

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, October 10, 1985 ... Merkel, Texas

Our 97th Year

Seat belt law in effect; local police will be watching

Texas lawmen are now able to write warning tickets concerning the new seat belt law and on December 1st, violations become punishable by a fine of between \$25 and \$50.

The law says that all passengers in the front seat of a car must wear their seat belts and must wear them the way they are

designed to be worn. The only exception to the rule is persons may be exempt from wearing the seat belt if they have a written statement from a licensed physician explaining why that person can not wear a seat belt.

According to the law, the driver will receive the ticket for all

people between the age of 4 and 15 in violation of the seat belt law. Persons 15 and over who violate the law will be issued a ticket, even if they are a passenger.

The law applies to all vehicles with a manufacturers' rated carrying capacity of not more than 1,500 pounds.

The Merkel Police Department urges you to "buckle up and live".



Badger running back Dean Franklin [with ball] stretches for that extra yard at Stamford last week. The Badgers were defeated

30-0 and will host Graham here Friday night to open district play. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m. Staff photo

Reception set today to booster local interest in Merkel room at HMC complex

Hendrick Medical Development Corporation and the Junior League of Abilene are working together to provide the citizens of West Texas with a place to stay when their loved ones are patients at Hendrick Medical Center.

Located on Hickory Street across from Hendrick visitor parking, Hendrick League House will be a 30-room facility to house out of town families who want to stay close to patients in critical care areas. While these families will have priority for rooms at Hendrick League House, the house will

be open to other patients' families and Hendrick outpatients.

In the plans are a large family living room for relaxing and visiting with other families and private family rooms and baths. Architects on the project are Tittle, Luther and Loving. A small donation of approximately \$10 per day will be requested, but not required, for families staying at the house.

Towns and cities in the Hendrick service area will be given a special opportunity to donate the

cost of furnishing a room or constructing a room. The rooms will be named for the donor town, announced Michael C. Waters, HMDC president. All donors' names will be acknowledged in the house.

Towns already represented with rooms are Anson, I and II, Abilene, Wingate, Albany, Potosi and Cross Plains.

A special reception will be held at the Merkel Branch of Independent American Savings and Loan on Thursday, October 10 from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Badgers fall to Stamford 30-0; open district by hosting Graham

Although it's hard to come up with a whole lot of things good to say after Merkel's 30-0 loss to Stamford last week, Merkel Badger head coach Dick Lepard said there were some positive things to come out of last week's game.

Lepard told *The Mail* Monday "I don't know what happened at half time, but our kids came and played a very good second half, especially when you think they were down 24-0. We held them to 6 points in the second half and that says a lot about the character of our team."

The Merkel Badgers will stay with the newly installed wishbone offensive attack because of the injury to Senior quarterback Matt Cain. Cain was injured in the Bangs game and Lepard does not expect him to play anymore this year. Lepard said Ramon Moreno would start this week and added that he felt Kevin Mitchell did a good job last week at quarterback.

The Badgers downfall last week were eight turnovers. Lepard said "Those mental mistakes really hurt and we made a few."

Stamford was led by their tailback, Delsey who scored three touchdowns.

The Badgers host the Graham

Steers here Friday night with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff in the first district game for both teams.

Graham and Breckenridge are picked to finish 1-2 in the district and Lepard said his team would be ready to play Friday night.

Lepard said "I told the team when we got off the bus last Friday that I have been looking forward to playing Graham since last year's game. They put us down last year and I have some grievances to settle with them."

The Coach added, "There's no way we can compare with them, talent to talent, but we just might be able to match emotions with them. We are not expected to give them any trouble but we will go after them. We won't have anything to lose and we want to make a respectable showing."

Graham runs out of a wing-set offense and runs the 27 defensive scheme. Lepard said about 85 percent of their offensive plays are on the ground and said they have a good running fullback.

He also said they are the best team the Badgers would face this year and says their offensive line averages about 210 across the front.

Lepard added "With the start of the district games, we only have 5 more games left in the year that we started working on last spring. The seniors on the team just have 15 more practice sessions and three more home games. It's time we started thinking about all of that."

Concerning the district, Lepard said Graham and Breckenridge are still expected to finish 1-2 and added that Clyde and Wylie have both been playing well lately.

