

The Merkel Mail

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Badgers bash Wylie ; travel to C-City Friday



A happy group of Badgers celebrate their win over arch-rival Wylie following last week's game. The Badgers are now 4-1-1 on the season and 2-0-1 in district play.



The Merkel Badgers whipped the Wylie Bulldogs 34-14 here Friday night to take over sole possession of second place in the 53A district race.

The Badgers will play Colorado City in C-City Friday night at 8 p.m.

Wylie came out strong as on the second play of the game running back Mark Chapman took an inside handoff on a trick play and raced 65 yards to the Badgers' 10 yard line and Wylie scored on the next play.

After an exchange of punts, quarterback Kenneth Jowers pitched to running back Ramon Moreno and he went 76 yards for a touchdown. Shayne Newberry added the PAT and the Badgers evened the score at 7. It was all Merkel from that point. On Wylie's next possession, Mark Aidrete intercepted a Wylie pass that set up the Badger's second score and the Badgers cruised in for a 34-14 win, that could have been even more lopsided if two Badger touchdowns hadn't been called back for penalties. Badger quarterback Kenneth Jowers completed 7 of 12 passes for 135 yards and rushed seven times for 49 yards. Corey Hines had nine carries for 37 yards, Moreno had 21 carries for 159 yards, Newberry had 15 carries for 102 yards and Eddie Proctor carried twice for -10 yards. In the receiving department, Moreno had two catches for 60 yards, Brit Pursley had two for 27 yards, John Walsh had one for 14 yards and Newberry caught one for 34 yards.

The Badger offensive line did not allow a quarterback sack during the contest while the Badger defense sacked Wylie quarterback Bo Sanford three times. The Badger secondary held Wylie passing attack to nine completions in 25 attempts for less than 100 yards in the air.

Badger coach Dick Lepard told **The Mail** Tuesday "The kids knew this was a big game and they honestly think they have a chance at the district championship, but we have to take each game one at a time."

Lepard said Wylie crossed up the defense with the trick play on the second play of the game but said he was proud of the team for responding with the quick touchdown to tie the game. He said "The goal we set was to play for Merkel and not play Wylie as a rival."

Lepard said his team finally started getting some breaks but added "hard work will bring luck." He cautioned Badger fans "Our supporters need to realize we only have a one half game lead on the third place team and we will need to keep the kids emotionally ready to play each week."

He said he was happy the Badgers got a chance to let a lot of people play in the contest and complimented the play of the defense and the defensive secondary. He also complimented his coaches on preparing the team for the Wylie passing attack.

He was also proud of the performances of Jowers, Moreno, Newberry, Hines and Pursley. The coach added "Wylie started off by trying to run off-tackle and then went to their short route passing game. We wanted them to pass, our secondary is the best in the district."

Lepard said his team's position in the standings helps keep the team improving week to week. He said "I didn't expect we would score 34 points. We lead the district in total points scored and I feel like we can score from anywhere on the field."

He complimented the Wylie players and coaches for their demeanor following the game and said they were treated and acted with a lot of respect. He added "Wylie's not out of it yet."

He said the team is starting to expect a lot out of themselves and he said that went back to the Anson game. He said "Following that win, the kids were disappointed in the way they played, they are expecting to score a lot of points."

He added "It was just a great win for the kids. We had a lot of support from the community, the teachers, elementary students and everyone. Beating Clyde and Wylie in the same season is something we can all cherish, although it won't be the last time."

Council hears zoning request; hears animal control ordinance

The Merkel City Council met Monday night and heard a request for a zoning change as well as a proposed animal control ordinance.

Councilmen also heard the monthly police report given by Merkel Police Chief Bob Jones. The meeting was held at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service Building.

Council members received a request for a zoning change on the 9th Street Grocery. When zoning went into effect here, 9th Street was granted a special use permit as a non-conforming use. The store is located in a single family residential district and to have the zoning changed will require a process the city has never been through before. City manager J. A. Sadler told councilmen "This will be all new ground and we will just need to follow the zoning ordinance." Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite said "We don't have any opposition to a new business, we need all the business we can get."

Merkel police reported working a total of 50 cases in September. Police investigated eight traffic accidents, two cases of run-a-ways two theft cases, two cases of criminal mischief and a case of a burglary.

Police also worked a death investigation, issued 25 citations and made three dog calls. They also made six arrests.

The Badgers travel to Colorado City Friday to take on the Wolves who have surprised everyone so far this season as they are 4-2 on the year and 2-1 in district play. Their only loss was a 14-7 decision against Ballinger.

Lepard said C-City is loaded with seniors and have an excellent running fullback in Bo Reece. He said they don't throw the football but they play a 27 defensive alignment with a lot of enthusiasm. He added "This is their Homecoming and they are still in the district race. This will be our biggest game of the year because we can determine our own playoff destiny with a win this week."

The Badgers have four remaining games this season and three are road games. Lepard said a win over C-City will put the Badgers in a position to not have to worry about one team beating another to make the playoffs. This week, the Harris Rating Systems has Merkel with a 58 power index, compared to 79 last week. Lepard concluded by saying "It's nice to be in the running and have some bragging rights, I hope our success carries right on through other sports this year."

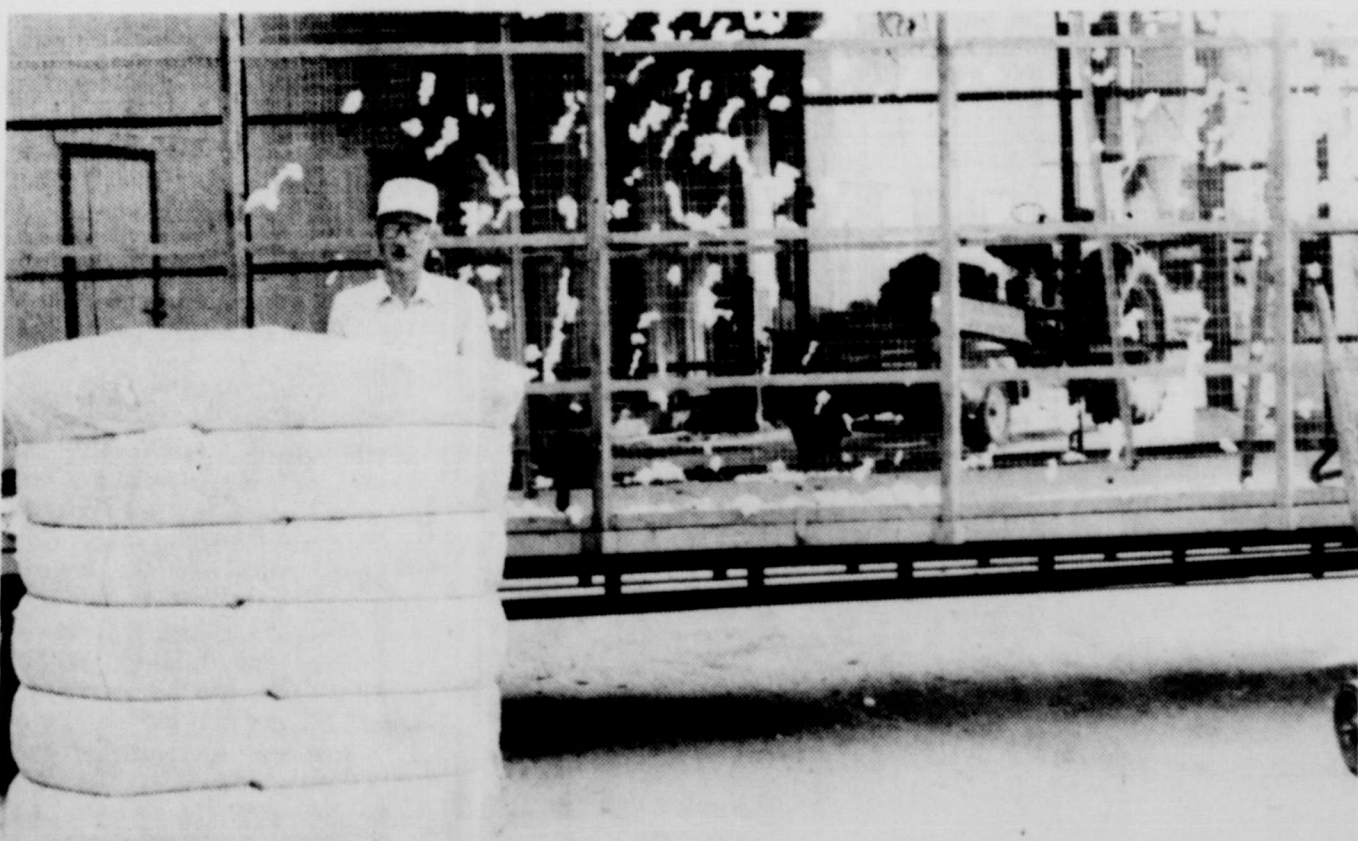
District Standings

	W	L	T	PS	PA
Ballinger	3	0	0	50	32
Merkel	2	0	1	81	53
C-City	2	1	0	54	45
Wylie	2	1	0	69	58
Sonora	1	1	1	50	61
Clyde	1	2	0	50	46
Brady	0	3	0	53	70
Coahoma	0	3	0	26	78

Last Week
Merkel 34- Wylie 14; Ballinger 22-Sonora 18; Colorado City 22-Brady 21; Clyde 26- Coahoma 7.

