

The Merkel Mail

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Badgers host Winters tonight in scrimmage

The Merkel Badgers will be hosting the Winters Blizzards in a scrimmage here tonight (Thursday) at 6:00 p.m. at Badger Stadium.

People attending are being asked to bring a bar of soap for admission.

The Badgers performed well against Coleman in Coleman last Friday in their opening scrimmage, averaging 6 yards per carry rushing and 17 per reception through the air. Both teams scored twice in the scrimmage.

Badger head coach Dick Lepard told *The Mail* Monday "I think the kids played well, especially toward the end of the scrimmage. We executed well and we didn't fumble that much. We ran just about every play we have so we could take a look at them on film."

Lepard said the coaches scouted Wylie and Clyde last week and will scout Sweetwater Friday.

The Badgers did suffer one major injury during the Coleman scrimmage as starting defensive end Michael Woodall sustained a knee injury and underwent orthoscopic surgery Tuesday. It is not known whether or not he will be able to return this season. Lepard said he planned to move linebacker John Paul Dudley to defensive end and would use Corey Hines and David Thomas at linebacker. Thomas is being pro-

moted from the JV squad. Lineman Chris Bierra also suffered a sprained ankle but was expected to play tonight.

Lepard said Winters uses the split six defense and runs from the wing T. He said Winters has the same caliber of team as Coleman and is expected to have a good season.

Tonight's scrimmage will be played under a game-type situation instead of last weeks 20 plays on offense and then the same on defense. The teams will have to earn first downs to maintain possession of the ball.

Lepard said he was pleased with the performances of Davey DeLeon, the JV quarterback and weak side defensive end Jeff Gray. He also said split end Brit Pursley was "certainly a welcomed addition to the team and said he has the speed and the hands to cause headaches for other teams."

Pursley was on the receiving end of a Kenneth Jowers pass that went 40 yards for the Badgers first score.

Lepard also said he wanted to thank Max Murrell Chevrolet for the loan of a pick-up that is used to haul equipment to out of town games and wanted to thank Finley Barnett and Virgil Jones for filming games again this year.

The Badgers open their season Sept. 4th in Sweetwater.



Badger lineman Billy Hair [72] clears the way for running back Ramon Moreno [21] on a screen pass in last week's scrimmage in

Coleman. The Badgers host Winters here tonight in a scrimmage that starts at 6 p.m.

Staff photo

Council wants lots on Merkel's NE side cleared

The Merkel City council is notifying 20 local landowners they have lots that are not in compliance with the city's weed control ordinance and decided to advertise for bids on the refurbishing of six local homes at their regular meeting Monday night.

The meeting was held in the Merkel Emergency Medical Service building.

Council approved the mailing of 20 letters to landowners on Merkel's northeast side that own lots that are not in compliance with the weed ordinance. Landowners will be given ten days to clear the lots. With the mailing, Merkel's North side has been covered. City manager J. A. Sadler said lot owners on the Northwest side of town were very cooperative and that only a couple of lots would have to be cleared by the city. The landowners will be billed for the lot work.

In other action, council approved the Labor Day holiday schedule for City Hall. City Hall will be

closed Labor Day, Sept. 7th but the city sanitation crew will take Friday, Sept. 4th off to not disrupt their service schedule.

Council also approved advertising for bids on six homes to be refurbished under a state program. Those home are listed in a public notice in this week's *Mail*. The bids will be awarded at council's next regular session, set Sept. 14th.

Sadler will also be attending an informal meeting with the Texas Water Commission discussing sewage tests that have been questioned by the Commission. The city conducts weekly, required tests of water leaving the sewer plant and those results have been fluctuating more than state requirements allow. Sadler told councilmen he would ask the commission for help in correcting the problem and emphasized the meeting was informal. The city is also looking in to constructing a new, all-weather road to the water treatment plant.

MHS students asked to report to gym Sept. 1st at 8 a.m.

Classes at Merkel High school start at 8 a.m. Sept. 1st as students will pick up class schedules in the gym. Classes will begin at 8:25 a.m. The normal beginning time for classes is 8:20 a.m. and will end at 3:41 p.m.

There will be an assembly on the first day at 11:20 a.m. Parents are welcome.

Sept. 1st at 7:30 p.m. and open house is scheduled for parents. Parents should get a schedule from their child and go to the child's first period class. A shortened school schedule will be run and the parents will attend each of their child's classes for 10 minutes. Each teacher will give a short outline of their class and what they expect from your child. Parents are urged to attend.

Dress guidelines for school are the same as they were last year, with one exception. Students may wear jams or walking shorts if

they reach near the knee and are loose fitting. Students and parents are asked to use common sense in choosing attire and not to take advantage of this privilege. Skirts for girls should be long enough to prevent indecent exposure. It is suggested that dresses reach near the knee. Students should make every effort to make sure that they do not lose any school time because of improper dress.

High school principal Robert Damron said "We are looking forward to an outstanding school year and hope that students and parents will work with the school to make Merkel High School the best it can be. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call or come by. Parental attendance at the open house can answer most of the questions you might have. We are looking forward to seeing you there."

All Trent students should meet in gym Sept. 1st at 8:30 for general assembly

Trent ISD has announced that the first day of school will be Sept. 1st. A general assembly will be held in the school gymnasium at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Busses will run and the cafeteria will be in operation with

breakfast being served at 8 a.m. School will dismiss at 2 p.m. the first day.

Registration for all high school students was held Aug. 26th. Any student who missed registration is asked to come by the school office tomorrow (Friday) at 10:00 a.m. to register.

Local family loses all in early Tuesday fire, donations are needed

A local family lost all of their possessions as a house they had just rented was completely destroyed by fire here early Tuesday morning.

The Juarez family had just rented the home and the family is in need of clothing, household goods and other items.

If you have anything that would

be useful, contact Jeanette Pursley at 928-5515 after 4 p.m.

The family has two daughters that are ages 5 and 6 and wear clothes size 5 & 6. The mother wears size 8 clothing and the father wears medium shirts and pants size 30-32.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Badger Boosters will meet Monday at 7

The Badger Boosters honored the community and the Badger Athletes with homemade ice cream Monday night. The coaches, their wives and athletes were introduced.

The next Booster meeting will be held Monday night at 7 p.m. at Pug & Leo's Restaurant.

Our membership goal for 1987 is

150 members. We need everyone's support this year.

BADGER POWER is our motto. We will be yelling this at the football games so we are asking everyone to yell loud.

The Winters scrimmage is tonight (Thursday) with the JV playing at 6:00 p.m. and the varsity follows at about 7:00 p.m.

BADGER POWER! □

Sweetwater teacher wins national contest

Mitzi Hart, a reading specialist at Sweetwater High School and a former Merkel teacher, has been notified that she is a winner of a \$1,000 Child Abuse Grant program sponsored by the National Educator's Association (NEA). Only five winners were selected in the nation wide contest.

