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Badgers Loose 41-20, Play Rotan Friday

The Merkel Badgers will play host to the Rotan Yellowhammers at Badger Stadium. Game time is 7:30. Halfbacks Gus Moore and Jerry Meador ran the Merkel defense ragged Friday night to lead the Aspermont Hornets to a 41-20 victory over Merkel's Badgers at Aspermont. Moore accounted for the first three touchdowns of the game on runs of five and 68 yards and on a pass reception of 13 yards from Aspermont quarterback Skipper Lipham. All three six-pointers came in the first quarter. Meador, who gained 180 yards on 17 carries, fought his way over for a 14-yard TD in the second quarter. Hornet fullback Kollin Shadle chalked up a six-pointer on a five-yard run in the same period. Merkel's first score came with nine seconds left in the first half, when quarterback Jeff Cox sneaked over from one yard out. Cox kicked the extra point. In the third quarter, Lipham tossed to end Eugene Johnson for a two-yard TD. Fullback Bill Watts of Merkel accounted for the other score of the quarter on a two-yard run. The extra-point kick was blocked by Leland Workman, Aspermont linebacker. The last touchdown of the game came in the final quarter when Merkel tailback Steve West went over from six yards out. Cox's kick was good. Aspermont's Ray Radcliffe kicked three out of five extra points for the Hornets. Halfback Blane Hight passed for two extra points to end Eugene Johnson on the first TD of the game. Aspermont, . . . 21 14 6 0--41 Merkel, 0 7 6 7--20

James Riggan Funeral Held Tuesday

James C. Riggan, 78, died at 10:35 a.m. Sunday in Starr Nursing Home in Merkel after a long illness. Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the United Methodist Church of Merkel. The Rev. Russell McAnnally, pastor, and the Rev. Fred Boen, pastor of the Primitive Baptist Church of Tuscola, officiated. Burial was in White Church Cemetery south of Merkel. Born Aug. 4, 1895, in North Carolina, he moved with his parents to Mulberry Canyon south of Merkel when he was 12. He married Gracie Alice Brown March 6, 1919, in Trent. He farmed in Mulberry Canyon until 1952 when he retired and moved to Trent. He had been living in Merkel since 1957. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. Survivors are his wife; three sons, Murrel and Jimmy, both of Merkel, and Dennis of Sweetwater; three daughters, Mrs. R. L. (Elise) Swinney, Mrs. Finis (Lola Mae) Bartlett and Mrs. Kent (Betty Lu) Satterwhite, all of Merkel; four brothers, Gold of Lamesa, Grant of Big Spring, Nathan of Stanton and Lloyd of Big Spring; three sisters, Mrs. Lloyd Harris and Mrs. Jessie Conley, both of Houston, and Mrs. Leona Conley of Merkel; 15 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son and one daughter. Grandsons were pallbearers.



TRENT POSTMASTER—Mrs. Estep, Postmaster for Trent is shown putting up the mail. Her friendliness is the hallmark of her postoffice. (Photo by Lavonne Bunch)

Trent Postmaster Is Friendly 'Postperson'

By LAVONNE BUNCH Officially, she is the Trent Postmaster, but that doesn't seem a proper title for such a becoming lady. Postmistress? No, that sounds too frivolous for the serious business to which Marie Estep attends. Post person refers to a deceased one and Mrs. Estep is very much alive, so that description is inaccurate. Her happy disposition reflects in greetings to postal customers and co-workers. Mrs. Estep has lived in Trent most of her life, is a Baptist and a member of the Community Club. Her children are Mrs. Jean Beasley who works for Merchants Fast Motors in Abilene and Jerry, who is Albany Elementary School principal. She has six grandchildren. Mrs. Agnes Burks is her mother. In 1964, Mrs. Estep became a postal clerk and was recommended to her present position in 1971. Other employees of the department are Layne Wells, clerk; Buddy Boyd and Spud McLeod, rural carriers. Although the business at hand is austere, Mrs. Estep brings a flavor of happiness into her job. A quick smile, a funny quote, a helping hand and the customer leaves with her contagious mood following them. In this day of women's liberation, there are still very few female postmasters but this fact doesn't present problems. "I needed the job matched the qualifications, and was hired," she said.

Stamp Program Termed Success

Truett Thompson, Postmaster, announced today that during the first month of the food coupon program it was working well in the Merkel Office. He stated that to be able to serve the participants and postal customers in a fast, efficient manner that the participants of the Food Coupon Program should please have their identification card, ATP Card and correct amount of cash ready when they came for the coupons. The food coupon program is a cash transaction only and no checks can be accepted. The hours for the sale of coupons are 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Area Cotton Prospects Good As Ginning Gets Underway

With the prospects for one of the best cotton crops in years, Merkel and area gins are beginning to get into full production. Red Schafer, manager of the Trent gin, reported that his gin has already ginned 60 to 80 bales. The first bale brought in to the Trent gin belonged to H. H. McLeod. McLeod brought his cotton in on October 15th. He had 2,000 lbs. of seed cotton and ginned out a 530 lb. bale. Cotton prices are very favorable now. Average price is around 55-60 cents a pound. Defoliating is beginning to get under way. Some cotton has already been sprayed. "It is kind of slow now, but as farmers get cotton defoliated it will pick up," said Joe Higgins, manager of the Mer-

