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Council passes animal ordinance

The Merkel City council passed an animal control ordinance at their regular meeting Monday night.

Councilmen had been discussing the proposed ordinance for the past six weeks. They also approved a reserve police officer program and approved Josh Amerine to be the first reserve officer.

Council passed the animal control ordinance that pertains to any animal kept in the city limits or within 5,000 feet of the city limits. The ordinance states that animal owners, one notified by certified mail that a problem exists, will have 15 days to correct those problems or face a fine of between \$25 and \$200. It will take two signed complaints and those com-

plaints must be signed by persons residing next to, or within 200 feet of animals that cause problems.

In other action, council approved a reserve police policy for the city. Merkel Police Chief Bob Jones said a reserve patrolman would not be allowed to patrol alone and would not be allowed to issue traffic citations or conduct investigations. The reserve patrolman would be allowed to ride with police officers and carry a weapon but reserve patrolmen would have to be certified law enforcement personnel.

Council's next session will be held Nov. 7th at 7 p.m. at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service building.

Election, weekend, Gorillas, Badgers, band ... more

by Cloy A. Richards

I hope you have been paying attention to the last five issues of **The Mail** as local State Legislative Representative Steve Carriker has been going through the proposed constitutional amendments and propositions for us to consider Nov. 3rd at the polls.

Texans have a lot of important issues to decide Tuesday, issues that may decide what direction Texans will be heading in for the next couple of years.

I have some opinions on some of the proposed amendments but I made a deal with you a long time ago that **The Mail** wouldn't offer opinions on elections.

Typically, the non 'election year' turnout for amendment elections is very light. The proposition on pari-mutual betting will increase this year's turnout but I'd bet that issue will be decided by fewer than 35 percent of all Texas voters and that is a shame. All you can do is your part... vote.

It's a busy weekend here. Thursday night the 7th and 8th grade teams host Ballinger and Friday the Badgers face Brady. Following the game a dance will be held at the Methodist Church Gym, a social at the Church of Christ and the Haunted Hospital sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce will be open following the game.

The PTO Halloween Carnival is Saturday running from 7 until 9 p.m., a dance and costume contest will be held at the Methodist Church Gym sponsored by the LIFE organization, the Haunted Hospital will be open starting at 8 p.m., kids will be trick-or-treating everywhere, kids in Trent have a Halloween party, dance and scavenger hunt to attend at the fire station, and that should be enough to keep everyone busy.

The Trent Gorillas play their biggest football game of the year (so far) when they travel to Jayton Friday to take on the Jaybirds. They both enter the contest with identical 7-1 records and this game will decide the district championship. Both teams should make it to the playoffs but the Trent players and fans would like nothing better to head into the playoffs as district champions.

It will be a tall order to fill to hand Jayton their first district loss since they started playing Six-Man football (they are last year's defending state champs) but folks in Trent tell me the Gorillas as just the team able to fill that order.

We wish the Rillas best of luck in their key district 4 East game.

Merkel's loss to Ballinger last Friday pretty much put the Badgers out of the playoff picture. The 7-0 loss to the Bearcats was one of the most frustrating things

I have watched in a long while as Merkel was able to move the ball against the Bearcats, only to stall once inside the Ballinger 20 yard line.

The game was pretty well even offensively as both team gained about 250 yards. What broke the Badgers back was a couple of long pass plays Ballinger pulled off, the Badgers' inability to convert third down situations inside the Bearcat 20 and a couple of penalties that killed Badger scoring opportunities.

The Badgers, with wins over Brady and Coahoma can still put together their best win-loss record since 1966 as two wins will run the season tally to 6-3-1 and that is something everyone associated with Badger football can be proud of.

The Badgers make their last home appearance Friday night and with the way Brady has improved lately, it should be a heck of a football game.

The Merkel High band earned a Division II rating at UIL marching contests last week and while that was disappointing to some, is a heck of a lot better than the band performed a few years back.

Twirlers Stacey Ferguson, Michele Dudley and Kristy Elliott all earned Division I ratings for their solos and the ensemble also earned a I rating.

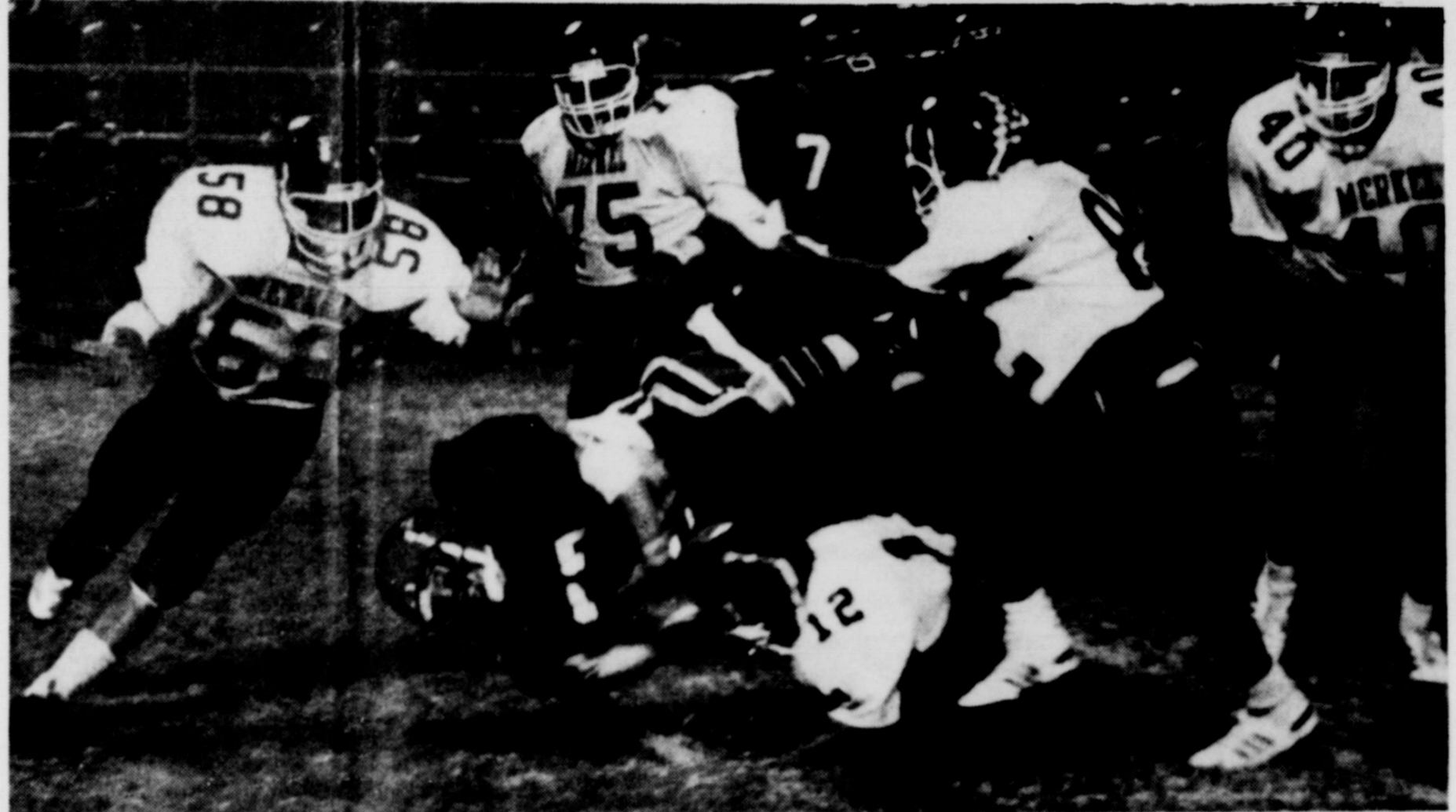
The Merkel City council passed an animal control ordinance that is printed in the legal notice section of this week's paper. If you own an animal and reside within 5,000 feet of the city limits, you owe it to yourself to read the ordinance.

The Merkel High girls basketball team has been working out for a little over a week and will start their season here Tuesday as they host Eula in a scrimmage.

Jan Whisenhunt is girls coach this year and she seems excited about coaching again after a three year layoff. Jan will bring needed stability to the girls program as she is a local resident and has impressive credentials as a coach. If I am not mistaken, she is the sixth girls coach in the ten seasons I have been here and she says she is planning to stay as coach at least five years, or as long as Lady Badgers show a desire to win...

Have you seen the latest issue of **Texas Monthly**? Two local cowgirls are featured in a photo display about... you guessed it, cowgirls.

They are Goldia Malone of Merkel and Sheila Welch, of Sweetwater (so they say), they get mail at a Merkel address. That has to be a first for Merkel.



§ Brit Pursley [12] takes the legs out from under a Ballinger running back. Coming in to help are Mark Aldrete [82]

Shayne Newberry [40], Kevin Wright [58] and Chris Biera [75]. The Badgers lost

the contest 7-0 and will host Brady here Friday. Staff photo

Ballinger beats Badgers 7-0, Brady here Friday

The Merkel Badgers lost to Ballinger 7-0 and the loss virtually eliminated the Badgers from playoff possibilities.

The Badgers played the Bearcats the best anyone has played the defensively all season and were unable to put any points on the board. The Badgers had the ball inside the Ballinger 20 yard line four times during the contest and were unable to score.

Badger girls coach wants to stay awhile

New girls basketball coach Jan Whisenhunt and her troops started preparing for the upcoming 1987-88 basketball season last Monday and they open that season Nov. 3rd here against Eula. The girls then travel to Hawley Nov. 10th.

Coach Whisenhunt told **The Mail** Tuesday "Eula has a real strong basketball tradition and Hawley will feature a tall team for

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the board. The Badgers had the ball inside the Ballinger 20 yard line four times during the contest and were unable to score.

Coach Dick Leopard told **The Mail** Tuesday "I thought it was a pretty good ball game. I thought Davey DeLeon and Brit Pursley filled in well at quarterback (starter Kenneth Jowers is out for the season with an injury) and that's not easy in our complicated offense. We got the ball close a few times but penalties killed us and we weren't able to overcome those 3rd and 16 type situations because we weren't able to thror the ball."

He added "the kids played up to their potential and it was just a hard game to lose."

He complimented the play of Corey Hines on offense and Shayne Newberry, Tony Roberts and David Thomas on defense.

He added "In all probability, we are out of the playoffs. We need to finish up strong because it has been a good year and I think we could have represented the district as well as anyone in the playoffs. The score pretty much

tells the story. I will give the kids credit, they played a state ranked team and played them at their place and we did a good job. They made a couple of big plays that hurt."

The Badgers face the vastly improved Brady Bulldogs here Friday in their last home game of the season. After Brady lost their first three district games, they have come back to down Clyde 33-0 and Coahoma 55-6. They lost a 22-21 squeaker to Colorado City three weeks ago.

Leopard said "They are playing well and getting better, even if they don't have a chance at the playoffs. They set up in the wishbone offense, even if they don't run the option and they run the 27 defensive alignment."

The JV team is open this week and the 7th and 8th grade teams host Ballinger Thursday.

The injury to quarterback Kenneth Jowers will not require surgery and he should return to action in a basketball uniform in the next four weeks.

The football sweetheart will be announced at the half time of the

game with Brady.

Playing in their last home game are seniors Brit Pursley, Ramon Moreno, Cecil Hererra, Shayne Newberry, Doug Bauer, Steve Williams, Tony Roberts, Billy Hair, Billy Bishop, Chris Biera, Robert McFadden, Jeff Gray, Mark Aldrete and Mike Farthing. Senior Michael Woodall is injured and will not be able to play. Kickoff is set for 8 p.m.

