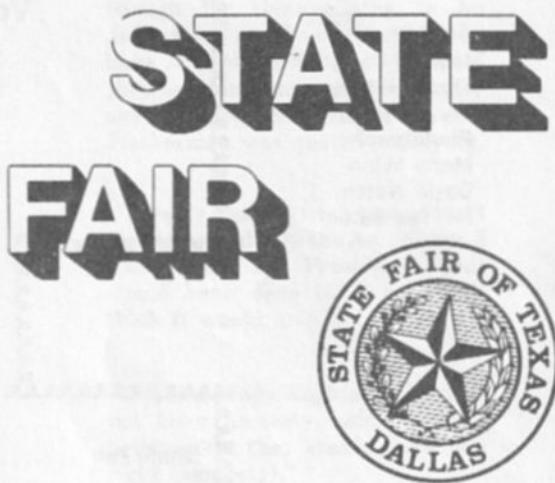


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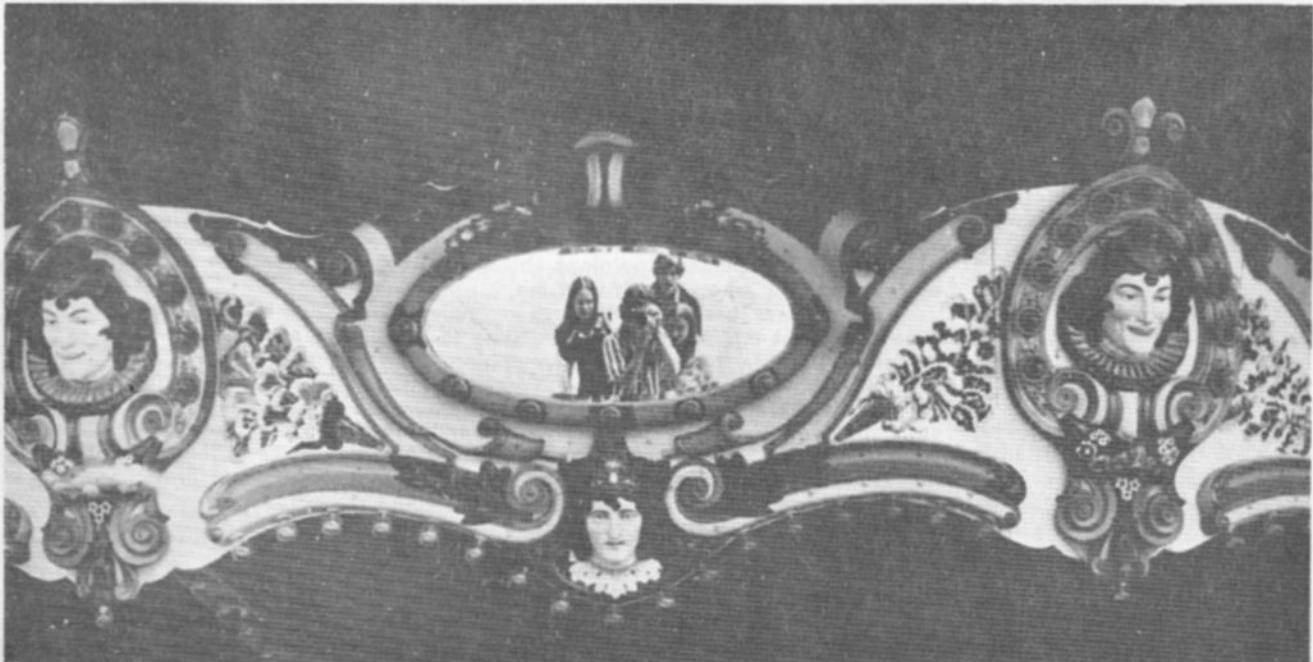
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Notes

I am someone; I am an individual. I have my rights, my freedom, my own personal opinions about this world and the other individuals who share it with me.

There are ways in which I could lose my individuality. Some people feel that this happens by belonging to a group or an organization. Yet, from the very beginning man has had somewhere to "belong" beginning with the creation of a family. We can see that the idea of individualism has survived and is still prevalent today. When one takes a close look at organizations we discover that (contrary to our former opinion) these are the places where individuals grow and flourish. They give us a way to express ourselves.

What we belong to reveals much about our own personality. It gives us a chance to say to others, "I am someone; I am an individual."

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OPINIONS

Results of a recent student opinion poll show that the majority of the North Mesquite people do not like the idea of amnesty. This trend seems to reflect the national outcry following President Gerald R. Ford's grant of conditional amnesty for draft dodgers, which said that anyone turning themselves over could work for up to two years at a public service job.

Ford also requested the immediate release of all persons serving sentences for draft evasion, this affected about 95 people. This announcement raised a lot of cries from the American people mainly because the public did not want conditional amnesty, or amnesty at all.

The question, "Do you believe that President Ford was justified in granting conditional amnesty for draft dodgers and evaders? Why?", brought a written response from a cross-section of the student body. Some 60 percent of the students polled gave a firm NO. While only 36 percent agreed with amnesty.

Broken down into groups, 61 percent of the seniors polled did not favor amnesty, with 62 percent of the juniors voicing a strong NO, and 66 percent of the sophomores decided on a NO also. Although only 48 percent of the freshmen wrote NO.

In the YES category, the seniors had 35 percent, the juniors 37 percent, and with 33 percent of the sophomores voting YES. But on the positive side, 52 percent of the freshmen polled favored amnesty.

The student response to the poll was extremely good.

Is President Ford right in granting amnesty?

by GLENN HUGHES

Freshman Sandra Slaton was quoted, "I don't think it's fair to the men who were wounded or killed for our country, while the draft dodgers ran!"

Rick Pollan, senior, who favored amnesty, said, "Because it's been done in ALL 'American' wars before. It should be unconditional because otherwise, through history, it is further separating our generation and the government."

While Sophomore Tommy Gandy said, "If they go out of the country, they should stay out! They haven't any pride to serve their country."

On the other hand, Junior Mary Malone just said, "No comment!"

"If those people didn't care enough for this country to be drafted and go, then evidently they have no pride for it; so why should they be allowed to come back under any circumstances," Junior Loretta Wetherman was quoted as saying.

Scotty Shaver, freshman, said, "I think it would help the Americans. I don't think he (President Ford) would have done it, if he didn't think it would help."

