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Badgers Control 'Controlled Scrimmage'

by Dale Hammond

Last Friday's scrimmage with Anson was our first glimpse at what Coach Jerry McLeod and staff will enter into the 77 football wars with and from what I saw things could be worse—much worse. The Badgers, with rare exception moved the ball well and with a noticeable absence of fumbles. Of course one controlled scrimmage doesn't make a season, but you've got to count on them improving even more before the season starts. I can't say Anson was overwhelming but they matched Merkel in relative size, numbers, practice time and returning lettermen. One of the things that impressed me was their hustle. This, coming on a hot, humid day that was more suited for baseball. Conditioning is a big factor at any time but more so when temperatures are in the mid 90's. The Badgers as a whole looked like they had put in some good time getting into shape.

The Badgers infantry punched out 309 yards in forty-three charges from the line. This was against 163 yards in forty-two attempts for the Tigers. Merkel's aerial attack was a respectable four of eight for eighty-four yards with two touchdowns. Merkels troops down in the trenches forced Anson to go upstairs twelve times with only three completions and forced Anson to cough up the ball twice on fumbles.

Brad Pursley is the man at the helm this year and he looks like he's going to give us as many thrills throwing the ball as he did catching it last year. He doesn't run, he just sort of glides. He has to be one of the smoothest broken field runners I have seen at high school level. He chalked up fifty-seven yards in six carries. This should give the Badgers a good roll out attack and opponents will also have to look over their shoulders on pass, pass action type plays. Of course if opponents devote too much time and man power on Pursley then Rick Howes, a junior, will have a runaway. Howes can best be described as a young man who runs. He runs strong, he runs quick, he runs smart, but mostly he just runs good. Rick travelled down the field for 153 yards in twelve carries and connected up with Pursley for a twenty yard TD pass play thus finishing up the evening with three TD's. Brad McCoy hammered out twenty-eight yards in five carries. That's better than five hashmarks every time he touched the ball. That's not just respectable, that's good. Randy Cox toted the ball 3 times and plowed out twenty-four yards. Eight yards a snap will make anybody smile and that's not all of the story! Keith Shields stomped out nineteen yards in six tries while Garth Doan, who was mentioned in Dave Campbell's Prestigious Texas Football magazine as a defensive stalwart, ground out seventeen yards in seven carries and caught one pass for a thirty-three yard pick up. Clifford Dye was three yards and a cloud of dust

at three for ten. Billy Nichols brought a Pursley pass in for twenty-two yards while Chris Cox grabbed another for nine more.

Defensively the Badgers looked sound. The conditioning should start to tell here. Guys like Doan, Pursley, Dwain English, Shields, Howes, and many others will have to give it all they have to move the ball but then they've got to turn right back and keep the opponent from moving the ball. In a small school like Merkel you don't have the luxury of large reserves on the bench. The late minutes of the 3rd and 4th quarters starts to tell the story as to who's in shape or who came to play. Injuries can be so disastrous as not to even mention. All in all I'm excited. We've got the horses and who knows, if they can stay healthy and we get a break or two the Badgers can drive Abilene sports writers nuts again this year by forcing them to admit we've got ourselves a contender.

As a member of the Merkel Badger's Booster Club, I invite everyone to join us in supporting this years team. As far as I'm concerned, the polished pro's with their six digit salaries and the big college machines with their undisclosed salaries can't hold a candle to the entertainment and excitement generated by our own boys on Friday Night High School Football.

The game statistics are as follows: First Downs- Merkel 18, Anson 11; Penetrations- Merkel 5, Anson 1; Yards Rushing- Merkel 43 over 309, Anson 42 over 163; Yards Passing- Merkel 84, Anson 58; Passes Completed- Merkel 4 of 8, Anson 3 of 12; Passes Intercepted By- Merkel 1, Anson 0; Fumbles- Merkel 0, Anson 1.

