

# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, October 16, 1986 . . . Merkel, Texas

Our 98th Year

## Council lowers ambulance rates

The Merkel City Council heard the annual audit report, approved a request to lower ambulance rates and heard the monthly police report at their regular session Monday night at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service Building.

The audit report was presented by Andy Don Hart, a Merkel CPA and the city's auditor.

The audit covered the period of April 1985 through April 1986. Major changes in the city's accounting system have been made over the past several years and Hart asked council to come up with a better policy on collecting past due water-sewer-sanitation accounts. Hart said the city is owed about \$54,000 in bad debts to the water-sewer-sanitation fund. That does not include almost \$10,000 that was written off this year.

Council also passed a parking ordinance covering trailers and semi-trucks on city streets.

The new ordinance makes it illegal to park a truck or trailer in the city limits that would cause a safety hazard or emit too much noise or odors. Failure to comply with the ordinance could cost up to \$200 in fines.

Council also learned that the city is in the running for \$179,143 in statewide funds for housing rehabilitation. City manager J. A. Sadler will hand deliver the city's amended application in Austin today. The program is similar to a program funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, that funded rehabilitation on more than 50 homes here. Under the HUD program, only houses within a "target area" were eligible for the rehabilitation. In the state program, any home within the city limits would be eligible, providing the owner could meet income guidelines. The city had applied for more than \$200,000 for the program but received preliminary funding at the \$179,143 level. That would pay for the rehabilitation of 26 local homes. The final decision on the appropriations will be made Thursday in Austin.

Tye also received preliminary funding for improvements to their water-sewer system.

Sadler told council that the rehabilitation program would probably have different guidelines on eligibility but said the requirements would be made known later.

Merkel Ambulance Association president Vernon Wade asked for and received permission to lower rates charged by the Merkel Emergency Medical Service.

Wade also asked that the city stop accepting assignments on Medi-Care insurance.

The ambulance service has always had problems collecting its charges on ambulance runs made by the volunteer service. The old base rate for a trip to Abilene was \$180 plus supplies used during the trip. The new rate will be \$100. Also, the ambulance group will start paying for its own gas, oil, supplies and vehicle maintenance. The city had previously paid for those items with federal revenue sharing funds and funds provided by the county. Wade estimated the association would be spending an additional \$500 to \$600 per month for the increased costs. Wade also said the association was going to start a savings account to purchase a new ambulance. The major income for the association are Bingo games.

Wade said the association could probably increase collections by no longer accepting assignments on Medi-Care. The way Medi-Care pays is based on averages in certain regions for services. If the city accepts assignment on an ambulance bill, it must accept whatever amount Medi-Care decides to pay on that bill, regardless of the charge. Wade told council "What we are saying is people will now be responsible for their bills and we think we will increase our chances of getting that bill paid."

The new base rate of \$60 (plus \$2 per mile) will be the only fee assessed by the ambulance service. Previously, patients were charged for additional ambulance supplies used on the ambulance run. Wade said a run from here to Abilene would be \$100 under the new rates.

Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite told Wade he and his group provided an excellent service to the community.

In other action, council received the 1986 tax rolls from the Central Appraisal District. The 2969 tax rate will generate \$119,233.89 in

taxes for the 1986 year.

Merkel police chief Bob Jones was unable to attend the meeting but left copies of the monthly police report.

In that report, Merkel police worked a total of 46 cases on September. They included six traffic accidents, a case each of criminal mischief and forgery, six assaults and one case of theft.

Police also investigated two cases of burglaries of habitations, a case of burglary to a motor vehicle, answered four dog calls, made four arrests and issued 18 citations. Police officers here are Steve McNally and Mike Pippins.

## Wylie tops Badgers 21-8;

### Host C-City Friday

by Cloy A. Richards

The Merkel Badgers fumbled eight times losing seven at Wylie last Friday night as they dropped a 21-8 decision to the Wylie Bulldogs. The loss evens the Badgers season record to 3-3 and drops the Badgers to a 1-3 district mark.

Wylie scored first on a 63 yard drive in the first quarter and again on a seven yard drive in the first half following a Badger fumble. The Badger defense held Wylie to -7 yards in the second half but Wylie got another touchdown on a 60 yard punt return to seal the win.

The Badgers threatened at the end of the first half but ran out of time on the Wylie one foot line. Wylie only committed one turnover during the contest.

Ramon Moreno led the way rushing with 120 yards and the Badgers also received strong rushing performances from Doug Taylor and Corey Hines.

Badger head coach Dick Lepard told *The Mail* Tuesday "they went backwards in the second half while we were moving ahead but we just couldn't score. We made way too many mental mistakes and it seems strange to brag on the kids when we got beat 21-8 but we played pretty well."

Lepard added "Our objective from the start of the season was to end up with a record that would indicate what type of team we have. We hurt ourselves last week with the fumbles but our kids performed well. We were surprised Wylie didn't throw the ball more, but then again, we sacked them quite a few times."

Lepard said Doug Taylor and Kenneth Jowers rated best defensively on game films and Robert McFadden and Billy Hair rated

best offensively. Lepard said he was also very pleased with the article in the Abilene reporter *News* about the game in Saturday's edition. "It really helped the kids."

Three Badgers were injured in the contest and one is expected to miss the rest of the season. Defensive lineman Chris Reyna suffered a dislocated wrist and will be out at least this week. Lepard said "If his parents and doctor says he can play next week, he will play. He will be replaced at defensive tackle by Steve Williams and Scott Easley. Jason Duran will probably be out the rest of the season with a damaged liver and running back Douglas Taylor also has a bruised shoulder. Taylor is expected to play Friday night.

This week, the Badgers host Colorado City who also brings a 1-2 district record into the contest. Lepard said Colorado City is a very large football team that will average 220 pounds across the offensive line and 240 across the defensive line. He said you can expect a 50-50 run-pass mix and said they run the same offensive and defensive alignments as Wylie.

