The Merkel Mail

Thursday, November 8, 1979

15 cents

Local gins report 5,840 bales

ginned, 3,700 stripped

The 1979 Cotton harvest in the Merkel-Trent area is going stronger than ever this week as a crop that local gin managers are calling a record breaker is being ginned in four local gins.

The Mail spoke with gin managers and bookkeepers at Merkel Gin, Stith Gin, Link Gin and Planter's Gin and their reports were good as of Monday.

Planter's Gin in Trent still leads in bales ginned as Sweetwater Compress. Ed Shafer, gin manager said there is about 1,000 bales in the yard and that about 1500 bales are in modules waiting to be ginned.

Shafer said that most of the cotton is graded out a midlin and that prices were holding at 55 cents to 57

cents and seed price was \$115 per ton. Shafer said that he expects Planter's Gin to beat their 1977 record of 5,027 bales ginned. He said that Planter's Gin had been operating around the clock for a week and felt that the 24 hour schedule would be maintained until the harvest is completed.

Stith Gin is next with 1000 bales ginned according to Co-op president George McDonald. He also said that there are 500 bales in the yard and that there are 250 modules in the field to be ginned. He said that the Stith Gin had ginned 4,000 bales in 1977 and said that the Stith Gin also expected to set all-time ginning records. He said he expects to gin between 6 and 7,000 bales this season.

The Mail made an obvious mistake in last week's harvest story, reporting that the gin was ginning eight to ten bales a day instead of eight to ten bales an hour. When we checked last week, they had not received any cotton grade cards but Mr. McDonald reports that they received grades of midlin last week. Prices are still holding at 55 to 57 cents and

seed prices dropped Monday to \$110 per ton. Mr. McDonald said "The harvest is going fine and the cotton farmer should do pretty good this year. The frost has killed some cotton in low spots, and most of the fields are being killed off." He also added that we need a good rain.

The Link Gin in Noodle has been purchased by Reginald and Kenneth Link and has been put back in working order after a fire did considerable damage to the gin early this year. Reginald Link told the Mail Monday that they had ginned 475 bales as of Monday and that they had weighed in a total of 627 bales. He said the harvest in the Noodle area was running a little behind the Trent and Merkel area and that the harvest was just now getting started. He said he had no way of predicting how much cotton they would gin this year but that they are ginning about 8 or 9 bales per hour and will probably operate around the clock

as soon as they can find the people to do it. He said he and his brother bought the gin on September 13 and that they had hoped to gin 3 to 5,000 bales this year. He said that, considering the crop, this was a good year to get into the cotton ginning business.

The Merkel Gin was the last gin to get started as they got rolling Saturday and had ginned 225 as of Monday. They had also planned to gin around the clock starting Monday. They estimated 500 bales in the yard. A bookkeeper at the Gin said they had no idea how many bales they would gin. They added that some farmers waited for the Merkel Gin to start ginning and that others did not They reported a ginning and that others did not. They reported a record 4750 bales ginned in 1977.

The Merkel Gin, Stith Gin and Link Gin have undergone extensive remodeling since last year's harvest

The four gins have ginned 5,840 bales as of Monday with 3700 already stripped and waiting to be ginned makes the total harvest as of Monday 9,540 bales and there is a long way to go before harvest is completed. Local managers also agreed that the 1977 cotton harvest set all of the current harvest records and

they ginned approximately 14,777 bales. At current prices, cotton farmers in the area will gross approximately a quarter of a million dollars on

the 9,540 bales already harvested. The Mail will run another update next week on the 1979 Cotton Harvest.

The old Noodle Gin is back in business and is now the Link Gin. Old-timers in the Noodle area are saying that there is more cotton in the yard at the

gin now than there usually was in the old days. It was heavily damaged by fire last season. (Staff photo)



project in Sunday ceremonies

The Merkel Housing Authority formally dedicated its latest property Sunday in ceremonies held at Pleasantville

Pleasantville (not Sunshine Acres) opened its doors to more than 30 residents that are at least 62 or handicapped. the project was funded through a guaranteed loan that will be administered through the Farmers and Merchants National Bank and in 40 years will belong to the city.

