

TACKLES A BADGER - P. Abalos (No. 40), of the Robert Lee Steers, stops Merkel's Steve West on the 25-yard line. The Badger drive was thwarted by a fumble on the next play. The Badgers won the opener 7-0 Friday night. Staff Photo.

IN SEASON OPENER

Merkel Downs Robert Lee 7-0, Host Winters Blizzards Friday

The Merkel Badgers downed the Robert Lee Steers 7-0, in their season opener, Friday at Robert Lee. The Badgers will play host to the Winters Blizzards here Friday.

Even though the score does not indicate it, the Badgers dominated the running game with Steve West running at will. West carried the ball 29 times for a total of 230 yards, including a 30 yard run for a touchdown that was called back.

Quarterback Jackie Sims completed 2 of 9 passes for 32 yards, with one being good for 27 yards to end David Copeland for Merkel's only touchdown with only one minute remaining in the first

half. John Frazier added the extra point. In the second half Quarterback Jackie Sims hit end David Copeland in the end zone but Copeland could not hold on to the pig skin.

Merkel first downed the Steers 13-3. Merkel had a bad night trying to hold on to the ball as they fumbled 5 times while the Steers fumbled 4 times.

The Steers Quarterback Abalos threw 13 passes and completed 6 for a total yardage of 51 yards.

The Badgers gained 358 yards on the ground with Quarterback Sims picking up 51 and Billy Watts fanning for 67 yards with one of them being a 20 yard dash.

Merkel had 6 penalties for

50 yards, while the Steers had 3 penalties for 25 yards. Merkel had to punt twice while the Steers punted 4 times.

The Badgers defense contained the two powerful Steers running backs Lyn Sockwell and Manual Abalos to a total of only 42 yards between the two. The Badgers dropped Sockwell three times for a loss of 13 yards. Merkel defense dumped Quarterback Abalos of the Steers two times for 16 yards. The Steers dropped Merkel Quarterback Jackie Sims two times for 25 yards.

In other action in 8-A play last week Jim Ned Indians routed the Loraine Bulldogs, 49-0. Albany beat Olney 19-12. And Jayton dropped the Rosecoe Plowboys 16-14.



THROWING A STEER - Merkel Badger Jim Wharton (No. 65) tackles a Robert Lee runner during the Friday night contest which gave the Badgers a 7-0 opening night victory.

Merkel Jr. High Host Anson Thursday

The Jr. Badgers of Merkel Junior High will open this 1974 football season Thursday, September 12, by hosting the Anson Cubs. KICK-OFF time is 5:00 for the 7th grade Jr. Badgers. The Jr. Badgers of the 8th grade will follow at approximately 6:00.

"The Little Purple Gang" will be led this year by the likes of quarterbacks Mike Sims, Craig Hutchings and Dolin Morris; tailbacks Ricky Howes, Joe Treadwell

and Randy Holmes; fullbacks Billy Mashburn and Roger Reed; slotbacks Jay Boyd, Steve Mathewson and Mike Tucker; split ends Roger Dye, Mike Brady, Darryl Harris and Lee Reddin; tight ends Richard Schultz and Kelley Wolf; tackles Thomas Kraatz, Rusty Watts, Maury Moore, Grant Sandusky, Drew Mawson and James Castille; guards David Wharton, Joe Speaks, Johnny Hernandez, Bill Fisher, and Louis Good-

man; and centers David Clyburn and Craig Bowen.

These boys have been working out hard for four weeks without a game and really need the support of the people of Merkel and Tye to back them to victory this year. Everyone is encouraged to come out and watch the Jr. Badgers play Thursday. All the boys on the team are anxious for the season to start and would like to see everyone out for the game."

Cisco Junior College Will Offer Extension Courses Immediately If Enough Students Enroll

Cisco Junior College officials have decided to open extension courses in Merkel provided there is sufficient interest and demand in that geographical area, according to an announcement issued today by Dr. Norman E. Wallace, Jr., CJC President.

The decision was made following an administrative meeting Thursday. Several administrative officers of the college met with representatives of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce at which time the college was asked to explore the possibility of beginning a program immediately in Merkel. The CJC officials agreed to do so providing classes of at least 10 students each could be formed.

CJC Executive Dean Carroll Scott said that four basic college courses would be offered - each meeting on a different night of the week from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., carrying three hours credit. The classes will meet either at the Merkel High School building or at the Merkel Community Center.