Activities Are Finalized For Dyess AFB Open House

DYESS AFB -- Activities for Dyess' Eighth Annual Open House have been finalized for the Oct. 27 celebration. Highlight again this year will be a performance by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. Other activities include a Military Working Dog demonstration; a performance by the 2nd Air Force Band, Barksdale AFB, La.; and an aerial demonstration by C-130 aircraft of Dyess' 463rd Tactical Airlift Wing. Additionally, there will be a static display of Air Force aircraft, military displays in Hangar 5020, and various refreshment booths situated throughout the flightline area. The schedule of events for the open house is: 10:30 a.m. -- Gates open to the public; 11:30 - Noon -- Dog Show (West side of Bldg 4312); Noon - 1:30 p.m. -- Band Performance; 1:30 - 2:05 p.m. -- 463rd TAW Aerial Demonstration; 2:35 - 3 p.m. -- Thunderbird Narrator and Inspection Party inspect the Thunderbirds; 3 - 3:30 p.m. -- Thunderbirds take off, perform and land; 3:34 - 4:30 p.m. -- Thunderbirds meet the public; 4:30 p.m. -- Open House ends. Dyess officials extend a cordial invitation to all Big Country area residents to visit the base and participate in this year's open house. Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend.

The 53th gin had its first bale Tuesday. The cotton belonged to Paul Hudman. His 2,200 lbs. of cotton produced a 600 lb. bale. Booth Warren, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Merkel, said he thought the cotton crop would exceed a bale an acre over the area. However, a few farmers have had Root-Knot Nematode and Fusarium Wilt and have lost some of their cotton. "The yield will be better this year than in several years and will bring a lot of money in to the area," Warren said. Orval Ely said he expects his cotton to yield "about half a bale an acre." He said he didn't have to spray his cotton during the growing season, but had sprayed 3 times recently to kill boll weevils this winter. "Actually," he said, "we are spraying for next year." Box Murphree was one of the area farmers who planted a new bred of cotton this year called Tamcot, released from AAM University last year. June Hogan was another farmer planting the new variety. Both made about the same comments that the cotton crop was easier to strip, has good staple, is good and it doesn't take as much to make a bale. Mr. Murphree said he bought the cotton seed, but didn't really want it to begin with, but is now glad he did." Hogan said, "This is a real good type of cotton for this area." Farmers from the area purchased the cotton seed from Joe Higgins at Farmer Co-op Gin in Merkel. Spud McLeod said cotton in the Trent area looks good and ranges anywhere to three-quarters to a bale and a half to the acre. He also said he did not have to spray his cotton this year.

WWI Vets District 17 Meet Oct. 30

The Veterans of WWI Merkel-Trent Barracks met Oct. 16th in the Merkel REA Co-Op for their regular monthly meeting. The Ladies of WWI Auxiliary met also. Mrs. Albert Creswell, 1st vice president presided in absence of the President, Mrs. Maggie Renfro. Plans were made for Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 20. Games of 42 and 88 will be entertainment for the evening. There will be a Fall Meeting of all members of Veterans of WWI and Auxiliary District 17, in Stephenville, Texas at Tarleton University, in the Cardinal Room of the Dining Hall, on Oct. 30th. All members are urged to be present, and learn about the future benefits of our members.

Trent Homecoming Slated This Saturday

Trent Homecoming will be Saturday Oct. 27. Activities will begin Friday evening at 5:30 with a Powderpuff football game and the Bonfire afterwards on the school grounds. There will be a breakfast Saturday morning beginning at 5:30. Registration and Visitation will be from 7:30 to 10:00. The Parade will begin at 10:00 downtown and end with a Pep Rally at the school at 10:45. The Senior Class will serve lunch in the Cafeteria beginning at 11:30. The Seniors' lunch will consist of Barbeque Brisket, Potato Salad, Pinto Beans, Onion, Pickles, Cokes, Tea and Coffee. Tickets will be \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. The Program will begin at 1:30 in the Auditorium. The Honor Class this year will be 1924. The Junior Class will serve supper at 5:30. Afterwards will be the Trent-McCauley Football game at 8:00. The Junior Supper will be cafeteria style. Menu is Home-made Stew - 50¢; Sandwiches - 25¢; Cobbler - 25¢; and Drinks - 10¢. All Trent Exes and friends are invited to attend this year's Homecoming.