Individual Statistics are as follows:
Rushings- Rick Howes 12-153 yards, 2 TD's; Brad Pursley- 6-57 yards, 1 TD; Brad McCoy- 5-28 yards; Randy Cox- 3-24 yards; Keith Shields- 6-19 yards; Garth Doan- 7-17 yards; Clifford Dye- 3-10 yards; Mike Sims- 1-1 yard.
Passing- Brad Pursley- 4 of 8 - 84 yards, 2 TD's.
Pass Receiving- Garth Doan- 1-33 yards; Billy Nichols- 1-22 yards; Rick Howes- 1-20 yards; Chris Cox- 1-9 yards; Rick and Chris each had 1 TD.

Jacky Russell to be Honored

Jacky Russell of 925 Teakwood will be among more than 30 former Tarleton State University track men who will be honored at the dedication of the Oscar H. Frazier Memorial Track at TSU's Memorial Stadium on August 25.

The new \$55,000 all-weather track will be dedicated to the late Oscar H. Frazier who coached at Tarleton from 1925 until he retired in 1965. The track is a part of a \$350,000 renovation and improvement program now being completed at the university stadium.

During his four decades as Tarleton track coach,

Frazier's teams won 19 conference and state championships. Frazier himself was a member of the state championship team at Hillsboro High School in 1918 and was on the Southwest Conference championship teams at Texas A. and M. University in 1921 and 1922.

The track dedication has been set to coincide with a meeting of the board of regents of The Texas A and M University System which will be held on the Tarleton campus. Clyde H. Wells former Tarleton student and chairman of the board of regents, will be principal speaker for the dedication. The pro-



First play of the first scrimmage, Coach McCloud gives play to QB Brad Pursley.



Karen Ann Riley
Mrs. Riley New Middle School Teacher

Karen Ann Riley is a new teacher in Merkel Middle School where she will be teaching the 6th grade English, 7th Science, and 8th Reading.

Mrs. Riley graduated from Merkel High School. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray of Merkel. She attended Howard Payne University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. Her husband, Billy Riley, was recently approved as the new Vo-

Booster Club Supper

The Booster Club will have a Taco Supper at the football scrimmage Friday night August 26 at 6:00 p.m. They will be selling them 3 for \$1.00.



Jacky Russell

gram will start at 6 p.m. with open house at the stadium and the formal dedication will start at 6:30.

Russell was a member of the 1958 and 1959 track teams at Tarleton. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell.

Rental Assistance Program still has openings

The Rental Assistance Program of the Merkel Housing Authority still has openings for assistance to Low Income families for decent, safe housing.

This program is particularly set up for people whose income is from Social Security or Welfare, or just a very modest income. Also with consideration of some medical expense and child care expense.

This program is under the Equal Housing Opportunity. The Rental Property must pass certain inspection qualifications and have the cooperation of the Property owner.

The Rental usually runs approximately 25 percent of the tenants income.

The Merkel H. A. feels there are people already in homes that would qualify. It is their hope that people especially elderly, low income families

and single parent with children will get in touch with Annette Clark and see if they qualify for assistance with their rent and utility bills.

Booster Club to Hold Meeting Thursday Night

There will be a meeting held at the field house this Thursday night at 7:30. This is a very important meeting. We will elect officers at that time. We are meeting at the field house to see the improvements made there this summer. The film of the Merkel-Anson scrimmage will be shown.

We need your help. This can be a fine year for the Badgers, but they need

your help. This will probably be the only meeting this year at the field house.

There will also be a Taco Supper held at the football field this Friday night at the Merkel-Hamlin scrimmage. Be sure to come to the meeting Thursday night, then come to the taco supper and the scrimmage. All of it will be worth your time.

