

## Band captures third

Merkel High School's band has captured a third place trophy and \$100 for its performance Monday at the State Fair in Dallas.

Band Director Daryl Kaire said the Merkel High band competed in Class 4 of the Parade of Champions at the Cotton Bowl Monday, reaching the finals. Merkel was one of 12 schools of the 45 competing for honors to reach the finals and Merkel was the smallest band present.

The Band went to Dallas Sunday, staying overnight in Arlington and then touring the State Fair and entering the band competition Monday.

Kaire said the 30,000 spectators is probably the largest crowd that Merkel students have ever performed before.

The band next enters the UIL contest November 3 in Abilene's Shotwell Stadium.



GETTING TOGETHER--The Merkel High School cheerleaders are attempting to get off on the right foot during a cheer at a recent football contest. From left are: Cindy

Boone, Gay Pfister, Kathryn Irvin, Marsha Clyburn and Becky Watts. (Photo Courtesy of Merkel High School Annual Staff)

## THE MAIL



By Carl Dingler

### PTO conducts member drive

The Merkel PTO Membership Drive Contest will end Friday. If you have not joined please send your dues with your child to school or contact Mrs. Dink Whisenhunt. Dues are \$1 per parent. A winner will be announced at the Merkel PTO meeting Tuesday. How can we set a goal for 200 members present at our next meeting when we have less than 100 who have joined PTO? Support your local PTO and attend the meetings and pay your dues.

High School Speech and Drama class will present a program at the Tuesday meeting. Miss Kathy Harkey is director.

The several land developments, proposed and under way in the Merkel area have brought mixed reactions. There are some who are comparing the actions with the land developments in Arizona and elsewhere in past years. They don't feel people will buy the \$30,000 to \$60,000 homes and acreage and that the projects will fail, leaving Merkel at about the same population level as at the present.

However, from all the building and expansion going on in and around large metropolitan areas, believe Merkel's present building plans will be just the tip of the iceberg. Merkel is in for a great growth--and in a hurry.

People are spending that inflated money for houses in Abilene right now. They are spending more than that for less housing in places like Dallas and Fort Worth. They can't build housing fast enough at any price range.

People who are buying the houses and paying the big prices in Abilene had rather be paying the same amount for 5 to 10 acres in Merkel and get a little room. Besides, the taxes are cheaper than in Abilene.

The smaller schools and friendlier neighborhoods are also enticing more people away from those crowded neighborhoods of large cities, where youngsters really don't have any place to play except in their own yard--and then only during daylight.

The inflated prices of housing is here to stay and believe Merkel will grow to 10,000 within the next 10 years. Now, that's a lot of housing.

How's that for going out on a limb in predictions.

Attention all you drivers of I-20. Word comes that the State troopers are to start issuing tickets for violation of speed limits around those construction sites. Slow down. Have dinner on the state.

In fact, for those people who object to all the traffic citations being issued around Merkel, it might be good publicity for the city to put up signs on the Interstate warning motorists that the area is heavily patrolled and they could slow down and spend the money they save on a night or weekend spree--with all the trimmings.

Someone once wrote: "It is always the secure that are humble."

Isn't it amusing (tragic is the better word) the way the presidential candidates are so busy picking each other apart they are failing to communicate on the basic issues--the issues that concern our everyday lives.

How many of us really care what is said in a Playboy article or whether or not a mistake is made concerning interpretation of the status of a European country. Or, whether or not the proper income tax form is used or expenses noted.

Why can't we get direct answers to the cattle and farming issues and what is going to be done to help these people. How about the energy problem--it is very real for the farmers and for each individual who is monthly facing the mounting utility rates.

What about the issue of employment and equal taxation? And, what about overkill from too many government regulations and agencies? And, these are just a few of the questions this 'ol country boy can think of without sitting down and making a list.

Why are the candidates avoiding the more pressing issues? It's easier to get elected picking at each other than it is to make a commitment on anything timely and then experience feedback from the public--voters or not.

Busted fire plug left Merkel citizens without water for a time Friday night and Saturday. Guess more protection is needed around the plugs to keep them from being knocked loose from the mains.

Did you hear the one... about the Aggie who thought Cheerios were donut seeds?

Understand a lot of classrooms have gone from new math to the metric system, much to the consternation of the youngsters, to say nothing of that experienced by the parents.

In keeping with this thought ran across this ditty which took someone some time to prepare.

"A decigram (?) of salt???"

Given conversion to the metric system much thought?

When conversion finally comes, it's going to mean big changes in some of these favorite old cliches so dear to the hearts of many.

Somehow things just won't seem the same when we have to say:

Peter Piper picked 8.81 litres of pickled peppers.

It hit me like 907 kilograms of bricks.

A miss is as good as 1,609 kilometers.

Beat him within 2.54 centimeters of his life.

All wool and 91.4 centimeters wide.

Give him 2.54 centimeters and he'll take 1,609 kilometers.

Hell's 2,023.4 square centimeters.

A decigram of salt.

He missed by 1,609 country kilometers.

Kilogram for kilogram he's the best.

Third down and millimeters to go.

He 2.54 centemetered his way along the parapet.

I'd walk 1,609 kilometers for a Camel.

Cent wise and dollar foolish.

## Tye costs approved, cafeteria to get roof

The regular meeting of the Merkel Board of Education October 5 turned into an expensive one.

The Board approved the renovation of the bus barn at Tye Elementary to provide two classrooms and a storage room at an estimated cost of \$10,941.57.

They then approved an increase in mileage for bus drivers on long trips of 5 cents per mile over 50 miles.

It then approved the bid from Barr Roofing Company of Abilene to replace the cafeteria roof at a cost of \$3,955, the low bid. Another firm submitted a \$3,995 figure and did not include repairing a leak in the science building and the auditorium.

And, the Board approved the contract and put up a \$500 escrow for the three lots next to the Merkel bus barn which they agreed to purchase at a recent meeting for \$1,750.

In the less expensive actions, the Board received a report on the taxes from Superintendent Travis Davis. He reported delinquent taxes collected as of September 30 is \$4,173.32 with interest and sinking fund getting \$259.28. He said the tax notices for the current year should be in the mail by the end of this week.

The Board also approved an emergency measure to allow a student

to attend Jim Ned High School this year. The family lives on the border line between the two districts and Davis pointed out it is not economical for the Merkel busses to serve the area at this time--having to go four or five miles out of the way over bad roads to pick up one student.

Tye principal Cecil Todd was present for the meeting to present estimated costs and figures for renovation of the bus barn after the Board authorized Davis to get figures and go ahead with the project, if feasible.

Todd and A. J. Walla of the Merkel Vocational Shop drew up cost estimates and Todd presented the figures. The Board recently estimated it would cost \$2,500 to remodel the building for two classrooms at Tye temporarily.

However, Todd's figure was more than four times that amount. True, Todd pointed out some of the individual costs figured could be lower when bids are taken.

Included in the estimate is \$2,600 for central heat and air for the building. Todd explained this is about \$900 more than the proposed panel ray heat and window units. Too, electric costs and installation of wiring would be more than with the 3 ton, 125,000 BTU forced heat and air unit.

Too, it would conform with the rest of the Tye school and not make the students feel slighted for having to be in the bus barn. The building also will include carpet (1,299.63) and a covered walkway from the building to the main building (\$500).

The Merkel High Shop class will do the work and will take most of the year, Davis said.

Todd said there is 2,040 square feet in the area with two 25 by 30 foot classrooms and a 30 by 12 storage area being built with room for one bus remaining in the building. At the present the building is not used to store busses and is being used for temporary classrooms.

Todd told the Board that with the two classrooms the school space should be adequate for two years. One classroom is needed at the present Todd explained.

The renovation estimate is \$5.36 per square foot, Todd told the Board.

After agreeing that insulation should also be included in the cost, Board member Don Hart made the motion to go ahead and build the two classrooms and to take three bids on the material. Bobby Toliver seconded the motion which then passed.

Hart said "believe this is going to be the cheapest two classrooms we're going

to build in a long time.

The Board also discussed the need for removing a gas storage tank in the bus barn area at Tye and Toliver donated two garage doors to be used at the Tye building.

Todd said the remodeling will bring the building up to par with the rest of the facilities at Tye, saying "Feel like it would be just as good as any part of the rest of the school."

Moving to the driving fee for bus drivers, Davis pointed out current policy calls for paying \$7 for up to 50 mile trips and \$9 for more than 50 miles.

Davis said this is not fair to the drivers this year as more long trips are scheduled, including trips to Dallas.

He recommended that routine trips to Abilene and the area remain at \$7 and up to 50 miles be \$9 and anything over 50 miles be paid at 5 cents per mile.

"This would average \$3 per hour for their time on these trips," Davis said. It passed.

The paperwork on the three lots was routine with the execution of the agreement of purchase with H. O. Carlin and Son. It was pointed out the property has been in the Carter family since 1898.



FIRST COTTON--Kenny Hogan, left, harvested the first cotton in Merkel when he turned in the first bale September 4 at Merkel Co-op gin. Joe Higgins and Johnny Colbert processed the cotton. Hogan is a teacher in Abilene and

this is his first year to farm on his own. The crop came off the property behind the Wylie truck stop east of Merkel. The 6,200 pounds of seed cotton produced bales of 565, 510 and 515 pounds. Higgins said the major bulk of the cotton crops are not quite ready to start arriving at the gin yet.

