

The Merkel Mail

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City will consider FBC zoning request

The Merkel City Council met Monday night and appointed a new member to the Merkel Housing Authority, as well as approved a couple of requests to advertise for zoning changes.

Council also looked over the monthly police report.

All Walla and Charles "Peck" Eager were reappointed to the Merkel Housing Authority and Jimmy Leverich was named to replace Ronny Doan on that board. The men were named to serve two year terms.

Council also received a request from the First Baptist Church here to have a lot West of their building rezoned. The church is planning to build a new facility and have asked council for a special use permit on that property. Council placed a notice of a public hearing in this week's paper and that hearing will be held Nov. 23rd during the next regular meeting of the council.

Councilmen were also asked by Marie Cunningham for a special use permit on property North of Cunningham's Convenience Store. She plans to construct a washateria. Council also approved her request to advertise for a public hearing but until she makes formal application, the hearing request cannot be published.

Council also set new fees for water service disconnects and re-connects. Last week, the city sent

out 340 delinquent notices for water-sewer-sanitation service and Monday, service to 30 local homes was cut off because of past due bills. The city, in the past, has had trouble with customers turning their own water meters back on and the city now pulls those water meters that have been tampered with. The new fee for a water disconnect will be \$10 and an additional \$30 charge will be assessed if a meter has to be pulled.

City manager J. A. Sadler also said city water-sewer- and sanitation customers would also see an additional 61 cent charge on next month's sanitation bills for the state tax on that service.

Merkel police worked a total of 42 cases in October.

Police investigated two thefts, eight auto accidents, investigated one burglary and three cases of assault.

Police also investigated a case of criminal trespassing and made one DWI arrest and one possession of marijuana arrest. They also investigated a case each of interfering with child custody, indecency with a child and criminal mischief. Police also investigated a case of a burglary of a motor vehicle, issued 12 traffic citations and made six arrests. They also answered three dog calls.



The Merkel High Seniors were honorary game captains as they played in their last game Friday in Coahoma. The

Badgers and Coahoma tied at 14 and the Badgers finished the season with a 4-4-2 record. Staff photo

Badgers end season with 4-4-2 record

The Merkel Badgers and the Coahoma Bulldogs fought to a 14 all tie last week in Coahoma as the Badgers finished their season with a 4-4-2 record and a 2-3-2 district record.

The Badgers started the game off right as quarterback Brit Pursley capped a 65 yard drive with a three yard touchdown. Shayne Newberry added the point after.

Neither team really threatened for the rest of the first half.

The Badgers came back and scored again as Shayne Newberry went in on a short run. Newberry also kicked the extra point and the Badgers led 14-0. Coahoma came back with a touchdown in the third quarter and their try for two points was no good when John Walsch batted down a pass attempt.

The Badgers drove the ball inside the Coahoma 20 during the fourth quarter but the drive stalled.

Coahoma took off on their final drive of the game from their own 35 and the big play of the drive was a 45 yard pass that took the ball to the Badger 12. Coahoma then moved the ball to the six yard line with 10 seconds left in the game. The Bulldogs threw a pass to the end zone that was incomplete but an unnecessary roughness call on the Badgers moved the ball to the three yard line with 3 seconds remaining. Coahoma completed a pass for the touchdown with no time remaining on the clock and completed the same pass play for a two point conversion to tie the contest.

Badger coach Dick Lepard told **The Mail** Monday "The game was indicative of our season, we were close but not close enough. We should have scored on that drive in the second half and then we wouldn't have had to worry about that last drive."

Lepard said he was proud of his team's work and dedication throughout the year. He said he hoped the kids learned some things that would help them in other sports this season and later on in life. He said "I really want to thank the players for their hard work throughout the year. They had to overcome a lot of things that happened and I am proud of them."

Lepard also wanted to thank some people who also helped during the season. He said "I want to thank Max Murrell Chevrolet here for the use of a pick-up we used to carry equipment to games and to Finley Barnett and Virgil Jones for their work filming games. I'd also like to thank Pug & Leo's Restaurant for serving breakfast to the team on Friday mornings and to Dr. Tran for his work on the sidelines. I'd also like to thank the Booster Club for their support during the season and Joey Richards for being the manager this year."

Lepard also said "I wouldn't have believed we would end this season at 4-4-2 before the year started. We were 4-1-1 at one point and we had it going. We lost momentum when our quarterback

got hurt and couldn't get it going after that."

He added "we tied two games and lost another 7-0. We could just as easily finished the season at 7-3."

He said players who were not playing basketball would take this week off before hitting the weight room to start working for the 1988 football season.

Trent starts 6-man playoffs

The Trent Gorillas start their quest for the State Six-Man Championship Friday as they travel to Gail to take on Wellman.

The Gorillas are the District 4 East champs and kickoff for the

game is 7:30 p.m. in Gail. Gail is

located 35 miles North of Big Spring, halfway between Snyder and Lamesa on U. S. Highway 180. A car caravan will meet near Home State Bank in Trent at 5

p.m. and the pep rally will be held at 3:15 Friday at the Trent gym. Rilla fans are reminded to bring along their blue and gold touchdown hankies and support the Trent Gorillas.

Tax rebates down here

Merkel's sales tax rebates are running 7.92 percent behind those of last year according to a news release from the State Comptroller's Office.

Merkel's latest rebate of \$7,965.18 pushes this year's total to \$56,261.50, compared to \$61,098.51 through the same period last year.

In Tye, rebates are down 6 percent. Tye's latest check of \$5,164.01 brings their annual total to \$54,453.33 compared to \$57,907.39 through the same period last year.

In Trent, rebates are down 2.35

percent. Trent's latest check of \$661.42 brings their yearly total to \$3,205.44, compared to \$3,282.52 through the same period last year.

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said sales tax rebates were off about 5 percent statewide.

November checks represent taxes collected in sales made in September and reported to the Comptroller by October 20th. This month's check also includes third quarter allocations which reflect sales reported to the Comptroller on a quarterly basis.

Football, fair ... more

by Cloy A. Richards

The Trent Gorillas take on Wellman Friday in Gail as they start their climb to the top of the Texas Six-Man teams.

Trent had an impressive 8-1 season under first year coach Doug Gore and the Gorillas are still in the tops of the trees about their win over Jayton.

If you want to see some exciting football, drive to Gail Friday night and back the Gorillas.

The Merkel Badgers ended their season in Coahoma last Friday with a 14 all tie.

Like head coach Dick Lepard told me Monday, the game was indicative of the Badger season, close but not close enough.

The Badgers stomped the team that won the district championship (Wylie) and were edged by the other playoff team (Ballinger).

It was those other teams that gave the purple gang all of the trouble.

The Badgers will lose some fine football talent this year to graduation but also have some fine folks coming back next season.

My Badger gimme cap is off to Seniors Brit Pursley, Ramon Moreno, Cecil Hererra, Steve Williams, Tony Roberts, Michael Woodall, Billy Hair, Billy Bishop, Chris Biera, Robert McFadden, Jeff Gray, Mark Aldrete and Mike Farthing.

I guess the one thing I will

remember about the year is the wins over Clyde and Wylie.

The Merkel School Board meeting will be held Nov. 19th at 7:30 p.m. instead of the 17th. A basketball game is being played on Tuesday night and that is the reason for the change.

The Merkel City Council will finally enter the zoning business as their first public hearing on a zoning change will take place Nov. 23rd. The city came under zoning ordinances about two and a half years ago and so far, no citizens or groups have requested any changes. The zoning request is from the First Baptist Church as they are planning to build a new facility West of their current building.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas Fair will be held at Heritage Hall Nov. 21 and 22nd.

Reservations for booths are being accepted by Kay and Laura at Independent American Savings here. The Chamber's cookbook will also be available for sale at the Christmas Fair and its full of recipes that sound pretty good to me.

You will find basketball schedules for both Merkel and Trent basketball in the paper this week.

I made my transition from football to basketball season earlier this week and prospects for some of the local teams are better than average this season.

Gins busy with local cotton

Although Monday's moisture stopped cotton strippers for a day and a half, the local cotton harvest is moving along as the Merkel and Trent gins have already processed more than 1,000 bales.

Neither gin had any cotton on the yard Tuesday afternoon, although strippers started rolling again late Tuesday afternoon.

At the Trent Gin, 578 bales have been processed so far. Open market price Tuesday was 54 cents a pound and the quality of the cotton ginned in Trent has been the best seen in a long time. They were paying \$80 a ton for seed.

At the Merkel Gin, 650 bales have been processed so far and the grades were averaging from excellent to some as high as a 25 percent bark content. Gin manager Bennett Massev told **The Mail**

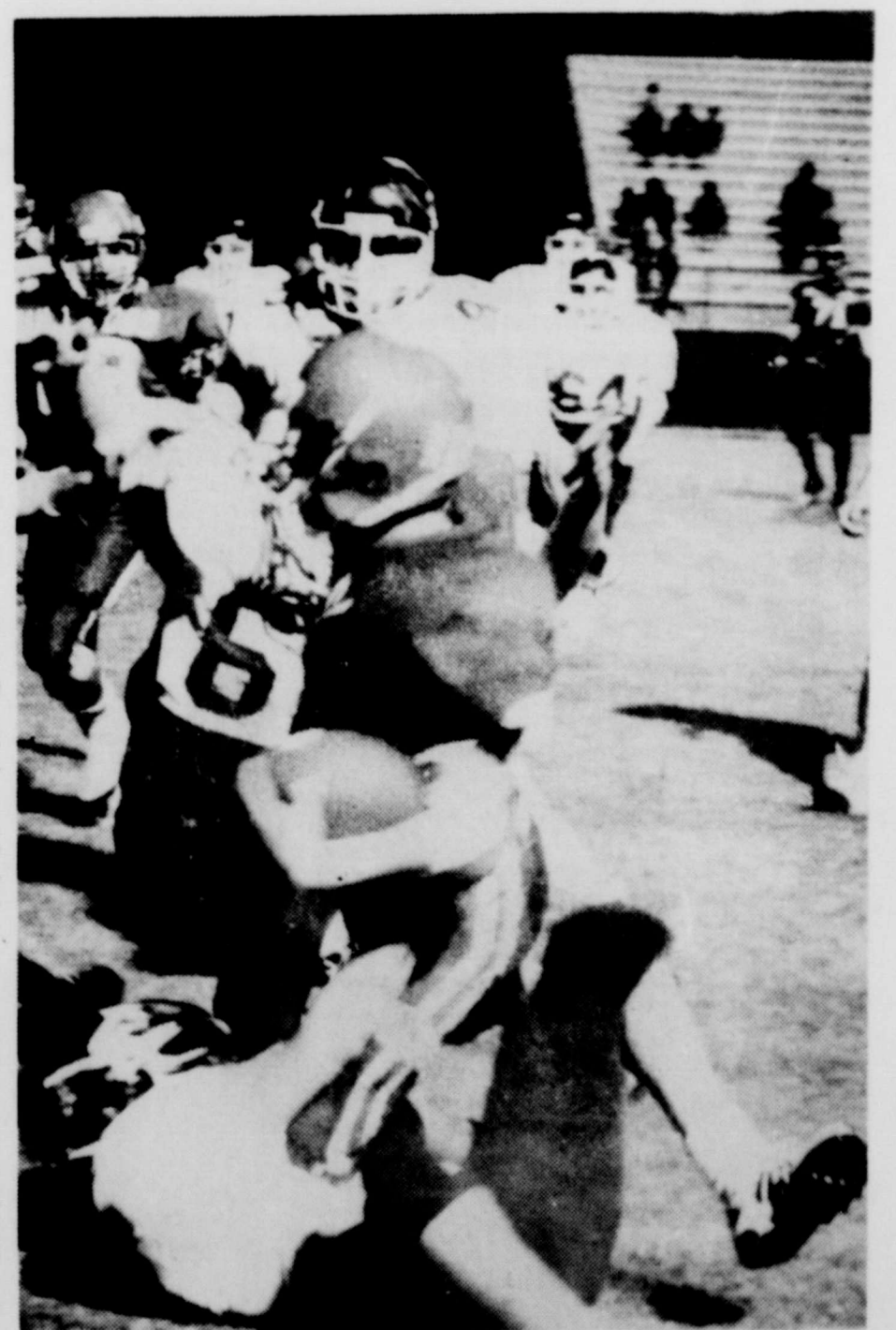
NHS inductions held at MHS

The National Honor Society of Merkel High School held induction ceremonies Monday night at the school auditorium.

