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OOPS--Things started our on a bad note for Merkel High's fumbles the football. Stripping the football from him is Badgers Friday night. After winning the coin toss and re- Number 65 Jerry Wristen. Number 33 Gary Adams was ceiving the football, the Badgers lost the football on the credited with the recovery for Baird at the Merkel 33

Welcome Exes to Merkel High **Homecoming festivities**

coming festivities Saturday.

celebrate and renew old memories, at Badger Field, Game time is 8 p.m. There are barbecues, art shows, Saturday, Mexican dinners, parades, pep rallies The seniors and juniors at Merkel

out the weekend, starting Friday, as the class of 50 years ago. How- football game.

* The Class of 1925 and 1926 will be Bob Hammond and Gary Hicks are in for special honors when the Mer- chairmen of the Homecoming this year kel High School exes gather for Home- and are in charge of naming the Mr. X and Coming Home Queen which will be There is a big day of events to help presented at halftime ceremonies of the former graduates of Merkel High School Merkel High and Jim Ned football game

and class meetings scheduled through- High have nominated candidates for Homecoming Queen. The winner also The 1926 class will be guest class will be announced at halftime of the

ever, the 1925 class also will be honored Registration for the exes begins at as there was no class honored last 8 a.m. Saturday at the Senior Citizens building on North Edwards. This also will be the site for the

1:30 p.m. sponsored by the Lambda Beta. Barbecue plates are \$2 and \$1.50, for the exes is scheduled at 10 p.m.

The parade begins at 2:30 p.m. at be catered by the 1956 class. Palmer Pontiac. It will wind past the City Hall, Post Office, Ben Franklins from the Senior Citizens Building. At with Johnnie Adcock in charge. 3 p.m. the pep rally is scheduled. A trophy will be presented to the winning will meet in the Gold Room at Merfloat, Hammond said.

A Mexican dinner will be served at ness meeting. the High School Cafeteria from 4:30 until 7 p.m. with proceeds going to the ing Saturday at Pug and Leo's restaurant program. Dinners will be \$2.50 and \$2. of interest.

barbecue lunch from 11 a.m. until The football game starts at 8 p.m. After the game a business meeting Also, a Poor Boy art show is planned, at the High School cafeteria, It will

include the 1938 class meeting at 8 p. end up at Merkel Drug, across m. Friday at the Merkel Restaurant The 1969, 1970, 1971 and 1972 classes

Some of the class reunions scheduled

kel Restaurant after the Saturday busi-

The 1964 class had scheduled a meetsponsoring Miss Softball of America on I-20 but has canceled due to the lack

> More football, homecoming, Page 5-7

Water rates reclassified, equality of payment cited

The Merkel City Council reclassified water rates at a called meeting Wednesday night at City Hall.

The new rate structure for water, sewer and sanitation remains the same for majority of residents in Merkel. The new rates will depend on the amount used and the number, of families

being supplied off a single meter. The ordinance setting the rates was approved and signed Wednesday and Mayor Lou David Allen said it would become effective as of September 1. The new charges should show up on the

October bills for service in September. Residents will begin receiving the new bills from the Abilene computer company this month. The uniform change to the computer service is one reason given for the change in the rate structure, according to councilmen.

But, the main reason for changing the rates, they said, is to equalize the rates for everyone.

For one-family unit the minimum charge for water will be reduced 3 cents to \$2.95 a month, sewer charge will remain at \$1.50 and sanitation charge will remain the same, \$1.75, for a total minimum monthly bill of

Change in residence rates comes where there is more than one family using the same meter. For instance the \$2.95 formerly charged as a minimum to a residence no matter how many families were using the same meter will be changed with \$2.95 charged for each family unit using the same meter. as commercial rates and for more than four commercial units the rate

will be \$11.60 plus 25 cents per unit. The same rate structure will be used to determine sewer and sanitation fees for residents.

An example: A landlord has two garage apartments and his home on one meter has a three-family unit for which he has been paying a minimum \$6.20.

Now, the minimum water bill will be \$8.85; the minimum sewer bill will be \$4.50 and the minimum sanitation bill will be \$5.25 for a total of \$18.60. Thus, the Council feels this will eliminate two of the three families using city facilities free.

For commercial users the one business unit will pay the same minimum as one-family residential users -- \$6.20. However, the commercial user also will be charged for sewer rates by the number of gallons used. The \$1.50 initial rate covers the initial 10,000 gallons of water each month.

Actually, the rate is 35 cents for each 1,000 gallons used. For instance at least one business in Merkel has used as much as 290,000 gallons of water that went directly into the sewer. And, it had cost this business the same as a one-family unit in the past \$1.50 Well, at 30 cents per 1,000 gallons to process this sewage it has cost the

one customer of \$85.50. Now that customer, who uses the water and sewer facilities in his business to make a profit, will pay \$101.50 for his share of this expense.

city \$87 each month -- a loss on this

The City Council estimated there will be 8 to 10 businesses in Merkel affected by this rate change. Sanitation is another area where some

yard will cost \$4.50 and for each cubic

commercial users will pay increased

The \$1.75 minimum will be for less than a cubic yard per week picked up. The daily pickup of less than a cubic yard picked up daily a \$4.50 charge will be assessed,

An example: all firms had been paying the same minimum charge regardless of the amount of trash that had to be picked up.

Now, they will pay according to the service required.

Again, using a Merkel business as an example, it was estimated that 6 cubic yards of trash is picked up daily from this firm, requiring 30 or 40 minutes time by the city employees.

Under the new rate structure, this firm would now pay \$27 per month for such service (\$4.50 per cubic yard). Out of city rates for both residential and commercial users will be

double that charged for city residents.

They too will be regulated according to usage.

Mayor Allen, after reading and signing the ordinance, said "I think it is fair and equitable thing myself."

In other action, the City Council voted to change its meeting dates once again. This time from the second and fourth Thursday's at 7 a.m. they will now meet the second and fourth Friday's at 7 a.m.

Next regular meeting will be September 10. Dates were changed again because Mayor Allen is having conflicts with his classes.

The City Council heard two proposals to provide engineering for the \$30,400 grant to provide Merkel with additional water lines and then tabled the matter until the next regular meeting.

A Lubbock firm of Willis Environment Engineering Inc. submitted a 9 per cent bid and the Abilene firm of Yates and Decker submitted a \$2,600 offer to do the work under the original plan. Additional work would be charged

The 9 per cent on the full amount comes to \$2,736.

Problem facing the City Council was whether an excess would be left from the \$30,400. All the money will be spent, it was noted.

However, should the work not require the full amount of the HUD loan, then the Abilene firm would charge extra for additional work to spend all the funds allotted. This could amount to as much as \$200, depending on the amount of funds remaining after the initial contract is completed.

Thus, the apparent low bid of \$2,600 could turn out to be the high bid. The Council discussed both firms and the different methods of biding before electing to table the matter until the next regular meeting.