## Shop at home bonus to start

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce completed plans for a shop at home campaign Friday morning at Merkel Restaurant.

Chamber of Commerce Director Benny Melton met with 12 other businessmen Friday morning and formulated a contest to be run in Merkel from October 18 through December 22.

The contest will involve a daily drawing with \$25 in Merkel certificates to be spent with any participating merchant in Merkel.

Should there be no daily winner of the \$25 script drawing then the money builds and the fund would be worth \$50 the second day, etc. until a winner is determined.

The drawing will be at 6 p.m. each night at the square (Edwards and Second). The drawing will be taken from those who register at a participating store the previous day.

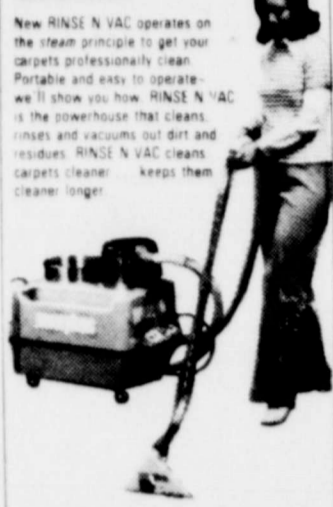
The businessmen hope to show the people of Merkel how much keeping money at home means to everyone and also to let people become better acquainted with what Merkel businesses have to offer.

For details see any participating Merkel business.

# City's tax roll approved

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The Merkel City Council approved the tax roll for 1976 and discussed a dog ordinance informally at its regular meeting Friday morning.

Also, the city received its first public protest over the new water rates. Mrs. Pruitt was present and discussed the increase in her bill with City Coordinator J. A. Sadler prior to the official meeting.

Since she was not on the agenda, no official action could be taken.

Mrs. Pruitt left records of her bills on her various laundry mats and car washes with the Council and requested any relief possible. She was charged \$96 for her sewer costs for September.

In addition to the facilities in Merkel she owns coin laundries in Anson and Abilene.

Based on \$1.50 per \$100 valuation Mayor Lou David Allen reported the city's tax rolls show \$3,957,111 total tax and \$1,135,511 in personal property taxes for a total \$5,092,622. This will provide Merkel with \$76,389.41 taxes for this year's operation. This is about \$5,000 more than last year, Sadler estimated.

Sadler pointed out that with operation of the police and fire station and payment of the city's indebtedness that the taxes already has been allocated. The city should start getting out of

debt by 1980, Sadler and Allen pointed out, allowing more funds to expand paving and other city projects.

The dog ordinance situation was discussed and no solution was presented.

It also was mentioned that Police Chief Paul Crouse is requesting CB units for the police cars and is seeking \$25 a month for uniform allowances.

Allen directed Sadler to look into the purchase of uniforms and report back at the next meeting, October 22.

The CB request also will be put on the agenda for the 7 a.m. October 22 meeting.

Final item of business was approval of payment of bills for September.

The city spent \$14,794.64 in September with \$9,230.01 being spent on water and sewer and \$3,122.96 going for other accounts which include insurance, Social Security and tax and note payments.

Another large item being distributed among the seven departments is gasoline. A total of \$1,121.43 was spent

with Fina for gasoline and oil.

The bank balance as of October 7 shows \$2,757.21 in general fund; \$8,025.69 in water and sewer; \$13,804.99 in revenue sharing; \$15,606.13 in interest and sinking; \$1,303.88 in ambulance; \$1,905.62 in Social Security; \$233.89 in library; and \$680 in meter deposits. Total is \$41,817.41.

### 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.

## Water meeting set Monday

The formation of a water district for South of Merkel will begin to take form Monday night when the organizational meeting will take place at Taylor Electric Co-Op, starting at 7:30.

All people interested in getting a water system installed in the area are urged to be present.

The organization and election of officers and directors and selection of a name for the project will take place at this meeting.

A deposit of \$100 per meter will be required to get the project under way with an estimated 100 meters required. It is estimated to take 2 years for completion of such a project.

Present at the meeting to answer questions will be Don Newhouse of the Farmers Home Administration.

Area to be included in the project will be from west of Tye and south of Merkel and Trent. It will include the White Church and Butman communities, the Mt. Pleasant area, the Old Cross Roads Community and Blair and Castle Peak communities.

This is the final area of

### Merkel to get funds

According to U. S. Senator Lloyd Bentsen, member of the Senate Finance Committee which writes revenue sharing legislation, Merkel will receive \$23,374 for the first nine months of 1977 in revenue sharing funds.

And, for each of the next three years it will receive \$32,103.

Trent will receive \$969 for the 9-month period and \$1,330 for each of the three years following. Tye will get \$4,220 and \$5,796.

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BALANCE SHEET		ASSETS		Sch.	Item	Col.	Mill.	Thou.	
1	Cash and due from banks	C	7				215	1	
2	U.S. Treasury securities	B	1	E			150	2	
3	Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations	B	2	E				3	
4	Obligations of States and political subdivisions	B	3	E				4	
5	Other bonds, notes, and debentures	B	4	E				5	
6	Corporate stock							6	
7	Trading account securities							7	
8	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	D	4				100	8	
9	Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	A	10				377	9	
	a. Loans, Total							10	
	b. Less: Reserve for possible loan losses							11	
	c. Loans, Net						377	12	
10	Direct lease financing							13	
11	Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises							14	
12	Real estate owned other than bank premises							15	
13	Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies							16	
14	Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding							17	
15	Other assets	G	7					18	
16	TOTAL ASSETS (sum of items 1 thru 15)						1,036	19	
17	Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	F	11	A			524	20	
18	Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	F	12	B+C				21	
19	Deposits of United States Government	F	2	A+B+C				22	
20	Deposits of States and political subdivisions	F	3	A+B+C			20	23	
21	Deposits of foreign governments and official institutions	F	4	A+B+C				24	
22	Deposits of commercial banks	F	5+6	A+B+C				25	
23	Certified and officers' checks	F	7	A				26	
24	TOTAL DEPOSITS (sum of items 17 thru 23)	F	7	A			853	27	
	a. Total demand deposits	F	8	A				28	
	b. Total time and savings deposits	F	8	B+C				29	
25	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	E	4					30	
26	Other liabilities for borrowed money							31	
27	Mortgage indebtedness							32	
28	Acceptances issued by or for account of this bank and outstanding							33	
29	Other liabilities	H	9					34	
30	TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)						524	35	
31	Subordinated notes and debentures							36	
EQUITY CAPITAL									
32	Preferred stock	a	No shares outstanding					37	
33	Common stock	a	No shares authorized				250	38	
		b	No shares outstanding					39	
34	Surplus							40	
35	Undivided profits							41	
36	Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves							42	
37	TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 32 thru 36)						146	43	
38	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 30, 31, and 37)						1,036	44	
MEMORANDA									
1	Average for 15 or 30 calendar days ending with call date						223	45	
a	Cash and due from banks (corresponds to item 1 above)						110	46	
b	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell (corresponds to item 8 above)						100	47	
c	Total loans (corresponds to item 9a above)						377	48	
d	Time deposits of \$100,000 or more (corresponds to Memoranda items 3a plus 3b below)							49	
e	Total deposits (corresponds to item 24 above)							50	
f	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase (corresponds to item 25 above)						140	51	
g	Other liabilities for borrowed money (corresponds to item 26 above)							52	
2	Standby letters of credit outstanding							53	
3	Time deposits of \$100,000 or more							54	
a	Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more							55	
b	Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more							56	
7	J. G. Wilks, President							57	
I, J. G. Wilks, President of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that this report of condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.									
Correct—Attest: _____ Director									
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Milton Epperson, Re-

pondent:  
GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED 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 Milton Epperson, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 12,185-DR on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Johnita Michele Epperson and Milton Dwayne Epperson, Children," the nature of which suit is a request to Terminate Parent-Child Relationship. Johnita Michele Epperson was born on the 29th day of September, 1972, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas and Milton Dwayne Epperson was born on the 2nd day of November, 1973 in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

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 binding on you. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the children interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child 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. 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 15th day of September, 1976.

(Seal) Irene Crawford Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Sandra Harris, Deputy. 31-4tc

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No. 11,799-DR  
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PORT AND IN THE INTEREST OF BARNEY RAY DAVENPORT, DANA LOUISE DAVENPORT CHILDREN.  
AFFIDAVIT FOR CITATION  
BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TAYLOR  
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared DIXIE LOUISE DAVENPORT, to me well known and who, having been by me first duly sworn, upon oath stated:  
"I am the Petitioner in the above-entitled and numbered cause.  
The residence of MORGAN GENE DAVENPORT, a party to such cause, is unknown to Petitioner. Petitioner has exercised due diligence to locate the whereabouts of this party and has been unable to do so.  
I have attempted to locate my husband by writing the following people:  
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MORGAN GENE DAVENPORT, a party herein, is absent from the state. Petitioner has attempted to obtain personal service of non-resident notice upon this party as provided for in rule 108 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure but has been unable to do so.  
SIGNED this 8th day of October, 1976.  
Dixie Louise Davenport  
Petitioner  
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 8th day of October, 1976.  
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TO: Morgan Gene Davenport, Respondent;

GREETINGS:  
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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 binding on you.  
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Davis said former students are being encouraged to enroll free of charge, along with new students, at 8 a.m., October 18, at the San Angelo A&M Center.  
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4-H Horse Club  
The Taylor County 4-H Horse Club began their observance of National 4-H week with a meeting and trail ride October 1st at the Henry A. Tillet ranch south of Merkel.  
Those present for the ride and picnic dinner were Sheri Williams, David Teaf, Sam Hargrove, Robby Williams, James Henslee, Pete Welch, Rusty Harris, Scott Harris and Sheila Lewis.  
Also Monty Lewis, Terry Hargrove, Carrie Clark, Rebecca Merchant, Fatti Welch and Deborah Smith. Adult leaders making the trail ride were Mrs. Gerry Lewis, Sam Field, Assistant County Agent, Sid Merchant, Tex Henslee, Mike Welch and L. J. Gray.  
Present for the picnic lunch were Mrs. Bob Smith, Goldia Malone, Buddy Williams and Mrs. L. J. Gray.  
Chuck DuBose, president of the horse club, accompanied by his father, Dr. Edwin DuBose, conducted the business meeting but was unable to participate in the ride.

