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## Booth Warren, Longtime F&M Bank President, Dies

An apparent heart attack claimed the life of one of Merkel's most prominent citizens, Booth Warren, longtime President of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank and chairman of the board died about 9:30 a.m. Friday in the alley back of the West Texas Utility Building. Mr. Warren was 76.



BOOTH WARREN  
...buried Saturday

Services were held Saturday at 3 p.m. in the First Baptist Church. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home. The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, officiated.

Mr. Warren was born December 19, 1897 in Merkel. He never left his native town. He attended Merkel public schools. After graduation from Merkel High School he attended old Cooper school for boys before enrolling in Simmons College (now Hardin-Simmons).

He left college in 1917 to work for his father as a bookkeeper in his father's bank. His father, J. T. Warren, along with other Merkelites, and early day Abilene bankers and merchants Henry James and Ed S. Hughes, founded the bank on December 1, 1904. Booth never held another job. He came up through the ranks, holding every position in the bank until he assumed the presidency upon the death of his father in 1940. He served as president of the bank for 34 years.

Other shareholders sold the bank in May of this year to a group of Abilene and Sweetwater businessmen, Charles F. Bacon is now chairman of the Board. Don W. Hensley assumed the presidency of the bank at the time of its sale. At the time of sale, the bank had assets of \$9 million.

Mr. Warren was a strong supporter of his church, First Baptist. At the time of his death, he was serving as a trustee. He was a past president of the Men's Bible Class. He served as chairman of the fund raising drive that provided the funds for the new sanctuary of the church. Ground breaking was held May 20, 1973 for the new building.

## Merkelites Associated With Senter Realtors

Senter Realtors of Abilene announce that Linda Cravens and Marge Sheppard, Merkel residents are now associated with Senter Realtors and will be extending all services to the Merkel area.

Marge and Linda are licensed real estate representatives and will be involved in the listing and selling of residential property as well as farm and ranch properties in the Merkel area. They will be joining Mack Baggett and John Stash in the Farm and Ranch Department of Senter which is headed by Pauline Hammonds as manager.

Mr. Warren was also a strong supporter of civic projects that helped Merkel and its people. He served several terms as city alderman. He was a charter member of the Merkel Lions Club and had served the club as president. The club was founded in 1928.

The Warren family were pioneers in the area. His family came to the Merkel area in 1897 to farm. Mr. Warren still had farming and ranching interests at the time of his death. He was a strong supporter of programs that helped the farmer and rancher, having supported soil and water conservation practices. He showed a keen interest in the young people interested in farming, supporting the 4-H and FFA clubs.

Senter Realtors, sometimes known as the "Road-runners" are headed by Bill Senter. Mr. Senter has been in the Real Estate business for the past ten years and has recently met the requirements for achieving Certified Commercial Investment Member designation. There are only 25 such designations in the state of Texas and only one in Abilene.

When Booth Warren went to work in the bank, one of his jobs was to fire the old

## Lions Club to Hold Light Bulb Sale Nov. 11-12

The Merkel Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon luncheon at the Club building. Lion President Don Hart discussed the club's upcoming projects for the year. First was the light bulb sale to be held November 11 and 12. That will be this coming Monday and Tuesday. The sale will cover both business and

residential areas. The proceeds from the bulb sale goes to buy eye glasses for local boys and girls that need help in acquiring glasses.

Other projects discussed included a way to help the Baseball Project raise money to build the proposed baseball park. Another was some project to help with the development of the City Park.

## F&M Bank To Host Meeting

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank, Merkel, will be host to a meeting Thursday with Mr. Carl M. Lightner, Community Economic Development Specialist with the U.S. Small Business Administration. This meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M.

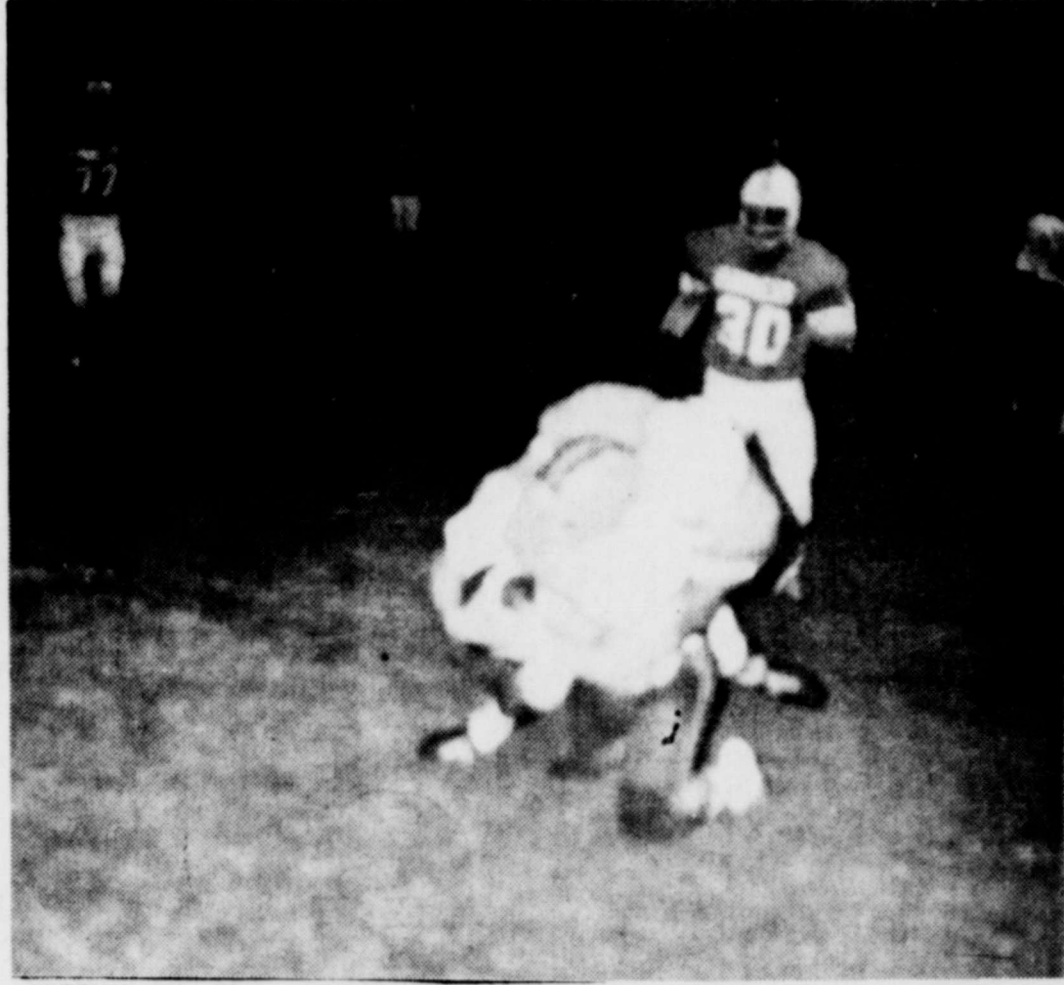
November 7th at Merkel Restaurant.

