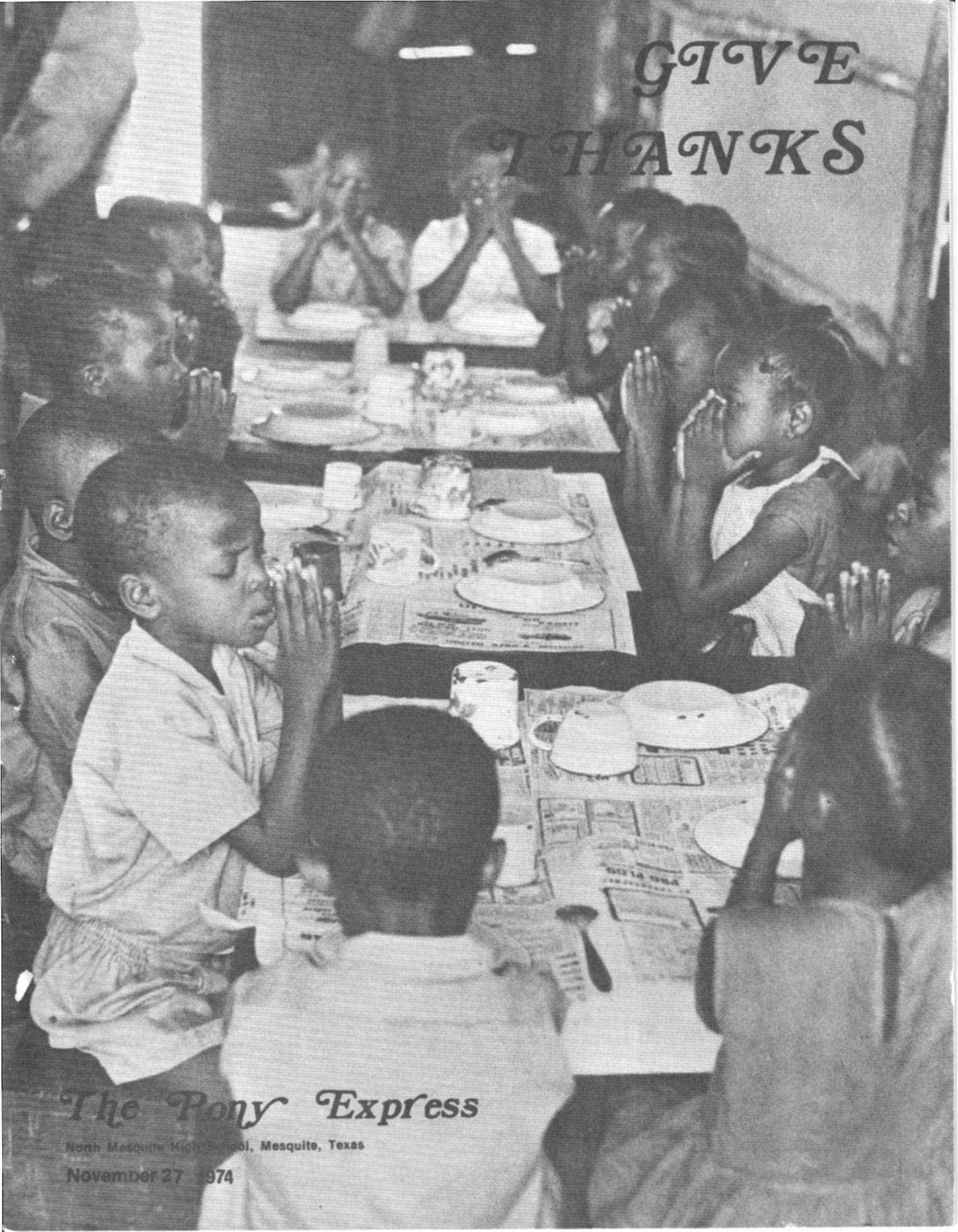


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Letters

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Pacesetter Drill Team, I would like to thank the Varsity Band for their co-operation and help this past football season. It is quite unique for a band and drill team to wish each other good performances. Usually there is competitiveness, unfriendliness, and a general dislike between two organizations of this nature.

However, at North Mesquite there exists a spirit of co-operativeness between the Big Blue and the Pacesetters. Members of both organizations realize the benefits of working together for a good North Mesquite half-time. Therefore, they have provided football fans with outstanding Friday night shows, and each individual member of these two groups has experienced the rewards of working together for a common goal.

I would also like to openly express my appreciation to members of the Pacesetter Drill Team for their hard work these past months. I am extremely proud of the dedication and spirit maintained during long practice hours. Recognition should go to the Senior Pacesetters for their excellent display of leadership, with a special mention of the drill team officers. The junior members are to be congratulated for their acceptance of demands placed upon them, for their understanding the importance of such to the seniors, and for their realizing the necessity of hard work to produce a good show.

Pacesetters, I thank you for a great season.

Happiness,
Miss Blount

OPINIONS

perform under academic pressure and strain. No one should go to college unless he can take the pressure. Furthermore, some people have talents that do not need college cultivation, these people need not go to college."

Other comments were: "Sometimes I wonder when there are students who can make more an hour than I do - yet I wouldn't trade what I do professionally for any other job," states Mr. Ray Gibson.

"A college education depends heavily on the individual. To go to college, for the sake of going, is senseless and a waste of money. There are many good vocations not requiring a college education and if a person's desired vocation does not require a college education then why go?" states Mr. Ronnie Pardun.

Mrs. Lavonne Dennis commented, "To be pragmatic, a college education is not really worth it. It does not assure you money, or fame or anything. But if you are less pragmatic and more idealistic, you can realize a great deal of personal enrichment from college activities and college life."

Those teachers who feel that a college education is worth it all the time made these comments:

"You never know when a college degree may be necessary to qualify for a job. Many times a diploma is an arbitrary requirement no matter what your experience and knowledge. Regardless, a college education broadens everyone's understanding of life. Under no circumstances can a education harm you and in most circumstances it furthers you whether in career or in your outlook on life." says Mrs. Debby Chapman.

Miss Nancy Henderson said, "I feel this to be so simply on the basis that a college education can usually benefit a person when finding a job, even though the job may not require knowledge from his or her major field."

"I attended private colleges and the association with Christian friends was worth a tremendous value to me. To be able to teach, coach, and work with young people is a blessing to me." comments Mr. Clell Tarbet.

"I know of no other job in which a woman can work for the number of hours a day and days per year for the income I make as a teacher - and you have to have a college degree to be a teacher." said Mrs. Maggie Birdsong.

Mr. Robert McCarty states, "An uninformed, unthinking people cannot solve their problems."

Is a college education really worth it

By ALICE ADAMS

Future plans often include thoughts about college for many high school students. Yet in looking at colleges realistically, we ask ourselves: "Is a college education really worth it?"

In answering this question the most qualified sources are those who have attended college - our teachers.

In an opinion poll of North Mesquite's teachers we asked the question "Is a college education really worth it" giving a choice of all of the time, some of the time or none of the time. We also asked them to explain their answer.

Out of the 47 answers we received, 26 people said some of the time, and 21 people went with all of the time.

Many of the teachers gave detailed explanations. Those teachers who said a college education was worth it some, or most, of the time had this to say:

Miss Linda Duckett stated, "It depends upon your initial goal - unfortunately some people attend college hoping to have a better salary. It's advantageous for social and intellectual awareness, for people who are unable to educate themselves. It gives one self confidence."

Miss Martha Adcock comments, "Some jobs require practical experience rather than book knowledge. Who really cares if their mechanic can quote Shakespeare?"