Golf action  
The weatherman gave us perfect weather for the play day Sunday. The couples that played had a great time.  
Phil and Mignon Seymore came in first in the Hully-Gully play. Tying for second were Ida and Connie Mack Seymore and Jo Ann and Terry Gardner.  
Everyone remember to play during the month and come out for couples day November 14.

There were 93 cases filed in Justice of Peace Walter Thames Precinct 2 court from October 4 through Monday.  
However, 42 of the cases filed were against prior alleged violators for violation of written promise to appear before the court.  
As of Monday afternoon there had been no cases filed for Sunday, October 10. Heaviest day last week was Wednesday when 26 cases were filed.  
Those pleading guilty and paying fines last week include:  
August 24--Dalton Haines, violation to appear, \$32.50; and Erick Rowland, violation written promise to appear, \$32.50.  
September 17--Tyre, Brown, 102, \$72.50.  
September 19--Jose Villalobos, 70 mph, \$25; Rickey Coon, 72 mph, \$28; Billy Sterling, public intoxication, \$47.50 (served out time in jail).  
September 20--J. B. Watts, over gross weight, \$27.50; Barbara Chenault, 65 mph, \$17.50.  
September 21--Vicente Lopez, 74 mph, \$31.  
September 22--Barbara Lohmann, violation written promise to appear, \$32.50.  
September 23--Leticia Clay, 78 mph, \$37; John Isaacs, 67 mph, \$20.50; Randy Warnell, 66 mph, \$19; Ray Amos, 70 mph, \$25; John Gray, 71 mph, \$26.50.  
September 24--Don Davis Jr., 72 mph, \$28.  
September 27--C. A. Walker, expired inspection certificate on trailer, \$17.50; Jo Wilson, 75 mph, \$32.50; Master Ivory, 68 mph, \$22; Timothy Peterson, 65 mph, \$17.50; Richard Arnold, 73 mph, \$31; Beverly Johnson, 74 mph, \$31; James Baker, 67 mph, \$20.50; Joseph Payne, 69 mph, \$23.50; Ann Vincent, 68 mph, \$20.50; Vida Townsley, 69 mph, \$23.50; Billy Todd, 69 mph, \$23.50; William Peters, 69 mph, \$23.50; Frank Freeman, 67 mph, \$20.50; Lewis Cotten, 67 mph, \$22; James Stephens, 80 mph, \$41.50; Ruth Crump, 67 mph, \$20.50.  
September 28--Charlie Brown, 68 mph, \$22; Gary Mork, 68 mph, \$22; Benny Latham, 70 mph, \$25; Robert Crouch, 65 mph, \$17.50; John

Peados, 66 mph, \$19; Marc Evans, 71 mph, \$26.50; Maggie Reed, 65 mph, \$17.50.  
September 29--A. C. Bland, 68 mph, \$22.  
September 30--Billy Jones, over gross weight, \$132.50; Sarah Bickham 71 mph, \$26.50; Barbara Harwood, 68 mph, \$22; Donald Whisenunt, 74 mph, \$31; Leon Cribb, 70 mph, \$25; Tammy Killough, 69 mph, \$23.50; Charles Holt, 74 mph, \$31; Jimmy Hollis, 73 mph, \$29.50; Nancy Feogan, 71 mph, \$26.50.  
October 1--Betty Feris, 70 mph, \$25; James Short, no valid inspection certificate, \$17.50; Carl Olsen, 65 mph, \$17.50; John Roberts, 65 mph, \$17.50; Henri Ison, 77 mph, \$35.50; Ronald Roberts, 68 mph, \$41.50; Michael Dawson, 95 mph, \$62.50; Alfred Brown, 66 mph, \$19.  
October 2--Odille Gomez, 68 mph, \$22; Willie Jeffery, 69 mph, \$23.50.  
October 3--Stefanie Owen, 79 mph, \$28.50.  
October 4--Randall Means, 70 mph, \$25; Rosemary Bland, no valid certificate for trailer, \$12.50.  
October 5--Caldwell Tillman, 70 mph, \$25; Jimmy Marushgn, 70 mph, \$25; Manuel Rodriguez, violate operator license restrictions, \$17.50; Marty Switzer, overweight, \$47.50; Danny Harris, 65 mph, \$17.50.  
October 6--Ralph Jones, 66 mph, \$19; Jean Ferguson, 69 mph, \$23.50; Gracie Clark, fail to display drivers license, \$17.50; Charles McMahon, 71 mph, \$26.50; David Hendricks, Jr., 69 mph, \$23.50; Anthony Jones, 73 mph, \$29.50; John Uryhart, 70 mph, \$30; John Uryhart, no valid inspection certificate, \$17.50.  
October 8--Rodney Lewis, public intoxication, \$50; Robert Winterstein, 66 mph, \$19; Michael Conway, fail to display drivers license \$27.50; Roy Sutton, expired certificate on trailer, \$17.50; John Hips, 69 mph, \$23.50; Jerome Forrest, 79 mph, \$38.50; Gregory Farns, 81 mph, \$41.50; Lloyd Eastering Jr., 73 mph, \$28; Michal Thompson, failure to present a valid drivers license, \$27.50.

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Peados, 66 mph

# Badgers stump Ballinger, 12-7

This year's edition of the Merkel Badgers continue to establish new highs with each passing football weekend.

With the 12-7 victory over Ballinger Friday night, the Badgers whipped their first Class AA team since becoming a member of District 6-AA and they doubled their victory output of last season.

The victory also kept the charges of Coach Jerry McLeod in the district race—although there is slim hopes of an outright title.

First Downs	Merkel	Ballinger
Rushing	47	120
Passing	133	15
Plays completed	9	14
Intercepted by	4	0
Punts, Avg.	0-0	3-20.0
Fumbles, Yards	7-55	4-30
Fumbles lost	1	1

Score by quarters:  
Merkel 0 0 6 0-12  
Ballinger 0 0 0 7-7

McLeod said the bad weather contributed to the lack of adequate coverage by specialty teams as it limited their workouts in this area.

## Dean, Pfiester, Shaw honored

Roger Doan and David Pfiester share offensive team honors and Mark Shaw received defensive honors by the coaches for their performance against Ballinger last week.

Coach Jerry McLeod said because of the 70-yard punt return there was no specialty team member honored for the second week.

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Doan scored once, ran for 56 yards and caught two passes for 62 yards in helping Merkel defeat Ballinger, 12-7, in District 6-AA combat Friday.

Pfiester had another outstanding night passing, hitting 9 of 14 for 133 yards and having no interceptions.

McLeod said Shaw was outstanding on defense, making several unassisted tackles and sacking the Ballinger quarterback several times. "He was real outstanding," McLeod said.

Too, McLeod pointed out Shaw was playing with a spider bite. The senior was bitten by a spider Thursday night and his legs were still swollen during the game Friday night.

It was pointed out that his teammates were recognizing Shaw as "Spider Man" all day Friday.

are still undefeated. However, Winters, Ballinger and Wylie are worse off, having yet to win a district game. The Badgers put together an excellent defense and scored the first and third quarters Friday night to pull off the victory.

Larry Smith scored the first quarter, ending a 75-yard drive with a 1-yard plunge with 22 seconds to play the first quarter.

Roger Doan then provided what turned into the winning margin when he ran the full-back dive over left tackle from 7 yards out in the third quarter.

Ballinger's defense stopped Merkel three other times in the first half inside the Bearcat's 20 and twice the second half. And, the tough Bearcats were still in the contest until the end, thanks to a 70-yard punt return by Raul Gonzales with 5:39 to play.

But, it was Merkel's defense which stood out as the Badgers held Ballinger to

only one yard running and 15 passing for the game, pulled off four pass interceptions and recovered another fumble.

Merkel had 120 yards rushing with David Pursley getting 10 yards on six carries; Smith 18 yards on 17 carries; Doan 56 yards on 13 carries; Ricky Howes 23 yards on six carries and David Pfiester 13 yards on 5 carries.

Pfiester hit 9 of 14 passes for 133 yards with Doan catching 2 for 62 yards; Smith one for one yard; Howes 1 for 17 and Pursley 5 for 53 yards.

So potent was the offense that Smith didn't punt a time for the Badgers.