The \$1,000 will be used to purchase audio-visual material, buy books and to present the programs on child abuse.

To win the contest, Mrs. Hart had to prepare an in-depth proposal for using the grant in the Sweetwater school and community, and present research showing that problem of child abuse does exist. She was praised by contest officials for her efforts.

Sweetwater Texas State Teacher's Association president Martha Taylor states "We are very appreciative to Mitzi Hart for entering this contest for Sweetwater TSTA. All of us share her excitement in winning this award. TSTA, our schools, and our community will benefit from her efforts."

Mrs. Hart is past president of both the Sweetwater Classroom Teacher's Association and the Sweetwater Texas State Teachers Association. This year, she will serve as Child Abuse Coordinator for TSTA.

Anyone in the Merkel community who would like to have a child abuse program presented should call 928-5290 after 5 p.m.

Trent community club meets Sept. 3rd

The Trent Community Club will hold an ice cream supper Thursday (Sept. 3) at 7 p.m. at the Trent High School Cafeteria.

The club invites the community to bring ice cream and cake and meet the Trent High School faculty and administration. They will be introduced by Mrs. Rosemary Bland, president of the Trent School Board.

The community club meets at different times of the year and welcomes new members. Cost is \$3 per month or \$36 a year. To join, contact Lettie Hamner or Mark Williamson.

by W. E. Dulaney



Badger running back Shayne Newberry [40] gets good yardage in last week's scrimmage in

Coleman. The Badgers will face Winters in a scrimmage here tonight and plays Sweetwater in

their first game, Sept. 4th in Sweetwater.

Staff photo

Sr. Citizens, Soap Bowl, Badgers . . .

by Cloy A. Richards

There's a new feature this week in the paper, a hunting column written by Josh Amerine.

Josh will keep the readers up to date on local hunting information and that comes just in time for the dove season, which will start Sept. 1st. If you have any ideas or contribution, let Josh know about them.

Local senior citizens don't have to pay a dime to see the Merkel Badgers play in all sports.

Senior Citizens passes, good for all home Merkel sporting events are available at the superintendent's office between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day. The first home game is Sept. 18th as Cisco comes to town.

Local fans will get their first home look at the Badgers tonight as they host Winters in a scrimmage.

The "Soap Bowl" will get started at 6 p.m. with the JV and the varsity will follow.

Why the name? People attending are asked to bring a bar of soap to be used in the showers following games and practices.

The Badger Boosters will be selling memberships and hats, as well as soft drinks and popcorn from the Ag concession stand and the chamber of commerce will be selling its locally famous fajita's.

Don your purple or gold attire and show the Badgers you are behind them this year.

Speaking of the Badgers, they looked pretty good to me in Coleman last Friday, especially toward the end of the scrimmage.

The 1987 Badgers will have more speed than any team I have seen here (it's my 10th football season) and more size on the line.

They also have a deep threat in the Kenneth Jowers to Brit Pursley combination and that will keep a lot of defenses honest.

The Merkel school board is having a special called meeting Friday at 5 p.m. at the school's

business office to make final amendments on the 1986-87 school budget.

It should be short, sweet and routine but, as always, the public is invited to attend.

School starts Tuesday and the only class times that have changed are at the high school.

Classes at Merkel High will start at 8:20 and end at 8:41. If you have not registered your child, you should do that between now and Tuesday.

And yes, the lunch menu is in the paper this week.

The lot on the corner of North 2nd & Edwards will be seeded in grass soon as the city and the Chamber of Commerce is completing a joint project.

The land is owned by the Merkel Industrial Foundation and Gary Hicks has been spearheading the project for the Chamber. It already looks 50 times better than it did before the city and Gary got busy.



Trent hosts Leuders-Avoca Friday

Trent traveled to May Friday to scrimmage the Tigers and were defeated four touchdowns to 0.

The Gorilla's first team defense led by linebacker Lewis Knapp, lineman Chris Jones and defensive backs Keith Oden and Billy Clark put in a strong effort in the first set of 20 plays and held the Tigers to one touchdown.

On Trent's 20 plays, Oden and Krfapp, behind the blocking of Scott O'Kelly, Brian Massey, Chris Jones and Jason Massey, broke a few plays for good yardage only to cough up the ball on fumbles after hard hits by the larger Tiger defense. The smallest Trent offense consistently moved the ball but untimely turnovers caused the drives to bog down.

The second 20 plays ran by May was again met by the stiff Gorilla defense. In this series of plays, May did score twice but the Gorilla's did have outstanding

efforts by Clark and Oden that saved touchdowns.

On Trent's second set of plays, the tough Tiger defense again gave up ground very stiffly. The Gorilla's did have numerous good runs by Knapp and Oden but could never get the big run into the end zone.

To finish up the scrimmage, ten plays were run by both second teams. On the Tigers ten plays, the Gorilla defense had strong efforts by Noe Fallon and Travis Walker as the Tigers scored their last touchdown. The Gorilla offense met strong resistance by the Tigers but good efforts were put in by running back Fallon and receiver Ricky Tarin.

Coach Doug Gore informed **The Mail** "Our offense was just inconsistent. We're learning a new system and we are going to have to work on our blocking. We are experimenting quite a bit,

running different plays and different formations. We had two starters out and Lewis missed workouts all week with an injury. We are disappointed but we found our weaknesses and our strong points and we can get to work on correcting those weaknesses.

The Gorillas will return home and get ready for the Friday scrimmage with Leuders-Avoca. The people of the community need to come out and support the Gorillas. There will be a box at the gate and the team appreciates donations of old towels and soap for those hot showers after the big victory.

On a related note, the McCauley ISD has consolidated with Hamlin ISD. This means the game set for Oct. 26th has been cancelled. At press time, the coaching staff and administration was working on a replacement game.

by W. E. Dulaney

Why my kids attend a small school

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My children go to Trent Elementary school and barring some catastrophic change in my life, will graduate from Trent High School.

People ask me why I have my children attending such a small school system—Why I don't send them to school in Abilene or Sweetwater? I tell them that small schools are the best possible place for your children to receive their three R's. The small school atmosphere lends to one a relaxed setting that helps each child learn to his or her full potential. Often, in the big city schools, the teacher does not have time for the slower learning student, or the problem child. That student is run through the system until they finally reach adulthood with sub-par abilities. In the small schools, a teacher is more able to identify the problem student, and due to more time for one-on-one study, is able to catch that child up with the rest of the students. When the child does reach adulthood, they are ready to face the world with a good head on their shoulders.

One of the arguments against small schools is, due to a lack of funds, teachers are often not as qualified and their city counterparts. This argument has no solid ground to stand on. Each teacher in the State of Texas has to have a teacher's certificate and that certificate can only be obtained by graduating from college and passing the TECAAT exam. Last year, when the exam scores were made public, the small schools often had 100 per cent teacher certification. The big city schools cannot say the same. In Dallas, some schools had as low as 89 per cent teacher certification and other big school systems, like Houston, Fort Worth, San Antonio and Austin did not reach the 100 per cent figure.

