

**Taylor County's
Only Legal
Weekly
Newspaper**

BIBLE VERSE
The kingdoms of this world
are become the kingdoms of
our Lord, and of his Christ;
and he shall reign for ever
and ever.

Revelation 11:15



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Elderly, chronic ill receive first flu shots in Merkel Sunday

The elderly and young with chronic health problems will have an opportunity to take the Swine flu vaccine in Merkel Sunday.

Betty Cypert, in charge of the Merkel project for the Taylor County Health Department reports a sufficient amount of Bivalent (a combination of Swine Flu and Victoria Flu vaccines) vaccine to immunize Senior Citizens, 65-years-old and above and persons from age 3 who have chronic health problems.

The immunization will be given Sunday from 1 until 5 p.m. at the Merkel High School gym.

Should these people not be able to take the shots at this time they may get them October 28, 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. or October 31 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, 2602 S. 9th in Abilene.

Mrs. Cypert said immunization shots for the other age

groups will be scheduled at a later date and will not include the Victoria Flu vaccine.

Examples of chronic health problems include heart disease; chronic bronchopulmonary diseases such as asthma, chronic bronchitis, cystic fibrosis, bronchiectasis, tuberculosis and emphysema, chronic renal failure, diabetes mellitus and other chronic metabolic disorders.

Director of Public Health Curzon Ferris, M. D., emphasizes that people who are allergic to eggs in any form should not receive the vaccine.

The Health Department points out that certain people, such as those with chronic medical problems and the elderly, need annual protection against flu. Therefore, besides protection against swine flu, they also need protection against another type of flu (Victoria flu) that was around last winter and could occur again this winter. A separate

WORKERS should report at 1 p.m.

All volunteers for the Swine flu project in Merkel are requested to report to the Merkel High School gym Sunday at 1 p.m. The first phase of the program is scheduled to be administered at that time, according to Betty Cypert, in charge of the project in Merkel.

vaccine has been prepared to give them protection against both types of flu.

To counter the charges of there being any danger in-

volved in taking the vaccine, the Health Department points out the vaccine will not give you flu because it is made from killed viruses. Today's flu vaccines cause fewer side effects than those used in the past. In contrast with some other vaccines, flu vaccine can be taken safely during pregnancy.

One shot will protect most people from swine and Victoria flu during the next flu season; however, either a second shot or a different dosage may be required for persons under age 25.

Most people will have no side effects from the vaccine, according to the Health Department. However, tenderness at the site of the shot may occur and last for several days. Some people will also have fever, chills, headache or muscle aches within the first 48 hours.

The immunization shots are free.

City gets \$81,300 grant for water project

Word from Senator Lloyd Bentsen and Congressman Omar Burleson has announced the approval of an \$81,300 Community Development Block Grant for Merkel by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

City Coordinator J. A. Sadler said Monday, however, that no official word from HUD had yet arrived. He said they (HUD) usually delays announcing approval until the congressmen can have time to announce the plan.

Sadler also said a registered letter probably has been sent to Mayor Lou David Allen and that the city should receive official notification the next day or two.

In conjunction with the approval for the funds to complete the water system improvement program, Sadler said a public hearing has been set Friday morning during the regular City Council meeting in City Hall to form plans for a request for next year.

The City Council will hold its regular meeting at 7 a.m. Friday.

Sadler said Friday will be the first public hearing on what projects to request funds for next year under the third-year HUD program.

"We will discuss what we are going

to do and where we want to go on the next one," Sadler said.

Request for the approved funds were initiated in February. Sadler said it will take another 90 days to complete paper work and to get bids in order to start Phase 2, 3 and 4 of the water project.

Next step now that the funds are available is to advertise for environmental and assessment review which will be presented for action to the City Council Friday.

After this requirement is met, engineers will be hired and the bids and work will begin.

Phase 1 of the project has been ap-

proved and bids being sought by an engineer. This 4,000 feet of water main will cost \$30,400 bringing the total cost to complete Merkel's water line project to \$111,700 for 15,600 feet of water line.

Phase 1 will have a six-inch water main installed from Avondale to the REA building on Highway 80.

Phase 2 includes 3,200 feet of 6-inch main from North of the interstate to North Second. Phase 3 includes 5,600 feet of line from North Highway 80 south to Eighth street and to tie on to the main at 10th and Oak. Phase 4 includes 2,800 feet of line from North Second to North sixth and tie in at Sixth and El Paso.

Sadler said the cost will include nine fire hydrants, crossing of the Interstate, Highway 80 and the Railroad crossing.

He said the project will form a loop to the water tower on the south side of Merkel.

He pointed out that since this is grant money that it has cost the city nothing from the general operating funds.

"The Community Development program water project will be complete when we complete this," Sadler said.

No school Monday

Merkel students will have a holiday Monday to allow teachers to attend the District 14 Texas State Teachers Association convention in Abilene.

Classes will resume Tuesday morning at the usual time, Superintendent Travis Davis said.

Merkel teachers will be among 3,500 from a 12-county area meeting at 9 a.m. in Taylor County Coliseum. Grant Teaff, Baylor University football coach, will address the group at 9:30 and after a catered lunch at the coliseum, the teachers will view the educational exhibits at the Abilene Civic Center.



By Carl Dingler

THE MAIL

It's most gratifying to know that people have time to have fun and enjoy their work and community.

This is especially evident with the upcoming Crazy Days celebration starting Monday and continuing through Saturday. It's all part of Halloween festivities in Merkel and it is an opportunity for the community to pull together and to have fun while they are fighting the everyday problems of making a living and the personal pressures each of us feel.

Crazy Days are not only for the merchants who will be making special prices available, it is for the students who will have a powder puff football game and a play which they have written and directed.

Also, it will include a parade and other special fun events during the week to keep the theme of Crazy Days moving.

It is especially gratifying to be in a community where no pressure is so great that everyone can't relax and take a few minutes to smile and do something to help others to see a lighter side to life.

If you don't participate in the week-long festivities, it won't be because there's nothing here for you—either as a participant or spectator.

All those who have recently registered to vote in the November 2 election should be getting their certificates in the mail—if they have not already received them.

Anyone who has not received his voter registration certificate by Monday should contact the tax office in Abilene.

City Coordinator J. A. Sadler and the City Council should receive a big pat on the back for their successful efforts in getting the \$81,300 grant from HUD to complete the needed water lines for Merkel.

It takes many hours of work and planning to secure such a grant. You just don't write a letter and ask for the money. It takes stacks and stacks of paper work and hours of figuring and redoing things to meet requirements. Few cities can manage such an accomplishment without hiring specialist at big salaries.

It's a fact, some cities try and try to get such grants and never succeed until they hire such specialist to come in and do all the necessary work to meet the exact requirements.

Merkel is fortunate to have such capable people. True, it is using federal funds—funds we pay through our taxes. But, Merkel needs the water lines and if it hadn't been allotted to Merkel it would have gone to some other area. We might as well get some benefit in return for our taxes—until the laws are enacted to change the give-a-way programs.

Lost—one billfold. If you happen to have found a black billfold floating around loose please return it. It is worth a small reward to get the credit cards and drivers license returned. Would say you could keep the money but since everyone knows writers work for love know you are smart enough to know there wasn't any in it anyway.

Boy, it was sure cold Friday night at the football game. However, wasn't as cold as those brave fans who had to sit in the stands with that norther blowing up their backs from the north.

Am sure many fans stayed at home, especially those who have experienced that cold blowing up their backsides. This is one of the badly needed projects the School Board needs to consider—walling up the area behind the stands to knock off some of that cold.

Another immediate need as pointed out by some of the visitors was a need to do something about the large holes on the sidelines. Believe they are talking about the holes for the water spigots which are not covered and are hidden by grass.

A person could easily break a leg and in turn could cause the School some problems legally.

And, some form of padding is needed on those light poles so close to the playing field. A youngster from Winters banged into one Friday night in the midst of combat and could have been seriously injured.

Know the School Board is aware of all these needs plus a "few thousand more." Still, it needs to be repeated now and then, especially when it is pointed out by visitors to our city. An ounce of prevention and all that...

Did you see the Rick O'Shay cartoon in Monday's Reporter News? It fit the election syndrome perfectly—and many other well publicized events.

The first picture had one cowpoke asking a tipsy citizen: "Have you decided who you're gonna vote for in the election, Mooch?"