News and Thoughts



by Martha Sue Justice

You just don't know how sweet it is to be back in beautiful downtown Merkel. After spending a little over a week in the Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, Merkel is a welcome relief. San Antonio is a beautiful city, but I much prefer West Texas and it's friendly atmosphere. The doctors and nurses were quiet friendly and were continuously taking my blood for tests and running all sorts of exrays etc. The whole bunch of them seemed to be overly entused as to finding out what my problem was.—It must have been because they had such a LARGE target to work with. Dr. Attilio Zaccaria was very complimentary. He told me I smoked too much, was entirely too fat, and a nervous wreck. The only conclusion I came to was—to start chewing my nails more, rather than smoke,—quit my job—and starve to death!—Needless to say,—I didn't pay a heck of a lot of attention to what he said. However, I intend to take a little action. For my nerves—I think I will fire all the help here at the Merkel Mail and hire a new crew, try to sell my two children, and see if I can't trade in my husband for a newer model. For my smoking habit—cut down to as little as one pack a day. For my eating habit—on this subject I haven't really made up my mind. I'm either going to have to stop eating or smash all the mirrors in the house.

I just knew when I walked into the Merkel Mail office yesterday that everyone would be glad to see me until I noticed the wreath on my desk that said,—HOPEFULLY,—IN LOVING MEMORY. Don't worry, I'll think of something to pay them back for that one.

Hunter Safety Classes will begin September 6th, 7:30 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Coop. Building. J. D. Sandusky will be instructing a 10 hour course. Certificates will be issued at the end of the course. Anyone 12 years and older is eligible for certification and all those under 12 will be issued a certificate of attendance. The fee to attend will be \$1.00.

If any of you out there have not had the pleasure of meeting Harold and Chera Hohertz, you are really at a disadvantage. They both have great personalities and are a fun couple. Harold, I will have to admit, has pulled some doozies in his day, but the latest one is his best. Just the other day Harold was supposedly out fishing and was whipping a lure back and forth for one of those tremendously accurate casts. I know you expect me to say now—that he did make that terrific cast and catch a large fish.—However, I am very sorry to say that he did not catch a fish,—but instead caught something unusually large—a 1500 pound cow to be exact. He caught the poor thing in the flank of the back leg and you can believe—that cow took off in a hurry. Harold set the drag on his reel, but to no avail. The cow refused to stop. Harold was able to recover his lure later in the day, but his fishing line was beyond repair. Chera commented that Harold really doesn't care too much about fishing. I know this is a great relief to all area fishermen!

Taylor County Farmers Union will hold their monthly meeting at the Taylor Electric Building, Thursday, August 25th, at 7:30. Guest speakers will be Cecil Pendl from Lubbock and Pat Anglan from Grapevine. Both Mr. Pendl and Mr. Anglan are with the Grain and Livestock Servicing out of Iowa. They will be speaking on agricultural consulting market service.

Duane and Emma Shugart had a surprise visitor the other night. Duane said he woke up when he felt something crawling up his leg. Emma jumped up to turn on the light and behold!—there was a snake crawling from underneath their bed. Duane and Emma immediately grabbed whatever weapons that they could locate and killed the snake. Duane later noticed that there was a big bug on the bed and has not yet decided whether it was that bug crawling up his leg or if it was the snake. The latest reports confirm that Duane and Emma have not been sleeping too soundly lately. Oh, By the Way,—they never did find out what kind of a snake it was.

Chris Mashburn is now home. According to his mother, Jo Ann, Chris is responding very well to the medication.

There is a rumor out that the "Ding-a-Ling" just might loose her job. The reasons are: bad manners, bad on efficiency, bad typing and bad BREATH! I felt sorry for her and finally was able to get an appointment for her at Hendrix Hospital to fill out an application for a job. I am happy to announce that they have accepted her and will place her in an entirely new post. The job will be to stand out in front of the hospital—and make people sick! (If you don't know who the Ding-a-Ling is—please call me at 928-5712 and I will be happy to give you a few clues).

The Merkel Little League is sponsoring another womens baseball game, Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Little League field. Be there early so that all players will be ready at 7:00. The cost will be \$1.00 per person. The men will play Saturday at 7:30 p.m. The cost will also be \$1.00 and everyone is urged to attend.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY—You cannot truly see the light without knowing darkness.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."—Matthew 5:16.