"We have asked Mr. Lightner to be present and give all interested Business Men and Local Merchants a presentation of facts and explanation on the Current Programs available on Community Economic Development through the U.S. Small Business Administration," said Don Hensley, President.

"All of us have a keen interest in the future growth and development of Merkel and we feel Communities such as ours are offered the Key to Industry and Development through C.E.D. Programs available through the Small Business Administration," said Hensley.

**Eyeglasses Found**  
A pair of two-tone eyeglasses were found the day of Mary Toombs funeral in front of Starbuck Funeral Chapel.

Any one who has lost these, contact George Starbuck at Starbuck Furniture.



SETTING UP TD - Billy Watts, (33) is tackled by Rotan player Friday night as the Badgers handed the Yellowhammers a 27-6 defeat in conference play. The good run by Watts set up the touchdown on the next play. (Staff photo)

## Merkel Clips Rotan 27-6, Play Baird Here Friday

After being held scoreless for the first quarter, the Merkel big gun exploded in the second quarter for 14 points, taking an impressive half time lead.

The Badgers first TD came with two minutes gone in the second quarter as quarterback Jackie Sims hit end David Copeland in the end zone for a fifteen yard touch-

down capping an 88-yard drive. Johnny Frazier booted the extra point.

With four minutes left to play in the first half Steve West broke loose for 33 yards to the Yellowhammers five yard line, on the next play Steve West drove over the left side for the touchdown capping a 75 yard drive. Johnny Frazier added the extra

point.

Sim and Copeland teamed up for their second touch of the game early in the third quarter for a 12 yard TD after Merkel's Paul Tucker recovered a Yellowhammer fumble at Rotan 35. The extra point attempt was no good.

The Badgers fourth touchdown came with 5 seconds left in the third quarter with back Billy Watts going in from the 11 for the TD. Johnny Frazier added the extra point, to end Merkel's scoring at 27.

## HOMECOMING GAME

## Jr. Badgers Win Over Yellowhammers, 25-0

Merkel's Jr. Badger 8th grade football team smashed the Rotan Yellowhammer 8th grade 25-0. It was the best offensive game of the year for the Jr. Badgers and the defense recorded their second shutout of the year. The defense was sparked by Linebackers Ricky Howes and Mike Sims who both spent a lot of time in Rotan's offensive backfield. Dolin Morris and Joe Treadwell also turned in sterling performances for the defense.

Offensively Mike Sims, QB, scored the first TD for the Jr. Badgers on a nine yard keeper around right end. He went in untouched and Ricky Howes kicked the PAT true to make the score 7-0. Badgers. Second TD of the game was registered by Howes on an option play around left end. The play went for 23 yards and the score read, Merkel 13, Rotan 0. The third TD was scored by Richard Schultz on a pass reception

from Sims. The play covered 33 yards and the Badgers were off and running. Howes scored the last TD of the game on a fourth down and five from the Rotan 46 yard line. That was all the scoring in the game, Merkel 25-0 over Rotan.

Maury Moore, Thomas Kraatz, Dolin Morris, Rusty Watts and David Clyburne led the blocking charge for the Jr. Badgers who recorded their 4th win against 3 losses for the season.

## Chili Supper Before Game

Coach George Martin celebrated the victory Friday with the birth of a baby boy, Stacy Wayne, in Haskell around 11:00 a.m. "Coach Martin has a lot to be proud of with these athletes and they have a lot to be proud of in him," said 7th grade Coach Crawford. Eighth graders say Congratulations to Coach and Terry!

The last game for the eighth grade will be Thursday with Baird at Baird at 6:00 p.m.

## Gay Pfister Jr. Badger Sweetheart

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Homecoming fans at the Jr. Badger game against Rotan Thursday night were treated to not only the favorites, but the Badgers won the game easily, 25-0.



FOOTBALL SWEETHEART  
...Gay Pfister, escort Ricky Howes

## STARTING IN NOVEMBER Cisco Junior College To Offer Four Community Service Courses

Four community service courses will be made available to people in the Merkel area through the Cisco Junior College Extension program in that city, CJC Dean Carroll Scott has announced.

Classes in Karate for Men, Women, and Children, Conversational Spanish, Creative Gift Wrapping, and Small Business Administration will hold registrations at the Merkel Community Center on Monday evening, November 11 at 6:30 p.m. The classes will be open to anyone interested.

Instructions on taxes, personnel management, marketing, purchasing, and pricing. It will be taught by Mr. Roy Cartee.

Minimal fees will be charged for the courses to cover expenses, college officials said. The Spanish and Gift Wrapping classes will have a fee of \$10.00 each and Karate and Small Business Administration will cost \$12.00 each.

More information may be obtained by contacting Dean Carroll Scott at Cisco Junior College or the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, 928-5722.

The Karate classes will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Community Center. They will begin on November 12 and end on December 17. A Black Belt instructor will be in charge of the courses. CJC officials have said that if the class enrollment is high they will consider a second section on Monday evenings.

## Bank Deposits Now Insured To \$100,000

Conversational Spanish will begin on the same night as registration and will be held at Merkel High School. Ending date will be December 16. The course will cover some of the basics of conversing in the Spanish language and will be taught by Jack McLendon. Class meetings will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Creative Gift Wrapping will also meet on Monday evenings but will not begin until November 18. It will meet at Merkel High School and will end on December 9. The class will cover such things as how to tie different kinds of bows, using miscellaneous found objects in the home for gift packaging, and other ideas for both Christmas and other types of gift wrapping. The instructor will be Jackie Barton, and class time will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank received word from the office of the Chairman of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation of the following.