Scott said the classes to be held would be History 113 (History of the U.S. to 1865) on Monday evenings, Government 213 (American National Government) on Tuesday, Psychology 113 (General Psychology) on Wednesday, and English 113 (Freshman English - Grammar and Composition) on Thursday nights.

Dr. Wallace told the chamber that "we want to provide education where we are wanted." Wallace went on to explain that the vocational courses would be restricted by the facilities available. "We could not offer a course in welding unless we have facilities available to teach it," he said. But, he said, if the extension courses are well received in Merkel, CJC

will work toward offering any course there is a demand for.

Dr. Wallace said that the college did not want to be in competition with the Merkel Public Schools. "We want to cooperate to the fullest with the school system. Seniors that might want to take some courses while still in high school would have to be recommended to us by the school system. The reason

for this is that we don't want to be in competition with the schools programs," he said.

Ask about how the income would be spent, Dr. Wallace said that it would be unfair and illegal for the school to spend its tax money in Merkel, but that all fees, tuition and state support would be spent locally to support the school. We will try to hire local teachers and that will

turn help the local economy that much, he said.

Wallace said that the college would set up an advisory committee to help set up the courses of study. He pointed out that one reason for the education program on a local basis is to try to keep the young people at home.

Wallace told the chamber that the credits students receive are fully transferrable to a senior college and that the credits received would be resident credits and not extension credits.

Dr. Wallace explained the College's Community Service program. He said that courses like bowling, tennis, square dancing, and guitar can be offered under this program. He said that the cost would be minimal and that if enough enrolled, this could be offered in addition to the academic subjects.

The college's state-supported rates for tuition and fees will be the same in Merkel as in the other CJC extension programs in Clyde, Coleman, Sham, and Dyess AFB, Dean Scott said. One course or three hours will cost \$46.75, six hours \$57.50, nine hours \$69.25, and all four courses, or twelve hours, \$109.00. The student would also have to purchase a book for each course taken, the dean concluded.

Persons in the Merkel area interested in more details may contact Dean Scott in Cisco at 817-442-2567, or may call or see Mr. Benny Melton, manager of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce. The CJC telephone number is 928-5722.

Merkel chamber officials as well as the Cisco Junior College personnel urged interested students to contact them, and to come to the registration on Monday evening, September 23, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Merkel Community Center on South First Street. They emphasized that at least ten students would be needed for each class, but all were optimistic that at least that many would be interested.



MERKEL PEP SUAD - Front row, L to R, Phyllis Shanks, Rhonda Howes, Rhonda Toney, Carrie Law, Becky Watts, Sherrie West, Ronny Trull and Lisa Hughes. Second Row, L to R, Donna White, Susie Rister, Vicki Reddin, Christi Fudge, Pam Fudge, Becky Page, Cindy Hagar and Vicki DuBose. Back Row, L to R, Tonya Moore, Clesta Cochran, Wanda Braune, Mary Goodman, Dorothy Constable, Kim Satterwhite and Linda Justice. (Photo by Troy Barnes)

Neilon Ely Actor In McMurry Play

Neilon Ely will play Jonah and Phillip Brewer will handle the other parts in "It Shouldn't Happen to a Dog" which has been cast at McMurry College by theater director Jo B. Guthrie.

The one act play, by Wolf Mankowitz, is a comedy retelling the story of biblical Jonah going to Ninevah. Ms. Guthrie says it will be done in modern dress.

Dr. Thomas K. Kim, McMurry president, has asked that the play be produced for a group of United Methodist ministers meeting soon. Then Ms. Guthrie plans to tour it to area churches and other settings.

Ely and Brewer both had important roles in such plays as "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" and "J.B." at McMurry last year.

A sophomore from Merkel, Ely is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely. He is majoring in theater and minoring in English at McMurry.

Brewer is a sophomore political science major and economics minor from Midland. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Homer Brewer.

Early Pledges Being Received For Round-up

With refreshing rains falling throughout most of Texas this past week, renewed enthusiasm for fall planting and fall events was evident everywhere. The Cattlemen's Round-Up for Crippled Children chairman, Charlie Morris, was one of those that showed more than a spark of optimism. Morris stated that early pledges have started to come for the Round-Up sales which will be held starting September 30th with the Cattle Sale at the Ranchers and Farmers Auction in Abilene.

