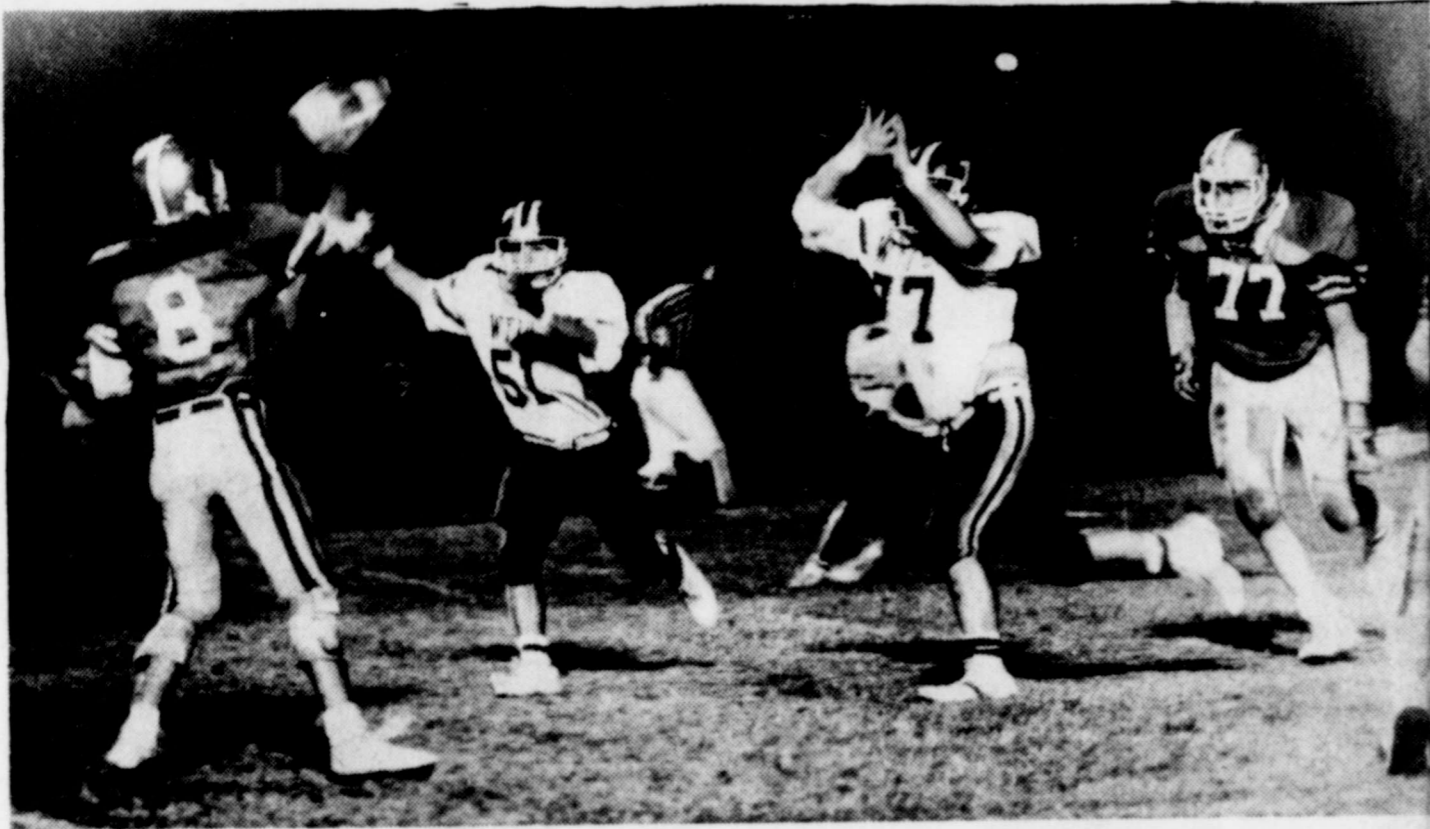


The Merkel Mail

Thursday, November 7, 1985 ... Merkel, Texas

Our 97th Year



§ Badger quarterback Kenneth Jowers flips a screen pass in last week's Homecoming game with

Wylie. The Badgers were defeated 27-6 and will travel to Clyde for their final 1985 contest. Photo by Glenn Richards

Wylie downs Merkel 27-6; Badgers face Clyde in '85 finale

The Merkel Badgers put up a good fight in the first half, but the Wylie Bulldogs put on a strong second half offensive attack to defeat the Merkel Badgers 27-6.

The loss drops Merkel's record to 3-6 on the season while Wylie's record improves to 7-2.

Badger head coach Dick Lepard told **The Mail** Monday "We have to learn to play four quarters here. We usually have at least one good half per game but we can't carry that same effort and enthusiasm through an entire game."

The Badgers had four lost fumbles on the exchange from center to quarterback that didn't help the offensive attack and the Badgers leading rusher, Dean Franklin sat out the second half with a hip pointer.

Wylie scored first in the contest but the Badgers scored at the end of the first half. The try for two failed and the teams went into halftime with Wylie holding a 7-6

lead. In the second half, Wylie quarterback Justin Reeves converted his third down passes and that was the difference in the game.

Coach Lepard said he also felt the penalty on Merkel's first offensive play of the game really hurt.

The Badgers used a halfback pass which Franklin completed to Justin Amerine for a 45 yard gain to the Wylie four. A motion penalty wiped that play out.

Lepard said Wylie's multi-set offense gave the Badger defense fits all night but he said he liked the play of Chris Reyna, Justin Amerine and Shayne Newberry. On offense he said he felt Newberry and Franklin played well.

The Badgers end the season this week on the road in Clyde. Clyde has been defeated by Breck, Graham and Wylie in district play

and last week defeated Comanche 21-6.

About Clyde, Lepard said "They are big and they like to run a tandem offense and run at the middle. They do throw the ball about a third of the time but they like to throw short, possession type passes.

He added "They aren't a big play team but they do have the ability to sustain offensive drives. Defensively we will use a lot of our regular stunts."

The Bulldogs play out of a 2-7 or split six defensive alignment and Lepard said he believes the Badgers can use their speed to get to the outside on the Clyde defense.

