The Merkel Mail

Thursday, April 26, 1984... Merkel, Texas

Our 95th Year

Board hires five, accepts resignations starts search for football coach

The MISD school board placed five students at Merkel High in an on campus probation for a drug related incident, hired five teachers and accepted the resignations of two teachers at their scheduled meeting last Tueday night at the high school library.

The board also decided to lease purchase copy machines for each school campus and decided to purchase two new 71 passenger

The five Merkel High students placed in the on-school probation are in that program for a 10 day period and will then be evaluated by the high school principal at the end of that period. He will then decide whether or not to allow the students back into the regular classrooms. Currently, according to MISD superintendent Bill Everett, the students are in a special classroom and are doing their normal school workload. The students, their case and witnesses for the students appeared before the board in a closed session.

from Cliff and Janice Smith. They have already returned to Dimmitt here and was head basketball campus principal.

coach. Hired were Gloria Hoover, Don Lambeth, Theresa Lambert and Dana and Ron Yanky. The board also named Coach Townsend as the girls and boys head basketball coach and he will also coach the baseball team next

Currently, MISD has three coaching vacancies and a special meeting was to be held Tuesday to find a new high school football

The board also heard the latest results in the 1984 Metropolitan Acheivement Tests that were administered to students in all grades this year. MISD administrators were very happy with the results of the tests, especially in math areas.

Previous years testing here had indicated a need to improve math skills and this year the test results showed that students could perform math skills that are not expected for another year and in some cases were two years ahead. Everett attributed the improvement to a strong commitment here to academic excellence. Parents will be receiving individual student reports soon and more information about those reports coach. Smith was an assistant will be available from the chil's



scampered off to find more Easter Melanie Richards

§ This youngster paused just long Eggs. The Merkel Chamber of fire off a frame before he 122 children. [Staff photo by decision on a pay raise or a

Council delays cable rate increase 60 days

The Merkel City Council decided Monday night to delay granting a rate increase to the operators of the Merkel tv cable system for 60 days and approved an engineering contract with Jacobs-Martin Engineering of Abilene for the new

Ted Smith also was asked to

remain as mayor pro-tem.
In regards to the cable rate increase, council said they were delaying the increase "to allow the operator of the system more time to implement improvements and we want to meet again with Mr. Little to talk about some of the rate charges in the proposed increase.

Council learned Monday night that the state is now administering some federal funds that are to be used to upgrade existing sewage treatment facilities and council gave city manager J. A. Sadler permission to allow Randolph-Gilreath & Associates of Abilene to prepare a proposal to seek those

During a public hearing on proposed use of federal funds, the city decided to use some of the money for a paving project on Merkel's South side between Trundy and Manchester. The city

will receive a little less than \$25,000 this year in federal match-

Council also decided to hold a special meeting, probably next Monday night, to make a final retirement plan for city employ-

Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite also signed a proclamation concerning the Medic Alert program here. It reads "Whereas: The Citizens of Merkel, Texas are concerned for the welfare and safety of all people with hidden medical conditions; and Whereas: The Medic Alert Foundation International has been in the forefront in developing a system of emergency medical identification and information; and Whereas: Medic Alert maintains a twenty four hour answering system, where each member's emergency record is maintained and is available to physicians and other authorized personnel on a collectcall basis providing a lifetime of protection; and Whereas: Since 1956, Medic Alert has dedicated itself to public health in the field of emergency treatment to insure that every person with a hidden medical condition receives the most effective treatment available; and Whereas: The success of Medic Alert, a non profit charitable and tax exempt foundation, has been totally dependent on membership and private donation. NOW, THEREFORE, I DO

HEREBY PROCLAIM THE PER-OD OF MAY 1 TO MAY 31 TO BE: MEDIC ALERT MONTH AND I DO HEREBY URGE AND THE UNTIRING EFFORTS OF THEIR VOLUNTEERS. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I HAVE HEREINTO SET MY HAND THE 23rd DAY OF APRIL, 1984. Kent Satterwhite- Mayor.

Badger boys win all 4 district titles Tuesday

When the dust had cleared Tuesday in Hamlin, all four Merkel track teams walked away with district championships and for the Badger varsity track team, it was the second win in two years.