Early pledges that had arrived to date included the Nine Bar Ranch sire bull from Cypress, registered Short-horn bull from MSM Ranch in Lindale, purebred Charolais bull from the Howard Martindale Estate, and the Walsh Ranches in Aledo. Morris said over fifty head have been pledged during the first week of the Round-Up and See ROUND-UP Pg. 5, Col. 5

YMCA Representative To Scouting Roundup Be In F&M Bank Friday Kicks Off Sept. 12

Merkelites will have an opportunity to join the Abilene YMCA this Friday in Merkel. A representative of the "Y" will be in the Farmers and Merchants National Bank from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. to sign up persons interested in joining and to answer questions concerning the many programs offered by the YMCA. The representative will be Mrs. Dale Stallings. Persons not able to be in the bank Friday, may ask Don Hensley, president of the bank, for information.

The YMCA is offering a new class starting Sept. 17 on Pre-natal Exercise. The group will meet each Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. in the YMCA Social Hall. The sessions will include prenatal exercises, breathing exercises and information about diet control.

The goals of the new program are to provide class participants a supervised and regular exercise period, to establish a continuing dialogue between YMCA staff involved in the program and Abilene obstetricians, encourage participants to follow recommended diets throughout pre-natal period, and to develop self-confidence and positive attitude about approaching delivery.

Cost of the program, to run for 12-weeks, is \$3 for 'Y' members and \$12 for non-members. Mrs. Stallings will be in charge of the program.

The YMCA offers a variety of programs for members. Among these are Indian guides, teen night, Hi-Y/Tri-Hi-Y, counseling services, swimming classes, lifesaving and many others.

Some of the activities at the 'Y' are ballet, gymnastics, karate, kindergym, men's fitness, tumbling & trampoline, women's exercise, swim classes and lifesaving.

The game room contains table tennis, pool, air hockey and bumper pool equipment.

Family Night is held each Friday from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in the entire building (pool, gym, & pool room).



MRS. DALE STALLINGS ...asst. physical director

The Abilene YMCA operates both a fine Men's Health Club and an outstanding Health Club for Women. In addition to an excellent physical facility, the clubs offer individual programs from a friendly professional staff who tend to your every health need. Whether persons are interested in trimming pounds, developing cardiovascular endurance or just feeling better, the Y's two Health Clubs are an excellent place to start.

A carefully screened staff of instructors, masseurs, masseuses, and program specialists are given professional leadership by two recognized health leaders, Mike Osborn, Physical Director, and Dale Stallings, Assistant Physical Director.

NOTICE
THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE BASEBALL PROJECT MONDAY NIGHT AT THE ASTEROID.

Hermleigh Rips Trent, 38-6

The Hermleigh Cardinals scored in every quarter to romp past the Trent Gorillas, 38-6 Friday at Hermleigh.

Tailback Pete Garcia scored from the 20 and again from the 15 in the first quarter, then Ronnie Roemisch rambled in from eight yards out to give the hosts a 18-0 lead in the first half.

Trent got its lone score on a 15-yard pass from Tommy Stevens to Bobby Brazelton.

In the third period, Roemisch set up his own four-yard TD run with a 30-yard interception return, then he scored in the fourth period on a 30-yard run. He also ran the PAT.

Final score came on an eight-yard pass from Robert Luna to Ricky Stahl. Mike Kruger kicked the PAT.

Miss Tarpley Elected President

Ghrona Tarpley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. (Babe) Tarpley of Route 1, Merkel has been elected President of the North Texas Marketing Association for the 74-75 school year. Miss Tarpley is a senior marketing major at North Texas State University. Last year, Ghrona was vice president of the organization. The election was held in April.

The North Texas Chapter is the second largest collegiate chapter of the American Marketing Association. Last year the club had 293 members. Dr. Jack Stallings is faculty sponsor.

Miss Tarpley is also second vice president of the Council of Business Students. She is in charge of coordinating the public relations of all the business clubs on campus as well as arranging publicity for the organizations.

