

# The Merkel Mail

Our 99th year

Thursday, September 3, 1987 . . . Merkel, Texas

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§ Lugenia Knight (left) and son Jerrad give Justin Knight some final bits of advice before his first day of school here Tuesday. Justin and 1,449 other MISD students attended their first day of classes Tuesday.

Staff photo

## MISD's enrollment up 25 over start of school last year

MISD was up 25 students over the first day of school last year, according to superintendent James Logan.

Classes started here Tuesday as 1,450 students attended. The first day of school last year drew 1,425 students.

Logan said they would be watching the enrollment of Merkel Elementary's third grade closely as class sizes were right on the limits of state mandated teacher-pupil ratios.

Logan told **The Mail** Tuesday afternoon "We didn't have any problems, things went real well.

The principals told me everything was very well organized."

Logan also added there was plenty of space for students to attend classes, with the exception of the third grade at Merkel Elementary.

Enrollment as of Tuesday by campus (with last year's first day in parenthesis) were: Tye Elementary 201 (209), Merkel Elementary 516 (494), Merkel Middle School 324 (347) and Merkel High 409 (375).

Students will get an early one day holiday as classes will not be held Monday in observance of Labor Day.

## Trent's enrollment is up

Classes at Trent ISD started Tuesday morning as Trent reported first day attendance at 187. Trent's average daily attendance last year was 181 students.

## Badgers face Sweetwater Friday

The Merkel Badgers downed Winters here Thursday night 4 touchdowns to none in their final tuneup for Friday's season opener against Sweetwater.

The Badgers will play in Sweetwater Friday with kickoff set at 8 p.m.

This is the second season the Badgers have faced Sweetwater in their season opener and Badger head coach Dick Lepard said it forces the team and the coaches to be ready early in the season.

Lepard told **The Mail** Monday "You had better be ready when you play a team like Sweetwater. It's exciting to play in front of that many people and I think our kids will be ready to play."

The Badgers surprised quite a few folks last year in their 20-0 loss to the Mustangs, who were coming off a state championship season.

Don't look for the Mustangs to throw the ball very often, they are a run-oriented team that lines up in the I formation on offense. They play the 50 defensive alignment.

The Badgers suffered another injury in the Winters scrimmage as running back Ramon Moreno will be out at least three weeks with a dislocated elbow. Moreno, the team's leading ground gainer and receiver last year, suffered the injury early in Thursday's scrimmage and will not play in the pre-season games according to Lepard. In the Coleman scrimmage, starting defensive end Michael Woodall went down with a knee injury that required surgery last Tuesday. He will be out for the season. Lepard said "I sure

hated to see Mike go down for the year, especially since he is a senior. He's a good kid."

The coach didn't say who would replace Moreno this week. Moreno plays halfback and cornerback, and also returns punts and kickoffs.

In Thursday's scrimmage, Shayne Newberry led the ground game as he picked up 99 yards on 11 carries. Newberry scored two touchdowns. Quarterback Kenneth Jowers averaged 13 yards per carry on the option and also scored twice. Lepard said "I was real proud of the offense because all four touchdowns came after Ramon's injury. They just took up the slack and responded real well."

Lepard also complimented the defensive play of Chris Bierra and ends Jeff Grey and John Paul Dudley. He also liked the running of fullback Corey Hines, as well as the way Davey DeLeon handled the JV's offense.

About Sweetwater, Lepard said "We will be ready to play. They have some good folks up front both on offense and defense and they also have good quickness in

Kenneth Norman (I-back and safety). They aren't any bigger than we are and I think they will take us more seriously this year, but we will be serious too."

Lepard said he felt more pressure is on the Mustangs but his crew will be feeling the pressure of going out and playing up to the expectations of his 1987 squad.

He said "We want to be respectable and win or lose, it will be a good way for us to start the season."

The Badgers will spend quite a bit of time this week working on special team play.

The JV will also play in Sweetwater tonight (Thursday) with kickoff set for 7 p.m.

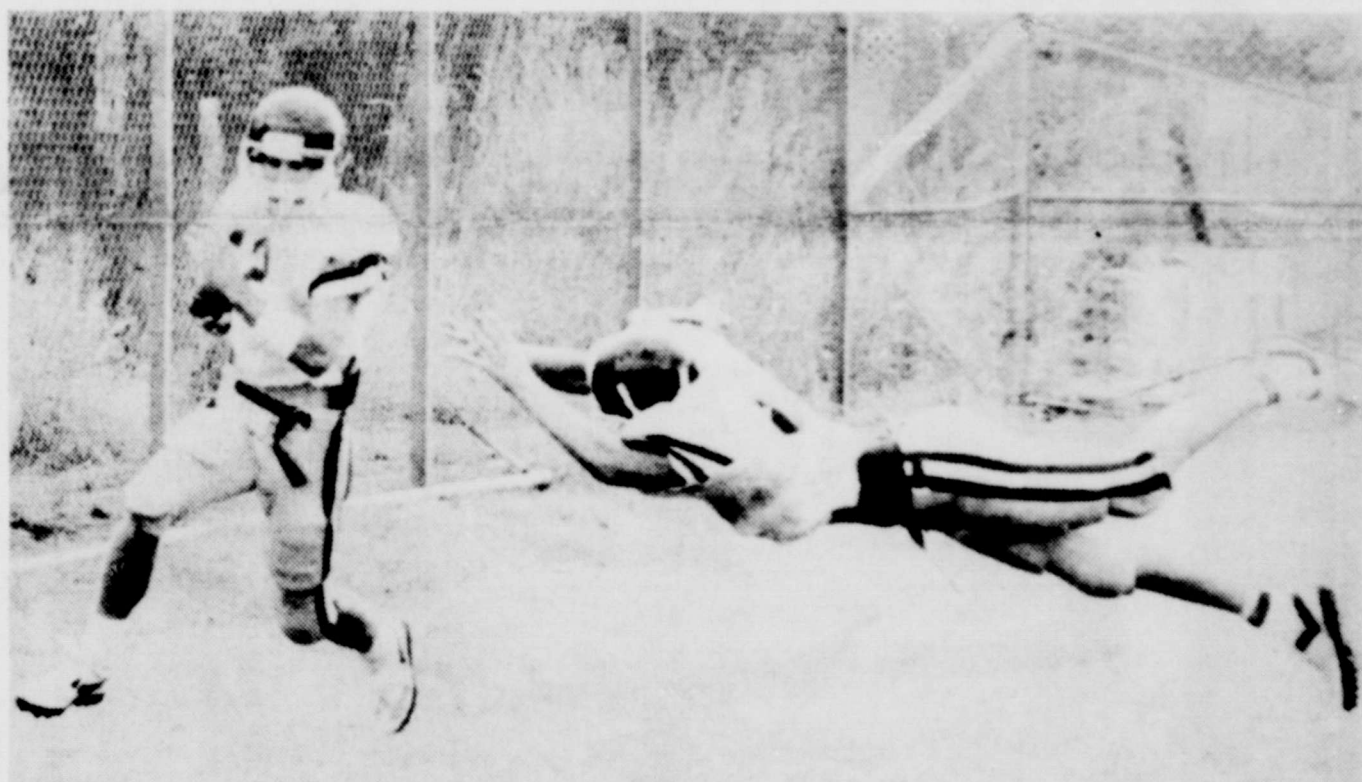
The Badgers come in to the 1987 season with their first winning record in nine years as the 1986 squad went 6-4. Both Texas Football and the Harris rating systems have touted the Badgers for a playoff spot this season, along with Ballinger.

