The Merkel Mail

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Badgers finish season in Coahoma

The Merkel Badgers were torn apart by the Brady Bulldogs here Friday night 52-0, and if you weren't there, it was as bad as it

Brady jumped out to an 18-0 first quarter lead, stretched it to 30 at the half and never looked back as they won their third straight district game of the year. The Badgers fell to 4-4-1 on the season and 2-3-1 in district play.

Badger coach Dick Lepard told The Mail Tuesday "I don't know what to say, this is an experience I have never experienced before.'

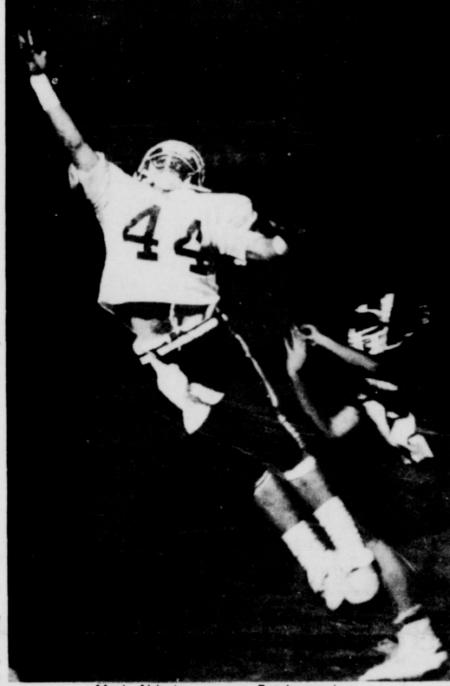
He went on "One game does not make a season be it a loss or a win and what we have to do now is correct a bad attitude that we have now so it won't carry over into other sports. I hope the loss hurt and embarassed us enough to correct our attitude problems.'

On the field and sidelines, there were some not too pleasant words exchanged between the players and Lepard addressed that situation. He said "This was an example of bickering among the coaches, kids and the town. I hope we have all of that resolved now and we can finish up the season with class and respect. We have worked too hard this season to see things end like this.

The coach added "I can't talk about the game ... there is nothing to talk about... football is a team game and until that's realized you are going to have a problem.

The Badgers take on the Coahoma Bulldogs in Coahoma Friday and they are facing a team that is 0-6 in district play and are coming off a pretty good showing against Ballinger. Lepard said 'They run out of the I formation and will sometimes use a split back offense and they are not that large. They are a small Class AAA school and they are having probelms. But, being from Coa- again this week. homa, you'd better be ready to a lot of pride and tradition."

about them. I don't expect us to forget it, it happened.'



Mark Aldrete covers a Brady receiver stretching for a pass. Merkel was downed by Brady and they travel to Coahoma Friday with a 4-4-1 eason record and a 2-3-1 district record. Staff photo

will not see action this week as he He also expressed concern in suffered a badly twisted ankle in play when you go there, they have the Badgers inability to score in the first quarter of last week's the last 10 quarters of play. It game. David Thomas will operate He added "We have to get doesn't help to ponder about what from the fullback position. ourselves right and not worry happened last week but you can't With a win, the Badgers can

finish the season at 3-3-1 in district play like we did against Brady Badger fullback Corey Hines play and a season tally of 5-4-1.

MISD settles Mace case

The Merkel School Board voted learned he had been convicted of a \$24,353.33 which included all last Tuesday night to settle the DWI charge. Bob Mace vs. MISD case that has been before the Texas Education Education Agency and the hearing ney's fees. The district also Agency for the past 13 months.

ruled in favor of Coach Mace on reinstate Mace and give him back his appeal of his firing from MISD pay. in September of 1986. Mace was fired by the district after officials to pay Mace and his attorney his attorney

The board voted Tuesday night offer was accepted by Mace and

claims for damage, back pay, Mace appealed the firing to the court costs, expenses and attorofficer made his reccomendation stipulated that the employment of In September, a hearing officer last month to the Commissioner to Coach Mace would not be reinstated with MISD. The board passed the motion 7-0. The

Nutrition Center fund raiser is tonight

The Merkel Nutritional Center Rural Taylor County Aging Ser- nations of additional items will be will hold its annual fund raiser tonight (Thursday).

Stew, red beans, sandwiches, desserts, coffee, tea and soft drinks will be available with the mean starting at 5:30. An auction will be held following the meal.

Money raised and all donations are used to purchase food for the

vices and the Merkel Nutritional accepted. days at Heritage Hall and also as the auctioneer

are cakes, cookies, pies, candy, availabe by calling Heritage Hall goods, preserves, and jams. Do- Thursday

Center. The program serves hot Taylor County Precinct 2 Comlunches on Tuesdays and Thurs- missioner Don Dudley will serve

home delivers about 60 meals Organizers are asking people to come early and enjoy the food and Items included in the auction fellowship. Further information is quilts, hand crafts, dolls, canned between 8:30 a.m. and Noon

PTO crowns Halloween kings & queens

The Merkel Elementary Parent- Tessa Fudge and Michael Minor; der 2nd and Chastity Savage 3rd queen were selected from each Whisenhunt and Kindergarten grade and their selection was Lindsey McFall and Luke Nault. based on money raised in the annual PTO fund raising effort.

tion Saturday night at the Merkel Amy Pack and Brad Hicks; First Amy Pack 3rd. School Auditorium. A king and Grade Shayla Dozier and Kyle The coronation committee con-

Crowned King and Queen were: colored the program covers and O'Rea serving as master of Fifth Grade- Lisa Biera and winning that contest was Hilary ceremonies and Sharon Stewart as

eachers Organization held their Third Grade Tabitha Garrett and in the first grade and Elizabeth annual King and Queen Corona- Tristen Wilburn; Second Grade Morales 1st, Eric Beaird 2nd and

sisted of Virginia Pirraglia, Tonja Meeks, Penny Vaughn, Clesta Boone, Debbie Roberson and Students in the 1st and 2nd Nancy Heurman with Martie

Boosters start talking basketball

The Badger Booster Club met at one to make the trip and wear Pug & Leo's Monday. The last purple and gold. football game of the season is The next Booster meeting will Friday night in Coahoma and be Monday at 7 p.m. also at Pug

Boosters are encouraging every- & Leo's. All parents of basketball

players are invited to attend. The basketball coaches will attend to meet with parents.

The Boosters are looking forward to a great season from the Badger basketball teams.

Trent downs Jayton 36-26

by W. E. Dulaney

The Jayton Jaybirds got a taste handed the 'birds their first ever 'Birds were unable to mount. Walker burst in to block the kick Six-Man district loss 36-26. To add anything on offense as the 'Rilla and Trent was still on top 8-6. insult to the loss, it was the first defense refused to yield any home loss for Jayton in eight yardage. After a Steve Morales the 'Rilla offense as they took the years and came on Homecoming fumble, the 'Rillas set up shop at kickoff and drove the length of the night as the 'Rillas clinched the the 'Bird 20. The Rilla offense field behind hard charging runs by District 4-East title with one game wasted no time in getting on the Knapp, Payne and Falcon, Knapp

Jaybirds had lost two games in first quarter. Ed Donahugh. The 'Rillas played inspired game as the 'Rilla

District 4-East

board as on the second play burst in from two yards out to cap The game was an excellent Knapp, behind a great block from the dirve and O'Kelly's extra point contest from start to finish as the Payne, swept ten yards for the t.d. was blocked but the 3:36 dirve put two teams went face to face with O'Kelly split the uprights and the 'Rillas up at 14-6 at the half.