Merkel Housing Authority member Tommy Cutler served as master of ceremonies at Sunday's opening that was attended by FHA and City officials. Housing Authority Board member J.W. Hammond was presented a plaque for his 22 years of service to the authority

Bill Button and Howard Carson gave some words of history on the Merkel Housing Authority that first secured the loan for Brickhaven.

Merkel Mayor Lou David Allen gave a welcoming address and Reverend Kenneth Jones gave the

talked to FHA officials that attended. Pleasantville should be fully occupied at the end of the month and applications for the waiting list are still being taken at the Housing Authority Office.



Badger James Turner coralls C-City tight end Russell Noel as Buster Brown (14) comes flying in and Jerry Goode (50), Ricky Mathewson(67), Bart Pursley (20) and Randy Martin (88) close in. (Staff photo)

District changes, higher bills

by Cloy A. Richards Local schools were notified this weekend by letter that they had been reclassified in University Interscholastic League athletic, academic and musical competitions. Both Merkel and Trent were affected by the change.

After talking to folks in both schools, lots of folks seem to like the whole thing and are looking forward to attending the organizational meetings of the new leagues

MISD had been seeing and sawing between the cutoff of class A and class AA for four years and the student population finally fell below a magic number, so we are back to class A.

Don't think that is a gift in football because we play Hamlin, Baird, and Rotan in football already and they have all shown considerable strength. Rotan had a hot girls basketball team for a while last year, and even managed a win over Merkel, but I don't think that is likely to happen too many more times

Boy's basketball will be a lot more competitive, as will track. The summer sports, which Merkel does well in (district championships in tennis and golf) may suffer because of the quality of competition in those sports in the smaller schools. The Merkel summer sports were challenged by the larger schools, Ballinger, Stamford, Colorado City, and Wylie last year and the smaller schools don't place that much emphasis on those sports.

Scholastic, band and choral competition will also be changed under the reclassification, and since Merkel will have a higher enrollment than most of the schools, it should help in those categories as well.

The goals committee of Merkel ISD held their second meeting Tuesday night. They are a committee that includes school board members, citizens, and school administrators that have been charged to implement educational improvements throughout the district.

Superintendent Etheridge has told the Mail that the committee has the most important responsibility to see that students at MISD are receiving the best education possible.

The Texas Education Agency has mandated that all Texas School Districts undergo a five year plan to acheive academic accreditation and make in-house improvements in ciriculum and student needs. The citizens committee, formed by the board is designed to see that those requirements are met.

Their meetings are open to the public. MISD board of trustees will meet November 20th at 7:30 p.m.

City Councilmen are mulling over a hike in your water-sewer-sanitation rates this week and will discuss the matter Friday morning at 7 a.m.

Two proposals, one to take the rate to \$12 and one to take the rate to \$14 are being kicked around.

If you have an opinion on the matter, get up early Friday and let someone hear your ideas.

City officials are trying to make the water-sewersanitation departments self sufficient so that tax revenue won't have to be used to pay for maintenance and labor.

It looks like a no-win situation for everyone. The money is needed because inflation has made the cost of city services go up. So either we have to raise the basic charge and hook-up charges, or we have to raise taxes.

So the best you can hope for is an increase that is sufficient to meet the increased costs.

opening invocation.

Sunday's dedication also marked the opening of the facility for its residents. The 30 unit facility also houses the Merkel Housing Authority Office and a Community Room. The office will be open from 8:30 until 4:30 Monday through Friday and will be managed by Annette Clark. The office will be responsible for Shannonside, Brickhaven, and Pleasantville, as well as Section 8, Rental Assistance

The Mail talked to J.W. Hammond about his 22 years on the authority and he said that there has not been that many changes in the federal housing rules and regulations.

He said that the Merkel Housing Authority has gotten its share of public projects, although at times, some of the grants were not as large as had been applied for.