In other action this week, the JV and Freshman teams will travel to Colorado City. Games there start at 5. The 7th and 8th grade teams will host Colorado City with games starting at 5:30.

Lepard said "I have seen no indication from the players that they are giving up. We have four games left and we have to win all of them to have a realistic shot at the playoffs."

Next week, the Badgers host 3rd ranked Ballinger. That night will be parents night as players and their parents will be introduced prior to the 8 p.m. kickoff.

## Trent's annual homecoming activities start tonight

1986 Trent Homecoming activities will begin tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 with the annual powder puff football game at the high school football field.

The annual bonfire will start at 8 p.m. West of the downtown area.

The Gorillas will be hosting McCauley with kickoff set for 7:30 p.m.

The Junior Class will be serving hamburgers in the school cafeteria at 5:30 Friday evening.

Saturday's lunch will be sponsored by the Senior Class and will be a bar b que. The cafeteria will open at 11:30 a.m.

This year, former students who do not wish to attend the dance are invited to a dip-chip & dessert party that will be held in the cafeteria Saturday starting at 7:30. People attending are asked to bring their favorite snacks and dominoes and cards. The dance will be held at the Sweetwater Coliseum annex and Rojean Hicks will be in charge. More information

## Senior citizens flu shots set here Nov. 3rd

Low cost flu shots will be offered by the Taylor County Health Department here Nov. 3rd at Heritage Hall.

tion is available by calling Trent Schools at 862-6125 or from Glenn Bryan, homecoming president.

### 1986 Trent Homecoming Schedule

Thursday  
 6:30 Powder Puff football game  
 8 Bonfire (West of downtown area)

Friday  
 5 Junior Class hamburger supper.

Football game, Trent vs. McCauley

### Saturday

6:30 a.m. Breakfast sponsored by the Trent Community Club  
 10 Parade  
 11:30 Senior class bar b que lunch

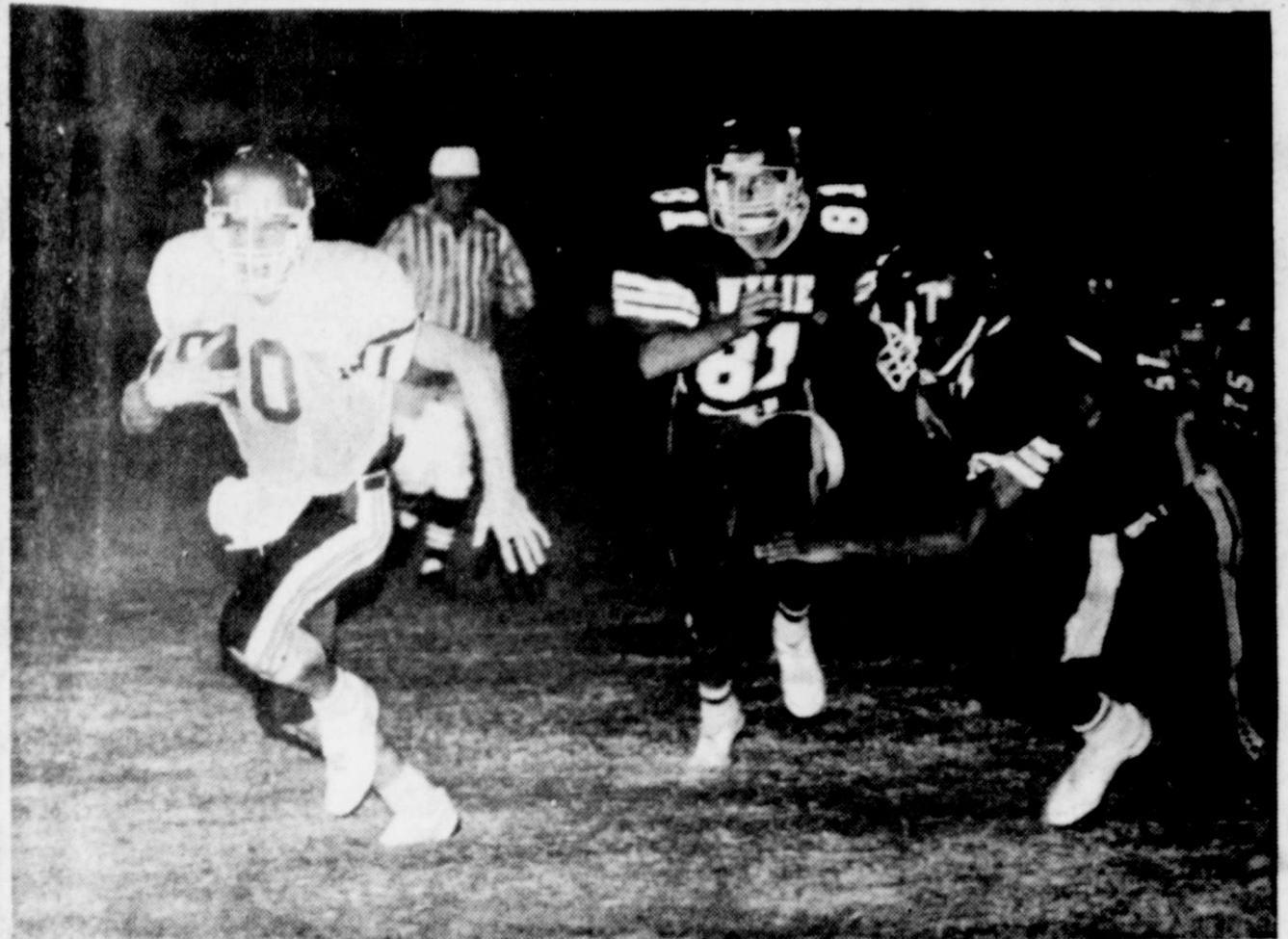
1:30 Business meeting at the high school gym  
 6 Trent Pageant

