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Jr. Badgers Beat Rotan

The Jr. Badgers were off to a slow start at first. But after they stretched out and had the situation in hand, they couldn't be stopped. Due to unfortunate weather, the game was called in the fourth quarter, with the Little Purple Gang leading 20-0.

The defense was tremendous, only allowing the Yellowhammers to cross the 50-yd. line only once. Led by Nicky Carter, Garth Doan, Ronny Whisenhunt, Brad Pursley, Dwayne English, Hector Ascencio, Grant Murrell, Donny Riggan, Rudy Biera, Thomas Jones, Mike Frazier, Davis Lee and Jesse Sparks, the defense was a gang tackling machine. "They kept Rotan on their end of the field most of the time," said Coach George Martin.

Merkel's first possession saw the Jr. Badgers punting on fourth down. Rudy Biera got a 35 yd. punt off which put Rotan in the hole. Then the defense took over. The next possession saw the Jr. Badgers take the pigskin all the way with Davis Lee going 8 yds. to score. Score, Merkel 6 and Rotan 0.

At half time, it stood Jr. Badgers 6, Rotan 0. The start of the second half saw the Jr. Badgers put an awesome display of ball control. Scoring came in the third quarter with

Donnie Riggan taking the ball around left end from 2 yds. out. Score, Merkel 12, Rotan 0.

The defense held Rotan in check until early in the fourth quarter when Brad Pursley took a screen pass from Riggan and following his blockers downfield scored from 30 yds. out. Jesse Sparks made the extra point and the score stood Merkel 20 Rotan 0. About this time a bad cloud came up and the game was called with Merkel winning 20-0.

"We need to point out that it was an overall team effort that won, said Coach Martin. The backs know without linemen like Hector Ascencio, Rudy Biera, Nicky Carter, Dwayne English, Garth Doan, Grant Murrell, Mike Frazier and Thomas Jones it would be impossible for them to score. So we're looking forward to next game Sept. 11, when the Jr. Badgers invade Anson and try the Tigers. Everyone is encouraged to come out and see a fine ball game."

7th Wins at Rotan 16-8

The Merkel 7th grade team beat Rotan at Rotan Sept. 5, by a score of 16-8.

Rotan scored first in the first quarter of play but the Merkel defense lead by Rusty Watts, Thomas Kraatz and Russell Sittler "toughened up." Later in the first quarter Craig Hutchings scored on a 70 yd. punt return -- the 2 point conversion was run by Ricky Howes. This tied the score at 8-8 as the first quarter ended.

In the second quarter, Ricky Howes swept left end for a 35 yd. touchdown. The 2 point conversion was a pass from quarterback Mike Sims to Craig Hutchings. This made the score 16-8.

The second half was played with Merkel 7th controlling the ball. As the game ended Merkel was on the Rotan 5 yd. line.

The 7th grade played Anson 7th at Anson Tuesday, but the results weren't in at press time.

"It was a good game. Everyone played well, yet we still have a lot of work ahead," said Coach Bob Russell.

Seventh grade Badger players are: Jay Boyd, Kevin Hines, Randy Holmes, Ricky Howes, Billy Mashburn, Maury Moore, Dolin Morris, Russell Sittler, Joe Speaks, Rusty Watts, Kelley Wolf, Clay Pannell, Bill Fisher, Darryl Harris, Johnny Hernandez;

Also, Craig Hutchings, Clell Murray, Lee Reddin, Roger Reed, Richard Schultz, Mike Sims, Craig Bowen, Mike Brady, David Burfiend, David Clyburn, Thomas Kraatz, Grant Sandusky, Joe Treadwell, Mike Tucker, Louis Goodman, Drew Mawson, managers. Coach: Bob Russell



THE 1973 FOOTBALL SEASON will open for the Merkel Badgers Friday night at 8 p.m. when the Badgers travel to Winters to take on the Blizzards. The Badgers hope to improve their 0-10 record of last year. (Photo by Connie Harris)

Merkel Badgers Open '73 Season At Winters

There are some new faces but competition is from 'way back. The name of the game is Football and the Badgers are out to gain victory.

"Our boys have a good attitude, they've shown effort and enthusiasm. We want to and feel that we CAN win," said Coach Paul Woodfin.

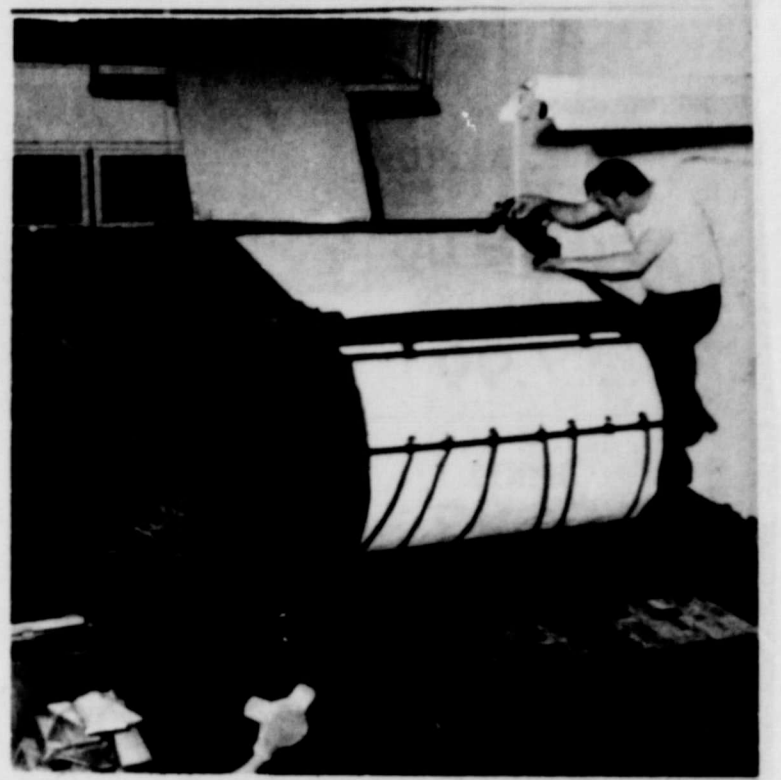
Merkel's team is young and strong, consisting mainly of juniors. The returning seniors are Junior Ascencio, guard and linebacker; Jimmy Land, fullback and linebacker; Larry Toliver, tight end and defensive end; and Jeff Cox, graduated end; and Jeff Cox, quarterback and safety.

Coach Chili Black's Blue Blizzards were badly beaten by Clyde last Friday night, 36-7. Their only score was attributed to a fumble by the Bulldogs. Sta N Tatom called the plays for Winters, as he will in the Badger challenge.

Twenty-two boys make up Merkel's varsity team; four seniors, eleven juniors, and seven sophomores. They have a strong line and fair speed.

"Winters has a fine team, real aggressive defense but if we can avoid costly mistakes, it should be a fine game," states Coach Woodfin.

Game time is 8 p.m. Although this conflict will be non-conference, the stakes are high; the winning cleats will gain ground toward district victory.



CECIL PLYLER...one of last press runs

'End of Era' Seen As Mail Goes Offset

By LAVONNE BUNCH

Another chapter has ended in the story of the Merkel Mail. This week, advanced technology has overtaken one of the oldest established businesses in Taylor County. Offset printing, a process whereby photography is used to reproduce type and copy, is now being used to print the Merkel Mail.

It all began, "Once upon a time," in 1889 when the news medium was definitely a pioneer in West Texas. The struggle through infancy saw many chapters written in history; the flourish and fall of business empires, the giant railway expansion, the oil boom, the diabolic downfall of a college and the big Kabooey--the crash of the stock market.

The Mail issued pleas for help in Bond drives, scrap and paper drives, in an effort of peace when the war broke out. Then came a brief period of peace and prosperity when the old hot metal printing process rolled out news of the inception of the R.E.A. and telephone and television communications. Reporting the adventure of space travel was the next echelon. Births, achievements and the deaths of men, great and small, have been covered by the Merkel Mail.

"Yes, the publishing world has seen many changes," said Wren Durham, whose father owned the 'paper' in the early 1920's. "I've set straight matter by hand. We had a saying, 'Hold the stick and follow the copy or it will blow out the window.'" Mr. Durham helped operate the venture before becoming Merkel's Postmaster, a position he held until retirement. He adds, "If printers ink gets on the hands, it can never be washed off."

Co-publishers, Steve Lanham and Cecil Plyler are proof of this statement. Both men are employed by the Abilene Reporter News as veteran newsmen. They purchased the Mail in October of 1971, and have constantly sought to present an even better paper.

The Mail's location is being moved across the street from its present site, to occupy two stone units. Equipment has been purchased for the new printing process and plans are underway for an office supply store and of course, job printing is available.

Merkel's offsprings are scattered all over the world; many of these sentimental folks subscribe to and read their home-town paper as "good news from a far country," as the Mail covers segments of community life.

Editor Kaye Lanham states, "The new offset process will offer the advertisers more versatility, pictures will be sharper. The print will be easier on the eyes, to our many readers, both near and far."

Merkelites Win at Fair

Merkel was well represented in the awards given at West Texas Fair, Ribbons and prizes were presented in many divisions and classes.

Mike Warren won 1st in Bristol Glass, 3rd in pressed colored glass. He has a 1st in silver and a 3rd in antique wood articles. He also won a blue ribbon for opalescent and one

for antique hotpin holders. Mrs. B. M. Yeckert received a 1st for antique English Earthenware, second in Opalescent and 3rd in wave-crest.

Other Merkel winners include: Philip Pursley 2nd in decoupage. Mrs. Jean Woods, second in handmade flowers.



CHURCH ANNIVERSARY--Pictured above is the Noodle Baptist Church which will celebrate its Golden Anniversary Sunday. A special invitation has been extended to former members and pastors to help celebrate the 50 anniversary of the church. (Photo by LaVonne Bunch)

Noodle Baptist Church To Hold 50th Anniversary

Once in a lifetime comes a golden anniversary! Sunday, September 16, marks that special date for the Noodle Baptist Church. It was on a bright day, September 16, 1923, when a group of rural Baptist people met to organize a mission, with the Reverend J.D. Reeves acting as moderator.

First officers elected were W. C. Witt, secretary; Terrell Winter and Wiley Roundtree, deacons. Mr. Roundtree was selected as official moderator.

The Reverend George Scott came as pastor; the congregation began meeting on the third Sunday of each month. The Reverend F. A. Pope preached the dedication sermon on December 20, 1925 in a building on land obtained from C. T. Derrick.

The church became "half-time" in 1937, becoming full-fledged in later years with an average membership of 45-50.

In 1948, the present building was erected, with aid from the Baptist association. Members, with the Reverend L. V. Rat-

liff, did the actual construction of the building. Henry Littleton was area missionary.

Present pastor, Elton Stary, extends an invitation to all former pastors and members to participate in the observance of the anniversary. A covered dish lunch will be served in the Noodle Community Center.

Mrs. Hale Retires

Suth News, by Mrs. Fritz Hale, will no longer be featured in The Merkel Mail.

Mrs. Hale began her column in January of 1959 and it will be missed by area readers. Persons with news in the Suth Community are urged to call 928-5712.

If anyone would be interested in writing the column, call The Merkel Mail.

Jack Pate Buried

Jack Pate, 61, died at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, in West Texas Medical Center after a long illness. Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Saturday in Trent Baptist Church.