District Standings	W	L	T	PF	PA
Wylie	4	1	0	128	114
Ballinger	4	1	0	96	74
Colo. City	4	1	0	109	58
Merkel	2	2	1	88	87
Sonora	2	2	1	73	85
Brady	2	3	0	141	89
Clyde	1	4	0	56	107
Coahoma	0	5	0	52	141

Last week's scores
Ballinger 7, Merkel 0; Wylie 17, Sonora 15; Brady 56, Coahoma 19; Colorado City 28, Clyde 6.
This week's games
Brady at Merkel, Colorado City at Wylie, Ballinger at Coahoma and Sonora at Clyde



Michael Woodall and Stacey Ferguson were named the Merkel Exchange Club's Students of the Month for October. Staff photo



§ Tony Roberts and Krista Toombs were named the Students of the Month for September by the Merkel Exchange Club. Staff photo

Badger girls begin season Tuesday

Derrington's celebrate 50th anniversary

the Badgers to test their pre-season strength.

She has ten girls on the varsity squad this year and that team has already suffered an injury. Junior Amber Whisenhunt has a knee injury and she will find out Monday if the injury will require surgery.

Seniors on the team this year are Clara Herrera, Carolyn Lally, Krista Toombs and juniors are Melinda Baker, Michelle Barnett, Michelle Dudley, Anissa Jones, Teresa Lucas, Christi Wade and Whisenhunt. Twyla Wilburn is the manager.

So far, Coach Whisenhunt likes what she sees. She said "They have a superb attitude and they have been really hustling and trying during practice. They will do whatever I ask of them."

She said her team's strength will be the inside game and the weakness will be consistent outside shooting. She also said her team has a tendency to throw bad passes.

She also doesn't think the team will fare well at the "run and gun" offense. She said "We won't be able to depend on the fast break. We have a quick offense and we will try to get the ball to the post people quickly."

She said Krista Toombs will be setting up the offense and taking care of moving the ball down the floor. She said she had a balanced team and that lots of girls will play.

Wylie is the pre-season pick for the district championship and Coach Whisenhunt thinks Sonora and Ballinger will also be tough. She said "It will be a tough district but I think we will be in there. I am optimistic and I am shooting for the playoffs."

Whisenhunt has been on a three year break from coaching. After winning the district championship here in 1980, she coached New Deal to 2nd place in the AA state finals in 1981. She said "It was this group of girls that made me come

back into coaching. If it hadn't been for their attitude, I wouldn't have touched it. We had a good program here in the past winning district three years in a row and I would like to get that back. We are developing a program down at the junior high level and unless they get rid of me, I am looking at at least five years of however long they want me to stay. I know the younger kids want to win and as long as they have that attitude, I will stay."

Ballinger tops JV 34-0

The Merkel Badger Junior Varsity lost to Ballinger here last Thursday night 34-0.

The JV is 4-3 on the year and coach Luke Taylor told **The Mail** "The team is performing better than they did last year and seem to improve each week."

The JV was led by Tommy White who gained 79 yards

rushing and Michael Blue 63 yards.

Coach Taylor said Scottie Myers and Tommy White had good offensive games while Eric Ascencio, Jimmy Valdez and Mathew Davis had good defensive efforts.

The Badgers have this week off and will finish their season when they host Coahoma Nov. 5th.

7th grade ties Ballinger at 14

The 7th grade Badgers came out of Ballinger with their second consecutive 14 all tie. The Badgers first score came in the second quarter on a 15 yard run by Joe Silvas. The two point conversion was good tying the score at 8.

The Badgers next score came on an eight yard run by Kevin Pruitt. The point after was no good. Ballinger's defense held the Badgers out of the end zone as time ran out.

The 7th grade Badgers get another shot at Ballinger Thursday here at 5:30 p.m.



Mona and Arthur D. Derrington will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family reunion and a ceremony reaffirming their wedding vows with reception following.

Mona (Reta) the daughter of R. C. and Ettie (Gregory) Whetsel was raised in the Hillside Community, A. D., the son of Bill and Willie Mae Derrington, lived in the Merkel area. They were married here in the Methodist Parsonage Oct. 31, 1937.

The family will have an all-day reunion Saturday at Rose Park in Abilene.

On Sunday, the couple will reaffirm their wedding vows at the Baker Heights Church of Christ at 2:30 p.m. A reception hosted by the couple's four children will be held from 3 until 5 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall.

A. D. was born Sept. 15, 1918 in Foard County. Mona was born in Johnson County and they met here. A. D. owns Abilene Axle & Spring in Abilene and they have lived in Arizona, Sweetwater, Merkel and Abilene. They now live in Bradshaw.

Their children are Larry K. of Hobbs, N. M.; Wanda (Mrs. Charles) Brewer of Winters; Robert P. of Tuscola and Michelle (Mrs. Clay) Sherwood of Abilene.

Family and friends are invited to attend both days of the celebration.

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5th grade students write haunting tales

The following Halloween poems and short stories were written by Mrs. Roberts' fifth grade students at Merkel Elementary:

The Halloween Haunt by Felicia Mac Intyre

I really like Halloween
Because it makes me scared and
makes me scream.
You can see the witch on her
broom
As she flies by the moon.
All the Halloween pumpkins
Are really, really something.
All the giant mummies
Are full of good yummys.
When I hear the werewolves at
midnight
I am afraid to go to sleep at all
that night.
When I see a lot of creepy
costumes
I really get scared and feel like I
am doomed.
When I go out to trick-or-treat you
see

There's nothing more fun in the
whole world to me.

During Halloween by Stacy Morris

Some witches are mean.
Most Franksteins are green.
Most cats are black
But what I like best is when
Everyone puts goodies in my
sack.

Halloween by Linda Rodriguez

Halloween is almost here!
It's a night when ghosts
and goblins roam the streets.

It's a night when witches and
black cats fly high on broomsticks
It's a night when witches cast
their spells.

So beware of Franky, Woolfy and
my fangy friend.

BEWARE Witch Hair by Mickey Simmons

If you see a witch look at her
hair.
You may see a few spiders.
You may even see a rat in her hat.
If you look again, it's a dream.

My Naptime Dream by Hope Maxwell

One peculiar Halloween night, a
vampire bat flew into a haunted
house. There were a lot of mice
running around inside. The mice
looked scared like they had seen a
ghost.

The house looked scary when I
got a good look at it. There was a
big and deep pit in the back yard.
There was a cemetery beside the
house. When it turned midnight, a
witch flew on her broom across
the moon and down to me. She
picked me up and took me into the
haunted house. I got scared and
started to run out of the house but
the door shut. I walked through
the dark house. There were a lot
of skeleton bones and mummies.
They were eerie and ugly. One of
the mummies said "boo." There
was a werewolf in a corner. A
goblin was in another corner. A
candle flew across the room. Then
I woke up from my nap.



The Merkel High Band earned a Division II rating at the UIL Marching

Contest in Abilene Saturday. Staff photo

Allison-McAninch wedding

Bridget Lee Allison and Loran Scott McAninch, both of Midland, are planning a Nov. 7th wedding in the First Church of the Nazarene in Midland.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Larry Allison of Mont Belvieu, and formerly of Lamesa. Miss Allison is a graduate of Lamesa High School and attended Texas Tech University.

The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Jim D. McAninch of Midland, and the grandson of Mrs. Wilburn R. Maule of Lamesa and Mrs. Weldon McAninch of Merkel. McAninch is a graduate of Lee High School in Midland and Tarelton State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree. He is employed with the



Midland Farmer's Co-Op. The couple will make their home in Midland following their marriage.

Johnson hosts Xi Nu Chi group

The first meeting in October for the Xi Nu Chi sorority was held in the home of Nancy Johnson.

Mary Hill, program chairman, presented the Model Meeting. Each officer and committee chairman explained their duties for the

year. Members present for the meeting were Anita Allen, Minyon Seymore, Donna Bryan, Nancy Duncan, Judy Elliott, Sandra Wurst, Mary Hill and Nancy Johnson.

Lambda Beta hosts Pledge Ritual

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their Pledge Ritual Oct 20th in the home of Robin Hicks.

After the Pledge Ritual, Robin served a spaghetti supper to

Sharon Young, Virginia Pirraglia, Robin Hicks, Cindy beaver, Jerry Garey, Janet Rogers, Brenda Pape, Kim Roberson, Carrie Douglas and Janet McKeenan.

VFW ladies selling school memory book

School Days and Memories Books are being sold by the Merkel VFW Ladies Auxillary.

The books are \$5 each and contain pockets and spaces for pictures, activities, awards, re-

Preceptor Eta Omega sets holiday program

The Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi is inviting area women to a program presented by Lisa Caton of the

VFW ladies will brighten Halloween kids

The Ladies Auxillary of VFW Post 5683 of Merkel will be applying safety reflector tape to Halloween costumes of Merkel Elementary students Friday.

The ladies will apply "glow in

port cards and fingerprints. The books cover Kindergarten through 12th grade and are available by calling Sally Tittle at 928-5555 or 928-3732. A limited supply of the books is available.

West Texas Utilities Company. The program will be on Christmas goodies and will be held at the Taylor Electric Board Room at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3rd.

the dark tape" to the students' costumes and the tape will provide a safety reflector to help motorists "spot" children during Halloween festivities.

Organizers want to "light up our kids" to prevent a tragedy.

Beta Sigma Phi discusses papal visit

The Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met for their regular meeting in the home of Connie Ybarra.

Blanche Hewitt, president, asked for reports from all standing committees.

Their next meeting will be in the Board Room of the REA with Linda Caton from WTU presenting

a Christmas program. The program was given by Connie Ybarra on "The Visit of Pope John Paul II to Texas and San Antonio on Sept. 13-14." A delicious mexican dinner was served to Blanche Hewitt, Pat Schuknecht, "Y" Sadler, Opal Garner, Mamie Steck and hostes Connie Ybarra.

WWI auxillary group holds meeting

The Ladies Auxillary of the Veterans of World War I met Oct. 21 in the home of Jewell Criswell for a meeting and a covered dish luncheon. Old business was dis-

cussed and plans were made for a Thanksgiving luncheon.

Attending were Billy Hartly, Ruth Cox, Mabel McRee, and Jewell Criswell.

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For sale: Kerosine heater, Redwood porch furniture, domino table, chest of drawers 928-3811 or seat at 512 Rose 44-1tc

For sale: air tight wood burning stove \$150. Call 846-3126. 44-1tc

Good clean top soil, caliche, base, gravel, septic and drives backhoe work, cleanups Call 928-5534. 42-TFC

For Sale: Montgomer Wards dryer, works \$50 call 928-3392. 44-1tc

Pre-Christmas sale: work-out bench \$75, speaker box, alto saxophone call 928-5138 or seat at 1510 Heath. 44-1tp

For Sale: 2 year old Angus Bull: Wye-Eileen-ere-Bardoliermer blood line. 928-5259 after 6 p.m. 44-1tp

For sale: CB Cobra 880 base, power desk mike, CLR-2 antenna, TRC-24 mobil unit with antenna all \$100. 928-5259 after 6 p.m. 44-1tp

MISC

For sharpening of: scissors, grass shears, tin snips and wood chisels. see Bob at 701 S 2nd. 43-TFC

Blue's Plumbing: For your complete plumbing needs. Water heater & mobile home hook up. Earl Blue 1-696-0344 Monday - Saturday 35-TFC

Sticks-N-Stones Day Care Center 201 Oak, Open Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Call 928-4381. 42-TFC

James Gibson- 10 years of experience as a roofer, does composition wood and patch jobs. Free estimates. 928-4750 ask for Joy. 44-1tc

Overeaters Anonymous meetings will be held at the Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church annex each Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Germania Insurance Company. For your insurance needs. Locally represented by Donna Carter 928-5348. TFC

Granny's Playhouse Day Care Center Open 6 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Hot lunch & snacks provided. For more information, call 928-4904 or come by 207 Orange. 42-TFC

P & L Auto Parts is open from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday & from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. each Saturday at 135 Edwards Street. 37-TFC

Handy man. Try me. I may be able to help. All types of clean up jobs, trash, garage, small repair jobs. For any job around the house, inside or out, call 928-3373. 44-5tp

Small engine repair: lawn mowers, tillers, chainsaws, etc. Chain saw sharpening Tucker enterprises 924 N 1st Merkel. 44-1tp

Lost: Yellow jersey, jumped fence North of Interstate, call 928-3193 Horton Jowers. 43-1tp

Lost: Black gloves with red cuffs at the Ballinger-Merkel football game. Reward offered. Call 365-2165. 44-2tc

Will do housekeeping by the day or by the job. reasonable rates will furnish references call 928-3225. 44-1tc

Alcoholics Anonymous an Al-Anon closed meetings are Tuesday & Thursday at 7 p.m. at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church.