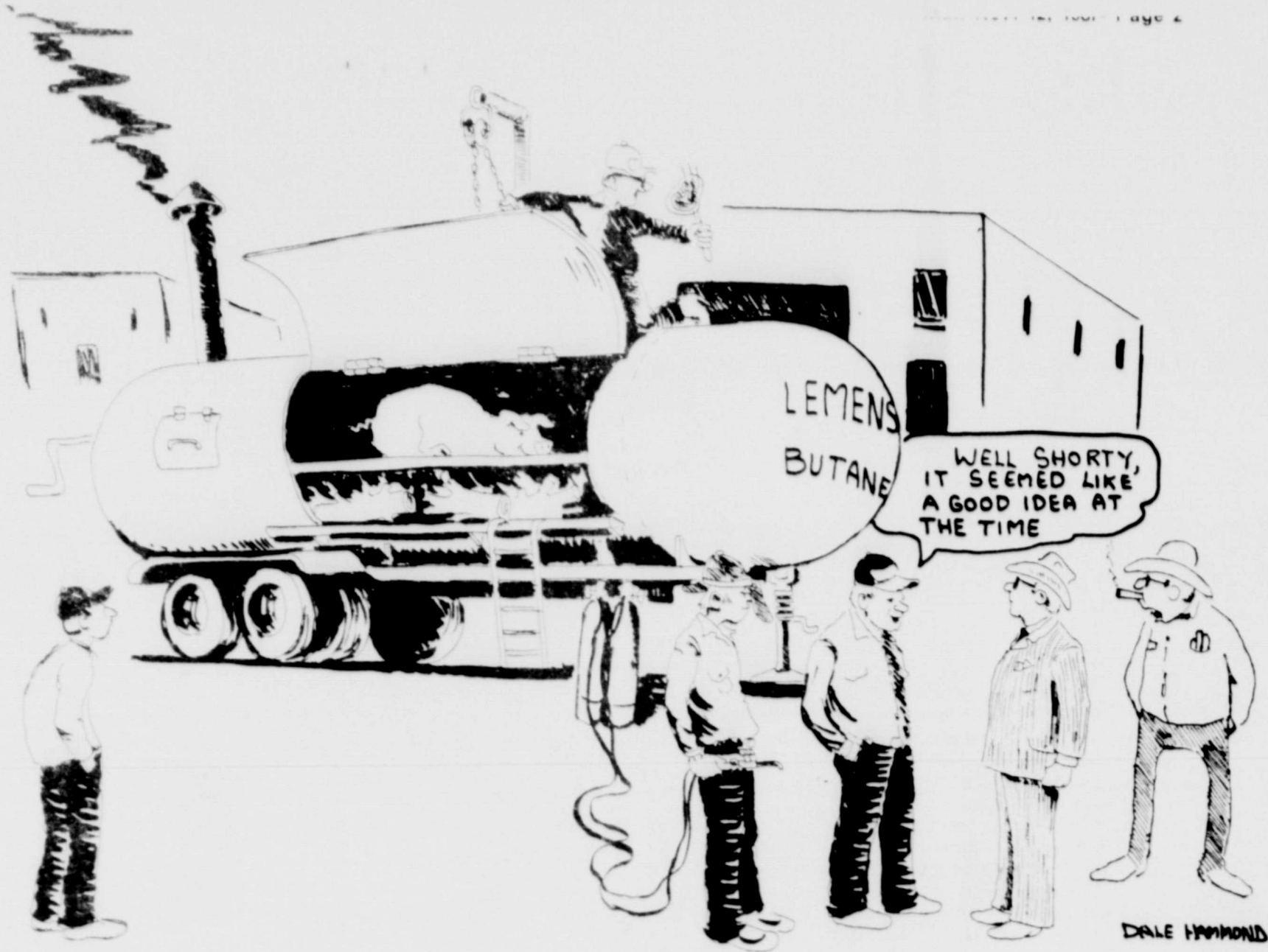
Senior Honor Society members include Mark Aldrete, Doug Bauer, Chris Biera, Angie Boggs, Sandra Bynum, Angela Cannon, Michelle Certa, Son Mi Chon, Kyle Coker, Russell Doan, April Duncan, Kristy Elliott, Staci Ferguson, Shelly Gray, Lynn Hays, Clara Herrera, Allan Isom, Tami Isreal, Stacie Johnson, Ramon Moreno, Shayne Newberry, Brit Pursley, Anja Reyna, Tony Roberts, Ted Seymore, Todd Smith, Renea Thomas, Krista Toombs, Misty Vaughn, Steve Williams and Michael Woodall.

Senior inductees included Kenneth Rakoski and Kaley Tilley.

Junior Class inductees included Michael Adkins, Stephanie Ashorn, Michelle Barnett, Walter Best, David Biera, Sandra Black, Dewayne Clark, Michele Dudley, Jennifer Gaona, Scott Graham, Caren Hendrix, Richa Hill, Jeff Hobbs, Anissa Jones, Kenneth Jowers, Steven Leverich, Melissa Morris, Pam Neff, Glyn Ann Rutledge, Tracy Stevens, Wade Toombs, Diem Tran and Twyla Wilburn.



Jeff Gray (on the ground) and John Paul Dudley (62) team up to stop a Coahoma runner in last week's season ending 14 all tie. Staff photo



MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1987-88

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TEAMS
Nov. 3	Eula Scrimmage	Here	JV & Var. G
Nov. 7	Breckenridge scrimmage	Here	JV & Var. B
Nov. 10	Hawley scrimmage	There	JV & Var. G
Nov. 12	Snyder scrimmage	Here	Var. B
Nov. 17	Stephenville	Here	JV & Var. B
Nov. 17	Roscoe	Here	Var. G
Nov. 20	Sweetwater	There	JV B & Var. G
Nov. 24	Breckenridge	There	JV B & G Var. B & G
Dec. 1	Wylie	Here	JV & Var. G
Dec. 1	Sweetwater	Here	JV & Var. B
Dec. 3, 4, 5	C. City J. V. Tournament	Here	J. V. G
Dec. 3, 4, 5	Possum Kingdom Tournament	Here	Var. B & G
Dec. 8	Eastland	Here	JV B & G Var. B & G
Dec. 10, 11	Cross Timbers Tournament	Here	Var. B & G
Dec. 10, 11	C. City J. V. Tournament	Here	J. V. B
Dec. 15	Ballinger	There	JV & Var. G
Dec. 15	Breckenridge	Here	JV & Var. B
Dec. 18, 19	Roscoe	Here	JV B & Var. G
Dec. 18	Open	Here	Var. B
Dec. 21	Coleman	Here	Var. B & G
Dec. 28, 29	McMurry Holiday Tournament	Here	Var. B
Jan. 2	Stephenville	There	JV & Var. B & G
Jan. 5	Coahoma	Here	JV & Var. B & G
Jan. 8	Clyde	There	JV & V B & G
Jan. 12	Colorado City	Here	JV & V B & G
Jan. 15	Sonora	There	J. V & V B & G
Jan. 19	Wylie	There	JV & V B & G
Jan. 22	Jayton	Here	JV & V B & G
Jan. 26	Ballinger	Here	J. V & V B & G
Jan. 29	Coahoma	There	J. V & V B & G
Feb. 2	Clyde	Here	JV & V B & G
Feb. 5	Colorado City	There	JV & V B & G
Feb. 9	Sonora	Here	JV & V B & G
Feb. 12	Wylie	Here	J. V & V B & G
Feb. 16	Open	Here	JV & V B & G
Feb. 19	Ballinger	There	JV & V B & G

MHS boys start basketball by hosting Stephenville Tuesday

New Merkel High boys basketball coach Johnny Hampton told **The Mail** Monday his team had three months worth of work to do in a week as the Badger boys will open their season here Tuesday against Stephenville. The Badger boys varsity and JV teams will be in action with the JV game starting at 6 p.m.

Hampton is entering his 6th season as a coach and spent the first five years of his career as a basketball coach in Nazareth.

Some of his squad scrimmaged

Breckenridge here Saturday and will scrimmage Snyder here Thursday night (tonight) at 6 p.m.

Hampton told **The Mail** "I haven't seen some of the players yet. We will play a man-to-man defense and we will have to wait and see what type of offense we will be able to play."

The off season basketball players were joined by boys off of the football team Monday as the Badgers start their 1987-88 boys basketball campaign.

Local Exchange Club honors four MHS seniors

The Merkel Exchange Club honored Merkel High School students of the month at their regular breakfast Oct. 27.

Students who are seniors at Merkel High School were nominated by faculty members. Students who demonstrate superior qualities of leadership, scholarship, athletic ability and industry are considered. Each month, two students will be honored and in May a Youth of the Year will be named and honored by the Exchange Club. That students will also receive a scholarship and will advance to district level of competition.

Honored for September were Krista Toombs and Tony Roberts.

Krista is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Billy Bob Toombs. She has been involved in the student council for four years, a cheerleader for two years, basketball four years, class officer three years, National Honor Society for two years, and Who's Who this year. She was also class favorite for two years, class friendliest one year, Junior Princess representative for one year and was Homecoming Queen and Football Sweetheart this year.

She is also very active in her church and youth group. She visits the nursing home each week and is a pupeteer for bus kids and a black out play actor. She plans to attend Abilene Christian University and she is undecided on her major.

Tony Roberts is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Milton Payne and is very active in both school and church activities.

He is a student council representative this year, was in band for two years, football three years. He was on the track team for three years, class friendliest one year the National Honor Society for two years and was a member of the freshman debating team. He was in FFA 1 year, the academic B team for two years, the AB honor roll for four years and Who's Who one year. He is undecided as to a college or major.

Active in church work, Tony has participated in the church youth choir as a member and soloist the last four years and a member of the puppet team. He has been a member of the nominating committee for a year and the youth committee for three years.