four years before Friday's game The rest of the first quarter and minutes of football stood between and were picked by everyone in most of the second quarter was a them and a district title for the Texas to win (except for John defensive slugfest as the 'Bird 'Rillas. The first half was a Starbuck), but these people had defense led by Rodney Smith, remarkable football game as never seen a team like Trent. Doug Smith and Andy Sumner and Trent's defense had completely Lewis Knapp, Chris Jones, Mike the 'Rilla defense led by Chris shut down the 'Bird offense with Payne, Brian Massey, Dock Car- Jones, Lewis Knapp, Mike Payne the exception of a t.d. drive. The riker, Scott O'Kelly, Noe Falcon, and Brian Massey, shut each Trent offense, led by running Keith Oden and Jason Massey, other's potent offenses down. The backs Knapp and Payne, had 156 plus all the other 'Rillas were led 'Rilla defense, which has been yards rushing. Both teams by Coach Doug Gore and Coach tough all year, really played an what may have been their best defenders met Jayton ball cargame of the season to win the riers with some of the hardest hits

right to call themselves the best in ever seen by a Gorilla football fan The 'Birds broke the scoring The game started with Trent drought at the 5:55 mark of the of what seven other teams had kicking off and Scott O'Kelly second quarter when Tim Shafer received this season when the showed a sign of things to come went in from one yard out. The Trent Gorillas marched into Jay- when he hit the left upright of the 'Birds lined up to try the extra bird Stadium Friday night and Jayton goalpost on his kick. The point but "Fire Ant" Travis

The 'Bird t.d. seemed to inspire

the district title at stake. The Trent led 8-0 with 7:15 left in the At halftime, the 'Rilla fans were buzzing as they knew 20

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Board corrects past mistake

by Cloy A. Richards

Mistakes, of any sort, always come back to haunt you and MISD paid for one made last September.

The board voted Tuesday night to approve a \$24,353.33 settlement with former MISD teacher-coach Bob Mace. Mace was fired last September after the administration learned he had been convicted of a DWI charge and after former Superintendent Bill Everett and former principal Larry Curry found about it, the recomended to the board that his empoyment be terminated. The board agreed and fired Mace in September, 1986.

Mace hired an attorney and fought the firing because MISD had no policy concerning DWI

convictions and in September of and he sought judicial relief in favor of Mace and sent his was discriminated against. recommendations to the Com- MISD still does not have a missioner of the Texas Education policy that will cover a DWI. Agency that MISD should reintstate Coach Mace with back So. Tuesday, the board payed

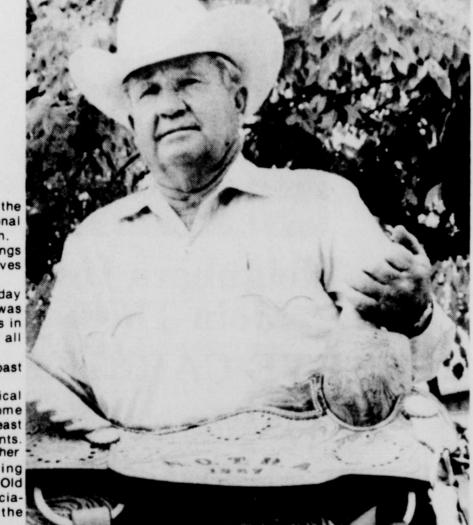
the recomendations of the former at least, its behind the district principal and superintendent, was now. they were unaware other MISD employees had been convicted of DWI charges before their employ- Friday saw what happened Friday ment with MISD and when at least as Brady romped to a 52-0 win one of the incidents came to light, over the Badgers. the administration or the board took no punative actions. They did, however, fire Coach Mace

this year, a hearing officer ruled because he and his attorney felt he

for its mistake by approving a I am not saying MISD made a settlement of \$24,353.33. It's not a mistake on firing coach Mace situation the MISD adminsitration The mistake the board made, at can be happy with or proud of, but

Anyone in Badger Stadium last

Coach Lepard, as you could well Please see Page 2



Russell wins all-around saddle

Raiph Russell of Merkel won the All-Around saddle in the National Old Timers Ropers Association.

Russell competed in 12 ropings the past year and roped 12 calves at each event.

Russell told The Mail Monday "I have been roping since I was 11. I have won about 10 saddles in my carreer but this is the first all around in 35 years."

The tinals were held this past weekend in Abilene

He retired from Allied Chemical in 1983 and moved back home from Louisiana. He said at least 100 ropers competed in the events. He also belongs to two other rodeo associations, the Living Legends of Rodeo and the Old Timers Rodeo Cowboy Association. He finished 4th on the

OTRCA this season. Russell said "I roped all of these calves on a three year old pony I raised and trained myself. No one else has ever tried to rope with him. He sure is a good pony.'

Trent wins zone crown, playoff bound

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could be heard popping over all a pat on the back. Lonnie Clark, will begin preparations for their the crowd noise and they knew the Cipi Flacon, Travis Walker, Mike zone playoff against either Sands, next 20 minutes could be the key Hicks and Ricky Tarin are all Wellman or Loop and an undeto their whole season. One fan freshmen and they contributed in termined place and time. The summed up the situation when he a big way by blocking two extra Rillas coming off what is the was overheard telling another fan points. The kids all believe in biggest win in Trent football is all about." For the next twenty we are the district champs. We for that long trip to the State minutes, the 'Rillas and Jayton would also like to thank the band Championship. These kids do not

have been champions in the past, defense was dealt a blow

when it seemed that they had stuffed Morales on a fourth and a foot situation only to see the ball tight end Doug Smith fell on the gift for the 'Bird t.d. to bring the From Page 1 score to 14-12 Trent with 7:48 left

showed why they are the champ- Badgers just flat played a bad ions as they score 16 unanswered points to go up 30-12 with 1:41 left in the third quarter. After an exchange of punts, the 'Rilla into the season rated as a team offense got rolling, driving the ball to the Jayton 21 where on a first scrimmage, the starting dazzle as end Keith Oden racked up 21 yards on the reverse to put Trent in the end zone. After the son against Sweetwater, were O'Kelly extra point, the 'Rillas handily defeated but then again. Jayton had not lost a were rolling at 22-12 with 2:42 left. Sweetwater is doing that to a lot of home football game in eight years in the 3rd quarter. On the reverse, their 4A opponents. The Badgers or a district game in six years the Birds were caught flat-footed then won four straight including when the Gorillas pulled in to town as the execution was flawless and winsover Wylie and Clyde for the last week, but that all changed even the fans didn't know Oden first time in 10 years. Then, the Friday night. Trent handed the had the ball until he was in the end wheels came off in Colorado City Jaybirds a 36-26 loss and with it,

exactly one minute later. After a the quarterback was lost for the themselves a spot in the State Bird fumble, their fifth on the rest of the season. A hard fought playoffs. night, the 'Rilla offense again Halfback Knapp pulled up on the the playoffs and then Brady came playoffs, I know I will. sweep and hit tight end Brian to town. Massey with a 21 yard t.d. strike. the O'Kelly extra point, the smell a district championship for to end up better than 500 in both thanks to a lot of hard work by

The next 26 second was a roller coaster of emotions as the Birds team in the last 10 years can say coronation. They had lots of help and the 'Rillas exchanged touch- around here and not too shabby. in pulling those events off but they

had a consistant drive all night against the Salty Blue Crew and able to use in the future. The come through its first ever they needed 18 points with a little over 11 minutes to do it. Morales took matters into his own hands when he hit Doug Smith for a 50 yard t.d. on the first play after the there. He is my son you see. He's put together an excellent cast of Rilla kickoff, bringing Jayton to within 12 at 30-18. The extra point was again blocked, this time by Birds seemed to have climbed back into the game, or so it seemed. On the Jaybird kickoff, Knapp fielded the ball at the goal line, burst into the open and can. They never tried to lose a The group serves hot meals to highstepped 80 yards for the 'Rilla t.d. The extra point was no good man but Trent had regained their 18 point advantage at 36-18 with 1:15 left in the 3rd quarter.

In the final quarter, Coach Gore turned the game over to the defense. Knapp, Jones, Payne, O'Kelly, Brian and Jason Massey and Oden controlled the rest of the game as they had the 'Birds flinching in their footsteps. Other than Morales, the Jaybird ball carriers went nowhere against the Blue Crew and even Morales was dreading the hits of the Trent defense that was superb all night long. The 'Birds did score a meaningless t.d. at the 3:57 mark ionship trophy.

