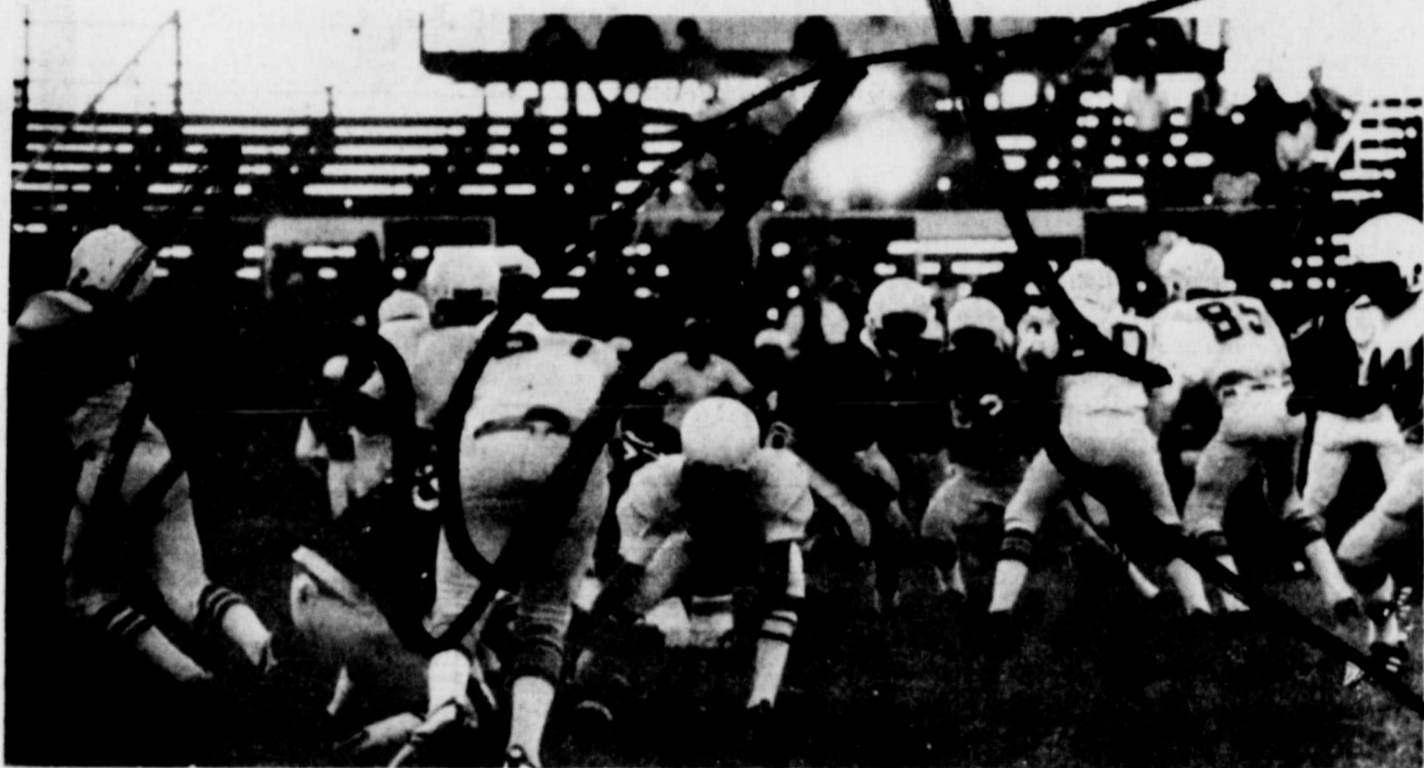


# The Merkel Mail

Thursday October 26 1978 Merkel, Texas

5 Cents



A loose ball usually draws a crowd as this fumble did during a Merkel Junior High game. (Staff Photo by Glenn Richards)

## City making progress on pumps, stop signs, repairs

Rains that fell in Merkel and Merkel County Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday were either welcomed or rejected by local residents depending on their activities.

Local farmers with hay on the ground weren't too tickled to see the rain and those that had just planted crops welcomed the rains because of better chances for good crop stands. (Merkel received 1.2 inches at press time.)

The rain also caused city workers some problems in that repairs done on city streets and water lines became weakened by the soaking rains.

City Manager J.A. Sadler said there were a few places that the top soil gave way where city crews had been working to repair water lines. Sadler also said that some of the potholes that had been recently repaired now need some touch-up work done because of the water that collected in the holes loosened the filler material.

Sadler also gave an update on the 22 stop signs that the Merkel Independent School District and the city are purchasing. Sadler said that the prisoners strike in Huntsville has brought prison labor on road signs to a standstill. The city and the school district want to purchase the signs

from the state because they would save about 50 per cent on the total bill if the state can fill the order.

The stop signs are being installed around the school to regulate the flow of traffic. The existing signs were placed following traffic patterns of more than 25 years ago.

So far as the potholes go, the city has been working to fill them in. The city hired two Merkel High School students about a month ago to work each afternoon filling in potholes. Sadler said they had filled quite a few holes and there were still quite a few to go.

Sadler also gave an update on the pumps the city authorized purchase for the Merkel Water Treatment Plant. The supplier in Dallas has not received the pumps and Sadler said they would be installed as soon as they can be picked up in Dallas.

Sadler also reported that the Merkel Ambulance Fund is getting closer to the amount needed to insure delivery of the new city ambulance in January. Sadler said that anyone who wishes to contribute to the cause may call the city offices and the donations will be taken or someone will come by.

## Halloween PTO Carnival Saturday

The Merkel Parent Teachers Organization is gearing up for their one major fund raising effort each year, the Halloween Carnival.

This year's festivities promise to be more extensive than last years with the addition of a couple of new booths at the carnival.

The carnival, that gets underway at 6:30 p.m. Saturday night will feature a Spook House at the Middle School, a washer toss, fortune telling booth, plant walk, a cake walk, witch in the haystack, tattoo booth, food booth, coke stand, a country store and the coronation at 6 p.m. of the King and Queen for the Elementary students.

The carnival is scheduled to be held in the high school gym so bad weather would have no effect on the crowd.

The contestants for the Elementary King and Queen are: Kindergarten: Mrs. Greer-Ginger Massey and David West. Mrs. McFall-Jenny

Boyd and David Russell. First Grade: Mrs. Peel-Misti Doan and Matt Smith. Mrs. Henderson-Lisa Cannon and Chris Pack. Mrs. Seymore-Staci Pack and Dusty McLeod. Second Grade: Mrs. Pursley-Kim Richards and Tracy Stevens. Mrs. Wade-Anissa Jones and Max Trevino. Mrs. Sandberry-Pam Neff and Kody Stogoh. Third Grade: Mrs. Braune-Shelle Doan and Graham Odum. Mrs. Wildon-Melissa Harris and Ramon Moreno. Fourth Grade: Mrs. Utley-Tina Jaramillo and Lance Jones. Mrs. Neff-Angela Thomas and David Doan. Fifth Grade: Mrs. Rister-Honna Casey and Wayne Johnson. Mrs. McGowen-Amy Irvin and Chris Horton.

The King and Queen from each room will be crowned at 6 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Winners are selected on the amount of money raised through various fund raising projects.

## Crazy Days

Merkel residents should be getting plenty of rest today because the activities really start happening Friday.

Weekend activities get underway Friday night as the Badgers face Ballinger at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, the Merkel Crazy Days Parade is scheduled, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The Merkel Chamber of Commerce will be awarding prizes to the Craziest Float, the Craziest Car, the Craziest Bicycle, the Craziest Band Member and the Craziest Horse.

The City of Merkel Crazy Days Marching Band will perform. All local residents, especially those that have no musical talent are asked to march with the band.

Local Lunatic Benny Melton will serve as the High Sheriff for Crazy Days and will be arresting people Friday and Saturday unless he can be otherwise persuaded.

Many local merchants are offering Crazy Days

specials and with the parade that afternoon, we are hoping the downtown streets will be full.

J.A. Sadler and Robert Harris will be assisting High Sheriff Melton and will enforce the Crazy dress code of Crazy Days.

Some local merchants will be attired in Crazy Garb Friday and Saturday and if nothing else, people should do some shopping to see those folks. The kids at the Merkel Elementary School are having a Crazy Days dress contest on Friday and it is hoped that the little crazies will be in full force Saturday to be in the parade and band.

Things get started at 2:30 in front of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

The parade and judging will be over in plenty of time for people to get ready for the Merkel PTO Halloween Carnival that gets underway at 6:30 p.m. Saturday night.

Fun, Merriment and Lunacy will abound on Crazy Day, Saturday at 2:30.



Herbert Beaver is stopped after a long gainer last week. The Trent Gorillas' Homecoming is Saturday at 7:30 p.m. (Photo Courtesy of the Trent Annual Staff)

## Passing thoughts...

By Cloy A. Richards

It has been a hectic eight weeks since me and my family arrived here. My wife and I have spent just about every minute we are awake either putting out this paper or worrying about getting it out.

