

The Merkel Mail

Thursday, March 29, 1984...Merkel, Texas

Our 95th Year



§ An interdenominational meeting of ladies was held at Heritage Hall Monday. About 118 women representing seven local churches attended. [Staff photo by Melanie Richards.]

Help Yourself

Crazy photographer, 1,343 enrolled...more

by Cloy A. Richards

§ I read with great interest the account of former Reporter News photographer David Leeson and his "night out" with "freedom fighters" in El Salvador.

David and I got to be pretty close when his wife and I worked together at KTXS in Abilene.

David's one of those nuts in the newspaper business that will go through a lot to make a good photograph. He's won many awards in the process.

He's also had to deal with a few stressful moments during his job. He had a part of his eye burned while photographing the Pride Refinery Fire, saw a lot more bodies than he ever wanted in being the first photographer on the scene of a major airline disaster near New Orleans, and now he's been detained in El Salvador by a bunch of nuts with guns who talked openly about killing him for the "good publicity."

Photographs are important David... but, what's the limit.

I blew the school attendance figure reported in last week's school board story and said enrollment stood at 1,143. Enrollment was 1,343 and Tuesday stood at 1,336. That quite a difference.

As you know, the board decided last week to delay a bond election for expanding facilities here until after a special session of the Texas Legislature possibly takes place this summer (it's not official yet). Everett explained, "We want to see if the Legislature is going to make some financial reforms to

help relieve the pressure on the local taxpayer through ad-volorem taxes. The people here will be in a whole lot better mood to build a schoolhouse if Austin will take of some of the pressure."

As I said in this space last week that there will be a lot of people in Austin this summer with their hands out for money. Money that will have to come from an increased sales tax, or additional gasoline, "sin" and other state taxes.

Bill had a real good observation concerning a tax increase in the state. He asks "Who's going to stand up and propose a tax increase in Texas. That's political suicide."

The girls junior high and high school district track meets will be held in Hamlin April 3rd.

Field events will get started at 10 a.m., the 2 mile at 11 a.m., the prelims at 12 and the finals will get started at 3 p.m.

I heard a rumor at the city council meeting Monday night that I had not heard before.

It goes "You'd best not let your dog out in Merkel or the police will shoot it."

As Sergeant Joe Friday would say "Just the facts."

O.K., according to Merkel Police Chief Ray Pack, there have been two instances of police shooting dogs in the past two months. Other than that, Ray says about five total incidents in six years. He also says in that time he has probably picked up 1,000 dogs in

those 72 months and he said he has shot two. Officer Mike Pippins told me he has never shot a dog here and Steve McNally hasn't shot one here either.

The recent case involved a doberman that police tried twice to corner, and managed to catch two pit bulls in those same calls. The officers said the dog lunged at them so Ray killed the dog.

The dog belonged to a lady named Donna McDowel, who said, she had lost a companion of 7 years. She was understandably upset. She asked if there were no other methods available for capturing dogs here than the standard dog catching pole (Or loop) which is a rope on a pole that can be tightened around a dog's neck, providing you can get the rope around his head to begin with.

Sure there are a lot of options. All kinds of technology, that require licensed, trained people to operate. An animal control officer here, in my unofficial estimate would cost around \$12,000 in straight wages and taxes, another Ten to \$12,000 for a vehicle and about oh, let's say \$1500 in equipment and uniforms. Without adding it up too closely, that figure is more than 25 per cent of the amount the city collects in taxes.

Now, the enforcement of the plain and simple dog ordinance here is left entirely to the Merkel police department. They take in

Council makes delinquent tax

decision, hears about dogs,...more

The Merkel City Council met Monday night at the Merkel Emergency Medical Service facility and made final, formal adoption on a delinquent tax collection contract with the Taylor County Appraisal District and heard a local woman ask for a better way to capture stray dogs here.

Council also held an executive session to discuss a possible land acquisition and to discuss a retirement system for city employees in lieu of a pay raise this year.

A large part of the meeting was taken up with a discussion on how the Merkel Police Department handles dog calls. A local woman, Donna McDowell told council her dog was shot by the Merkel Police Department Thursday afternoon.

Chief Ray Pack received a "dog call" Thursday afternoon and two pit bulls and a doberman were inside a ladies fenced yard. Officer Mike Pippins also responded to the call. They were able to capture the two pit bulls with a dog catching device but were unable to catch the Doberman. When the dog rushed the two patrolman, the dog was shot and killed.

The woman appeared before

council asking for alternatives to shooting dogs when they attacked an officer or could not be captured.

After a lengthy discussion of the alternatives in keeping up with stray dogs here, council went on with their agenda.

Council formally agreed with the Central Appraisal Office in Abilene for collection of past due city taxes. The county will charge 30 cents for each computer-account opened, will keep 5 per cent of the past due tax on collections they make without going to court and 15 per cent on those that go through litigation.

The city accepted the contract but said they accepted if the appraisal office would add a clause that would allow their collection charges to be added to the delinquent tax so the city could realize 100 per cent of their past due taxes. Unpaid 1983 taxes stand at \$18,000 and about that amount is still outstanding for other recent tax years.