Mooch answers: "Huh?"

In the second picture is a town completely covered with election posters and publicity and Mooch continuing "WHAT election?"

Afraid that is going to be the way a lot of citizens react after November 2. But, if you fail to vote don't be the first to start complaining over the way things are going in our city, county, state and nation. After all, you could be the biggest reason for things being the way they are.

Every once in a while you have to appreciate the way news travels in small communities. We moved recently and one of the many chores involved getting utilities changed.

Well, at the City Hall, they met me at the door with the fact they knew about the move and that the water bill had already been changed and the matter attended to.

Now, you just try to get that kind of service in Abilene or any other metropolis.

Bernard De Fontenelle (who ever he was) once wrote: "It is beauty that begins to please, and tenderness that completes the charm." How true.

FEEDBACK DEPARTMENT: Had another favorable comment or two on the need for a fulltime doctor for the community. It has been expressed that it would be an asset to the community on the grow. This is nothing against the two great doctors now in Merkel, but it is evident that they have more than they can handle with their physical limitations.

Methodist carnival set Saturday

Saturday, at the Methodist Church, the annual Halloween Carnival will be held. There will be chile and beans, tacos, desserts, popcorn, carmel apples, popcorn balls, and drinks served.

There will be a variety store with homemade goods.

There will also be game booths such as the washer throw, country store, football throw, car wash, penny guess, cake walk, toy walk, basketball throw, a spook house, and the good ole Dunkin Sam.

Everyone is welcomed to join in the fun.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY--Mrs. S. D. Gamble will celebrate her 89th birthday Saturday. She was born October 23, 1887. She currently is living at the Astroid Motel and she is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Merkel. Mrs. Gamble is shown here dressed up in a Merkel Mail dress which she wore in a parade in 1904 as a 17-year-old. She worked for the Starr Store (now Braggs) as a young woman. After her marriage she lived in Weatherford for a while and she and Mr. Gamble opened the drug store in Merkel in 1919. They had two children, David and Mrs. Doyle R. Cypert. She has five grandchildren, one deceased and five great grandchildren. Mrs. Gamble has been one of the true builders of Merkel. Mrs. Gamble said she made the dress and cut the headlines from Merkel Mail furnished by publisher Mr. Frayer and pasted them on for the parade.

KRAZY DAYS

But, no it is just Crazy Days happenings going on in Merkel as merchants and individuals celebrate the week-long events leading up to Halloween Saturday.

There will be some real crazy offers made by merchants during the week. Too, individual events will highlight activities.

A proposed Powder puff football game by Merkel High seniors and juniors has apparently fizzled for lack of interest—or one leass was afraid of the other. The game had been scheduled for Monday night to help raise funds for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

However, the High School students will put on a Drama's Dilemma they wrote and produced at 7 p.m. Tuesday. It will be at the High School auditorium.

Friday night the High School Halloween Carnival will be held and Saturday there will be special drawings and sales all over town all day. A Pool tournament for everyone below 19-years-old will be held at L & W Snack Bar, starting at 10 a.m.

A parade is scheduled for 3 p.m. with prizes going to the best decorated or craziest bike, float, car, horse and by the class, if any of the classes dare to enter.

It is not certain whether the Merkel High Band can perform at the parade and it may have to be a crazy parade in that an out-of-town band may have to be imported to take honors away from Merkel.

Saturday night the Fire Auxiliary will have its carnival. Also, during the week, employers and employees will be dressing crazy and all their customers are requested to do likewise—in order to take advantage of the many zany bargains which will be available.

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 deputies. Benny Melton will be honorary sheriff during the week and deputies are Duane Shugart and Robert Harris.

Giving a preview of the week's activities will be the carnival Saturday night at First Methodist Church when everything resembling Halloween will be offered, including an opportunity to take your frustrations out by helping to bash up auto—at a fee of course.

CRAZY DAYS Schedule

TUESDAY
Drama's Dilemma, High School Auditorium, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY
Winters at Merkel JV football, 6 p.m.

Senior Citizens singing, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY
High School Halloween carnival

SATURDAY
Senior Citizens garage sale at Senior Citizens Building, 9 a.m.
Special sales all over Merkel

Parade, 3 p.m., downtown

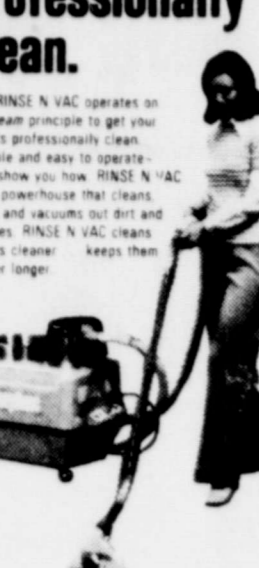
Pool tournament at L & W Snack Bar, 10 a.m. for all below 19-years-old

Fire Auxiliary Carnival

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Ben Franklin
201 KENT MERKEL

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Thursday, October 21, 1976

Final rites held for Williams

Services were Thursday in the Merkel Church of Christ for Everett Williams, 73, who died October 13 in Abilene's Hendrick Memorial Hospital. Williams was found Tuesday morning with a gunshot wound in the left side of his head by his wife who was returning from an errand. A .22 caliber pistol was found near his body. A spokesman for the Merkel Police Department said

the police suspected no foul play in the shooting. Larry Gill, minister, officiated and was assisted by Tommy South, minister of the Anson Church of Christ. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born September 7, 1903, in Taylor County, he married Jimmie Clary March 12, 1927, in Merkel. He was a retired truck driver and a member of the Merkel Church of Christ. Survivors include his wife; six sons, Grady and Pat, both of Merkel, Sidney of Pecos, Robert of Kilgore, Don of West Germany and Jerry of Lewisville; a daughter, Mary Loflin of Snyder; three brothers, Olan of Littlefield, Roy of Prescott, Arizona, and Frank of Delano, California; a sister, Myrtle Derrington of McFarland, California; 16 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. Three sons preceded him in death.

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2nd Tuesday Noon Covered Dish
Game Nights Every Thursday & 4th Monday
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Orange juice

MONDAY
No School

TUESDAY
Fried fish with tartar sauce
Buttered corn
Seasoned spinach
Cornmeal twist
Lemon pudding

WEDNESDAY
Beef stew with vegetables
Lettuce and tomato wedges with dressing
Crackers
Jellied cranberry fruit salad

THURSDAY
Chicken fried steak
Potatoes au gratin
English pea salad
Chocolate cake with white mountain icing
Hot rolls

FRIDAY
Hamburgers
Lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles
French fries with catsup
Glazed donuts
Orange juice

KRAZIE DAYS

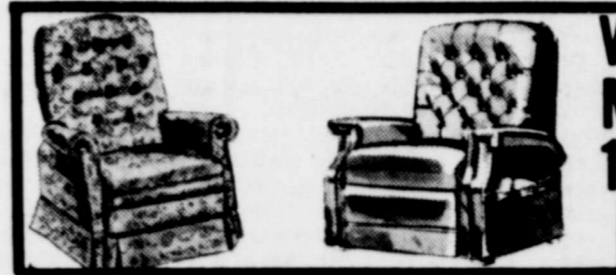
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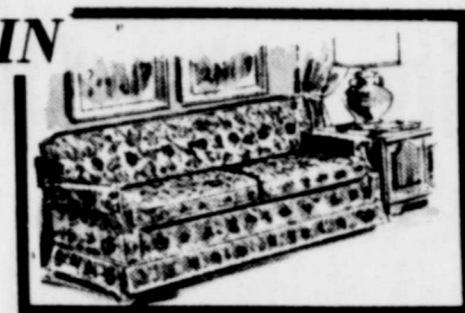


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to wed

Mrs. W. B. Toombs of Merkel has announced the approaching marriage of her daughter, Linda Sue, to Larry Lynn Toliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby L. Toliver of Merkel.

The wedding ceremony will be Sunday, October 24, 3 p.m. at the Merkel Church of Christ.