If you were in town last Wednesday and tried to buy a Merkel Mail at its regular time, you were probably pleasantly surprised. The Mail was here on time!

We have taken the paper back to Sweetwater for printing at the Sweetwater Reporter. They do a fine job on printing and do it in a very timely fashion. The Mail will be available at local businesses no later than 5 p.m. each Wednesday, even though the paper is dated Thursday, each week.

I thought that I would take this space to explain a few things about how we are attacking things with this paper.

When we started negotiations with Steve Lanham to purchase this paper, I had a stack of Merkel Mail's sent to me to review. I noticed that the Mail was a good paper from the local advertising standpoint and decided that my efforts should lean toward putting out more local news. We have done that to as much of an extent as possible.

We are still having a few problems in the news business around. If you know of an event that is scheduled to happen here, call us and let us know about it. We have three people on the staff that are capable of writing and shooting stories.

We also need your comments on how we go about putting this paper out. If you don't like something you see, call us or write and let us know.

If you stay in this business long you grow an extra layer of skin that is necessary. You may

not realize this but on each paper you have about 600 lines on each page. So the mathematical possibilities of us making mistakes are enormous. We are not trying to make any excuses, just trying to tell you what we cope with.

There are very few things, excluding my family, that are more important to me than putting out the best possible newspaper we can in this town. To satisfy our professional standards we need to do just that, and Merkel deserves it.

If you have any suggestions, let us know. We even take complaints.

If there is any way we can improve our reporting, advertising or photography we will try our best to satisfy the local needs.

We appreciate the support we have been given thus far. The paper has added 85 subscribers and increased over the counter sales of the Mail by another 85. Local merchants have supported us well with their advertising needs, and even though we have made some mistakes, seem to be pleased with our efforts at the Mail.

We want to do anything we can to make Merkel grow because if this paper is to grow, the town must first.

Merkel has all the things needed for growth in my opinion. We have land, a labor force, schools that are about to be updated and that pride that most residents of the Big Country seem to have.

The city services here are excellent for a small town, heck man, there is even a library and a Chamber of Commerce.

We look forward to our fledgling newspaper career here. This area has potential and we would like to see those opportunities taken advantage of and are willing to work to help things grow.

If you have any comments, we'd love to hear them.

### INVITATION

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OCTOBER 29, 1978

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MR. & MRS. DON W. HENSLEY  
DR. & MRS. W. T. SADLER  
DR. & MRS. DONALD W. WARREN

### THE GREAT PUMPKIN

by Edwin Etheridge

If you're by a pumpkin patch not far, but near, at the break of midnight the Great Pumpkin will appear. He has a bag of presents and candy and toys.

If you listen all night you'll hear laughter and joy

At the morning hour the Great Pumpkin had been seen

But the Great Pumpkin said, "I'll be back next Halloween!"

Dear Editor:

Will you please correct the error in your last week Merkel Mail? The headline was: Blair Dies at 78. The article was correct as you printed it in which it stated that he was born in 1930

No one who saw Warren Blair at his mother's funeral the last of June would have thought he would be dead at age 48 the first of October.

Thank you for printing the correction.

Reta Patterson  
Warren's Aunt



# Collins blasts last minute congressional energy plan

The Energy Bill pushed through Congress at the last minute will be one of the most detrimental pieces of legislation affecting Texas, Congressman Jim Collins asserted.

"This bill is going to use price controls as a means to solve America's energy problems. Price controls have never worked in 5000 years of peacetime history and only create shortages."

"Our dollar is shakey on world markets, our import deficit is staggering, our inflation rate is choking America's middle class, and one of the main reasons is that we are importing so much Arab Opec oil.

"In 1973, Congress established price controls on domestic oil prices at \$5.25 a barrel while foreign oil rose to \$14.50 a barrel. The result: in 1972 we imported \$5 billion of foreign oil, today we are importing \$50 billion. By passing this Energy Bill we are making the same mistake with gas," Collins said. He cited examples of the affects the Energy Bill will have:

Less domestic gas will be produced because of the lack of incentive caused by price controls. This means that America will import more and more of its gas. A study completed recently predicted that the Bill would increase gas imports by 2 million barrels a day by 1985.

The Bill is so complex that President Carter

had to create a new bureaucratic agency to administer the regulations. The Department of Energy (DOE) employs 19,767 people and has a budget of \$12.6 billion. The entire cost of drilling for oil and gas in the United States was only \$11.3 billion.

The Energy Bill creates 20 new categories of natural gas. The complexity of determining price levels of each type of gas will head up production for months and years. An administrator of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) DOE's department that will administer gas regulations, has said the bill is "so complex, ambiguous, and contradictory that it will be

"President Carter called for an Energy Plan that would be equitable 'to all regions, sectors, and income groups.' This Bill fulfills none of those requirements. Texans will have to pay 10 percent more for natural gas but get 10 percent less supply, which will initially cost us \$6 billion," Collins said.

virtually impossible for this Commission to enforce it in a conscientious and equitable manner."

FERC will have to hire 800 regulators at the first year cost of \$20 million to determine these natural gas categories. FERC already has a backlog of 20,000 cases.



Texas Highway Dept. workers were in town last week doing some touch up work on city streets. (Staff Photo by Glenn Richards)

## Merkel, Trent VFW meet

The Merkel - Trent VFW arracks 2248 Veterans World War I and their auxiliary met at the EA Building Saturday for their regular meeting.

After a pot luck meal and fellowship the auxiliary met for their business meeting, which was called by President Jewell Caldwell.

The Bible was opened by conductress Dewie Fleming and the opening prayer was given by Chaplain pro-tem Lucy Bonneaux. The pledge to

the flag was led by Maggie Renfro.

Billie Hartley draped the charter in memory of Mrs. Jessie Head who passed away Oct. 7th and was a member.

A motion was made that a meeting be planned for Nov. 11 at the Senior Citizen Building in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Armistice. The members are inviting everyone to bring a covered dish for a luncheon and get together.

The group also dis-

cussed projects for World War I vets at the Big Springs Veterans Hospital.

Persons attending included Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Kidd, Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson, G.N. Reynolds, Mrs. Trula Cox, Mrs. Jewell Criswell, Mrs. Dewie Flemming, Mrs. Maggie Fleming, Mrs. Irene Strawn, Mrs. Ora Griggs, Mrs. Cora Reeves, Mrs. Billie Hartley and Miss Mabel McRee.

## John Hill calls for state tax freeze

"Our state taxes in Texas are among the lowest in the nation, and I want to keep them there. As I've said many times, I'll veto a tax increase before the ink dries on the bill."

As Attorney General, John Hill proved he could increase the efficiency of his office without any unnecessary budget increases. He absorbed a three-fold increase in his office caseload by hiring top legal talent capable of higher productivity. The result: his staff lawyers doubled their average workload, and the increased court judgments and enforcement of civil penalty laws returned \$25 for every \$1 of state funds spent on his office.



As Governor, John Hill will insist on this same type of increased productivity for all state agencies. He will institute new controls over federal funds, demand that we follow our "pay-as-you-go" budget policy, and use zero-base budgeting to eliminate unneeded programs before any new programs are added. And he'll block any state tax increase — there won't be any new taxes under John Hill.

**JOHN HILL**  
GOVERNOR

### REPORT OF CONDITION

Consolidating domestic subsidiaries of the  
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The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel City  
Name of Bank  
City  
In the state of Texas at the close of business on September 30, 1978  
published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under title 12, United States Code, Section 161.  
Charter number 7481 National Bank Region Number 11

Statement of Resources and Liabilities		Thousands of dollars
		THOUSANDS
ASSETS	Cash and due from banks	2,434
	U.S. Treasury securities	100
	Obligations of other U.S. Gov't. agencies and corps.	13
	Obligations of States and political subdivisions	1,244
	Other bonds, notes, and debentures	20
	Federal Reserve stock and corporate stock	none
	Trading account securities	none
	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	none
	Loans, Total (excluding unearned income)	10,403
	Less: Reserve for possible loan losses	19
	Loans, Net	10,384
	Direct lease financing	none
	Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	96
	Real estate owned other than bank premises	none
	Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	none
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	253	
Other assets	14,514	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>5,711</b>	
LIABILITIES	Demand deposits of individuals, prtshps., and corps.	6,578
	Time and savings deposits of individuals, prtshps., and corps.	25
	Deposits of United States Government	828
	Deposits of States and political subdivisions	none
	Deposits of foreign govts. and official institutions	none
	Deposits of commercial banks	73
	Certified and officers' checks	13,245
	<b>TOTAL DOMESTIC DEPOSITS</b>	<b>6,106</b>
	Total time and savings deposits	7,132
	Total deposits in foreign offices	none
	<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS IN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN OFFICES</b>	<b>13,245</b>
	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	none
	Liabilities for borrowed money	none
	Mortgage indebtedness and liability for capitalized leases	none
	Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding	193
Other liabilities	13,438	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures)</b>	<b>13,438</b>	
EQUITY CAPITAL	Subordinated notes and debentures	none
	Preferred stock No. shares outstanding none (par value)	none
	Common stock a. No. shares authorized 132,000	330
	b. No. shares outstanding 132,000 (par value)	330
	Surplus	216
Undivided profits	200	
Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves	1,076	
<b>TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL</b>	<b>14,514</b>	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL</b>	<b>14,514</b>	
MEMORANDA	Average for 30 calendar days ending with report date:	
	Cash and due from banks	2,464
	Fed. funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	293
	Total loans	10,249
	Time deposits of \$100,000 or more in domestic offices	688
	Total deposits	13,444
	Fed. funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	none
	Liabilities for borrowed money	none
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>14,702</b>
	Standby letters of credit (outstanding as of report date)	none
Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more (outstanding as of report date)	688	
Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more (outstanding as of report date)	none	