Would like to do housekeeping. Please call 928-4586. 33-TFC

Roofing: also small carpenter jobs, light hauling garage cleaning yard work call 928-5154. 41-4tp

Own your own apparel or shoe store, choose from jean/ sportswear, ladies apparel, mens, children/ maternity, large sizes, petite dancewear/ aerobic bridal, lingerie or accessory store. Add color analysis. Brands: Liz Claiborne, Gasoline, Healthtex, Levi, Lee, Camp, Beverly Hills, St. Michele, Chaus, Out-back Red, Genesis, For-nice, Organically Grown. Over 1,000 others. Or \$13.99 one price designer, multi-tier pricing store discount or family store. Retail prices unbelievable for quality shoes normally priced from 119. Top \$80. Over 450 brands, 4,600 styles, \$14,800 to \$26,900. Inventory, training, fixtures, grand opening, airfare, etc. Can open in 15 days Mr. Loughlin (612) 888-6555. 42-TFF

We make hydraulic hoses, P & L Auto Parts 135 Edwards 928-4738. 42-TFC

FISH

Get ready for fall stocking Red River fish farm is now taking orders. Call 677-6456 or 695-5794. 38-TFC

REAL ESTATE

For sale: 3 bedroom brick home, 2 baths, central heating and cooling on SUN water on 5 acres, near Merkel school bus route. Call Cyrus Pee, realtor 928-5613. 44-TFC

Price reduced: 2 bedroom, kitchen, living room, 1 bath, has central heat, all furniture & appliances stay. Call Cyrus Pee, Realtor 928-5613. 44-TFC

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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.

For sale: 2 story large living room, dining room, kitchen, master bedroom & bath, down stairs, large upstairs, 3 bedrooms, bath, lots of storage room on corner lot, priced to sell. Cyrus Pee, Realtor 928-5613. 20-TFC

For sale: 3 bedroom, 1 bath, on 2 lots, well insulated vinyl siding, 1 block from High school call 698-3624 or 512-895-2141 or 512-895-2259. 42-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. 42-TFC

For Sale: Humphrey's Village: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas, fireplace \$60's 1412 Sunset: 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, super sized kitchen, corner lot, Dalzell Realtors 691-1300 Jean 692-6640. 44-2tc

FOR RENT

For rent: 2 bedroom, carpeted, water furnished, 3 miles North on FM 126, couple only call 928-5259 after 6 p.m. 44-1tp

For rent: 1 bedroom furnished apartment 928-5738 after 3 p.m. or 928-5672. 44-1tp

1,2 & 3 bedroom mobile homes. Rents start at \$185 and \$200 is the highest rent. Mobile home lots for rent near school \$50 per month. West end of S 7th. Call 928-4973. 23-TFC

For rent: 2 bedroom house, partially furnished, water paid \$175 per month call 928-5635 at night. 44-1tp

For rent: \$200 per month, 2 bedroom, mobile home, carpeted central heat & air, stove & refrigerator, fenced yard, call 928-5251 or 928-5652. 23-TFC

For rent: small 2 bedroom house, just right for couple or a single person. Chain link fence, carpet, storage shed call 928-5164. 43-3tp

For rent: 5 year old apartments, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 3 ceiling fans, sprawling living area, fully loaded kitchen, rent \$195 - \$220, last month's rent free. Call Sheley at 928-3472. 39-TFC

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GARAGE SALES Garage sale at 411 Ash Saturday only 8-5. 44-1tp

3 family garage sale Thursday & Friday. Dining room suite, tv, stereo, clothes (all sizes), curtains & bed spreads. Herman Aiken residence call 928-5020. 44-1tp

2 Blocks of yard sales on Runnels Street in Tye Thursday & Friday weather permitting. Lots of everything. 44-1tp

Moving sale: Everything 1/2 price. Thursday only 105 Runnels. 44-1tp

Big 4 family garage sale: Lots of good, useful items. Come and see 815 Oak, Thursday, Friday & Saturday. 44-1tp

Garage Sale at 712 N 2nd: freezer, furniture, odds & ends 6 until 7 Friday and Saturday. 44-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank all the people from Merkel for their support they have given us and for their prayers and cards. Thanks to Brother Keller for his many visits and prayers. God Bless you all. Love The Lawrence Bird Family

The family of Encarnacion Duran wish to thank her friends for all the things done for us during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the cards, calls, visits, and especially the words of comfort expressed by you. We also thank you for the beautiful flowers and plants and for the delicious food sent to the house. We want to thank the Ladies Auxillary for the food served after the service. Thanks for your thoughtfulness and your prayers. The Family of Encarnacion Duran

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE STATE OF TEXAS -To: JOE OATES Address Unknown, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 30th day of November, 1987, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 350th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 8th day of October, A.D. 1987, in this cause, numbered 2036-D on the docket of said court and styled, ROY D. HAVNER and wife TRACY L. HAVNER, Plaintiff, vs. JOE OATES, Defendants. The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: ROY D. HAVNER and wife

TRACY L. HAVNER are Plaintiffs and JOE OATES are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: On October 28, 1980, Defendant executed a Warranty Deed to Plaintiff, Roy D. Havner and to his wife at such time, Willie Jo Havner, conveying certain property located in Taylor County, Texas, describing such property as follows, to-wit: Being 4.70 acres out of a 90.5 acre tract out of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 31, Lunatic Asylum Lands, Taylor County, Texas. By a subsequent Divorce Decree dated Sept. 4, 1984, Roy D. Havner was awarded the subject property. Due to a mutual mistake the Deed failed to adequately describe the particular 4.70 acres being conveyed. Plaintiff seeks judgement by the Court for the Deed to be reformed to express the true conveyance intended by Plaintiffs and Defendant by the addition of the metes and bounds description of the specific 4.70 acres

intended to be conveyed by the parties. Plaintiff seeks judgement for such other relief, and law or in equity, to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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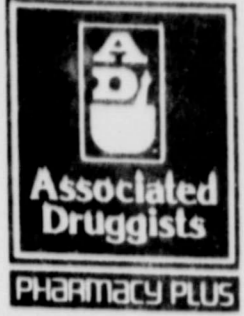
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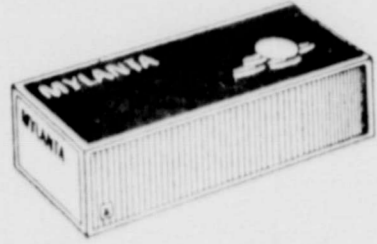
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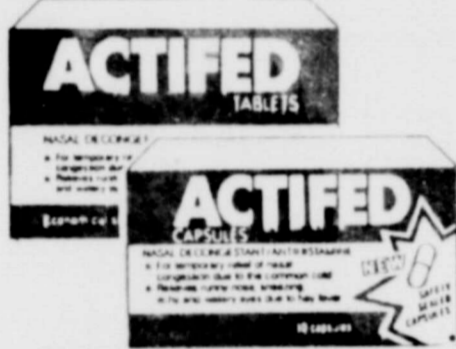


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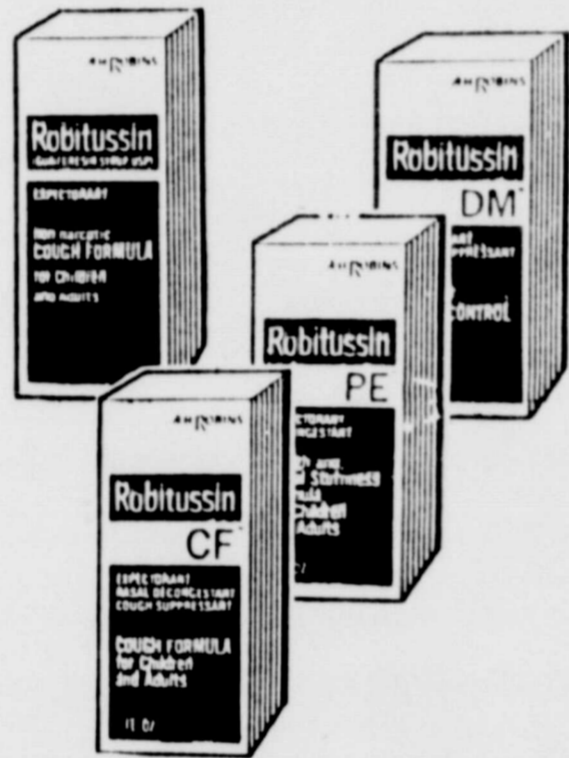
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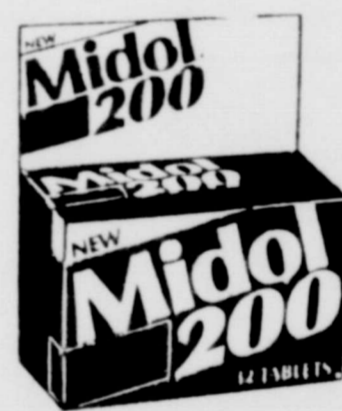
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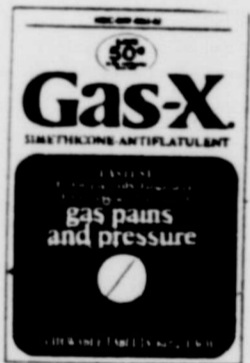
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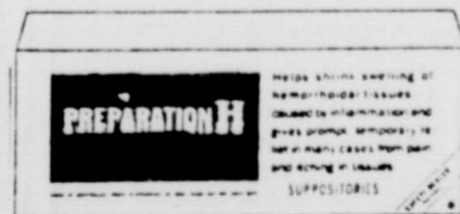
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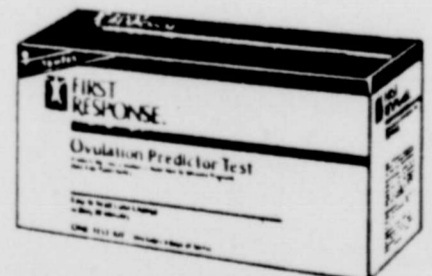
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Trent wins to set up showdown with Jayton

The Trent Gorillas celebrated homecoming Saturday with a 32-22 swatting of the Blackwell Hornets. By whipping Blackwell, the 'Rillas set up a district 4-East showdown with the Jayton Jaybirds Friday night. The Blackwell game was a very physical contest that saw Trent lose Lewis Knapp and Lee Hunt to injuries while the Hornets were being penalized for 111 yards.

The scoring started before the home crowd had time to warm their seats when Knapp went in from three yards out at the 7:24 mark of the 1st quarter. After Scott O'Kelly split the uprights, the 'Rillas led 8-0.