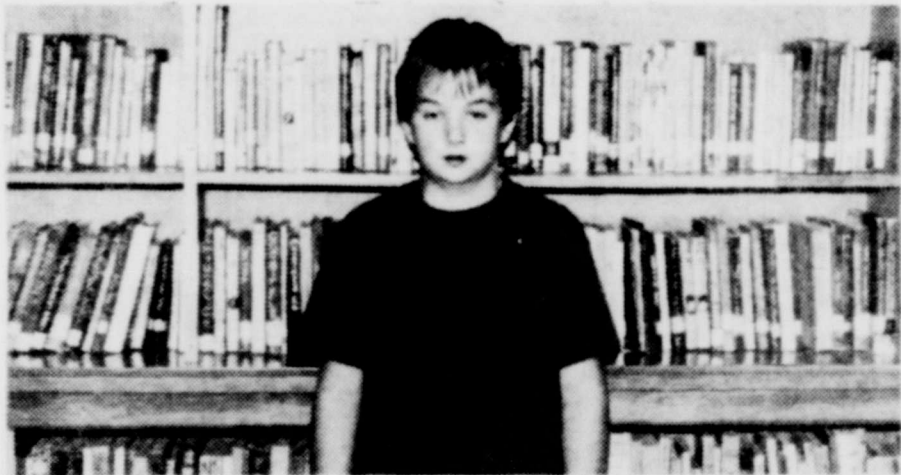
Michael has been in football for four years, in track two years, the National Honor Society two years, Who's Who one year and the UIL calculator and science competitions for two years. He was a student of the Month in the Hi School for two years and has been on the honor roll for four years.

He was active in Boy Scouts and also worked with a food drive and helped paint the Tye Community Center.

The Merkel Exchange Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 a.m. at Pug & Leo's. Anyone wishing information may contact Benny Williams at Starbucks.

Middle school students of the month

Merkel Middle School has chosen their students of the month. They were chosen on the criteria of citizenship, grades and enthusiasm.



The 6th grade student of the month is Judd Burton, son of Glenn and Sherry Burton. He favorite subjects are math and science and his hobbies are drawing and studies on nuclear fusion. He plans to finish school, go to college and become a computer engineer or a physicist.

Staci has been involved in the student council for two years. She is editor of the yearbook and served as the Junior and Senior Class president. She is also the FFA/HERO secretary, a member of the band for four years and has been a twirler for two years. She played basketball two years and volleyball one year. She was a member of the color guard for two years and is a Senior Class favorite nominee, as well as a Miss MHS nominee. She has been named to the National Honor Society for two years and is the vice president of that group. She is on the school newspaper staff, a member of Who's Who for two years, a member of the Society of Distinguished High School students for four years, a member of the Academic A team one year, on the A honor roll for four years. She earned Division I ratings in UIL twirling two years and ensemble twirling two years.

She is very active in her church as she is on the puppet team, the Acteen group for four years, Meals on Wheels one year and the Merkel Childrens Theatre one year.

Michael Woodall is the son of Mr. & Mrs. David Woodall, and at Lance Perry will receive national FFA award

Lance Perry of Merkel has been nominated and is expected to receive the American Farmer Degree, the highest degree awarded by the National FFA organization.

The award is based on outstanding agricultural production, processing and service records, and demonstrated leadership. Perry will be one of 728 members receiving the award at the National FFA convention in Kansas City Nov. 12-14.

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The 7th grade student of the month is Mindi Brnovak. She is the daughter of Gaylon and Donna Brnovak and her favorite subjects are English and science. Her hobbies are listening to the radio and reading and she is undecided on what she will do after she finishes school.

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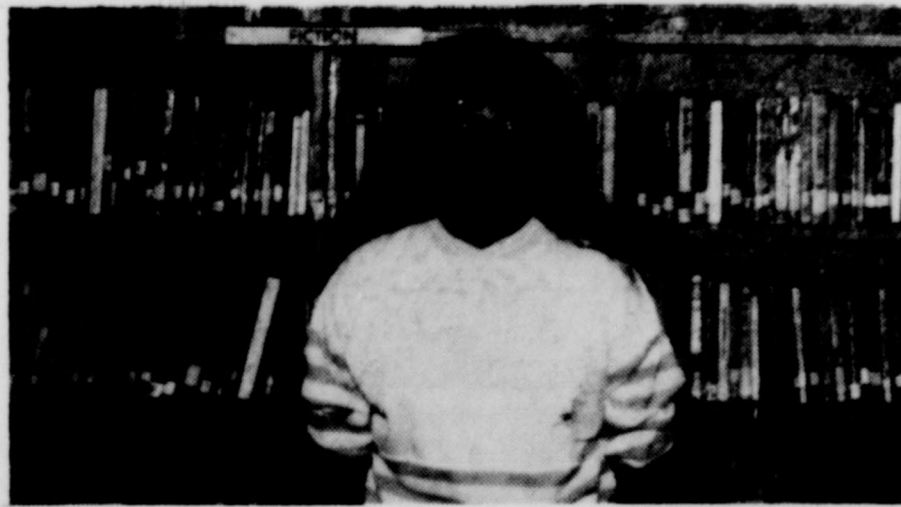
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Worship... 11:00 AM
Evening Worship... 6:00 PM

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Trent rolls into playoffs after 74-28 win

by W. E. Dulaney

The Highland Hornets found out why the Trent Gorillas are the District 4 East Zone Champs last Friday when the 'Rillas scored first, last and lots of times in between enroute to a 74-28 thrashing.

The 'Rillas tuned up their running game by rushing for 532 yards and amassed an awesome 585 yards offense as the Hornets were unable to stop the potent 'Rilla attack. Lewis Knapp had 203 yards, Mike Payne 129 and Noe Falcon had 118 and Keith Oden gained 82 yards. One defense "fire ants" Cipi Falcon and Lonnie Clack contributed outstanding efforts as both had 17 tackles as the Ants showed the Hornets their sting was a lot more lethal.

The first and second quarters were all Trent as the 'Rillas raced to a 39-0 halftime lead. The first Gorilla touchdown came after a quick three play

drive which Knapp went over from 13 yards out. After the Scott O'Kelly extra point, the 'Rillas led 8-0 with two minutes gone in the game. After a Highland drive that was stopped on a 4th down play by the tough 'Rilla defense, the offense went to work. Behind the blocking of O'Kelly and tight end Brian Massey, running backs Payne and Knapp took the ball the length of the field before Payne hit paydirt with a 15 yard ramble. After O'Kelly's extra point, Trent led 16-0 at the end of the 1st quarter.

The second quarter was more of the same as Trent running backs Payne and Knapp, along with the rest of the offense, totally dominated the Hornets. The first Trent score of the second quarter came at the 7:22 mark when Payne dove in from three yards out. The extra point snap was high but quarterback Dock Carriker kept his cool and hit Chris Jones with a pass to bring the score 23-0

Trent. Less than two minutes later, the 'Rilla offense put eight more points on the board to increase the lead to 31-0 when Knapp burst in from 15 yards out. O'Kelly again added the point after and Trent was rolling.

The scoring continued after Highland was unable to move the ball. Trent took over on downs and Payne and Knapp went to work. With the line opening huge holes, the 'Rillas moved the ball the length of the field and Payne went in from nine yards out. O'Kelly again added the point after and Trent led 39-0 at the half.

In the second half, Coach Doug Gore turned the game over to the "Fire ants" who responded by outscoring Highland 35-28 in the second half, to put icing on the victory.

Highland scored first in the second half when Justin Hester went in from 1 yard out. The Hornet extra point was no good when Mike Hicks broke in to block the kick. That brought the score to 39-6 with 6:53 left in the 3rd quarter.

After the Highland kickoff, Trent's offense picked up where they left off as Oden, Falcon and Knapp continued to punish the Hornet defense with 10 and 15 yard carries before Knapp sped in from 10 yards out. The extra point was no good but Trent had increased their lead to 45-6 with 5:30 left in the third quarter.

Highland, behind the running and passing of Jimmy Johns (who had 209 yards of offense in the losing cause), came right back when Greg Wright

scored from 5 yards out. Gary Fullwood split the uprights and the score was 45-14 at the end of the 3rd quarter.

The 'Rillas didn't wait long to score their next t.d. when on the second play of scrimmage following the kickoff, Noe Falcon went 45 yards for six more points. The extra point pass from Carriker to Falcon was good and the score was 52-14 Trent with 9:47 left in the game. Falcon's t.d. run was a show of determination as he broke six tackles and appeared to be stopped twice before scoring.

The Hornets refused to fold when on the second play after O'Kelly's kickoff, Johns went 41 yards for six more Hornet points to bring the score to 52-20 with 8:24 left in the game.

The 'Rillas came right back behind the running of Oden, Knapp and Falcon and had the ball at the Highland five yard line in three plays. On the fourth play of the drive, Carriker crossed up the Hornet defense with a fine fake to Falcon before hitting Chris Jones with a t.d. pass. O'Kelly again busted the extra point and Trent led 60-20 with 7:20 left in the game.

The next 51 seconds saw both teams score long distance touchdowns. Highland's t.d. was on a 20 yard jaunt by Johns and after Fullwood split the uprights, the Hornets had narrowed the gap to 60-28.

The 'Rillas answered back on the first play after the Highland kickoff when Knapp raced 60 yards around right end for six more Trent points. After O'Kelly made his sixth extra point of the night,

Trent led 68-28 with 6:29 left. The 60 yard run by Knapp pushed him past the 1,000 yard mark for the second straight year.

The 'Rillas got one last touchdown when Keith Oden went 15 yards straight up the middle to close out the scoring at 74-28. The t.d. run gave Trent the victory as the game was called with 2:37 left due to the 45 point rule.

"It was an exciting game for everybody," replied Coach Doug Gore. The offense got a good workout and the 'fire ants' did a good job. We came out of the game healthy and now we can get ready for the playoffs."

Trent will now get ready for their zone playoff game Friday at 7:30 against Wellman in Gail. It will be a rematch of sorts as the 'Rillas handed the Wildcats their only defeat last year 31-25 in the zone playoffs. Wellman is a lot like us, said Coach Gore. "They are a little smaller but they are quicker, they are young and they only have two seniors that start, but they are an experienced playoff team. They run the ball but they are not afraid to pass."

The 'Cats have three offensive starters and 4 defensive starters back from last year's team led by Jay Rowden who rushed for 1,600 yards last year. Along with Rowden, the 'Cats rely on quarterback Tony Timmons and ends Scott Rowden, David Pendergrass and Robert Mercado.

The 'Rillas, who finish their regular season with a record of 8-1, now start preparing for their second season in their quest for the Six-Man State Championship.