I, Betty Jane Tittle  
Name  
Vice-Pres.-Cashier  
Title

of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Betty Jane Tittle  
Signature  
October 11, 1978  
Date

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

Don W. Zinsley  
[Signature]  
[Signature]  
Directors

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KRAFT'S PARTY BUTTER **MINTS** 8 OZ PKG **49¢**

6 OZ SIZE **JELLO** 2 FOR **85¢**

HUNTS 8 OZ CAN 2 FOR **TOMATO SAUCE** **39¢**

WISHBONE ITALIAN **DRESSING** 8 OZ **59¢**

SUNSHINE 303 CAN **TURNIPS & GREENS** **29¢**

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DEL MONTE 303 CAN **SEASONED PEAS** **33¢**

FRUIT **COCKTAIL** STOKELYS 303 CAN **45¢**

**SOUP** CAMPBELLS CHICKEN NOODLE NO. 1 CAN **22¢**

**BEANS** RANCH STYLE 300 CAN 2/ FOR **63¢**

**MENUDO** EL-PASO 300 SIZE **49¢**

DEL MONTE 303 CAN **MIXED VEGETABLES** **33¢**

DEL MONTE 6 OZ CAN **TOMATO JUICE** 6 PACK **79¢**

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**WESSON OIL** 48 OZ JAR **\$1.98** LIMIT 1

**FLOUR** GLADIOLA 5 LB BAG **79¢**

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12 OZ PKG **\$1.09**

# YOGURT

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# GARBAGE BAGS

GLAD KITCHEN 15 CT **89¢**

# WOOLITE

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# PINESOL

6 OZ BOT **39¢**

# TOWELS

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FOR SALE: Dry Mesquite wood, \$40 a cord, U-haul, 846-4351.

## WORD OF THANKS

Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful. Also thanks to Larry Gill of the Church of Christ.

W.H. Royce, The McDonalds, W. Chancey

To those who expressed their sympathy in so many beautiful and practical ways during our recent bereavement we extend our heartfelt thanks. Also thanks to all those who donated to the funeral.

The family of Floyd Alton Moses

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all for the prayers, flowers, food and words of kindness during our loss. Thanks also to the staff at the Star Nursing Home for the care.

The family of Sam Vinson

Thanks ever so much for the visits, cards, flowers, especially the prayers and every kind deed while I was in the hospital. Your thoughtfulness will be forever appreciated.

We wish to thank all of our many friends for the gifts and visits for our housewarming held last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Shugart

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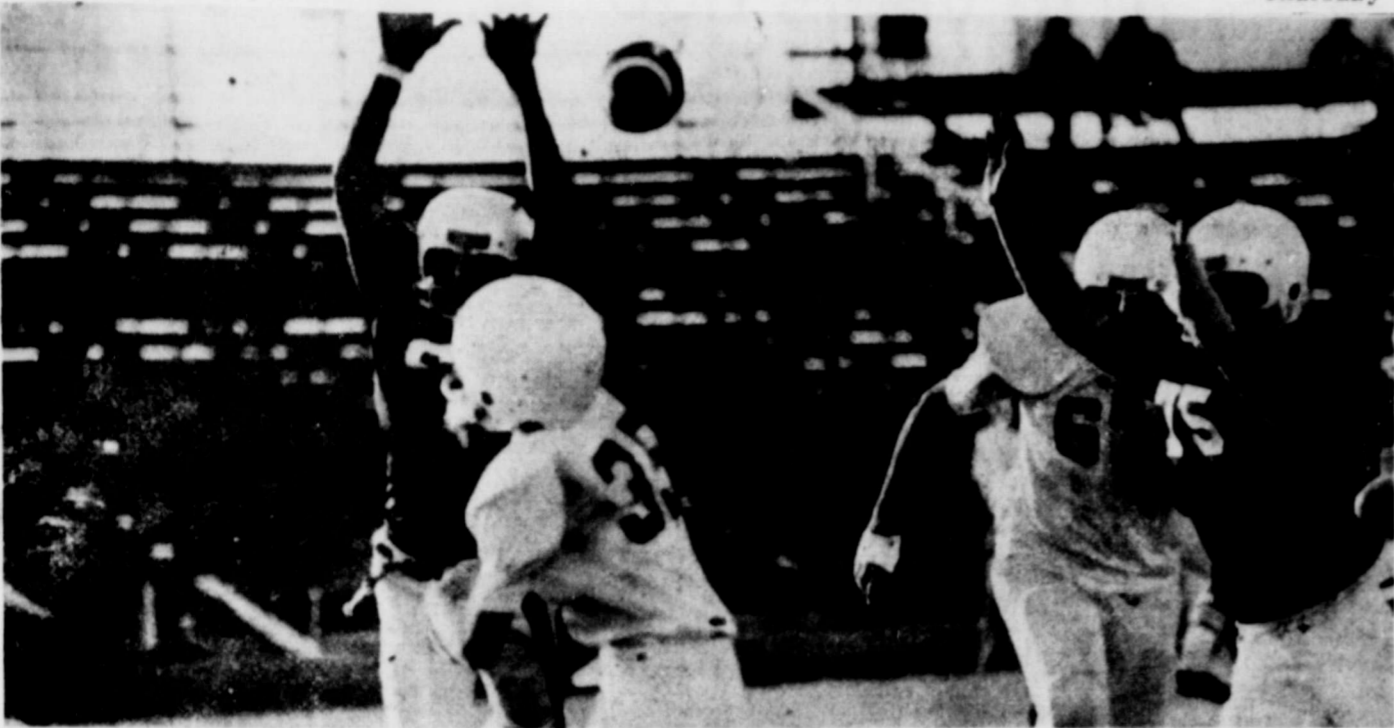
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The Anson 8th grade quarterback, barely gets off a pass as the Badgers close in. (Staff Photo by Glenn Richards)



Rick Howes is stopped after a gain during Merkel's loss to Anson last Friday. (Staff Photo by Glenn Richards)

## Merkel honor students named for grades 1-8

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## Badgers looking for win no. 3

by Cloy A. Richards

There is good news and bad news for the Merkel Badgers drive for a winning season this year.

The good news is that three of their four remaining games will be played in Badger Stadium this year. The Badgers have won their two previous home games and suffered four losses on the road.

The bad news is that the Badgers will face three of the four best teams in the district their last four games.

Ballinger is 1-5 on the year and Badger head Coach Jerry McLeod says he doesn't see how Ballinger is at 1-5. He says Ballinger is tough and they have some outside speed that just may cause nightmares for Badger defenders.

Sr. running back Ellison Portis has 9.6 speed for the 100 yard dash and Badger supporters may remember him well from last year. Portis scored on two long touchdown runs in last year's contest and McLeod said the Badgers would have to be on the lookout for him.

McLeod said that Portis is the type of runner that Ballinger will try just about anything to get the ball to him. The Ballinger squad operates out of the Wishbone and relies heavily on the option, sweeps and swing passes to the outside.

McLeod also said that Ballinger will outweigh Merkel in most of the interior line positions.

When asked how the Badgers would react following their 20-12 loss to the Anson Tigers, McLeod said that there are a lot of seniors on the Badgers squad that will probably be playing their last football games unless some of the senior are given the opportunity to play college ball. Coupled with pride in the fact that the Badgers can beat any of the teams remaining on the schedule, the Badgers will go into the Ballinger game trying to put on a strong finish for this year season.

As far as injuries go, the Badgers will regain safety Mike Brady who sat out during the Anson game. Keith Shields, a part of the big 1-2 punch in the Badger ground game is still listed as questionable for the Ballinger contest. Shields suffered a dislocated thumb in the 33-0 pounding of the Winters Blizzards and saw no action against Anson.

Ballinger head coach Bernie Hagans said that his squad has had no trouble making yards from the Wishbone, but like all wishbone offenses, fumbles have been a large problem.