Also this week, the Merkel JV and Freshman teams will close out their seasons here. The 7th, 8th grade and B teams will travel to Clyde.

Homecoming, seniors, auction ...

by Cloy A. Richards

Everything but the football game went well at Homecoming, from what I saw and the stories I have been told about weekend activities.

The parade and pep rally held downtown Friday seemed to be better than normal, although with the wind and the dampness it was pretty cold.

The game was very well attended and was an excellent game in the first half.

At halftime, Kelly Riney was named Homecoming Queen. Joe Lassiter was named Coming Home King and Mildred West Winter was named Coming Home Queen. Both are members of the Class of 1935.

Saturday was a day of remembering and visiting, as well as private parties and a dance.

I received quite a few compliments about last week's paper. People here appreciated the reprint of a 1960 edition that carried the story of Dr. Sadler being named outstanding citizen and the 'reversed' (black) front page.

It was my Halloween trick and it went over well, except for a few postal service employees.

They were the lucky people that had the pleasure of handling those papers, that tended to blacken your hands.

My son helped me put the address labels on the papers last week and he looked like he did when he was 3 and went to the press with me.

He had about 300 copies worth of ink on him by the time we were finished.

I was 'up' after the first half of last week's game with Wylie, Merkel had outgained the Bulldogs, were playing good defense and scored late in the half to trail 7-6.

I spoke to Coach Dick Lepard right before the second half started and told him "good half coach" and he replied "Thanks, but there's two halves in every game."

How right he was. The Badgers were unable to stop Wylie in the second half and the Badgers were unable to move the ball.

This week, the Badgers close their 1985 season on at Clyde.

The Clyde Bulldogs have their traditional size and have won and lost to the teams they were predicted to this season.

To beat Clyde, the Badgers will have to play tough defense, especially in the middle since Clyde likes to run the ball in the center of the field.

On offense, the Badgers will have to stop fumbling, hit the passes and try to use a team speed advantage to get the ball to the outside.

There are quite a few seniors

that will be playing in their last game for the Badgers. These guys deserve a public pat on the back for their dedication, many of the playing since the 7th grade for Merkel schools.

For the seniors this year, their football careers may not be something they can brag about, record wise, but the seniors had to learn a lot of things from football.

We'd like to see them get a win to end their football days at Merkel High on a positive note.

Playing in their last game Friday are Kevon Mitchell, Dean Franklin, Chuck Chick, Clay Carrey, James Wright, Gary Suterfield, Nick McCasland, Artie Ascencio, Lance Perry, Keith Watson, Wayne Johnson, Kerry Miller, Darren Lancaster, Alan Windham and Thomas Doan. Matt Cain would also have been playing, but went down with a season-ending knee injury in the Bangs game.

A public auction and dance will be held Saturday at the Merkel VFW.

The benefit is being held for Marie Shanks, who has cancer.

Ray Pack and the Halfbreed will be playing at the dance.

The Royals, a 10 and under soccer team from Merkel and Tye placed third in their divisional

Girls end volleyball season with win over Clyde

The Merkel girls volleyball teams ended their season here last Tuesday against Clyde.

In the Freshman game, Clyde won 13-15 and 12-15. Coach Rhonda Rainwater told **The Mail** Jennifer Gaona, Michelle Williams, Melissa Royce, Lorena Pack and Pam Neff were all 100 per cent servers. She said the girls played well and were getting their spikes and sets down. She said the team ended the season well and she looked forward to working with the next year.

In the JV contest, Clyde also won 7-15 and 1-15. Michelle Dudley, Teresa Lucas, Veronica

Badger annuals are in

The Merkel High School year-high school in room 6. Please books from 1984-85 are in. Seniors bring your receipt as a claim for may pick their books up at the your book.

soccer tournament last weekend.

The boys ended their season with a 11-2 record. They were managed by Gary Parker and Steve Buntin and Glenn Burton were coaches.

The 8 and under Royals team will be playing in their league tournament this weekend. They, like the older Royals, won their league division trophies with 7-0 records.

The Trent Gorillas have turned their season around lately.

They will be losing a heck of a football player as Bebo Beaver will be playing his last game this week.

I haven't seen him but a couple of times, but take it for a fact, that guy can move the football down field.

Like his brothers before him, Beaver has burned more than his share of defensive backs at Trent High.

Someone broke into city hall last Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning and it seems they didn't find what they were looking for.

The back door was pried open and some desks were 'gone through' but nothing apparently was taken. A safe was tampered with, but not opened.

Police have no arrests in the case.

Winter electric rates in effect

The price of electricity for residential and commercial customers of West Texas Utilities Co. will decrease slightly in November as the company's winter rates go into effect.

Beginning with November billings, base rates will be reduced by 3.4 cent per kilowatt hour. Residential base rates will drop from 3.97 per kilowatt-hour to 3.22, while commercial base rates will drop from 4.18 to 3.43 cents per

KWh.

Result of the base rate decrease and slight adjustment in the fuel cost factor will be an 8.2 percent reduction in costs for residential customers. For example, a customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours will be charged \$6.56 less than for the same amount under the summer rates.

The summer-winter rate differential for the two classes of

customers was established by the Public Utility Commission of Texas during negotiations in WTU's rate case during the fall of 1984. Seasonal rate differentials have been used by many companies for many years. The main reason is that the cost of providing service is higher during the peak usage season, or summer months when air-conditioners are in use. Winter rates will be in effect from Nov. 1 through April 1986.

Bingo taxes net city \$10,000

Merkel's latest check for the two percent tax on gross receipts city tax on local charitable bingo for bingo games held here. games is for \$3,862.63.

So far this year, Merkel has collected \$10,356.63 through the games in the state.

According to State Comptroller Bob Bullock, Texas cities have received \$8.8 million in rebates generated by bingo in the last three years.

Local youth's condition worsens

A Merkel youth who was taken here has had three operation doctor's told me yesterday that by medical-evacuation helicopter performed by Dr. Skylar of Paul would be in a coma for the rest of his life."