Armstrong
rites held

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Zeph (Zeb) Armstrong, 86. Services were in the Starbuck Chapel. Mr. Armstrong died Sunday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
The City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas will hold a public hearing at 7 a.m. Friday, October 22, 1976 for the purpose of a public hearing for a proposed community Development Block Grant preapplication for the year 1977. Said meeting to be held in the Council Chambers, 107 Lamar Street, Merkel, Texas. Any and all interested citizens are urged to attend. Lou David Allen Mayor 35-1tc

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WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS Our heartfelt thanks to our friends for the comforting words and kind deeds given us in our time of grief, and for the prayers, flowers, food, and cards. Our prayers and God's blessing to each of you. The Everett Williams Family 35-1tp

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sions on agricultural outlook.
Topics covered will be live-
stock, dairying, wheat and
other grains, cotton, rice,
fruits and vegetables,
recreation, and the economic
situation. Dinner speaker the
first day will be Eugene
Butler, chairman of the board
and editor-in-chief of Pro-
gressive Farmer.

Turkey Day

The annual Texas Turkey
Industry Day will be held
November 4 at Fredericks-
burg. Turkey producers will
hear topics ranging from
management and disease con-
trol to promotion and market-
ing, says a poultry specialist
for the Texas Agricultural
Extension Service. Walter
Russell, Extension turkey
specialist at the University
of Missouri, will be the
featured speaker. The annual
membership meeting of the
Texas Turkey Federation will
conclude the program.

Specialists meet

The Texas Agricultural
Extension Service Specialists
Association will hold its
annual business meeting in Col-
lege Station October 27. High-
lights will include the elec-
tion of a president and
representatives of three
other Extension Service or-
ganizations, and committee
reports dealing with audits,
benefits, professional im-
provement, public relations
and membership. New as-
sociation directors will also
be elected for half of the 14
Extension districts.

Food is key

Texas A & M University's
dean of agriculture contends
that peace, prosperity and
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and distribution. Food deliv-
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today. The issue is getting
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JP action

There were 77 cases filed
in the Justice of Peace Court
of Walter Thames from
October 11 through October
18.

Too, this week Judge
Thames has covered over
actual mileage on speeding
offenses, leaving the offense
listed as just speeding. Judge
Thames said this has been
done because of a letter in
The Merkel Mail last week
comparing prices on tickets
according to mileage.

"I talked to the district
attorney's office in Abilene
and they said all I had to list
was speeding and that I don't
have to list the actual mileage
on the book. It is still on
the official charge, how-
ever," Thames said.

There were three cases
filed for not observing speed
limits around construction
areas.

The number of cases is
down from past weeks since
the publication of offenses has
started. For instance, the
first week there were 146
cases (September 20-27), the
second week there were 105
(September 28-October 3) and
last week there were 93 cases
filed (October 4-10).

Those pleading guilty and
paying fines this week in-
clude:

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classes available

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each Monday and Tuesday
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and Dennis Utley teaching
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the GED test to secure a high
school diploma.

Anyone wanting to take any
of the available courses are
urged to be present at one of
the classes or contact Princi-
pal Lee Presswood at Merkel
High School.

Tree diseases

Fungus diseases are at-
tacking two Texas shade
trees, the mimosa and the
mulberry. Fusarium wilt is
killing mimosa trees while
fungal leafspot is causing
mulberries to shed their
leaves prematurely.
Fungicides can control fungal
leafspot, but there is little
to be done about Fusarium
wilt, says a plant pathologist
for the Texas Agricultural
Extension Service. Two re-
sistant varieties of mimosa
trees are available, Charlotte
and Tyrone, but they are not
being used to a great extent.

Brown sets hours

R. Lee Brown will have his
Farm Bureau Insurance office
open each morning in
Merkel starting November 1.
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ing numbered 12,103-DR on
the docket of said Court, and
entitled "In The Matter of
The Marriage of Francoise
Baccus and Billy Wayne Bac-
cus," the nature of which
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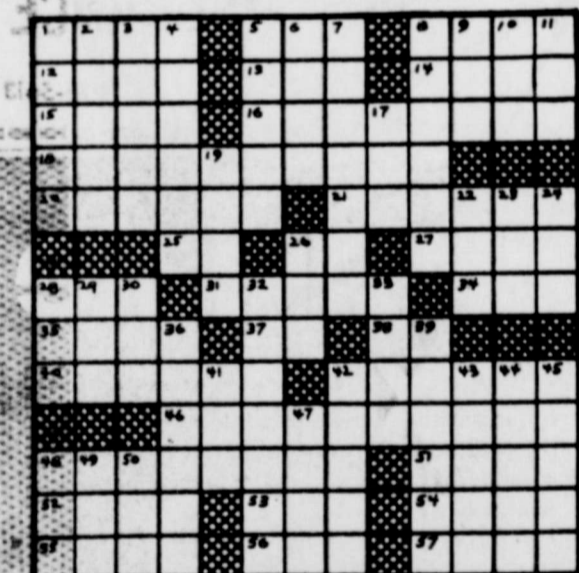
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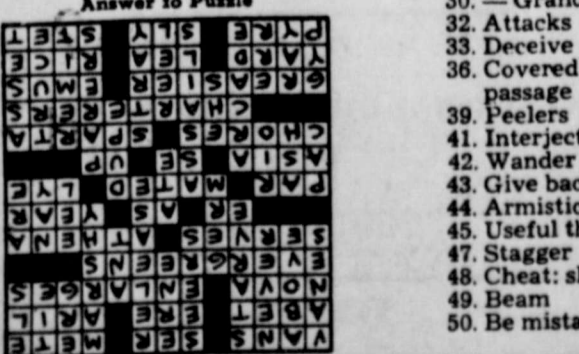


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Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Trucks
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 - Sooner
 - Seed cover
 - New star
 - Makes bigger
 - Spruce or pine trees
 - Gives food
 - Wisdom goddess
 - Suffix: more
 - Like
 - 12 months
 - Average
 - Paired
 - Soap ingredient
- DOWN
- Weather-cocks
 - Over
 - At no time
 - Be hungry
 - Propnets
 - Sea eagle
 - Set free
 - Swampy
 - Work unit
 - Bind
 - Building wings
 - 3 feet
 - Meadow
 - Grain seeds
 - Wood heap
 - Cunning
 - Let it stand: print.
 - Insect
 - Microbe
 - Conger
 - Be
 - Devoured
 - Moccasin
 - Tree
 - Grande
 - Attacks
 - Deceive
 - Covered passage
 - Peelers
 - Interjections
 - Wander off
 - Give back
 - Armistice
 - Useful thing
 - Stagger
 - Cheat: slang
 - Beam
 - Be mistaken



Badgers outlast Blizzards, 19-12

It took a clutch performance by Merkel High's Badgers to overcome Winters Blizzards in District 6-AA football Friday night, 19-12. It appeared the Blizzards brought their own weapon--

a cold spell--to help their cause against the Badgers. However, the Badgers ignored the cold and rallied from behind to score twice the fourth quarter to pull off their second win in three at-

tempts against district opponents. Coach Jerry McLeod's crew also pushed their season record to five wins and two losses. Winters kept the Badgers

on the defensive most of the first half allowing the Badgers to the Winters 45 only one time in six possessions, not counting the one touchdown drive.

However, the Badgers defense was just as mean with Winters getting no closer than the Merkel 49 in five possessions except for the one touchdown drive.

Merkel managed to reach the Winters 38 before being intercepted and was at the Winters 27 when the game ended the second half except for the two touchdown drives.

Winters reached the Merkel 42 and 45 yard lines for its only trips into the Merkel end of the field the second half.

Both teams took advantage of mistakes and miscues to score. Both lost two fumbles and had two passes intercepted.

Winters slipped on a fourth-down punt attempt and the Badgers were doing a lot of arm tackling on the opening kickoff allowing for touchdowns.

Brad Pursley caught a 30-yard pass from David Pfister and Larry Smith continued his domination of district scoring leaders with two touchdowns on runs of 1 and 9 yards and kicked an extra point to bring his season total to 61 points. This is 31 points better than No. 2 scorer Jimmy Chapman of Winters who scored on the 96-yard kickoff return the third quarter. Flent McNeill scored Winters other touchdown on an 11-yard run.

Smith was the game's leading rusher with 104 yards on 16 carries. Roger Doan ran 32 yards on 8 carries and caught five passes for 47 more yards.

Pursley had 2 yards in two carries plus the 30-yard touchdown pass. Ricky Howes ran once for three yards and Pfister finished with a loss of 21 yards on eight carries.

Craig Hutchings caught a 38-yard pass which set up the winning touchdown. Pfister hit 7 of 13 passes for 115 yards and Merkel had 120 yards rushing on 35 carries.