Varsity events Monday as Michael McCoy won the long jump and Matt Cain finished 6th. Randy Davis finished the day with two second places, both qualifying him for the regional meet as he was second in the pole vault and the high jump. Justin Amerine was 3rd in the pole vault and McCoy was 6th in the high jump. Steve Farthing also qualified for regionals as he was 2nd in the 3200 meter run. Donnie Brady was 5th in that event. The Badgers carried a four and a half point lead into the running events

The Badgers had to fight off two major disappointments Tuesday when sprinter and middle distance man Russell Lucas pulled a muscle and had to be scratched and Michael McCoy jumped the gun in the 100 finals and was disqualified. Both events cost the Badgers dearly in points.

Results from the field events included the 400 relay team consisting of McCoy, Cain, Milo Harris and Amerine were 3rd. James Wright won the 800 and Dean Franklin was 3rd. Matt Cain set a new school record in the 110 high hurdles to place second in that event. Milo Harris was 3rd in the 400. Matt Cain also set another school record in the 300 Intermediate hurdles in winning that event and Dean Franklin was 6th. McCoy was 2nd in the 200. James Wright won the 1600 and Donnie Brady was 5th. The mile relay team, made up of three sophomores and a junior won. That team consisted of Harris, Franklin, Steve Farthing and Wright.

Junior Varsity The junior varsity team lead the field after Monday's field events and never lost it as they scored 154

with their closest competitor

Breckenridge scoring 126. Field event results included Keith Watson 3rd and Tim Brandon 4th in the shot. Danny Santee was 3rd, Douglas Taylor 5th and Shane Reagan 6th in the long The team started well in the field jump. Richard Powell was 2nd in the high jump. Tim Brandon won the discus and Clay Carey won the pole vault. Wayne Johnson was the day's leading scorer as he won the pole vault and was 3rd in both the

mile and the two mile. In the running events, the sprint relay team of Taylor, Powell, John Warkala and Watson were 2nd. Watson was thrid in the 200 and Santee was 5th. Warkala was 4th in the 100 and Santee 5th. Allen Windham was 5th in the 110 high hurdles and Tim Brandon and Gary Sutterfield were 3rd and 5th respectively in the 300 intermediate hurdles.

In the 3,200 meter run Johnson was 3rd, Chris Tomasch won and David Mongomery was 2nd. Tomasch also won the 1600. Clay Carey was 2nd in the 800 with Montgomery 4th. Powell was 6th in the 400. The mile relay team of Powell, David Teaff, Dusty Moore and Montgomery were 5th to complete the scoring.

The Merkel 8th grade Badgers outscored their closest competition Breckenridge 188 to 142 to win the district championship in Hamlin last Tuesday.

Scoring for Merkel were Brit Pursely 1st, Ramon Moreno 2nd and Ricky Doan 3rd in the high jump. Moreno was 3rd, Lynn Hays 5th and Doan 6th in the long jump. Shane Newberry was 5th in the shot and Robert Rushford 6th. In the discus, Newberry was 2nd and Tony Roberts 5th.

Brit Pursley broke his own school record in winning the pole vault and leaped 12 feet. Maury Oler had his personal best time in placing 2nd in the 3200 and Joe Alvarez was 4th.

In the running finals on Tuesday, the 400 relay team was 2nd. They are Albert Chavira, Pursley, Moreno and Doan. In the 800 Newberry was 1st and Mike Farthing was 3rd. Pursley set another school record of 16.58 in winning the 110 hurdles while Moreno was 2nd and Newberry 3rd. Doan was 5th in the 100, Rodney Sitler was 3rd while Joe Alvarez was 4th in the 400. Moreno won the 300 hurdles Newberry was 3rd and Farthing was 4th. Chavira had his personal best in placing 2nd in the 200. Maury Oler, a track participant for only three weeks surprised his coach and the field with his 2nd place finish in the 1600, Sitler was 4th. The 1600 relay team of Sitler, Farthing, Alvarez and Pursley were 2nd.

Coach Olsen told The Mail "We participated in six meets this year, winning five and placing 3rd in Coahoma. I would like to thank the athletes, the administration and the parents for their cooperation and support throughout the season."