Serving her second year on the Dean's Executive Advisory Council. She is one



...NIMA president

of four students on the council. It is composed of executives on a national basis, faculty and students. Miss Tarpley is also a member of Phi Chi Theta, a national

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Lambda Beta Meeting Held

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Mrs. Craig Jones on September 3, 1974. A business meeting was conducted by president Pat Castille. Roll call was answered by naming "the best mannered" person you ever met. Jo Moore was chosen as Lambda Beta's Valentine Sweetheart 1974-75. She will be presented at the Sweetheart Ball on February 15th, 1975 by last year's Valentine Sweetheart Mrs. Larry Teaff. Mrs. Moore's picture

will be sent to Abilene, Kansas where it will then be sent to California to be judged for an International Beta Sigma Phi Queen. A program entitled "Manners" was presented by Captain-Minion Seymour and Co-Captain - Betty Coker. Present: Mmes. Jim Alliday, Rosey Castille, J. H. Jr. Clark, Obie Coker, Paula Douglass, Harold Hobbertz, Craig Jones, Billy Bob Neff, Phil Seymour, Larry Teaff, Lee Yaddow.



WINS BIKE - Kelly Wolf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wolf, won the 10-speed bicycle given away Saturday during Trades Day activities. The bicycle was given by the Baseball Project Committee. Kelly, who had purchased only one ticket said this was the first time he had ever won anything.



MERKEL CHEERLEADERS - Backing the Badgers all the way this year are front row, L to R, Becky Rister and Gayla Toliver, head cheerleader. Back row, L to R, Jody Barnes, Patty Toney and Jerre Kay Smith. (Photo by Troy Barnes)

E.L. Tarpley's Receive Guests

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. (Babe) Tarpley had as guests over the Labor Day weekend Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gregory, Lisa and Todd of Merkel. Mr. and Mrs. Garth Gregory, Scott, and Craig, and Mrs. Stella Tarpley, all of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gregory, all of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stevens, Jr., and Starlene and Tonya of South Community, Mrs. J. E. Stevens Sr. and John of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Tarpley of Lubbock. Babe and Billie are hosts annually on Labor Day weekend to many friends and relatives. Many enjoy hunting, "42", and dominoes and mounds of food. The event lasts 3 days and most every one gets a turn doing dishes or cooking. The only casualty this year being one chipped plate and one broken door glass, were very minor, compared to the fellowship all enjoyed. The Tarpleys are looking forward to next Labor Day weekend.

Garden Club Coffee Sept. 19

The Merkel Garden Club will meet Thursday, Sept. 19, at 9:00 a.m. for a Coffee at 411 Oak St. Hostesses will be Miss. Christine Collins and Mrs. Mack Fisher. Members are urged to be present.

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13-16 - 1. Melody Allen, 2. Terry Gamburger, 3. Jesse Sparks, 4. Creg Hutchings, 5. Shelli Stout.
17 and Over - 1. Lynn Dokey, 2. Barbara Whisen-

hunt, 3. Randy Bond, 4. Joe Golson, 5. Benny Melton.
Roping
1. Don Dudley, 2. Walter Henslee.
Ribbon Roping
1. Randy Bond-Jay Gibson.
Head and Heeling
1. Walter Henslee-Willard Allen, 2. Willard Allen-Walter Henslee, 3. Randy Bond-Benny Melton, 4. Don Dudley-Allen Frazier.

Boot Race
5 and Under - 1. Mike Dokey
2. Lucy Masonheimer, 3. Cristy Cherry, 4. Kyle Coker, 5. Michael Boyd.
6-8 - 1. James Allday, 2. Kevin Coker, 3. Ken Hogan, 4. Jay Gibson, 5. Robbie Williams.

Barrels
8 and Under - 1. Jay Gibson, 2. Donny Mallard, 3. Mike Dokey.
9-12 - 1. Tamarah Golson, 2. Leslie Masonheimer, 3. Lisa Dokey, 4. Ann Melton, 5. Jan Melton.
13-16 - 1. Susie Toombs, 2. Penny Hatfield, 3. Creg Hutchings, 4. Charles Hatfield, 5. Melody Allen.
17 and Over - 1. Mary B. Phillips, 2. Jarrett Pinckley, 3. James Dean and Jim Allday (tie), 4. Randy Bond, 5. Joe Golson.

Flags
8 and Under - 1. Jay Gibson, 2. James Allday.
9-12 - 1. Tamarah Golson, 2. Dee Dee Masonheimer, 3. Sherri Williams, 4. Lisa Dokey and Jan Melton (tie), 5. Ann Melton.
13-16 - 1. Melody Allen, 2. Susie Toombs, 3. Jessie Sparks, 4. Penny Hatfield, 5. Charles Hatfield.
17 and Over - 1. Jarrett Pinckley and Jim Allday (tie), 2. James Dean, 3. Lynn Dokey, 4. Mary B. Phillips, 5. Randy Bond.

