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Tell-Tale Fe-Mail

By M. L. G.

This has been one of those weeks again (our week ends on Wednesday night). With the Big Cheese out of town the first of the week, I've really been going around in circles. I'll never say he doesn't do anything around here again. We'll be lucky if we go to press by midnight.

One of the things that makes putting out a weekly newspaper nerve wracking at times is the late news copy. It is from this that I will have an ulcer if I don't already have one. I certainly hope I shall live to see the day we can get all the news in by Tuesday noon. That is our deadline, you know, but we hate to turn down a friend and you are all friends, who just have to have something in this week.

I don't think many people realize just how much there is to assembling a newspaper. I know I didn't until we took over the Mail and I had to help in the back shop. I have learned a lot and still have a lot to learn that I don't care to learn, thank you. I know too much now.

After the news is turned in, it has to be typed and edited to conform with the policies of the paper, and a head has to be written for it. This head business is a mess—it not only has to make sense sort of, but has to make it in just so much space.

The typed and edited copy with head is then taken to the back shop where it is set on a composition machine—the linotype which has a 90 letter key board. The key board has nothing to do with this story. I only put that in so that you will be impressed with a linotype operator.

After the copy is set in metal, a proof must be taken and read. Errors are marked (most of 'em) and have to be corrected on the linotype. I used to think if an 'e' was left off 'the' they could just tack it on, but it isn't that easy. The whole line has to be set over.

After all the type is set, ads set and made up and corrections put in, you are ready to lay out the pages. Pages two, three, six and seven are done first. These four pages in metal are put on the press. It takes two men or one man and a hefty woman to lift them.

The entire paper starts out on one sheet of paper 31x44 inches. All four pages are printed at one time with the papers coming out of the press flat, with one side printed and the other blank. By the time this "first run" is finished, if some people have been on the ball, the next four pages are ready to be printed. This time the papers are printed on the opposite side, go from the press into a folder that someone has attached to the press since the first run, and come out all folded and cut.

I suppose you think we are through now. Not so. Next on the agenda is mailing out. It is usually midnight or later by this time and nerves are on edge, to put it mildly. Names and addresses have to be stamped on the papers and the papers have to be divided into city sections, city deliveries, rural routes and cities. Each of these stacks have to be wrapped, marked properly and put into mail sacks. Papers that go to cities or towns with only one subscriber have to be wrapped and addressed individually.

All this to be done in time to make the mail before 6 a.m. Thursday. See why we have to have a Tuesday noon deadline? And I haven't even touched on the things that can go wrong to hold up operations for hours. That would be a story in itself—a real tear jerker.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 157 MEET
Girl Scout Troop 157 met Thursday, March 5, with Sue Holloway, president, in charge.

Evelyn Stevens was introduced as a new member.
Others present were Linda Windham, secretary, Dorothy Torrence, treasurer, Linda Kay Luke and Lucky Patton, patrols, Mrs. Gauthier, leader and Sherry Martin, reporter.

Merkel Teachers Attend Annual District 7 Meet

Mrs. Ellen McReynolds, Merkel High School teacher, was named a delegate to the state convention and elected chairman of Social Studies for 1960 at the annual District 7 Convention in Wichita Falls March 5-6.

Merkel teachers who attended the meeting were Supt. and Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mrs. Lola Cox, Mrs. Elleta Orsborn, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mrs. Quida Reid, Mrs. McReynolds, Miss Nora Foster, and Miss Lydia Norcross.

Attending the House of Delegates meet in the Midwestern University Student Center Thursday evening, March 5, were Mrs. Reid, Mrs. McReynolds and Miss Avis Deavers. Miss Deavers lives in Merkel and teaches school in Abilene.

Election of officers was held following the dinner meeting when Supt. Olaf South of Sweetwater was named president. He succeeds C. A. Lindsey of Nocona. Mrs. McReynolds was named one of the seven delegates who will attend the state convention in San Antonio.

Speakers for the general sessions were Walter K. Beggs, dean, Teachers College, University of Nebraska, and Lyman V. Ginger, dean, College of Education, University of Kentucky. Convention theme was "Education For A Changing World."