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

City manager J. A. Sadler read council members a proposed animal control ordinance. Councilmen took no action on the ordinance.



Farmer's CoOp Gin manager Bennett Massey shows off the first bale of cotton ginned here. The cotton, produced by Ricky Meeks started out as 2,000 pounds of seed cotton and it produced 820

pounds of seed and 480 pounds of lint for a 24 percent turnout. Massey said he expects a good harvest this year and says the gin has added an additional lint cleaner since last season. Staff photo

Badgers are for real this year

by Cloy A. Richards

I heard Coach McClesley say it first, Friday night right after the Merkel Badgers pounded the Wylie Bulldogs. "We beat both Wylie and Clyde in the same year."

When that happened less is a question for the old timers since I have only been here through ten football seasons. The Merkel Badgers are for real and if they get past Colorado City Friday, look out.

Exchange Club scholarship

The Exchange Club of Merkel held their regular meeting Tuesday morning at Pug & Leo's Restaurant. Earl Laird, office manager for Taylor Telephone was guest speaker and gave a report on rural telephone service.

The club decided to establish a Scholarship Fund to be awarded to a deserving student at Merkel High School and decided to make

a donation in memory of club member Charlie Baker. Anyone wishing to donate to this fund can do so by contacting club treasurer Joyce Knight at the F & M National Bank.

The next meeting will be held Oct. 27th and the group will recognize the club's youth of the month for both September and October.

Sales tax rebates down here

The City of Merkel's sales tax rebates are 8.57 percent behind those of last year, according to a report from the State Comptroller's Office.

So far this year, Merkel has received \$48,276.32, including \$5,555.96 for their latest payment. Last year at this time, Merkel had collected \$52,799.38 in sales tax rebates.

In Tye, rebates are 5.74 percent behind last year. Tye's latest check of \$6,795.08 pushed their yearly total to \$49,271.32 compared to \$52,273.25 for the same

period last year. In Taylor County, Abilene is running 11.34 percent behind, Buffalo Gap is 9.91 percent behind, Impact is 3.33 percent ahead, Lawn is 27.21 percent behind and Tuscola is 15.37 percent behind.

County-wide, sales tax rebates are off 11.27 percent. Statewide, rebates are 5.5 percent behind the 1986 pace, according to the Comptroller.

October checks represent taxes collected on sales made in August and reported to the Comptroller by September 20th.

playing well, guiding the wishbone and throwing the ball. His offensive line did not allow a sack during the contest.

During our weekly chat Tuesday, Badger coach Dick Lepard told me the Colorado City game will be the biggest game the Badgers play all year and he explained why. The Badgers, with a win over C-City, can put themselves in the playoff picture. A loss to C-City would mean that some other team would have to knock off Wylie and Sonora for the Badgers to play Nov 13th or 14th. A Badger win Friday in C-City will also set up a showdown with Ballinger next week in Ballinger for the district championship. Sure, the Badgers have four remaining games and each is important, but this week and next are the pivotal ones.

It was good to see the community get behind the team last week. The crowd at the game was large, but the support the team received from students last week was something else. It's good to see the kids around here get excited and its doing a world of good for the players, the school and the community as a whole. I know I like Friday's a heck of a lot more than I used to.

The Merkel Church of Christ dedicated their new worship building Sunday and they have put together quite an impressive building. The new worship building seats 600 and there are 24 new classrooms, as well as offices and a library. The Tuesday-Thursday school also is housed in the new building and it is a facility that congregation and community can be proud of.

The Merkel school board will meet Tuesday night at 8 p.m. in the high school annex. Board members will discuss new criteria and eligibility requirements for steps two and three of the master teacher guidelines, as well as the upcoming accreditation visit from the state.

The Merkel High Band put on quite a show at the Wylie game. Bill Woods' troops are preparing for the marching contests in October and he told me Friday night the Badger Band would be one of the few that actually marched through their whole show. The band is marching a "military style" and they looked good with clean lines and sharp turns. Band Boosters are trying to raise money to send them to Nashville this spring and that group is something we can all be proud of.

Congratulations are in order to a couple of local running backs. Merkel's Ramon Moreno and Trent's Lewis Knapp were selected by the Abilene Reporter News as the area players of the week.



§ Merkel 2nd grade students and teachers show off their Friendship Shirts they made last week. The shirts are decorated with their classmates' hand prints.
Staff photo

Church of Christ dedicates new facility

Preacher says morning service draws 600



The Merkel Church of Christ dedicated their new worship building Sunday.

The new facility seats 600 people and has 24 new classrooms, three offices and a library.

Church pastor Bob Brandon told **The Mail** Tuesday "This has been a great week. We had 602 for Sunday service, 403 in Bible Study and 400 at the evening service. The church also held special services Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings this week."

Brandon added "We didn't realize this until Sunday, but the dedication services for our former facility were held exactly 34 years ago, on Oct. 11th, 1953." He said the open house Sunday drew about 250 non-church members who dropped by to take a look at the new building.

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Local soccer teams go 4-4 in weekend

Merkel's soccer teams combined for a 4-4 record in Big Country soccer action Saturday.

The under six Halpints upped their record to 6-0 with an 11-1 rout of the previously unbeaten Little Ponies. The game was tied at 1 all at the half before the Pints stormed back in the second half with ten goals. Shelly Vaughn scored four, Jennifer Hewitt had 4, Miranda Riggan two and

Mycehlie Andrews had a goal. Coach Becky Whisenhunt said "The whole team played well."

In other under 6 action, the Sidekicks saw their record fall to 1-4-1 with a tough 3-2 loss to the Smurfs. The Kicks had goals from Tony Young and Wesley Burton and received solid defensive efforts from Matt Butman, Colby Watts, Cortnee DuBose and Adam Vinson.

The under 8 Royals took it on the chin Saturday with a loss to the Sports. Despite the loss, the Royals received good efforts by Cory Walker, Johnny Hester, and Clint & Clay Sparks. The Royals record fell to 0-6 with the loss.

The Rowdies won their fourth consecutive under 8 game Saturday 5-0 over the Raiders. The 5-1 Rowdies got three goals from Rusty Holmes and two goals from Aaron Dulaney while receiving great efforts from Crystal Malone, Justin Mann, Bryce Freeman and Michael Watson.

In under 10 action, the Deteeters lost to the Unicorns 5-0 to drop their record to 0-6. Despite the setback, Didi Best, Jeanette Lanford, Anna Dutton and Natalie Cravens all played well for the Deteeters.

The Royals in the under 10 got their first win over the season with a 4-1 whipping of the Dyess Condors. Scoring for the Royals were Jeremy Tipton, Jake Necessary, Scott Dulaney and Chris Gilmore. Other great efforts were from Tye Hunt, Michael McMurry and goalie Adam Tucker who made at least 10 saves to preserve the victory. With the win, the Royals are 1-4-1 on the year.

The Badgers remained undefeated in Under 10 action with a 2-1 victory over the Braves. Quincy Hines and William Donaldson led the Badgers with a goal each while Shaun West, Ryan Holmes and Randy DeLeon played top games defensively. With the win, the Badgers upped their record to 6-0.

The under 12 Badgers saw their record fall to 2-4 with a 6-2 loss to

the Raiders. Doug Alldridge and Jason Clinton both scored goals for the Badgers who received tough efforts from Randal Necessary, Cole Manahan and Brian Miller.

This week will be the last regular season game for all the Merkel teams. The under 10 and under 12 teams will be playing in a season ending tournament the next week while the under 6 and under 8 teams will store their equipment until the spring league. If you haven't seen a Merkel soccer team play, pick your favorite age group and attend a game this week. These young athletes are the future of Merkel and Trent athletics, and speaking of that future, with these young athletes, the future will be a bright one.

by W. E. Dulaney

Band Boosters elect officers, trying to send band to Nashville

The Merkel Band Boosters have met twice since the start of the school year. New officers are Jeanie West- president, Linda Cravens- vice president and Pam Welborn- secretary-treasurer.