The Hornets moved the ball on the ground against the salty 'Rilla defense better than any team has all year. They were led by the running of halfback Gady Hancock and at the 5:38 mark of the 1st quarter, he brought the Hornets within two at 8-6.

The 'Rillas came storming back. Driving the length of the field behind the running of Mike Payne, Knapp and Noe Falcon, and the strong offensive line play of Brian Massey, O'Kelly and Lee Hunt. Knapp scored from six yards out and after O'Kelly again hit the extra point, Trent led 16-6 with seven seconds left in the first period.

The next two minutes was a track meet as both offenses scored on long distance jaunts. Blackwell's Hancock raced 56 yards at the 9:13 mark of the 2nd quarter to pull Blackwell within 16-12 and Noe Falcon answered back with a 54 yard gallop. O'Kelly added the point after and at the 8:35 mark of the second quarter, Trent led 24-12. The t.d. run by Falcon was a big one for him. Falcon, a former Blackwell student, told *The Mail* Friday night that beating Blackwell was the most important thing he had ever wanted to do.

The next five minutes was a slugfest as neither team was able to mount a threat. The Hornets finally broke the scoring drought when linebacker Andy Hunt tackled Falcon in the end zone after a wild pitch-out. That made the score 24-14 with 2:19 left in the first half.

The safety seemed to ignite the 'Rillas. After the defense held Blackwell, the 'Rilla offense went to work. Behind hard charging runs by Falcon, Payne and Keith Oden, the 'Rillas drove to the 15 yard line where Dock Carriker hit Lee Hunt with a t.d. pass. O'Kelly again added the point after and Trent led 32-14.

The second half was a hard hitting, head knocking affair with the only score coming at the 7:44 mark of the 3rd quarter when Blackwell quarter back Cary Panzer hit running back Andy Lee with a 24 yard t.d. pass. The 'Rillas were twice able to drive the ball inside the Blackwell 10 yard line only to be stopped by the Hornet defense.

Coach Doug Gore told *The Mail* "We played well despite losing two starters. We have got enough depth that we can replace starters with quality ballplayers. This game was the most physical we have played all year but we need these tough games because it makes us a better team."

Coach Ed Donahugh was proud of his offensive line as he said "The line did an excellent job of blocking. I was especially proud of our starters Brian Massey, Scott O'Kelly and Lee Hunt, who all played real well. We asked Brian to play three different positions in the ball game and he came through like the leader he is."

Donahue continued by saying "On defense, Chris Jones had an excellent game and I was real proud of all the men as they really stuck together."

Trent travels to Jayton next week to take on the Jaybirds in a

key district 4 East contest. Both Trent and Jayton are 6-1 on the season and 3-0 in district action. The Jaybirds are led by returning all-state players Andy Sumner and Stephan Morales and have never lost a six-man district game but the 'Rillas look primed to hand the Jaybirds a rare loss and lay claim to the District 4-East title.

Game Stats		Trent	Blackwell
First Downs		17	11
Rushing Yards		42-263	40-221
air-comp-td		5-14-1	4-14-1
passing yards		35	56
fumbles lost		2	0
Int by		3	0
Penalties		9-80	10-111
Punts-avg		1-35	3-32

District 4-East				
	W	L	PS	PA
Trent	3	0	108	41
Jayton	3	0	134	22
Blackwell	2	2	96	22
Hermleigh	1	2	63	70
Ira	1	3	24	110
Highland	0	3	22	114

Last week's results: Trent 32 Blackwell 22; Jayton 47 Ira 0; Loraine 53 Hermleigh 8.

This week's schedule: Trent vs Jayton, Hermleigh vs Blackwell and Ira vs Highland.

by W. E. Dulaney

Trent Jr. High finishes season at 5-1

Behind four touchdowns by Jeff Sanford, the Trent Junior High Gorillas ended their season with a 42-6 rout of the Highland Hornets.

The 5-1 'Rillas wasted no time in getting on the board when Sanford swept 52 yards for the t.d. with 5:05 left in the first quarter. After the extra point run by Pete Chavez, the 'Rillas led 7-0.

Four minutes later Sanford got six more with a five yard gallop for Trent. The extra point run was tallied by Lupe Falcon and at the 1:45 mark of the first quarter, Trent led 14-0.

The 'Rilla defense got in the act at the 5:53 mark of the 2nd quarter when Scotty Hudson fell on a Hornet fumble in the end zone for six more 'Rilla points. When Pete Chavez added the extra point, the 'Rillas were rolling at 21-0.

The first half Trent domination continued when at the 1:56 mark of the second quarter Sanford swept 19 yards for the 'Rilla t.d. After he added the extra point, Trent led 28-0.

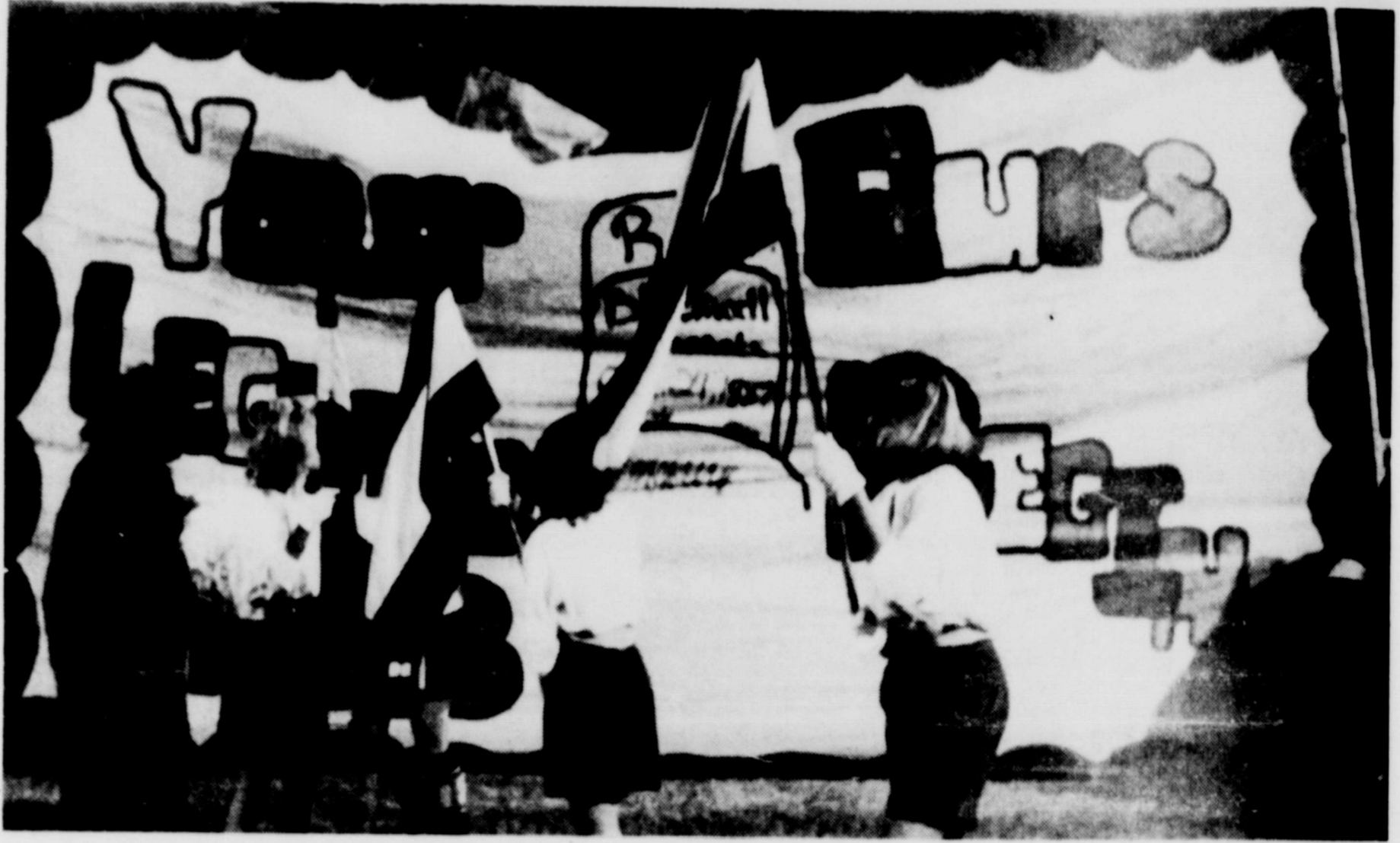
In the second half, the 'Rillas continued to dominate. Leading 28-6, Pete Chavez raced 15 yards for six more points. The Chavez extra point increased the Trent lead to 35-6 with 1:39 left in the 3rd quarter.

The final 'Rilla t.d. came at the 5:44 mark of the fourth quarter when Sanford scored his fourth t.d. of the game going 48 yards with an interception. Paul McDaniel swept in for the extra point and Trent had put the wraps on a 42-6 dismemberment of the Hornets.

The Junior High 'Rillas finished 5-1 on the year including a 20-19 win over the Jayton Jaybirds. It was an impressive year for the 'Rillas as the offense led by Pete Chavez, Jeff Sanford and Lupe Falcon averaged 32.6 points per game while the defense led by John Galvin, Scotty Hudson, Jake Falcon and Jerry Collier held opponents to a 10.6 average per game.

Jr. High Results
Trent 40- Ira 13
Trent 56- Hermleigh 12
Trent 6- McCaulley 12
Trent 32- Blackwell 0
Trent 20- Jayton 19
Trent 42- Highland 6.

by W. E. Dulaney



The Trent Gorillas came storming through the crash sign at the half of the

Blackwell game Saturday at romped to a 32-22 Homecoming win. The 'Rillas face

the Jayton Jaybirds in Jayton Friday. Staff photo



The Trent "Bold Gold" Band leads the way in the Homecoming Parade in Trent

Saturday Photo by Shannon Payne

Halloween party planned in Trent

An adult supervised Halloween party will take place in Trent Halloween night at the Fire Station. Admission will be 50 cents at the door.

The festivities will begin at 7 p.m. with a scavenger hunt for kids 10 and older and party and games for kids under 10. At 9 p.m. A 9 p.m. dance will be held for all ages and cost is \$1 at the door. No alcohol will be allowed.

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Masonheimer named Miss Trent at pageant



Luci Masonheimer was named Miss Trent at the Trent Pageant held Friday. Photo by Shannon Payne

Beautiful ladies, handsome men and good times were the happenings in Trent Friday as the 1987 Trent Pageant was celebrated. Hosted by KTLC morning team disc jockey Dean Taylor, the pageant was enjoyed by those

attending Judges Hazel Hindman, Barbara Sanders, Mary Pat Mercer and Penny Kell had a tough time choosing winners as all the contestants were looking their very best in hopes of winning their

age group. Winners and contestants included: Miss Trent is Luci Masonheimer with Renee Gibson 2nd and Glenna Clark 3rd. Other contestants included Julie Clay, Denise Gibson, Jennifer Hamner,

Lisa Penton, Billie Jean Poin-dexter and Twila Williams. The 1987 Lil' Miss Toddler was Abbie Hamner with Tiffany Dulaney 2nd and Amanda Lee 3rd. Other contestants were Alicia Toombs, Chelsea Copeland. The 1987 Lil' Mr. Toddler is Zachary Riggan with Dusty Lee 2nd and Bradley Brazelton 3rd. Other contestants were Brice Smith and Dillon Swain and Borden Parks.

Local u-10 boys finish soccer season

Both Under 10 Merkel teams were in action this weekend in the divisional season ending tournaments.