The Mail also talked with Pleasantville resident Leona Conley who said that she liked her apartment and that it helped her out to not have a yard to care for. She said she had been sick off and on for two years and that the house she was living in had fresh paint and looked nice, she just was not able to keep up the yard. She said that she had told her family that she would try the project to see if she likes it. She also said that her move left her house vacant and that she will either sell or rent it.

At Sunday's ceremonies, a group of Senior Citizens from Loraine attended. They were seeking informa-tion on methods to obtain elderly housing grants and



Leona Conley, a resident at Pleasantville, the new federal housing apartments that were dedicated Sunday prepares a meal for company. She said she likes the apartment and hopes to meet some of her new neighbors. (Staff photo)

C-City downs Badgers 21-0, Merkel

changes districts in 1980

Merkel's last home game Friday was a reverse of the Ballinger home game as the Badger defense failed to contain Colorado City and the offense never did get on track as the Badgers lost their eighth straight game before a very light crowd, 21-0.

Merkel managed only four first downs and gained less than 100 yards offensively as C-City rushed for 227 yards.

As has happened throughout the year, the Badger defensive unit did not play badly, but they allowed a 65 yard touchdown pass to a tight end that found his way around the cornerback, caught the ball in full stride and was never touched. One of the Wolves touchdowns came on a 35 yard run after a Badger fumble on the C-City 39.

The remaining schedule is brutal as the Badger go against undefeated Stamford tonight in stamford and then travel to Wylie to face the once beaten Bulldogs that are still smarting from a Stamford spanking Friday night.

The big football news, or sport news at Merkel High is the realignement of the football districts by the University Intershcolastic League, the governing body of Texas High School sports and academic contests

The major change the league made this year was

the dropping of the B classification and adding an A to the other classifications.

Merkel will be in District 8-2A with Albany, Anson, Baird, Hamlin, Hawley, Rotan, Jim Ned and Winters. Merkel will also be playing in a 1-A district (under the old system) and according to the UIL information office, Merkel just got under the 265 high school student limit for 2-A.

The UIL checks student enrollment figures every two years and realigns districts and classification accordingly.

Schools that Merkel will no longer compete against include Wylie, Stamford, Colorado City, and Ballinger

Merkel School Superintendent Dr. Raymond Etheridge told the Mail that he was in favor of the new district realignement and said that school officials would attend an organizational meeting of District 8-2A in Baird Tuesday night. They will discuss sports and academic competition schedules and will plan district meetings and set up policies concerning officials and name a district president. The Mail will report next week on the outcome of the meeting

Kickoff for the Stamford Merkel game is set for 7:30 in Stamford.



WTU wants increase

West Texas Utilities Co. has filed for an increase in wholesale rates for electric energy it supplies to 14 rural electric cooperatives and one municipality.

The increase would average 10.6 percent, and for most of the co-ops would be the first increase in base rates in 15 years. Most of them have been buying power from WTU under contract initiated in 1965. WTU, in its filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, estimated that the increase would amount to \$2,261,349 in additional revenue for the Company during the 1980 calendar year.

The increase would be effective January 1, 1980. All of the existing co-op contracts expire on December 31, 1979. The contract with Sonora, which is the municcipality involved, expires December 31, 1983, but contains provisions for rate changes.

W.P. (Bill) Sayles, WTU's vice president for customer services, said rising costs of providing service made the increase necessary. "Fifteen years without an increase is a long time," he said, "especially in a period of inflation."

He said the proposed rate structure is designed not only to bring charges to wholesale customers more in line with WTU's increased cost of service, but to encourage the co-ops to level their loads.

This incentive is provided in a demand charge, based on a ratchet clause which allows WTU to bill thses wholesalers for up to 80 percent of their peak demands over a 12-month period and helps level costs over the year. It also gives them the opportunity to actually decrease the unit cost of electric energy and minimize costs to their customers by shifting load to off-peak periods.

"We chose the demand charge because we feel it will be beneficial to the co-ops and their customers, and to the overall efforts to conserve energy," Sayles said.