"I'd have to say this was one of the greatest victories in my 14 Merkel's Under 12 boys team, years of coaching" beamed Coach the Badgers played two games the Badgers deserve a round of Gore. "It feels so good. We had an this weekend losing to the Outlaws appluase for their efforts in excellent second half ... a super 4-3 and to the Anson Tigers 4-2. In effort by all of the kids. We played the hard fought, evenly matched hurt but the kids would not come game against the Outlaws, goals out of the game. They have a for the Badgers were scored by great attitude and all gave 110 Brian Miller, Doug Alldridge and percent. There is no dissention... Jason Clinton while Ray they all get along and they are pace, Randall Necessary and Cole hopes of winning the first place just a fine group of kids. I want to Manahan all contributed great trophy thank the band, the cheerleaders, defensive efforts. In the game by W. E. Dulaney administration and all the fans without them." Gore added.

a very good team that turned into \$10,000 scholarship offered by the state a championship team tonight. The Century III Leaders program. blocked fantastic. I want to give

were nitting so hard the pads our special teams, 'The Fire Ants' After the Highland game, Trent "this is what high school football themselves and that's the reason history and are primed and ready would do battle for the coveted by counteracting the so-called know the meaning of the word quit

when they took over after Trent's regular season game left as the Zone Champion Trent Gorillas. opening posession and drove the Highland Hornets come to town Here's to a long season... Conlength of the field behind the Friday at 7:30. The traditionally gratulations. running of Steve Morales. On the tough Hornets have had a rough night. Morales carried 22 times season going 1-6 but would like for 173 yards and was the key to nothing better than to derail the the Jayton offense. Except for two Trent Express. "We can't afford a long runs which both were stopped letdown," said Coach Gore, "we by Keith Oden's touchdown saving have got to respect Highland, we tackles, the 'Rilla defense was are big rivals and they have able to contain the senior running nothing to lose. I expect a tough back. On the t.d. drive, the 'Rilla game but we will play our game and end the regular season on a

trophy that signifies a champion. Jayton "death march" with some and this reporter would like to The 'Birds showed why they of the loudest music ever played." take his hat off to each and every The Rillas have one more one of the 1987 District 4 East

	Trent Jayton			
First downs	12	12		
Att- rushing yard	s 43-215	42-242		
Att-comp- td,'s	4-8-1			
Pass yards	45	118		
Int by	0	1		
Fumbles lost	0	7		
Penalties	4-30	7-71		
Punts-avg	3-36	2-21.5		

fumbled into the end zone and Badgers, Gorillas more

to say about the game during After the Bird t.d., the Rillas our weekly visit Tuesday. The you just stay at home.

> say the least. The Badgers went see. To us they're Number One. with a shot at the playoffs. In the year and in the second a starting

halfback was lost for three weeks. The Badgers opened their sea-The next 'Rilla t.d. came Sonora, were defeated 21-7 and Zone Championship and assured loss to Ballinger 7-0 two weeks ago

Earlier in the season, when were in charge and did a good job. Trailing 30-12, the 'Birds were things were going the Badgers' way. Coach Lepard gave me something that he said I might be origin is unknown and some of you. Haunted Hospital and that was a may have seen it. It may very smashing success (I kept hearing well be appropriate.

only just a boy you know. He local ghouls and goblins and

means a lot to me. I did not raise my son, dear fan, faster than they entered. "Fire Ant" Lonnie Clark but the for you to call him names. He may not be a super star, It's just a high

school game. So please don't curse the boys down there. They do the best they definately deserves your support.

see. You are just a guest. They do delivers about 60 meals to people not need a fan like you, They need unable to travel.

the very best.

imagine, couldn't find anything. Please leave the boys alone, And if you have no manners. Why don't

So please don't curse the boys down there. Each one's his It's been a season of contrasts to parents son. Win or lose or tie, you Let's have a good crowd at Coahoma and see the Badgers finish the season with a winning

as the Badgers, coming off a tie in Trent earned the District 4 East

I hope the local fans will adopt showed some razzle-dazzle when took the Badgers out of any shot at the Gorillas and follow them in the

This week, the Badgers travel to Merkel's PTO Halloween Carni-Rilla fans were beginning to the season and still have a chance nations came off well Saturday season and district standings. Robbie Benningfield on the carni-That's something only one other val and Virginia Pirriglia on the

> The Merkel Chamber of Com-Please don't curse the boy down of cooking fajitas). Gary Hicks a lot of folks sure left the halls

> > The Merkel Nutritional center is having its annual fund raiser Thursday and its a program that

game. They're boys and your a upwards of 200 local senior citizens on Tuesdays and Thurs-The game belongs to them you days at Heritage Hall as well as

The event gets started at 5:30 If you have nothing nice to say, and you will enjoy yourself.

Soccer season is completed

Under 10 and the Badgers in from Miller and Alldridge while Under 12, played in their division- Necessary, Clinton and Rhett al season ending tournaments last Buntin all played heads up

of the last quarter but by then the Defeeters played in three games teams, all these young atheletes Rillas were making plans on this weekend losing 4-0 to the should be congratulated for their where to put the district champ- Unicorns, 2-0 to the Jim ned Spirit dedication and hard work. The and 3-0 to the Lady Bugs.

Merkel's last two soccer teams against Anson, which was very to see action, the Defecters in physical, the Badgers got goals defensive games.

With the tournaments winding The Under 10 girls team, the up the season for the Merkel coaches for both teams, Mary Littrel of the Defeeters and Glen Burton and Randy Necessary for putting these two teams on the playing field.

All the Merkel teams in all age brackets will now store their equipment until the spring when they will again take the field in

We would not be the team we are Herrera picked for scholarship contest

ogether as a team and had a total will receive \$1,500 scholarships team effort. My offensive line and two alternates will receive high school counselor Donna

An equally escatic Coach Ed Merkel High School has selected \$500 awards. Six finalists will also Donahugh told The Mail "We are Clara Herrera to compete for a receive \$100 awards from each

Clara will be judged on an essay reason we won is that we stayed Two students from each state she is compiling on "The Threat of AIDS on America." according to

William Branch B						The 1987 District 4-East Champion			
		M	NL	PS	PA	Treat Garillae			
Trent		4	0	144	67	Name	HT	Weight	Class Pos
Jayton		3	1	160	58	Brian Massey	62	155	Sr -End
Blackwell		3	2	142	116	Scott O'Kelly	6-2	250	Sr-Center
Ira		2	3	68	132	Lewis Knapp	6-0	180	Jr- Rb
Hermleigh		1	3	89	116	Dock Carriker	5-7	145	Jr-QB
Highland		0	4	44	158	Jason Massey	6-2	155	Jr-end
Season Standings)S	Noe Falcon	5-3	160	Jr-Rb			
	W	L	T	PS	PA	Lee Hunt	6-3	195	Soph-End
Trent	1	7	U	307	176	Mike Payne	6-1	185	Soph-Rb
Jayton	6	2	0	262	147	Keith Oden	5-9	155	Soph-Rb
Blackwell	5	4	0	263	221	Chris Jones	5-10	180	Soph-Center
Ira	3	5	0	149	239	Mike Hicks	6-0	135	Fr-End
Hermleigh	1	6	1	146	286	Ricky Tarin	5-6	110	Fr-End
Highland	1	6	0	129	294	Jamie Masonheimer	5-7	110	Fr-QB
ast week's	re	sul	ts:	Tren	t 36-	Lonnie Clark	5-3	110	Fr-End
ayton 26. B	Blac	kwi	ell	46- H	lerm-	Travis Walker	5-8	120	Fr-QB
igh 26. Ira						Cipi Falcon	5-4	150	Fr-Rb



This week's games: Trent vs







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Fortnightly group meets

The Fortnightly Study Club met Oct. 27th in the home of Mrs. Alf Walla with Mrs. Randy Carson as co-hostess

The pledges of allegiance to both the U.S. and Texas flags were led by Mildred Hamm.

