

# The Merkel Mail

Thursday, March 22, 1984...Merkel, Texas

Our 95th Year



Help at the push  
of a button

§ Mable Harris shows off her emergency response device. She was the first recipient of the device here. [Staff photo by Melanie Richards]

## New emergency systems offered here for local elderly

by Vernon Wade

The Emergency Response System, a device which can be used by someone to receive help from anywhere around their home, was installed here Friday.

Mable Harris of Merkel received the first unit and she is now able to push a button, they wear around their neck. Once pushed, a phone number is automatically dialed and that call is made to a place where their medical information is kept.

Eva Brown of Merkel also had a device installed at her home

Friday. The device has a base station, usually located near the person's bed, that has a button that can also be activated.

The receiver of the call then calls a person listed on the information sheet and the necessary steps to get help to the person is then set in motion.

The system is designed to let someone at home stay at home who might otherwise need to be placed in a nursing home or to live with a member of their family. It is available by contacting the Senior Citizens Group which meets

on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Heritage Hall at 11 a.m. Persons interested may also contact Genevive King, Vernon Wade, Waymon Adcock or Esther Wheeler.

Officials of the program said this may be a valuable, inexpensive alternative for families that are considering placing an elder member in a nursing home. It has already proven very valuable and dependable in this part of the state and many area cities have programs similar to this already in effect.

## Board pretty satisfied with teachers, Legislative special session (yipes), rough Wednesday...more

by Cloy A. Richards

The school board met Thursday night, for what usually is a very long session, so I loaded up with about ten of the most current magazines and prepared for a long wait.

It wasn't all that long, and that fact has an equal value to another, we must have some pretty good teachers at MISD.

You couldn't have convinced me of that quite so easily five years ago, but I am a pushover now, in that regard.

With their boss making a personal recommendation, the board rehired all but four teachers without reservation. Of those four, one was rehired on a split vote, one resigned and the other two were not renewed, both for particular reasons. One, Phillip Pursley was not rehired because the program he teaches will not be offered next year and the other is leaving the country for at least one year.

What that means to me is the school board is pretty well satisfied with their teaching staff and the turnover, forced turnover that is, is the lowest it has been in six contract sessions.

That speaks well for all involved. Sure, some of you probably are mad as heck about a particular teacher for a particular reason, but I guarantee the majority don't share your opinions, because that teachers has just been rehired.

Or at least offered the job next year, should they decide to accept that mission.

Had a good weekend in College Station this weekend. Dad was waiting with the LTB (Little Tin Boat) and we headed off to Sommersville to catch a mess of fish.

Best laid plans...

We did have an excellent chat, and that always as good as catching fish, it can sometime make you feel as good about things.

The school board also made another important decision Thursday, that is to delay the bond election they had earlier set for a May vote.

One of the reasons was they wanted to wait and see what new laws would come from a promised (in the Texas Legislature's case... threatened) Special Session.

No Texan is safe as long as... What the board is hoping for would be an additional sales, gas, sin, any kind of tax that would be set aside to help offset rising property owner taxes in the state.

I wouldn't hold my breath for too much out of a Special Session for a couple of reasons.

It seems that every group in Texas is proposing an increased sales tax but they all have different reasons for using the revenue for this and that. Too many hands out for that revenue.

Secondly, the measures the Legislature would have to take to take an appreciable burden off of local taxpayers would necessitate the Legislature to adopt bold, new concepts that have so far only been debated, never accepted.

The Texas Legislature may be

known for a lot of things but bold, new concepts on spending tax dollars aren't usually at the top of it's virtue list.

It's going to be one of those Wednesdays.

This column is usually written late Tuesday afternoon, and man, do I have a 24 hours in store for me.

My daughter is one of the kids taking off on the Student Council tour to Washington at 3 a.m. Wednesday (by now long gone). Tuesday already promised to be a long day at The Mail so I should be able to go home at midnight, sleep till 2:45, take Kim to meet the bus, back to bed until 6:45 and up because class starts at 8 at TSTI.

I'll be the guy with toothpicks propping up the eyelids.

Merkel area senior citizens are now eligible for a simple, but effective notification system that may keep some people out of nursing homes.

The device has a base station and with the push of a button, an elderly person can have a phone number automatically dialed for assistance they may require.

