. The impressions they made stayed with me a life time. Sometimes it was just a word of encouragement, but oh the experience that was behind those words! They cared. They took the time. They molded me while in their care and taught me to be the best I could be. These leaders and the parents of this group of young adults representing our high school and our community can be congratulated for the pride they

have helped to instill in this wonderful group.

It seems there is always so much criticism of our youth. All that most of them ever really need is a chance. They're doing a great job, and they need our support and our encouragement, our experience and our examples. We are not all parents, but we all have first hand experience at being young adults and can remember what it meant to know we'd done our jobs well. These students are fine examples for representing our community, and I can say, I'm proud to be a part of it.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Tittle

## FFA instructors receive thanks

Dear Editor:

Just a few lines to thank a couple of guys for unnoticed dedication. Ag teachers are just like police officers in some ways. They get paid for an 8 hour day, but sometimes they put in 18. For the last 6 days, they got started about 5:30 a.m. and they are still with us at the fairgrounds at 11:00

p.m. and I call that dedication. Last night, we finally got released, the show boxes and equipment loaded, the cattle loaded, out the livestock gate at about 9:00 p.m. and we got the cattle and equipment home and unloaded by 10:00 p.m. and Mr. Riley said he had another hour of paper work to

do. Myself, my wife, Heidi, and my two fitters, Debbie Pack and Mandy Pack, would like to say thanks to Mr. Riley and Mr. Narron for their support and many hours of patient dedication.

Thanks,  
The Ray Pack Family

## Master Masons invited to annual confab

All Master Masons are cordially invited to attend the 12th Annual Mulberry Canyon Confab, Saturday, September 21, 1985.

A delicious barbeque dinner will

be served by John Sayles Lodge No. 1408 at 6:00 p.m. This will be followed at 7:00 p.m. with an outdoor Master Mason degree conferred by Past Masters of

Arlington Lodge.

This will be in the Suez Shrine Temple Childrens Park on the banks of Mulberry Canyon Creek, 9.2 miles south of Merkel on FM

## UGSA softball tourney results

The U.G.S.A. would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teams for entering the tournament held this weekend at the Merkel softball field. We would also like to thank the fans for coming out and supporting the teams.

A special thanks goes out to the sponsors. They were: T-Tops, Allsup's, Carsons, Handys, Cunningshams, and the Merkel Locker Plant. Also Taylor Telephone and Taylor Electric for the use of their P.A. Systems. We would also like to say thank you to all the people who helped by donating either

their time or money. The results of the tournament are as follows: Women's: 1st Place Estrada's Construction of Abilene; 2nd Place "B's" Body

Shop of Merkel; 3rd Place Gathright-Hoff of Abilene. Men's: 1st Place Tejanito's of Merkel; 2nd Place Hawks of Abilene; 3rd Place Ramos Construction of Anson.

## Xi Nu Chi holds meeting

The Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Sept. 10th in the home of Judy Elliott. Belle Griffin, Tye, Texas, hosted the oriental program. She cooked a variety of delicious dishes and demonstrated the proper way to roll an egg

roll. During the business portion of the meeting, Chapter Books were handed out. Guest attending the meeting were Peggy Valentine, Mary Hill, Minyon Seymore, Donna Lang, Diana Parker and Barbara Gardner.



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Rev. Randon Ely, pastor of Wylie United Methodist Church. He is a 1970 graduate of Merkel High and a 1974 graduate of McMurry College. He received his MDiv at Asbury Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Charolte have two children. They served the Texline Church from 1 from 1978 until 1982 when he began his service at Wylie

### Song Leader

Rev. Marvin Gregory is pastor of Clyde United Methodist. He is a 1968 graduate of Stamford and a 1972 graduate of McMurry College. He holds a MDiv and Master of Arts from Asbury. He and his wife, Diane have two children. They served as Associate pastor at First Church in Plainview and has pastored churches in Morton and Plainview



# Stenholm says farm bill sets new directions

The U.S. House Agriculture Committee approved this week an omnibus farm bill which will set some new directions for the nation's 50-year-old ag policy, said Congressman Charles Stenholm.

Congressman Stenholm, one of the key members of the Ag Committee, said, "We have put together a bill that preserves the rural electrification program, provides for effective supply management and prescribes budget responsibility. This is not a perfect bill, but it has many positive factors that our ailing farming economy needs."

The new farm bill also promotes soil and water conservation. It will remove from production some 50 million acres of the least productive farmland. This will be done through set-asides and conservation reserve measures. Using recent USDA projections, Congressman Stenholm said the conservation measures will shift 45 to 55 million acres of fragile land into less intensive use. In 1984, about 27 million acres were removed from production under the 1981 act.

"By setting-aside the least productive land we are hopeful that these provisions will result in effective supply management which is so vitally needed to bring the U.S. supply in line with demand, and thus achieve an increase in the price of all farm products," he said.