Miss Deavers was a leader for a group discussion on Business Education. She gave illustrations of business needs, trends, and demands for work in accounting and secretarial fields.

As chairman of the Social Studies for 1960 Mrs. McReynolds will preside at the session at Sweetwater next spring.

Retired Pastor Dies In Vernon

Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Monday at Throckmorton First Methodist Church for the Rev. C. B. Thompson, brother of E. H. Thompson of Merkel, who died Saturday in Vernon. He was 80 years old.

Born Sept. 19, 1878 in Arkansas, he married Jennie Cowan May 11, 1902 in Erath County. He was part-time pastor of several churches near Waco for seven years, and preached in Erath County for six years.

He then preached in Northwest Texas Conference at Lamesa, Seminole, Seagraves, Throckmorton, Rule and Southland.

In 1931, Mr. Thompson transferred to the North Texas Conference, serving at Petty, Pattonville and Ringold prior to his retirement in 1938.

Survivors include his wife; seven sons, the Rev. J. B. Thompson of Tahoka, the Rev. E. B. Thompson of Welch, Irvin of Throckmorton, Buster of Lubbock, James of Wichita Falls, Leonard of Abilene and Ernest of Modesto, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Claude McDowell of Dallas; two brothers, E. H. of Merkel and Ira of Erath County; 21 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

A rabbit drive has been scheduled at Hodges for Friday, March 13. This will be an all day affair and everyone is invited to participate.

Merkel Puts 2 On Class A All-Area Team; Coach Loyd Wins Top Honor

Merkel received a triple honor this week when two members of the Badger team were placed on the 1959 Class A All-Area team selected by the Abilene Reporter-News, and Coach Don Loyd was named coach of the year in Class A.



COORDINATED EFFORT — Here are three of the Taylor County Red Cross workers who got together Thursday night in Abilene to work out quotas for communities across the county. County Chairman Joe Antilley of Elmdale, left, talks the plan with J. Lynn Knight, center, vice-chairman of the drive at Merkel, and Miss Lula Hassey, right, chairman of the Tye drive. (Photo courtesy of the Abilene Reporter-News)

Merkel To Host District 10-A Play Contest

Merkel High School will play host to Clyde High March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Merkel School Auditorium for the Interscholastic League One Act Play District 10-A competition.

The Clyde troupe will present a play entitled "The Vanishing Princess". The plot involves a destitute old man who befriends a young girl. Her romance and marriage to a young prince leads to a surprising ending. The play is directed by Mr. Milton McWorter; the final production cast members' names are not yet known.

The Merkel company will enact a farce "The Bathroom Door". Taking place in the early 1900's in a hotel corridor, the play promises to show how unusual events can happen in unexpected places. The play features Manley Denton as the Young Man; Dana Durham as the Prima Donna; Mike Farley as the Old Man; Sarah Salter as the Old Lady; Bitsy West as the Young Lady; and Don Wilson as Boots. It is directed by Mrs. Jo Barnett.

The public is invited to attend the competition and judging. Admission is 25c and 35c for students and adults respectively. The winner of the District 10-A will be eligible for the regional District were renewed by mem-

3 Merkel School Men Get Contracts

Contracts of three members of the Merkel Independent School District were renewed by members of the school board.

Three-year contracts were approved and renewed for Edwin Read, high school principal, Chester Collinsworth, vocational agriculture teacher, and Carroll Benson, head coach.

Wildcats Staked Near Merkel

El Chorro, Inc., of Abilene has staked two wildcats one mile north of Merkel, both slated for 2,200 feet with rotary.

Girl Scouts Observe 47th Birthday Of Scouting This Week, March 8-14

During the week of March 8-14, six troops of Girl Scouts in Merkel will join more than 3,000 girls in the West Texas Council in celebrating Girl Scout Week.

It's the 47th birthday of Girl Scouting in America, and more than three million persons involved in the Girl Scout movement are marking that occasion.