Hagans said the Ballinger squad has quite a few injuries, and two linemen as well as their tight end would not play in Friday's contest.

About the Badgers, Hagans said, "They impress me defensively because they can jam up the middle so well and it takes one of the options away from a wishbone attack. Offensively the Badgers have the ability to take those two big running backs (Howes and Shields) and shove the ball down your throat."

Hagans said that his squad would not go to the air that often and since the Badgers depend heavily on the run it should set up a ball control, rushing format for the game.

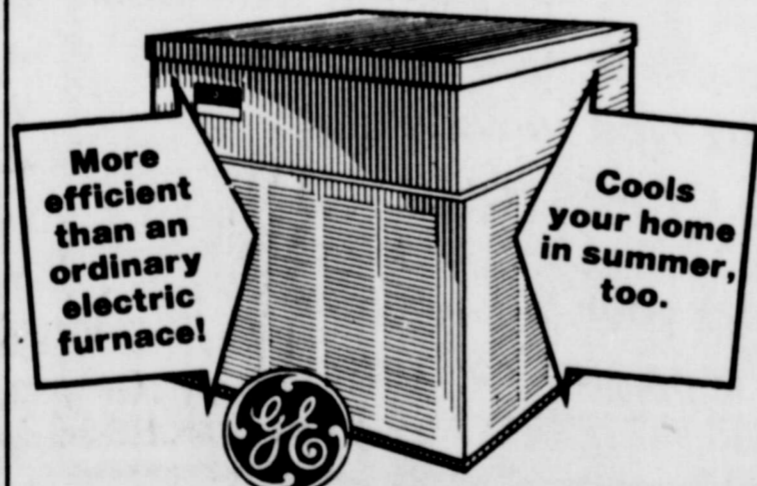
Hagans also said the Ballinger offense doesn't really pick a point of attack, they simply take what the defense will give. Hagans said that since the Ballinger J.V. has no scheduled game this week that some players will be moved to the varsity to beef up his lining squad.

Ballinger lost a hard fought 6-0 contest to

Stamford as the Bearcats won the statistical battle but turned the ball over five times. Portis rushed for over 100 yards during that contest. Kickoff for the game is set for 7:30 p.m. in Badger Stadium.

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An Anson runner finds it tough going up the middle of the Badger defense. (Staff Photo by Glenn Richards)

# Anson downs Badgers

by Glenn Richards

The Anson Tigers handed the Badgers a tally mark on the wrong side last Friday night. The Badgers couldn't push the ball in on their last drive and the winless team from Anson ruined their perfect season with a 20-12 win against Merkel.

"Anson did a good job of execution after our first fumble, they drove down and scored and that set the tone for the game," said Coach McLeod. After picking up the fumble, Anson drove 75 yards in 9 plays capping it off with a run from Joe Godinez to score the touchdown. The PAT was good for two points.

Merkel came back on fine runs by Rick Howes and Buster Browne and marched down field. Bart Pursley scored on a 9 yard quarterback sneak to make the score 8-6, as it remained until after halftime.

Merkel came out the second half, took the ball after an Anson fumble on their own 27 yard line. Rick Howes took the ball on first down, 27 yards for the T.D. giving Merkel a 12-8 lead early in the first half.

Anson scored on a 55 yard pass to Kenneth Loft with 7:27 left in the third quarter to give Anson back the lead.

Anson then sewed up the game when Joe Godinez intercepted a Pursley pass and took it to the Badger 11. Three plays later, again Joe Godinez caught one. This time in the end zone. Putting the game out of reach.

Missing from the Badger lineup were Keith Shields who suffered a dislocated thumb in the game against Winter and Mike Brady, Merkel Safety, was also sidelined due to injuries.

Coach McLeod had feelings on two things, he said on the game. "We shouldn't have to depend on something happening late in the game to win. A team like that needs to be beaten out early, any team can win late."

"There's a lot of seniors that want to end up winners. And that's what we want to do."

The Badgers will play Ballinger this Friday night.



Bart Pursley in thought on the sidelines.

(Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

# Mail Bag; 70 years ago

Halloween 1908 will be remembered for awhile by the people of Merkel. The older people as well as the younger have cause to remember how Merkel celebrated the "night of pranks". Spooks arrived in ghostly white costumes, would-be devils, witches, etc. were everywhere. The usual pranks and then some were played as in the time honored custom of Halloween night. Gates were removed from their hinges to be found Sunday morning in the branches of some mesquite tree, hung to telephone post or most anywhere you would not think of looking for them. Any buggy, delivery hack or wagon that the youngsters chanced upon was promptly carried to the suburbs of town, put in your neighbors lot or some other remote place. The usual pumpkin-head jack-o-lanterns were very much in windows. The proverbial black cat, accompanied by the witches were to be seen most everywhere. One of our business men's delivery truck was carried off and a cord of his neighbor's wood piled upon it.

We do not know much about the political game,

anyway, but we know how to run a newspaper and even are going to give the readers of The Mail their money's worth. As a political prophet we are a positive failure, but we can tell you all about it after its all over and the smoke has cleared away.

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The Mail invites any reader who notices a name in the "Mail Bag" to pass along any further information on the people that made this part of the state what it is today.

## Moses dies

Services were held Monday for Floyd Alton Moses of Rt. 2, Trent in Rockdale.

Moses died Oct. 14 at the West Texas Medical Center in Abilene after a lengthy illness. He was 36 years old.

Moses lived in Trent most of his life and was a member of the Baptist Church.

He is survived by one son, Jimmy Don; two daughters, Rhonda and Kimberley Moses; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Moses of Trent; seven brothers; Glynn of Kansas City, Mo., Lloyd of Trent, Edwin of Houston, Alvin of Trent, Mickey of Trent, Timmy of Houston and Lester of Trent; six sisters; Wanda Wright of Abilene, Linda Keezenka of Gatesville, Jo Ann Wright of Sweetwater, Joyce Chaturvest of Trent, Teresa Moses of Trent, and Melody Moses of Trent.

## Palmer dies at 94

Services for Edward Luther Palmer, 94, who died Saturday, were at 2 p.m. Monday at Starbuck Funeral Chapel with Rev. Lynward Harrison, retired Methodist minister, officiating assisted by Larry Gill, Merkel Church of Christ minister. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Sept. 13, 1884 in Van Zandt County, he married Beulah Jane Barber on Nov. 16, 1904, in Edgewood. He was preceded in death by his wife in 1975. He moved to Merkel in 1919 and he lived there the rest of his life. He was a farmer.

Mr. Palmer was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Woodman of the World. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include four sons, Earl and Nolan of Merkel, Eddie of Abilene and Leslie of Arlington; a daughter, Mrs. Opal Winn of Denison; a sister, Cora Wilson of Dallas; 18 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; and 7 great great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four children. Grandsons were the pallbearers.

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## Rick Howes: He wants to win

You know how you always read those interviews with big collegiate and pro football players that says things like "I just like to hit people" or "It's a good way to get rid of your frustrations" or those backs that say "yeah the backs score the touchdowns but they'd be nowhere without our linemen." I always thought emotional and deep feelings of thought such as that came only with the million dollar contracts or the full scholarship and new car players.

But I proved myself wrong when I sat down to talk to Rick Howes, linebacker and running back for the Badgers. Rick told me some things I knew and a lot I haven't even thought of.

Rick enjoys playing football. "I like it a lot. The main thing I really like it for is because it's something I'm good in and that's how I get my credit from the townspeople," said Rick. "I also like it for the chance it gives me to be somebody. To go to college and gain recognition." Rick plans on making it pay for him. He's put in a lot of dues and he feels college would be a good way to get repaid.

But Rick's got a special kind of college in mind. "I want to play where I can be equal with my teammates. I don't want anyone looking down on me," explains Rick. Rick has a deep belief in team spirit, he feels that is the main difference between this year's team and last year's.

Rick has been coached by Jerry McLeod since coach McLeod arrived here at the beginning of his sophomore year. "Coach McLeod has helped me a lot, he kind of turned stuff around in football" said Rick.

As far as Doug Grimes, assistant coach, goes. "He's like a kid with us, he knows how we feel so we can relate to him," said Rick.

Rick cited the number of players out for football as a problem this year. "The students just don't come out for it like they do in other towns. The guys that do play put out 100 per cent but there are a lot more that could but don't," he explained.

When asked what he thought the reason was that more people don't come out for football, Rick gave three reasons. 1. The kids just don't want to

put out the effort. 2. They have to choose between sports and other school activities, and 3. The main reason, Rick felt, there are so few students out for football was parents. "The parents they always say you gotta do better than this person or Merkel people have to do better than Ty people. But there ain't no way one person is going to be better than the other person in winning. There has to be an equal effort, either everybody wins or everybody loses." Rick feels that the parents should let the kids play it as a game. "If the parents would just understand that the kids want to go out and play as a team and win. They're not interested in playing favorites."

