The Merkel Mail

Thursday, March 15, 1984...Merkel, Texas

Our 95th Year

3 MISD artists being honored

students to a reception honoring students whose art will be hanging son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Butman in the State Capitol Building's rotunda

The three making the trip are second grader Judd Burton, son of

Merkel ISD will be sending three Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Burton, his third trip; soph. Dean Franklin, and junior Sean Woodard, son of Mr. & Mrs. Earl Laird have had their art work selected to be a part of the display. Only 100 young

They will attend a reception March 25th, with Linda Gayle White, Texas' first lady serving as honorary hostess.

Merkel mayor Kent Satterwhite will be asked to sign a proclamation declaring March as Youth Texas artists received the honor. Art Month here.

Council allocates absentee ballots

absentee voting ballots for the upcoming school-city elections and heard a police report at their regular meeting held at the Merkel Emergecny Medical Service building Monday night.

They also met the new city patrolman, Steve McNally, who replaced patrolman Al Turner on the Merkel Police Department. Council also heard that the

The Merkel City Council allotted Central Appraisal District will be collecting past due taxes for the city and city manager J. A. Sadler already has an idea on where to spend some of that money- street

> The city has about \$13,000 in delinquent taxes from the 1983 tax year and the CAO will collect taxes for a 20 per cent fee. The city could recover that 20 per cent

by adding the collection fee to the delinquent bill.

The council also heard the police report from Chief Ray Pack. Pack said his department worked 104 total cases in February.

Council also said local citizens could help with the much-discussed problem of stray dogs in town.



§ MISD held open house at Merkel Elementary and Middle School Thursday night. It was an opportunity to meet teachers and for

parents to get "first hand" information on how their child Texas Public Schools week. [Staff performs in school. The open photo by Cloy A. Richards]

house was held in observance of

Why winners win, more ...

by Cloy A. Richards Lot's of patting on the back to do so we'd best get to it.

Stephanie Boyd and Chris Cutier will be going to Washington this year, thanks to their efforts at Monday's annual speech contest at Taylor Electric. It marks the second straight year that Merkel

had both winners in the contest. Michael McCoy, who's been winning every 200 meter and long jump this year finally broke that school record in the 200 he has tied twice with a fine 22.19. While we are at it, the Merkel 7th grade boys and girls and the 8th grade boys won their divisions at Winters in track Saturday.

Merkel's success in track should come as no surprise to people that know Eddie Lang and the work he has done in track since coming here. Lang's boys won the district track title last year

It came because Lang has pushed the kids for 5 years and has started them young in the summer track programs, which will help to propigate a new crop of cindermen each fall. Track is a great avenue for kids, in my opinion. How else would a kid from a small town get to compete all over the world. Don't know the answer, ask Brad Pursley or his famous friend Billy (Momentum) Olson(who doesn't come from a small town but we will claim him because any friend of Brad's is a friend of ours.) If you want to go back aways when a kid from Merkel set AAU records right and left and then ended up coaching in college, Jack Patterson.

Fred Toombs loves good basketball. He loves it as much as a lot of other Merkelites that make an annual trip to Austin to see the state boys basketball tournament. And, I have a sneaking suspicion they would dearly love to see a Badger team there in the future. So, Little Dribblers was born here a few years ago. (Fred's not the only person invloved in Little Dribblers, he's just the one that has the 'privilidge' of filling me

He brought by an article last week concerning Cleburne's 30-4 team that made it to the state's Final Four in the AAAA division. Their coach credited his team's success to teamwork (don't they all) and to the Little Dribblers program started there 12 years

Sports may not mean much to some, but they sure do to others. Most people that even read a sports page know about where Snook is and there's only a handful of reasons that is so when you are talking about a town of less than 400. Basketball. Bryan may be getting that way if they keep it up, but a knowledgable sports expert from College Station told me the other day the only reason Bryan does so well is that they got tired of being shown up by those people from down the road in Snook. It's so contagious that Sommerville even got in the act and kids there must be dedicated because during basketball season you can catch a mess of crappie at Lake Som-

Yes they start playing basketball there early, as early as third grade in Little Dribbler programs.