8 Homecoming dance at the Noland County Coliseum annex

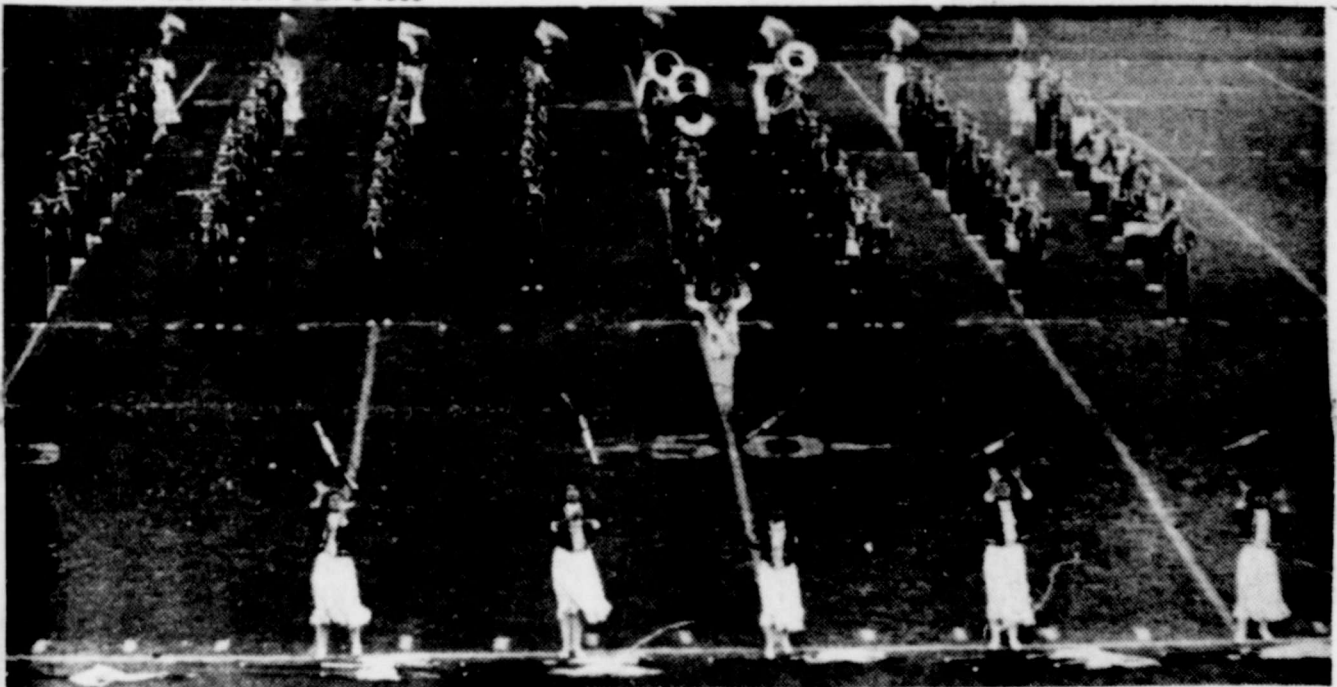
7:30 Visitation for those who do not wish to attend the dance at the school cafeteria

by Rebecca Sharp

The shots will be offered from 10 a.m. until Noon and will cost \$4 per person.



Badger quarterback Kenneth Jowers tries to elude Wylie defenders in last week's 21-8 loss at Wylie. The Badgers host Colorado City Friday. Kickoff is 8 p.m. Photo by Kenneth J. Wilkerson



The Merkel High Band performs their routine at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene Saturday. The Band received a Division II rating at the annual contest. Staff photo

## Lower rates, crazy days, more

by Cloy A. Richards

Local ambulance service patients will be getting a break on charges in the future as Ambulance Association president Vernon Wade asked for and received permission to lower rates at Monday's city council meeting.

The new base charge will be \$60 and \$2 per mile. Under the old rate, a trip to Abilene cost \$180 and under new rates it will be \$100. One change is being made. The city will no longer accept assignments from Medi-Care for ambulance service. Users will be responsible for their own charges. The Merkel Ambulance Service has had a history of a high rate of bad debts and the changes may go a long way to solving that problem.

Merkel's ambulance service is something we can all be proud of. It's a volunteer service with people trained professionally. As a community, we couldn't ask for more than that.

Burglars did quite a bit of damage at Palmer Pontiac Sunday. They stole a variety of appliances and caused major damage to new cars trying to make off with them. They did manage to get into and make off with one older model car.

Merkel will once again have Crazy Days Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. Merchants are being asked to participate and a parade is planned Saturday. Martha Sue Justice has the details on that.

Trent's population will soar this weekend as they hold their annual homecoming festivities. Events start Thursday night and end up Saturday as a full day has been planned. See Rebecca Sharp's story in this week's edition for more details.

I guess the Wylie game last week was about the most frustrating game I have watched in nine seasons here. Merkel beat Wylie all over the football field but we shot ourselves in our collective feet with eight fumbles, losing seven.

The Badger defense really put on a show in the second half, holding Wylie to minus seven yards but the fumbles just flat killed any chances we had at winning.

A couple of observations from the contest. Badger defensive lineman Chris Reyna is one tough cookie. He suffered a dislocated wrist in the contest and he dealt with that considerable pain as well as any high school football player I have ever seen.

It was a very physical contest, hard knocks every where, and the Badgers suffered three injuries, one a season ending injury to Jason Duran.

Had it not been for a superb defensive effort, the Badgers would have been blown out of Wylie Stadium but they weren't and that shows improvements.