Burial was in Garden of Memories in Trent under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Pate was born March 10, 1912, in Electra and moved to Weatherford with his parents as a child. He married Lora Hail Aug. 5, 1934, in Merkel. He served in the armed services in World War II.

Mr. Pate had recently worked for Ferrier Brothers heavy construction company of Seymour. He retired in 1970 because of ill health and moved to Trent.

Survivors are his wife; his mother, Mrs. Minnie Chamberlain of Weatherford; two brothers, Alford Pate of Weatherford and Earl Dean Pate of Hillsboro; two sisters, Mrs. Lucille Spracklen and Mrs. Clarence McBride, both of Weatherford.

In the youth division of the American Quarterhorse Show, Patricia Boyd placed 2nd in poles. Johnny Gray took a fifth ribbon for reining.

Don McDonald and "Spanish Moss," owned by Wymon Wilkerson, took a 3rd place ribbon in the halter division and 6th in the senior cutting event. McDonald also showed a horse belonging to Tony Melloy for a 5th place in the yearling cutting class.

Booster Club Met Monday

Merkel Booster Club met Monday at 7:30 p.m., at the Taylor Electric Co-op building where they heard the coaches give information about forthcoming games and players. Highlights of the Rotan game was given; Merkel's 7th grade won 18-6 and the 8th grade was 20-0 victor over the Yellowhammers.

Vincent Barnett and Don King will captain teams to enlist members to join the Booster Club. Anyone interested in the Club, should contact one of these men for information.

Open House

The public is invited to an open house at the Charles Jacobs' on Sunday, Sept. 16 from 2-4 p.m.

The Hostesses

New Manager of Asteroid Likes Merkel

By LAVONNE BUNCH

Joan Claybaugh likes the friendliness of Merkel. "All the shops are owned by someone's cousin who greets one as an old friend," she says in her chippy English accent. "I've returned 'Hi' to so many strangers; very unlike the formality of the north."

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Claybaugh are the managers of the Asteroid Motel and are happy to be living so near their only child, Linda, who is married to H-SU baseball player, Pete Gill.

A native of Harrisburg, Pa., Gene is retired from the Air

Force, where he spent several tours abroad. It was on his first tour of duty to England, that he met Joan, a young secretary from Cardiff, South Wales.

Their home is filled with mementos from other countries; of special interest are the silver and porcelain heirlooms of the family.

It is evident that Joan Claybaugh has been Americanized, as has Mandy, their 11 year old French Poodle.

"Don't be fooled by Mandy's nationality nor her Texas friendliness," says Gene Claybaugh, "she still barks with a cockney accent."



MOTEL MANAGERS -- Newcomers to Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Claybaugh, are managing the Asteroid Motel. Claybaugh and his English born wife, Joan, are delighted with the friendliness of Merkelites. Pictured with them is Mandy, their French poodle. (Photo by LaVonne Bunch)



COMPOSING THE JUNIOR VARSITY AND FRESHMEN team this season will be from left to right bottom row; Mike Henry 10, John Crain 22, Stanley West 11, Mark Steinhart 35, and John Biera, manager. Second row, Dana James 81, Mark Shaw 33, Bart Whisenhunt 51 and Steve Tarpley 20. Top row, Keith Austerman 30, Bert McMurray 42, Roger Doan 78, and Glen Braune 52.

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BADGER TRACKS

By JANIE CLARK

Well, this is the first week of many weeks of Badger football games. Everyone is so excited, it's unbelievable, I want to wish the Badgers, "Lots of luck"—may this be the first of many victorious games in the 1973 season.

GORILLA GROWL

By CINDY BEASLEY

All the classes have now elected officers. They are: Seniors: President - Gayla Healy; Vice President - Susan Carter; Secretary - Peggy Watson; Treasurer - Tina Hamner. Juniors: President - Cindy Beasley; Vice President - Mike Chavez; Secretary - Rebecca Freeman; Treasurer - Jan Beck.

Sophomores: President - Cathy Carter; Vice President - Patricia Boyd; Secretary - Treasurer - Pam King. Freshmen: President - Shirley Brenem; Vice President - Alan Morse; Secretary - Brenda Griffith; Treasurer - Teri Hamner; Historian - Gary Gregory.

The Juniors are having a trash haul this Saturday. Any one needing their trash hauled please contact a Junior officer. The Gorillas played a very rough game against Hermleigh Friday night, although they were defeated, they looked good. We are all expecting a great show from them this Friday night at 7:30 to back the Gorillas.

Monday the FHA girls had a watermelon supper to welcome the freshmen girls into the chapter. Tuesday was picture day and it was a very hectic day. Everyone was so dressed up that they were hardly recognizable! See ya' next week!

games in the 1973 season.

Last Saturday, the Merkel High School Band participated in the annual West Texas Fair parade. Although the Band didn't "place", valuable experience was gained and they now have a Participation '73 trophy. Many Merkelites who attended the parade said the MHS Band did great but I wonder if they were just a little bit prejudice.

We don't know yet if Cindy Whisenhunt won the Fair Sweetheart contest; the announcement will be made after the Merkel Mall goes to press, but I bet Cindy is one of the top choices.

The Pep Squad elected officers. They are: President - Jeanina Griffith; Secretary - Rosemary Duran; Reporter - Virginia Williams.

Be sure and come to the Pep Rally and on to the game Friday for some thrilling action.

See ya' next week!

TCY Homemakers Meet Thursday

Taylor County Young Homemakers will meet Thursday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Roland Pack. All members are urged to attend.

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Engagements Told

Reed-Drifggers

Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Driggers of Pecos have announced the engagement of their daughter, Judith Ann, to Alan Glen Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Reed of Merkel.

Miss Driggers, formerly of Odessa, was a graduate of Arlington High School in 1970. She was a member of the Odessa and Arlington High Band and an All-State band-

member, and a member of Sakara Tri-Hi-Y. She attended the University of Texas at Arlington and graduated from American Airlines Attendance School in April, 1973. She is employed as a stewardess with American Airlines and is stationed in Dallas.

Reed is a 1969 graduate of Merkel High School where he was a member of the Badger Band, Annual Staff, Drama and Spanish Club and National Honor Society. He attended University of Texas at Arlington and graduated in May, 1973 with a Bachelor of Music Education Degree. At UTA, he was a member of the Maverick Band and Kappa Kappa Psi Fraternity. He is now employed by Northwest Public School of Justin as Band and Choir Director.

Wedding will be November 24 in the First United Methodist Church of Arlington with Rev. Jack Payne, officiating.

Boyd-Slaughter

Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Beth, to Jay Randall Slaughter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Slaughter, Jr., Trent.

Miss Boyd is a 1973 graduate of Merkel High School where she was named to the Association of Outstanding American High School Students and the National Honor Society.

Slaughter is a graduate of Trent High School and is a Respiratory Technology major at Hardin - Simmons University.

The wedding is planned for October 13th at the United Methodist Church, Trent.

Mrs McAninch Host For Xi Nu Chi Chapter

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, September 4, in the home of Mrs. Weldon McAninch.

Mrs. Edgar Tipton, president, read a letter from International office announcing the chapter had received a Three Star rating for the year 1972-1973 for outstanding work and achievement. Three Star is the highest rating a chapter may receive.

The chapter will send Mrs. Tipton to the Area Beta Sigma Phi Convention to be held in Sweetwater October 19, 20, 21. Several members plan to attend the convention.

Mrs. Don Watts was elected Valentine Princess. She will be presented at the Valentine Ball in the Civic Center in Abilene, February 23, 1974.

Mrs. John Brady, Ways and Means Chairman, announced plans for a garage sale to be held next Trades Day in the Old Glamour Bar, 129 Kent Street.

Cultural program was brought by Mrs. Carroll Ben-

son and Mrs. Jack Boone. Their subject was, "What is Life?"

Those attending were: Mmes. Peck Eager, Bob Garner, Don Watts, Glenn Robertson, Bobby DuBose, Edgar Tipton, Carroll Benson, John Brady, Jack Boone, Weldon McAninch, Almeda Bullock, and Mamie Steck.

Roundup

MR. AND MRS. TROYSI returned Friday from an extended trip to the West states and Canada. Mr. Mrs. W. A. Steele of Sweetwater accompanied the couple on the 12 state tour.

Of special interest was Louise and Banff in Canada. "The scenery was superb," says Mrs. Sloan. "We enjoyed Yellowstone Park when it was 28 degrees. The weather was fine until we reached 'dry' Texas panhandle. I had a downpour," Mrs. Sloan said.

A PARABLE OF FIVE FARMERS

Five farmers procured a bag of seed together, and began to plant their fields with the seed. The bag of seed was a GOOD grade and tested to be perfectly pure seed. Each agreed to plant ONLY the seed from the bag they had purchased.

One day the farmers came together to report the yield of their crops. One man said the seed he planted had produced 60 bushels of OATS. Another stated that the seed he planted from the same bag, had made CORN. The third farmer was surprised as he declared that his seed of the same type grew into some fine COTTON. The other two farmers, who likewise took seed from the same bag had harvested RADISHES and RICE.

Now, what do you think of these farmers? Each CLAIMED to know what he was doing: to be experts at farming, but this as the apparent result? Would it be reasonable that this could actually take place... if they all started with the SAME KIND OF SEED?

Luke 8:11 tells us that the "seed of the kingdom is the WORD of God". The pure, tested word of God is seed of the most excellent grade. It is uniform in every likeness. The farmers are the preachers and teachers of the world who "sow the word in the hearts of men". These teachers ALL profess to preach the "same word" from the same source — the Bible, but when we observe the harvest of souls, by each we are told that the same seed produces different kinds of CHRISTIANS, belonging to a distinctively different church. Is this any more logical or even possible than the five farmers? Proverbs 30:5,6 reads: "Every word of God is pure... Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." So the FAULT is not in the seed!

If a preacher or teacher produced something other than or more than "Christians", disciples of Jesus Christ, it is evident that something other than the pure WORD of God was planted. "The disciples were called Christians" (Acts 11:26). In the New Testament days it invariably made CHRISTIANS and Paul persuaded men to be only Christians (Acts 26:28,29).

Jesus said, "Every plant which my heavenly father has not planted shall be rooted up," (Matt. 15:13) Therefore we all must plant ONLY the WORD OF GOD and call the finished product by the name set forth in the New Testament.

BILLY PATTON

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Beasley are the proud parents of a baby girl, Tanya Michelle, born September 5. She weighed 6 lbs. 10 1/2 oz.

Grandparents are Mrs. Pete Rutledge of Merkel and Scott Beasley of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Cannon announce the birth of a son, Christopher Scott, born September 2. He weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Allie May Tuckey. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cannon of Eula are the paternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hatley are the proud parents of a daughter, Kristi Michelle, born September 3 at Stamford Memorial Hospital.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Collins of Stamford and Mrs. W. F. Hatley of Merkel.

Conley-Dearing

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Conley have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kaye Lynne, to Delbert Dean Dearing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Dearing of Fredericksburg.

Miss Conley, a graduate of Merkel High School, received a BS degree from McMurry College. She is employed by Paul Mani, MD. Dearing is a graduate of Fredericksburg High School. He attended Ranger Junior College and is a December candidate for a BS degree from McMurry College. He is employed by Gardens of the Southwest.

Wedding will be Nov. 23 in the First Methodist Church.

WWI Vets to Meet

The Veterans of World War I and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Merkel-Trent Barracks will meet Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building. A salad supper will be served.