After role call, a brief business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Allen King, president. Information about the Texas State Scholarship was discusses and the scholarships are available in the Mesquite District

Mrs. Johnny Hammon announced the program. Mrs. Connie Mack Seymore gave a brief resume of Martha Ann Turner, author of the Life And Times of Jane Long. Mrs. Seymore introduced Mrs. Phillip Pursley who reviewed the book. Mrs. Pursley was wearing her great-great grandmother's dresses dating back to the book's era

Mrs. Pursley began with a background of Jane Long. She was born in 1798 in Maryland and moved to Missippi where her uncle was governor. She married James Long in 1815 and moved to Texas with him in 1816. It was while living at the Bolivar Lighthouse and Mud Fort Dec. 21, 1821 their daughter was born and she was believed to be the first anglo and Alwyne Sandusky.

child born in Texas. Jane Long was awaiting the return of her husband from Mexico at the time and after giving up all hope of his return, she left the fort

Some years later she became involved in the destiny of Texas. At her tavern in Brazoria, the idea of the Texas Republic was born. Such notables as Sam Houston, Stephen F. Austin, Mirabeau Lamar, Ben Milam, William B. Travis and others often met there and sought her counsel in their discussions. During her lifetime. she saw Texas as a territory of Spain and France, a frontier of Mexico and evelove into a Republic, admitted to the U.S. as a state, secede from the Union to become a members of the Confederate States and later re-admitted to the U.S.; and she had been a part of it all

Those enjoying the interesting program were Grace Lee Brown, Pam Carson, Mary Collins, Bess Dixon, Anna Lou Ferguson, Mildred Hamm, Ruby Hammond. Lucy Haynes, Edna Hill, Madelon Horton, Alice King, Aileen Knight, Ida Seymore, Anna Belle Shouse, Clara B. Walla, Maurine White, Lucille Wilson, Mary K. Logan, Jeanette Purlsey, Becky Pyburn

7th grade downs Ballinger

The Merkel 7th graders invited the Ballinger 7th grade to a rematch after last week's 14 all tie. The Badger defense shut down the Ballinger attack while the offense rolled up 12 points here last Thursday.

All of the scoring came in the second half as Cody Tittle scored the first td from five yards out. The point after failed. Ritchie McIntyre scored the final t.d. on a 30 yard run and again the point sack or an incomplete pass. after failed. Ballinger did not penetrate the Badger defense.

The Badgers travel to Coahoma Thursday for a 5:30 kickoff in Easterling Stadium. The Badgers take a 2-1-2 record into the game.

Lyons, Jones honored in Trent



School. Both are 1961 graduates. Oct. 24th. Janice resides in Abilene and is

Janice Byrom Lyons was crown- County Clerk of Taylor County ed Coming Home Queen and Don Don lives in Weatherford and is in Jones Mr. Ex at recent Home-sales. They were crowned at half coming Ceremonies at Trent High time if the Trent-Blackwell game

Jones likes defensive end

One on one, me against the other guy. That is what I like about defensive end," said sophomore Chris Jones. He has had quite a few one on one battles this year and more often that not, Chris was won those battles. "My idea of a perfect game is to make 25 tackles and contribute in a team win" said Chris. This year he has contributed numerous tackles including 17 in the big win over Jayton. Even when he is not invloved in a tackle, Chris puts pressure on the quarterback that often results in a quarterback

In school, Chris is active in band, playing a coronet. He received a Division I rating in his

solo and also raises hogs well enough to place 2nd in the Trent stock show. He also played the role of "Melvin" in Trent's state qualifying One Act Play. He is also a letterman in golf and

'I would like to make alldistrict but my big goal is to win state, beat Fort Hancock and get

He plans to attend Texas A & M University and major in animal science in his quest to become a

Chris live in Trent with Dad Gerald, Mom Gloria and has a brother Sam who lives in Weatherford.

by W. E. Dulaney

My commission expires

Hunter's Insight

by Josh Amerine

Last weekend signaled the end of the early archery season in the state, but it won't be long before the general season opens. It might be a good idea to review the upcoming seasons, as they will soon get busy. Saturday, November 7th will be the beginning of quail season. All four varities of quail will be fair game, but I believe only Bobwhites and Scaled quail inhabit Taylor County. The limit is 16 birds per day and the season runs until Feb. 28th. The general deer season opens Saturday, Nov. 14th in Taylor County, four deer limit either sex with a maximum of two bucks. North of Interstate 20 a landowner issued doe permit is required; south of the highway no such permit is required. The general season will end January 3rd. Turkey seasons will run concurrent with the general season which runs

from November 14 through January 3rd; two turkeys either sex are permitted. There is a Javelina season in Taylor County October 3rd to February 28th, but they are few and far between in this area.

For those of you who have not sighted-in and tuned your deer rifles, time is running short. If you

are considering a new or different rifle this season, let me relay to you some advice of top notch hunters. Put as much money and care into your sighting system as you do your rifle. The accuracy potential of most commercial rifles is surprisingly close. Even the most inexpensive rifles are capable of excellent hunting accuracy. Buy the sighting system first and then put whatever money is left into the rifle. You can't possibly shoot accurately with a faulty scope or scope mounts. Most inexpensive scopes have excellent optics, but the mechanisms that adjust point of impact are usually imprecise and fragile, causing the bullet impact to shift from shot to shot. Variable power scopes do have a place in the field. but most hunters find them unnecessarily expensive and annoying. They are also susceptible to moisture and damage. Many times the best sighting system for a hunting situation is the factory installed iron sights that are standard on many hunting rifles. Surprising accuracy is easily obtained without the use of a scope

Good hunting.

Lambda Beta holds Halloween party, another chance at Guthrie," said costume contest at Heritage Hall

Lambda Beta had a Halloween Bishop. Members and family costume party Oct. 30th at attending were Cindy, Richard & Heritage Hall. Members and their Wesley Beaver, Kay & D. A. families were invited. After a Bishop, Sharon, Ray, Stephanie meal, games were played and Tony Young, Janet, Butch & prizes were awarded for those Dustin Rogers, Jerry, Carey, with the best costumes. Those Carrie and Vanessa, Randi Dougwinners were Dustin Rogers, lass, Anita Laneigh, Janet, O. C. &

8th grade downs Ballinger

The Merkel 8th grade defeated Ballinger 14-0 last Thursday night in their final home game of the season. The Badgers came back from an 0-0 tie the previous week at Ballinger

The defense dominated the Bearcats the entire game giving up only four first downs and allowing the Ballinger offense to cross midfield only once.

The defensive line of Taylor Scott, Todd Walters, Josh Mash-Taylor controlled the line of scrimmage. Scott Cannon, Fidel Avalos, Lorenzo Whitney played well at linebacker as did the secondary consisting of Scott backs. Walker, Zacky Rodriguez and Criswell Whisenhunt.

going in the first half as the two teams went into the locker room scoreless. The Badgers came out on their first posession on the second half and drove the ball straight down the field on nice runs by Walker, Rodriguez, Whitney and Avalos. Rodriguez capped the drive with a 10 yard run and Whitney added the two point conversion running the score to

Then in the 4th quarter, Avalos scored on a 20 yard run to make burn, Robert Pace and Chad the final 14-0. The offensive line consisting of Todd Walters, Richard Seymore, Taylor Scott, Randy Davidson and Josh Mashburn opened good holes for the running

The Badgers travel to Coahoma Thursday for their final game of The offense could not get much the year. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Local art group meets

The Merkel Art Association met Nov. 2nd at Taylor Telephone. Dot Coker, president, presided over the business meeting with plans completed for the Christmas party Dec. 14th at Heritage Hall.

The program was given by Dot Coker with group participation and they made Christmas decorations. The group created center- Buster.

pieces, red roses and door wreaths.

