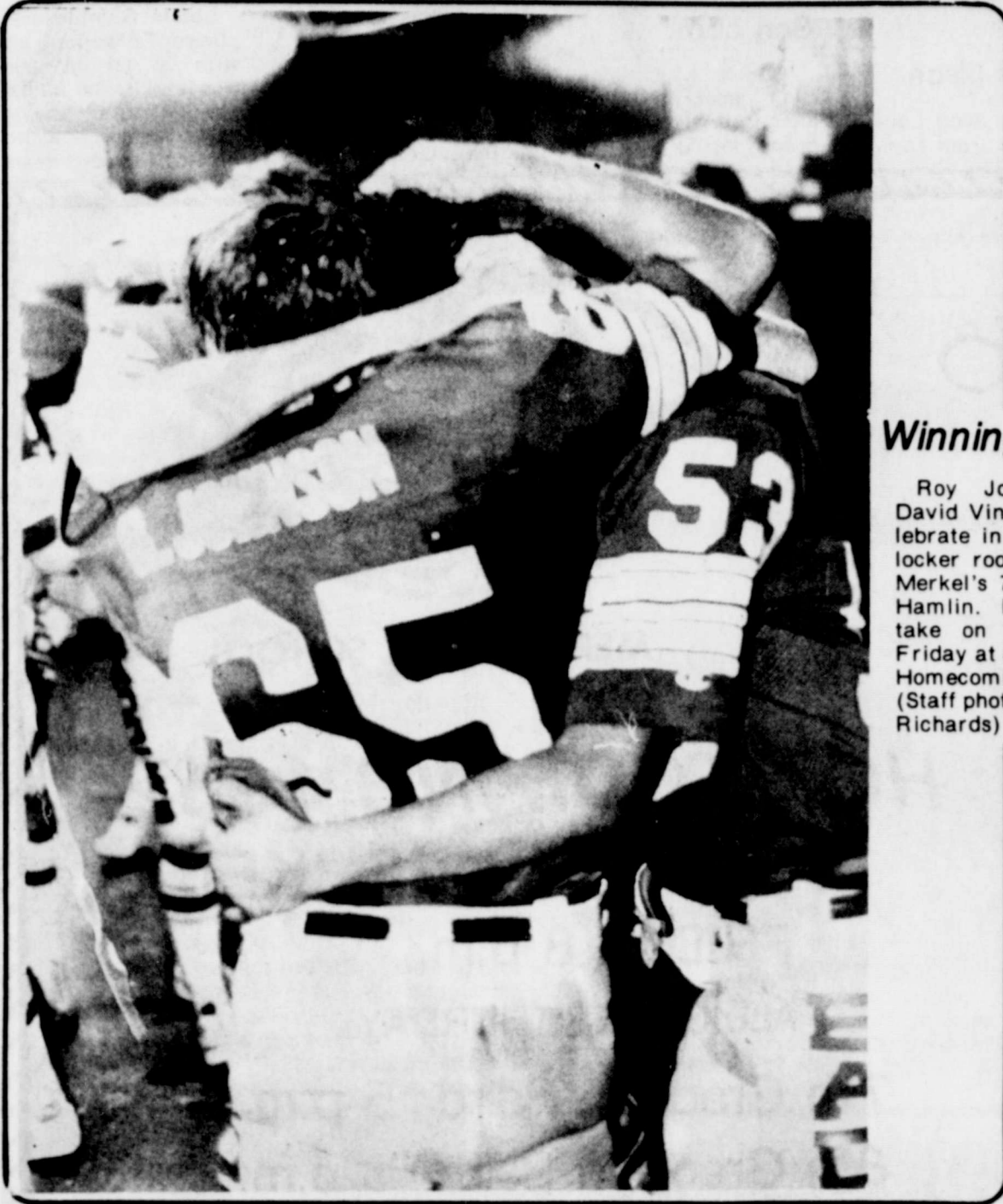


# The Merkel Mail

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## Winning is fun!

Roy Johnson and David Vinson (53) celebrate in the Badger locker room following Merkel's 7-0 win over Hamlin. Merkel will take on Baird here Friday at 8 p.m. in the Homecoming game. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

## Badgers down Hamlin 7-0! Homecoming game Friday

The Merkel Badgers ended a long dry spell here Friday night as Mark Turner's touchdown run with an errant Hamlin pass stood up as the Badgers shut down Hamlin 7-0 here Friday night. Hamlin is now 0-2 on the year and Merkel evened its record at 1-1.

Hamlin's first play of the game was a fumble that Merkel recovered and with 7:32 left in the quarter Turner sped in front of a Hamlin receiver, intercepted the pass and went into the end zone untouched. Turner also picked off another pass later in the game, made eight tackles and knocked down a pass at the end of the game near the Badger goal to preserve the victory.

Hamlin had more yardage than Merkel in the game 180 to 86, but head coach Eddie Lang told the Mail Monday the defense made the plays when they had to.

Hamlin had penetrated Merkel's 30 yard line four times during the game but a stout Merkel defense, coupled with eight Hamlin turnovers spelled doom for the visiting Pied Pipers.

Lang said "By the game film, we didn't play as well fundamentally as we are capable of, but our kids wanted the win more than the Hamlin kids did. We never scored on offense but they did make their share of big plays. When we needed a first down to get out of a hole, the offense came through."

"It felt great to win, but I've been saying we should win some games this year" added Lang, who had his first victory at Merkel High Friday night. "After the Hawley game, I wasn't so sure the kids would want to win but they did."

Lang said the pressure is really on this week for

Merkel to perform well so people would not discount Fridays win as a fluke.

When asked who he wanted to single out for efforts in Fridays game, the coach had no trouble coming up with answers. He complimented the defensive unit for their efforts and especially Mark Turner's. He said Turner's last deflection of a Hamlin pass at the goal was just as important as his previous two interceptions and he said perhaps the biggest play of the game was a punt by Keith Beddingfield that traveled 49 yards and got Merkel out of a hole in the second quarter.

### BAIRD HERE FRIDAY FOR HOMECOMING KICKOFF AT 8

The Baird Bears are invading Friday night and will try to spoil Merkel's Homecoming. Baird is 2-0 on the year and has averaged 24 points per game while holding their opponents to 7 per game.

Lang said that Baird will move the ball well with their passing attack but is still basically a run-oriented team. Baird also is an experienced team as 6 of their offensive and defensive starters are seniors.

Merkel will make one change by moving a tight end up from Junior Varsity to take the place of Gary Forehand, who suffered a strained knee and will be out for about three weeks.

Last week, the 7th and 8th grade teams were defeated in Hamlin and the Junior Varsity tied.

This week, the 7th and 8th grade teams and Junior Varsity teams will travel to Baird with games starting at 5 p.m. Thursday. The Freshmen team will not play for another two weeks.

## Homecoming activities start Friday morning

1982 Merkel Homecoming activities will get started here at 3 p.m. Friday with the annual Homecoming parade and downtown pep rally.

This year's parade will start at the Assembly of God Church on North Second.

Parade participants are asked to start lining up between 2:30 and 3.