The Badgers' first three games are non-district contests and they start playing for keeps as Clyde comes to town Sept. 25th for the annual homecoming tilt.

## Pre-game tickets on sale in high school office

Student and adult tickets are on sale in the high school office for the Merkel-Sweetwater football game in Sweetwater Friday. High school secretary Fonda

Bicknell has tickets available for students priced at \$1 and \$4 for adult tickets. Student tickets purchased at the gate will cost \$4.



§ Badger punt returner Brit Pursey evades a defender's leap during a punt return at Monday's practice session. § The Badgers were working on special team play in preparation for their season opener in Sweetwater Friday. Kickoff is set for 8 p.m.

Staff photo

## Trent trounces Lueders-Avoca

The Lueders-Avoca Raiders wished they had never shown up for their scrimmage Friday night with the Trent Gorilla's. The Gorilla's, led by Keith Oden's four touchdowns, beat the Raiders 9 touchdowns to three.

The Gorilla's opened the scrimmage by running 20 plays against the Raider defense. Oden and Lewis Knapp both ripped off long gainers through the huge holes set up by Chris Jones, Brian Massey, Scott O'Kelly and Lee Hunt. The highlight of the first 20 plays was a 50 yard run by Oden who burned on the speed after breaking through the line and scampered untouched for a touchdown.

Lueders-Avoca 20 plays met with total frustration as the stiff Gorilla defense held the Raiders to no first downs with only two plays going for positive yardage. Play after play, the defense led by Hunt, O'Kelly and Jason Massey penetrated the Raider offensive line to drop Raider ball carriers.

## Please see Page 2 Merkel livestock group will meet Sept. 10

The Merkel Livestock Association will meet Sept. 10th at 7 p.m. to elect officers and set the date for the annual local stock show.

All parents and supporters of the Merkel FFA and invited to attend.

The meeting will be held at the building at Merkel High.



§ Trent receiver Lee Hunt hauls in a pass from quarterback Dock Carriker in last week's scrimmage against Lueders-Avoca. § Trent opens their season Friday night as they travel to Grady. photo by Shannon Payne

## Kids, red face, football . . . more

by Cloy A. Richards

I get a kick out of being near the elementary school on the first day of school.

I especially like to be near the kindergarten area to view reactions from new students, as well as their parents. The children, for the most part, are shy, nervous, wide-eyed and anxious.

Their parents are quite a different story. Some are a little choked up over leaving that child they have spent a lot of time with over the past five or so years, in the hand of a stranger.

Last Thursday was an embarrassing day for me.

The Chamber of Commerce was supposed to sell fajita's at the football scrimmage here and just

before game time, I found out that a new freezing process had rendered the usually great fajita's worthless.

We disappointed a lot of local fajita fans and for that, I am sorry. The concession stand we operated did come off well, considering that hitch.

The Badgers and Trent, Gorilla's start their football seasons this week as Merkel travels to Sweetwater and Trent journeys to Grady.

It will be interesting to see how the Badgers will react to some unfavorable happenings early in the season, with the loss of two senior starters in Michael Woodall and Ramon Moreno. Woodall is out for the season with a knee injury and Moreno will miss at

least three weeks with an elbow injury. The Badgers overcame Moreno's injury well in the Winters scrimmage but there's no comparison between Sweetwater and Winters. The Badgers don't have to beat Sweetwater to earn a lot of respect but they will have to move the ball on offense and hold the Sweetwater rushing attack.

I did my Friday night heart quod to see some good press from the **Reporter News** in Sunday's football section about the Badgers. After nine years of seeing gloom and doom in that paper about the Badgers, it was a pleasant change of pace.

Regardless, it all gets started Friday and maybe the action on the football field will take my mind off of the Houston Astros' six game losing streak.



## Trent looks good in scrimmage, play for keeps Friday

for losses. The defense also had strong efforts by Billy Clark and Oden Knapp and Massey also made at least one stop behind the Raider's line.

The second set of plays saw the Raider defense improve by holding the Gorilla's scoreless for the 10 play possession. The Gorilla's continued to move the ball and had a 50 yard run by Noe Fallon, who shrugged off a tackle at the line of scrimmage and was finally drug down from behind at the Raider 10 yard line, but did not reach the goal line.

The Raider offense moved the ball better their second ten plays. Although the bigger Gorilla defense continued to stuff the run with outstanding efforts by Lonnie Clark, Noe Fallon, and Travis Walker, the Raiders were able to score two touchdowns on long pass plays and seemed to be gaining confidence.

That confidence stood eroded as the Gorilla offense preceded to score six times in their next 20 plays. Oden rushed for 270 yards on 11 carries and Knapp tallied 130 on 12 carries. Dock Carriker cranked up the passing game by completing passes to Hunt, Oden and Knapp for close to 200 yards. This was the first glimpse of the Gorilla passing game and if it holds to form, look for Carriker

and Trent to pick up on quite a few pass plays as Hunt works himself open for long gainers.

The Raider offense finished up the scrimmage by running 20 plays. The Raider running backs were still unable to get past the line of scrimmage, due to excellent defense by Falcon, Cipi Falcon and O'Kelly. The Raiders were unable to score another touchdown as a pass play ended the game.

"We were very pleased. Their effort was excellent on both sides of the ball. We executed fairly well and our blocking was quite a bit better than last week. Our passing game improved 100 percent and our pass blocking looked much better," said coach Doug Gore. "The defense looked real good and when Mike Payne comes back from a hamstring pull, we are going to be even saltier. Of course, we will find out for sure when the whistle blows Friday," continued Gore.