Rick, as do most starters for Merkel, goes both ways offense and defense. Which does he like better? "That's a rough one. Defense, I'd rather hit someone than get hit." Makes sense.

The Badgers are 2-4 on the season with both wins coming at home. Rick tries to explain, "If every one is yelling then you get psyched up, but if they're all just sitting there yawning, you gotta psyche yourself up."

At the end of every football game, one hard fact stands above all others, who won. Rick got a philosophical on me here. "Losing hurts a lot. You can learn two things from losing: 1. You can learn how to succeed because you either bounce back, or 2. You can learn how to quit." Winning and losing is a big thing to Rick. He started out with this familiar statement "It doesn't matter if you win or..." but there he stopped and then he tried "...well it does matter but... maybe not as much as what you learn."

"The main thing I believe though is to learn how to react when you win and when you lose."

Rick plays football for a couple of reasons, one that I stated before was for recognition, another is "I like hitting people. Something where you can take out your frustrations if you have a fight with your girlfriend, you can take it out on the guys in practice. During a game, it's different though. It's just the feeling of winning. The feelings of whipping the guy across from you." The final reason he plays is probably more a philosophy than an excuse. "The object of life is to win, so that's what I want to do, WIN!!!"

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Rick Howes heads upfield after taking a handoff from Bart Pursley. (Staff Photo by Glenn Richards)

## Tye Elementary School news

The Halloween King and Queen will be crowned on Halloween night in the Tye Elementary School Cafeteria. The candidates who raised the most money for the class will be crowned King and Queen of the school carnival.

Candidates are: Kindergarten; Mrs. Paige; Christi Moore daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore and Bob Dillon son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dillon; First Grade; Mrs. Evans class; Shanna Key daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mac Key and Shawn Miller son of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Miller; Mrs. Reed's class; Mi Hwa Chon daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pyong O Chon and Matthew Thornton son of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Thornton; Second grade; Mrs. Coke's class; Cissy Sever daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sever and Shannon Pence son of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Pence; Mrs. Sloan's class; Mary Dillon daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dillon and Monty Griffin son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Griffin; Third grade; Mrs. Key's class; Michelle Goodgion daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Goodgion and Maury Oler son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Oler; Fourth grade; Mrs. Winter's class; Kathy Corbin daughter of Sherron Corbin

and Dusty Moore son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore; Fifth grade; Mrs. Dean's class; Stephanie Boyd daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boyd and Jerry Jordan son of Mr. Lloyd Jordan. Best of luck to all class candidates.

The Tye Elementary School Honor Roll is as follows:

Second Grade A Honor Roll: Son Mi Chon, Mary Dillon, Tina Havner, Traci Orr, Tasha Todd, Shellie Glisson, Lori Owen, Cissy Sever; A-B Honor Roll: Shelley Thornton, Eric Smith, Scott Renaud, Davy DeLeon, Shannon Pence, Mendy Bunselmeyer.

Third Grade A Honor Roll: Stacie Johnson, Michelle Goodgion, Clara Herrera; A-B Honor Roll: Joe Alvarez, Patricia Cawthron, Lyn Allison, Maury Oler, Kim Watson, Allan Isom, Tami Israel.

Fourth Grade A Honor Roll: Sandra Kotlik; A-B Honor Roll: Dusty Moore, Joe Miles, Kathy Corbin.

Fifth Grade A Honor Roll: Mike Allison, Kevin Mitchell, Keith Watson; A-B Honor Roll: Stephanie Boyd.

## Tye second, third grade news

On Halloween night Black cats and bats will appear. Mysterious sights Third graders at Tye are going to be learning about Haiku. They are going to write their own Halloween Haiku verses. The Haiku has become a very popular poetic form. It is a three-line verse form which

## F. F. A. news

by Patti Bird and Jan Melton

Well, we got back from Dallas Saturday, everybody was tired and glad to be home. There was a lot of good stock that we had to show against, so we are really proud of the outcome. Randy Holmes took 2nd place with a medium weight Poland China while Robert Cunningham took 11th place in the same class with barrows they bought from Bill Miller from Tahoka. Buster Brown got 14th with an Angus Heifer.

Vernon Presswood took 30th with a lightweight hamp and fine-wool cross and Mike Pape placed 36th in a lightweight Hamp class. We would now like to thank Fannell Boney for bringing dinner to us one day. J.A. Sadler for being chaperon and also Randy Bond for helping with the lambs.

This week we are spotlighting our Ag II 3rd period class:

Chris Cox, a junior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cox of Noodle.

Chris is the president of our F.F.A. Chapter.

He is also vice president of the student council. Chris's projects this year includes pigs, cattle, and raising crops. Last year he raised pigs, crops and a bull.

Dusty Windham is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Windham of Merkel.

Dusty is a new student at Merkel. He was active in V.A. in Athens, Texas. His projects included sows, boars, barrows, gilts and steers.

He was a student council representative, class officer, participated on Farm skills team and was active in sports.

Mark Bland is the son of Mrs. A.C. Bland of Merkel.

In Mark's freshman year, he raised a Hampshire barrow, participated in F.F.A. judging teams, parliamentary procedure team, and the stock shows. He was very active in sports.

This year, Mark has one spot barrow, one Hampshire barrow and three Hampshire gilts. Mark is also a sophomore student council representative.

originated in the thirteenth century in Japan. The poem always totals seventeen syllables with the first line having five, the second line having seven and the third line, five again.

The Haiku always includes references to seasons and nature. It has no rhyme and should have few articles and few pronouns.

We will begin by listing Halloween-related words on the chalkboard and grouping words according to the numbers of syllables.

When the verses have been written, the students may share their verses with the class.

Second Grade Mrs. Coke

In our second grade class this week, we have been using an exercise called "Language Arts Rummy." The exercise challenges the students to recognize letters and their respective sounds and to form words with these letters. The 52 cards are made from oaktag. There are two matching sets of alphabet cards, each containing a letter and a picture of an object that begins with the letter. One child deals and gives 10 cards to each of two to four players and places the remaining cards face down on the table. The children that are playing look at their cards and arrange them in words that have two or more letters, using each card only once. The first player lays down his or her "words". To finish the turn, the player picks a card from the deck and then discards. Other players proceed in the same way, finishing each turn by picking up a card from either the discard pile or the deck. The first player to use all of his cards wins. We've had lots of fun discovering how many words we can sound out and spell.

## At crossings: stop, look, listen

by Cloy A. Richards

A story in last week's Mail read "Briscoe says 22-28 RR Crossing safety week."

Merkel residents are semi-forced to observe that each week. Merkel is one of the few communities that, by design, most residents that get in their car each day are forced to cross the railroad tracks.

Of the three crossings in Merkel, two are well protected, and well maintained. The third is the east crossing and it is bumpy and the only warning device is a

wooden sign. At those type of crossings, as well as at rural crossings, the watchwords are stop, look, and listen.

While I was growing up, I was a recipient of a lot of information about railway safety. My father, up until his retirement from Texas A&M, spent a good part of his professional career improving safety standards and equipment at grade crossing across the country.

What I learned from all of that exposure are a couple of basic facts motorist should always

look both ways before crossing. You don't trust turn signals from on-coming cars and simply because the lights at a crossing are not flashing should not mean to the motorist that the crossing is clear.

Very few train-car accidents are minor. A train is not a very easy thing to stop and impact with an automobile will usually leave the passenger seriously injured at best. Another fact, most car-train accidents occur when the driver either doesn't see the train or tries to beat it across the tracks.

It is easy to take things for granted on the three Merkel crossings. Most of the residents know the train schedules. But just because you know the regular schedule doesn't mean that you know when special runs are scheduled.

Use care when crossing all rail tracks. They will be a part of your daily life as long as you reside in Merkel and as long as trains are needed. And there is no argument to the necessity of rail movement of goods.

## Legal notice

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ALVIN J. SMITH, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Alvin J. Smith

were issued on the 11th day of October, 1978, in Cause No. 13,627, pending in the Probate Court of Taylor County, Texas, to:

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The residence of such Executrix is Taylor

County, Texas. The post office address is: c/o Walter P. Morton, Jr. P.O. Box 3636 Abilene, Texas 79604

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently

being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 11th day of October, 1978. Walter P. Morton, Jr. Attorney for the Estate 36-1tc

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## Trent school news

The first graders at Trent Elementary School are happy to welcome a new student, Mike Wallis from Justin.

The class elected Michael Jackson and Melony Orr as Halloween King and Queen to represent the first grade. The class will be in charge of the fishing booth at the Halloween Carnival this year. To get into the Halloween spirit, we have enjoyed reading several books about ghost and goblins.

The second grade enjoyed doing experiments in science. They learned that mixing vinegar and soda can form a gas which can blow up a balloon. They also learned that sounds are made by vibrations.