7th Grade

The Merkel 7th grade track team completed their season last Tuesday outscoring their nearest competitor Breckenridge 189 to

Scoring for the Badgers was the 400 relay team of Freddie Gonzales, Steve Leverich, Eddie Proctor and Kenneth Jowers were 1st. The 1600 relay team of Gonzales, Isreal Olvera, Ricky Flores and Jowers also were 1st. Tony Trevino turned in a fine performance as he won both the 1600 and the 3200 and was 3rd in the 400. Ricky Flores was 2nd in the 400 and the 800. Chris Wright was 2nd in the 3200 and 6th in the 1600. Eddie Proctor won the 110 hurdles and was 2nd in the 200. Gonzales was 3rd in the 200, 4th in the shot and 5th in the long jump. Steve Leverich was 3rd in the 300 hurdles and 6th in the long jump. John McNeal was 2nd in the shot and 4th in the discus. Chip Dillon

was 5th in the shot and discus. Isreal Olvera was 2nd in the 300 hurdles with his personal best pole vault and the 400. time of the year. Davy DeLeon

Jowers again won the high jumn,

Coach Huskerson said "I am was 5th in the 3200. B. J. Wiles was real proud of this group of 4th in the 100. Jamie Mendez was athletes for their hard work and

6th in the 200 and 6th in the 200. believing that they can win. This team had a wonderful track season, along with an undefeated football season and a successful basketball season."

Taylor Electric meeting well attended

Taylor Electric Cooperative held their annual meeting at the Taylor County Colisuem Thursday with a large crowd in attendance. Among other events, the cooperative handed out employee awards for service. Employees

receiving service pins including A.

C. Cuin- 25 years, Dale Hammond and Wayne Deen- 15 years, Rocky Bryan, Randall Dutton, Dwain English, Richard Hernandez, Daniel Moreno, Larry Pack and

Don Whisenhunt all 5 years. During the managers report, Don Hart went over the finances of the cooperative. As of December 31, 1983 the Cooperative had total assets of \$17,913,290 and liabilities of \$12,435,185. Total revenues for the year were \$11,475,984 and total expenses were \$11,145,386. Members earned capital credits of \$330,598 for the year.

Cancer takes life of Coach Mitts

Merkel High football coach Alvin Eugene Witts, 46, died at 11 a.m. April 18 at his home.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Friday at 3 -r Stadium under the direction the Rev. Russell McAnally, Rev. John Wagoner and MISDsuperintendent Bill Everett. A second service was he'd

Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Un. Methodist Church in his hometown of Gruver. Burial followed at Gruver Cemetery under the direction of the Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 1, 1937, he had been a standout athlete at Gruver high where he was a two year allregional quarterback and was named to the second team all state in basketball his senior year. He was graduated from Texas Tech in

He held coaching positions in Lubbock, Wilson, Kress and Seymour before coming to Merkel last year. His teams had won five district championships in football and two bi-district championships and he took several golf teams to the state meet in golf while at

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church here. He had married Eva Orthman July 19, 1959 in Plainview.

He is survived by his wife; a son Troy of Lubbock and his mother Bessie Mitts of Gruver, and a

brother Calvin of Hereford. The Badger Booster Club has started a memorial fund to place a lighted marquis at the high school in his memory. Contri-

butions can be made to Sandy

Laird or be taken to the F & M

Chamber egg hunt draws 122

Bank here.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce held an Easter Egg Hun. Saturday at the Merkel City Park and 122 children attended to find eggs that had been dyed and hidden by volunteers.

Drawings were held to determine winner of Easter Baskets filled with goodies. Winning those drawings were Tabitha Garrett, April Fisher, Charlie Caroland, Brooke Bigbee, Michael Warren, Robin Cochran, Chris Reppond, Lonnie Liggins and Robin Golson.

Chamber of Commerce co-

anie Rici nned the event and said . anted to thank Carsons, Ben Franklin, Circle A Western Wear, KMIO, P & L Auto Parts, Tims Shell, Hi-Val, Merkel Restaurant, J & J Automotive, D & T Automotive, Ray & Paula King and other persons who wished to remain anonymous for donations for the hunt. They also wanted to express their appreciation to the people who helped hide eggs and otherwise helped to make the day a success.

managers Chris Young and Mel-

Coach's death, kudos to cindermen

by Cloy A. Richards

Merkel was saddened last week by the death of High school football coach Al Mitts. A memorial service was held Friday at Badger Stadium and was attended by a very large crowd of students and parents.

The Mail wishes to offer our condolences to his family.

Congratulations are in order to the boys track teams here as they served notice we will be the team to beat in the future in district track as the 7th, 8th, Junior Varsity and Varsity teams all won district championships.