"Without such a provision there is no incentive or

§ About 75 children attended the Spook Revue sponsored by the Mail last Wednesday and found some treats and trophies. (Staff photo)

Special service set

A special worship ser-vice of Gospel music is planned for Merkel's First Baptist Church on Sunday evening, November 11, at 7 o'clock. Pastor Kenneth Jones has announced that "The Dietz Brothers" from Amarillo, Texas will be here for this special concert of religious and gospel music. "Phil and Andy Dietz are twin brothers whom God has blessed with tremendous singing talent," Rev. Jones stated. "They have appeared in our church many times in the past seven years and are much beloved by all our people. THey have many friends in the Merkel area, and we invite everyone to attend this worship service," said the pastor. Rev. Jones also said The Dietz Brothers are now in full-time evangelistic singing and are serving churches through o u t Texas in weeks of revival as well as presenting the one-night concerts.

The pastor issues an

Program set Merkel- Trent Barracks no. 2248 & Ladies Aux. of World War I, will have a program at the Senior Citizens Bld. in Merkel, Texas, Sun-

day, Nov. 11 at 3 p.m.

Rev. Earnest Roper of Brownwood, Dept. of

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veteran of W.W.I, will

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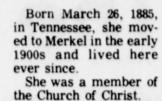
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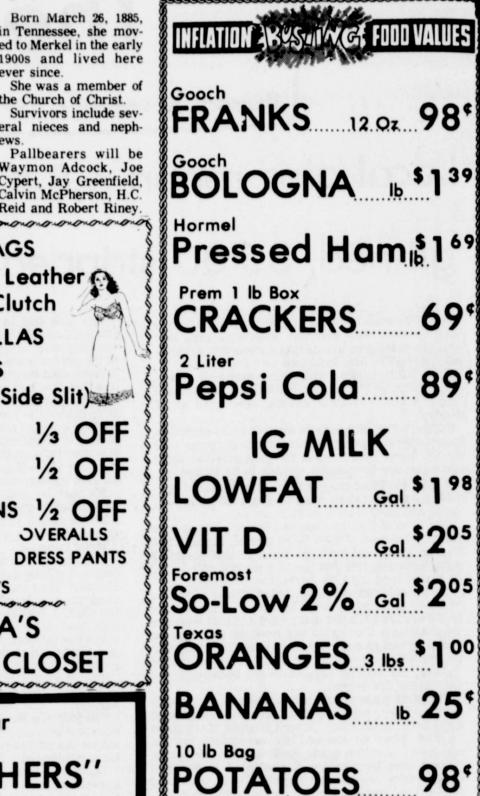
MERKEL- Sally Lou-ise Orr, 94, of Merkel died at 6 a.m. Sunday in the Bur-Mont Nursing Center in Abilene following a lengthy illness. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Merkel Church of Christ.

Larry Gill, minister, will officiate. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemet-ary, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.



the Church of Christ. Survivors include several nieces and nephews

Pallbearers will be Waymon Adcock, Joe Cypert, Jay Greenfield, Calvin McPherson, H.C. Reid and Robert Riney.



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Food show set

The Taylor County 4-H Food Show has been set for Saturday, November 17, at the Abilene Christian University McGlothlin Student

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Center Main Room. About 60 youth will compete in the senior & junior divisions. Registration will be-

gin at 12:00 p.m. with judging commencing at 1:00 p.m. Entries will be on public display from

4:00-4:30 p.m. Senior division entrants are ages 14-19, while junior division youth are ages 9-13. To be eligible to enter,

4-Hers must have sucers.

> 4-H entrant will compete Beverages.

Because the 4-H Food & Nutrition Program focuses on nutrition, each contestant will have to demonstrate what she or he knows about nutrition, meal planning, food buying & meal service, plus preparation techniques.

