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3 Amendments Lose In Merkel as 95 Cast Vote

Ninety-five voters turned out Tuesday to cast their ballot on the amendments to the Texas Constitution. The voters turned down 3 of the proposed 9 amendments. The first amendment on the ballot, salary increase for legislators to \$15,000 annually, was beaten 58-36. Also losing were amendments 6 and 8.

For the first time Merkel area voters used voting booths in the amendment decisions, Tuesday Nov. 6. According to Joe E. Lassiter, election judge, voting was light with 95 ballots, one absentee vote, but the booths were used extensively.

Precinct 24 and 25 were consolidated into Box B-1. Trent tally clerk Lettie M. Hamner joined Mrs. Lonelle Teaff, Mrs. Laura M. Pinckley and Mrs. George T. Moore in the count. Lonnie P. Holbrook was assistant election judge.

Results are as follows:

1. Annual, regular sessions

Homemakers Meet Nov. 8th

The Taylor County Young Homemakers will meet Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Joe Gregory with Mrs. David Seymour and Mrs. Jerry Ross as co-hostesses.

Kathryn Cawley from Lone Star Gas will bring the program.

All members are urged to be present.

Merkel 'B' Beats Aspermont 22-13

The Merkel 'B' beat the Aspermont 'B' in a game last Thursday 22-13.

Mrs. Tinoco Buried Tuesday

Mrs. Concha Tinoco, longtime resident of Merkel, died at 6:40 p.m. Sunday in Starr Nursing Home after a lengthy illness. Funeral was 2 p.m. Tuesday at Our Lady of Mercy in Merkel.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Rosary was at 7 p.m. Monday at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

Mrs. Tinoco was born June 24, 1876, in Mexico and married Shobio Tinoco in 1896 in Mexico. He died in 1908.

She moved to the U. S. in 1921 where she lived in Eldorado until she moved to Merkel in 1925.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Concha Duran of Merkel; a grandson, Frank of Merkel; a granddaughter, Mary of Acuna; and 16 great-grandchildren.

for the legislature and a pay increase to \$15,000 annually for legislators. For 36. Against 58

2. Extension to single adult owners of homesteads the protections afforded family homesteads; and provisions that the homestead may not be abandoned without consent of both spouses. For 76. Against 15

3. Extension of the \$3,000 ad valorem tax exemption to homesteads of single adults. For 69. Against 24

4. Establishment of certain requirements regarding the setting up of new conservation and reclamation districts. For 51. Against 37

5. Authorization of counties and cities along the Gulf of Mexico to issue bonds to finance sea walls, breakwater and sanitation facilities, upon approval of the voters. For 56. Against 34

6. Extension of probate jurisdiction to both district and county courts. For 46. Against 47

7. Provision for selling an additional \$100 million in state bonds or obligations to finance the Veteran's Land Fund. For 50. Against 39

8. Authorization of incorporated areas to levy what ad valorem taxes are needed to pay the principal and interest on their general obligation issued hereafter, subject to restrictions provided by law. For 42. Against 51.

9. Authorization of the legislature to exempt from property taxes certain property by non-profit water supply corporations and cooperatives. For 69. Against 24.

Aspermont scored in the second quarter and kicked the extra points to put Aspermont ahead 7-6. Bert McMurray ran the kick off back 95 yards to put Merkel ahead to stay. Austerman ran the extra points.

Just before the half, Austerman scored again in a 15 yard sweep around left end. McMurray ran the extra points over left tackle to make the half time score 22-7 in favor of Merkel.

Merkel had several scoring opportunities in the second half but couldn't ever get a score while Aspermont scored once to bring the final score to 22-13 in favor of Merkel.

The entire Merkel team played an outstanding game.

Next game will be Thursday, Nov. 8 at 7:00 at Wylie.

Keith Austerman scored in the first quarter on a 55 yd. run to put Merkel ahead 6-0.