The Band Boosters are trying to get every parent of band students to join in the organization. The organization is open to everyone and if you are interested in joining, contact Jeanie West or Pam Welborn at the Elementary school.

The Band Boosters are trying to raise the funds this year to send the MHS Band to Nashville for a concert contest. The Boosters are in need of suggestions for fund raisers, telephone committee members, concession stand workers, and many other volunteer

jobs. If you can help or have suggestions, please contact one of the officers and let them know. The Boosters will be selling smoked turkeys for Thanksgiving and Christmas. They will also be holding an auction in November to help with expenses. Any items that you want to donate to the auction can be accepted by any band member.

The high school band is 96 members strong and is under the direction of Bill Woods. He is assisted by Cherrie Curry. They are currently working on their routine for the UIL Marching Contests at the end of October. The Boosters wanted to thank local fans for their encouragement shown towards the band during halftime shows at the football games.



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The Mobile Breast Cancer Detection Unit will be in Merkel on Thursday, October 15, 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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Obituaries

Mary Teaff

Mary Frances (Nancy) Teaff of Rt. 1 Tye, died Oct. 6th at Humana Hospital in Abilene. Funeral services were held Oct. 8th at the Tye Baptist Church with burial following at the Rose Hill Cemetery here.

Born in Comanche County, she was the daughter of the late Springer E. Moore and Connie Lee Bagley of Comanche.

She married Leroy Teaff Oct. 27, 1951 in Abilene. He husband is president of the Merkel Independ-

dent School District's Board of Trustees.

Prior to her illness, she was a civil service employee for almost 20 years. She served for four and a half years with the Farmers Home Administration and since 1965 with the contracting division at Dyess Air Force Base. At the time of her illness she was a purchasing agent in the Supplies branch at Dyess.

She was a member of the Tye First Baptist Church and had been a member since 1951. She also taught Sunday School classes for 21 years.

She is survived by her husband, a son, Larry Lee Teaff of Rt. 4

Abilene; a daughter Mrs. Nancy Jack Gabbert of Paris; four grandchildren, Richard Dale Dannheim, Melissa Carol Dannheim, David Leroy Teaff and Lee Eric Teaff; a great grandchild, Kindra Lee Dannheim; her mother Mrs. Connie Lee Bagley of Comanche and a brother, Springer L. Moore of Brazoria.

Palbearers were Keith Maxey, Russ Williams, Glen Teaff, Berneil Teaff, Johnny Teaff, Bruce Moore, Mike and Steve Teaff.

and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Charlie Vernon Baker Jr.

Palbearers will be Roy Mashburn, Peck Eager, Haden Reeves, Kent Satterwhite, Lloyd Gilmore and Buddy Hunter.

The family requested that memorials be made to Merkel's First United Methodist Church.

Encarnacion Duran

Encarnacion Calderon Duran, 72, of Merkel, died Oct. 11th in Abilene.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Oct. 14th at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church here with Father Mark Woodruff officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born April 10, 1915 in Chivattua, Mexico, she married Joe Duran Feb. 28, 1944 here. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by three sons; Ramon Cordova of El Paso, Joe Duran of Cedar Hill, Mo. and Ruben Duran of Merkel; two daughters, Margarita Saldana of Abilene and Virginia Hernandez of Merkel, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mabel Dunn

Mabel Compton Dunn, 82, of Merkel, died Oct. 10th in Abilene.

Funeral services were held Oct. 11th at Starbuck Chapel with the Rev. Roy Keith officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born April 11, 1921 here, she had married Robert S. Dunn in 1944 here.

She was a secretary for the Northwest Hospital in Glendale, Ariz. and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Her husband preceded her in death.

She is survived by a son, Mike of Phoenix; three brothers, S. G. Russell, James Russell and Ralph Russell, all of Merkel; three sisters, Lucille Nunnally of Roswell, N.M., Selma Lee Warlick of Abilene and Alice (Pug) Harris of Merkel; seven grandchildren and

four great-grandchildren. Palbearers were Robert Leo Harris, Jerry Russell, Jack Russell, Jimmy Russell, Bill Shive, Charles Lynn Russell, Darwin Warlick and Bill Warlick.

Lawrence Bird

Lawrence Bird Sr., 78, died Saturday at an Abilene hospital.

Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Midway Cemetery with the Rev. J. Temple Lewis officiating, directed by the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home of Abilene.

Local club attends area convention

The Beta Sigma Phi West Texas Area Convention was held in Abilene Oct. 10 & 11 at the Embassy Suites.

Saturday morning was filled with general forums and a luncheon was held with a style show and models from Main Street Models were Mamie Steck, Connie Ybarra and Blanche Hewitt. The noon speaker was Viola Dorrian, a division chairman from Kansas City.

Sunday morning started off with a brunch in the ballroom of the Embassy Suites.

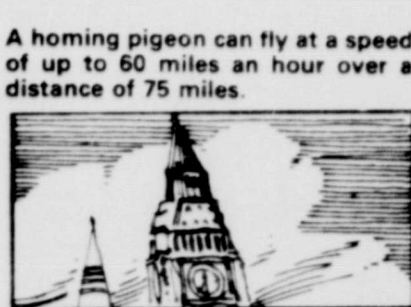
The Closing Ritual and memorial service was presented by Preceptor Eta Omega and those attending and participating were Opal Garner, Blanche Hewitt, Connie Ybarra, Pat Schuknecht, Marilyn Baker, Mamie Steck all

from Preceptor Eta Omega, Connie Harris from Xi Nu Chi and Kacy Trawick, Rikki Trawick, legacy members from Preceptor Eta Omega, Laurie Pirraglia, Legacy member from Lambda Beta and Deanna McCollum from Xi Nu Eta.

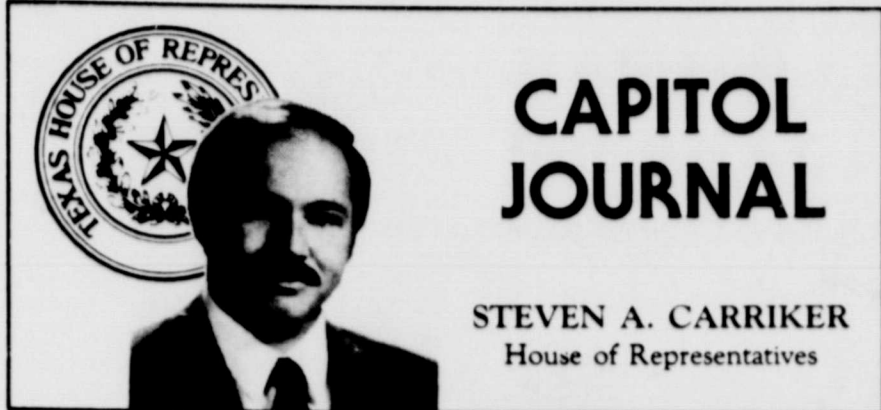
He was a lifelong resident of Taylor County and was an oil pumper for the Onyx Oil Company. He also was a farmer. He is survived by his wife, Mattie Lee Bird of Abilene; a son, Larry Bird of Merkel; two daughters, Virginia Whisenhunt and Deanna Pursley, both of Abilene; three sisters, Ethel Arnevine of Levelland, Nora Lee Robbins of Kansas City, Mo. and Ruth Freeman of Abilene; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family requested that memorials be made to the Hendrick League House.

A homing pigeon can fly at a speed of up to 60 miles an hour over a distance of 75 miles.



Big Ben is the 13½ ton bell in the clock tower of the Houses of Parliament in London—the name is often incorrectly applied to the clock itself.



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1987 Constitutional Amendments

This is the fifth in a series of informational columns on the constitutional amendments which Texas voters will consider on November 3rd. The amendments are presented in the order in which they will appear on the ballot.

Amendment No. 17: "The constitutional amendment to define for all purposes the governmental and proprietary functions of a municipality."

A city's liability is determined by whether its activities are "governmental" (such as police and fire) or "proprietary" (such as water service or public parks). This amendment could give cities protection from lawsuits similar to the protection state and county governments now enjoy. Proponents note that legislative clarification of city functions will lead to more uniformity in lawsuits against cities. Opponents say that the courts should continue to interpret the city's liability on a case-by-case basis. Opponents also say this amendment will not lower municipal costs for liability insurance.

Amendment No. 18: "The constitutional amendment relating to the creation, operation and financing of jail districts."

This amendment would allow multiple counties and communities to work together to create regional jail facilities. Supporters say this could be a valuable cooperative tool for rural areas. Any taxes levied by the jail district and any bonds issued by the district would require the approval of local voters.