Paul has been in ill health since operations. Paul's father, Herman McCauley told **The Mail** Tuesday "The birth,

Pal McCauley of 710 Avondale

Pietzsch named local FFA sweetheart



Kelly Pietzsch

Kelly Pietzsch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Pietzsch, was recently elected Merkel FFA Sweetheart. She is a junior at Merkel High School. She is a member of the local Future Farmers of America Chapter. Her project program is centered around her horses. Kelly is extremely interested in riding her horses, as she is a member of the West Texas Barrel Racing Association and American Junior Rodeo Association. She competes in most junior rodeos in the area. Kelly won the All-Round Title at the Snyder Junior Rodeo and was first runner-up at the All Girl Rodeo Association. She competes in most junior rodeos in the area. Kelly won the All-Round Title at the Snyder Junior Rodeo and was first runner-up at the All Girl Rodeo at Sweetwater. She is also very active in the Merkel Riding Club. Her other accomplishments include being the first runner-up in the West Texas Teen Pageant.



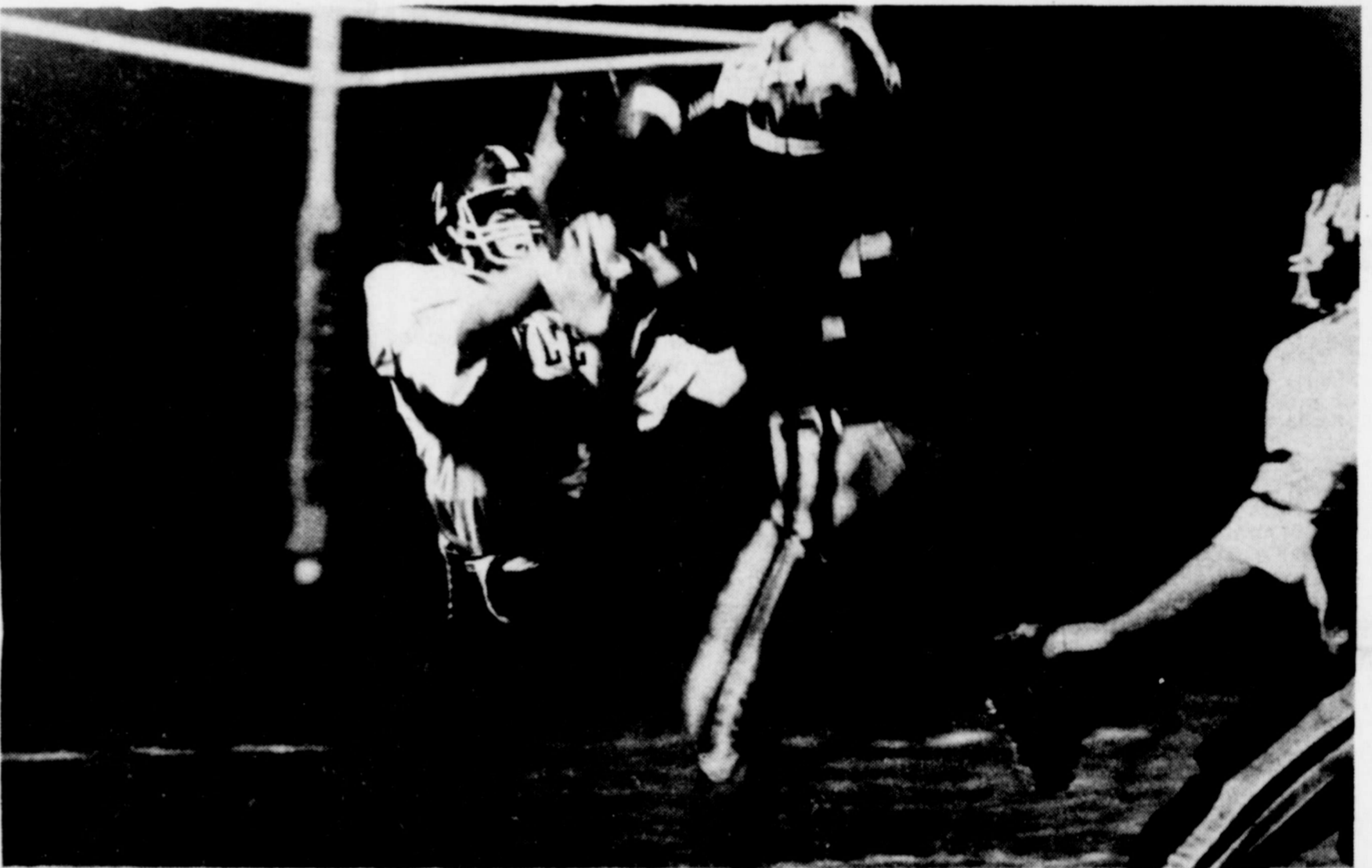
Kelly Riney was named Homecoming Queen ...



Drum major Chad Archa takes it easy ...



Joe Lassiter and Mildred West Winter were namd named Coming Home King & Queen



Merkel's Jason Duran hauls in a pass ...

MHS Homecoming 1985



And the ladies on the Fortnightly Study Club float had a great time at the Homecoming parade

Photos by

Glenn & Cloy

Richards

Tye elementary names honor students

The Tye Elementary Honor Roll is as follows:
 First Grade: Adjustment Period No grades given.
 Second Grade: A Honor Roll: William Donaldson, Melissa Clark.
 A-B Honor Roll: Jeremy Daniel,