The Badgers went 1-1 and brought home the consolation trophy. On Saturday, the Badgers were shocked by the Albany Lions 3-0 and came back Sunday to take the consolation win with a 5-4 victory over the Killer Bees.

In the 1st game against Albany, the Badgers played on the Lions end nearly all afternoon but were never able to score. Coach Dee Goldsmith told *The Mail* "We got good efforts by all of the kids but just couldn't get it in the goal."

On Sunday, the Badgers showed why they are one of the most successful teams in the Big Country Soccer Association beating the Killer Bees to complete their season at 8-1. The Badgers were led by William Donaldson and Quincy Hines with two goals each and Matt Dearing had a goal. One defense, the Badgers received strong efforts from Randy DeLeon, Jeremy Burt and Shawn West.

The Royals went 0-2 in weekend action losing to the Stinger Stingers 1-0 and to the Dyess Condors 3-1. In the loss to the Stingers, the Royals dominated play from the start but weren't able to punch in

a score. Ryan Bigbee, Tye Hunt, Jeremy Tipton, Chris Gilmore, Scott Dulaney and Jacob Necessary all played well in the loss.

In Sunday's game, the Royals jumped out in front early on a goal by Chris Gilmore with an assist from Ryan Bigbee. Dyess scored three second half goals to hand the Royals a heartbreaking loss. The Royals received good efforts from Gilmore, Jeremy Tipton, Michael McMurry, Tye Hunt, goalie Scott Dulaney and Jake and Dustin

Necessary.

Last weekend's tournaments ended the seasons for the Royals and the Badgers who should both be congratulated for their hustle and hard work. Coaches for the two teams were Dee Goldsmith for the Badgers and Cloy Richards for the Royals. They should be commended also for their coaching jobs this year as both contributed hours of hard work to make their teams as good as they could be.

by W. E. Dulaney

O'Kelly's announce arrival of daughter

Owen and Kay O'Kelly of Trent would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Heather Deann Oct. 16th.

Heather was born in Sweetwater and weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces

and was 19 inches long. Heather has a brother Scott and a sister Kelly.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Owen O'Kelly of Trent and maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Gibson of McCaulley.

'Rilla fans will travel by caravan to Jayton

All parents and fans are asked to meet at the school Friday beginning at 4 p.m. to line up in a caravan to travel to Jayton to show support for the Blue Crew. The caravan will leave at 5:30. A few miles from Jayton the caravan will stop to decorate the

cars in order to make a Big Gorilla impression on the 'Birds. Fans are also asked to bring a white handkerchief. After each score the T. D. Hankies will show the 'Birds that Trent means business.

by W. E. Dulaney

Lil' Miss Trent is Patricia Clark with Janet Gibson 2nd and Juanita Fair 3rd. Other contestants were Crystal Crabtree, Sherrie Clark and Tammy Spraggins.

Mrs. Cheri Adair is to be congratulated for putting together a fine show.

Lil' Miss Trent "A" was Ashlea Parker Riggan with Brooke Bigbee 2nd and Stacy Brazelton 3rd. Other contestants were Robyn Clark, Becky Gregory, Mica Merrill, Kelly Beth O'Kelly, Erin Sliter, Courtney Weaver and Lindsey Jones. Lil' Miss Trent "B" was Tammie Dean with Renee Smith 2nd and Jamie Dean 3rd. Other contestants were Tammy Clark, Crystal Hunt, Amanda Stautzenberger, Miranda Stautzenberger and LaDonna Stephens.

The Jr. Miss Trent is Patricia Clark with Janet Gibson 2nd and Juanita Fair 3rd. Other contestants were Crystal Crabtree, Sherrie Clark and Tammy Spraggins.

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by W. E. Dulaney

Noe Falcon likes to run

Five foot three inch 165 pound running back Noe Falcon's idea of a perfect game is to gain 150 ayds on 11 carries and with his running style (which is often described as borderline felony assault) that goal will not be hard to attain.

Despite his small stature, Noe bench presses 325 pounds and is one of the hardest 'Rilla running backs to bring down. A typical Falcon run is ended with three opponents laying on the ground and the other three hanging on to him. "I really like running back," he said "I love to run over people."

This is Noe's first year at Trent

High School where he is involved in FFA raising turkeys. His other hobbies are rough ones. Besides breaking horses in his spare time, he is also involved in the American Junior Rodeo Association as a bullrider.

"My goals for myself and the team are to win state and I would like to make all-district as a running back," said Noe. "As for my future, I'll do whatever it takes to be a horse trainer."

Noe lives in Mulberry Canyon with his dad Andres, mom Anna, brothers Andy, Cipi, Lupe, Jake and Paul and sisters Mary Alice and Belinda.

by W. E. Dulaney

Trent parents hold Homecoming party

A parent sponsored Homecoming Party was held at the Trent Volunteer Fire Department Station.

The Weatherford Junior College Band "Tumpest" performed. The

Massey, Brown win calculators in Trent

Ginger Massey in Grades 6-12 and Jerrod Brown in Grades K-5 were the winners of calculators at Trent this week. As an incentive for attendance, calculators will be given away the next two weeks with a jam box being given away during the first week in November. According to TISD superintendent Don Gibson, attendance is averaging 96.8 percent for the first two weeks in October.

In other school activities, Thursday will be picture re-take day for all kids that missed the first photo

parents who sponsored the party wanted to thank all of those who attended and offered a special thanks to the band for their hard work.

by Kay Dulaney

Patterson's services held

Edward James Patterson, 81, died Friday at a local nursing home.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Trent with the Rev. Sherman Driggers officiating. Burial followed in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Trent under the direction of the Curtis-Starks Funeral Home.

Born in Bay City, he had lived in Merkel most of his life. He was a U. S. Army Veteran of World War II and was a farmer and rancher. He was a member of the First

Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lee Patterson of Merkel; six sons, Henry Lee Patterson of Amarillo, Joseph Patterson of McAlester, Okla., Freddie Patterson of Trent, Eddie Patterson, Lester Patterson and Loyd Patterson, all of Merkel; two daughters, Mrs. Cleo Bracy of Lubbock and Lucinda Patterson of Merkel; a brother Dewitt Patterson of Graham; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Human Services sets public hearing

The Texas Department of Human Services will hold a hearing in order to hear comments on the agency's budget priorities, program directions and expenditures of federal block grant funds, including Title 20 and low income energy assistance for fiscal year 1989 and the Legislative request for FY 1990-1991.

The public hearing will be held Nov. 5th at the West Texas Rehab Center and will start at 9 a.m.

Hearing facilities are accessible to disabled people and interpreters will be available for the deaf or Spanish speaking persons.

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Roberts is TSCRA inspector

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association has appointed Joe B. Roberts, 33, of Merkel to serve as a field inspector for TSCRA District 16 in West Central Texas, effective immediately, says Don C. King, secretary-general manager. Roberts will be headquartered here. He succeeds longtime field inspector Hutton M. Moore Jr., of Clyde Moore retired after 38 years of service as a brand and field inspector.

TSCRA, a 110-year-old cattleman's organization, employs 32 field inspectors, all certified peace officers carrying special Ranger commissions, to assist cattlemen and conduct livestock theft investigations in Texas and Oklahoma. In 1986, the inspectors, working with state and local law enforcement agencies, developed 149 theft cases, primarily dealing with cattle. They recovered or accounted for 4,372 head of livestock and ranch related property, valued in excess of \$2.8 million, King said.

Roberts, a native of Sherman, Texas, began his livestock career as a teenager working for the late Harry "Pete" Hudgins, well-known cowman and TSCRA honorary vice president from Sherman. At age 15, however, he moved to the South Plains to work for a feedyard near Muleshoe,

where he graduated from high school. He returned to Sherman to study agriculture and business courses at Grayson Junior College.

From 1972 until his employment in 1975 with TSCRA, Roberts worked primarily on ranches, including the SMS Toungue River Ranch at Dumont, and in feedlots in West Texas and the Panhandle. As a brand inspector, he initially worked the auction markets in Abilene, Sweetwater, and Haskell, but in later years concentrated on Abilene and Sweetwater.

Roberts has been a reserve deputy with the Nolan County Sheriff's Department for a year and a half. He is a certified peace officer and has his basic certificate in law enforcement.

Roberts is married to the former Bobbie Millsap of San Angelo, Texas. They are the parents of two boys, Joe Ben Roberts, 11; and T. J. Roberts, 7.

"Inspector Roberts' extensive livestock background, ranch experience and work as a brand inspector qualify him for this position with TSCRA," King said. "His knowledge of ranch operations in his district and wide acquaintance with area cattlemen also will be valuable in his new job. He should provide good service to TSCRA members and other cattlemen in the Merkel district.



Joe Roberts

Band Boosters selling smoked turkeys

The Merkel Band Boosters are selling smoked turkeys to raise funds for a trip to Nashville this spring.

The turkeys are \$17 each and may be ordered from Jeanie West at 928-4754 or by calling Pam Welborn at 846-4044.

Merkel High names honor students

The following is the All A Honor roll for Merkel High School for the first six weeks of school.

Jamie Beasley, Dayna Bentley, Walter Best, Angie Boggs, Dianne Brown, Angie Cannon, Michelle Cerda, Son Mi Chon, April Duncan, Kristy Elliott, Staci Ferguson, Aubri Fiscus, Jennifer Heidelberg.

Also, Clara Hererra, Tina Johnson, Anissa Jones, Jeremy Judge, Cara Kelso, Steve Leverich, David Miller, Kenneth Rakosky, Kim Richards, Jenny Schindler, Amy Schoolcraft, Darla Swinney, Mike Tindle.

Also, Krista Toombs, Phung Thao Tran, Diem Tran, Misty Vaughn, Shelly White, Twyla Wilburn, Judy Williams, Jerry Workman, Lee Cain, Sheri Miles, Stacy Johnson and Tami Isreal.

The following is the A-B Honor roll for Merkel High School.

Stephanie Ashorn, Laura Baker, Melinda Baker, Ava Bohannon, Angela Bollier, Sandra Black, Brandon Boyd, Buck Campbell, Kyle Coker, Jana Daniel.

Also, Jennifer Davis, Denny Davis, Michelle Davis, Toby Dupont, Brandy Fenton, Jennifer Fiscus, Marjean Flowers, Troy Flowers, Jennifer Gaona, Robert Grewell, Caren Hendrix, Richa Hill.

Also, Jeff Hobbs, Betsy Helms, Teresa Lucas, Jamie Lindsey, Ann Minor, Melissa Morris, Ramon Moreno, Christi Moore, Katina Neith, Neil Newman,

Shayne Newberry, Renae Paulsen.

Also, Lupe Quintero, Kevin Rakoski, Christy Reynolds, Anja Reyna, Ted Seymore, Penny Smith, Manie Swinney, Cody Sutterfield.

Also, Cole Sisco, Melannie Tankersley, Brandon Toombs, Wade Toombs, Cassie Townsend, Bridget Vaughn, Kayce Ward, Daniel West, Michelle Williams, Amber Whisenant, Amy Welborn, Suzy Wiloth, Michael Woodall, Chris Wright, Connie McMillon, Michael Adkins and Tracy Stevens.

Badger jackets, sweats on sale

Purple and gold jackets and purple and gold sweat suits are on sale at the Merkel Middle School office.

Persons interested in ordering need to pick up an order form from the middle school office. The deadline for orders is Oct. 30th.

Tye elementary honor students

The following is the honor roll for Tye Elementary for the first six weeks of school.

Kindergarten and First Grade students were not given grades.

Second Grade All A: John Cargile, Shara Day, April Helm, Maggie Quintanilla, Angela Webb, Janis Williamson, Deanna Knapp, Alice Sheffield.