Council has already approved a plan that would see some of the tax money collected by the appraisal office to be set aside for street repairs.

Council also approved a plan

that will see some of the street lights in town replaced with more energy efficient bulbs. The city currently pays for 211 street lights.

Sadler said he'd like to try the sodium bulb, that puts out a yellow light (similar to those used at Nu Corp) along First Street. It will cost \$31 each to replace those bulbs but the new bulbs will be cheaper to operate and will put out more light, according to city manager J. A. Sadler.

Council also approved a request from Tye to make an additional 4 inch tap into the main line there for an emergency water supply. Currently, Tye only has one 4 inch line coming off the main.

During an executive session, council discussed a proposed retirement system for city employees that would call for a city contribution for each employee each month. Council is considering this type of benefit instead of a pay raise this year.

Also, council was asked to take over responsibility of the Senior Citizens Center on Edwards Street here and the city is checking with insurance and legal representatives on liabilities before making that final decision.

Local 4-H club raises money

The following local business people donated close to \$800 to the Taylor County 4-H Rifle team, headed by J. D. Sandusky, for the purchase of three target rifles and ammunition.

Shelton Inn, Merkel VFW Post 5683, Hicks Auto Supply, Whisenhunt Grain, F & M National

Bank, Seymore Insurance, Ed's Feed & Seed, P & L Auto Parts, Hammond Insurance Agency, Roger Beard.

Also Merkel Drug, Carson's Supermarket, Big Country Inn, Taylor Telephone, Max Murrell Chevrolet, DuBose Texaco, Ben Franklin, Brenton Lingo Lumber, Pat Williams, Satrbuck Furniture, Palmer Motor Company, Warren Dozier, DVM, Hi-Val Farm and

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Ybarra named winner of scholarship

The Fortnightly Study Club is happy to announce the selection of John Ybarra, son of Juan and Connie Ybarra, who has been selected to receive the scholarship that is given to a worthy high school senior each year.

Requirements for the scholarship are based on grades, extra

curricular activities, honors and general character.

Any college where John is enrolled will be especially fortunate. He is a well rounded student that all colleges hope to attract.

The scholarship in the amount of \$100 will be given to the college of his choice when he has enrolled.

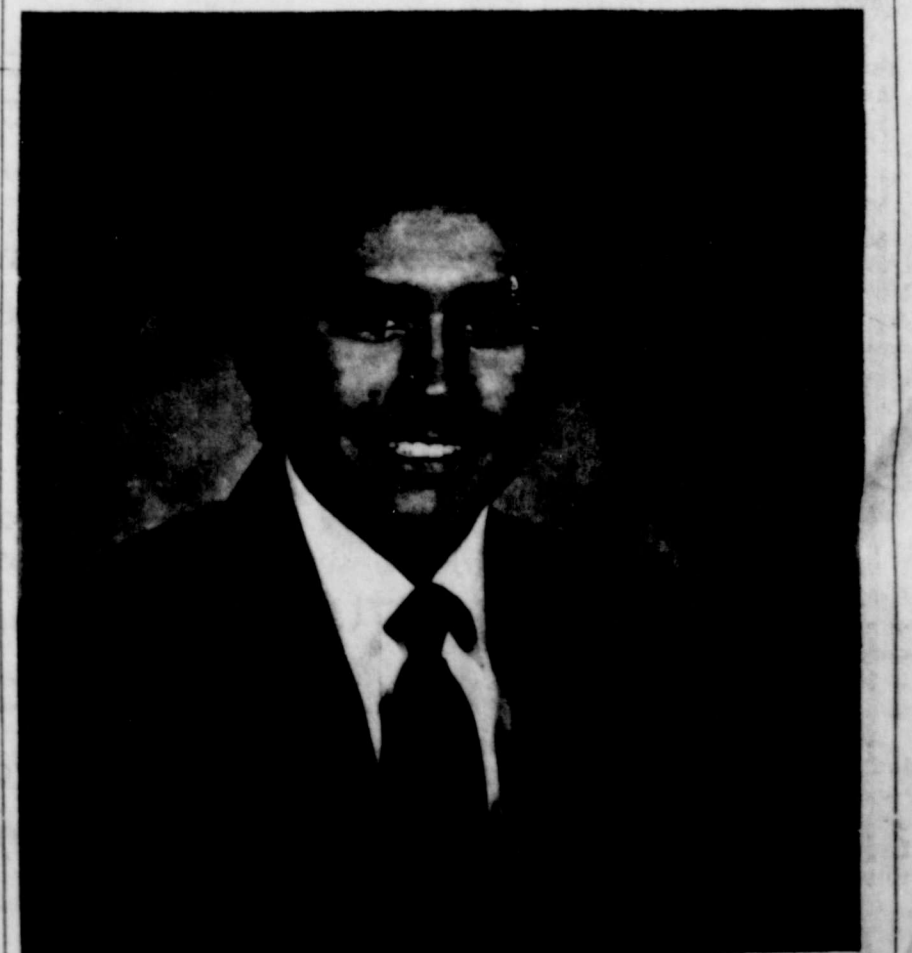
about 20 stray dogs per month to the local vet. Few are claimed, and, accordingly with the ordinance, they are put to sleep.