Theme of this year's week is, "You Can Count on Her to Be Creative," and special emphasis is being given to arts, homemaking and service projects.

In Merkel, Mrs. W. C. Patton is neighborhood chairman. Three of the six local troops are Brownies, with Mrs. Alvin Smith, Mrs. Buddy Derrington, and Mrs. Vaughn Doan as leaders. There are two Intermediate troops, led by Mrs. Dottie J. Gauthier and Mrs. J. D. Doan, and one Junior high group, led by Mrs. Billy Dunagin.

Girl Scouting in Taylor County is a strong movement. More than half of the 3,334 Girl Scouts in the 13-county West Texas Council are in Taylor County. Abilene has 136 troops, including Brownies through Senior Scouts.

Throughout America girls 7 through 17 belong to the Girl Scouts. The movement was founded March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Ga., and now there are 765,000 adults working with Girl Scouts. One phase of Girl Scout Week is the annual cookie sale. Cookies are sold for 50 cents a box, and the Girl Scouts keep 25 cents of each sale. Three cents of the 25 goes to the troop making the sale, one cent is devoted to costs of the cookie sale, and the rest goes into the Camp Development Fund. From this comes money to operate the council's established camp near Sweetwater — Camp Boothe Oaks.

Girl Scouts are trained in 11 different fields: arts and crafts, community service, outdoor activities, nature, homemaking, literature and dramatics, sports and games, health and safety, international friendship, music and dancing, and agriculture.

One of every seven girls in the United States is in some phase of Girl Scouting, more than half of them being Brownie Scouts, aged 7 through 9. Intermediates are 10 through 13, and Senior Scouts are 14 through 17.

Counties in the West Texas Council are Taylor, Nolan, Mitchell, Howard, Martin, Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Glascock, Sterling and Coke.

Margaret McAdams of Abilene is executive director of the Council. Survivors include the husband; one son, Johnnie Herman, 14; two brothers of Merkel; and four sisters. Mrs. Laura Teaff of Tye, Miss Vera Ely of Abilene, Miss Idean Ely, Abilene, and Mrs. Allen's twin sister, Mrs. Auro Orlar of Dalas.

Sam W. Roberts Dies In Odessa
Sam W. Roberts, 75, of Penwell and a former Merkel resident, died in an Odessa hospital at 9:30 p.m. Saturday after suffering a stroke earlier in the week.

Funeral was held at 2:30 p.m. Monday in Hubbard Funeral Home, Odessa. Another service was held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Merkel Church of Christ with Bob Cannon officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born in Ellis County, Mr. Roberts moved to Merkel in 1905 with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Roberts. He lived in Merkel for 25 years. He was a retired welder.

Survivors include his wife, Delia; six children, including three of the home, and Mrs. Bill Cain of Camp Belvoir, Va., Max Roberts of Graham and Rex Roberts of Kilgore; and two sisters, Mrs. Roy Fuston of Abilene and Mrs. Tye Sublett of Merkel.

260 Parents Visit Grade Schools

260 parents visited in the local elementary and primary schools last week, Texas Public School Week, according to C. A. Farley, Principal.

This figure represents an increase of 19 over last year. The elementary school, grades 5-8, had 111 parents to visit. The primary school, grades 1-4, had 148 visitors.

Mrs. Carroll Benson's fifth grade room won the \$5.00 prize offered by the local Masonic Lodge for having the greatest percentage of parents to visit during the week—26 parents for a percentage of 45.

Mrs. H. C. Reid's second grade room was high in the primary school with 19 parents or 41%.

\$800 Quota Set For Merkel Red Cross Drive; County Goal Is \$1,800

Taylor County's Red Cross drive quota for 1959 was set at \$1,800 Thursday night at a meeting of community chairman in the chapter house here.

The quota does not include Abilene which was covered by the United Fund drive last fall. County chairman Joe Antilley of Elmdale presided over the brief meeting which included an address by George Marsh, Red

Mrs. J. C. Allen Dies In Abilene

Mrs. J. C. Allen, 43, sister of M. H. and R. D. Ely of Merkel, died at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Ann Hospital in Abilene.