The varisty won the championship with a very strong performance from sophomores and juniors, the JV won by scoring a heck of a lot of second, third and fourth place finishes and the 7th and 8th graders blew the fields

One performance was worth Station) noting, Britt Pursley, pole vault- Now mind you, this is no

ing for the 8th grade, jumped a heigth that would have been good enough for a third place finish in the varsity competition.

If Britt keeps that up, some of his brother Brad's records may be in real danger in a couple of years.

Congratulations are definately in order to Eddie Lang as he has completed another spectacular season as track coach here. Now, if we can just get more than one through the regionals, planned May 4 and 5 in Odessa to the state meet in Austin.

The next time I hear of a barn fire over the scanner, I just may go out and take a few pictures, because of the recent respect I have just learned for barns.

was in College Station this past weekend to participate in a barn raising at Lynn Acres (my dad's home just South of College

ordinary barn. It was designed by a Texas A & M grad and longtime family friend Mark Robinson. who, when not working on various projects for dad, is a partner in a home building firm there.

My brother Glenn and I are not used to that sort of work, both being in the newspaper business for more than 6 years, and we found a few muscles that haven't been challenged in a while. We did not get the barn finished, but it was framed in one day and it was quite an experience.

Part of the things I missed over the weekend were when Melanie & Chris & Patty Young had an egg dying at our house Friday for the Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg hunt. They boiled and dyed 60 dozen eggs.

Being a math idiot I had to get out a calculator and when I got the answer. I confirmed my original suspicion, I'd much rather build a

Clean-up should begin at my place

by Russell McAnally

Learing a lesson should be a good experience. It is of lasting good if we put what we have learned into practice. My friend, Kenneth Ray, explained to us one day how a place gets to looking junky. There is no way to know how that first piece of junk gets there, but once it is there it is easy to put another piece by the first piece. It then becomes a collection place for all other odd pieces. This pile of junk may be special to us. It has some pieces in it that we certainly could no throw away. The build-up is so gradual that before we know it, we are surrounded by one big pile of junk.

It has been very embarassing to me on two occasions when looking for an advertised garage salestopped at the wrong garage. The owners of the two houses were positive they were not having a garage sale. People ought to keep their garages cleaned out. Some people build storage rooms to put the junk from the garage in, but

the storage room is full and there is no other place to put all of that junk but in the garage.

This week I received a call concerning a proposed clean-up for the City. The one who called may or may not have known that my place would be the best place to start the clean-up. I confess. That call started me on a general clean-up. If you will come by my place in two or three years- give me enough time to get the good seperated from the bad. I will help you haul it off. If I am not here I will mark the good pile so you will know which one it is. Several buildings have been torn down here and that helps some.

Two trips to Germany left me with two suggestions on how to handle some of those clean up problems. First, in Ausburg, they leave it up to the individual to keep their lot clean, out to the street. If they did not do so, the city would send a clean-up crew to do the job and bill the owner for the expense. Second, on a given

day, one side of town would place their junk on the sidewalk in front of their house. There would be odd pieces of furniture and other usable items they did not need or want. People from the other side of town would drive by and stop and get antything they wanted. At a later date, the same would happen on the other side of town. The city would haul off whatever was left the next day. My son, whom we visited in Germany, brought back to America some of the pieces he had picked up on those sidewalk give-aways. All of us have things we do not need but would be helpful to others.

Young people and other organizations have offered their help in a proposed cleanup. Some older people need help. Being a minister, I cannot let this opportunity pass. A piece of junk, a thought here, a desire there, a word or an attitude can collect so slowly in our lives can become a junk heap. A trashy life is more unsightly than a garage that needs to sponsor a sale.

Starr Nursing home

by Mary Wimberly

& The Easter Egg hunt at Nelda Masonheimer's was a success. Volunteers that helped included Christine Funderberg Deloris Chavira, Esther Carson, Maria Chavira, Ruby Hammond, Shirley McBride, Lois Pruitt Alma Mae Hayo, Brenda Quinn and Stephanie Mitchell. Thirteen residents attended and prizes were won by Ollie Deatherage, Lula Land and Nell Turner. Jhe prize egg was found by Ruby Griffin and it was a \$5 gift certificate to Ben Franklin's. The volunteers made the baskets and thanks go to all that helped make it a

happy Easter hunt. Bingo night was fun but we did not have enough volunteers so please try to come. Hugh and I were two we were unable to go. Sor-

Buddy Smith & his fiddlin friends came Thursday night. The residents always enjoy them and we do appreciate them

We would like to express our thanks to the ladies of the VFW for making Easter eggs and

Olga Gamble is still in the hospital and we hope she is petter soon. We

are receiving a lot of calls about her condition and we are not able to give any news at this time.