He added, "It's going to be hard to beat Graham but we will get after them. We will be pulling a lot of stunts on defense to try and throw their timing off. I hope we can get a good crowd on hand because they will have a lot of folks coming to the game."

In other action this week, the Merkel J. V. and Freshmen teams both travel to Graham Thursday. The Freshmen will start at 5:30 and the JV will start at 7 p.m.

Both the freshmen and JV teams lost last week to Stamford. The 14-12 loss by the Freshmen was their first in three years and the JV lost 2-0 on a safety.

Remember, kickoff for district games is 7:30 p.m.

by Cloy A. Richards

Sunday was a pretty busy day here.

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department and the Merkel Emergency Medical Association held their open house.

The event was well attended and well covered by the Abilene television stations.

It does those groups a lot of good to get more exposure than just the little ol' Merkel Mail.

Again, we'd like to say thanks to those two dedicated groups and all of the hours they give so freely to the citizens of the Merkel area.

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church held their annual Jamacia Celebration Sunday at the South Park.

Parishioners told me the event went well as the early afternoon winds died down for a fine evening.

Make your plans to attend the Chamber of Commerce's Fajita dinner Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Heritage Hall.

The Chamber will be preparing it's locally famous fajita's (real beef skirt steak, marinated, grilled on mesquite and served with salad stuffing and pica-de-gayo), that the Chamber has been cooking at Fun Day for the past few years.

The price is a bargain \$3.50 per plate for two fajitas, garnishes, spanish rice and beans, and for non-fajita lovers, Hot Dog Plates, including a hot dog and chips will be \$1.00.

Come out and support the Chamber of Commerce and if all goes well, we will be hosting more dinners before home football games in the future.

The Merkel Badger Booster Club meets each Monday night at 7 p.m. at the high school.

Game films from the week are shown and Boosters plan their activities to raise money for MISD athletics.

Your attendance and participation is encouraged.

In this column last week, I said I didn't think the Badgers played

with much enthusiasm as they should have against Bangs.

That was not the case Friday night at Stamford.

The Badgers were not beaten at Stamford because of a lack of enthusiasm, those guys were ready to play football, especially in the second half.

I listened to Badger head coach Dick Lepard at halftime, and for the fans that attended, I want you to know he is the reason the Badgers came out "ready to play" in the second half, despite being down 24-0 and suffering five turnovers in the first half.

That alone is enough to stop a lot of teams but the Badgers came back, played good tough defense, and held the potent Stamford offensive attack to a lone touchdown, that was Badger aided by yet another turnover.

The guys should be "up" for Friday's game with Graham.

A sportswriter there wrote some totally unkind remarks about Lepard and his Badgers and I'll

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Merkel emergency crews hold Sunday open house



Ray King [left in hat] of the ment explains some of the features of a fire truck to visitors to an open house held Sunday in observance of Fire Prevention Week.



Stewart Bishop of the Merkel Emergency Medical Service shows a visitor a training device held an Open House Sunday. [Staff photo]

Volleyball team 2nd in Aspermont

The Merkel girls varsity volleyball team participated in the Aspermont tournament Saturday. The girls won their first round against Aspermont 11-15, 16-6 and 15-10. In that game, Amy Stuckey was 15 of 16 for a 94 percent serving average.

In the next game, the girls defeated Clyde 7-15, 15-4 and 15-8. In serving, Kelly Beightis was 15 of 16, Sheri Riney 20 of 21 and Amy Stuckey was 11 of 11.

The girls lost to Colorado City in the finals 10-15 and 9-15. The team served at a 93 percent pace while Beightis, Stuckey, Stacy Newberry and Michelle Woodard were all 100

percent servers. Coach Rhonda Rainwater told **The Mail** she felt the team played better and better the more they played and thinks her girls are now starting to play like a team. She was pleased with the second place finish in the tournament.

On the day, she said Beightis and Newberry played very well defensively and Amy Stuckey led the way in serving percentage for the day at 97 percent.

Breckenridge swept the Merkel Badgers last week as they opened district play.

The Freshmen lost 15-8 and 15-3. The team served at a 91 percent pace and Jennifer Gaona and

Karen Hendricks were both 100 percent in serving. Amy Stuckey served for an 89 percent clip and she played well on offense and defense. Amy Irvin served at an 80 percent pace and played well in the back row. Amy Irvin and Michelle Woodard did a good job keeping the ball in play and Becky Best played real well coming off the bench.