GOING ALL THE WAY--Jeff Cox (22) races over the goal line to make the TD as the Badgers won a close one over the Albany Lions 19-18. (Staff Photo)

Bobby Tolliver, TCFU Prexy, To Participate in Policy Draft

Bobby Tolliver of Merkel, Texas will participate on November 12 and 13 in a Waco meeting to prepare a rough policy draft for consideration by delegates attending the 70th Annual Convention of Texas Farmers Union. The farm organization's annual convention

will be held at the Ko Ko Palace Convention Center in Lubbock, Texas on December 7 and 8. At that time, the rough policy draft will be given thorough consideration by delegates representing all chartered county organizations.

The Program Drafting Committee on which Tolliver serves is charged with the responsibility of compiling, classifying and organizing the resolutions which have been received by the TFU state office from annual meetings held by county organizations during the fall months.

Tolliver and wife, Sonjahave 2 children and are active farmers in Taylor county. Tolliver is a member of the Taylor Electric Coop and Farmers Coop Gin and is presently serving as President of Taylor County Farmers Union. He produces on his farm, cotton, milo and wheat in addition to cattle. The Tolliver family are members of the Church of Christ.

Directors Attended Conference

Where do we go from here? This was the theme of a three day conference attended by Texas Soil and Water Conservation District Directors in Fort Worth, Oct. 29 through Nov. 1.

Jimmy Partin, Jr., R. E. Clemmer, and Ralph Schwartz represented the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District. They were accompanied by District Conservationist, Bob Price.

Discussions on the future of districts were conducted by Doyle Hutcheson, President of the Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Other speakers were Weatherford, George Bagley of St. Joseph, La., Vice-President of the National Association of Conservation Districts, Bill Clayton, State Senator from Spring Lake, and Reagan Brown, Special Assistant to Governor Briscoe in Austin.

State Senator, Jack Hightower of Vernon addressed the Wednesday night banquet at the Sheraton-Fort Worth Hotel, which was attended by approximately 600 delegates and guests.

Band Booster News

The Band Boosters will have a business meeting for the officers, committees, and all interested persons in the Band Hall, Monday Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Also they will hold a Bake Sale Nov. 17. Orders are being taken now for special Thanksgiving cakes and pies. Call 928-5705.

NOTICE

Trent Football game will be Thursday instead of Friday, at 7:30 at Highland.

Garage Owner Stacy Bird, 73, Buried Tuesday

Stacy T. Bird, 73, of Merkel, died at 11 a.m. Sunday of an apparent heart attack at his home. Funeral was held at 3:30 at the Methodist Church with Rev. Russell McAnally officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

He was born July 22, 1900 in Ellis County and moved to Mulberry Community north of Tye in 1901 and then to Merkel in 1920. He married Zada Bell in July, 1935 in Trent.

He worked for the Merkel Motor Co. for many years before opening a mechanics shop with Wright Dishman.

He was semi-retired the past two years.

He was a member of the Downtown Bible Class until it was disbanded and of the Merkel Lodge No. 710 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Texas.

Survivors are his wife; a daughter, Suzy of Dallas; a brother, Spencer of Fort Worth; two sisters, Mrs. Paul Pittenger of Fort Worth and Mrs. Intha Smith of Houston; and several nieces and nephews.

Senior Citizens News

The Senior Citizens held their singing Monday night. There were forty present. A group from Abilene attended. Refreshments were served also.

Mrs. Dewey McLean is president for the month of November.

Badgers Stop Lions 19-18, Will Play at Wylie Friday

The Merkel Badgers long losing streak is over at 22 straight losses. The Badgers downed the Lions 19-18, in their final home game.

Merkel's first touchdown came in the first quarter with only two minutes to play. The Badgers ended a fifty-five yd. drive with a touchdown pass from quarterback Jeff Cox to tightend Larry Toliver from

the nine yard line. The extra point try was blocked.

