

The Merkel Mail

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Badgers-Sonora fight to 22 all tie, Wylie is here Friday

The Merkel Badgers fell behind Sonora three times last week and managed to catch up all three times but never could pull ahead as Merkel and Sonora fought to a 22-22 tie.

Merkel did finish the game with six penetrations to Sonora's four and those penetrations could have a major impact later in the season.

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Sonora jumped out to a 7-0 lead as they scored on the second play of the second quarter following a sustained drive. The Badgers came right back as Sonora kicked the ball off short, the Badgers took over at their own 45 and after a fine option run by Ramon Moreno, Corey Hines added the touchdown. Shayne Newberry's point after was blocked and Sonora led 7-6.

Sonora put together another sustained drive and took the lead 13-6 and the Badgers came storming back as Kenneth Jowers fielded a Sonora punt and raced 60 yards for a touchdown. The Badgers sent Moreno wide on the option for the two point conversion and took a 14-13 lead.

Sonora got a break at the end of the first half as the snap from center on a Merkel punt sailed over the kicker's head and Sonora kicked a field goal at the end of the half to take a 16-13 lead into the locker room.

Both teams moved the ball well in the second half but both defenses also kept the other away from the end zone. Sonora scored in the third quarter to take a 22-14 lead and the Badgers answered as quarterback Kenneth Jowers hit receiver Brit Pursley with a 23 yard pass that placed the Badgers in business. The Badgers scored and then Moreno again added the two point conversion as the Badgers tied the score at 22.

Merkel had two chances to score in the final period but failed to convert. The Badgers had the ball inside the Sonora 20 with 4:57 to play and lined up for an apparent field goal. The ball was snapped through to the kicker and Newberry's pass was just out of the reach of Mark Aldrete in the end zone.

The Badgers also got the ball to the Sonora 3 with 57 seconds remaining in the game and the Badgers sent Moreno wide on the option and he was stopped short of the goal line.

Sonora kicked the ball off five times and elected not to kick the ball deep to the Badgers' kickoff return. Each time, the kicker would set the ball sideways on the

kicking tee and kick the ball short. All five times the Badgers took the ball over on their own 45 yard line or in better field position.

Jowers completed 9 of 15 passes for 86 yards in the contest as Pursley had 74 yards in receptions. Jowers rushed for 37 yards. Hines added 55 yards. Moreno had 71 yards and Newberry had 75 yards.

Badger coach Dick Lepard told **The Mail** Tuesday "I have watched that game film at least a hundred times and each team had a chance to win, they didn't convert their extra points and we failed to get the ball in the end zone. I never had a sister but I can imagine the feeling of kissing her."

He added "The kids played well, they let down in the second quarter and some of our pass routes weren't too sharp and our defense is still giving up way too many yards."

He said "To be a playoff team, we are going to have to quit giving up so many yards and we will have to work harder on the defense."

He said he was impressed with the play of Pursley, Jowers' punt return and said Newberry and Moreno ran the option well.

The coach said "I am not disappointed with our effort but I was disappointed when we didn't score late in the game. We are going through the process and we have to learn to draw from ourselves in pressure situations and realize we have to score and put people away. Sonora has a good team and I respected their opinion of our kickoff return but they gave us the ball near the 45 yard line each time." He added "You saw two different styles of play against each other. They couldn't stop us and we couldn't stop them. I am sorry we didn't get a win but I am glad we didn't get a loss."

When asked about his decision to not go for a field goal late in the game, Lepard said "The first time we had the ball deep in the fourth quarter, I didn't even consider it. The last time there was too much of an angle and the wind was against us. I didn't want to take a chance and lose and we knew we were ahead in penetrations, it was just a choice we had to make."

He said the tie would only help the Badgers if they end the season in a tie with Sonora. If the Badgers tie Sonora for the district championship, the Badgers will go to the playoffs as the district champs and play the #2 team from another district in the

playoffs. If the Badgers tie for second in district, the Badgers will go instead of Sonora. The tie will count as a half a win and a half a loss with any other team in the district besides Sonora.

This week, the Badgers host the Wylie Bulldogs at Badger Stadium with kickoff set for 8 p.m. The game is Parent's Night as the parents of the Badger players will be introduced before kickoff.

About Wylie, Lepard said "They are the same of Wylie. They will throw the ball 60 to 70 percent of the time and they will beat you if you let them." He added "We won't do anything different than we would against anyone else."

Wylie is 3-2 on the year and 2-0 in district play. They defeated Brady last week 28-15 as Brady turned the ball over to Wylie seven times.

In other games this week, the Merkel 7th and 8th grade team will host Wylie Thursday with games starting at 5:30. The JV travels to Wylie Thursday.

District Standings	W	L	T	PF	PA
Ballinger	2	0	0	28	14
Wylie	2	0	0	55	24
Merkel	1	0	1	47	39
Sonora	1	0	1	42	39
Colo. City	1	1	0	32	24
Brady	0	2	0	32	48
Clyde	0	2	0	24	39
Coahoma	0	2	0	19	52

Last Week's Results
Merkel 22, Sonora 22, Colorado City 25, Coahoma 10, Ballinger 14, Clyde 7, Wylie 28, Brady 15.

This Week's Schedule
Wylie at Merkel, Sonora at Ballinger, Colorado City at Brady, Clyde at Coahoma.