The victory gives Merkel a 4-2 season record while Ballinger is 0-6.

Smith now has seven touchdowns and six extra points for 48 points for the year to lead the district in scoring.

Coach McLeod said Ballinger was possibly the toughest defensive team the Badgers have faced this year.

# Winters hungry foe for Badgers

For the second straight week Merkel High will be catching a team on the rebound from a Stamford victory.

Last week the Badgers beat Ballinger after the Bearcats had lost to Stamford after the final gun had sounded. This Friday at 7:30 Coach Jerry McLeod's crew will battle Winters after Stamford came from behind to pull off a 20-13 victory.

Too, Winters has been playing good football all year, according to McLeod, only to fall short on the scoreboard.

He rates Winters as having a better offense than Ballinger but not quite as good defensively.

"It is hard to figure out," McLeod said in referring to the 1-4 win-loss record of the Blizzards. "I just don't



TIME OUT--The Merkel High School coaching staff take time out from practice to crack a joke. The coaches are preparing the Badgers for a District 6-AA battle with Winters Friday at Badger Stadium, the next to last home game for Merkel High this season. The coaches have led the Badgers to four victories in six starts this year, a vast

improvement over last season. At left is Edgar Cowart, assistant football and head track coach. Coach Jerry McLeod is in charge of the football program and at right is assistant coach Tony Mauldin who also works with the junior varsity and will coach basketball which starts with the end of the football season.

know why they are 1-4. They play pretty good ball." Winters is 0-1 in District 6-AA after the loss to Stamford last week and the Blizzards are 1-4 for the year with a 14-0 decision of Eldorado the lone win.

Losses have been to Clyde, 22-19, to Junction, 27-6, and to Coleman, 12-0—all better than average football clubs.

The Blizzards have averaged 10.4 on offense while allowing 16.2 compared to the Badgers who have averaged 13.3 on offense and 8.8 on defense.

Leading scorers for the Blizzards, who are back at full strength are Jimmy Chapman and Marvin Moore with four touchdowns each. Moore is senior quarterback and Chapman is a senior back.

Junior Jeff Russell also is quarterbacking the Blizzards

and accounted for a 59-yard touchdown pass to Chapman against Stamford last week.

Chapman also is a consistent breakaway threat as evidenced by his 63-yard scamper for a Winters TD.

Two-way starters from a 2-7-1 team of Coach Jim Stubblefield include Chapman, Moore, Russell, Flint McNeill and Tye Rougas, tackle Phillip Colburn and guards Doug Rogers and Darrell Kurtz.

Ends Kent McNeill and Kevin Marks, tackle Gary Schwartz, guard Bret Guy and center LeRoy Jones started either on offense or defense.

Coach McLeod will have a balanced attack to throw at the Blizzards with the Badgers showing improvement with each contest and presenting an equally tough offensive and defensive unit.

## Badger Tracks

The Badgers are victorious! That was the cry Friday night as the Merkel Badgers whipped the Ballinger Bearcats in an easy 12-7 victory. The Badgers are cooking again after an earlier defeat by Colorado City. We are now 1-1 in district play with a game coming up this week against the Winters Blizzards. There promises to be some fierce competition so everybody come out and cheer on the Badgers to another victory. The game will be here at Badger Stadium, 7:30 Friday evening. Here are Coach McLeod's predictions about this week's game:

"Winters has played most of the season with injuries to key personnel—so their record is very deceiving. But they have most of them back now and their play last week (Stamford 20-Winters 13) shows that they are much improved. We expect a very tough game and know that we must play good to win."

## Volleyball team has tough climb

Merkel High's girls volleyball team was 0-2 going into Tuesday's battle at Colorado City—district favorite.

Coach Pat Pennick said her charges have lost both district games—to Ballinger and Stamford—and things aren't looking too bright that Merkel can come up with the strength to compete against other district teams this season.

Next home game for Merkel girls is Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. against Ballinger. They travel to Stamford October 26 and end the season against Colorado City in Merkel at 5:30 p.m. November 2.

Coach Pennick was quoted in a Sunday column of the Abilene Reporter News sports section concerning the issue of moving volleyball from spring to fall.

The columnist—Pug Parris—reasons that volleyball was moved to the fall to compete with football in order to give the girls an activity to comply with Title IX HEW requirements.

Here are Parris and Pennick's views on the subject. "In the smaller schools there's just not enough girls to go around. The cheerleaders, band members, basketball standouts, and track stars are usually the same girls with the ability to make the team in volleyball. The pressure on them (and their coaches) to do everything is widespread.

"Merkel girls' coach, Pat Pennick, says, 'I love volleyball, but not this time of the year. The girls don't like it either. I think the kids enjoyed it more in the spring. It was relaxing then.'

"Girls basketball has long been top priority for Big Country schools. Although the UIL prohibits after-school practice sessions until October 15, preparations for the season begin with the in-class practices the minute the school year starts.

"Pennick explains the situation at Merkel this way: 'With Wylie and Coahoma in your district things are basketball oriented. The pressure is on the rest of us to compete with them. Taking time for volleyball is rough. I have 60 girls out for basketball so we use our school time for workouts. The eleven girls out for volleyball practice after school. It wears you out.'

"Of the seven schools in district 6-AA only four (Colorado City, Ballinger, Stamford, and Merkel) play volleyball. Basketball—strong Coahoma and Wylie do not,

"No, we don't play volleyball in the fall," says Wylie coach and superintendent Stanley Whisenand. Then he laughingly adds, "But then we didn't play it in the spring either."

"His reasoning is well-founded. 'I felt like if we're going to specialize in one sport, such as basketball, we can't take time out for volleyball. There's not enough athletic talent to go around.'

"Cross Plains is one of two district 10-A schools that chooses to play volleyball. Athletic director Donnie McMillion says there was pressure from town people to play because of past success, including trips to regional, but admits that volleyball causes serious conflict with the girls basketball program.

"Most volleyball schools play two games a week. Weekend tournaments are popular ways to judge progress before district battles start. How do the smaller schools work around Thursday JV football games and Friday night grid clashes? What about those cheerleaders and band members?

"The small schools are at a real disadvantage now with volleyball being played while football season is going on. You have to forget Friday work-outs and tournaments, plus the skill level is lower because there's not enough time to learn the finer points before the season starts."

## Merkel Man Found Shot

A Merkel man Tuesday night was in critical condition at Hendrick Memorial Hospital after suffering a gunshot wound in the left side of his head.

Everett Williams, 73, was found in his home at about 9:30 a.m. by his wife who was returning from an errand, a spokesman for the Merkel Police Department said.

A 22 caliber pistol was found near Williams.

Police reported that Williams "had been ill for some time," and said they do not suspect foul play in the shooting.

## Special program set Friday

The First Baptist Church will hold a social program Friday night after the football game.

The Fellowship Hall will be open, starting at 10 p.m. for food and fellowship. Also, a film, The Cross and the Switchblade, will be shown.

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Ground beef with ranch style beans  
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Fried chicken  
Cream gravy  
Green beans

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Hot rolls  
plum cobbler

**THURSDAY**  
Texas hash  
Green salad with choice of dressing  
Hot rolls  
Jello with fruit

**FRIDAY**  
Hamburgers  
Lettuce, tomatoes, onions  
French fries with catsup  
Buns  
Ranger cookies  
Orange juice

**Riding Club**  
The Merkel Riding Club will have its monthly meeting Thursday night October 14 at the R. E. A. building.  
Pot luck supper will be served at 7 p.m.  
All members are urged to attend.

## Sub varsities lose two, tie C-City

Colorado City gridders, but fumbles and miscues took their toll.

The second time Merkel got possession it moved to the 10-15-yard line of Colorado City and fumbled. The final drive of the game Merkel got to the six only to fumble again. In all Merkel had three pass interceptions and lost three fumbles.

Meanwhile, the Merkel defense was causing two fumbles and intercepting a pass. Coach Henderson said this was the best defensive game his team has played this year and it was one of the hardest hitting games by any

two teams of the season. Donny Tuitt was praised for saving a Colorado City touchdown on the opening kickoff of the second half. He also intercepted a pass to set up the final Merkel drive.

Mark Bland played his best offensive and defensive game of the year and Carey Metts was praised for his work. On offense, Bart Pursley, Randy Martin and Buster Brown turned in top performances.

"Actually, the entire defensive unit did an outstanding job," Coach Henderson said.

## College night planned

Junior and senior students of high schools in the Big Country who are planning to go to college and the parents of these students will have an opportunity to meet and talk with representatives from various colleges, universities, and vocational training schools at a college night program at Cooper High School on Thursday, October 28, at 7:30 p.m.

Representatives from thirty institutions have been invited. In addition, representatives from the Army, Navy, and Air Force ROTC programs and a representative to discuss Financial Aid will participate in the program.

The evening program will begin in the auditorium where Max Whitely, President of Cooper High School Student Council, will preside. Dr. Lewis Lemmond, Assistant Superintendent for the Abilene Independent School District, will welcome the students and parents.

Following the general meeting in the auditorium, each student and parent will have an opportunity to attend three discussion groups of thirty minutes each to obtain information about three different colleges in which they are interested.

College representatives will discuss entrance requirements, application procedure, estimated yearly cost, courses of study, types of housing available, financial aid, and other topics of concern to students and parents.