The volleyball teams will host Graham Oct. 15th.

Last Tuesday, the JV and Varsity traveled to Graham. The JV lost 15-9 and 15-2. Teresa Lucas was 100 percent in serving and Kelly Yarborough was 5 of 6 in serving. The Varsity lost 7-15, 16-14 and 4-15. Coach Rhonda Rainwater told **The Mail** Jana Pettit played outstanding defense and was

Badgers will be 'up' Friday

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be ready to play. In fact, I am sure, at one point or another, Coach Leopard has wished he was 17 or 18 again.

He'd be ready to play Friday, you can take that to the bank. It ought to be interesting.

The city is building a soccer field here on a lot one block North and West of Palmer Pontiac. The land is owned by the F & M National Bank and the city is using some of it's federal money for the clearance of the lot.

Places to practice soccer around here are hard to come by and this will sure help.

Oh, yes, the younger Royal's team here is also still undefeated.

I guess all newspaper editors, at

one time or another, wonder if anyone out there is reading the paper.

I go through that, at times, but those times are usually broken by a mistake in "just the right place", a paragraph in my column that draws a lot of response, or no address on a garage sale.

Needless to say, that all happened last week and I know, first hand, a lot of people out there are reading at least part of the paper.

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Pioneer Methodist sets Oct. 20th Bible study

Don't forget, Pioneer Methodist Church Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. each week. They invite you to hear their pastor, Kerry Patton at 10:45 a.m.

Their next Bible Study will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Oct. 20th. Child care will be provided. They ask you to come hear what you have been missing.

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UGSA elects officers

The United Girls Softball Association met Monday Night to elect officers for the upcoming year. They are as follows: President Billy Clark, Vice President Becky Holmes, Secretary Celesta Boone, Treasurer Kathy Doan, Division I Vice President Sue Brazelton, Division II Vice President Pat Warren, Division III Vice President Larry Hellums, Division IV Vice President Gaston Thomas, Equipment Chairman Cathy Pack, Uniform Chairman Alyce Carter, Field Maintenance Chairman Eddie Caroland, Finance Advisor Kathy Caroland, Registration Chairman Mamie Steck, Concession Chairman B.J. Ingram, and Umpire In Chief Daniel Moreno.

Xi Nu Chi holds meeting

Chapter Xi Nu Chi of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Nancy Johnson, October 1st. A variety of delicious Mexican foods were prepared by program host, Sue Johnson. Budget items were part of the agenda for the regular meeting. Members present for the meeting were Anita Allen, Nancy Duncan, Judy Elliott, Barbara Gardner, Connie Harris, Mary Hill, Nancy Johnson, Donna Lang, Karen Riley, Vicki Rodriguez, and Milyn Seymour.



Badger defensive back James Wright shows the form that made him an All-District performer last year. The Badgers open district play Friday as they host the Graham Steers. (Staff photo)

Frosh drop first game to Stamford

The Merkel Freshmen lost their first game of the year at Stamford 14-20. Kenneth Jowers scored on a 50 yard run, added a two point conversion and connected on a 70 yard TD pass to Wade Toombs. This was a tough game to lose, it had been picture day and the photographer was an hour late getting to us. We left already dressed to play to save time, but once we got there, the officials gave us just 5 minutes to get ready to kickoff. We travel to Graham this week and the new rules won't allow us to leave til 3:30 and it's a long trip to Graham for a 5:30 game. We'll just have to try and do a better job of getting ready as quickly as we can. The Freshmen fall to 4 and 1 on the year and return home on the 17th to play Breckenridge for a 5:30 game.

Safety evens JV record to 2-2, Graham's next

The Merkel JV's traveled to Stamford last Thursday night to meet the Stamford JV's and the results looked more like a baseball score than a football score. Merkel lost the game by the score of 2 to 0, with the 2 points coming on a snapped ball over the punters head and going into the end-zone for a safety. Offensively, the Badgers controlled the game, having twice as many downs as the Bulldogs, but could never get into the end-zone. Mike Lambert did an outstanding job of running the football, gaining around 100 yards for the night. The offensive line, led by center Steve Williams, guards, Chris Reyna, Marty Windham and Keith Reagan, tackles Billy Hair, Michael Woodall and Robert McFaden, and end Todd Smith, did an outstanding job of controlling Stamford's defensive line.