Make It Trick or Treat, Not Trick or Treatment

Apples, cookies, candy, cider, and donuts seem to be right along with the witches, ghosts, ghouls, and goblins of Halloween. The goodies are treats - payments in lieu of tricks. Or are they? This Wednesday evening the annual pilgrimage begins for the long anticipated treasures. Will it be "trick or treat?" or, trick or treatment? For many children it is an evening of great fun and adventure, but for some it can turn into a night of tragedy and sorrow. Each year, far too many children are injured and killed Halloween Eve by motorists unable to see them darting unexpectedly into the street. Others are badly burned as their costumes are ignited by flames from lighted candles and lanterns. These tragic situations could be avoided if parents would observe rules of good sense and safety, such as the following suggested by Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. Use only bright costumes. A white-sheeted ghost is more easily seen by a passing motorist than a black-clad witch. But even brightly clothed children may be hard to distinguish as the evening darkens so fluorescent strips which would make them even more visible, is suggested. Liberty Mutual advises that you do not allow children to carry lighted candles, or lanterns, or any type of open flame. Many children have been burned in past years when their costumes, often made of extremely flammable material, caught fire. A flash-light would be easier to carry, and would also make crossing the street safer. Be sure to chaperone all children who would not normally be allowed outside alone at night. Younger children should be out only in the early evenings. The discreet presence of an adult can stop a problem situation from developing. A major problem each Halloween is children who have been cut, drugged, or poisoned. Apples and cup cakes can have razors hidden in them. Any kind of non-commercially packaged edible can have drugs or other poisonous ingredients added to them. Be very careful that gun, candy, and other snacks are securely wrapped, and that the wrapping has not been opened and resealed. It is best to trick or treat in your neighborhood. Keep a light on in front of your house so that there is no danger of children being injured walking into objects or holes they cannot see in the dark. If there is a pet in the household, keep it away from the door. Children enjoy putting on make-up as part of their costume but be careful of what they use. Cheap make-up can in many instances cause complexion problems for youngsters - or hurt their eyes. Finally, when your child goes out for the evening, make sure you know where he or she is going and what time he or she should return. Halloween can be a real treat for everyone. One way to ensure it is to follow these simple rules of safety. The result will be an enjoyable and safe evening for children and parents alike. Safety on Halloween is not a magic act.

Booster-Coaches Play Nov. 3rd

The annual Coaches-Booster Club Football Game will be Saturday, Nov. 3 at 7:30 at the Badger Stadium. You must be a member of the Booster Club to play. If you're not a member of the Club, and you want to get into the action, contact any member of the Booster Club.

Rites Held October 12 For Mrs. Houston Robertson

Mrs. Houston Robertson, 81, died at 11:40 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10 in Starr Nursing Home here after a long illness. Funeral was held Friday, Oct. 12 in the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. N. S. Daniels, associate pastor of the First United Methodist Church here. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery directed by Starbuck Funeral Home. Born Anna Mae Hogg June 16, 1892, in Mississippi, she moved with her parents to Coryell County as a girl and to Taylor County in 1908. She married Houston Robertson Feb. 22, 1914, in the 5th community in Jones County. They farmed in Taylor and Jones counties and moved to Merkel in 1943. He died July 26, 1970. She was a Baptist since early in life and was a member of the T.E.L. Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church. Survivors are a son, Lloyd B. of Rt. 1, Merkel; a grandson, Rodney W. of Arlington; a sister, Lucille Hogg of Bay City. A sister and five brothers preceded her in death.

Photo Contest Wed. 31st

There will be a Photo Contest held in Merkel Wednesday, Oct. 31. Parents are urged to bring their children in to have their pictures taken at Crawford from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. They will be published in the Merkel Mail. There is no charge for the printing in the paper to the parents. There are no strings to this invitation. It is bonafide in every sense of the word. Parents do not have to be subscribers, not even readers of this newspaper to take advantage of this feature. Neither are they obligated to purchase pictures after they are taken. Those who want some additional prints may obtain a limited number by arrangement with the studio representative when they select the pose you want printed in the paper it is entirely up to them. Mothers and fathers of the community in which this paper circulates should remember the date Wednesday Oct. 31 and bring their children to the photographer. You will be mighty glad afterwards, if you did and very sorry if you do not permit your children to participate in this event. The kiddies will have fun and both mother and dad and the youngsters, too will be very proud to see their pictures in print later. Appointments may be had by calling Janie Clark, 928-5038.



LEROY AUSTERMAN, WALTER HARRIS graduates

Harris, Austerman Attend Police School in Abilene

Twenty-three candidates, including Walter Harris and Leroy Austerman received Certified Peace Officers diplomas in a ceremony at the Starlite Inn, Thursday, Oct. 18. Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Austerman accompanied their husbands to the banquet honoring the men who had completed 240 hours in the training school. Boyd Baker, ex-police chief, and his wife attended the banquet also. Charles Kenner, of the extension service of A&M University was instructor for the 6 week school which was held in the old Taylor County Court-house. West Texas Council of Governments sponsored the school. Bob Gallager, head of West Texas Council of Governments was master of ceremonies at the banquet. Glenn Connors, with the Department of Public Safety for 35 years, was guest speaker. "We really benefitted a lot from the school. There was a lot covered, some we knew and some we didn't," said Harris. "It was good experience for both of us." Harris and Austerman are Merkel City Police officers. Everyone is invited to attend.

New Arrival

James and Shane Shaw are proud to announce the birth of a baby sister, Sheri Dawn, born Oct. 4 at 11:47 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. and 6 oz. Parents are Jackie and Pat Shaw of Mesquite. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson of Merkel, Mrs. and Mrs. Jess Womack of Blackwell, and M.J. Shaw of Abilene. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Mattie Shaw and Mrs. Blanche (Smith) Black of Merkel.

Revival At Calvary Baptist

According to the Rev. P. T. Stewart, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Thursday and Friday night will be the final services for the revival. The Faith Gospel Singers will present special music Friday night. The singing group consists of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pack of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Clepper of Brownwood. Everyone is invited to attend.

Fortnightly Plans Dinner Trades Day

The Fortnightly Study Club is planning to hold a dinner in the Masonic Lodge Hall for Trades Day December 1, according to a club spokesman. The club plans to have tickets available at the door or tickets may be purchased from club members.