In fact, two of the systems are already in use here. It also features a button that is worn around the neck than can be activated to place the call.

More information can be obtained about the system at the Tuesday and Thursday luncheon meetings at Heritage Hall or from Vernon Wade, Waymon Adcock, Genevive King or Effie Wheeler.

## Board offers new teacher contracts, delays possible May bond vote, enrollment at 1,143

The Merkel school board decided to put off a May schedule for a bond issue here and also chose what teachers to offer contracts for the 1984-85 school year at their regular session held last Thursday in the High School library.

The board also leaned MISD enrollment stood at 1,143 students.

The board approved the resignation of 8th grade girls coach Barbee, and did not renew the contracts of Phillip Pursley and Karen Clark. Clark had requested a leave of absence and Pursley was not renewed because the program he was in charge of will not be offered next year, according to MISD superintendent Bill Everett.

The board also retained Clifford Smith on a split vote. They hired Sally Odenwald as computer

literacy instructor at Merkel Middle School and Becky Bollier as a teacher at Merkel High.

The rest of the MISD teaching staff was offered a contract for the school year without discussion.

During the meeting, the board leaned the University Interscholastic League has approved a new education standards rule that states an athlete must be passing four subjects to be eligible for that week's game (the old rule was three), and further states, that if an athlete is failing a class, he may not miss that class to attend a UIL event. That rule will affect participants in baseball, golf, tennis, swimming, gymnastics and track.

Merkel Elementary principal David Casey reported his school had accepted delivery on seven

Apple II personal computers for use by students. The computers were purchased through funds raised by the Parent-Teachers Organization.

Concerning the delay of the bond issue, superintendent Everett said he did not feel they had time to adequately take the case before the people for MISD needs by May.

Board member James Boyd said "A bond issue in May stands about a 20 per cent chance of passing and my feeling is that we delay it a while."

Board members also agreed they wanted to wait and take a look at actions of a promised Special Session of the Texas Legislature.

Charles Harper is expected to present pencil sketches of his ideas for new facilities.



Off to D. C.

These students and sponsors left Wednesday morning for a four day tour of Washington D. C. They are the first Merkel student organi-

zation to take that type of tour. The tour is being led by Merkel Middle School teacher Ken Elliott. [Staff photo Melanie Richards]

## Little League meeting March 26th

There will be a meeting of The Merkel Little League, March 26th at 7 p.m. in the Taylor Electric Cooperative Building.

This meeting is of great importance for everyone involved to attend.

This includes all of last years coaches from both Little and the

T-Shirt Leagues, all officers, any sponsors that would like to participate.

The meeting will be a discussion of registration set for the end of March, the financial position of the League, uniforms and equipment, the maintenance of the field and cleanup days. Sponsors' fees

and rules and regulations will also be discussed.

The League and the boys need your help this year. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Terry Wade- President; Gary Parker- co-president or Sheila Hunt- secretary-treasurer.

## Merkel bands selling album recorded over past three years

Merkel ISD band director Randy Tierce has announced that the Merkel bands will be releasing a record album of their award-winning performances from the last three years.

The record will include performances by the 1982, 83 and 84 middle school bands as well as the 1983 and 84 high school bands.

Although the record is primarily intended as a keepsake memento for the current and past members of the Merkel bands involved.

Records will be sold to individuals in the community. All record sales are in advance and must be purchased by mail or in person through the high school band directors office.

This is not a fund-raising project since the records are being sold at

actual cost. Should you desire to purchase an album, send a check or money order (no cash please) for \$5 made payable to the MISD Band. Mail to MHS Band record sales, Box 430.

Merkel purchases in is April 10th. For more information, please call 928-5511, extension 24.

## Special for elderly taxpayers set on PBS Sunday

Tax laws, credits and deductions affecting taxpayers age 55 and older will be the subject of "Your Tax Return: 55 and Older Update," to be aired on Sunday, March 25, from 2 to 3 p.m. CST on Public Broadcasting Station KERA-TV, Channel 13.

During the program, Internal Revenue Service tax assistants will be available at IRS phone centers to answer viewer questions. The toll-free tax information number to call is 1-800-424-1040.

# Newsbriefs

## 7th Grade boys win in Hamlin

The Merkel 7th grade Boys track team captured their second meet trophy in a row in Hamlin Saturday.