The Badgers host Colorado City Friday night and both teams enter the contest with 1-2 district

records. If the Badgers can play with the same defensive enthusiasm as last week, it will be a long night for anyone wearing red.

Local Chamber of Commerce manager Marilyn Tittle is coming up with a 1987 calendar of events and would like to place your organization's activities. If you or your group has a set event for next year, call Marilyn at 928-5722 and let her know.

Congratulations are in order to the Trent High Band as they earned a Division I rating at UIL marching contests in Shotwell Stadium, Saturday.

The Merkel High Band earned a Division II rating as no Class AAA Bands were awarded a I. With the

Both bands have come a long way in the nine seasons I have seen them and directors Margaret Cooper at Trent and Bill Woods here have done excellent jobs with their band programs.

It was hard putting out the paper Tuesday. I had one eye on the Astros on one eye on the pages and after the 13 inning loss, it was even harder. Hopefully, we can all watch game 7 tonight.

## Trent band earns 1 rating

The Trent Marching Band was awarded a top rating this year in University Interscholastic League marching competition for Class A Bands.

The 35 member band, under the direction of Margaret Cooper, scored a Division I rating.

The judges noted the exceptional playing of the band saying they achieved a full, well rounded

sound for such a small number, with exceptional recognition in the percussion section.

"We have pulled in several Division II ratings in the past, but I think this is the first Division I rating the band has made in 17 years", stated Cooper.

She has been band director at Trent for the past seven years.

by Rebecca Sharp



## Noodle homecoming held

The Noodle Homecoming Association met Saturday at Heritage Hall here for their regular meeting held every other year.

The program was planned by Elsie Taylor Barbee and Woodrow Clemmer as Elsie served as master of ceremonies. Each of six groups had a spokesman to relate humorous events during their Noodle school days. L. G. Barbee of Dallas presented information from the 1920's and earlier group; Glen Morgan of Gustine for the 1930's group; for the 1940's group, Glenn Satterwhite Lambeth of Gardendale; for the 1950's group Roy Justice of Mesquite and for the Class of 1960 and later years Cynthia Ramos Tipton of Abilene.

Joe Tarpley was spokesman for a group of teachers which consisted of Bess Church McDonald of Ft. Worth, Anna Belle Shouse, Helen Benson, Lena Dunigan, Edwin and Evelyn Reed, all of Merkel, Jewel Chancey Jennings of Abilene, Odelle Sloan Cox of Hodges, Orvel Hill of Sylvester and Joe Tarpley of San Antonio.

The Texas Centennial Class of 1936 was recognized in this, the Texas Sesquicentennial Year. Five of the seven remaining graduates attended. They are Cornelia Williams Stanley of Midland, H. R. Chancey and Leta Tarpley Dixon of Abilene, Jasper Roy Brown of Rockport and Enola Sampson May of Louisiana. Others were present that had been in the class at some time over the period of 11 years.

Sesquicentennial cups were presented to the oldest woman, Gusty Cook Foster of Merkel and the oldest man, Troy Sloan, also of Merkel. Syble Sampson Appel of Astaseadero, Calif. traveled the greatest distance and the youngest graduate was Martha Cochran McLeod of Abilene. A plaque was presented in appreciation to Edwin and Evelyn Reed for serving as president and vice president of the 1986 homecoming. Mable Goode McDermitt (at 90 years) of Abilene and Glen Barbee of Soap Lake, Washington asked that the next eligible receive gifts since they were recognized in 1964.

Heritage Hall was decorated in Sesquicentennial colors of red, white and blue, with the teachers table designated as wardens and deputies. Lunch was served to 130 by Turnerhill's of Abilene with 165 registering. Prayers were offered by Harroll Clemmer of San Angelo.

Officers for the 1988 homecoming are Edwin and Evelyn Reed-president and vice president and Mary Stanley will serve as secretary-treasurer. Heritage Hall has been reserved for the next homecoming the first Saturday in October, 1988.

Students attending for the first time included: Ivy Lucas of Arkansas; the Herring Sisters-Bessie, Ruth and Patsy; Jo Ruth Stroud Hardin of Red Oak; Helen Benson, Lena Criswell and Fay Cochran Walker, all of Merkel; Geneva Allen Weaver of Midland; Al and Mary Vancil, Fave Walker,

James and Cynthia Ramos Tipton of Abilene; Nanilea, Carl Juniot and Sue Jackson of Ft. Worth; W. R. Loper and Pansy Pearl of Big Spring; Syble Appell of California; Harold Sosebee of Portland; Jasper Brown of Rockport and R. G. Palmer of Florida.

Other class meetings were held Friday night, and Saturday morning and night.

**Crazy Days set here**

**Oct. 31 & Nov. 1**

Crazy Days will be held here this year October 31 and November 1st.

All merchants are being asked to participate by dressing tacky, crazy, ugly and or ridiculous in celebration of Crazy Days Friday and Saturday.

A parade has been set for 2:30 p.m. Saturday. Trophies will be awarded for the craziest bicycle, marcher, horse, car and float.

All are being asked to join in the activities and more information is available from Martha Sue Justice at her home or at Handy Food Store.

**Stith cemetery donors**

Recent Stith Cemetery Donors are as follows: Ophelia Peterson, Edgar and Fern Berry, Ray and Lula Mundy, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Alexander, Troy and Lena Sloan, Roy and Mary Kelso, Clarence and Marie Church, E. C. and Alma Tarvin, W.J. and Delores Mashburn, Franklin and Ann Mashburn, Dolie Walsh, The Estate of Charlie and Mattye Walsh, Lola, Mrs. Fred Dunagin.

The people who have loved ones buried in the Stith Cemetery wish to express their thanks to those who have kept flowers on their loved ones graves, as well as the donations.

**Flu shots set here**

Flu shots will be offered by the Taylor County Health Department for Senior Citizens in this area at Heritage Hall on November 3 from 10 to 12. Cost is \$4.00 per person.