Mrs. Linda Stephens said, "In some jobs, a person with a high school education can do as well as one who has a degree. Opportunities open up for people who are ambitious and put out effort."

Mr. Ed Johnson had this to say, "It depends on a person's vocational preference and on his or her ability to

Traffic cop?

By JUNE BLANKENSHIP

Have you noticed our new traffic cop after school in the back parking lot. Some of you might have recognized him as the principal, Mr. John Campbell.

On some days there is so much traffic coming down Gus Thomasson that the back parking lot is impossible to get out of. The overabundance of cars comes from parents who have picked up their sons and daughters in the front of the school and usually cut through the Ford car lot to get back to Gus Thomasson. Thus, a very bad situation is created for students in the back parking lot. To give an example of how bad it sometimes gets, some students do not leave the exit until 4 p.m.!

If the parents would cooperate and take a different route, traffic might run a little easier and faster. Another route to take is to stay on the service road and backtrack to LBJ.

So, if you notice that the line of cars waiting to get out of our back parking lot decreases rapidly, you'll know our friendly neighborhood traffic cop is at it again!



'Great Switch'-trimester plan

By GLENN HUGHES

The 1975-76 school year will be the year of the "Great Switch". Referring, of course, to the changing of the traditional, now-existing two semester school year to the trimester school year.

The reason for the "Great Switch" is due to a bill passed several years ago by the Texas State Legislature. The bill requires all state public schools to operate on the quarter system by the 1975-76 school year.

The bill also offered the local school district the option of whether to operate three or four quarters. The Mesquite Independent School District chose the three-quarter option, or preferably called the trimester system.

The three quarters will consist of 180 days, with each quarter lasting 60 days. Tests will still be given during the regular six-weeks time, with report cards being issued as usual. But instead of having tests at mid-term and at the end of the year, three sets of "trimester" tests will be given.

This change has its benefits, such as the student would not be tested over a 18-week period of time, but over two six-weeks, while the knowledge is still "fresh" in one's mind.

The first trimester would end somewhere in mid-November, the second in March, and the third trimester in May.

All credits acquired by a student will be converted into quarters. Such as, a one-half credit course would probably be worth one or two quarters. No student should lose credits in the process. Only incoming freshman next year will be affected by the revised rules. All students now in North Mesquite will be required to complete the courses needed for graduation under the present program.

But gone will be the fortunate mid-term graduates. In their place will be those who could graduate, if the students meet the requirements, in November or March (and of course in May). For a senior to graduate in November, after the first trimester, he or she must have passed government while still a junior; or any other required courses.

Of course there are still plenty of questions left unanswered, but the Mesquite school board will meet in January to develop the system more thoroughly. The Pony Express will have a more thorough explanation at the time. But with everything considered, the "Great Switch" could, and should, become a pretty good system.

Democratic sweep —almost

By GLENN HUGHES

Who are we going to blame now? That question, and other related, are probably what is going through Democratic minds. As of three weeks ago, the Democrats in Texas, and across the nation, have a firmer hold on the state and national Congress. Better than two-thirds majority in the House of Representatives and almost as much in the Senate, with this much, the Democrats are going to have a difficult time blaming most of their (our) problems on the Republicans.

With the elections November 5, Democrats scored an almost unbelievable victory. But the Republicans were not to be shut-out in this race. Many voters went against the national and state trend to put Republicans in office. Exemplified here in the Dallas County area, Republican incumbent Alan Steelman won his second term in Congress over Democrat Mike McKool, in the

highly publicized 5th District race. Mesquite, a part of the 5th District, strongly helped Steelman to his impressive victory.

Another Republican in the Dallas area spotlight is the newly elected Dallas County Judge John Whittington, age 55. He is an attorney who resigned as a county commissioner in January to run against Lew Sterrett. Sterrett, a democrat, has held the Dallas County Judge title for the past 25 years, since 1949.

Other Republicans were victorious, but the trend had been set by all the political mess up in Washington, commonly known as Watergate. Republicans really did not have a flicker of a chance to gain majority (majority?) of the Congress, state or national.

A time may come when the roles are reversed, with the Republicans having control of Congress and the Democrats taking a back seat. But, until then ... Well, let's just wait until then.

Meet

다이 용 청



By DAWN WHITNEY

Meet Dai yong chung, North Mesquite's new Korean student. He speaks very little English, but is able to communicate with his teachers and fellow students by writing notes.

North Mesquite is very different from Dai yong's old school in Seoul, Korea, but he says he likes his new school because it's easier.

In Korea, school starts at 7:25 a.m. and lasts till 5 or 6:00 p.m., six days a week. The courses students in Korea take are similar to those offered here - language, art, science, math, history, and music, but students there are issued 13 books to

use. Dai yong also adds that teachers in Korea are nicknamed "tigers."

He likes the pep rallies at North Mesquite a lot, and American food "a little bit." Dai yong likes watching television and listening to American music, also.

In his spare time he practices Karate, (he has a black belt) and studies. He is learning quickly, but says "English is very hard!"

Until Dai yong masters the English language, he must be satisfied with talking to his cousin, Freshman Kim Frederick, who speaks a little Korea. Or perhaps students can talk to him now. Next time you see him in the halls, smile and say "yo-bo-say-o", which means "hello." If he doesn't understand your pronunciation, he'll still understand your smile.

Explorers offer career training

By RENEE MAREK

If police work is a career that interests you the Mesquite Police Explorers is an organization to investigate.

Mesquite Police Explorers is made up of students from both Mesquite High and North Mesquite High. These students are usually interested in law enforcement and learn a variety of police procedures. Boys as well as girls may participate. The present members consists of 13 boys and 3 girls.

Officers of the Mesquite Police Explorers are Thomas Alvarado, chief; Cherie Sinyard, lieutenant; Lisa Summons, administrative assistant; Ron West, sergeant and Mike Jefferson sergeant. Tom comments, "These officers are very hard working and try to help in anyway."

The members must be 16 to 21 years of age, and pay \$12.50 membership fee a year. Every Thursday night meetings are held from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. To meet qualifications for applicants, one must have a neat appearance, no felony record, or not be involved with drugs in any way.

After becoming a member one must spend 8 hours riding time with a policeman and assisting him. Uniforms are bought before riding; the cost of everything is \$115.

Chief of Explorers, Tom Alvarado, states, "Everyone in Explorers is interested in making a career of some law enforcement field." Tom says they learn and understand the duties of a policeman when they are needed. It gives them a chance to be in a different position and to see the second part of the story. Tom continues, "Hopefully it will encourage them to become police officers."

"We are a more privileged organization than Dallas or Richardson," continues Tom. "We are able to ride with the policeman, use the radio, practice at a pistol range, direct traffic, fill out reports and work football games."

Tom, a senior, has been involved in Explorers for one year. In that year he has been elected assistant chief and appointed chief which he now holds the position.

Tom explains why he became involved in Explorers, "I'm interested in law enforcement and plan to attend El Centro, receive my associate degree in police science. I also plan to apply at the Mesquite Police Department continue college education, receive my masters degree and maybe later go for my doctors PHD in police science."

Explorers gives students, who want to become involved with police work, an opportunity to see if he is really interested and wants to become a policeman.

By ALICE ADAMS

The Medical Explorers is a new organization compiled of high school students in Mesquite. Organized last spring, this is the first year their operation has been in full motion.

"The purpose of Medical Explorers is to give young people a feel for the field of medicine," states David Allen, president. "The students involved are usually planning to go into medicine for a career and this gives them a first hand look at the field."