The door prize, a floral painting of daisies, was drawn by Ruth

Refreshments were served to Dot Coker, Evelyn Stribling, Imogene Coleman, Ethel Pee, Robbie Wilson, Ruth Cox and Ruth

Allens's honored on 60th anniversary

Higgins Allen celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently with a family reunion and a reception at their Ruidosa home.

The celebration was hosted by the familes of the couple's son, Jerry Allen of Los Alamos; and daughters Nancy Ellen Hutto of Tularosa and the late Dale Allen Stanford, formerly of Santa Rosa.

The Allen's were married Oct. 29. 1927 in Abilene and lived in Texas until 1947. The family then moved to Los Alamos where Mr. Allen was employed by the government and Mrs. Allen was

Pickens Euell and Dorothy Mae Store. The October of 1969, the Allens retired in Ruidosa

Mrs. Allen is the daughter of the late Margaret Elizabeth and Joseph Higgins of Merkel and Mr. Allen is the son of the late Della Watts and Henry Pickens Allen from Merkel.

Jerry Allen and his wife, Phyllis, are parents of a daughter and five sons; Nancy and Joseph Hutto have a son, daughter and three grandchildren; and the Sanford family includes two daughters, a son and several grand-

Friends and relatives from co-owner of Speer's Department Texas and New Mexico joined the couple for the anniversary party.

Xi Nu Chi plans bake sale

The Xi Nu Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Oct. 27th at Pleasantville with Connie Harris as hostess.

A bake sale is planned for December 5th to raise money for a needy family at Christmas time.

Judy Elliott on heart disease. Refreshments were served to Connie Harris, Nancy Duncan, Donna Bryan, Sandra Wurst,

Mary Hill, Nancy Johnson, Anita

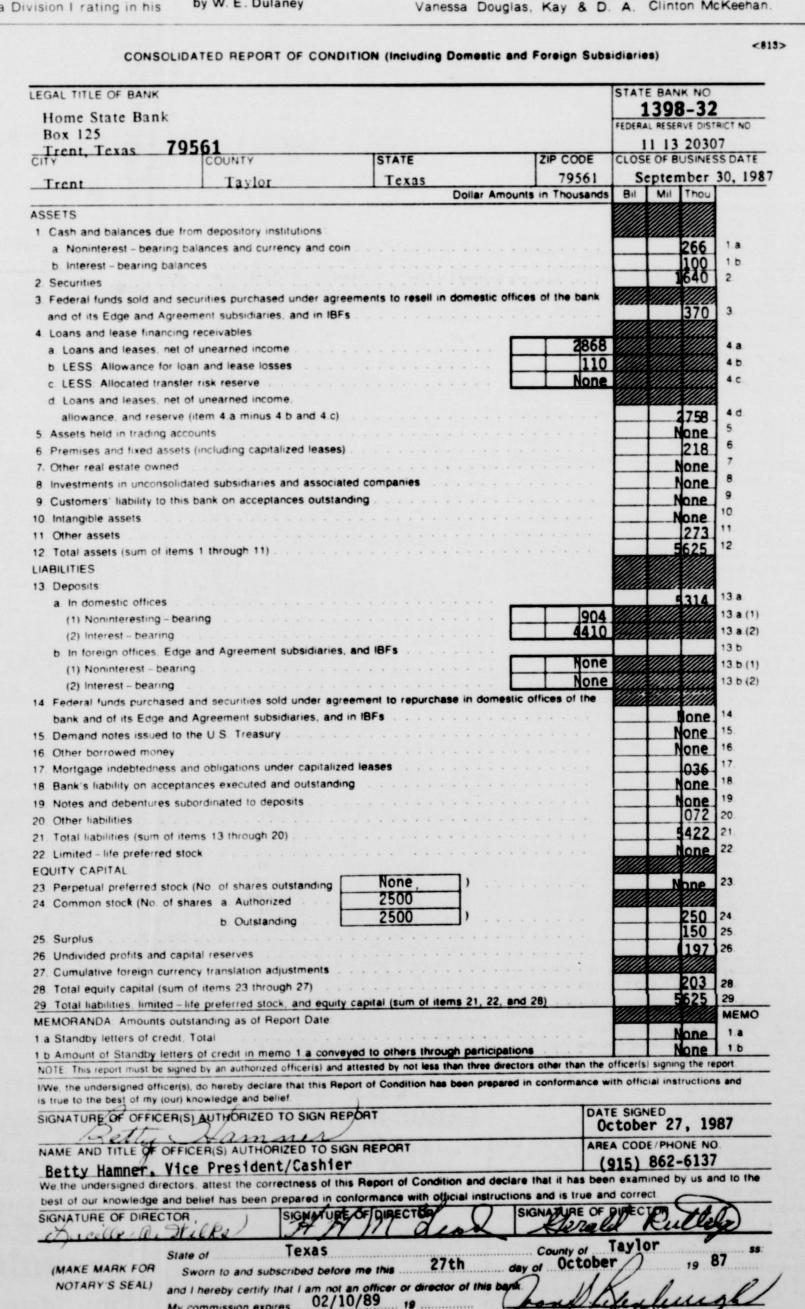
The program was presented by

to secret sisters.

Allen, Minyon Seymore and Judy Halloween gifts were passed out Childrens author will speak, sign books in Abilene

John Erickson, author of Hank

Students, teachers, parents and the Cowdog, is scheduled to speak anyone who has read or heard at the Key City Reading Con- stories about Hank will want to ference at Abilene Christian Uni- attend the autograph party from 2 versity Nov. 7th at 10: 45 and 11: 45 until 4 p.m. at the ACU Student



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> chen, corner lot, Dalzell Realtors 691-1300 Jean 692-6640

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1,28 3 bedroom mobile homes. Rents start at \$185 and \$200 is the highest rent. Mobile home lots for rent near school \$50 per month. ers, Or \$13.99 one price West end of S 7th. Call

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shed call 928-5164. 43-3tp

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5 family garage sale Thursday, Friday & Satroom, kitchen, living urday 8 a.m. until ? room, 1 bath, has cen- Exercise bike, electric tral heat, all furniture & heaters, lamps, reclinappliances stay. Call ers, car seat, lots of baby clothes, baby items, all size clothes, misc. 412 Manchester. 45-11p

2 Family carport sale: Friday & Saturday 9-5

Garage Sale: aluminum window screens. floor lamp, table lamp, Levis, coats, sweaters, Need assistance with suits a lot of odds and ends. Thursday & Fri-

45-1tp Garage sale: Friday & Saturday 30-30 marlin rifle, tools, clothes, gift items and misc. # 8

Pioneer Court. 45-1tp \$

Garage sale: Thursday & Friday # 9 Palmer Circle.

Huge yard sale: 210 Runnels (behind Shell station) couches, chairs, clothes of all sizes, beds, baby items, typewriter, toys and a little bit of ptly execute the same everything. Friday and according to law, and Saturday 8-4 Cheap pri- make due return as the ces everything goes

Yard sale: 404 Rose Saturday weather permitting. Bad weather inside sale. Also, kitten to give away.