Compere club meets

The Compere Extension Homemakers club met at 2 p.m. Oct. 9th at the home of Mrs. Bertha Hunter.

The council report was given by Ginger Hoog. Ailene Terry gave her report on the TEHA state meeting in Fort Worth as she was a delegate from the club and from Taylor County. A personality portrait was given by Dolores Adair and her questionnaire pinpointed personality traits and suggested styles to suit each.

Their next meeting will be Oct. 23 in the home of Ginger Hoog. County agent Martha Alice Sprayberry will give the program.

Refreshments were served to Dolores Adair, Maud Busby, Frances Carter, Ginger Hoog, Amie Price, Ailene Terry, Annie Taylor and guest Elizabeth Meroney.

Amendment No. 19: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund undertakings related to a Superconductor Super Collider research facility sponsored or authorized by the U. S. Government."

This proposal would have Texas taxpayers make a one-half billion dollar gift to the federal government in exchange for locating a big atom smasher (a nuclear research installation) near Dallas or Amarillo. Frankly, it is difficult to see the benefits of this amendment to the 78th District.

Amendment No. 20: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to provide ad valorem tax relief for certain off-shore drilling equipment that is not in use."

This is a break from local property taxes for the owners of off-shore drilling equipment not currently in use. Jefferson County (Beaumont) would lose about \$200,000 per year, and Nueces County (Corpus Christi) would lose about \$300,000 per year by exempting from taxation off-shore drilling equipment that is in storage in their jurisdictions.

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

Trent plucks Cards

The Trent Gorillas, led by Lewis Knapp with 231 yards and 4 touchdowns, routed the Hermleigh Cardinals Friday night at the Trent field 40-19.

Hermleigh received the opening kickoff and fumbled the ball on the first play. Trent took the gift and on the 'Rilla's first play, Knapp burst in from seven yards and after Scott O'Kelly ripped the extra point, Trent led 8-0 with only ten seconds gone in the contest.

The Cardinals were unable to move the ball on their next possession and punted to the 'Rillas. Trent's offense looked sharp as they drove the ball down to the Cardinal 1 before Cardinal defense stiffened and held the Gorillas on a fourth and goal. The Trent defense, aroused by the Cardinal goal line stand, shown some muscle of their own as they sacked the Cardinal quarterback in the end zone for a safety. Brian Massey made the play and the safety padded the Trent lead to 10-0 with 5:24 left in the 1st quarter.

The Gorilla running game really got started in the second quarter. Besides Knapp, Mike Payne, Keith Oden and Noe Flacon also contributed heavily as the 'Rillas punished the Cardinals with hard charging runs straight into the heart of the Hermleigh defense. The 'Rilla running game had a seasons best 429 yards on the night and didn't seem to be bothered by the open week last week.

The second quarter scoring opened up at the 9:06 mark when Knapp rambled 27 yards for the six points. O'Kelly's extra point was again good and Trent was rolling 18-0. On the t.d. run, Knapp broke four tackles after clearing the line of scrimmage and dove the last few yards for the six points.

Hermleigh was fighting for their life and it looked like they might climb back into the game when Rodney Foster hit Eddie Whitehead for a four yard t.d. pass. After a Whitehead pass to Felix Martinez for the extra point, the Cards pulled within 11 at 18-7 with 7:14 still left in the 2nd quarter.

A lesser team might have let the Cardinal t.d. bother them but not Trent. On the first play after the kickoff, the Trent offense flexed their muscles as Lewis Knapp broke 60 yards down the left sideline for six points. Any running back will tell you their fellow offensive players are the key to their success and on this run, the rest of the Gorilla offense, led by Lee Hunt and Mike Payne, cleared a path that Knapp could have walked through. The extra point was no good but at the 6:58 mark of the second quarter, Trent was back in control at 24-7.

Unfortunately for the Cards, the Blue Crew was wanting more points. After the 'Rilla defense, which on the night only gave up 143 yards on 49 plays, stuffed the Cards offense, the Trent offense took over. Again, Falcon, Payne, Oden and Knapp made quick work of the Cards defense and centers Scott O'Kelly and Chris Jones, lineman Brian Massey and end Lee Hunt opened huge holes for the 'Rilla backs to run through. Knapp tallied his fourth touchdown of the 1st half when he sprinted 37 yards for the t.d. O'Kelly's extra point was straight through the middle and Trent was rolling at 32-7.

The Cards refused to fold and scored the last points of the first half on a diving catch by Daniel Ramey. Rodney was covered on the play but quarterback Rodney Forster threw the ball the only possible place it could be caught. The four yard t.d. pass brought the Cards within 32-13 with ten seconds left in the half. While the home crowd was anticipating the Trent band's halftime show, Knapp almost ran the kickoff back. The Trent running back was knocked out of bounds at the Cards 30 yard line as time expired in the half.

In the second half, coaches Doug Gore and Ed Donahugh turned the game over to the rock-ribbed defense as the two teams traded touchdowns in the 4th quarter.

The Trent defense continued to play well, as they have all season. Cipi Flacon, Mike Payne (who intercepted a pass), Jason Massey, Chris Jones and Lewis Knapp punished the Cardinal ball carriers holding them to 91 yards on 30 carries for a three yard average and holding the Cardinal passing game to 52 yards on a 4 of 19 completion rate. The Cards were only able to get ten first downs with three coming on penalties as the salty Blue Crew played tough all night.

The third quarter was scoreless but Trent drew first blood in the

2nd half when Keith Oden went over from 1 yard out at the 7:50 mark of the 4th quarter. After the O'Kelly extra point, the 'Rilla's had stretched their lead to 40-13.

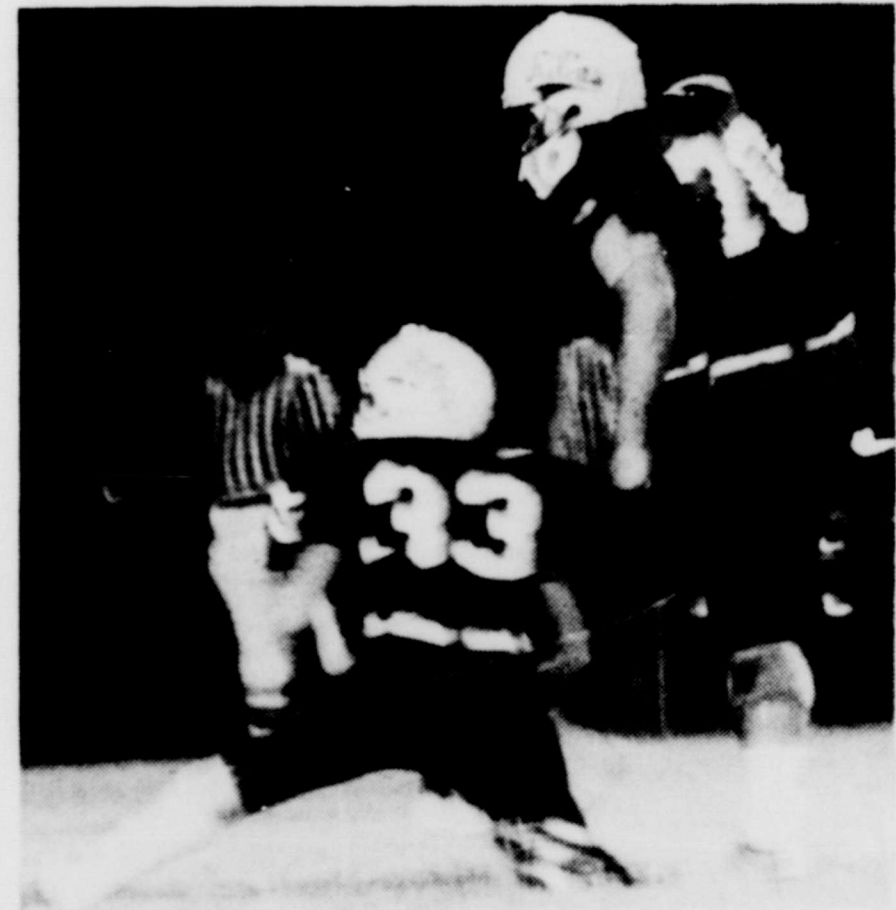
The score stayed that way until Hermleigh scored with 12 seconds left as Mac Castillo went in from one yard out. The extra point was no good but the scoring was over with the final of 40-19.

Coach Doug Gore told **The Mail** "We looked good in the 1st half but we are still making too many "young" mistakes. Coach Ed Donahugh echoed that statement by saying "We played well in the 1st quarter but the open date started to show up in the second quarter. Our timing was just a little bit off, but overall, we are improving."