Students spend their own time working with doctors or nurses in the evenings and Saturdays. Members of the organization hold meetings once a month in their own high school, but hope soon to begin meeting in the new wing of Rutherford General Hospital in Mesquite. Every two months students take field trips to different hospitals.

Further activities include a weekend trip next spring to an out-of-town hospital.

Advisor of the Medical Explorers is Dr. James Schulgen. Assistant Advisor is Mr. Ben Cross. Officers are David Allen, president; Karen Joffrion and Bruce Blanton, vice presidents; Greg Moore, treasurer; and Trisha Choate, secretary.

Student teachers arrive on campus



Student teachers are left to right, first row, Laura Murrey, Karen Burchfield, Susan Fagan, Ronald Hoes. Second row, Chris Campbell, David Thompson, Bob Chapman, Mike Rogers and Mike Clements.

Student teachers arrived on campus at the end of October for an 8-week session of observing and teaching in North Mesquite classrooms. Ten student teachers are from East and North Texas State Universities participating in this program to complete college requirements for an education degree.

The student teachers are Karen Burchfield, working with Mr. Larry Wagliardo; Laura Murrey, working with Mrs. Joyce Jamison; David Thompson, working with Mrs. Ann Watson; Michael Clements, working with Mr. Jim Casey; Ronald Hoes, working with Mr. Paul Davis; Christopher Campbell, working with Mr. Tony Anderson; Susan Fagan, working with Mrs.

Lynnell Prater; Robert Chapman, working with Mrs. Twilla Malone; Michael Rogers, working with Coach Ronald Powell; and Marilyn Palmer, working with Miss Cathy Bradley for four weeks.

Although their duties now only involve things such as grading papers and checking roll, they will be taking over the classes they are now observing completely after Thanksgiving.

While they are grading students, they will be graded themselves by their cooperating teachers in how well they assume responsibility, how well they are prepared, and other qualities they need to become full-time teachers.

Principal's, Optimist's award winners named

Paula Miller



Four seniors were chosen by Mr. Campbell and Mr. Terry to receive the optimists and principal's awards.

The principal's awards were received by Gene Aube and Vivian Massey. Gen is on the golf team and also enjoys baseball. Vivian's hobbies are horseback riding and sewing.

Paula Miller and Blake Phillips were chosen to receive the optimist award. Paula is editor of the annual staff and enjoys playing the piano, sewing, and cooking. Blake plays the position of wide receiver as number 23 on the varsity football team.

Mr. Campbell says of these students, "These are good, strong students, representative of the whole student body, and destined to be somebody; because they contribute to the school and will probably contribute to society rather than take from it. These also represent the type of teenagers every parent would like to have."

Blake Phillips

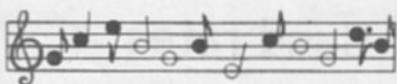


Gene Aube



Vivian Massey





Bop

with

'Bye Bye Birdie'

By RENEE MAREK

"There is a whole new revival of the '50's today," explains Mr. Mike Wolfe, drama director, explaining his reasons for choosing "Bye-Bye Birdie."

He also comments, "There is a nostalgia of the '50's: 'Happy Days' and 'Sons and Daughters' are two TV examples of the '50's and don't forget the movie 'American Graffiti'."

Recently at North Mesquite a '50's dress-up day was declared a spirit pepper-upper.

Since the '50's trend exists, "Bye-Bye Birdie" typifies the era.

Conrad Birdie played by Norris Harrington is the main character. A rock-and-roll star played by Elvis Presley in the movie, the play concerns his being inducted into the army.

Two hundred people are involved in "Bye-Bye Birdie" cast. These people have rehearsals every day from 3:30 to 5:30 or 6 p.m. in B-1 or in the auditorium. Other main characters are Tommy McNeely as Albert Peterson; Anna Janecka as Rose Alvarez; Cindy Herring as Kim MacAfee; Donna Holt as Mrs. MacAfee; Brad White as Mr. MacAfee; Katie Riggins as Mal Peterson and Gary Carter as Hugo Peabody.

Choral Tryouts for "Bye-Bye Birdie" consisted of singing "Happy Birthday" to see if applicants could carry a tune. During class, tryouts would be read aloud from the script.

Anna Janecka commented, "I love it, but it's lots of work."

Students directors are Karen Pirkle and John Marshall. These students substitute for absentees, block (tell actors what place to take) and help Mr. Wolfe direct.

Assisting Mr. Wolfe and student directors are Mr. Paul Davis in orchestra; Mr. Jim Casey in music; and Miss Karla Blount, choreography.

"Bye-Bye Birdie" will be presented December 5 and December 6. All tickets are \$1.50 and \$2 at the door. Tickets may be purchased from someone in the play.



Conrad Birdie (Norris Harrington) has an astonished look on his face as he, Rose Alvarez (Anna Janecka) and Albert Peterson (Tommy McNeely), on phone find out he has been inducted into the army.

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Begin with closing of schools Nov. 27. Classes resume Monday, Dec. 2 at regular time.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Begin with closing of schools at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20. Classes resume Monday, Jan. 6 at regular time.

Monday, January 13

Student Holiday — work day and in service for teachers.

Students chosen for orchestra

Five outstanding students from North Mesquite have been chosen for the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra. They are Liz Shelton and Charla Davis, violinists; cellists Mark Barnes and Marcus Stewart; and Kenneth Fultner, bass player.

All Mesquite high school and middle school orchestras will combine for the Second Annual Town East Mall Concert in mid-December.

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Band rates '1'

Repeating last year's record, the Big Blue Band brought home a "1" rating from UIL marching contest on November 5. Included in the band's drill was an arrangement of "The Most Beautiful Girl" done by Mr. Paul Davis, freshman band director. The band's main feature was a Kaleidoscope drill performed to the march "Carollton."

Bands are evaluated by three judges, who rate the bands on a basis of 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1. A five rating is the worst and a one is the best. Each judge rates each

band and writes comments on a rating sheet. The Big Blue received a "1" rating from each judge. One judge, Don Gibbs, wrote this comment, "I enjoyed your show very much. It was a musical thrill for me. May I offer my sincere congratulations to a fine band and a tremendous director."

This is the fourth year the Big Blue has made a "1" at contest. There are 19 bands entered in Class 4-A competition. Out of these, nine received a "1" rating.

The Freshman Band also attended the contest, and brought home a "2" rating.

Ray ripped off

Sometimes experiences are described as being "like a dream". One that Ray Winslow had was a dream and an experience he'll remember for a long time.

Ray, a junior, had been working at Lyndon's Grocery and Gas Station for three hours, on the night of October 24, when a young man of about 20 entered the store. He walked up to the counter where Ray and another boy were working and had a friendly chat with him for about ten minutes. He then very

casually said, "This is a stick-up." Ray thought it was a joke at first and laughed it off, but when the man pulled out a gun, he knew he was serious. The man warned Ray "not to try anything" and to hand over the money, about \$85, which Ray unhesitatingly did.

To Ray, the strangest thing about the incident was that he had had two or three dreams prior to the robbery about being held-up. This was the real thing, however, Ray plans to keep on working in the store as usual - and possibly to pay more attention to this dreams.

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October fest localized

Die Hengste held its own Octoberfest October 28 in the home of Rona Bozeman. Students prepared and ate German dishes such as potato salad and pastries. Other festivities include a scavenger hunt with the lists written in German and bobbing for apples.