Former Merkelite Author of Book

By LAVONNE BUNCH Many folks from this area will remember John Hamilton Bullock who recently authored a book called "The Bullock Families." Mr. Bullock resides in Abilene, but was married in Merkel, to Minnie Pearl Meek in 1912 by the Rev. J. W. Saffie. After her death, he married Nora Christian. Hamm, Cash, Sears, Petty, Parker, Conway and many other pioneer names are penned in Mr. Bullock's memoirs. The first portion of the book is dedicated to genealogy, which Mr. Bullock has researched in Virginia land-offices and North Carolina on Will Books. A captain of the Kings Council, Hugh Bullock born 1580, came from London, England and generated a people who forged westward, always up front where the action is. This writer chuckled as I read the wills of some of the early families, "A feather bed, my riding mare; the plantation house; the servants; my still and all instruments," --worldly goods, love and affection bestowed upon heirs.



Governor Dolph Briscoe officially launches the Governor's Roundup for Scouting in Texas by serving a Roundup pocket punch on Paul Carr, Troop 233 of Uvalde, who recruited another young man into his troop. Looking on is Dr. Howard Carr, Scoutmaster. The Roundup's goal is 50,000 new members in scouting this Fall.

CEMETERY FUND

THE LAW OF PARDON # 3

What Jesus required the preachers to preach is what he wanted the people to hear, and what he wanted them to hear is what he wanted them to believe and respond with obedience to what they believed. He required the preachers to preach the gospel, which is "the power of God unto salvation" (Rom. 1:16). And in I Corinthians 15:1-4 "the gospel" is defined as the "death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ". Thus we see that the faith that saves the soul is faith in Christ as the Son of God and "obedience of faith" (Rom. 1:5) as a result of that faith. All the preaching of the apostles to sinners and all the conversions mentioned in Acts show that they always preached Christ, and him crucified, and baptized those that believed in him for the removing of sin. Thus, as Peter wrote by the inspiration of God "baptism doeth also now save us" (I Peter 3:21).

What kind of a baptism did Christ refer to?

The Savior could not have meant the baptism of the Holy Spirit (in Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 16:15,16; for the following reasons: it was a command to be obeyed, while baptism of the Holy Spirit is a promise to be enjoyed. Men never obey promises, but they obey commands in order to enjoy promises. It could not have been the baptism of the Holy Spirit because this baptism was to be administered by man, men had to do the teaching and men had to do the baptizing whereas baptism of the Holy Spirit was to be administered by the Lord himself (Matt. 3:11). Furthermore it could have been "baptism" by "pouring" or "sprinkling" for the word itself means "dip, plunge, immerse" but as well the scriptures bring out the fact that Bible baptism is a BURIAL, Romans 6:4 and Colossians 2:12 etc.

What kind of salvation is it?

Luke (Luke 24:46,47) calls "salvation" the "remission of sins", Mark (Mark 16:15,16) simply calls it being "saved", John (John 20:22,23) refers to it by saying "sins shall be remitted". Summing it all up, we learn that the gospel had to be preached to the people, the people had to believe it and be baptized, and then God promised them salvation from sin. Thus in Acts chapter 2 you have an exact fulfillment of these passages. . . you have the preacher in Jerusalem preaching Christ, the sinners preached to, who in turn believe and are commanded to be baptized for the "remitting" . . . "remission" . . . "saving" from their sins. And the forgiveness of their sins did not occur until they were baptized. And upon their baptism they were added to the church (Acts 2:47).

BILLY PATTON

CHURCH OF CHRIST

"COME VISIT WITH US"

D. H. Vaughn in memory of Mrs. J. B. Foster.
Mr. and Mrs. Choc Hutcheson in memory of Brandon Hutcheson.
Mr. and Mrs. Deris Hutcheson in memory of Brandon Hutcheson.
Mrs. Chloe Vanzant H. B. Robertson
Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Bagley
Mrs. B. L. Bond
Mrs. W. A. Steele
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hill
Mrs. Ethel Snell
Mr. and Mrs. Comer Haynes in memory of John Crain, M. G. King and R. G. Stout
Euna Belle Orsborn
The Travis Farmers in memory of Mrs. J. B. Foster
The Travis Farmers in memory of Wade Ensminger
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Risinger
E. C. Ray
Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Eller
Carroll and Helen Benson in memory of Mrs. J. B. Foster
Mrs. John Mansfield

Jay Green field in memory of Mrs. J. B. Foster
Atwell Henderson
Mrs. Tom Russon
M. E. Ryals
Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinkley
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Laney in memory of John Crain
C. W. Tipton
A. L. Moore
Travis, Phyllis and Dusty Farmer in memory of Tommy Patterson
Ruby Moore Lawrence and Eugene Lawrence
George J. and Mattie D. Murray
Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely
Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Buchanan
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jackson
Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grayson
Lillie G. Mayhall and Jessie L. Newberry
Mrs. C. A. Gardner
Mrs. W. G. Leach
Mrs. Pearl Rampley Clay
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Muser

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. McKeever
Cecil Cochran
Mrs. N. D. Lucas
J. J. Russell
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry M. Harvey
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Evans
Rube M. Moorhouse
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Pain
Norma Bond in memory of R. G. Stout
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lassiter in memory of Mae Robertson
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howard in memory of Mrs. Houston Robertson
Mr. and Mrs. Orin Higgins in memory of Mae Robertson
Mr. and Mrs. Pete Petty in memory of Anna Mae Robertson
Mrs. Clyde Bartlett in memory of Mrs. Anna Mae Robertson
Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch in memory of Mrs. Mae Robertson
Mrs. P. E. Allen
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Petty in memory of Mrs. Frank Armstrong and Mrs. Houston Robertson
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West Texas Utilities
Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney in memory of Mrs. Houston Robertson
Betty Jane Tittle in memory of Mrs. Houston Robertson
Mrs. Vernon Mansfield in memory of Mrs. Houston Robertson
Mr. and Mrs. C. Roy Stevens
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stevens
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wigham, Jr.
Mrs. D. W. Sieglitz
A. C. Terry
Zlua Gilliam
Mrs. W. J. Thornton

Ladies Golf News

Tuesday was once again Ladies' Day at the Merkel Country Club. Nineteen ladies turned out to play in the putting tournament held Tuesday afternoon.