On October 28, 1974, the President approved an amendment to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act. Among other things, the legislation increases insurance deposits from \$20,000 to \$100,000 for each depositor, effective on November 27, 1974. It also provides insurance of public unit funds in some circumstances not to exceed \$100,000 per account.

The Small Business Administration course will meet on Wednesday evenings beginning November 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Merkel High. Material covered in the class will include how to operate a business from the financial point of view and



MR. AND MRS. PETE SHOUSE  
...Ninth St. grocery owners

## Mr., Mrs. Pete Shouse Buy Quickstop Grocery

Merkel has a new businessman. He is Charles A. (Pete) Shouse. He and his wife, Marge, assumed management and ownership of the Quickstop and Bootshop of Merkel on September 1. They have changed the name to Ninth Street Grocery. This was the firm's former name. The store was formerly owned by Bobby West.

The Shouses have restocked the store and now have a complete line of groceries. They plan to upgrade their stock of boots which they will continue to carry. The store still has some boots and belts in stock.

The new owners have repainted the front of the building and repainted the inside. They have also installed new awnings.

A native of Merkel, Mr. Shouse is retired from the Civil Service at Dyess Air Force Base. He and his wife have lived in Abilene for the past 20 years. Mrs. Shouse is a native of Brownfield. Their daughter is Mrs. Roy Kimbrell of Merkel.

They have 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Ray King and Wayne Balla works after school for the store.



LINDA CRAVENS  
...opening real estate office



MARGE SHEPPARD  
...opening real estate office



**FIRE POSTER WINNERS** - Winners in the Fire Prevention Poster contest at Tye Elementary are Bottom Row, L to R, Keith Watson, First grade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Watson; Lisa Cantu, Second grade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Cantu; Nancy Bunting, Third grade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bunting. Back Row, L to R, Brian Gary, Fourth grade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Griffin; Roy Lee Isom, Fifth grade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Isom; Carla Corbin, Sixth grade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Corbin and Principal Gene Stuckey. (Photo by Kaye Lanham)

### Tye Elementary Assembly Honors Fire Poster Winners

Tye Elementary held an award assembly Friday to award first, second, and third place winners in the Fire Prevention Posters. Dyess AFB sponsored Fire Prevention Poster week at Tye and Dyess Elementary October 7-11. They gave first place plaques and second and third place medals to each room. Winners were as follows: **FIRST GRADE** - 1. Keith Watson, 2. Michael Keith, 3. Tolly Blanscet. **SECOND GRADE** - 1. Lisa Cantu, 2. Dale Roys, 3. Robert Brooks. **THIRD GRADE** - 1. Nancy Bunting, 2. Delores Roberts, 3. Gislain Donivan. **FOURTH GRADE** - 1. Brian Gary, 2. Kenneth Corbin, 3.

Alice O'Con. **FIFTH GRADE** - 1. Roy Lee Isom, 2. Kent Scott, 3. Bill Wilhelm. **SIXTH GRADE** - 1. Carla Corbin, 2. Richard Tilton, 3. David Sims.

### Scout News

The seven junior scouts went on a nature hike Monday afternoon. They looked for unusual rocks, insects and plants. Some of the girls plan to paint some of the rocks and use them as doorstops and paperweights. Those attending were Stacy Seymore, Judy Glascock, Nancy Click, Loyce Baker, Sharon Austerman, Viola Ellaby, Janice Jacobs and Melba Glascock, leader.

### J.V. Football Roundup

Thursday night the Merkel Junior Varsity Badgers defeated the Rotan Junior Varsity Yellowhammers by a score of 24 to 0. Neither team was able to score during the first period as both teams played sound defense. During the second period the J. V. Badgers started to drive that ended with Stanley West scoring on a quarterback keep over left guard, from 5 yards out. The Badgers opened the second half with an 80 yard run by David Pfister for the TD. Later in the third period Brad Pursley scored from the three yard line off left guard. David Pfister scored for the Badgers again in the fourth period from 10 yards out on a sweep around left end. All the J. V. Badgers did an outstanding job throughout the game and the season. This was the Junior Varsity's last game since Baird has canceled their game with us, because they have only 9 boys on their JV team.

Starting offense: Left End - Clifford Dye; Left Tackle - Dwayne English and Mike Davis; Left Guard - Rudy Biera; Center - Bart Whisenhunt and Jerry Walters; Right Guard - Robert Mathewson; Right Tackle - Glen Braune; Right End - John Biera; Slot Back - Grant Murrell; Quarterback - Stanley West; Fullback - Mark Shaw and Garland Childers; Tail Back - Brad Pursley, David Pfister and Randy Cox. Starting Defense: Left End - Grant Murrell; Left Tackle - Robert Mathewson; Guard - Rudy Biera; Right Tackle - Glen Braune; Right End - John Biera; Left Linebacker - Hector Ascencio and David Hendricks; Right Linebacker - David Pfister; Left Corner - Stanley West; Right Corner - Terry Criner; Strong Safety - Keith Wolf and Jesse Sparks; Weak Safety - Mike Henry; Tackles - Larry Stewart and Bobby Saldana; Manager - Marlon White and George Hernandez. Season record was 4-5. Coaches are David Summers and Gaylon Doan.

### Missionette News

By JANET WADE

There were 25 attending Missionettes today. We elected a new vice president, She is Gwen Taff. Mrs. Walters showed us a film on our camping trip. Several visitors came to see the film. They were Susan Peachy, Mrs. Allgaier, mother of Susan Allgaier; Mrs. John Wheeler, grandmother of Susan and Pam Wheeler; Mrs. Bill Taff, mother of Gwen Taff and Mrs. J. W. Williams.