Once an engineer is hired, it is estimated it won't take more than a month to complete the project of tying on to four mains, crossing a railroad track and a major highway. The actual work is estimated to take but a couple of days, once the contractor has been hired and paper work

It has taken the City Council more than a year to secure the loan and get approval.

THE MAIL

It was great to see Merkel High's Badgers open with a football victory and it was also great to see so many people turn out with such great enthusiasm. Just hope the stands continue to fill each week and the

madgers continue to improve. They will have a tough opponent in Jim Ned Saturday. Jim Ned led Wylie for a half last week before running out of steam. However, they still nearly pulled off the win in the final seconds of the game.

Here's hoping it is an exceptionally happy homecoming for everyone of the Merkel exes this weekend, And, to all those from other cities -- don't stay away so long. Fourth grade is one of those times in my life I re-

member well. It was one of the most impressionable of my young elementary school career. In fact, it is easier to remember the elementary years and teachers than it is to remember junior high and some high school teachers Therefore, it was with some reservation that I consented to address the fourth grade classes at Merkel Ele-

mentary last week. A bit of my language and manners would be enough to stunt most adults, let alone impressionable youngsters. Still, the students were very nice and not once made this corner feel ill at ease. In fact, they almost made

me feel as if I should be the one in the third grade listening They asked questions that indicated they had been well versed in the subject of journalism and the everyday world of business. They were intelligent and alert and

certainly enjoyable to talk to. And, if you think fourth graders are busy watching ty and are not aware of what is going on in the community * and the world, you had better get from behind that tv set and take another look at your fourth grader.

While more and more of the world depends on the tv for its enjoyment and news, these astute youngsters read -books, magazines, newspapers, are learning to spell (something most college graduates cannot do) and are up to date on current events.

True, they do watch tv, but there are other things in their life -- active and artistic.

These students are more aware of the world and what



By Carl Dingler

it holds than my generation of fourth graders were. We didn't know what work was--even though we were coming off a depression and were in the middle of World War II.

We were just into learning the multiplication tables through the 9's and were still getting candy stuck in our palms if we learned to write properly. (Never did master that technique and if it hadn't been for the typewriter would never have become a journalist -- just can't write.) Keep up the great job all you elementary teachers and all you youngsters -- hi!

From here and there: The good Lord obviously intended us to listen more than we talk--otherwise He would have given us two mouths and one ear. Don't forget the fair opens Saturday in Abilene.

Hom ecoming parade is Saturday in Merkel. Too, a Mexican dinner is scheduled at the Cafeteria to help pay the \$1,200 owed by the Merkel Tri-City Miss Softball of America League from last season. Go buy a dinner or two-understand the food will be great,

Trent had several Merkel residents on hand for its opening win last week and they were treated to some excellent football.

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department was busy over the Labor Day weekend helping man the telephones at City Hall as part of the TV telethon benefit. Understand the state Firemen's and Fire Marshals'

Association has purchased the Sports World building in Grand Prairie and plans to make a museum of antique fire-fighting apparatus and will probably include a Fire-men's Hall of Fame. Sounds like something that will compliment the Six Flags-amusement area there and one that will be well attended.

The husband was annoyed because his wife had extended her vacation, so he sent her a copy of the local newspaper with one item clipped out. She was home on the next plane!

Trent's homecoming is September 25. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Cosper who have earned a trip to London as part of their Western Auto promotions. They plan to take the vacation in October. Finally, a bargain is anything that costs no more today than it did last week.



FOURTH GRADERS--The fourth grade classes of Mrs. Dina studying jobs. The class proved very attentive and proved Cowart and Mrs. Ida Seymore at Merkel Elementary school they had done their homework as evidenced by the questions gathered Thursday afternoon to hear a report on journalism. they asked.

The classes are presently interviewing businesemen and

THE MERKEL MAIL Thursday, September 9, 1976

Final rites held for Mrs. Rutledge

Services were Friday for Mrs. E. A. Rutledge, 82, of Merkel who died Tuesday after an extended illness at Starr Nursing Home.

Larry Gill, minister of the Merkel Church of Christ officiated, assisted by W. G. Richardson of Merkel, Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

> NUMBER ONE ON THE BALLOT

(S.J.R. 49)

and 49-d-1 of Article III

of the Texas Constitution,

S.J.R. 49 amends Section

49-c of Article III of the

Texas Constitution to pro-

vide for and authorize an

additional \$400 million in

Texas water development

bonds that may be issued

on approval of two-thirds

of the members of each

house of the Legislature

for such water develop-

ment purposes as the

Legislature may prescribe.

The amendment con-

tains a specific prohibition

against the use of state

funds for the development

of water resources from the

Mississippi River and also

requires that before any

single water development

project may be undertaken

requiring the expenditure

of more than \$35 million

in bond proceeds, it must

be approved by resolution

The amendment re-

moves the constitutional

requirement that certain

revenues must be used to

retire water development

and water quality enhance-

ment bonds and removes

the constitutional interest

The wording of the pro-

posed amendment as it will

appear on the ballot is as

follows:

rate limit on such bonds.

of the Legislature.

Repealing Sections 49-d

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

GENERAL ELECTION NOV. 2, 1976

Born February 1, 1894, at was a member of the Baptist Mt. City, Tennessee, she Church. moved with her parents to ried Ernest Smith November, 1911. She later married E. A. Rutledge August 9, 1941, at Dexter, New Mexico. They moved to Merkel in 1950 and for the past three years, Nursing Home, Mrs. Rutledge

"The constitutional

amendment authorizing

an increase of \$400 mil-

lion in the amount of

Texas Water Develop-

ment Bonds that may be

issued on approval of two-thirds of the legis-

lature; amending and

consolidating provisions

of Sections 49-c, 49-d

and 49-d-1 of Article III

of the Texas Constitu-

tion; and repealing Sec-

tions 49-d and 49-d-1 of

Article III of the Texas

NUMBER TWO

ON THE BALLOT

Constitution.

Survivors include her hus-Weston in 1901. She mar- band; a son, Holman G. Smith of La Canada, California; two daughters, Mrs. Felix (Imogene) Williams of Norwalk, California and Mrs. Windbourn (Gladys) Hardage of Farwell; two sisters, Marshe had lived at the Starr garet White of Lubbock and Anna White of Durango, Colorado; two stepsons, Ferman Rutledge of Rising Star and Herman Rutledge of Anchorage, Alaska; 20 grand-children; and 16 greatgrandchildren.

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(H.J.R. 99)

H.J.R. 99 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution to increase from \$100 million to \$200 million the aggregate principle amount of Texas water development bonds which may be issued and outstanding by the Texas Water Development Board to provide grants and loans for water quality enhancement purposes as established by the Legislature.

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

"A constitutional amendment to increase from \$100 million to \$200 million the amount of Texas Water Development Bonds that may be issued for water quality enhancement purposes.

clean.