The second grade would like to invite everyone to visit their Halloween booth Monday evening Oct. 30 in the new gym. They will host a game of skill.

November third grade birthdays include Cookie Renfro and Dee Hazelwood. The third graders won the spirit stick at the High School Pep Rally. The third graders will have grab bags at the Halloween Carnival. David Conaster and Tracie Russell are the Halloween carnival nominees.

The fourth and fifth grade are preparing the artwork for a color film titled "Safest Show on Earth". The filmstrip will be prepared by the Texas Safety Department free of charge and returned to the class to be reviewed. They report being anxious to see their own artwork on film.

The Trent fifth grade is getting ready for the Halloween carnival. They are inviting everyone who would like to see into their future to come by their fortune telling booth. One stop will bring you a fortune cookie and a mystic will look into your future.

In science, the fifth grade is studying the earth. Kim Wallis brought in some large pieces of petrified wood found in this area. Class members also brought in rocks Monday to classify as igneous, sedimentary or metamorphic.

The fifth graders also made Indian tepees last week to complete the display of Indian houses.

Their new Halloween center is Pumpkin Eyes. The children match the pumpkins to make the pumpkins' eyes.

The junior class at Trent High will be sponsoring a cake walk with a special prize going to the person that wins the most cakes.

The Senior Class at Trent nominated their class favorites. They are Kerry Patterson and Leanna West. Their King and Queen nominees are John McLeod and Judy Driggers.

The Senior Class will be hosting a auction including sewed or hand made items.

## Trent junior high wins; season record now 2-3

The Trent Junior High Gorillas upped their season record to 2-3 with a 19-7 win over Hobbs last Thursday.

The win put Trent in third place in the district race.

Scoring in the first quarter for Trent was Billy Williams, when he went 20 yards for a touchdown, the extra point failed.

In the second quarter, John Weaver scored on a 12 yard run and again the extra point was no good.

The Gorilla's last touchdown came when Matt Jackson intercepted a Hobbs pass and raced 53 yards for a touchdown. John Weaver connected on the extra point.

So far this season, defense has been the name of the game for the Junior High Gorillas.

Trent finishes their 1978 football campaign in Ira Thursday night at 6 p.m.

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# Trent News

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The league leading 1978 Trent

Gorillas. (Staff photo by glenn Richards)

## Gorillas win 66-20

The Trent Gorillas kept their share of the six man football district lead and their perfect record intact as they destroyed Southland 66-20 in Trent Friday night.

Trent outscored Southland 24-0 in the first quarter, 8-0 in the second quarter, 20-14 in the third quarter and 14-6 in the final stanza.

The Big Country's leading scorer, Herbert Beaver, opened the Trent scoring when he raced 20 yards for a touchdown on the first Trent offensive play, as Lloyd Williams added the extra point.

Beaver scored the second touchdown when he unleashed a 45 yard scoring romp as Williams again added the point after.

Gorilla quarterback Danny Freeman, then hit Kerry Patterson with a 43 yard touchdown pass as Williams again toed the point after.

Herbert Beaver then raced 65 yards for a touchdown and Williams added the point after.

Herbert Beaver scored again in the third quarter as he ran for two touchdowns, one run

of 55 yards and a run of 39 yards. Williams had one of the extra points blocked and he converted the other.

Freeman then hit on two scoring strikes as he connected on a 13 yarder with Eddie Adams and then Kerry Patterson hauled in his second touchdown pass from 8 yards out.

The contest was stopped with two minutes remaining when the 45 point rule was enacted.

Danny Freeman had one of his best nights in the passing department, when he hit on a perfect seven passes in seven attempts.

Herbert Beaver demolished the Southland defense as he carried the ball 15 times for 280 yards for an incredible 18 yard plus average.

The Trent coach reported that the Gorillas had real fine effort from both the offensive and defensive units.

The Gorilla defense forced a fumble on the first offensive play and recovered the ball on the Southland 20. On the next play, Herbert Beaver took an option pitch from Danny Freeman and Beaver went in.



The Trent Gorilla Cheerleaders. (Staff Photo by glenn Richards)



**Trent sets**

**Homecoming,  
parade plans**

The Trent Homecoming Parade starts at 10:00. This year's entries include the Trent High School Band and Twirlers, an entry from the First Methodist Church, the First Baptist Church and the Trent Church of Christ.

The High School has several entries including the FFA, FHA, and Cheerleaders. We have a few "Clowns" some older and younger ones.

The Trent Fire Department has agreed to participate, along with the Water Department. Many of the local farmers and their families. We also have some local citizens involved such as Mrs. Odell Dickerson and her grandchildren. We also have several

folks on horse back and bicycles and lots more surprises! Plan to come and welcome the Ex'es and Watch Trent beat the Hermleigh Cardinals!

The 1979 Trent Gorilla will be sold during Homecoming. The price is \$8 and \$1 if persons would like to have their name imprinted on the cover.

There are a few 1978 annuals still available which will also be on sale during Homecoming.

Members of the annual staff include: Leanna West, Billie Gregory, Leslie Masonheimer, Velma Perkins, Debbie Jackson, John McLeod and Sherry Jackson.

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# Cotton producers discuss policies

"Cotton producers' per bale assessments for research and promotion are paying off—now and for the future," said Dukes Wooters, president of Cotton Incorporated, at an areawide growers' meeting to report on the fiber company's progress.

Cotton growers from the area met and talked with Wooters and Hal Brockmann, vice president of textile research and development.

Cotton producers Billy W. Golden of Seymour, a member of the Cotton Board, and R.H. Whorton of Roscoe, a member of Cotton Incorporated's Board of Directors, served as co-chairmen for the meeting. Golden cited the federal law that specifically prohibits the use of funds collected from cotton producers for research and marketing to be used to influence legislation. He added that cotton growers cannot look totally to government programs to achieve optimum prices for cotton or to guarantee them a profitable future in cotton production.

"This can be attained in the marketplace," said Golden, "but only if we have a strong, sophisticated marketing program. Every cotton producer has to start thinking of himself as a fiber manufacturer and supplier and realize that we are competing for markets with some of the most powerful companies in the world."

Whorton added: "We can't win these marketplace battles individually, but we can compete collectively through Cotton Incorporated. We can see here today that we have a professional, aggressive staff that is getting results for us in the marketplace. Cotton has come a long way in just a few years, but we will be right back where we started when the synthetic fiber companies begin taking our markets away unless all cotton producers make a commitment to give their full support to this program."

Wooters commented that Cotton Incorporated's agricultural programs produce results that are most visible to farmers and closest to their day-by-day concerns. "It is also essential to recognize the importance of marketing," he stated, "for this is the key to increasing demand for your cotton. Increased demand is a major factor in strengthening the price of cotton."

Wooters went on to discuss the growing success of the company's high-cotton program—Natural Blend fabrics—for putting more cotton into men's shirts and bedsheets. "Cannon Mills has just expanded their 60 cotton-40 polyester sheet line for fall," he reported, "and soon we will have a major retail chain selling a Natural Blend sheet

under their own label."

The planned introduction of a 100 per cent cotton no-iron men's shirt by Arrow next spring could be cotton's "turning point," according to Wooters. He sees this breakthrough as a means of recapturing the shirt market for cotton. "This program needs all the promotional support Cotton Incorporated can give to make sure of its success," he stated. Arrow plans to have its new shirts in the stores next spring. Van Heusen since has announced plans to have an all-cotton, easy care shirt on the market this winter. These are the two largest shirt manufacturers in the country.

Farmers heard about the investment Springs Mills made in Mostly Cotton shirtings. "We worked closely with Springs for over a year to help them engineer Cotton Incorporated's Natural Blend concepts so that they could supply the first fabric for the Manhattan Shirt Company," explained Hal Brockmann. Springs has expanded its mostly cotton production to other apparel and over-the-counter fabrics.

The Natural Blend story originated in Cotton Incorporated's Raleigh, N.C. textile research center. Producer dollars now are showing results in a process that cleans cotton for open end spinning. "These improvements will help mills and spinners take advantage of the efficiencies in the open end system—and facilitate greater use of cotton," he commented.

Wooters told the group, "This equipment will deliver pure, white cotton at a competitive price. The potential here—primarily with disposable products—amounts to three-quarters of a million bales of new usage each year."

Wooters discussed the vital importance of another kind of "clean cotton" research needed to solve the byssinosis problem. "The new cotton dust regulations make it imperative that our research continue in finding an effective means of controlling dust from farm to mill," he asserted. Cotton Incorporated has invested more money (\$6.5 million) than any other group for byssinosis research.

Meanwhile, Wooters continued, cotton farmers are seeing their costs of production reduced and their yields improved as a result of Cotton Incorporated research. The successes of early season cotton amount to a revolution in certain areas, he remarked, while modulating and improved gin feeding systems are saving farmers money.

# Newsbriefs

## Scout news

Troop 218 of Merkel attended the Fall Camporee Oct. 14th and 15th. The Camporee was held east of Moran.