She had been in ill health for about 14 years and had been seriously ill for the past month.

Born Audra Ely, May 28, 1915 at Merkel, Mrs. Allen moved to Abilene with her parents in 1918 and is a 1934 graduate of Abilene High School. She married Allen in 1934 in Abilene.

The couple lived most of their married life in and around Abilene, moving there from Merkel 14 years ago.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Elliott's Chapel of Memories. The Rev. David Hamblin, Fair Park Methodist Church pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Jarrel Tharp, Tye Methodist Church pastor. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery at Merkel.

Survivors include the husband; one son, Johnnie Herman, 14; two brothers of Merkel; and four sisters. Mrs. Laura Teaff of Tye, Miss Vera Ely of Abilene, Miss Idean Ely, Abilene, and Mrs. Allen's twin sister, Mrs. Auro Orlar of Dalas.

Merkel Man's Father Dies

A. D. Murphy of Paris, Alabama, father of A. H. Murphy of Merkel, died Monday, March 2, at a hospital in Jasper, Alabama after suffering a stroke. He was 77 years old.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist Church at Pleasant Hill, Ala. Wednesday, March 4. Burial was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Murphy was a retired miner. He and wife had visited in Merkel and Abilene frequently.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Emmitt and Olen of Paris, Ala., and A. H. of Merkel; one sister, three brothers and four grandchildren, all of Birmingham, Ala.

A. H. Murphy flew to Alabama for his father's funeral.

Tickets On Sale For C-C Banquet

The annual Merkel Chamber of Commerce banquet has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 6, in the school cafeteria.

Louie E. Throgmorton, vice president and director of Public Services of the Republic National Life Insurance Company of Dallas, will be the principal speaker.

Committees in charge of arrangements are: Menu—Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. Earl Hughes and Mrs. Horace Hargrove; decorating—Bill Wood, Earle Watts and Mrs. Carroll Benson; speaker—Mack Fisher and Clyde Bartlett; awards—Ray Wilson and Johnny Hammond; program—Adele Elkins, Herman Carson and Mrs. Bob Gardner.

Price for the banquet is \$1.50 per plate. Advance tickets may be purchased from any of the following: Bob Gardner, Newt Logan, Horace Hargrove, Don Dudley, Betty Jane Tittle, Isadore Mellinger, Horace Boney, Mrs. W. H. Bullock and Ray Wilson.

CEMETERY FUND
The following persons have contributed to the Merkel Cemetery Association fund:
Mrs. A. J. Graham

Rev. Lucian Rudd Named Pastor Of Missouri Church
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray received a letter from their daughter, Mrs. Lucian Rudd Jr., saying that her husband is now pastor of Jefferson Avenue Baptist Church in Springfield, Mo.

The Rev. Rudd received his Bachelor of Business degree from Hardin-Simmons University and Bachelor of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Ft. Worth. He has been pastor of three churches in Texas and one in Missouri.

The couple are parents of two boys, David, 5, and Danny, 5 months. Mrs. Rudd (Peggy) is a math teacher.

4 Seek 3 Posts On School Board

Four men have filed as candidates for three vacancies on the board of trustees of the Merkel Independent School District. The election will be held on Saturday, April 4.

Ford Smith, Jr., Dee L. Moore, Lloyd Robertson, incumbents, and William R. Cyperth have filed for election to the board.

2 File For Mayor, 3 For Councilman

Two candidates filed for mayor and three for city council posts by deadline time Saturday noon.

Mayor candidates are Earl Hughes, Merkel manager of West Texas Utilities Co., who is seeking re-election, and Earle Watts, electricification advisor for Taylor Electric Cooperative.

Filing for the two vacancies to be filled on the city council are Irven Thompson, Butane dealer and wholesale dealer for Continental Oil Co., Kent Satterwhite, Merkel car dealer; and Norman Winter who is seeking a second term.

Jack South is the other councilman whose term is expiring. Members whose terms do not expire are Odis Griffin, Ben Robert Hicks and Newt Logan.