Sherry Aldridge captured first place as she used only fourteen putts for the nine holes played. Tied for second was Merle Thompson and Billie South with sixteen putts, followed by Louise DeBose and Sandra Doan with twenty-five putts.

We urge all interested ladies to come out and participate.

ROUND-UP

JACK HOGAN returned home last Wednesday from Hendricks Memorial Hospital in Abilene where he had been in intensive care there for 11 days.

MRS. C. W. BUTLER of DeSoto was down visiting her daughter, Kaye Lanham, Editor of the Merkel Mail, at the newspaper last week.

MRS. DORIS FREEMAN of Corsicana is visiting with her aunt, Maggie Renfro this week.

TYE TALKS

By SUSAN DONALDSON



Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kimmey, and granddaughter, Traci Cochrun, visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Skippy Hicks, in Fort Worth. Their grandson, Craig, returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Smith and children were in Tye visiting friends. They were here for the ACC Homecoming.

Mr. Smith is a former principal of Tye School and is now Superintendent of Coolidge Schools at Coolidge, near Waco.

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The Jrs. are still selling mums and will be up until 8:30 Saturday morning.

The Student Council will be welcoming Exes in the Library. Coffee and cookies will be served.

Everyone has really been working on homecoming and it should be one of the best yet. Everyone come see the Gorillas defeat the Eagles.

GORILLA GROWL

The Gorillas played a great game Friday night. They defeated the Leuders-Avoce Raiders 60-0, and the game was called at the end of the first half. So they are really fired for their homecoming game against the McCaulley Eagles Saturday night.

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GUARANTEED USED CARS

- 70 PONTIAC Bonneville 4 door hardtop, air and power, green color with gold vinyl top, electric windows, cruise control, tilt wheel. REAL NICE \$1995
- 72 PONTIAC Catalina 4 door sedan, air and power, bronze color \$2595
- with white top, nice for only
- 72 PONTIAC GRAND SAFARI 6 passenger wagon, air condition, power, tape player, tilt wheel, cruise control, power seats, power windows, light green color. Real nice. One owner \$3795
- 73 PONTIAC SAFARI 6 passenger wagon, air condition, power, luggage rack. Real nice. Light green color \$3995
- 72 FORD Ranchero Squire Pickup, air and power, mag wheels, wood grain siding, red with black vinyl top. A beauty for only \$2795
- 69 CHEVROLET CAPRICE 2 door hard top, air condition, power. Needs a little body work. Going this week-end for only \$795
- 65 PONTIAC TEMPEST 4 door sedan, air condition, power. Real nice for only \$695
- 69 PONTIAC GTO 2 door hard top, V-8, 4 speed, power steering, factory air, chrome wheels, new tires, brown color with brown vinyl top. \$1095
- 69 PONTIAC Tempest Custom wagon, air and power, we sold it new, gold with white top, nice for only \$1595
- 69 PONTIAC Bonneville 4 door hardtop, air and power, good tires, green with white top, only \$1595
- 2-73 PONTIAC CATALINA 4 door sedans, air and power, driver education cars. 1 tan, 1 blue both still like new. Going at reduced prices.
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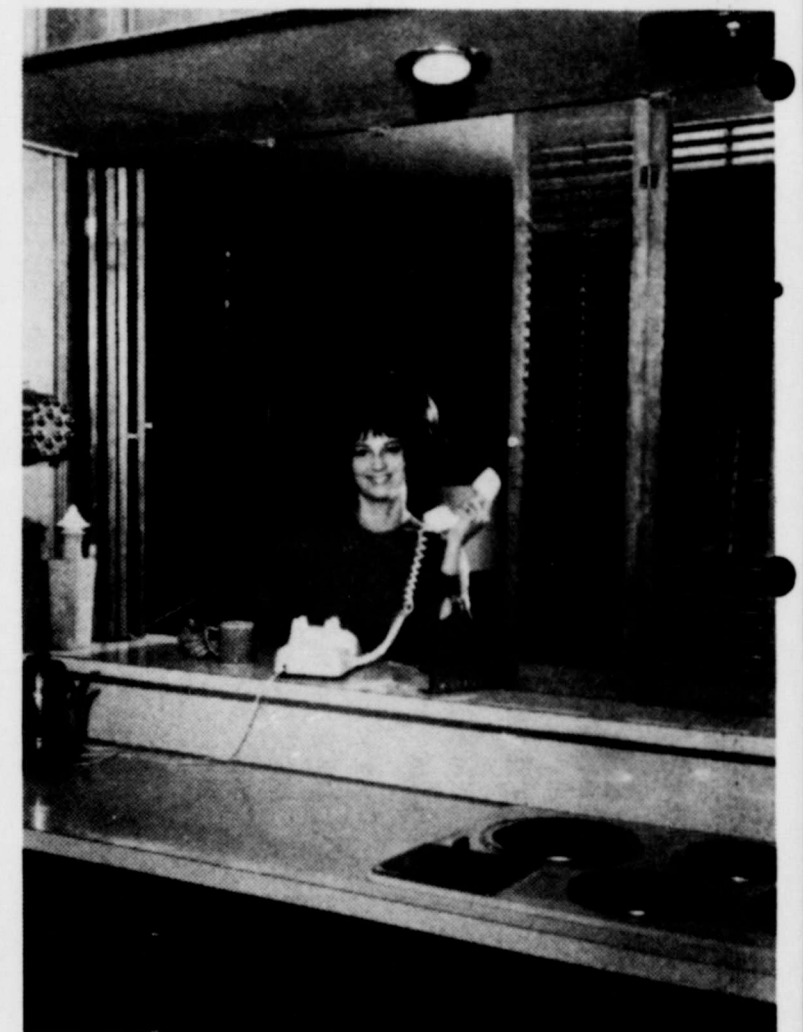
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Willie Edward Spain, DEFENDENT, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, 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 12th day of November A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's