Senior Cindy Hopkins, who does not favor amnesty, said, "I don't believe that they should have this right (amnesty)."

But Senior David Allen really said it when he wrote, "No one ever justified our involvement in Viet Nam, and draft dodgers and evaders were just individuals standing up for their rights. They were right to not get involved in something that was not justified."

And one who opposes amnesty, Sophomore Jan Heaney, wrote, "A lot of good guys were killed in that war and I'm sure they didn't want to go either, but they fought for their country. If all the guys do that, there wouldn't be any U.S., if their country is not good enough to fight for, they should not live here either."

To set the records straight, this writer favors unconditional amnesty. He believes that it is the individual's choice on whether or not he wants to travel halfway around the world to fight for his country that he may never see again, or to stay in his country and perhaps help improve it some.

But as Senior Joe Chenault said, "All people are created equal."



SPCA can find homes for dogs, cats, and other pets.

Inside Views

Just lookin' for a home

by RENEE MAREK

Have you ever wondered what happens to all the stray dogs, cats, birds and other stray animals? If a stray puppy with big brown eyes came onto your door step with a cold, hungry, lonely look what would you do? If an animal is found by someone they can keep it and take care of it himself or give it to an adoption home or the SPCA. In Dallas on 362 South Industrial there is such a home for stray or lost animals.

It has been in service since only December 10, 1973 but today there are an average of 75 dogs and 45 cats plus different kinds of birds, rabbits and many other kinds of animals. Each week the agency finds homes for an average of 200 animals and approximately 50 animals are distributed on Saturday. There is no fee for these animals only a donation that IS tax deductible.

Although there is no fee there are still many animals that have to be put to sleep because no homes are available for them.

As Miss Robbie Thompson of the SPCA explained, "It is better to put the animals to sleep painlessly than to leave them out in the world all alone not to get any food, water, or love."

When a stray animal is brought to the SPCA, it is kept for three days, then put up for adoption. The animal goes to the detention room for its shots. Next a numbered tag is put around his neck, then the animal is put with the other ones.

But it is a different procedure when an animal is brought in by its owners because of financial problems or they move. First the SPCA asks different questions about the animal. If he had his shots, does he get along with children, can he stay outside or inside and just general information. All this information is then put on a numbered admittance slip that corresponds with a numbered tag around the dog's neck.

The SPCA has a list of Free Lost and Found Animals and a Want List which contains a certain type of animal with certain characteristics people ask for. The agency gets their phone number and call the people back when they find one that fits the description.

If anyone is interested, he can take RL Thornton, head toward Waco, then get on Interstate 35, exit Industrial and turn right, go five or six blocks, on the right to the shelter.

Many animals the SPCA can't find homes for will welcome your help.

MIA'S

Hope for the 1300

by DAWN WHITNEY

Almost two years have passed since the United States signed the Paris Peace Conference Agreement, ending the war with Vietnam.

Today, more than 1,300 men who fought in Vietnam are still missing or unaccounted for and North Vietnam has repeatedly refused to give any information about these men, even though they told U.S. representatives they have knowledge of the dead and missing.

Kyle Cline, a member of Youth Concerned for 1,300 MIA who visited the Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Laos in July said, "They have it in their minds that they won't release any information until certain goals are obtained - and those specific goals are known only to them."

After the agreement was signed, Hanoi released lists of POW's and Americans who had died in captivity. The U.S. Department of Defense listed 1,977 MIA's and POW's. Hanoi's list had only 658 names of POW's to be released and those who had died in captivity. So far, 563 American military personnel, 27 U.S. citizens, 5 foreign nationals, and 23 bodies of the deceased have been released. No additional effort has been made by North Vietnam to account for the additional 1319 persons who are listed by the Department of Defense or to return the bodies of the 40 others who died in captivity, according to Hanoi's list.

These men did not just disappear. Some of the men who are still missing are known to have been alive and in communist hands at one time. Some of these men were photographed in captivity.

More than 1,200 families all over America live with the agony of not knowing what has happened to their husbands, sons, and fathers.

Groups such as "Dallas Cares" are working to get action on this issue. "Dallas Cares" began in 1971 to help the families of POW's and MIA's in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. Their funds came from the sales of POW-MIA bracelets and from donations. When the acknowledged POW's returned home, "Dallas Cares" turned its attention to the accounting of men listed as Missing in Action. They are part of a "We Think It's Important" campaign, designed to make people more aware of the MIA situation. One of the newsletters of this campaign states, "Obtaining information about those missing men is important, not only to their families, but to this country. We believe in our right to know what happened to these American citizens."

Mrs. Sally Stratton is the wife of a MIA missing since January of 1971. She devotes all her time to "Dallas Cares" and making the American people aware of what is going on. She says, "After the agreement was signed and the acknowledged POW's returned, the American people just thought that everything was taken care of, but this is not so." She said the two basic goals of this campaign are awareness and "putting enough pressure on Hanoi so that she'll give us the answers we want." She continues, "Hanoi is very sensitive to public opinion and this is shown by her reaction to the mail from the American people she received in 1971. Many returned POW's will agree that because of the pressure put on Hanoi they were given better treatment and kept alive to be returned." She

says this will also give the government more leverage in negotiating for the information and men. Mrs. Stratton believes that the success of this campaign depends on getting people - including high school students - involved.

The campaign plan is this, "If we, as a unified nation, let Hanoi know that we think it's important that these 1,300 servicemen be accounted for, we can again evoke a response." They are asking everyone to send a few grains of good American soil to Hanoi to express these sentiments. Use two envelopes, each securely sealed with tape, and a small amount of soil. Mail it to:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV)
Hanoi, North Vietnam

Postage required is 26 cents and time is of essence. Since the campaign began, mail from Dallas-Ft. Worth to Hanoi has almost doubled. With adequate response, people such as Mrs. Sallie Stratton can get the answers they so desperately want and need.

Memo: From the counselor's office

Senior counselor Bob Sego has invited representatives from colleges and universities to come to North Mesquite and speak to students interested in attending college. Texas Lutheran, Rice, OU, Austin, East Texas, Phillips, Centenary, Our Lady of the Lake, Columbia, and Trinity are sending spokesmen.

Students will set up appointments with the counselors or representatives between 8:00 and 8:30 to speak to them.

Graduates should be taking entrance exams if they are planning to attend colleges outside of the Dallas County Community College district. These include Eastfield, El Centro, Mountainview, and Richland colleges which do not require entrance exams. If students do not plan to attend one of these, they should make an appointment with their counselors, and take an entrance exam.