Poles
8 and Under - 1. Donny Mallard.
9-12 - 1. Tamarah Golson, 2. Sherri Williams, 3. Leslie Masonheimer, 4. Lisa Dokey, 5. Jan Melton.
13-16 - 1. Susie Toombs, 2. Melody Allen, 3. Jesse Sparks, 4. Charles Hatfield, 5. Penny Hatfield.

CUB SCOUTS WANTED

Boys ages 8-10 are needed to join the Cub Scouts, Monday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Scout Hut. Come join the fun.

MERKEL-TYE School Menu

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

Braised Beef Cakes with Brown Gravy, Buttered Rice, Celery and Carrot Sticks, Peach Cobbler, Hot Rolls and Milk

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

Sloppy Joe's, Pinto Beans, Pickle Relish, Sliced Onion, Peanut Butter Stripes, Orange Juice and Milk.

MONDAY, SEPT. 16

Chicken Fried Steak, Cream Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Chocolate w/Fluffy Frosting, Hot Rolls and Milk

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17

Tacos with Sauce, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Pear Halves and Milk.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18

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Dated: 30 August, 1974
J. W. Hooker, Owner
28-4tc

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF INCORPORATION WITHOUT CHANGE OF NAME
West Texas Fair Association of Abilene, Texas, an unincorporated Association, has incorporated without change of the firm name. The date of the incorporation, was August 14th, 1974.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas - GREETING:
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.
CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: Charles Melvin Richey Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 14 day of October A.D. 1974, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 30 day of August A.D. 1974 in this cause, numbered 9744-DR on the docket of said court and styled Mary Kathleen Richey, Plaintiff, vs. Charles Melvin Richey, Defendant.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: parties were married on or about February 17, 1967 and separated on or about July 22, 1967; one child under the age of eighteen years of age being Nancy Ann Richey, 5-20-67, now residing with maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pinkston, Andrews, Texas; no community property was accumulated during this marriage other than personal effects; as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 3rd day of September A.D. 1974. (SEAL)
Attest: Irene Crawford, Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas; By Sandra Van Cleave, Deputy. 29-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JAMES O. MILLER, DECEASED
NOTICE is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of JAMES O. MILLER, Deceased, were issued to me the undersigned, on the 28th day of August, A.D. 1974, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered, in the County below named, are hereby required to present the same to me respectively, at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the General Statutes of Limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. My residence and address is Route 4, Box 116, Abilene, Texas, 79601.
DATED this 28th day of August, A. D. 1974.
SIBYL E. MILLER
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NOTICE OF INTENDED TRANSFER
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The corporation will assume all of the debts of the transferor, and the transferor will receive nothing from the transaction except shares in the corporation which will be subordinate to the claims of creditors of the corporation.
Dated: September 4, 1974.
J. W. HOOKER
West Texas Coffee and Equipment Company
West Texas Coffee and Equipment Company, Inc.,
By J. W. HOOKER, 29-2tc

Halloween Carnival
The First United Methodist Church will hold its annual Halloween Carnival Oct. 26th.
Any organization or church can set up a booth free of charge, so they should be thinking of what kind of booth they would like to set up.
More details will be announced later.

Senior Citizens
The Senior Citizens met for their monthly luncheon. A report was read by the Secretary and Treasurer Mrs. E. R. Clack.
Irl Walker reported work that had been done on the building and also reported plans had been made to paint the front of the building. It was also reported that the luncheon and garage sale on Trades Day was successful.
Police Chief Broussard and wife were visitors. He made a very interesting talk on how our police force could help Senior Citizens and ways they could help our policemen.

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'GORILLA GRAFFITI'

By Mrs. Dean King



The Trent Band Boosters were organized on Sept. 3, for the new year. With 11 members present, Mrs. Eulan Hatfield was elected Pres-

ident and Mrs. Ronnie Freeman was elected Secretary. The Band Boosters voted to send out letters to band students' parents concerning the care of band suits and to allow the band suits to be taken home by the individual students this year. Various projects were discussed, and it was decided that the Band Booster Club sell baked potatoes at all the home football games again this year. The ultimate goal of the fund-raising projects of the Trent band and the Booster Club will be a trip to Six Flags toward the end of the year. The band went to Six Flags two years ago, and with a little luck, this is the year they can go again.