The bill was reported out of committee within the budget set by the House this Spring. "In light of the growing deficit, I was extremely pleased that we stayed within our means and still produced a workable bill."

Along with preserving an income maintenance safety net for farmers, the new bill includes two sections introduced by Congressman Stenholm. His "Clear Title" and "Bases and Yields" bills were adopted. Another major difference introduced by the area's representative changes the time frame of all farm programs from the customary four-year period to a new five-year span.

Additionally, the bill provides that for five crop years, beginning in 1986, market prices for major crops—wheat, cotton, corn and rice—will be competitive due to

## Shipman's have new baby

Jay and Sheri Shipman of Merkel are the proud parents of a son, born Sept. 16 at 3:47 p.m. at Hendrick Medical center. He weighed 6 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 18½ inches long. He has not been named.

Maternal grandmother is Charlotte Alexander of Merkel. Maternal great-grandparents are Virginia Ross of Abilene and Goldia Malone of Merkel.

Paternal grandparents are Gary & Pat Wilburn and paternal great-grandparents are Ralph and Lenora Wilburn, all of Merkel.

## Fortnightly club holds meeting

The G.F.W.C. Fortnightly Study Club met September 14 in Mrs. Andy Shouse's home with Mrs. Ray Wilson and Mrs. Ornel Hill as co-hostesses. Mrs. Ornel Hill opened the meeting and stressed her theme of Striving, Serving, Sharing. Mrs. R. M. Ferguson was welcomed as a new member. Mrs. Johnny Hammond outlined her Community Improvement Projects and Mrs. Ed Sandusky gave the Federation Counselors report. Mrs. S.C. Dixon read the club collect and Mrs. Curtis Rister sang Ball-Ho from the South Pacific. Mrs. Comer Haynes presented the year books.

Members present were Mmes. C.M. Brown, S.C. Dixon, R.M. Ferguson, Mack Fisher, Johnny Hammond, Comer Haynes, Ornel Hill, Buster Horton, C.B. Knight, Joe Lassiter, Henry Martin, Curtis Rister, Ed Sandusky, Andy Shouse, Howard Slinger, Ray Wilson, and Misses Mary Collins, Mildred Hamm and Maurine White.

## Walker clan sets reunion

The children of W.T. (Will) and Bertie Walker, (deceased), long time residents of Merkel, are having a family reunion at Cobb Park in Abilene Saturday and Sunday. Our old and dear friends are encouraged to join us and get reacquainted.

two factors: (1) it allows for commodity price support loan rates which are closer to market conditions; (2) it concludes several export expansion programs.

A closer look at the bill finds an extension of the current peanut stabilization program. Under the program, growers who supply the domestic food market can become eligible for price supports, if they keep supplies in line with consumer demand. "The peanut section of the bill will benefit both quota and non-quota holders in the 17th District," Congressman Stenholm said.

In the dairy portion of the bill, the provisions link future government dairy supports to changes in market demand and farm production costs. It also includes a farmer-funded surplus reduction program (stand-by diversion) for use when heavy surpluses are predicted.

The cotton section provides that the basic loan rate for each of the five years would be 85 percent of a market price average, with any year-to-year reductions limited to no more than 5 percent. Any target price payments caused by lowering cotton loan rates below the old 55 cent floor would not be subject to limitations on target payments to individual producers. Furthermore, target prices in 1986 and 1987 would be frozen at the 1985 levels of 81 cents a pound.

For producers of wheat and feed grains, the bill includes two alternative programs which could be enacted for the 1986 through 1990 crops. The first alternative

would concern the basic loan rates for grain, which would be set annually by the Secretary of Agriculture between 75 and 85 percent of the average domestic market price for the crop during three of the past five years. However the loan rate could not be reduced by more than 5 percent. The secretary would then choose between two operating options: either recourse or non-recourse loans.

The second alternative would vary depending upon a referendum. If farmers agree to switch to this program, producers who complied with voluntary acreage controls could get price support loans at not less than \$4.50 a bushel for wheat and \$3.25 a bushel for corn. Marketing certificates would be needed to permit disposal of the grain for domestic use. Subsequently, there would be no target prices or income support payments in this provision.

"Recognizing that our committee's bill is subject to amendments on the floor, it represents our consensus on the strongest steps we can politically and budgetarily take to help farmers make it through what is the worst economic crisis since the Depression," Congressman Stenholm said. "With the resources we have included in this bill, we have the basic tools necessary to turn ag profits around."

Before the bill is adopted, it needs approval on the House floor and then in the Senate before going to conference to work out any differences in the versions.