45-1tp

Yard Sale: 410 Thornton Friday & Saturday 8

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE STATE OF TEXAS -To: JOE OATES Address Unknown, Defen-

dant, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition single person. Chain link 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 30th day of November, 1987, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 350th District Court of Taylor County, Texas at the Court House of

said County in Abilene. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 8th day of October, A.D. 1987, in this cause, numbered 2036-D on the docket of

said court and styled. ROY D. HAVNER and wife TRACY L. HAV-NER, Plaintiff, vs. JOE OATES, Defendants. The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: ROY D HAVNER and wife

TRACY L. HAVNER are Plaintiffs and JOE OATES are Defendants. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: On October 28, 1980, Defendant executed a Warranty Deed to Plaintiff. Roy D. Havner and to his wife at such time. Willie Jo Havner, conveying certain property located in Taylor County. Texas, describing such property as follows, to-wit: Being 4.70

acres out of a 90.5 acre tract out of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 31, Lunatic Asylum Lands. Taylor County, Texas. By a subsequent Divorce Decree dated Sept. 4, 1984, Roy D. Havner was awarded

the subject property Due to a mutual mistake the Deed failed to adequately describe the particular 4.70 acres being conveyed. Plaintiff seeks judgement by the Court for the Deed to be reformed to express the true conveyance intended by Plaintiffs and Defendant by the addition of the metes and bounds description of the specific 4.70 acres intended to be conveyed by the parties. Plaintiff seeks judgement for

such other relief, and law or in equity, to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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October, A. D. 1987. Attest: Rilla Mahoney Clerk, 350th District Court, Taylor County. Texas By JoAnn Lackey Deputy (Seal) 43-4tc-111

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HEARING # / The City of Tye, Texas will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. November 9, 1987, at the

Tye Municipal Building, 205 North St., Tye, Texas for the purpose of soliciting citizen input for the development of a Community Development Program Application to the Texas Department of Community Affairs. All Citizens. particularly low income residents, are invited and encouraged to attend

45-1tc-20 NOTICE OF

SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain ORDER OF SALE issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County of the 9th day of September, 1987, by OR DER OF SALE of said 42nd District Court Tay-

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iff of Taylor County,

Texas, did on the 3rd

day of November, 1987

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Estate, situated in Tay-

lor County, Texas, de-

scribed as follows, to-

wit: "All of Robert Mc-

Donald's interest in and

to one certain Oil and

Gas lease dated October

1, 1979, from Mary Lou

Newsom, Lessor to L. T.

Aberegg, Lessee, re-

corded in Volume 1130,

Page 443, Deed Records,

Taylor County, Texas,

covering the following

described property, to-

wit: Being 100.5 acres of

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One Half (1/2) of the

North 210 Acres of the

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Survey, Block 64, Taylor

County, Texas and lev-

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of ROBERT MCDON-

ALD and that on the

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cember, 1987, the same

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County, in the City of

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lor County. Witness my hand, this the 3rd day of Novem-

ber, 1987. John W. Middleton Sheriff, Taylor County. Texas by Eddie Swanson, Deputy.

45-3tc-95

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Newsbriefs:

John's football picks

The following are John Starbuck's final picks of the week. Trent 40- Highland 25 (The Gorillas are now the "Kings of the Mountain" in District 4-East Six Man. This writer predicts that if Trent stays healthy they will be the 1987 State Six-Man Champions

Merkel 14 Coahoma 13 (The 1987 edition of Badger football will end on a winning note. Merkel had their eyes set on winning District 5AAA this year until Kenneth Jowers went down with an

Arkansas 30 Baylor 10 (Look for Coach Grant Teaff's Bears to be in contention for the 1988 Southwest

Cowboys cage the Lions) Special Thanksgiving week picks # 2 Nebraska by 10 over # 1 Oklahoma and the University of Texas by 3 over Texas A & M

For the week: 4 wins 1 loss For the season: 28 wins, 15

P. S.: To my faithful readers, I really enjoyed doing this column TISD lunch menu for you. I appreciate you taking the time to read it.

MISD lunch menu

The following is the MISD lunch

menu: Nov. 5th: spaghetti, buttered corn, lettuce wedges, rosey pears. Nov. 6th: corn dogs with

Nov 9th; bar-b-q links, potato but or cups alad, fried okra, diced pears

Nov 11th; beef and cheese tacos, trimmings, sliced chilled fried chicken, creamed potatoes, Nov 12: chicken fried steak

with gream gravy, green beans, milk, chili/ cheese enchiladas, creamed potatoes, whipped jello. pinto beans, saiad, banana pud-Nov 13th Hamburgers with all ding, cornbread the trimmings, peanut butter. Nov. 13. juice, oatmeal, toast, cookies

The following is the TISD Smith wins contest breakfast and lunch menu:

Nov. 5th: juice, donuts; grilled cheese sandwiches, beef stew, peaches, cookies.

Nov. 6th: juice, pancakes, syrup; corn dogs, pinto beans, apple sauce, cookies.

Nov. 9th: juice, cereal, milk; chicken patties, macaroni &

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milk; cheeseburgers with all the academic averages trimming and fries, cookies

The Frent Gorilla football team was not the only big winner this weekend as Cody Smith, age 6, of Trent took first place in the Skaggs-Dr Pepper Halloween costume contest in Abilene

Cody, who was judged best of 15

son of Mr & Mrs Clevis Smith of lurged to a lend this very impor-Trent and is a first grade student tan meeting a: Trent Elementary

by W. E. Dulaney Cabral in honor group

Paula Cabral of Trent is one of 47 new inductees into Alpha Chi. the national collegiate honor

Alpha Chi included junior and Fajitas Sunday senior students with outstanding

4-H meeting set

The Taylor County 4-H Parent- TISD winners named Leaders Association will meet tonight (Thursday) in the 3rd floor meeting room of the Old County Courthouse.

There will be special leader training in the areas of schol-

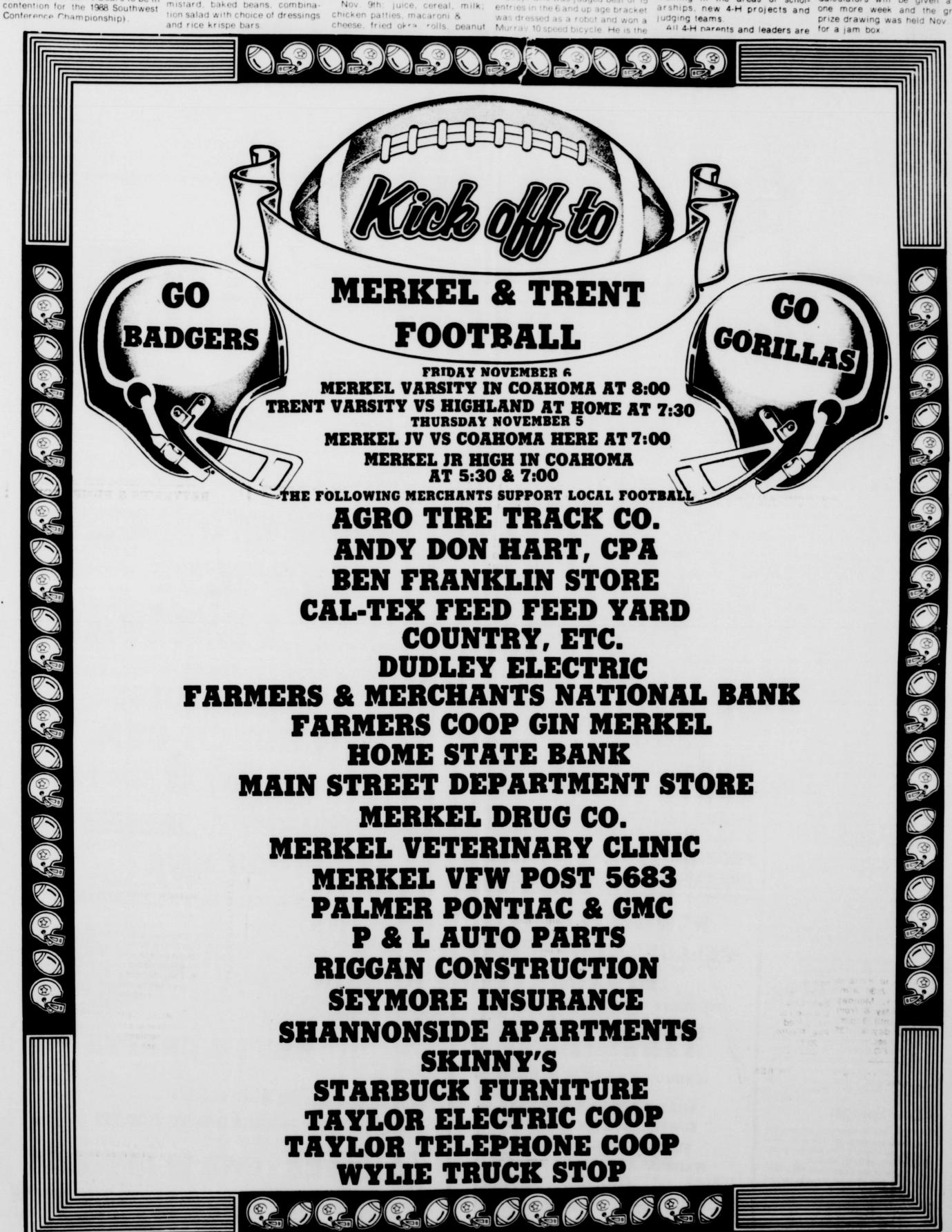
Keller is treasurer

Debbie Keller, a freshman at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, has been elected class

She is a 1986 graduate of Merkel High School

Members of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church will be selling fajitas, tamales and menudo Sunday from 8 until 2.