Defensively, the Badgers looked real tough, not allowing a TD or any big plays by the Bulldogs. Merkel's defensive line controlled the line of scrimmage throughout the game. Outstanding on defense for the Badgers was linebackers, Todd Smith, Randy Graham, Mike Lambert, and Chris Reyna, defensive ends Billy Hair, Michael Woodall, and Lee Leverich, defensive tackles, Jay Williams, Steve Williams and Robert McFaden. Merkel's record evens up at 2 wins and 2 losses.

Merkel travels to Graham Thursday for a big battle with the Graham Steers. This should be a very good ball game, so come and support the team.

MISD lunch menu

The Merkel school menu is as follows:
 Thursday October 10: Toasted cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, apricot halves.
 Friday October 11: Hamburgers lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, French fries, raisins.
 Monday October 14: Burritos with cheese, spanish rice, lettuce wedge with choice of dressing, prune bars with icing.
 Tuesday October 15: Tacos with sauce, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, sliced peaches.
 Wednesday October 16: Chicken fried steak with gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello with fruit.
 Thursday October 17: Beet stew, lettuce wedge with choice of dressing, onions, carrots, potatoes, corn bread, plum cobbler.
 Friday October 18: Hot dogs with chili, French fries with catsup, relish, chopped onion, carrot stick, apple wedge.
 Monday October 21: Corn chip pie, mixed vege., lettuce wedge with choice of dressing, apple-sauce cake with icing.
 Tuesday, October 22: Chicken fried steak with gravy, macaroni and cheese, green beans, hot rolls, sliced peaches.
 Wednesday October 23: cheese-burger, later tots with catsup, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, rice krispies with almonds.

Beaver scores six td's in Trent's loss

Trent played Midland Christian last Friday night and found itself in another high scoring contest. The lead changed hands constantly throughout the game and in the end, Midland Christian was on top 50-46. Trent had the ball on the Midland Christian 10 yard line, first and goal, with 57 seconds left, and threw an interception, ending their chances. Benjamin Beaver had 171 yards rushing, and threw for another 195 yards, scoring 6 TDs. Joe Tarin scored the other TD. Jason Massey and Randy Hughes played well for the Gorillas.

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Bob J. Brandon, Minsiter

Merkel Church of Christ

Services held for J. L. Fisher

J.L. Fisher, 71, of Merkel, died at 10 a.m. Monday at his home after a sudden illness. Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Wayne Keller, pastor of First Baptist Church, and the Rev. Kenneth Jones of Caps Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born May 7, 1914, in Fulbright, he married Polly Edwards, Nov. 3, 1934, in Hugo, Okla. He lived in Merkel since 1958. He was a member of the First Baptist

Church in Merkel, a member of the Merkel Masonic Lodge, a 32nd degree Mason in the Scottish Rite in Dallas, a member of the Shriner's Temple in San Angelo, a member of the Merkel Lions Club and a former member of the Merkel City Council. He was also a jobber for Fina Oil Company for 25 years. Until his retirement, he owned and operated Merkel Auto Parts.

Survivors include his wife; a brother, Robert Fisher of Dallas; and several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were Masons.

Former Merkelite's services held

Fannie Carlete Ashby, 100, of Dallas, formerly of Merkel, died at 9:30 p.m. Sunday in Physicians Hospital in Mesquite. Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Starbuck Funeral Home with the Rev. Ted Kiser of Mesquite, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Jan. 14, 1885, in Houston County, she married Lee Bradshaw Nov. 4, 1900. The couple moved to Merkel in 1903. Her

husband died in 1921. She later married Dave Ashby, May 15, 1933. He died in 1946. She lived in Merkel until 1948 when she moved to Abilene. She had lived in the Dallas area the past 21 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Merkel.

Survivors include two daughters Amy Hanselman of Greenville and Lennah Tenney of Seagoville; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Creswell's services held here

Billie J. Creswell of Lawton, Okla., died Saturday, Oct. 5th in Lawton.

Funeral services were held in Lawton Monday, Oct. 7th at the Ritter Dalton Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Wayne Keller of

First Baptist here officiating. Burial was held here Monday at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Ms. Creswell is survived by her aunt, Mrs. Houston Clark of Merkel and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles Tipton of Anson.