The Trent Junior High Gorilla Cheerleaders for the 1987 season are Patricia Clark, Julie Clay, Janet Marshall and Lisa Penton. Photo by Rebecca Sharp

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## Trent Junior High wins

The Trent Jr. High Gorillas edged out a hard fought battle with the Blackwell Hornets last Thursday night, by the score of 13 to 6. Jamie Masonheimer ran for one touchdown while Lonnie Clark hauled in a pass from Travis Walker for another score. Clark

also caught another pass from Walker for an extra point. The stout little Gorilla defense was praised by Coach John Grimland for allowing the larger team from Blackwell only one score.

The undefeated Trent Gorillas will travel to Jayton this Thursday for a clash with the Jaybirds at 6 p.m.

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## 7th, 8th grade teams in volleyball tourney

The 7th grade A and B volleyball teams participated in the Abilene tournament this past weekend. The B team lost to Madison 15-5 and 15-12 in the first match. Scoring in the games were Donna Denman 2 points, Jan Taylor 8 points and Bridgett Moreno 7 points.

In the second match, Merkel was defeated by Miles 15-12 and 15-4. Scoring in the games were Julie Harding 4 points, Donna Denman 2 points, Sheila Bynum 1 point, Jan Taylor 2 points, Christy Minze 2 points, Bridgett Moreno 4 points and Michele Bowman 1 point. Other contributors were Yvonne Alexander, Mandy Barnett, Tanya Beasley, Amy Gilmore, Stephanie Jones and Kim Tucker.

The 7th grade A team placed 4th in the tournament. Merkel lost the first match to Lincoln in three games 15-13, 15-13, 15-8. Scoring in the three games were Lori Thompson 9 points, Son Hui Chon 12 points, Hope Ward 1 point, Shayla Miller 11 points, Dayna

Doan 1 point and Michele Ingram 1 point.

Merkel won the second match against Franklin 15-5, 15-10. Scoring in these games were Son Hui Chon 3 points, Hope Ward 2 points, Becky Donaldson 2 points, Dayna Doan 2 points, Kriste A. Smith 6 points, Shayla Miller 3 points, Becca Dunagin 4 points, Teresa Ross 3 points, and Michelle Ingram 5 points.

In the Consolidation finals, Merkel lost to Brownwood in three games 15-11, 15-9 and 15-8. Scoring these three games were Lori Thompson 4 points, Son Hui Chon 4 points, Hope Ward 7 points, Shayla Miller 6 points, Coty Vaur 4 points, Christy G. Smith 7 points, Michelle Ingram 1 point and Becky Donaldson 1 point. Other contributors to the team were Jennifer Hobbs and Eilyn Rutledge.

All of the girls did a fine job and will be ready to face Sweetwater on October 20th. The games will be played at Merkel starting at 4:30.



§ The Merkel VFW Ladies Auxillary youth show a new Bingo game to Starr Nursing Home resident Margarite Dickerson.

The game was donated by Ben Franklin manager Bob Hammond. Pictured are Mrs. Dickerson, Trina Tittle, Mandy Gregory, Hazel Pack and Cody Tittle.

Photo by Sally Tittle



§ Bingo winner Frank Salazar of the Starr Nursing Home receives his prize from Trina Tittle, Mandy Gregory and Cody Tittle. The

local VFW Auxillary calls Bingo games for the Nursing Home residents every 4th Tuesday of each month.

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Garage sale # 7 Carson Circle, Saturday, very nice mens, misses and junior clothing, baby items and misc.

185-11c

what parent-child relationships exist between the child and any other persons, and that all such parent-child relationships be terminated. This petition is filed before the birth of the child the subject of this suit and after the first trimester of the mothers pregnancy. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 8th day of October, 1966. Rilla Mahoney, Clerk 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By JoAnn Lackey, Deputy.

185-11c-83

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: ROBERT STEVENSON Address Unknown. Respondent: GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Court-house of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of CHRISTIAN HOMES OF ABILENE, INC., Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 8th day of October, 1966, against ROBERT STEVENSON, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 512-CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of AN UNBORN CHILD, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to determine

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## Singles super markets ?

A singles super market?

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The ad invited all singles to come in and meet new singles in the produce department, or in canned goods. Financial advisers were seated next to the detergents to advise singles on how to pay bills. Anything a singles person might be interested in was offered, including, no doubt, specials on all junk and health foods.

There was a time, back when men were men, and women were slaves, that ladies could hang out the laundry, then walk over to the fence to visit with the woman on the other side.

The electric dryer and sexual equality ended that. Peek over a neighbor's fence today, the police will show up at your front door within minutes.

Men used to borrow tools from each other and spend time visiting in the garage. Then tools got expensive. Now garages are locked tight with signs pasted on the window warning of burglar alarm systems.

There are still a few coffee shops around. But Burger Kings and the like are taking over. All you do is tell a speaker what you want, then drive up to the window.

"Here's your change, sir," isn't the cure all for America's loneliness, though.

Today some people can go for months without breathing fresh air. Sliding windows are still installed as a matter of tradition, but nobody uses them. Refrigerated air is expensive, and nobody wants to air-condition a neighborhood of strangers.

In the morning, a person can pack a sack lunch, walk to the garage - which is attached to the house - and then get inside a car with all the windows rolled up.

Not until you are fastened in, do you have to click the automatic garage door opener. This protects the motorists from fresh air that might escape into the vehicle otherwise.

At work, these people can park in a garage underneath the building. They can walk straight into an elevator that transports them to their office. Again, they've avoided most of the danger of human contact - not to mention anything that nature might offer.

They even have drive-in-speakers for some churches now. You just drive up in a huge parking lot, attach the speaker and never have to bother with "fellowship." Pledge payments can be deposited in one of those suction like devices they use at drive-in banks.