Boosters

The Merkel Badger Booster Club met Monday night at Pug & Leo's Restaurant. There was a good crowd on hand and everyone enjoyed viewing the Sonora game film.

There are now 101 members in the Booster Club. Our goal for the year is 150. Persons interested in joining may contact Bob Brandon, Bill Sloan or Virgil Jones. Our athletes need your support.

Parent's night is Friday night Oct. 9th. All parents are asked to be at Badger field no later than 7:30 p.m.

The Boosters are excited about this game and they feel Wylie is in for a let down.

They are asking everyone to wear purple & gold and say Badger power.



§ Badger quarterback Kenneth Jowers breaks free down the sidelines on his way to a 60 yard punt return for a

touchdown in Sonora Friday. Staff photo

Ray wins national FFA award

David Ray will receive a bronze emblem award, placing third in the nation in connection with the 1987 National Cereal Grain Proficiency Award program.

This award will be presented during the general session of the National FFA Convention Nov. 13th in the Municipal Auditorium Arena in Kansas City, Mo.

David is a 1987 graduate of Merkel High School where he participated in FFA for four years. He is now a freshman at Abilene Christian University and is the son of Mrs. Kenneth Ray of Merkel.



TISD encouraging school attendance this month

October 5th through Oct. 30th is attendance month at Trent ISD. The school district establishes their average daily attendance during this period and the ADA is used by the Texas Department of Education to establish the rate of funding the state gives TISD for the operation of the district.

For the state to get an exact total of Trent students, parents should have their children at school every day. Attendance will be taken during second period (9:20-10:15) and if your child has any doctor, dentist or other appointments they should be scheduled after that time to avoid conflicts with attendance recording.

As an extra incentive to be at the school every day this month, the school is sponsoring a contest. For every day a student is present, his or her name will be placed in a drawing and each week starting Monday, two calculators will be given to two lucky students (one for grades K-5 and one for grades 6-12). The prizes will be awarded through Nov. 2nd. On the final week, all tickets will be placed in a fish bowl for a grand prize drawing for a jam box. All students in grades K-12 will be eligible for the grand prize drawing.

Another incentive for attendance will be a class party for the grade that has the highest average daily attendance in grades K-5 and a school party for the class with the highest ADA in grades 6-12.

Remember that your child's attendance will help the funding of the school district so it is very important they are present during the month of October.
by W. E. Dulaney

Caverns, football, carnival ... more

by Cloy A. Richards

Melanie and I had a nice time Friday. We left for the game in Sonora early and made it to the Caverns of Sonora for the last tour of the day.

It was a private tour (because noone else was waiting) and we thoroughly enjoyed the hour we spent looking at the formations created by millions of years of water seeping through limestone and leaving mineral deposits to form wonderful creations.

The game was almost as good. We saw two good football teams give each other their best shots and walk away tied. The tie will be worth its weight in gold (and purple) if the Badgers end the season tied with Sonora for a playoff spot because the Badgers will go ahead of Sonora. If the Badgers end the season tied with another team, it could be the straw that broke the Badgers' back. It's way too early to worry about any of that. The Badgers have three rough games remaining in Wylie, Ballinger and Brady

and Colorado City is much improved. You can't count out Coahoma to beat somebody during the year, so each week will be very critical to teams trying to play more than one game in November.

The Badgers host Wylie this week and it's another team I haven't seen the Badgers beat in eight tries (Coach Lang's Badgers did beat Wylie a few years back but I was as sick as a dog that night and didn't see it.)

The Wylie game last year was very frustrating for the Badgers as they beat Wylie up and down the field, but fumbled six times on a rainy night and lost.

It will be a good match-up. You will see two teams that have the ability to throw the ball but the Badgers also have a rushing attack that is getting better and better each week.

The gang and I pulled in from Sonora late Friday night, caught a few hours of sleep and headed for Lubbock to watch the Aggies and the Red Raiders Saturday. I kept telling everyone that we saw a

better ball game Friday night than we would see Saturday because the Aggies would murder Tech. That's why I got out of the football prediction business and don't bet on football games.

It was a great game to see and the Red Raiders definitely came up with a win that will be remembered for a few years.