Future plans for the club include having a Christmas party at the Big Town Nursing Home. Students will give hand-made presents and cards to elderly people in the home who speak German. They will also sing carols in German and form a small band ensemble to entertain the residents.

German club officers for this year are Rona Bozeman, president; Kevin Dasing, vice-president; Steve White, second vice-president; and Alice Adams, secretary.

Math club earns victories

Two first place trophies were captured by the North Mesquite Slide Rule and Number Sense team at Daingerfield Tournament November 9 and Longview Tournament October 26.

Students who earned the team score of 1,923 points at the Daingerfield Tournament were Howard McNeil, Larry Boyle, Keith Fulenwider and Paula Miller in slide rule, and Howard McNeil, Cindy Gibson, Larry Boyle, and Denise Tatsch in number sense.

Another first place trophy was earned by six students in Slide Rule and Number Sense at the 12th Annual Spring Hills Meet on October 26 in Longview.

Howard McNeil, Cindy Gibson, Lynne Campbell, and Larry Boyle competed in number sense and Mike Yancey, Larry Boyle, Howard McNeil, and Paula Miller competed in slide rule.

North Mesquite ran away with the victory with a total of 2,107 points. The closest competitors they had were Daingerfield with 1,798 points, and Longview with 1,735.

The club will participate in future meets and hopefully remain part of North Mesquite's "winning team."

FHA banquet coming

The Spaghetti Warehouse will be the scene of the Future Homemakers of America awards banquet on November 28 at 6:30 p.m. Awards will be presented to seniors who are graduating at mid-term.

Majorettes rate high

Varsity and Freshman majorettes grabbed a handful of one's at the UIL Twirling contest November 9 at Wills Point High School.

Varsity majorettes placed as follows: Melanie Roden, Pat West, Donna Duke, Cindy Phelps, Donna Miller and Debbie Trower received one's in solo competition. Sylvia Clouse, Debbie Waites and Valerie Robertson received two's in solo.

Those participating were Melanie Roden, Pat West, Debbie Duke, Debbie Trower and Cindy Phelps. They received a one, as did Donna Duke, Donna Miller, Sylvia Clouse, Valerie Robertson and Debbie Waites.

The freshman squad made up of Katrina Beeler, Donna Jackson, Ruth Hernandez, Linda DoRemus, and Charla Davis received a one in Ensemble.

Those receiving ones in solo competition were Katrina Beeler, Linda DoRemus and Donna Jackson.

Hodge Podge

Choir offers variety

The Freshman Mixed Choir, Belle Ensemble, Boys' Ensemble, A Cappella Choir, and North Mesquite High School Singers presented their first choir concert of the year on November 12.

All of the choirs sang a variety of songs and Donna Holt, junior, sang "I Honestly Love You" as a solo.

Twelve students from North Mesquite were chosen to be in the All-Region Choir after trying out on October 26. They are Charlotte Balch, Teresa Causey, Donna Douglas, Cindy Herring, Robin Root, Belinda Lipe, Deanna Longshore, Pam Seal, Vicki Tumulty, Brad White, Philip Phelps, and Zane Shipman. Charlotte Balch, Cindy Herring, Donna Douglas, Pam Seal, Brad White, and Philip Phelps were also chosen to compete in All-State choir tryouts.

The next choir concert is planned for December 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Tests scheduled

SAT tests will be given on February 1 and deadline to register for the test will be December 26, announced Bob Sego, senior counselor. The ACT test will also be given on December 14. The cost will be \$7.

If students didn't know, these tests are like a ticket to college," says Mr. Sego. "If the score is high enough to get into the college a student wants to attend, he, or she, will probably be accepted."

These tests will also give students a good comparison of their scholastic strengths and weaknesses in comparison to thousands of others in their own age group.

Cheerleaders superior

Superior ratings were earned by all of North Mesquite's cheerleaders in a contest sponsored by the National Cheerleader Association, November 9. They competed with cheerleaders from all over the state and the varsity squad was awarded a Texas International Championship trophy.

The competition was held in the Cotton Bowl, and the cheerleaders also attended the SMU-Texas A&M football game as guests of SMU.

With the football season over, the cheerleaders are now preparing for the start of basketball season.

Prom rules revised

For students who had decided not to go to the Junior-Senior Prom because of strict rules governing outside guests, you can now reconsider. Revisions of the prom rules have brought about several changes for this year's event.

First of all, seniors may invite outside guests and these guests will not have to be interviewed by the administration in order to attend the prom. However, seniors will be responsible for the behavior of their outside guests.

Juniors and seniors may invite any other sophomore, junior or senior from within the Mesquite Independent School District.

Clothing will be formal or semi-formal and all boys will be required to wear a coat and tie.

The prom is planned for May 3 at the Hilton Inn. The evening will start with a buffet-style dinner and then a dance with Lo Della providing the music.



Pictures courtesy of CARE Inc.

As Thanksgiving approaches many begin to look more closely at their surrounding circumstances in order to find things to be thankful for. More times than not as prosperous middle class people we look around and find big things for which to give thanks but we will miss the important things, the little everyday things: What?

For instance, food [not the huge turkey with all of its gimcrackery, just food - you know, the everyday stuff!], clothing, a warm place to go, clean water to drink, parents [yes], and friends. We really do have a lot to be thankful for.

Many non profit organizations [like CARE Inc.]

are working together to make this possible for children and adults who are less fortunate than ourselves. Pictures on page 1 and this page show children in Sierri Leoni [front page] and Costa Rica [this page] eating school lunches provided for by CARE packages. Contrasted with their mealtimes are a typical lunch enjoyed by North Mesquite students Alice Adams, Andrea Knight and Don Richerson.

For more information please contact: Care, Inc., Southwest Division, 109 N. Akard, Suite 917, Dallas, Texas 75201.

And if you really CARE, why not share.

I Wonder

I wonder
if
the Pilgrims ever
stopped,
after thanking God,
long enough
to thank the Indians
other than with a few
trinkets for
the land they used.

I wonder
if
they ever
thought
to see
if they could share
the things they were
so thankful for.
They thanked God for
warm clothes,

warm houses,
and plenty of food.
Did they ask the Indians
if
they had all these things?
I wonder.
If they really cared,
couldn't they,
wouldn't they, have
shared?

The longest journey was that of
searching for
and wanting a new life
to lead
not under the pressure
of one man
but under the love, guidance, and
care of another man
which could
guide,
protect,
and love them
And the people would serve,
defend his name
and love in return
the man who gave them
a chance for new life
and the chance
for us
to worship, live, and plan
our life
as we want.
Because someone cared to
make a pilgrimage for what
they believed in.

Carol Jones

Moments spent
with God's children
Are precious memories to me.

Being with His people
is as if I were with Him -
talking with Him,
laughing with Him,
crying,
smiling,
singing,
with Him.

From His children
I learn of His love
From His people
I learn of His joy
From His witnesses
I learn of His Son.

Thank you Lord
for your people
Every one
whether joyous, praiseful,
comforting, or tearful,
Through them -
in their creation -
I see you.

by Alice Adams

Thankful people gathered to be
Happy people, a family
Altogether to have a feast of
Nearness, friendship, turkey, and love.
Kitchens busy with too many cooks,
Smells in the air and hungry looks.
Getting ready for the very minute
In which somebody yells, "Come and get it!"
Voices and laughter fill the air,
In minutes the table is nearly bare.
Next comes a time of peaceful bliss and
Giving thanks for times like this.

by Dawn Whitney

Thanksgiving Blues

Five days out of school, what could this mean
It's not Christmas, or Easter, or Halloween
Day after day we'll watch those goofy cartoons
Till our mothers start yelling "Clean up your rooms."
Then our Thursday rolls around and company comes
You eat and you eat, then you bring out the "Tums"
The following Monday you're sitting in class
Wondering how five days could go by so fast.