The April 7 election will be at the welfare office. Those who plan to be out of town on election day may vote absentee from March 23 through April 3 at the Merkel City Hall, according to Mrs. Flossie McKeever, city secretary.

20 YEARS AGO
IN MERKEL

A Merkel woman, Mrs. L. E. Ford, was one of the winners in the big \$20,000 movie quiz contest, as announced Monday night from the Queen Theatre. Mrs. Ford received a prize of \$100.

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J. D. Sandusky showed the grand champion calf of the Second Annual Livestock show of the Merkel Future Farmers' chapter held Saturday in the West Company barn.

Mrs. W. V. Cranford, 76, widow of an early day physician of Taylor County, died at her home at 2:15 Tuesday afternoon. She had been ill since Saturday.

W. J. Reynolds, 72, a resident of Trent since 1906, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Spurgeon Scott, at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. He had been in failing health for eight years.

Postmaster Wren Durham and C. J. Glover, editor of the Merkel Mail, attended the annual chamber of commerce banquet held Thursday night of last week in the banquet room of the Hotel Wooten, Abilene.

The sandwich shop and hamburger stand, just across the street from the main entrance to the High School building, is now being operated by Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, assisted by Mrs. Lizzie Lotham.

Arthur Moore and Howard Windham have purchased the Gulf Service Station on the highway from Irl Walker, having assumed charge on March 1. Irl Walker, who drives one of the school buses, will continue in charge of tourist camp at Gulf station.

Late last week John West sold 36 steers that averaged 826 lbs. in Fort Worth for \$9.60 per cwt. They had been on feed at his pens here in town.

The Girls Glee Club and the band of Merkel High School gave a program before the student body of the Roscoe High School at Roscoe during the chapel hour Tuesday morning. The Glee Club is under the direction of Mrs. Comer Haynes and the band is directed by Lloyd Parmelly.

There were 140 names on the honor roll of the Merkel Public Schools for the fourth six-weeks' period, released this week by Supt. Connor Robinson. Of these



"It all boils down to this—I'm IN the Want Ads and you're not!"

35 were in High School and 105 in Grammar school.

The cottage, next to the Methodist Church, formerly the property of the S. F. Haynes estate, was almost totally destroyed by fire about 2:15 Tuesday afternoon. The families of Dennis Walker and Horace Bow occupied the house and their household goods were practically a total loss.

Merited recognition comes to A. C. Sears, Merkel boy attending Texas Tech, with the announcement that he has been named a member of the dairy judging team that will represent Tech at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show. Other team members are Jack Hancock of Tahoka, Roy Neely of McAdoo and Elmont Honea of Tulia.

One of the pictures in Sunday's Star-Telegram covering the presentation by 14 friends to Amon Carter of a Palmino saddle horse shows Loyd Jinks, Fort Worth rancher and former Merkelite, playing the role of "pony express rider", when he delivered notice of the special gift to Carter.

The West Texas Rehabilitation Center, Abilene, is dedicated to serving the crippled regardless of race, religion or cause of crippling.

40 YEARS AGO
IN MERKEL

A fire started in some manner in the home of P. L. McClary last Friday. Luckily the fire was extinguished with small loss. Mr. McClary says he thinks it caught from the Merkel Mail as he laid it down near the stove and it had so much oil in it that it became ignited.

Oil development has reached the stage where doubt must pass away. Every indication points to the fact of great oil basin in this section. A few days ago the Sammie Banking & Investment Company, with Texas headquarters at Fort Worth, and their main headquarters in Sioux City, Iowa, took over the Middle Block to begin drilling within 60 days. H. L. Houghton, president of the company, accompanied by F. C. Shoemaker, also an officer of the company, were in Merkel Thursday and gave out the information that the company had taken over the North Block and would push

drilling of the Sears well to the utmost.

In a recent spelling match between the Trent and Merkel High Schools, Trent won out by one girl standing when all the rest were down. Hurray for Trent! Another match is to be pulled off soon.

A representative of the Magnolia Petroleum Company has been in Merkel several days. He is leasing some acreage for his company.