Will Lambert has been adopted now but we still have a lot of residents that could use a friend. Will had company from Arkansas last week and he is not feeling well week.

We have had a lot of magazine donations lately and we appreciate them

Aunt Maggie Townsend had visitors from midland over the weekend, her daughter and son in law.

We welcome Roy Baccus in our home. His friends are invited to visit him. He seems to be adjusting well.

And last but should have been first...but after you get up close to 75 you do not always do what you mean to do. But, we would like to thank our Editor for printing our news. We appreciate him a lot and wish for he and his family a lot of success.

Sports banquet

The Badger Booster Club met Monday night to make final preparations for Saturday

night's Athletic Banquet set for 7 p.m. at Heritage Hall Tickets to the banquet

are available from Sandy Laird, Virgil Jones or Connie Mac Seymore. Parents and friends are urged to buy their tickets prior to the night of the banquet.

The Booster Club is sponsoring a memorial fund to place a lighted marquis at the high school in memory of Coach Mitts. Contributions are being accepted by Sandy Laird or Virgil Jones at the F & M Bank here.

Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WILLIE ELLEN PEE DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Willie Ellen Pee were issued on April 16, 1984, in Docket No. 16,242, pending in the Probate Court of Taylor المراد ال

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County, Texas to: BILLYE GEORGE GANT

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Taylor County, Texas. The post office address

3801 Ligustrum Drive Abilene, Texas 79605 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 16th day of April, 1984. by Walter P. Morton Jr. Attorney for the Estate

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: UNKNOWN FATH-ER. 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, Te-

xas, 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 DAVID ROSS McAFEE and GENEVA LUCILLE MCAFEE,

Petitioner's, filed in said Court on the 23rd day of April, 1984, against UN-KNOWN FATHER, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 55CX

on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In

The Interest of JEFF-REY ROSS WHITE-HEAD, a Child", the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to determine what parentchild relationship exists between the child and the unknown father and that same be terminated, and that Petitioners be granted a Decree of Adoption of such child.

Said child was born the 14th day of April, 1984, in Lubbock, 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 terimination 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 it's issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Abilene, Texas, this the 23rd day of April, 1984. Rilla Mahoney, Clerk

326th District Court Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey Deputy

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Loyalty Day Mayor proclaims May 1

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Whereas, Their obvious dedication to our way of life is indicative of a strong, continued desire to preserve the priceless American her-

Whereas, They will be proud to stand up and

publicly declare their determination toward actively and positively safeguarding our freedoms against any foreign or domestic ene-

Therefore, I Kent Satterwhite Mayor of the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, so hereby call upon all of my fellow citizens to take full advantage of the special occasion known as LOYALTY DAY, ce-

lebrated annually throughout the nation on the first day of May, as an incentive for every

true American to reaffirm his and her love of flag and country, and I do urge that all individuals, schools,

churches, organizations, business establishments and homes within my official jurisdiction display proudly the Flag of the United States of America and participate

in public patriotic Loyalty Day activities which are to be cosponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and others, on LOYALTY DAY, May 1, 1984.

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Herman Adams buried in Caps

Herman Jordan Adams, 87, of Merkel, a retired farmer, died at 7:25 p.m. Friday at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene. Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday at Elliott-Hamill Funeral Home.

The Rev. Kenneth Jones of Caps Baptist Church officiated. Burial followed at Cedar Hills Cemetery.

Born Sept. 12, 1896, in

Comanche County, he attended schools there and moved to Caps as a young man. He married Bessie Brewster Dec. 5, 1925 in Caps.

He lived in Caps until 1952 when he moved to Winters for 15 years before moving to Merkel. He served in the Army during World War I and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife; a son Dr. Herman Ray Adams of Temple; two daughters, Mrs.

Jack (Dorothy Ann) Sosebee of Dallas and Mrs. Jack (Sara) Moore of Merkel; eight grandchildren; and six greatgrandchildren.

Grandsons and grandsons-in-law served as pallbearers.

Leoncio Ybarra buried here Firday

Leoncio Favela Ybarra, 83, of Merkel, died at 6:25 a.m. April 18 at Hendrick Medical Center following a short illness. Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church here under the direction of

the Starbuck Funeral Home. Burial followed at Rose Hill here.