A big problem the city schools face is drug abuse, alcohol abuse, and violence that is seen in the halls of their schools. Close to home, drugs and alcohol are seen in the halls of Abilene High while teachers and administrators look the other way. In larger schools, the halls have become combat zones. Knifings and shootings are becoming commonplace and teachers are becoming assault victims in their classrooms. While the rural schools are not free from

drugs, alcohol and violence, the percentage of students involved in these activities are considerably smaller than the larger schools.

The rural schools of America are doing an outstanding job of preparing their students in the

Dry weather causing grass fires, Trent firemen kept busy

The dry weather is causing more than a few headaches for the Trent Volunteer Fire Department. During the last week, Trent responded to three different grass fires.

At 11:15 a.m. August 18th, firemen were called to three different grass fires all within a half mile of each other and four and a half miles South of Trent. "The fires were all next to the railroad track and we figure the trains set them off," said Odie Davis, Trent Fire Chief. Trent responded to the fires with two trucks and the Merkel Fire Department helped out by sending a truck. The three trucks used about 800 gallons of water to extinguish the fire and returned to their stations by 12:30 p.m.

On August 21, the fire department was summoned to a grass and brush fire behind the W. E. Dulaney home at S 5th & Mesquite. The fire burned about a block and a half of undeveloped land and never threatened any residences. At noon that same day, they had to return to the area

important things: Reading, Writing and Arithmetic, and maybe the larger schools should take a lesson from the smaller ones because their methods don't seem to be working.

The Skinny's # 53 store at I-20 and main was the scene of another grass fire Sunday. A spark from a trash barrel set the small fire off and prompt attention from the firemen kept the fire from spreading.

After a busy week of grass fire fighting, Chief Davis told **The Mail** "It's been so dry we're lucky there hasn't been any more fires than we have already had. I'd like to remind everybody to please be careful when they burn trash. A fire can spread so fast that sometimes it gets away from you before you realize it. One helpful hint is to water down the grass around the barrel before you start the fire and always stand by and keep a close eye on them."

by W. E. Dulaney

Services held for former Merkel resident

Ardean Edmond Higgins, 87 of Albany, a former Merkel resident, died Aug. 12th in the Albany Hospital.

Funeral services were held August 14th at Merkel's First Baptist Church with former pastor Kenneth Jones and pastor Wayne Keller officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 15th, 1899 he was a barber. He was a member of the First Baptist Church here.

November 11, 1939 in Eastland. She died in 1981. He later married Vita Dennis Caffey.

He is survived by his wife in Albany; a stepson Bill Davis of Richardson; three brothers, Carl Higgins of Lubbock, Jack Higgins of Roswell, N.M. and Joe Higgins of Merkel; a sister Myrtle McClain of Detroit and two step grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Palbearers were Robert Higgins, Laverne Moore, Lloyd Robertson, Ted McAninch, Glenn Sandusky and Deverie Higgins.

Services held for Ira Sharp in Trent

Ira Marvin Sharp, 73 of Trent, died Aug. 17th at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio.

Funeral services were held Aug. 19th at the First Baptist Church here with Rev. Carl Rea, pastor, officiating. Burial followed at the Newman Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born July 30, 1914 in Normange, he had married Vera Lee Boyd June 5th, 1942 in Las Vegas.

He was retired from the United States Air Force as a master sergeant. He owned and operated a gas station in Trent, had been a

bus mechanic for the Trent ISD and had worked for 10 years at General Dynamics. He was a Mason and a member of Merkel Masonic Lodge # 710. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Trent.

He is survived by his wife of Trent, a son Roy, also of Trent, two daughters; Betty Carol Downey of Big Spring and Donna Kay

Senseman of Sugar Land; a brother, K. G. Sharp of Baird; three sisters, Lazelle Perry of Amarillo, Janelle Dozier of Midland and Mildred Lee Kovitz, also of Midland, six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Palbearers were Dick Griffith, S. C. Driggers, Dale Rutherford, R. O. Payne and Terry Benningfield.

Humpback whales sing in accents which indicate where they're from—the Virgin Islands, Bahamas or Puerto Rico, for instance

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Newsbriefs

Lewis is new Trent

High science teacher

Kayla Cross, a new science teacher for the Trent High School has decided to refuse her contract and accept a position with the Abilene ISD.

Mrs. Vicki Lewis from Sweetwater has accepted the position and will be with the TISD for the 1987-88 school year.

by W. E. Dulaney

Sept. 2: beef tacos with sauce, pinto beans, shredded lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, jello with fruit.

Sept. 3: fish nuggets with tartar sauce, cole slaw with sweet and sour dressing, blackeyed peas and cherry cobbler.

Sept. 4th, Hamburgers with all the trimmings and fries, fresh orange wedges.

Fatheree's daughter

Mr. & Mrs. David W. Fatheree of Mesquite announce the birth of Jen'nieca Monique, weighing 6 pounds 10 ounces on July 3rd at Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

She was welcomed by brothers Phil 8 and Jeremy 6. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. G. R. Fatheree of Garland, H Franco of

Mesquite and Mrs. Filer Ogles of Dallas.

Xi Nu Chi meets

Xi Nu Chi Sorority met Saturday morning in the home of Nancy Johnson for their beginning day brunch. The theme for the year is "Build Bridges for Friendship."

The yearbooks were passed out to members present telling of the 1987-88 activities. The final plans for the August 28th Back to School Dance at the Methodist Gym were made.

Members present to enjoy the brunch were Mary Hill, Sandra Wurst, Nancy Johnson, Minyon Seymore, Nancy Duncan, Donna Bryan and Judy Elliott.

Freshman ice cream party

The Merkel High Senior Girls would like to invite the Freshmen girls to a Welcome to High School

Ice Cream get together. The event will take place Sept. 1st at 8:00 p.m. in the United Methodist Fellowship Hall.

Ely's honor mother

The children of Mrs. M. H. Ely Sr., a former Merkel resident, now of 2109 Glendale in Abilene, hosted a get-together in honor of her 85th birthday.

The event was held in the Comfort Inn motel in Brownwood Aug. 22 & 23.

Thirty-six relatives and friends from area towns attended the celebration, coming from Kingsland, Comanche, San Marcos, Merkel, Marble Falls and Abilene.

Preceptor Eta Omega

The Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi kicked off their 1987-88 year with a brunch at the Kiva Inn Saturday.

President Blanche Hewitt told the Chapter the theme for the year was "Build Bridges of Friendship."

Program chairman Mamie Steck presented each member their yearbook which reflects the new theme. Social chairman Connie Ybarra revealed the coming socials and other activities for the year.