Anyway, Merkel's Little Dribbler program has just completed another year and Fred wanted me to thank the school and the school board for allowing use of the gym and to the bank (F&M of course) for their contributions for medals.

closer to going to Austin for celebrity, but I gave my permisanother reason other than finding sion. out how good Snook is this year.

They say competition is better

Middle School.

ages of children fingerprinted. has printed 600 children.

Have you heard what is happening April 16. No. not income taxes... something else.



§ These three MISD students will rotunda of the State Capitol as a part of Youth Art Month. The

parents and MISD art instructor Melanie Richards] Pat Neff. They are [left to right]

three will attend a reception in Dean Franklin, Judd Burton and have their art work hanging in the Austin soon, accompanied by their Sean Woodard. [Staff photo by

Some 'freebies' aren't free

by RussellMcAnally

eye-brow trimmed may be more important than you think. Until about three years ago I refused to have my eye-browns trimmed. After each haricut my friendly barber, Mr. Vincent Barnett, would make a move to trin. my eye-brows and I would shake my head, No. About two years ago I made a major decision and decided to have the brow med since it was free.

For as long as I can remember I have been treating some place on my face for skin cancer. About two years ago I went back to my Doctor in Abilene for a checkup on a small recent surgery and treatment. He pronounced that area healed but looked again at a brown spot in my right eye-brown. I told him not to worry about it that it had been there for years and that he had examined it and told me not to worry about it. He insisted that it looked different and made an appointment for me to see a Specialist down the street. I was certain there had been no change but I went with my Doctor's advice.

After a few minutes in the Specialist's surroundings I became suspicious. One nurse gave me a full page questionaire and then another nurse took me to this small room. In a few minutes another nurse came in and told me to wait where I was until the Specialist came in. Three nurses for one little brown spot was a little over production. The Specialist was very nice and informed me that I had a very interesting brown spot. He said he would like to take a picture of it if I had no Another year of Little Dribblers objection. I had never thought my here may just bring us a step brown spot would become a

The Specialist went through the process of recording the exact measurements of the brown spot for everyone, and that is true here and also taking a little piece of me at least for those Merkelites that to have it analyzed. The cost for eat out. That's right, another the three nurses-the picture takhalf-price deal is in the paper this ing, and the sample to be analyzed week and if it keeps up, we may cost me forty dollars. It was the have to have more papers printed, second and last visit where I got which would not hurt my feelings my education. The measurement a bit so, go ahead....make my day. of the brown spot was the same so it was not growing. The sample The Merkel Police Department they tested proved negative and will be conducting a make-up of another twenty dollars. The Spethe fingerprinting program March cialist set up another appointment 28 starting at 10 a.m. at the Merkel so I could tell him whether or not I wanted to have the brown spot Forms will be available at the removed surgically. He said it scene and parents may have all wasn't necessary but it would make me look better. When he told So far, the police department me how much it would cost I told me how much it would cost I told him I thought I looked well

> enough. It was on the way home that I came to several conclusions. First, I decided I was paying for the education of the Specialist as he studied brown spots. Second, I

Whether or not you have your realized all of a sudden what had caused the problem with the brown spot in the first place. When my barber trimmed my eye-brow that made the brown spot more conspicuous and caused the Doctor's alarm. I didn't go back to the

Specialist again because that eye-brow trim had already cost me seventy five dollars.

A lot of things you may think are free may cost you more than you



Chris Cutler and tric Speech contest of Washington D. C. Cloy A. Richards

held Monday night. this summer. Both are Stephanie Boyd won They will take an students at Merkel

the annual Taylor Ele- all-expense paid tour High. [Staff photo by



Police Department. McNally will by Cley A. Richards)

Steve McNally has been hired as be working the late night and patrolman with the Merkel weekend shift here. [Staff photo

Newsbriefs

Hohhertz-Bland wedding set

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hohhertz of Route 4 Abilene, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Lynn, to Mark Allen Bland, son of Roberta Bland of Route 3 Merkel and the late A. C. Bland

The couple will be married August 11 in Our Savior Lutheran

Church in Abilene. The bride-elect is a senior at Merkel High and plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall

The prospective bride-groom is a graduate of Merkel High and is a junior at Texas Tech where he is employed by the College of Agricul-



Doan's students recital tonight

Mrs. Ronny Doan will be presenting her 14th annual piano recital tonight(Thursday). The recital will be at the First United Methodist Church here at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

Students participating are Queena Bigbee, April Duncan, Dana Hammond, Susie Hammond, Dawn Henslee, Richa Hill, Christy Hill, Kristen Kennedy and

Lillian Leach. Also, Renli Reynolds, Christy Reynolds, Lori Thompson, Diem Tran, Phuong Thao Tran, Trinh Tran, Trung Tran and Billy Pat Williams.