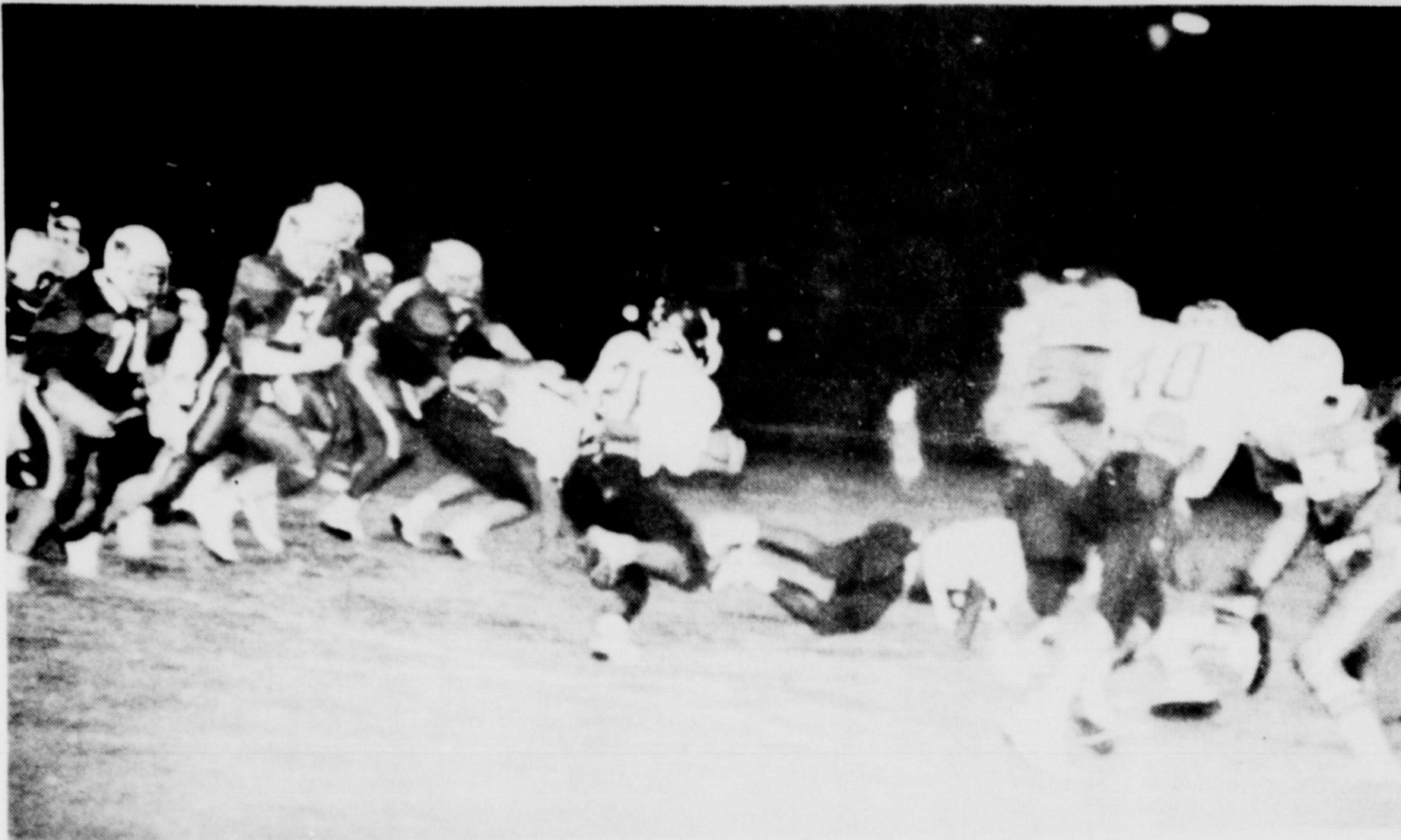
The Merkel Church of Christ will be holding formal dedication ceremonies for their new building here Sunday.

Special speakers will also appear Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

A community-wide open house is set for Sunday from 2:30 until 4:30 and everyone is welcomed to attend.

The Merkel PTO Halloween Carnival and King & Queen Coronation will be held Halloween night, Oct. 31st.

If parents would like to help with these festivities, contact the elementary school office or give me a shout at the office.



§ Badger running back Ramon Moreno (21) heads to a huge hole opened by the Badger offensive line in Sonora Friday

night. The Badgers and Sonora fought to a 22 all tie.
Staff photo



§ Badger fullback Corey Hines pops into the open in Sonora Friday. Hines had a

touchdown and 55 yards rushing against Sonora.
Staff photo

Trent homecoming plans are announced

The committee for the 1987-88 Trent Homecoming, which will take place Oct. 24th, has begun preparations for the weekend of festivities.

Things get started with a powder puff football game on Friday and will conclude with a dance Saturday night.

On Friday, the powder puff game will get things started (time to be announced), followed by the

MHS SAT scores released

Merkel High School has received a summary report for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores for 1985-86 and 1987-88.

The American College Test (ACT) summary report has not been received by the school.

Merkel High students take the ACT more often than the SAT. Either test is acceptable for admission to most colleges and universities. The SAT is made up of a verbal and math sections. The ACT measures educational development in English, math, social studies, and natural sciences. Seniors and juniors are encouraged to take one of the tests. It is highly recommended that students take the test in April or June of their junior year if possible.

In 1985, 10 students took the SAT and averaged 470 on the verbal portion and 491 on the math portion. The national mean (average) was 411 on the verbal and 475 on the math.

In 1986-87, 20 students took the SAT and averaged 395 on the verbal and 402 on the math. The national mean was 430 on the verbal and 476 on the math.

Trent Beauty Pageant at 7 p.m. and the bonfire at 9 p.m.

On Saturday, the Community Club will sponsor a breakfast from 6 until 8:30 a.m., the parade will start at 10, a pep rally at the Home State Bank parking lot will start at 10:30.

The Senior Class is sponsoring a lunch from 11:30 until 1, followed by a visitation period from 1 until 2 p.m. and a business meeting and entertainment will be held from 2 until 3:30 p.m.

The Junior class will sponsor a supper from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. and the football game against Blackwell will get started at 8 p.m.