I had a call from a fellow free-lance writer the other day. It said, "This is Robert Vernon's machine speaking to Art Lawler's machine. Perhaps the day will come when we can talk live."

There was an old man in our community a few years ago who took to sitting on his front porch. He supposedly hadn't had company since 1949. He never said anything, just stared. A few kids taunted him on their way to school, but there was never any reaction.

Finally, he decided to express himself.

## Art Lawler



using a rifle to make his point. The kid, witnesses say, didn't say a word, but the old man remembered "kids."

They buried this kid a couple of days later and authorities escorted the old man to an institution where he'd have company.

Fortunately, somebody is now doing something positive to combat this problem. Singles-bar conversation is cliché-ridden. It can be pre-recorded on tape before a person goes to the bar if he's the nervous type.

It shouldn't be that way with grocery store singles gathering places. There's something about feeling your way through the potatoes and okra that encourages normal behavior.

For now the super market idea is unproven. But the idea could prove to be the best communication device since the

clothes line.

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Anyone wishing to address his, or her, comments to this columnist should write P. O. Box 432, Buffalo Gap, Texas - 79508.

VFW awards rifle

Congratulations go to Sue Richardson of Snyder. She won the deer rifle that was given away at the fall convention of the V.F.W. in Stamford. Many thanks go to everyone who contributed to the Cancer Aid and Research Project sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their Auxiliaries.

## Ybarra named Preceptor's sweetheart

Preceptor Eta Omega, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met in the Taylor Electric Bldg., Tuesday, October 7, 1986 with hostess Ruth Tipton.

Kathy Leverich presided over the business meeting. Connie

Ybarra was selected as our Valentine Sweetheart.

Program for the evening was presented by Ruth on "Tension-Freeing Exercise" with members taking part in the exercises.

Refreshments were served to Jane Carson, Betty Conley, Blanche Hewitt, Kathy Leverich, Val Patterson, Opal Garner, Y Sadler, Betty Lu Satterwhite, Mamie Steck, Ruth Tipton and Connie Ybarra.

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## MHS student council staying busy

The Merkel High School Student Council officers: Angela Thomas president, Kristy Elliott Vice President, Shelly Brandon Secretary, Tracy Bicknell Reporter, and Stacey Newberry Business Manager, attended a Student Council summer workshop at Angelo State University August 4-8. In this workshop, the officers learned many ways to promote school spirit and many ways to get the student body involved in various activities. The workshop also helped them become better leaders and a more organized council.

The officers would like to thank Mrs. Baker, Student Council sponsor, for taking the time to go with them. They also thank Palmer's for the use of their van. And last, but not least, they would like to thank Mr. Curry for allowing them to attend the workshop.

The officers feel that going to the workshop was very beneficial and will help make Student Council a better organization this year and in the many years to come.

School has\* begun and the Student Council is already doing activities to help the student body. They had a lock-in at the school and put up welcome back signs for the teachers, painted signs for the halls, and got to know each other better through boundary breaking. They also put together survival kits for the teachers.

At the freshmen orientation, the officers taught songs to the "fish" and welcomed them to Merkel High School. At the student body

orientation, the officers and representatives were introduced by Student Council President Angela Thomas. Then, they sang "Father Abraham" with the entire student body.

The Student Council feels that these activities are helping Merkel High School and are looking forward to doing many more activities in the future. They hope the 1986-87 school year will be successful with their help and help from the student body.

The Student Council had a big chore to handle when homecoming came up. They are in charge of many of the homecoming activities. They fix the float the nominees and princesses ride on during the parade, they also find the trailer they sit on during the

### Recent cemetery donors named

The Merkel Cemetery Donations are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holloway in memory of Vincent Barnett; W.S.J. Brown in memory of Olga Gamble; Mrs. C.R. Tittle and Betty Jane in memory of Olga Gamble; Pat and Betty Cyfert in memory of Olga Gamble; Jerry and Pat Byrd in memory of Olga Gamble; Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton in memory of Ina Hunter; Fannelle Boney in memory of Charlie Higgins and Carl Shultz; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howard in memory of Olga Gamble; Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Lassiter in memory of Olga Gamble; Fannelle, Benny, Annette and family in memory of Olga Gamble; Hollis and Ethel Mitchell in memory of Olga Gamble; Genevieve King and family in memory of Olga Gamble; Marvin Uecker

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football game. They are in charge of getting the new cars from Palmer's and Max Murrell's that the nominees and princesses ride in during halftime. They also get the gifts for each nominee and princess. They feel that homecoming went smoothly and would like to thank everyone who was involved and helped. They also congratulate Angela Thomas, Student Council President on being elected Homecoming Queen for the 1986-87 school year.