Second Grade A-B: Amanda McGinnis, Jennifer Mendez, Kris Cullum, Josh Greer, Billy Joe Jensen, Christi Molina, Katrina Noland, Domingo O'Con, Chris Wilder.

Third Grade All A: Christi

Massey, Terra Searcey, Tiffany Snowden, Aaron Cade, Bandy Kilpatrick, Robby Sanchez.

Third Grade A-B: Micaela Alcantar, Clayton Celley, Wendy Finch, Christopher Harris, Rebecca Killam, Kimberly Lowery, Michael McClure, Crissy Wright, Nelda Biles, Shannon Harris, Nichole Jacobs, Anthony Williamson.

Fourth Grade A-B: Carrie Biles, Melissa Clark, Jeremy Daniel, William Donaldson, Julianna Helm, January Johnson, Brandy Jordan, Tim Thorpe, Billy Votaw.

Fifth Grade All A: Jessica Cade, Crystal Gayle, Marijke Holmes, Tomas Newman, Larry Sommers, Mandy Workman, Jennifer Anderson, Brad Locke, Melissa Podrovitz, Colby Sheffield, Brandi Wilson.

Fifth Grade A-B: Donna Bouldin, Kellie Edwards, Shane Flynt, Marquita Shank, Anita Smith, Joseph Biles, Joe Castillo, La-Trisha Curry, Heather Davis, Billy Furman, Naomi Hoover, Jill Jennings, Tony Smith, Michael Tucker.

Mrs. Wheeler's room; All A: Mathew Smith.

Hunters insight

by Josh Amerine

The 1987 archery season draws to a close this weekend and it appears that no one in the area is going to get a big old buck. I heard that one Merkel hunter who brought in a forkhorn, but I have not seen it. The wildlife biologist at O. C. Fisher Reservoir in San Angelo reported no large kills. "Most of the deer brought in are young does and yearlings," he related. The biologist felt the lack of large deer kills were due to numerous inexperienced bowman disturbing the more mature deer's daily routines and habits. He was optimistic about the Corp of Engineer's policy of closing much of O. C. Fisher Reservoir land to vehicle traffic in the fall and winter. He expects this policy will further increase the population by decreasing poaching.

In Texas, the deer rut usually peaks late in October. This is a good arrangement for bowhunters and a loss for rifle hunters. A buck in the rut is less cautious and easier to take than one that is not rutting. This does not mean that rut hunting techniques are not effective during rifle season; it just means they are not as effective as they would be earlier in the year. A cleaver hunter that plans ahead can use scents, deer calls, and rattling to lure in a big buck during the Texas general hunting season. South Texas hunters in particular have been taking advantage of deer horn rattling techniques to fool big deer. Basically, what this involves in crashing a set of deer horns together trying to simulate the sounds made as two bucks fight. This in turn may draw curious deer as spectators or male deer looking for a fight. It is reported good results.

Another way rutting bucks can be lured easily is with the proper use of scents. Many companies now produce scents that duplicate the smell of a doe in heat. Used properly, the buck believes he is following a doe in estrus. The male is less wary when he is following a doe in heat and is more easily harvested.

In recent years much research has been done on the vocalizations of the whitetail deer; as many as 14 separate sounds have been identified. The vocabulary of the deer is the very task specific. The do not vocalize needlessly, but when they do, it can be startlingly loud. With little research, these sounds can be used to the advantage of the hunter. While electronic calls are illegal in Tex-

as, it is not forbidden to use mouth type calls. Certain sounds can be used, for example, to issue a challenge to the dominant buck in the area, which is also most likely to be the oldest and biggest deer on the place.

Deer hunting is changing in

Texas. With more and more hunters afield every year educating and spooking the deer, the task of the dedicated hunter becomes more difficult and challenging. With some research and planning, those big bucks will not elude the highly motivated hunters. Good hunting.

Cemetery donors named

The following are recent donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association.

In memory of Ruby Hinson: The Progressive Men's Sunday School Class, Mrs. Mabel Evans, Mrs. Robert L. Andrews, Juanita Teaff, Loneita Teaff, The G. W. Teaff Family.

Also, Mr. & Mrs. John Warlick, in memory of Mabel Dunn, Robert F. Reed in memory of Mary J. Reed, Ruby Morehouse, Mr. & Mrs. Claude W. Fleming, the Class of 1967 in memory of Harold Crusinger, the Fidelis Matrons Sunday School Class in memory of Billy Black & Jackie Stephens, Mrs. Jewell Criswell in memory of Jessie Reagan.

Also, Jo & Finley Barnett in memory of Mabel Dunn and Jessie Reagan, Mrs. Paul West in memory of Jessie Reagan, Mrs. George T. Moore in memory of Mabel Dunn & Mrs. J. D. Sandusky, Sr., The Tiner Family in memory of Charlie Baker, Mrs. C. J. Hutcheson in memory of Chock & Brandon Hutcheson, Mrs. Ray Wilson in memory of Encarnacion Duran.

Also, Lucille Nunnally- Kim Nunnally Rawson- Kristi Nunnally Green in memory of Mabel Dunn, Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Farmer, Vera & Iden Ely in memory of Mrs. Leroy Teaff, Hudora Ely in memory of Nancy Teaff, Fredia and Marvin Egger in memory of Murry & Ivy Farmer, Fannelle G. Boney in memory of Nancy Teaff, Ethel Mitchell in memory of Mabel Dunn, Mrs. Pauline Butman in memory of Price Floyd.

Also, Mr. & Mrs. L. S. Tipton- Mrs. Joe Douglas & Gene in memory of Billy Glenn Bowen, T. G. Hull, Florence Berry- Jessie M. Miller in memory of H. C. Reid, The Taylor County Farmers Union in memory of past members of the Taylor County Farmers Union, Mr. & Mrs. Woodrow Rogers in memory of Jeraldine Armstrong, Mr. & Mrs. Pat Cyfert in memory of Jeraldine Armstrong.

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Hartley in memory of H. C. Reid- Billy Don Black & Irene Sandusky, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Gilmore Jr. in memory of Dewey & Irene Sandusky.

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English is ACU grad

Mary Dana English of Merkel was one of 163 students to receive degrees during August commencement ceremonies at Abilene Christian University.

English received a Master of Education degree in Reading Specialist.

Lambda Beta meets

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their Pledge Ritual Oct. 20th in the home of Murry & Ivy Farmer. Fannelle G. Boney in memory of Nancy Teaff, Ethel Mitchell in memory of Mabel Dunn, Mrs. Pauline Butman in memory of Price Floyd.

LIFE group plans

Halloween dance

The LIFE group will meet at the LIFE Center at 6:30 Oct. 28th. Plans will be made for the Halloween Dance and anyone interested in attending is welcomed.

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The Mobile Breast Cancer Detection Unit will be in Merkel on Saturday, November 7, 1987.

The American Cancer Society has established guidelines for mammography in asymptomatic women (Women who have no symptoms of disease). Those guidelines have been adopted by the American Academy of Family Physicians, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and The American College of Radiology. Those guidelines are:

- I. 35-40 years of age - One baseline mammogram.
- II. 40-50 years of age - A mammogram every 1-2 years depending on breast type and risk factor.
- III. 50 years of age and over - An annual physical examination and annual mammogram.
- IV. Asymptomatic women under 50 years of age with significant high risk factors should be examined at appropriate intervals. These risk factors include previous breast cancer and family history of cancer.

V. A symptomatic woman should have a mammogram at any age when she experiences a mass, nipple discharge, skin changes or unexplained breast pain.

A screening mammogram is an x-ray of the breast using extremely low dosages of radiation (usually comparable to dental x-rays) and is designed to find very early cancers.

A female technologist who is highly trained in mammography will perform the examination.

The charge for the screening mammogram is \$50.00. The Unit accepts cash, check, Visa, Mastercard and American Express.

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Newsbriefs

John's football picks

The following are John Starbuck's football picks of the week. Editor's Note: Notice John didn't pick the outcome of his beloved Longhorns who host Texas Tech this week. Because I hope the Red Raiders win and since my predictions are usually wrong, I'll pick the Longhorns.

Florida 25-Auburn 28 (This game will feature a stout Auburn defense that will try to stop a Gator offense which has a talented Freshman running back by the name of Emmitt Smith. This guy is awesome)

Houston 27 TCU 31 (A high scoring affair with two explosive offenses)

Brady 15 Merkel 10 (The Badger defense rose to the occasion last

week against Ballinger)

N.Y. Giants 30 Dallas 10 (After losing their first few games of the 1987 season, the Giants are on the comeback trail)

Trent 23 Jayton 20 (A key Six-Man game for the Gorillas; Lewis Knapp will spear-head a Trent running attack that just gets better every week)

Last week 4 wins 1 loss
For the season, 24 wins 14 losses and a tie

MISD lunch menu

The following is the MISD lunch menu:

Oct. 29: home style pizza, salad, buttered corn, rosey pears.

Oct. 30: hamburgers, french fries and all the trimmings, fig bars.

Nov. 2: tacos with sauce, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, apple crisps.

Nov. 3rd: Salisbury steam with brown gravy, whipped potatoes, french green beans, sliced peaches.

Nov. 4th: grilled cheese sandwiches, vegetable beef soup, salad with choice of dressing, apple-sauce cakes.

Nov. 5th: spaghetti, buttered corn, lettuce wedges, rosey pears.

Nov. 6th: corn dogs with mustard, baked beans, combination salad with choice of dressings and rice krispe bars.

TISD lunch menu

The following is the TISD breakfast and lunch menu:

Oct. 29: grape juice, cinnamon toast, milk; brisket, potato salad,

ranch style beans, rolls, apple-sauce, milk.

Oct. 30: juice, oatmeal, toast, milk; hamburgers, trimmings, mixed fruit, salad, milk.

Nov. 2: juice, cereal, milk; chicken fried steak, potatoes with sauce, green beans; jello with topping.

Nov. 3: juice, biscuits & sausage jelly, lasagne, corn, salad, crackers, cinnamon rolls.

Nov. 4th: juice, oatmeal, raisins, toast; barbecued beef patties, creamed potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, apricot cobbler.

Nov. 5th: juice, donuts; grilled cheese sandwiches, beef stew, peaches, cookies.

Nov. 6th: juice, pancakes, syrup; corn dogs, pinto beans, apple sauce, cookies.

Masons clean up

Merkel Masonic Lodge # 710's efforts to "Help Keep Texas Beautiful" were a great success Saturday. Loop 39 (Old 80) is as clean as a whistle.

Lodge members and families who contributed their time and labor were Lloyd Gilmore, Dorothy Gilmore, Jeanna Helmer, Tamara Helmer, Curtis Summers, Jack Keenan, Darrel Shipman, Roy Mashburn, Jake Martin, Dick Leach, Ann Leach, Lillian Leach and Matt Leach.

Refreshments were enjoyed at the local Dairy Queen after the job was completed.

Brown's hold reunion

The descendants of Benjamin & Virginia Alice Brown attended a family reunion in the home of Inez Luman in Farmersville Oct. 16th.

Attending were grandchildren Cleo Wurst and Lóleta McKee of Merkel.

Nan East and Hazel King of Harlingen and Inez Luman of Farmersville also attended.


Also attending were several grand and great-grandchildren.