The following members enjoyed the meal and fellowship: Blanche Hewitt, Opal Garner, Kathy Lev-erich, Val Patterson, Mamie Steck, Yvonne Sadler, Connie Ybarra and Marilyn Baker.

Local firemen stay busy with grass fires, major wreck

The Merkel Fire Department spent 72 man hours fighting fires the past week as they answered

seven fire calls. On August 17th, firemen answered a 5:17 p.m. call 1/2 mile West of Stith on the Bill Dunigan place. At 9:50 p.m. that same day, firemen put out a pasture fire on the Robert Riney place, six miles South of Merkel on FM 1235.

On Aug. 18th, firemen fought a grass and pasture fire six to eight miles South of Trent along with the Trent fire department.

Also on the 18th, firemen put out a grass and pasture fire 6 to 8 Bettis Heights addition.

On Aug. 20th, firemen fought a pasture fire North of FM 707 along with the Tye fire department.


They also answered a call at the Rest Inn Motel following a major wreck involving an 18 wheel truck. There was no fire but firemen washed down diesel fuel spilled in the accident.

Firemen also answered a call Aug. 22 of a grass fire along the Missouri-Pacific right of way.

MISD lunch menu

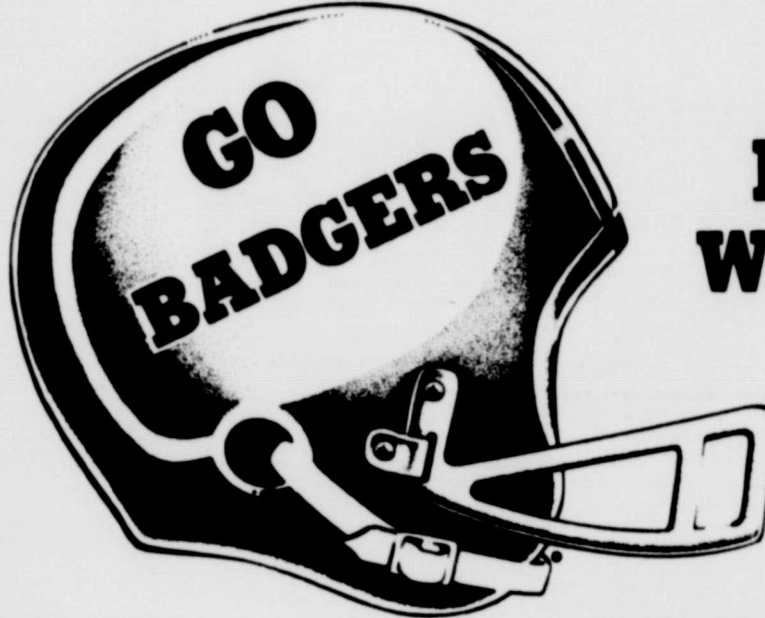
The following is the MISD lunch menu for the first week of school.

Sept 1st: chicken fried steak with cream gravy, whipped potatoes, seasoned green beans, sliced peaches with whipped



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MERKEL & TRENT FOOTBALL



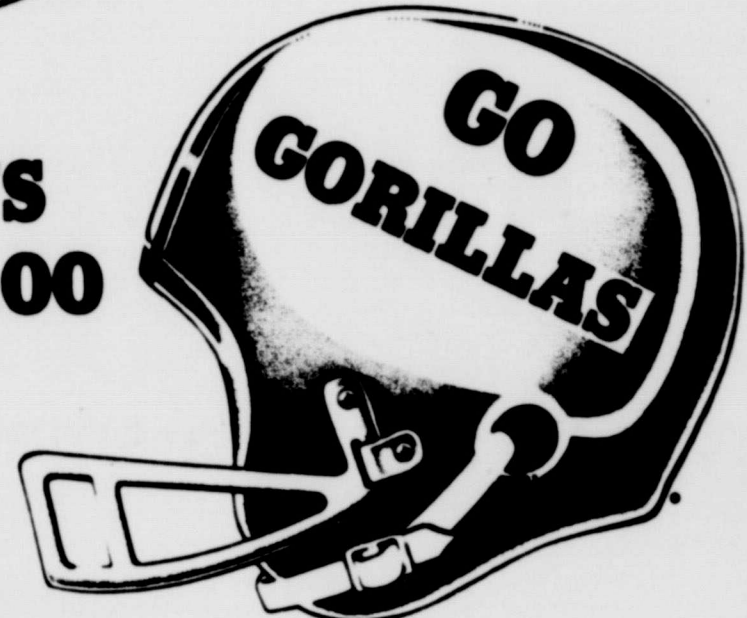
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35-1tp

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35-1tp

For Sale: Mobile home axles (2) with brakes (2) without brakes. \$75 each. Call Joe at 928-5629 after 5 p.m.

35-2tc

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Alcoholics Anonymous and AA meetings are Tuesday & Thursday at 7 p.m. at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church.

Found: 2 male mixed breed dogs, medium large. Nice kittens, 4 males & 1 female. Pup about six months old, male with white & black all will be available for adoption if not claimed. Merkel Vet Clinic 928-5235.

Just for Kids is accepting fall enrollment. 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday: breakfast, lunch & 2 snacks. Free insurance, licensed day care in Trent 862-6115.

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35-TFC

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35-TFC

REAL ESTATE

New listing: 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1,013 square feet, chain link fence 1511 Heath, will also rent for \$225. Ken Hogan, Century 21 Abilene, Big Country, Inc. 692-8311 or 928-4826.

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For Sale: 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Carson Circle, Ken Hogan, Century 21 Abilene, Big Country, Inc. 692-8311 or 928-4826.

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For Sale: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas with steel siding on 3 acres. Call Ken Hogan at Century 21 Abilene, Big Country, Inc. 692-8311 or 928-4826.

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For sale by owner: 1 acre with 20 X 30 metal barn, storage shed, garden spot, chain link fence, all utilities, ready for trailer or house in Trent. Call 928-5134 after 4 p.m.

35-2tc

For sale by owner: 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large living room and kitchen, barn, fruit trees, storm cellar, fenced in yard in Merkel. Call 928-5134 after 4 p.m.

35-2tc

House for sale at a bargain: 2 bedroom, kitchen, living room, 1 bath, has central heat, all furniture and appliances stay. Call Cyrus Pee, Agent 928-5613.

17-TFC

House for sale in Trent: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, living room, dining room, kitchen, utility room, steel siding, storm windows, carpet, central air & heat, built in range & oven, dishwasher, water well. Cyrus Pee Realtor 928-5613.

31-TFC

For Sale: 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, all brick, all electric, home near school. Central heat and air in the middle to 2 lots, ask for Dorothy 698-4484 or 695-7634.

31-TFC

For Sale: 2 story, large living room, dining room, kitchen, master bedroom & bath, down stairs large up-stairs, 3 bedrooms, bath, lots of storage room on corner lot, priced to sell. Cyrus Pee, Realtor 928-5613.