A dance will follow with the time and location to be announced at a later date.

by W. E. Dulaney

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Hunter's Insight

by Josh Amerine

It appears the bowhunters were sabotaged over the weekend by the weather. The nights were lit up by a brilliant moon. These bright nights encouraged the deer to feed after sunset which lessened the bowhunters' chances of shooting a moving deer. This is unfortunate since expectations were running high. In addition, with the beginning of archery season, came the first of our seasonal Northers. Most bowhunters had set up stands and feeders anticipating a prevailing south winds. Bowhunting requires such short ranges that a wind shift can negate any chances of success; however, the situations can only improve.

Texas can truly claim that it is the Whitetail Deer State with our yearly harvest running about 450,000 animals per year. This is more than the entire population of most other states. In spite of this harvest, the deer population is growing. Texas usually fields around 550,000 hunters annually, and success is generally about sixty percent.

For sheer numbers of deer, Mason county is possibly the highest in the state, followed closely by Gillespie, Kerr, Kendall, Kimble, Llano and Blanco. Leases in these counties are reasonably priced, and the deer are on the small side. The largest deer in the state can be found on the large ranches in the South Texas brush country. The best

counties include Zapata, Demmit, Duval, Webb, LaSalle, and Maverick. The deer in that area are as large as the prices. Most land is not leasable and the hunts are generally conducted as guided package affairs where the guides quote the price on sight of a prospective deer before the hunter shoots it. This system is necessary since the deer shot are scored and then priced according to antler size. Even though this may sound unreasonable to the average hunter, this system is not all bad considering the difference between a deer that just makes the record book and one that just misses it may be \$1,000. A "book" deer could set you back as much as \$3,500, but the hunter must remember that deer are the largest cash crop on many of these ranches, and market prices must apply.

One note, if you plan to hunt South Texas deer: leave Grandpa's old 30-30 at home. The mesquite and cactus are so thick that if a deer runs 100 yards after it is shot it may never be found. A deer must be dropped almost in its tracks; and, with a couple thousand dollars riding on your shot, don't leave it to marginal calibers. A rifle in the 300 Weatherby or 338 Winchester Magnum class is just right. Shoot the most powerful rifle you are capable of shooting accurately. Don't be under-gunned.

Good hunting.



§ Ramon Moreno gets a block from Billy Hair [72] as John Paul Dudley [62] looks for another Sonora defender in last week's game in Sonora. Moreno had 75

yards rushing against Sonora and ran in two, two point conversions for the Badgers. Staff photo

Local art group meets, elects new officers

The Merkel Art Association met Oct. 5th at 7 p.m. at Taylor Telephone. Bonnie English, presided over the meeting. The yearbooks with projects and programs listed for a successful coming year were presented to each member.

The association elected officers. They are Dot Coker- president; Bonnie English- vice-president; Evelyn Stribling- secretary & treasurer; Robbie Wilson- historian; Ruth Buster- reporter.

Autumn is the month of the migration of birds, the changes in the color of the trees, yellows, oranges and reds. We will be painting these scenes and colors at Marie Beaird's home at 1012 Oak each Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The following members attended the meeting: Bonnie English, Dot Coker, Thelma Coleman, Bennie Rogers, Evelyn Stribling, Marie Beaird, Robbie Wilson, Ethel Pee and Ruth Buster.

Writer wants show back

To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to see the teachers and parents in the viewing area of our local ABC affiliate, KTXS, sign a copy of this letter and mail it to Clay Milstead, KTXS-TV, P. O. Box 2997, Abilene, Texas 79604.

Our local ABC affiliate decided to discontinue the "ABC Afternoon Specials" two years ago. I personally would like to have them aired once again for the benefit of my children.

These afternoon specials are well thought out, educational programs with various messages. They give insight and understanding to our youth for a better tomorrow. Themes vary: peer pressure, how to say no to drugs, safety from fire or from abduc-

tion, compassion, for the handicapped (mentally and physically) without pity, and understanding the loss of things or loved ones, etc. The specials are made for children of all ages to educate and bring understanding in an entertaining format.

I was very disappointed, as was my child, because she was unable to see the recent "ABC Afternoon Special" aired which told the story of the first child with Downs Syndrome to ever graduate from high school and go on to enter a junior college.

I want the "ABC Afternoon Specials" back on. Sign Me Cookie Martin, Merkel for better children's programming

Texas land sale set

Information on 191 tracts of rural acreage included in a November high-bid sale of forfeited land is now available from the Texas Veterans Land Board.

"I want to urge all Texans that have been looking for quality land to take advantage of this unusual high-bid sale. Everybody has an equal shot at winning under this arrangement," said Texas Land Commissioner Gary Mauro, who serves as chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board.

Located in 79 Texas Counties, including Taylor County, throughout the state, the tracts range in size from several ten acres sites across the state and a 52 acre tract in Jones County.

All tracts are open to bids from the general public as well as Texas Veterans. Bids are not restricted to Texas Veterans or Texas residents.

Winning bids from Texas Veterans will receive a special interest rate of 8.75 percent on these tracts. The interest rate for the general public will be 10.25 percent. Both will carry a 30 year assumable fixed-loan rate. A \$25 non-refundable bid fee for each bid submitted has been set by the board.

The Texas Veterans Land Board will finance the entire loan amount of all winning bids less a 5 percent downpayment. There is no limit on the amount loaned or on the number of tracts that may receive bids.