The Badgers put six more points on the board in the second quarter, as Tailback Steve West took handoff from Jeff Cox for nineteen yards to the Lions 37. Next play West went up the middle for 36 yards to the one yard line where fullback Jim Land went in for the touchdown. The try for

two was no good. Halftime score was Merkel Badgers-12, Albany Lions 0.

The Albany Lions picked up their first touchdown in the first minute of play in the second half. The Badgers kicked off was short and the Lions took the ball from their own 47 yard line, on five plays. Quarterback K. C. Jones kept the ball twice for 41 of the 53 yards. First run was for 30 yards and the second was for 11 for the touchdown. The extra point try was no good.

The Badgers made it 19 to 6 in the third quarter as quarterback Jeff Cox kept the ball from the four for his second touchdown for the night. Halfback Johnny Frazier added the extra point.

The Albany Lions playing catch up ball made a fourth quarter effort as they put 12 points on the board.

The very first play of the fourth quarter was a touchdown pass by quarterback K. C. Jones to Back Bill Macon from the 20 yard line.

With nine minutes left to play the Lions picked up 6 points on a 51 yard run up the middle by Back Bill Macon. With the score 19-18, the Lions chose to run for two points but the Merkel defense broke up the attempt.

Merkel trying to ice the game moved the ball all the way to the Lions 1 foot line but could not get the ball past the Lions' defense on four downs.

With two minutes to play Jeff Cox intercepted a Lion's pass at Merkel 25 and ran it back to Merkel 40. From there Merkel ran out the clock.

The Badgers beating Albany ended a 22 game losing streak which covered almost two and a half seasons.

With a 1-4 record the Badgers travel to Wylie next week.

Jr. Badger Football News

WYLIE DOWNS JR. BADGERS

In their second loss to Wylie, Merkel Jr. Badgers bowed 34-6 in a home game, Oct. 22. Wylie just didn't know when to stop crossing the goal line, putting the offense together. Defense for Merkel's team was by Hector Ascencio, Garth Doan, Mike Davis, Donny Riggan, Grant Murrell, Ronny Whisenhunt, Dwain English, Rudy Biera, Mike Frazier, Brad Pursley and Jesse Sparks.

The Purple and Gold put one touchdown on the board as a result of a 36 yd. pass from Donny Riggan to Grant Murrell.

JR. BADGERS TRAMPLE BAIRD

The final football game of the season was played before homecoming spectators in Badger Stadium, Oct. 29, with Merkel scoring 28 to Baird's 14. The Bears played good defense but the Badgers forged ahead with Hector Ascencio scoring six and Brad Shugart adding 2 points.

The second half saw the

Jr. Badgers much action by the entire team, the best efforts of the season, leading the defense were Garth Doan (leading tackler) of the year, Hector Ascencio (best lineman), Brad Pursley (best back), Jesse Sparks, Brad Shugart, Donny Riggan, Rudy Biera, Nickey Carter, Mike Davis, Grant Murrell and Dwain English. Others contributing to the success of the team are Randy Cox, Terry Criner, Larry Stewart, Billy Harris, Craig Land, Ferrell Bagby, Thomas Jones, Clifford Dye, Jerry Walters, Davis Lee, Justo Hernandez and Harry McDaniels.

Season's record was 5 wins, 2 losses (both to Wylie) and 2 ties.

"We're looking forward to seeing these boys excel and put Merkel in star position in the coming seasons. I want to thank the parents and fans who have supported us this year," states Coach George Martin.

The following honors were given for the 1973 school year: Best Back--Brad Pursley; Best Lineman--Hector Ascencio; and Most Tackles--Garth Doan.

Home and Living Class To Hold Mock Wedding

The Home and Family Living Class of the Home Economics Department of Merkel High School is having a mock wedding as part of their class work.