Membership to the Band Booster Club will be the same as last year: \$1.00 to be a booster; and \$5.00 Family membership entitles everyone in the family to attend the concerts free of charge. Those who too \$5.00 Family memberships at the initial meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Beasley, and Mr. and Mrs. Dean King. The band students would really appreciate your support.

Mrs. Marty Findley, Band Director, announced that the band participated in the West Texas Fair Parade on Sept. 7, and played "Everything's Coming Up Roses" along with the "Fight Song".

The Student Council sponsored a "Backwards & Wrong Side Out" Day last Friday and there were really some sights to see! Those who didn't show School Spirit by cooperating with the Student Council were asked to pay a penalty in the Pep Rally

at 3:15: to sing the school song BACKWARDS. After much thought and concentration, the group turned their backs to the audience - and sang it from the top! Pretty ingenious...but the corker was that Business Manager Clayton Brazelton had suffered through all day wearing his boots on the wrong foot...only to have his "spirit" go unnoticed...so he had to entertain at the Pep Rally anyway!

Presented for the first time at this pep rally was the new Band Banner, which was made by two Junior girls, Patricia Boyd and Pamela King, with the help of Mrs. Bruce Thomas, Home Economics teacher. The banner is of blue felt with gold fringe and gold lettering, that reads, "Trent Band... The Bold Gold". It was carried in front of the band in the parade by Joyce Moses and Melody Allen Saturday. The "Spirit Stick" was won by the second graders, charges of Miss Martha Bever, due to their winning poster.

The Gorillas, who journeyed to Hiramleigh with a huge following, were defeated in score (38-6) but not in spirit. This week is another week and all the guys will be back in there trying as they meet Ira Bulldogs at Trent Stadium at 8:00. Tom Stevens was injured in the game and experienced a couple of days' discomfort - but he is getting around better now, and we are all glad for that. He put out a great effort Friday night with a 15-yard pass to Jimmy Adams, accounting for Trent's lone score.

Some exes who stopped by Jordan's Restaurant to visit with the Trent bunch were Ty Martin (Farleton), Gayla Healy (Odessa College), and Judy Brnovak and Bill Griffith (Angelo State).

Our best wishes are extended to Mrs. Billy Wayne Hamner who is recuperating from surgery in the West Texas Hospital in Abilene. As of this writing, we have just had a good report on her condition from her husband... and for this, we are grateful. We hope she will be back home with us very soon.

Mrs. Dale Deen (nee Rebecca Gregory) was honored with a bridal shower last Saturday night in the home of Mrs. Layne Wells, hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Wells, Mrs. John Hamner, Mrs. Billy Wayne Hamner, Mrs. Dean King, Mrs. Joe Alexander, Mrs. A. A. Holt, Mrs. Hollis Jones, Mrs. J.E. Stevens, Mrs. Othell O'Kelley and Mrs. Opel Kalpatrick. Wedding gifts were on display, and guests were served cake with blue and white bells atop, nuts, mints and punch. A host of well-wishers were in attendance.

Pictures are being made this week at the school for the annual - and things are quite hectic. But, of course, think like this are a part of the whole school "picture."

Don't forget - Trent Jr. High football team, which is coached by Coach Bruce Thomas, will play their first game Tuesday night, Sept. 17, at Lueders-Avoca beginning at 7:00 p.m.

TARPLEY

Continued From Page 1 honor fraternity for women in business, the American Marketing Association, and actively helping form the North Texas Business Alumni Society.

Miss Tarpley lives in Dallas and commutes daily to North Texas State University in Denton. She is employed by El Fenix Restaurant as a part-time waitress and by Maury Schermann & Associates as a saleswoman during the Women's and Children's Ready-to-Wear markets at the Apparel Mart in Dallas.



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Bridesmaid Luncheon Held In Abilene

Joyce Kay Hogan, bride-elect of Jerry Sanders was honored at a Bridesmaid luncheon at Jamiaca Inn Saturday, September 7. Hostess was Mrs. Jack Hogan.

In a dimly lit room with

lovely decor, a dinner table overlaid with a white linen cloth, looked lovely with an epergne centerpiece arranged with rich yellow roses.