Details of the sale and a brochure describing each tract and its location can be obtained by calling toll-free 1-800-252-VETS at the Texas Veterans Land Board Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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- 2:30 - 4:30 - OPEN HOUSE for community
- 5:00 - 6:00 - Congregational singing
- 6:00 PM - Worship

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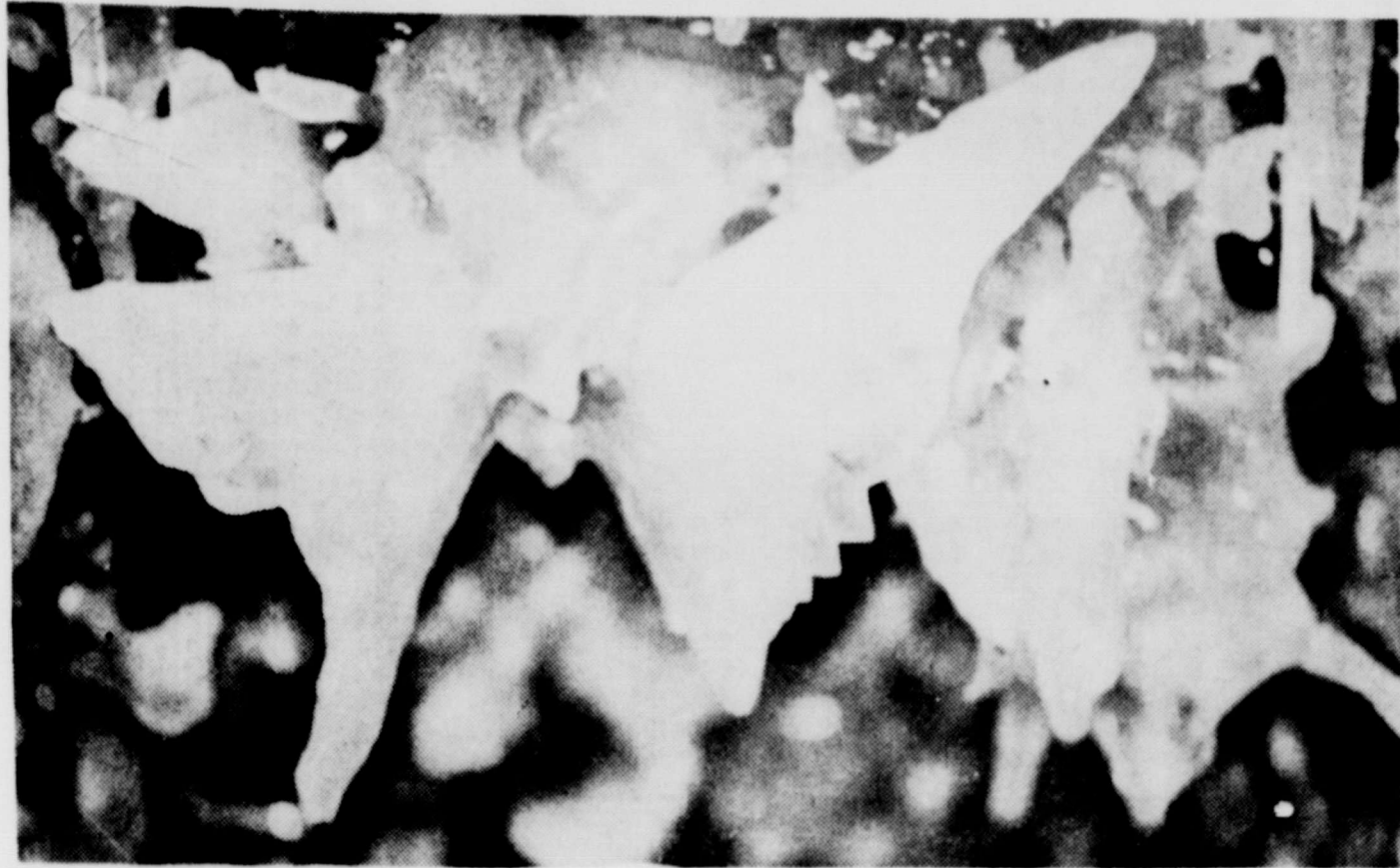
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| Monday, Oct 12 | 7:30 P.M. | Guest Speaker, Ted Kell, Brownwood, Texas |
| | | "Dedicating our Families to God's Glory" |
| Tuesday, Oct 13 | 7:30 P.M. | Guest Speaker, Jimmy Jividen, Abilene, Texas |
| | | "Dedicating our Mature Years to God's Glory" |
| Wednesday Oct 14 | 7:30 P.M. | Guest Speaker, Willard Tate, Abilene, Texas |
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§ The famed butterfly of the Caverns of Sonora is a one-of-a-kind formation. The butterfly is still growing. Staff photo

'Rillas off to a good start

The Trent Gorillas reached their only open week of the season with a 3-1 record. Trent has looked good for 3½ games as the only really disappointing moments of the young season came in the 2nd half of the Gurthrie game when Trent was outscored 20-0 to lose 28-20 to the Jaaguars.

The 'Rillas opened the season with a 51-37 victory over the Grady Wildcats as Keith Oden and Mike Payne led a second half surge. The Gorillas were down 24-23 at the half before storming back in the second half.