Although it is too late to take the October exams students can still take exams in November. These include both the SAT and ACT exams.

Sophomore tests are not over this year. There is going to be another test in the near future, the Differential Aptitude test. This test can help a student see where he stands, according to Sophomore Counselor Sheila Jackson. Miss Jackson encourages all students to visit her. She would like to try to help the students all she can if they have a problem.

This is Miss Jackson's first year as a counselor. Before she started counseling, she taught five years as a Latin teacher, and was also an annual sponsor.

Mrs. Fletcher, freshman counselor, has registered more students this year than ever before. Even though over 815 freshmen fill the campus this year, she is available to help any freshman that needs counseling.

Favorite fish stories

Teachers relate some experiences they've had.

"What do you say?"



Mrs. Maggie Birdsong's last birthday turned out to be one of the most confusing experiences she had ever encountered. Her story goes like this:

"On my birthday last year, I was in Austin for the day for a special Education Committee hearing at the Texas House of Representatives. For the first time, my husband sent me an orchid to surprise me. Since I was to be at a meeting at the Stephen F. Austin, he had the flower sent there. Our meeting there was short, so I had already gone back to the capitol for the committee hearing by the time the orchid was delivered.

"There was a well-known lady in Austin by the name of Mary Birdsong who was running for a city council position and who coincidentally had a meeting at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel on the same day. Needless to say, she got my flower. When she opened the card and didn't know the names on

the card (those of my husband and two children) she got on the phone and started calling all the Birdsongs in Austin. Would you believe I have a sister-in-law with a birthday two days after mine?

When the first lady (Mary Birdsong) called my sister-in-law, Mary Birdsong, my sister-in-law knew the names and said yes - it was her birthday. My sister-in-law called me the next night (I'm back in Mesquite) to tell me 'thank you' for the most beautiful orchid she had ever seen.

"What do you say? I said 'you are welcome and Happy Birthday.'

Yet, I've never told her the truth - and my husband vows he will never send me another flower.

"Oh well!"

"I'll never do it again!"



Looking at the petite Business Law and Typing II teacher, no one would ever dream that Mrs. Ann Watson could ever catch a fish more than 2 feet taller than she and probably weighing twice as much.

While on vacation in Port Aransas, Mrs. Watson and her husband chartered a boat and looked forward to a relaxing day of fishing for Kingfish. Little did they know that in little more than an hour, they would acquire a new addition to their family. Mrs. Watson was sitting on deck when she felt a tug on her line. She didn't realize exactly what her opponent was until she saw a huge sailfish take a giant leap through the air. Like most of us her first reaction was to panic, but after an hour of tugging she pulled the fish in without any help, except for someone to hold her chair onto the deck of the boat.

Mrs. Watson would have been contented with just a picture of the fish, but her husband had other plans. He insisted on having the fish stuffed and mounted, and it now hangs on Mrs. Watson's den wall.

As she looks back at her supposedly "relaxing" vacation, Mrs. Watson says with determination, "I'll never do it again."

"I flew into a blackboard."



Miss Martha Adecock has had some very unusual experiences, one of them while she was teaching. She describes it as this:

"The first summer I taught summer school I was quite enthusiastic. As I was explaining about the Kamikaze pilots of World War II, I became excited and "flew" into the blackboard, knocking myself out cold."

Another experience she had was while staying with her cousin in California. Her uncle asked her and her cousin to clean out his swimming pool and put ash in it to purify the water. They found what they thought was ten pounds of ash, and threw it into the pool. Later on her uncle asked them if they had seen his concrete — you can guess what they threw in the pool!

"There was scum in the bathtub!"



Mrs. Peggy Bowdoin once spent a vacation watching cockroaches dance around her toes.

She and her husband planned a worry-free vacation to Estes Park but encountered nothing but problems, upon their arrival. They went from motel to motel looking for a place to sleep, but only found one which was very expensive. After continued search, they decided to go back to their one prospect, only to find that it too was sold out. They finally found a very cheap motel with several extras they would not have had in the other motels - mainly cockroaches and so much filth that it would make "Mr. Dirt" hide his head in shame.

That night, Mr. and Mrs. Bowdoin slept standing up.



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EVENTS

Art Club boosts spirit

"I encourage them to do what they want, instead of what I want," says Art teacher, Miss Cathy Bradley, in speaking about her third and fourth year art students. In addition to her regular art class the five-year veteran art teacher is involved in many activities that benefit the school.

For one thing, Miss Bradley is also sponsor of the art club. Usual art activities include making spirit posters every Wednesday. Future plans include a barbecue in October, two field trips to the Museum of Fine Arts, and a banquet next spring. Officers of the art club are

Karen Hinkle, president; Cindy Bonham, vice-president; Ronna Bozeman, secretary-treasurer; and Tina Essler, historian.

Five years of work by the art club has resulted in the building of a display case for student creations. Construction began September 19 on the case located on the wall between the bookroom and the clinic. "I hope to have students attend the Texas Fine Arts Association Contest and the Crafts Fair," comments Miss Bradley. The art students will also do the stage sets for one of this year's drama productions "Bye-Bye Birdie."

Student Council chosen

Student Council officers of 1974-1975 are Paula Miller, president; Vicki Allen, vice president; Cindy Brenavides, secretary; Charlotte Alcon, treasurer; and Jeannie Sanders is district treasurer, announced Mrs. Ada Allen, sponsor.

Senior class members are Brad White, Elaine Steed, Nina Peterson, Bonnie Byers and Lisa Brownning. Junior members are Terry Davis, Jo Ann Gentry, Lorna Kalsi, Lisa McCreary and Teresa Thurman. Sophomore members include Amy Ballenger, Debbie Chambers, Kim Martin, Kim McReynolds and Suzie Miller. Last, but not least, the Freshmen members are Anda Baer, Kim Brown, Belinda Griffin, Ruth Hernandez and Byron McCoy.

New concepts for FHA

The Future Homemakers of America organization has two new concepts this year. First of all, all students presently taking homemaking classes are in FHA. Second, all homemaking teachers are sponsors and each of their classes are chapters. Mrs. Maggie Birdsong, Mrs. Shirley Goolsby, Miss Pam Leonard, Mrs. Sarah Lander, Mrs. Lynnell Prater, Mrs. Janice Tonroy, and Mrs. Susan White are the teacher-sponsors.