The 'Rilla's take a break from district 4 East action when the undefeated Benjamin Mustangs come to town at 7:30 Friday. The Mustangs come from district 5 and have been tabbed to compete for that title with the Newcastle Bobcats and Rochester. The Mustangs return all six starters from last year's 2nd place team and are led by 2nd team all-state and Dave Campbell honor roll star Jeff Pierce.

"Hey, Hermleigh was scrappy but Benjamin is just a big, talented senior ball club, they are just a real good football team," said Coach Gore, who for the last five years has coached against Benjamin while at Rochester. The Mustangs should be a stiff test for the 'Rilla's who now stand at 4-1 on the season and 2-0 in district but that is what the 'Rillas need to prepare for the possible playoff games down the road.

Game Stats			
Trent (4-1) Hermleigh			
First downs	17	10	
Rushing yards	50-429	30-91	
Att-comp-t-d	2-6-0	4-19-2	
Passing yards	20	52	
Fumbles lost	5	3	
Int. by	1	0	
Punt-avg	2-33	6-42.5	
Penalties	7-56	6-46	



Dock Carriker holds as Scott O'Kelly adds an extra point against Hermleigh last week. Trent hosts Benjamin Friday. Photo by Shannon Payne



Trent running back Lewis Knapp breaks into the open against Hermleigh last week. Knapp had four touchdowns in the Gorilla win and was named the Abilene Reporter News' Six Man Player of the Week. Photo by Shannon Payne

Season Standings					
	W	L	T	PS	PA
Jayton	4	1		144	111
Trent	4	1		193	90
Blackwell	3	3		183	155
Ira	2	3		97	158
Hermleigh	1	4	1	113	187
Highland	1	4		119	205

District 4 East Standings					
	W	L	PS	PA	
Trent	2	0	76	19	
Jayton	1	0	42	22	
Blackwell	1	1	62	50	
Ira	1	1	16	51	
Hermleigh	1	2	63	70	
Highland	0	2	22	69	

Last Week's Results
Trent 40- Hermleigh 19; Blackwell 40- Highland 8; Lazbuddie 48- Jayton 0 (first regular season loss in four years).

This week's schedule
Trent vs Benjamin, Jayton vs Highland, Blackwell vs Ira, Hermleigh vs Loraine.

by Kay & W. E. Dulaney

Trent Gin Manager retires after 41 years

Trent Gin manager M 'Red' Shafer and wife Doris are announcing their retirement from the gin business after 41 years of association with the gin.

They wanted to take this opportunity to thank their many customers and friends who have helped make their working career a success and pleasure.

They said "we are leaving the gin in the hands of the people we know and love and who have been our partners for the past few years, Bill & Mike Hunter. We know they will appreciate your business the same as we have and will do their best to satisfy the many customers of the Trent Gin."

Public Notices

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 Plaintiffs and ROBERT MAURER are Defendants.

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 prejudgement 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 Plaintiff by virtue of Article 16.025, Civil Practice and Remedies 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 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 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 HELVEY 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 and TONIA GUTIERREZ are Defendants.

TERREZ, TOM HELVEY 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 \$3,203.89 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

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 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 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 HELVEY, 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 HELVEY, 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.

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

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 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 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.

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

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 \$2,278.26 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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Badgers burn Wylie 34-14, to go 4-1-1

Badgers take over 2nd in district race

Photos by Glenn Richards



Ramon Moreno takes off



Coach Handley describes the play



Chris Biera sacks the Wylie quarterback



Badgers celebrate 34-14 win over arch-rival Wylie



Quarterback Kenneth Jowers looks downfield

State property tax board says homeowners bearing largest tax share

Property taxes for 1986 totaled \$9.6 billion, according to the annual report just released by the State Property Tax Board (SPTB). School taxes accounted for half the total.

Total property taxes increased by \$650 million, or 7.25 percent, over their 1985 level. "This was the lowest annual percentage increase since 1968," said Ron Patterson, SPTB executive director. The 1985 levy, by comparison, represented a 10.8 percent increase from the previous year.

Cities posted the largest tax levy for 1986—slightly over 8 percent—with special districts and school districts close behind. County tax levies grew by close to four percent in the same period.

"Property taxes for the various types of taxing units also are at a slower pace in 1986," said Patterson. County taxes in 1986 grew by more than 6 percent from the year before, while increases for the other types of units were between 11 and 12 percent.

For county property taxes, the 1986 increase was the lowest annual percentage increase since 1963, while the special district increase was the lowest since 1968. The last time school taxes grew at such a slow pace was in 1979.

School district taxes accounted for 52 percent of all 1986 property taxes. City property taxes made up 20.5 percent of the total, county taxes another 15.5 percent and special district taxes accounted for the remaining 12 percent. This breakdown of statewide property taxes has remained relatively constant since 1984.

"Keep in mind that our figures represent total property taxes levied and not taxes actually collected," Patterson pointed out. "Taxing units rarely collect every dollar of their tax levy, although they may pick up some of the shortfall with collections of delinquent taxes from previous years."

On a per capita basis, property taxes amounted to \$537.63 for each Texas resident in the 1986 fiscal year, up from \$494.27 in 1985. Local property tax levies made up 44.6 percent of all state and local taxes in Texas during fiscal year 1986, up from 41.08 percent from the year before. "Property taxes accounted for a larger share of all state and local property taxes because of the sharp drop in state sales tax collections for 1987," explained Patterson. State tax revenues fell by 4.6 percent from their 1985 levels, led by declines in oil and natural gas production taxes.

An SPTB analysis of school taxes indicates a marked shift in the property tax burden between 1981 and 1986. "According to our figures," said Patterson, "residential properties are paying a bigger share of property taxes while business properties are paying less."

He noted that the share of school taxes generated by residential property grew from 33 percent to 40 percent of the total during this period. On the other hand, property taxes paid by business properties—including real estate, inventories, equipment, industrial machinery, oil and gas reserves and utility companies—dropped from 56 percent of all school taxes in 1981 to slightly less than half in 1986.

Patterson pointed to several factors that contributed to the shift in property tax burdens. "Real estate prices rose steadily—in some cases dramatically—until 1984," he said. "Population growth stimulated the Texas economy and increased the demand for residential property."

"In addition, the taxable values of industrial, mineral and agricultural properties have been declining, and homeowners and other owners of real estate have been making up the difference."

The decline in value has been particularly pronounced for oil and gas reserves. "The price of oil and natural gas has been going downhill since 1981," Patterson observed. "In addition, oil and gas reserves in Texas have been shrinking, in part caused by price drops that discouraged exploration for new reserves. Declining reserves are also the result of the advanced state of production in Texas—all the large, easy-to-find fields have been discovered."

During 1985, the taxable value of Texas mineral reserves dropped by \$21.8 billion, or 26 percent, according to SPTB studies. This drop occurred before the drastic declines in oil prices that took place in early 1986.

As a result, owners of oil and gas reserves paid less in school taxes than ever before. Texas public schools received over 15

percent of their property tax revenues from mineral resources in 1981, but only nine percent in 1986. "This decline has serious implications for those school districts that have depended on property taxes from oil and gas for a major part of their revenue," said Patterson.

In addition, Texas industry suffered from the decline in the oil business and from the slump in the state economy that took hold in 1984. The SPTB's 1986 Property Value Study showed a decline in the taxable value of industrial real estate and equipment since 1985.

Preceptor Eta Omega holds meeting

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

The West Texas Area Convention was discussed and members presented the parts they would do at the convention.

...ements in the appraisals of residential property have also helped shift the tax burden away from business properties," said Patterson. "Before the advent of appraisal districts, residential properties have come closer to be appraised at fair market values and these properties have assumed part of the tax load previously borne by industrial, commercial and mineral properties that were traditionally appraised closer to market value." Statewide and local option homestead exemptions have apparently not been sufficient to reverse this trend.

blanche Hewitt, president, asked for reports from all standing committees. The program was given by Opan Garner on the "History of the Devil's Tower."

A delicious meal was served to Opal Garner, Marilyn Baker, Blanche Hewitt, Pat Schuknecht, Mamie Steck and Connie Ybarra.

Foundation set up to aid Saragosa victims

Surviving residents of Saragosa, the small West Texas town which was destroyed by a tornado May 22, have established a The Saragosa Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization, for the purpose of co-ordinating assistance to the survivors. According to the Foundation's Articles of Incorporation filed with the Secretary of State of Texas, all Saragosa residents affected by the tornado will be served by the Foundation.

Foremost among the Foundation's immediate goals are the coordination of assistance in the reconstruction of the town and fund-raising to assist residents who remain homeless or without means of support. According to Foundation President Tony Gallego, "The Foundation's focus will be on long-term community rebuilding and development, relying almost totally on private funds to be raised in the future." Gallego said that the emergency government aid received to date was primarily for short-term emergency needs. "Most people here are still homeless and in need," Gallego said.