Phyllis Balthrop



Good ole' family life

Sweet memories?

By ALICE ADAMS

As my alarm clock started ringing, my mind brought into focus the one important fact of the day - I was going home. "Why?" I asked myself. "Oh, yes! I remember - tomorrow's Thanksgiving."

My body told me to curl up under the warmth and security of my blanket and sink once more into the softness of my college campus mattress - darn! There's that broken spring again!

A switch clicked, hurting my eyes with a flash of light bright enough to blind a person. I found my pillow and stuffed it over my head. My mother said those familiar words, "Alright, Bunny. Get out of bed, you're late! Come on, lazy bones."

There she went again, those cute little sayings. That was one thing I detested about my mother. She was always talking to her children as if we

"O.k. Bunny," I said to myself. "Wake up and realize where you are, which is certainly not at home." So the day before Thanksgiving began.

Throughout the day memories of my family haunted me, their faces and voices peering over my shoulder and glaring at me from around corners.

At lunchtime, my mother's daily remarks about good diets and the right foods to eat came back to me as I stared guiltily at my coke and french fries.

Returning to my room and its unmade beds, overflowing trash cans, dusty furniture, and dirty floors brought memories of arguments with an all too-tidy younger sister who religiously followed her homemaking teachers advice every day of her life! Unfortunately, we shared a room for all of my high school years.

A free afternoon spent at a rock concert with my blue-jean clad friends reminded me of my father's unending advice on those "long-haired, dope-heads, hippy freaks who spend their time on campuses and at concerts in the park." Little did he know that in future years he would be including his daughter in that category.

Ironically, my friends categorized me as the daughter of "a stuffed-shirt, alcoholic businessman who spends most of his time protesting about long-haired, dope-heads, hippy . . ."

Traveling home on the back of Bob's motorcycle (a guy who was merely a friend and lived in the next



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trying to hide in the doghouse). I felt like asking Bob to turn the bike around and head for Alaska.

Turning onto the street where I lived I noticed my mother had left the light on for me - she used to leave candles burning so she'd know what time I came in. Bob went on his way, and I was left, alone. I unstrapped my backpack and let it slide to the ground. Soon a deluge of people would engulf me and peace would vanish.

It had only been 3 months since we'd all said goodbye - did I really want to do this? Maybe things aren't as bad as I remember.

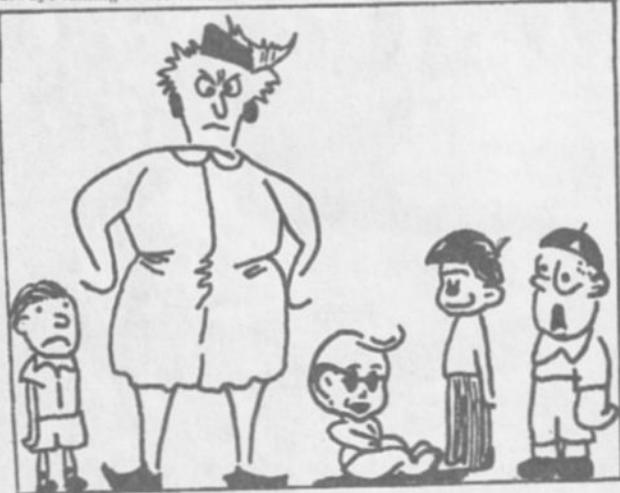
Gathered around three tables the next afternoon my father began the noon meal by leading us all in giving thanks to a Lord who had brought his family safely together once more - especially his daughter. (Was he praying for me?) Looking at bowed heads of those who had raised me, scolded me, taught me and most of all

loved me, I realized that, even though my family had its faults, I loved them.

Remembering that I felt this way took some doing later on as I took turns yelling at the kids to leave my precious (but full of holes) blue jeans alone, convinced my uncle I was not the type of woman to go into the Navy, conversed with my aunt about burping babies, and tried to tell my mother about the complexity of college life. She was fully sympathetic.

By the time Bob came roaring down the street and screeched to a halt in front of the house Friday morning, I was more than ready to go back. After all, one day is all they could ask for.

As we left in a midst of hugs, kisses, tears, good-byes and protests about how my father would love to drive me to college in his new Datsun, through my mind floated imminent thoughts about the next danger -



"That was one thing I detested about my mother. She was always talking to her children as if we had just graduated out of the crib and into the highchair."

just graduated out of the crib and into the high chair.

I mumbled some unintelligible nonsense and reached out to turn on my radio, (a typical reaction of mine to shut out my mother) yet my hands touched only empty air.

I opened my eyes to find my roommate, Sally, staring at me with a puzzled look on her face.

town) thoughts, images and pictures of former Thanksgivings took the place of the road in front of me. Aunts, uncles, grandparents, cousins, sisters, brothers, nephews, nieces, and pets all crowded into a house which did good to accommodate four people - much less 25! People overflowed into the yards, patios, and garage (once I found my baby cousin



"Gathered around three tables the next afternoon my father began the noon meal by leading us all in giving thanks . . ."

Marshall Tucker

Until just lately, the best hope that a southern band could have would be playing top 40 in the local club circuits. Now more people are begging to listen and giving bands like Hydra and Lynyrd Skynyrd a break.

Virtually unknown 17 months ago, the Marshall Tucker Band, through constant touring and two best selling albums, have now become the South's second most popular band, according to Rolling Stones Magazine. Even the Marshall Tucker Band did not expect their albums to sell like they did primarily due to the fact that the band didn't play "live" often enough to gain even a small following.

Marshall Tucker guitarists, Toy and Tommy Caldwell, played their guitars at parties when they were about eleven years old and became a popular attraction playing mostly country material. "Then the Beatles came out," recalls Toy, "and all of a sudden we'd play our Hank Williams tunes and everybody would leave. I started listening to the Beatles to see what all the commotion was about," according to an interview in Rolling Stones Magazine. Soon afterwards, an inspired Toy Caldwell formed the Rants, whose show consisted mainly of Stones and Yardbirds hits. The Rants raged across the local club scene for about three years until Uncle Sam decided to take the boys in the band for an unscheduled road trip.

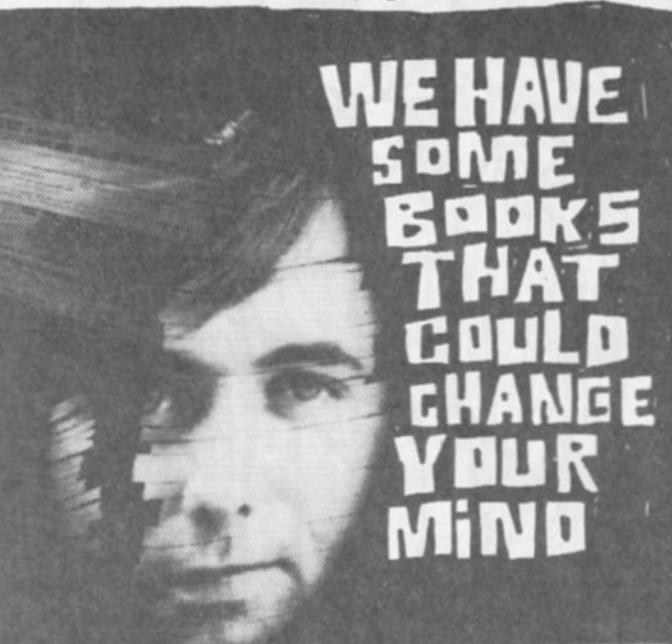
When Toy got out of the Marine Corps, he formed the Toy Factory which played mostly top forty. At the same time,

Caldwell who was working days as a plumber in his father's plumbing company became tired of moon lighting and joined forces with other musicians who were in the same boat, and decided to try to make the big time. That was the beginning of the Marshall Tucker Band, which got its name from the name of the owner of their old rehearsal hall.