Ben Franklin **201 KENT**

MERKEL

added several new items at the store since taking over ownership and has added a oven for quick heating items. Bails has lived in Merkel two years and has several years of grocery business. He said he will continue to open the 9th Street store from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Sunday. His son Jerry helps him in the store, working half days under the MOC program at Merkel High School. Popcom sale starts Tri-City Baseball Project we still owe a balance of

NEW OWNER--Harold Bails is the new owner of the Ninth Street Grocery. He has

has ordered 100 cases of the \$1500. The land includes both popcorn like the Little League boys and girls ballparks so sold here in years past. Our thus all the boys and girls goal is to sell all of the participating in ball will be 100 cases and make \$600 selling popcorn. profit to pay on the land which

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while project. Popcorn will be on sale in Trent, Tye and

SENIOR CITIZENS SCHEDULE EVENTS 1st Monday of Month Singing 2nd Tuesday Noon Covered Dish Game Nights **Every Thursday** & 4th Monday 4th Thur. Game Night Reserved for Talented Amateurs.

Final rites held Wallace

Services were held Tuesday for E. B. Wallace, 71, of Austin and former Merkel resident, who died Sunday of an apparent heart attack.

The Rev. Albert Newton, a Houston minister, officiated and burial was in the Austin Memorial Park Cemetery. Born October 16, 1905, in Merkel, he worked for Ford dealerships in Abilene, Elgin and Austin. He also lived in Austin the last 16 years. He was a member of the Woodman of the World

fraternal order. Survivors include his wife, Ada; a son, Dr. C. J. Wallace of New Orleans, Louisiana; two daughters, Bettie Wallace of Garland and Kay Tie ann of Austin; 11 grandchildren; and three greatgrandchildren.

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Hendrick Home For Children Claude A. Hicks Administrator

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Raymond Tyler, Respondent: GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-

MANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Willie F. Tyler, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 23 day of June, 1976, against Raymond Tyler, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 12,035-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of Willie F. Tyler and Raymond Tyler,"

the nature of which suit is a request For Divorce. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be bind-

ng on you. 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 the 3rd day of September, 1976.

Domestic Relations

By Faye Terry,

same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my

Irene Crawford

By Elise Mitchell,

Miscellaneous

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29-1tp GARAGE SALE-601 Edwards-Thursday and Friday. Baby clothes, bathinette, car seat, walker. toys, Alexander Dolls, and lots of misc.

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: George Davis, III, Respondent:

MANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a,m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Alice Faye Epperson, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 9th day of August, 1976, against George Davis, III, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 12, 186-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Michael Davis, a Child," the nature of which suit is a

request to terminate parentchild relationship. Said child was born the 4th day of February, 1969, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parentchild relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 13th day of August, 1976.

> tions Court, Taylor County,

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Badgers put together team effort for opening victory



Baird's Gary Adams (33) in third quarter Friday night, 12-0, in the opening game. Smith took this pass from quarterback Gary Pflester, 19

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TOUCHDOWN--Larry Smith approaches the goal ahead of yards for his second touchdown of the game, Merkel won.



loss after a play backfired Friday night. However, there Mark Lucas (30) advance on Pflester. was a penalty on this play and Pfiester got out of trouble.

OUT OF THE WAY--Merkel Quarterback Gary Pflester finds Number 30 for Merkel in the background is Keith Austerman. going tough as Jim Saddler comes in to hit Pfiester for a For Baird, Frankie Rodriquez (51), Jerry Wristen (65) and

Shaw, Biera, Smith honored

Mark Shaw, Larry Smith

baird's JV, 20-6, in Baird, injury.

A blocked punt attempt the

coverage on a punt the fourth

quarter turned into touch-

downs for Baird and proved

the downfall for Coach Tony

Merkel's lone score came

the second quarter when Mike

Sims passed 40 yards to Billy

Nichols to set up the touch-

down at the Baird one yard

line. Rudy Biera scored the

Baird scored on a drive the

third quarter to add to the

touchdown in the first quarter

at center and a bad snap

caused the punt attempt to be

played a good defensive game,

Coach Mauldin praised Jay

touchdown.

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Mauldin's Merkel crew.

Shaw was named outstandand John Biera came in for ing defensive player. The

special recognition by the senior was in on 12 tackles. Merkel High coaching staff four unassisted behind the after the opening week victory over Baird, 12-0. line of scrimmage, and was a major factor in leading the

Merkel JV loses, 20-6 "His kicking game alone was a powerful offensive weapon," Coach Jerry Merkel High's Junior Var- guard, is the only doubtful

McLeod said. sity found mistakes costly starter this week as he has last week as they fell to been sidlined with the knee

first quarter and a fumbled Eighth grade Biera was recognized as falls, 6-0

The Merkel Eighth grade lost to Baird, 6-0, last week in its football debut for 1976. ing on punt return coverage. Coach Greg Henderson's charges had three opportuni-

situation. They were inside the 10 three times Coach Henderson said. He pointed out that blocking was inconsistent in this

ties to score the first quarter

but couldn't capitalize on the

when an injured Sims was not first game. However, he said his crew played a good ball game with 'lots of hustle and lots of good hitting. They made very Boyd who was injured and few mistakes considering the continued to perform with an short time they had been

injured knee. Clifford Dye working out," he said. The Eighth grade goes to Mike Crouse intercepted a Jim Ned Thursday for a 6 p. bass and also played good m. contest against an agdefense. Too, Rusty Watts gressive eighth grade team was credited with doing a who won last week over Wylia. The game will be played at

"good job for us." Boyd, center and nose- Lawn. defensive charge.

Glenn Braune was a close second in the race with 11

Offensive player of the week was senior Smith who scored both touchdowns, was the leading Merkel ball carrier with 77 yards on 16 attempts and punted for a 52-yard average.

Smith almost converted a 41-yard field goal with a cross wind but it was off to

a member of the speciality team. He made a kickoff tackle that saved a touchdown, downed the football on the one of Baird on a punt and generally was outstand-

It also was Biera who intercepted a Baird pass to prevent a touchdown at the Merkel nine. Coach McLeod said there

were no injuries "to speak of" after the initial game. He pointed out the Badgers

didn't use the option pitchout a time during the game and didn't pass because it wasn't necessary. "We didn't pass but once the second half," he

He said the reason for not pitching the ball on the options was because of the usual first game jitters.

'We just played conservative. Felt like we were a ahead there was no need to pass,"

He also said the mistakes on the center handoffs were due to first game jitters and would be corrected this week. "We were getting no pressure there. It was just a mistake in handling the ball from the center to the quarterback," McLeod said.

He praised the defensive team saying "The defense did better job than we thought 'ney would."