Registration and voting for the Coming Home Queen and Mister X begin at 9 a.m. Friday at Merkel's Heritage Hall. Registration will also be taking place at the game Friday night.

Kickoff for the game is 8 p.m. as Merkel plays host to the Baird Bears.

Candidates for Coming Home Queen are Mrs. Paul Orsborn, Class of 1932 and Nancy Duncan, Class of 1962. Candidates for Mister X are Arthur Moore, Class of 1932 and Kenneth Hays, Class of 1962.

A covered dish luncheon and business meeting will be held at Noon Saturday at Heritage Hall and guests are asked to bring a covered dish. Numerous class reunions are scheduled for Saturday night.

For more information on Homecoming events, contact Pat or Jerry Byrd at 928-4816.

## Win, wierdos, welcome...more

By Cloy A. Richards

Well, the losing spell is over as Merkel downed Hamlin here Friday night for their first win since the 1980 season.

I've had a few folks comment about me getting excited on the sidelines, but how can a person not get excited when the team wins that hasn't tasted victory in so long.

I have taken a lot of nonsense about Merkel football, especially from fellow newspaper publishers in Anson on Wednesdays, this week it will be a pleasure to talk about the team.

In Merkel's win Friday night, the boys exhibited a trait I had not seen many times, if at all in the last three years, the kids wanted to win, and wanted to win more than the other team, that's half of the game.

Like coach Lang told me Monday morning, the pressure is now in the kids to perform well Friday night because they have to prove that Friday's victory was not a fluke, and that Merkel is ready to play football.

We'd like to welcome home all of the former Merkel High students that are attending Homecoming activities here this weekend. A special hello goes to the Class of 1932 that has some big doings planned in celebration of their 50th anniversary.

Homecoming attendees this year will get their first look at Merkel's Heritage Hall and that is something that all Merkelites, past and present can be proud of.

I hope the Badgers play Baird a good game, that would be a change from recent years.

It's soapbox time.

If the driver of the late model white with maroon top car is wondering who that was Friday night honking as they drove around the gates at the Ash Street crossing following the game, it was me.

This foolish person took not only their own life, but the lives of others in his hands as he played the deadly game of beat the train.

How could he have hurt someone else? Actually, in a grade crossing accident it's pretty simple.

Trains can legally go through here at 50, I think it should be that way, the faster the train is allowed to pass through town, the shorter period

the crossings are tied up.

When a 75 to 100 ton train hits a car, the train's speed does not have all that much to do with the severity of an accident, any accident at plus 25 miles per hour will be severe. If his car had been struck, the flying debris could have easily struck my car (the first one at the gate) and injured my family.

If his car had burst into flames, our car, and many others in that line could have also burned.

If he had derailed the train, which does happen with common regularity in grade crossing accidents, many other cars and their passengers could have been involved.

Driving around the closed gates is not only foolish, it's illegal in any state.

It saved that driver about two minutes of waiting while at the same time he endangered his life and his passenger as well as everyone else waiting behind the gate.

That's not worth two minutes in anybody's mind, is it?

People who want to vote in this November's General Elections have until October 2nd to register to vote.

It's pretty simple to do, all one has to do is call Pauline Pittman at 677-1711 and ask for a voter registration card. It will be mailed to you to fill out and return.

As I've said before, only people who vote have a license to gripe about the way government does it's business.

Those who don't vote have already said, in effect, do what you want, I don't have an opinion.

MISD students are reminded they can purchase offball tickets at school for \$1 off of the gate price. Tickets must be purchased before 3:45 Friday.

Also, senior citizens can attend all MISD sporting events free if they have a pass. All you have to do to get one is to go by the Superintendent's office and ask for one.

Oh! Dale's cartoon in this week's paper should strike home to a lot of folks.

I'll guarantee you one thing, Melanie and I sure wouldn't want to work for 55 per cent of gross profits of the Mail.

We'd owe it money, lot's of money.

## Council creates one way street

The Merkel City Council created the city's first one way streets near the Merkel Elementary School on a test basis at the request of MISD officials.

The new one way street will run South from the Ag Barn, past the cafeteria to the stop sign, then West on Fifth Street to the stop sign past the elementary school building. Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack said he hoped the new one way street would ease congestion in front of the school when parents are picking up children and would increase safety for students that walk home. Last year, two students were physically brushed by cars, although neither was hurt.

The left lane of the road in front of the school (Fifth Street) will be closed to parking to allow free flow of traffic. The area will be posted with no parking signs.

The one way street will be marked with eight signs and the two no parking signs will cost the city about \$800 according to Merkel City Manager J. A. Sadler.

Council was a little reluctant to pass a one way street and Merkel Mayor Pro-Tem Ted Smith said there was no way he could vote for a one way street here.

Council did authorize the publication of a notice of ordinance passage because failure to abide by the one way signs or no parking signs will constitute a Class C misdemeanor.

In other action, council heard the August Police report. The Merkel Police Department worked a

In other action, council heard the August police report. Of the 49 total cases worked, 18 were traffic citations, five accidents, two felony warrants, two family disturbances, six cases of criminal mischief, five burglaries or thefts and 11 miscellaneous complaints.

Chief Pack then presented Council a proposal to start a reserve police force.

He told council the reserve force would be used to relieve officers from having to be on call 24

hours per day and said the reserves would not be paid. The city would have to provide uniforms and badges as well as liability and workman's compensation insurance.

The reserves would be hired on a probation period of three months where they would be required to ride with a regular officer and following the probation period they could work alone. The reserves would have to be certified peace officers.

Council tabled any action on the reserve force until they get more information on costs of insurance as well as the liability limitations on current insurance for police.

Council also had an update on the progress of work at the Merkel sewer plant. Three of the four pumps purchased have been installed and the last one was expected to be installed before the weekend.

Council also heard some good news on the trickling arms, the device that spreads water on the algae beds that treat waste water.

The arms were fabricated at Bulldog Steel in Clyde at a cost of \$4,205 a far cry short of the \$17,000 quoted by the manufacturer.

Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite gave Sadler a pat on the back for his search to find the trickling arms at a lower price.

The city is also advertising for bids on four more housing rehabilitation projects under the Community Development Block Grant. Four homes are nearing completion under the program and the new bids will be opened Sept. 27th at council's next scheduled session.

Council should also be able to set the 1983 tax rate at that session because the city tax rolls should be completed by the Taylor County Appraisal District.

The city was asked to send a representative to the appraisal district between Sept. 20 and 24 to verify the rolls with Tax Assessor-Collector Richard Petree.

## WTU seeks 9.4% increase

West Texas Utilities Company has filed for a general increase in its rates for retail customers of 9.4 percent.

The official application was filed Monday in Merkel, Trent, and Tye by Local Manager Glenn Teaff.

The manager said the application is a systemwide request for higher rates. Simultaneous filings were made in other incorporated towns for retail customers within their jurisdiction and with the Public Utility Commission of Texas for an increase in rural areas, unincorporated towns and in 13 incorporated towns which have ceded jurisdiction over electric rates.

The principal reasons cited for the request were the cost of WTU's construction program, high interest rates and the effects of general inflation on the cost of providing service.

The proposed rates would produce an increase in total retail revenue of \$20,404,166. This amounts to 9.4 percent.