Active members pay dues of

Appreciation Day

ROTC cadets will be going to Texas A&M University on October 19 for Jr. ROTC Appreciation Day.

Highlights of the day will be watching the Army's precision helicopter team, "The Silver Eagles," and being honored at the Texas A&M football game that evening. Cadets will watch 3,000 Texas A&M cadets marching on the field before the game and see the marching band perform at halftime.

Hodge Podge

\$1.50 and are then eligible for all after school and co-curricular activities. FHA fair days are October 4 and 5.

Other activities for this month are a picnic at Audubon Park and a playday with Mesquite High School's FHA. In March a trip to Denton for an Area 5 meeting is planned. A banquet is scheduled in the fall and a Christmas party. At the end of the year, two appointed students from each teacher's classes will attend the state-wide FHA meeting.

All students who are currently taking or have taken homemaking courses are eligible for membership

New training program begins

To prepare the sophomore high school student for eventual employment in distributive occupations such as selling, advertising, display, receiving, checking, and marking, North Mesquite now has a Pre-Employment Laboratory (PEL) training program for Distributive Education.

The PEL allows the student to explore the field of distribution and assists him in selecting a career objective before he enters the co-op phase of distributive education. The object is the learning of a skill or developing of a competency that is considered basic for entry level jobs in distribution.

Ecology concern

Ecology is a matter of concern to the Science Club. A paper drive is planned to boost the environment and also for the purpose of making money. Students will be collecting old newspapers and magazines. If you wish to contribute you should contact any science club member.

"People need to be involved in their democratic society," comments Mr. Ben Cross, science club sponsor. His students will also be writing to Congressman Alan Steelman concerning the issue of "Big Thicket". This is an area of land in East Texas which was supposed to be made into a National park two years ago.

"Because of Watergate, the law hasn't been acted upon," states Mr. Cross. Six hundred acres were cleared for the park, but now it is being used for housing. Mr. Cross urges all students to join the Science club members in writing letters for this cause.

Other activities of the club has been electing officers. Those presiding are David Hannah, president; Annette Nichols, vice-president; and Mike Yancy, secretary-treasurer.

Future plans of the Science club include field trips to Southwestern Medical School, the Forensic science building and the planetarium at Fair Park. They also hope to visit the science lab of various local colleges.

The Spirit People

Football and spirit are two words which belong together. Without the game of football, there exists no reason to have spirit. Without the spirit of the supporting fans football loses its exciting flavor.

Stallion Battalion's got it

One organization whose purpose is to promote spirit is the Stallion Battalion. Formed by Dr. Ralph Poteet, it is supported by its own members, who volunteer for the program. They attend all football games and work with the cheerleaders in leading the fans in yells. They are in charge of Spirit, the Stallion mascot.

This year's director is Mr. McLaren, who also volunteered for this position. Previous director was Mr. Ed Ganze who served for four years. Their meetings take place at 8 a.m. Friday. Students give their own time to practice with the cheerleaders and attend meetings. They also purchase their own uniforms.

Elected as president this year is Wayne Barnett.

Other officers are Mark Tunnel, vice-president; Lonnie Sherrell, Secretary of Labor; and Mike Yancy, Speaker of the House. Sweetheart this year is Anna Janeka. Lonnie Sherrell expresses her duty as "she promotes spirit for the Stallion Battalion so that in turn we can boost school spirit."

The unusual offices of Secretary of Labor and Speaker of the House, entices one to find out exactly what these people do. Lonnie Sherrell is in charge of getting everything organized to bring to the games and making sure the equipment gets home. Mike Yancy takes care of the intercom system. Mr. McLaren brings Spirit (the horse) to the game.

Pacesetters, Blue Brigade dazzle spectators, fans.

A new addition during football season this year is a home pre-game show presented by the "High Kick Corps." It consists of members of the drill team rechosen each Monday, after trying out, who perform a high-kick routine to the music of the Big Blue Band.

The drill team has been busy learning new routines using pom-poms, boas, straw hats, and lighted batons. They have also learned a military routine and a medley featuring flags, soft-shoe and high kicks. These will be presented at football and basketball games, and a pacesetter stage show, which is scheduled for later on in the year.

The Pacesetters attended camp at Kilgore College last summer and placed first in competition with a novelty routine to "Take Life a Little Easier," in which they dressed up like Raggedy Ann and Andys. They received a standing ovation for this routine which we

will be presented again during basketball season.

After sponsoring the Pacesetters for four years, Miss Blount explained some of their main objectives are "to learn a variety of dance styles, to entertain at athletic functions, to unite various other groups, organizations, and clubs, and to provide school spirit."

The 1974 Pacesetters consist of 62 dedicated girls. They begin work at 7:30-9:30 a.m. and resume work at 3:45 p.m., which, as Miss Blount says, is probably more time spent than by any other organization at the school with the exception of the band.

As the sponsor Miss Blount seems to find much satisfaction in observing the uniting of many different personalities, backgrounds, and interests toward a common goal, and "to see the finished product is just beautiful!"

Chaplain is a new office this year which is filled by Anna Janeka. She leads in a prayer with and for the Stallion Battalion members before games.

Blue hands are a tradition with new members. The initiation of one senior and four junior members will be taking place soon. What this initiation consists of is a secret, until strange creatures begin roaming the halls and walkways of North Mesquite.

Big Blue do, too!

"Now, the pride of North Mesquite, The Big Blue!" booms a voice across the football field. Fans are instructed to look toward the north end of the field as the band plays for the Pacesetters such popular tunes as "The Entertainers". Then follows various drills such as diamonds and kaleidoscopes.

Spirit is an element that is very essential for a band and its members. It takes a lot of will power and respect for the directors for students to arrive at school an hour early to prepare for football games and concerts. Students also attend two-hour rehearsals twice a week after school.

Besides playing instruments the band is a built-in cheering section. At pep rallies and games the cheerleaders know they can depend on the band for a hearty "Go".

"I feel that the band, along with the drill team brings out a great majority of the spirit at North Mesquite! I think that it has a lot to do with the directing staff we have here," comments Greg Moore, a band student.

Sandra Thomas said, "It's (the Big Blue) about the best spirit center of North Mesquite. It attends all football games except in bad weather. It attends contests and other meets to represent North Mesquite."