He then added, "The main thing we were proud of was the great effort we had, Everyone was really giving a great effort to do a good

Merkel High School's the Merkel backs to keep the Badgers got a combintation attack rolling. So successful was the of revenge and sweet success Friday night in capturing its

football victory. The Badgers ended a sixgame losing streak, beating Baird, 12-0, in what will have to be considered an upset as polls had the Badgers at least

a point underdog. Too, it helped the Badgers make up for last year's 35-0 loss to the Bears in the season finale.

opening season non-district

While the Badgers of Coach Jerry McLeod are halfway to their 1975 record of two wins they also will have to watch that they don't fall into the same trap as last year. Merkel High beat Robert Lee, 29-19, in last year's opener and went on to a 2-8 season.

Although lacking in execution at times and ball handling, the Badgers were equal to their challenge on defence and in executing the offensive plays necessary to score two touchdowns.

Senior Larry Smith had a great time, scoring both touchdowns on runs of 17 vards the second quarter and on a 19-yard pass from Quarterback David Pflester the third period.

Smith also played a top game on defense, rushed for 77 yards in 16 carries for a 4.8 average and punted four times for a 52-yard average which further stalled the Baird attack. The victory was one of two

by District 6-AA teams last week. Wylie came from behind to beat Jim Ned 24-15. Merkel faces Jim Ned Saturday in its homecoming con-

District favorite Colorado City fell to Slaton, 21-0 and Coahoma rallied to tie Wall,

While Smith was putting on his show it was the defensive standout performance of Mark Shaw that kept the Bears wondering what to do next. Shaw was responsible for throwing the Bears for repeated losses throughout the contest.

Of course he received great help from Roger Doan, Glenn Braune, Ricky Howes, Mike Davis, Mickey Carter, Grant Murrell, Keith Austerman and John Biera.

Biera prevented a Baird touchdown with his pass interception at the nine-yard line while Pfiester and Roger Doan recovered fumbles for the Badgers. Pfiester's fumble recovery at the goal prevented a Bears score.

While the Badgers scored twice they got to the five of Baird once before fumbling, and the two before again fumbling.

They also attempted a 42yard field goal near the end of the second quarter which was long enough but missed the mark

The closest Baird was allowed was to the Merkel 24 on the first possession when they were stopped, the Merkel 9 when Biera intercepted better ball club. After we got and to the Merkel 21 where a pass was fumbled at the goal line and recovered across the end zone by Pfiester. Rest of the night they didn't get across midfield, thanks to the defense led by Shaw and the

punting antics of Smith. While Smith was leading the running attack, Ricky Howes was also doing a bit of running, earning 51 yards on 11 carries for a 4.6 average. Keith Austerman had 36 yards on 11 carries. Pflester added 35 yards. Pflester had trouble handling the snaps and some of the handoffs throughout the game. Still when it counted he had a knack for faking the Bears to allow the rest of

ground game that Pflester passed but three times, completing the one in the flat to Smith for the 19-yard touch-

Merkel had 199 yards on 48 carries on the ground while holding Baird to 75 yards on 38 carries and limiting the Bears to 2 of 6 pass completions for 25 yards and Biera intercepted once.

It appeared the Badgers might be in a hole from the start as Austerman fumbled on the first play after the kickoff with Gary Adams recovering for the Bears.

From the Merkel 33 the Bears moved to the 24 where Smith tackled Mark Lucas for a yard loss preventing a first down.

Three plays and the Badgers punted from their 31 with Smith putting them 44 yards down field to the Baird 25. Six plays and two penalties later the Bears were pushed back to their six and managed but an 18-yard punt with Merkel taking over at the Baird 24.

Smith ran three times and Austerman once to give the Badgers a first down at the Baird 14 where Smith picked up another seven yards on a slant off right tackle.

Pfiester fumbled the ball but managed to get two yards and then at the Bears 5 he fumbled and Larron Walker recovered for the Bears.

Baird got out to the 19 in six plays before the first quarter ended.

Two plays into the second period Quarterback Jim Saddler got off a 33-yard punt for the Bears from their 22 to the Merkel 45.

Brad Pursley was waiting for it. His crafty running gave Merkel a 22 yard better advantage to the Baird 33.

A 15-yard penalty added to the run set Merkel up at the Bear 17. This spark appeared to be what the Badgers had been waiting for.

With a huge hole created by the Merkel forward wall. Smith darted 17 yards to the touchdown and 11:02 remained before halftime. Extra point try by Smith was blocked.

sion at their 23 after Baird ran its three series and nunted from its 43. Penalties and the Baird defense combined and Smith attempted a fake punt with mester passing incomplete on fourth down and eight yards needed at the Merkel 42.

Baird got 14 yards by Lucas who was then thrown for a 4-yard loss by Shaw and Murrell on the next play. From the Merkel 32 Saddler passed for the goal and six points. However, John Biera was waiting and pulled in the in-

terception. This time Smith punted 57 yards after the Badgers failed to move and got the Badgers from their 17 to the Baird 46 where Doan recovered a Baird fumble on the first play from scrimmage.

Ricky Howes ran 16 yards for the Badgers and Merkel got to the Baird 25 in three more plays. With 20 seconds to go before intermission, Smith attempted a field goal into the strong wind, It was

to the left of the goalposts. 214 EDWARDS three downs and a 32-yard

punt to open the third quarter. Saddler punted to the Merkel 24 from the Baird 44 where it had run out of downs. Pflester returned it six yards to the Merkel 30.

Pflester got four yards and the Bears added 15 more to the cause through a penalty. Smith, Austerman and Howes shared running duties for another first down to the Baird 40. Again, it was the alternating of Smith, Austerman and Pfiester keeping on short slashes to set the Badgers up at the Bear 31 with fourth down and a yard needed for a first down.

Austerman came through with a nine yard blast to the Bear 22.

Smith got three yards on the next play and then from the 19 Priester hit Smith in the right flat who weaved his way through the Baird defense for the second Badger touchdown.

A high snap caused Smith to attempt a pass for extra points. It failed, That turned out to be all the scoring of the night with 5:42 remaining to go the third quarter.

The Bears continued to feel frustration the final quarter as the Badgers kept a tight defensive hold.

The only threat by the Bears after the second Merkel TD came after the kickoff with Lucas breaking for a .14-yard gain and the Bears moving the ball for a change. Four plays later they were at the Merkel 21, having moved 24 yards. Saddler hit Adams with a 21-yard pass. Adams was hit hard at the

goal and fumbled with Pflester winding up with the football in the end zone.

That was it. The fourth quarter Smith got off a 51-yard punt late in the contest after the

Badgers failed to advance. The Bears let the football roll and John Biera was speedy enough to down it and put the Bears in trouble at

their one-yard line. Larry Cauthen brokefor 13 yards just when the Merkel fans were hoping for a Merkel safety. However, five plays later the Bears were three yards worse off, having to punt from their 11 with 40 seconds to go. One final play by the Badgers and it was all over.

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By Pat Castille

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BADGER TRACKS

Hi there! My name is Suzy Rister and I'm your student council reporter for the 1976-77 school year. Each week Badger Tracks will bring you the many activities of the student council and other organizations of Merkel High School.