No major changes in rate structure are proposed except for some adjustments of allocations among customer classes. For residential customers, the average electric bill, including

fuel costs, would go up by about 10 per cent, although the actual increase would vary with the amount of usage.

WTU's last rate case was filed in the fall of 1981 and settled early in 1982 without a hearing and for an amount considerably less than had been requested. WTU had asked for 15.2 per cent but received 8.3 per cent. Company officials said at that time that another increase probably would be necessary within a year.

The Company had to spend over \$55 million this past year on new construction and must spend even more in the years immediately ahead to assure a continued reliable supply of electricity. The construction program includes a new coal-fired power plant at Oklaunion, as well as new transmission lines and distribution facilities over the system.

WTU build its last power plant in 1977 and since then had been able to lag behind most other utility companies in new construction and in rate increases. A recent survey by the Public Utility Commission of Texas shows that WTU's customer bills are lower than the state and national averages.

# Newsbriefs

## Lodge sets family night

The Merkel Masonic Lodge will have a family night Saturday night. The featured speaker will be Grand Tiler Jack Kelly. Attendees are asked to bring a cake or freezer ice cream.

## Art group holds meeting

The Merkel Art Association held their first meeting Monday night at Taylor Telephone.

Loreine Lee presided over the meeting. Minutes and roll call was read by Evelyn Stribling. The group planned three projects for the year.

Those present were Marie Beard, Elizabeth Hicks, Evelyn Stribling, Loreine Lee and Ruth Hogan.

Their next meeting is planned the second Monday in October at Taylor Telephone at 7 p.m. all members are urged to attend.

## Visitation set by class of '56

The Merkel High class of 1956 invites all friends to come by the Main dining hall at the Merkel Country Club for visiting from 9 until 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18.

## Riding club sets play day

The Merkel Riding Club will have a play day at their arena Sept. 25th at 7 p.m.

There will be four age groups and a \$5 entry fee. Events will include barrel racing, pole bending and flags. Also, the club will be riding in the Homecoming Parade this Friday.

All area riders are welcomed to attend the events.

## PTO sets special meeting

The PTO will have a special called meeting Thursday at 3:30 at Mrs. Wilson's room to discuss a special project.

## Lindsey's honored by children

V. H. & Mary Lindsey of 602 El Paso St. were honored by their children. They were married Sept. 9, 1946 at Tahoka Baptist Church. Son of H.T. & Mimie Lindsey and daughter of H.G. & Laura Pippin. They have raised 7 sons, and 6 daughters, 1 daughter died at 9 months which made 7 daughters. Tommy, H. T., Joe, Vernon, David J.D., and Frank are the sons. Karan, Alice, Laura, Cindy, Betty, Judy and (deceased) Minnie Ann. They have 34 Grand children, the newest born on Sept. 12, to Vernon & Brenda Lindsey, a daughter Christina Marie, 7 lbs. 8 ozs.

Also present and visiting were Mrs. Lindsey's brother & wife, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pippin of Trent, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Childress & children of Trent (niece of Mrs. Lindsey.) Mr. & Mrs. Tony Floyd of Buffalo Gap, cousins of Mrs. Lindsey, also Grand children & son in law & daughter in laws.

## Men golfers set club tourney

The Merkel Men's Golf Association has set the annual Club Championship that will get under way Saturday.

## Revelation study set at church

The format is nine hole match play and the entry fee is \$10. You must be a member of the Merkel Country Club to play and entries are being accepted at the pro shop or by calling Virgil Jones at 928-4728 or Cloy Richards at 928-5712.

## Revelation study set at church

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 19th at 10 a.m.

Dr. Robert D. Christian will conduct a study of the Book of Revelation at Grace Presbyterian Church. We welcome anyone interested in sharing this study with us.

## Pep squad cheerleaders organize at Jr. High

The Pep-Squad and cheerleaders at Merkel Middle school met for an organizational meeting Monday last and elected officers for the 82-83 school year.

"The girls are real excited about the football season", Robbie Shugart sponsor of the pep squad and cheerleaders said.

Officers for the pep squad will be Abby Irving, President; Susan Alberts, Vice-President; Beverly Williamson, Sec. Treas. Squad leaders were also chosen. Tracy Jordan, Anna De La Cruz, Kim Welding, Debbie Pack, Jo Ann Mendez, Tina Jaramillo, Christina Patterson and Mary Kinder were chosen as the eight new squad leaders for the school year.

"We would like to see a lot of people

## White graduates

Private Daryl P. White, son of Marlene White of Harper, Texas, and John P. White of Merkel, Texas, has completed one station unit training (OSUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

OSUT is a 12 week period which combines basic combat training and advanced individual training.

## Lanfords place

The John Scott Lanford family from Mer-

kel placed their entries into the West Texas Fair Stock show well this weekend.

The Lanford's placed 3rd and 4th in the spring ram lambs, 1st & 2nd in the fall ram lambs, 1st in the pair of ram lambs, 2nd & 3rd in the 3 year old rams, 2nd & 3rd in spring ewe lambs, 3rd & 4th in fall ewe lambs, 2nd in pair of fall ewe lambs, 4th & 5th in year old ewes, 2nd in pair of ewes, 1st in flock, and 1st in get of sire.

## Son born

Mr. & Mrs. John Blair are proud to announce the birth of a grandson, Turner Bird

Cox born to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Cox from Garden City, Tex. Turner was born on Sept. 10 in San Angelo and weighed 5 lbs 4 ozs. Mr. and Mrs. John Blair of Merkel are Maternal grandparents.

## Garcia wins

John Garcia of Rt. 1 Box 194 Merkel won a Jerry Lewis MDA watch by collecting the most money during a competition held by Skinny's on Labor Day during the Telethon. John collected \$25.00.

## Merkelites place

The following Merkelites placed with

their entries in the Modern Living Mall at the West Texas Fair.