Pfister has now completed 49 per cent of his passes this year, hitting 37 of 75 with five interceptions and four touchdowns. The seven opponents have completed 38 per cent (27 of 72) and the Merkel defense has intercepted 14 times.

And, again Smith's punting kept the Blizzards on the de-

	Merkel	Winters
First Downs	12	11
Rushing	35-120	45-179
Passing	115	17
Passes Compl.	7-13	1-9
Intercepted by	2	2
Punts, Avg.	5-37.8	5-30.2
Penalties, Yds.	6-40	5-35
Fumbles Lost	2	2

	Score by quarters
Merkel	0 6 0 13-19
Winters	0 6 6 0-12
W. Flent McNeill, 11 run, 6-35	
M. David Pfister to Brad Pursley, 30 pass, 1-02	
W. Jimmy Chapman, 96 run, 11-43	
M. Larry Smith, 1 run, 10-20	
M. Larry Smith, 9 run, 1-43 (Smith kick extra point)	

fense, although he had a couple of bad punts into the cold north wind the first half which didn't help his average. He finished with a 37.8 average for five punts, however.

Meanwhile, Winters had 179 yards rushing on 45 attempts but completed only one of 9 passes for 17 yards. Chapman led the Blizzards in running with 100 yards on 23 carries. McNeill had 69 yards on 11 carries, Marvin Moore ran for 8 on 4 carries, Kent McNeill carried once for eight yards and Gary Schwartz had 6 yards on two trips.

Quarterback Jeff Russell finished with 12 yards loss on four carries.

In their usual form, the Badgers won the toss as they have at every home game this year, and elected to receive from the east end of the field.

They got into trouble on the first play, drawing a 5-yard penalty and then falling a yard short of a first down at the Merkel 43, bringing on Smith to punt. It was dead 56 yards down field, putting the Blizzards at the one foot line.

The Blizzards moved the ball smartly out to the 29 before a fumble lost them 13 yards and two plays later they punted.

From the Merkel 29, the Badgers advanced to their 47 before turning out of downs and Smith managed but a 12-yard punt. The Blizzards ran out the clock in the first quarter and were two yards worse off after six plays thanks to two 5-yard penalties against them.

Merkel got the ball back after a 37-yard Winters punt but on second down, Smith fumbled after bulging for 29 yards and Winters' Flent McNeill recovered. However, two plays later Pursley intercepted to return the ball to the Badgers.

Still, the cold was telling and three plays later Johnny Curbo intercepted a Pfister pass to set the Blizzards to work from the Winters 22.

It took eight plays to advance the 78 yards, all on long gainers by Chapman, Moore and Flent McNeill. McNeill carried the final 11 yards with 6:35 to play in the half. The kick for extra points failed.

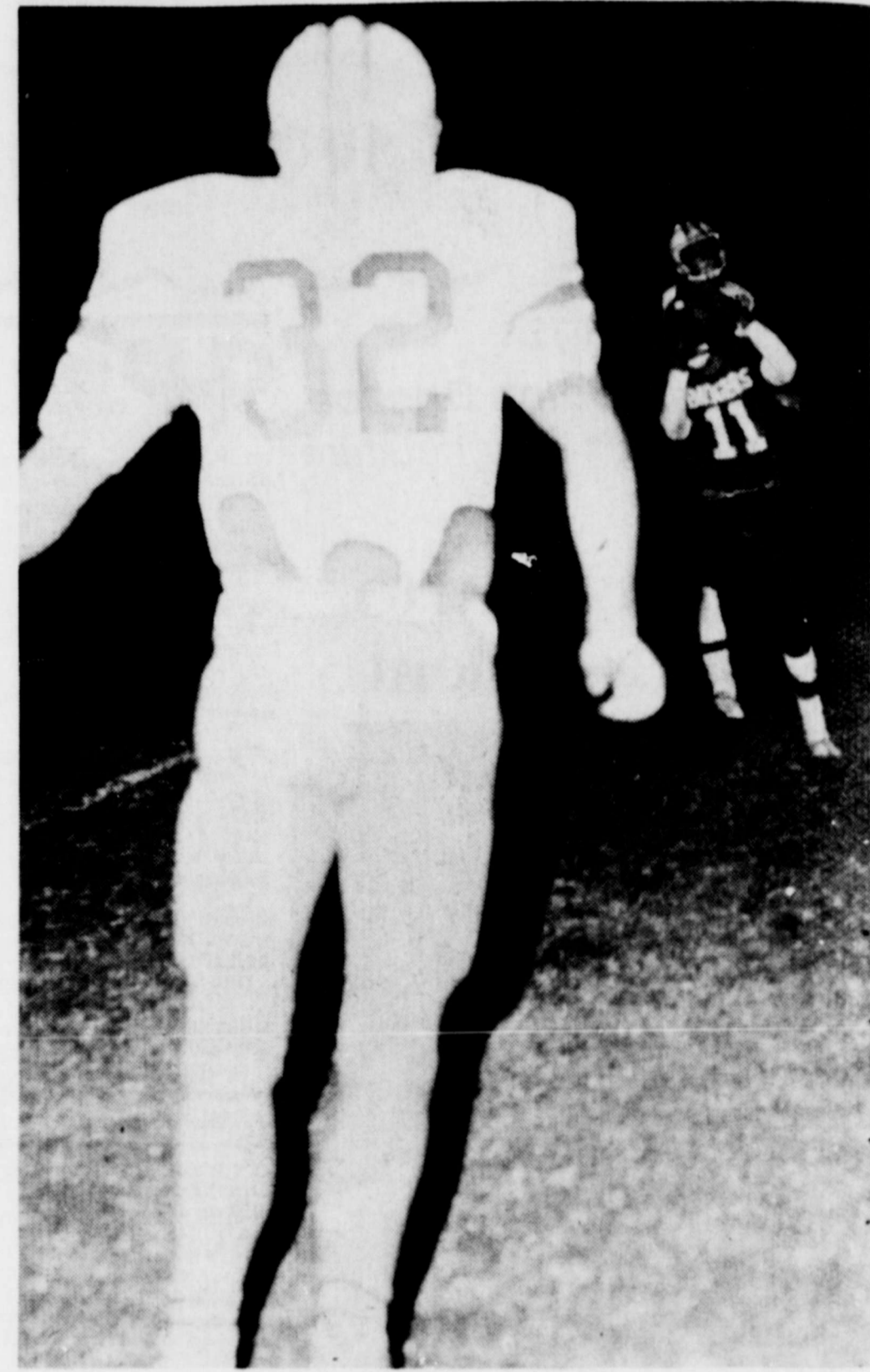
Merkel again was stymied and Smith punted but 22 yards. But, on third down Garth Doan recovered a Blizzards fumble at the Winters 40.

With this incentive and trailing, 6-0, the Badgers made their move.

Pursley ran for a yard, Doan hit left tackle for 6 and 3 yards and Pfister passed incomplete.

With a second down from the Winters 30, Pfister threw long for Pursley who pulled the football out of the hands of Flent McNeill and headed for the goal and the tying points at 1:02. Smith's kick for extra points failed.

Smith got off an excellent kickoff to start the second half and it appeared the Badgers might down Chapman at the four. Chapman was having trouble getting hold of the football. When he



TOUCHDOWN GRASP--Brad Pursley outthrust Winters Blizzards to hang on to this 30 yard pass and scored for the Merkel High Badgers Friday night in Badger Stadium. No. 32 for Winters is Kent McNeill.