Xi Nu Chi sets party

7:30

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MONDAY

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi invites the ladies of the community to attend the Christmas show given by Katherine Cauley of Lone Star Gas Co. The Christmas show will be

411 Oak 3-5

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SUNDAY

given at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church on Monday Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend as it will be a most enjoyable evening, with gift giving

ideas for Christmas.

cessfully completed 6 hours in a 4-H Food & Nutrition Project taught by local volunteer lead-For the contest, each

in 1 of 4 classes: Main Dish, Side Dish, Breads & Desserts, & Snacks &

Pursley Walter Elmore, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ed Elmore, is a junior & in cattle and swine production. Walter has shown shorthorned heifer in his freshman and sophmore years. He showed them at Merkel (Jones County), Fort Worth, San Antonio and Hous-

Thursday, November 8, 1979 FFA reports student activities, projects

Dallas State Fair and show pigs at Fortworth, Abilene, and Houston. Walter's freshman and sophmore years he participated in Jr. and Sr. chapter conducting teams. His sophmore year he attended the District Banquet; Dis-trict, Area and State Conventions, and at the Chapter Banquet he received the Chapter Livestock Production Award. This year he plans to be on the Sr. Chapter conducting team. He also was elected as Treasurer of the Jr. Class.

Kelly Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Knight, is a junior this year. He was elected president of the junior class and vice president of the Student Council. Kelly is in swine pro-

City gets \$226 from drink sales

Arts & Crefts

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FRIDAY

The city will receive \$226.76 from the sale of mixed drinks for the third quarter of this year. Taylor County will

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THURSDAY

ton. He plans to show another short h o r n e d

heifer his year at the

This week & in the

following articles of Future Farmers of

America, we will spot-

light a few members to

better inform you of

those who participate in

This week we have

chosen three of the

Chapter's juniors. They

are Walter Elmore.

Kelly Knight, & Bart

FFA & their projects.

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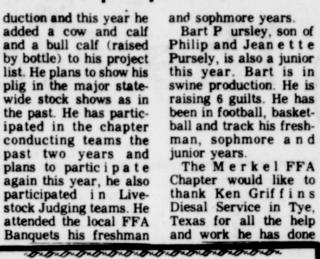
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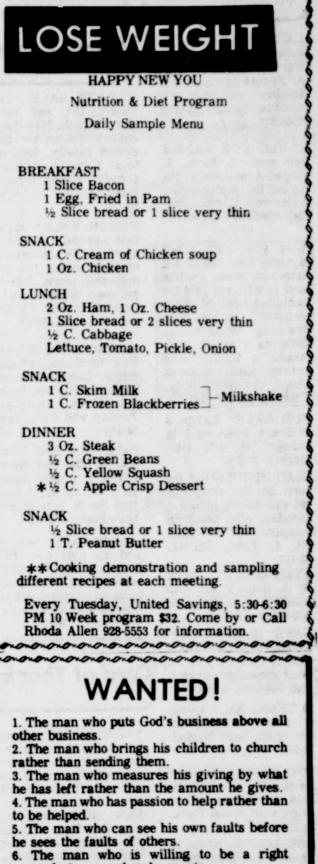
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for taking care and supervising the students at the Dallas State Fair like to thank J.A. Sadler We appreciate it!

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example to every boy he meets. 7. The man who thinks more of his Sunday

school class than he does of his Sunday sleep. 8. The man who is more concerned about winning souls for Christ than he is about winning worldly honor. -Copied

Mail calendar of local events NOVEMBER TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY MONDAY SUNDAY 6 Tys and Man 8 9 5 City Counc Meeting at new Teachers Work Day 7 e.m. LECTION DAY 100th Birthday First Baptis Church 12 XI Nu Ch Christman Show First United Mathodist Church, Fallowship Hall 16 15 11 13 14 House Warming