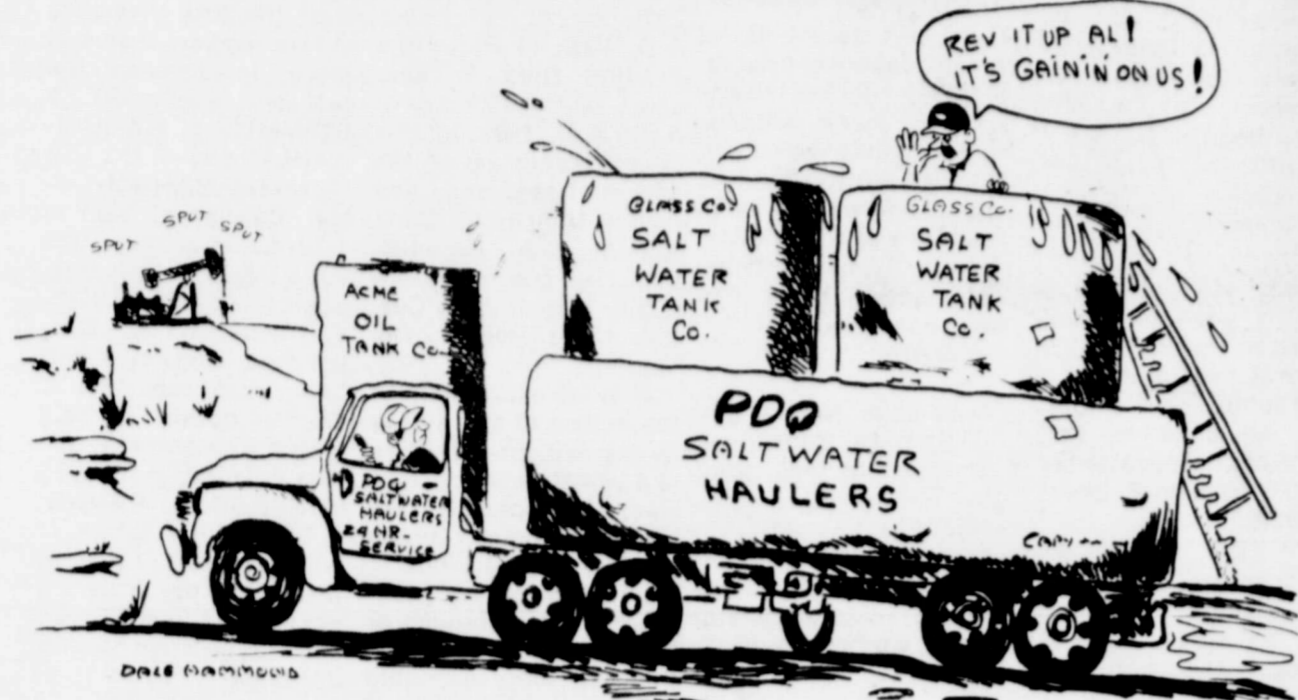
Reggie Griffin, Julianna Helm, Richie Knuth, Stacey Loper, Cara Staples, Tim Thorpe, Randy DeLeon, Jennifer Folkes, Brandy Jordan, Brandi Parker, Ken Schuessler.

Third Grade: A Honor Roll: Crystal Gayle, Tomas Newman, Karyn Utley, Laura Brouse, Kellie Edwards, Alanna Hafner, Angela Knuth, Billy Miller, Melissa Podrovitz, Brandi Willson, Colby Sheffield, Brandon Stephenson.

A-B Honor Roll: Jennifer Anderson, Donna Bouldin, Shane Flynt, Jill Jennings, Brad Locke, Mandy Workman, John Arellano, Don Cavender, Heather Davis, Erin Folkes, Kenny Green, Nesha Pritchard, Mickey Simmons, Michael Tucker.

Fourth Grade: A Honor Roll: Melissa Daniel, Jennifer Johnson, Brian Miller, Josh Perry, Amy Podrovitz, Sandi Wood. A-B Honor Roll: Kelly Atkinson, John Roberts, Brenda Silvas, Brandi Weedon, George Wellmaker, Kristi Duncan, Stacey Powell.

Fifth Grade: A Honor Roll: Trista Graham, Doug Hall, Kim Isaacs, Holly James, Christie Tucker, Mendy Law, Cody Parker, Tami Sims, Lori Snowden, Donnie Windland. A-B Honor Roll: Rose Pierce, Sarah Roberts, Deillah Sherman, Joe Silvas, Trisha Evans, Kim Israel, Tony Conger. Mrs. Wheeler's Room: A Honor Roll: John Goedel, Jamie McClintock, Chrissy Repnyek.