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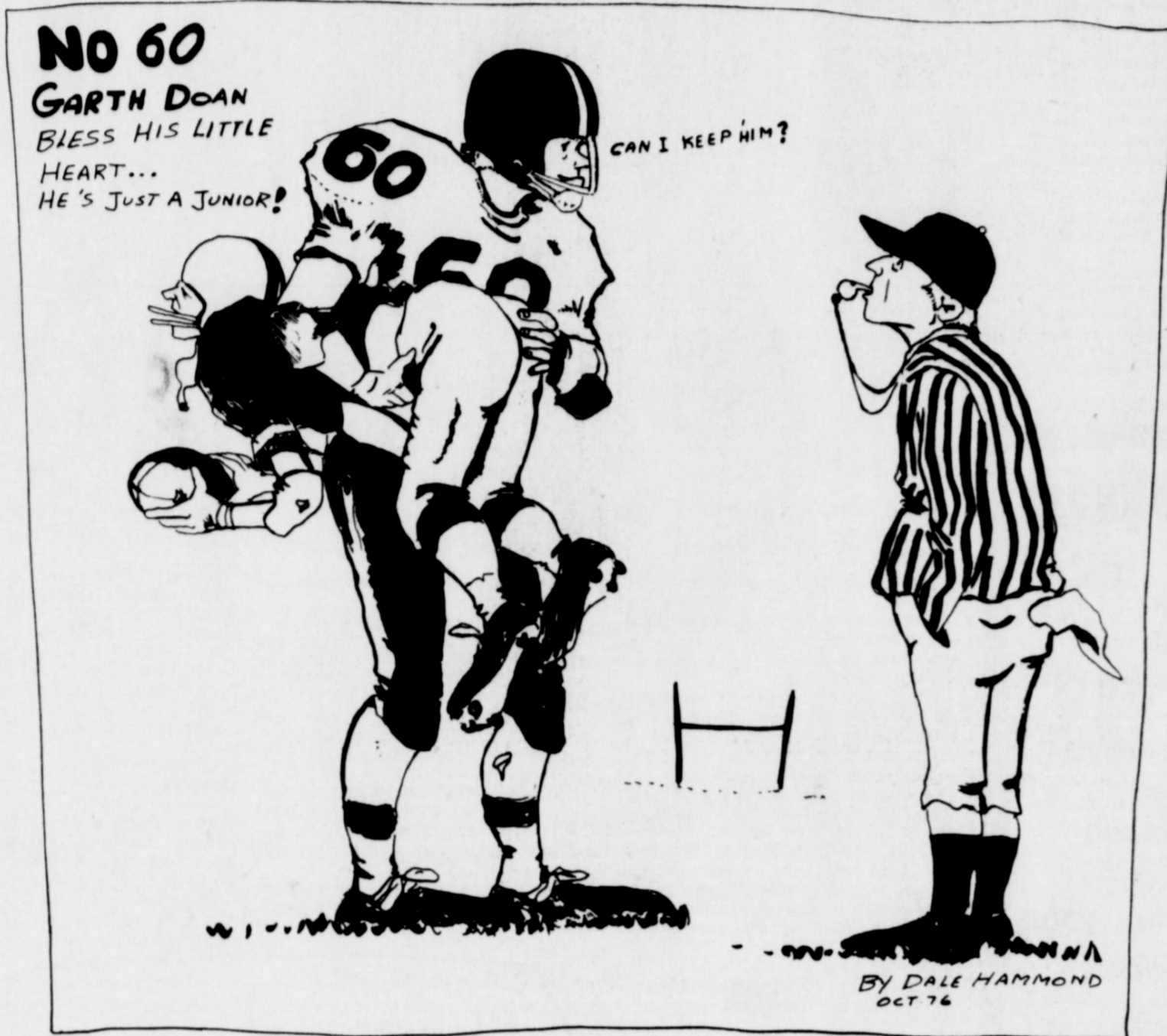
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LEAGUE GAMES		
Cowboys 5-1		
Date	Opponent	Kickoff (Dallas Time)
Sun., September 12	PHILADELPHIA	1 p.m. 27-7
Sun., September 19	at New Orleans	1 p.m. 24-6
Sun., September 26	BALTIMORE	3 p.m. 30-27
Sun., October 3	at Seattle	1 p.m. (3 p.m.) 28-13
Sun., October 10	at New York Giants	1 p.m. (noon) 24-14
Sun., October 17	at St. Louis	1 p.m. 17-21
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.

1976 Merkel Badgers

Football Schedule

Merkel High 5-2 (2-1)

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	19-12	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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JUNIOR VARSITY SCHEDULE

NINTH GRADE SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	Baird JV	6-20	There	7:30
9	Jim Ned JV	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	No game	There	6:00
	Winters JV	8-24	There	7:30
21	Stamford		There	6:30
28	Winters 9th		Here	0:00
Nov. 4	Wylie 9th		Here	6:00
	Wylie JV		Here	7:30

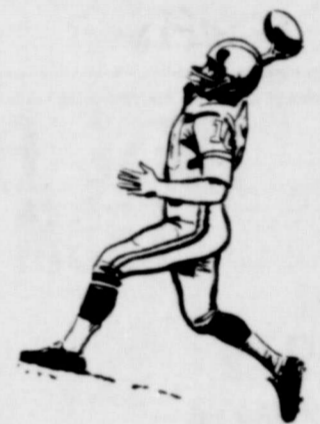
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A LOOK AT MERKEL AND DISTRICT 6-AA

SEVEN GAME TOTALS				SCORING SUMMARY				DISTRICT 6-AA						
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS				TEAM TOTALS				SEASON STANDINGS						
RUSHING				TD				W L T Pts. Opts.						
No.	Yds.	Avg.	Smith	9	7	61	Coahoma	4	1	1	84	54		
102	386	3.8	Hutchings	2	0	12	Merkel	5	2	0	9	65		
30	123	4.1	Biera	1	2	8	Colorado C.	5	2	0	117	62		
23	104	4.5	Doan	1	0	6	Stamford	4	2	0	112	74		
23	79	3.4	Pursley	1	0	6	Winters	1	5	0	64	99		
21	79	3.8	Totals	15	9	99	Wylie	1	5	1	50	181		
48	55	8	7 Opts.	10	5	65	Balling	0	6	1	45	157		
267	826	3.1					DISTRICT STANDINGS							
303	808	2.7					W L T Pts. Opts.							
PASSING				TD				W L T Pts. Opts.						
No.	Cp.	Yds.	Int.	TD	Smith	4	2	26	Colorado C.	3	0	0	80	7
75	37	558	5	4	Doan	1	0	6	Stamford	2	0	0	29	20
72	27	345	14	3	Pursley	1	0	6	Merkel	2	1	0	38	33
					Totals	6	2	38	Coahoma	1	1	0	32	41
					3 Opts.	5	3	33	Winters	0	2	0	25	39
RECEIVING				TD				W L T Pts. Opts.						
No.	Yds.	TD	Smith	4	2	26	Coahoma	1	1	0	32	41		
15	227	1	Doan	1	0	6	Winters	0	2	0	25	39		
8	123	0	Pursley	1	0	6	Wylie	0	2	1	8	65		
7	90	1	Totals	5	3	33	Balling	0	2	1	14	21		
3	71	2					DISTRICT STANDINGS							
2	26	0					W L T Pts. Opts.							
2	19	0					W L T Pts. Opts.							
37	558	4					W L T Pts. Opts.							
27	345	3					W L T Pts. Opts.							
							W L T Pts. Opts.							



JUNIOR HIGH SCHEDULE

Seventh-Eighth Grade

Sept. 2	Baird 8th	0-6	There	6:00
9	Jim Ned 7th	0-8	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	5:00
Oct. 7	Colorado City 7th	0-8	Here	6:00
	Colorado City 8th	0-0	Here	6:00
14	Winters 7th	6-16	Here	6:00
	Winters 8th	0-20	Here	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-0-5 8th-1-4-1



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Remember car bash?

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Stamford offers strong challenge for Badgers

Coach Jerry McLeod takes his Merkel High express to Stamford Friday in an effort to claim some prestige by knocking off a strong Class AA team.

The Badgers have claimed they are for real by the 5-2 win-loss record they have built and by whipping two Class AA opponents.

Now, they will be out to prove they can defeat the better District 6-AA clubs.

Stamford, sporting a 4-2 season and 2-0 district record, have had the week off to prepare for the Badgers and have proved to be a clutch team.

They haven't defeated any powers but they edged Ballinger, 9-7, after the final gun and they came from behind to up-end Winters, 20-13, for their 2-0 district record. Ahead are games with a weak Wylie and with district favorites Coahoma and Colorado City.

Colorado City is currently in front in the District 6-AA campaign after easily handling Coahoma, 33-0, last week.

Stamford lost 13-7 to Hamlin and 21-20 to Class AAA Sweetwater (a team not considered strong in its class this year). Other non-district wins were over Anson, 28-0 and Haskell, 28-20. Stamford has averaged 18.7 on offense while allowing 12.3.