Sophomore class officers ire President-Rusty Watts, Vice President-Craig Hutchings, Secretary-Treasurer-Dobin Morris and Reporter-Mike Sims, Student council representatives are Cindy Boone, Gay Pfiester, Joe Treadwell, Kelly Wolf and alternate Paula Lindsey.

Freshmen class officers are President-Mark Copeland, Vice President-Kim Mashburn, Secretary-Treasurer-Becky Watts and Reporter-Sherrie Ascencio. Student council representatives are Scott Cain, Chris Cox, Shannon Bagbee, Lisa Shugart and alternate Brad wade.

The senior class has been working on the bonfire all week and they invite everyone to come out to the stadium The Saturday homecoming activities include a parade downtown at 2:30 and a pep

Jim Ned at the Badger



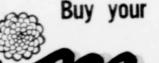
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Football Stadium, Besureand be there to back the Badgers. This year's homecoming queen nominées are Tammy Martin and Sherry West for the junior class. Judy Diltz and Deborah White are the nominees for the senior class. She will be crowned during halftime ceremonies

at the game. put on a super performance day night against the Baird Bears 12-0. And if this is a sign of things to come, then

The Badger football team won its first game Friball game will be at 8 against we've got a great season ahead.

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Junior Class News

The 1976-77 Junior class of Merkel High School elected officers for this school year. They are as follows, Randy Cox, president; Alice Cunningham, vice - president: Kandi Ascencio, secretarytreasurer; and Kim Satterwhite, reporter.

Elections for the Junior representatives of student council were also held. They are: Grant Murrell, Cathy Holloway, Gayle Reed, Freda Crenshaw and Salinda Justice was chosen as alternate.

The Junior nominees for Homecoming Queen are Sherry West daughter of Joyce West and Bobby West and Tammy Martin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bob

Lunch, art show Saturday

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will sponsor Homecoming Round-up Lunch serving barbecue and all of the trimmings at the Senior Citizen Building Saturday from 11 a.m. until 1:30. Adult plates will be \$2 and child's plate \$1.50. Exes will be registering at

the Senior Citizens Building. There will be a Poor Boy Art Show in front of the Senior Citizens Building from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Golf tourney

Due to a lack of participants, the Guys and Dolls Tournament was cancelled. Several local couples had a mini-tournament Sunday afternoon, Winners of the day were Faye and Loyd Robertson.

Just a reminder that next Tuesday will be couples day. Everyone come on out and get back in the swing! See ou on Tuesday.

Judy Diltz . .semior



Deborah White ...semior

Senior pictures will be

taken Saturday, September

25. The seniors have already

begun the bonfire. They will

be released from school part

of the day Friday to finish

the bonfire in time for burn-

Booster Club

The Merkel High Booster

George English was elected

Club elected officers at its

president, Dean Smith vice-

president, Vincent Barnett

secretary and Mrs. Lee

The group heard a scouting

report on Baird and saw a

film on the Hamlin

at the Field House and saw

a film of the Baird game and

heard a scouting report on

Jim Ned. The Club meets

each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at

The Club met Tuesday night

August 31 meeting.

Tucker reporter.

scrimmage.

ing Friday night.

Senior Class news

The Senior class of Merkel High School held their first class meeting Wednesday, September 1. During the meeting they elected class officers, student council representatives and Homecoming Queen nominees.

The class officers are President John Biera, Vice-President Judy Diltz, Secretary-Treasurer Becky Rister and Reporter Gayle Teaff. The student council representatives are Becky Rister, Cherie Aiken, Tommy Sloan, Gayle Teaff and alternate Glen Braune. The Senior Homecoming

Queen nominees are Judy Diltz and Deborah White.

Mexican dinner benefit set

Welcome home all you Merkel High School exes. Miss Softball America is

providing a Mexicandinner at the High School . .eteria from 4:30 until 7 p.m. in conjunction with Homecoming festivities. Proceeds go toward helping

to pay off the \$1,200 debt by Miss Softball America league teams in Merkel this summer. Mrs. Ascencio will be doing

with tickets \$2.50 for adults and \$2 for children. Anyone wanting to donate time, money, pies, etc. may contact Linda Williams at

the cooking for the benefit

VICA Club news

928-5096.

The first meeting of the year of the Merkel VICA Club chapter 1658 was held Tuesday, August 31 for the purpose of electing club officers for this school year. Elected were: President Doyle Russell-Western Pipe Company, Vice-President Linda Williams-Gllene's Manufacturing, Secretary Johnny Holmes-Palmer's Body Shop, Treasurer Tommy Sloan-Sloan Farms, Reporter Salinda Justice-Emma's Clothes Closet, Parliamentarian Ben Castille-Castille Hardware and Sergeant at Arms Jerry

Butman-Western Auto. We have 33 students in all enrolled this year in the M. O. Industrial Training Course. This is the largest group of the three years since the program began. We really appreciate the cooperation and support of the Merkel businesses. We are looking forward to a great year.

Bass Club meets

The Merkel Bass Club met Tuesday and set up a bass tournament and changed meeting time.

The Club will meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Merkel Restaurant, It had scheduled its meetings for the morn-

A club bass tournament was set for September 25 at Lake Ray Hubbard.

Jim Ned next Badgers obstacle

meet in seventh, eighth and

Ned. All three games will be

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Preparing for Jim Ned and Homecoming pose big problems for Coach Jerry McLeod and his staff.

The Homecoming isn't too bad as it allows the Badgers an extra day of practice before the 8 p.m. Saturday kick-

However, preparing for Jim Ned's Indians is another matter.

The Indians lost to Wylie, 24-15, last week in the opening contest for both teams. Jim Ned led the first half and then fell apart the second half.

However, a final surge almost pulled the game off for the Indians. But, a switch from the running game to the passing game ended the drive and the Indians lost. Thus, they will have added

incentive to knock off the Badgers who won their opener, 12-0, over Baird. The Indians, normally a running team, has opened with a passing attack under new coaching techniques.

Coach McLeod said he doesn't really know what to expect from Jim Ned as they "do so many different things on both defense and offense." Indians to stop will be half-

back Orbin Lesley who also does the extra point kicking and Quarterback Chris Holson and Halfback Russell Jen-

The Indians have good receivers and should Holson come through, the Badgers may be in for a tough con-

However, he completed but 5 of 15 in the opener for 80 yards and one touchdown.

New Coach David Reves has five starters returning with linemen Terry Hevermann, Russell Jennings, Ricky Walters and Mark Griffith back with fullback Matt Marshall.

Holson lettered at halfback last year and tackles Marcy Grun and Kelly Lindsey add experience to the line.

Thus, both teams present strong forward walls who are capable of protecting the backs while opening holes. Jim Ned is a good running team and likes to hit.

Coach McLeod said he hopes to start passing more this week (he had one of 3 down last week against Baird) and said "We are going to throw more. We have to make people respect our passing game. If we don't they will contain us."