The announcement of the mock wedding is as follows:

Class Project
The Home and Family Living Class of 1973, would like to announce the marriage of Vicki Luan DuBose, to Terry Lee Boden, Wednesday, November 7, at 11:00 A.M. at the Merkel High School Auditorium. The parents of the bride are Sheila Wade, and Robert Morgan. Parents of the Groom are, Lou Ann Willson, and Jerald Gilmore. Maid of Honor is Lee Ann Butman. Best man is Rudy Castillo. Chris Childers officiated the ceremony. Reception was held in the Homemaking Department, with Dorothy Constable, Barbara Martin, and Janice Treadwell serving.

Special Service Slated Saturday At First Baptist

There will be a Jesus Celebration this Saturday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

The Action Singers from Southwest Park Baptist in Abilene, under the direction of Jim Shelby, will be here to sing. They will be singing the musical "Come Together."

"All of Merkel is invited to come together to hear this Choir celebrate their Lord," said Randy Fout, Youth Director.

There will be a special Youth Fellowship following the musical.



FOOTBALL HERO -- Larry Toliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Tolliver, was announced football hero at the Merkel, Albany football game Friday night. (Staff Photo)



FOOTBALL SWEETHEART--Chosen as football sweetheart at Friday's Badger-Lion football game was Jody Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyal Barnes.



MOST VALUABLE PEP SQUAD MEMBER -- Becky Young, center, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Young, was selected as Most Valuable Pep Squad Member at Friday's half-time activities.



BAND FAVORITES--Cynthia Steck, left, and Terry Reed, were chosen band favorites for 1973-74. Miss Steck is the daughter of Mrs. Mamie Steck. Reed is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Reed. (Staff Photo)

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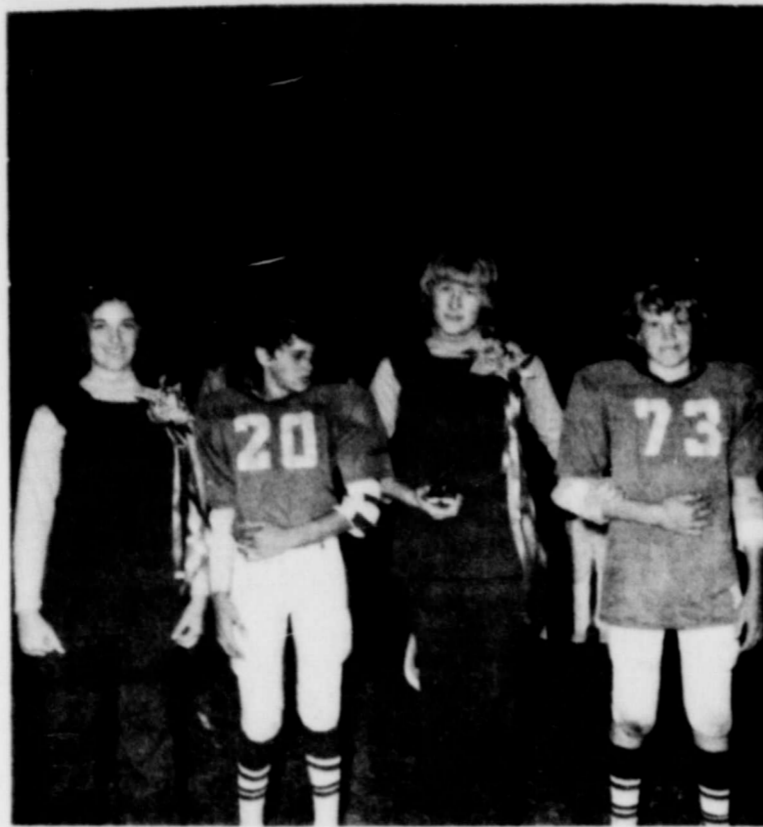
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WINNER--Freda Crenshaw, third from left, was named Outstanding Pep Squad Member for the Junior Badgers. She was escorted by Brad Pursley, second from left, and Garth Doan, right. Kim Satterwhite, left, presented her with a gift. (Staff Photo)



JR. HIGH BAND FAVORITES--Kyle Wilkerson, left, Kandi Ascencio, center, named band favorites. They were escorted by Lisa Hart.