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 1973

NUMBER ONE ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 8)

Article III, Sections 5, 24 and 49a and Article VIII, Section 6 of the Texas Constitution are amended to:

Provide for regular annual sessions of the Legislature. The regular session in each odd-numbered year would be for a period not to exceed 180 days. The regular session in each even numbered year would be for a period not to exceed 60 days and would be limited to consideration of fiscal matters and any emergency matters submitted by the Governor. The 60 day session could be extended by the Governor for a period not to exceed 30 days;

Provide an annual salary for members of the Legislature not exceeding \$15,000 per year and a per diem not exceeding \$18 per day for each day of each regular session or special session;

Provide that no appropriation of money shall be made for a longer term than one year and direct the Comptroller to make annual estimates of anticipated revenue rather than biennial estimates.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to provide for annual regular sessions of the legislature; and to provide an annual salary of \$15,000 and per diem for the members of the legislature, effective in January, 1975."

NUMBER TWO ON THE BALLOT (H.J.R. 7)

Article XVI, Sections 50 and 51 of the Texas Constitution are amended to:

Include within the scope of homestead protection the real property of a single adult person which meets the other requirements of homestead property, and to provide that a family homestead may not be abandoned except with the consent of both spouses.

Presently a single adult person is not entitled to claim a homestead exemption and a married man can abandon a family homestead without the consent of his wife.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to include within the scope of homestead protection the real property of a single adult person which meets the other requirements of homestead property, and to provide that a family homestead may not be abandoned except with the consent of both spouses."

NUMBER THREE ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 13)

Article VIII, Sections 1-a and 1-b of the Texas Constitution are amended to:

Extend the \$3,000 ad valorem tax exemption to the residential homesteads of unmarried adults.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to extend the \$3,000 ad valorem tax exemption to the homesteads of unmarried adults."

NUMBER FOUR ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 1)

Article XVI, Section 59, of the Texas Constitution is amended by adding a new Subsection (e) which:

Provides that no law creating a conservation and reclamation district shall be passed unless a copy of the proposed law is delivered to the commissioners court of the county and to the governing body of each incorporated city or town in whose jurisdiction said district or any part thereof is or will be located. Each such commissioners court and governing body may file its written consent or opposition to the proposed law with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives. Each special law creating such a district must comply with general laws then in effect relating to consent by political subdivisions to the creation of such districts.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment establishing certain requirements relating to the enactment of laws creating certain conservation and reclamation districts."

NUMBER FIVE ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 12)

Article XI, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution is amended to:

Provide that all counties and cities bordering on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico are authorized to levy a tax to pay for bonds issued for the construction of sea walls and breakwaters upon a majority vote of the resident property tax-payers. Counties and cities are presently authorized to levy such taxes and this amendment only changes the required vote from a two-thirds majority to a simple majority.

The wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing counties and cities bordering on the Gulf of Mexico to issue bonds

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for the construction of sea walls and breakwaters upon a vote of the resident property tax-payers.

NUMBER SIX ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 26)

Article V, Section 8 of the Texas Constitution is amended by adding a new paragraph which:

Provides that the district court, concurrently with the county court, shall have the general jurisdiction of a probate court and in a probate proceeding shall also have the jurisdiction otherwise conferred on it by law. It also provides that the legislature may increase, diminish, or eliminate the jurisdiction of the district court or county court in probate matters, may adopt rules governing the filing, distribution, or transfer of cases and proceedings as between the courts having jurisdiction of probate matters, and may provide that all appeals in probate matters shall be to the courts of civil appeals.

The wording of the proposed constitutional amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to provide for an additional \$100 million in bonds or obligations of the State of Texas for the Veterans' Land Fund."

NUMBER EIGHT ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 29)

Article XI, of the Texas Constitution is amended by adding a new Section 5(a) which:

Authorizes and requires incorporated cities, towns, and villages, regardless of population and notwithstanding the constitutional limitations on total tax rates, to levy such annual ad valorem taxes on the taxable property in the city, town or village as are necessary to pay the principal of and interest on, when due, the general obligations hereinafter issued by the city, town, or village. The legislature is empowered to limit by general or special law the total principal amount of general obligations which may be issued, but unless and until the legislature acts to do so, the limitations established by statute with respect to the total principal amount of bonds which may be issued by independent school districts shall apply as the rate limitation on cities, towns, and villages.

The wording of the proposed constitutional amendment as it appears on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize cities, towns, and villages to levy such ad valorem taxes as are sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on their general obligations hereafter issued subject to the restrictions provided by law."

NUMBER NINE ON THE BALLOT (S.J.R. 25)

Article VIII of the Texas Constitution is amended by adding a new Section 2C which:

Allows the Legislature, by general law, to exempt all real and personal property used by non-profit water supply corporations or cooperatives from all property taxes. The exemption would apply only to such property as is reasonably necessary to conduct the business of a non-profit water supply corporation or cooperative.

The wording of the proposed constitutional amendment as it will appear on the ballot is as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from property taxes certain property used by a non-profit water supply corporation or a non-profit water supply cooperative."

NUMBER SEVEN ON THE BALLOT (H.J.R. 6)

Article XIII, Section 49-b of the Texas Constitution is amended to:

Provide for an additional \$100 million in bonds or obligations of the State of Texas for the Veterans' Land Fund. This amendment increases the present \$400 million authorization to \$500 million;

Remove the present provision which permits buying of land only by those veterans who served between September 16, 1940 and the date of formal withdrawal of United States troops from the armed conflict in Viet Nam. This amendment would allow all veterans who serve after September 16, 1940 to buy land from the Veterans' Land Fund, provided they are otherwise qualified;

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(L) DEBT How will the availability of revenue sharing funds affect the borrowing requirements of your jurisdiction?

AVOID DEBT INCREASE NO EFFECT

LESSEN DEBT INCREASE TOO SOON TO PREDICT EFFECT

(M) TAXES In which of the following manners is it expected that the availability of Revenue Sharing Funds will affect the tax levels of your jurisdiction? Check as many as apply.

WILL ENABLE REDUCING RATE OF A MAJOR TAX WILL REDUCE AMOUNT OF RATE INCREASE OF A MAJOR TAX

WILL PREVENT INCREASE IN RATE OF A MAJOR TAX NO EFFECT ON TAX LEVELS

WILL PREVENT ENACTING A NEW MAJOR TAX TOO SOON TO PREDICT EFFECT

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TRENT TOWN

PLANS TO EXPEND ITS REVENUE SHARING ALLOCATION FOR THE ENTITLEMENT PERIOD BEGINNING

JUL 1, 1973 AND ENDING JUN 30, 1974

IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER BASED UPON AN ESTIMATED TOTAL OF \$1,151

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						EQUIPMENT (G)	CONSTRUCTION (H)	LAND ACQUISITION (I)	DEBT RETIREMENT (J)
1 PUBLIC SAFETY	\$	%	%	10 MULTI-PURPOSE AND GENERAL GOVT.	\$	%	%	%	%
2 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	\$	%	%	11 EDUCATION	\$	%	%	%	%
3 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$	%	%	12 HEALTH	\$	%	%	%	%
4 HEALTH	\$	%	%	13 TRANSPORTATION	\$ 500.00	%	%	43%	%
5 RECREATION	\$	%	%	14 SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	\$	%	%	%	%
6 LIBRARIES	\$	%	%	16 HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$	%	%	%	%
7 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR AGED & POOR	\$	%	%	18 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	%	%	%	%
8 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$	%	%	17 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION	\$	%	%	%	%
9 TOTAL PLANNED OPERATING/MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES	\$			18 PUBLIC SAFETY	\$	%	%	%	%
(N) ASSURANCES (Refer to Instruction G)				19 RECREATION + CULTURE	\$	%	%	%	%
				20 OTHER/Specify/ ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$ 661.00	%	%	57%	%
				21 OTHER/Specify/	\$	%	%	%	%
				22 OTHER/Specify/	\$	%	%	%	%
				23 TOTAL PLANNED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,151.00				

The news media have been advised that a complete copy of this report has been published in a local newspaper of general circulation. I have records documenting the contents of this report and they are open for public and news media scrutiny.

I assure the Secretary of the Treasury that the statutory provisions listed in Part G of the Instructions accompanying this report will be complied with by this recipient government with respect to the entitlement funds reported hereon.

Billy W. Hammer 9-10-73
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SEPTEMBER 13, 1973

FOOTBALL '73 MERKEL AND TRENT



PAUL WOODFIN
... Head Coach Merkel Badgers

Paul Woodfin has been head coach for the Merkel Badgers for the past 3 years, coming from New Braunfels, where he was a line coach for the 4-A class team in 1968-70. He previously coached at Raymondville in 1966-1968. Raymondville was District Champ in 1966. His first coaching job was at Van Alstyne in 1965-1966.

Woodfin graduated from Albany High School and played on the 1960 Class A State Championship team. He received a BS Degree from Howard Payne College and a M. Ed. from Southwest Texas State.

Commenting on the Badgers he said, "The 1973 Badgers have demonstrated more spirit and hustle at this point than any other team I have coached. They hit and are taking pride in our two interschool scrimmages. The Badgers were winners and this has given them a great deal of confidence.

"We are looking forward to a great season and I feel that if the boys don't slack up in their spirit and hitting, we will finish the season as winners. I would like to urge the fans to come out and support Merkel's finest this season", said Coach Woodfin.



SAM FRASIER
... Head Coach Trent Gorillas

SAM FRASIER is the coach for the fighting Trent Gorillas and is beginning his second year there. He graduated from De Leon High School in 1965 and Tarleton State University in 1970. He previously coached and taught two years in the Ennis School System.

He makes the following comments about his Gorilla team: "As a whole this year's team is inexperienced and there are a lot of questioning marks at various positions but we have a bunch of good athletes who

love to work and are willing to pay the price to make their dream come true. Their attitude is excellent, they are enthusiastic, and mentally and physically are ready to get started. We have no super stars but we've got a number of kids we're real happy with. We are still in the experimenting stage and are a long way from becoming a championship ball club but by the time the first district game rolls around we'll be ready."

'73 Badgers Experienced

By CONNIE HARRIS

The Merkel Badgers should not lack experience this season. They have 4 seniors, 11 juniors and 8 sophomores composing the varsity squad.

The Badgers have an overall average height of 5 feet, 7 inches and weight of 154 lbs.

Comments came into the Merkel Mail from the varsity squad that, "They will not be frostbitten by the Blizzards".

Go out and back your boys, show them you're behind them as the merchants in this edition.

"Last year's 0-10 record

will be greatly improved" states the players and coaches.

Coach Paul Woodfin said he did not have any injuries at this time. You may recall last year's Badgers were plagued with injuries. Fullback Jimmy Land was one of the Badgers out most of the season last year with a broken arm.

In practices and interschool scrimmages, the Badgers have shown much enthusiasm, and in practices they have demonstrated hard-hitting and only talk of being Number One.

The Badgers will kick off the season Friday night, September 14, at 8 p.m. in Winters Blizzard stadium.

8-A District Outlook

By CONNIE HARRIS

The Texas Schoolboy football forecast of 1973 prepared by the Harris Rating Systems has lined up the 8-A District in the following order; 1. Aspermont; 2. Albany; 3. Baird; 4. Roscoe; 5. Jim Ned; 6. Rotan; 7. Merkel and 8. Wylie.