### LOOK WHO'S HERE!

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Walla are the proud parents of a baby girl, Nikki Jo, born November 1st at Root Memorial Hospital in Colorado City. She weighed 6 pounds and 9 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Patterson. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alf Walla. Great-grandmother is Mrs. J. L. White, all of Merkel.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
RAS Sanitation Inc., P.O. Box 9803, El Paso, Texas 79988, has applied to the Texas State Department of Health for a permit to operate a "Type I" sanitary landfill solid waste disposal site to be located at the west end of Dyess Air Force Base and running parallel with the Taylor County Road to Tye, Taylor County, Texas. Disposal of municipal solid waste will not exceed an average of 20 tons per day. A public hearing on this application will be held at 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, December 3, 1974, at the Commissioners Court Room, Old County Courthouse Abilene, Texas 79602, to receive evidence on the conditions, if any, under which the permit may be issued. A copy of the complete application may be reviewed by contacting the Texas State Department of Health. Anyone who wishes to appear and make a presentation at the public hearing will be heard, and written materials may be submitted to the Hearing Examiner at the time of the hearing or in advance thereof by mail. Issued this 4th day of November 1974.

G. R. Herzik, Jr., P. E. Deputy Commissioner Environmental and Consumer Health Protection

### Barbershop Chorus To Have Show

The Men's Barbershop Chorus will stage a "Broadway Goes Barbershop" show, Nov. 16, at 8 p.m. in the Radford Auditorium on McMurry Campus in Abilene. The Big Country Chorus, a chapter in S.F.E.B.S.Q.S.A., (Security for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America) will have two quartets, "The Memory Men" and the "Textones." Also entertaining will be the Prospective Sweet Adeline Chapter and the visiting 1961 International Champs, "The Suntones" from Florida will be featured on the program. The Sweet Adelines have twenty-six members, one of which is Syble Riney of Merkel. Tickets may be purchased at Sav-X Pharmacy on Pine St., Sanders Book Store at Westgate and in Merkel at Syble's Beauty Nook at 215 Edwards.

### Terry Watson Joins Army

Terry Lee Watson, son of Mrs. Jan Boden, of Rt. 3, Merkel, enlisted on October 31, 1974 in the United States Air Force, according to Sergeant John M. Howard, local Air Force Recruiter.

### Badger Tracks

By DAREL BUNCH  
"Well hello out there; Are you sure the Badger you hold belongs to you?" Lots of couple swapping going on at Merkel High School. Lisa Gregory and Buddy Morgan are the Annual Royalty this year; Congratulations, Chums. Once upon a time a certain teenager wanted to buy an automobile and a certain banker not only loaned the money needed but gave words of encouragement. A nice chance to grow up, to meet certain expectations - teenagers and adults alike lost a true friend with the death of Mr. Booth Warren, Sammy and I send our condolences to the family of this wonderful man. The most beautiful play of the year was in the Rotan game when Jackie Sims fired a long pass - 60 yards at least, to the nimble David King at the end zone. The play was called back because of a technicality but the action was neat. The Badgers still won 27-6. One more game to go - here in Sammy's stomping grounds. He says the "Baird Bears are in sad shape, so go to it gang!"



MR. AND MRS. LEA DICKERSON ...celebrated 60th anniversary

### Dickersons Have 60th Celebration

Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker. A large number of friends and relatives turned out to help the couple celebrate the event. The Dickersons were married October 10, 1914 in Sweetwater. She is the former Eddie Reeves. After living several years on their farm at Newman, the couple moved to Sylvester in 1957. The Dickersons have three sons. They are Theibert and Truett of Sweetwater and Orville Lea of Stamford, One son, Leon, died in 1970. Improved performance and varied esthetic characteristics summarize trends in 1974 textile fiber developments, according to Mrs. Becky Culp, area clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. The Dickersons have been very active in church and other community activities throughout their married life. Those attending the celebration were Cereta and Jerry Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Truett Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Reeves and Ann of Sweetwater, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lea Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Levorn and Marcie of Clyde Texas; Mrs. Ruby Gray of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Reeves and Tracy, Mrs. Fannie of Jones of Cisco, Tex.; Mrs. Hazel Alldredge, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Floyd and John Cross of Rotan, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Boen and Linda, and Wesley Webster of Gilmer, Tex.; Mrs. Alice Webster, James, Pam and Michelle, Mrs. Jo Pilcher, Scottie and Stephanie, Mrs. Barbara Oldham, Tobie and Angie, all of Jal, New Mexico. Mrs. Dickerson and Mrs. Walker are sisters.

### Baseball Project News

By MELBA GLASSCOCK

The Merkel Baseball Projects held its weekly meeting last Monday night. Several new projects were discussed and will be checked into. Will bring more news on these later.

We now have the old phone building for use in garage sales. Anyone having items that are sellable that they wish to donate, please get in touch with one of the persons working on the project. Anyone who has had a garage sale and wish to donate their leftovers; we'll surely haul them away for you.

We are in need of old tables to display items on. Starting with the December Trades Day, the items will be on sale on Trades Day. Also anyone having old clay pots, cracked ones will work, we need these to pot flowers to sell.

We were happy to have a new face at our meeting this week. We wish to thank Barbara Ford for coming out and hope she'll make it again. Next weeks meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 11 in Tye at the Elementary School at 8 p.m. Let's have several from Merkel there to show them the Merkel people are backing this ballpark and get

them interested in helping. Remember this ballpark is for Tye, Trent, Merkel, Noodle and other surrounding areas.

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#### Card of Thanks

I WANT TO THANK my friends for remembering me in so many ways during my stay in the hospital. Your prayers, visits, calls, cards and flowers were appreciated more than words can express.  
Louise Hudson 37-tfc

#### Card of Thanks

THANKS TO EVERYONE who visited our Open House, Sunday, October 27. Thank you also for the many presents, flowers and cards that were given to us. Your thoughtfulness and kind words will always be appreciated.  
The Lou David Allen's 37-tfc

#### Card of Thanks

WE WISH TO TAKE this opportunity to thank each and everyone who had a part in our wedding shower. The gifts we received completes our household needs. Thank you and may God Bless you Merkel people.  
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## 'GORILLA GRAFFITI'

By Mrs. Dean King



Congratulations to Coach Bruce Thomas and his Jr. High football team on their win over Hobbs Panthers Oct. 28 in Hobbs. This was the last ballgame for the Monkeys and they finished 2nd in District. That is a record to be proud of. We will miss seeing our younger bunch so proudly take the field for the "Blue & Gold"; we have really enjoyed their spunk and spirit. A job well done, fellas!!  
Could this be true?? On the way back from Hobbs that night, the whole Jr. High bunch - football players, pep squad, and cheerleaders - were perfectly quiet for 7 miles???? The incentive must have been a good one, no??  
For the Jr. High pep rally - the last one of the season - they put a sign with Panther (Hobbs) on it inside the notorious "Blue Machine" - and turned it into a kitty - a real live one, at that!! (Poor Tasmu was absolutely pop-eyed being "on stage" in front of the whole student body.)  
Ever use the word "podium" when you really meant "lectern"? - A podium is a small platform or dais for the conductor of an orchestra or speaker, etc. A lectern is a stand having an inclined shelf-like surface on which a speaker, instructor, etc., may place books, notes, or papers.  
The Coordinating Board for the Texas College and University System has recently selected Lubbock and Texas Tech as the site for a School of Pharmacy. The new school will fit hand-and-glove with the TTU School of Medicine in Lubbock, which is emerging as "the" medical and health-care center of a region serving more than 1 million population. It will be good to have this type of school in this region for the state's three existing pharmacy schools located in Houston and Austin.