What this boils down to is the dog problem here, which gets almost as much discussion at Merkel City Council meetings as any other, is still a problem, although lots of stray dogs are no longer wandering city streets, and yes, there have been a couple of mistakes made in the process.

I know of a group of men, two groups in fact that would love to here anyone's suggestion on how to better handle the local dog problem. They are the council and the police department. Let someone know if you have an idea, better yet, seek and secure a spot on the council's agenda and tell them your plan.

In keeping in line with the above piece, something here will be done out of the ordinary. A local man kinda lost his cool at the council session Monday night and did apologize at the meeting, but felt he had to make it public so, here it is "My apologies to the City Council, Ray Pack and Officer Pippins for using my emotions instead of my head.

I feel they do a good job with what they have to work with. I feel maybe things could be better if more citizens would attend City Council meetings and offer support, including myself. Virgil Hunt."



Cain leads Badgers to first

win of track season

Matt Cain's wins in the 110 high hurdles and the 300 intermediate hurdles led the Badger varsity team to winning the Hamlin Relays. Franklin was also a member of the sprint relay team that placed fourth. Other members of that team are Dean Franklin, Michael McCoy and Russell Lucas. James Wright was 2nd in the

800, third in the 1600 and was on the 1600 relay team that placed fourth. Other members of that team are Milo Harris, McCoy and Lucas. Also, Michael Tutt was 5th in the 100 and 4th in the 200. McCoy won the long jump and was 2nd in the 400. Franklin was 7th in the 300 intermediate hurdles and 7th in

the 800. Steve Farthing was 6th in the 800 and 6th in the 1600. Milo Harris was 5th in the 400. Randy Davis was 4th in the high jump and 4th in the pole vault. Jon Bright was 6th in the pole vault and Jay Gibson was 6th in the discus. The Badgers will travel to San Angelo this weekend for the San Angelo Relays.

Jowers leads 7th grade boys to Abilene win

Eddie Proctor, Ricky Flores and Kenneth Jowers led the 7th grade boys track team to win the team championship at the McMurry Relays. The 400 meter relay team won 1st with Freddie Gonzales, Flores, Proctor and Jowers. The 1600 meter relay team also won and that team included Gonzales, Israel Olvera, Flores and Jowers. The team bested their closest competitor Estland 144 to 97. Eddie Proctor had his best performance this year winning the 110 hurdles, 2nd in the 200 and 3rd in the long jump. Ricky Flores came back to win an exciting 800 meter race beating the winner from the Hamlin Relays where Ricky was second in that event last week.

Kenneth Jowers won five events including the 400, the high jump, pole vault and was on both winning relay teams. Gonzales was 2nd in the long jump and 4th in the 100. Olvera won the hurdles and was 4th in the 110 hurdles. Chip Dillon and John McNeal placed 3rd in discus and shot respectively and Chris Wright was 5th in the 1200.

Coach Huskerson was extremely proud of his athletes' performances and said "they came out during spring break and continued to work hard for the track meets. He added the team lost several point getters due to family plans over the break and said he has not had all of his team competing at once yet this year. They are looking forward to going to Ballinger Saturday where prelims start at 2, field events at 11:30 and the finals are at 3.

Little Leaguers must register

The registration for the Merkel Little League and the T-Shirt League will be held Saturday March 31 and Saturday April 7 at the WTU building in Merkel. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and end at noon. The April 7th date will be the cutoff date for all registrations. Late registration will not be accepted. Those boys interested in playing for the Trent team will register at James Masonheimer's home in Trent on the same days from 9 until noon. Tye boys will be given registration forms at school. The ages for the T-Shirt league are 7 to 9 not turning 10 before August 1, 1984. For the Little

League it is 10 to 12 and not turning 13 before Aug. 1, 1984. The fee for the T-Shirt League is \$8 and \$10 for Little League. Tryouts for the Little League will be held April 12 and 13 at the Merkel Little League field. The tryouts for the Tye boys will be held in Tye April 9 and 10 with those who did not make a team there can come to Merkel for their tryouts. If you were on a team last year, there is not any need for a tryout. All Tye boys interested need to get in touch with Gary Parker. Spinors are also needed as well as any donations available. This year we have come up with some extra expenses and

instead of raising the registration fee, we are going to try to raise the money elsewhere. The next meeting of the officers and coaches will be held at Taylor Electric CoOp April 2 at 7 p.m. This meeting will also include T-Shirt coaches. Everyone is urged to attend. If you are unable to make the registration on the 31st and the 7th, please fill out the registration form below and mail it and your fee to Sheila Hunt, Box 125, Trent, 79561, or to your last year's coach. Remember, no late registrations will be accepted after April 7. Your registration form must be signed by a parent or guardian.