The Harris Rating Systems proclaim a whacky season will be in store for District 8-A with last year's teams that were strong being weaker and the weak teams last year being stronger.

The following paints a vivid picture of the district teams:

ALBANY has 11 lettermen, 3 offensive and 6 defensive starters. James Halbert, 205 lb. end will be backing up the backfield with several others, but lack of size will hurt the Lions particularly in the backfield.

BAIRD has 6 lettermen

starters, 4 offensive and 4 defensive. The Bears were district champs last year, but have many losses on the overall team. Lack of depth could be a killing factor although coach Bill Owens thinks he and his Bears can once again capture the district title.

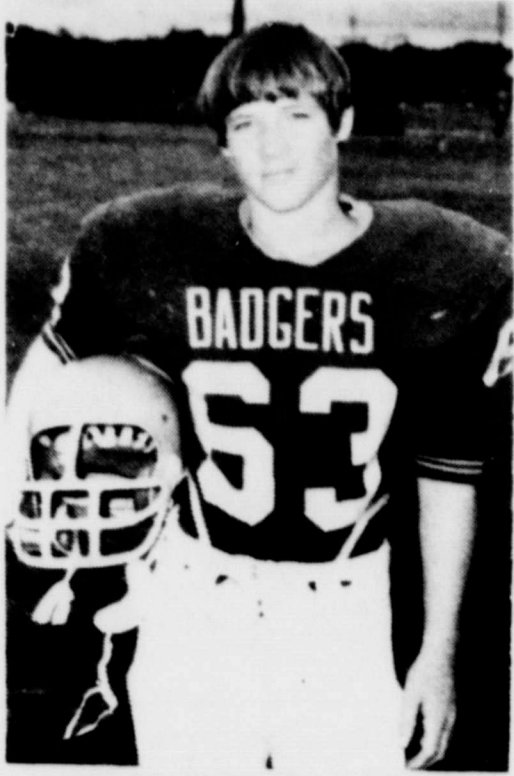
ROSCOE was said by the Harris Systems to have "No where near high expectations." The Plowboys will have 13 lettermen, 8 offensive and 8 defensive starters. A town where the school applies too much pressure to the team member on winning.

JIM NED Indians will have 15 lettermen, 6 offensive and 8 defensive returning. This will be their first year back in Class A after being in Class B several years. They should prove to be well adjusted to Class A competition with much better balance than last year.

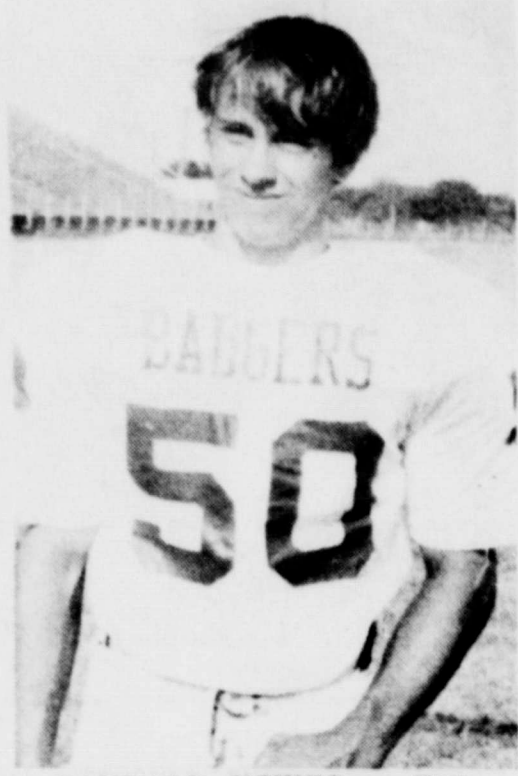
ROTAN Yellowhammers suffered heavy losses last year losing several seniors. Last years record 6-3-1 may prove much weaker this year. 8 lettermen or returning, 4 offensive and 3 defensive. "Rebuilding must begin immediately," quotes Harris Rating System.

MERKEL will be looking back on the 0-10 record last year. The Badgers look much stronger this year. 13 lettermen return, 9 offensive and 9 defensive. "Soph's just couldn't" was Merkel's story last year.

WYLIE may prove to be a much weaker team this year. The Bulldogs supported a 8-1-1 record and 5 lettermen, 3 offensive and 3 defensive return. Wylie lost everything good they possessed last year. Harris Rating Systems states, "Like Rotan, team will have massive reconstruction job to undertake."



CHUCK KNIGHT -- Chuck is number -- and will fill the position of offensive center and defensive tackle this season. A Sophomore at MHS, he weighs 124 lbs. and is 5' 4" tall. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Knight. His comments are, "The team is a very good one this year and we have some great coaches. Our boosters are behind us 100% and we plan to win the district."



RANDALL HOWES -- Randall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Howes and will wear number 50 this year. He weighs 143 lbs. and is 5' 8 1/2" tall. A Junior at MHS he will fill the positions of offensive center and defensive linebacker. His comments are, "We will be a great improvement over last year. I believe we will win the district."



DAVID COPELAND -- A Junior at MHS, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Copeland. Copeland is offensive quarterback and defensive cornerback. David wears number 80, is 6' 1" tall and weighs 156 lbs. His comments are, "The team is looking real good and improving every day."



PAUL TUCKER -- Will wear number 10 this year. He will be a Sophomore at MHS and weighs 133 and is 5' 9" tall. He fills the positions of offensive quarterback and defensive safety. His comments are, "Our team should be number 1 this year with the spirit we've got this year. We've got some of the best coaches in football."

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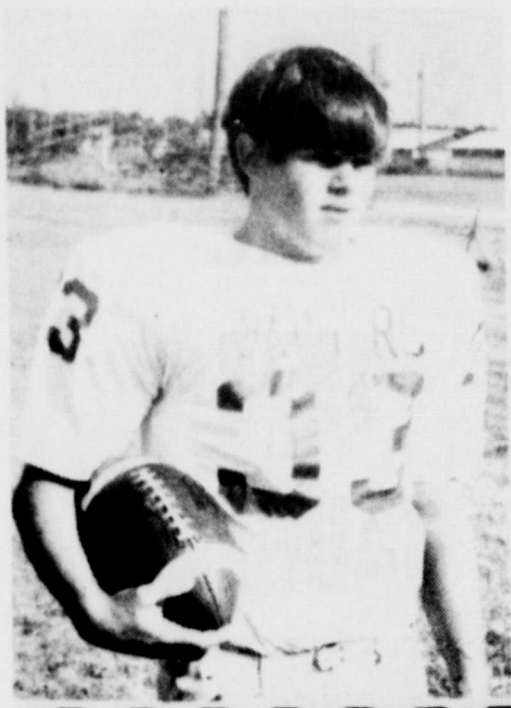
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BILLY WATTS -- Billy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Watts, is a Junior at MHS and will wear number 33 during the season. He is 5' 6 1/2" and weighs 154 lbs. and will fill the positions of offensive fullback and defensive nose-guard. Billy's comments are, "I think we have an outstanding team and coaches, and everybody has worked hard to help the team. I think the team has a fine attitude. The boosters are fine and we need the backing and support from the townspeople to have an outstanding year."



LEADING THE YELLS FOR THE 1973 Badger football games will be from left to right, Becky Santee, Cindy Whisenhunt, Tracy Bicknell, mascot; Gayla Toliver, head cheerleader, Jody Barnes and Becky Acuna.

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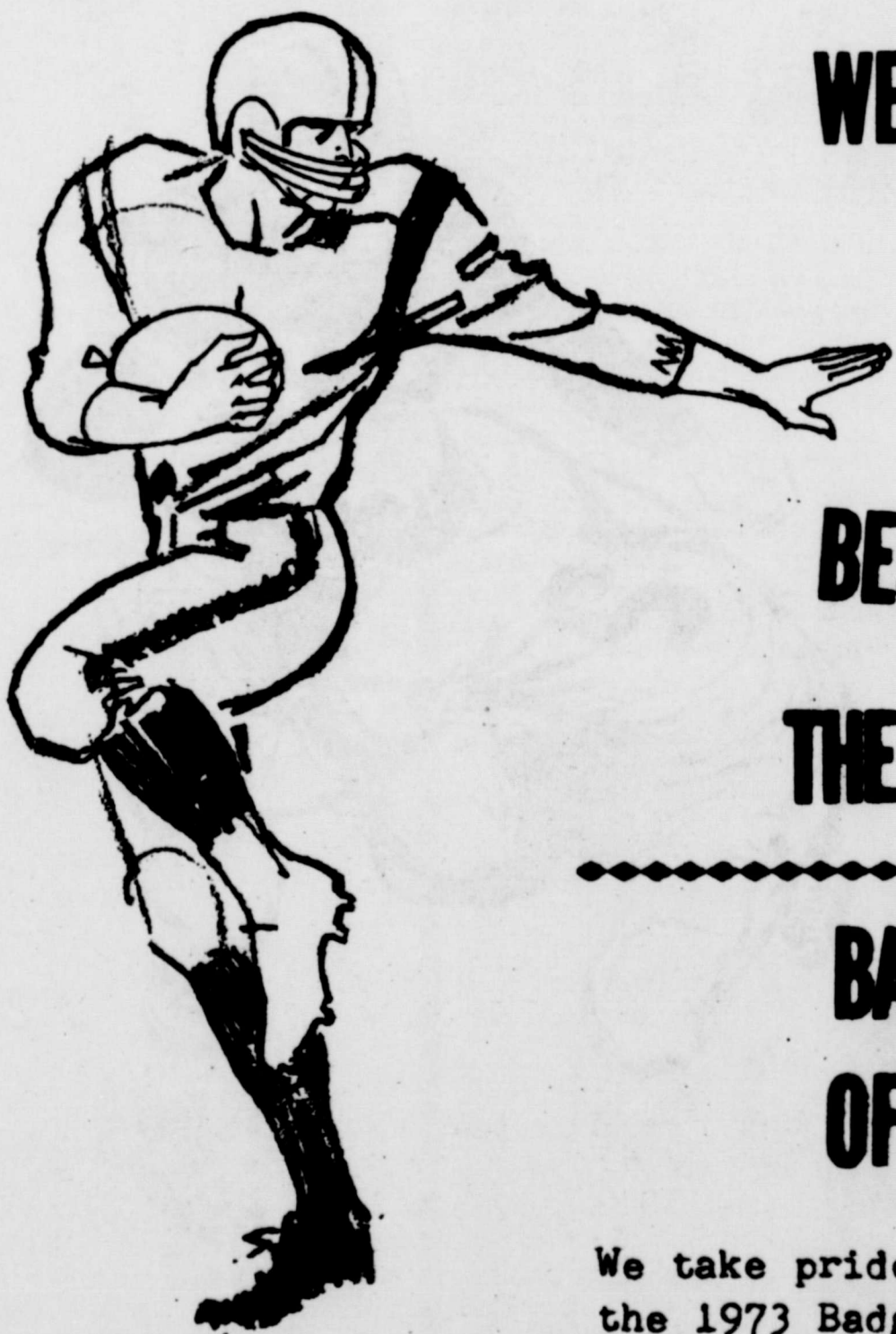