The Gorilla's open their regular season Friday at 8 p.m. when they play the Grady Wildcats. Many more nights like last Friday against Lueders-Avoca and the Gorilla's can look forward to that rematch with the #1 ranked Fort Hancock in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

by W. E. Dulaney



O. K. guys... block!

## Trent firemen called to grass fire

The Trent Volunteer Fire Department responded to another grass fire Aug. 25th at 4:45 p.m. The fire, two miles South of Trent, originated when a farmer was attempting to burn off some brush. The fire was quickly controlled by firefighters who used 100 gallons to extinguish the blaze.

by W. E. Dulaney

## Badger boosters have 78 members, meet Monday

The Merkel Badger Booster Club meets each Monday night at 7 p.m. at Pug & Leo's Restaurant.

The Booster Club will have a brief business meeting Sept. 7th at 7 p.m. Coach Leard will show the Sweetwater game film.

Remember our motto "Badger Power" and be sure to wear purple and gold to Sweetwater.

The present membership is 78. Contact Virgil Jones, Finley Barnett, Bill Sloan or Pat Brandon if you would like to join.

The JV will play Sweetwater in Sweetwater at 7 p.m. tonight and the varsity game starts at 8 p.m. in Sweetwater Friday night. We hope to see you at the game.

BADGER POWER!

§ Badger kick returner Shayne Newberry [40] has a wall of

blockers in front of him as the Badgers worked on their special teams Monday. Newberry led the Merkel rushing attack at last week's scrimmage as he gained 99 yards on 11 carries and scored

twice to lead the Badgers to a four to none win over Winters. The Badgers start playing for keeps in Sweetwater Friday.

Staff photo

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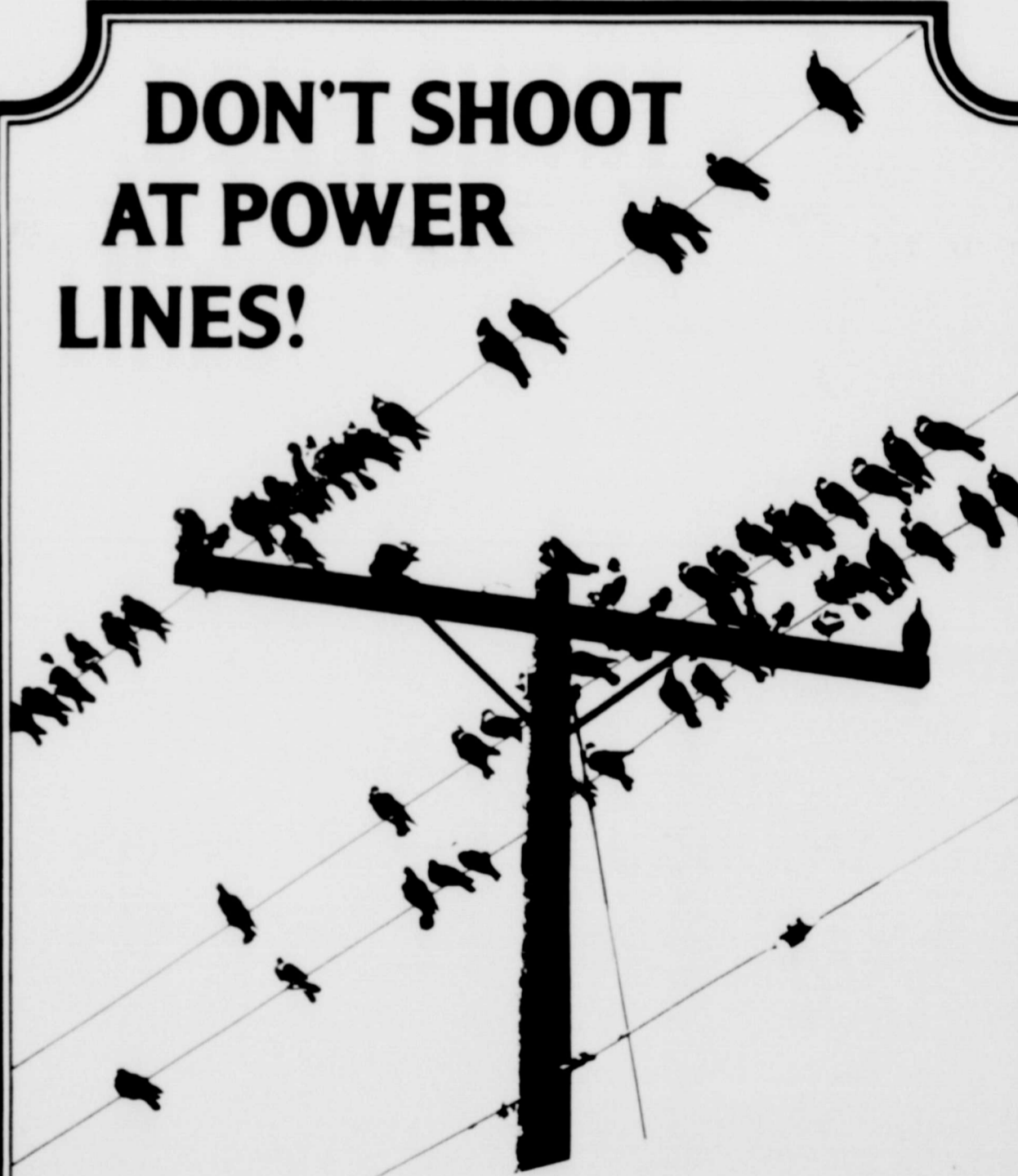
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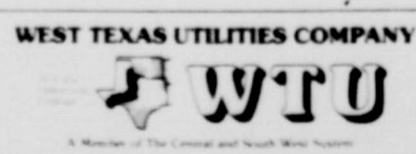
• **Use Power Tools Wisely**  
Be sure wiring is in good condition and all circuits are grounded. Never use electric tools in the rain or on wet surfaces. Also, when buying new equipment, look for the "UL" seal of approval from Underwriters Laboratories.

#### • Keep Children Away from Electrical Outlets

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## Newsbriefs

### MISD lunch menu

The following is the MISD lunch menu:

Sept. 3: fish nuggets with tartar sauce, cole slaw with sweet and sour dressing, blackeyed peas and cherry cobbler.

Sept. 4th: Hamburgers with all the trimmings, french fries, fresh orange wedges.

Sept. 7th: No school- Labor Day Holiday.

Sept. 8th: Meatloaf, blackeyed peas, seasoned spinach, whipped jello.

Sept. 9th: Chicken fried steak with gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, sliced peaches.

Sept. 10: Frito pie, combination salad, pinto beans, cherry cobbler.

Sept. 11: Hamburgers with all the trimmings, french fries, apple wedges.