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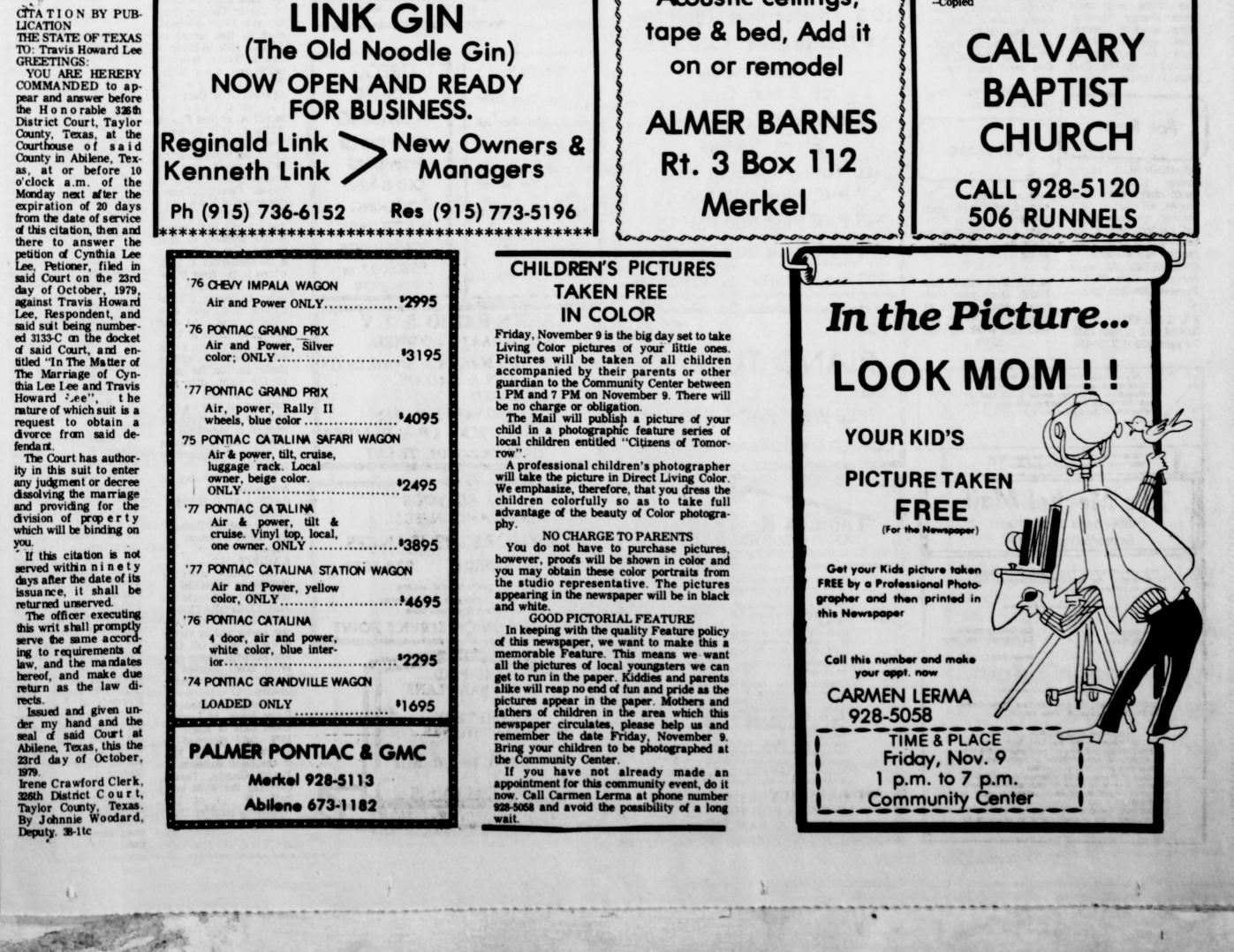
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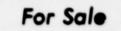
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DECEMBER





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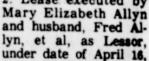
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as, on a judgment rendered in that court on July 16, 1979, in favor of Frank White, individually and d-b-a White Well Service and against JLH Corporation, in Cause No. 36,087-A, styled Frank White v. JLH Corporation, on the docket of the court, on NOvember1st, 1979, I levied upon the real property situated in Taylor County, Texas, described in E x h i b i t "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof as the property of JLH Corporation. 2. On December 4, 1979, which is the first Tuesday of the month, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m., at the courthouse door of Tay-lor County, Texas, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest in and to the working interest in and to the working interest or leasehold es-

of Taylor County, Tex-

R.R. Company Survey, SAVE AND EXCEPT 15 acres described as beginning at the southeast corner going north 474 yards and west 153 yards, containing 15 acres belonging to James A. Watson, the above tract comprising some 145 acres, more or less 3. Lease executed by Mary Elizabeth Allyn and husband, Fred Allyn, et al, as Lessor, under date of April 16, 1979, duly recorded in Volume 1120, page 729, of the Deed Records of