Kenneth Jowers had another outstanding performance winning the long jump, high jump and the 200. Eddie Proctor had a personal best in the 120 high hurdles and was 3rd in the 200.

The 400 meter relay team of Freddy Gonzales, Doug Boling, Proctor and Jowers ran away from the field racing to a 51 flat win. The 1600 relay team set their best time, knocking off 10 seconds. Gonzales, Boling, Jowers and Ricky Flores are on that team.

Steve Leverich won the 100 and was 6th in the 330 low hurdles. Gonzales was 2nd in the 100, 2nd in the long jump, 4th in the high jump. Boling was 5th in the 200, Flores 2nd in the 800 and 3rd in the 1600. Davy DeLeon was 5th in the 1600. John McNeal was 3rd in the shot and 5th in discus. Chris Wright missed out placing in the top 6 in the 800 and the 300 hurdles but Coach Huskerson felt he has done well and he can be in the money before long.

He also said he was proud of this team and wanted to thank the parents and the school for their support. They will travel to McMurry Saturday. The prelims start at 9:30 and the finals start at 5 p.m.

## Dillard's visitors

Visiting the Clayton Dillard's this week-end

were his sister and her husband, Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Huff of Harrison, Ark. They said they had 18 feet of snow on their farm in January.

## Catholic news

Don't forget the Diocesan-wide commemoration set for April 1 at Mission San Clemente in Millersview. Festivities will include a pageant telling San Clemente's story a Mass and a donation barbecue. You are cordially invited to attend.

The 6th grade class will be holding a Bake sale after Mass. Help them make their goal.

## Wright honored

Sgt. David W. Wright, son of A. J. Wright of Rural Route 2, and Katrina M. Smith of 604 Rose, both of Merkel, has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal at Fort Hood. The Achievement Me-

dal is awarded to soldiers for accomplishment, meritorious service or acts of courage. Wright is a supply specialist with the 13th Support Command.

## Parliamentarian confab set

The Taylor County Extension Office and the American Institute of Parliamentarians are sponsoring a "Order from Chaos" procedure workshop April 5 from 7 until 10 p.m. and April 7th from 9:30 until 12:30.

More information is available from Roberta Watters at the county extension office. A \$5 fee per participant will be charged.

## Xi Nu Eta meets

The Abilene Chapter of Xi Nu Eta met March 6th in the home of Maxine Cockrell.

Members present included Kathy Dacy, Ja-

na Nelson, Maxine Cockrell and Marilyn Tittle. Guests present included Dee McCollum, Sharon Norris and Judy Stevens.

The program was given by Lindsey Wells on Financial Planning and High Risk Investments.

An invitation for membership was extended to and accepted by Dee Dee McCollum and Cathy Pack.

New officers for the 1984-85 year are Jana Nelson president, Marilyn Tittle, vice president, Kathy Dacy, treasurer and Cathy Pack, corresponding secretary. City council representative will be Dee Dee McCollum. The next

meeting will be held in the home of Jana Nelson Rt. 3 View on April 3rd.

## 81 Study club

The meeting of the 81 Study Club was called to order by president

Grace Holt. It was held in the home of Mrs. Cleo Reese of Merkel, who was also the hostess.

Members present included Vernie Bryan, Paula Forehand, Grace Holt, Goldia Malone, Cleo Reese, Ann Talent and a guest, Mrs. Lois Johnson.

The program concerned homemade decorations.

The next meeting of the 81 Study Club will be

held in the home of Mrs. Grace Holt on March 26 and Paula Forehand will be the hostess.

The program will be on recycled arts and crafts.

## CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ERNEST L. DAVIS, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ernest L. Davis were issued on February 29, 1984, in Cause No. 16,159, pending in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas, to:

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by Russell McAnally

Our president keeps asking "Now, aren't you better off than before?" I keep waiting for the rest of it— "better off than before WHAT or WHEN?". If it means "Better off" than before inflation came down I would say yes— If it means better off than before the budget deficits tripled, I would say no.

I have named a plus and minus in today's condition so I could go ahead with an early historical economic comparison. A dollar and a half a day was a good wage for a high school boy in the years between 1936 and 1940. I speak from experience because I was there, and I was happy to get that amount.