20-TFC

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17-TFC

Austin stone house for sale at 308 Rose in Merkel. Call 928-5921 or 928-4144.

10-TFC

Abandoned Homes! Take over payments, 100 available. Call collect 1-800-763-4051.

34-4tc

Very nice old brick, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home near school. Central heat & air. Priced in the 40's. Ask for Dorothy 698-4484 or 695-7634.

34-3tc

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34-2tc

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35-4tp

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23-TFC

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25-TFC

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35-3tc

Trailer house for sale or rent: 2 bedroom, Champion 1983 model. Furnished with washer & dryer. Call 928-3811. Available Oct. 1st.

35-2tc

For rent: 2 bedroom furnished apartment or 2 bedroom permanent mobile home \$175 per month call 928-5635 at night.

35-1tp

To accelerate the baking of a potato, first boil it for about ten minutes.

Margie Baker

GARAGE SALES

Garage sale: 8-5 at 512 Rose Friday & Saturday 35-1tc

Porch sale: 208 Rose, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. 35-1tp

Garage sale: mens, womens and childrens clothes, built-in dishwasher, furniture, lots of misc. Approximately 200 fence pickets 8 til 7 1/2 mile South of Trent on FM 1085, Saturday only. 35-1tc

Garage sale: 1001 Locust: lots of clothes and misc. Thursday & Friday 8-5. 35-1tc

Back yard sale: 112 Ash, Thursday & Friday. Marble round 25" table top, chain link gate 48 X 36, hanging baskets of jew, western paper backs, Archie comics, all types of record albums, mens shirts, double knit dresses, antique oak desk chair, 36" wood door and door jam, screen door, storm door 32", old oak rocker and misc. 35-1tp

Garage sale: 407 Ash Friday only 8-6. 35-1tp

Yard sale: trailer with camper, base CB, 2 CB radios, bicycle and misc. Friday & Saturday till noon at 604 Rose. 35-1tp

Garage sale: Thursday & Friday 8 til 7. Go 2 1/2 miles North on FM 126 and turn right on county road 408 and follow signs. Small cafe, bartables. 35-1tp

Garage Sale: Saturday only: 1/4 mile West on Old Highway 80 in Trent; clothes, chest of drawers, chair, misc. 8-6. 35-1tc

Giant 4 family garage sale: electric range, dishwasher, bath tub, clothes, baby clothes, dishes & lots more. Saturday only, 310 Thornton Under carport. 35-1tp

3 family garage sale: Saturday & Sunday 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Located 7 miles NW of Merkel off of FM 1235. Follow signs with ribbons. Back to School clothing for boys & girls of all ages, household goods, furniture, tv etc. Everything will sell at a very low price. 35-1tp

CARDS OF THANKS

Words seem so inadequate when we try to express our thanks for phone calls, cards, food and prayers and every gesture made during Marvin's illness and to the end.

We love and thank each of you. Vera, Donna, Betty & Roy Lee

I want to thank everyone for the nice cards, flowers, phone calls while I was in the hospital.

Margie Baker

PUBLIC NOTICES

Advertisement and Invitation for Bids City of Merkel Housing Rehabilitation Program

The City of Merkel will receive bids for housing rehabilitation until 4:30 p.m. on the 14th day of September, 1987, at City Hall, 107 Lamar, Merkel, Texas 79636 at which time and place all will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids are invited on the following houses: (1) 512 Walnut (2) 402 Manchester (3) 1306 South 2nd, (4) 408 Rose (5) 1501 North 2nd (6) 403 Runnels.

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Kent Satterwhite Mayor 32-2tc

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Taylor NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Execution issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, of the 28th day of July, 1987, by Writ of Execution of said 42nd District Court of Taylor County, for the sum of four thousand wight hundred sixty four & 23/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of GOGGANS & SONS INC. in a certain cause in said Court, No. 38,827-A and styled GOGGANS & SONS INC. vs. SONNY JONES' aka WILLIAM F. JONES INDIVIDUALLY AND dba ADVANCE EXPLORATION placed in my hands for service, I, JOHN W. MIDDLETON as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 3rd day of August, 1987, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, described as follows, to-wit:

Bradley Replat of Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9. A portion of North Park Addition, recorded in Vol. Y, Page 638, Taylor County Deed Records January 9, 1964. Being a replat of a portion of Lots 4, 5, 6 and 9 and all of lots 7 and 8 Block 9, North Park Addition, which is recorded in Volume Y, Page 638, Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, and being out of Section 85 T & P RR Co. Block 14, Taylor County, Texas; and levied upon as the property of SONNY JONES aka WILLIAM F. JONES INDIVIDUALLY dba ADVANCE EXPLORATION and that on the First Tuesday in September, 1987, the same being the 1st day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said SONNY JONES aka WILLIAM F. JONES INDIVIDUALLY dba ADVANCE EXPLORATION.

SALE WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 A.M. SALE WILL BE FOR CASH ONLY.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English Language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale in The Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this the 5th day of August, 1987.

JOHN W. MIDDLETON, Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas by Frank Solis, Jr., Deputy 105-33-3tc

SAFETY SENSE

Some say safety begins with a belt. A seat belt. By buckling yours, you can be part of a nationwide campaign to reduce by thousands the number of people who die in traffic accidents each year.

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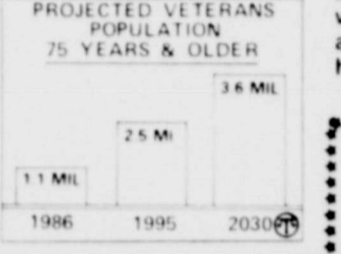
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JV quarterback Davy DeLeon spins to hand off to running back Eddie Proctor during a scrimmage in Coleman last Friday. Staff photo

Dove season '87 looks good

by Josh Amerine

Dove season is almost here and all around I can see preparations for the fun. Sporting goods stores are running specials on shotgun shells reloading supplies, and various accessories. I also noticed two guys shooting a little trap last weekend at the range, tuning up for the season. And amid the yearly preparations there is the normal confusion surrounding equipment, ammunition, and the dove forecast.

As for the birds, the outlook is good. The Merkel area has had more birds each successive season in the past three years than in previous years; and, this season may be the best in recent memory. After the abundant rainfall and crop harvests these past two years, the birds are healthy and numerous.

The normal hunting tactics should be as productive this year as any. Water holes, of course, will be hot as always, barring heavy rains early in the season. Known flyways can be very pro-

ductive if hunted correctly, and individual gravel pits that are frequented by dove can offer some of the most action packed bird hunting of all. In addition, tree protected grain fields also rank among the best hot spots.