Denson's have recent visitors

Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Herron from Burnet, Texas visited in Abilene last week. They were at his niece, Jerry Armstrong. They came to see Melvin Denson, he is very

sick, but he is some better. Also Bessie Perry, from Merkel, came over for a visit. Mrs. R.L. Denson, from Ft. Phantom Lake, went home with her brother for a week.

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Mr. Ueckert was born in Waco and Mrs. Ueckert was born in

Tarrant County. They met at the Goodman School in Jones County in 1931 and were married four years later in Anson. They have lived throughout their marriage in Jones County at Noodle.

He is currently a stock farmer and was a welding contractor.

They are members of the Noodle Baptist Church, he is a Mason and they are members of the Order of Eastern Star.

They couple has four grandchildren.

Lambda Beta holds recent meeting

Lambda Beta held their model meeting on October 1st in the home of Kay Bishop. The program "Invitation To Life: Your International Office" was given by Rita Moore. Members elected O.C. McKeehan as the Cowboy of the Year.

Mulberry Canyon-Blair reunion goes well

The Mulberry Canyon and Blair Reunion was the best we have had. Almost 100 people were there from all parts of the state. Many came Saturday in Oct. 1986 for the first time and there was so much reminiscing all over the building. A delicious meal was served. Time was set for 1st Saturday in Oct. 1986 for the next meeting.



Two Merkel children participated in the Fiddlers Contest held at Westgate Mall in Abilene. Five year old Natalie Cravens and her brother Matthew played a few selections. They take violin lessons from Suzanne Fox and are the children of Mr. & Mrs. Logan Cravens of Merkel.

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Art group views demo

The Merkel Art Club met Monday night Oct. 7th in the Taylor Telephone Conference Room. Pat Byrd, president, held a short business meeting. The program for the year will feature different artist each month, and the club members will display their art work at various locations.

Mr. Benard Wanagas, an artist from Illinois, who now lives in Merkel, gave a very interesting demonstration in water color

painting. He painted a springtime, early morning landscape, and with each stroke he explained his techniques in shading and highlighting. He also had several of his finished paintings for the art club to view. These were very beautiful.

The following members were present: Ted Allen, Marie Beard, Ruth Buster, Pat Byrd, Ruth Cox, Elizabeth Hicks, Ruth Hogan, Ethel Pee, Evelyn Stricklin, Lee Wanagas and Benard Wanagas.

Club plans trip to Mexico

Preceptor Chapter Mexico, Bound Preceptor Eta Omega, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday at the home of Ruth Tipton.

A trip to Mexico was planned by the social committee. Members will travel to Acuna, Mexico Saturday Oct. 12. They will be sight seeing, enjoying some Mexican food, buying some souvenirs, but remember ladies, don't drink the water.

Hostess Ruth Tipton gave a program on the good old days.

Several antiques, pictures, books and valentines were shown to members, also a beautiful wedding gown was modeled by Betty Satterwhite. The wedding dress worn by Ruth Tipton's grandmother is believed to be 100 years old.

Refreshments were then served to the following members: Liz Eager, Yvonne Sadler, Louise Dubose, Betty Conley, Blanche Hewitt, Kathy Leverich, Betty Satterwhite, Connie Ybarra, Mammie Steck, and Jane Carson.

Sr. Citizens schedule for October

The Monday night singing was well attended. Next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 4. There will be a donation sale beginning Thursday, Oct. 17 at 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 18 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19 8 a.m. to 4

p.m. If anyone would like to put up their own sale, there will be space available. Donations of any kind will be appreciated. Baked goods will be sold, if they are received. Call 928-5973 or 928-5074 for further information.

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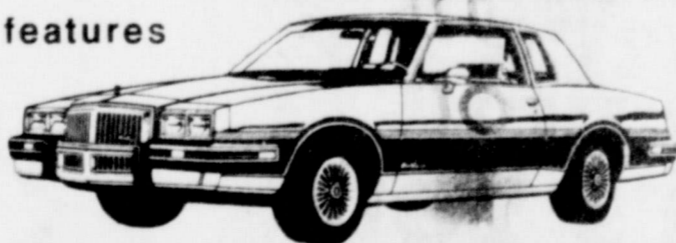
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