Helen Benson was hostess to a Spice Program given by Kathryn Cawley of Lone Star Gas

Mamie Steck, President, resided over the business meeting. Those

enjoying the program were Mamie Steck, Helen Benson, Kathy Leverich, Betty Satterwhite, Ruth Tipton, Connie Ybarra, Val Patterson, Louise DuBose, Opal Garner, and Blanch Hewitt.

The next meeting will be March 20th with Mamie Steck as hostess. 4 receive

thanks from high school counselor

Two principals and two high school teachers have received certificates of appreciation from Merkel High counselor Barbara Neely.

Harry Taylor, principal at Tye Elementary, David Casey, principal at Merkel Elementary and high school teachers Richard Hill and Candy Martin received the certificates.

Booster officer

The Merkel Badger Booster Club met Feb. 27 and elected officer for the 1984-85 school year.

The new president in Earl Laird, vice-president is John Brady, secretary-treasurer is Sandy Laird and Gayle Baker is the reporter.

Their next meeting will be April 9 when they will finalize plans for the all-sports banquet April

Daughter born

A girl, Brandy Lou, weighing 8 lbs 2 ozs, measuring 21 inches, came to live with Randal Wayne and Judy Nell McKinley on March 2nd at 8:03 p.m.

The very proud Grandparents are Ronnie and Betty McKinley of Clyde Texas, and Vernon and Mary Lindsey of Merkel, this makes 2 grandchildren for the Mc-Kinleys and 33 for the Lindseys.

All church ladies luncheon set

All ladies who attend churches in Merkel, Trent and Tye, as well as the surrounding rural communities are invited to attend a Ladies Interdenominational church fellowship pot luck luncheon at Heritage Hall March 26 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30

Persons attending are asked to bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship.

Catholic church gets 11th stained glass window

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church has recently seen it's 11th stained glass window installed at the church and Charlotte Starbuck is to be thanked for the beautiful work she has done. Charlotte also re-

cently framed a certificate of appreciation we received from the Texas Department of Health for the religious services we perform at Starr Nursing Home.

The Parish council has also decided to enlarge the sanctuary at the church and will be contracting the work.

Son born

Shayla Dozier of Merkel is proud to announce the arrival of her brother Trent Edward. He was born March 5th at 7:52 a.m. and weighed 7 pounds, 10 and a half ounces and was 19 inches long at birth. His parents are Dr. and Mrs. Warren Dozier.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Scotty Knox of Sweetwater. Paternal grand-

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Anson. Maternal greatgrandparents are Mr. & Mrs. D. B. Graham of Electra and Mrs. Howard Baker of Archer City. Paternal greatgrandparents are Mr. & Mrs. A. F. Dozier of Sylvester and Mr. Chester Kniffen of Chicago.

father is J. F. Dozier of

School menu

The school menu is short this week in that school will be out March 19-23 for spring break.

March 15 Spaghetti, buttered corn and plum cobbler.

March 16 Hamburgers, fries & all the trimmings, pineapple pudding.

Williams named

Cindy Williams, 17, daughter of Pastor Dean Williams of First Assembly of God in Merkel

has been selected as Christ Ambassador of the year by the Big Country youth of the Assemblies of God. Cindy will be going to Jamica in the summer as a youth missionary Cindy needs sponsors to help her raise \$700. We feel this is an honor for Merkel. If anyone would like to help sponsor Cindy, God will bless you. Please send donations to First Assembly of God, P.O. Box 187,

Merkel, Texas 79536. First Assembly services include 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. children's Church & Regular service, 5 p.m. choir practice, 5 p.m. Womens Ministry, 6 pm

evening service and 7 p.m. Wed., mid week service.

Film

series continues at Trent UMC

The Trent United Methodist Church is sponsoring James. C. Dobson's film series Focus on The Family.