Mary Stanley Checks Cotton Fields

Mary Stanley of Merkel travels to cotton fields in her area to check on the progress of the crop.

She's not a cotton buyer; she is one of 54 field enumerators in Texas employed by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service to provide a detailed study of a "section" of a cotton field, 10 feet by 2 rows.

This work is part of the overall process of estimating cotton yields and harvesting losses in providing statistics on the

state's cotton production. Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown commended the work of the enumerators. "We have found that these enumerators are trained well by the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service and do a thorough job."

During the cotton growing season, special plant counts and measurements are made to indicate yield as a guide to production. There are 710 such sample units across the state.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

The Merkel school supply list are as follows:
Crayons 1 box of 8 jumbo (no regular size)
Elmer's school glue-large
2 packages construction paper (large) assorted colors 12 by 18.
1 box kleenex-large
2 size pencils primary-jumbo (no regular size)
1 pair scissors (no plastic handles)
Mat for resting (cloth preferably) rug or towel
Cigar box for supplies
2 packages manilla paper 12 by 18

Kindergarten

First Grade

Glue in plastic container
1 pair scissors
2 pencils no. 2 (regular size)
1 box of crayons (please do not get a large box)
1 package of assorted construction paper
1 guide line writing tablet (mighty 2047, epic 112T, or aladdin guide line paper 2112, hytone no.48 2110)
1 big chief pencil tablet
1 large towel, throw rug, or small quilt for the child to rest on
1 small box kleenex
1 package manilla paper-large package

Second Grade

1 spiral notebook
Crayons-24 to a box
Scissors-blunt end
2 pencils, no. 2
Notebook binder (inexpensive) 2 or 3 rings-side opening
Notebook paper
Small bottle of Elmer's glue 4 oz.
1 small package of manilla paper (9 by 12)
1 small package of construction paper-one color (black, red, yellow, orange, green, blue)
mat or towel for rest period
1 small box kleenex

Third Grade

Notebook
Notebook paper
Scissors
Crayons
2 pencils no. 2
1 large eraser
construction paper (mixed)
Red lead grading pencil
Small bottle Elmer's glue
Manilla drawing paper 12 by 18
1 box kleenex (large)
1 ruler

Fourth Grade

Notebook
Notebook paper (2 or 3 ring)
4 pencils no. 2
Eraser
Map colors
1 box crayons (64)
12 inch ruler
Red lead grading pencils (2) no felt tip
Elmer's school glue
2 packages of assorted construction paper
1 package of manilla paper
1 large box of kleenex
pointed scissors
2 spiral notebooks

Fifth Grade

Pencils no. 2
Eraser
2 red pencils
Bald-point pen
Ink eraser
Scissors
Elmer's glue
Notebook and paper (2 or 3 ring)
Map colors and crayons
12 inch ruler
Spiral composition book (large size)
Box for supplies (cigar box)
1 package manilla paper 12 by 18
1 package construction paper (assorted) 12 by 18
Kleenex

Spiral composition book (large size)
For the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades supplies, bring notebook, notebook paper, pen, and pencil. Teachers will advise of other materials later.

Funeral Held For Clara Click

Services for Clara Click, 66, of Kermit were at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Eastside Church of Christ with burial in the Kermit Cemetery under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home.

Morning Coffee

Honors Miss Lesia Gregory

Miss Lesia Gregory, bride elect of Stacy Stanley, was honored with a coffee Wednesday morning in the home of Mrs. Carroll Benson.

Gifts for the kitchen were presented to the bride.

Special guests were Mrs. Joe Gregory, mother of the bride, Mrs. Howard Laney, grandmother, and Mrs. Vernan Stanley, mother of the groom.

Mrs. Benson was assisted by Mrs. Dwain Burnett and Shelis Benson of Colorado City.