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The Jones County TEHA Council met in the activity center in Anson March 21 with chairman Kila Lakey presiding. Recreation was a numbers game directed by Daisy Mashburn. The prize was won by Louise Chancey. There were 4 officers present, one visitor and six clubs represented. Following approval of the minutes, club reports were given. It was also announced that Bill Chaney would present his weather watch program at the Stith Community Center March 28. Anyone interested may attend that meeting. The TEHA report was given by Annie Price and contributions were sent in for the District meeting April 26 in Rotan.

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by Russell McAnally

Did you know about the children who are physically, mentally and sexually abused here and all over the land? In 1983, I was elected to the Taylor County Child Welfare Board by the Taylor County Commissioners Court to serve a term of at least two years. I took the place of Alice King who had served her allotted terms. The Board meets on the third Thursday of each month in the Child Welfare Building in Abilene for a sack lunch and the business of promoting the welfare of abused children in Taylor County.

At present, the board of membership includes Chairperson Ann Collier, Vice chairperson Rev. James B. Price, treasurer Mabel Reynolds, secretary Frances Bur-

dett and members Dr. Terry L. Foster, Carl Roeder, Mrs. Douglas Ann Moran, Mrs. Jane Tippitt, and myself.

The purpose of the board is listed in Article III of the by-laws and Constitution. "The purpose of this board is to increase the effectiveness of Child Welfare services in Taylor County. This shall be accomplished by the sharing of ideas and experiences between the members of this Board, the staff of the Taylor County Child Welfare Unit, Children's Service Organizations, and the community at large. By remaining sensitive to the needs of the community, the Board shall make appropriate recommendations for the improvement of child welfare in Taylor County."

This is one of the most difficult tasks to perform. It makes all of us angry and frustrated at times. Only those who are involved can begin to know what goes on in so many homes where children are abused. Let us here forget about Abilene and realize that much child abuse goes on here. Recently, I was telling a school teacher here about the board and they said "You would not believe how many children are abused here. The teachers see the bruises, the cuts and feel the mental anguish of many children in the school system here."

Many cases involve either physical abuse in the form of hitting-kicking, or mental abuse by neglect of shaming or threats, and then there is the ever present

sexual abuse of children by parents or live-in-associates.

Mr. LaMar Biefeldt, the service manager of Max Murrel Chevrolet here is the president of the Taylor County Foster Parents Association. He also represents that organization on the Child Welfare Board. The Foster Parents Association is doing a very fine job and they help take care of many of these neglected or abandoned children. We are putting up some posters here and in the early part of April we will service a booth at The Mall of Abilene to help educate the public to the threat of abuse to so many of the children around us. One of our posters say "Kids- You Just Can't Beat Them. To Report Child Abuse, call 1-800-252-5400...Anytime."

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Farmers Markets spreading across Texas like wildflowers

(AUSTIN)—A "Big-Time Farmers Market Under the Big Top" is just one of the new marketing opportunities for Texas producers this year, State Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower has announced.

"Last year we planted the seeds of a statewide farmers market system by helping to start new markets in Waco, Tyler, Vernon and Sherman-Denison. Those have taken root and will be bigger than ever this year," Hightower said. "The idea of community-supported farmers markets has spread like Texas wildflowers, and we expect to see as many as 11 new markets blossom around the state in 1984."

"Here in Austin, for example, consumers from across Central Texas will be able, in just a few weeks, to buy good-tasting, home-grown tomatoes and all sorts of other fresh produce at a very good price," Hightower announced from the Highland Mall parking lot. In a joint venture between Highland Mall and the Travis County Commissioners Court, the 1984 version of Austin's Farmers Market will operate in this high-traffic, prime location. Beginning in late May farmers will begin selling their produce every weekend under four 60' by 60' multi-colored tents on Highland Mall's parking lot. "In addition to the 'Big

Top' approach in Austin, another innovation is being tried in San Antonio, where the market location will shift around town like a 'moving feast.' On one day, farmers

will come to a site on the north side of San Antonio, then go the next day to a west-side site, and so on around the city. On March 8 the San Antonio City Council approved the concept of 'satellite' markets.

Lambda Beta holds ritual

Lambda Beta held a ritual of jewels March 6th in the home of Kay Bishop for three new members Peggy Chick, Debbie Sandusky and Pat Schuknecht.

Also, the plans for the beauty pageant were finalized. They asked for Merkel's participation

in the program.

Members present included Kay Bishop, Peggy Chick, Annette Clark, Mychele Hammond, Martha Sue Justice, Ann Leach, Debbie Roberson, Debbie Sandusky and Pat Schuknecht.

8th grade wins third meet

The Merkel Badgers 8th grade track team won the Kyle McCowan Relays Saturday in Abilene.

The team had their best showing so far this season in the field events scoring 52 and 86 in the running events.

The Badgers were paced by Brit Pursley with 35 points, Shane Newberry with 30, Ramon Moreno with 25, Lester Patterson with 19 and Rodney Sittler. The 8th graders have now won three track meets in a row.

Saturday, the team will be in Ballinger.

The following are the results from the meet:

Albert Chavira, Pursley, Moreno and Patterson were first in the 400 relay. Also, Newberry 1st and Pursley 3rd in the 110 hurdles, Patterson 1st and Moreno 5th in the 100, Sittler 1st in the 400, Newberry 1st and Moreno 5th in the 300 meter hurdles, the 1600 meter relay team of Sittler, Joe Alvarez, Pursley and Patterson were 2nd.