That boy, in that day, could take the dollar and a half days wage and take his date to a picture show at twenty cents a ticket. Down the street South of the Court House in Lubbock, was a hamburger place with very large hamburgers—and no one was asking "Where's The Beef." Those hamburgers were five cents each or six for 25 cents. The cokes were also five cents each. So, two movie tickets, two hamburgers, and two cokes came to a total of 60 cents for the evening. A couple of large bars of candy would cost another dime. That total... 70 cents, with 80 cents left over.

The young high school man of today could probably make 25 dollars a day. That is a little over 16 times as much as the 1936 boy could make. The dollar and a half boy could buy three times as many hamburgers as the 25 dollar a day boy. The two boys could probably go to the movies the same number of times on their days' wage. The dollar and a half boy could buy 30 cokes with his days' wage could buy about the same. (I hope these figures are not too complicated for the bookkeepers at the H & B Lbr. Co.)

Are we better off than before? For a young man's work today he could buy about 20 gallons of gasoline while the dollar and a half boy could only buy about 10 gallons at 15 cents a gallon.

Not long ago, I went into the showroom of Max Murrel Chevrolet company about buying a new

car. They were very nice and as reasonable as any. With pencil and paper, I added the cost of the extras on a new car. It came to a little over \$1,800. The extras are what we demand but also what we have to pay for. The point is— that \$1,800 of extras on today's car would have bought two new Chevrolet's for the dollar and a half boy. In 1942, I was offered a new Chevrolet for \$840. I didn't have the money to buy it. **Are we better off today than before—**

# Fortnightly treats guests to fashion show by Braggs

The Fortnightly Study Club met at Heritage Hall March 13th for its **Guest Day** meeting with the social committee serving as hostesses. Club president Alwyne Sandusky welcomed members and guests and program chairman Alice King announced the program as "Fashions", to be presented by Bess Dixon, Becky Rogers, and Bragg's Department Store.

Bess Dixon spoke on "Sewing has come into its own". She gave an interesting account of how sewing was first done by using needles made from thorns. She said that some of the intricate work s of art made in the early days of sewing are now museum pieces.

Becky Rogers' subject was "Buying ready made garments." Her interesting and informative talk gave many helpful ideas about wardrobe planning. Among other things, she said that we should analyze our wardrobe before purchasing a new garment, then select something to harmonize and complement the clothes

when? My youngest son bought a used car in 1964 without air-conditioning. He came in one hot summer day, with perspiration flowing freely. He said, "It sure is hot driving with the windows all rolled up." When we gave him a questioning look, he said "If you drive with all the windows up, people think you have air conditioning."

I will agree. **Some of us are better off than before.**

we have. Also, she suggested we should consider our life style before selecting a new garment.

Madelon Horton then read a welcome from the new owners of Braggs Department Store; Dana Dunnagin, Paula Bowen and Debbie Doan, to see the latest fashions and invited all to see the latest fashions for a "Spirited Spring"

The fashion show followed. Piano music was performed by Anna Belle Shouse and Marilyn Tittle was MC. Models included Amber Whisenhunt, Wendy Elliott, Shayla Dozier, Kaci Bland, Terrace Beasley, Gina Faulkner, Bethany Teaff, Becca Dunagin, Eric Beard.

Also, Adrienne Holloway, Jeanette Pursley, Linda Faulkner, Amy Jones, Ida Mae Seymore, Blanche Hewitt, Minyon Seymore, Janice Smith, Wanda Hendricks, Edna Hill and Debbie Childers.

The Saint Patrick's Day theme was used in the decoration and also in the refreshments. Linnie Fisher won a beautiful potted plant. Refreshments were served to approximately 100 people.

# Mrs John Jones buried here

Mrs. John D. (Marie) Jones, 88, of 3102 Buffalo Gap Road, died at 8 p.m. Saturday at Hendrick Medical Center. Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Elliott-Hamill Funeral Home in Abilene.

The Rev. Kenneth Jones, minister of the Caps Baptist Church officiated, assisted by the Rev. Oscar Fanning, a retired Baptist minister. Burial followed at Rose Hill cemetery here.