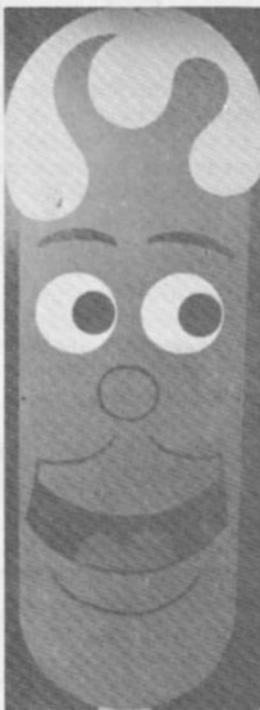
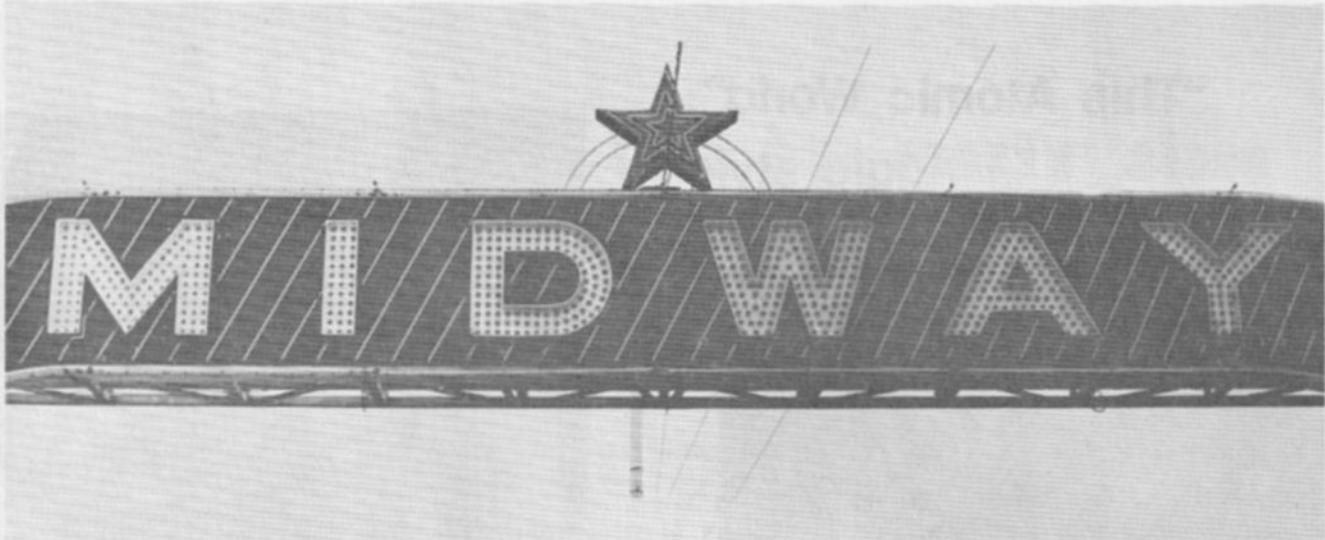
"I really like working with the girls. They really have lots of school spirit," says Mrs. Murrey, this year's new Blue Brigade sponsor.

Blue Brigade is all new this season; they have new uniforms and new card designs, including a wooden soldier, a choir boy, and perhaps a rose and graduation cap. The group consists of about 185 girls, B Drill included.

They will be performing at all home games, and at the Richardson and Lake Highland games, presenting 5 or 6 card designs per game.

President of the club is Kay Turner; vice president is Kris Bruck; and secretary of treasury is Belinda Lipe.

Our primary purpose is to create school spirit and get the girls involved enough that they feel like they are a part of the school.



by ALICE ADAMS

Memories of good times entice many North Mesquite students to look forward with excitement to the State Fair of Texas. Mesquite Day will be October 14. Over three million people share this feeling as they attend the fair during its sixteen day run each year, making it the largest annual exposition in the United States and the fourth largest in the world.

To cover all the fair grounds you would have to walk over 200 landscaped areas, see six exhibit halls encompassing 312,000 square feet, gaze at two acres of water and browse through eight cultural and historical museums. Tired already?

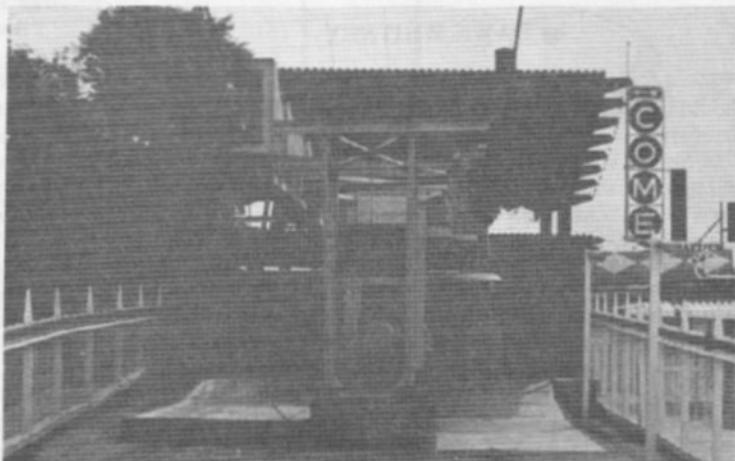
Speaking of memories the theme of the fair is "Exposition of the West" continuing from October 9-20. Participating in the first State Fair Rodeo will be stars of the rodeo world competing for more than \$50,000 in prize money. This includes such top-notch performers as Larry Mahan, Tom Ferguson, Bill Smith, Joe Alexander and others exhibiting their talents October 5-13 in the State Coliseum.

Along the line of the message from the west includes 18 contests in the women's department, Indian and Texan art work in the Crafts Village, food such as hickory-smoked barbecue and sourdough slapjacks, the Pan-American Livestock Exposition and an old-fashioned three-ring circus.

For those who don't care much for rodeos other exciting events are planned. The most star-sparkling one is a production of the recent Broadway hit, "Irene" with Debbie Reynolds and Patsy Kelly as the main attraction. This stage show will mark the second anniversary of the new Music Hall in Fair Park.

Tradition is just another word for the Midway. Yet major improvements such as new lighting, refined paving, re-designed game stands and attractive landscaping features will lend a glisten and sparkle to that exciting place.

An original Rembrandt is to be displayed in the Fine Arts Building October 9-10. The work is titled "Portrait of his son Pitus" and will be shown Monday thru Saturday from 10 to 5 and Sunday 1 to 5.