I called a few knowledgeable shooters in the area and asked them about their choices of ammunition and bird hunting equipment. Gary Hicks—although birds are not his first choice—recommended the Remington Express 1 1/4 ounce No. 7 1/2 load for bursting dove. Gary keeps plenty of these hot loads in stock. Doyle Gray at the Shootin' Shop recommends Winchester's Heavy Trap loads in 1 1/8 ounce and a shotgun choked Skeet or Improved Cylinder. Marshall at Bible Hardware also recommended Winchester Heavy Trap and shot sizes 7 1/2 or 8's. Marshall likes No. 9 for water hole birds and his choice of chokes in Improved Cylinder.

Some important points become clear in their preferences. All recommended the 12 gauge for maximum pellet count and each chose a high grade shell. Both the Winchester Trap and the Remington Express use a "magnum" type shot which is harder than normal. This means less deformation in the barrel and tighter, more uniform patterns. Most noted shooters also use more open chokes, this also means less deformation and more even patterns. With a national average of 10 to 20 shots fired per actual bird brought home, hunters would do well to heed the advice of these professionals. My personal load is 1 1/2 ounce of No. 8 in Winchester's AA hull. With velocity in the 1,150 feet per second range, the pattern density is excellent, pellet count is high, and the recoil mild.

This bird season promises to be one to be remembered with the potential for high bag counts if proper attention is paid to loads, equipment, and tactics. If you have some information or news to pass on after the season opens, let me know and I will get it out. Good hunting.

Services held for Mamie Abernathy

Mamie Parker Abernathy, 87 of 1704 S 2nd in Tahoka, a former Merkel resident, died Aug. 17th at the Golden Age Nursing Home in Tahoka.

Graveside funeral services were held Aug. 19th at Rose Hill Cemetery here with Rev. Herschel Thomas officiating. Burial was under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born March 24th, 1900 in Oklahoma, she was a housewife and had married Leonard Abernathy. He preceded her in death in 1982. She was a Methodist.

She is survived by a brother, Rueben Parker of Lubbock and a nephew, Marshall Dubree of Tahoka.

MHS student council officers attend workshop

The 1987-88 Merkel High School Student Council officers attended the TASC workshop at Angelo State University August 2-7.

Those attending included Kristy Elliott—president; Teresa Lucas—vice president; Staci Ferguson—secretary; Krista Toombs—reporter and Son Mi Chon—business manager.

The theme for the workshop was "Those Who Dare." Each member acquired many leadership qualities through working with others in council meetings and skits. They also shared and gained several new ideas in discussion groups. This workshop was very successful and the council is excited about the upcoming year.

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Merkel school serves nutritious meals every school day. Students may buy lunch for \$1.10 and breakfast for 45 cents. Children from households that meet Federal Income guidelines are eligible for free meals or reduced-price meals at 40 cents for lunch and 30 cents for breakfast. To apply for a free or reduced-price meal, complete an application that will be sent home with your child, sign it and return it to the school.

FOOD STAMP - AFDC HOUSEHOLDS: If you currently receive Food Stamps or "Aid to Families with Dependent Children" for your child, you only have to list your child's name and food stamp or AFDC case number, print your name and sign the application. Since you have already given income information to the welfare office, the school can confirm your eligibility.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS: If your household income is at or

below the level shown on the enclosed scale, your child is eligible for either free or reduced-price meals. To apply for meal benefits, you must provide the following information and sign the application: (1) list the names of everyone who lives in your household. Include parents, grandparents, all children, other relatives and unrelated people who live in your household. (2) list the social security number of each adult age 21 or older. If an adult does not have a social security number print "None". (3) list total monthly income and amount of income (BEFORE deductions for taxes, social security, etc.) each person received last month and where it was from, such as wages, retirement, or welfare. If you have a household member for whom last month's income was higher or lower than usual, list the person's expected average monthly income.

VERIFICATION: The information on the application may be checked by school officials at

any time during the school year.

REPORTING CHANGES: If you list income information and your child is approved for meal benefits, you must tell the school when your household income increases by \$50 or more per month (\$600 per year) or when your household size decreases. If you list a food stamp case number or AFDC number, you must tell the school when you no longer receive food stamps or AFDC for your child.

FOSTER CHILD: Your foster child may be eligible for meal benefits. If you wish to apply for meal benefits for a foster child, contact the school for help with the application.

NONDISCRIMINATION: Children who receive free or reduced-price meal benefits are treated the same as children who pay for meals. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or handicap. If you believe you have been

discriminated against, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

FAIR HEARING: If you do not agree with the school's decision on your application or the result of verification, you may wish to discuss it with the school. You also have the right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing the following official: Elizabeth Willson, O. Box 430, Merkel, Texas (915-928-5131).

CONFIDENTIALITY: The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will be used only for eligibility determination and verification of data.

REAPPLICATION: —You may apply for benefits at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but need to apply later in the year, please fill out an application at that time. You will be notified when the application is approved or denied.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Willson
35-1tc-164

MERKEL ISD FREE & REDUCED LUNCH SCALE

Family Size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$ 10,175	\$ 848	\$ 196
2	13,690	1,141	264
3	17,205	1,434	331
4	20,720	1,727	399
5	24,235	2,020	467
6	27,750	2,313	534
7	31,265	2,606	602
8	34,780	2,899	669
Each Additional Family Member	\$ 3,515	\$ 293	\$ 68

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REPORTING CHANGES: If you list income information and your child is approved for meal benefits, you must tell the school when your household income increases by \$50 or more per month (\$600 per year) or when your household size decreases. If you list a food stamp case number or AFDC number, you must tell the school when you no longer receive food stamps or AFDC for your child.

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NONDISCRIMINATION: Children who receive free or reduced price meal benefits are treated the same as children who pay for meals. In the operation of a child feeding program, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or handicap.

FAIR HEARING: If you do not agree with the school's decision on your application or the result of verification, you may wish to discuss it with the school. You also have the right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing the following official: Don Gibson, Superintendent 862-6125.

CONFIDENTIALITY: —The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will be used only for eligibility determination and verification of data.

REAPPLICATION: —You may apply for benefits any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but need to apply later this year, please fill out an application at that time. You will be notified when the application is approved or denied.

Sincerely,
Don Gibson
TISD Superintendent
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TRENT ISD FREE & REDUCED LUNCH SCALE

Family Size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$ 10,175	\$ 848	\$ 196
2	13,690	1,141	264
3	17,205	1,434	331
4	20,720	1,727	399
5	24,235	2,020	467
6	27,750	2,313	534
7	31,265	2,606	602
8	34,780	2,899	669
Each Additional Family Member	\$ 3,515	\$ 293	\$ 68

New laws in effect; safety areas are reviewed

Many pieces of legislation impacting the safety and health of Texans will go into effect August 31 or September 1st, according to George R. Gustafson, President of the Texas Safety Association.

The measures include both on-and-off-the-job safety.

Driving Safety Courses

Substantial changes occurred in statutes governing the dismissal of traffic safety violations completing a driving safety course.