The movies are one hour in length and can be viewed at 2 and 6 p.m. each Sunday. A nursery is provided.

This week's film is Christian Fathering and the next film will be Preparing for Adolescense-The Origins of Self-Doubt.

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Tax rebates way down for January

Sluggish retail sales here in running ahead, barely, of last January were reflected in the latest check for sales tax rebates

Merkel's check of \$3,783.97 was \$1,450 less than the rebate check for the same period last year. So far, Merkel's rebates are still 2.28 per cent behind last year's

year's pace.

So far this year, retail sales here have been responsible for \$16,329 in rebates

Trent's rebates are off 43 per cent this year and Tye is running

The state four per cent sales tax is collected along with a one per cent local option sales tax and the one per cent is rebated by the State Comptroller's office to the city where it was collected.

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MMS makes haul in Winters

The Merkel Junior High track teams picked up three team championship trophies and a 4th place in the Winters Junior High meet in Winters Saturday. The 7th Grade Boys and Girls and the 8th grade boys won their division. The following are the results from Winters. The teams will compete in the Hamlin Relays Saturday. 8th Grade Boys

The team was paced by strong performances from Lester Patterson, Shane Newberry and Brit Pursley. The Badgers scored 102, followed by Hamlin with 89 as their closest competitor.

Scoring for Merkel were the 400 meter relay team of Pursley. Ramon Moreno, Albert Chavira and Patterson was 3rd, Newberry and Patterson were 3rd and 5th respectively in the 800, Pursley was 2nd in the 110 high hurdles, and won the pole vault and high

Also, Moreno was 4th in the 100, Joe Alvarez was 3rd in the 400, Shane Newberry was 4th in the 300 low hurdles, Patterson was 4th in the 200, Jason Duran was 2nd in the mile and Rodney Sliter 4th. The mile relay team of Alvarez, Mike Farthing, Pursley and Tony Wiles was 4th and Shane Newberry was 2nd in the discus. Newberry was also 3rd in the long jump and Moreno placed 4th.

8th Grade Girls

Carolyn Lally was second in the high jump and the 400 relay team of Sheila White, Amy Stuckey, Angie Moreno and Karrie Rich placed second to lead the 8th grade girls in Winters Saturday.

Also scoring were Stuckey 4th in the 800, Jana Petit 5th in the 100 low hurdles, Lally 5th in the 100. The 800 relay team of Moreno, Stuckey, Staci Ferguson and Rich were third in the 800 relay and the mile relay team was 4th.

In the field events, Kim Watson was 6th in the shot and Rich was third in the tripple jump, followed by Stuckey, who was 5th. The team scored 65 points in the meet.

7th Grade Boys The 7th Grade Boys track team won their division in Winters scoring 148 to beat their nearest competitior, Anson with 72 and 15 other schools.

Kenneth Jowers led the way as he anchored both winning relay teams and won the 220, the long jump and the high jump.

The 440 relay team of Jowers, Freddie Gonzales, Doug Boling and Steve Leverich won and the mile relay team of Jowers, Gonzales, Boling and Ricky Flores also won. Isreal Olvera won the 120 high hurdles, was 2nd in the 330 low hurdles and 6th in the 220. Leverich was 3rd in the 330 low

Also, Boling was 3rd in the 220, Gonzales was 2nd in the 100 and sity's six colleges, law Flores won the 880 and was 4th in school and grad uate the 440. Tony Trevino was 2nd in the 880 and came back to win the mile. Davy DeLeon was 6th in the mile. John McNeal was 3rd in the

Coach Huskerson told The Mail that his team performed well for it being their first meet this year and added his team needs to improve through the course of the

7th Grade Girls

The Merkel 7th Grade girls took home the Championship trophy from the Winters Junior High track meet. The Badgers scored 89, followed by Bangs with 73 and Wylie was 3rd with 70.

Maxie Lang, Michelle Williams and Diem Tran led the way with first place finishes. The following is a list of results from the meet:

Bridget Vaughn 5th in the 800, Melinda Baker was 6th in the 100 low hurdles, Diem Tran 1st in the 100, the 800 meter relay team of Williams, Lang, Pam Neff and Diem Tran were second in the 800.