The Foundation's offices include Tony Gallego, President; Raul Briceno, Vice-president and Braulia Natividad, Treasurer, all residents of Saragosa. Members of the Board of Directors include Ramona Machuca, Gus Natividad, Felipe Lopez, all of whom are residents of Saragosa; Martha Fleming, District Assistant to Congressman Ronald Coleman; Louis Mata, Vice-president of the Pecos Security Bank; Elisa Vasquez, an Odessa attorney with the WARREN BURNETT, INC. firm and Nina Abila, Reeves County Treasurer. Texas Rural Legal Aid is providing free legal services to the Foundation.

The tornado, which killed 30 residents, left 22 minor children orphaned, homeless or without adequate resources. To assist with the long-term needs of these

children the Foundation has established the Saragosa Children's Education and Development Fund. This special children's Fund was established with an initial \$5,000 donation from country and western singers Waylon Jennings and Tony Joe White.

The Foundation is also preparing and sponsoring a grant proposal to raise money for low-energy housing ("Saragosa Alternative Village Energy System-SAVES") for those residents who did not qualify for basic government housing aid. "Most of the survivors did not qualify for government housing assistance," said Gallego, "and the Foundation hopes to assist homeless residents in rebuilding and repairing their homes." While the recommendation for funds for the low-energy proposal must come from Texas Governor Bill Clements, the actual money is from an oil company overcharge fund established by courts from penalties imposed on oil companies as a means to re-pay the public for unlawful pricing policies. The Foundation will submit the proposal to Governor Clements in October. Gallego hopes "the Governor will be sensitive to the needs of the homeless here in Saragosa, especially since the proposed grant is from private sources rather than public tax dollars."

Contributions are urgently needed for the children and homeless as the new school year begins and winter approaches. Contributions will be greatly appreciated and can be sent to:

The Saragosa Foundation
P O Box 126
Saragosa, TX 79780

The Foundation provides speakers to civic groups, churches and other organizations upon request. Its financial records are open for public inspection at the Foundation office in Saragosa, Texas. For further information please contact Tony Gallego (915-375-2418) or Braulia Natividad (915-375-2556 or 375-2603).

Rural church conference held

The church today has many responsibilities including those of encouraging responsible citizenship and taking a leading role in helping to revitalize rural Texas, a bishop of the American Lutheran Church said.

The Rev. August Wenzel of Austin, bishop of the multi-state southern district of the American Lutheran Church, said the church must help solve the many problems of social concern in today's society.

Wenzel, keynote for the 42nd annual Town and Country Church Conference and Texas A & M University, discussed "The Role of Clergy and Churches in Social Concerns."

"The church needs to address the words of the gospel to its own members and institution, while keeping its own act clean. When major social concerns arise, the church also needs to say this is not right," Wenzel said.

Wenzel added that the role of social concern is a relatively new one for the church, yet it is appropriate to talk about the issues of concern to find ways to help people. The issues of church and state are to be separate when dealing with social concerns, he noted.

"The ministry in a rural setting is a high calling," Wenzel told several hundred lay leaders and ministers attending the conference at A & M.

Wenzel, who said his parents were sharecroppers, noted there are many things a church can do to help alleviate the problems of the farm crisis for families of the community. The church can also plan and conduct educational programs relating to water concerns relative to the various aquifers of Texas, and can take leadership in presenting information about potentials for farm diversification.

The bishop emphasized that this conference has workshops planned on economic development and human services that cover a broad area of concern.

The Monday workshop on economic development through potentials for income diversification was addressed by William Watson, an onion grower located at Noon Day near Tyler, and three specialists of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, including Dr. Sam Cotner, horticulturist, and Dr. Larry Lippe and Dr. Richard Edwards, economists.

At the Monday night session, the Rev. Jack W. Langford of St. John's Episcopal Church in Sealy was named the 1987 Rural Minister of the Year in Texas. He was presented a special plaque by Del Deterling of Progressive Farmer magazine.



§ The celebration following Merkel's 34-14 win over Wylie carried on into the locker room as the Badgers gave each other a popcorn shower. The Badgers travel to Colorado City Friday. Staff photo

Badger JV team downs Wylie 15-0

The Merkel Badger JV team downed the Wylie JV 15-0 in Wylie last Thursday to raise their record to 3-2.

Matthew Davis scored the first Badger touchdown and the two point conversion was added by Sean Leamon.

The second touchdown was scored by Tommy White on a 58

yard screen pass and the point after was kicked by Leamon.

Coach Luke Taylor said Eric Ascencio played a good game at linebacker and Steven Bauer and Jimmy Valdez played well at defensive ends. He also complimented the blocking of Scott Graham and Scotty Myers.

Kyle Doan intercepted a pass and returned in 46 yards and Ray

Cobb had an interception and a 35 yard return.

The Badgers had 267 yards rushing as Michael Blue had 101 yards, Tommy White 78 yards, Damon Aldredge 47 yards, Sean Leamon 22 yards and Matthew Davis had 19 yards.

The JV team hosts Colorado City tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m.

MHS students improving ACT scores

Merkel High School has received the ACT test scores for the 1986-87 school year. Satisfactory ACT scores are needed to meet some college entrance requirements. Only a few students take the test each year and 13 students from the 1987 graduating class

took the test.

The Merkel High School students taking the test during the past two years have improved their national percentile ranking according to David Laman, MISD Curriculum Director. The composite national percentile rank for

1984-85 was 12, the rank for 1985-86 was 19 and 29 for 1986-87. The national average is 50.

The students taking the test during 1986-87 performed well in English, social studies and natural sciences. The 13 students had the most difficulty with mathematics.

Trent Homecoming activities set

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

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

On Friday, activities will start with a chili supper sponsored by the Band Boosters from 5 until 6:30 at the school cafeteria. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Money raised will help pay for new band instruments and

to support the Trent Band.

The powder puff game follows and the Trent Beauty pageant will be held at 7 p.m. the bonfire will start at 9 p.m.

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

The Senior Class will sponsor a lunch from 11:30 until 1 and a visitation period will be held from 1 until 2. A business session and entertainment will follow. The

entertainment will be provided by Solid Gold of Weatherford Junior College. Former Trent student Sam Jones is a member of the group.

The Junior class will sponsor a hamburger supper from 5:30 until 8 and will also serve hamburgers after the game. Hamburgers will be \$3.50 and cheeseburgers will cost \$3.75.

Kickoff for the game against Blackwell is set for 8 p.m. and a dance will be held following the game.

THS sets TEAMS test dates

Texas State law has mandated that all Texas students must pass both the mathematics and English language arts sections of the Texas Education Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) by the end of the senior year to receive a diploma.

Trent juniors will have the opportunity to take these tests

Oct. 27th for math and Oct. 28th for English. No make-up dates are permitted so all eligible students will need to attend classes those dates.

If the student does not pass the test the first time, an additional test will be given May 3rd and 4th, 1988.

If a student does not pass the test during their junior year, they

will be given additional tests in their senior year. A high school diploma will be awarded only after the TEAMS test is passed.

Also, if you are a student that has not yet passed the test, you will also have the opportunity to pass the exam. If you have any questions, contact Arnold Evans at the Trent School.

by W. E. Dulaney

Hunter's Insight

by Josh Amerine

I understand this year Texas Parks & Wildlife has changed the regulations that pertain to hunting from a vehicle to allow handicapped persons, by special permit, to use this method. This is a welcome change, but there are still obstacles for handicapped hunters. Bob Strickland may have the answer to the remaining problems. He is building deer stands that actually use an electric winch to move the entire box of the stand from the ground to the top of the high tensile strength frame. The stand I looked at was about 18 feet tall and was quite impressive. Now even a hunter in a wheelchair can hunt the way most Texans do and can enjoy the more traditional way of hunting. If you are interested or know someone who is, give Bob a call for all the details.

The archery situation is improving. After the slow start last week, a few archers are connecting. Randy Rifenburg brought home two young turkeys and has seen a few deer. A couple of San Angelo hunters reported near misses on deer, and another San Angelo hunter brought in a Mule from out-of-state.

All of us who hunt and shoot and watch developments in the industry have noted the influence the benchmark crowd has had on hunting rifles. Almost every firearms manufacturer offers a synthetic stocked rifle. This is a major change in firearms evolution. Synthetic stocked rifles offer state of the art in accuracy

and stability. In situations such as extreme cold, rain or high heat and humidity where a wooden stocked rifle would tend to warp, expand, or contract affecting the point-of-impact, a synthetic stock remains relatively unaffected. Another advantage that synthetic stocks enjoy is a weight savings

over wood stocks, and synthetic also seem to "flex" on heavy recoiling rifles tending to lessen the recoil effect.