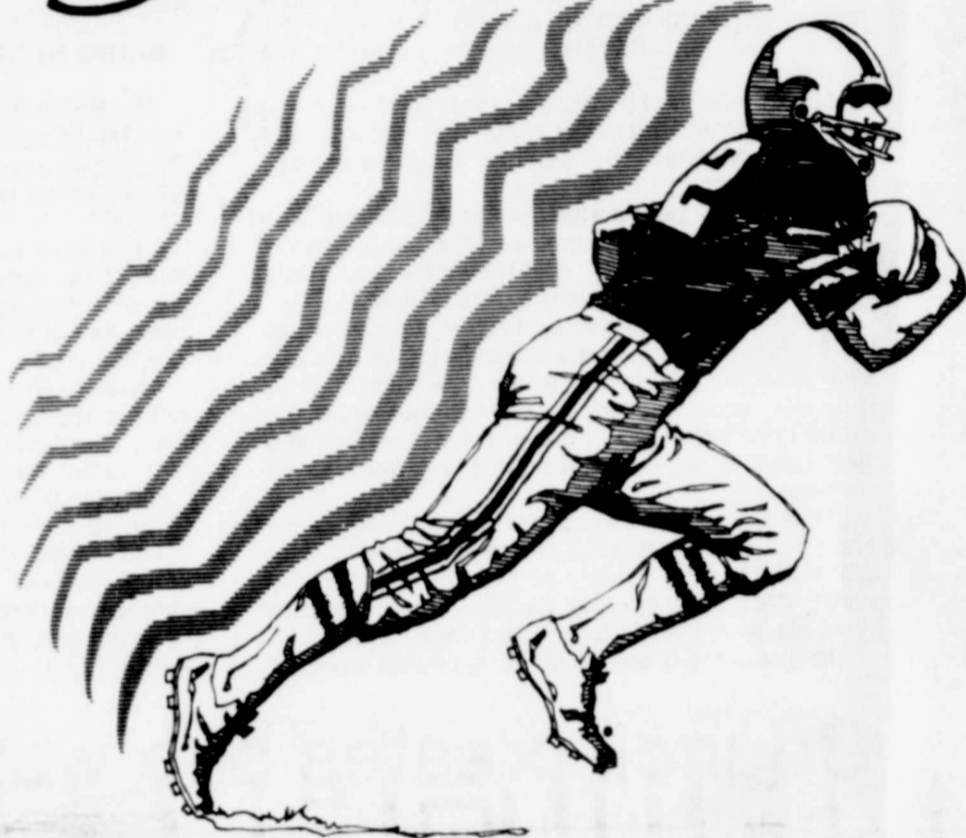
Jane Carson won the Holiday section's best of show with her Christmas stocking.

In antiques, David Robertson was 3rd in books, 2nd in brass items, 3rd in cut glass, 2nd in guns.

Also in antiques, Karlan Hardy was 1st in tin box, 3rd in scales, 1st in bottles, 3rd in quilts, 2nd in railroad and 2nd in collections.

Bessie Gamble also placed in antiques with a 1st in non wooden kitchen items, 1st in small home accessories, and a 3rd in miscellaneous items

# go for it.



MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL

## Homecoming-1982

BAIRD VRS. MERKEL

FRIDAY 8 p.m.

ALL GAMES THURDAY

7th Grade in Baird 5 p.m.

8th Grade in Baird 6 p.m.

JV in Baird 7:30 p.m.

# THE FOLLOWING MERCHANTS BACK THE BADGERS

ALLSUPS

SKINNY'S

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TAYLOR ELECTRIC

TAYLOR TELEPHONE

BIG COUNTRY INN

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MERKEL BRICK & LUMBER

FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK

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WILSONS JEWELRY

TAYLOR ELECTRIC

BEN FRANKLIN'S

BONEY INSURANCE

TAYLOR TELEPHONE

MERKEL VETERINARY CLINIC

WHISENHUNT GRAIN & FEED

UNITED SAVINGS & LOAN



The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department, along with Merkel, Taylor County and DPS law enforcement officers blocked off an area of Interstate 20 Tuesday morning while the fire department kept a trailer carrying a corrosive from igniting. It was the second mishap involving

hazardous materials here in the last year. The chemical was not spilled and only one minor injury was reported from the mishap. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

### Firemen respond

The Merkel Fire Department and Merkel, DPS and county law enforcement officials responded to a potentially dangerous situation on Interstate 20 at 6 a.m. Tuesday.

A rig carrying twin trailers developed an overheating problem in its tires on the West Bound lane of I-20 near Taylor Telephone. The rig was carrying Ethanolamine, a corrosive that is listed in The Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material Guide.

The rig's driver managed to unhook the trailers from the tractor and the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department kept the trailer carrying the chemical from igniting.

According to the Hazardous Material guide book, Ethanolamine is a highly flammable material and if ignited, will produce toxic fumes. Merkel Volunteer Fire Department Chief Waymon Adcock had a copy of the guidebook at the scene and a call was made to the National Hazardous Material Hot Line to determine proper fire fighting techniques.

The chemical was not spilled or released during the incident and the driver suffered a minor hand injury when he was unhooking the trailers.

The cause of the incident was a tire that overheated on the trailer carrying the materials and the fire department cooled down the trailer with water to prevent it from igniting.



Badger Booster club member Roy Johnson models what every well dressed Badger fan should be wearing and the Booster Club is selling the shirts for \$7 and the hats for \$5. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

### Ordinance

**ORDINANCE**  
An ordinance of the City of Merkel, Texas setting out and designating one way streets in the City of Merkel; providing a clear no

parking traffic lane; providing a severability clause; providing for a penalty clause, and providing for publication.

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### Brownie, Scout registration

Brownie and Girl Scout registration is here, Thursday, Sept. 16 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and from 4 until 6 p.m. at the Scout Hut on the West side of the

Merkel schools. Girls grades 1 through 5 are urged to register. A \$3 fee will be collected and at least one parent is also required to be present at registration.

### 81 club holds first meeting

The first meeting of 81 club for the year 82-83 was held Sept. 13 in the home of Goldie Malone. Nine members and one guest was present. The pro-

gram was on family nationality brought by Ruth McHugh. The next meeting will be Sept. 27 in the home of Ann Talent.

### Lambda Beta starts year

The first meeting of Lambda Beta was held in the home of Tarra Flowers on Sept. 7, 1982. The program for the evening was on Maturing-Growing up, presented by Jodie

Morris. Those present were Anita Brassfield, Ann Leach, Mychele Hammond, Christi Quance, Jodie Morris, Annette Clark, Tara Flowers and Vickie Hays.

### Carlton McLeod, former banker, succumbs

Carlton Lee McLeod 80, a retired rancher and bank employee from Trent, died Monday at Rolling Plains Hospital after a long illness.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Fourth and Elm Church of Christ in Sweetwater and burial will be at the cemetery in Trent. Ed Enzor of Vienna, Va., and Ben Mereness of Sweetwater will officiate.

A resident of Trent for most of his life, he ranched and worked at banks in Trent, Merkel and Abilene. He was a former member of the Texas National Guard and belonged to the Fourth and Elm Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Era Adrian McLeod; two daughters, Mrs. Joe (Christ-

ine) Elrod of Canyon Lake, and Mrs. Chet (Anne) Bogle of Fort Worth; two brothers, Sam of Abilene and Dr. Tim of Austin; 5 sisters, Ethel Winter of Idalou, and Pat English, Molly Springer, Asha Mayfield and Jo Mason, all of Abilene.

He also is survived by six grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. A daughter, a grandson and 3 brothers preceded him in death.

Palbearers will be Dean Bogle, Charles Elrod, Harold Berry, Kent Bogle, Don Church and Jim Wilks.