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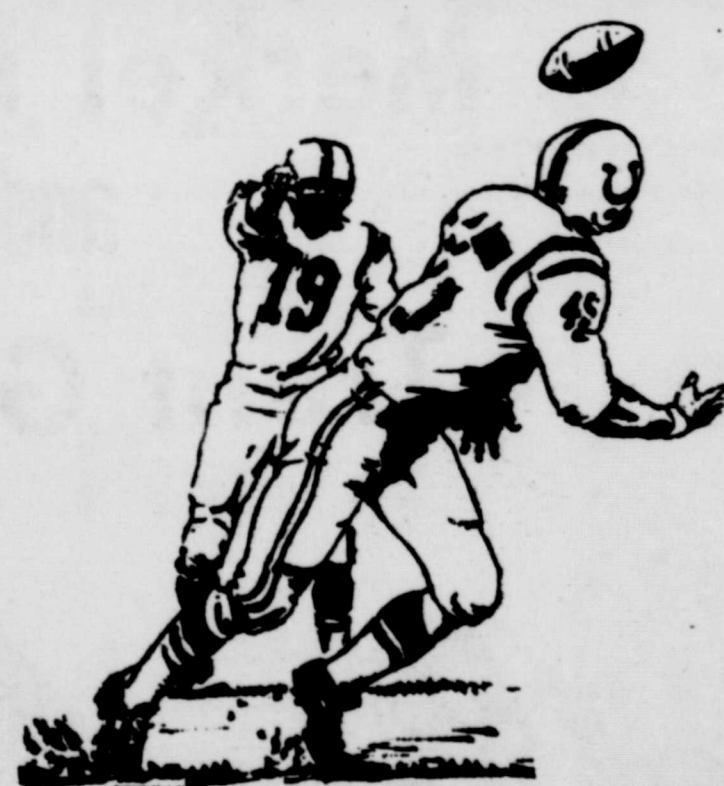
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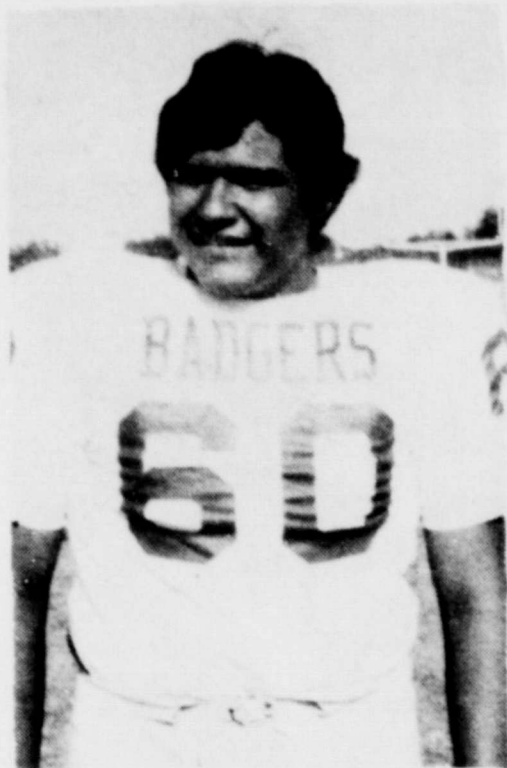
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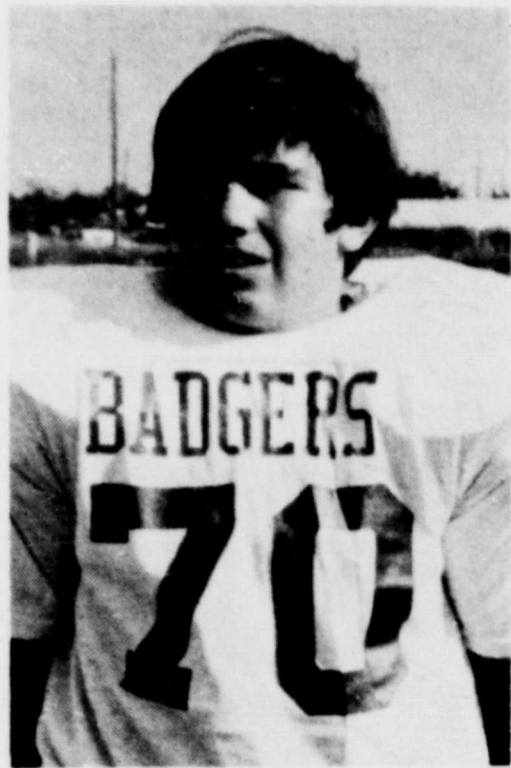
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MENDES MORENO -- Son of Mrs. A. D. Moreno, he is a Junior at MHS, weighs 225 lbs., and is 5' 10" tall. He wears number 60 and is Offensive Quick tackle and Defensive tackle. His comments are, "I think we can take the district if we keep up the hustle and our attitude."

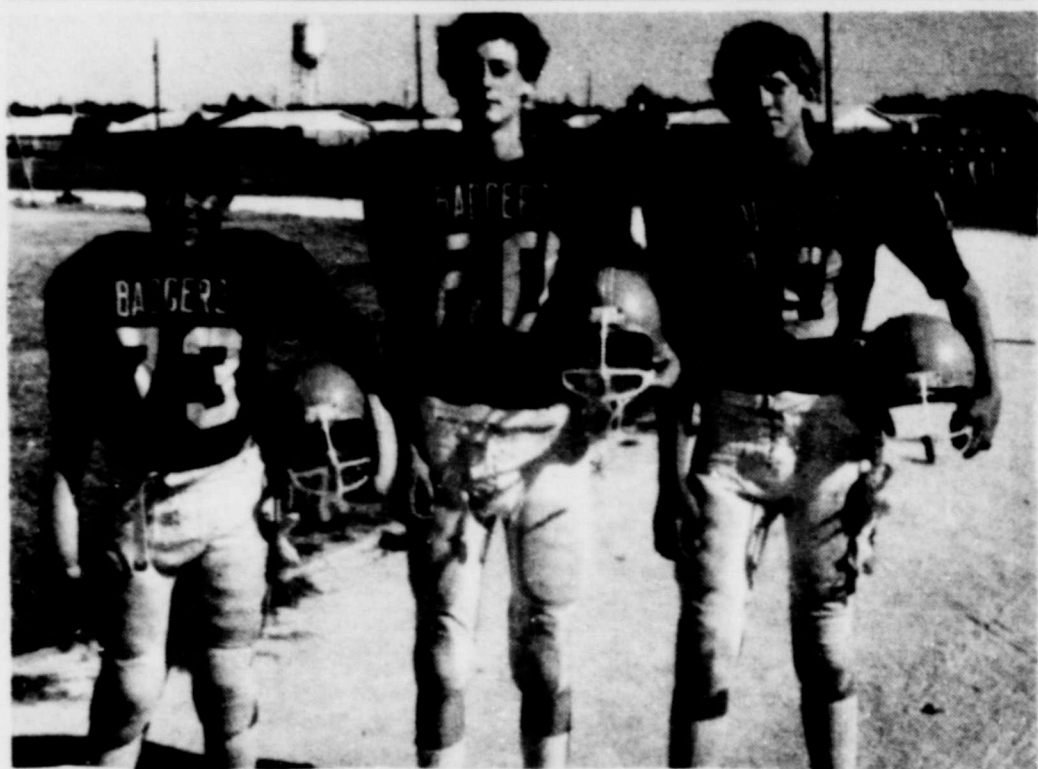


SCOTT TARPLEY -- Scott is Offensive guard and Defensive nose guard and wears number 70 for MHS. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tarpley and weighs 150 lbs. and is 5' 6". He is a Junior. His comments were, "We have the experience to win and also the speed to win."

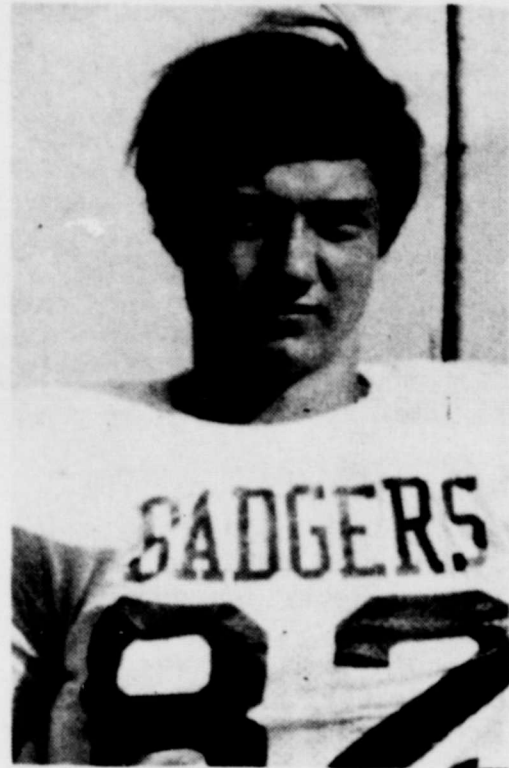


JUNIOR ASCENCIO -- Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ascencio, is a Senior at MHS. He is number 51 and fills offensive guard and defensive linebacker and is 5' 10" tall and weighs 195. He was on the 2nd team defense of the All District Team in 1972. Juniors comments are, "Our district is going to be a pretty tough one, but all in all, with the boosters and everyone backing us, we should be able to win district."

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THREE MORE JV BADGERS ARE from left to right, Phillip Hernandez 73, John Millet 80 and David Pfister 10.



LARRY TOLIVER -- Son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Toliver, wears number 82, is offensive tight end and defensive end. A Senior at MHS he measures 6' 2" and weighs 175. His comments are, "We have good coaches and personnel and are trying hard to be a winning team."

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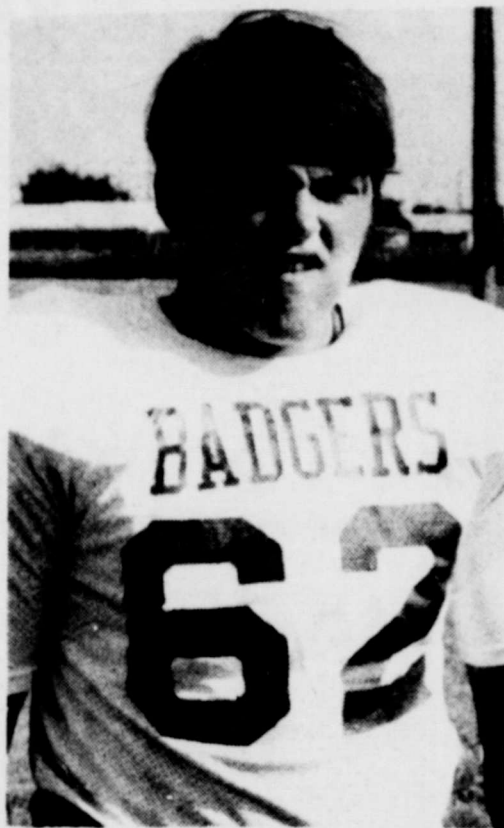


JERRY JONES
MHS Assistant Coach

JERRY JONES is starting his second year coaching the offensive and defensive lineman. A graduate of Brownfield in 1967, he graduated from Abilene Christian College in 1971. His comments about the Badgers are, "Right now our kids have a winning attitude and I'm really looking forward to our first ball game. We have a little more size in our line this year but mainly these boys have some good experience which they didn't have last year. One thing I've seen this year that I really like is a team of boys that will hit anybody they come up against."



DAVID KING -- Is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don King and is a Sophomore at MHS. He will wear number 81. David is offensive tight end and defensive cornerback. His comments are, "I think we will have a good team this year. We have had a lot better practices."