SWEETHEART--Sherry West, center, was named Junior High Football Sweetheart. She is escorted by Brad Pursley, left, and Garth Doan, right. She is the daughter of Joyce West and Bobby West. (Staff Photo)



QUEEN AND HERO--Peggy Watson, left was chosen Homecoming Queen Saturday night. Also chosen at the Trent Homecoming was Lonnie Riggan, Football Hero. Riggan was also chosen to receive the Most Valuable Player Award. (Staff Photo)

BADGER TRACKS

By JANIE CLARK

GUESS WHAT? WE WON A FOOTBALL GAME!! Friday night against the Albany Lions, the Badgers played the greatest game ever. The score was 19-18 at the end of the 4th quarter with everyone hugging each other and smiling, crying and everything else. This was

the last home game for our Seniors so they were glad that it ended up a happy one. Some of the favorites were presented at the halftime. Larry Toliver was chosen football hero. Jody Barnes was chosen football sweetheart. Band favorites were also chosen. They are Cynthia Steck and Terry Reed.

Friday at the Pep Rally, the Seniors won the competition yell while the Juniors won the signs. Johnny Thompson gave the Pep talk, with everything said coming true. Last Wednesday the F.H.A girls celebrated Halloween by exchanging costumes and wearing them. Lisa Gregory was chosen Most Beautiful, Rhonda White, the Most Original and Brenda Stewart, the Most Ugly.

The Band went to UIL contest Tuesday afternoon, but the results were not known at this writing.

If you didn't come to the ballgame Friday, you really missed a great game. But go to Wylie this Friday night and you'll see those mighty Badgers win again.

Benson, Mahon to Head FU Convention Speakers

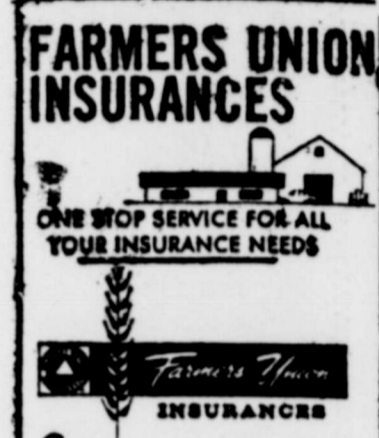
United States Senator Lloyd Benson and Lubbock Congressman George Mahon will be two of the convention headliners who will address the Texas Farmers Union 70th Annual Convention at the Ko Ko Palace Convention Center in Lubbock, Texas, December 7

and 8. Both Benson and Mahon will speak to the statewide farm organization during the Friday morning session.

The Farmers Union state office in Waco has released a preliminary list of speakers that also includes: Tony Dechant of Denver, Colorado,

President of National Farmers Union, Minnesota Congressman Bob Bergland, Reagan Brown of Austin, special assistant to Governor Dolph Briscoe, John McKay, President of the Farmers Union Central Exchange (CENEX) at St. Paul, Minnesota, Ray Novak of Denver, President of the National Farmers Union Insurances and Jay Naman of Waco, President of Texas Farmers Union, Congressman Bergland will be the principal speaker at the convention banquet on Saturday night, December 8.

County organization presidents, composing the Farmers Union Board of Directors, will meet in Lubbock on Thursday prior to the convention at its regular biennial business meeting. The Board will elect district directors to fill vacancies in five of the nine multi-county Farmers Union districts.



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AT SPAGHETTI DINNER--Mrs. E. P. Farmer, left, and Mrs. Clay Garner, of Abilene go thru line at the Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Merkel Fire Dept. Mrs. Garner is a regular Trades Day visitor to Merkel. Fred Starbuck is pictured at back.

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