GAME STATS

	Trent	Highland
First downs	22	16
att-rush yards	47-352	37-250
Pass yards	53	129
att-comp-t.d.'s	3-5-1	7-22-0
punts avg.	1-55	2-25-1
penalties	14-147	7-41
int. by	0	0
fumbles lost	1	1

FINAL DISTRICT 4 EAST

	W	L	PS	PA
Trent	5	0	218	95
Jayton	4	1	214	66
Blackwell	3	2	142	116
Ira	2	3	68	132
Hermleigh	1	4	97	170
Highland	0	5	72	232

FINAL REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS

	Team (Average per game)	
	Trent	Opp
Points scored	42.3	22.6
Rushing Yards	336.9	155.5
Pass Yards	56.5	112.0

INDIVIDUAL STATS RUSHING

	YARDS			T.D.'s
	YARDS	AVG	T.D.'s	
Lewis Knapp	1,044	7.4	17	
Mike Payne	758	7.9	11	
Keith Oden	602	6.4	8	
Noe Falcon	452	8.2	5	
Cipi Falcon	67	4.1	0	
Brian Massey	8	8.0	0	

PASSING

	Comp-att Yards T.D.'s Int			
	Comp-att	Yards	T.D.'s	Int
Dock Carriker	34-79	401	9	6
Lewis Knapp	4-11	104	2	0
Scott O'Kelly	1-1	4	0	0
Lee Hunt	0-1	0	0	0

Receiving

	No. Yards Avg. T.D.'s			
	No.	Yards	Avg.	T.D.'s
Lee Hunt	20	301	15.05	8
Brian Massey	13	144	11.07	2
Keith Oden	2	28	14.0	0
Lewis Knapp	1	21	21.0	0
Scott O'Kelly	1	10	10.0	0
Chris Jones	1	5	5.0	1
Mike Payne	1	0	0.0	0

THS 'fire-ants' are pests to opponents

Fire ants, in this case, are not insects although some teams that Trent has played would consider them pests. They are the freshmen on the Zone Champion Trent Gorilla football team.

The fire ants are Mike Hicks, Ricky Tarin, Lonnie Clark, Travis Walker and Cipi Falcon and they have contributed in every game this year, but some of their more outstanding moments came in the Jayton and Highland games.

Against Jayton, they were responsible for two blocked extra points as the ants are able to burst through lines much to the surprise of the opposing team. The Highland Hornets got a taste of the ants sting as they were responsible for 35 second half points enroute to a 74-28 victory over the Hornets.

These young athletes offer a promising future for the football team for the next three years.

by Kay Dulaney

Oden likes to break the long runs

"I love to break long runs. I like to see if they can catch me." Keith Oden, a 5'9" 150 pound sophomore running-back safety has had more than a few breakaway opportunities this year. Oden is one of the fastest Gorillas and any sweep he can get outside often ends up in the end zone.

Keith is active in THS activities. He plays drums in the band and is involved in FFA, raising duroc

hogs and being a member of the Greenhand quiz team. Football is not his only sport as he is a basketball letterman and runs the 100, 200 and sprint relay for the Gorilla track team.

"My individual goals are to make all-district, but the team comes first and our team goals are to beat Guthrie and win state." He added "I would like some of our guys to get some

all-state recognition."

Keith wants to attend Baylor and major in physical education. He would like to play professional football but if not, he'd like to coach.

Keith lives in Trent with Father Norman, Mother Effie and sister Jennifer. He has a brother, Robert, who lives in Eastland and two sisters, Connie in Arizona and Sherry in Abilene.

THS sets 97% attendance rate in October

The last two calculators given away by the Trent Independent School District were presented to Amanda Stautzenberger in grades K-5 and Jackie Swinney in grades 6-12. The attendance month grand prize, a jam box, was won by Christy Cobler, who is a 9th grade student at Trent High School.

Superintendent Don Gibson wanted to thank the parents and students for an accumulative 97 percent attendance rate that helped Trent ISD set its average daily attendance at 184.

On a related note, the Trent Carnival raised \$2,970.50 which will be used for all classroom activities.

Harvest Temple Church sets spaghetti supper

The Harvest Temple Church will be holding a spaghetti buffet Saturday from 5 until 8 p.m. at the Trent Fire Station. The all you can eat dinner will be \$4 for adults and \$3 for kids under 12. Besides some of the best spaghetti in West Texas, hand crafted items and baked goods will also be available.

Proceeds will benefit the Harvest Temple Building Fund. All area residents are encouraged to come out for some good food and fellowship.

by W. E. Dulaney

TRENT HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL 1987-88

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TEAMS	TIME
Nov. 17	Merkel Frosh	Here	B & G	5:00
Nov. 20	Moran	Here	B & G	6:30
Nov. 24	Moran	There	B & G	6:30
Nov. 27	Open			
Dec. 1	Rotan	Here	B & G	6:30
Dec. 4	Moran	Here	B & G	6:30
Dec. 8	Roby	There	B & G JV	5:00
Dec. 10-12	Highland Tournament			
Dec. 15	Open	There	B & G	6:30
Dec. 18	Hermleigh	There	B & G	6:30
Jan. 5	Rule	There	B & G	6:30
Jan. 8 & 9	Trent Tournament			
Jan. 12	Leuders-Avoca	There	B & G	6:30
Jan. 15	Rule	Here	B & G	6:30
Jan. 19	Blackwell	Here	B & G	6:30
Jan. 22	Highland	There	B & G	6:30
Jan. 26	Roscoe	There	B & G	6:30
Jan. 29	Highland	Here	B & G	6:30
Feb. 2	Roscoe	Here	B & G	6:30
Feb. 5	Blackwell	There	B & G	6:30

TRENT JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

DATE	Opponent	SITE	TEAMS	TIME
Nov. 23	ACJHS	Here	B & G	6:00
Nov. 30	Roby	Here	B & G	5:30
Dec. 7	Blackwell	There	B & G	6:00
Dec. 14	Highland	Here	B & G	6:00
Jan. 11	Roscoe	Here	B & G	6:00
Jan. 14-16	Blackwell Tournament			
Jan. 18	Highland	There	B & G	6:00
Jan. 25	Roscoe	There	B & G	6:00
Jan. 28-30	Roscoe Tournament			
Feb. 1	Blackwell	Here	B & G	6:00

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- 2** Have everyone leave the house immediately leaving doors open for ventilation.
- 3** Go to the nearest telephone and call Lone Star Gas Company. Wait until we have found the cause before returning to your home.

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- 3** Perform any major landscape renovation.

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In our continuing effort to provide better, safer service, local Lone Star Gas offices are ready to answer any questions that contractors may have concerning the location of gas lines in their areas.

PUBLIC HEARING # 2

The City of Tye, Texas, will conduct a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. November 17, 1987 at the Tye Municipal Building 206 North St., Tye, Texas for the purpose of finalizing the activities and elements contained in the Community Development Program Application. Authorization will be given to submit this application to the Texas Department of Community Affairs. All citizens, particularly low income residents, are invited and encouraged to attend.

47-21-11c
 CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS - TO: TOMMY CRAIG

McGOWEN, Address Unknown, Respondent: GREETINGS

-YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of PAMELA DENISE MCGOWEN, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 23rd day of September, 1987, against TOMMY CRAIG MCGOWEN, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 15,434-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The

Matter of The Marriage of Pamela Denise McGowan and Tommy Craig McGowen"

the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to grant a divorce between the Petitioner and Respondent and decree such other relief as requested in the petition.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding upon you.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the appointment of a Man-

aging Conservator of the Child.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 30th day of October, 1987.

Rilla Mahoney, Clerk 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy (Seal) 46-11c-85

Classifieds

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

For Sale: 55 gallon barrels New, make excellent garbage or storage containers. \$5 each \$4 each if you buy more than 5. Call 846-3041 after 8 p.m.
45-2tc

For your Christmas and Thanksgiving cakes and pies, call the ladies of the Assembly of God Church at 928-5486 or 928-5154
45-2tp

For sale: 1983 Kawasaki 1100 Spectre less than 3,000 miles black & gold, real nice. Two helmets included \$1,495. See at 106 Cherry or call 928-4948 nights 1-691-9790
46-1tp

For sale: 1984 VW Quantum GL, 5 speed, perfect condition, must sell 928-3463.
46-1tc

For Sale: light weight Lusky saddle pad \$200. Free kittens call 928-4829 after 5 or weekends
46-1tc

MISC
Free beautiful black labrador-shepard puppies. Healthy, need a good home. Lost: black lab, answers to Belle. Please call 928-5560.
46-1tp

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

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

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

Found: Black dog with soem white female adult. Available for adoption if not claimed. Merkel Vet Clinic 928-5235.

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

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

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

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

For sale: Just outside city limits 3 bedroom, 2 bath 1 1/2 acres good water well. Call 676-5636.
46-1tp

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

For sale: couch & matching painting; kitchen table and chairs. Contact Jan Whisenant at Merkel High School or call 928-5941.
46-1tp

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

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

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

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

NEED TO FIND: information on World War II buddy for reunion in Montana. Anyone knowing whereabouts, or information on relatives or heirs of Leonard E. Huff, a former Merkel resident and member of the 89th Airdrom Squadron who served in China, Burma and India, please contact Mrs. J. A. Roark H. C. 76 Box 364 Olla, La. 71465.

REAL ESTATE
For sale: 3 bedroom, 1 bath, on 2 lots, well insulated, vinyl siding, 1 block from High school call 696-3624 or 512-895-2141 or 512-895-2259.
42-TFC

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

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

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

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

MOBILE HOMES
Credit problems? Down payment problems? We specialize in approval with easy terms. Need sincere help? 806-763-4051 call collect.
42-TFC

Need assistance with government acquired properties? Some with 0 down, minimum closing costs. Call Ken Hogan at Century 21, Abilene Big Country 692-8311 or 928-4826.
38-TFC

For Sale: 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, all brick, all electric, home near school. Central heat and air in the middle to 2 lots, ask for Dorothy 698-4484 or 696-7634.

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

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

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

For rent: 2 two bedroom apartments, all carpeted, central heat, stove and refrigerator \$200 per month, \$100 deposit, water paid. 1 bedroom house, furnished. Call 928-5787.
46-1tp

For rent: Clean, unfurnished 3 bedroom home, 1 bath \$250 per month, \$150 deposit. Call 928-4025.
46-TFC

Equal Housing Opportunity

Shannonside Apartments
\$1, 2 & 3 bedroom apartments, all electric, central heat & cooling. For more information, call 928-5038.
25-TFC

For rent: 1 bedroom, clean, upstairs furnished apartment. \$100 deposit & \$150 a month. At 910 Huse call 928-4110. Will share utilities.
38-tfc

GARAGE SALES
Porch sale: weather permitting, 1211 S 2nd, Saturday only.
46-1tp

Garage sale: 208 Orange, lots of everything, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 928-4833.
46-1tc

Garage sale: Lots of misc. items, Saturday only 8-4 812 S 11th.
46-1tc

3 family garage sale: 2 1/2 miles North of Merkel on FM 126. Childrens clothes, jeans, strawberry shortcake toy box, tricycle, Friday & Saturday morning.
46-1tp

CARDS OF THANKS
We would like to thank everyone who attended our Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. We appreciate all the nice gifts, and cards we received from all our friends and relatives. Pete & Elsie Swinney
I want to thank the friends and neighbors in Merkel for their caring.