### Former members of 157th Infantry being sought

Dear Editor:  
The 157th Infantry Association is making a concentrated effort to locate all former members of the 157th Infantry Regiment and the 158th Field Artillery. These units were part of the 45th Infantry Division during World War II, and had an outstanding record of combat while fighting in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany.

The Association conducts an annual reunion and a quarterly newsletter is sent to each member.

If any of your readers served, or know of someone who served with

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either of these units, please contact Ralph W. Fink, 19 Williamsburg, Hershey, PA 17033 Phone 717-533-5482.

Especially being sought is Jack L. Ash, who is known to have lived in Merkel.

Thank You  
Ralph Fink

### Monday singing set

The regular first Monday singing will be held Monday at the Senior Citizens Building on Edwards Street here at 7 p.m.

### Farmer reunion is Saturday

The Farmer reunion will be held Saturday and Sunday at Heritage Hall.

### Firemen called out twice

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department had a relatively

quiet week.  
On Aug. 25th, firemen were called to a house fire 2 miles North of town on FM 126. The house was a totally destroyed and firemen returned to the scene twice.

On Aug. 28th, firemen used the "jaws of life" in a major wreck on I-20's access road across from the Wylie Shamrock Truck Stop. They assisted the Merkel Emergency Medical service in the accident, that sent two people to the hospital.

### John's football picks

Editor's Note: Johnny Starbuck, that donation ticket selling son of a gun for the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, has decided to try his hand at football picking. Johnny is pretty much confined to his room recovering from surgery this summer and we all wish him well,

but looking at his first week of picks, he may need a little more recovery time. Seriously, John is coming along well.

### John's Picks of the Week

Merkel 25- Sweetwater 20 (Both teams will score a lot of points; Texas A&M 14- LSU 30 (LSU's explosive aerial attack against a rebuilding Aggie defense); Texas 20-Auburn 17 (A winning debut for Texas coach David McWilliams); Dallas 17-Houston 14 (A good ol' Texas shoot-out); Texas Tech 21-Florida State 28 (Florida State has the advantage of playing at home).

### Ross Vinson will be honored on 90th birthday

Friends and family of Ross Vinson will honor him with a birthday party Sept. 5th from 2 until 5 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Hawley. Vinson has lived in Hawley


since 1949 and still tends to his 340 acre farm and 36 head of cattle.



The first electric shavers went on sale in 1931.

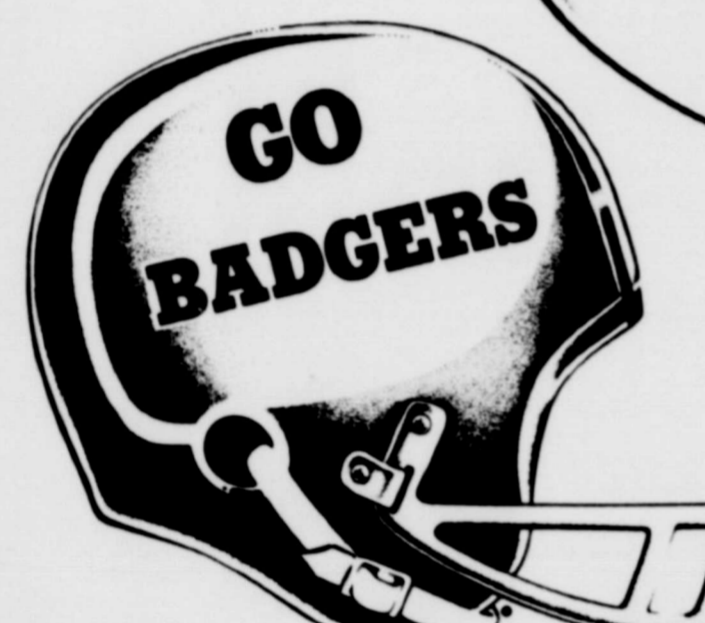


A MESSAGE FROM THIS NEWSPAPER AND THE DPS TROOPERS




# Kick off to

## MERKEL & TRENT FOOTBALL



**GO  
BADGERS**

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3  
MERKEL JV IN  
SWEETWATER AT 7:00  
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4  
MERKEL VARSITY IN  
SWEETWATER AT 8:00  
TRENT VARSITY IN  
GRADY AT 8:00**



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33-TFC

For Sale: Recliner, sleeper & love seat \$150. Call 928-5715

36-11p

For sale: Couch and love seat, excellent condition call 928-5081 after 5 and on weekends. Earth tones, flower print.

For sale: like new completely rigged bass boat call 928-4386

36-11c

For sale: Oak dining table with 6 chairs & hutch \$300. Call 928-5020

36-TFC

For Sale: Mobile home axles (2) with brakes (2) without brakes. \$75 each. Call Joe at 928-5629 after 5 p.m.

35-2tc

**MISC.**

Overeaters Anonymous meetings will be held at the Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church annex each Tuesday at 5 p.m.

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34-3tp

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26-TFC

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33-TFC

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25-TFC

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25-TFC

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon closed meetings are Tuesday & Thursday at 7 p.m. at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church.

Please help! My brothers and sisters need a good home. Six nice kittens, 1 female Play-pul & friendly. Will go free to a good home. Also a 3 month old female cat for adoption. Merkel Vet Clinic 928-5235

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25-TFC

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35-3tp

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35-TFC

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35-TFC

For all building or remodeling jobs, pour concrete driveways or any concrete work, call 928-5694 or 673-5393.

36-2tp

**ATTENTION!** Receive \$40 of free merchandise just for having a party in your home. For information, call 928-3945.

36-2tc

Pre-school teacher for 5 years in church day care would like to keep children in her home. For appointment call 928-5820.

36-2tc

**REAL ESTATE**

For sale by owner: 1 acre with 20 X 30 metal barn, storage shed, garden spot, chain link fence, all utilities, ready for trailer or house in Trent Call 928-5134 after 4 p.m.

35-2tc

For sale by owner: 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large living room and kitchen, barn, fruit trees, storm cellar, fenced in yard in Merkel call 928-5134 after 4 p.m.

35-2tc

For Sale: Birdie Belle Patterson home, partly furnished on 2 1/2 lots shaded by 19 pecan trees, 2 mobile home spaces, water well, as is cash \$28,500. Dalzell Realtors 677-1975 Bob 672-4036.

36-4tc

House for sale in Trent: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, living room, dining room, kitchen, utility room, steel siding, storm windows, carpet, central air & heat, built in range & oven, dishwasher, water well. Cyrus Pee Realtor 928-5613.