Born July 10, 1900 in Mexico, he had lived in Merkel since 1954 and was a Catholic. He had married Felicitas Duran May 16, 1926 in Merkel.

She died in 1972.

He is survived by a son Manuel of Abilene, a daughter Lupe Ascencio of Merkel and a sister Maria Favela of El Paso, 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Badgers hitting .333

The Merkel Badger baseball team is getting closer to it's best of five series with Electra, the only other baseball team in the district and the Badgers will have a probable starting lineup that is battering opposing putchers at a .333 team batting average.

The Badgers are 5-8 on the year and head coach Phillip Pursley told The Mail last week, "We have only been out of two of those games, it has been a year of close games going against us."

Merkel will face Electra May 1 in Electra with a double-header and will face them again here May 8th in another doubleheader. If the two teams split those four games, a one game playoff will be held. Both schools will advance to the state high school playoffs under

The probable starting lineup for district play and their batting averages are Jerry Davis (326), Tommy Bolden (348), Keith Watson (464), Sean Woodard (462), John Warkala (385), Steve Farthing (370), Kevin Mitchell (269), John Ybarra (226) and Dean Franklin (143).

In the pitching department Steve Farthing leads the team in ERA and five pitchers have each recorded a win.

John Warkala and Keith Watson are tied for the team lead in runs-batted-in with 15 and Steve Farthing has 13, Sean Woodard 12. Keith Watson has the most home runs with 3, while Warkala, Farthing and Bolden have one

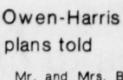
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For the past five years, it has been my privilege to serve the people of the 17th District. To the many friends who have been so kind to Cindy and myself, we say thank you and ask for your continued support.

Vote Saturday, May 5, in the Democratic Primary, and participate that night in the precinct convention. Let your vote be your voice for the kind of America you want.

Charles



Thursday, April 28, 1984

Lisa Owen & Eddy Harris

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Owen would like to announce the forthcoming engagement of their daughter, Lisa Ann to Eddy Boyd Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harris.

Lisa is a graduate of Merkel High and is employed by Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel.

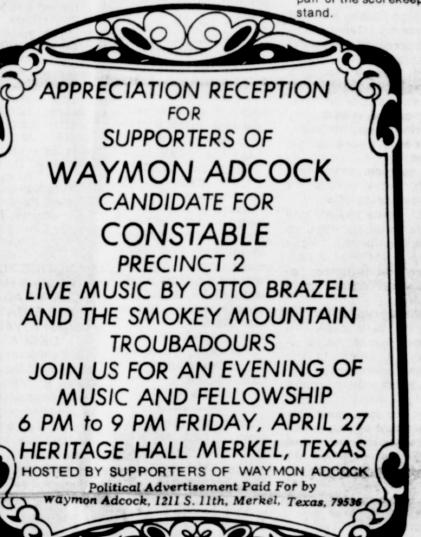
Eddy is also a graduate of Merkel High and is employed by Merritt Trucking. They are planning a July 20th wedding.

Workday set

Workdays have been set for this weekend on the girls softball field

Work will take place Thursday and Friday evenings as well as all day Saturday.

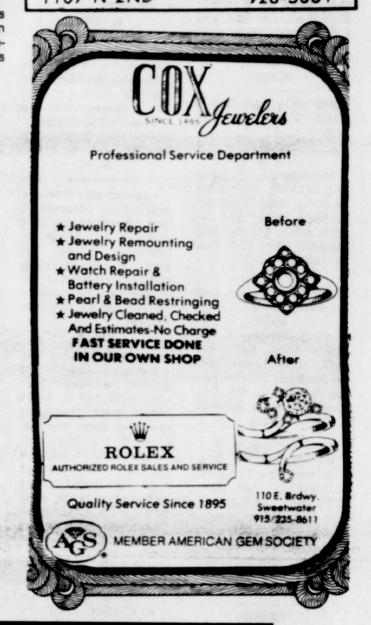
Work needed includes cleaning the concession stands, mowing and repair of the scorekeeper's





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Misc.