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928-4176 AFTER HOURS

PUBLIC NOTICES
THE STATE OF TEXAS
-To: JOE OATES Address Unknown, Defendant, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 30th day of November, 1987, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 350th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene, Texas.
Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 8th day of October, A.D. 1987, in this cause, numbered 2036-D on the docket of said court and styled, ROY D. HAVNER and wife TRACY L. HAVNER Plaintiff, vs. JOE OATES, Defendants.
The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: ROY D. HAVNER and wife TRACY L. HAVNER are Plaintiffs and JOE OATES are Defendants.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: On October 28, 1980, Defendant executed a Warranty Deed to Plaintiff, Roy D. Havner and to his wife at such time, Willie Jo Havner, conveying certain property located in Taylor County, Texas, describing such property as follows, to-wit: Being 4.70 acres out of a 90.5 acre tract out of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 31, Lunatic Asylum Lands, Taylor County, Texas. By a subsequent Divorce Decree dated Sept. 4, 1984, Roy D. Havner was awarded the subject property. Due to a mutual mistake the Deed failed to adequately describe the particular 4.70 acres being conveyed. Plaintiff seeks judgement by the Court for the Deed to be reformed to express the true conveyance intended by Plaintiffs and Defendant by the addition of the metes and bounds description of the specific 4.70 acres intended to be conveyed by the parties. Plaintiff seeks judgement for such other relief, and law or in equity, to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on

file in this suit.
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 9th day of October, A. D. 1987.
Attest: Rilla Mahoney, Clerk, 350th District Court, Taylor County, Texas By JoAnn Lackey Deputy (Seal).
43-4tc-111

PUBLIC HEARING # 1
The City of Tye, Texas will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. November 9, 1987, at the Tye Municipal Building, 205 North St., Tye, Texas for the purpose of soliciting citizen input for the development of a Community Development Program Application to the Texas Department of Community Affairs. All Citizens, particularly low income residents, are invited and encouraged to attend.
45-1tc-20

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Taylor
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain ORDER OF SALE issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, of the 9th day of September, 1987, by ORDER OF SALE of said 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas for the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Eight and 15/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a JUDGMENT, in favor of L. T. ABEREGG vs. ROBERT MCDONALD, placed in my hands for service, I, JOHN W. MIDDLETON, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 3rd day of November, 1987 levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: "All of Robert McDonald's interest in and to one certain Oil and Gas lease dated October 1, 1979, from Mary Lou Newsom, Lessor to L. T. Aberegg, Lessee, recorded in Volume 1130, Page 443, Deed Records, Taylor County, Texas, covering the following described property, to-wit: Being 100.5 acres of land and being the West One Half (1/2) of the North 210 Acres of the West 301.5 acres out of Section 119, H&TC Ryco Survey, Block 64, Taylor County, Texas and lev-

ied upon as the property of ROBERT MCDONALD and that on the first Tuesday in December, 1987, the same being the 1st day of said month at the Court House door of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., by the virtue of said levy and said ORDER OF SALE I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said ROBERT MCDONALD.
SALE WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 A.M.
SALE WILL BE FOR CASH ONLY.
And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale in The Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.
Witness my hand, this the 3rd day of November, 1987.
John W. Middleton Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas by Eddie Swanson, Deputy.
45-3tc-95

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Jo Moore
City Secretary
45-2tc-42

PUBLIC NOTICE
The City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, acting as the City's Planning and Zoning Commission, will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. November 23, 1987. Purpose of said Public Hearing is to consider a request from the First Baptist Church to for a Special Use Permit to build an activity building to be located in the 300 block of Locust Street, Merkel, Texas. Any and all interested parties are invited to attend.
Kent Satterwhite
Mayor
46-1tc-22

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John's football picks

The following are John Starbuck's football picks of the week. John had his body cast removed in Dallas last week and is doing much better.

Trent 35-Wellman 30 (The Gorillas advance to the next round of the Six-Man playoffs).

Texas A & M 20-Arkansas 15 (The Aggies had last week off and that may prove costly to the Hogs).

Auburn 28-Georgia 25 (This will be a great game even without Bo Jackson and Herschel Walker).

Indiana 24-Michigan State 21 (The winner will most likely end up in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day).

New England 17-Dallas 14 (The Cowboys have their ups and downs).

Last week 2 wins, 1 loss 1 tie. For the season, 30 wins 16 losses and two ties.

MISD lunch menu

The following is the MISD lunch menu:

Nov. 12: chicken fried steak with cream gravy, green beans, creamed potatoes, whipped jello.

Nov. 13th Hamburgers with all the trimmings, peanut butter cookies.

Nov. 16: meat loaf, blackeyed peas, buttered carrots, pink spiced applesauce.

Nov. 17: Salisbury steak with

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brown gravy, whipped potatoes, english peas, sliced peaches.

Nov. 18: fish nuggets, macaroni and tomatoes, lettuce and tomato salad, apricot cobbler.

Nov. 19: Mexican fiesta, pinto beans, lettuce and tomatoes, chopped onions, rice, pineapple chunks.

Nov. 20: corn dogs, baked bread, french fries, fresh orange wedges.

TISD lunch menu

The following is the TISD breakfast and lunch menu:

Nov. 12: juice, cinnamon rolls, milk, chili, cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, salad, banana pudding, cornbread.

Nov. 13: juice, oatmeal, toast, milk, cheeseburgers with all the trimming and fries, cookies.

Nov. 16: juice, cereal, milk, chicken strips with gravy, later tots, carrots, peanut butter cakes, rolls, tea or milk.

Nov. 17: juice, donuts, rolls, spaghetti, english peas, salad, garlic toast, chocolate pudding.

Nov. 18: juice, biscuits and sausage, milk, beef and beans,

buttered potatoes, spinach, corn bread, apple crisp.

Nov. 19: juice, cheese toast, milk, hamburger casserole, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, crackers, sliced pears.

Nov. 20: juice, oatmeal, raisins, chili dogs, french fries, mixed fruit, cookies.

2 local WTU employees receive awards

Two West Texas Utilities Company employees from Merkel were honored Nov. 3rd at the Company's annual district service and safety awards banquet in Abilene.

Herman Aiken, serviceman, received a 20 year safety award.

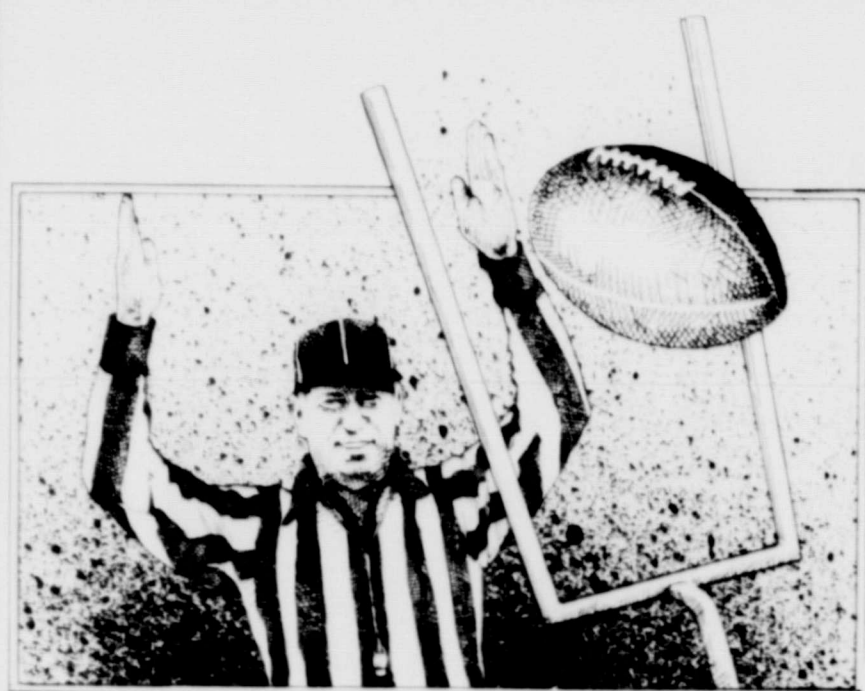
Terrell Sneed, serviceman apprentice, received a 5 year service and safety award.

Lambda Beta meets

Members of Lambda Beta were guests of Preceptor Eta Omega's annual Holiday delights program held at Taylor Electric Nov. 3rd.

Their regular meeting was held following the program in the home of Jerrye Carex. Secret sisters were revealed and gifts were opened.

Members attending were Janet Rogers, Kim Robertson, Sharon Young, Jerrye Carey, Cindy Beaver, Robin Hicks, Kay Bishop, Beverly Helmer, Virginia Pirraglia, Carrie Douglas and Janet McKeehan.

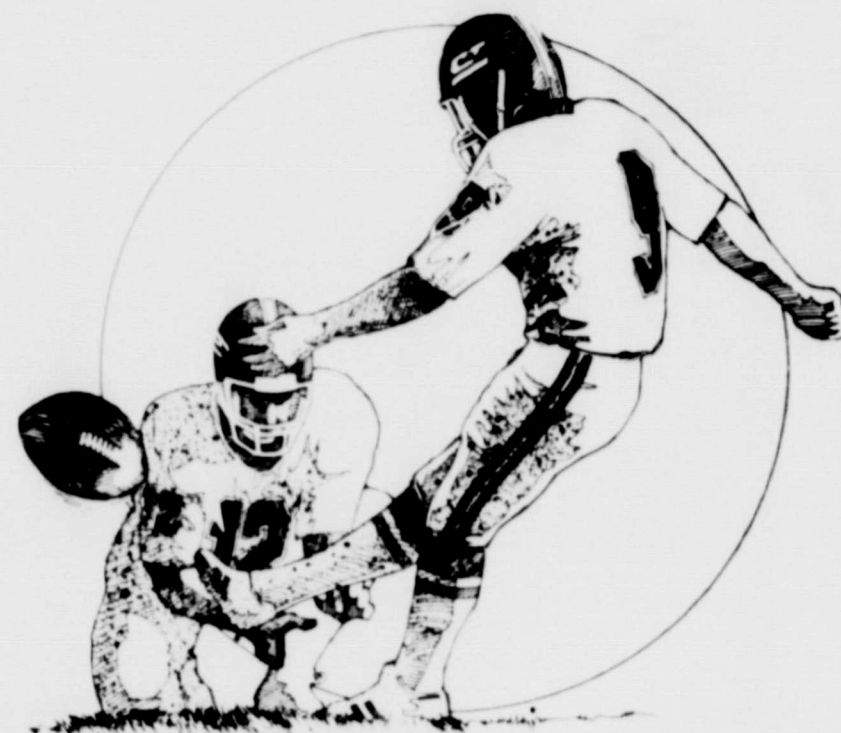


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Preceptor Eta Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday for their regular meeting in the party room at the Taylor Electric Co-Op.

A short business meeting was held by president Blanche Hewitt. Fall Rituals will be held Nov. 14th at the Abilene Country Club. Opal Garner will receive her life membership.