According to Gustafson, the changes are expected to curb some of the abuses that are counterproductive to traffic safety.

The revised statute will allow a court fee of no more than \$10 including any costs by a city ordinance, and it will reinforce the Department of Public Safety's administrative oversight of such programs. The changes also provide some consumer benefits such as mandated advising of the right to take a driving safety course in lieu of paying the fine and prohibiting insurance companies from raising rates or cancelling a policy merely because the insured took the course.

In addition, the statute (1) requires that a person on or before the answer date enter a plea of No Contest or Guilty and present to the court an oral or written request to take a driving safety course; (2) requires filing of an affidavit regarding the person's not being in the process of taking a course or having completed one not yet reflected on the driving record; (3) disallows dismissal in cases of speeding 25 mph or more over the posted limit; and (4) allows dismissal of one charge per course.

Alcohol-Traffic Safety

Gustafson noted that a few more steps were made toward curbing the still too-evident DWI problem. Beginning August 31, it will no longer be legal to drink while driving.

Effective Sept. 1st, courts may require use of a deep lung breath analysis mechanism by a person whose license has been suspended for second or subsequent DWI offenses. The device registers blood alcohol level and requires a series of actions to start the vehicle. The probationer will have to bear the expense for obtaining the device.

The Legislature also addressed dram shop liability including a new emphasis on server training. Under the revised statute, the employer cannot be held responsible for damages occurring as a result of his or her employee serving an intoxicated person, if the employer has required the employee to take an approved course of server training and if

the employee has indeed taken the course. Various sections and provisions of this legislation have different effective dates.

Several driver's licensing measures are expected to curb underage drinking.

One bill changed the statutes regarding penalties for manufacture, sale, or possession of false driver's license.

Another addresses the offense of fraudulently or illegally obtaining a driver's license.

In the future, the face of the license of underage drivers will be marked in letters of at least 1/4 inch and in red ink "under 21."

Action was also taken to discourage campus hazing incidents, which so often involve alcohol abuse. The new statute defines hazing (including forced consumption of alcohol) and provides penalties. It applies to a public or private high school or college, university, or other postsecondary educational establishment. Offenses include engaging in, encouraging, directly aiding, permitting and failing to report hazing.

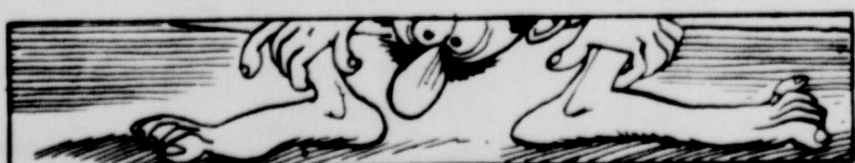
Truck Safety

Texas joins the growing national efforts for improved truck safety with its industry backed omnibus truck safety legislation passed this session, along with measures required by the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 (federal legislation which will prohibit multiple driver's licenses and addresses many other aspects of commercial motor vehicle safety).

The new state law (1) gives DPS authority to adopt Federal Motor Carrier Safety regulations and Hazardous Material regulations for the safe operation of motor carriers and transportation of hazardous materials; (2) requires that the regulations address the physical condition of the driver and safe condition of the equipment; (3) requires assurance of ability to pay for damages; (4) applies to all segments of the trucking industry; (5) allows DPS to detain and inspect; and (6) allows a peace officer (certified by DPS for this purpose) of cities of 300,000 or more to detain and inspect trucks on a street or highway in the city. Those statutes are effective Jan. 1, 1988.

Other Traffic Safety

A measure regulating the darkness of tinting for windshields and windows of vehicles also passed. The statute exempts for-hire vehicles and vehicles of model years before 1988. The offense applies to operating, affixing a device, selling, or offering to sell a vehicle in violation of the new specifications.



The left foot is just a little bit larger than the right foot on most people.

7 from area attend Bloys camp meeting

The 98th annual Bloys Camp Meeting was held August 11 through August 16th in Fort Davis, Texas. The meeting is the oldest cowboy camp meeting in Texas. The 1989-1990 meeting has been designated as the centennial year and will be called the "Year of Celebration."

The first meeting was held Oct. 10, 1890, with only 48 cowboys and ranch families meeting for three days of worship services. They came in wagons, buckboards, and horseback, and truly camped out in the open. They held meetings under live oak trees, in a brush arbor, and later in tents. In 1902, the Bloys Campmeeting Association was organized and incorporated. In 1904, the charter was read and adopted. Four ministers were invited to attend the 1905 meeting. The Reverend W. B. Bloys, D.D., a Presbyterian Home Missionary, known as "The Little Shepard of the Hills", was pastor to all the Davis Mountain Country and had been pastor of the camp meetings prior to 1906. He conducted the meetings until his death, twenty-seven years later. After the invocation and hymn at the first service, Dr. Bloys expressed the principle which has assured life and the subsequent growth of Bloys: "Every denomination is going to be welcome here. There will be no line drawn because of different religious beliefs, but everyone is welcome to come worship with us."

In 1912, a pavillion replaced the old Gospel tent. The tabernacle was enlarged in 1927, and again in 1938. In 1940, the new tabernacle was dedicated. The meetings have continually grown each year to a record breaking crowd this year of over 3,000.

There are four preaching services daily in the Tabernacle. In addition, there is a five o'clock prayer meeting for both men and women. This has long been a favorite feature of Bloys. The men met under the famous prayer tree and the ladies in the tabernacle.

Rural citizens may soon have access to cable tv

"Rural folks have a right to the same quality of life as people in the city— especially when that right is denied by a few mucky mucks in New York City," declared Jim Morriss, executive vice-president of the Association of Texas Electric Cooperatives (TEC).

Morriss, speaking before 675 electric cooperative managers, directors, and guests and the organization's 47th annual meeting August 3-5 in Austin, denounced the programming executives responsible for scrambling tv satellite signals and blocking out rural dish owners.

Bob Phillips, chief executive of the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC), keynoted the meeting and indicated that the recently formed nonprofit telecommunication co-op is making great strides toward bring affordable satellite television to all of rural America.

He announced that two more television programming companies have joined NRTC's television package, called "Rural TV", and several more stations are "very close" to signing contracts.

The television package is to be offered to satellite dish owners through participating electric cooperatives beginning in September in some parts of the country, although it will take time to determine the demand for the service in specific areas.

The new channels are ESPN, a sports channel that will begin broadcasting NFL games this fall, and CBN, the Christian Broadcasting Network.

For about \$10 a month, NRTC will market the basic package which will include Cable News Network and four independent "superstations."

He also described other services that NRTC may eventually offer such as electronic billing through the consumer's television set and meter reading from the co-op's office, and bidirectional communication systems that can transmit voice, data and video.

Each electric cooperative must assess the demand in its specific area and the feasibility of offering the tv service. There are many considerations for a local co-op board to weigh in deciding whether to become directly involved in the program.