Born March 5, 1896 in Indiana, Pa., she came to Texas at an early age, settling in Putnam. Her

parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. John Rupe. She married John D. Jones in December of 1912 in Baird and moved to Mulberry Canyon. She moved to Abilene in 1975, coming from Castle Peak. She was a Baptist.

Her husband had died in 1978.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. E. L. (Ruth) Clark of Abilene; two sons, Vernon of Buffalo Gap and R. D. of the home; two sisters, Lottie Carson of Plainview and Agnes Snipes of Port Aransas; three granddaughters and four great-grandchild-

ren. Pallbearers were Robert LeRoy, Walter Riney, John Lilly, Ron Bevins and Dennis Walker.

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2.5 acres fenced, city water, well, garden area chicken pens, 1 car carport, 14 wide 3 bedroom mobile home, patio, owner carry, small equity.

183 acres south of Merkel, vary scenic, includes fences, rodeo arena, 5 stock tanks, some minerals plus mobile home with in ground pool.

2,1,1 stucco, good starter home in nice area.

2,1,1 with shop and cellar, fenced on corner lot, home on 2 lots.

Trent 3 bedroom home on 2 lots, garden area has 1 bedroom house, could be rental, needs work. Owner will carry.

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2 bedroom on corner lot low equity.

2 bedroom House for rent.

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After 5 call Betty Stautzenberger 862-6329

Mike Wheeler 676-1320 52-TFC

Real Estate Land for sale- Hester Real estate near Truby off 707. 206.7 acres of good land with turkey and quail. Minerals with production nearby. Selling to settle an estate. Call Hester Realtors 692-5454, 692-4444 or 692-4531.

54-4tc

House to be moved. Living room, dining room, two bedroom, kitchen, bath and utility room, less than \$5 per square foot. Call 928-5576

51TFC

Doublewide mobile home, 3 bedrooms 2 baths in Merkel on 2 acres. Call 928-4538 after 6 or 672-3251, extension 302.

55-2tc

For rent: 2 bedroom furnished house, central air, double car garage, \$250 per month. Call 928-5635.

54-4tc

House for rent: 2 bedroom with wood-burning stove, has kitchen stove-refrigerator and dishwasher. Call 928-5194 after 6 p.m.

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House for rent at 408 Ash. House for rent at 404 Ash. Apartment for rent, 1 bedroom. Call 928-4916 or 928-5236.

53-4tp

1,2 or 3 bedroom mobile home for rent in Merkel. 928-4973.

27-tfc

Two bedroom furnished apartment for rent, reasonable. 928-5938

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House for rent: deposit required. Call 928-5845

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Garage Sales Yard sale- Friday only. Green house, East of Stuckey's

55-1tc

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5 Family Garage sale Senior Citizens Building 122 Edwards. Friday and Saturday.

55-1tpd

Garage sale 512 Taylor Thursday and Friday Mostly clothes, lots of items.

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### SHANNONSIDE APARTMENTS

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### Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank one and all for the food, calls and flowers in our time of mourning.

Mrs. Odessa White Mrs. Bena White

We would like to thank everyone for all the food, flowers and cards, as well as the visits during the illness and death of our mother and grandmother. Most of all we thank you for all the sweet prayers.

We thank the Starr Nursing Home for their untiring kindness, it will always be remembered. May God bless each of you is our prayer.

Mr. & Mrs. R. O. Payne And Family Mrs. George Byrom And Family Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Talbott & Family Mrs. Bessie Jackson

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We wish to express our appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy during the loss of our loved one, Mrs. John D. (Marie) Jones.

Mrs. Ruth Clark & Family Mrs. Vernon Jones & Family R. D. Jones

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

-TO: Victor Coca, Whereabouts Unknown, Respondent:

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Ruth Flores and Candelario Flores, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 17th day of February, 1984, against Victor Coca, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 27CX on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Victor Francisco Coca, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to determine what parent-child relationship exists between the child and any Victor Coca and that all such parent-child relationships be terminated.

Said child was born the 20th day of August, 1984, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this 15th day of March, 1984.