Also, Maxi Lang won the 400 and the discus, Bridget Vaughn 4th in the 1600 and the 1600 relay team of Stephanie Ashorn, Neff, Tran and Lang were second. Williams was 2nd in the long jump and Tran was

Badger baseballers bounce Angelo

defeated San Angelo JV 10-3. Merkel had 10 runs on 10 hits Warkala who had a single, a walked 3. triple, and a homer in four times at bat. Keith Watson was 2 for 4 innings allowing 1 unearned run on with 2 homers. Also getting base 2 hits, struck out 2 and walked 2. hits were Jerry Davis who had 2 singles, Dean Franklin with 1

The Merkel Baseball team got single, John Ybarra had 1 single, off to a booming start when they and Jimmy Ventura had 1 single. Jimmy Ventura was the winning pitcher going 5 innings, he faced 22 including 3 home runs and a triple. batters and gave up 2 unearned The leading hitters were John runs, 2 hits, struck out 7 and

Sean Woodard pitched the last 2

Good defensive performances were turned in by Wayne Horton, Tommy Bolden, and Steve Farth-

The team will play the Graham varsity here this Friday at 4:00. The Graham team will probably be the best team they will play all year according to the coach and all Merkelites are asked to come support the team.

McCoy sets, helps set new records

Michael McCoy's school record in record and won the event. McCoy the 200 and the sprint relay's was also on the sprint relay team record breaking performance, placed third Saturday in Odessa.

The Odessa meet was run in win that event. near freezing weather, but McCoy warmed up at least 200 meters of

The Merkel Badgers, led by it with a 22.19 that set a new school of Michael Tutt, Matt Cain and Russell Lucas that ran a 43.95 to

Also scoring for Merkel were

McCoy first in the long jump and was second in the 100. Cain was 3rd in the 110 high hurdles. James Wright won the 800, Milo Harris was 4th in the 400 and Lucas was third in the 200.

The Varsity and JV teams will travel to Brownwood Saturday.

Merkel High honor students named

honor roll for the fourth six weeks. Ybarra.

Angie Allen, Bonnie Anderson, Tim Brandon, Ronna Casey, Joan Fariello, Dean Franklin, Brenda Hohhertz, Wayne Horton, Judy Jinkens, Michael McCoy, Kevin Mitchell, Derald Muniz, Stacy Newberry, Steven Page, Richard Elliott, Gwynel Emfinger, Alyse Powell, Melinda Riney, Sheri Riney, Becky Teague, Trung Green, Milo Harris, Danny Hogue,

The following is the Merkel High ing, Michelle Woodard and John

A-B Honor Roll Tony Aldrete, Becky Best, Kelly

Beights, Tracy Bicknell, Elaine Bodine, Donny Brady, Clay Carey, Kevin Coker, Stacy Cowling, Sue Cunningham, Jerry Davis, Melissa Davis, Tommy Doan, Tami Ferguson, Jay Gibson, Debbie Tran, Lucretia Wade, Kim Weld- Todd Hensley, Jule Hinson, Abby

Irvin, Amy Irvin, Tina Jaramillo, Wayne Johnson, Tracy Jordan, Brenda Kinder, Sandra Kotrlik, Tim Laman, Debbie Pack.

Also, David Ray, Kris Rich, James Richardson, Kelly Riney. Danny Santee, Anna Scott, Shane Smith, Kelly Stovall, Angela Thomas, Chris Tomasch, Ron Turner, Jimmy Ventura, Ray

Walters, Keith Watson, Pam Wheeler, Parker Wilson, Margaret Wilde and Allan Windham.

Trent students perform with

High School Honors Band at their band director. Abilene Christian University on semble performance, membership gan from 1935-1971. Since his

Two students from Trent High in all district, all-Region, All State School performed with the Revelli groups and recommendation of

The band was conducted by Dr. March 8th. Nancy Brenem and William D. Revelli, one of the Steve Schreiner were selected on world's best-known conductors. the basis of their position in their Dr. Revelli was the director of high school band, solo and en- bands at the University of Michi-

retirement he has worked with high school and college bands in the United States and 37 foreign countries.

The eighty-eight members of the Honors Band met on the campus of ACU Thursday for rehearsals with Dr. Revelli and a concert with the ACU Bands.