Taylor County, Texas, covering the East one-half $(E_{\frac{1}{2}})$ of the Northwest quarter (NW ¼), Section 7, Block 3, S.P. R.R. Company Sur-

4. Lease executed by Myrle E. Greathouse and wife, Marcella Greathouse, as Lessor, under date of January, 1979, duly recorded in Volume 1120, page 732, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, covering 51.517 acres out of and being a part of the Samuel Andrews Survey 117 as described therein;

5. Lease executed by Frances Galloway, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Ray L. Galloway, under date of January, 1979, duly re-corded in Volume 1120, page 737, of the Deed Rocords of Taylor County, Texas, cover-ing some 51.555 acres out of and being a part of the Samuel Andrews Survey 117, as dexcribed therein.

Reference to each above lease and record thereof being here made for a more complete descrip

Trent News

Gorillas clinch!

The Trent Gorillas captured the right to represent District in the play off by downing Hobbs 46-6. The defense again was the big force behind the win. Hobbs, a nigh scoring team, had been averaging around 45 ploints per game. it has been the goal of the defense to hold people to 20 points or less. In eight games, the defense has given up 54 points for an average of 6.8 points per game. The entire Gor-illa defensive team had an outstanding night. Danny Freeman led the way with 2 interceptions. Danny has had 7 interceptions in the last 3 games. Eddie Adams picked off a fumble in

the air. Gilbert Beaver had one fumble recovery. Hobbs had 10 first downs, 4 penetrations. Herbert Beaver sed the way for the Gorillas on offense. Herbert carried 27 times for 301 yds. The scoring was- 1st quarter- Herbert Beaver, run of 43 yes. Extra point no good. 2nd quarter- Herbert Beaver, run of 13 yds. Lloyd Will i a m s kicked the extra point. Herbert, 1 yd. run. Lloyd P.A.T. Lloyd Williams, 1 yd. dive. Lloyd P.A.T. 3rd. quarter-Herbert 29 yd. sweep. Lloyd P.A.T. 4th quarter- Herbert 12 yd. run. Lloyd added the P.A.T. Trent travels to Ira Friday to end District play. Game time is 7:00

Stith game night set

There will be a "game" night at the Stith Community Center Friday night, November 9th at 6:30 p.m. Darts, dominoes a cake wald and other entertainment

Freeman starting at **Howard College** BIG SPRING-Former

in golf for two years. Robbie, a 5'8'' 146 lb. guard-forward is the Trent High School basketball star, Robbie Freeman, will return as Billie Freeman. a starter for the Howard College Hawk Queens

will be played.

in the fun.

Coffee, soft drinks,

Come bring your

whole family and join

chili and pie will be at

the concession stand.

daughter of Ronnie and The Queens' first game of the season will

Gilbert Beaver stretches for extra vards in Friday's win over Hobbs. The win gave Trent the district championship and will move into the

playoffs. Herbert had 301 yards rushing and brother Gilbert and Richard are seen throwing blocks. (Staff photo)

Community Club honors Steck

money tree and other The Community Club is a community wide service organization that holds monthly

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at Howard College, was an All-District forward for four years at Trent High School, and was voted Most Valuable Player at the Hermeleigh and Jim Ned Tournaments. She was also All-Tourney for two years at the Hawley Tournament.

this season, said head

Under the direction of high school coach Roy Neff, she helped lead her team to a 22-5 season record her senior year

While at Trent High, Miss Freeman was also a regional qualifier in track for four years, a regional qualifier in tennis her junior year, and a regional qualifier

be November 6 against Western Oklahoma in Altus, Oklahoma. The first home game will be November 8 at 7 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring



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Steck, who retired as

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Post Office after 16

years of service. Layne

Wells was also introduc-

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house warming Sunday Nov. 11 from 3-5 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Toombs, 411 Oak Street. Everyone is invited.