Teri Hamner to Alan Morse: I think Mr. McCoy suspects you're helping me in math! He said I made enough mistakes for two people!  
Remember when Halloween used to call to mind trick-or-treating, masks, costumes?? Well, now the songs goes "shaving cream, toilet paper, and water balloons" - isn't that right? Wonder if the old cliché "This too shall pass" applies here...ho-hum and etc....but Trent, Texas had its share of everything last Thursday night, before, and after, and during the Halloween Carnival. The Harvest Queen Festival began festivities at 7:30 p.m. in the gym. Ms. Cheryl Kincaid, escorted to center stage on the arm of Junior Class member Bob Reed, served as "Person of Ceremonies" (her own reference to herself, as a "liberated" woman) and did a colloquial job. A combo composed of Jeffrey and Billy Wells, Kenny Nance, Robbie Freeman and Glynn Dunn played several selections for the program. Crowned Harvest Festival Queen of High School was Sophomore nominee, Miss Teri Hamner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Hamner. Her escort was Jimmy Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Adams, Jr. High Queen was 6th grader, Leslie Masonheimer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Masonheimer, and she was escorted by Riley West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Booth West. Queen of elementary was Sherry Gill, escorted by Roger Brenem.  
"ELVIS" was unable to appear in the Sophomore Class' booth, as previously announced, so Gina Roscoe, with guitar in hand, dubbed in for Elvis.  
Mrs. Lynda Sandlin, 1st grade teacher, began giving twirling lessons last Monday. She had a large number of

students, who are taking advantage of having an instructor in our midst.  
This Friday, the Trent faculty will make appearances as twirlers, cheerleaders, pom-pom girls, band, and football players. Should make for an unusual showing, eh? Then Friday night, the Gorillas host Highland's Hornets. This will be the last home game and will begin at 7:30. Our last game will be in O'Brien on November 15. And then - come the roundballers on the scene, starting off their busy schedule with the high school boys and girls entered in the Merkel Tournament, Nov. 21-23; and Trent Jr. High boys and girls go to Divide the same date for their tourney.  
Attending the Art show at the Civic Center last Sunday were Mrs. Cheryl Kincaid, Mrs. Jere Thomas, Miss Martha Bever, and Mrs. Carolyn Land. One of the group thought it was cheaper to just go and look; while another simply could not resist a bit of vinyl to wear around her neck...a-hem!  
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Findley are members of the Philharmonic Orchestra in Abilene. Marty plays violin; and Jerry, the string bass. She is Trent's band director; and he teaches the choir. Their concerts are the last Tuesday nights in each month. They are quite talented and will present the program at Community Club, Thursday, November 7. Community Club will begin at 7:00 p.m. and it is the Thanksgiving meeting. So bring your families and be ready for turkey and dressing, community-style.  
The pictures are hung; and the Saddle and Striolo in Abilene has the coffee pot on to stop by and see Mrs. Cheryl Kincaid's art show. She has her paintings on display there and it is quite exciting to see works done by someone you know!!  
DID YOU KNOW that a Pittsburgh physician stated that people need to be educated to the fact that shaking babies, even mildly, can result in permanent brain and eye damage. He also cited cases of mental retardation and cerebral palsy caused by shaking of infants.  
Wonder where the "Tumbling Tumbleweeds" that western film star Roy Rogers sings about came from originally? Experts say it is a Russian thistle. In the early 1870's some Russian immigrants brought with them some flax seeds, which contained a liberal mixture of Russian thistle seeds. That did it. In 20 years, the so-called tumbleweed had spread to 16 western states and 13 Canadian provinces.  
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#### Mrs. Stevens Services Thursday

Mrs. Annie Stevens, 93, died Tuesday morning in a rest home in San Antonio. She will be brought back to Merkel for burial. Graveside rites will be Thursday at 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Officiating will be Rev. John Curtis, pastor of the Assembly of God Church.

#### Band Boosters Meet Tuesday

The Band Boosters will meet Tuesday night, Nov. 12, in the band hall at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come and bring a friend. The Beginner Band will furnish the program.

#### Public Notice

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## Watson-Stephens Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Watson of Trent announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Ann Watson to Wade Stephens, son of Mrs. Ann Stephens of Jemez Springs, N.M., and J. W. Stephens of Andrews.

The couple are planning a December 22 wedding in the First Baptist Church in Trent.

Miss Watson is a graduate of Trent High School and attend Hardin-Simmons University.

Stephens graduated from Jemez Valley High School and is employed by Casey Construction.



PATRICIA WATSON  
...December wedding

## Senior Citizens President Issues Invitation

Christine Collins, Senior Citizens Club president for November, has issued a special invitation to senior citizens in the Merkel area to attend the many activities of the organization.

"Anyone who hasn't been to Senior Citizens before needs to come and visit the Club. If they will come once and try it, they will like it," Miss Collins said.

The Club holds a luncheon every second Tuesday of the month. The first Monday night there is a singing held. This past Monday, a total of 50 persons attended the singing, Miss Collins said.

"We have a game night every Thursday night and everyone really enjoys it. If the people that are not attending would just come out for one time, I know that they will really enjoy themselves and will want to continue coming," she said. "I would like to extend a special invitation for everyone to come visit the Club," Miss Collins concluded.