Rilla Mahoney Clerk 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas by Bonnie Calvin, Deputy

55-1tc

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR -NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, of the 17th day of January, 1984, by Order of Sale of said 42nd District Court for the sum of Two Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Four and 49/100 and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in

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favor of Dickey Stanley, d-b-a Stanley Transport vs. Cary-Chapman (C C) Drilling Corp., d-b-a Circle Drilling, placed in my hand for service, I John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 6th day of March, 1984, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being 182.5 acres, more or less, out of section 145, Block 64 H. & T. RR. Company Survey, Taylor County, Texas, Also known as the Schneider Oil and Gas Lease and levied upon as the property of Cary-Chapman (C C) Drilling, Corp., a Texas Corporation d-b-a Circle Drilling.

## Airway must be cleared within 4-6 minutes

by Vernon Wade  
**President-Merkel Emergency Medical Service Association**  
 Almost all living things must have oxygen in some form to live. The air we breathe contains 21 per cent oxygen. Adult lungs will hold about 12 pints of air. However, we use only about a pint each time we breathe. If a person has a problem moving this one pint of air, their life can be in danger. In this article, we will deal with the worst problem a person can have with breathing.

The **Number 1 Problem** seen outside the hospital by emergency personnel is a complete airway obstruction. A small child putting something in their mouth, an adult eating too fast or food too large. In every person, there is a demand for air which can't be met until the thing that is obstructing their airway is removed. If the item is not removed within about 4 to 6 minutes, the person will die.

To help you decide if there is an obstruction, ask the person a question. If they move their lips but no sound is heard, there is **Probably** an obstruction. If the child looks like they are crying, but no sound, that is a possible airway obstruction. If there is some sound but they look like they are in distress, call the ambulance.

The following should be done if no sound comes out or the patient become unconscious. **Call the Ambulance at once!** Don't, repeat Don't insert your finger if you cannot see anything. If you can see something, gently try to remove it. Be careful that you don't push it in anymore. If you cannot see anything, with the hand open, slap the patient between the shoulder blades about four times. The patient's head should be lower than the shoulder blades or the patient should be lying down. After the four back blows, look in the mouth to see the object is where it can be seen. If it is, remove it. If not, give four more back blows again. If possible, have someone else to call the ambulance or call before you start the back blows. If the airway is blocked, time is very important and the proper help is needed quickly. Call the ambulance.

If after the back blows (Sharp), the airway is still obstructed attempt to breathe into the patients

mouth. Seal your mouth over theirs and hold their nose shut and attempt to breathe. If no air is moved, try the back blows again. **Remember**, 1st call the ambulance, then try to unblock the airway. If the airway is blocked,

completely, the patient only has 4 to 6 minutes. The call to the ambulance service with their equipment may be the patients only choice. Call, then attempt the back blows.

Next week: **Broken Bones.**

## Mayor proclaims

## March as Youth

## Art Month

*Whereas, childhood is the time to develop interests, skills and aptitudes that will last a lifetime and*

*Whereas, through meaningful art activities, children develop initiative, self-expression, creative ability, self-evaluation, discipline, and a heightened appreciation of their environment, and*

*Whereas, the importance of art in education and in recreation is widely recognized,*

*Now Therefore, I, <sup>John S. Satterwhite</sup> Mayor of the Town of Merkel do hereby proclaim March 1984 as*

### YOUTH ART MONTH

*and urge all citizens to become interested in, support and encourage art programs presented in your schools.*

## Hadaway's will be leaving for Tanzania as missionaries

Robin and Kathy Hadaway of Monterey Park, Va., were among 31 people named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission board Oct. 11 at River Road Baptist Church of Richmond, Va.

Kathy is the granddaughter of the late Earl and Ruth Baze of Merkel.

He is currently the pastor of First Southern in Monterey Park.

The Hadaways will work in Tanzania where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker.

Born in Nashville, he

is the son of Mr. & Mrs. James E. Hadaway of Los Angeles.

Born in Lubbock, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baze of Phoenix. She also lived in El Paso.

They have two children, Bethany Dawn and Seth. The family will go to Pine Mountain, Ga. for an eight week orientation before leaving for the field.

He is a candidate for the doctor of ministry degree at Golden Seminary in Mill Valley, Va. and has also attended the Theological Seminary in Dallas. He has degrees from Memphis State and a master of

divinity from the Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth.

She was graduated from Arizona State and

has also attended the Southwestern Seminary. She had previously worked as a flight attendant in Dallas.