§ Badger offensive linemen open a large hole for running back Dean Franklin [with ball] in last week's game with Jim Ned. The

Badgers ran past the Indians 41-7 as Franklin led the way with 138 yards rushing. [Staff photo]

## Kraatz's are new parents

David and Patti Kraatz are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jeramey David, born on Friday, September 13, 1985 at Hendrick Medical Center at 3:41 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs 6 ozs. and was 21½ inches long.

Grandparents are T.J. and Margie Bird, Copperas Cove, and David and Sue Kraatz, Tye. Great grandparents are Mrs. Truman T. Carey, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Tom West, Coleman, and Mr. and Mrs. John Kraatz, Winters.

the services the district must provide, by setting requirements a resident must meet in order to qualify for services, and by determining any other relevant provisions necessary for providing health care to residents.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to regulate the provision of health care by hospital districts."

### PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 6 proposes a constitutional amendment that would enable the State of Texas to enter into an agreement with another state to confine inmates from the state of Texas in penal or correctional facilities of the other state.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit state prisoners to be placed in penal facilities of another state pursuant to an interstate agreement."

### PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 27 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the commissioners court of Chambers County to divide Chambers County into not less than two and not more than six justice precincts. Under current constitutional law, Chambers County may be divided into not less than two and not more than five justice precincts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing Chambers County to be divided into two to six precincts."

### PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 9 proposes a constitutional amendment that would grant an additional \$500 million in bonding authority to the Veterans' Land Board for the veterans' housing assistance program. Under the current constitution, the Veterans' Land Board is authorized by Article III, Section 49-b-1 to issue and sell not more than \$800 million in bonds, \$500 million of which may be used for the Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund. This amendment would increase that authorization to permit the issuance and sale of up to \$1.3 billion in bonds, \$1 billion of which would be used for the Veterans' Housing Assistance Fund. In addition, the amendment would remove the current definition of "veteran" from the constitution and permit the legislature to redefine "veteran" as the changing times and circumstances require.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing \$500 million in additional bonding authority for the veterans' housing assistance program and changing the definition of those veterans eligible to participate in the veterans' land program and the veterans' housing program by authorizing the legislature by law to define an eligible veteran for the purposes of those programs."

### PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 72 proposes a constitutional amendment that would permit the legislature either to enact a statute or to attach a rider to the General Ap-

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provisions Act to require prior approval of the expenditure or emergency transfer of any funds appropriated by the legislature to state governmental agencies.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to protect public funds by authorizing prior approval of expenditure or emergency transfer of state appropriations."

### PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 19 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds, the proceeds of which would be deposited in a fund to be known as the farm and ranch finance program fund. The fund would be administered by the Veterans' Land Board and would be used to make loans and provide other financial assistance for the purchase of farm and ranch land. The amount of bonds outstanding at any one time would be limited to \$500 million. The principal and interest that becomes due on such bonds in each fiscal year would be paid from amounts remaining in the interest and sinking fund at the close of the prior fiscal year, with the balance due to be appropriated from treasury revenues in the fiscal year when such amounts become due.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to provide financing assistance for the purchase of farm and ranch land."

### PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would define indictments and informations as instruments charging a person with the commission of an offense, and would delete certain technical requirements as to the form of writs and processes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the manner in which a person is charged with a criminal offense and to certain requirements applicable to state writs and processes."

### PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 10 proposes a constitutional amendment that would grant the Texas Supreme Court and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals jurisdiction to answer questions of state law certified from federal appellate courts. In addition, the two courts would promulgate rules of procedure relating to the review of those questions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment granting the Supreme Court of Texas and the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas jurisdiction to answer questions of state law certified from a federal appellate court."

### PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 14 proposes a constitutional amendment that would create a board with responsibility for the reapportionment of judicial districts, subject to legislative approval. The amendment would provide for the continued power of the legislature to provide for judicial reapportionment, and would provide that reapportionment

will be the responsibility of the Legislative Redistricting Board if the Judicial Districts Board fails to make a timely reapportionment. The amendment would provide for the creation of counties smaller than a county in counties where the creation of such districts has been approved by the voters at a general election. The amendment would provide for more than one judge for a judicial district. The amendment would rename supreme judicial districts as courts of appeals districts. The amendment would provide that the jurisdiction and terms of court of district and county courts may be as provided by law. The amendment would provide for the jurisdiction of justice courts, which may have additional jurisdiction as provided by law. The amendment would provide for rules of judicial administration and civil procedure to be promulgated by the Supreme Court, and would provide that the legislature may delegate additional rule making power to the Supreme Court or to the Court of Criminal Appeals. The amendment would provide that courts and judges in existence at the time of its adoption remain in existence until otherwise provided by law.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the reapportionment of the judicial districts of the state by the Judicial Districts Board or by the Legislative Redistricting Board, and providing for the administration and jurisdiction of constitutional courts."