The colleges and universities which will be represented are: Abilene Christian University, Angelo State University, Austin College, Baylor University, Cisco Junior College, East Texas State Uni-

versity, Hardin-Simmons University, Howard Payne College, Incarnate Word College, Jarvis Christian College, Lubbock Christian College, Mary Meek School of Nursing, McMurry College, North Texas State University, Prairie View A & M College, Rice University, Southern Methodist University.

Also, Southwestern University, Southwestern Texas State University, Tarleton State University, Texas A & M University, Texas Christian University, Texas State Technical Institute Sweetwater, Texas Tech University, Texas Woman's University, Trinity University, University of Texas at Arlington, University of Texas at Austin, Western Texas College, West Texas State University, Air Force ROTC, Army ROTC, Navy ROTC and Financial Aid for College.

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LEAGUE GAMES		
Cowboys 5-0		
Date	Opponent	Kickoff (Dallas Time)
Sun., September 12	PHILADELPHIA	1 p.m. 27-7
Sun., September 19	at New Orleans	1 p.m. 24-6
Sun., September 26	BALTIMORE	3 p.m. 30-27
Sun., October 3	at Seattle	1 p.m. (3 p.m.) 28-13
Sun., October 10	at New York Giants	1 p.m. (noon) 24-14
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.)
Sun., November 7	NEW YORK GIANTS	1 p.m.
Mon., November 15	BUFFALO	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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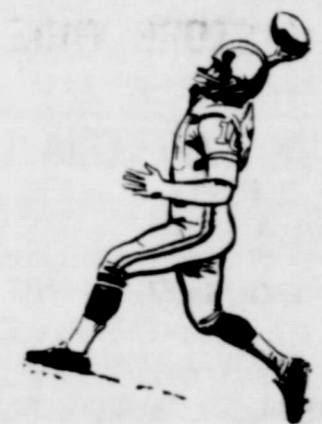
#### Football Schedule Merkel High 4-2 (1-1)

Date	Opponent	Score	Location	Time	Notes
Sept. 3	Baird	12-0	Here	8:00	
11	Jim Ned	21-6	Here	8:00	Homecoming
17	Roscoe	13-6	Here	8:00	
24	Eastland	15-20	There	8:00	
Oct. 1	Colorado City	7-14	Here	7:30	
8	Balling	12-7	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		

COACHES - Jerry McLeod, Edgar Cowart, Tony Mauldin  
CHEERLEADERS - Becky Watts, Kathryn Irvin, Marsha Clyburn, Cindy Boone, Gay Phester.  
TRAVIS DAVIS, Superintendent      LEE PRESSWOOD, Principal

### A LOOK AT MERKEL AND DISTRICT 6-AA

SIX GAME TOTALS				TEAM TOTALS		DISTRICT 6-AA					
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS				Merkel		SEASON STANDINGS					
<b>RUSHING</b>				First Downs	65	W	L	T	Ph.	Opt.	
No.	Yds.	Avg.		Rushing	706	4	0	1	84	21	
Smith	86	282	3.3	Passing	443	4	2	0	80	33	
Hewes	22	101	4.6	Passes compl.	30-62	4	2	0	84	62	
Doan	22	91	4.1	Intercepted by	12	4	2	0	112	74	
Austerman	23	79	3.4	Punts, Avg.	24-38.8	1	4	0	52	81	
Pursley	19	77	4.1	Penalties, Yds.	39-355	1	5	0	50	181	
Phester	40	76	1.9	Fumbles lost	13	0	6	0	45	157	
TOTALS	232	706	3.0	Score by quarters:							
6 Opts.	258	629	2.4	Merkel	20	13	35	12-80			
<b>PASSING</b>				6 Opts.	7	20	13	13-53			
No.	Cp.	Yds.	Int.	TD	<b>DISTRICT STANDINGS</b>						
Phester	62	3044	3	3	Colorado C.	2	0	47	7		
6 Opts.	63	26328	12	3	Stamford	2	0	29	20		
<b>RECEIVING</b>					Coahoma	1	0	32	8		
No.	Yds.	TD			Merkel	1	1	19	21		
Pursley	7	90	1		Winters	0	1	13	20		
Doan	3	76	0		Wylie	0	2	8	65		
Hutchings	2	33	2		Balling	0	2	14	21		
Hewes	2	26	0		<b>SCORING LEADERS</b>						
Bera	2	19	0		TD	EP	TP				
Totals	30	443	3		Smith, Merkel	7	6	48			
6 Opts.	26	328	3		Moore, Winters	4	0	24			
<b>PUNTING</b>					Chapman, Winters	4	0	24			
No.	Yds.	Avg.			Phillips, Coahoma	4	0	24			
Smith	24	931	38.8		Medford, Stamford	3	5	23			
6 Opts.	29	926	31.9		Tucker, Wylie	3	2	20			
<b>SCORING SUMMARY</b>					Moys, Stamford	3	2	20			
TD	EP	TP									
Smith	7	6	48								
Hutchings	2	0	12								
Bera	1	2	8								
Phester	1	0	6								
Doan	1	0	6								
TOTALS	12	8	80								
6 Opts.	8	5	53								
<b>DISTRICT</b>					<b>LAST WEEK'S RESULTS</b>						
TD	EP	TP									
Smith	2	1	13								
Doan	1	0	6								
Totals	3	1	19								
2 Opts.	3	3	21								



### JUNIOR VARSITY SCHEDULE

#### NINTH GRADE SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Score	Location	Time
Sept. 2	Baird JV	6-20	There	7:30
9	Jim Ned NV	0-6	There	7:30
	Colorado City 9th	no game	There	7:30
16	Roscoe JV	8-14	There	7:30
	Stamford 9th	0-12	Here	6:00
23	Eastland JV	6-16	Here	7:30
30	Wylie 9th	0-32	There	7:00
Oct. 7	Colorado City 9th	6-42	Here	7:30
14	9th opt. to be named		There	6:00
	Winters JV		There	7:30
21	Stamford		There	6:00
28	Winters 9th		Here	6:00
Nov. 4	Wylie 9th		Here	6:00
	Wylie JV		here	6:00
	9th-0-3	JV-0-4	here	7:30



### JUNIOR HIGH SCHEDULE

#### Seventh-Eighth Grade

Date	Opponent	Score	Location	Time
Sept. 2	Baird 8th	0-6	There	6:00
9	Jim Ned 7th	0-6	There	5:00
	Jim Ned 8th	0-28	There	6:00
16	Roscoe 7th	8-20	There	5:00
	Roscoe 8th	0-6	There	6:00
23	Eastland 7th	6-24	Here	5:00
	Eastland 8th	36-0	Here	6:00
Oct. 7	Colorado City 7th	0-6	Here	5:00
	Colorado City 8th		Here	6:00
14	Winters 7th	0-6	Here	6:00
	Winters 8th		There	7:30
28	Winters 7th		There	6:00
	Winters 8th		There	7:30
Nov. 4	Wylie 7th		Here	6:00
	Wylie 8th		Here	7:30

COACHES - Greg Henderson, Russell Gee  
PRINCIPAL - John Cain      7th-0-4      8th-1-3-1

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# Trent faces severe challenge in Highland

Coach Bobby Campbell is hoping his luck with road trip homecoming games and his balanced attack can hold for another week as he takes his Trent High Gorillas to Highland for a crucial District 3-B (six-man) football showdown Saturday night.

This will be the third straight road trip for the Gorillas, and the final road trip and final Saturday night game of the season. And, it will be the third straight week the Gorillas have had to play an opponent holding homecoming festivities.

However, Saturday's homecoming at Highland will be special for Coach Campbell—he is a graduate of Highland.

Game time Saturday is 7:30 p.m.

Both teams are 1-0 in district play and both teams have lost twice in season play. Highland has averaged 46 points on offense while allowing six opponents 33 points a game.

Trent, 3-2, has averaged 37 points on offense and allowed 33 on defense.

Saturday's game will pit Trent's speed attack of James Mays and Herbert Beaver against the passing of Ivan Krejci. The Trent defense will receive its strongest test against the pass.

Too, Krejci is the leading scorer in the district with at least 96 points thus far (scoring summaries on at least two of Highland's games have been incomplete in the weekly summaries).

Two of Krejci's favorite targets are ends Tony Portaja and Carey Scott who have

## DISTRICT 3-B (SIX-MAN) SEASON STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Ph.	Opp.
Hermleigh	4	1	134	110
Trent	4	2	277	190
Ira	3	2	185	166
Hobbs	2	3	114	182
McCaulley	2	4	178	251
	0	5	112	276

## DISTRICT

Team	W	L	Ph.	Opp.
Trent	1	0	58	40
Hermleigh	1	0	34	8
Highland	1	0	82	33
McCaulley	0	1	40	58
Hobbs	0	1	8	34
Ira	0	1	33	82

## LEADING SCORERS

Player	Points
Mays, Trent	16
Krejci, Highland	8
J. Kemp, McCaulley	9
Corbett, Ira	8
Beaver, Trent	8
Kesner, Ira	7
Martin, Hobbs	7
Burton, Hermleigh	6
Anderson, Hermleigh	6
Andrie, Hobbs	5
	3

## LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Trent 58, McCaulley 40; Hermleigh 34, Hobbs 8; Highland 82, Ira 33

## FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Hermleigh at Ira; McCaulley at Hobbs

## SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Trent at Highland

## OCT. 22

Ira at Trent; McCaulley at Hermleigh; Hobbs at Highland

Saturday's game will still have to contend with a strong Hermleigh for the district title. Hermleigh is 4-1 for the year and beat Hobbs, 34-8, last week.