Compere club hears county agent

The Compere Extension Homemakers Club met March 8th in the home of Mrs. Annie Taylor.

The president Mrs. Louise Chancey presided over the meeting Mrs. Faunie Ramsey led the group in the TEHA prayer.

Mrs. Annie Taylor read a poem "What Is a Farmer" and directed a Balloon game. Roll call was answered with "Little things in life we forget to be thankful for". Minutes were read and a financial report was given.

Mrs. Martha Alice Spraberry, County Extension Agent gave the

program on "Cotton seed the New Staff of Life". Mrs. Spraberry stated cotton is a newcomer to the American food scene. The cotton seed flour, flakes and cot-n-nuts derived from the cotton plant provide a substantial and economical protein source. Cotton products contain much less fats than other products. Delicious cotton seed Granola, Chocolate Chip and Crunchy Coconut Cookies, lemon bars and Chocolate Candy were made by Mrs. Spraberry from the cotton products and served to club

members. Glanded cotton which

has the toxic substances, "gassypal", removed makes cotton seed useful as a food.

Mrs. Maud Busby received the

hostess gift. Refreshments were served to one visitor, Mrs. Spraberry, and to members; Mrs. Bertha Hunter, Fannie Ramsey, Jessie Williams, Maud Busby, Hazel Spurgin, Louise Chancey and the hostess Annie Taylor.

Compere club will meet March 28th with Stith and Goodman Clubs in the Stith Community Center. Bill Chaney will bring the program on "Weather Watch".

O'Kelly wins calf in scramble

caught a calf in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Calf Scramble at the March 2nd performance of the Rodeo. Winning a \$600 calf purchase certificate sponsored by Mull, Inc of a year-long education experience Buffalo, Texas, Scott will be in the livestock industry for each making the choice between a of the lucky winners. registered beef dairy heifer to Since the inception of the calf feed, fit, groom and bring back to scramble program, heifers valued

Scott O'Kelly, a 13 year old FFA Houston for special showing commember from Trent, successfully petition at the 1985 Livestock

> The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo calf scramble results in

at more than \$1.9 million of quality animals, some 9,000 heifers, have been donated. The calf scramble is just one part of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's outstanding programs which benefit youth and support education. The Show is Houston's largest charity event, with all net revenues dedicated to scholarships and

Elmore named to elite Texas Tech group

More than 160 Texas Tech University students from the universchool will be initiated into the campus chapter of Phi Kappa Phi national honor society Ap-

Brownies busy lately

The third grade troop of Brownie's observed Girl Scout Sunday at Countryside Baptist Mi-

The girls have been working on the puppeteering, jump rope, kite flying and skating patches.

Girls in the troop are Amanda Bunch, Mandy Gregory, Wendy Hudman, Dee Dee Jackson, Stacy Jones, Delayne Pack and Andrea Richardson. Leaders are Cindy Bunch, Becky Hudman and Cathy Pack.

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happening April 16?

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lot low equity. 2 bedroom House for

3 acres and a double-

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the Defendant for the

sum of \$13,883.24, to-

gether with the sum of

\$4,500.00 as attorney's

fees, in the total sum

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by Plantiff's Petition

If this citation is not

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it's issuance, it shall

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promptly execute the

same according to law.

and make due return

Issued and given un-

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Seal of said Court, at

office in Abilene, Te-

xas, this the 10th day

of February A.D. 1984.

Rilla Mahoney Clerk

County, Texas.

104th Court. Taylor

By Connie Caloin De-

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NOTICE TO ALL

PERSONS HAVING

CLAIMS AGAINST

THE ESTATE OF

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Notice is hereby given

Attest:

puty.

as the law directs.

The officer execu-

on file in this suit.

for costs.

Moving sale Furniture and more. 16 miles North of Trent on FM 1085 in Dan's Welding Shop, Friday until gone. 54-1tp

Garage sale- Trent South 8th and Mesquite. Household items, jeans, formals, All sizes of clothes for men, women and children. 54-1tp

cabinet, end table, lawn furniture, clothes, walnut mantel, odds and ends. Thursday and Friday, 812 Oak.