"This Atomic World", Aggie style



Louis Paugh, junior, points an accusing finger at Jacky Hobbs, senior, as Jacky's hair stands on end.

Richard Anderson, junior, is treated to an "atomic cocktail" as Mr. Orlan Ihms, program narrator, grins knowingly.

With the aid of Senior Jacky Hobbs, Mr. Ihms gave a demonstration proving that electricity cannot kill. He instructed Jacky to place his hand over a conductor producing 250,000 volts of electricity. What followed was a "hair-raising" experience for Jacky. But he came through it all right, and Mr. Ihms proved his point that static electricity doesn't kill. He also astonished the audience by using himself as a conductor of electricity to illuminate a light bulb.

While discussing radiation, Mr. Ihms served Junior Richard Anderson an "atomic cocktail," which proved to be nothing more than coke. It served to inform the audience, however, about the medical uses of radioactive material.

A loud explosion was heard. A scream pierced the air. A hush fell over the audience. This was not your average, everyday school assembly.

"This Atomic World" was presented to juniors and seniors September 17. The program was in association with the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and Texas A&M University.

Narrator for the program was Mr. Orlan Ihms, staff representative from Texas A&M. The program was concerned with the basic principles of atomic energy. Topics such as the composition of atoms, nuclear explosives, radiation, geiger counters, and electricity were discussed.

Home and Family Living

Should it be co-ed?

Students, teachers give views

by DAWN WHITNEY

Should the home and family living classes be co-educational? This question is currently being discussed by class members.

Miss Susan White has four different homemaking classes; one of them consists of all girls, and the other three consists of all boys. Miss White has always taught both boys and girls Home and Family Living, and taught mixed classes in Houston. Her feelings on the controversy are, "I enjoy a mixed class. You can have a better discussion when both are present."

Out of a Home and Family Living class of 30 girls, 11 were in favor of mixed classes, and 19 were not. Some of the reasons given for the argument were:

Cheryl Hawkins - "You can have different points of view when you're discussing problems. You can get both girls' and boys' opinions."

Lisa Hearndon - "You can figure things out together." Reasons against mixed classes are:

Kathy Gray - "You can't talk as freely with boys in the class."

Debbie Trower - "The guys would not cooperate in things such as planning a wedding - they'd just laugh."

Jeannell Walters - "All the girls would do is look at the guys."

Out of a Home and Family Living class of 32 boys, 100% were in favor of mixed classes. They gave their reasons for wanting the change as:

Buddy Guzy - "We could share our experiences together."

Kenneth McClure - "It's loving without girls."

Scotty Harry - "We'd get more different kinds of opinions."

Bodie Jones - "We know more about getting out and working; girls know more about the kitchen."

Greg Haddock - "You'd get more out of it, better conversation."

Mike Lowe - "They can probably teach us things we don't know."

Mrs. Maggie Birdsong is the Homemaking Departmental Chairman, and when asked what she thought the chances were of having a mixed class in the future, said, "the outlook is promising."

Mrs. Janice Tonroy teaches Girls' Home and Family Living and says of a mixed class, "I think it would make a much more active classroom situation, with many advantages and disadvantages, but after all - what are we preparing them for?"

Man does not live by sports alone

by KAREN COLLINS

On the playing field, the Stallions look like football is the main concern of their lives, but have you wondered what some of the varsity football players do in their spare time?

Most replied, "What spare time?" Between workouts and school work the team has little spare time, but many find time for some hobbies that they enjoy.

Although nothing stays the same and no two people are alike most of the hobbies are in the same range.

Church's Fried Chicken seems to be a very likeable place for Terry Fagala. He enjoys driving through just to watch the people and/or girls.

Along with Church's, Terry also enjoys the dances after the games on Friday.

Phil Westbrook is a real outdoorsman who enjoys fishing and hunting in his spare time. He also enjoys working on his car. Declining his skills as a mechanic he explained, "I know a lot about my car, but not much about others."

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Being a trainer for the team is no easy job, but Glen Halbert enjoys it. He does find time to work on his pickup and on boat motors. He also enjoys horseback riding and baseball.

"Even though I don't play I enjoy being part of the team," replied Glen.

Other than football, Mike Gideon enjoys baseball and volleyball. After the games on Friday, he enjoys going to Pizza Inn with friends.

Mike helps his mother around the house by taking out the trash and cleaning his room.

Steve Dailey likes bowling, tennis, and golf but he said usually, "I'm watching television."

Steve enjoys playing football and he said, "I love getting beat-up."

Jack Hobbs spends most of his spare time at Pizza Inn or on dates.

After he graduates, Jack wants to go into the field of broadcasting and become a disc jockey.

High-scorers named

Keith Fulenwider, Howard McNeil, and Brian Rush, seniors, are three of approximately 15,000 students as semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Corporation's program for students to earn scholarships.

These students are some of the nation's highest scores on the 1973 Preliminary Scholarship Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which was given to over 17,000 schools all over the country.

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"The Great Race" —around the world

by DON RICHERSON

Getting away from the normal things a radio station does for contest, such as giving away albums, KVIL has one called People's Choice, where they gave people what they really wanted in prizes and finally changed it to straight cash. The biggest cash prize was given away by Mike

Selden, the afternoon disc-jockey, who is giving away more prizes than Ron Chapman, who's on the air in the morning.

Chapman began saying some not so flattering words about Selden, he reciprocated, and soon there was a battle of words going on between the two. This went on to such an extent that listeners began suggesting everything from racing

elephants to Houston and back to a hot air balloon race. They finally settled for a race around the world or as KVIL is calling it, "The Great Race".

"The Great Race" will start at the Marina Hotel at 7 a.m. on October 14 (Columbus Day). Ron Chapman and Mike Selden will each be given an envelope. They will then separate, one going east, the other in the opposite direction. According to the directions in their envelopes they will also have instructions to pick up things in each city. These will probably be the major capitals of the world. They'll call KVIL when they can on their rest stops. Their entire trip will be handled by commercial airlines on their five to ten day journey.

Sid Collins, the voice of the Indianapolis 500, will be at the finish line at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport with his checkered flag to wave in the winner.

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Cross Country team needs support

by JAMES NOVEY

I wonder how many people have attended a North Mesquite track meet. Not too many have witnessed the strength and endurance it takes to become an outstanding runner. A dedicated runner will run up to 15 miles a day to prepare for a meet, a meet in which many students don't even show up to support the team!