Mays scored five times last week, the second week in a row for such an outstanding performance. The junior scored on runs of 3, 60, 35, 40 and 30 yards and added more than 200 yards rushing to the more than 550 yards of offense generated by Quarterback Robert Freeman and the Gorillas.

Herbert Beaver, a freshman, had three touchdowns on runs of 70, 60 and 57 yards and had two others called back which would have given him 120 more yards. However, he ended with 230 yards

rushing for the night. There also were two other Trent scores canceled because of miscues.

Allen Morse kicked three extra points and Kenny Nance kicked two to provide the rest of Trent's 58 points.

Freeman hit 3 of 7 passes for 55 more yards. Coach Campbell said the Trent reserves played most of the second half and, for the second week, they received valuable game experience which will help the depth situation.

For McCaulley, James Kemp scored twice, Mac Kemp three times and Clint Wheat once. Mac Kemp kicked two extra points.

Campbell said Highland is going to be a rough opponent

and the big threat is going to be to stop the performance of Krejci.

After Saturday the Gorillas return to Trent for their final three regular season games—all on Friday night—against Ira, Hermleigh and Hobbs.

Common opponents for Highland and Trent include Blackwell, Divide and Benjamin.

Highland lost to Blackwell, 58-30 and beat Benjamin, 32-20 and Divide, 53-26. Its other loss was to Christoval, 35-22, and the other win was over Grady, 58-27.

Trent lost to Benjamin, 32-12, and to Blackwell, 42-24, while beating Divide, 38-20, Trent's other win was over Talpa-Centennial, 53-32.

# HONOR ROLL

Mr. Cain, principal of Merkel Middle School has announced the Honor Roll for the first six weeks.

## FIRST GRADE

"A"—Angela Cannon, Kyle Coker, Shayna Cunningham, Shelle Doan, Kristy Elliott, Lynn Hays, Candice Henslee, Brian Massey, Kelly McRae, Angela Moreno, Ramon Moreno, Leslie Roysden, Ted Seymour, Todd Smith and Krista Toombs.

"A-B"—Brad Cochran, Pam Douglass, April Duncan, Melissa Harris, Lee Leverich, Angela Ortega, Mike Pena, Kevin Riney, Loretta Rogers, Ladonna Roysden, Cheryl Rucker, Tracy Semejn, Amy Stuckey, Cassie Townsend, Charles White, Chancy Williams and Michael Ybarra.

## SECOND GRADE

"A"—Tracy Bicknell, Abby Irvin, Tina Jaramillo, Russell Morgan, Brit Pursley, Angela Thomas, Fondale Watson, Travis Watson and Michelle Woodard.

"A-B"—Shawn Beene, Eddie Biera, Anna Delacruz, Kristen Kennedy, Shona Kirkpatrick, Chad Pack, Debbie Pack, Bridget Pailarez, Brent Pierce, Ray Ramzy, David Ray, Danny Santee, Gayle Shugart, DeAnn Stevens and Christy Stokes.

## THIRD GRADE

"A"—Amy Irvin, Gayle Landeros, Debi McLeod, Kelly Riney and Regna Stuckey.

"A-B"—Cammie Bright, Matt Cain, Kevin Coker, Sue Cunningham, Dean Franklin, Chris Horton, Lorrie

Kimbell, Devin Sanford, Jeffrey Semejn and Lucretia Wade.

## FOURTH GRADE

"A"—Jerry Davis, Tami Elliott, Darren Pack and Tamara Watson.

"A-B"—Donny Brady, Jason Castille, Randy Davis, David Glasscock, Ken Hogan, Todd Hensley, Tim Jacobs, Mike Myers, Mum Prasaran, Michael Reddin, Donna Rucker, Shane Smith, John Starbuck, Cindy Toney, Tracy Townsend, Cresencia Vasquez, Jenny Wilde, Cindy Williams and Sean Woodard.

## FIFTH GRADE

"A"—Angie Allen, Joan Fariello, Brenda Hohertz, Russell Lucas, Denise Pack and Kimberly Pack.

"A-B"—Bonnie Anderson, Cliff Collins, Jill Douglass, Jay Gibson, Traylor Gregory, Tommy Hays, Judy Jenkins, Brenda Kinder, Guy McGee, Billy McKeenan, Cindy Sims, Becki Sutton, Charlotte Toney and Ray Walters.

## SIXTH GRADE

"A"—Tammy Cloyd, Kim McCasland and Alan Green.

"A-B"—Pam Allbright, Tonia Bicknell, Tim Brady, Angela Dunlap, Stephanie Fortune, Brian Gary, Kim Gurganus, Linda Holmes, Roy Johnson, Diane Landeros, Chris Mashburn, Eddie Martin, Pam Massey, Lisa Phillips, Jeff Scott, Mark Turner and Windi Whisenhunt.

## SEVENTH GRADE

"A"—Edward Herrera, Maria Moreno, Stacy Seymore, Yvonne Swinney,

Larry Sutton and David Wilkerson.

"A-B"—Rene Aiken, Loyce Baker, Nancy Click, Mary Fariello, Royce Fowler, Christine Franklin, Janice Jacobs, Sharryl Luckey, Robert Miles, Victor Ortega, Srintorn Parsarn, Kim Smith, Willy Townsend, Deborah Williams and Ann Wooten.

## EIGHTH GRADE

"A"—Mark Bland, Marsha Green, Kelly Knight and Bart Pursley.

"A-B"—Sheila Adair, Christi Brady, Buster Brown, Judy Castille, Tammy Davis, Walter Elmore, Norma Frazier, Todd Gregory, Alane McGee, Ty Nelson, Latricia Powell, Dale Rankin and Linda Wilson.

## Haunted House being prepared

The Merkel Fire Department Haunted House will be October 30 from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. It will be held in the house on the corner of North 5th and West Street (the street by the Dairy Bar).

Admission will be 25¢ for children under 10 and 50¢ for adults. Bring your spooks of all ages and come see the mysteries of the world of beyond.

Come one. Come all!

## Merkel hosts VFW meet

The Merkel Veterans of Foreign Wars welcomed area posts to the District 8 weekend meeting, mixing business and pleasure.

The Ladies Auxiliary also participated with business and social functions.

Posts represented included Abilene, Breckenridge, Colorado City, Eastland, Rotan, Sweetwater, Snyder, Gorman, Brownwood, Anson and Hamlin.

One of the major topics of discussion during the meeting was the August statement on pardoning draft dodgers by Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter.

General feeling in the Merkel VFW Hall was against any form of pardon or amnesty.

Carter on August 24 told an American Legion convention in Seattle, Washington, that he does not "favor blanket amnesty, but for those who violated Selective Service laws, I intend to grant a blanket pardon."

He later explained, "Amnesty means that what you did is right. A pardon means what you did—right or wrong—is forgiven. So pardon—yes; amnesty—no."

But Jack Lee of Breckenridge Post 7767 said that he saw no difference between a pardon and amnesty. "They both let them free from their duty to their country," he said.

Arthur Milsap of Colorado City Post 9178 also didn't see a difference between the two actions and was against either a pardon or amnesty.

But A. C. Clark, also from the Colorado City post, said that he did see a difference.

"There is a difference. If amnesty is granted they (draft dodgers) won't be able to receive VA benefits, but if they are pardoned they would be eligible for the benefits," he said.

That is something he said he doesn't want to see. The general feelings of the veterans in Merkel concerning the draft dodgers were, as Randall Fleet of Brownwood put it, "They tried to get out of something, but you can't get out of your duty."

## ALPHA NU NU

Alpha Nu Nu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi holds regular meeting in the home of Mrs. Bob Hammond October 7, 1976. A program, Botany and how it relates to ecology was given by Peggy Vanderwerker. Discussions on ways and means projects were given. A booth at the annual Methodist Church Halloween Carnival where popcorn, balls, candy apples and carnal apples will be sold. In the near future a Turkey Raffle will be held. The public will be notified of the date tickets go on sale. They will be 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00. Refreshments were served at the meeting.

## Choir to perform

The Junior and Senior High Fellowship choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Lubbock will be in Merkel Sunday for the 11 a.m. services.

The group will be accompanied by Charles Taylor and Robert Nicholson and is the same group that performed in Merkel two years ago.

Also, Sunday a memorial for Christine Collins will be held during services.

## Halloween carnival

The Methodist Church will hold their annual Halloween Carnival October 23. Booths are being reserved now. There will be lots to eat and games to play. If your club would like to have a booth, please contact Glen Bright, 928-5680.

## School library plans sale

The Merkel Middle School Library will hold a book sale October 18-22.

The excess books will be sold from 5 cents and none will be priced more than 50 cents. There are hundreds of selections for youngsters of all ages.

The library sale will be from 8:15 each morning until 3:30 p.m. and students may bring their money to school and purchase the books they want during school hours.

The sale is open to anyone wanting to purchase any of the available books.