Thompson of Abilene announce a new son, Jeremy Dane, born Oct. 23, at 6 pounds and 141/2 ounces and 181/2 inches long. Justin Reed, their older son was happy to welcome him home too. Maternal grandparents are Grady A. Vance of Paint Creek and Nadine Fitzpatrick of Waco. Paternal Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clylde Irvin of Merkel.

returned from an Arizona visit with her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Collins at Willcox, Arizona and other relatives in Tucson Arizona, where she attended the wedding of a great niece, Pam Collins (Anderson). She his wife in Lamesa to make this trip, Mr. and Mrs. Q.A. Collins and enjoyed a short visit in Lubbock with Elmo Collins and wife, and in Plainview with Mrs.

THE MERKEL MAIL Page 7 Thursday, November 8, 1979 Jr. Varsity, DATE OPPONENT TIME STAMP 9th, 8th, & 7th 9-7 Baird-H 22-39 8:00 Grade OUT 12-38 8:00 9-14 Rotan-H **Football Schedules** 9-21 14-42 Clyde-T 8:00 September 6: Junior Varsity at Baird at 7:30. September 13: Junior Varsity here against Anson 7:30 STAMFORD at 6:30. Ninth Grade here against Anson at 5:00. 9-28 Open Eighth Grade at Anson at 6:30. Seventh Grade at Anson at 5:00. September 20: Junior Varsity here against Clyde at 7:00. Ninth Grade here against Clyde at 5:30. 7-35 *Coahoma-H 10-5 7:30 Eighth Grade at Clyde at 7:00. Seventh Grade at Clyde at 5:30. September 27: Junior Varsity at Jim Ned at 7:30. Head Coach BYRON SHELLEY Ninth Grade OPEN. Eighth Grade at Jim Ned at 0-34 *Winters-T 7:30 10-12 4:00. Seventh Grade at Jim Ned at 5:00. **Coaching Staff** October 4: Junior Varsity here against Winters at 7:30. Ninth Grade at Haskell at 5:30. Eighth Grade Doug Guynes here against Winters at 6:00. Seventh Grade here 7:30 10-19 0-29 *Anson-H against Winters at 5:0C. Sam Jernigan October 11: Junior Varsity at Haskell at 6:00. Ninth Grade here against Eastland at 7:30. Eighth Lynden Bower Grade here against Eastland at 6:00. Seventh 10-26 21-41 *Ballinger-T 7:30 Grade here against Eastland at 5:00. October 18: Junior Varsity at Anson at 6:30. Ninth Grade at Anson at 5:00. Eighth Grade here against Anson at 6:30. Seventh Grade here against 11-2 0-21 *Colorado City-H 7:30 MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL Anson at 5:00. October 25: Junior Varsity here against Ballinger CHEERLEADERS at 7:30. Ninth Grade here against Ballinger at 6:00. Eighth Grade at Ballinger at 7:30. Seventh **Becky Watts-Head** 11-9 Stamford-T 7:30 Grade at Ballinger at 6:00. Lisa Shugart November 1: Junior Varsity OPEN. Ninth Grade at Clyde at 5:30. Eighth OPEN. Seventh OPEN. Kim Mashburn November 8: Junior Varsity here against Haskell *Wylie-T 7:30 Lisa Allen 11-16 at 6:00. Ninth OPEN. Eighth OPEN. Seventh OPEN. November 15: Junior Varsity here against Wylie Shannon Boyd at 6:30. Ninth Grade here against Wylie at 5:00. Trish Powell ***DISTRICT GAMES** Eighth Grade at Wylie at 6:30. Seventh Grade at Wylie at 5:00. **Circle A Western House** Humphreys Village 928-4914 1-20 928-4821 Keenan Land Development

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