But since the service is from a satellite, and distance is no obstacle, it is probable that a rural dish owner could have access to the service even if his or her cooperative does not provide it directly.

Services for various groups of children and young people are held daily in their own tabernacles.

The ministers for the meeting this year were: Dan Vestal-Baptist, George Cladis- Presbyterian, Brian Feille- First Christian and Bill Hutchison- Methodist. Ministers are chosen by the four cooperative churches, each presiding once each day in planned rotation.

Marty Vershel was minister of youth and Ed Lacy was music minister of youth. Carol Newman of Abilene was choir director for the adults. Music is one of the most enjoyable aspects of Bloys and centers around congregational singing of familiar gospel hymns. Special music highlights the services with musicians from all over Texas and other states lending their abilities.

Ranch hands from neighboring ranches prepare cowboy style meals at six eating camps on the grounds. Voluntary contributions are given for the meals and also for the administration of the association.

Bloys Camp Meeting in its natural setting is as beautiful as any cathedral. A section of land, including historic Skillman Grove, was purchased and set aside as a permanent home for this unique Christian organization. It is located at an elevation of about 6,000 feet. It is one of the most beautiful, inspiring spots in the majestic Davis Mountains.

Mrs. Lottie Butman Everett of Merkel, has two cabins at Bloys. She attended her first camp meeting as a young woman and this year is the first meeting she has missed attending in 47 years. Her health is the contributing factor in her not attending. She has been a constant encourager to her friends and family to attend the meetings, and has extended her gracious hospitality to stay in her cabins. She was granted permission to build her cabins in 1967 on the exact site she and her parents, the late Mr. & Mrs. Sam Butman Sr., camped during their first camp meeting. A few years after that first trip, Mrs. Everett

made the trip again accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Russom, Sam Butman Sr. and Mrs. Lewis Butman.

Mrs. Mary Russom recalls camping in a tent under the stars in the Everett cabin this year were: Mrs. Bernice Bagby, Mrs. Mary Russom, Billy Bob, Pat and Pam Neff, and Danny Santee, all of Merkel, Jackie Swinney and Michael LaSalle, in her memory. She says of her both of Trent.

trips to Bloys each year "After one trip they have not been able to get rid of me."

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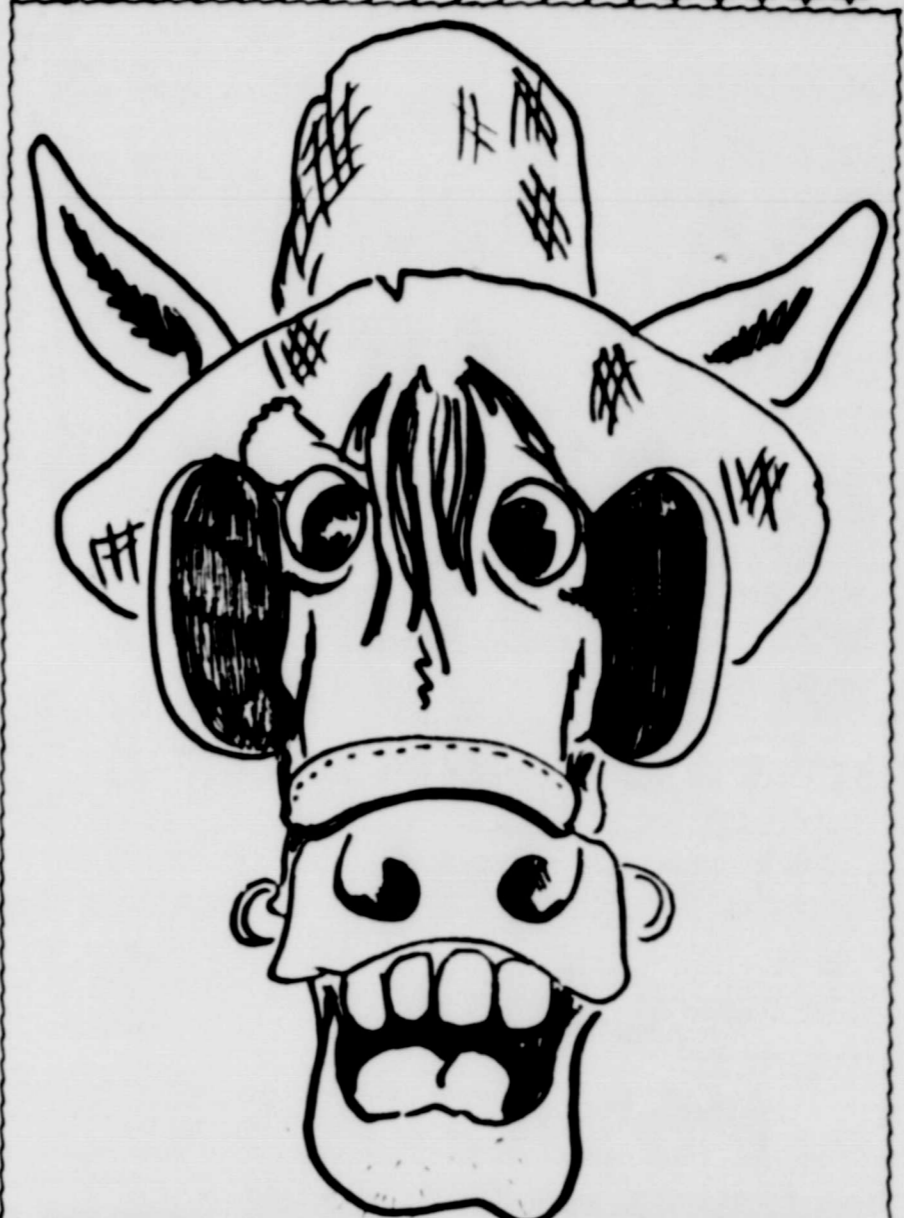
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Trent ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

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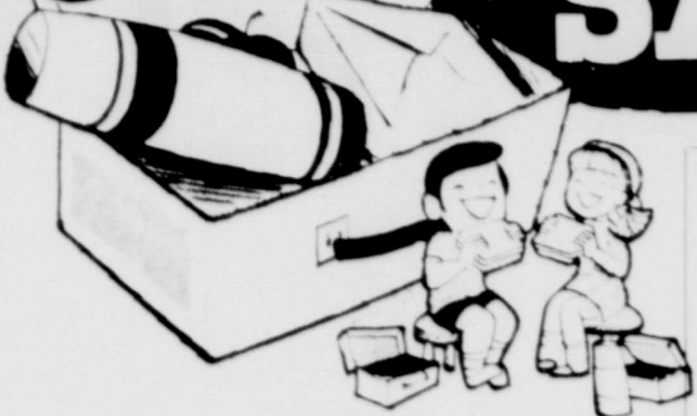
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