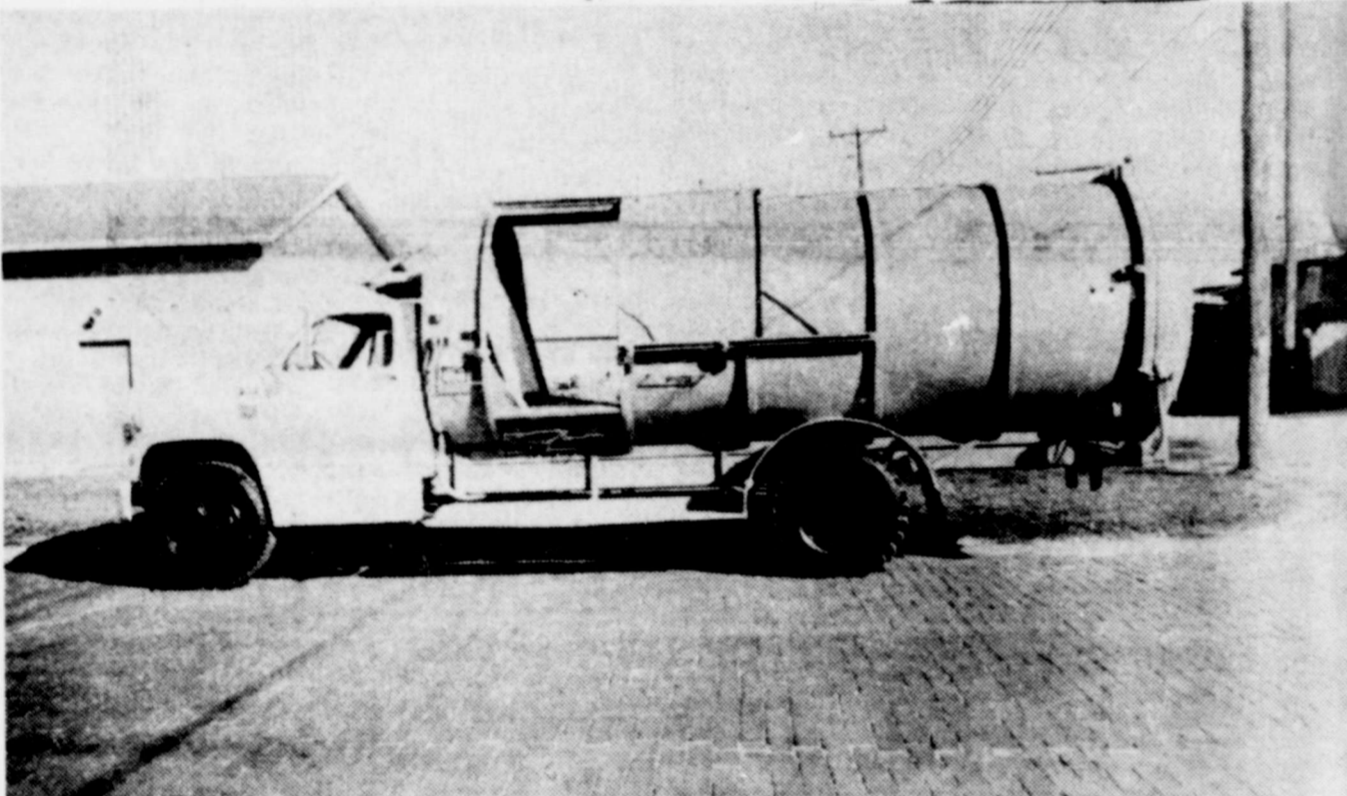
White likes no-pass, no-play

Dear Editor:

Now that the first public school grading period is over and Texas are assessing the value of the new "pass-play" rule, I would like to take this opportunity to stress the gains we are making in the classroom. Approximately 85 percent of varsity athletes statewide passed all their courses, while the overall pass rate was considerably lower. What this means is that our athletes are winning on and off the playing field. Why is their percentage pass rate higher than the average? Because the coaches whose own performance is evaluated each week when their teams

compete, worked with their players in tutorials and helped them make the grade. My office advocated this kind of teamwork in a "play book" mailed each Texas coach, and I think we have found a winning formula that produces results. As parents, teachers, coaches and students, we can improve the pass rate during the second grading period if we extend the same attention and "scholastic coaching" given our varsity athletes to every child experiencing difficulty in the classroom. Discovering this key to academic achievement is no less significant to Texans than the discovery of the Spindletop oil gusher. Educated minds are the "oil and gas" of Texas' future, and

we must work harder - and encourage our young people to work harder - to better prepare for the challenging jobs of the future. The real issue for our children and grandchildren is not going to be "no pass - no play." The real issue is going to be "no learn - no earn." This is no time to retreat from education reform. It took courage to raise the standards, and it's going to take courage to stick to them. I think the vast majority of Texans want this state to have the best schools, and I remain committed to seeing Texas achieve that goal. Yours truly, Mark White, Governor of Texas



§ The City of Merkel recently purchased a used garbage truck. The truck has a 20 cubic yard capacity and cost the city \$7,500. [Staff photo]

Townsend qualifies for area contest

The Merkel FFA Chapter attended the Big Country District FFA Leadership Contest at Cisco Junior College last Saturday, November 2. Merkel was represented by six teams.

Qualifying for Area IV competition to be held November 23 at Tarleton State University was

Cassie Townsend. Cassie participated in the Extemporeous Public Speaking contest and captured first place.

Also representing the Merkel Chapter was the Greenhand Chapter Conducting Team, consisting of Debbie Pack, Kelli Yarbrough, Connie McMillion, Amber Whisenhunt, Christi Wade, Bridgett Vaughn, Kody Hogan and Lorena

Pack. This team placed seventh. Members of the sixth place FFA Greenhand Quiz team were John Paul Dudley, Debbie Pack, Kelli Yarbrough and Connie McMillion. The Senior Chapter Conducting team placed fifth. Members of this team were Stephanie Boyd, Steve Williams, Lynn Hays, Todd Smith, Melissa Harris, Greg Pilgrim and Doug Bauer.

The Farm Radio Team won eighth place and was represented by Mitzi Shelton, Kerry Miller and Billy Ray Riley. The Senior Farm Skills Team took fifth place in their division. Members of this team were Jay Williams, Gary Miller, Tim Carter, and Shawn Parker.

The teams were accompanied to Cisco by Vocational Agriculture teachers Billy Riley and J.T. Naron and student teacher, Kay Richards.

Lambda Beta initiates two members

On October 15, Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their Pledge Ritual. Those new members receiving the Ritual were Beverly Helmer, Robin Robinson, Melinda Dye, and Barbara Graham. The Ritual was held at the Pleasantville Community Room and following the Ritual, dinner was served to the new

members. Other members of Lambda Beta that were present included Debbie Sandusky, Rita Moore, Kay Bishop, Sheri Walton, Debbie Roberson, Janet McKeenan, Pat Schuknecht, and Virginia Pirraglia.

Lambda Beta's next meeting will be held on November 5 with Sheri Walton serving as hostess.

Band Boosters set Bar-B-Q dinner

The Merkel Band Boosters will host a Bar-B-Q Dinner, Saturday, November 16 at Heritage Hall.

Sammy Doan will be cooking the best Bar-B-Q in the Big Country for this event.

The dinner will be served from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Adult plates are \$5.00 and children 6 years and under are \$2.50.

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Trent blasts Novice; will host Christoval Friday

Trent traveled to Novice last Friday night to play the Hornets. In a very physical game, Trent came out on top 58-12. The game was stopped with 9:01 left to play in the fourth quarter.

Trent played exceptionally well on defense only allowing Novice to score twice and only 230 yards total offense.

For Trent, Billy Clark had 1 reception for 14 yards, Chris Simpson 3 receptions for 44 yards, Jason Massey 1 carry for 9 yards, 1 reception for 10 yards and scored 2 extra points, Sam Jones 4 receptions for 62 yards for 2

touchdowns and one extra point, Lewis Knapp ran 2 times for 0 yards, and one extra point, he completed 2 of 3 passes for 31 yards and 1 touchdown and 1 extra point.

Also for Trent, Bebo Beaver rushed 28 times for 305 yards and seven touchdowns. Beaver also completed 7 of 13 passes for 99 yards and 1 touchdown. Randy Hughes and Dock Carriker also had good performances both offensively and defensively.