Also, Pursley won the pole vault and high jump while Moreno was 5th in the high jump. Chris Biera was 3rd in the shot, Moreno won the long jump and Newberry won the discus.



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The ladies from the First Assembly of God in Merkel, wishes to thank everyone for coming out for the inter-denominational church luncheon March 26. We had 118 people register as guests and seven churches represented. We had a great time of fellowship. Thank You Mageline Kearns

Thank you for making my 80th birthday one I will never forget. Thanks for the calls, cards & money to all who attend and participated. It was wonderful. I love you all. Ethel Hicks 56-1tp

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: RALPH EDWARD CHRISTIAN* Whereabouts Unknown, Respondent: GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 328th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at or

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 VIRGINIA ANN CHRISTIAN* Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 27th day of September, 1983, against RALPH EDWARD CHRISTIAN* Respondent, and said suit being numbered 9350-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Matter Of The Marriage of VIRGINIA ANN CHRISTIAN and RALPH EDWARD CHRISTIAN".

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the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to grant a divorce between the Petitioner and Respondent and decree such other relief as requested in the petition. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding upon you. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree in the children's interest which will be binding upon you. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its 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 20th day of March, 1984. Rilla Mahoney, Clerk 326th District Court Taylor County, Texas by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy. 56-1tc

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Report of the Fitzgerald Foundation for the fiscal year ended November 30, 1983, will be available for inspection by any citizen upon request at its principal office at 1141 Butternut Street, Abilene, Texas, during the regular hours of Business from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday, for a period of 180 days from April 16, 1984. The Fitzgerald Foundation, 1141 Butternut Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, Norman D. Fitzgerald, Manager. 56-1tc

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

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Tips on handling emergencies dealing with broken bones

by Vernon Wade EMT-P
President-Merkel Emergency
Medical Service

Broken Bones

There are over 200 bones in the body which give it shape and structure. The bones provide support for the body, protect vital organs and enable movement. The bones connect together to aid muscles by way of tendons and ligaments. Another type of tissue associated with the bones is cartilage and it acts as a cushion between some bones and also gives the nose and ears their shape.

The movement of bones is caused by muscle function. It moves the arm up or down, the leg forward or backward, etc. The movement of bones by muscles caused by a message sent from the brain by way of nerve pathways. If no message, no movement.

If there is the possibility of a broken bone following an accident, you can look for one or more of the following:

1. Swelling, discoloration at the approximate site of the break.
 2. Shortening or deformity of an arm or leg (is one arm longer than the other at the site of the break?).
 3. Is the area tender to the touch at the site or along the line of the bone?
 4. Is the person guarding or unable to move the arm or leg?
 5. Are exposed bone ends visible. Sometimes they may be covered by clothing, dirt or blood.
 6. Grating or crepitus—be very gentle when checking for other signs. (If you hear or feel this it is causing more injury) Do not attempt to see if the bone ends will rub together (Sounds like sandpaper or the crunch of gravel as you walk)
- The one thing you should remember is that a broken bone usually does not cause a threat to

life. The hurt severely because of damage to nerves associated with broken bones. However, they usually are not going to kill you or your patient. A calm attitude and very gentle handling of the broken bone while you are going to the doctor is best for the patient.

A few things you can do for the patient to lessen the pain and not cause more injury are:

1. Do not move the broken bone ends—they are sharp as a razor and can cut other nerves and tissues around the break.
 2. If the broken bone ends are moved they could cut a major blood vessel causing severe bleeding under the skin.
 3. Don't see if the patient can stand or move the possible broken bone. (If the main nerve to the muscle is intact the bone will move). It could be only a hairline break which could go ahead and break all the way through with movement.
 4. Don't try to straighten a broken bone (leave it as is and contact your doctor or ambulance personnel.)
 5. If you are unable to immobilize (splint) the area of the break, you can move the patient. If not, call your ambulance or your doctor for instructions.
- A twisted ankle, sprained ankle, dislocated elbow or kneecap can almost cause the same signs as a break of a bone. If you think you have one of these injuries, the healing time can be longer than a broken bone with proper treatment. This is due to the tearing of ligaments or tendons directly associated with the muscles. If you think that it is only sprained or twisted, or dislocated, see your doctor. Proper treatment can be very important to the patient.
- Next week: **Exposure to heat-Heat Cramps and Heat Stroke**

DE FUNCIONARIOS DE LA CIUDAD

Se da aviso por la presente que se llevara a cabo una Eleccion de Funcionarios de la Ciudad el dia 7th day of de April, de 1984, en la ciudad arriba mencionada para el proposito de elegir a los siguientes funcionarios para dicha ciudad Three Concejales. Dicha eleccion se llevara a cabo en los siguientes lugares de votacion en dicha ciudad: El Precinto Electoral Num. 1 en el Edificio Merkel High School Gym.

Los sitios de votacion arriba designados para dicha eleccion se mantendran abiertos en el mencionada dia de elecciones de las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m.