31-TFC

For Sale: 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, all brick, all electric, home near school. Central heat and air in the middle to 2 lots, ask for Dorothy 698-4484 or 695-7634.

20-TFC

For Sale: 2 story, large living room, dining room, kitchen, master bedroom & bath, down stairs large up-stairs, 3 bedrooms, bath, lots of storage room on corner lot, priced to sell. Cyrus Pee, Realtor 928-5613.

20-TFC

Ads work!

For Sale: 3 bedroom, 1 bath, living room, kitchen. Frame house on 3 acres 4 1/2 miles North of Merkel. Toombs Real Estate 928-4144

25-TFC

For sale: 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, on 2 lots, well insulated, vinyl siding, 1 block from High school call 698-3624 or 512-895-2141 or 512-895-2259.

17-TFC

Austin stone house for sale at 308 Rose in Merkel. Call 928-5921 or 928-4144.

10-TFC

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34-4tc

Very nice old brick, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home near school. Central heat & air. Priced in the 40's. Ask for Dorothy 698-4484 or 695-7634.

34-3tc

House for sale at a bargain: 2 bedroom, kitchen, living room, 1 bath, has central heat, all furniture and appliances stay. Call Cyrus Pee, Agent 928-5613.

17-TFC

Price reduction: 1412 Sunset 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, country kitchen, water well, corner lot call Jean 692-6640 Dalzell, Realtors 691-1300.

35-4tp

For Sale: 3 bedroom, 1 bath # 4 Carson Circle, Ken Hogan, Century 21 Abilene Big Country, Inc. 692-8311 or 928-4826.

35-TFC

For Sale: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas with steel siding on 3 acres Call Ken Hogan at Century 21 Abilene Big Country, Inc. 692-8311 or 928-4826.

35-TFC

New listing: 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1,013 square feet, chain link fence 1511 Heath, will also rent for \$225. Ken Hogan, Century 21 Abilene, Big Country, Inc. 692-8311 or 928-4826.

35-TFC

For sale: two bedroom, bath, washer-dryer connections, cellar, storage shed. \$6,000 or best offer Call 692-7576.

36-2tp

Trailer house for sale or rent: 2 bedroom, Champion 1983 model. Furnished with washer & dryer. Call 928-3811. Available Sept. 1st. Must Sacrifice 61 acres East edge of Merkel across RR track from Co-op Gin. Elect., water and tele available. Some minerals. Will divide 10 acres or more. Will VA. \$950 per acre. (915)692-1515 after 6 or (915)554-9492 or 928-4377.

36-11pd

**FOR RENT**  
For rent: \$200 per month, 2 bedroom, mobile home, carpeted, central air & heat, stove & refrigerator, fenced yard, call 928-5251 or 928-5052.

23-TFC

For rent: Large 2 bedroom apartments, ceiling fans, dishwasher all electric, water paid call Sheley 928-3472 or come by 206 Taylor Apt # 3.

35-3tc

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25-TFC

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Release of Funds

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## Electric cooperatives urged to emphasize their role in economy

Electric cooperatives, some of which are losing customers due to the poor Texas economy, must emphasize their key role in rural Texas in the coming months.

Several speakers at the Association of Texas Electric Cooperatives (TEC) annual meeting in Austin, held August 3-5, indicated a need for a new emphasis on economic development for the nonprofit co-ops in concert with all other community groups in non-metropolitan areas.

Dennis Engelke, director of rural development for TEC, suggested that electric cooperatives must take the lead in helping rural areas overcome economic hardship.

"Rural electric systems serve areas that have been hard hit by the economic crisis that plagues much of our agricultural and rural communities.

The U.S. Census Bureau reports that rural America has not quite one-fourth of the country's population, but has 38 percent of the nation's poor, 67 percent of the substandard housing. One out of two rural counties have unemployment rates above 9 percent.

"Today's agricultural crisis is far more than a farm problem. Meeting the needs of farm families is every bit as important as meeting the needs of the family farm," he said.

Engelke noted that creating jobs was the number one activity that co-op members identified in a recent national survey as the activity in which they would like to see their cooperative become involved.

"But job creation requires the rebuilding of the infrastructure of rural America. New businesses are not going to locate nor are existing industries going to expand in areas with old bridges, old roads and decaying water and

sewer systems."

Jim Morriss, general manager of TEC, also called for an expanded role for co-ops. "Rural America is being taken for granted- it is much more than a checkerboard of farms and ranches that links Los Angeles and New York City," he said. "Someone must encourage recovery. It won't just happen."

Morriss also cited the damaging effects of the Reagan Administration's continued efforts to weaken the Rural Electrification Administration, the lending organization set up 51 years ago to

ensure a dependable, affordable electric power supply for rural areas.

Morriss vowed that co-op leaders will seek to rebuild the TEA to its former and appropriate role as a positive force in rural development.

The meeting of rural electric leaders is held annually for managers, directors and communicators to keep abreast of changes in law, politics, and technology affecting the utility industry and to elect officers and directors for TEC and related organizations.

## Hunter's Corner

by Josh Amerine

The first reported bow kill of the season came in a little early this year. An area resident, during a practice session, cleanly shot a Carrier air-conditioning condenser through the lungs. The air-conditioner, although wounded, put up a fierce fight, but was finally subdued, and the hunter, although somewhat shaken, was wiser for the experience. Seriously, those of us who bowhunt must remember to be very careful. Arrows have an uncanny knack of bouncing to the most unexpected and unwanted places. An errant arrow can kill as effectively as a rifle.

Those of you who have not tried bowhunting and are interested should give it a try. It is not an easy sport. It requires religious practice and rigid discipline. However, be forewarned: archery can become addicting. I know several gun hunters who tried archery and never went back to the rifle. They may be the best hunters around. If you are interested, the best advice is to talk to someone who has been in the sport for several years. They can help you avoid some of the beginner's headaches and frustrations. Randy Rifenburgh in Trent handles some archery equipment and is quite know-

ledgeable in bowhunting.

By the time this article is read we will have had two days afield after dove. I suspect I will be frantically reloading shot shells, as will others. Some of the area received rains the day before the opening of dove season. This should make for very little movement of the birds at first; but, as the ground dries, things will improve.

There should be some out-of-state hunting reports arriving over the next ten days or so. Hopefully some local people will have several respectable animals to show us soon. We'll keep you posted. Good hunting.

## Import tax said only way U.S. cotton producers can compete

The Textile and Apparel Trade Act of 1987 is the only fair way to deal with an import problem which continues to hurt the U. S. cotton industry and other related industries in the national economy. National Cotton Council president Aven Whittington told a Senate Finance Committee last week.