Petition filed in said court, on the 4th day of September A.D. 1973, in this cause numbered 8458 on the docket of said court and styled Birtie Lee Spain, Plaintiff, vs. Willie Edward Spain, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Divorce, Married Aug. 7, 1973; separated Aug. 11, 1973. No children and no property, 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, Texas, this 1st day of October A.D. 1973. (SEAL)

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Marie Adkins, Deputy 33-4tc

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TO: Patsy Ann Bryan, DEFENDENT, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, 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 26th day of November A.D. 1973, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 24th day of August A.D. 1973, in this cause numbered 8432 on the docket of said court and styled George Bryan, Plaintiff, vs. Patsy Ann Bryan, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Divorce, Parties married on September 14, 1968; on or about September, 1971, separated and ceased to live together as husband and wife. One child under the age of eighteen, being Geri Leslie Bryan, residing with Petitioner. No community property 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, Texas, this 15th day of October A.D. 1973. (SEAL)

Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas By Myrna Lawrence, Deputy. 34-4tc

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A gift tea was given Monday, October 15th for Judy Driggers, bride-elect of Alan Reed in the home of Mrs. W. H. Bullock. Several friends also served as hostesses.

The table centerpiece was a purple and yellow arrangement on a yellow net cloth. These colors were carried out in the home as Miss Driggers chosen colors for her wedding.

Special guests at the tea were Mrs. H.D. Driggers of Pecos, mother of the honoree, Mrs. Glenn Reed, mother of Mr. Reed and his grandmothers, Mrs. G. C. Wheeler and Mrs. L. J. Reed, both of Abilene.

Miss Judy Driggers, bride-elect of Alan Reed, was named honoree at a coffee Saturday morning in the home of Mrs. Carroll Benson.

Yellow and purple were carried out in the entertaining room. Table appointments were of brass and copper.

A wooden salad bowl set was presented to Miss Driggers as a hostess gift.

Mesdames Harry Bullock, Travis Davis, George Martin, and Gary Douglas shared hostesses' duties with Mrs. Benson.

Merkel Garden Club Has Guest Speaker

The Merkel Garden Club had a covered dish luncheon in the home of Mrs. Tom Fox, Oct. 18.

The Social Committee, Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mrs. Charlie Sherrill, assisted her.

Mrs. Jarrett Williams introduced the speaker, Mrs. Paula Carter of Elmwood Gardens of Abilene. She gave an interesting talk on horticulture trends.

Members present were Mrs. Mmes. W. T. Sadler, Charlie Sherrill, John Shannon, Dee Grimes, Jarrett Williams, C. D. Blackley, Frank Breaux, S. D. Gamble, Tom Russon, Allie King, Lottie Everett, Tom Alliday, Johnny Cox, Herbert Patterson and;

Beta Sigma To Have Carnival Booth

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Gene Amerine for their regular meeting.

Twenty members answered roll call to "My Favorite Novel."

Darla Mawson, captain, and Mrs. Phil Seymore, co-captain, presented an informative program on novels.

Members voted to have a fortune telling booth at the Halloween Carnival Oct. 27th at the United Methodist Church.

Woman of the year committee was named by President Mrs. Billy Bob Neff. They were Mrs. Larry White, Mrs. Juan Ybarra and Mrs. Larry L. Teaff.

Mrs. Teaff gave a report on the City Council meeting. Rushes were appointed to serve on various committees.

Members served refreshments. Those attending were Mrs. Mmes. Mawson, Seymore, Amerine, Junior Clark, Teaff, Paul Moore, Harold Hohbert, Mike Welch, Larry Justice, Robert Harris, Craig Jones, Larry White, Billy Lucas, Rosie Castille, Juan Ybarra, Obie Coker, James Alliday, Neff, Lee Yaddow and Paul Douglas.

Mrs. Bullock Host Gleaners

The Gleaners Sunday School Class of the First United Methodist Church met Wednesday, October 17, in the home of Mrs. Harry Bullock with Mrs. Kenneth Pee and Mamie Steck co-hostess. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Newton Daniel.

The hostesses presented each member with a year-book. The front was a colored copy of "Praying Hands." A colored "Gleaner" preceded the list of members.