Mrs. Click died at 10:05 Monday in the Memorial Hospital after a long illness. She was born August 10, 1911, in Lipan.

Survivors include a son, Raymond Click of Midland; a daughter, Mrs. D. R. Melton of Kermit; two brothers, Ira Marshall of Colorado City and Buster Marshall of Corpus Christi; two sisters, Mrs. L. B. Pence of Bryan and Mrs. L. H. Hobbs of Fort Worth; nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.



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Sept. 9	Benjamin	There	8:00
Sept. 16	Open		
Sept. 23	Blackwell	There	8:00
Sept. 30	Divide	Here	8:00
★ Oct. 8	McCauley	Here	7:30
★ Oct. 14	Highland	Here	7:00
★ Oct. 21	Ira	There	7:00
★ Oct. 28	Hermleigh	There	7:00
★ Nov. 4	Hobbs	Here	7:00
★ Nov. 11	Zone Play-Off Game		

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The school children of parents or guardians who become unemployed are
eligible for free or reduced-priced meals and free milk during the
period of unemployment, provided that the loss of income causes the
family income during the period of unemployment to be at or below the
levels shown on the scale.

To apply at any time during the year for free meals and free milk or
reduced-price meals for your children, complete the attached application
and return it to the school. Within 10 days of receiving your application,
the school will let you know whether or not your children are eligible.
If you do not agree with the school's decision you have a right to a fair
hearing. This can be done by calling or writing Travis L. Davis,
Superintendent of the Merkel Independent School District. The number to
call is 928-5813 or you may write to the school, Post Office Box 430,
Merkel, Texas, 79536.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for these benefits.
If you have foster children living with you and wish to apply for such
meals and milk for them, please notify us or indicate it on the application.

All children are treated the same regardless of ability to pay. In
the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated
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If we can be of any further assistance or if your family size or income
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Sincerely,
Travis L. Davis
Travis L. Davis
Superintendent
Merkel I. S. D.

Boy Scouts have campout

The boy scouts of Merkel, Troup 218, went on a camp out over the weekend. They left Friday at 5:30 p.m. got rained out Saturday morning at 2:00 a.m. and went back out Saturday after dinner at Mr. Wolf's house. They got rained out again at 6:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

The boys all earned their camping skill award. To earn this they must hike with their back pack for 3 miles and sleep under the stars (or clouds). Greg Dickinson did the cooking for the boys.

Saturday afternoon, Chris Mashburn paid them a visit and visited the old cowboy graves with them.

The boys who went on the campout were: Kyle Wolf, Greg Dickinson, Tim Brady, Randy Leverich, Eddie Martin, Eddy Harris, Michael Tutt, Darrell Shipman, and Lee Leverich. Scout Master Calvin Wolf and Jimmy Leverich went with the boys.

Riggan Family Reunion Held

Members of the Riggan family held their annual reunion at Abilene State Park at Buffalo Gap Saturday and Sunday August 13th and 14th, 1977. It is so sad for just five of us Riggan children are left.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Gold Riggan of Lamesa, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Riggan, Stanton; Jessie Conley,

Houston; Mary Harris, Houston; Leonie Conley, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Riggan, North Carolina, address now in Austin; their daughter, Theresa Riggan, Austin; Amber Cooper, North Carolina; Larry and Lue Ann Phillips, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Ray and his two sons Lonnie Ray and Shawn Phillips, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Swinney, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Bartlett, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Harrison, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Murrel Riggan, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Riggan and baby Justin, Merkel; L. D. Riggan, Phoenix, Arizona; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Harris, Houston; Danny Riggan, Merkel; Dolly Cris-teen Stone, Houston; Helen Conley, Houston; Randy, Gary, and Denise Harris, Houston; Sue Ann Harris, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. All Leveritt and daughter, Marie Sue, Houston; Glen and Chirye Shirley, Sweetwater; Kaye Lynne Dearing, Abenathy; Ricky Conley, Merkel; Audy Beyrd, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Conley, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Harris and Milo Harris, Houston; Au-

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John and Ruby Gibbs and family brought their band from Tenaha, Texas, Timmy and Gerry, Garrison, Texas; Buddy and Debbara Hall, Tenaha, Texas; Peggy Sue, Johnny, and Dewayne Gibbs, Tenaha, Texas.