The second game of the season saw Trent man-handle the Rule Bobcats 46-6 behind 498 yards of offense and two touchdown passes by quarterback Dock Carriker. The Gorillas led 28-6 at the half and coasted in for the win.

Guthrie came to Trent field for the Rilla's home opener and escaped with a 28-20 victory. The loss, which dropped Trent to 2-1 on the young season, was a tough one for the 'Rillas to digest as Trent led 20-8 at the half. Despite the loss, the 'Rillas received good efforts from running back Lewis Knapp with 111 yards on 17 carries and a touchdown and Brian Massey who had five receptions for 61 yards.

The following weekend, Trent traveled to Ira to take on the Bulldogs in the first district game of the season. The Bulldogs never really were in the game as the Trent defense, led by Mike Payne, Chris Jones and Lee Hunt, and a strong running attack with Lewis Knapp, Keith Oden, Noe Falcon and Cipi Falcon all contributing to the 265 yards rushing by the Gorilla's and leading the way to a 36-0 whitewash of the 'Dogs.

So far on the young season, the 'Rillas have shown a balanced running game led by Keith Oden, Lewis Knapp and Mike Payne, who have all contributed over 300 yards on the season. The Gorillas do not pass the ball often but

quarterback Dock Carriker has four touchdown passes with Lewis Knapp also contributing a t.d. pass. On the receiving end of the majority of the passes has been wide receiver Lee Hunt who has 12 receptions with four touchdowns on the season. Brian Massey has nine catches and a touchdown for Trent.

Besides their tough running game, the 'Rillas have had one of the toughest defenses in Six-Man football. Behind the outstanding linebacking of Mike Payne and Lewis Knapp, along with safety Jason Massey, Trent has been tough. Massey leads the 'Rillas with two interceptions and opponents have found yards very tough to come by.

The 'Rillas continue their season Friday when the Hermleigh Cardinals come to town at 7:30. The Gorillas, led by coaches Doug Gore and Ed Donahugh hope to keep up their winning ways as they hopefully travel toward the District 4-East title.

Team Stats (Average per game)

	Trent (3-1)	Opp
Points scored	38.2	17.7
Rushing yards	310.0	123.2
Passing yards	77.2	127.0

Individual Stats

	Rushing		TD
	Carries	Yards	
Keith Oden	55	366	5
Mike Payne	41	312	7
Lewis Knapp	48	303	3
Noe Falcon	13	102	2
Cipi Falcon	12	49	0
Brian Massey	1	8	0
Passing			
	Comp-att	Yards	TD's
Dock Carriker	19-40	233	4
Lewis Knapp	2-6	52	1
Scott O'Kelly	1-1	4	0
Lee Hunt	0-1	0	0
Receiving			
	No.	Yards	TD
Lee Hunt	12	184	4
Brian Massey	9	98	1
Keith Oden	1	27	0

District 4 East Standings

Regular Season	W	L	T	PS	P.A
Jayton	4	0	0	146	63
Trent	3	1	0	153	71
Blackwell	2	3	0	143	149
Ira	2	3	0	97	158
Hermleigh	1	3	1	94	147
Highland	1	3	0	111	165

District

	W	L	P.S.	P.A.
Trent	1	0	36	0
Jayton	1	0	42	22
Hermleigh	1	1	44	30
Ira	1	1	16	51
Blackwell	0	1	22	42
Highland	0	1	14	29

This week's schedule Hermleigh vs. Trent, Jayton vs. Lazbuddie, Blackwell vs. Highland, Ira is open.

Last week's results: Jayton 42-Blackwell 22, Ira 16, Hermleigh 15.

by W. E. Dulaney

Trent Jr. High downed 12-6

The Trent Junior High Gorillas saw their perfect record spoiled last Thursday when the McCaulley Eagles upset them 12-6 in a defensive struggle.

The first half was a scoreless duel of punters as the two defenses flexed their muscles. Both teams were unable to move the ball consistently and had to punt. Trent's offense never really got moving in the first half as the quicker McCaulley defense was able to shoot the gaps to drop Gorilla ball carriers behind the line of scrimmage.

On the other side of the line, McCaulley, who runs the spread offense, which is a six-man run and shoot offense, was able to pick up two first downs on their opening drive, but after a coaching adjustment by Trent, the Gorillas were able to shut down the Eagle offense the rest of the first half.

The second half remained scoreless until the 2:37 mark of the third quarter when the Eagles' Anthony Cooper put McCaulley on the board with a 26 yard t.d. scamper. The extra point was no good but the Eagles had drawn

first blood. The Eagle lead lasted 23 seconds as Pete Chavez tallied six points on a 40 yard run for the Gorillas. The extra point was no good but at the 2:14 mark of the 3rd quarter, the game was tied.

The game stayed 6-6 for the remainder of the third quarter and most of the fourth quarter as both defenses continued to dominate the opposing offenses. The home crowd was looking for a tie until 35 seconds were left in the game and the Eagles' Cooper broke the Gorilla faithful hearts with a 40 yard scamper for the game winning t.d. Even though the extra point was no good, the Eagles had the lead and the victory at the final score of 12-6.

A disappointed coach Doug Gore told **The Mail** "It was a great game and we played hard but their speed was too much." The younger Gorillas had averaged 48 points per game in their first two wins but played up to form defensively while giving up an average of 12 per game. The offense never materialized and the Eagle defense was extremely quick and the Gorillas were unable to move the ball against them.