Whittington, a Greenwood, Miss., producer, said cotton textile and apparel imports have more than doubled since 1980 and now account for 39 percent of the cotton consumed by the U.S. population.

"Those imports are taking precious dollars out of the U.S. farmers' pockets," said Whittington. "While cotton textile imports have increased 133 percent, the

price of cotton in this country has fallen off by more than a third since 1980 and this- combined with lost markets- has cost the U.S. cotton producers billions of dollars."

Whittington said American consumers are buying more cotton than they have for the past 20 years and cotton consumption has grown by 3.4 million bales during that time period. But, he pointed out, imports of cotton textile products have taken two-thirds of that growth.

He disputed claims of critics who believe limited textile growth will cause higher prices for consumers. In markets such as cotton velveteens, Whittington said U. S. manufacturers have been eliminated by unfair com-

petition, and prices of imported products have risen higher than previously quoted.

The council president said many factors have contributed to the increase in textile imports: cheap foreign wages, restrictive U. S. environmental and workplace regulations, foreign government subsidies, and loopholes in negotiated import quotas.

"It is naive to believe that foreign textile and apparel manufacturers will hold their export growth to the percentage allowed under international and bilateral agreements," Whittington concluded. "Experience over more than two decades proves that negotiated textile trade agreements are not an adequate solution."

## Beaver, Simpson in college workouts

Bebo Beaver and Chris Simpson, former All-State football players from Trent High School, have continued their football careers. Beaver is at McMurry College in Abilene and Simpson is at Sul Ross College in Alpine.

Beaver graduated from THS in 1985 and spent his freshman year at McMurry at wide receiver, where he played well enough to earn a varsity letter. The 5'11" 160 pound sophomore has been competing for the starting position and he told *The Mail* "I enjoy playing for McMurry, but it is sure different coming out of Six-Man

ball. It's really not any harder than high school, as far as the workouts go, but I used to play running back and wide receiver is really different."

If Beaver does not win the wide receiver's spot, he will return kickoffs and punts for the Indians, who open their season Sept. 12th and Indian Stadium in Abilene against Kansas Wesleyan.

Simpson, a 1987 THS graduate, is a freshman this year at Sul Ross. His dad, Ted Simpson, told *The Mail* "Chris is hanging in there right now and he told me he has a chance at making the

traveling squad. He is playing linebacker and their coaches like to use linebackers on all the kicking teams." Sul Ross will open their season Sept. 19th in Alpine against Western New Mexico at 2 p.m.

If Bebo and Chris continue according to plans, the two ex-Gorilla players will likely meet head on either Oct. 24th when McMurry travels to Sul Ross or November 14th when Sul Ross comes to McMurry. The community of Trent should be proud of two ex-football players that are now suiting up for college programs.

by W. E. Dulaney

## Harvest Temple church members move into building

The Harvest Temple Church, under the direction of Brother Norman Oden, has moved into their new building.

The church, whose membership numbers around 50, is not completely finished but the men of the congregation are working at night and on weekends to finish the building. "We still have lots of work to do," said Brother Oden

"But we still meet to worship the Lord and with his help, we can finish up the building." He added "We should have the upstairs rooms completed in about three weeks and we will have to work a little bit at a time to finish the main assembly. When the assembly is finished, it should seat around 400 people."

The Harvest Temple Church meets at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sundays and at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. The Youth Fellowship is at 5:30 p.m. on Sundays. Song leader is W. L. Massey and the youth director is Brian Massey, who along with Rev. Oden, invite the community in for Christian fellowship.

by W. E. Dulaney

## Trent school tax rate unchanged, will pay off notes this year

Trent's school tax rate is not changing from last year's rate of .995 cents per \$100 evaluation. The tax rate is below the effective tax rate of \$1.25 per \$100 in value.

Trent's budget is \$992,557 is an increase from last year's budget of \$871,918. The rise in the budget is mainly due to salaries because

of the state raising the teacher pay rates \$1,200 per teacher. To stay up with state mandates, the TISD gave all their teachers a raise to \$1,000 above the state scale.

State aid for TISD is up this year due to an increase in average daily attendance. Last year, the

ADA was 181 students in grades K-12 and this year TISD hopes to top 200 students per day.

This is the last year of bonded indebtedness for the TISD. All remodeling notes should be paid off in June of 1988 according to superintendent Don Gibson.

by W. E. Dulaney

## O'Kelly is ready for '87

"There was no way I wasn't playing my senior year," said 6'2" 250 pound Scott O'Kelly. Scott tore up his knee in the McCaulley scrimmage his sophomore year and hasn't been able to play the last two seasons. Scott plays center and defensive line for the Gorilla's because he says "I enjoy center the most, I like to bust people."

Scott's hobbies include fishing and playing one-on-one basketball. He is also involved in FFA and was a district officer in 1986. He was Star Greenhand and is a Lone

Star Farmer. He had the reserve champion steer in the 1985 West Texas Fair and took home the 1st place Angus heifer in the 1984 Houston Livestock Show.

Scott told *The Mail* "I honestly think we can take district and go all the way if we set our minds to it and work hard. That's my goal, to win it all and make All-State."

Scott is the son of Bubba & Kay O'Kelly and hopes to attend Sul Ross College in Alpine where he wants to play football and major in agri-business.

by W. E. Dulaney

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## Voters will have 25 constitutional amendments on November ballot

AUSTIN—The November election ballot will contain a record number of proposed constitutional amendments, Secretary of State Jack Rains announced, after drawing numbers to determine the order in which the 25 amendments will appear on the Nov. 3 ballot.

For the first time in Texas history, Rains said, two statewide referenda will be presented to voters. By law, those will follow the constitutional amendments, he said.

Local issues, if any, will follow the statewide questions. At least four counties have already decided to place local-option horse racing before their voters.

Gov. Bill Clements issued a proclamation designating the order for the two referendum propositions sent to voters by the Legislature.

The propositions, in the order of ballot appearance, are:

- SB 86: Provides for retain the State Board of Education as an appointed—rather than elected—body. Unless voters approve this proposition, the board is scheduled to return to an elected group with equal representation throughout the state of Texas in 1989.

- SB 15: Legalization of pari-mutuel wagering under the Texas Racing Act on a county-by-county local option basis.

Rains' drawing of paper slips out of a cowboy hat, set the proposed constitutional amendment ballot order as follows:

- HJR 104: Provides for the surety of a grain warehouse fund to be established by the grain industry for the protection of farmers and depositors in public warehouse facilities.

- HJR 60: To permit raising the maximum property tax rate that may be adopted by certain rural fire prevention districts, but only if approved by the districts' residents.