Trent FHA hosts WTU economist

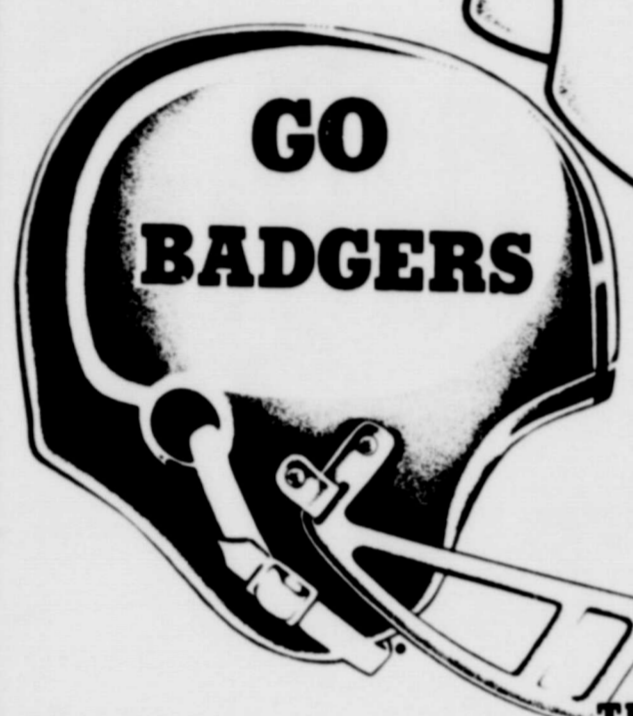
Lisa Canton, a West Texas Utility Company home economist, will present "Holiday Delights", a program featuring decorations and kitchen tested recipes for the holiday season.

The program will take place Nov. 3rd at 5:30 p.m. in the Trent school cafeteria. All community members are invited to attend and sample featured recipes. This event will be sponsored by the Trent Future Homemakers of America.





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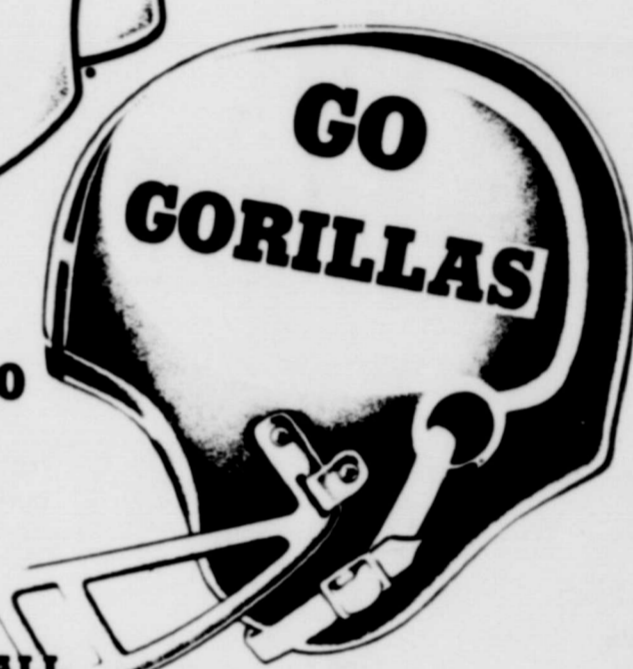
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State's cotton harvest could
be 37% higher than 1986

Cotton production projections from the U. S. Department of Agriculture released earlier this month have some important implications for Texans.

This is particularly true for projections in cotton, corn, sorghum, and wheat, says Dr. Edward G. Smith, economist marketing and policy with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas A&M University System.

"The biggest story from the crop production report comes in cotton, where 1987 production is currently forecast at 1.3 million bales, up 37 percent from last year and four percent over last month's projection.

The increase over last month's projection reflects favorable weather in the Texas Northern high plains and Oklahoma, where the October estimates increased 9 percent from a month earlier, he notes.

Although the market is keenly aware of the condition of the crop on the Texas high plains, the report could be considered "bear-

ish" for cotton, Smith adds. Record cotton yields for Texas and Oklahoma could decline quickly with an early freeze, he warns.

Smith says the grain complex was basically neutral as far as the October update crop report was concerned. Estimates for corn, sorghum, and wheat production were dropped slightly to 7.1 billion bushels of corn, 747 million bushels of sorghum and 2.1 billion bushels of wheat.

The economist notes that the earlier released grain stocks report also indicated heavier feed use than had previously been expected for feed grains and wheat.

"This will point to tighter free stocks and most of the stocks are eligible for some form of government program protection," he adds.

Historically, it has been difficult to lock up stocks from the market, however. Given the attractiveness of using generic PIK certificates, it is unlikely that there will be significant price increases in the near future," Smith says.



§ The Badgers nail a Ballinger runner in last week's 7-0 loss to the Bearcats. Moving in are Kevin Wright [58] Tony

Roberts [64] and Mike Farthing [88]. Staff photo

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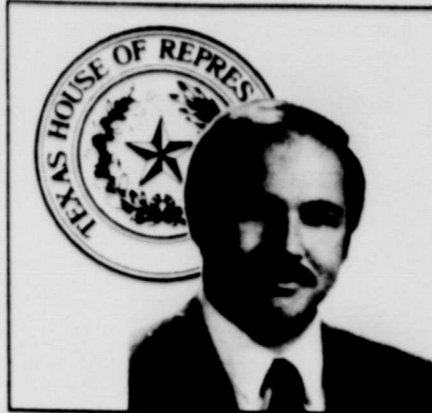
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House of Representatives

This is the last in a series of informational columns on the constitutional amendments and referendum proposals which Texas voters will consider on November 3rd. This column highlights the two referendum issues which will appear at the end of the ballot. Be sure to exercise your right to vote on these important issues November 3rd.

Referendum No. 1: "The State Board of Education shall be composed of members who are appointed from districts instead of elected, with equal representation from throughout the State of Texas."

Well, H. Ross Perot is back again, telling us common folks how we should run our public schools. The State Board of Education, as part of H. B. 72, is scheduled to become an elected board with the 1988 elections. H. Ross thinks an elected board is a mistake, because he can pick a better Board of Education than you can.

This referendum proposition will cancel the scheduled election of the board next year, making the appointed board permanent. The current election system would have the voters choose 15 SBOE members for staggered four year terms which would begin in 1989. The Legislature never intended to install a permanent appointed board. HB 72 explicitly said that the appointed panel was a temporary measure to coincide with other school reforms. If you defeat this referendum proposal, the elected board will occur as scheduled with the 1988 elections.

Referendum No. 2: "The legalization of pari-mutuel wagering under the Texas Racing Act on a county-by-county local option basis."

This is your chance to decide this controversial issue directly at the ballot box. As you know, this propositional would allow gambling on horse and greyhound racing in Texas. Racing permits

would be issued only after approval by local voters in the county where the track would be located.

The racing law would allow no more than three greyhound

Center Fund-raiser is Nov. 5th

The Merkel Nutritional Center will hold its annual fundraiser Nov. 5th.

Stew, red beans, sandwiches, desserts, coffee, tea and soft drinks will be available from 5:30 p.m. until closing. An auction will be held from 6:30 until 7.

Funds raised and all donations are used to purchase raw foods for the rural Taylor County Aging Services and specifically the Merke Nutritional Center, which, along with meals served at heritage Hall, included about 60 home deliveries.

Items available in the auction include cakes, cookies, pies, candy, quilts, hand crafts, dolls, canned goods, jellies, preserves and jams. Donations of additional items would be appreciated.

Don Dudley will serve as the auctioneer and the group appreciates his help.

Organizers are asking people to come early and enjoy the good food and fellowship before the auction begins. Further information is available by calling Heritage Hall on Tuesday and Thursday between 8:30 a.m. and Noon.

tracks. If approved by local voters, these would be located in Galveston, Corpus Christi and Brownsville. For horse racing, three levels of tracks would be authorized by the Texas Racing Act. There would be no more than four "Class-1" tracks in the state. These major racetracks would be located in Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Fort Worth-Arlington. The secondary "Class 2" tracks are restricted to 44 race days per year except for Class-2 tracks located in a national historic district (no limit on race days). The "Class 3" tracks would be operated by a county or non-profit fair, and could not have more than 16 race days each year. There is no limit on the number of Class-2 and Class 3 horseracing tracks.

Supporters say horse racing would boost the economic development of the state and provide badly needed revenue in the state. Supporters assert that more than 20,000 Texas jobs will be created by this new industry. Opponents say that legalized gambling will lure organized crime to Texas. The opponents fear that the long-term harm of increased criminal activity far outweighs any benefits which might be derived from legalized racing.

You know where you stand on this topic. The fate of this controversial issue will be decided by you the voter.

Mailbox vandalism is a felony

Through rain, sleet, snow or dead of night the U. S. Mail gets delivered to postal customers across the nation. The elements of nature don't stop letter carriers from getting the mail into a customer's mailbox, but sometimes mailbox vandalism does.

Mailbox vandalism comes in a variety of shapes and sizes from the placement of objects inside the mailbox to the actual theft or destruction of the mail receptacle. Letter carriers and customers have reported finding snakes, snails, food, trash and even small animals inside their mailboxes. These items are usually easily removed and do not disrupt the delivery of mail. On the other hand, firecrackers, shotgun pellets, baseball bats, rocks, and even an occasional pickup truck usually do enough damage to cause an interruption in mail service until the box is repaired or replaced. Beyond the damage to the boxes, which costs the postal customer time and money to repair or replace, mailbox vandalism sometimes causes the loss or destruction of valuable and important mail.

U. S. Mail receptacles and the mail inside are protected by Federal law from theft, damage, and destruction. The violations are felonies which carry penalties of between three to five years imprisonment and/or fines between \$1,000 and \$2,000.

Through the years it has been discovered that the vast majority of incidents of mailbox vandalism are the result of juveniles playing pranks. Juveniles, those under the age of 18, cannot be prosecuted in Federal court, so frequently, even though vandalism is a Federal

offense, the local sheriff or police are called upon to investigate. They can respond quickly and usually have a good idea which individuals are most likely to be involved. In addition, juveniles can be prosecuted for vandalism or mailboxes under the State law concerning criminal mischief.

The best way to prevent the destruction and vandalism of mailboxes is through education. Parents with young children should take a few moments to explain the importance of an individual's mail to them. They should also let their older children

know that what may be intended as a harmless prank is actually against the law and that everyone involved loses; the prankster who can end up in jail; the customer who has to pay for the repair or replacement of the damaged mailbox and mail; and the community who pays the local sheriff or police to investigate the incident.

It's your mail- protect it. Any act of vandalism or information concerning vandalism of mailboxes should be immediately reported to the local sheriff or police and to your local postmaster.

TFU likes insurance proposal

Texas Farmers Union President Joe Rankin said, in addressing this issue, "The proposal by Railroad Commissioner John Sharp to exempt certain farm and ranch vehicles from commercial registration and insurance requirements would be of tremendous help, cost-wise, to the farmer or rancher moving their own goods and commodities to market or to another farm or ranch in his own vehicle."

Implementing Senate Bill 596 and House Bill 908 by the legislature this year, the Commission adopted rules in September requiring operators of commercial vehicles weighing 10,000 pounds or more to register them with the Commission and maintain a minimum of \$500,000 combined single limit liability insurance. A commercial vehicle is defined as any motor vehicle used to "transport property in furtherance of any commercial enterprise." The rules apply to trailers of all types,

including "goosenecks" and stock trailers being towed.

Rankin said "Texas family farmers and ranchers are having tough times and the added expense of increased insurance and commercial registration will further increase these hardships. Texas has one of the best truck safety programs in the nation and this record can be maintained without penalizing Texas Farmers and Ranchers."

Any changes to the rules on registration and insurance for commercial vehicles will have to be published in the Texas Register for the public to comment before consideration for final adoption by the three-member Commission.

Texas Farmers Union continues to work with the Railroad Commission in support of the proposed agricultural exemption for certain farm and ranch vehicles and will keep the membership advised when hearings and public comments will be scheduled.