The younger Gorillas hope to rebound Thursday when they travel to Blackwell to face the Hornets at 6 p.m.

by Kay & W. E. Dulaney

Clark likes his safety spot

"I really like safety, it's a position that size doesn't matter as long as you hit people." This attitude has made safety-receiver Billy Clark an inspiration to all the younger Gorilla fans who might not be as big as their fellow students.

Clark a 5'4" 105 player is in his third year with the Gorillas but so far has been out this season with a broken arm suffered in the Luaders-Avoca scrimmage. He suffered the broken arm while making a tackle at safety.

Billy's hobbies include basketball and band and he is involved in FFA where he raises hogs. He was a star greenhand his freshman

year and received the showmanship award for poultry in the Trent Livestock show in 1985.

"I don't have any goals as far as honors, but I would really like to play in the playoffs. I didn't get a chance to last year because I broke my collarbone," said Clark. "As for the team, I would like us to all be one big, happy family and go as far in the playoffs as possible."

After graduation, Billy hopes to attend the Snyder Rodeo School and continue his education at Kahana's Stunt School in California. Billy lives in Mulberry Canyon along with Dad Bill and mom Jane.

by W. E. Dulaney

Trent Gin gets facelift

The Trent Gin is undergoing its first complete overhaul in six years. The gin is undergoing a complete face lift from head to toe including a new split stream which will increase productivity and a double cleaning department to better handle stripper cotton, which will mean more money paid back to the farmer.

by W. E. Dulaney

Arbor Day group offering free trees

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during October, 1987.

The Foundation will give two White Dogwood, two American Redbud, two European Mountainwash, two Washington Hawthorn and two Flowering Crab trees to members joining during October. The free trees are a part of the Foundation's efforts to improve the quality of life in American by encouraging tree planting.

"The National Arbor Day Foundation is encouraging more people to plant trees in the fall, which is an excellent time for tree planting," John Rosenow, the Foundation's executive director, said. "So we're giving these free flowering trees to people who make a \$10 membership contribution during October."

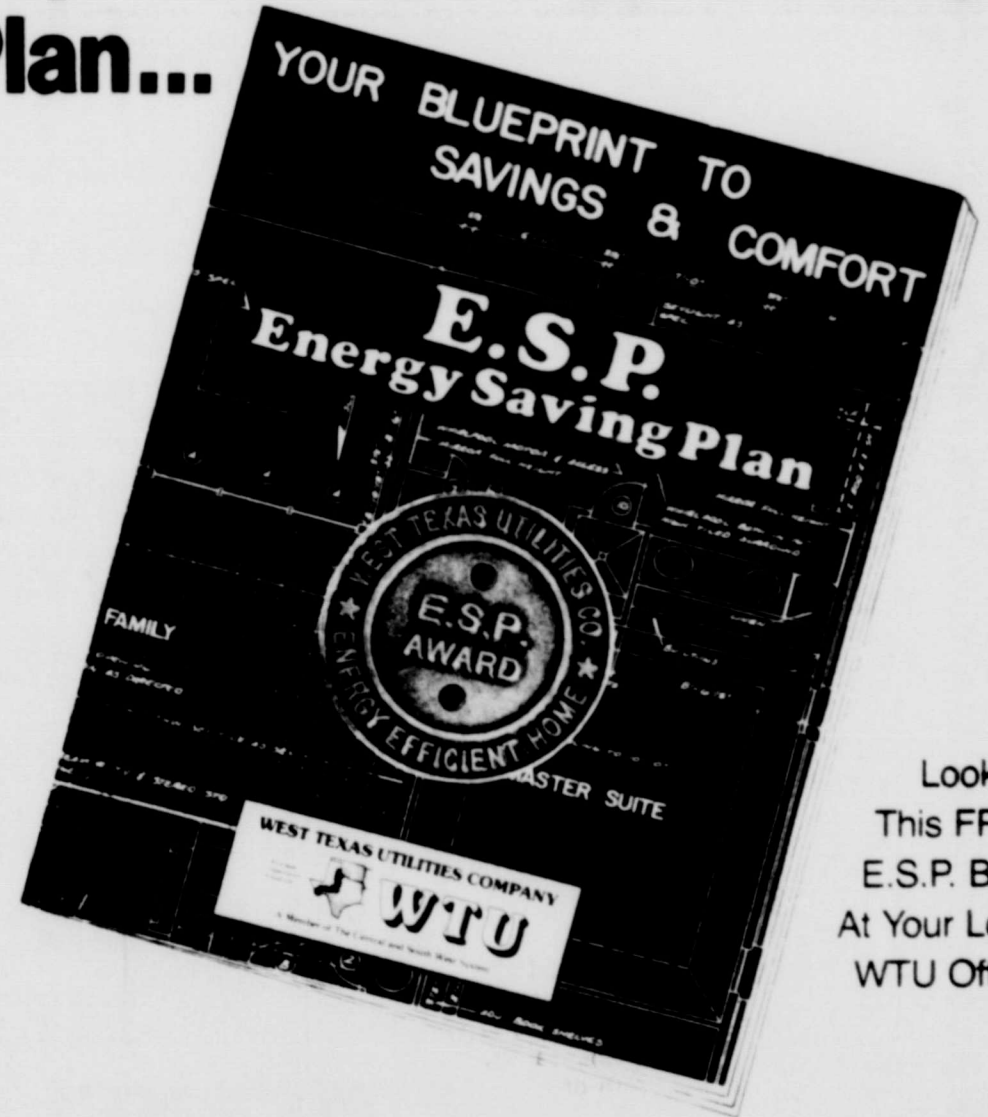
"These trees were selected because they will give a colorful flowering of pink, white and red blossoms throughout the spring," Rosenow added. "The six-to-twelve inch trees will be sent postpaid at the right time for planting between Oct. 15th and December, 10th, with enclosed planting instructions. The trees are guaranteed to grow, or we will replace them free of charge."