Jas. Patterson purchased a registered duroc jersey pig from Mrs. J. W. Childress, which weighed 390 pounds at ten months of age. It brought \$65.30. This proves there is something in raising hogs, especially if this record is approached.

The entire city was shocked beyond measure when word went out Thursday morning that Mrs. Earl Henderson, nee Sadie Collins, had died at 5:30. Wednesday she was well and happy, packing up her things to accompany her husband to their new home. The young couple have been married just five weeks. She is survived by her husband, Sgt. Earl Richardson, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collins, sister, Mrs. Annie Grafard, and brother, Grady.

At a meeting of the School Board, a few evenings ago, Prof. R. M. Parker was re-elected for another term. He has accepted. This will be the third term for him, and under his able management the school system has been built up until it ranks among the very best in the State.

The Merkel Dramatic Club will meet Tuesday evening, March 18, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groene. All members of the club are especially requested to be present, and any new members will be welcome. The club will present a play on March 21st. The proceeds of the play will go to the Parent Teacher Association and will be used to help fix up the school grounds. This is a worthy cause and we hope to have a big crowd present.

Beginning March 4 and ending March 12 a debate was held at Trent between Rev. G. W. Slape and Elder Jno. Rice. Much interest was aroused and there was a good attendance at each session. Both sides ably presented their arguments. The debate ended with all in good humor and those in attendance profess to be benefited by the discussion. While some things are reported to have

been injected into the debate that should not have been, yet it went off nicely in the end.

About noon Thursday, March 6th, J. C. Riggan and Miss Grace Brown drove up to the Methodist parsonage in Trent and Rev. F. T. Johnson spoke the words that made two happy hearts beat as

one. Will Merritt and Arl Sharp have received their discharge from the navy and returned home Monday morning. They say they are delighted to be back home again.

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Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent

The clothing workshops are in progress now. The one at Potosi is finished, but the one in Tuscola and Pleasant Hill are in progress. The dates for the Merkel School is March 12-17-19-23-25. The meeting will be in the NEA Building in Merkel.

Eggs lead the list of plentiful foods for March. They will be in heavier supply than last year and prices will be lower generally. How about roast turkey for Easter dinner? It's getting to be a tradition with many families. Turkey will be plentiful in March with family-size birds in largest supply. This means markets will be offering the size that most food shoppers prefer.

Because of that big apple crop in the fall, this fruit is still in good supply—lots of apples to brighten March meals and lunch boxes will still be on the market.

In the vegetable picture, potatoes continue so plentiful that they will be one of March's best food buys. Cabbage is coming in quantity from Texas and Florida in March. Fresh green cabbage is unusually high in vitamin C and offers vitamin A as well. Celery makes a good team with cabbage. It rates high for its crispness and flavor. Supplies are due to be especially large this year.

The canned vegetable of the month is peas—quality high, supplies continuing in plenty, and many markets offering "specials."

For the sweet tooth, there's honey, also in ample supply, and so good on breakfast hot cakes or on biscuits or other hot breads.

At March meat counters, pork will be a plentiful item. As would be expected when pork is plenti-

ful, lard also is in heavy supply. Milk supplies are increasing seasonally so dairy products continue in good supply.

Dry beans of one variety or another are buys on markets countrywide.

This is very good and you might like to prepare it for your family and friends.

Mushroom Smothered Chicken
4-5 pound chicken (large fryer roaster) cut in pieces

1/4 cup flour
2 teaspoons paprika
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/4 cup melted shortening
2 cans (2 1/2 cups) condensed cream of mushroom soup

Rinse and dry chicken pieces. Combine flour, paprika, salt and pepper. Dredge chicken in flour mixture. Brown in shortening in large skillet or pan. Drain off excess fat. Pour in soup and stir well. Cover and simmer over low heat for about 1 hour. Less time is required for fryers. Serves 8.

Bluebonnet H-D

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. John Oliver Tuesday, March 3.

Mrs. Hester Martin led the group in prayer after the meeting was called to order.