MHS holds annual career day

Merkel High School held career day November 3 at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Some 35 college recruiters and branches of the Armed Services were on hand to discuss future plans with over 300 high school students. This is the second year

The program was given by Linda Caton of West Texas Utilities. Her program was "Holiday Delights." Refreshments were served to Opal Garner, Blanche Hewitt, "Y" Sadler, Pat Schuknecht, Mamie Steck, Connie Ybarra and 35 guests.

Merkel High School has participated in the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrar and Admissions Officers program. The Merkel High School staff and student body wanted to thank the First Baptist Church here for the use of their facilities.

Senior citizens plan garage, bake sales

The Merkel Senior Citizens will have a director's meeting Wednesday and also a covered dish luncheon. Plans are being made for a donation garage sale Dec. 3rd and a bake sale Dec. 5th.

If you have any items you would like to donate to these events, call 928-4869 or 928-5583. If you need a ride to meetings you may call 928-5074 or one of the directors.

Hunter's Insight

by Josh Amerine

Last weekend I had a chance to visit with some of the members of the Devil's Mountain Bowhunter's Club. Most of the hunters had finally connected. I counted seven deer and 11 turkeys among the members. We were all glad to finally see some consistent success. I feel the late season success coincidences early in October such as shifting weather patterns and unseasonably warm weather. The warm temperatures seem to lessen the intensity of the rut which tends to decrease deer movement. Most of us are hoping that during the general season rut activity will be greater than normal, increasing the mature deers' vulnerability to such tactics as calling and rattling.

Those of you that are dyed in the wool duck and goose hunters may have a great season. Oak Creek Reservoir had hundreds of ducks over the weekend, promising good opportunities. This unexpected

cold, wet weather has probably driven the birds in from the plains, and the ducks should keep coming which should be followed by the straggler geese, most of which will winter on the Texas Gulf Coast.

With the general season just a few days away, only last minute preparations are in order. It is too late to switch major components, scope, rifle, etc. without risking failure in the field. Handloaded ammunition that has not been proven reliable is a special culprit. Every aspect of shooting needs to be carefully tried in all conditions to be assured of reliable performance. The point is: use tested equipment and supplies to avoid failure that could ruin an expensive hunt. Try not to overlook the small details that could detract from the enjoyment of the already too short hunting season. Everyone have a good opening weekend and be careful. Good hunting.

New commercial vehicle act will be explained in Abilene

The Big Country Safety Association, in conjunction with the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, will sponsor a training seminar on Thursday, November 19 to explain the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act that will take effect, in part, in Texas Jan. 1, 1988.

The Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act which covers federal regulations governing interstate trucking has been adopted by the Texas Legislature to cover interstate trucking in Texas.

The new regulations will apply to owners and operators of all motor vehicles and or combinations of vehicles with a registered or actual gross weight of 10,000 pounds or more. These rules will apply to private carriers as well as Commercial carriers. Also, the new regulations apply to owners and operators of all motor vehicles, regardless of size, if the

vehicle is transporting hazardous material which would require placards.

The seminar will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 19th and will be held at the West Texas Utilities Lytle Shores Auditorium in Abilene. The seminar will be aimed at the general truck industry.

Registration for the seminar may be made by calling the Abilene Chamber of Commerce at 677-7241. A registration fee of \$15 will be charged to cover the cost of materials and equipment for the seminar. The registration fee may be mailed to the Abilene Chamber of Commerce at P. O. Box 2281, Abilene, 79604.

Instructors of the seminar will be from the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Department of Transportation.

Registration for the seminar will be limited to the first 100 persons that register.

Obituaries

Floyd Fortner

Floyd Franklin Fortner, 74 of Merkel, died Nov. 3. Funeral services were held Nov. 5th at Merkel's First United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Wagoner, pastor, officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 11, 1912 in Childress, he was the son of John Fortner and Lillie (Lewis) Fortner.

A Baptist, he was a graduate of Putman High School in Putman, Okla. He had married LaVerne Harwell March 17, 1941 in Abilene.

He was a maintenance supervisor for Dow Chemical for 30 years and he and his wife moved here when he retired in 1970.

He is survived by his wife of Merkel; his mother, Mrs. Lillie Fortner of Arapaho, Okla.; two sisters, Mrs. Joy Avis Palmer of Clinton, Okla. and Mrs. Laveta J. Fortner of San Francisco; a

brother, John Fortner of Arapaho, Okla. and several nieces and nephews.

The family requested memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church here.

Pallbearers were Robert Leo Harris, Jackie Minze, Ricky Minze, Marshall Wharton, Dolin Morris and Junior Clark.

Dewey Whisenhunt

Dewey Whisenhunt, 67, of 3158 S. 20th in Abilene, died Saturday at an Abilene Hospital.

Funeral services were held day at the Elliott-Hamill Funeral Home with the Revs. David Cason and James Walls officiating. Burial followed in the Drummond Cemetery near Caps.

Born in Lone Oak, he grew up in Merkel and moved to Abilene in 1967.

He was a retired civil service employee at Dyess Air Force Base for 20 years and he retired in 1976.

He was a veteran of World War II and was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Pbeda Glenn Kinsey Whisenhunt of Abilene; a daughter, Barbara Wilson of Hawley; three sons, Johnny Whisenhunt, Jimmy Whisenhunt and Jackie Whisenhunt, all of Abilene; a brother, L. C. Whisenhunt of Merkel; two sisters, Annie Mae Darden of Merkel and Doris Carter of San Angelo; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Don Murray

Don Moore Murray of San Antonio, died Nov. 6th after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held Nov. 8th at the Starbuck Chapel with John Wagoner officiating.

Burial followed at Rose Hill cemetery here under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born March 6, 1903 in Milam County, he was the son of Robert Bruce Murray and Martha Tennessee (Luce) Murray.

He was an insurance salesman and was a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge for over 40 years. He was an avid outdoorsman and a baseball fan.

He married the former Betty Lu Higgins May 23, 1959 in Gonzales.

He is survived by his wife of San Antonio; his mother and father in law - Warren & Betty Higgins of Blanco; a brother Sidney Murray of Corpus Christi, two nephews Michael and William Murray, both of Corpus and a niece Patricia Eisenhauer, also of Corpus Christi.

Pallbearers were Mike Murray, Connie Mack Seymore, Raymond Winter, Mike Brady, Tim Brady and Leroy Rinev.

Henry Smith

Henry Newton Smith, 83, of eye and has a shiner, but the girls all played really well," said Coach Shugart.

The girls scrimmaged Abilene Christian High Tuesday and will open their season Nov. 17th against the Merkel Freshmen in Trent. He is the son of Hewey Newton Smith and Lovey Ann (Barlow) Smith.

Trent girls ready for season

The Trent Gorilla girls basketball team saw their first action last Friday in a four way scrimmage against Paint Creek, Leuders, Avoca and Loraine.

The Gorillas beat both Leuders and Loraine while tying and losing to Paint Creek. In the Leuders and Loraine games, the Gorillas dominated while against the strong Paint Creek team, which returns four starters from the district championship of a year ago, the Gorillas gave the Indians all they could handle tying them in the first game and losing by two in the second contest.

"Overall, I was really pleased," said Coach Robbie Shugart. "We shot 40 to 50 percent and had a lot of points off of the fast break. Rene Gibson, Luci Masonheimer and Ginger Massey all played well on the offensive side of the court." Coach Shugart continued by saying "On defense we did a lot of pressing and man to man play and

I was really pleased. We got good rebounding off of the boards by Rene Gibson, Tammi Collier and Twila Williams and our second team team got a good workout and did a good job. I'd have to say I was real pleased with all their efforts."

In the Junior High scrimmage, the younger Gorillas got good efforts from Janet Marshall and Janet Gibson in their game against Loraine. "The Jr. High scrimmage was real physical. Janet Marshall got an elbow in the eye and has a shiner, but the girls all played really well," said Coach Shugart.

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Social Security

also pays survivors

Social Security benefits can be paid to many survivors of workers who die after working long enough in work covered by Social Security. Glyn Hammons, Social Security manager in Abilene, said recently.

These survivors include the worker's unmarried children under 18, under 19 if a full-time high school student or over 18 of disabled before reaching 22; a parent caring for a child under 16 or disabled who get benefits; a widow or widower 60 or older, or 50 or over if severely disabled; and dependent parents 62 or older.

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Hunger now a reality of life in rural America

By Jim Hightower



We are faced today with hard times in a land of plenty. As the result of current federal economic policies, low-income families are being held down while middle-income families are being pulled down. For the first time in half a century, we have now, as a matter of official policy, downward mobility within American society.

Wall Street is booming, but Gulf Coast chemical workers who used to earn good union wages now don't have half a good wage and probably don't have a union. White-collar workers in Dallas and Houston, who were steadfastly middle class until corporate raiders took over their firms, have lost their jobs and their pensions in order to finance those raids. Small business owners and workers have found their enterprise stifled and their trade dominated by conglomerates. And hard-working farmers and ranchers, the backbone of our food production

system, are having a hard time putting food on their own tables.

We lost 14,000, or 28 percent, of our full-time commercial farms and ranches in Texas last year. These were victims, not of bad management or bad luck or bad weather, but of bad agricultural policies that deliberately depress the prices farmers are able to get for their commodities, many times lowering those prices to below half the cost of production.

When the family farm goes, so does the rural community. On average, a bankrupt farmer leaves \$77,000 worth of unsecured debt. When this happens over and over, rural banks close. Seed and feed dealers shut down. For every five to seven farm foreclosures, one Main Street business closes its doors. Since 1980, there has been a 22 percent increase in formerly middle-income rural Texas households that have fallen below the poverty line.

This deepening depression in rural Texas has produced a hunger crisis of vast proportions across our state. Many people who likely opposed food assistance programs in 1981 now find themselves depending upon these programs to feed their families.

Emergency food distributors surveyed by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) reported 3.6 million requests for food in 1986, a 108 percent increase since 1984. Six food banks serving rural Texas counties distributed 8,700,000 pounds of food in 1986, or approximately 10,873,000 meals. These food banks reported that demand was at least twice what they could serve and in some areas exceeded their capacity by six to twelve times.

For example, the Concho Valley Food Bank in San Angelo serves 14 counties. In 1984, it distributed 51,000 pounds of food. In 1985, it distributed 168,000 pounds, in 1986, distribution

increased to 582,000 pounds, and it expects to distribute over one million pounds of food this year. Still, the organization's executive director reports that the food bank will meet less than half its actual demand.

Similarly, the High Plains Food Bank of Amarillo, serving 29 counties through 160 organizations, distributed 250,000 pounds of food in 1982 and one million pounds in 1986. Monthly averages for 1987 are already twice those of last year but are still less than half what is really needed to meet the demand. The South Plains Food Bank of Lubbock serves 19 counties. Today it reports serving four times the food it did in 1984. The Permian Basin Food Bank is serving 700,000 pounds of food this year, compared to 420,000 pounds in 1984. It reports needing two or three times that amount.

At a time when emergency food assistance is direly needed—especially in rural Texas—the federal government has decided to reduce the services it provides. While the number of Texans receiving food stamps has increased slightly in recent years, the percentage of those who are eligible who actually receive benefits has declined sharply.