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33-TFC

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49-TFC

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55-TFC

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53-9TP

Reward! LOst Female golden retriever Also lost with her a male blonde color puppy. If you have seen them or know where they are, Please contact us, we are very concerned and miss them dearly. Lost in the vicinity of West Bronco Ranchettes on FM 1235. Call 928-4101 or 672-7739

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58-TFC 401 West Street, 6 room and bath house with double lot \$16,000 owner will carry with down payment. Needs work but can be very nice. Call 928-5462 after

59-2tc

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56-TFC 14 acres restricted building site North of Merkel in Pleasant Valley. Owner will carry note or will go Texas vet. Has water meter. Call Nell 672-4978 or Gold Key 692-4006. 60-4tc

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60-1tc Thank You

We would like to thank all of our freinds and relatives for their kind prayers and food that were given us during the loss of beloved father and grandpa.

The A. C. Asencio Family Manuel Ybarra Family THE STATE OF

TEXAS +,TO: Dorothy Herpeche, whereabout unknown Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plantiff's Petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 14th day of May 1984, at or before ten o'clock A. M. before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court

Abilene, Texas. Said Plantiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1983, in this cause, numbered 15,878-B on the docket of said court, and styled Hilton Hackney and Helen Hackney Plantiffs, vs. Dorothy Herpeche

House of said County in

d-b-a Mop Slinger Janitorial Service Defendant.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: Hilton Hackney and

Helen Hackney are Plantiffs and Dorothy Herpeche d-b-a Mop Slinger Janitorial Service are Defendants. A brief statement of

the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: +Plantiffs ask that they have judgement for all sums owed them hereunder, that Defendant

be ordered to render in full and true accounting, that they recover attorney's fees as prayed for herein and that they have such other and further relief in law or in equity, to which they may show themselves entitled; as is more fully shown by Plantiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not

served within ninety days after the date of it's issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing

this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 29th day of March A. D. 1984. Attest

Rilla Mahoney Clerk 104th Court, Taylor County, Texas by Connie Calvin, Deputy 57-4tc

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF OSCAR E. WILLIAMS DECEASED

Temporary Administration of the Estate of Oscar E. Williams has been commenced by the issuance of original Letters of Temporary Administration to Abilene National Bank on March 21, 1984, by the County Court of Taylor County, No. 16,224, styled Estate of Oscar E. Williams, Deceased, in which court the matter is

pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby notified that said temporary administration has been commenced for specific, limited purpose, and that Abilene National Bank has taken posession or control of only one (1) aset of said estate; nanely:

That certin property located in aylor County, Texas, ad described

as follows:

Lot 28, Block "E". Section Three (3), QUAIL PARK ADDIT-ION to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Cabinet One, Page 231, Plat

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> Dated this 23rd day of April, 1984. ABILENE NATIONAL BANK

Temporary Administrator of the Estate of Oscar E. Williams, Deceased By: Herbert D. Hutchins, Senior - Vice

President and Trust

Officer

30, 1984 in the EMS building, 100 Block of Lamar street. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss

the city's 1984-85 budget and the city's general revenue sharing budget for 1984-85. Any and all interested

PUBLIC NOTICE

+The City of Merkel

Texas, will hold a public

hearing at 7 p.m. April

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citizens are invited to attend.

Kent Satterwhite Mayor

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Local demo convention is May 5th

convention will be held at 7:15 delegates committed to him at the p.m. May 5th at the Senior local convention. As an example, Citizens Center in Merkel.

relationship of that strength to the other rural voting precincts should State Representative District 78 a candidate does not receive at State Senatorial District 24 and U. S. Congressional District 17.

Persons attending, the local convention must have voted in the May 5 Democratic primary or be otherwise eligible to attend. The rules do not allow for visitors.

Delegates are also required to register their name, address, phone number and presidential

candidate preferance. The presidential candidates will then receive the number of

The Taylor County, Precinct 24 based on the percentage of if there are 12 delegates at the The 15 rural Taylor County local precinct convention and voting boxes have Merkel as the Presidential candidate A receives largest voting block and the six commitments that would be 50 per cent times 26 (the number of delegates allowed from Precinct inspire Precinct 24 voters to have 24 to the county convention) giving a good turnout, according to Joe Presidential candidate A 13 dele-Lassiter. Merkel is situated in gates to the county convention. If

least 15 per cent, he will get no delegates. Delegates to the local convention are allowed to vote uncommitted to the local and county conventions.

The county convention will be held May 12 in Abilene.

Lassiter told The Mail "It is urged that all voters of Precinct 24 that cast ballots in the May 5 primary to attend the local convention and to voice your presidential preferance."