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the reapportionment of the judicial districts of the state by the Judicial Districts Board or by the Legislative Redistricting Board, and providing for the administration and jurisdiction of constitutional courts."

### PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 27 proposes a constitutional amendment that would abolish the office of County Treasurer in Andrews County and transfer the powers and duties of that office to the County Auditor. The amendment would also abolish the office of County Treasurer in El Paso County if, at the statewide election at which this amendment is submitted to the voters, a majority of the voters who vote in El Paso County favor the amendment. The functions of the office of El Paso County Treasurer will be performed by a person employed or designated by the El Paso County Commissioners Court. The amendment also provides for the abolition of the office of County Surveyor in Denton, Randall, Collin, Dallas, El Paso, and Henderson Counties upon approval of such abolition by a majority of the voters who vote on the question at an election called by the commissioners court of the county. If the office of County Surveyor is abolished in any county, the commissioners court may employ or contract with any qualified person to perform the duties of the office.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide for: (1) the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Andrews County and El Paso County; (2) the abolition of the office of county surveyor in Collin, Dallas, Denton, El Paso, Henderson, and Randall Counties."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitucion que apareceran en la boleta el dia 5 de noviembre de 1985. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/9802 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12887, Austin, Texas 78711.

## PUBLIC NOTICE BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 1985

### PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

Sections 1 and 2 of House Joint Resolution 6 propose a constitutional amendment that would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to issue an additional \$980 million of Texas Water Development bonds.

The additional bonds to be issued will be dedicated for deposit in the Texas Water Development Fund, with \$190 million of those bond proceeds to be used for water supply loans and facilities acquisition and with \$400 million of those bond proceeds to be used for state participation in the acquisition and development of facilities for storage, transmission, transportation, and treatment of water and wastewater. Of the remaining bonds authorized, \$190 million will be dedicated for use in water quality enhancement projects, and \$200 million will be dedicated exclusively for flood control projects.

The amendment would also allow the legislature to provide for the creation, administration, and implementation of a bond insurance program to which the state pledges up to \$250 million of its general credit to insure payment of the principal of and interest on bonds or other obligations issued by political subdivisions of the state for water conservation, water development, water quality enhancement, flood control, drainage, recharge, chloride control or desalinization. Unless authorized to continue by a two-thirds vote of the members of each house of the Legislature, the bond insurance program will expire on the sixth anniversary of the date on which this section becomes a part of the constitution. Bond insurance issued before expiration of the program will not be affected by such expiration.

The amendment would authorize the legislature to create and appropriate money to special funds in the state treasury to make grants, loans, and other financial assistance available to governmental entities for certain enumerated water planning purposes. Also, the legislature would be permitted to extend the benefits of constitutionally approved water projects to nonprofit water supply corporations.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the issuance of an additional \$980 million of Texas Water Development Bonds, to create special water funds for water conservation, water development, water quality enhancement, flood control, drainage, subsidence control, recharge, chloride control, agricultural soil and water conservation, and desalinization, to authorize a bond insurance program, and to clarify the purposes for which Texas Water Development Bonds may be issued."

### PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

Section 3 of House Joint Resolution 6 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the Texas Water Development Board to issue and sell Texas agricultural water conservation bonds in an

amount not to exceed \$200 million, if authorized to do so by a two-thirds vote of the members of each house of the legislature. The Texas agricultural water conservation bonds would be general obligations of the State of Texas, and would be paid from the first money coming into the state treasury in each fiscal year. The amendment would allow Texas agricultural water conservation bonds to be issued and sold only for four years after the date on which this Act becomes a part of the constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance and sale of \$200 million of Texas agricultural water conservation bonds."

### PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 54 proposes a constitutional amendment that would permit the legislature to authorize a city or town to spend public funds and levy assessments for the relocation or replacement of water laterals on private property if such relocation or replacement is done in conjunction with or immediately following the relocation or replacement of water mains serving the property. Any legislative enactment permitting the expenditure of funds for such purposes would authorize the city or town to fix a lien on the property, with the owners' consent, for the cost of relocating or replacing the water laterals, and would provide that such cost shall be assessed against the property, with repayment by the property owner to be amortized over a period not to exceed five years at the rate of interest set by law. Such liens could not be enforced until after five years from the date the liens were affixed.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to enact laws permitting a city or town to spend public funds and levy assessments for the relocation or replacement of water laterals on private property."

### PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the use of the proceeds from the sale of permanent school fund land to acquire other land for the permanent school fund. Currently, the constitution requires that proceeds from the sale of such land be invested in certain bonds and other securities.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing proceeds from the sale of land dedicated to the permanent school fund to be used to acquire other land for that fund."

### PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 89 proposes a constitutional amendment that would enable the legislature to regulate the provision of health care by hospital districts by determining

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