- HJR 48: Permits limiting school tax increases on the residences of the surviving spouse of an elderly person if the surviving spouse is at least 55 years old.

- HJR 5: Authorizes the Legislature to provide assistance for encouraging economic development.

- HJR 65: Authorizes agreements between the State Department of Highways and Transportation, and the Texas Turnpike Authority and the governing bodies of counties with a population of more than 400,000, adjoining counties and cities and districts located in those counties to aid turnpikes, toll roads and toll bridges, by guaranteeing bonds.

- HJR 4: Allows the Legislature to provide for state financing of the development of Texas products and businesses.

- SJR 55: Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance local public facilities.

- SJR 56: Authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds for projects relating to corrections institutions and mental health and mental retardation facilities.

- SJR 9: Provides that a member of the legislature is eligible to be elected or appointed to serve in a different state office but may not receive an increase in compensation granted to that office during the legislative term to which he was elected.

- SJR 12: Allows the Legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation certain personal property.

- SJR 12, Part 2: To allow the Legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation certain property located in the state temporarily.

- SJR 35: Permits spouses to hold community property with right of survivorship.

- SJR 27: Allows for the creation

and establishment, by law, of special districts to provide emergency services.

- SJR 34: Would give the state of Texas a limited right to appeal in criminal cases.

- HJR 35: Permits the abolishment of the office of county treasurer in Gregg, Fayette and Nueces counties.

- SJR 6: Providing that certain justice precincts may contain more than one justice of the peace court.

- SJR 26: Allows the legislature to define for all purposes the governmental and proprietary functions of a municipality.

- HJR 18: Relates to the creation, operation, and financing of jail districts.

- HJR 88: Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund undertakings related to a superconducting super collider research facility sponsored or authorized by the U.S. government, and to make appropriate grants.

- HJR 96: Allows the Legislature to provide ad valorem tax relief for certain offshore drilling equipment that is not in use.

- SJR 17: Permits the Legislature to include the speaker of the House or speaker's appointee in the membership of an executive agency or committee.

- SJR 53: Permits the Legislature to limit the authority of a governor to fill vacancies in state and district offices during the end of the governor's term if not re-elected.

- SJR 54: Authorizes the issuance of an additional \$400 million in Texas Water Development bonds.

- HJR 83: Allows a county to perform work, without compensation, for other governmental bodies.

- SJR 5: Authorizes the Legislature to permit the Amarillo Hospital District to serve certain residents of Randall County.

close to getting this essential tool, and I guarantee you that our agricultural community will put this tool to work to generate an economic revival at the grassroots. TDA has calculated that the financial mechanisms authorized by HB 49 have the potential to produce almost \$1 billion in new agricultural sales and to create 30,000 new jobs in the next four years alone.

"Putting this program together has been a bipartisan, cooperative effort of the Legislature, the Governor's Office, TDA and the agricultural community," Hightower said. He singled out Rep. Dudley Harrison of Sanderson, Sen. Chet Edwards of Duncanville, Sen. Bill Sims of San Angelo, Sen. Hugh Farmer of Fort Worth, Sen. Bill Sarphalis of Canyon, Sen. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Dallas, Speaker Pro-tem Hugo Berlanga of Corpus Christi, Rep. Bruce Gibson of Cleburne and Rep. Richard Waterfield of Canadian as the workhorses who produced this historic, first-of-its-kind

legislation. "Thanks to their work, backed by the full support of Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, Speaker Gib Lewis and Gov. Clements, this bill was passed unanimously by both houses of the Legislature," Hightower said.

"There is one last step we must take to put this historic program into place. We must assure passage of two of the proposed constitutional amendments which the Legislature agreed in regular session to submit to Texas voters on November 3. The two proposed constitutional amendments will appear on the ballot as Propositions #4 and #6.

Those two constitutional amendments ask Texas voters to provide "state financing of the development and production of Texas products and businesses" and for "assistance to encourage economic development in the state." HB 49 then allows the propositions to go to work for Texas agriculture.

## Commissioner's Corner



By Jim Hightower

We are faced today with hard times in a land of plenty. As the result of current federal economic policies, low-income families are being held down while middle-income families are being pulled down. For the first time in half a century, we have now, as a matter of official policy, downward mobility within American society.

Wall Street is booming, but Gulf Coast chemical workers who used to earn good union wages now don't have half a good wage and probably don't have a union. White-collar workers in Dallas and Houston, who were steadfastly middle class until corporate raiders took over their firms, have lost their jobs and their pensions in order to finance those raids. Small business owners and workers have found their enterprise stifled and their trade dominated by conglomerates. And hard-working farmers and ranchers, the backbone of our food production system, are having a hard time putting food on their own tables.

We lost 14,000, or 28 percent, of our full-time commercial farms and ranches in Texas last year. These were victims, not of bad management or bad luck or bad weather, but of bad agricultural policies that deliberately depress the prices farmers are able to get for their commodities, many times lowering those prices to below half the cost of production.

When the family farm goes, so does the rural community. On average, a bankrupt farmer leaves \$77,000 worth of unsecured debt. When this happens over and over, rural banks close. Seed and feed dealers shut down. For every five to seven farm foreclosures, one Main Street business closes its doors. Since 1980, there has been a 22 percent increase in formerly middle-income rural Texas households that have fallen below the poverty line.

This deepening depression in rural Texas has produced a hunger crisis of major proportions across our state. Many people who likely opposed food assistance programs in 1981 now find themselves depending upon these programs to feed their families.

Texas emergency food distributors surveyed by TDA reported 3.6 million requests for food in 1986, a 108 percent increase since 1984. Six food banks serving rural Texas counties distributed 8,700,000 pounds of food in 1986, or approximately 10,873,000 meals. These food banks reported that demand was at least twice what they could serve and in some areas exceeded their capacity by six to 12 times.

For example, the Concho Valley Food Bank in San Angelo serves 14 counties. In 1984, it distributed 51,000 pounds of food. In 1985, it distributed 168,000 pounds; in 1986, distribution increased to 582,000 pounds; and it expects to distribute over one million pounds of food this year. Still, the organization's executive director reports that the food bank will meet less than half its actual demand.

Similarly, the High Plains Food Bank of Amarillo, serving 29 counties through 160 organizations, distributed 250,000 pounds of food in 1982 and one million pounds in 1986. Monthly averages for 1987 are already twice those of last year but are still less than half what is really needed to meet the demand. The South Plains Food Bank of Lubbock serves 19 counties. Today it reports serving four times the food it

did in 1984. The Permian Basin Food Bank is serving 700,000 pounds of food this year, compared to 420,000 pounds in 1984. It reports needing two or three times that amount.