On a sadder subject, I would like to note the passing of a friend. Those of us who knew Charlie Baker will miss him. Those of you who did not were cheated; he was a good man.

Governor wants Texans to slow down, listen for trains

Fewer Texans lost their lives to train-vehicle accidents in 1986 than in 1980, but 44 deaths instead of 94 still mean tragic loss to families, friends and employers.

Texas has more than 14,000 railroad grade crossings, each with one or more life saving warning signs: an octagonal stop sign; an X shaped crossbuck; yellow and black advance warning signs; or flashing lights and bells. Some crossing also have automatic gates.

"And yet, 620 accidents occurred in 1986 with more than 40 deaths and 275 injuries," Texas Operation Lifesaver Chairman Jim Kuykendall reported when discussing the continuing need to observe Texas Railroad Grade Crossing Safety Week October 11-17, 1987.

Federal Railroad Administration reports reflect that investigators of the accidents found that 75 percent occurred in clear weather, with 64 percent happen-

ing where the driver's view was unobstructed.

Kuykendall added, "It takes more than 18 football fields for a freight train traveling at 50 mph to stop. It can't leave its track. Even at 30 mph, a train needs 3,150 feet—or almost 2/3 of a mile to stop."

Begun in 1977 and administered through the Texas Safety Association, Texas Operation Lifesaver is a public information program urging caution and awareness at crossings. All railroads in the state work with the program, committing time, money and people to reduce the tragic losses even further.

Governor William P. Clements is scheduled to sign a proclamation on October 13th for the week's observation, urging "all Texans to slow down, look, and listen for the trains at railroad crossings, obey the railroad crossing signals, and urge their friends and families to do the same."

Newsbriefs

John's football picks

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

Merkel 32- C-City 18 (The Badgers bury the Wolves enroute to next week's showdown with the Ballinger Bearcats).

Trent 35- Benjamin 28 (The Gorillas tame the Mustangs in a good ballgame).

Penn State 35- Syracuse 22 (The Orangemen will be called the black-and-blue boys after battling the Nittany Lion defense).

Dallas 30- Washington 20 (For the Cowboys's sake, let's hope the NFL stays on strike until this game is over with).

Baylor 29, Texas A & M 21 (Your typical Aggie-Bear game but this year's final score won't be as close as last year's).

Last week, 4 wins, one loss for the season 19 wins, 9 losses and a tie.

MISD lunch menu

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

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

Oct. 19: Lasagna, buttered corn, lettuce wedges with choice of dressing, pears.

Oct. 20: Chicken fried steak with cream gravy, creamy potatoes, seasoned green beans, sliced peaches.

Oct. 21: beef stew, potatoes, carrots, onions, vegetable salad, apricot cobbler.

Oct. 22: beef and cheese tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, pinto beans,

whipped jello.

Oct. 23: Hamburgers, fries and all the trimmings, fresh apple wedges.

Trent sets annual pageant Oct. 23rd

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

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

Entry fee will be \$5 for one child \$7.50 for two children or \$10 for Badger Boosters.

The Badger Boosters held their regular weekly meeting Monday night and reviewed the Wylie game film. The group reported they enjoyed the film as much as

watching the game.

Friday night, the Badgers travel to Colorado City and everyone is looking forward to another win.

The Club wants everyone to encourage the Badger football team this week. The game Friday night is an important one.

The group wanted to say BADGER POWER and said they will see you in Colorado City.

Genealogical workshop

Ron Bremer of Salt Lake City will be conducting a free genealogical workshop at the Rose Park Senior Citizens Building, located at S 7th and Mockingbird in Abilene Oct. 31 starting at 10 a.m. Time has been set aside for a brown bag lunch and registration will begin at 9 a.m.

Born and reared in Southern California, Mr. Bremer first became interested in genealogy at

the age of 13. He has now spent over 30 years as a genealogist. He attended Brigham Young University, and in 1961, attended the 11th annual Genealogical Institute

sponsored by the National Archives and American University. He was a research specialist for the Genealogical Society in Salt Lake City and is founder of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. The *Copendum of Historical Sources* and editor of *Roots Digest Magazine*, are among a few of his credits and achievements.

He has personally visited the major genealogical record centers in every state and Washington D.C. He is presently one of the most popular and sought after genealogical speakers in the country, having lectured to most of the various genealogical societies in the nation.

A modern Demosthenes, he seldom uses a microphone and is in constant demand as a moti-

ational speaker. His lectures are not only informative, but entertaining as well. He has been lauded as the finest speaker of his time, and consistently captivates, motivates, entertains, and instructs his audiences.

The workshop is free and all you need to bring is a notebook, pencil and a brown bag lunch (drinks will be furnished). Tape recorders will be permitted.


For more information, contact Bobbie Bland at the Prairie House in Abilene.

Musical set

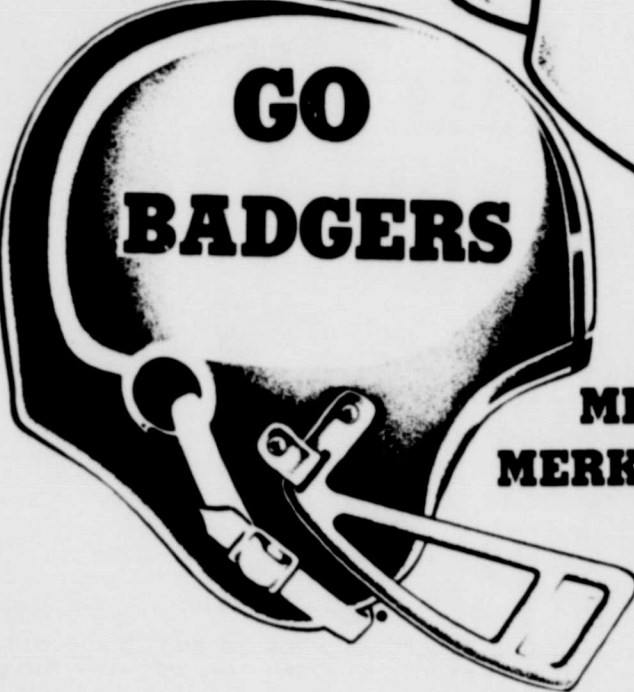
The Merkel Musical will be held Oct. 24th at the Senior Citizens Building on Edwards Street here from 6:30 until midnight.

A concession stand will be open and any band or musically inclined person can join in.

Contact Snake Man Jim at 928-4064 before Oct. 24th at noon if you want to join in.



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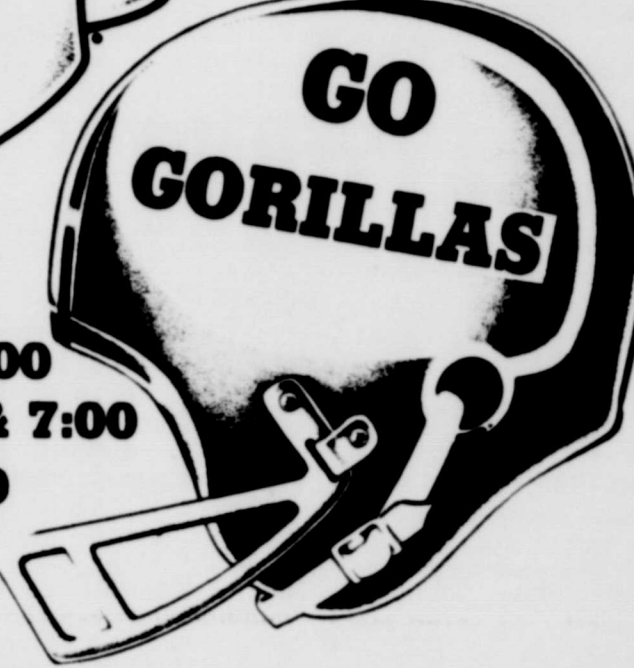
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GORILLAS

Trent Jr. High downs Hermleigh 32-0

The Trent Junior High Gorillas rebounded from their heart-breaking loss to McCaulley in big fashion Thursday night by stomping the Blackwell Hornets 32-0 to raise their record to 3-1.

The younger Rillas scored 26 points in the first half to put the Hornets away early. The first Rilla score came at the 3:12 mark of the first quarter as John Galvin rambled 28 yards for the t.d. After the Galvin extra point, the Rillas had all the points they would need on the night at 7-0. The Gorillas were not satisfied with one touchdown and at the 7:06 mark of

the second quarter, Jeff Santoru sprinted 63 yards for the second Rilla t.d. The extra point was no good but Trent had increased their lead to 13-0.