Coach McLeod said he hopes to keep the pressure on the Jim Ned quarterback and force him to make mistakes and give up the ball.

Jim Ned won the game last year between these two teams, 20-15, and went on to a 3-7 year. Merkel was 2-8. Homecoming queen will be presented at halftime.

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	11	Jim Ned	Here	8:00	Homecoming
	17	Roscoe	Here	8:00	
	24	Eastland	There	8:00	
Dit.	1	Colorado City	Here	7:30	
35:	8	Ballinger	There	7:30	
	15	Winters	Here	7:30	
	22	Stamford	There	7:30	
	29	Open date			
Nov.	5	Wylie	Here	7:30	
	12	Coahoma	There	7:30	
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Dallas Cowboys 1976 Schedule

LEAGUE GAMES

Date		Opponent	Kickoff (Dallas Time
Sun., September	12	PHILADEL PHIA	1 p.m.
Sun., September	19	at New Orleans	1 p.m.
Sun., September	26	BALTIMORE	3 p.m.
Sun., October	3	at Seattle	1 p.m. (3 p.m.)
Sun., October			1 p.m. (noon)
Sun., October	17	at St. Louis	8 p.m.
Sun., October	24	CHICAGO	1 p.m.
Sun., October	31	at Washington	4 p.m. (3 p.m.)
		NEW YORK GIANTS	1 p.m.
Mon., November			8 p.m.
Sun., November	21	at Atlanta	1 p.m. (noon)
Thu., November	25	ST. LOUIS	2:30 p.m.
Sun., December	5	at Philadelphia	1 p.m. (noon)
Sun., December	12	WASHINGTON	3 p.m.





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	16	Roscoe JV	There	7:30
		Wylie 9th	Here	7:00
	23	Eastland JV	Here	7:30
Oct.	7	Colorado City 9th	Here	7:30
	14	Winters 9th	There	6:00
		Winters JV	There	7:30
	28	Winters 9th	Here	6:00
		Winters JV	Here	7:30
Nov.	4	Wylie 9th	There	6:00
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JUNIOR HIGH SCHEDULE

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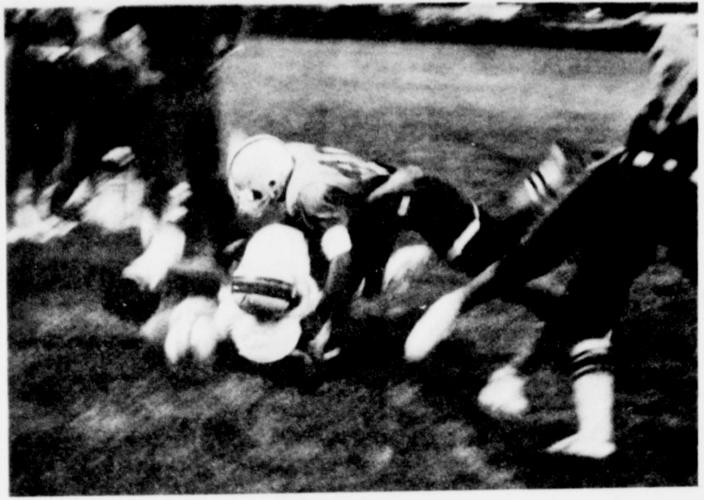
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GETS HIS MAN--Bobby Brazelton of Trent brings down the feated Talpa-Centenial 53-32, in mon-district 6-man action ball carrier and goes after the lose football as Trent de- Thursday night. Number 10 at right is James Mays.



TRENT CHEERLEADERS -- Leading the cheering section for supported by Robbie Freeman, Penny Hatfield supporting Trent High School this year are from the left. Teri Hamner Shirley Brenem and Pam Evans.

Swift Gorillas dazzling in victory, 53-32

Trent High School's to 100 yards on 46 rushing points after. Corillas weren't too swift plays. on covering kickoffs but they were plenty swift when it came to scoring as Coach Bobby Campbell's charges dazzled Talpa-Centenial Thursday night, 53-32.

It was the season opener for both six-man teams.

While Trent was fumbling away nearly every kickoff on the onside kick and appeared to be in trouble from the start, the running of James Mays and Herbert Beaver plus some excellent defense by Rocky Bryan, Ethel Gage, Gilbert Beaver, Morse, Herbert Beaver and Bobby Brazelton overcame the

Rams with ease. Mays ran for 137 yards on eight carries and scored to let go of the ball. Again three touchdowns while the Trent defense held but a Herbert Beaver had 114 yards Trent fumble set the Rams up on eight carries and two touchdowns. Bryan scored twice and Alan Morse once. Kenny Nance kicked two 2another

Gilbert Beaver added 42 yards running and Morse 22 to the 292 yards rushing by the Gorillas.

Trent quarterback Robert Freeman hit 4 of 5 passes for 75 yards and two touchdowns. Mays was the big receiver, getting 55 yards on two catches, Brazelton caught one for three yards and Bryan caught a 17-yard touchdown

Talpa-Centenial had 159 yards passing on 20 of 27 pass attempts and was held

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Senior Duane Reber was the big man for the Rams, getting 97 yards on 27

He also scored twice and had an extra point, David Hale, Faron Martin and Jeff Roberts each scored once and Phillip Davidson had a point conversion to give Talpa its

32 points. The Rams took the opening kickoff and moved 40 yards to score in 10 plays with Hale taking a 1-yard pass at 7:06

for the six points. Trent lost the ball on the kickoff but stopped Talna's drive this time. However, the Gorilla's offense were an inch shy of a first down and had

Two plays and it was Reber falling over the goal for the TD and then running the extra point extra point and ran point and Trent was down 13-0 with 2:41 left in the initial quarter.

Trent held on to this kickoff but lost the second of four fumbles at the Ram 16 as the first quarter ended

Trent forced the Rams back to the Rams 3 and on third down appeared to get possession when the Rams punted. Offsetting penalities gave Talpa another chance.

But. Bryan stepped in to block the punt and then fall on it in the end zone at 9:23 to give the Gorillas their first score. Nance kicked the

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With Herbert Beaver doing much of the damage on defense the Rams were getting nowhere fast after the Trent kickoff. On third down at the Gorilla 27, Morse stepped in front of a long Talpa pass and raced 60 yards at 8:03 and Trent led 14-13-thanks to the defense.

Talpa lost the ball after one play and Trent then began its offensive show. Mays broke 20 yards on the delay and pass fake and then he eluded three would-be tacklers to scamper 27 yards at 6:47 for the first Gorilla TD by the offense.