"We didn't play any gigs at all for about six months," said Toy in the same interview. "We just concentrated on working up original material and making some good demo tapes."

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The studio album is comprised of the standard Marshall Tucker type formula songs highlighted by Toy Caldwell's guitar playing and Doug Gray's vocal work. The album also features such artists as Elvin Bishop, Johnny Vernazza, Charlie Daniels and Paul Hornsby (who besides producing the first record also plays the piano, organ and clavinet.)

The song which defines the Marshall Tucker Band's new directions most accurately is "How Can I Slow Down". The song opens with a funky sound which the Marshall Tucker Band has not achieved on either of their previous albums. This song exemplifies Doug Gray's sailing vocal work and Toy Caldwell's searing guitar work. Toy Caldwell, who wrote most of the material on the first record, continues to show his versatility in

By BRIAN DHORITY

Elton John has been signed by MCA records to an eight million dollar contract, the largest ever offered to a recording artist. With the help of his writing partner, Bernie Taupin, Elton has become one of the premier rock singers of the seventies. "Bennie and the Jets" was a top hit this summer and his latest album, Caribou, lives up to its promise.

The first cut off the album is "The Bitch is Black," a typical rocker enhanced by the Tower of Power brass section. Next is "Pinky", a love song highlighted by two short, excellent piano interludes. After that comes "Grimsley," another heavy rocker that serves as a vehicle for Elton's singing and piano playing. "Dixie Lily," the next selection, is about a person who watches the river steamer and dreams about the places it's been.

After that is "Solar Prestige a Gammon" a nonsensical song that Elton sings in an almost too formal way.

Ending the first side of the album is "Your so Static," a ballad about New York woman. It's slightly reminiscent of the fifties.

Elton John-Caribou

The flip side begins with "I've Seen the Saucers" which is about a person's desire to escape reality via saucer. Elton shows the rare talent of making a success out of rather weak lyrics. The next cut, "Stinker," is of the soul rock variety and is one of the album's highlights. After that is "Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me" in which Elton sings without much instrumental support.

Only a few singers can come off as good as he does. The last song of the album is "Ticking", about a teenage boy who went crazy in a New York bar and killed 14 people. It is one of the albums few boring moments.

All in all, Caribou is an excellent album with good synthesizer and guitar work. Although sometimes it seems almost too polished, it shows the variety of styles of Elton John. After hearing it you'll know why he is one of rock's foremost superstars.

song writing, writing anything from rock numbers to country ballads. The point where the Marshall-Tucker Band excels is the mastery with which the band performs, sounding like a band with much more experience than they actually have.

Another focal point of the new album is Jerry Eubank's emergence on flute and alto sax. Although always a member of the band, Eubanks was always held out of the spotlight. Time and again Eubanks surprises the listener with his knowledge of his instruments through his long intricate solos found on several songs.

The real highlight, however, is the live album. There are only two songs on each side, but the pace never lags and more importantly, the electrifying experience of the Marshall Tucker Band's stage show is captured on vinyl. The songs are Ramblin', 24 Hours at a Time (with a guest appearance by Charlie Daniels), Every Day I Sing the Blues and Take the High Way.

Ramblin' is the killer on the album which is a comparatively short (535) rocker. Doug Gray's Vocal solos which can only be described as impressive contribute as much to the song as Caldwell's super, but a little self-indulgent, guitar work.

The most refreshing part of the album, however, is the band's ability to play good, honest music without relying on gimmicks as many other bands often do.

So if what you're looking for is some good honest rock, which is hard to come by these days, your best bet is the Marshall Tucker Band. "The pride of Spartanburg, South Carolina."

FINISHING TOUCHES

By ALICE ADAMS

Light comedy, with amusing touches of sarcastic wisdom is used to depict a middle-American, middle-aged household in the production "Finishing Touches", now playing at the Windmill Theatre.

A routine morning begins the play, bringing thoughts of our own homes back to us - utter chaos. Yet what begins as a normal day soon leads into a surprising and ironic chain of events, late into the night of that same day.

The story revolves around a married couple who find themselves in the midst of the "40-year old" blahs. They become frustrated and uptight over the smallest details, such as unmatched coffee cups, yet are unable to think clearly when major crisis' develop. All of this is portrayed with witty repartee and comical actors.

Majorie Lord stars in the production, portraying the part of the wife. The role of her husband is filled by Mark Miller. Other actors include Howard Morton, Barbara Stranger and Mark Stevenson.

The play will be running through December 15. Tickets start at \$8.95 each on Friday nights.

"Finishing Touches" had a very definite statement to make to young America. That being that the "live-in love-in" younger generation has no better answers to the problems of intrapersonal relationships than does the older generation.

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Tracksters rank high in meets

By SHARON CRABTREE

With state championship coming up December 7 the Cross Country team steadily progresses

Individual 1974 District Champs in three divisions-Varsity, Jr. Varsity and Freshman came from North Mesquite Greg Lautenslager, (Varsity), Dwayne Murr, (Jr. Varsity) and Steve Peyton, (Freshman).

North Mesquite came out number one in the District meet held November 16 at White Rock over Lake Highlands, Richardson and Mesquite. The top three schools and top ten individuals will go to Regionals. There, the top three schools, and top ten individuals go to state.

Top five runners that determined scores were Lautenslager 1st, DoRemus 2nd, Elwonger 5th, Huley 6th, Ford 8th; total points 22 in the varsity division.

In JV Murr 1st, Cain 2nd, Allen 3rd, Garrett 5th, David 6th; total points 17.

Freshman top five were Peyton 1st, Scott 5th, Coyle 7th, Sweeny 8th and Johnson 9th.

In the last three meets they won in two and placed second in one.

Close competitors, North Mesquite and Houston Strake battled out November 9 at the Dallas Jesuit meet. Houston

Strake Jesuit skinned over North Mesquite by 15 points.

Fourteen schools in 4A competed for the crown. North Mesquite has outrun RLT by 30 to 50 points at each meet. Since Houston Strake Jesuit has no competition in 3-A, Coach Brent Thorne invited them to compete in 4-A. Last time Houston ran away with the winnings but this time North Mesquite gave them some competition but lost by 15 points.

North Mesquite Varsity champs from the race were seniors Robert Ford, Russ Mowell, and Mike DoRemus; Juniors Greg Lautenslager, and Mitch Contreras, along with sophomore Steve Elwonger.

In the meet November 2 the Stallions runners found a steep hill, rain, mud and chugholes awaiting them. But even in the dreary conditions North Mesquite placed first among 20 schools. The Varsity and JV ranked high with first place ratings while the freshmen placed second behind Mesquite.

A few unusual mishaps occurred in the JV race. Terry Allen had the lead throughout the race - until the last 660-yard mark. Teammate Steve Cain then took over the lead. Then the mark of determination was shown when Dwayne Murr, who had taken a spill early in the race and fell about 80 places

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The Sports Scene

The following story is completely fiction. It portrays Joe Kool, a huge person with an absolutely sensational basketball talent (while playing for opposing teams.) It is written with the purpose of making you laugh. This story should in no way be taken as true.