### Visitor enjoyed homecoming weekend

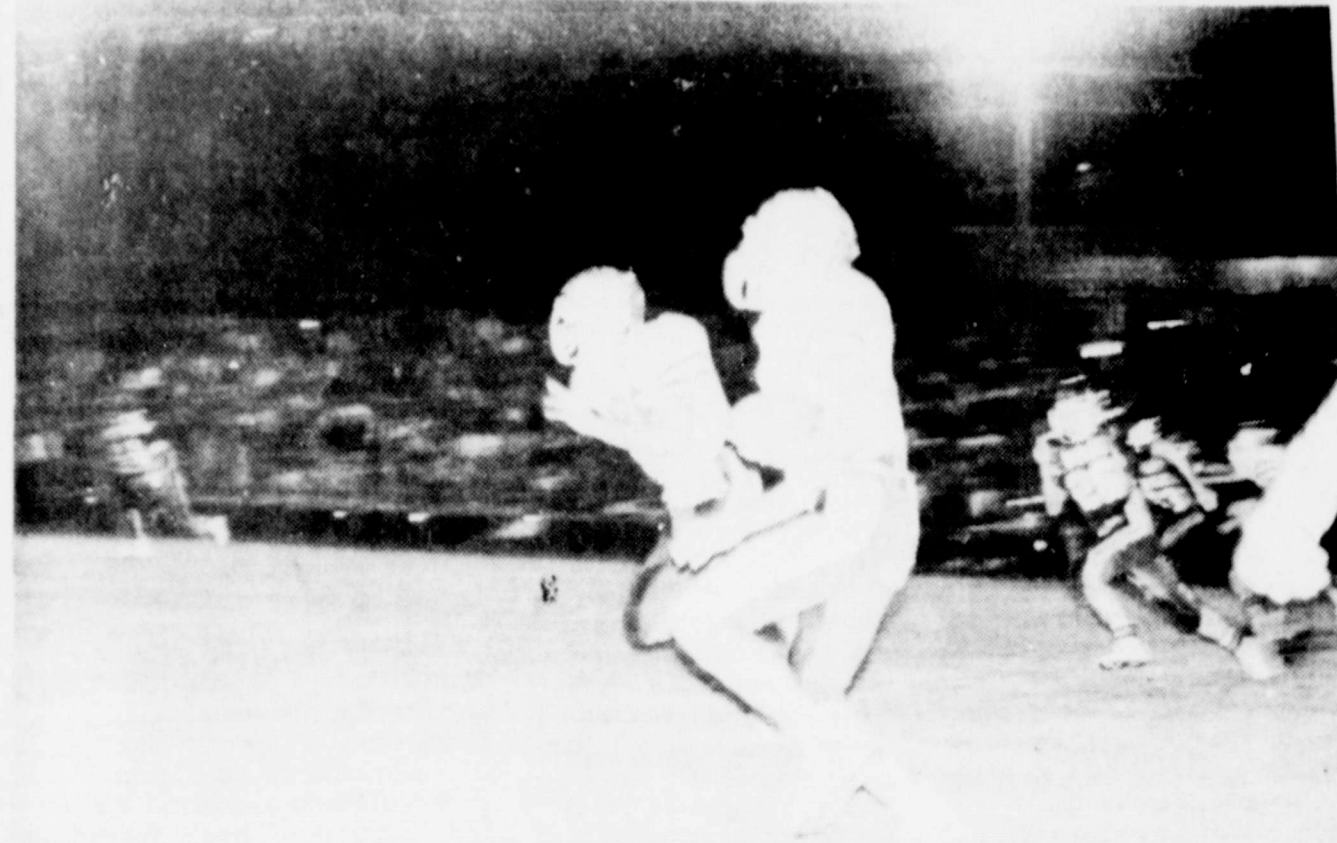
Dear Editor:  
On September 19 and 20, it was my honor to be invited to attend the fiftieth (50) anniversary of the 1936 graduating class of Merkel High School.

As background, I was employed by the Merkel School Board (Messrs. Adcock, Gamble, Gray, Boney, Reed, McGehee and some whose names I cannot recall) in 1935 to be a teacher at Merkel H.S. The Class of '36 was the first graduating class of my tenure. I served as the coach in 1936-37 and as principal of the High School until 1941 when I resigned to become an F.B.I agent.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable two days to visit with the members of the Class of '36, as well as others. The parade was great, but seeing the Badgers defeat Anson was super.

My thanks again to the Class of '36 for the invitation. To see each of you and to realize what great people you are and were is indeed gratifying.

Sincerely,  
Rey Myers  
2112 York Drive  
Fort Worth, Tx 76134  
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Staff photo

Running back Ramon Moreno [with ball] held up field escorted by Justin Amerine [86] in the Badgers host Colorado City here Friday night at 8 p.m.

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## 7th grade drops 6-0 decision to Wylie

The 7th grade Merkel Badger football team has posted a record of 0-3-1. The tie came against a strong Clyde team. The record does not show how well these young Badgers are playing.

The offense improves every week. Each week they have shown the ability to move the ball. Last week, a 6-0 loss to Wylie, the Badgers dominated the line of scrimmage. Their success offensively is due to some tough blocking from the linemen, Chris Ross, Taylor Scott, Todd Walters, Damen Hershey, Criswell Whisenhunt, James Hill, Jeffrey Martinez, and Steven Moreno. Behind

the blocking, runs some good backs, QB Scott Walker, leads the other running backs, Fidel Aualos, David Dotson, Tyrone Whitney and Richard Seymore.

In the last two weeks, the defense has become a solid hardnosed group. Tyrone Whitney, Jeremy Martinez, Scott Canon, Stephen Santee, David Dotson and Fidel Aualos have been the mainstays on defense. New additions to the unit, Zacky Rodriguez, Robert Pace, Josh Mashburn, have helped to plug some holes.

The Badgers take on Colorado City in Badger Stadium this Thursday.

## Wylie downs 8th grade 18-0

The 8th grade Merkel Badgers suffered their fourth loss of the year last Thursday, losing at Wylie 18-0. Coach Easterlings worked with the line, showed a great deal of improvement. Jimmy Collier, Kevin Munden, Jim-

my Valdez, Shane Fuller and Cody Sutterfield opened huge holes in Wylies line. Merkel ran over 50 plays to Wylies 15 and gained over 200 yards to their 100, but crucial mistakes gave Wylie the ball game. Merkel plays at home this Thursday vs. Colorado City.

## Browns' 80th birthday set

Bessie Rose Brown will be honored Saturday, October 18, on her 80th birthday at Heritage Hall in Merkel from 7 to 8:30.

Hosting the party will be Joe and Pat McCarthy of Pasadena, Texas and Connie, Robert, Melis-

## MISD lunch menu

The Merkel School menu is as follows:

Monday October 20: meatloaf, blackeyed peas, seasoned spinach, corn meal twist, sliced peaches.