54-ito

Garage sale: Stereo

6 family garage sale; maternity and baby clo-

thes, boys and girls clothes size 2-14. Household goods, new refrigerator \$200, stove \$40, guitars, amps, pictures, curtains, toys. Friday and Saturday 8-5 at the corner of S 2nd and Haynes. Big white house East of baseball field.

54-1tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Charles Thomson

Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plantiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday, the 26th day of March 1984, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Abilene,

Said Plantiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 9th day of February, A.D. 1984, in this cause, numbered 15,956-B on the docket of said court and styled, Abilene National Bank Plantiff vs. Charles E. Thomson De-

fendant. The names of the parties to the cause

are as follows: ¶ Abilene National Bank are Plantiffs and Charles E. Thomson are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to

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RICHARD DAVIS The residence of such Executor is Tarrant County, Texas. The post office address

C-O George A. Gonzales P.O. Box 5273 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 pre-

scribed by law. DATED the 9th day of March, 1984. George A. Gonzales



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NBC Television invites you to discover "A Lost History", Sunday, March 18 at 12 noon. This 60 minute documentary on Methodist Women, hosted by Lynn Redgrave, is a project initiated by the Pan Methodist Bicentennial Committee.

LADIES, make plans now to attend the Annual Interdenominational Church Fellowship Luncheon on March 26 from 11:30 to 1:30 at Heritage Hall. The sponsors this year are the ladies from the First Assembly of God. This is a "pot luck" meal so each lady should bring a covered dish of her choice.

Our own Reta Patterson is to be awarded the Conference Chairperson of the Year Award for 1984 from the General Board of Global Ministries in Kansas City, Missouri on March 25. She has given outstanding leadership for the past eight years as Chairperson of the Health and Welfare Ministries Commission of the Northwest Texas Conference.

LEGAL NOTICE
+Notice is hereby given
that I have been appointed Independent
Executrix of the estate
of Leo John Hurick,
Deceased, in Probate
number 16,107, and Letters Testamentary were
issued to me on January
30, 1984.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or having claims against the said estate, to present any claims to me, Patricia A. Hurick at P.O. Box 5322, Abilene, Texas 79808.

LEGAL NOTICE
+Notice is hereby given
that I have been appointed Independent
Executrix of the estate
of Lloyd A. Anderson,
Deceased, in Probate
number 16,124, and Letters Testamentary were

issued to me on January

30, 1984.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or having claims against the said estate, to present any claims to me, Mary Louise Anderson, at 25 Green Bay Circle, Abilene, Texas 79602.

NOTICE OF CITY OFFICERS' ELECTION TRENT

Notice is hereby given that a City Officers' Election will be held on the 7th day of April, 1984, in the above named city for the purpose of electing the following officers for said city: three Aldermen. Said election will be held at the following poll in g place in said city: In Election Precinct No.

place in said city: In Election Precinct No. 25, at TRENT CITY HALL Buillidng.

The polls at each of the above designated polling places shall on said election day be open from 7 a.m. o'clock to 7 p.m. o'clock p.m.

The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at TRENT CITY HALL Building, in said city.

and said place of absentee voting shall remain open for at least 8 hours on each day of absentee voting which is not a Saturday, Sunday or an official State holiday, beginning on the 20th day and continuing through the 4th day preceding the date of said election. Said place of voting shall remain open between the hours of 8 o'clock a.m. and 5 o'clock p.m.

Dated this the 9th day of March, 1984. 54-1tcg

(se da aviso por la presente que se llevara a cabo una Sleccion de Funcionarios de la Ciudad el dia 7th de April de 1984, en la ciudad arriba mencionada para oroposito de elegir a

los siguientes funcionarios para dicha ciudad; Alcade 3 Concejales, Comisionados. Dicha eleccion se llevara a cabo en loss siguientes lugares de votacion en dicha ciudad: El Precinto Electoral Num 25 en el Edificio Trent City Hall.

Los sitios de votacion arriba designados para dicha eleccion se mantendran abietros en el mencionado dia de elecciones de las 7 a.m. a las 7 p.m.

La votacion ausente para la eleccion arriba designada se llevara a cabo en el Edificio Trent City Hall, en dicha ciudad, y dicho lugar de votacion ausente se mantendra abierto por lo menos ocho horas en cada die de votacion ausente no siendo sabado, domingo o dia festivo official del Estado, principiando 20 diad y continunado hasta el cuarto dia anteriores a la fecha de dicha eleccion. Dicho lugar de votacion se mantendra abierto de lad 8 a.m. a las 5 p.m.