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## 7th Grade Ties Rotan

Merkel's 7th grade Jr. Badgers were tied by the Rotan 7th graders 0-0 in Badgers Stadium Thursday night. Outstanding performances were turned in defensively by Walter Hagle, Scott Cain, Chris Cox, Jeff Toombs, Dale Ray Higgins, Ted Holmes, James Barach, Bobby Dick-

inson, Josh Amerine, Mark Copeland, Dale Shouse, Robert Fowler, Tommy Swinney, Brad Wade, and Robert Cunningham. "These defensive people played a truly outstanding game. Rotan was never inside our 30 yard line and only once did they drive beyond the 50. We had a real good opportunity to score in the fourth quarter, but just didn't have enough speed to put it in," said Coach Robert Crawford.

Cain, Fowler, Dickinson, Shouse, Cox and Holmes turned in excellent performances on offense. "Chris Cox did a fine job of running the ball club and the offensive line of Copeland, Mar-

tin, White, Toombs, Reeves, Hines, Higgins and Cunningham blocked well on the passes. Cain ran a reverse about 40 yards for our most outstanding play of the game. The boys hang in there and never gave up. We tried our best and I am real proud of the team. The TD we got called back (a 70 yard kick-off return by Dale Ray Higgins) got to us a little but the kids fought back and nearly won. We had the ball on about the ten yard line with 30 seconds left but couldn't punch it across. This closes out the year for us and I am real proud to have had such a fine group of kids to work with."

## MERKEL TYE School Menu

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6  
Fried chicken, cream gravy, whipped potatoes, seasoned corn and cherry cobbler, hot rolls and milk.

THURSDAY, NOV. 7  
Ranch style beans with ground beef, creamy cole slaw, baked squash, cornbread and whipped jello with topping, and milk.

FRIDAY, NOV. 8  
Sloppy Joes, pickle relish, sliced onion, french fries & catsup, school made buns, and brownies, orange juice and milk.

MONDAY, NOV. 11  
No School. Cafeteria work shop.

TUESDAY, NOV. 12  
Chicken fried steak, cream gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, apricot cobbler and milk.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13  
Tacos-taco sauce, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, seasoned pinto beans, apple cheese crisp, and Milk.

THURSDAY, NOV. 14  
Shepherds pie, buttered corn, green salad, choice of dressing, hot rolls, chocolate cake w/vanilla frosting and milk.

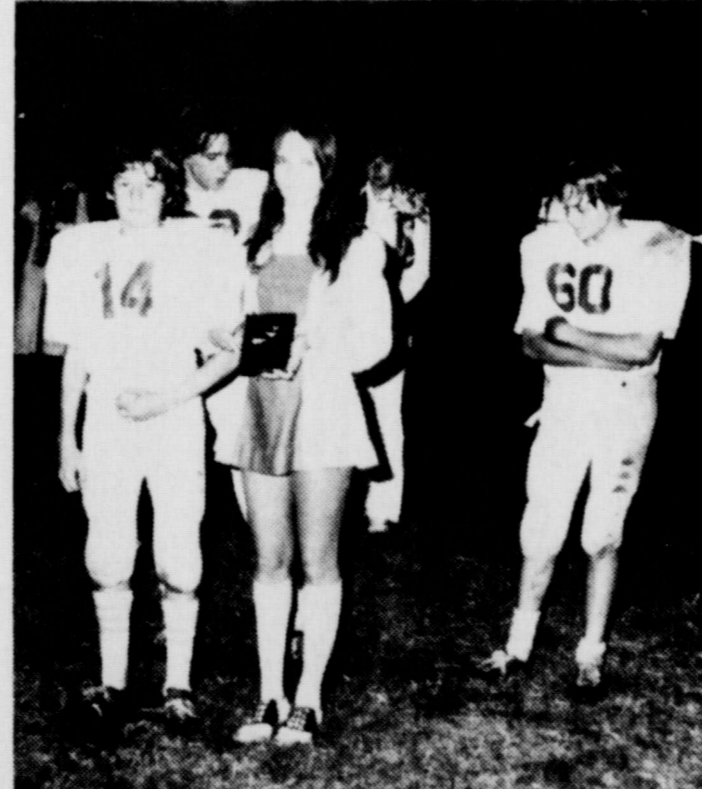
In spite of the high standard of living in the United States, some people find life drab, discouraging, materialistic and devoid of job satisfaction. To overcome these feelings, we must create our own inner world where we can truly live during our leisure hours, Nelson Barksdale, recreation specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, advises.



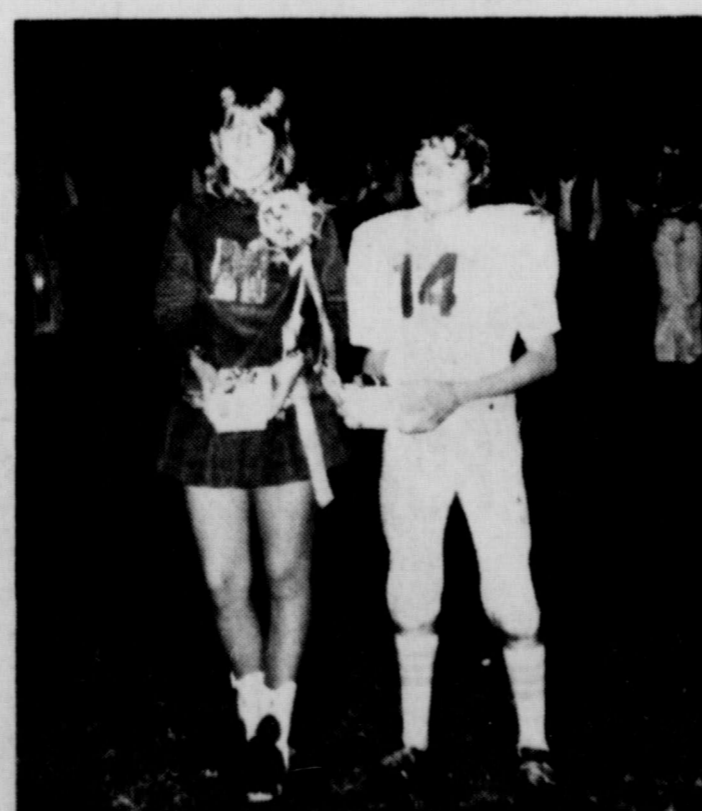
JR. BADGERS BLOCK - Craig Hutchings (21) and Mike Sims (14), block the way for tailback Ricky Howes, not shown, as the Jr. Badgers make a sweep play. The Jr. Badgers won over Rotan 25-0. (Staff Photo)



OUTSTANDING FOOTBALL PLAYERS ... Mike Sims, Ricky Howes, Thomas Kraatz



OUTSTANDING BADGETETTE ... Diana Bien, escort Mike Sims



BAND FAVORITES ... Lorie DuBose, Mike Sims

## Victory Singers Meet Nov. 11

The Victory Gospel Singers will meet at their regular Monday Singing, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. at 307 El Paso.