Trent plays Christoval at home this Friday night at 7:00 p.m.



Mr. & Mrs. John Swinney

Swinney's will celebrate 50th anniversary Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Swinney, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception Sunday, November 10, in the Fellowship Hall of the Trent United Methodist Church from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon.

Hosting the reception will be their children, J.B. and Dayne Swinney, Jerry and Syra Patterson, Johnny and Janie Swinney, their 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Born in East Texas, Mr. Swin-

ney moved to Mulberry Canyon in 1919, where he attended Butman school. Mrs. Swinney, formerly Beulah Harrison, moved to Eastland County in 1928. She attended school in White Church, Butman and Merkel. They met in 1930 and were married November 10, 1935 at her parent's home in the White Church community by Rev. Arthur Kendell. They moved to Trent in 1958 and are members of the First United Methodist Church.

All of their friends and relatives are invited to attend.

A 'grateful nation remembers' veterans

Administrator of Veterans Affairs Harry N. Walters has announced that this year's Veterans Day theme is "A Grateful Nation Remembers."

The VA chief urged Americans to pay tribute to the more than 28 million living veterans who have served their country in uniform and the more than one million who died during wartime service.

Walters said that the 32nd annual Veterans Day observance

at Arlington National Cemetery on Monday, Nov. 11, 1985, will begin at 11 a.m. with the traditional Presidential wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

A program of speeches and patriotic music and displays will follow in the cemetery amphitheatre. The national veterans organization AMVETS is the host of this year's Veterans Day activities at Arlington.

Walters, who serves as Veterans

Day National Committee Chairman, said that while Arlington captures much of the national attention on Veterans Day, the rest of the nation's observances are just as meaningful.

"While the Veterans Administration is the means by which all Americans are able to express the spirit of Veterans Day year-round," Walters said, "it is on this special day that we all can gather to voice our thankfulness and appreciation."

To support nationwide activities, the VA Administrator has asked all state governors to name Veterans Day chairpersons for activities in their respective states. The person appointed will coordinate Veterans Day activities throughout the state and will represent the governor in dealing with veterans organizations, military officials, and communities planning parades, ceremonies and other observances.

The Veterans Day Committee

has designated Atlanta; Albany, Ore.; Auburn, Wash.; Birmingham; Hayward, Calif.; Indianapolis; Milwaukee; Nashville and St. Louis as sites for official regional Veterans Day observances.

The Committee has also sent a variety of materials to state offices and to schools encouraging greater awareness of and involvement in Veterans Day.

Thorne-Lindsey will repeat vows

Wedding Vows will be exchanged Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. by Penny Thorne and Frank Lindsey at the home of Frank's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V.H. Lindsey at 602 El Paso.

Woodmen of the World set dinner

Woodmen of the World will be meeting for a dinner.

Merkel.

A reception and wedding shower will follow at the same address hosted by sisters of the groom. Selections are at Ben Franklin's.

The group will meet Monday night at the Big Country Inn at 8:30 p.m.

Public notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: JULINA TERRELL KY JEFFERSON TERRELL, GARY THAN TERRELL, TERRELL LYNN GALLMAN AND THE UNBORN CHILDREN AND DESCENDENTS OF TAMARA KAY TERRELL GALLMAN, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 9th day of December 1985, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 23rd day of October A.D. 1985, in this cause, numbered 16,663-B on the docket of said court, and styled, TAMARA KAY TERRELL GALLMAN Plaintiff, vs. JULINA TERRELL, KY JEFFERSON TERRELL, GARY THAN TERRELL, TERRELL LYNN GALLMAN, and THE UNBORN CHILDREN AND DESCENDENTS OF TAMARA KAY TERRELL GALLMAN Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: TAMARA

KAY TERRELL GALLMAN are Plaintiffs and JULINA TERRELL, KY JEFFERSON TERRELL GALLMAN are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff's Original Petition for reformation of deed, Plaintiff's request that the court reform the deed so as to correctly describe the interest transferred, and grant such further relief as may be deemed just and equitable.

Plaintiff's request that the Court reform a deed so as to correctly describe the interest transferred under the following described property:

FIRST TRACT: Being the South 100 acres, more or less, out of the Southwest Quarter of Section 51, Block 19, T&P Ry. Co. Lands, Abstract No. 373 and described more fully as first tract in that certain Mineral Deed from W.L. Meeks and wife, Ella Meeks to Elmer J. Terrell dated December 18th, 1946 and duly recorded in Volume 351, Page 589 of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, to which deed and the record thereof reference is hereby made for all purposes of description; and

SECOND TRACT: Being 40 acres, more or less, out of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 52, Block 19, T&P Ry. Co. lands, Abstract No. 1251 and

being more fully described as the second tract in that certain Mineral Deed from W.L. Meeks and wife, Ella Meeks to Elmer J. Terrell dated December 18th, 1946 and duly recorded in Volume 351, Page 589 of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, to which deed and the record thereof reference is hereby made for all purposes of description and grant such other relief as may be deemed just and equitable."

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

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 23rd day of October A.D. 1985.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk 104th Dist. Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Rita Moore Deputy. 136-4tc-152

CITATION BY PUBLICATION TO: The Unknown Heirs of Elizabeth Malow, Deceased.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable County Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 11th day of November A.D. 1985, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 13th day of September A.D. 1985, in this cause numbered 16,393 on the docket of said court and styled Estate of Elizabeth Malow, Deceased.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Application for Declaration of Heirship, For Partition, and For Distribution as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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 29th day of October A.D. 1985.

Attest: Janice Lyons Clerk, County Court Taylor County, Texas By Tana Schulle Deputy

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Merkel VFW

Local art group holds meeting

The Merkel Art Association met Monday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Taylor Telephone Cooperative.

Belva Bennett, of 1910 Rosewood Abilene, gave a presentation of an oil painting. Belva is an artist and instructor with evening and day classes. She gave an excellent demonstration of a beautiful white poinsettia on black mi-tien paper.