At a time when emergency food assistance is direly needed—especially in rural Texas—the federal government has decided to reduce the services it provides. While the number of Texans receiving food stamps has increased slightly in recent years, the percentage of those who are eligible who actually receive benefits has declined sharply.

In 1986, 1.4 million Texans received food stamps, including 801,400 rural Texans. In February of this year, 1.5 million Texans were receiving food stamps. However, while nearly 42 percent of those who were eligible received stamps three years ago, barely 30 percent of those eligible receive benefits today.

Nor do Texans fare much better with other types of food assistance. Even with increased Women, Infants and Children program (WIC) funding by the state in 1985, only 22 percent of those actually eligible were served—the same percentage as in 1984. (Forty-six Texas counties do not even participate in the WIC program.) In 1986, the number of applications for Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) benefits in Texas increased by 15.4 percent over 1985. Unfortunately, less than 25 percent of the children eligible for AFDC coverage actually receive benefits. The Texas Department of Human Services reports that its combined food assistance programs

reach only 12 percent of all Texans. Yet, nearly 20 percent of all Texans are living below the poverty line.

TDA is not a hunger agency *per se*. We have no line-item appropriation for fighting hunger. But, using existing staff and resources, we have been able to help answer a need that is communicated to us every day by the Texas Farm Crisis Hotline. This has included assistance in transporting surplus food to distribution centers, assistance for farmers in obtaining food stamps, and the establishment of gleaning programs and community gardens. TDA's direct marketing program has helped bring fair market prices to Texas producers and fresh affordable, produce to low-income Texas consumers.

But there is more that must be done. We are implementing an extensive grassroots economic development program that will, over the long term, enable distressed farmers and workers to become independent, productive members of the economy once again. That should become a central part of federal economic policy, as should expanded food-assistance programs that would stabilize the economies of poverty-stricken families and a farm policy built around profitable farm prices. Farmers, factory workers and small business people don't want a handout; they want a chance to contribute to society. Government policy has to be made that will invest in the genius of the majority rather than the greed of the few.



An elephant's trunk has about forty thousand muscles.

## Options for Health

by  
**Dr. Scott White**

DR. SCOTT WHITE is offered as a public service by Scott and White Clinic and Hospital, Temple. If you have a question you would like answered, please write to DR. SCOTT WHITE in care of your local newspaper.

**Q. Although my job doesn't involve heavy lifting, my back does hurt some of the time. Are there any general precautions I can take to prevent a serious back injury?**

**A. Yes, there are several things you can do at home to prevent back injuries while working or at home.**

- Exercise to strengthen muscles in your legs, arms, and stomach so they can be used to help the back muscles when lifting heavy objects.
- Keep your weight under control. A "pot belly" pulls on the back muscles.
- If you sit at a desk all day long, take periodic exercise breaks. The chair should be low enough so your knees are higher than the hips when your feet are on the ground.
- Position your typewriter, computer terminal, etc. at a level that eliminates bending over it.

**Q. Sometimes I feel sleepy during the day, even though I sleep eight hours the night before. At other times, I can't seem to sleep at all. How can I improve my sleeping patterns so I feel rested?**

**A. If you feel excessively sleepy during the day or if you have problems falling asleep, you may have a sleep-related disorder. People who experience daytime sleepiness may not be aware that poor quality of nocturnal sleep may be the problem. Some people just need to**

learn how to sleep well again. You may improve your sleeping by following these basic rules:

- Sleep only as much as needed to feel refreshed and healthy the following day, but not more than that. Not everyone needs eight hour of rest.
- Get out of bed at the same time every morning including weekends.
- Exercise daily. However, don't exercise strenuously just before bedtime. Exercise in the morning, mid-afternoon, or early evening.
- Choose a comfortable room temperature. Excessively warm or cool rooms are not conducive to good sleep.
- Caffeine in the evening disturbs sleep, even for good sleepers.
- Avoid coffee, tea and other beverages containing caffeine.
- Avoid alcohol. Although alcohol helps tense people fall asleep more rapidly, it makes them wake up repeatedly and the sleep is fitful.
- If you feel angry and frustrated that you can't sleep, do not try harder and harder to fall asleep.
- Instead, turn on the light and do something different.
- Don't smoke. It has been shown that chronic use of tobacco disturbs sleep.
- Use the bedroom for sleep. Use another part of the house for homework, paying bills, family discussions, TV watching, etc.

## HB 49, if approved by voters, will boost Texas agriculture

By Andy Welch

"To fix a broken engine, you've got to have the right tools, and that's precisely what the legislature and the Governor are providing for Texas agriculture by passing and signing House Bill 49," Commissioner Hightower said.

Hightower joined Gov. Clements and some of the sponsors and supporters of HB 49 at the formal signing ceremony for the bill in the State Capitol.

"Everyone knows that our agricultural economy is pretty much in the bar ditch," Hightower said. "To get it up and humming again means helping Texas agriculture diversify its production, market its products directly throughout the world, and become a major processor of commodities as well as a producer. A major barrier to this overhaul has been the lack of adequate financing mechanisms. Now, with HB 49 we are

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: IDA HARRIS 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 28th day of September 1987, 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 9th day of March, A.D. 1987, in this cause, numbered 17,588-B on the docket of said court, and styled IN-

TERFIRST BANK ABILENE, N.A. Plaintiff vs IDA HARRIS, Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: INTERFIRST BANK ABILENE, N.A. are Plaintiffs and IDA HARRIS are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff is the owner and holder of notes executed by the Defendant, and Plaintiff is entitled to receive all money due under their terms. Defendants have defaulted per year, and Plaintiff in paying the notes ask for such other relief, attached as Exhibit A, B and C to the petition, or equitable, as Plaintiff Defendant maintained a checking account with receive. Plaintiff and has overdrawn the account. Plaintiff seeks Judge-

ment for \$45,669.13 as the principal amounts due on the notes. Plaintiff seeks judgement for \$2,225.10 for the overdraft on Defendant's checking account. Plaintiff seeks judgement for pre-judgement interest to which Plaintiff is entitled to receive, for \$7,500.00 as reasonable attorney's fee, and for all costs of court. Plaintiff seeks judgement for post-judgement for the total amount of judgement from the date of judgement until paid at the rate of 18 per cent per year, and Plaintiff in paying the notes ask for such other relief, attached as Exhibit A, B and C to the petition, or equitable, as Plaintiff Defendant maintained a checking account with receive. Plaintiff and has overdrawn the account. Plaintiff seeks Judge-

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 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 14th day of August, 1987.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas by Patricia Henderson, Deputy (Seal).

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