Fechado esta dia 9 de March de 1984.) Randy Hunt

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF

TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR
+NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN That by virtue
if a certain Execution
issued out of the Honorable 42nd District
Court of Taylor County.

of the 30th day of

December 1984, by Execution of said 42nd District Court for the sum of Four Thousand four hundred dollars & 30-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of O. E. Kendrick in a certain cause in said Court, No. 38,420A and styled O. E. Kendrick vs. H. B. Daniel, placed in my hands for service, I, John W. Middleton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 17th day of February 1984, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, towit: Lot 4 Block 210 City of Abilene, Taylor County- east of east bank of cedar creek Volume 248 page 237. Address listed as 201 S. 14th. This Property Being The Clover Club. This property Will Be Sold To First Lien, Of The Bank

Of Commerce Of Abilene, Texas. Sale Will Be For Cash Only And Will Be Held At 10:00 a.m. and levied upon as the property of H. B. Daniel and that on the first Tuesday in April 1984, the same being the 3rd day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Execution, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each to the highest bidder, as the property of said H. B. Daniel.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this the 23 day of February 1984. John W. Middleton

Sheriff Taylor County, Texas by Eddie Swanson, Deputy.

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 favor of Dickey Stanley, d-b-a Stanley Transports vs. Cary-Chapman (CC) 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 and that the First Tuesday in April, 1984, the same being the 3rd day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Cary-Chapman

Circle Drilling.
Notice- This sale will be for cash. A cashiers check from a Taylor County Bank will be accepted. The sale will be held at 2 p.m.

(C C) Drilling Corp. a

Texas Corporation d-b-a

And in complaince with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceeding said day of sale, in The Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor

County.
Witness my hand, this the 6th day of March 1984.
John W. Middleton Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas by Eddie Swanson, De-

puty. 53-3tc

Calmness in emergencies stressed

by Vernon Wade EMT-Paramedic President, Merkel Emergency

Medical Service
In a quiet neighborhood, a small child slips into the bottom of a

wading pool in a back yard.
Smoke is coming from the house
next door, a small child is heard
crying.

The car in front of you fails to stop and is hit by another car, the driver has hit the windshield and in unconscious.

A transport truck overturns in front of your home and fuel is spilled on your street.

Your neighbor is bitten by a wasp and his face is swelling rapidly.

In each of the emergencies above, what you do in the first few seconds could be the difference between life or death. Serious injury could be prevented in each of these emergencies, you are the one who must do something and do

it quickly. What do you do?

In many cases of injury or illness, prompt and correct action on the part of the frist person to

But, prompt action goes beyond just calling for a doctor or ambulance or fire department.

The child at the bottom of the pool must breathe within 4 to 6

minutes. What should you do?.

The driver of the car may not be breathing and could be bleeding severely, What should yo do.

The child heard crying in the smoke filled house could die without some help, What should yo do?

The fuel from the overturned

truck may ignite if fumes go into your house or someone elses home, What should you do? § The neighbor could be unconscious and not breathing in a short period of time. What should yo do? period of time, What should you do? The most important thing you can do is stay calm.

Don't scream, don't run, don't faint, don't panic, just be calm!

Being calm is not easy, but it

Being calm is not easy, but it will help you do what must be done in an emergency. A way to achieve being calm is to take a couple of deep breaths and think. Think... what should I do, call for help and then go to the

emergency. Tell someone else to call for help and you go to the emergency. Tell someone else to

go to the patient and you call.

Being calm will give your common sense a chance to react. Common sense is necessary in an emergency. Common sense will guide you to to do what is important for the victim and yourself.

If you hear a cry for help, take a couple of deep breaths and get involved in helping care for the victims in an emergency.

The best ambulance, fire department, police department, doctor or emergency department function best when they use common sense and are calm. They use the common sense and their training in whatever area to assist the victim. They practice being calm everyday. You should practice being calm everyday.

To practice being calm, all you do is if something goes wrong at home, at work, at play, just be calm and take a couple of deep breaths and think about what you should do. You will be surprised at what a difference it will make