Duets, quartets and trios are expected to attend from the surrounding area.

All interested singers are invited to attend.

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## TCY Homemakers Meet Nov. 7th

The Taylor County Young Homemakers will meet this Thursday night, November 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Mack Seymore.

The Christmas program will be presented by West

Texas Utilities.

Hostesses are Mrs. Robert Crawford and Mrs. Jimmy Jacobs.

All members are urged to attend.

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## TURKEY SHOOT

### Nellie Gregory Services Held

Services for Mrs. Nellie Carrol Gregory, 87, of Sweetwater and formerly of the Merkel area was held at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel, Glenn Owen, minister at the Merkel Church of Christ, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery here.

Mrs. Gregory died Sunday afternoon at Simmons Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater after a long illness.

### Gilene Employees Have Halloween Celebration

By LAVONNE BUNCH

Gilene employees celebrated Halloween with a costume party and a salad luncheon. Hobos, clowns, a

Charleston dancer, outlaws and a sheriff were on hand for the day's activities.

"We work as hard as we play," said one woman as the machines sewed. Twelve to fourteen hundred blouses are manufactured at Gilene's each week.

Emma Shugart, plant supervisor, announced prizes for the three "spookiest" spoons. First prize of two pounds of sugar went to Poopie Sipes, second prize Baby powder winner was Emma Shugart and third prize of toilet tissue went to Cricket Sloan.

Visitors streamed in during the day to get a look at 28 employees of Merkel's newest industry proving "one can have much fun, even on the job." Manager Foy Streetman entered the shop, attired as a "goof-ball"; probably shocked a few visitors with his business suit.

A shipping clerk with a bulbous nose, green freckles and a high pitched giggle, repeated, "We work as hard as we play!" It looked like fun.



HALLOWEEN PARTY ... Gilene employees

### BAND NEWS

This Friday night at the Merkel-Baird football game High School Band favorites will be presented at halftime. Junior High Homecoming was highlighted last week with the presentation of Junior High Band favorites, Lorrie DuBose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby DuBose, was Pep Squad favorite and Mike Sims, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sims, was the football favorite.

Beginner Band will present the program Tuesday night for the Band Boosters meeting.

### SENIOR CITIZENS SCHEDULE EVENTS

1st Monday of Month singing.  
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### New Booklet Donated to MHS Library

A new booklet, History of the Merkel Schools, was recently donated to the Merkel High School Library. Mrs. H. C. Reid, the author, was a former teacher in the Merkel system. Mrs. Reid did a great deal of research and includes many facts not widely known in this area.

The book makes fascinating reading. From a 1917 Merkel Mail Comes this quote:

"The school board was particularly anxious to obtain teachers who would attend strictly to business, and who would not engage in such pleasures at night that would act to disqualify them from doing their best the following day. Promises of this nature were exacted from every teacher elected."

Another interesting item is that the Merkel Normal and Commercial College existed here about 1888, but lasted only 4 years.

This book may also be purchased from Mrs. Reid for a price of \$2.00.

### Tommy Walters Makes Sergeant

OKINAWA, Ryukyu Islands - Tommy G. Walters, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Walters, Rt. 2, Merkel, Tex., has been promoted to sergeant in the U. S. Air Force.

Sergeant Walters is a munitions maintenance specialist at Kadena AB, Okinawa. He is a member of the Pacific Air Forces.

The sergeant is a 1972 graduate of Merkel High School.

### Rev. Swindell Services Held Thursday

Services for the Rev. Jesse R. Swindell, 53, of Merkel was held at 10 a.m. Thursday in Hawley First Baptist Church.

Officiating was the Rev. Dr. Bill Beasley, Abilene minister, assisted by the Rev. Melvin Byrd, Nolan minister.

Graveside services were at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Medical Center Memorial Hospital in Big Spring following surgery.

Born Aug. 5, 1921, in Goree the Rev. Swindell moved with his family to Texline in 1922. He moved to Abilene in 1938.

He was ordained as a Baptist minister on Jan. 1, 1940. The Rev. Swindell pastored several churches in Taylor and Jones counties, serving most of his pastorate in Hawley, Noodle and Suth. He married Nellie Fuller in 1955 in Abilene.