Attending from Merkel were: Darrell Shipman, Chris Mashburn, Kyle Wolf, Randy Leve-rich, Eddie Harris, Tim Brady, and Kelly Wolf. Thanks to Jimmy Leve-rich for staying out with the boys and to John Brady for helping take the boys out to the Camporee.

## Carnival nixed

The Stith Halloween Carnival has been cancelled due to a conflict in plans. A game night has been planned for a later date.

## GAs meet

The G.A.'s and Acteen of the First Baptist Church, had a slumber party last Friday night Oct. 13 at the First Baptist Church. There were around 20 girls attending and all had a wonderful sleepless time. We would like to thank the girl's parents for their help with the refreshments, and remind everyone that the girls are selling "Tupperware" as a fund raiser for their up-coming projects. If anyone needs anything, please contact one of the girls or Rebecca Sharp. Also, if anyone discovers anything missing from the party, there are several "Left Over" items at the church to be claimed.

## Hogan graduated

Sandra June Hogan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F.T. Hogan, Jr., 210 Oak Street in Merkel, was one of 117 master's degree candi-

dates during Abilene Christian University's 1978 Summer Commencement. The Commencement exercises were held on August 18 in the University Church of Christ Auditorium. Miss Hogan received a master in business administration in a c-counting degree.

## Visitors

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Harwell on Saturday, October 24 were their 4 children. They were Floyd and La Verne Fortner of Antioch, California, Frances Carey of Merkel, Charles Harwell of Odessa and Charlotte Turner of San Antonio. Also present was a grandson, David Harwell of Odessa, a granddaughter, Youlinda Hester of Bedford, and a great grandson, David Hester of Bedford.

## Class meets

The Lydia Sunday School Class of the First

Baptist Church enjoyed a class party Oct. 17 in the home of Mrs. Barbara Fowler. Co-hostess was Mrs. Jeanie Reynolds. Officers were elected for the coming year. They are: President-Joy Smith, Vice Pres. Yvonne Sloan, Sec.-Tres. Rose Etheridge, Mission Chair-man-Belle Hammond, Group Captains - Larve

Williams and Vicki Thomas. Secretaries were revealed. Desserts, coffee and tea were served by the hostesses. Those attending the party were: Barbara Fowler, Jeanie Reynolds, Jill Board, Larve Williams, Sherry Ferguson, Rose Etheridge, Yvonne Sloan, Mozelle Wharton and Joy Smith.

## Reader responds

A name from the "Mail Bag", a regular feature of the Mail, concerning Merkel History from years ago drew some response from a local reader last week.

In the Oct. 12 "Mail Bag" a name, W.F. Hughes, appeared. A local reader has supplied more information about Mr. Hughes.

His full name was William Franklin Hughes and he was married to Lucindy. He was from Alabama and lost an arm in the Battle for Atlanta.

In his weak condition he contracted tuberculosis and was given a short time to live unless he moved to a climate such as this.

He was an inspiration to all who knew him because of his determination to make a go of it as he would say.

He was 90 years old when he died and is buried in the Merkel cemetery.

The children of this family include John S. Hughes, Mrs. Gene Patterson, Hayne Hughes, Charlie Hughes, Ella Hughes and Mrs. Doris Cox.

Mrs. Cox is the only living child and she is 93. She lives with her daughter, Mrs. Oliver (Alma) Rister at 1211 S. 2nd in Merkel.

## TSTI slates real estate courses

Basic courses designed for would-be real estate salespersons will be offered at TSTI Sweetwater in November and December.

The classes scheduled are Course 101, Basic Fundamentals, Nov. 11, 12, 18 and 19; Course 201, Principals of Real Estate, Nov. 25 and 26 and Dec. 2 and 3; and

Course 301, Practice of Real Estate, Dec. 9, 10, 16 and 17.

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 Bessie T. Merritt in memory of Celia Merritt  
 T.R. Blair  
 Mrs. W.M. Whisenunt  
 Irene Sosebee Estate  
 Comer and Lucy Haynes, and Nell Teaff in memory of Claude Warren, Almeda Bullock and John West  
 Mrs. John Mansfield in memory of Claude Warren  
 Mrs. George T. Moore in memory of Almeda Bullock and Claude Warren  
 Mr. and Mrs. Price Mitchell in memory of Almeda Bullock  
 Mrs. Earl Stovall  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley in memory of Almeda Bullock and Celia Merritt  
 Mrs. Earl Baze in memory of Almeda Bullock  
 Jessie Head and John West  
 Mrs. Albert Criswell in memory of Jessie Head  
 Pet Touchstone in memory of Almeda Bullock  
 Dr. and Mrs. W.T. Sadler in memory of Almeda Bullock  
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 Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble in memory of John West  
 Fannelle Boney in memory of John West  
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 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howard in memory of Claude Warren  
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 Mr. and Mrs. Cal McAninch in memory of Almeda Bullock  
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Bart Pursley rifles a pass downfield in last week's Anson game. (Staff Photo by Glenn Richards)

## Legal Notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
 THE STATE OF TEXAS  
 TO: Billy Joe Alley,  
 Respondent.  
 GREETINGS:  
 YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District 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 State Department of Human Resources, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 23rd day of August, 1978, against Billy Joe Alley, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 1362-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Victor Eugene Alley, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to Receive Temporary Child Support from the Mother. Said

child was born the 15th day of March, 1962, in Tarrence, California.  
 The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, 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 25 day of September, 1978.  
 Irene Crawford Clerk,  
 326th District Court,  
 Taylor County, Texas.  
 By Faye Lyons, Deputy.  
 34-4tc

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY  
 By virtue of an Order of Sale and Execution issued out of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas upon a Judgment rendered and entered on the 29th day of August, 1978 in favor of Lowe-Heatherly Sales and Service, a Partnership in the case of Lowe-Heatherly Sales and Service, a Partnership vs. Bernard Watts and wife, Thelma M. Watts, Individually, and d-b-a Melody Ranch Club in Cause No. 35,831-A, in the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, I did on the 5 day of October, 1978 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. levy upon the following described land situated in Taylor County, Texas, and being all of the title and interest of Bernard Watts and wife, Thelma M. Watts in the following described tracts of land:  
 TRACT I: Being 0.95 acre tract of land formerly in the name of Texas Wrecking Yard and being out of a part of the B.S.&F. Survey 1, Taylor County, Texas, and being located near the Tower Drive-In on West U.S. Highway 80.  
 TRACT II: Being a 0.6 acre tract of land out of the B.S.&F. Survey No. 1, Taylor County, Texas, and being near the Tower Drive-In and the

Embers Motel on West Highway 80.  
 TRACT III: Being a 2.47 acre tract of land out of the B.S.&F. Survey No. 1, Taylor County, Texas, located adjacent to the Sands Bow Tract, and located near the Tye Drive In on West Highway 80.  
 And all of the above described tracts of land being fully described by metes and bounds, in the judgment on file in the District Clerk's office in the above styled cause, and fully and completely described by metes and bounds in the Order of Sale in the sheriff's office Taylor County, Texas.  
 And on the 7th day of November, 1978, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m. on said day at the Courthouse door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash all of the right, title, and interest of the said Bernard Watts and wife, Thelma M. Watts, individually and d-b-a Melody Ranch Club in and to said property.  
 Dated this 5 day of October, 1978 at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.  
 Jack Landrum  
 Sheriff, Taylor County  
 Texas  
 by R.P. Blackberry  
 34-3tc

## Dudley's have son

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Paul, 7 and a sister, Dudley are proud to announce the birth of their son, Randy Joe, born Thursday, Oct. 12, at 3:19 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds 4 1/2 ounces. He has a brother, John

Robynn, who is 6. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Quannah Dudley of Merkel. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Allison of Merkel.

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Saturday, Oct. 28th

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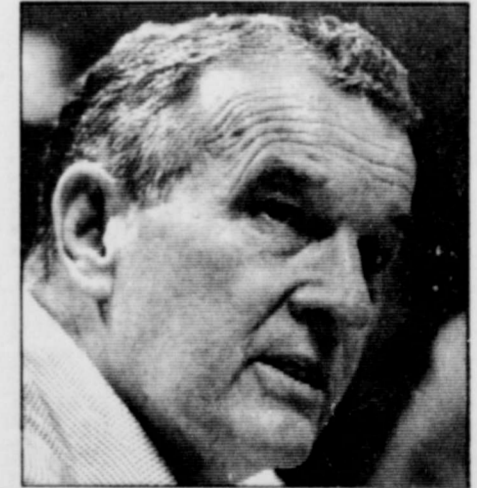
## A TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS IS PAST DUE

Bill Clements believes we still have a chance to preserve our future by establishing constitutional protection against excessive taxation and runaway government spending.