Winners of the TISD attendance month calculators this week were Rafeal Tarin in grades 6-12 and LaDonna Stephans in grades K-5. Calculators will be given away one more week and the grand prize drawing was held Nov. 2nd





fellowhsip hall at the Tye Baptist Morgan Hill in Erath County and Noodle Community Center from 2 ahead. Church in observance of their 50th was a homemaker and worked for until 3:30 p.m. to honor Lucy with Let me give you an idea of some of

their daughters, sons-in laws and They were married Nov. 5th, the Church of Christ, attends at forward. Cochrun of Houston, Mr. & Mrs. They are members of the Tye Demontsration Club and the La-B. J. Fields of Jacksboro and Mr. Baptist Church and they have dies Auxillary of World War I. & Mrs. Roger Beaird of Merkel, seven grandchildren.

Floyd and Allie Mae Kimmey Floyd was born in Anson and in honor of Mrs. Karl Bonneaux's Brothers. will be honored Saturday with a was an electrician for many 90th birthday. Friends and re- They are all predicting steady recpetion from 3 until 5 p.m. in the years. Allie Mae was born in latives are invited to come to the economic growth in Texas in the years many years at Thorntons De- their presence. No gifts are asked, the things we have done to diversify our Hosts for the celebration will be partment Store in alterations.

grandchildren: Mr. & Mrs. Melvin 1937 in Rocehster and have lived noodle. She was, for many years, White of Tye, Mr. & Mrs. John in the Tye area most of their lives. active in the Goodman Home

Governor says state's economy better

By Governor William P. Clements, Jr.

In many ways, today's economy in Texas reflects the adage that "the finest

steel goes through the hotlest fire." The Texas economy has slumped in recent years, in part due to the plunge in oil prices, in part due to reckless spending in state government.

But that time has passed. While the Texas economy is still undergoing a profound transition-we're on the "uptick.'

Texas is beginning a recovery. Economic diversification and economic development are on the front-burner of business and are top priorities for our state government.

Our past actions speak loud and clear. Last January there was a collec-

Mrs. Bonneaux, a member of economy and to keep things moving Veterans of the Merkel-Trent

tive realization among our citizens and our legislators that the Texas economy 9.1 percent twelve months ago, to 8.5 could be turned around, that our eco- percent today. nomy could be diversified and that our state budget could be balanced and eco- counts for one out of every 14.5 jobs in nomic recovery enhanced without horrendous tax increases that would stymie counted for one out of every eight jobs small business development.

We did all of that, and at the same twelve months ending last May. time we preserved our pro-business and jobs climate that has made us the envy of the nation.

We have abandoned the path of unpredictability, uncertainty and instability for another stroll down the grand path of renewed prosperity.

That isn't just my perspective You is continuing. can find proof of that in a wide variety of respected business and economic publications and organizations from the Bureau of Business Research at the A reception will be held Nov. 8th University of Texas and Salomon

First, we have created a Texas Department of Commerce to develop a cohesive, unified approach to economic development, job creation and corporate recruitment.

Before the department opened for business two months ago, the task of economic development and economic planning was split among nine different

state boards, agencies and commissions. That was an inefficient use of state tax dollars. It was unproductive. And, quite frankly, it was a waste of a

businessman's time. We passed tort reform. We decided that allowing frivolous lawsuits to be filed scares businesses away from Texas instead of enticing them to our borders.

We decided that allowing extraordinary damage claims and virtually limitless judgments is counterproductive.

We realized that businesses provide jobs only when they are in business. When they are driven to the brink of bankruptcy, those jobs disappear.

But that isn't all we did. We restored fiscal discipline to state government.

We have re-established an operational audit program to review the efficiency of state agency operations to ensure that taxpayers are getting a dollar's worth of services for each tax dollar they give to state government.

We are moving toward uniform ac counting practices.

All of this is already paying off. Let's look for a moment at some recent positive economic signs here in *The jobless rate has dropped from

*While total employment in Texas acthe United States, our increase has accreated in the entire country in the

*Oil prices have increased about 30 percent from a year ago, triggering a modest revival in the West Texas oilfields where the rig count has increased 43 percent over a year ago.

Our economic development work did not end with the legislative session. It

In the area of high technology, we are

biotechnology.

noticed. It is important to remember that the investments we make today will pay big dividends tomorrow.

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predicting that computer, electronic, in-

strument and aerospace equipment

manufacturers will grow at the rate of

about 3.8 percent a year, producing

We are doing everything possible to

310,000 new jobs by the year 2005.

foster that growth. We have, for exam-

ple, established a \$60 million research

fund that will be used in the next two

years to provide research grants for

Texas universities, or private sector-

university joint venture projects in areas

such as microelectronics and

Our efforts are increasingly being

Obituaries

Esther Lewis

Esther Cynthia Rister Bland veteran) and Mary Cynthia Doss Rister. She moved to this area death. from Corvell County at the age of settled in the Compere community where the home her dad built still and two sisters preceded her in Home Demonstration Club.

of the Merkel area. Nov. 7, 1953 great-grandchildren. she married Ralph Azell Lewis, a Pallbearers were Lawrence widower with one son. He passed Spurgin, Gene Spurgin, Carlton and 11 great-grandchildren. away Feb. 23, 1971. Also pre. Sasser, Macky Spurgin, Orval Ely Davis in who's who sons, a daughter, a grandson, three granddaughters and a great James Morris

Jack Ireland Bland and Bailey died Monday at a Lubbock Lewis, both of Abilene; two Hospital, daughters Mrs. Johnny (Vernell) Graveside services with mili-Huff of Marionville, Miss and Mrs. tary rites were held at 2 p.m. She is an element major at McMurry. (Mary) Bland of Abilene, 18 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and 20 great-great and a host of nieces and nephews. She Elmcrest Baptist Church in Abilene where services were held Oct 27th with Dr. T. C. Melton officiating assisted by Rex Bland, a grandson. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery here.

Pallbearers included John Farris. Leon Constable, Kenneth Corzine, eigh Ferguson, Mike Barnett and nephews were honorary pallbearers R. L. Bland, Pete Bland, Hoyt Bland, R. V. Clark and Dewey Rister.

Oid Threikeld

Oid Deverne Ihrelkeld, bb, of Abilene, died Saturday in Arkan-

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Elliott-Hamill Funeral Home Chapel of Faith with the Rev. Carolton Earp officiating. Burail followed at Elmwood Memorial Park in Abi-

Born in Merkel, he moved from Chicago to Abilene in 1962. He was a retired U. S. Navy

Chief Petty Officer and was a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of the Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife, Anna Marie Carnilla Threl-Sharon Moore of Jacksonville, Ark .: two brothers Joel Dean Threlkeld of Arizona and Arville Edgar Threlkeld of New York.

Lou Spurgin

Lou Viola Spurgin, 84, of the Coronado Nursing Home of Abilene, formerly of the Merkel area, died Oct. 28th in Abilene.