Melton at 928-5151 or Mychele Hammond or Martha Sue Justice at 928-5712. Dust off that old uniform, even if it doesn't fit anymore, and join in the festivities. Who knows, this could be the start of something monstrous. Meanwhile, keep an ear and an eye at alert for the continuing saga of ever increasing activities planned during this fun-filled week.

# Kooky, Krazy Kraze Kontageous Konkocktion

It just keeps building--those crazy, crazy days are catching--and the gobblins will get you if you don't watch out.

Merkel students and businesses are "dressing up" for the week-long pre-Halloween fun and festivities in Merkel.

Anyone brave enough to venture into town during the week of October 25-30 had better prepare to face just about any situation.

They may be face to face with their favorite "witch" or beauty queen when stepping up to the counter for their morning coffee or to purchase their bluejeans.

Employers and employees of the downtown businesses are to dress crazy all week and all their customers are requested to do likewise--in order to take advantage of the many zany bargains which will be available.

In fact, any employer or employee caught without a Halloween form of dress will be fined \$1, should they be caught by the Crazy Sheriff or one of his zany deputies.

The Sneaky Snake Sheriff will be Benny Melton with his sly deputies consisting of Duane Shugart and Robert Harris.

Actually, Crazy Days will start October 23 when the First Methodist Church will hold its Halloween Carnival.

The Merkel High students will get into the swing of things Monday, October 25 when they unfold a far out Powder Puff football game with the boys and girls switching rolls. The game was moved to Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Badger Stadium.

The girls will be the stars on the field while the boys will coach and lead cheers. Coach Jerry McCloud and Richard Hill will sponsor the contest with coaches trying to take the top kisses consisting of Cliff Smith and Grant Murrell and Mark Shaw and Rudy Biera.

The Powder Puff game is organized by the Junior Class with Salinda Justice and Suzy Rister in charge.

The Merkel High Drama Class will stage a Drama's Dilemma at the High School Auditorium Tuesday, October

26 at 7:30 p.m. with more laughs and entertainment scheduled. Then there will be the school carnival Friday, October 29 and the Fire Auxiliary will have its carnival Saturday, October 30.

Saturday is officially trick or treat night for Merkel.

Also, Saturday a downtown parade will offer clubs, classes and individuals to "dress their best" to earn

trophies and give everyone an idea of what will be coming their way Saturday when the sun is pushed aside by the black robes and brooms of West Texas witches and their eerie brew.

Trophies will go to the craziest bike, float, car, horse and High School Class in the parade. Waymon Adcock is Parade Marshal and anyone wanting to participate in the parade should contact

## Building costs continue to plague School Board

A question of concurrence arose over progress of new construction plans by the Merkel Board of Education at its regular meeting October 5.

The Board had approved the hiring of Don Hampton of the architectural firm of Welch and Hampton of Sweetwater to draw up plans for four and six-room classroom building for Merkel Elementary at its previous meeting.

Hampton was asked to draw up plans and make recommendations earlier this year which the Board rejected as being too elaborate and not providing enough classroom for the \$1.6 million proposed cost.

School Superintendent Travis Davis told the Board that Hampton did draw up some costs and plans for the Board but that Hampton is reluctant to go into detail with the plans as "he sensed the Board is not 100 per cent behind him."

Davis said Hampton doesn't want to go into the project "knowing this."

Too, Davis said Hampton didn't want to give his firm a bad name should the School Board refuse to bring the present elementary classroom up to state standards while building the new addition.

Hampton was not present for the Tuesday meeting but the Board asked Davis to request Hampton be present at the next meeting October 19 in order that the plans and figures can be discussed.

Hampton's figures on building six classrooms is \$138,137. This is 6,929 square feet at \$18 per square foot for \$124,722, furnishing the six rooms at \$3,750 and his fee of \$9,665.

Davis said he did not want the furniture fee included as he feels he can get a better deal on furniture for the classrooms.

The 4-room estimate includes 4,979 square feet at \$18 per square foot for \$89,622, \$3,000 for furniture and \$7,169 for Hampton's fee for a total \$99,791.

The Board had hoped to make a loan for \$60,000 and take \$50,000 from its surplus for the six classrooms. However, the Board quickly realized that the \$110,000 wouldn't cover six classrooms.

Davis said the school could survive with four classrooms but that it would allow no room for any growth next year.

It has been estimated that four classrooms are needed at the present time at the Merkel Elementary school. In fact, the two kindergarten classes are

in the nearby Catholic Church which the Board has rented. Too, the fifth grade is being held in the Merkel Middle School.

Board member James Boyd said of the proposal, "Think we should find somebody who wants to do the job. If he (Hampton) doesn't want to do it then I feel he won't have our best interest at heart."

Board President Charles Jacobs then returned to the prospect of steel buildings. The Board had rejected steel buildings at its last meeting because of higher insurance rates.

However, Jacobs says he has received reports this isn't true and he wants to look into the insurance rates further. "This is about the only way we can afford six classrooms," he said.

Jacobs also said the figures as submitted are "out of the ball park. There is no parking, plumbing, etc. For the six rooms we are talking about \$150,000."

Too, they agreed that the cost of bringing the old building up to state standards could prove more costly.

However, Board member Don Hart said the next step for the Board is to see if the state would waive requirements on updating the old building at this time.

Davis then recommended to the Board, when asked to do so, that they build four classrooms. "We can live with that for next year."

He also said, "sooner or later you will have to float a bond issue. But this will do it for one year."

Boyd then wanted to know what borrowing the \$60,000 and paying it back over 6 years would do to the tax situation. It was estimated that with inflation and other costs the taxes might have to jump 2 cents during the term of the loan.

Davis told the Board it appears that this type of time warrants loan is the only feasible way to go to be ready for next year--"because of the time element."

He did say that should a bond issue be considered then the Board should look at all the school district's needs, including the football stadium and high school and request enough funds at one time to do all that is needed for the next 12 to 15 years.

Bobby Tolliver then made a motion to meet with Hampton to see if something can be worked out on the classroom plans he submitted.

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SEVENTH GRADE

"A"—Edward Herrera, Maria Moreno, Stacy Seymore, Yvonne Swinney,

## Bratcher completes AF training

Selected for training at Sheppard AFB, Texas, in the civil engineering mechanical and electrical field after completing basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, is Airman Royce H. Bratcher, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bratcher, reside on Route 1, Merkel.

During the six weeks training at Lackland, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

Airman Bratcher is a 1976 graduate of Merkel High School.

## Trent Cub Scouts

Pack 285 at Trent had its Den meeting Tuesday. All the boys are excited about our special recruiting program set for October 19. They will tell what Cub Scouts means to them. We want every family with a boy between the ages of 8 to 11 who wishes to join the Cub Scouts or Webelos to come to our special get together Tuesday at 6:30. We will meet at the Den hut in the ag barn at Trent, from there we will all go to Sweetwater Lake for a wicker roast and games.

## WWI vets meet

The Veterans of WWI and Ladies Auxiliary will meet for a pot luck lunch Saturday October 16, at noon, at the REA Building. Business session will be at 1 p.m. Karl Bonneaux is commander.

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### Farmer's Union to meet

The Taylor County Farmer's Union will meet Tuesday in the Taylor Electric Coop building at 7 p.m.  
Guest speaker is James Dean of Tye, director of Special Programs in Abilene public schools.  
Nominating and resolution committees also will be appointed. The legislation committee is requested to be present. They are Billy Bob Toombs, Clovis McElmurry, Lloyd Gilmore and R. E. Clemmer.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 'Pretty' error

Dear Editor,  
Thanks for a good job in typing my poorly written letter that came out in this week's paper. I never learned the 'touch system, and with one finger, and one eye, I can barely read my own typing.  
There were a couple of typographical errors, but only one that really made any difference. In speaking of crimes I used the word 'pretty'; it came out 'prety.' There are no 'prety' crimes, as you know.

I hope your milo, and cotton, turn out real good this fall. We do not have any cotton, and very little maize, in our county. We depend on beef cattle, peanuts, and milk. With peanuts from \$400.00 to \$433.00 per ton, and milk around \$10.50 per C.W. looks like our farmers will not go hungry.

Congratulations on the way you have improved the Merkel Mail. I have read the Mail many, many years, and I think you are putting out the best paper ever; more news, more advertising, more pictures than ever before. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,  
L. B. Howard  
Stephenville, Texas  
76401

### Cops, firemen

Dear Citizens of Merkel,  
We would like to share with you two articles which we have come across in different publications. The authors of both articles are unknown.

What Is A Cop?  
"Cops are human (believe

it or not) just like the rest of us. They come in both sexes, but mostly male. They also come in various sizes. This sometimes depends on whether you are looking for one or trying to hide something. However, they are mostly big.

"Cops are found everywhere--on land, on the seas, in the air, on horses, incars, and sometimes in your hair. In spite of the fact that you most find one when you want one they are usually there when it counts most. The best way to get one is to pick up the phone.

"Cops deliver lectures, babies, and bad news. They are required to have the wisdom of Solomon, the disposition of a lamb, and muscles of steel, and are often accused of having a heart to match. He's the one who rings the door bell, swallows hard and announces the passing of a loved one; then spends the rest of the day wondering why he ever took such a 'crummy job.'

"On TV a cop is an oaf who couldn't find a bullfiddle in a telephone booth. In real life he's expected to find a little blond boy 'about so high' in a crowd of half a million people. In action he gets help from private eyes, reporters, and 'who-dun-it' fans. In real life mostly all he gets from the public is 'I didn't see nuttin.'