In 1986, 1.4 million Texans received food stamps, including 801,400 rural Texans. In February of this year, 1.5 million Texans were receiving food stamps. However, while nearly 42 percent of those who were eligible received stamps three years ago, barely 30 percent of those eligible receive benefits today.

Nor do Texans fare much better with other types of food assistance. Even with increased WIC funding by the state in 1985, only 22 percent of those actually eligible were served—the same percentage as in 1984. (Forty-six Texas counties do not even participate

in the WIC program.) In 1986, the number of applications for AFDC benefits in Texas increased by 15.4 percent over 1985. Unfortunately, less than 25 percent of the children eligible for AFDC coverage actually receive benefits. The Texas Department of Human Services reports that its combined food assistance programs reach only 12 percent of all Texans. Yet, nearly 20 percent of all Texans are living below the poverty line.

TDA is not a hunger agency *per se*. We have no line-item appropriation for fighting hunger. But, using existing staff and resources, we have been able to help answer a need that is communicated to us every day by the Texas Farm Crisis Hotline. This has included assistance in transporting surplus food to distribution centers, assistance for farmers in obtaining food stamps, and the establishment of cleaning programs and community gardens.

But there is more that must be done. We are implementing an extensive grassroots economic development program that will, over the long term, enable distressed farmers and workers to become independent, productive members of the economy once again. That should become a central part of federal economic policy, as should expanded food-assistance programs that would stabilize the economies of poverty-stricken families and a farm policy built around profitable farm prices. Farmers, factory workers and small business people don't want a handout; they want a chance to contribute to society. Government policy has to be made that will invest in the genius of the majority rather than the greed of the few.

There's money in that trash-- recycling can create new jobs

(AUSTIN)—“We're up to our eyeballs in household and industrial garbage,” Robert King, director of Texas Department of Agriculture's Office of Natural Resources, said, “and it's time we began looking at this problem as an opportunity for new economic development.”

“Recycling of what we call trash today, and recovering some of the remaining value of what we throw away are among the country's biggest growth industries,” said King who was the keynote speaker at the Sixth National Recycling Congress. King also noted that the state could assist with the growth of this recycling industry, both through regulation of waste disposal and by providing a market for recycled products.

Approximately 400 participants attended the conference from across Texas and the nation, including municipal, state and federal employees, members of non-profit recycling organizations, and representatives of industries such as Alcoa, Reynolds and BFI.

“Every man, woman and child in Texas throws out nearly ten times their weight in garbage each year,” King said. “According to the Institute for Local Self Reliance, by 1990 half of the cities in the country will exhaust their current landfill capacity.”

“Texas is still fortunate enough to have disposal costs that are low compared to some East and West Coast communities that pay as much as \$50 to \$100 a ton to bury their garbage. However, it is getting harder and harder to find acceptable sites even in Texas. Companies that have gone out into the country looking for new waste dumps in recent years have received more than their share of discouraging words,” said King, who predicted no easing of the opposition.

“It is time to seriously rethink our philosophy on waste management in this country,” King said. “Opposition

to the siting of not only municipal dumps, but especially of hazardous and nuclear waste, is generally well founded. This opposition is based upon the greater awareness and education of the public, not on a lack of understanding as some dumpers would suggest.”

“The public knows that landfills leak, that trains derail, that trucks have accidents. We are despoiling our environment to cover up our waste problem rather than dealing with it more constructively. The federal government and the states must do more to encourage industry and individuals to reduce the amount of waste they generate and to reuse or recycle the valuable portion of their wastes in a manner that would benefit the entire economy.”

“Instead of spending taxpayers' money to dispose of waste, government needs to stop throwing good money after bad and use those dollars to make our waste work for us. We already have the technology and the know-how. We just have to loosen our grip on the status quo and move forward.”

“We don't need any more garbage at dead-end landfills. Instead, we need to create jobs for people to salvage and sell our waste resources. We must develop creative marketing strategies to hook those folks up with industries that need raw materials. Then those industries will create even more jobs in the distribution and sales of recycled products.”

“Our ‘throw-away’ ethic is another form of natural resource inefficiency that drains the economy,” King said. “Texas alone spends about \$700 million a year just disposing of municipal wastes. We spend many more times that amount disposing of industrial and hazardous solid wastes, mining wastes and radioactive wastes. According to a soon-to-be-issued report by the LBJ School of Public Affairs, the overall cost of managing wastes in this state is

nearly \$25 billion. What's more, the value of natural resources now disposed of in Texas amounts to about \$9 billion. (The report, to be published with assistance from the Texas Department of Agriculture in November, is titled “Ecology and Economy.”)

“We are literally throwing away billions in ‘waste’ oils, chemicals, precious metals and organic materials,” King said. “The Texas Department of Agriculture calculates that last year Texans paid someone to dispose of compostable garbage and sewage sludges that could be recycled into about \$26 million in fertilizer. Only about one-eighth of this so-called ‘waste’ is being applied to the land today.”

“Every farmer in this country knows the ravages of soil erosion. Our topsoil is disappearing at alarming rates every year. Instead of spending billions of dollars each year to dispose of compostable garbage and sewage sludge, why not use this so-called ‘waste’ to replenish the topsoil and decrease our dependence upon synthetic fertilizers?”

Noting that *Forbes* has predicted that waste reduction and recycling businesses are going to be among the top 10 growth industries in the 1990s, King emphasized the potential for businesses that reduce wastes or which are involved in materials recycling and waste recovery.

“For example, Americans spent more on food packaging in 1986 than farmers made as income,” King said. “According to one marine research institute, as many as one in three of the fish in the world's oceans have small pieces of plastic in their stomachs that interfere with digestion. Ridley turtles are an endangered species particularly threatened by the floating plastic bags that look like their favorite delicacy, jellyfish. Yet at the same time, we now know how to make plastic bags out of corn oil that are biodegradable. I think

people will pay a little extra for the biodegradable plastic bag, and I hope we start manufacturing them soon in Texas—using Texas corn.”

“State government has a responsibility to provide vision and leadership by serving as the initial market for recycled materials and helping the burgeoning recycling business to get established,” King said. “At least 17 states and three cities have guidelines supporting the purchase of recycled paper. Even the state of Texas has a law on the books that requires state agencies to show a preference for recycled paper, but it has not been fully enforced.”

As an example of what is possible, King displayed a copy of a recent report by TDA's Office of Natural Resources on practical alternatives to the land disposal of hazardous wastes. The policy report is printed on recycled paper, which the Department buys in bulk to reduce costs.

Pep Up Mealtime With Bell Peppers

(AUSTIN)—Food would be bland and boring without onions. The same can be said for food without bell peppers. These sweet, mild members of the capsicum family add color, flavor and texture to many different dishes, but rarely do they carry one by themselves.

Recently, however, bell peppers have garnered some of the spotlight reserved for trendy foods. This glow of celebrity has been due mainly to the array of colorful peppers brightening produce counters. Red bells have been around for years, though never in quantity. They are mature green peppers left on the bush until ripened. A few Texas growers sell them, but quantities are small compared with the state's total bell pepper harvest, more than 100 million pounds last year. Sweeter than green, red bells add attractive color to stir-fries and salads.

Lately, yellow peppers have occasionally been sprinkled among the reds and greens. New varieties also come in white (which turn orange), purple and chocolate brown, but shoppers will be hard-pressed to find any of these in the stores yet.

Bell pepper season in Texas runs from late summer on the High Plains to around Christmas in the Rio Grande Valley, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). Production starts again in the Valley in May and lasts for about a month. Peppers should be plentiful between now and the start of winter. It's a good time to experiment with their many uses.

For example, you might try: Bell peppers sautéed with fresh mushrooms and onions as a topping for hot dogs and hamburgers.

Peppers cooked Italian-style with veal or sausage.

A low-calorie main dish of chicken, beef or pork stir-fried with peppers; or Rajas, a classic Mexican recipe for pepper strips sautéed with garlic and onion and served hot or cold. Delicious by themselves, rajas also garnish eggs and top rice or pasta. Poblano peppers make traditional rajas, but bell peppers can be substituted.

In recent months recipes for roasted peppers have made the rounds in food magazines. Among pepper lovers roasting is actually a well-known procedure that gives peppers a smoky flavor and meaty texture. It's a simple technique, especially for anyone with a gas stove. First, wash and carefully dry peppers. Then place them on a fork or long skewer and hold directly over the flame, turning to char and sear the entire pepper. This method also works well over charcoal.

Peppers can also be roasted in the oven. Arrange them in a layer three inches from a preheated broiler and cook 20 to 30 minutes, turning frequently so that sides, tops and bottoms will be charred.

Once peppers are roasted, place them in a paper bag, close it tightly and wait until they are cool enough to handle. Peel them by hand under cold running water and pat dry. Before using, seed, core and devein. Roasted peppers are delicious sautéed, marinated in garlic and olive oil and added to soups and salads.

The following recipes are from the TDA test kitchen.

PEPPERS, ONIONS AND SAUSAGE

- 5 T. olive oil, divided
- 2 lb. Italian sausage, cut into chunks
- 2 med. onions, cut into chunks
- 2 med. green bell peppers, cut in thick strips
- 1 med. red bell pepper, cut in thick strips
- 5 minced garlic cloves
- 1/3 C. herb vinegar, plus more to taste
- 1 (14 oz.) can tomatoes, drained well and cut into chunks
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. dried oregano
- 3 T. chopped fresh basil or parsley

In a large skillet, heat 2 tablespoons olive oil over medium heat. Add sausage and brown well on all sides, turning occasionally. Meanwhile, in a separate deep skillet, heat remaining 3

tablespoons olive oil over medium heat. Add the onions, peppers and garlic, tossing to coat with oil. Cook, tossing occasionally, until vegetables are slightly wilted. Stir in vinegar, tomatoes, salt and oregano. Tuck browned sausages into the pepper mixture. Cook, covered, over medium heat 15 minutes. Uncover pan and cook, stirring occasionally, until sausage is cooked through and vegetable mixture has thickened slightly, about 15 minutes longer. Stir in the basil or parsley. Makes 4-6 servings.