La votacion ausente para la eleccion arriba designada se llevara a cabo en el Edificio Merkel City Hall, en dicha ciudad, y dicho lugar de votacion ausente se mantendra abierto por lo menos ocho horas en cada dia de votacion ausente no siendo sabado, domingo o dia festivo oficial del Estado, principiando 20 dias y continuando hasta el cuarto dia anteriores a la fecha de dicha eleccion. Dicho lugar de votacion se mantendra abierto de las 7:30 o'clock a.m. and 4:30 o'clock p.m.

Fecha esta dia 27th de March de 1984.

Kent Satterwhite
Alcalde
CITACION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Billy Conway Landrum, 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 Annie Lenora Landrum, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 9th day of March, 1984, against Billy Conway Landrum, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 10,213-C on the docket of said Court and entitled "In The Matter of the Marriage of Annie Lenora Landrum and Billy Conway Landrum the nature of which suit is a request to the Court to grant a divorce terminating the marriage relationship between the Petitioner and Respondent. Petitioner requests her name to be changed to Annie Lenora Storey.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgement or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding upon you.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its 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 9th day of March, 1984.

Rilla Mahoney, Clerk
326th District Court
Taylor County, Texas
by JoAnn Lackey, Deputy.

56-1tp
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION
The Merkel Independent School District Board of Trustees hereby gives notice of Election to be held on April 7, 1984, for the purpose of electing three (3) trustee each for positions designated as place 5, place 6 and place 7.

ABSENTEE VOTING by personal appearance will begin on Monday, March 19, 1984, and continue through Tuesday, April 3, 1984, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday.

Absentee voting in person shall be conducted at Merkel ISD, 3rd and Ash Street, Merkel, Texas 79536.

Applications for absentee ballots by mail should be mailed to Merkel ISD, P.O. Box 430, Merkel Texas 79536.

The POLLING PLACES designated below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

Precinct Numbers 24, 25, 27, 28, 34, 1, 10, 20, 21 & 22 at the Merkel High School Gymnasium at 3rd and Ash Street a Precinct Numbers Jones Co. Pt of 8, 9 (Stith) & 10(Noodle) at the Tye Elementary School Cafeteria in Tye, Texas.

Leroy Teaff
President, Merkel ISD
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ADVISIO DE ELECCION DE REGENTES

Pr las presente la junta de regentes del distrito escolar independiente da aviso que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el dia Abril 7 de 1984 con el proposito de elegir tres(3) regentes a cada puesto designado proa numeros 5 y 6 y 7.

VOTACION POR AU- SENCIA en persona comencera el 19 de Marzo de 1984 continuara hasta el 3 de Abril de 1984 desde las 8 a.m. hasta las 4 p.m. en todos los dias que no sean sabado, domingo, o dia oficial de vacaciones estatales.

Votando por ausencia personal va ser condocido acerca de Merkel ISD Calle 3 Sur y Ash, Merkel, Texas.

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Merkel, Texas 79536.

Los sitios de votacion indicados abajo se abriaran desde las 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. el dia de la eleccion.

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"The program is designed to help participants identify personal needs for computers, to learn basic microcomputer terminology,

and to develop a set of criteria for selecting a computer," says Lovell.

Open discussions will focus on family resource management and farm and ranch management and will set the stage for subsequent talks on computer hardware and software.

Special workshops will deal with preparations for computerized accounting systems, crop decision aids, electronic spreadsheets, marketing decision aids, data base management systems, livestock and dairying decision aids, and selection of a farm or ranch accounting system.

Individuals interested in attending or in more information about the microcomputer workshop should contact Lovell at (817) 968-4147.

Public notices

NOTICE OF CITY OFFICER'S ELECTION

Merkel, Texas
Notice is hereby given that a City Officer's 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 polling places in said city: Election Precinct No. 1 at the Merkel High School Gym Building.

The polls at each of the above designated polling places shall on said election day be open from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m. The absentee voting for the above designated election shall be held at Merkel 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 7:30 o'clock a.m. and 4:30 o'clock p.m. Dated this the 27th day of March, 1984.
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For the hardiest, most beautiful nursery stock anywhere, it's **TEXAS GARDENS** located at 171 East South 11th in Abilene, phone 672-5631. Here you'll find a dazzling array of plants, flowers, trees and shrubs that are just right for any landscaping project that you may have in mind.

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selection of patio furniture and statuary to choose from. They can also supply you with railroad ties, fertilizers, insecticides, hydromulching and other landscape materials and services.

The editors of this 1984 Spring Business Guide urge you to see the professionals of the nursery business today and do something "naturally beautiful" for your home or business.

You'll get a green thumb and be glad you did!

SWEETWATER PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION

Jim Hulse
President
Sid Hardegree
Manager of the Sweetwater Branch Office

The **SWEETWATER PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION** is located at 501 Locust in Sweetwater, phone 235-8411. From this central office, it serves fourteen counties with six field office locations. Here you will find short and intermediate term loans for agricultural purposes including crop and livestock, operating loans, livestock and equipment purchases and loans to businesses serving on-the-farm needs. Intimate knowledge of our territory plus know-

ledge of their business, enables the professionals here to serve as well as they do. The **SWEETWATER PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION** is entirely owned by farmers and ranchers who are the member customers of the association and is in no way a government agency, nor does it loan government funds.