By MARTY McLENDON

Joe Kool, a 7'10" center from Mesquite scored 86 points (for the Stallions) and led North Mesquite to a 167-15 victory over Mesquite in the North Mesquite Gym, Friday night.

Skeeter coaches became slightly upset when Kool fouled out in the first quarter and decided to play for the Stallions. They became a little more upset when Joe racked up 42 points in the second quarter without a foul against him; and the Stallions led at halftime 101-6.

The second half wasn't any better for the Skeeters as the rest of the starting lineup fouled out with six minutes left in the third quarter. Kool piled up 30 more points in the third quarter and North Mesquite took a 150-13 lead going into the fourth and final period. By the midway point in the fourth quarter the entire Skeeter team had fouled out and the team consisted of three cheerleaders and two coaches. The final score ended at 167-15, with Joe Kool totaling 86 points for the Stallions.

Mesquite officials are trying to solve the problem with Kool as he has scored 167 points in three games for the opposing team. Coach Elmo Snodgrass said he was considering shipping Joe off to Wilmer-Hutchins who, incidentally, they play next week. He is hoping Joe will foul out and come over to Mesquite.



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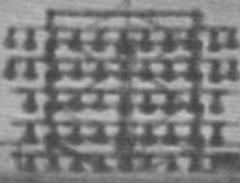
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Cotton Bowl could be raided by Bears



COTTON BOWL

Baylor in the Cotton Bowl? Don't laugh, it just may happen since the Bears beat the Texas Longhorns 34-24, and the SMU Mustangs beat the Texas A&M Aggies 18-14.

The Baylor win coupled with the Aggies loss, shoots the Baylor Bears into a first place tie with A&M. Even though a SWC team has never lost two games and been crowned SWC champs, but it could happen this year, after all the upsets Baylor over Texas, and SMU over Texas A&M, there's a chance that could be broken. A&M and Baylor are leading with one loss a piece followed by Texas Tech, Texas, and SMU with two losses each.

By JESSIE WHITE

Since A&M beat Baylor, they will have to go to the Cotton Bowl if they win their remaining games with the Rice Owls and Texas Longhorns. For Baylor to go they must win their final games with the Red Raiders from Tech, SMU, Rice, and hope that A&M loses. There is also another way the Bears can go. Baylor can lose one of its remaining games if Texas A&M also drops one. Such a turn of events could place Baylor in a tie with at least two other teams. In this case Baylor would win the title and go to the Cotton Bowl on the bases that the Bears have never gone before.

SMU can go to the Cotton Bowl because they are on probation. For Tech to go the Red Raiders would have to beat Baylor, Arkansas and hope A&M is winner over Tech earlier this year. Losses to Rice and Texas A&M, Baylor would have to lose to either SMU or Rice.

This would bring about a tie between Texas and Texas Tech and Tech would get the nod because of a victory over the Longhorns in Lubbock earlier this year.

The only way Texas can go is to beat A&M and finish with a 5-2 record with the Aggies. This would mean Baylor would have to lose two of its last three games and Tech one of two.

Wacky year in the SWC, huh?

Tennis team wins

A cold and windy day prevailed over the tennis team as they attended the Grand Prairie Doubles Classic. The tournament, November 15-16 was attended by 15 competitive 4A Schools. The tennis team came away with a first place trophy.

Track continued

behind gained all the way to a 4th place finish.

On October 26 Stallion Harries traveled to Arlington and grabbed the first place crown. Placing in the meet were Greg Lautenslager, 1st; Mike DoRemus, 3rd; Lou Hulcy, 7th; Rob Ford, 9th; and Steve Elwonger, 19th.

The JV and Freshman combined efforts to gain the first place crown. Mitch Contreas finished first with a fine effort followed by Dwayne Murr who finished 4th, Terry Allen, 6th place, Mike Garret 7th, and Russ Mowell finished 8th. Each runner who finished in the Top 10 received a trophy.

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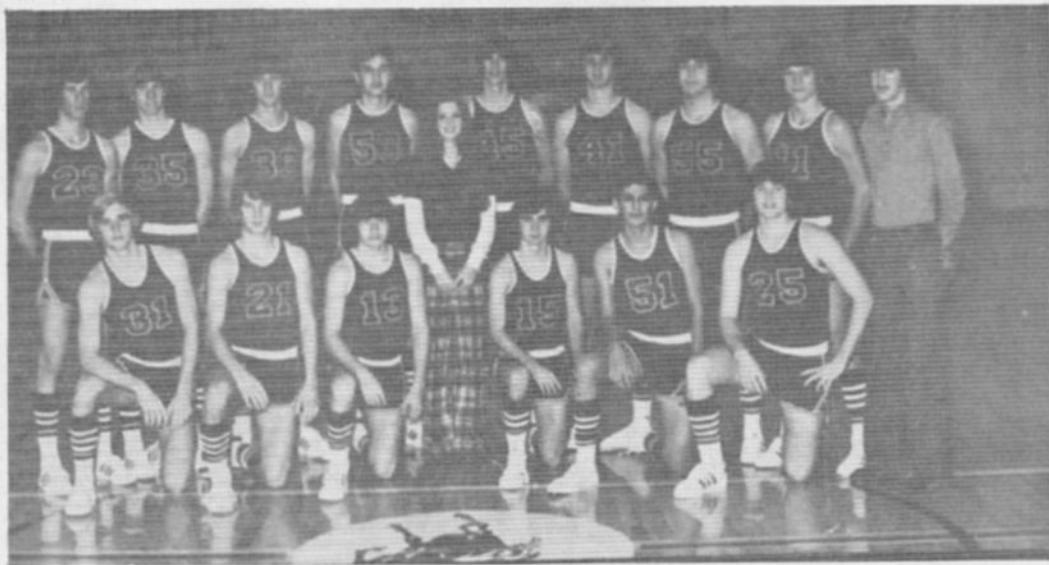
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Roundballers begin season



Stallion Roundballers for the 1974 season are front row: Van Ogden (31), Robert Boley (21), Sheril Crumpton (13), Joey Flores (15), Matt Hernandez (51), and Mark Davis (25). Back row: Bucky Oakley (23), Tom Green (35), Greg Haddock (33), Tony Severs (53), Mike Nelson (45), David Jennings (41), David Crumpton (55), David Beane (11), and Manager David Moss. The 1974 Basketball Sweetheart in the center is Pam Baxter.

Stallion JV thumps Skeeters

By MAX JAGGERS

The North Mesquite Junior Varsity defeated the Mesquite Skeeters by a score of 18-6 for their last game of the 1974 season. Mesquite started the scoring on a 9 yard pass play in the first quarter. The rest of the game it was the Stallions all the way.

In the second quarter, Ricky Carter scores on a one-yard plunge and the extra point was successful as the Stallions lead 7-6.

In the third quarter, the Stallion defense tackles Mesquite in their own end zone for a safety. This play made the score 9-6 in favor of the Stallions. Also in the third quarter, Mark Burkett kicked a 33-yard field goal which left the Stallions on top by a score of 12-6.

The Stallions ended the scoring with a one-yard run for a touchdown, which made the final score 18-6 in favor of the Stallions.

On October 31, the Stallions played the Wilmer-Hutchins Eagles to a 0-0 tie at the Wilmer-Hutchins field.

On October 24, the Stallion JV fell to the Lake Highlands Wildcats by a score

of 20-8. All of Lake Highlands scores came in the first half, as North Mesquite's score came in the fourth quarter by Kevin Ray's one-yard plunge. Shannon Doggett ran it in for the two point conversion to end the Stallion scoring.