Memorials may be made to Abilene Christian University or the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. The family will be at the ranch on Adrian Road.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

In compliance with Sec. 43(a) of Art. 1446c, V.A.C.S., West Texas Utilities Company hereby publishes NOTICE that it has filed, on September 13, 1982, its Statement of Intent to make changes in its retail rates charged for electricity and services sold and rendered inside and outside municipal jurisdictions, such proposed changes to be effective October 19, 1982. Such Statement of Intent includes the proposed revisions of tariffs and schedules and a statement specifying in detail each proposed change, the effect the proposed change is expected to have on the revenues of the Company and the classes and numbers of utility customers affected. Systemwide retail adjusted annual revenues are expected to be increased 9.4 per cent by the new rates. Statements of Intent were filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas and with the following municipalities:

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|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Abilene      | Haskell    | Quanah        |
| Alpine       | Hawley     | Quitaque      |
| Anson        | Hedley     | Rankin        |
| Aspermont    | Impact     | Rising Star   |
| Baird        | Iraan      | Rochester     |
| Ballinger    | Jayton     | San Angelo    |
| Balmorhea    | Junction   | Santa Anna    |
| Benjamin     | Knox City  | Shamrock      |
| Big Lake     | Lawn       | Sonora        |
| Blackwell    | Lueders    | Spur          |
| Bronze       | Marfa      | Stamford      |
| Buffalo Gap  | McCauley   | Sterling City |
| Childress    | Meivin     | Throckmorton  |
| Cisco        | Memphis    | Trent         |
| Clarendon    | Menard     | Turkey        |
| Clyde        | Merkel     | Tuscola       |
| Cross Plains | Miles      | Tye           |
| Crowell      | Munday     | Valentine     |
| Dodson       | O'Brien    | Weinert       |
| Eden         | Paducah    | Wellington    |
| Estelline    | Paint Rock | Winters       |
| Goree        | Presidio   | Woodson       |
| Hamlin       | Putnam     |               |

Areas affected by the filing with the Public Utility Commission of Texas are in the following:

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| Municipalities |                 |              |
| Albany         | Lakeview        | Robert Lee   |
| Chillicothe    | Matador         | Roby         |
| Dickens        | Merton          | Rotan        |
| Eldorado       | Moran           | Rule         |
|                | Roaring Springs |              |
| Counties       |                 |              |
| Baylor         | Fisher          | Pecos        |
| Brewster       | Foard           | Presidio     |
| Briscoe        | Gillespie       | Reagan       |
| Brown          | Hall            | Reeves       |
| Callahan       | Hardeman        | Russell      |
| Childress      | Haskell         | Schleicher   |
| Collins        | Iraan           | Shackelford  |
| Coleman        | Jeff Davis      | Stephens     |
| Collingsworth  | Jones           | Sterling     |
| Concho         | Kent            | Stonewall    |
| Cottle         | Kimble          | Sutton       |
| Crane          | King            | Taylor       |
| Crockett       | Knox            | Throckmorton |
| Dickens        | Mason           | Tom Green    |
| Donley         | McCulloch       | Upton        |
| Eastland       | Menard          | Wheeler      |
| Edwards        | Motley          | Wilbarger    |
|                | Notan           |              |

## Hagar-Elliott wed here recently

Cynthia Ann Hagar and Kenneth Scott Elliott exchanged marriage vows Friday in a ceremony at the home of the bridegroom's parents. The Rev. Lynward Harrison officiated.

Presented in marriage by Mike Hicks, the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Newsom. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Elliott.

Mrs. Mike Hicks was matron of honor and Jerry Walters was best man.

The reception was hosted by the bride's

parents, also in the Elliott home.

The bride and bridegroom are both graduates of Merkel High. Mr. Elliott is employed by Sojourner Drilling Company and Mrs. Elliott is employed by Montgomery Ward.

The couple will live here.

### Jackson named

Debbie Jackson, a 1980 graduate of Trent High School will be President of TIP Social Club at McMurry College for the upcoming school term 1982-83.

TIP is one of the oldest clubs on campus, founded in 1925 by Grace Lee Cranston Brown of Merkel. TIP is sponsor of Sing Song and other campus activities including TeePee Village during Homecoming. There is a current active membership of 40 girls including Gina Farmer of Merkel and Cheri Patterson of Trent. Debbie was Historian & Keeper of the Keys for TIP in 1981-82 and also a nominee for Totem Pole Queen. She is the daughter of Wayne Jackson of Many, La. and Brenda Jackson of Trent. She is a Jr. Secondary Education Major with minors in Physical Education & Business Administration.

### Lions set blood drive

The Merkel Lions Club is having its third community blood drive Sept. 22nd between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Heritage Hall.

All blood given is deposited in the Merkel Lions Club account at the Meeks Blood Bank in Abilene. If anyone in the area needs blood its available to them free of charge.

For more information call Jack Keenan at 928-5906 or George Starbuck at 928-4711.

These donations have helped many people in the past. The community effort has been very effective.



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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: TERESA LYNN RACKLEY, Address Unknown, 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 GERALD RAY RACKLEY, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 21st day of July, 1982, against TERESA LYNN RACKLEY, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 7619-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter of The Marriage of GERALD RAY RACKLEY and TERESA LYNN RACKLEY", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to grant a divorce between the petitioner and respondent, and decree such other relief requested in this petition.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 8th day of September, 1982. Rilla Mahoney Clerk, 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas By JoAnn Lackey, Deputy.

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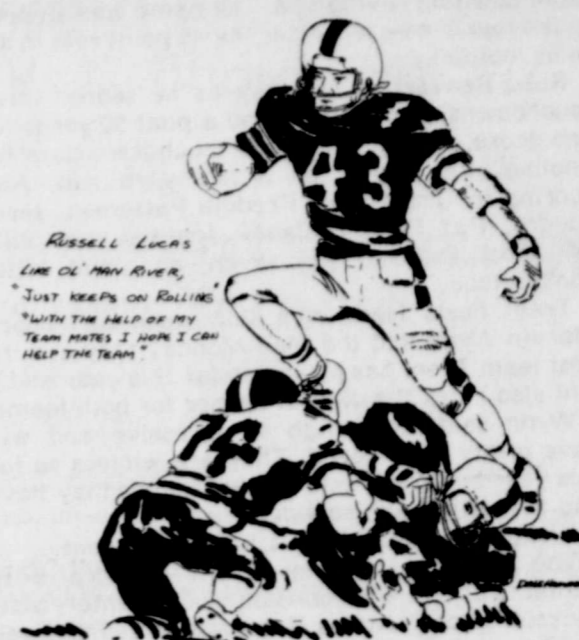
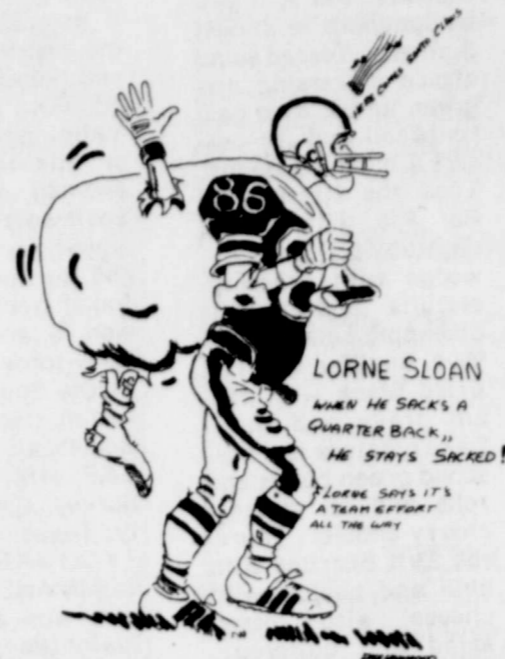
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### PUBLIC NOTICE BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 1982

#### PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 1 proposes a constitutional amendment that prohibits any state ad valorem tax. Receipts from previously authorized state ad valorem taxes that are collected after the effective date of the proposed amendment shall be deposited to the credit of the general fund of the county collecting the taxes and may be expended for county purposes. Taxes collected before that date shall be distributed by the legislature among educational institutions eligible to receive those funds under prior law. The proposed amendment also repeals a section of the Constitution levying an ad valorem tax for a construction fund for 17 state colleges and universities.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment repealing the state property tax."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 62 as amended by Senate Joint Resolution 10 proposes a constitutional amendment that would eliminate the \$80,000,000 ceiling on state welfare aid during any fiscal year. The amendment would set the state welfare spending limit at \$160,000,000 for the 1982-1983 biennium. The amendment further provides that, for each subsequent biennium, the maximum amount spent for state welfare shall not exceed one percent of the state budget.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to provide assistance through the appropriations process to needy persons and to place a ceiling on payments for needy dependent children at one percent of the state budget."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 8 proposes a constitutional amendment that would exempt machinery and equipment used in the production of farm and ranch products from taxation. No dollar limits would be imposed and the exemption would apply to corporations and partnerships as well as to families and individuals.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment exempting implements of husbandry (agricultural machinery and equipment) from ad valorem taxation."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 77 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the Legislature to set a four year maximum term of office for board members of certain water districts and conservation and reclamation districts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to provide terms not to exceed four years for members of governing boards of certain water districts and conservation and reclamation districts."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 119 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize Tarrant and Bee counties to hold county-wide elections to abolish the county treasurer's office by majority vote.

Should the county treasurer's office be abolished, the duties, powers, and functions of that office would be transferred to the county auditor or the successor to the auditor's functions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to abolish the office of county treasurer in Tarrant and Bee counties."

#### PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 6 proposes a constitutional amendment that would raise the constitutional interest rate limit on state general obligation bonds from 8% to 12%. The new 12% ceiling does not, however, apply to bonds issued by the Veterans' Land Board.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment increasing the maximum interest rate allowed on state general obligation bonds to a weighted average annual interest rate of 12%."

#### PROPOSICION NUMERO 3 EN LA BOLETA

Resolución Conjunta del Senado 8 propone una enmienda constitucional que exención de la imposición de impuestos la maquinaria y el equipo que se usan en la producción de productos agrícolas y ganaderos. No se impondría límites de dólares y la exención se aplicaría a las sociedades anónimas y colectivas tanto como a las familias y los individuos.

La propuesta enmienda aparecerá en la boleta como sigue:

"La enmienda constitucional que exención los implementos de producción agrícola (maquinaria y equipo agrícola) de la imposición de impuestos por avalúo."

#### PROPOSICION NUMERO 4 EN LA BOLETA

Resolución Conjunta de la Cámara de Representantes 77 propone una enmienda constitucional que autorice a la Legislatura establecer un límite de cuatro años para los plazos de los miembros de las juntas de ciertos distritos de agua y distritos de conservación y reclamación.

La propuesta enmienda aparecerá en la boleta como sigue:

"La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la Legislatura proveer plazos de no más de cuatro años para los miembros de las juntas gubernamentales de ciertos distritos de agua y distritos de conservación y reclamación."

#### PROPOSICION NUMERO 5 EN LA BOLETA

Resolución Conjunta No. 119 de la Cámara de Representantes propone una enmienda constitucional que autorice a los condados de Tarrant y Bee celebrar elecciones en los dos condados para anular por mayoría el oficio de tesoro del condado.

Si se anula el oficio de tesoro del condado, se cederán los deberes, poderes y funciones de dicho oficio al auditor del condado o al sucesor de las funciones del auditor.

La enmienda propuesta aparecerá en la boleta como sigue:

"La enmienda constitucional que anula el oficio de tesoro del condado en los condados de Tarrant y Bee."

#### PROPOSICION NUMERO 6 EN LA BOLETA

Resolución Conjunta del Senado 6 propone una enmienda constitucional que aumente el límite de la tarifa constitucional de interés en los bonos generales estatales de obligación de 8% a 12%. Sin embargo, el nuevo límite de 12% no se aplica a bonos emitidos de la Junta de Terrenos para Veteranos.

La propuesta enmienda aparecerá en la boleta como sigue:

"La enmienda constitucional que aumenta la tarifa máxima de interés que se permite en los bonos generales estatales de obligación a un promedio ponderado de 12% de interés anual."



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#### PROPOSICION NUMERO 1 EN LA BOLETA

Resolución Conjunta de la Cámara de Representantes 1 propone una enmienda constitucional que prohíba cualquier impuesto estatal por avalúo. Los recibos de impuestos estatales por avalúo anteriormente autorizados que son cobrados después de la fecha efectiva de la propuesta enmienda a esta sección serán depositados al crédito del fondo general del condado que cobra los impuestos y pueden ser gastados para los fines del condado. Los impuestos que son cobrados antes de esa fecha serán distribuidos por la Legislatura entre las instituciones educativas que son elegibles para recibir esos fondos bajo ley previa. La propuesta enmienda también revoca una sección de la Constitución que impone un impuesto por avalúo para un fondo para la construcción de 17 colegios y universidades estatales.

La propuesta enmienda aparecerá en la boleta como sigue:

"La enmienda constitucional que revoca el impuesto estatal sobre la propiedad."

#### PROPOSICION NUMERO 2 EN LA BOLETA

Resolución Conjunta de la Cámara de Representantes 62 tal como fue enmendada por Resolución Conjunta del Senado 10 propone una enmienda constitucional que elimine el límite de \$80,000,000 de asistencia pública estatal durante cualquier año fiscal.

La enmienda establecería el límite de gastos de asistencia pública estatal a \$160,000,000 para el bienio 1982-1983.

Además la enmienda provee que para cada bienio subsiguiente la cantidad máxima que se pueda gastar en asistencia pública no será en exceso de 1% del presupuesto estatal.

La propuesta enmienda aparecerá en la boleta como sigue:

"La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la Legislatura proveer asistencia por el proceso de asignación a necesitados y establecer un límite sobre los pagos para niños dependientes necesitados de un por ciento del presupuesto estatal."

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## Gorillas run record to 2-0

The Trent Gorillas ran their season record to 2-0 as they had no problem with Divide Friday night downing Divide 52-6. The game was stopped in the fourth quarter under the 45 point rule in six man football.

Bebo Beaver led the way as he scored three touchdowns. Beaver returned a punt 50 yards for one score, caught a 20 yard touchdown pass for another and scored on a two yard run. Also scoring for Trent were Freddie Patterson, Jesus Valdez, Pat Penton, Casey Johnson and Billy Williams for six for seven on point after conversions.

Trent hosts Hermleigh this week and coach Marvin Wynn told the Mail Monday they are the best team Trent has played so far this year and it will also mark the district opener for both teams. Wynn said Hermleigh is aggressive and will have pretty good speed. They are winless so far this year but Wynn said that's because they have had a pretty tough schedule.