PEPPER AND PORK STIR-FRY

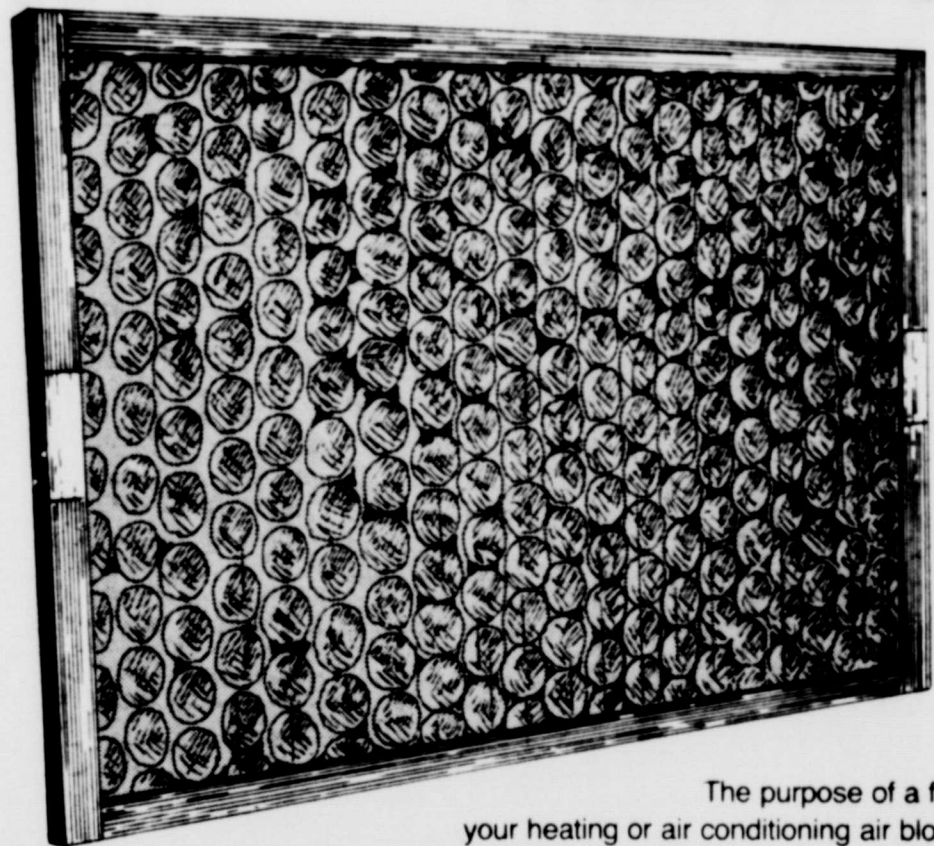
- 1 lb. lean pork, cut into thin strips
- 2 tsp. cornstarch
- 2 T. soy sauce
- Pinch of ground ginger
- 2 T. peanut oil, divided
- 1 med. yellow bell pepper, cut into 1/4-in. strips
- 1 med. green bell pepper, cut into 1/4-in. strips
- 1/2 red bell pepper, cut into 1/4-in. strips
- 1 slice ginger root, minced
- 1 minced garlic clove
- Hot cooked rice

In medium bowl, toss pork with cornstarch. Add soy sauce and ground ginger, combine well. Marinate mixture 10 minutes. Meanwhile, heat 1 tablespoon peanut oil in wok or large skillet over medium-high heat. Add peppers and stir-fry about 1 minute. Remove peppers and set aside. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon peanut oil. Add pork and marinate, ginger root and garlic. Stir-fry until pork is cooked through, about 5 minutes. Add peppers and toss to combine. Serve over rice. Makes 4 servings.



Never cut your flowers in the morning. Since all day the leaves manufacture food which is transported around in the form of sugars to feed the plant, cut your flowers in the late afternoon when they are the fullest of sugar, if you want the flowers to last.

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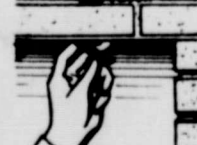
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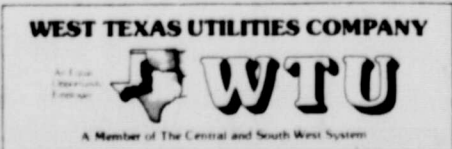


Keep Damper Closed

Tightly close the damper in your fireplace when you're not using it. The same draft that is needed to help make a fire burn could circulate through your fireplace and pull warm air out of your home.



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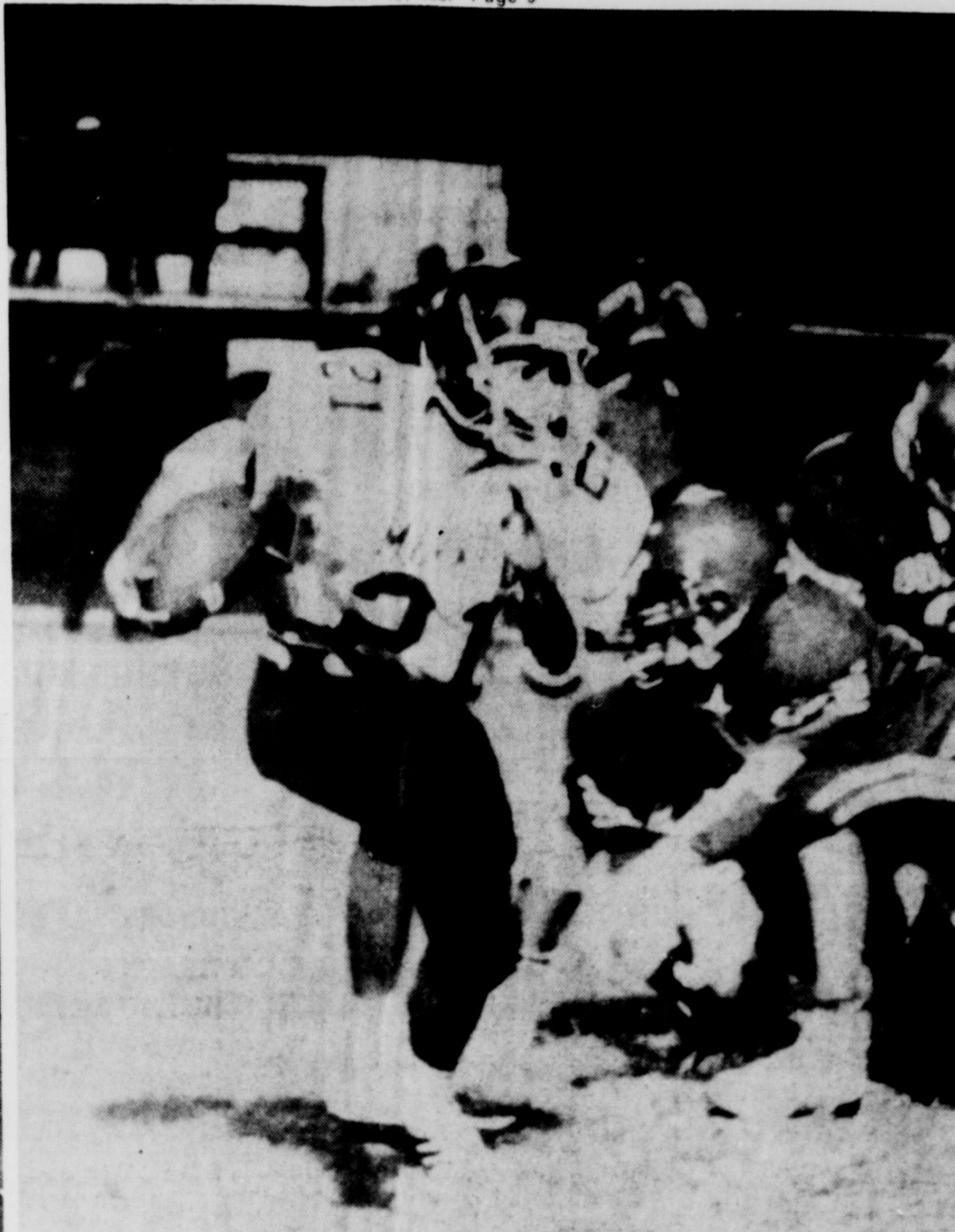


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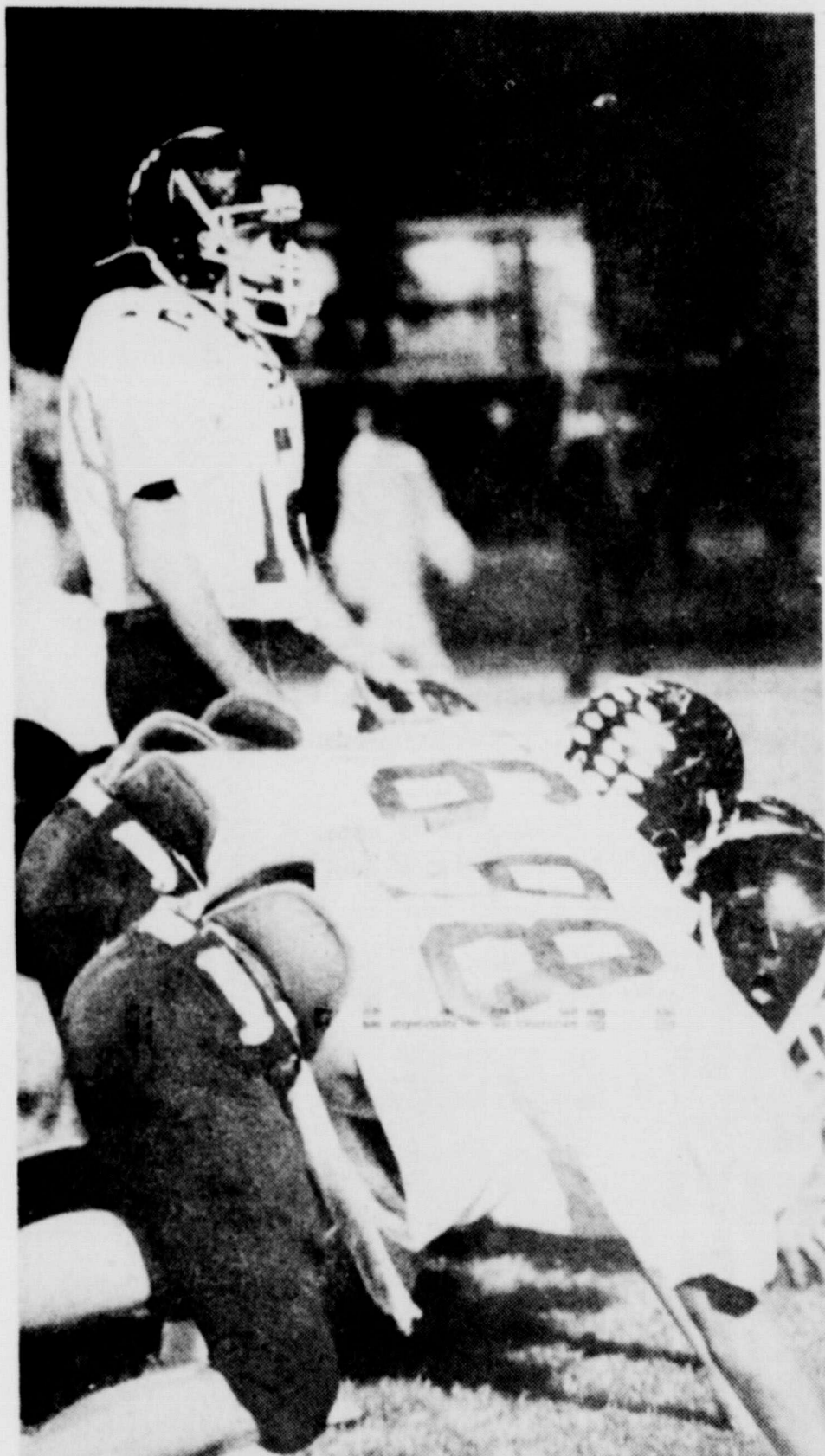
Badgers-Coahoma tie at 14; end season at 4-4-2

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BADGERS '87



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Brit Pursley looks over the defense



Newberry demonstrates the shoe lace tackle



Shayne Newberry turns the corner on the Badger option

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