Less than three minutes later, Rilla running back Pete Chavez got in the scoring act on a seven yard sweep. After the Chavez extra point, the Rillas were rolling at 20-0.

The younger Gorillas still had not finished their 1st half scoring as Lupe Falcon tallied six more points when he rambled 41 yards for the touchdown. The extra point was no good but the Rillas went into the lockerroom at the

half up 26-0.

The second half was a scoreless, defensive battle until three seconds were left in the game when Tory Dean raced 43 yards to round out the scoring at 32-0 Trent.

Both coaches were pleased as Coach Doug Gore told *The Mail* "It was a real team effort and they blocked a lot better this week." Coach Ed Donahugh added "Everybody was a part of it, we are really impressed with how they work together."

Trent Junior High will return home tonight (Thursday) with a game against the Jayton Junior High at 6 p.m. The younger Rillas have been impressive this year averaging 36 points per game while allowing 9.7. While the younger Gorillas do not play any playoff games, it's still important for these future high school champions to play in front of those big home crowds so the whole community needs to come out next week and cheer on the junior high team as they take on the tough Jayton Jaybirds.

by Mike Payne & W. E. Dulaney
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§ Trent twirler Sandy Collier is shown with flag members [top from left] Janet

Marshall, Renee' Gibson [bottom from left] Janet Gibson and Denise Gibson. Photo by Shannon Payne

Hunt likes to make the big plays for THS

My idea of a perfect game is to do what is expected of me, make the needed catches, the good catches and if its needed, the big play. Trent receiver Lee Hunt has made more than one big play for the Rilla's in the two years he has lined up on the outside. The 6'3", 195 pound sophomore was the second leading receiver for Trent his freshman year and so far this year leads the Rilla's in both t.d. receptions and receptions.

Lee is involved in FFA at THS and won the show showmanship awards in the Trent Livestock Show in '81, '83 and '86 in hog competition and had the reserve grand champion hamshire in the Trent show last year. Besides FFA, Lee is the sophomore class

president and plays basketball well enough to make 1st team all district center as a freshman last year. He also enjoys listening to music, especially favorites Van Halen and Z Z Top.

"I would like to at least make honorable mention all-district but my one big desire is to beat Jayton and then go far into the playoffs. The all-district doesn't matter as long as the team wins."

Lee wants to attend Texas A & M after graduation and major in pre-med and plans to pursue a career in pediatrics.

Lee is the son of Shelia Dozier of Stamford and Randy & Kim Hunt of Trent, where he lives along with sister Crystal and brother Tye.

by W. E. Dulaney

Trent church holds dinner

The Trent Church of Christ under 40 congregation honored their over 40 members last Saturday night with a dinner at the church.

Twenty-two special guests attended the dinner which was prepared, served and hosted by the under 40 members. Trent Church of Christ minister Harold Fair was the emcee and had the special honor of presenting Mrs. Elsie Terry, 87 years young, with a special gift as the oldest member present. Mrs. Terry was

presented a spoon and fork wrapped in South African Zulu love beads.

During the program, Brother Fair was also surprised with a special gift by the under 40 members. The gift was hand made by the under 40 ladies was a flower for his suit lapel.

Everyone had a good time as the fellowship was enjoyed by both young and old members as the generation gap was bridged with a special show of Christian love by all that attended.

by W. E. Dulaney

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41-2tc

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42-1tc

For Sale: Kimball organ and fun machine with built in computer. It teaches you how to play. 1 year old cost \$4,800 asking \$1,200. must sell. Call 862-6115 days and 862-6493 evenings.
42-1tc

Western House store on I-20 in Merkel has all straw hats on sale at \$9.95 and \$19.95. Silver laced belts \$22.50 and tooled leather belts \$9.95 ladies and mens western shirts two for \$25 or \$12.95 each. Western boots \$39.95 and up.
42-1tc

Now taking orders for mesquite firewood, delivered and stacked \$60 per cord. Call 736-6059 (local).
42-2tp

ATTENTION: Christmas shoppers and bargain hunters! OCT OBERWEST, Albany, Oct. 7th 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Arts, crafts, food, entertainment, a fun day for all. Big Shoot out at 1 p.m. on Main Street.
42-1tnc

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

For sale: great buy, great conditions 1970 Ford Sport Custom, 1 ton 390 engine, runs good \$1,850 928-5103.
42-1tc

For sale: 1966 Ford Dump truck, Jubilee Ford Tractor with front end loader and box blade, trailer to haul the tractor, all for \$3,000. Call 928-5545 Alvin Wozencraft.
42-1tp

For sale: Large sheet metal stock tank, 7 1/2 foot wide in good condition. \$75 see at 814 Yucca 928-4303.
42-1tc

MISC

Blue's Plumbing: For your complete plumbing needs. Water heater & mobile home hook up. Earl Blue 1-698-0344 Monday - Saturday
35-TFC

Motner with 2 children would like to babysit newborn through 6 day or night. 409 Manchester 928-4108.
39-TFC

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33-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

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35-TFC

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40-3tc

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

Chimney Cleaning a-void costly fires caused by creosote build up \$35. Inserts may be slightly higher. Local number 736-6059.
42-2tp

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

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TFC

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

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

Will do housekeeping by the day or by the job, reasonable rates, will furnish references call 928-3225.
42-1tc

For your Amway products, call 928-5302.
42-1tc

Just For Kids: Licensed day care center is now accepting enrollment for children 18 months & up. Our learning program is varied and is according to the child's age. Breakfast lunch and 2 snacks served. Open 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Drop-ins are welcomed. For more information call 862-6115 or come by at 5th and Mesquite in Trent.
42-2tc

Found: stray female bird dog Green tag attached, white stripes to shoulder blades deep red across hips. Found 6 miles NE of Merkel on FM 126. Call 736-6477.
42-1tc

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

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42-TFP

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40-2tp

For rent: large two bedroom apartment, dishwasher, ceiling fan, all electric, water paid upstairs \$195, downstairs \$220. Call Sheley 928-3472.
39-3tc

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42-1tp

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42-TFC

REAL ESTATE

For Sale: \$1,600 equity and assume payments on 3 bedroom, 2 bath, cellar, on one acre. One mile North of Merkel on FM 1235. Call 928-3143 after 4 p.m.
41-2tc

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38-4tc

Need assistance with government acquired properties? Some w/ 10 down, minimum closing costs. Call Ken Hogan at Century 21, Abilene Big Country 692-8311 or 928-4826.
38-TFC

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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, dish washer, water well, Cyrus Pee Realtor 928-5613.
42-TFC

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17-TFC

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

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23-TFC

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41-1tp

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42-3tp

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39-TFC

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41-1tp

For rent: Small 2 bedroom house, just right for a couple or a single person. Chain link fence, carpet, storage shed call 928-5164.
42-1tp

For rent: \$200 per month, 2 bedroom, mobile home, carpeted central heat & air, stove & refrigerator, fenced yard, call 928-5251 or 928-5052.
23-TFC

GARAGE SALES

Garage Sale: Thursday afternoon and all day Friday. You'll come Jimmie Williams 501 Thornton.
42-1tp

Garage sale in Trent across from the Baptist Church in Trent, Thursday, Friday & Saturday.
42-1tc

Garage sale: 211 Cherry Saturday 9 a.m. dining table, couch and chair, clothes, '76 Dodge pickup, 5 cords of wood and other stuff Berlie Wilson 928-5211.
42-1tp

Garage sale: 1411 S 11th Friday 8:30-6 Saturday 8:30 until noon. New wall board 4 X 8 2 inches thick, asst. tools, misc. new clothing and household items.
42-1tp

Big garage sale: 710 Avondale, Thursday, Friday & Saturday, tools and misc.
42-1tp

2 family garage sale Saturday only 2nd block West of the Baptist Church in Trent.
42-1tp

Garage sale at 407 Ash Saturday only 8:30 until 6 p.m.
42-1tp

Granny Holt's big first time ever garage sale. South of Trent on FM 1085 to first cross road. Turn west and cross cattle guard before second mail box on left. 9 until 7 Friday & Saturday.
42-1tc

Garage sale: Saturday 8-5 2 1/2 miles North of Merkel on FM 126 with a little bit of everything.
42-1tp

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

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We cannot thank you enough for all the things done for us during the loss of our loved one.

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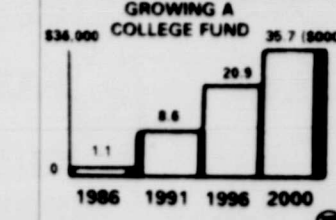
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