TEL class holds meeting

The TEL Class of the First Baptist Church met in Skeet's Restaurant April 24 for an 8 a.m. breakfast and fellowship.

Attending were Wanda Mc-Aninch, Sara Edwards, Wynona

nora Bond, Bessie Perry, Bernice Smith, Stella Mckeevor, Georgie Higgins, Una Hays, Mary Cleo Sadler, Ollie Fowler, Linnie Fisher, Maggie Renfroe, Estell Humphrey, Jewell Criswell, Parallee Gibson, Annie Walker and Sylvia

Newsbriefs

Hallmark birthday

The family of Badie Hallmark will be honoring her 87th birthday at Heritage Hall on April 29. Family and friends are welcomed to attend.

Little League parade set

The official opening for the Merkel Little League season who be April 30.

A parade will be held at 4:30 and will form at Carson's, the 1st game will be held at 6 p.m.

Weight Watchers will form here

Merkel did obtain enough signatures to begin a Weight Watchers :hapter here. The group will start meeting in June and more informa-

tion will be available in

The Mail in late May.

Recital set

Tressie Lucas and Pearl McClain will present their students in a piano recital at the Merkel Methodist Church April 27 at 8

Students include Dustie Baldree, Mandy Barnett, Tanya Beasley, Angela Carson, Collin Jacobs, Brenda Kraatz, Tim Laman, Josh Mashburn, Cristi Moore, Joe Ben Roberts, Ellyn Rutledge, Joe Sandusky, Amy Sparks, Eric Teaff and Kory Toliver.

Talent show for band May 3rd plesauce cake.

The Merkel Band Boosters have set their annual talent show for May 3 at 7: 30 p.m. at the school auditorium.

Ray Pack will sing and serve as master of ceremonies and other local talent will perform, as well as a special performance by the award winning Merkel High Band.

Tickets are \$3 in advance and will be \$3.50 at the door. Tickets are available from any band member. Proceeds from the event will be used to have a summer band camp program.

MISD menu

The following is the MISD lunch menu for the rest of the school year. The last four days of school will be "cook's choice.'

April 26 Fried fish with tarter sauce, lettuce and tomatoes, french fries, no bake cookies.

April 27 Sliced turkey sandwiches, french fries, pineapple.

April 30 Fiestada, pork & beans, salad, spiced

May 1 Sliced turkey over rice buttered squash, blackeyed peas, apricots.

May 2 Chili & beans, corn, cole slaw, fruit cocktail.

May 3 Fried chicken with cream gravy, whipped potatoes, english peas,

rosey applesauce. May 4 Cheeseburgers and all the trimming, french fries, rice pudding.

May 7 Taco with taco sauce. pinto beans, shredded lettuce and cheese, ap-

May 8 Spaghetti with beef & cheese, corn, blackeyed peas, pears. May 9

Beef and bean burritos, spanish rice, letluce & tomato salad. apricots.

May 10 Fried chicken with cream gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, whipped jello. May 11

Hamburgers, fries & all the trimmings, no bake cookies.

Dear Editor...

Dear Sir: I hope that everyone took note of last week's article by Merkel EMS president Vernon Wade on "Know the signs of a heart attack.'

As a CPR instructor for the American Heart Association, we give the facts which are annually more than 650,000 victims die of ischemic heart disease. About 350,000 of these deaths take place outside of the hospital and usually occur within two hours

after the onset of the symptoms. The Merkel EMS hopes that you will take note of the signs and symptoms and don't become one of the 350,000

out of the hospital you waited past the time. Vernon has written

many articles that we hope can help save your life or someone you love. If you need the Merkel EMS, please don't hes-

itate to call.

Sincerely Connie Harris **EMT-Paramedic** Merkel EMS

Kindergarten pre-registration

Pre-registration for children who will enter Kindergarten for the 1984-85 school year at Merkel Elementary will be May 1 from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the elementary school office. It is requested that noone try to pre-register before 9:30 due to normal school business that must be performed ear-

ly in the school day. To attend Kindergarten, a child must be five years old before Sept. 1, 1984. The enrollees must bring a birth certificate and proof of required immunizations.

City takes in drink tax

The City of Merkel recently received \$263.59 in it's share of the state

tax on mixed drinks. According to the state Comptroller's Office, Merkel has received a total of \$1,757.28 so far this year. The state collects a ten per cent tax on all mixed drinks legally sold within incorporated cities and then rebates 15 per cent of that tax back to the city where the drink was purchased.