The attendance was very good. Members attending this meeting included the following: Marie Beard, Ruth Buster, Christi Barnett, Pat Byrd, Ruth Cox, Bonnie English, Gay Featherston, Elizabeth Hicks, Dale Hammond, Lorene Lee, Pat Neff, Billy Bob Neff, Ethel Pee, Benny Rogers, Mary Stanley, Evelyn Stribling, Betty Toombs, Lee Wanagas, Bernard Wanagas, and Robbie Wilson.



§ Merkel lineman Keith Watson (60) tries to keep a Wylie pass rusher off of Badger quarterback

Kenneth Jowers. Watson is one of many seniors that will be playing their last game Friday in Clyde. Photo by Glenn Richards

Carmen coming to Cisco

Texas Opera Theater will bring all the splendor of grand opera to the stage of Harrell Fine Arts Building, Friday, November 15, when it presents the sensuous, glamorous opera CARMEN on the campus of Cisco Junior College. Long-time residents can't recall a professional opera company ever coming to Cisco.

Founded in 1974 as Houston Grand Opera's touring and educational subsidiary, Texas Opera Theater was incorporated as a separate artistic entity in 1980. In its 11-year history, TOT has become the largest, widest ranging, most popular and successful American opera company devoted exclusively to touring. Texas Opera Theater's budget has grown from \$35,000 in 1974 to over \$1.6 million this season. It has introduced opera to over 1.1 million people in 40 states and the District of Columbia.

Texas Opera Theater has won much recognition for its innovative programs and energetic productions, which are sung in English. A prestigious Challenge Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts was awarded TOT in 1982, and the Texas Commission on the Arts presented a sizeable grant to Cisco Junior College to partially cover the expense of the presentation of CARMEN in Cisco.

Academy applicants being sought

Congressman Charles W. Stenholm is currently seeking applications from young people in the 17th District interested in attending any of the U.S. Service Academies. Young men and women between the ages of 17 and 21 who are interested in the academies must have their applications completed by December 1, 1985.

The U.S. academies offer young people an excellent education, while also developing skills in leadership and self-discipline. It is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree and earn a salary for doing so. An education at an academy also guarantees a career upon graduation as an officer in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Congressman Stenholm may nominate young residents from the 17th District to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland; the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado; the Military Academy at West Point, New York and the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York.

Any interested persons should contact Congressman Stenholm's Washington, D.C. office immediately, in order to have their files completed by the December 1st deadline. No late applications will be accepted. Write to Congress-

man Stenholm at 1232 Longworth H.O.B., Washington, D.C., 20515 or call (202) 225-6605.

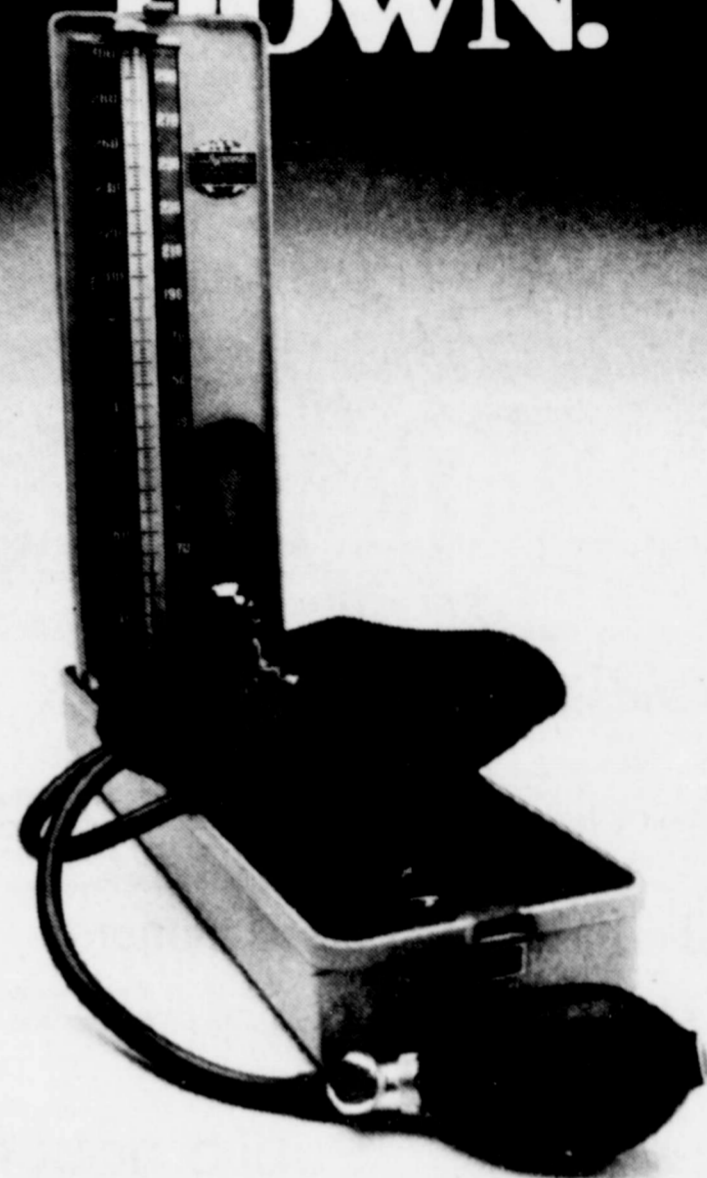
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Howell's hold reunion

Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren of the late Lege and Ivy Howell, met Oct. 12-13 for their Reunion at the Senior Citizen's building in Merkel, Texas. They have met yearly since 1949. Eight of their children are still living, Rachel Phillips, Laura Winter, Burma Smith, Mary Jo Owen, Tellman, Boyd, E.L. and John Howell.

A lovely supper was served Saturday and a delicious lunch

Sunday. Pictures were made. Visiting and showing of pictures of the past reunions were shown. 55 were present from Merkel, Trent, Abilene, El Paso, Lubbock, Plainview, Tyler, San Angelo, Austin, Midlothian, Ft. Worth, Cotulla, Dallas, Colorado City and Ruidosa, New Mexico. All parted for their homes Sunday evening planning to return next October for the 37th reunion.