Every member had one of her baby pictures, and each person tried to identify these.

A tea plate was served to Mrs. Mmes. John Shannon, H. N. Odum, J. W. Moore, Dee Grimes, Winnie Cypert, Herbert Patterson, O. R. Douglass, Mary Click, T. K. Anderson, Lottie Everett, Wilmer Criswell, Newton Daniel, Floyd Davis, Dewell McLean, Joe Seymore, Anna Dunn, Johnny Cox, Harry Bullock, Kenneth Pee, and Mamie Steck, and Misses Mable McRee and Besie Reidenback.

One visitor Mrs. Bert Jones, a former member of Baytown, was also present.

MYF To Have Halloween Carnival Saturday

M.Y.F. will have a Halloween Carnival in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church Saturday Oct. 27 at 6 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

MISSIONETTES

Forty-four Missionettes and other children of the Assembly of God Church enjoyed the Circus in Abilene, compliments of Merkel merchants. We wish to thank them for the tickets.

There will be a halloween party Friday night for the families of Missionettes and visitors.

We are looking for a big week.

Fortnightly Group Hears Rehab Rep.

The West Texas Rehabilitation Center was the subject for study and review at the regular meeting of the Fortnightly Study Club Tuesday, Oct. 23, in the home of Mrs. Stanley Toombs.

After refreshments and a brief business meeting, Mrs. Don Dudley, president, introduced Mr. James Hallmark. Mr. Hallmark devotes his time fully to the Rehab Center. He showed a series of slides depicting the growth of the Center during the past 20 years. The Rehab Center is celebrating its twentieth year of service to those who need help. The Center had in the past year, patients from 38 Texas Counties. A question and answer period followed the showing of the slides.

The next meeting will be at the Asteroid Restaurant Nov. 13 with Mrs. S. C. Dixon as hostess.

Xi Nu Chi To Hold Rituals

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their regular meeting Tuesday October 16 in the home of Mrs. Bobby Mansfield.

President, Mrs. Edgar Tipton, appointed Mrs. Glenn Teaff and Mrs. Weldon McAninch to serve on the "Woman of the Year" selection committee with Lambda Beta Chapter.

Also, under new business, an amendment to the by-laws was made, in that only Beta Sigma Phis with four years of grad standing may be rushed into Xi Nu Chi.

An Exemplar Ritual will be held Nov. 13, at the Merkel Restaurant in the Gold Room. Lambda Beta Chapter will also hold their Ritual at this time. A tea will follow both rituals at the home of Mrs. Harry Bullock. Program "The Good Life" was given by Captain Mrs. Bob DuBose and team.

Those present were Mrs. Mmes. Tipton, Teaff, McAninch, Bullock, DuBose, Garner, Mansfield, Steck, John Brady, Jack Boone, Peck Eager, Carrol Benson, Glenn Robertson and Val Patterson.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Poems
- Begone!
- Puppy
- Exhausts
- Barium: chem.
- Raise
- Dad
- Possessive
- Dirge
- Russian River
- Pinnacle
- Falsehood
- At once
- Make pointed
- Ghana capital
- Joined
- Level
- Place of worship
- Bag of air
- Views
- Biblical priest
- Therefore
- Hearing organ
- So. American animal
- Fathers
- Mercy
- Streetcar
- By
- Girl's name
- Spotty
- M.D.'s
- Silkworms
- Climb
- By
- Everything
- Prettiest
- On the ocean
- Fewest
- Smear
- Monsters
- Middy
- Vestibule
- Departure
- Arabian prince
- Chemical prefix
- Age
- April: abbr.
- Printer's measure

DOWN

- Exclamation
- Scottish River
- Swiss weight
- Charmed
- Platform
- Large town
- Exist
- Tellurium: chem.
- Observe
- Animal track
- Slanging
- Blood carrier

Answer to Puzzle

ACROSS: 1. Poems, 2. Begone!, 3. Puppy, 4. Exhausts, 5. Barium: chem., 6. Raise, 7. Dad, 8. Possessive, 9. Dirge, 10. Russian River, 11. Pinnacle, 12. Falsehood, 13. At once, 14. Make pointed, 15. Ghana capital, 16. Joined, 17. Level, 18. Place of worship, 19. Bag of air, 20. Views, 21. Biblical priest, 22. Therefore, 23. Hearing organ, 24. So. American animal, 25. Fathers, 26. Mercy, 27. Streetcar, 28. By, 29. Girl's name, 30. Spotty, 31. M.D.'s, 32. Silkworms, 33. Climb, 34. By, 35. Everything, 36. Prettiest, 37. On the ocean, 38. Fewest, 39. Smear, 40. Monsters, 41. Middy, 42. Vestibule, 43. Departure, 44. Arabian prince, 45. Chemical prefix, 46. Age, 47. April: abbr., 48. Printer's measure.

MISSIONETTES

Forty-four Missionettes and other children of the Assembly of God Church enjoyed the Circus in Abilene, compliments of Merkel merchants. We wish to thank them for the tickets.

There will be a halloween party Friday night for the families of Missionettes and visitors.

We are looking for a big week.

AUCTION

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 3, 1973-10:30 A.M.

Merkel, Texas R.G. Stout Farm

COMPLETE DISPERSAL

From Merkel Cemetery Turn South Go 3/4 Mile, Turn East for 1 Mile.