Public Notices

ORDINANCE
AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE OWNERSHIP, HARBOURING AND KEEPING OF ALL ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND TO A DISTANCE OF 5,000 FEET OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS; SETTING METHODS OF NOTIFICATION TO PERSONS WITH PROBLEM ANIMALS; REQUIRING OF SIGNED COMPLAINTS; SETTING TIME ALLOWED FOR CORRECTION OF COMPLAINTS; SETTING OF FINES IN THE PENALTY CLAUSE AND PASSAGE OF SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. Any person who harbors, keeps, or allows any animal, pet, domestic, pleasure, commercial, or otherwise, on any property owned, rented, or used by said person or persons within the City Limits of the City of Merkel, or within 5,000 feet outside the City Limits shall be considered and deemed the owner of said animal or animals and shall be held fully responsible under the terms of this ordinance; and

2. Any corrective action under the ordinance shall come about after the signing of at least two written complaints by adjacent landowners or two landowners residing within 200 feet of said problem animal or animals; and

3. Upon receipt of two or more signed complaints duly recorded in the Municipal Court of the City of Merkel, notification of said complaints shall be by certified mail by the U. S. Postal Service, setting out the persons making the complaint and setting out the corrective action necessary to remedy the basis for said complaint; and

4. Fifteen days after receipt of said certified notification, if any owner or owners fail to take corrective action, said owner or owners shall be deemed in violation of the ordinance and shall be fined not less

than \$25.00 nor more than \$200.00 for said violations. Each and every day thereafter shall be deemed a separate offense and owner or owners shall be the subject to a fine in the amount of \$50.00 for each and every day thereafter.

5. Any and all complaints received shall be governed by said animal or animals presence being a hazard to the health and welfare of said complainants or a devaluation of said property value to adjacent property.

If any provision, section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason to be held unconstitutional, void as invalid (for any reason unenforceable) the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or their application to alter persons or set of circumstances shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council of the City of Merkel, in adopting and the Mayor approving the ordinance that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of an unconstitutionality or invalidity of any other portion, provision or regulation, and to this end all provisions of the ordinance are declared to be severable.

Passed and approved this 26th day of October, 1987

Kent Satterwhite
Mayor
Attest: J. A. Sadler
City Secretary

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: ROBERT MAURER, Address Unknown
Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday, the 16th day of November, 1987, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said

court, on the 10th day of July, A.D. 1987, in this cause numbered 40,442-A on the docket of said court, and styled, BROCK OPERATING, INC Plaintiff vs ROBERT MAURER, Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: BROCK OPERATING are Plaintiff's and ROBERT MAURER are Defendant's

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: On or about August 1, 1984, Defendant entered into a contract with Plaintiff for the operations and repair of improvements to real property known as the Jacobs Lease. Plaintiff sold and delivered various items of labor, services and materials provided for in the contract. Plaintiff filed an Affidavit of Lien Against Mineral Property on the following property in which Defendant has an interest:

Being 158.3 acres of land out of the East side of the A. L. Vail Survey No. 427, Abstract 414, Taylor County, Texas insofar as it covers the proration unit for the Jacobs 1A Well being located 330 feet from the East line and 1841 feet from the south line of said A. L. Vail Survey No. 427, which affidavit was filed in the Official Public Records of Real Property in Taylor County, Texas. This suit to foreclose Plaintiff's lien is timely brought. Plaintiff seeks judgement against the Defendant, Robert Maurer, for the principal sum of \$1,006.29 with pre-judgment interest at the maximum legal rate per annum from date of judgement until paid, for the establishment of a statutory lien upon property together with all improvements located thereon, for an order of foreclosure of said Lien, and for such other relief to which Plaintiff may be entitled, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the

law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 30th day of September, A.D. 1987.

Attest: Rilla Mahoney, Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas By JoAnn Lackey Deputy (Seal) 41-4tc-123

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS -TO: HAROLD E. CRUTSINGER and MARGARET FERNE CRUTSINGER, Defendants in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause:

You are commanded to appear and answer the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation that day being November 16, 1987 in the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, to be held at the County Courthouse in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. This case is No. 40,575-A styled FLOYD M. McCLELLAN and wife, ALMA JO McCLELLAN v. HAROLD E. CRUTSINGER and wife, MARGARET FERNE CRUTSINGER, in which FLOYD M. McCLELLAN and wife ALMA JO McCLELLAN, Plaintiffs and HAROLD E. CRUTSINGER and wife, MARGARET FERNE CRUTSINGER, Defendants, and the petition was filed in September 30th, 1987. The nature of this suit is as follows:

Suit for claim by Plaintiff for title and possession of Lot 4, Block 1, TYELAND HEIGHTS ADDITION to the Town of Tye, Taylor County, Texas, by reason of peaceful, uninterrupted use and occupancy by adverse possession thereof by Plaintiffs by virtue of Article 16.02b, Civil Practice and Remedies of Vernon's Annotated Code of Texas, being the ten (10) year statute of limitation, barring all claims therein by Defendants.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. SIGNED AND SEALED on the 30th day of September, 1987.

Rilla Mahoney, District Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Patricia Henderson, Deputy (Seal) 41-3tc-77

THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION-CIVIL TO: TOM AND DEBRA HELVEY, 5125 FAIRMONT # 1324 ABILENE TEXAS Defendants. Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 16th day of NOVEMBER, 1987, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable County Court at Law of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 14th day of JULY, A.D. 1987, in this cause, numbered 16,472 on the docket of said court, and styled FIRST REPUBLICBANK ABILENE, N.A. Plaintiff vs. TONIA GUTIERREZ, TOM HELVY AND DEBRA HELVEY Defendants.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: FIRST REPUBLICBANK ABILENE N.A. are Plaintiffs and TONIA GUTIERREZ, TOM HELVY AND DEBRA HELVEY are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit on a retail installment contract. Plaintiff alleges damages in the amount of \$3,047.40 plus interest and attorney's fees.

Suit on a retail installment contract. Plaintiff alleges damages in the amount of \$3,203.89 plus interest and attorney's fees.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 1st day of OCTOBER, A.D. 1987.

Attest: JANICE LYONS, CLERK, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS By GLENDA SNYDER, Deputy (Seal) 41-4tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION-CIVIL TO: TONIA GUTIERREZ, 6017 HOLIDAY ABILENE, TEXAS Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 16TH day of NOVEMBER 1987, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable County Court at Law of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 14th day of JULY A.D. 1987, in this cause, numbered 16,472 on the docket of said court, and styled FIRST REPUBLICBANK ABILENE, N.A. Plaintiff vs. TONIA GUTIERREZ, TOM HELVY, AND DEBRA HELVEY Defendants.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: FIRST REPUBLICBANK ABILENE N.A. are Plaintiffs and TONIA GUTIERREZ, TOM HELVY, AND DEBRA HELVEY are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit on a retail installment contract. Plaintiff alleges damages in the amount of \$3,047.40 plus interest and attorney's fees.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 1st day of OCTOBER, A.D. 1987.

Attest: JANICE LYONS Clerk, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS By Glenda Snyder Deputy (Seal) 41-4tc

CLERK TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS By Glenda Snyder, Deputy (Seal) 41-4tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION-CIVIL -TO: TONIA GUTIERREZ, 6017 HOLIDAY ABILENE, TEXAS Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 16TH day of NOVEMBER 1987, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable County Court at Law of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 14th day of JULY, A.D. 1987, in this cause, numbered 16,471 on the docket of said court, and styled FIRST REPUBLICBANK ABILENE, N.A. Plaintiff vs. TONIA GUTIERREZ Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: FIRST REPUBLICBANK ABILENE, N.A. are Plaintiffs and TONIA GUTIERREZ are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit on retail installment contract. Plaintiff alleges damages in the amount of \$3,047.40 plus interest and attorney's fees.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 1st day of OCTOBER, A.D. 1987.

Attest: JANICE LYONS Clerk, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS By Glenda Snyder Deputy (Seal) 41-4tc

41-4tc
THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION-CIVIL -TO: CONSTANCE STOLIA DELEON 918 GREEN ABILENE, TEXAS Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 16th day of NOVEMBER 1987, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable County Court at Law of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 26th day of JUNE A.D. 1987, in this cause, numbered 16,449 on the docket of said court, and styled FIRST REPUBLICBANK ABILENE N.A. Plaintiff vs. CONSTANCE STOLIA DELEON and HELARIO M. ALVAREZ Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: FIRST REPUBLICBANK ABILENE N.A. are Plaintiffs and CONSTANCE STOLIA DELEON AND HELARIO M. ALVAREZ are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

Suit on a promissory note. Plaintiff alleges damages in the amount of \$2,278.28 plus interest and attorney's fees, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 1ST day of OCTOBER A.D. 1987.

Attest: JANICE LYONS Clerk, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS By Glenda Snyder Deputy (Seal) 41-4tc



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6.5 OZ BAG **98¢**

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14 OZ BAG
\$1.39

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& WHITE
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1 LB CAN

\$1.79



POST TOASTIES
**CORN
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18 OZ BOX **\$1.33**

PARADE ASST
PINEAPPLE 20 OZ CAN **63¢**
ASSORTED 46 OZ
GATORADE DRINK **\$1.19**

PARADE 303 CAN MIX'EM OR MATCH 'EM

CUT GREEN **BEANS**

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WHITE HOMINY
PARADE **JUICE** 46 OZ CAN **79¢**

PARADE 300
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SNOWDRIFT 3 LB CAN **\$1.49**

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ASST

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WHIP**
32 OZ JAR
\$1.29
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KOOLAID ASST 22 OZ **\$1.69**

KRAFT 10 OZ ASST BAG
MARSHMELLOWS **49¢**

BEST MAID SLICED
H B DILL **PICKLES** 32 OZ JAR **89¢**

HORMEL PLAIN
HOT OR REG **CHILI** 15 OZ CAN **98¢**


PARADE
MUSTARD 24 OZ JAR **69¢**

BAMA
RED PLUM JAM 16 OZ JAR **\$1.19**

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MICROWAVE
POPCORN **\$1.59**

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FRESH
ICE PACK **59¢**
WHOLE POUND



FRESH
FRYER **BREAST** FAMILY PACK **\$1.39** LB

FRESH
FRYERS CUT UP POUND **69¢**

FRESH
GROUND **BEEF** 2 LBS OR MORE LEAN LB **\$1.39**

CHOICE BEEF
CHUCK ROAST BONELESS LEAN LB **\$1.79**

CHOICE BEEF
CHUCK STEAK BONELESS LEAN LB **\$1.89**

WRIGHTS
BACON SUGAR CURED LB **\$1.73**

BAKERS 7 OZ ANGEL FLAKE
COCONUT **79¢** EA

BAKERS FLAVOR CHOCOLATE
CHIPS 12 OZ **\$1.09**

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CROCK 3 LB TUB **\$1.59**

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BORDEN
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WHITE **GRAPES** LB **89¢**

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BANANAS **3/\$1.00**

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CLOROX II LIQUID BLEACH 32 OZ BOTTLE **98¢**

DETERGENT TIDE FAMILY SIZE **\$5.79**

FREEZER PACK 1
5 LBS GROUND BEEF
5 LBS PORK CHOPS
5 LBS CHUCK ROAST
5 LBS FRYERS
TOTAL WEIGHT 20 LBS **\$30.99**

FREEZER PACK 3
5 LBS GROUND BEEF
5 LBS CHUCK ROAST
5 LBS CHUCK STEAK
5 LBS FRESH FRYERS
TOTAL WEIGHT 20 LBS **\$28.98**

FREEZER PACK 8
5 LBS GROUND CHUCK
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5 LBS CHUCK STEAK
5 LBS SIRLOIN STEAK
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