Through this widely known institution, many people of this community have been enabled to operate more efficiently. This concern has probably contributed as much toward the development of this community as any other

institution. Their service is positively indispensable to the success and progress of this section.

They have served area agricultural interests since 1934. They offer a way for farmers and ranchers to secure loans in a business-like manner, without being imposed upon in any way. There can be no better way to secure funds for your agricultural needs than to visit the **SWEETWATER PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION**. The editors of this 1984 Spring Business Review are proud to present this solid institution to our readers.

PINE STREET SALVAGE COMPANY

Dan Dankworth
Manager

Dealing in copper tubing, aluminum, steel, iron and lead and many other materials, the **PINE STREET SALVAGE COMPANY** at 3833 Pine in Abilene, phone 677-8831, will buy your metal scrap for cash! This established firm deals in all types of scrap metals and pays top dollar for all commodities.

This is one firm which has been in the recycling business for years. By re-using our metals, we can prevent further dredging up of the earth in order to obtain new raw materials, and this is a big

help to the ecology. It's one of the best ways to rid the land of unsightly car bodies and other scrap and perform a service to the environment at the same time.

If you have a business which discards metal regularly, make the most of it by contacting this firm for regular pick-up. You'll get paid for the "scrap" and you'll help out the environment.

The editors of this 1984 Spring Business Guide would like to suggest that everyone do his part in helping to clean up our country by recycling their scrap metals at the **PINE STREET SALVAGE COMPANY**!

CHARLES L. BURNETT DIRT & PAVING CONTRACTOR

Charles L. Burnett
Owner & Operator

For dependable, expert asphalt paving and excavation work, it's the **CHARLES L. BURNETT DIRT & PAVING CONTRACTOR** at 1100 W. Broadway in Sweetwater, phone 235-5321! This reliable firm has been paving streets, parking lots, driveways, mobile home parks, patios, service stations and many other applications for many years now! They have established an enviable reputation for doing some of the best paving and dirt work anywhere! They also specialize in all kinds of oil field construction work.

Besides featuring one

of the area's largest inventories of machinery, including bulldozers, loaders, graders, dumps, backhoes, and many other pieces of equipment, these skilled operators know the machines thoroughly and you can always depend on them to do **JUST WHAT YOU WANT!** The **CHARLES L. BURNETT DIRT & PAVING CONTRACTOR** is one company which rarely is required to "re-do" a job because it wasn't done right the first time!

If you're a homeowner, you can benefit by talking to these professionals. They'll set you straight about the

low cost involved in increasing your property value with a paved driveway. Businessmen, too, can do themselves a favor by paving their parking lots and driveways! The customers will be grateful... and they'll show it!

Regardless of what kind of surface you want to pave... for whatever reason... this outstanding firm can do a better job in the shortest possible time! As the editors of this 1984 Spring Business Review, we suggest that **YOU** call the **CHARLES L. BURNETT DIRT & PAVING CONTRACTOR** first!

SOUTHWEST SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION

Frances Keiner
Sweetwater Branch Manager

The **SOUTHWEST SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION** is located at 301 East 3rd in Sweetwater, phone 235-4381. This institution is one of the cornerstones of the financial structure of this area.

Their home office is located in Abilene at One Century Plaza, phone 695-7000. There are also five branch offices in the Abilene area. Call for the lo-

cation nearest you.

If you have the money you'd like to save or invest, you should investigate the advantages this Savings and Loan Association can offer you. It is well known in this territory for reliability and many have found their desired method of saving through them.

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accounts are insured.

They offer a way for reliable people to secure loans in a business-like manner, without being imposed upon in any way. You will be more than pleased with this efficient and modern establishment.

The editors of this 1984 Spring Business Review are pleased to endorse the policies of this reputable savings and loan institution and urge our readers to take advantage of their professional friendly services.

SWEETWATER AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY

Jim Marrice
Manager

When you need auto parts in a hurry, do what leading garage owners and repairmen have been doing for years, see your friendly NAPA jobber: the **SWEETWATER AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY**

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They also offer complete machine shop service. Both their parts department and machine shop are staffed and equipped to give you prompt, professional service.

Need custom accessories or speed equip-

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Regardless of what you need for the repair of your car...NAPA has it! The editors of this 1984 Spring Business Review suggest that you

visit the **SWEETWATER AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY** today and discover what selection and service is all about.



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Newsbriefs

WTU holding microwave cooking school

West Texas Utilities will be holding a microwave cooking school April 3 at 7 p.m. at the local WTU office.

The Electric Living Consultants from Abilene will demonstrate new recipes of meats, vegetables and desserts using microwaves.

The public is invited for the free instructions and food-tasting and you can call the WTU office at 928-5122 to make a reservation.

Finding club meeting set

The Merkel Riding club will hold their first meeting of the year April 4th at 7 p.m. at Taylor Electric.