It was all gravy after that of the year. with the Gorillas putting the pressure on while on defense and outclassing the Rams

while on offense. Mays added another 26vard touchdown at 5:02 and Nance Kicked the extra point and then Bryan caught a 17yard pass, making an excellent catch between two defenders, with 28 seconds to play and Trent led 34-13

at intermission. Talpa got two scores the third quarter as Martin scored from the three at 7:54. Hale passed to Davidson for the extra point and cut the

DISTRICT 3-B (SIX-MAN) SEASON STANDINGS

McCaulley INDIVIDUAL LEADERS Corbell, Ira

H. Beaver, Tr. Kemp, McC. Dacus, Herm Martin, Hobbs

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS Trent 53, Talpa-Centenial 32; Herm leigh 56 Grady 24; Christoval 35, High-Weinert 41, Hobbs 26; Ira 28, Divide 24.

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE Benjamin at Trent, 8 p.m. Highland at Blackwell sthland at McCaulley Divide at Hobbs

SEPT. 17 lobbs at Leuders-Avoca

Trent lead to 34-20 and Roberts hung on to a 42yard pass at 2:45.

Trent scored at 5:13 with Mays catching a 28-yard pass; at 2:56 with Herbert Beaver running 9 yards and at 1:25 with Beaver running 47 yards and Nance running the extra point.

Trent gave the substitutes game experience the final quarter and didn't score any points. Talpa's Reber got across on a 5-vard run at 4:30 for the lone touchdown

of the final quarter. The Gorillas are scheduled to battle Benjamin Friday at

p.m. in their second game

named All-District in 4-B last year. Also back are quarterback

Johnny Pierce, center Mark Collins and end Joey Pierce, Ricky Carver, Pedro Estrada, Louis Baty and Tracy Cartwright, all letter-Coach Campbell said his

Gorillas came out of the first

He said they looked better

The big test, he indicated.

will come Friday night as

Benjamin lost but two play-

ers off last year's regional

ing strength in fullback Keith

Pierce, 6-2, 200-pound junior

who had 76 points and was

Coach Ben Grill has scor-

championship team.

than anticipated for a first

game in good condition.

Trent names class officers

Trent Schools have named class officers for the year for first through 12th grades, Also the Student Council consists of President Penny Hatfield, Vice-President

Shirley Brenem, Secretary Leanna West, Treasurer Robbie Freeman and members Nell Kirk, Kennith Dunn and Teresa Brazelton.

Band officers are President Teri Hamner, Vice-President Shirley Brenem, Secretary Leanna West, Treasurer Penny Hatfield, Librarian John McCleod, Master Sergeant Velma Perkins. Teresa Brazelton and Leslie Masonheimer.

Other officers include: 1st Grade-President-Kim Orr, Vice-President-Becky King, Secretary-Michael Rogers and Treasurer-Luci

Masonheimer. 2nd Grade-President-Chris Simpson, Vice-President-Velma Childress, Secretary-Susie Valdez and Treasurer-Lester Pat-

terson. 3rd Grade-President-Sandra Evans, Vice-President-Benjamin Beaver, Secretary-Melissa Simpson and Treasurer-Jana King.

4th Grade-President-Franklin Evans, Vice-President-Brent King, Secretary-Christy Kinnard and Treasurer-Roger Brenem. 5th Grade-President-

Casey Johnson, Vice-President-Billy Williams, Secretary-Cheryl Freeman and Treasurer-Farrion

Hambrick. 6th Grade-President-Jeffery King, Vice-President-James Freeman, Secretary-Karen Jackson and Treasurer-Sharon Jackson. 7th Grade-President-Greg

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Rebecca Sipe and Treasurer-Margaret Evans Freshman-President-Juana Valdez, Vice-President-Gilbert Beaver,

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and Treasurer-Debbie Jack-Sophomore - President -Kerry Patterson, Vice-President-John McCleod, Secretary-Jacki Reed and

Treasurer-Sue Bryan.

Junior - President-Penny Hatfield, Vice-President-Joey Brenem, Secretary-Nell Kirk and Treasurer-James

Senior - President - Shirley Brenem, Vice - President-Teri Hamner and Secretary-Treasurer - Brenda Griffith.

Trent Band news

The Trent Band Boosters met August 23. On the agenda of the clubs first business meeting of the new school year was the election of oficers. Mrs. Booth West was elected president, Mrs. John Dunn as secretary, Mrs. B. W. Hamner as treasurer and Mrs. Rod Johnson as publicity chairman.

Band activities and fund raising projects were planned with the assistance of the new Band Director Mrs. Sherry Curry. The club is making a concentrated effort this year to raise money for the band trip to Six Flags in the Spring.

and twirlers Cheri Patterson, Brenda Griffith and Nell Kirk.

this year. Last Tuesday we Bryan made 2. Our next game played Talpa...and won 53-32. is Friday the 10th here and Allen Morse made 1 TD, we play the Benjamin

Bindy Beaver made 2 TD's. Mustangs.

BAND LEADERS -- Leading the Trent High Band this year are Drum Major John Stevens

The Trent band is working

Riding Club news

held its weekly play night Saturday September 4 at the arena. Everyone had a very enjoyable time with all the events being run open.

James Mays made 2. Kenny

Barrels-1. Donnie Mallard, 2. Penny Hatfield, 3. Rodney Carroll, 4, Shelli Stout and 5. Vicki Campbell. Flags-1, Vicki Campbell,

Rodney Carroll (tie), 2. Penny Hatfield, Charles Hatfield (tie), 3. Jimmy Davis, 4. Clyde Carroll and 5. Donnie Mallard.

Poles-1. Penny Hatfield, 2. Charles Hatfield, 3. Jimmy Davis, 4. Clyde Carroll and 5. Rodney Carroll.

Mount and Charge was enjoyed by six teams-1. Charles and Penny Hatfield, 2. Don Simpson and Patricia Boyd, Buddy Stout and Lonnie Miller, 4. Vicki Campbell and Rodney Carroll, 5. Clyde Carooll and Lisa Dokey and Shelli Stout and Lynn

The regular monthly meeting will be held Thursday night September 9 at 7:30 at the R. E. A. building with a pot luck supper. Trophies for the month of August will

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Anson holds

horse show An open horse show will

be held in conjunction with the Jones County Fair Satur-

a.m. in the arena next to the fair grounds in Anson.

A complete line of halter and performance classes will be held in both the open and youth shows. Two age groups in the youth show are 12 and under and 13 through 18, Trophies will be awarded

first place ribbons through fifth. Grand champion, reserve champion, and high point trophies will be awarded.

A high point trophy will be given in each age group in the youth division and the open

Performance classes will include western pleasure, reining, barrel racing, pole bending and flag race in the youth show only. All money will be jackpotted in the open classes with a \$2 office

charge. All horses must show at halter to be eligible for the high point trophies, and all horses competing in the youth show must show at halter. progress. Work has begun on our new gym and we hope to have it finished by Christmas.