Stamford is a lot like Colorado City



TAKING VOTE--Actually a vote wasn't necessary as an official raises his hands to give Merkel's Larry Smith a touchdown in the fourth quarter Friday night. Merkel's No. 22, John Biera raises his hand signifying a touchdown while Winters' No. 50, Leroy Jones is telling his coaches that it was short by inches.

in that it has split scoring among several athletes.

Bret Medford has 23 points on three touchdowns and five extra points. Roy Mays has 20 points on 3 touchdowns and two extra points.

Brian Taber also has 20 points for the year with three touchdowns and two extra points. Wade Petty has scored twice and Don Earl has two TD's, a field goal and two extra points for 17 points. Bill Harrell has scored twice, Russ Rosenquist once and Jay Childress has kicked two extra points.

Coach Bill Anderson has 10 lettermen back and eight of them started.

Earl has been all-district the last three years and has good speed. David Bolin also started both ways for the

Bulldogs last year and was on the all-district team.

Mays is a 2-year letterman and other standouts include end Harrell, center Burney Herman and quarterback Taber. Back Medford and guard Melvin Mueller also return with experience.

The Badgers, meanwhile, have been averaging 14.1 on offense and allowing 9.3 on defense against the seven opponents.

Ballinger and Winters are the only common foes. Merkel edged Ballinger 12-7 and beat Winters, 19-13. Apparently having an easier time than Stamford.

The Badgers have come on strong with a passing game behind the arm of quarterback David Pfister with receiv-

ers Roger Doan, Brad Pursley, Craig Hutchings and Larry Smith.

Smith remains the leading Badger scorer and also leads the district for the season. He has nine touchdowns and seven extra points for 61 points. Hutchings has two scores. Pfister, John Biera, Doan and Pursley each have one touchdown and Biera has two extra points.

Kickoff is 7:30 p.m. Friday in Stamford.

The Badgers return home for their final home game of the season.

After Friday the Badgers have an open date October 29 before meeting Wylie in Badger Stadium for their final home game of the season November 5. They close the regular season at Coahoma November 12.

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Merkel loses three times to Winters

All three of Merkel's sub-varsity football teams lost to Winters last week.

The Seventh grade fell, 16-6, the eighth grade lost 20-0 and the Junior Varsity fell, 24-8. The Ninth grade didn't find an opponent and did not play.

An injury plagued eighth grade team found Winters too big and physical for them. Buster Brown was singled out for defense and offensive efforts and Donnie Tutt had a good defensive performance. James Turner did well until he was injured and had to set out the second half.

The Junior Varsity takes the week off to prepare for a return bout with Winters October 28 in Merkel. The JV is 0-5 for the year.

The Ninth grade is scheduled to play Stamford Thursday at 6 p.m. The Freshmen are 0-3 for the year.

The Seventh and Eighth grade teams also take a week off and will travel to Winters for October 28 battles. The Eighth grade is 1-5 and the Seventh grade is 0-5.

No sales tax refund due

Merkel, Trent and Tye will receive no funds for October from the City Sales tax.

According to the Comptroller's office monthly payments were less than \$500 and the three cities did not collect enough to receive a refund. The payments, however, have been added to each city's account.

Merkel had \$142.95 allocated in October, Tye had \$261.94 and Trent had \$14.93.

The Comptroller's office reports it is not able to determine how much city money a city will receive each month since taxpayers file returns on monthly, quarterly and yearly intervals. Any city sales tax money received by the Comptroller is allocated monthly to each city.

Cub Scout news

Pack 220 Cub Scout leaders met at the Merkel Restaurant October 13 to plan for October Pack meeting.

We will have a booth at the carnival at the Methodist Church.

This Sunday, October 24 is the Pushmobile Races. We hope to come home with some ribbons.

Cub Scouts will distribute get out and vote notes as a Bi-Centennial project.

The October Pack meeting will be October 25 at the Scout Hut, 7:30 p.m.

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Band selling for Christmas

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Blair Water District formed

The Blair Water Supply District, Inc. was formed at an organizational meeting at the Taylor Electric Co-op building Monday night. J. D. Sandusky was elected president of the district in the public meeting to create the water district for the southwest area of Taylor County. Of the 61 attending there were 33 putting up the required \$100 deposit for a water meter to get the project started. The district will serve an area from Tye west to south of Trent at the Taylor-Nolan county line and south of Interstate 20 to the Butman and Whitechurch communities. Sandusky said the district next will apply for a charter and hire an engineer to do a feasibility study. Elected officers besides Sandusky are Lloyd Gilmore, vice-president and Opal Garner, secretary. Directors are Frank Brnovak, R. E. Clemmer and Arthur Moore, Richard

Scott of Trent, Weir Joiner of Tye and Pauline Butman of Abilene. Sandusky said anyone living in the area who would like to participate in the water district should contact him or one of the directors as soon as possible. It is estimated it will take at least two years for the project to be completed and the water turned on. The Board of Directors will meet Thursday night at the Taylor Electric Co-op building for their first director's meeting. Sandusky said they hope to start drawing up bylaws at this first meeting and maybe decide on a lawyer to handle their business. Sandusky was elected to a 3-year term as was Garner and Joiner. Gilmore, Clemmer and Moore each were elected for two years. Rest were named for one year.

Sheep breeders take top honors

Merkel's sheep breeders took top honors last weekend in the Texas State Fair's Pan American Livestock Show competition. John Lanford and his wife, Jayne, of Merkel made top placings throughout the contest, but the big victory came

when a Lanford Rambouillet was named grand champion ram of the annual show. Lanford was twice honored as he also received the coveted premier exhibitor award. The Lanford husband-wife team also took first and third

place in the fall ram lamb class and chalked up a third in the spring ram lambs. The Lanfords took a big first place for pen of two lambs. In yearling ram competition, the Taylor County exhibitors grabbed third, fifth and sixth place. In fall ewe lambs, the Merkel sheep breeders took first, second and fourth honors. In spring ewe lambs, they placed third and fourth. Others included first and fifth, pen of two ewe lambs; fourth, sixth and seventh, yearling ewes; and third and fourth places for pair of yearlings. To top it all off, the Lanfords placed third and fourth in flock judging. Fred Campbell of Sonora, a wool and mohair warehouse operator, judged the big show.

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District Governor visits Merkel

District Governor H. A. Owens paid his regular visit to the Merkel Lions Club Tuesday.

Owens, a retired school teacher from Abilene discussed the progress and goals of the district Lions Clubs.

He presented the club a certificate of appreciation for its work in the Lions Care Program. President George Startuck accepted the certificate for the Merkel Club.

Owens pointed out the Merkel club was organized March 27, 1928 and was chartered May 8, 1928, making it 48 years. There were 33 members with L. B. Scott the president and Sam Swann the secretary.

He praised the Merkel club for its accomplishments to Lionism during this 48 years.

The four major Lions Club projects are the Texas League for Crippled Children, Lions Care Inc. Program, the Lions Eye

Bank, Inc. and the newest project Water Inc.

The Water Inc. project is to develop ways and means of conserving water.

Some of the goals for the 63 clubs in the district (2,600 members) is for each club to add four new members and organize four new Lions Clubs in the district.

The District convention is in Abilene May 13-14 and the state convention in Amarillo June 2-5. The International convention is scheduled for June 30-July 2 in New Orleans.

Garden Clubs to meet

The Fall Meeting of District VIII of the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., will be held at Ozona, November 4 at Ozona Community Center. Hostess Clubs will be Reagan Garden Club of Big Lake, Mildred Parker Garden Club of Iraan and Ozona Garden Club. State

Cemetery donations

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BREAKS INTO CLEAR--Merkel's Larry Smith breaks loose for a long gain against Winters Friday night as team mates Roger Loan (40) and David Pfister (14) jump with glee.

Braune, Pfister honored for week

Glenn Braune has captured defensive performance against Winters last week.

Braune, out part of the season with a broken hand has come on strong the past three weeks and is doing an outstanding job on offense and defense, according to coach Jerry McLeod. Braune is a 186-pound senior.

He made 15 tackles against Winters.

Coach McLeod said it is tough naming one individual for this honor as

Larry Smith and Brad Pursley also were outstanding. Both had 11 tackles. Too, he pointed out that Pursley was in on two interceptions. Then Garth Doan recovered two fumbles.

But, if picking a defensive standout for individual recognition was tough he said the offensive standout is even tougher this week.

"Any of the backs and receivers are deserving of the honors," he said.