A pot luck supper will be held before the meeting. All families or individuals interested in becoming members are encouraged to attend.

Officers for 1984 will be elected.

Our Mother Of Mercy Catholic Church news

Don't forget the Diocesan-wide celebration of Mission San Clemente Sunday. The celebration will be at Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission in Millersview. To find Millersview, go to Ballinger by highway 83. About 25 miles south of Ballinger turn onto FM 765 and it is 8 miles to Millersview.

They will be having a special commemoration with a pageant and a donation barbecue. Casual clothing is recommended and people are asked to bring lawn chairs or blankets for their seating comfort.

Phillips graduated

Janice Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winford Carey of 507 Yucca here, was graduated from Central Texas Commercial College in Brownwood March 23. She was valedictorian and received "The Most Dedicated" award. She received her diploma in executive secretarial, legal secretarial and word processing.

Preceptor

Eta Omega meets

Preceptor Eta Omega chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met for a "come-as-you-are" breakfast.

At 6:30 a.m. March 17, the members met in the home of Louise DuBose and were picked up at that early hour by Mamie Steck and Ruth Tipton.

A Saint Patrick's Day theme was used on the table.

A buffet table of sausage & egg casserole, cheese grits, muffins, fruits, orange juice and coffee were served to the following members: Louise DuBose, Opat Graner, Blanche Hewitt, Kathy Leverich, Val Patterson, Betty Saterwhite, Mamie Steck, Ruth Tipton, Jane Carson and guests Bobby Roberts and Renee Smith.

They also held a meeting Tuesday at Taylor Electric with a pot luck supper hosted by Mamie Steck.

During the business meeting, new officers were elected. They include Louise DuBose-president; Mamie Steck-vice president; Jane Carson-secretary; Ruth Tipton-corresponding secretary; Blanche He-

witt-treasurer; Val Patterson-extension officer; and city council representatives Louise DuBose, Mamie Steck and Blanche Hewitt.

Mamie Steck was elected "Woman of The Year" and will be presented at the annual Founders Day Dance May 5th. The Chapter Man of The Year is kept a secret until the night of the presentation.

Kathy Leverich and Ann Reader will receive the Order of the Rose on April 14 at the ritual luncheon at the Presbyterian Church. Also, Jane Carson, Betty K. Conley, Betty Lou Saterwhite will receive their Rotual of Jewel.

After the business meeting, Mamie Steck presented the program on "What Beta Sigma Phi Means to Me."

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Garden club

holds meeting

The Merkel Garden Club met at the Big Country Inn March 15. Co-hostesses were Mary Cleo Sadler and Lennie Fisher.

After a short business session, president Olga Peachey then led members on a visit with local members of the African Violet Society. The first home was to see Janie Lanford's beautiful display of violets in full bloom. She stressed the necessity of using clean pots and clean water in raising violets. She said to keep the plants moist but not soggy and always use room temperature water. Avoid spilling drops of water on the leaves, a light mist or spray is best to use.

The next stop was at Ethel Pee's home. She also had an array of beautiful colors in violets. Mrs. Pee stressed her north window was best for violets. She explained the north window let in soft, bright light and good light is essential for violets. The wick method of watering is fascinating and you can contact any garden club member for more information on wick watering.

The next stop was to Anna Belle Shouse's home and she was able to show the members how the violet's mature leaves are trimmed for propagation of new roots. She also conducted a drawing and gave away one of her flowers.

Attending were Anna Lou Ferguson, Ruby Fay Riddle, Anna Belle Shouse, Ethel Pee, Janie Lanford, Georgia All-day, Mary Click, Inez Detrick, Lennie Fisher, Mrs. Joe Hartley, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. Craig Humphrey, Alice King.

Shirley McBride, Verdie Patterson, Olga Peachey, Becky Rogers, Mary Cleo Sadler, Leota Sherrill, Muriel Thompson and Mary Russom.

JV places 3rd

The Merkel HIGH JV track team placed third at the Hamlin Relays in Hamlin Saturday.

The best performance of the day went to the sprint relay's time of 48:33. Members of that team are Keith Watson, Justin Amerine, David Teaff and John Warkala. Watson had a good day finishing 5th in the 200 and long jump and 4th in the shot. Justin Amerine was 6th in the pole vault and Warkala was 4th in the 100.

The only win for the day went to ary Sutterfield in the 300 hurdles. He was also 4th in the 110 hurdles. Bill Adams was 6th in the 400.

Also scoring for Mer-

kel were Wayne Johnson 2nd in the 3200, Chris Tomasz 4th in the 3200 and the 1600 and Chuck Chick 6th in the 1600 and 3200. Tim Kellogg was

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We commend the management here for their efforts to serve our people honestly and fairly.

SWEETWATER READY-MIX CONCRETE CO.

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No business review of the trade leaders of this community could be complete without prominent mention of this outstanding firm, and we, the editors of this 1984 Spring Business Review give them our unconditional recommendation.

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The editors of this 1984 Spring Business Review urge everyone to make this respected jeweler their first stop for value and quality.

HARRY CARMICHAEL FORD

John Harrell Sales Manager
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