This year, North Mesquite's track team is picked as one of the best in the state. All ready the track team has proved itself by placing first in every practice meet in which they've competed.

Picked as one of the best in the state, the track team has proved itself by placing first in every practice meet and winning its first official meet.

In winning their first official meet, September 28 at Sunset, the team totaled 52 points. The JV had

29 points and the Girls' Track Team totaled 52, at the meet.

Greg Lautenslager (Varsity) grabbed first place. Mike Doremus, third; Robert Ford, ninth; and Steve Ellwonger, tenth. All four of these runners received trophies for their efforts.

In the Junior Varsity, the standings were as follows: Lou Housey taking first with the time of 10:48. The rest of the JV finishers were Henry Demers, fourth; Terry Allen, sixth; Alan Peyton, eighth, and Steve Cain, tenth.

Girls' cross-country was represented by Pam Burkhalter, sixth; Cathie Holman, seventh; Suzanne Slayden, tenth; Susan Ryan, eleventh; Betty Johnson, eighth; Sherry Wooten, nineteenth; and Gail McClinton, twenty-fourth.

At the first practice meet, the Annual White Rock Relay, held September 7, 49 teams competed.

The relay consisted of each man running 3.7 miles for a team total of 11 miles. The team of Dewayne Murr, Steve Ellwonger and Greg Lautenslager took first place. Then the team of Mitchell Contreras, Henry Demers, and Robert Ford, came in third.

At the second practice meet, again held at White Rock, this time a two mile run, Lautenslager came in at a fast time of 9:31, to capture first place. Steve Doremus finished third and other North Mesquite team mates were close behind.

At the third practice meet, another 2 mile run at White Rock, Steve Doremus came through for North Mesquite with the time of 9:55 and Robert Ford placed third with 10:19.

One thing, many North Mesquite students don't realize is there may be anywhere from 20 to 100 runners in a single meet. So anybody, who finishes above 25th in a race with 100 runners in it, is still one of the best out there.

The turnaround gang

by JESSIE WHITE

The Texas Rangers are one of the many improved teams around the league this year. They have just about turned around their play from last year. That is why they have been called the Turnaround Gang, if you didn't already know. Last years Rangers left a lot to be desired, but this year you couldn't ask for much more from a team that was in the cellar last year and all of a sudden catapulted into second this year.

One of the reasons for the Ranger's surge is the emergence of rookies Mike Hargrove and Jim Sundberg. Hargrove has instilled some hitting into the team as shown in his .330 batting average. Hargrove is playing a stellar first base, and surprised a lot of people with his many write-in votes for the all star game. Sundberg, also a rookie, has taken up the slack in the catching department left vacant with the trade of Ken Suarez and the injury to Rich Billings. Billings has since been given his unconditional release. Sundberg is a spunky player, one who gives 110 percent at all times. Jim is one of the best defensive catchers in the league. Many players around the league feel that Jim has one of the best arms in baseball at throwing the runner out trying to steal second base.

Also when Mike and Jim aren't up to par there's always reliable Jeff Burroughs. They call Jeff the Texas Power Plant because of his hitting power. He is currently hitting .297 with 25 home runs and 115 runs batted in.

Lenny Randle has also been a mild surprise for the Rangers playing any position, and playing it admirably, where he is needed, and he also sports a .312 batting average.

Probably the brightest spot of all would be the pitching of Ferguson Jenkins. Jenkins has done everything imaginable for the Rangers this year. His 24-12 win-loss record ties him and

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WFL Cowboys ?

by JESSIE WHITE

There is not really a World Football League Cowboys, but the WFL has taken enough of them to just about make a team. They have taken players such as, Rodney Wallace, Calvin Hill, Jethro Pugh, Pat Toomay, Craig Morton, D.D. Lewis, and possibly more before all the jumping of leagues is over.

Many people feel that when these people leave that the Cowboys will be taken over by some younger team in the league, but that might not be so. When Hill leaves Robert Newhouse and rookie flash Charles Young will remain. Moving to second string quarterback for Morton will be Clint Longley, who at Abilene Christian College led the nation in passing his junior year. He skipped his senior year so he could play football, and it looks like he is going to make it, too. For Pugh and Toomay there is second year man Harvey Banks Martin and rookie Ed (Too Tall)

Jones, who the pro scouts are picking to be All-Pro his rookie year. Replacing D.D. Lewis is another great Cowboy find. His name is Ken Hutcherson. Given a couple of years he could be just as good or better than Lewis.

A replacement for Wallace could be a problem. It looks like the honors will fall on Jim Arneson. Jim right now is playing the center position since Fitzgerald was hurt in the Atlanta Falcon game.

Many people feel the Cowboys are getting old, not so. The two starting receivers are Golden Richards and Drew Pearson who are in the early 20's the same as tightends Jean Fugett and Billy Joe Dupree. With Charlie Waters, Cliff Harris and Bennie Barnes, waiting on the sideline for the chance to start, the secondary is in good shape for years to come.

The only real problem in the near future could be the retirement of Dave Edwards and Lee Roy Jordan who played their positions aggressively throughout the years. It would be through drafts and trades before the Cowboys could fill the vacancies left by these All-Pro linebackers, but I'm sure Tom Landry has these things and others going through his mind as well as the plays for the next game.

As long as the Cowboys have personnel on their team, ready to jump at the chance of starting, the Cowboys will be a respectable team for many years to come.

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Tabor swings

"This year's team is very competitive and has an excellent possibility of winning district," says North Mesquite's new golf coach, Charles Tabor.

The golfers have already had one big thrill by defeating Mesquite 5-1.

The golfers are next scheduled to play Mesquite again October 16.

For the girls who are interested in golf, Mr. Tabor is planning on starting a girls golf team. This will probably be started within the next two months. So, if any of you girls are interested in swinging a club, contact Mr. Tabor soon.

Courts revamped

By revamping its home grounds with new court surfaces, and replacing all the old nets, the North Mesquite tennis team is shaping up for the season. This year, the team has five seniors and some talented new personnel as well. Coach Brinkley said the boys' team is progressing very well, as is the girls' team.

The teams first tournament will be October 11 and 12 at the Berkner Tennis Tournament.

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Everything seemed to go wrong against Skyline, even an injury to lineman, Buster Cotton.