Funeral services were held Oct. 31 at the Grace Presbyterian Church here with Dr. Bob Christian officiating assisted by Bill Proctor. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral

Lewis passed away Oct. 24 at the was the daughter of the late Elijah Egger officiating, directed by the Coronado Nursing Home in Abi- B. Rains and Rebecca (Carr) McCoy Funeral Home. Burial lene She was born Feb. 10, 1897 to Rains. She had married Willie J. followed in the Sweetwater ceme-David Crockett Rister (a civil war Spurgin October 1, 1922 in Jones tery

stands. She was the youngest of 11 Inn of Abilene for several years Legion children of which eight brothers and was active in the Compere. He is survived by his wife,

She married Roscoe Ireland Robert Spurgin of Pensacloa, Monroe, N.C.; two daughters, Bland June 2, 1918 in Abilene, He Fla., Bill Spurgin of Roscoe and Shirley Whitaker Neptune of was a widower with a son and a Clinton Spurgin of Parkersburg, Gilmer and Erlene Whitaker Rich daughter. He died Aug. 21, 1936. W. Va; a daughter Alice Santeblen of Houston; three sisters, Latina The Blands were early settlers of of Knippa, 10 grandchildren and 10 Crawford of Merkel, Ione Chesh-

James A "Jack" Morris Jr., 67,

Born Jan. 4th, 1903 in Blair, she Wednesday with the Rev. Darris

County. He preceeded her in a member of the First United Methodist Church in Sweetwater. She was a member of the Grace A U. S. Navy veteran of World Presbyterian Church here and had War II, he was a member of the worked for the Noodle Schools for Veterans of Foreign Wars, the 14 years. She worked at the Care Elks Lodge and the American

Martha Morris of Trent: a She is survived by three sons; stepson, Earl Whitaker Jr. of ier of Hamlin, and Olete Penzenik of Mineral Wells, 11 grandchildren

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Tillage methods can overcome problems

Controlling weeds, insect and so the debate has been compound- erosion control," says Johnson, plant diseases has been a chal- ed by a serious economic issue. "If 20 to 30 percent of the soil ed considerable debt

turbing the soil with tillage tools, Center in Moline, III. such as plows, but the agricultural

place of tillage practices, and new outlook on how to accomplish 60 percent of the U.S. cropland led many farmers to fear dis- Deere & Company Technical Conservation tillage... any til-

Cattle stocking begins on winter wheat

buying calves to put on winter feedlot." Frame size designations temperatures tend to remain pasture, and the type of animals are referred to as large, medium cooler for a longer period of time they buy will go a long way in or small and are used by the in the spring. The soil is shaded by determining whether or not they USDA teeder cattle grading sys- the residue cover, and the lighter will reap a profit.

Extension Service, The Texas

A & M University System. next spring, the stocker operator higher yield carcass than an these cooler seedbeds.

tential for performing efficiently are concerned, Boleman points lems. that kind of potential compared to preferences. those that might only produce a "Again, feeder cattle buyers paction problems, Johnson says.

timately excel in feed efficiency, average daily gain and carcass characteristice. Visual evaluation of fram size, muscling and breed characteristics help determine the economic outcome of the calf, says the beef cattle specialist.

'Frame size refers to the animal's skeletal size- its height and body length- in relation to its gae," explains Boleman. "These evaluation in feeder calves are directly related to differences in mature sizes of cattle and therefore have an important bearing on the animal's performance in the

lenge for farmers since pre- It is now known that fields surface is covered with plant historic times, but for the past covered with crop residues from residue, soil erosion is often several years farmers have been the previous year erode very reduced by 50 to 75 percent." using chemicals more and more in little, and that presents a whole Actually, Johnson notes, about

these new methods have generat- necessary goals within economic has little or no erosion problem. means, according to Dr. Richard and severe erosion occurs on less Concern about soil erosion has Johnson, senior scientist at the than 10 percent of the farmland.

lage system that leaves at least 30 "Today, farmers recognize that percent of the old crop residue on chemicals they've used as an residue management is a key to the soil surface at planting... is alternative add considerable cost, both long-term profitability and now being used on more than 30 percent of all U.S. cropland. It's a good solution in many cases but it requires a good deal of understanding, Johnson says, because leaving crop residue on the soil st face also brings a whole new s of management challenges along with it.

With conservation tillage, soil color of the residue reflects more The stocker operator must buy According to the specialist, solar radiation than the darker cattle that will grow fast, be muscling in feeder cattle refers to soil. The result is cooler temefficient in feed conversion, and the development of the muscle peratures in the seed placement sell for top dollar," points out Dr. system in relation to skeletal size, zone, and seedling development Larry Boleman, beef cattle spec- Feeders of the same age and can be retarded. The growing ialist with the Texas Agricultural frame size vary in thickness due season is effectively shortened, to differences in bone structure, which can mean lower crop yields.

muscling and degree of fatness. Also, the availability of soil Since the calves from his "Animals with a greater muscle nutrients and soil-borne disease operations will be going to feedlots thickness will normally produce a can also become more critical in

must also consider the value of animal of the same frame size "Careful attention to selecting these animals to the feeder, adds that is narrow throughout," says crop varieties with good spring Boleman. The cattle feeder is Boleman. Muscle thickness is vigor and high seed quality can interested in rate of gain in the classified as to three levels -- No. 1, help offset these conditions." feedlot, feed efficiency, carcass No. 2 and No. 3 and is included in Johnson says. "Choosing a tillage cutability or USDA yield grade, the USDA grades of feeder cattle, system that incorporates some and carcass quality or USDA No. 1 is the most muscular and crop residue, or clears a residuefree band over the seed row can Stockers that have the po- As far as breed characteristics also help minimize these prob-

in the feedlot and producing a out that buyers usually pay the. The residue cover that retards Choice carcass in the 1 to 2 yeild highest prices for crossbred feed- temperature increase also slows grade class will demand top er calves that contain verying evaporation of moisture in the top price," says Boleman. "Buyers percentages of traditional, exotic few inches of soil, so the soil is will often pay \$3 to \$5 more per and Brahman breeding depending usually wetter at planting time hundredweight for calves with on feeding locations and market than it would be with clean tillage. This means more potential com-

Good grade carcass with a yield select animals on the basis of how. This brings some mispercepthey think they will perform in the tions," he warns. "The conser-This means that stocker and feedlot," he adds. "Ideally, they vation farmer may feel he is feeder cattle buyers must use want an animal that will produce reducing overall soil compaction their knowledge and experience to a Choice carcass with a No. 2 problems because he is reducing determine which calves will ul- yield grade. That's the target that the total number of tillage trips. all cattlemen need to shoot at." but in fact he may be making th

problem worse because he is farming the soil when it is wetter. The answer is to stay out of the fields until they have had time to

Incorporation of fertilizer into the soil can also defeat the attempt to leave higher amounts of residue on the surface: "Shanking-in anhydrous ammonia for nitrogen, for instance... the equivalent of one tillage operation. can bury up to 50 percent of the surface residue," Johnson says.

Reducing tillage means relying more on chemical weed control, which can be expensive, Johnson cautions. Several no-till systems even require a preplant application of burndown herbicide to kill existing vegetation, and such systems can require as much as \$20 per acre of additional expense, he says. (no-till is an extreme form of conservation tillage.)

The mulch of residue left for erosion control is also a good habitat for insects, diseases and other pests, he cautions.

Tillage management must be site-specific he stresses. What works in somebody else's field is not necessarily the answer for your field. Heavy bottom soil is usually a poor place for no-till. For hillsides with lighter soils, no-till might be the best answer for controlling erosion.

He points out that a reduced tillage system that doubles chemical costs and risks poluting soild . and water is no answer, and an intensive tillage scheme that results in pulverized soil and high rates of soil erosion is equally undersirable.

The balance is in finding a system that allows a moderate use of chemicals while retaining the flexibility to alter tillage techniques are required by specific sites and crops. You can control both profitability and soil conservation if you understand your



§ Badger quarterback Brit Pursley looks downfield for a receiver in last week's loss to Brady. The Badgers travel to Coahoma Friday for their final game of the 1987 season. Staff photo

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