In her council report Mrs. Frank Brnovak gave details of the sewing school which will be at the Taylor Electric building in Merkel beginning March 12. County Agent Loreta Allen will supervise the school which is open to the public.

Mrs. R. E. Clemmer called on each member to say something

about her hobby. To mention a few—painting, pitcher collection, dogs, pictures, piano playing, keeping records, quilting.

A panel discussion on "Telephone Good Manners" was led by Mrs. F. R. Demers.

Mrs. Brnovak led a discussion on visiting the sick and new people in the community.

The hostess gift went to a new member, Mrs. M. J. ... Refreshments were served to Mmes. E. H. ...

Mrs. Denny of Comanche County spent the weekend with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. ...

Following services Sunday night March 15 at the Church of Christ Mr. Stayn will show slides of the Church in Africa, his homeland.

He is O. N. Buford, who has followed the barber trade for 50 years.

Oscar was born in Salado, in ... He, with his late parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Buford and Mr. and Mrs. McKee, came to Nolan County in Nov. 1900, settling at Nolan.

The trip was made by wagon with five wagons, one bug and two saddle horses making up the train. As there were no roads the train followed a trail requiring seven days to make the trip.

O. N. recalls that when they arrived at Brownwood they pulled up in front of the court house to let the teams rest, he and three other boys slipped off and went to see the town. When the train was ready to leave the boys could not be found and their parents had to get the sheriff's department to find them.

He says because of the way the streets run in Brownwood he still gets lost when he goes there.

Oscar recalled the first Prairie Dog he had ever seen was at Santa Anna and from there to Nolan there was plenty of wild life such as antelope, prairie chickens and quail.

His first sandstorm was experienced at Coleman, which he says was one of the worst.

The trail came by the way of Winters, Wingate and Hylton. At Wingate he spied a big patch of watermelons, but upon trying to cut one discovered it to be a pie melon.

Hylton at this time was a typical frontier town. On the divide there was only a postoffice at Nolan, a small store and post-office at Dora and a one-room school house at each place.

About 80 percent of the land was open range. From the Buford home at Nolan to Sweetwater was a distance of twenty-one miles and to Merkel, which was their trading place, was 30 miles.

O. N. remember coming through the Butman ranch en route to Merkel.

His family moved to Merkel in 1904 and he has made this his home since that time. He attended the Merkel schools.

Oscar bought his first car in 1914. A new Ford touring car belonging to him, was the first car to be stolen in Merkel.

On March 1, 1909, Buford began his barbering career in Prairie Dell, Bell County. In 1914 he began barbering in Merkel for Percy Jones.

May 7, 1921, he was married to Miss Myrtle Daniel. There are two girls in the Daniel family. Buford said he had the pick of the family and Tom Allday had to take what was left.

Buford says there have been many humorous happenings in the barber shop. One in particular he remembers was the time Homer Newby, who had just started to work for Bell and Buford, had a customer who wanted a shave. Homer was lathering the customer's face with a lather brush that was practically worn out and was having an awful time with the brush. He, Buford, walked over and said,

"Homer, aren't you afraid you will put the man's eye out with that stick?"

In closing we would like to recognize his wife, Mrs. Buford, who has kept the home fires burning while Oscar was carrying on his work.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ryan and grandson, Kenneth Eason, of Paducah visited their daughter and family, the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Cooley and daughters, the past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan were weekend visitors in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Billy D. Doan and children.

One American in 18 is permanently disabled in accidents every year. Easter Seals can help with rehabilitation.

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STITH NEWS

Miss Louise Hudson was a weekend visitor in Fort Worth with her sister, Mrs. Clark Munday.

The Sewing Circle met Thursday at the Community Center. Women of the Goodman community are meeting with the Stith ladies. Each member is making a dress. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon.

Mrs. Albert Evans was hostess for a Stanley party in her home Friday afternoon. Mrs. Nola Purley of Merkel was the dealer.

Sam Mashburn underwent surgery Friday morning at the Sadler Hospital in Merkel. He is still a patient but reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald Jr. and Pat were shopping in Abilene Friday.