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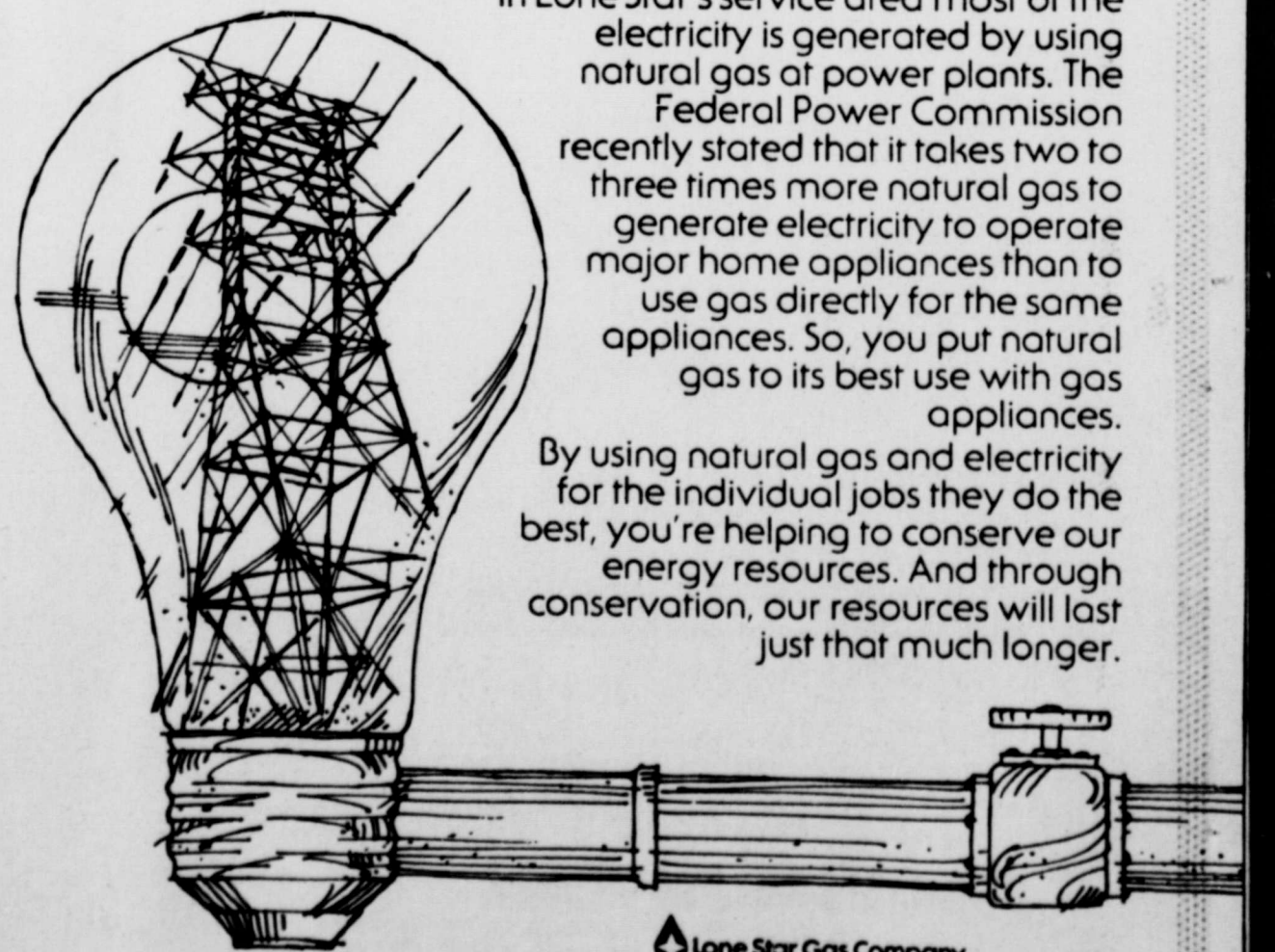
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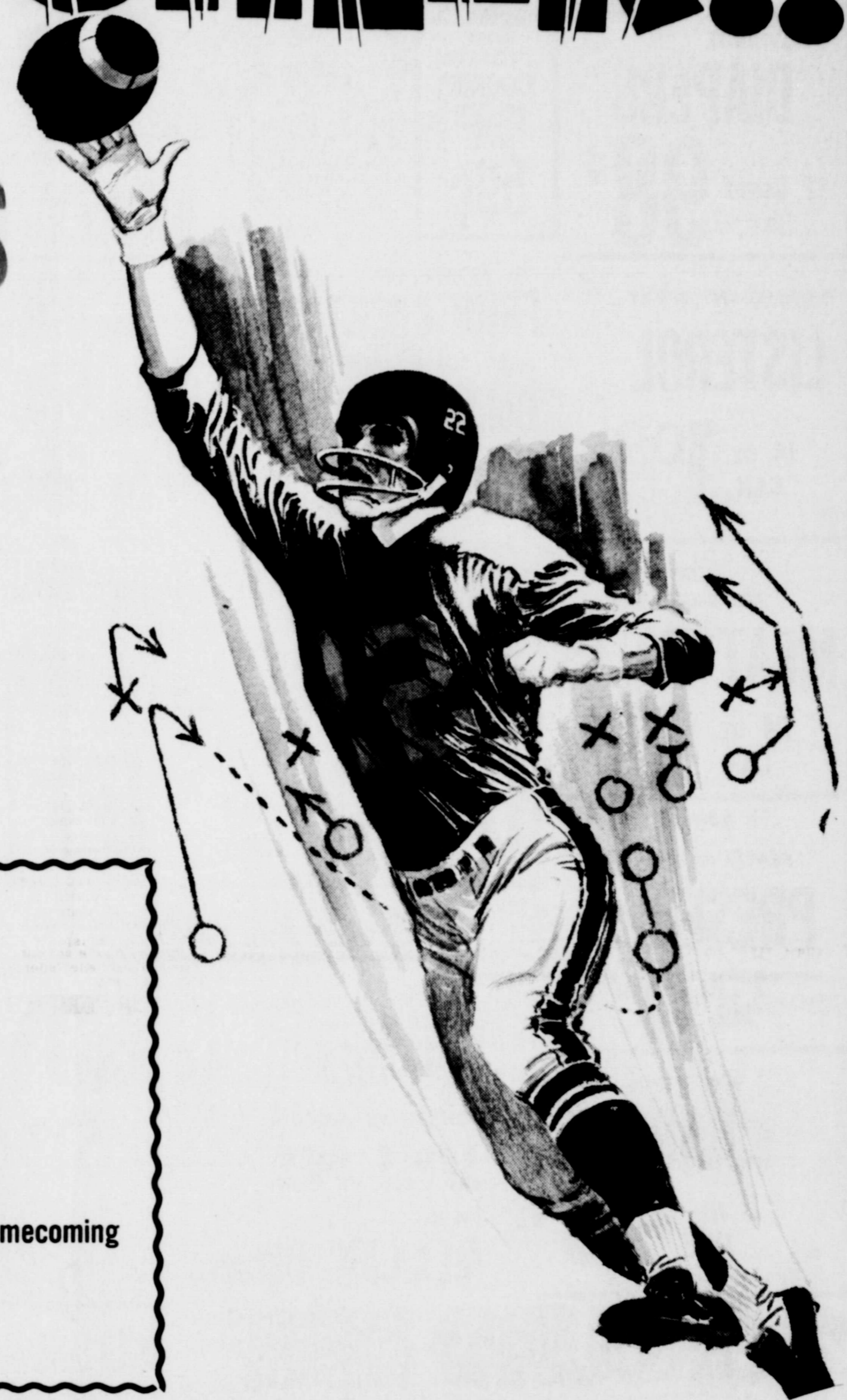
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