Smith with his running, punting and

overall determination, Pursley and Craig Hutchings with their clutch pass receptions, Roger Doan for his consistent performance.

However, Quarterback David Pfister was named because of his steady 115-yard passing effort. He hit 7 of 13 passes and guided the Baizers to the 19-12 victory.

Again, for the third week there was no specialty team member named because of the 96-yard kickoff return by Winters.

Columnist remembers Merkel

Compare HD

Club news

Merkel got some national recognition recently from one of its former citizens. National columnist Dick West used his hometown, Merkel, in one of his recent columns which was passed on to The Merkel Mail.

Here is West's column dated in Washington:

Something new has been added to this year's presidential campaign—a whistlestop backlash.

Because it has been overlooked by most of the political experts, it is difficult to judge the extent of the backlash at this time, but signs of it are beginning to show up in some of the public opinion polls.

The polls indicate that Jimmy Carter, the Democratic candidate, is running "surprisingly" strong in small towns across the land.

The reason Carter's small town support is surprising to some analysts is because big cities traditionally have been the main bastions of Democratic strength, with Republicans favored in the backwoods.

But party labels don't mean a thing in a whistlestop backlash. Home towns are what count.

To understand what the

backlash is all about, you have to have grown up in a hick town and know what it's like to be belittled by the city bred.

Just having people ask "where's that?" every time you say where you're from is enough to keep you seething inside.

In Merkel, Texas, which had a population of about 1,800 when I was growing up there, we had to take a lot of patronizing guff from the cosmopolites of nearby Abilene, which then boasted about 25,000 residents.

And I suppose us old Merkel boys might have acted somewhat condescendingly toward our even smaller town neighbors in Nubia, Noodle, Blowout and Suth.

Adding to embitterment over the urbanites' superior airs is resentment over the money and attention lavished on cities by politicians.

For years it's been "urban renewal" this and "urban environment" that. How many politicians do you hear plugging for "hick town renewal" or pledging funds to upgrade "hick town environment?"

Justly or not, small town citizens have come to regard their city cousins as the

pampered tyrants of our society. Pique is beginning to burn within them with a hard, gem-like flame. In that situation, it is only natural they should gravitate toward one of their own.

President Ford's home town is Grand Rapids, Michigan, a metropolis of some 197,649 inhabitants, give or take a couple of folks who might have come up from Byron Center for a day and been accidentally caught in the census.

By contrast, Plains, Georgia, Carter's hometown, has a population of 682 when Carter is at home.

Looking at those figures, it is not difficult to figure out which candidate stands to profit and which to suffer from a whistlestop backlash.

It is, as noted above, too early to tell how strong the backlash is, or what impact it might have on the campaign. But any candidate who ignores the jerkwater vote does so at his own peril.

Until November, a good rule for both candidates is: if you don't know whose Merkel is, don't ask.

Tye

honor roll

SECOND GRADE
"A"-Tonya Mercer, Sandra Kotlik, Kathy Corbin, Dusty Moore and Angela Tyler.

"A-B"-Sonia Wells, Joe Miles, Teresa Allen, Tracy Jordan and Steven Keith.

THIRD GRADE
"A"-Mary Lou Baras, Kathy Mercer, Kevin Mitchell, Michael Keith and Keith Watson.

"A-B"-Shelly Crow

FOURTH GRADE
"A"-Robert Brooks, Bill Adams and Greg Spurr.

"A-B"-Tammy Tyler and Lisa Cantu.

FIFTH GRADE
"A"-Kathy Mitchell and Nancy Bunting.

"A-B"-Laura Esquivel

Girls to sell

popcorn Saturday

Those girls who played softball this past summer and plan to play next year, are invited to help sell popcorn Saturday.

This is to help raise money for the much needed field. We have been getting everything else done, now we need to get the field ready. Meet at 204 Yucca at 10 a.m. Saturday.

If we have a good turnout we should be through by noon according to Dorothy Torrence. So please come out and help us this is for you, we can use a few cars also.

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President, Mrs. Lee Coil of Lubbock will address the business session. A special bus has been planned to take members from Abilene, Ballinger, Sweetwater and Colorado City, with members from other area towns asked to meet the bus in one of the above cities. Round trip fare is \$9 and the bus will return from Ozona immediately after the afternoon session. Information on the bus may be obtained from Mrs. G. E. Swinson of 2150 Robin Road, Abilene, who has charge of bus arrangements.

The morning program includes registration and coffee from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., with the business session to follow.

Mrs. Charlie Black of Ozona will give a special program on Native Wild Flowers in the morning session and in the afternoon session, Mrs. Zeno Hemphill of Coleman will give a fresh flower arrangement program, "Water, Wind, and Wood."

Advance registration deadline is November 1 with Mrs. J. W. Howell, Box 1006, Ozona, in charge of the registration.

Lambda Beta news

The 1976 West Texas Area Convention of Beta Sigma Phi was held October 15, 16, and 17 in San Angelo.

A total of 325 women were registered. The honor of the largest number register from one chapter went to Rho Chi of Sweetwater.

The theme of the convention "Through the Looking Glass" was carried out in all activities.

The convention was greatly honored to have as the international guest-Jean Weiss, Division Chairman of Beta Sigma Phi.

Representing Lambda Beta was Ginny Yaddow, Judy Elliott, who won one of the 10 Dove Necklaces, Betty Allday who brought home a plant that she had won.

The 1977 West Texas Area Convention will be held in Del-Rio.

Garden Club to meet

The Merkel Garden Club will meet Thursday at 3 p.m. at the Big Country Inn.

Mrs. Tom Russon and Mrs. Alen King are hostesses.

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<p>MJB COFFEE \$1.69 LB.</p>	<p>GOOCH SLICED SLAB BACON 98c LB.</p>	<p>COUNTRY FRESH BREAD 1/2 LB. LOAF 39c</p>
<p>WIZARD ROOM DEODORANT 69c</p>	<p>SPECIALS GOOD THURS., FRI. & SAT.</p>	<p>GOOCH LUNCH MEAT 6 OZ. PKG. BOLOGNA, SALAMI, LIVER LOAF, P & P LOAF, OLIVE & JALAPENO 49c Pkg.</p>
<p>FRANKLIN DRY ROASTED PEANUTS 10 OZ. JAR 79c</p>	<p>NINTH ST. GROCERY 1207 9th St. SUN. 8:00-9:00 MON.-SAT 7:00-9:00</p>	
<p>FRESH ROASTED PEANUTS 79c LB.</p>	<p>WINNER OF TIMEX WATCH - GREG FISHER</p>	

ON YOUR DEMOCRATIC BALLOT FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

The column J. P. Action is inaccurate and has a lot of mistakes. Money taken in by the J. P. Office \$2,37 1/2 on each complaint goes to the State the rest goes into the Road and Bridge Fund for the County roads. Plus if anyone wants to look at my dockets they are welcome to, but I do not appreciate anyone pawing through my monthly reports and mixing them up without asking. And as to the comparing my July report with Mr. Millets July report, in July Mr. Millets report 99 cases average per case \$26.65 per case—the rest of the cases were filed in Abilene with Judge Dunwoody. In July Walter Thames 539 cases with an average of \$25.00 per case, I have been available more or worked harder. But the law sets the fine for speeding or any other traffic violation at \$1.00 to \$200.00 so the amount is left to My judgment alone.

VOTE FOR ME IN GENERAL ELECTION, TUESDAY NOVEMBER 2, 1976

WALTER E. THAMES

Political advertisement paid for by Walter Thames.

Fortnightly Study Club news

The Fortnightly Study Club met October 12 at the Big Country Inn with hostesses Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. C. B. Knight, and Mrs. Carl Hughes. Mrs. Andy Shouse and Miss Novis Whiteaker presented a program on "Beauty of Country—Boundless Inspiration" as a part of the study of our untapped resources. Using narrative and color pictures they had taken, they shared their "Autumn Foliage Pilgrimage" to many places of beauty and historical interest in the eastern part of the United States and Canada.

Members present were Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. C. B. Knight, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. S. D. Gamble, Mrs. Johnny Cox, Mrs. S. C. Dixon, Mrs. Don Dudley, Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, Mrs. Charles Eager, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mrs. David Gamble, Miss Mildred Hamm, Mrs. J. W. Hammond, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Buster Horton, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, and Mrs. Ray Wilson. Guests were Miss Novis Whiteaker and Miss Maurine White.