RONNIE COX -- Is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale W. Cox, will wear number 62 this year and fill the positions of offensive tackle and defensive linebacker. A Junior at MHS, Ronnie weighs 170 lbs. and is 5' 8" tall. His comments are, "We are going to have a good team because of the hard workouts. We want to have a very good season this year and want everyone to come out and back the Badgers."



LARRY COX -- Number 52, Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Carmack, weighs 150 lbs. and is 5' 8" tall. A Junior at MHS, he will fill the positions of offensive center and defensive tackle. His comments are, "This year, we are a team with a lot of teamwork and have a good attitude about football. I think we have some experience from last year, and that this year we have improved. The coaches are doing a real good job."



JOHNNY FRAZIER - Son of Joan Hilliard weighs 140 lbs. and is 5' 9" tall, and is a Junior at MHS. He plays Offensive Pro back and Defensive Corner back and wears number 20 for the Badgers. His comments are "Our boosters have been behind us so far and I know when we start winning, they'll stay behind us."



GALEN BOONE -- Is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone weighs 156 and is 6' 1" tall. A Junior at MHS, Galen, number 72, fills offensive tackle and defensive end. His comments are, "I think that we have a very good and hard working team that will be ready for anyone and any team."

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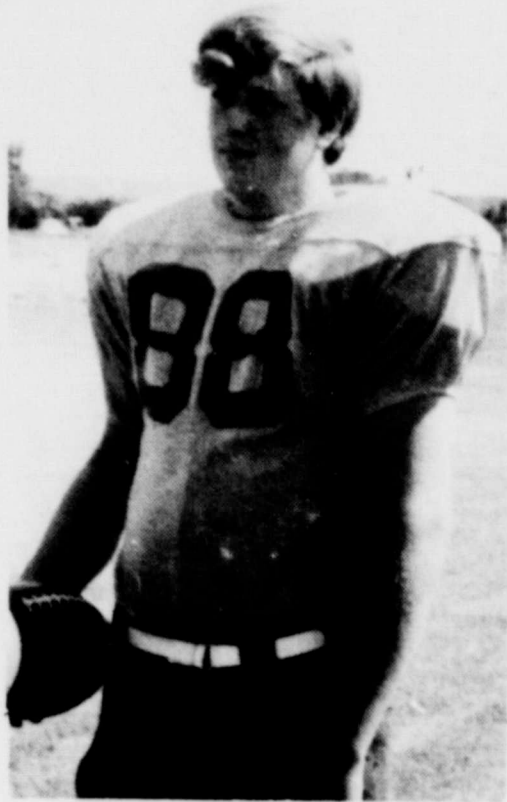
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DAVID HACKNEY -- Is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Hackney, is a Sophomore at THS, weighs 195 and is 5' 9" tall. An offensive center and defensive middlelinebacker, David comments, "We have a good team this year and hope we win as many games as we can."



LONNIE RIGGAN -- Number 20, Ronnie is offensive wingback and defensive safety and a Senior at THS. He weighs 140 lbs and is 5' 6" tall. His comments are, "Although we have a lot of new players and work well as a team, we can learn from our mistakes. We have a good chance of winning district."



MIKE CHAVEZ -- Is a Junior at THS and weighs 124 and is 5' 6 1/2" tall. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Chavez, he will fill the positions of offensive quarterback and defensive linebacker-safety, and wear number 52. Mike comments, "We have an explosive offensive. The district should be tough since O'Brien returns all but 2."



MAC SIPE -- Is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Yates Sipe, a Junior at THS, wears number 62. He is 6' 1" and weighs 170. He plays offensive center and defensive middle line-backer. Mac was Honorable Mention in offensive all district in '72. Mac comments, "Last year we had a great team and I think we will have just as good a chance as we did last year, if we will just work at it."



ALAN MORSE -- Number 12, is a offensive quarterback and defensive safety. A Freshman at THS, he weighs 140 lbs, and is 5' 7" tall. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Poindexter. Alan comments, "I hope we have a good year."



KENNY NANCE -- Kenny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nance, is a Freshman at THS, weighs 185 and is 5' 9 1/2". He plays offensive center and defensive end and wears number 44. He comments, "I think we've got a good team and coaches and a good chance to go all the way."



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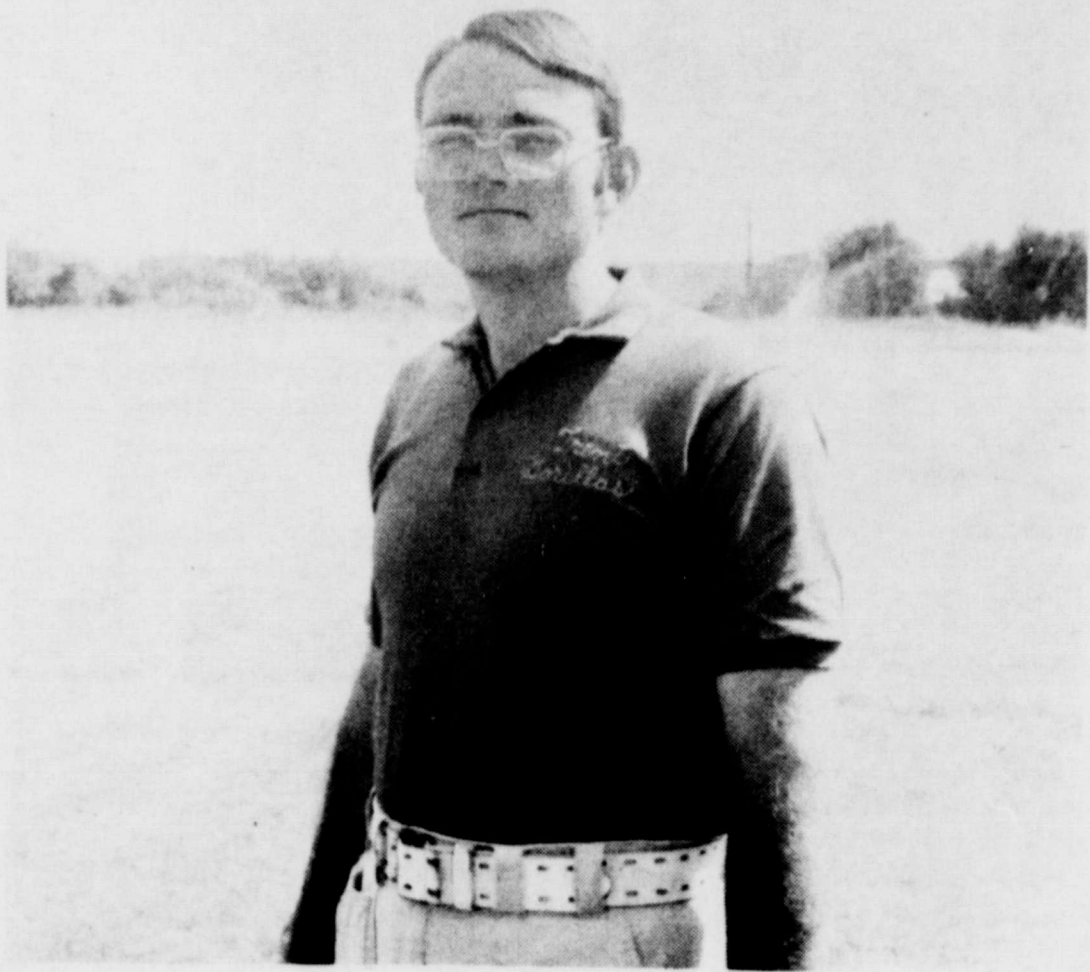
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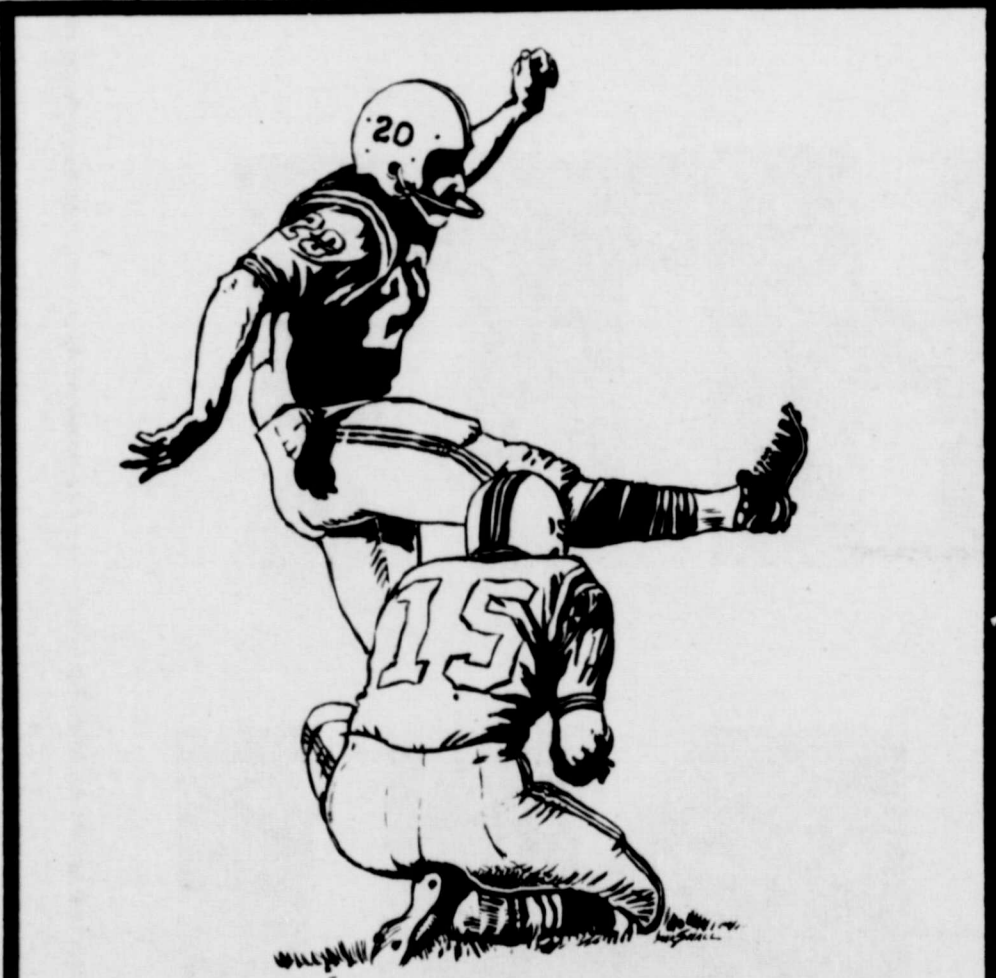


AL COGBURN
... TJHS Coach

AL COGBURN is the junior high coach at Trent and also helps with the high school team. He graduated from Abilene Christian College in 1972. This is his second year of coaching at Trent.

His comments about the Gorillas are: "This year's Gorilla football team is slowed in experience but this is being overcome by enthusiasm and hard work. I feel that with Coach Frasier's leadership and the team's desire to excel the Gorillas of 1973 will be a willing team."

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JIM HELLUMS -- Is the son of Thelma Hellums and fills the positions of offensive left end and defensive left end and wears number --. A Senior at THS, he weighs 180 lbs, and is 6' 1" tall. Jim says, "We've got a great chance to win district."