Merkel schools menu

FRIDAY Hamburgers Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Pickles French Fries with Catsup Peanut Butter Strips

Orange Juice

frosting

MONDAY Chicken fried steak with cream gravy Whipped potatoes English peas Chocolate cake with vanilla

Hot rolls TUESDAY Beef and vegetable stew Green salad with choice of dressing

Jello with fruit Crackers WEDNESDAY Burritos Pinto beans Spanish rice

Green salad with choice of dressing Glazed donuts THURSDAY Fried fish

Seasoned spinach Whole kernel corn Cherry cobbler Hot rolls

FRIDAY Hot dogs with chili Sliced onions Pickled relish Frenchfries with catsup Sugar cookies Orange juice

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Darby, Stennis exchange vows

Beverly Jo Darby became the bride of Robert John Stennis Saturday in a ceremony at Trinity Baptist Church in Amarillo with Keith Bruce of Prairie View officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. W. R. Darby of Trent

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and the late Mr. Darby. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Y. Sten-

in marriage by her brotherin-law, Jack Kaplan of Borger.

Bridesmaids were Kayla Bigham and Ann Legget of Bart-

The bride's mother was fellowship hall of the church.

hosted the rehearsal dinner at Supthens.

Borger High School, and received the BS degree from West Texas State University and attended Northwest Texas Hospital School of Medical Technology.

Stennis is a graduate of Amarillo High School and re-

The couple will live in San Antonio where the bridegroom is employed by the State Banking Department.

Reids visit

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reid have returned from a weeks visit at Canyon with their grandchildren, Jeff and Terri Reid, who are students at West Texas State University.



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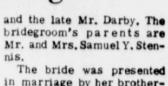
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Matron of honor for her sister was Mrs. Jack Kaplan.

lesville, Oklahoma. Dr. Samuel Stennis of Houston was the best man. Jerry Brown and Mike Isley were groomsmen. John Kaplan of Borger and Gary Mezel served as ushers.

hostess for the reception in The bridegroom's parents

The bride graduated from

ceived the BBA degree from Baylor University.



Church in Merkel. The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. Bobby Dale Whitlock, pastor of the Trent United Methodist Church, and Rev. James Bridges of the Sacred Heart

On Saturday evening,

September 4th, Linda Jean

McAninch, the daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. William Cal-

vin McAninch of Trent, and

Paul Eldridge Raybin, the son

of Mr. and Mrs. William

Davis Raybin of Houston,

were united in marriage at

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McAninch, Raybin exchange vows

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versity of Texas in Austin.

by the bride's parents at the

After a brief honeymoon

The rehearsal dinner was

at Colorado Springs,

Colorado, the couple will live

hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Ray-

bin at the Lamplighter Inn

Merkel Country Club.

in Denver, Colorado.

in Abilene.

The reception was hosted

parish in Abilene. Organ music was played by Jocille Brady of Merkel. Carolyn Rodgers and Laurie Young of Abilene accompanied themselves on guitar and sang a

Bridal attendants Elizabeth McAninch of San Francisco, California, sister of the bride; Barbara McAninch of Washington D. C., sister of the bride; Rebecca Goodwin of Houston, sister of the groom; Ellen Sliter of Dailas, cousin of the bride; and Eleanor McKenna of Austin. The attendants wore gowns in shades of burgandy, pale green, forest green, cream, and teal blue. The gowns featured a rounded neckline with fitted bodice, long flowing sleeves, and full, long skirts held at the waist by a cumberbund. They carried bouquets of white daisy

mums. The groom's attendants were David Raybin of Huntsville, brother of the groom; William Hamilton of Austin; Harlan B. Naylor III of Austin; Peter Shaw of Houston; and

David Terrall of Houston. The bride and groom were accompanied to the altar by their parents. The bride wore a gown of silk organza which featured a train and a cape collar trimmed with lace. A floor-length veil of illusion fell from a Juliet cap trimmed with matching lace. She carried a bouquet of white orchid and other flowers.

The bride is a 1970 graduate of Trent High School. She received a B. A. in the spring of 1974 from Texas Tech University in Lubbock and will receive a M. A. in Sociology from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan this

The groom, a 1970 graduate of Westbury High School in Houston, is also a 1974

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E. A. Rutledge Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hardage Holman Smith Mr. and Mrs. Felix Williams and family 29-1tp

Webb, Gill are married

Charlotte Ann Webb and Johnny Dale Gill of Alexander City, Alabama, were married Saturday at Tye Baptist Church with the Rev. Leonard Payne officiating.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Y. Webb and Mr. and Mrs. Olin B. Gill of Alexander City. The bride was given in

marriage by her father. Matron of honor was Mrs. Rickey Snowden, sister of the bride, and maid of honor

was Liz Corley. Bridesmaid was Mrs. Tim Cherry of Nacogdoches, and junior bridesmaid was Donna Gill, the bridegroom's sister from Alexander City. Flower girl was Robin

Jones, and candles were lighted and guests seated by Wayne Webb, the bride's brother, and Buddy Morgan. Danny Furmanek of Wichita Falls was best man and groomsmen were Greg

all of Wichita Falls. The parents of the bride hosted a reception in the fellowship hall of the church.

Leonard and Steve Cremeens,

After a wedding trip through the southeastern states, the couple will live in Alexander City.

The bride, a graduate of Abilene High, received a medical technology degree from Midwestern State University.

The bridegroom, a graduate of Burkburnett High, attended Midwestern and is employed by Citibanc, Inc. in Alexander City.

Black, Stubbs exchange

vows

Sgt. and Mrs. Johnnie Darrell Stubbs are on a wedding trip to Carlsbad, New Mexico. following their marriage Saturday at Temple Baptist Church. The Rev. H. B. Terry

officiated. Parents of the bride, the former Elaine Lou Black, are Mr. and Mrs. James A. Black, 934 Poplar, and Mrs. Lela Black of 2041 Marshall. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Farquhar of

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mrs. James Adkison was her sister's matron of honor. Bridesmaids were the bride's

sister, Mrs. Jean Hudson and Karen Ellison. The bridegroom's sister, Suzetta Farquhar, was flower girl and his brother, Steward Faraquhar Jr. was ring

Merkel. Jeanna and Ricky Hudson lighted candles.

bearer. Both are from

Evertt Stubbs of Merkel was his brother's best man. Groomsmen were the bride's brother, Johnnie Black of Dallas, and James Adkison. Joe Shields of Dallas and James Adkison seated guests. Hosts for the reception were Opal Parker, Mary Black and Ola Kennedy. Sgt. and Mrs. Stubbs will

live at 208 Randy Blvd., Harker Heights. The bride, a graduate of Abilene High School, is employed by Timex Corporation. The bridegroom received

the GED while in the Army and is stationed at Fort Hood. The rehearsal dinner w hosted by the bridegroom's parents at their home.

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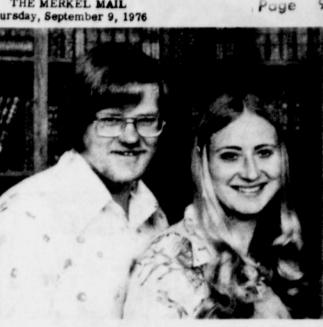
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Thomas, Henry engaged

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The couple plans to be married November 13 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church

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