We want to thank them for coming to our reunion and bringing their band. The music and singing was beautiful.

Two sons preceded him in death. He is survived by one son, W. L. Holloway of San Antonio, Texas and one daughter, Mrs. Joe (N a o m i) Holloway of Merkel, two sisters, seven grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren.

Funeral Services Held For O. A. Holloway

Funeral services for O. A. Holloway were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Chapel of the Criswell Funeral Home, in Ada, Oklahoma, August 19, 1977. Rev. Jerry Wells of the Trinity Baptist Church in Ada conducted the services.

Mr. Holloway was born February 9, 1887 in Wooster, Arkansas. He moved to Fitzhugh, Oklahoma in 1906 and to Ada in 1970.

A retired farmer, Mr. Holloway was a deacon in the Baptist Church. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Roff, Oklahoma. In 1911 he married Bessie McKee in Ada. She died in 1928.

Brad Wade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Wade, is spending the week at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. He is attending the Boy Scouts of America's National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Brad Wade Spends Week in Tennessee

In September Brad will be installed vice-chief of the Kotso Lodge of the Chisholm Trail Council.

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Mr. & Mrs. Loyd Perry Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Perry will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary September 4, 1977, in their home south of Merkel. Hosts for this occasion will be their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Arington of Lake Jackson, Texas and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Perry of Abilene. Other hosts will include Mrs. Perry's sisters Mrs. Eva Denton of Merkel and Mrs. Lois Orr of Abilene. Also the sister of Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Cleon Hanks of McCamey, Texas. Other hosts are two

granddaughters, Mrs. Ricky Turnbow of Sulphur Springs, Texas, and Mrs. Joe Davidson of Lubbock, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry have five grandchildren and no great-grandchildren.

They were both born in Taylor County and have lived here all their lives. They were married in Merkel on September 4, 1927.

Mr. Perry is a rancher and both are members of the Merkel Church of Christ.

Pack - Allison Exchange Vows

Karen Sue Pack became the bride of James Huel Allison at 3:00 Sunday in a double ring ceremony at the Calvary Baptist Church in Merkel, with Rev. Joe F. Davis officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest (Pee Wee) Pack of Merkel. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. John B. Allison of Merkel.

Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a gown of chantilly lace with scalloped sabrina neckline sprinkled with sequins. Lace tiers added fullness

to the bouffant skirt. Three tiers of lace edged the court train. Pearls outlined a petal holding her veil. She carried a bouquet of pink, yellow, and blue daisies.

The bride was attended by her maid of honor, Tommie Santee, who wore a yellow floor length halter dress and carried a pink carnation with blue ribbons.

The flower girl was Jill Pack, cousin of the bride. She wore a blue floor length halter dress and carried a basket full of yellow, blue, and pink daisies.

The best man was Jerry Vincent and ring bearer was John Paul Dudley, the groom's nephew.

The brides father, the groom, the best man, and the ring bearer all wore blue tuxedos.

Seating the guests were Roland Pack and Lewis Pack, uncles of the bride. Lewis and Lillian Pack, aunt and uncle of the bride were soloist and Dorothy Torrence was organist.

The reception was hosted by the brides aunts in the fellowship hall of the church. Cathy Pack and Heidi Pack served the guests.

The bride attended Merkel High School and is now

employed by Walls Manufacturing. The groom graduated from Merkel High School and is now employed by Wes-Texas Drilling Co. The couple

are at home at 306 Rannels in Merkel.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. John B. Allison at Pug and Leo's Restaurant



Mrs. Allison

Russel Recieves Masters Degree

Charles Lynn Russell of Merkel was among 196 summer graduates of Sul Ross State University who received their degrees during informal commencement exercises August 12 at Mountain-side Cafeteria.