Class of '65 meets

Merkel High's graduating class of 1965 held their 20th year reunion at the Merkel Restaurant Saturday night, Nov. 2. A chicken fried steak meal was enjoyed by those attending. Class members that were able to be here were: Glen Shaw, Abilene; Howell and Jo Lynn Cooper, Canyon Lake; Gayle Gladden Taylor, Abilene; John Hardesty, Houston; Lina Biera Rodriguez, Abilene; Mary Williams Loflin, Garland; Robert Shouse, Dallas; Lois Givens Degges, Clifton, Cherry Davis Doan,

Prairie Village, Kansas; Charles Dannheim, Guthrie; Larry Lee Teaff, Abilene; David and Barbara Hammond, Midland; Joe Higgins, Hamlin. Those from Merkel were: Jacky Reynolds, Sandra Thompson Doan, Ann Smith Doan, Karen Ray Riley, Brenda Doan Quinn, Frances Tuckey Cannon, Weldon Tittle, and Jerry Merritt.

Letters were read from Mack Dorton of Victoria and Susan Gildwell Martin of Perry, Georgia to the group.

Fortnightly club news

The G.F.W.C. Fortnightly Study Club met Oct. 22 in Mrs. Anna Lou Ferguson's home with Mrs. Linnie Fisher as co-hostess. A short business session was presided over by Mrs. Edna Hill, Club President. The "Club Collect" was led by Mrs. Nina Bell Hughes and the Federation Counselors report was given by Alwyne Sandusky. The Federation Song was sung by club members. Mrs. Lucy Haynes presented a "Federation Skit" which was given by Edna Hill,

Anna Lou Ferguson and Anna Bell Shouse.

Members present were: Mmes. C.M. Brown, Randy Carson, S.C. Dixon, R.M. Ferguson, J.W. Hammond, Comer Haynes, Ornel Hill, Buster Horton, Carl Hughes, C.B. Knight, Joe Lassiter, Henry Martin, Burl McCoy, Billy Bob Neff, Phillip Pursley, Curtis Rister, Perry Rogers, Ed Sandusky, Andy Shouse, Alf Walla, Ray Wilson, Payne, and Misses Mary Collins, Mildred Hamm, and Maurine White.

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Trent Junior high undefeated

The Trent Junior High ended their Football season Thursday night with a 59-27 win over the Blackwell Hornets. This gives the Gorillas an unbeaten season and the District Championship.

Playing well for Trent in their last Junior High game were: Lee Phillip Pursley, Curtis Rister, Perry Rogers, Ed Sandusky, Andy Shouse, Alf Walla, Ray Wilson, Payne, and William Self. Also

playing well for the Gorillas were: Jamie Masonheimer, Lonnie Clark Travis Walker, Tracy Neff, Jerry Collier and Junior Chavez.

A survival film will be shown at the Merkel VFW

Thursday at 6p.m. Anyone interested in camping hunting or outdoor activities will find the film informative

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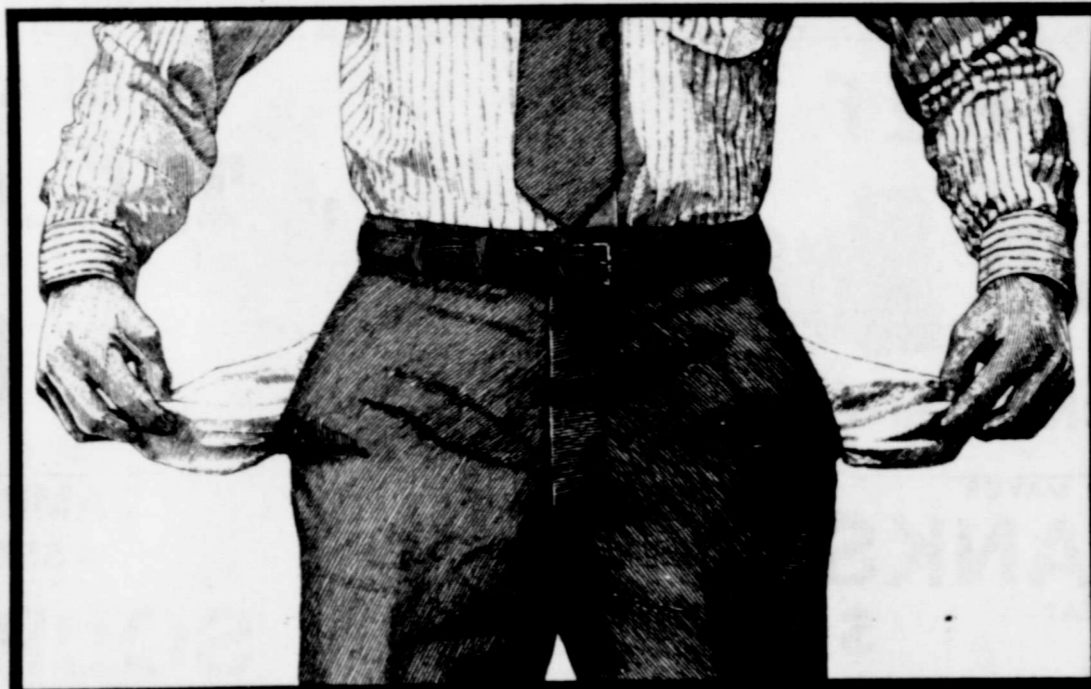


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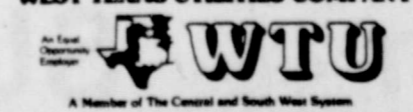
1 The electric heat pump is the most efficient system for heating and cooling a home, and can offer you years of energy savings. A heat pump can actually produce more than 2 units of heat for every unit of electricity used in a properly insulated home.

An electric heat pump, along with the other energy efficiency measures outlined in the Energy Saving Plan, can save you thousands of dollars in energy bills over the life of your home.

2 You can get a \$110 per ton cash bonus for installing a central system heat pump in your home through the Energy Saving Plan. Your home must meet all the E.S.P. requirements and be served by WTU to qualify for the bonus program. Also, be sure to ask about WTU's incentive plan for installing a heat pump window unit.

For more information on the electric heat pump and the Energy Saving Plan, contact your local West Texas Utilities office today.

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