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 WITH THE COST OF EVERYTHING GOING UP YOU'LL BE GLAD TO KNOW WE HAVE GONE DOWN ON OUR RENT AND DEPOSITS FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 928-4336  
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## 8th grade boys win in Hamlin

Shane Newberry led the way as the Merkel 8th grade track team won the Hamlin Relays.

Brit Pursley scored 20, Rodney Sittler 18, Mike Farthing 12 and Jason Duran 12 to pace the team.

The following are the results of the team:

The 400 relay team of Albert Chavira, Pursley, Moreno and Lester Patterson was 2nd; Newberry was 1st and Lynn Hays 3rd in the 110 hurdles; Patterson 3rd in the 100; Duran 1st, Farthing 2nd and New-

berry 4th in the 800.

Also, Sittler 2nd and Duran 5th in the 400; Moreno 2nd, Newberry 3rd and Farthing 4th in the 300 meter hurdles; Sittler 1st in the 1600; the 1600 relay team of Farthing, Patterson, Pursley and Sittler were 2nd; Pursley was 1st in the pole vault and high jump while Moreno and Hays were 5th and 6th respectively in the high jump.

Also, Robert Rushford was 6th in the shot; Newberry 6th in the long jump and 5th in the discus.

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**HOP TO IT!** FRIDAY & SATURDAY

**GRADE A MEDIUM EGGS DOZEN 99¢**

**PARADE SLICED CHEESE SINGLES 8 OZ 89¢**

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**MORTONS BEEF & CHICKEN POT PIES EA 55¢**

**LIQUID DISHWASHING JOY 22 OZ \$1.59**

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**JENOS PIZZA 10 OZ \$1.29**

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**VIENNA SAUSAGE ARMOUR 5 OZ 2/79¢**

**STARKIST TUNA CHUNK LIGHT 6 OZ 99¢**

**BOUNTY TOWELS JUMBO ROLL 73¢**

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**TUESDAY MARCH 27, 1984**

**5:30 - 8:00**

**HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**\$2.50**

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SHEER STRIPS \$1.19  
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12 OZ PKG **98¢**

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**HOT COCOA MIX**  
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**COBBLER** 2 LB TRAY **\$1.79**  
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**PIZZA** 10 OZ PKG **\$1.09**  
STILWELL  
BREADED OKRA 24 OZ BAG **\$1.29**  
AUNT JEMIMA  
**WAFFLES** 10 OZ PKG **69¢**

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**COCA COLA**  
12 OZ CAN  
**6 CANS \$1.59**

FLAVOR TREE  
SESAME  
**SNACKS**  
ASST 4.5 OZ **69¢**

DEL MONTE  
**PINEAPPLE** 15 OZ CAN **55¢**

TREE TOP  
**APPLE JUICE** 32 OZ JUG **98¢**

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**SWEET PEAS** 2 FOR **98¢**

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**BEANS** 23 OZ CAN **59¢**

KEEBLER  
**CRACKERS** 1 LB BOX **89¢**

PARADE  
**COFFEE CREAMER** 18 OZ BOX **73¢**

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**KLEENEX**  
175 CT BOX **69¢**

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**TUNA**  
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PARADE  
**CHILI**  
19 OZ PLAIN **98¢**

BRACHS  
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**JOTS**  
6 OZ BAG **69¢**

PHILADELPHIA  
**CREAM CHEESE**  
8 OZ PKG **83¢**

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6.75 OZ CAN **89¢**

CALIFORNIA  
**STRAWBERRIES**  
Large... Luscious...  
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**ROUND STEAK**  
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**RED APPLES** LB **59¢**

FRESH  
**LETTUCE** HEAD **39¢**

WHITE  
**ONIONS** LB **59¢**

RUSSET  
**SPUDS** 10 LB BAG **\$1.69**

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**FLA-VOR ICE**  
24 OZ CRTN **\$1.29**

ASSORTED  
**JELLO**  
3 OZ BOX  
**3 FOR 93¢**

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SWEET  
**PICKLES**  
22 OZ JAR **\$1.69**

OLAO  
**PARKAY**  
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HOMO  
**MILK**  
GAL JUG **\$2.33**

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LOW FAT  
**MILK**  
GAL JUG **\$2.23**

FOREMOST  
COTTAGE  
**CHEESE**  
12 OZ CRTN **83¢**

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