Mr. Russell received his Master of Education degree in school administration.

SCHOOL MENU

The school menu is as follows:

Monday August 29
Beef and Cheese Tacos
toss salad, pinto beans,
chilled apple sauce.

Tuesday, August 30
Ham Patt
cream gravy

whipped potatoes
seasoned green beans
chocolate cake with vanilla frosting, hot roll

Wednesday, August 31
BBQ Beef
cole slaw, sweet and sour dressing
buttered corn

sparkling jello squares
hot rolls

Thursday, September 1
Fried Fish with tartar sauce, seasoned spinach
potatoes au gratin
diced canteloup
corn meal twist

Friday September 2
Hamburger
Lettuce, tomatoes, and pickles, fries with catsup
sugar cookie
orange juice.

This year the school is selling stub form lunch tickets. Each child will be responsible for his or her own lunch ticket. Tickets will be sold for 2 week periods only (none under or over). Regular price is 60 cents, reduced is 20 cents, and adult 90 cents.

At the present time milk is 6 cents. The price may increase at a later date.



The word *nickel* comes from a German word for "imp" because of the trouble it gave chemists in early times.

Playday Results for August 20th

The Saturday night playday results are as follows:

Boot Race (5 and under)- 1. Amy Sparks; 2. Shala Miller; 3. Britt Sipes.

Barrel (8 and under)- 1. Denise Pursley; 2. Mike Dokey; 3. Bridgett Vaughn.

(9-12)- 1. Eddie Sparks; 2. Lisa Dokey; 3. Dayna Pursley.

(13-17)- 1. Buddy Stout; 2. Vicki Campbell; 3. Penny Hatfield.

(18 and over)- 1. Charles Hatfield; 2. Patti Shotwell.

Flag (8 and under)- 1. Denise Pursley; 2. Mike Dokey; 3. Bridgett Vaughn.

(9-12)- 1. Eddie Sparks; 2. Dayna Pursley; 3. Jay Gibson.

(13-17)- 1. Vicki Campbell; 2. Rodney Carroll; 3. Dana Russell.

(18 and over)- 1. Patti Shotwell; 2. Charles Hatfield; 3. Jannett Pursley.
Poles (8 and under)- 1. Denise Pursley; 2. Mike Dokey; 3. Bridgett Vaughn.
(9-12)- 1. Eddie Sparks;

2. Jay Gibson; 3. Vicki Campbell.

(13-17)- 1. Rodney Carroll; 2. Buddy Stout; 3. Vicki Campbell.

Calf Roping- 1. Jenny Russell.

Ribbon Roping- 1. John Roger and Denise Pursley.
Steer Roping- 1. Walter Whisenhunt and John Rogers and Oscar Vaughn.

The Merkel Riding Club will open playday events in barrels, steer riding.

flags, calf scramble, and poles. They will have a junior jackpot. The entry fee is \$3.00 per event. It is at the Merkel Riding Club Arena, August 27, 1977 at 8:00 p.m. Books open at 6:00 p.m. and Close at 7:30 p.m. Age groups are 12-under, 13-15, and 16-19.