Bill Clements believes the people of Texas should have the power necessary to ratify or reject tax policies made by legislators. To establish this power (of the people), Bill Clements will introduce an amendment to the Texas Constitution that would give the people of Texas this right.

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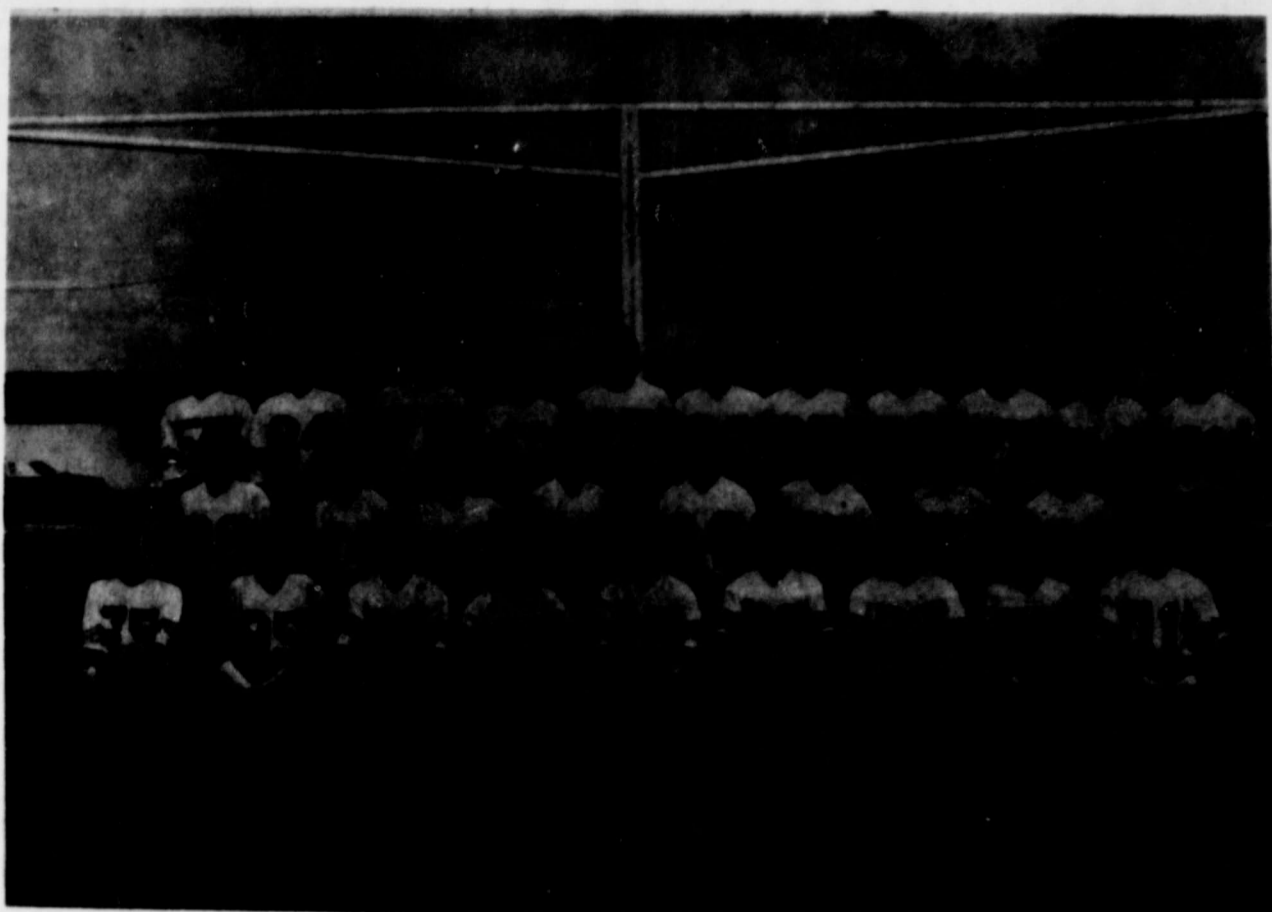
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**MERKEL BADGERS 1978  
FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

**VARSITY**

SEPTEMBER 8 AT BAIRD	8:00	0-26
SEPTEMBER 15 AT ROTAN	8:00	15-50
SEPTEMBER 22 HOMECOMING CLYDE	8:00	21-15
OCTOBER 6 AT COAHOMA	8:00	6-10
OCTOBER 13 WINTERS	7:30	33-0
OCTOBER 20 AT ANSON	7:30	12-20
OCTOBER 27 BALLINGER	7:30	
NOVEMBER 3 AT C. CITY	7:30	
NOVEMBER 10 STAMFORD	7:30	
NOVEMBER 17 WYLIE	7:30	



Rickie Howes (25), Bart Pursley (20), Keith Shields (33), Buster Brown (14), Jay Boyd (50), Mike Crouse (66), Dwayne Roysden (61), Victor Herrera (74), Jeff Jones (71), Billy Nickols (84), Mike Brady (80), Craig Hutchins (40), Rusty Watts (62), Mark Copeland (55), James Castillo (67),

James Turner (86), Billy Walters (77), Brian Fariello (65), Ricky Matherson (75), Sal Acosta (85), Jerry Goode (30), Ty Nelson (31), Lee Reddin (22), Randy Martin (11).  
Coaches are Jerry McLeod, Bob Petty, Douglas Guynes, Gary Bartee, and Sam Jernigan.

**BEAT BALLINGER**

**Junior Varsity**

Sept. 14	AT ANSON	6:30
Sept. 21	AT CLYDE	7:00
Sept. 28	JIM NED	7:30
Oct. 12	AT WINTERS	7:30
Oct. 19	ANSON	6:30
Oct. 26	AT BALLINGER	7:30
Nov. 9	AT STAMFORD	6:30
Nov. 16	AT WYLIE	6:30

**9th Grade**

Sept. 14	At ANSON	5:00	<b>22-0</b>
Sept. 21	At CLYDE	5:30	
Oct. 12	At EASTLAND	5:30	
Oct. 19	ANSON	5:00	
Oct. 26	At BALLINGER	6:00	
Nov. 2	EASTLAND	5:30	
Nov. 9	At STAMFORD	5:00	
Nov. 16	At WYLIE	5:00	

**8th Grade**

Sept. 14	ANSON	6:30	<b>6-12</b>
Sept. 21	CLYDE	7:00	
Sept. 28	JIM NED	6:00	<b>18-6</b>
Oct. 12	At WINTERS	6:00	<b>12-6</b>
Oct. 19	At ANSON	6:30	
Oct. 26	BALLINGER	7:30	
Nov. 9	AT STAMFORD	6:30	
Nov. 16	WYLIE	6:30	

**7th Grade**

Sept. 14	ANSON	5:00	<b>14-0</b>
Sept. 21	CLYDE	5:30	
Sept. 28	JIM NED	5:00	<b>18-0</b>
Oct. 12	At WINTERS	5:00	<b>22-0</b>
Oct. 19	ANSON	5:00	
Oct. 26	BALLINGER	6:00	
Nov. 9	At STAMFORD	5:00	
Nov. 16	WYLIE	5:00	

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GOLDEN CORN 2 FOR 63¢  
GREEN GIANT 303

SWEET PEAS 2 FOR 63¢  
GREEN GIANT 303 CUT

GREEN BEANS 2 FOR 63¢  
ROTEL TOMATO AND NO 1 CAN

GREEN CHILIES 2 FOR 69¢  
RANCH STYLE 300

BEANS 2 FOR 59¢  
1 G DAIRY FRESH HOMO MILK

1 G DAIRY FRESH LOWFAT MILK GAL JUG \$1.73

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GRADE "A" WHOLE 55¢  
CUT UP LB 63¢

ROAST CHUCK \$1.29

STEAK CLUB \$1.59

BACON \$1.55

SAUSAGE MERKEL LOCKER 2 LBS \$2.49

GOOCH THE WINNER 3 - 4 LB PKG \$2.39

DINNER HAM \$1.39

KRAFT — AMERICAN MARKET SLICED CHEESE \$1.39

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CHICKEN OF THE SEA TUNA 79¢  
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DEL MONTE CATSUP 55¢  
20 OZ BOTTLE

VELVEETA CHEESE \$1.39  
LB BOX

3 MINUTE OATS 99¢  
42 OZ BOX

12 OZ CAN COKE COLA \$1.19  
6 PACK

ASSORTED — 3 OZ JELL-O 59¢  
3 BOXES

CARNATION COFFEEMATE \$1.29  
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LIPTON SNOWDRIFT 3 LB CAN \$1.43

KOOL-ADE CANSTER \$1.59  
32 OZ CAN

FLOUR GOLD MEDAL 5 LB BAG 79¢

VIP PRESERVES APRICOT 18 OZ 59¢  
JAR

KRAFTS DELUXE DINNER MAC & CHEESE 69¢  
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14 OZ BOT

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GIANT SIZE

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