Absentee voting under way

Absentee voting is under way at Taylor County Courthouse for the November 2 general election. Absentee voting will continue through October 29 at the county clerk's office in the Taylor County Courthouse from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Trent Romps again

Trent High School's Gorillas return home this week to close out the regular season with three games. The Gorillas battle Ira Friday, Hermleigh October 29 and Hobbs November 5. Coach Bobby Campbell has his hands full this week preparing his talented squad for Ira as they may be looking a week ahead to Hermleigh and the possible showdown for the District 3-B, 6-man championship playoff berth. Hermleigh appears all that is standing in front of the Gorillas and the zone playoff November 12 against the north champion. Ira has won but two games in six attempts and is 0-2 in district while Hobbs is 3-4 and 1-1. Hermleigh has lost but one

game and is tied with Trent at 2-0 in district combat. Hermleigh has to play a weak McCaulley (0-6 and 0-2) this week before the showdown with Trent. Trent pushed its record to 4-2 Saturday with a 26-20 victory over Highland at Highland's homecoming. Trent scored touchdowns in every quarter while Highland had six in the first and 14 the second for a 20-12 half-time advantage. However, Coach Campbell's crew came through with an outstanding defensive performance the second half to secure the victory. Highland is now 4-3 and 1-1. James Mays ran 50 and 42 yards for touchdowns and carried 17 times for 185 yards rushing. Herbert Beaver had touchdowns of 33 and 20 yards and had 145 yards rushing on 21 carries. Alan Morse kicked the two extra points in the third quarter. Ivan Krecji scored three times for Highland and Mays was tackled in the endzone for a safety. Coach Campbell said the first half Highland was running at will against the Gorillas but the second half the Trent defense held Highland to two first downs. Mays also intercepted a pass and returned it 25 yards the third quarter and Jimmy Adams intercepted a pass the fourth quarter and returned it 55 yards to set up the final touchdown. The Gorillas came out of the game injury-free although Morse was nursing a sprained ankle Monday. As for Friday's foe, Campbell said Ira has a large team with Trent being "outweighed 10 to 15 pounds per man." Ira has a 28-24 win over Divide and 23-20 over Grady the first two games of the year and then nosedived, losing 28-12 to Loop, 28-18 to Christoval in non-district. It fell, 82-33 to Highland and 60-12 to Hermleigh. Fred Kesner with 46 points and Royce Corbell with 53 points will be the pair Trent will have to stop Friday when

the contest starts at 7:30 p.m. New coach Douglas Jones has five lettermen at Ira in end Keith Clements, quarterback Joe Hall, backs Corbell and Woolsey and center Joe Sanchez. Mays pushed his season total to 18 touchdowns for 108 points and Beaver now has 10 touchdowns for 60 points. A non-district opponent the teams have in common is Divide. Trent beat Divide 38-30 while Ira won 28-24.

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DISTRICT 3-B (SIX-MAN) SEASON STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pts.	Opts.
Hermleigh	5	1	1194	122
Trent	4	2	2211	186
Highland	4	3	3297	225
Hobbs	3	4	4218	271
Ira	2	4	126	242
McCaulley	0	6	132	316

DISTRICT LEADING SCORERS

Name	TD	EP	TP
Mays, Trent	18	0	108
Krecji, Highland	11	18	84
Peterson, Hermleigh	11	0	66
J. Kemp, McCaulley	11	0	66
Beaver, Trent	10	0	60
Martin, Hobbs	9	0	54
Corbell, Ira	8	5	53
Andrie, Hobbs	7	5	47
Kesner, Ira	7	4	46

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS
Trent 26, Highland 20, Hermleigh 60, Ira 12, Hobbs 40, McCaulley 20g

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE
Ira at Trent, 7:30 p.m.; McCaulley at Hermleigh; Hobbs at Highland.

OCT. 29
Hermleigh at Trent; Highland at McCaulley; Ira at Hobbs.

Buffalo Gap

has carnival

The Buffalo Gap school will hold a Halloween carnival Saturday night, starting at 6 p.m., according to George Martin of Merkel. Highlight of the carnival will be the naming of a king and queen.

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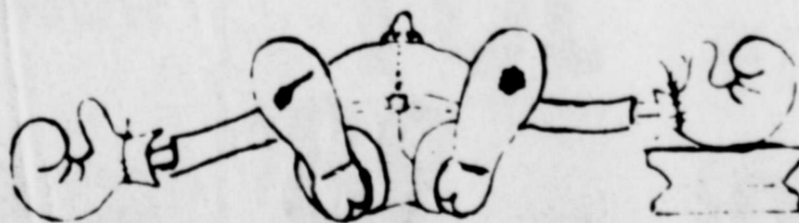
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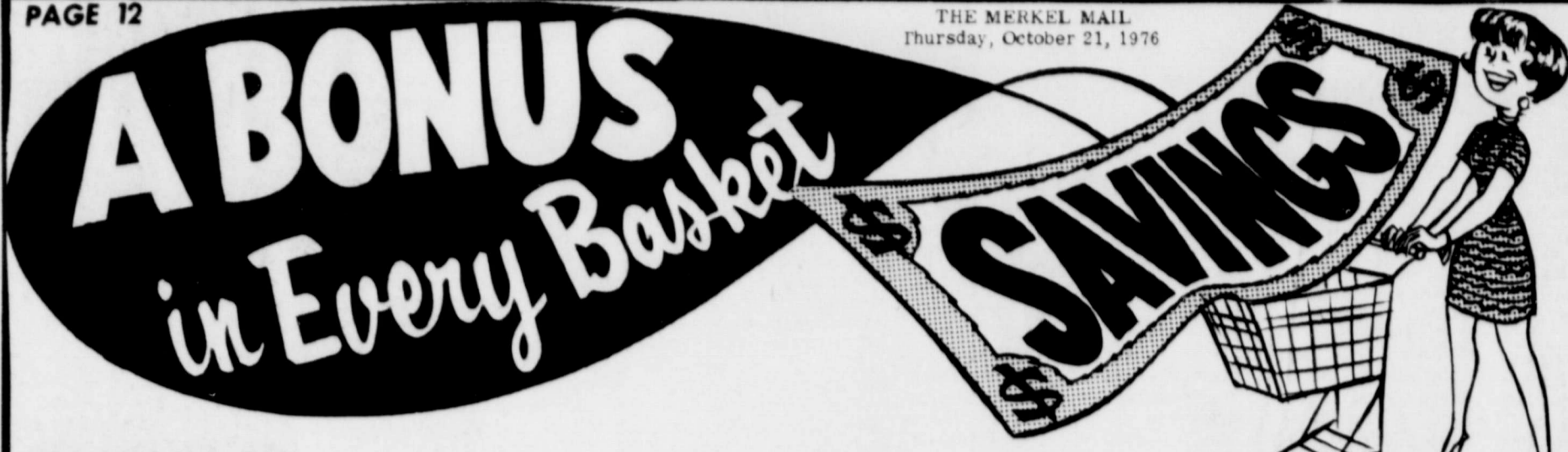
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FRENCH **MUSTARD** 24 OZ. JAR **59¢**

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BAMA **GRAPE JELLY** 3 LB JAR **\$1.19**

HERSHEYS INSTANT **Cocoa MIX** LB. CAN **79¢**

CORONET **TISSUE** 4 ROLL CRTN. **59¢**

KRAFTS **BAR B-Q SAUCE** 28 OZ. JAR **79¢**

SUGAR PURITAN SNOWDRIFT CHIFFON BREAD MIX QUAKER "IT'S NEW" WHITE RYE WHEAT BOX **45¢**

GRIFFIN **WAFFLE SYRUP** QT. JAR **98¢**

BAMA **PEANUT BUTTER** 18 oz. JAR **79¢**

IMPERIAL (1 LIMIT) **5 LB. BAG** **89¢**

COOKING OIL 48 OZ. JUG **\$1.69**

WESSONS **3 LB. CAN** **\$1.29**

SOFT **OLEO** TWIN PACK LB. **53¢**

OLE SOUTH ASST. **COBBLER** 2 LB EA. **\$1.29**

BIRDSEYE **COOL WHIP** 9 OZ TUB **53¢**

MORTONS ASST. **FRUIT PIES** JUMBO EACH **69¢**

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STEAK ROAST CHOICE BEEF CHUCK LB. **79¢**

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