"Watch for Auction Signs"

70 John Deere Power Steering L.P., 450 Farmall 2 pt. Wide Front L.P., 20 Ferguson L.P., M Farmall L.P. with Int. 21 Cotton Stripper 36 Disc. Int. Tandem, wheel type, 18 Disc. One way, (cyl. type) 190 Gallon Spray Rig, 16-10 Int. Grain Drill (1) Seed Trailer, full of Cotton Seed, 2 pt. Double tool bar chisel plow, 6' front mount blade, (2) 250 Gallon Butane Tanks, on wheels, 5' rotocycle Shredder wheel type, 3 pt. tool bar, (1) 2 wheel Stock Trailer (3) 3 Bale Bradley & J.D. Cotton Trailers, 7' Road Drag, 3 pt. Ferguson Cultivator, 30' Sand Fighter, 250 Gallon Gasoline Tank & Stand, (1) 3 row Int. Cultivator front mount, (1) 3 row John Deere Cultivator, 180 Amp. Welder, Cutting torch, Air Compressor, Hand tools, Power Tools, Foot Pieces, Sweeps, busters, other items too numerous to mention.

STEVE KNIGHT - Auctioneer

Ph. 915 - 677-4231 Abilene 673-9808

Handy - Ann Catering Service of Abilene

BADGER TRACKS

By JANIE CLARK

H! Last week was a slow week because of 9 weeks tests and this one was slower because we get report cards on Wednesday. But it's going fast now because there is a ballgame this Friday night against Rotan. All of you Badger fans get out there and

The ballgame last Friday night didn't turn out right, at least for Merkel, it didn't. The score ended up 41 to 20 but if Merkel had had two more quarters, they would have probably won. The first quarter wasn't too good until right at the end. From then on the Badgers were on their toes and ready to go.

Why don't you all come out to Badger Stadium Friday night to back those Badgers to a win! Bye!

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REPORT OF CONDITION, CONSOLIDATING DOMESTIC SUBSIDIARIES, OF THE

Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas

IN THE STATE OF Texas AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON Oct. 17, 1973 PUBLISHED IN RESPONSE TO CALL MADE BY COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, UNDER TITLE 12, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 161.

ASSETS		Dollars	Cts.
Cash and due from banks (including \$ none unposted debits)		1,275	380.39
U.S. Treasury securities		1,885	222.00
Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations		202	902.69
Obligations of States and political subdivisions		1,157	192.52
Other securities (including \$ 2,000.00 corporate stock)		9	000.00
Trading account securities			none
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell		1,000	000.00
Loans		1,591	053.16
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises		60	000.00
Real estate owned other than bank premises			none
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and "associated companies"			none
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding			none
Other assets (including \$ none direct lease financing)			none
TOTAL ASSETS		7,181	050.56
LIABILITIES		Dollars	Cts.
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		4,604	453.99
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		1,505	995.88
Deposits of United States Government			33.762.97
Deposits of States and political subdivisions		216	003.76
Deposits of foreign governments and official institutions			none
Deposits of commercial banks			none
Certified and officers' checks, etc.		13	389.19
TOTAL DEPOSITS		6,375	605.79
(a) Total demand deposits		\$ 1,869	609.91
(b) Total time and savings deposits		\$ 1,505	995.88
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase			none
Liabilities for borrowed money			none
Mortgage indebtedness			none
Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding			none
Other liabilities			none
TOTAL LIABILITIES		6,375	605.79
RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES		Dollars	Cts.
Reserve for bad debt losses on loans (set up pursuant to IRS rulings)			none
Other reserves on loans		100	000.00
Reserves on securities		100	000.00
TOTAL RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES		200	000.00
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		Dollars	Cts.
Capital notes and debentures			none
% Due			none
% Due			none
Equity capital-total		605	444.77
Preferred stock-total par value			none
No. shares outstanding			none
Common Stock-total par value		150	000.00
No. shares authorized			3,000
No. shares outstanding			3,000
Surplus		150	000.00
Undivided profits		305	444.77
Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves			none
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		605	444.77
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		7,181	050.56
MEMORANDA		Dollars	Cts.
Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date		6,428	806.30
Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date		1,536	345.81
Interest collected not earned on installment loans included in total capital accounts		10	469.00

I, Betty Jane Tittle, of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

Director



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MORTONS PUMPKIN or MINCE

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Bordens HOMO 2 MILK 1/2 GAL CRTN. **65**

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Bordens ICE CREAM 1/2 Gal. crtn. **83¢**

12 oz. can 6 PACK **69¢**

HEINZ HB SLICE OR KOSHER QT. **49¢**

HUNTS 26 oz. BOTTLE **43¢**

ZEE (2 Limit) Jumbo **29¢**

MAR'S Fun Size on Kraft Carmels CANDY Jumbo Bags **79¢**

GLADE Air Freshner Assorted 7 oz. **43¢**

BREEZE \$1²³ FREE PANTY HOSE KING

NAPKINS ZEE 60 ct. **12¢**

CHEER Gt. box **69¢** (1 LIMIT)

IVORY LIQUED KING **63¢**

DOWNY Gt. SIZE **63¢**

CASCADE Gt. size **59¢**

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TREATS DECKER HOT DOGS 12 oz. **59¢**

BACON DECKERS 12 oz. PKG. **83¢**

LIVER FRESH BEEF LB **89¢**

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