TY MARTIN -- Is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Martin, is a Senior at THS, and will wear number 82 this season. An offensive full back and defensive middlebacker, he weighs 237 and is 5' 10" tall. Ty comments, "We have a lot to learn but we will do it and we will win."



TIM REED -- Number 42 is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Reed weighs 140 and is 5' 6". An offensive end and defensive linebacker. Tim, a Sophomore at THS comments, "We've got a great chance to win district."



JIMMY ADAMS -- Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Adams is a Freshman at THS, weighs 125 and is 5' 11". He comments, "I think we can win state if we keep on improving."



MICKEY MOSES -- Is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Moses and will fill the positions of offensive wingback and defensive safety. A Sophomore at THS Mickey weighs 140 lbs, and is 5' 10" tall. He comments, "We have some good coaches."



RANDY SCOTT -- Number 63, is a Junior at THS and will fill the positions of offensive end and defensive linebacker. Randy weighs 130 lbs, and is 5' 9" tall and comments, "I believe we have a real good team and coaches."



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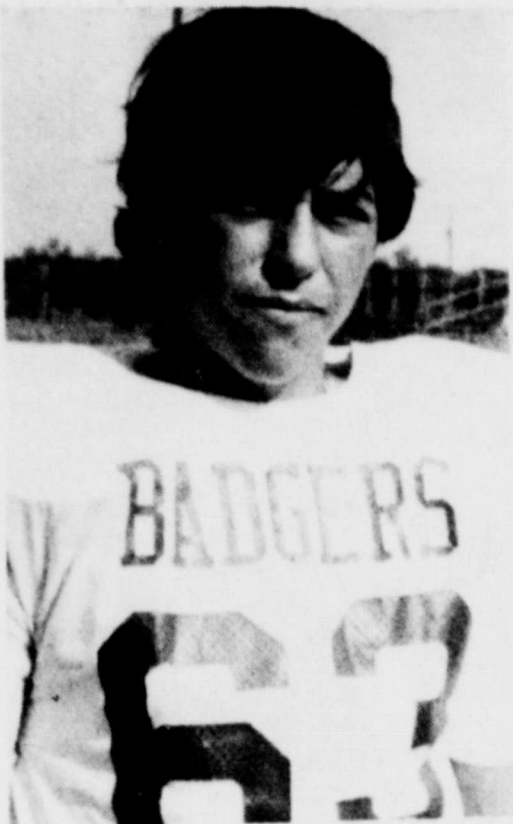
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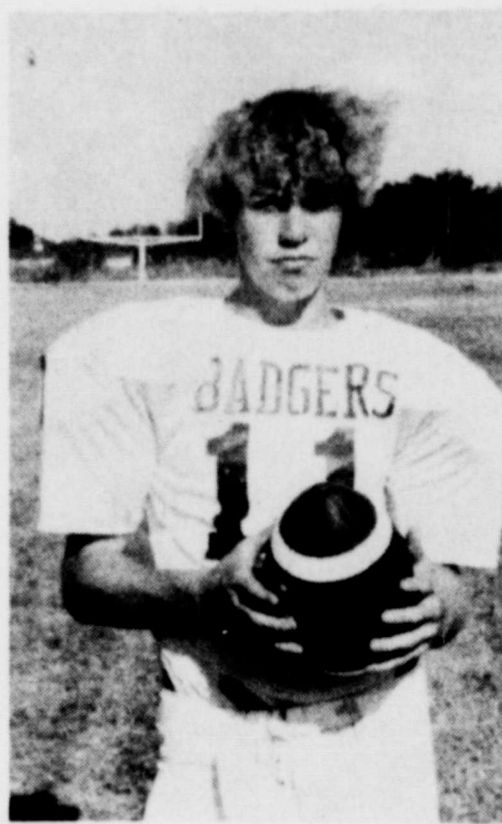
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RONNIE ALDRIDGE came to Merkel in 1968 as an assistant coach of the defensive linebackers and ends and also be offensive ends. He graduated from Jim Ned High School in 1960. He attended Wayland Baptist College and graduated from McMurry College. Aldridge has previously coached at Three Way and in Norton before coming to Merkel. He comments about the fighting Badgers this way, "I feel like we have the best bonus in these positions than any other year I have been at Merkel. They do not have much size, but they are all good hustlers."



JERRY COX -- Is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Carmack and will wear number 63 this season. An offensive guard and defensive end, Jerry is a Junior at MHS. He weighs 158 lbs. and is 5' 10" tall. His comments are, "I think this is going to be a good year for the Badgers because of the attitude of winning."



DAVID WEST -- Wears number 11 and is offensive quarterback and defensive safety. He weighs 136 and is 5' tall, and a Sophomore at MHS. His parents are Bobby West and Joyce West. His comments are, "We have a good looking team and will go far this season."



DAVID KRAATZ -- David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Kraatz, is a Sophomore at MHS and will wear number 61 this season. An offensive guard and defensive end, he weighs 130 and is 5' 7" tall. His comments are, "I think that we have the best team we have had in a long time."

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SEPT. 28	BENJAMIN H	3 P.M.
OCT. 5	HOBBS T	3 P.M.
OCT. 12	PAINT CREEK H	3 P.M.
OCT. 19	LUEDERS-AVOCA T	3 P.M.
OCT. 27	SAT. HOMECOMING-MCCAULLEY	
NOV. 2	OPEN	
NOV. 9	HIGHLAND T	7:30 P.M.
NOV. 16	O'BRIEN H	7:30 P.M.

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SEPT. 25	HIGHLAND H	6:00 P.M.
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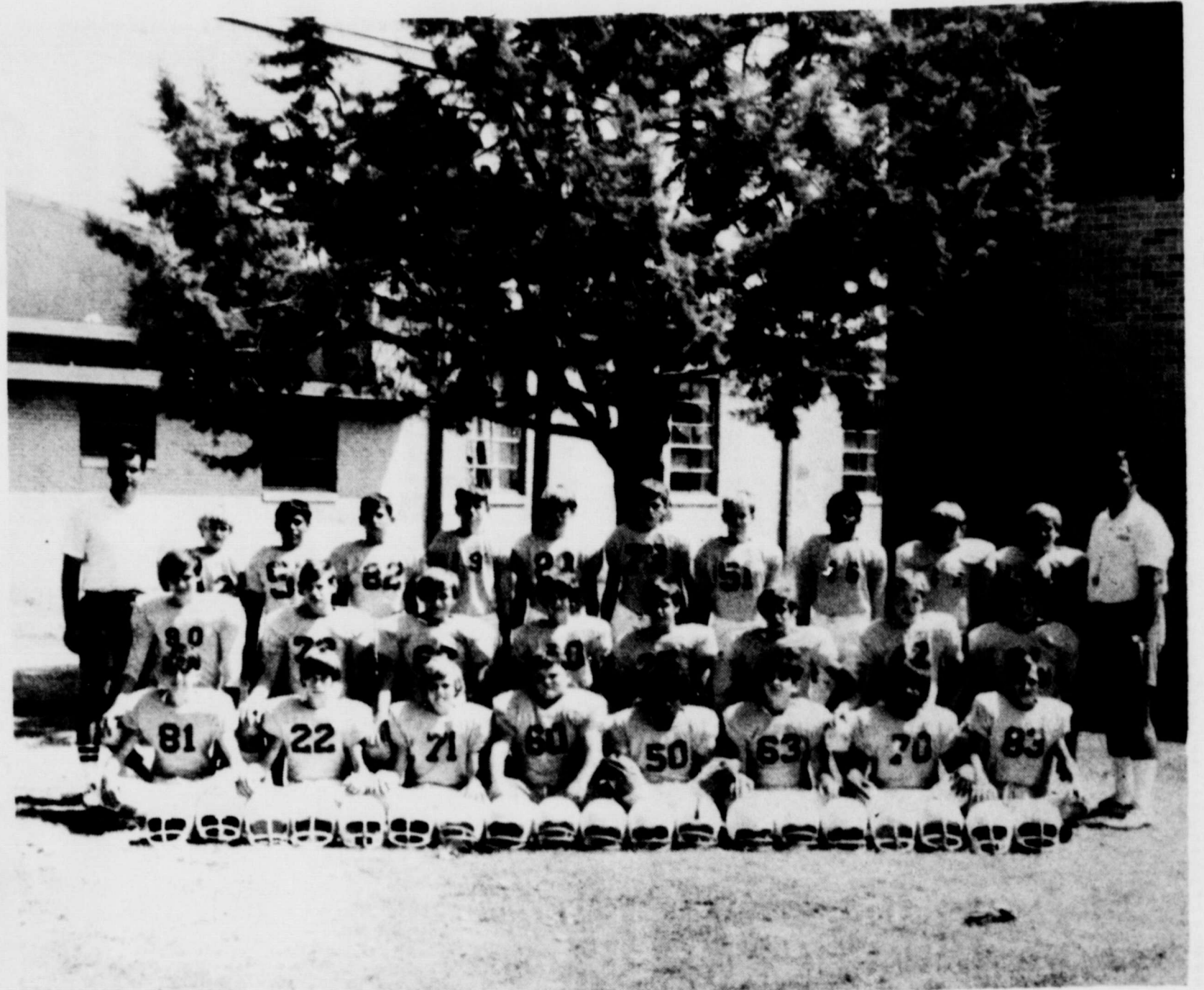
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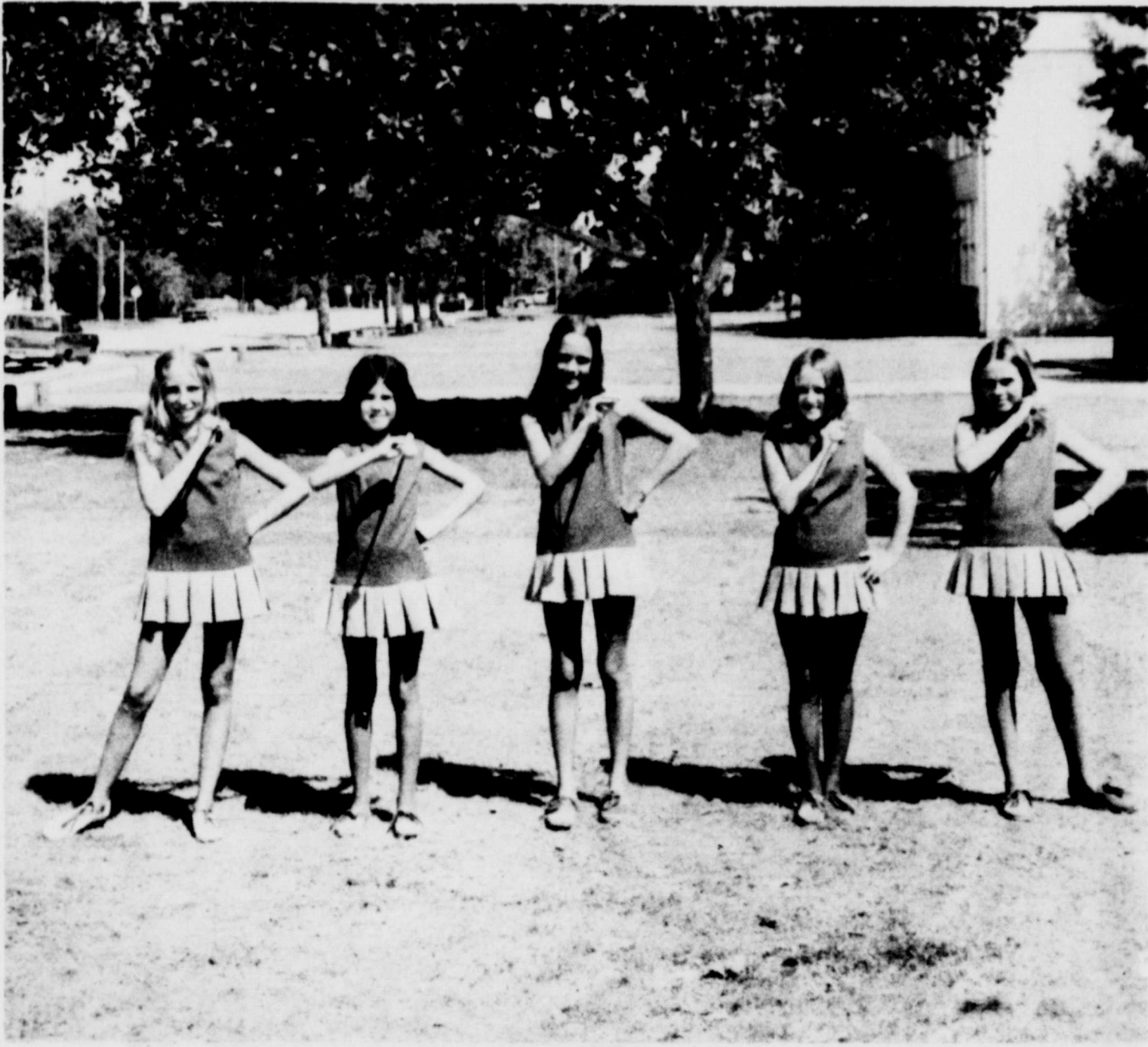