Stallions hit bad streak

by MARTY McLENDON

There doesn't seem to be any sort of soft spot in the North Mesquite varsity football schedule this season. The problem with the Stallions is that they have obviously ran into the toughest of the tough spots.

The Stallions have dropped two games in a row. In the first of the two defeats they were upset by the Raiders from Skyline 10-0. It was a rare occasion for two reasons - first of all it was the first time they had failed to put a point on the board and it was also the first time North Mesquite had been defeated by a team from Dallas.

The following week the Stallions met forces with the South Garland Colonels, last year's representative of District 8-AAAA in bi-district play. The Colonels had an identical record to that of North Mesquite's (9-1), but South Garland went on because of their victory over the Stallions.

On this Friday evening, the playing surface of Hanby Stadium had a mild resemblance to that of Lake Ray Hubbard. This was caused by the rain which had fallen all day and a continuation of it throughout the game. Even in the dismal climate the game proceeded in its usual manner, except for the absence of the bands. The first half scoring was quite scarce, as at halftime the score stood at a 7-7 deadlock. The Stallion score came on a burst by quarterback Gary Lacey.

The second half wasn't any better for either of the teams. In fact, the only score of the half didn't come until the clock read 19 seconds left on the clock. At that time the Colonels popped up the middle for the score and the victory 14-7.

The Stallions have lost two straight games, but are still in high spirits hoping to get back on the winning track.

The Sports Scene

by MARTY McLENDON

Great boxing champions have come and gone. But, some people wonder if any have been as great as the current heavyweight champion - George Foreman.

Foreman is one of the hardest hitting heavyweights since Joe Louis. His aggressiveness and awesome power are the two main reasons that his most recent opponents haven't lasted more than two rounds.

His upcoming fight against Muhammad Ali could be the most serious threat to his title since he took it from Joe Frazier in one of the most shocking fights of the century. Even though Ali is aging at 32, he is still known as the man who resurrected boxing.

Foreman is probably just about now reaching the height of his career at age 25. His most recent ring victim was Ken Norton who only lasted slightly over half of the first round. That same Ken Norton is the one who broke Muhammad Ali's jaw and defeated him in the first of their two encounters. In their second fight, Ali was given the decision after the fight went the distance.

The Ali-Foreman showdown was originally scheduled for September 25, however, Foreman sustained a one inch cut above his eye while in a sparring session. This called for a temporary postponement of the fight to October 29. Foreman's Manager, Dick Sadler, disagrees with that, as he says there will be no fight until the cut is completely healed and there is no chance for it to be re-injured.

On the other hand, Ali says he is in the best condition he's been in since his prime days. He says he trains harder than Foreman, Norton, Frazier, or any other heavyweight for that matter. While training for a big fight Muhammad spends anywhere from five to eight hours a day in a gym, or other workout area. Those hours aren't easy work by any means. Every morning at about six he sets out for at least three miles running. The next two hours of his workout are usually spent working on strengthening his body by the use of weights, pulleys, and other various contraptions. The rest of his workout basically consists of improving his skills. This includes sparring, shadow boxing, and working on his footwork. Muhammad says that speed, strength, and agility are not all that make up a good fight. Any boxer will tell you that the mental strain is tremendous.

The experts are saying that it could be the greatest fight of all times, and it has the basic essentials to make it just that: two hard hitting, smart heavyweights who know their way around the ring.

Who will win? No one knows for sure. But one thing is for sure, it will be a great fight.

Rangers cont. from page 13

Catfish Hunter of the Oakland A's for the most wins in the Majors.

If you ever see a small mustached man with a Ranger uniform on arguing with an umpire it's the manager Billy Martin. Billy has done everything he promised to do. He said he would have the Rangers play .500 baseball and make them contenders for the pennant. That he has done, but it looks doubtful the Rangers can catch the A's. The A's are 4½ games ahead with 10 games to play at this writing. But who would have thought back in spring training the Rangers would be in the thick of a pennant race for the first time in 30 years?

Good weather proves helpful

Stallions raid Hanby in 27-6 triumph

by MARTY McLENDON

Sophomore Jay Glover scored three touchdowns and led the North Mesquite Stallions to a 27-6 victory over the North Garland Raiders September 27 at Hanby Stadium.

The first quarter and most of the second had the qualities of a state championship game as neither of the teams were able to score and the defenses were the only ones getting anything accomplished. The only score of the half was a one yard run by Jay Glover with only 1:34 left in the half. Steve Ewton's extra point attempt was good and the Stallions took a 7-0 lead going into the dressing room at halftime.

The second half was just an inverse of the first as far as the

Stallion scoring was concerned. When North Mesquite got their hands on the ball, they worked quickly and in no time at all Jay Glover squirted up the middle for 17 yards and the score. Steve Ewton's extra point attempt missed its mark, and the Stallions lead was 13-0. Just a few minutes later North Garland again found Glover in the end zone. This one came on a two yard pitch out from quarterback Gary Lacey. Steve Ewton's extra point attempt was perfect and the Stallion lead was swelling at 20-0.

The last of the Stallion scoring came later in the third quarter when fullback Larry Jones popped off guard three yards for the score. Steve Ewton again kicked the extra point and the Stallion lead stood at 27-0.

the first and most of the second quarters. The only score they managed to get was a 47 yard run by Tim Griffin. Griffin carried the ball 16 times for a total of 126 yards in the game.

The leading rusher for North Mesquite was Larry Jones. In the game Larry totaled 87 yards on 11 tries for a 7.9 yard average.

North Mesquite also unleashed a passing attack upon the Raiders, which is something the Stallions aren't known to utilize, but Gary Lacey proved this statement to be incorrect as he hit wide receiver Richard Brown five times for a total of 75 yards.

As usual, the effective defense was displayed by North Mesquite as they forced the Raiders to punt seven times. A few of the defensive standouts were David Jennings, Willie Witt, Neal Kirkpatrick, and Phil Westbrook.

North Mesquite is again back on the winning track after two straight losses; and who knows, if the Stallions keep playing like they did against North Garland they just might be representing District 8-AAAA when playoff time comes around.

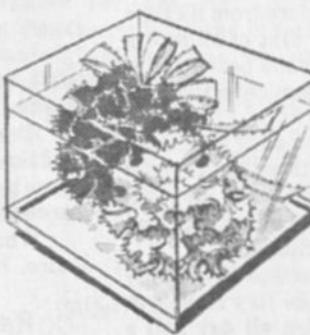
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