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, a \$10 membership contribution should be sent to FLOWERING TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 by October 31st.



§ Stalagmites and stalactites meet to form a column in the Caverns of Sonora. The Caverns are open all year long and are located West of Sonora off I-10. Staff photo

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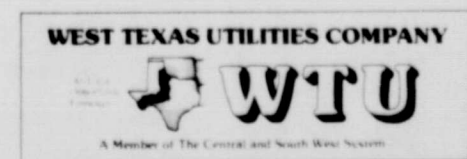
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Newsbriefs

John's football picks

The following are John Starbuck's football picks of the week.

Oct. 14 - Texas 21 (The Longhorns will score more points than last year against this deadly Sooner team. I have a good feeling for Eric Mercaft, a Longhorn speedster, will contribute a great deal to the offense. Go Horns!)

Merkel 35, Wylie 25 (This is a key line-up in district 5-3A. Both the offense and defense for these two teams are pretty evenly matched up. The name of this game will be Mr. Kammer Jowers. He will lead his dedicated team-mates to a good win.)

Rice 30, TCU 20 (A team that is on the comeback trail goes down to the City of Houston to play a team that is trying to make a

comeback. Philadelphia 15 (The Cowboys will hopefully have a winning season this year.)

Trent 50, Hermleigh 21 (The Gorrillas are fine-tuning their offense while thinking about the state playoff possibilities in 1987.)

Last week: 4 wins, 0 losses, 1 tie. For the season: 15 wins, 8 losses, one tie.

MISD lunch menu

Oct. 8th: tuna salad, lettuce and tomatoes, beans, chocolate pudding.

Oct. 9th: cheeseburgers, fries.

Oct. 12: Italian pizza, buttered corn, lettuce & tomato salad with choice of dressing, rosey pears.

Oct. 13: chicken fried steak with gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli

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and cheese, raisin cobbler.

Oct. 14: Mexican fiesta, rice, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato, grated cheese, lemon pudding.

Oct. 15: German sausage, pinto beans, fried okra, lemon pudding.

Oct. 16: hamburgers, french fries and all the trimmings, brownies.

TISD lunch menu

Oct. 12: orange juice, cereal, milk, saakfringers, mashed potatoes, green beans, peanut butter cake rolls, tea or milk.

Oct. 13: juice, biscuits & sausage, jelly milk, burritos, corn salad, apple crisp, tea or milk.

Oct. 14: juice, donuts, milk, hamburger casserole, baked potatoes, salad, cookies, rolls, tea or milk.

Oct. 15: juice, oatmeal, milk, turkey sandwich, mashed

potatoes, english peas, jello with peaches, rolls, tea or milk.

Oct. 16: juice, cinnamon toast, milk, hot dogs, french fries, mixed fruit, brownies, tea or milk.

Sr. Citizen flu shots

Flu shots will be given to all Merkel citizens age 60 or older at Heritage Hall in Merkel Oct. 8th between 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

To be placed on the list, call 924-6901 only.

Trent sets annual pageant Oct. 23rd

The 1987 Trent pageant will be held Oct. 23rd at 7 p.m. in the Trent gym.

Age categories will include pre-school through high school. The event will kick off the 1987 Trent Homecoming.

Entry fee will be \$5 for one child, \$7.50 for two children or \$10 for

three children. Entry deadline will be Oct. 11th.

Anyone wishing to enter should contact either Syra Patterson at the school or Cheri Adair after 5 p.m. and on weekends at 928-3274.

To be a participant, a child must either be a student at Trent or the child of an ex-student.

Hicks' scholarship

Janice Lee Hicks of Merkel has been named to receive a Presidential Scholarship at McMurry College for the coming school year, according to Dr. Thomas Kim, McMurry president.

To be eligible for the Presidential Scholarship at McMurry, a student must graduate in the top quarter of their high school class. A score of 21 or better on the ACT qualifies a recipient for additional Presidential Scholarship funds.

Janice is a 1979 graduate of Merkel High School. She is the

daughter of Jack South and the late Bill J. South of Merkel.

Xi Nu Chi meets

The Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met for their Sept. 22nd meeting in the home of Donna Bryan.

The program was presented by Mary Hill on Religions of the World, such as Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam.

A delicious meal was served to Mary Hill, Nancy Johnson, Anita Allen, Minyon Seymore, Donna Bryan, Sandra Wurst and Nancy Duncan.

Howell reunion set

The Lige & Ivy Howell family reunion will be held at the Merkel Senior Citizens Building Oct. 10th and 11th.

Friends of the family are also invited to attend.





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