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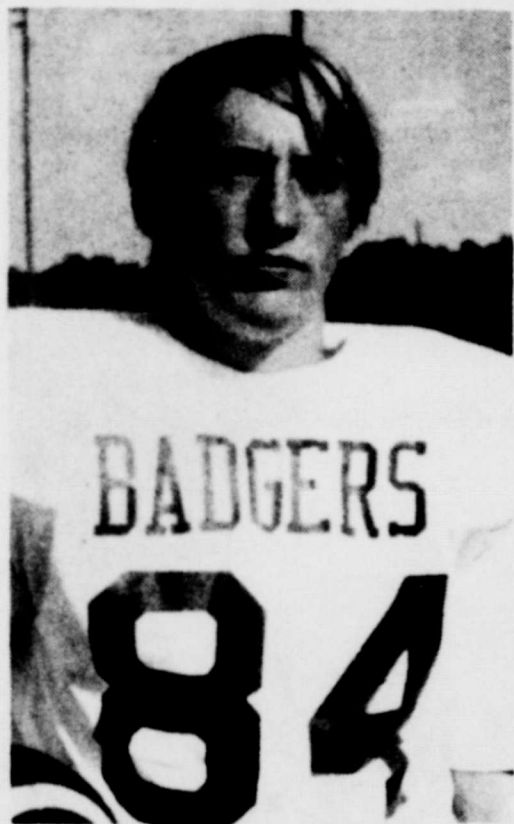
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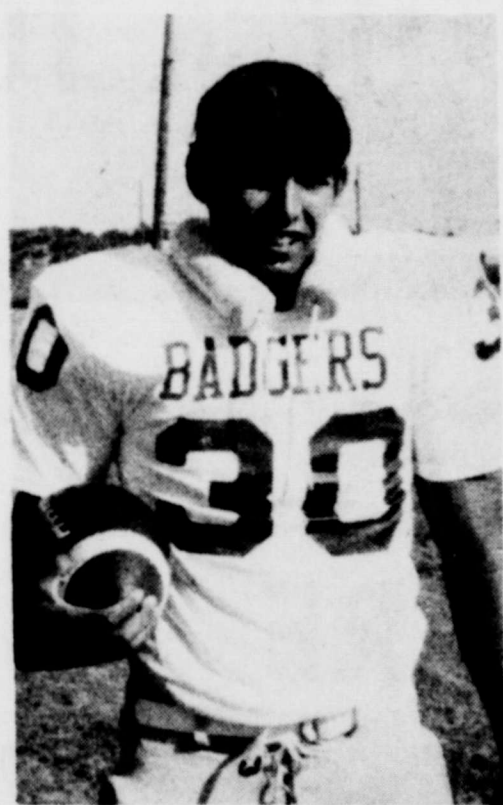
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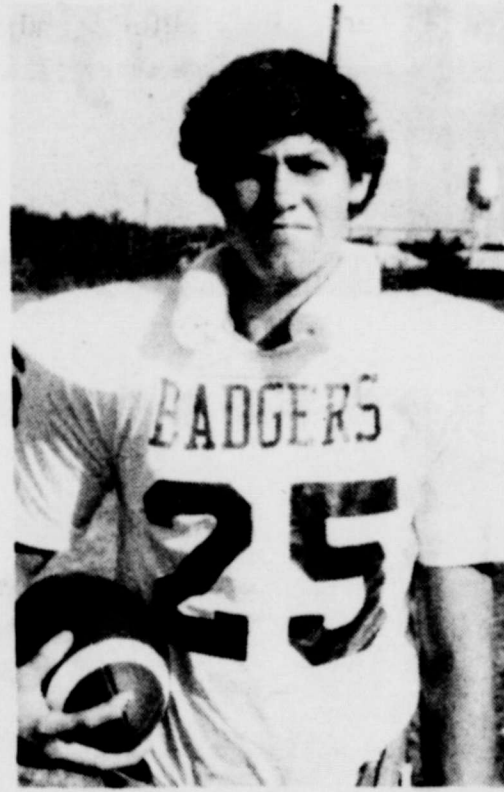
JUNIOR HIGH TWIRLERS WILL be stepping as the band plays at the pep rallys and football games. From left to right, Cindy Smith, Sherry Roader, Lisa Hart, Taresia English, and Shannon Bagby.



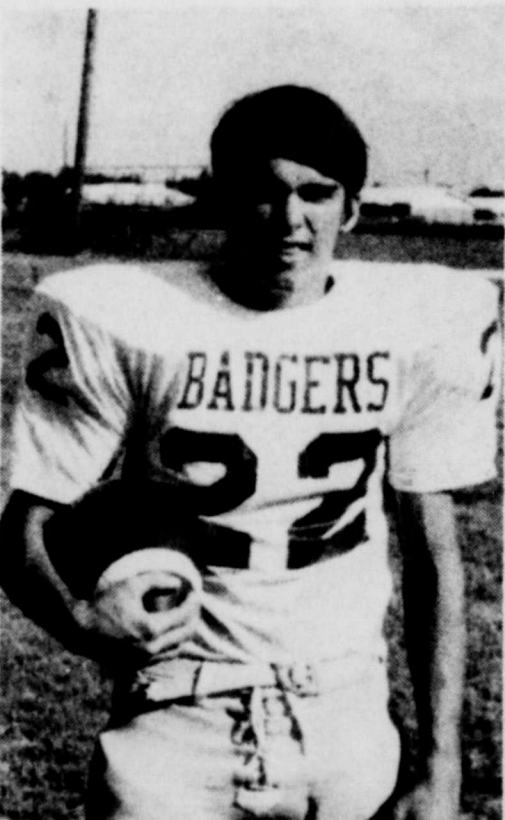
DOUG HUTCHINGS -- Number 84 is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hutchings. He is Junior at MHS and fill the positions of offensive split end and defensive safety. Doug weighs 139 and is 6' tall. His comments are, "I wish more people would get interested in football. The parents and kids like the coaches and our district is going to be tough."



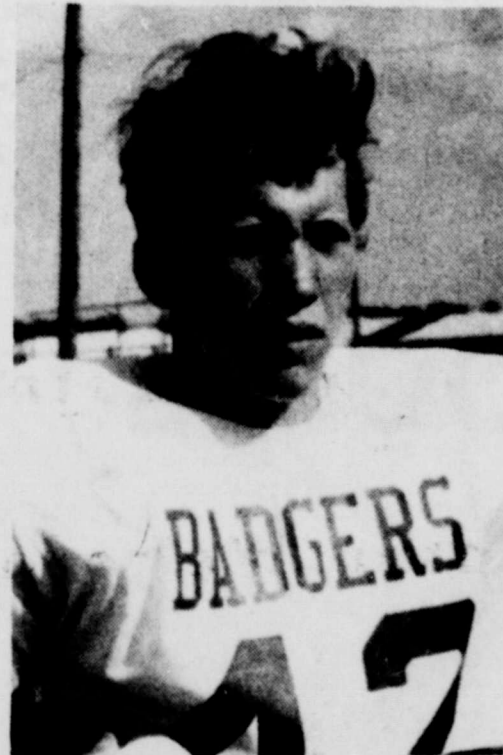
JIMMY LAND -- Is offensive fullback and defensive linebacker weighs 160 and is 5' 11" tall and will wear number 30. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. James L. Land. A Senior at MHS, Jimmy received the Best Lineman's trophy in 1973. His comments are, "I would like to express my appreciation to the Merkel Booster Club. Their efforts have greatly improved our team. They have repeatedly helped buy equipment such as the weight machine."



STEVE WEST -- Is a Junior at MHS, wears number 25 jersey and will fill the positions of offensive tailback and defensive cornerback. He is the son of Bobby West and Joyce West. Steve made the following comments, "If the coaches keep on working us the way they have been and the boosters keep on backing us, you can expect alot out of us."



JEFFERY COX -- Is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen O. Cox, wears number 22 and is a Senior at MHS. He weighs 145 and is 5' 7" tall and fills the positions of offensive quarterback and defensive free safety. He received an outstanding track award last year. Jeff's comments are, "We have an outstanding group of young men and the backing of our boosters."



DAVID SPARKS -- Is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sparks, will wear number 427 this season, and weighs 145 and is 5' and 10" tall. A Sophomore at MHS, David is in the slot of offensive halfback and defensive cornerback. His comments are, "We were rated 3rd in district, but the guys made a mistake because we have a great group of guys and coaches that are number one."



DANNY DUBOSE -- Danny's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby DuBose. He will wear number 40 and fill offensive proback, tailback and defensive free safety this year. A Sophomore at MHS he weighs 140 and is 5' 10" tall. Danny made the following comments, "We've got a lot of experience and most of all we have 22 boys on the varsity that want to play ball and hit somebody."

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BOB REED -- Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Reed, is a Sophomore at THS, weighs 130 and is 5' 6" tall. He fills the position of offensive end and defensive linebacker, comments, "We have a good team and two good coaches. I believe if we try we can do something."



ROCKY BRENEM -- Rocky is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Brenem weighs 150 and is 5' 11" tall. An offensive half-back and defensive end, he is a Senior at THS. He wears number 21 and comments, "I believe that this year will be a great year for the Gorillas. We have a little smaller team than last year, but we can still do a great job of playing."



ROCKY BRYAN -- Wears number 87 and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bryan. He weighs 160 and is 5' 11" tall, plays offensive center and defensive end. Rocky, a freshman at THS, comments, "We had a good team last year, but we've got an even better one this year."



BILL GRIFFITH -- Is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Griffith, weighs 189 and is 6' 2" tall. An offensive end and defensive end, number 50, Bill is a Senior at THS. He comments, "I think we can go all the way if we put our very best into it. We should go all the way with the coaches we have."

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