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The Light Touch

By Pat Castille

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Merkel School News

By Milly Bright Media Coordinator

Merkel schools begin August 29th. New students to Merkel schools and any Kindergarten student who has not pre-registered should register August 23rd-25th. They need shot records and birth certificates in order to register. Students may not enroll in school unless immunization records are complete (as is medically feasible). All students in Grades K-12 must meet minimum state requirements for immunizations as follows: Diphtheria-Tetanus: Required of all students; Pupils 5-11 years: At least three doses with one dose since age 4; Pupils 12 and older: At least three doses with one dose in the last 10 years; Oral Polio: Required of all students under age 19. A minimum of three doses with at least one dose since age four. Measles: Required of all students under age 12. One dose of vaccine or history of measles. Rubella: Required of all students under age 12. One dose of vaccine or history of rubella; Proof of immunizations must be furnished by any student entering Merkel Schools for the first time. Students who attended Merkel last year will not need to furnish proof of immunizations if all requirements have been met and proof has been furnished. Children who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 1977, may enroll in kindergarten. They must have a birth certificate from a Bureau of Vital Statistics. Hospital certificates will not be accepted. No student will be enrolled until proof of birth date and record of immunizations are presented.

Travis Davis, Merkel Superintendent, welcomed the 1977-78 faculty, Monday, morning during the first in-service session. The theme for Merkel teachers will be "I give to each Student my very best." Keith Long, Media Consultant for Region XIV Service Center was in charge of the afternoon in-service program.

The Merkel Faculty will be guest at the Wednesday Lion's Club Luncheon. Everyone is looking forward to Wednesday.

Merkel High School Band Practice will meet Thursday from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. and Friday from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Kandi Ascencio has been appointed High School Drum Major.

Merkel vs. Hamlin in the 1st Annual Soap Scrimmage at Badger Stadium on Friday, August 26 at 6:00. Admission charge will be the donation of a bar of soap. However, no one will be refused admission. The soap is to be used in the athletic program throughout the year.

Hamlin is a co-favorite to win their district and as always has a great deal of speed. So Coach Jerry McLeod encouraged everyone to come out because this should be a really good scrimmage. This is the last chance to see the Badgers at home until September 23rd.

The Merkel I.S.D. School Board met Monday, August 22nd, in regular session with all members present. The board voted to reinforce three poles at the Badger football field for safety purposes. They accepted the resignation of Marsha Kivlehen and Terri Martin. Kathryn Rister was hired as 5th grade teacher. Billie McLeod was hired as Middle School secretary, and Lee Biera and John Roys Sr. were hired as custodians. The board adopted the budget for 1977-78 school year as Superintendent, Travis Davis following a budget hearing held Thursday, August 18th. The Board adopted F&M National Bank as the school depository for 1977-79.



Regina Patrick

... engagement announced

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Moore Sr. of San Jose, California announce the engagement of their daughter Regina to Patrick S. Sadler, son of Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Sadler of Merkel.

The wedding will be held at St. Lawrence the Martyr Catholic Church in San Jose, California on September 17, 1977.

The couple plan to make their home in Merkel where he is employed by Bassett Homes.

Clarice Higgins Visiting

Miss Clarice Higgins is visiting from Santa Ana, California, in the home of her father, C. S. Higgins and sister Mrs. Mary Gershon. She is planning to stay until August 30 visiting old friends and seeing the sights.

Mary Collins Returns From Trip

Mary Collins has just returned from automobile trip with her brother and wife, Quinton and Edna Collins of Lamesa, Texas to various parts of Arizona, Willcox, Tucson visiting with another brother Paul Collins and family members in that vicinity. Some scenic trips were made after arriving at Willcox. Mary seems to be enjoying her retirement from F & M Bank.

Visits and Visitors

Reynolds Attend Funeral in Buffalo Gap

Mrs. O. J. Reynolds and Bob attended the funeral services of Mrs. Reynolds niece, Mrs. Robert (Marion) Haile of Buffalo Gap, in Abilene on August 16, also burial services in Buffalo Gap Cemetery. Mrs. Haile was killed on Sunday when her pick up turned over on her near her home. Mrs. Reynold's granddaughters Darla and Dana Watkins of Clyde spent part of last week with her

Jimmie Williams Attends Wedding

Mrs. Jimmie Williams attended the wedding of her grandson, James Williams, in Pecos last Friday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Williams formerly of Merkel.

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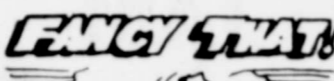
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