Tuesday October 21: bar-b-q links, pinto beans, fried okra, corn bread, lemon pudding.

Wednesday October 22: tuna salad, lettuce, tomato, french fries, brownies.

Thursday October 23: frito pie, cole slaw, buttered corn, hot roll, whipped jello.

Friday October 24: hamburger, french fries, no bake cookies.



## Trent blasts Hermleigh 46-0

The Trent Gorillas started slow last Friday night by scoring only 14 points in the first half, but by midway through the 4th quarter, they had 46 points on the board and the Hermleigh Cardinals had a big goose egg. After all was said and done, Trent amassed 449 yards of total offense. Leading the way on the ground was Sophomore running back Lewis Knapp with 27 rushes for 295 yards and five touchdowns. Senior running back

Chris Simpson paved the way for Knapp by exhibiting some fine blocking. Simpson also added 11 T.D. while rushing for 59 yards on 13 carries. Lee Hunt led the air attack by hauling in 3 passes for 69 yards and 1 T.D.

The stingy Gorilla defense was led by Simpson who had 8 assisted tackles, 12 solo tackles and 1 fumble recovery.

This week Trent will host the McCauley Eagles for Trent's homecoming at 7:30 Friday night.

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KARO WHITE SYRUP PINT JAR 98¢

JELLO INSTANT 3.5 OZ BOX PUDDING 2 FOR 93¢

LAYS POTATO CHIPS 6.5 OZ EA 98¢

LIPTONS ONION OR CREAM OF CHICKEN PACK 4 PACK BOX CUP OF SOUP 83¢

PARADE ORANGE JUICE 12 OZ CAN 69¢

PARADE CATSUP 32 OZ JUG 89¢

DEL MONTE 303 PEARS HALVES CAN 73¢  
DEL MONTE PRUNE JUICE 32 OZ JUG \$1.09

DEL MONTE SNACK PACK PUDDING ASST. 4 PACK \$1.19

JENO'S PIZZA ASST. BOX \$1.09  
ORE IDA 20 OZ ONION RINGS BAG \$1.39  
MORTONS ASST T.V. DINNERS EA 89¢

GOLD MEDAL FLOUR 5 LB BAG 89¢

DEL MONTE 303 CS GOLDEN CORN 2 FOR 89¢  
DEL MONTE 303 CUT GREEN BEANS 2 FOR 89¢

KRAFT VEL VEETA CHEESE 1 LB BOX \$1.79

NEW FLAVOR COCA COLA 2 LITER BOTTLE 79¢

CORN OIL CRISCO 32 OZ JUG \$1.49

DEL MONTE 303 SWEET PEAS 2 FOR 89¢  
DEL MONTE 303 SPINACH 2 FOR 89¢

BEST MAID HAMBURGER DILL PICKLES 32 OZ \$1.09

PARADE OLEO QUARTERS 2 LBS FOR 69¢

CARNATION MILK TALL CAN 2 FOR 89¢

EAGLE BRAND CONDENSED MILK 14 OZ CAN \$1.39

DEL MONTE 303 SLICED CARROTS 2 FOR 89¢  
RANCH STYLE BEANS 300 2 FOR 69¢

KRAFTS SINGLE SLICED CHEESE 8 OZ PKG \$1.09

HORMEL CHILI NO BEANS 300 CAN 89¢

IMPERIAL POWDER OR BROWN SUGAR 2 LB BAG \$1.09

CREAMY CRISCO 3 LB CAN \$1.69 WITHOUT \$2.09 1 LIMIT WITH \$15 IN TRADE OR MORE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

NORTHERN TISSUE 4 ROLL CRTN 69¢ CRTN 98¢ 2 LIMIT

CHOICE BEEF ROUND STEAK TENDER LEAN FULL CUT POUND \$1.69

CHOICE BEEF RUMP ROAST LEAN POUND \$1.79

CHOICE BEEF PIKES PEAK ROAST BONELESS LEAN LB \$1.79

ARMOUR STAR FRANKS ALL MEAT OR BEEF 12 OZ PKG \$1.19

ARMOUR STAR HEAT & EAT CHICKEN FRIED BEEF PATTIES POUND \$1.73

WRIGHTS BACON NO 1 POUND \$1.83

FROZEN RED CHILI BURRITOS 6 CT PKG \$1.99

OWENS SMOKED RING SAUSAGE LB \$2.15

OWENS COUNTRY FRESH PORK SAUSAGE 2 LB BAG \$4.29 1 LB BAG \$2.15

BAMA 16 OZ GRAPE JELLY JAR 89¢

NABISCO CRACKERS 1 LB. BOX 89¢

CARPET FRESH AIR WICK 14 OZ SIZE \$2.09

DETERGENT RINSO GIANT BOX \$1.19

LIQUID JOY 22 OZ SIZE 98¢

SOFTNER SNUGGLE SHEETS 20 CT BOX 79¢

CLEANSER COMET 14 OZ CAN 2 FOR 89¢

SUNRAY COAST BATH SIZE 2 FOR 89¢

APPLES WASHINGTON RED DELICIOUS JUICY LB 49¢

FRESH BROCCOLI LB 49¢

SUN KIST LEMONS 3 FOR 29¢

FRESH CUCUMBERS 2 FOR 29¢

GOLDEN BANANAS LB 39¢

TEXAS NO 1 GOLDEN YELLOW YAMS LB 39¢

RUSSET ONIONS LB 19¢

RUSSET SPUDS 10 LB BAG \$1.49

POINSETTA HOMO MILK GAL JUG \$1.98

BORDENS LOW FAT 1 1/2 MILK GAL JUG \$1.89

BORDENS BUTTER MILK 1/2 GAL CRTN \$1.09

BORDENS COTTAGE CHEESE 24 OZ CRTN \$1.79

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