The luncheon prayer was written in gold on parchment paper and placed with the plate favors.

Those present were Joyce Hogan and her mother, Mrs. Tom Hogan of Noodle, Tex.; bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Alton Sanders of Winnert, Tex.; Mrs. Cathie Kelly of Stamford, Tex. and Mrs. Terry Sanders of Fort Worth, Tex.

Miss Hogan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan and Jerry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Sanders will unite in marriage Saturday, Sept. 14 in the United Methodist Church in Merkel.

Personals

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Jones Sunday and Mrs. Jones' cousin and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Gus Brandon of Cross Plains.

Dr. and Mrs. Tim Fagan of Houston were Labor Day weekend visitors with her mother, Mrs. Allen D. King and other relatives, sister Mrs. C. M. Seymour and Family and brother Hugh King and family.

ROUND-UP

Continued From Page 1 said this was a good start but still was a long way to go before enough livestock was pledged to equal the \$150,000 needed in this year's Round-Up.

The Cattlemen's Round-Up for Crippled Children, held for the benefit of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in Abilene which serves the handicapped from the Southwest, is the original Round-Up of livestock for any charity. Morris stated there had been many duplications but it was impossible for any other institution to duplicate the broad spectrum of services being delivered.

Homemakers To Have Speaker

The Taylor County Young Homemakers will meet Thursday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Merkel High School.

The program will be presented by Mr. Frank Fruit of The Abilene Reporter-News.

Secret pals will be revealed at this meeting. Members are urged to attend.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor: I am setting here at the Asteroid waiting for a meeting of the Baseball Project. It's now 8 o'clock and not one single parent present. Guess if you want something done, you have to do with little help. There has been one group in Trent, None in Trent about four or five in Merkel that have been faithful, like the John Bradys, the Freemans, David and the Don Glascocks. Sure gets discouraging trying to get a ball park here. Sure would like to see more parents out to these meetings.

Does lack of interest of parents build a ball park? No, but we still are going ahead with plans even if it takes year 1976. We have had plenty of advertising from the Merkel Mail and the local radio station (KWA). Now we need the support of you parents.

One cannot love Christ without caring about the youth of our town. Christian faith and Christian service cannot be separated. Faith that does not express itself in action, is not genuine or alive. It's dead!

You know everyone gives off some kind of signals (impressions) about himself. You get so you can almost feel or hear these signals. Please, let's build a ball park! This kind of makes you wonder sometimes if it is worth it all. Then you look and see some of the things going on in this town. No kind of amusement or even a ball park for the youth to play ball on.

J. C. Carson
900 Avondale
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WWI Veterans Meet Sept. 17

World War I Barracks and Ladies Auxiliary will have their regular meeting Tuesday, September 17 at the REA Building at 6:30 p.m.

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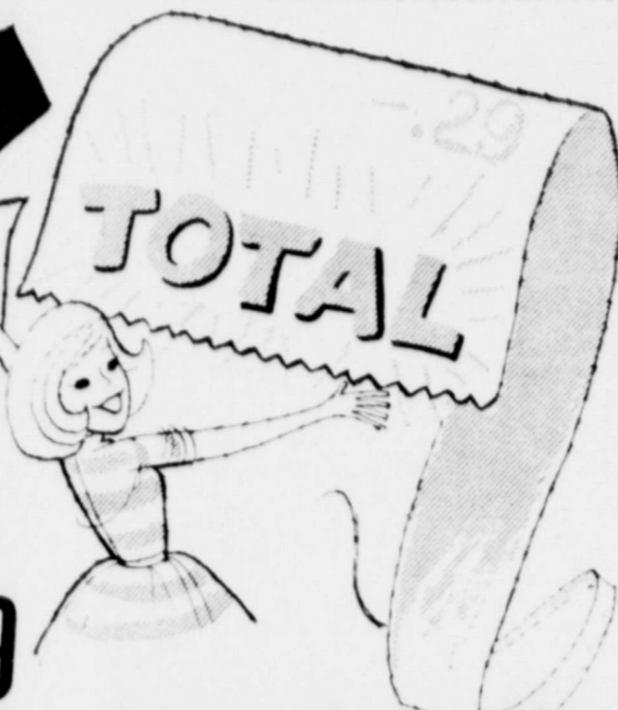
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