"When he serves a summons he's a monster. If he lets you go, he's a doll. To little kids he's either a friend or a bogey man, depending on how the parents feel about it. He works 'around the clock,' split shifts, Sundays and holidays, and it always kills him when a joker says 'Hey, tomorrow is Election Day, I'm off, let's go fishing' (that's the day he works 24 hours).

"A cop is like the little girl, who when she was good, was very, very good, but when she was bad she was horrid. When a cop is good 'he's getting paid for it.' When he makes a mistake 'he's a grafter and that goes for the rest of them, too.' When he shoots a stick-up man he's a hero, except when the stick-up man is 'only a kid, anybody coulda seen that.'

Lots of them have homes, some of them covered with ivy, but most of them covered with mortgages. If he drives a big car he's a chisler; a little car, 'who's he kiddin?' His credit is good; this is very helpful, because his salary isn't. Cops raise lots of kids; most of them belong to other people.

"Cops like days off, vacations, and coffee. They don't like auto horns, family fights, and anonymous letter writers. They have unions, but they can't strike. They must be impartial, courteous, and always remember the slogan 'at your service.' This is sometimes hard, especially when a character reminds him, 'I'm a taxpayer, I pay your salary.'

"Cops get medals for saving lives and shooting it out with bandits (once in a while his widow gets the medal). But sometimes the most rewarding moment comes when, after some kindness to an older person, he feels the warm handslap-looks into grateful eyes and hears, 'Thank you and God Bless you, son!'

What Is A Fireman  
"He's the guy next door.

"He's a man's man with the sharp memory of a little boy who never got over the excitement of engines and sirens and smoke and danger.  
"He's a guy like you and me with wants and worries and unfulfilled dreams.  
"Yet he stands taller than most of us.  
"He's a fireman.  
"He puts it all on the line when the bell rings.  
"A Fireman is at once the most fortunate and the least fortunate of men.  
"He's a man who savors life because he has seen too much of death. He's a gentle man because he has seen much of the awesome power of violent forces out of control. He's a man responsive to a child's laughter because his arms have held too many small bodies that will never laugh again.  
"He's a man who appreciates the simple pleasures of life...hot coffee held in numbed, unbending fingers...the flush of fresh air pumping through smoke and fire convulsed lungs...a warm bed for bone and muscles compelled beyond feeling...the camaraderie of brave men...the divine peace of selfless service and a job well done in the name of all men.

"He doesn't wear buttons or wave flags or shout obscenities and when he marches, it is to honor a fallen comrade.  
"He doesn't preach the brotherhood of man.  
"He lives it!"

Loyce J. Crouse  
Pat Ramsey  
Cathy Crouse  
Paula King  
Harriet L. Austermann

Dear Editor,  
I am writing in response to letter that appeared in the September 30th of the Merkel Mail under the editorial column.  
Yes, I agree that I don't care to see Merkel compared to "hell" either, but that is just one of the many names I have heard it referred to.  
If ever this Mr. Howard decides to get on the Interstate with a C. B. I'm more than sure he will hear Merkel called everything from "hell" as the letter said, to "Yellow Stone National Park" (referring to the large number of State Troopers working this stretch of highway).

For all of the money taken in by fines which is quite a sum, Merkel receives not so much as one penny of it. For example take for instance the month of July, there was \$14,659.02 in fines accumulated in that one month compared to \$2,396.25 in July of last year. As I said before Merkel receives not one penny of this capital, all it gets is the name, which is not very pretty.

Merkel is a wonderful place to live, and I for one do not wish our community to be recognized as a speed trap. Certainly, I know that people need to be fined for breaking the law, and we need laws, but shouldn't the people be fined the same amount for same fines? As in last weeks paper one person was charged \$25.00 for going 70 mph while still another person going the same speed was fined \$30.00. Why is there a difference? And still several other persons were given \$15, \$20, and \$30 fines for just failing to use proper signals when changing lanes! (These were taken from public records.) Is it really fair to you and me the citizens of Merkel, to allow these and similar practices to continue?

I myself would enjoy seeing Merkel grow, but the only way this can be accomplished is by having more and more people passing thru here, stopping, and visiting, not the way it is now; a vast majority of out-of-staters being stopped and made pay outrageous amounts of fines, I for one would like to see a change!

Ada Williams  
TEL Class news

The T. E. L. class of the First Baptist Church had their monthly social in the home of Miss Minnie Coats. Sylvia Thomas president had charge. Mary Mosier gave an inspiring talk on "Take Time for God."  
The class voted to give a quilt to the Collier family who lost their home by fire. New officers for the coming year were elected.

Those present were Tulla Cox, Ruth Baze, Bessie Clark, Paralee Gibson, Ruby Jinkens, Ora Griggs, Jewell Dunagin, Sylvia Thomas, Mary Mosier, Essie Warren, Grace Maxwell, Hazel Pargament, Maggie Renfro, Fannie Keith and one visitor Mrs. Griffin.



RAY ELMORE

### Elmore heads revival

Ray Elmore of Roscoe will be evangelist for the revival scheduled at Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church. The revival starts October 20 and continues through Sunday. All services start at 7:30 p.m. except for the Sunday service which will begin at 11 a.m.  
Almer Barnes will direct music for the revival.

### Whitehead rites held

Services were held recently for Clyde Dudley Whitehead, 62, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, father of an Abilene woman.

Services were at Merkel's First Baptist Church with burial in White Church cemetery.

Born February 10, 1914, in Callahan County, he grew up in Jones County and moved from Westbrook to Albuquerque 13 years ago. He was a carpenter.

Survivors include his wife, Erma; four sons, Clyde Jr. of Clyde, James H. of Albuquerque and Benny R. and Tommy E., both of Westbrook; three daughters, Mrs. J. H. Gregory of Abilene, Mrs. R. G. Dunham of Liberal, Kansas, and Mrs. Joe L. Stephenson of Abilene.

### Dr. Burgess Rites held

Services were Tuesday for Dr. Roger Andrew Burgess, 90, formerly of Merkel, who died Saturday in Austin.

Services were at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Burgess was Superintendent of Merkel Schools from 1919 until 1925 and from 1928 until 1937. He also was a teacher and principal in Merkel in 1916-17.

### Lambda Beta news

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Sarah Lucas Tuesday, October 5. The meeting was called to order by President Betty Allday. Roll call was answered to the question, "What does beauty mean to you?" Jo Moore, Recording Secretary, has asked for a leave of absence. The members accepted her request with regrets. Mary Hill was appointed by the Executive Board to fill her office. This was a model meeting for rushees, Gloria Henslee, Ann Doan, Linda Leddy, Terri Martin, and Robbie Hicks. They were introduced to Beta Sigma Phi, its traditions, purposes, customs, and accomplishments by Vice-President, Ginny Yaddow. The program Esthetics-Perception of Beauty was presented by Captain Judy Elliott, and Co-Captain Ginny Yaddow.

Members present were as follows: Betty Allday, Anne Booth, Pat Castille, Annette Clark, Betty Coker, Bobbie Elliott, Judy Elliott, Mary Hill, Chera Hohertz, Faye Jones, Sarah Lucas, Minyon Seymour, Glenda Teaff, Barbara Welch, and Ginny Yaddow.

Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Those attending the meeting were: Connie Ybarra, Kathy Leverich, Marnie Steck, Charlotte Starbuck, Bobbie Mansfield, Connie Harris, Opal Garner Elizabeth Eager, Louise DuBose and Jocille Brady.

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Lambda Beta members and their children visited the Starr Nursing Home. Refreshments and October birthday gifts were passed out to the patients, followed by singing and visiting.

### Ex Nu Chi

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Mrs. Charlotte Starbuck October 5 for their regular meeting.

President Louise DuBose led members in opening rituals, after which business meeting was conducted. Program for the evening was Communications: Conversation, objective-To consider the part our vocabulary plays in relationship, life-style, progress and meaningful existence, was given by Bobbie Mansfield, captain with Opal Garner as co-captain.

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The Ladies Auxiliary of the Merkel Fire Department has scheduled a meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the fire station.

Fire Chief Waymon Adcock is scheduled to discuss an important matter with the group. All wives of volunteer firemen are urged to be present for this meeting.

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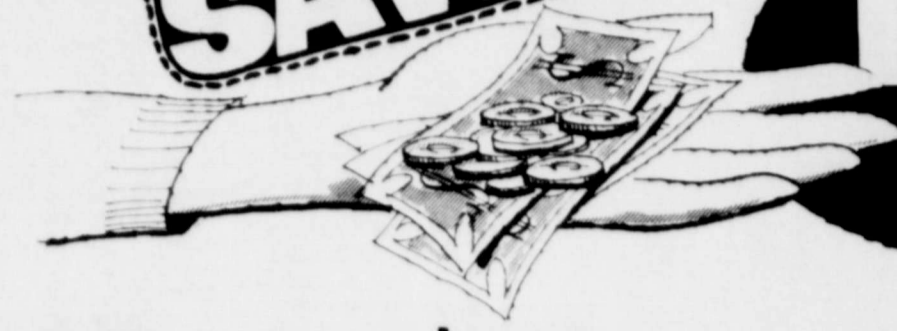
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