The Stallion JV was coached this year by Terry Warren, Ed Johnson, Ronnie Pardun, and head coach Ben Robertson. Cheerleaders were Carol Cheek, Pam Davis, Mary Garner, Sherra Gumm, Debbie Harville, Sandy Malone, Kathy Roe, Jennifer Truesdale.

Freshman season good

By MAX JAGGERS

Both Freshmen teams ended a outstanding season by joining forces to defeat the combined Mesquite team by a score of 13-7. Mesquite started the scoring on a 10 yard pass and making the extra point.

In the third quarter, Jim Mayfield ran 95 yards from scrimmage to tie the game. The extra point by Bud Harper was good.

The Stallions put the game away on a 15-yard run by Danny Rich.

On November 7, the Freshman Blue shut out the Mesquite White 12-0. Stallion Gaylord Furman intercepted a

Skeeter pass and ran it back 70 yards for the touchdown. North Mesquite ends the scoring in the fourth quarter as Dennis Kingrey hauls in a Britt Moore pass to give the Stallions the final score of 12-0. This game gives the Freshman Blue a record of 7-1-1 for the year, coached by Gary Halliday and Clell Tarbet.

The Freshman White continued its undefeated season as they defeated the Mesquite Maroon 6-0 on November 7. The only score was on a quarterback sneak by Stallion Mark Scudder in the fourth quarter. This game gives the White team an outstanding record of 8-0-1. The White team coaches are Ron Chauvin and Ken Trepagnier.

Skeeters' sting stops Stallions

By JESSIE WHITE

In their game with the Mesquite Skeeters, the underdog North Mesquite Stallions played a very solid game before 10,000-plus spectators at E.H. Hanby field.

The Stallions, played the first half like they were the favorites as they held the Skeeters to 7 points as Mesquite receiver Randall White, caught a 5-yard pass from Mike Ford with 8:43 left in the second quarter.

For the Skeeters that was all their scoring in the first half as the Stallion defense stiffened.

In the third quarter Mike Enochs, who led both teams in rushing with 163 yards in 22 carries, glided up the field on a 38-yard-touchdown jaunt to put the Skeeters ahead 14-0. Later in the third quarter quarterback Mike Ford found tightend Pete Hawk in the end zone for a 4 yard TD pass. The conversion was good, and the Mesquite Skeeters led 21-0.

This lead didn't stop the Stallions as they took the kickoff and moved 93 yards in seven plays and 3 minutes; Jay Glover capped the drive by exploding through left tackle and then cutting over to score untouched from 36 yards out. Then the

Stallions tried for the 2 point conversion but it was unsuccessful, and the Skeeter lead was cut to 21-6.

Key plays in that NM drive were passes of 14 and 13 yards from Gary Lacey to Scotty Harry. Mesquite wrapped up the final scoring as Scott Smith booted a 29-yard field goal to secure victory. The final score was 24-6.

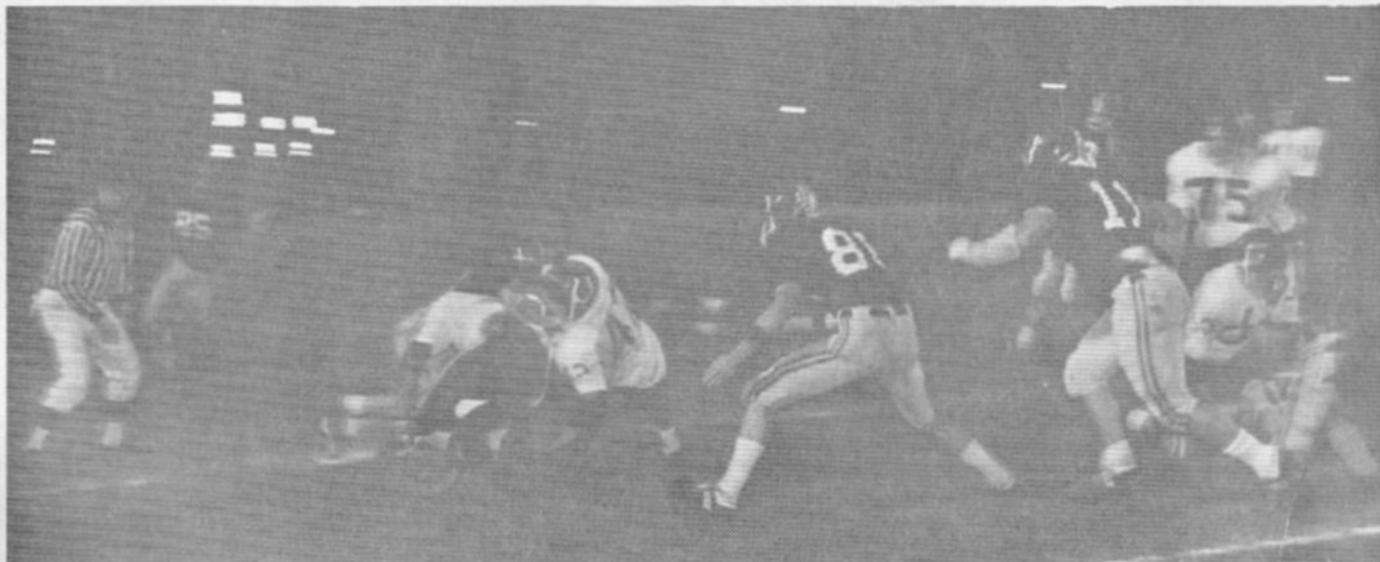
Both teams were very aggressive in the contest as shown by all the turnovers. Fumbles recovered by the Stallions were made by Richard Brown, Phil Westbrook, James Stephenson, and Willie Witt.

Interceptions were made by Scotty Harry and Len Denton.

GAME STATISTICS		
	North	Mesquite
FIRST DOWNS	13	17
RUSHING YARDS	132	203
PASSING YARDS	70	90
PASSING	8-21	10-18
RETURN YARDS	62	44
TOTAL YARDS	264	337
INTERCEPTIONS BY	2	4
FUMBLES LOST	3	2
PUNTS	4-29.5	4-31.0
PENALTIES	5-45	4-30

ACTION

Date	Opponent	Place
Sept. 30	Decatur	Home
Oct. 7	Plano	Home
Oct. 14	Colleyville	Home
Oct. 21	South Dallas	Home
Oct. 28	DeSoto	Home
Nov. 4	Colleyville	Home
Nov. 11	Waxahachie	Home
Nov. 18	Plano	Home
Nov. 25	DeSoto	Home
Dec. 2	Richardson	Home
Dec. 9	Waxahachie	Home
Dec. 16	South Dallas	Home
Dec. 23	Mesquite	Home
Dec. 30	Glen Rose	Home
Jan. 4	Waxahachie	Home
Jan. 11	South Dallas	Home
Jan. 18	Mesquite	Home
Jan. 25	South Garland	Home
Jan. 29	Glen Rose	Home
Feb. 5	Lewisville	Home
Feb. 12	Waxahachie	Home
Feb. 19	South Garland	Home
Feb. 26	Richardson	Home
Mar. 14	Mesquite	Home
Mar. 18	South Garland	Home
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All Varsity Games Start at 6:00 p.m.		
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Head Coach: Ron Phalen		
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Jay Glover goes up the middle in the action against Mesquite. Other Stallions in the picture are Marty Winn (60), Gary Lacey (11), and Mike Humphus (75).

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