Kickoff for that game is 8 p.m. in Trent. The offensive unit for Trent includes Billy Williams at end, Farron Hamrick at center, Matt Jackson at end, James Freeman at quarterback and Mike Hallford and Bebo Beaver at running back.

## Farmer's at reunion

The children of the late Adrian and Essie Farmer held their annual reunion in San Antonio over the labor day holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Atherton. Mrs. Atherton is the former Brenda Farmer, daughter of the late James Edward and Doris Farmer.

Breakfast was hosted by Mrs. June Farmer, widow of James Edward Farmer of the city.

Cards, dominoes, swimming, river rides, sight seeing and visiting, along with good food was enjoyed.

The following group from Merkel enjoyed a picnic lunch while traveling to San Antonio: Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hewitt, Chrystal Beard, Mr. and Mrs. Lerry Hewitt and Jennifer, Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Farmer, Kevin and fiancée Miss D. W. Best and Gina Kay Farmer of McMurry.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Farmer and Dusty. Joining the group in San Antonio were Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Farmer of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Fredlyn Farmer of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Wheeler of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Farmer of Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Egger of Bastrop.

Also, Lt. Col. (Ret.) and Mrs. C. P. Sullivan, David Bippers and June Farmer of San Antonio.

## Badger booster news

The Merkel Badger Booster Club held their second meeting of the year Monday. The boosters watched the game film from the Hamlin game.

John Wakala was named the offensive player of the game and Mark Turner was named the defensive player of the week. The varsity team was also picked as players of the week as they were honored for their outstanding effort.

The boosters will set up a booth selling Merkel Badger hats and shirts as well as Booster Club memberships in front of Heritage Hall Friday during Homecoming registration. The booth will also be set up at the parade Friday afternoon and at the game. The hats are on sale for \$5 and the shirts sell for \$7. A ladies hat is also being offered for \$5. For more information, contact Lee Yaddow at 928-5090 or Earl Laird at 928-5037.

The next meeting of the club will be held Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. Everyone is urged to attend the meeting.

## School menu

The school menu for Monday, the 20th will be Spaghetti with beef & cheese, Tossed salad choice of dressing, and green limas. Also garlic bread and for dessert a blushing bunny. Tues. the 21st will be Pot Pie with mixed vegetables, Lettuce wedge with dressing, biscuits and carrot-pineapple salad. Wed. the 22nd Chicken Fried Steak with cream gravy and snowflake potatoes and seasoned green beans and rolls and for dessert cherry cobbler. Thurs. the 23rd Burritos with chili and nachos with cheese, also tossed salad and buttered corn and for dessert fresh apple wedges. Fri. the 24th will be Hamburger day as usual with the regular trimmings and for dessert Rice Krispi bars.

## Notices

### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF BITHA IRENE BROWN DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Bitha Irene Brown were issued on September 7, 1982, in Cause No. 15,531, pending in the Probate Court of Taylor County, Texas, to: WILLIAM J. MITCHELL

The residence of such Executor is Pima County, Arizona. The post office address is: 3252 N. Placita Brazos Tucson, Arizona 85715

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 10th day of September, 1982. By Walter P. Morton, Jr. Attorney for the Estate

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: T.L. Stevens, Laurena Stevens Gee,

Stanley Stevens, Kathy Stevens, Kenny Stevens, David Sherwood Stevens, and the UNKNOWN HEIRS of each of the foregoing, if any, Defendants in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause;

TO: All persons claiming any interest or title in the South one-half (S-2) of the Southwest one-fourth (SW-4) of Section 41, the Northwest one-fourth (NW-4) of Section 48, and the North forty-three (43) acres of the Southwest one-fourth (SW-4) of Section 48, all in Block 19, T&P RR Company Survey, Taylor County, Texas.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer the Plaintiff's petition at or before ten o'clock (10:00) a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation, that day being September 28, 1982 in the 42nd Judicial District Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be held at the County Courthouse in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. The Cause No. is 37,213, styled Hamco Exploration and Development Company vs. heirs of J.E. Bowers, being his widow, Anna A. Bowers, Jack Bowers and Billy Joe Bowers; the heirs of John Burkett, being Jim M. Burkett, Cortez B. McHaney, J. Elmo Burkett, Jake L. Burkett, Wilda Lee Taylor, Joe W. Burkett, Dale W. Burkett and Katie Lou Allen; George Gregory McLeod, Rosemary Bards, Samuel David McLeod, Willie Rea McLeod Gagnon, Jimmie Weldon McLeod, Donald Lewis McLeod, Huey Lee McLeod; the heirs of A.D. Fulton, being Marjorie Fulton McGuire and Joyce Fulton Cothorn; G.H. Watkins and Beadie Brooks, and their heirs and devisees, being Elbert Othel Watkins, Individually and as Trustee of the Ella Obedience Brooks Trust for Elbert Othel Watkins, and Myna B. Watkins, Individually and as Trustee for the Mina D. Watkins Appointment Trust and as Trustee of the Mina D. Watkins Estate

Trust; the Heirs of R.H. Bailey, being Vera Drewery, Robert F. Bailey, and Garretta Strickland; Big Four Chemical Company, Inc., a Texas corporation, L & L\* Inc., a Texas corporation.

The original petition was filed on September 15, 1981, and the first amended original petition was filed on August 11, 1982. The George Gregory McLeod, et al, in which Hamco Exploration and Development Company is Plaintiff and the following persons are Defendants who are being or have been personally served with citation, to-wit:

Betty Jane Tittle, Effie J. Tittle, Orion Tittle, Cullen Tittle, Weldon B. Tittle, Neeley Warren Tittle, Billy Tittle, John William Hughes and Virginia L. Bruton, The Texas Baptist Foundation,

Norman English, J.R. Joyce and his unknown heirs, the heirs of T.L. Stevens and wife, Ada Francis Stevens, being J.P. Stevens, Beatrice Reeves, J.R. Freeman, Anna Joyce Buckner, Jerland Fred Freeman, Maretha Freeman Kelley, Melba Freeman Marth, Billie Ruth Sessions, J.T. Freeman, Luther Warren Asaford, Donna Stevens Haynes, Betty Sue Bryant, Stanley Stevens, Kathy Stevens, Kenny Stevens, Anita Meler, Rodney Wayne Stevens and Tammy Lynn Stevens both of whom are minors and have no guardian within this state, James T. Stevens and Henry Keller Stevens, Jr., and Laurena Stevens Gee and her unknown heirs; the heirs of O.A. Smith, being Maurine Terry, Patricia Rosenbaum, and Kay Shaw; the

nature of the suit is as follows:

This suit is a petition for relief under the Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act of the State of Texas wherein Plaintiff is seeking a determination by the Court as to who is to share in the proceeds from four (4) oil and gas wells located on the South one-half (S-2) of the Southwest one-fourth (SW-4) of Section 41, the Northwest one-fourth (NW-4) of Section 48, and the North forty-three (43) acres of the Southwest one-fourth (SW-4) of Section 48, all in Block 19, T&P RR Company Survey, Taylor County, Texas, containing 283 acres, more or less.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) 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, Taylor County, Texas, this 17th day of August, 1982.

Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk Taylor County, Texas By: Kelly Gandy, Deputy

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The directors & employees of Taylor Electric Cooperative would like to welcome the former Merkel High students attending Homecoming activities



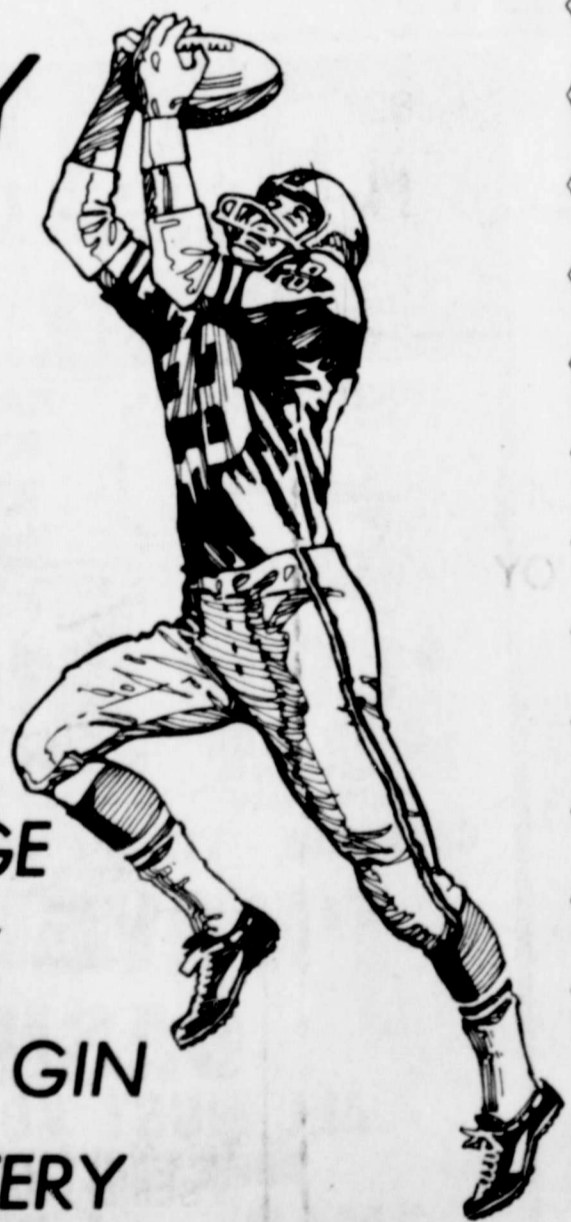
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## Cypert honored for 35 years of government service

Pat Cypert was honored last week as he received a certificate for 35 years of service to the federal government. Thirty-three of those years were spent with the Postal Service.

Merkel Postmaster Truett Thompson presented Cypert with a certificate in a small ceremony at the Post Office Friday.

Pat went to work with the Postal Service Aug. 16, 1949 as a clerk carrier.

Pat transferred to the Rural Carrier service on July 21, 1962 with a 67 mile, 161 stop route on Route 1. He then worked Route 2 and finished his career on Route 3 which had 353 stops and 115 miles included.



Merkel Postmaster Truett Thompson (left) presents Pat Cypert a certificate commemorating his 36 years of service to the federal government. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

## Fortnightly group holds first meeting

The Fortnightly Study Club held its first meeting of the year on Sept. 11, in the home of Mrs. Andy Shouse. Mrs. Orvel Hill and Mrs. Ray Wilson were co-hostesses.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, who welcomed guests. She introduced one new member, Mrs. Joe Allen, wife of the pastor of First United Methodist Church, and two guests from Moran, Mrs. Morris Snyder, Mesquite District President, and Mrs. Lorene Midkiff, Mesquite District Secretary. She also presided for a brief business meeting. Role call was answered by each member calling the name of one place they visited this summer.

New yearbooks were presented to members by Mrs. Allen D. King, Yearbook editor.

A very interesting talk was given by Ruby Hammond, who told about the Club's beginning in 1934 and gave a brief history of the club and its work. A special tribute was paid to the memory of Mrs. H.C. West who was instrumental in getting the club organized. A letter from Mrs. West's daughter, Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird was read.

At the conclusion of her talk, Mrs. Hammond introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Morris Snyder of Moran. Mrs. Snyder is Mesquite District President and has been involved in club work for twenty four years. She is a Bible teacher in the Methodist Church and active in the Eastern Star organization.

Miss Mary Collins then presented a gift to Mrs. Snyder as a small token of our appreciation of her visit to our club.

Delicious refreshments were served to: Mrs. Joe Allen, Mrs. C.M. Brown, Miss Mary Collins, Mrs. S.C. Dixon, Mrs. Charles Eager, Mrs. Bill Everett, Mrs. David Bugg, Miss Mildred Hamm, Mrs. J.W. Hammond, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Orvel Hill, Mrs. James Jay, Mrs. Allen D. King, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. C.B. Knight, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. C.M. Seymore, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Aaron Sudderth, Mrs. Alf Walla, Miss Maurine White, Mrs. Ray Wilson, Members and guests, Mrs. Morris Snyder and Mrs. Lorene Midkiff.

## Lone Star Cystic Fibrosis names Woods Trent chairman

The Lone Star Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation announces the appointment of Marjorie Woods as Chairman of its 1982 Campaign in Trent.

The Campaign will be held to provide the community with information about Cystic Fibrosis and to raise funds to support research, education and care programs for CF patients.

The number one genetic killer of children, Cystic Fibrosis is inherited and incurable - claiming three lives each day. An estimated one in 20 Americans is a symptomless carrier of the recessive CF gene. Currently, half of all children born with CF will die before reaching their 20th birthday.

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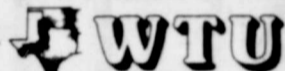
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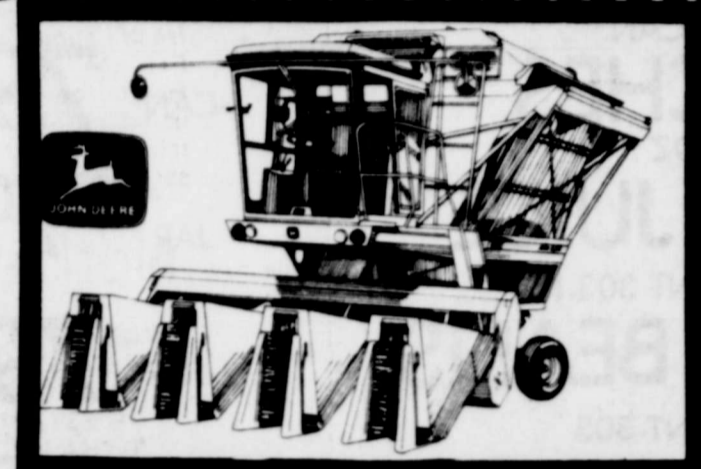
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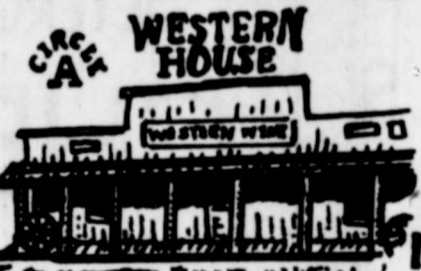
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