Jimmy Fitzgerald of Abilene spent the weekend with Jimbo Akins.

Mrs. F. J. McDonald Sr., Mrs. M. H. Jones and Mrs. Daisy Wiggins were Sunday dinner guests

of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry. Mrs. Ed Vantrees of Hodges attended morning services Sunday at the Baptist Church here.

Mrs. Pat Halyard of San Angelo was a Sunday visitor in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley.

Members of the W.M.U. of the Baptist Church here attended an all day meeting at the Hodges Church Thursday. The program was on the Week of Prayer for home missions.

Mrs. Billy Dunagin sponsored a skating party for her Girls Scout troop Friday night at Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris, Lonnie and Johnie were called to Colorado City by the illness of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Jack Bedford, who is a patient in the Colorado City hospital.

Others visiting her Sunday were her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry and Martha and Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones. We are glad to report Gayle improving at this time.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swin-

dell, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald, Pat and George, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Rogers and Rickie Herring were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Grace Rogers.

Pat McDonald and Sandra Hale attended the Future Homemakers meeting in Stephenville Saturday.

Jim Burns and Fritz Hale visited Sam Mashburn at the Merkel Hospital Saturday.

Pat McDonald was a guest Friday night of Nancy Malone of Merkel.

Mrs. J. B. Jones Injured In Fall

Mrs. J. B. Jones, formerly of Merkel, is resting satisfactorily after breaking her left hip in a fall two weeks ago, according to a member of her family.

She is recuperating at Sunny Dale Nursing Home on the corner of South Treadway and Edgemont in Abilene where she was taken following her discharge from the hospital on Feb. 28.

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Future Teachers Get Practice Education Week

Last week, Texas Education Week, members of the Pat Neff Chapter of Future Teachers Association in Merkel, took over classes in the grade schools under the supervision of the homeroom teachers.

These young students are planning to be teachers in the public schools and have been practicing teachers in the absence of elementary teachers.

As far as possible the homeroom teacher gave the cadet lesson plans and the student teacher observed the class before teaching, according to Mrs. Ellen McReynolds, sponsor for the group.

The following students received special teaching certificates, signed by Principal E. Read and Supt. Mack Fisher:

Dana Durham, history; Katy Hunter, history and English; Ann Benson, 1st and 2nd grades; Linda Leach, 4th grade, reading; Sarah Salter, 8th grade English; Virginia Criswell, 1st grade; Marie Foster, 2nd grade; Lonnie Harris, 4th grade arithmetic; Lynda Jones, 3rd grade; Mary McKeever, 7th grade; Kay Teaff, 2nd grade reading; Jamie Breaux, 1st grade; Bitsy West, 2nd and 4th grade; Penny Gardner, 7th grade English; Lola Loflin, 6th grade reading; Mike Farley, 8th grade science.

"Rather young future teachers for Texas," Mrs. McReynolds said, "but a very inspiring experience and an incentive to become members of very important profession—a need in a Democracy."

"The primary and elementary teachers were very cooperative, patient and helpful," she said. "The future teachers appreciated the cooperation of Principal C. A. Farley and his entire faculty. Mr. Farley arranged the schedule for each day and their observation periods."

This project was a wonderful example of unity, working together of youth and adult education: an exploration of the teaching field for the Future Teachers."

Mrs. McReynolds quoted one pupil who said, "I understand more the teachers place, the problems, and the importance of a

director. I was made to feel important; it was a great challenge."

The Pat Neff Chapter has a membership of 25, 16 of whom engaged in the practice job last week.

Band Trip Fund Grows With Money From Supper, Sale

Two of the recent fund raising campaigns sponsored by the Band Parents Club last week were termed successful by Mrs. Jack Hogan, chairman of the bake sale held Friday and Saturday, and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney who were in charge of the spaghetti supper Monday night.

Mrs. W. R. Cypert, president of the Club, expressed her appreciation for the donations and support received for the projects. She said, "Members of the Band Parents Club are grateful to Carson Grocery, Wilson Food Store, Borden Milk Co. and the Merkel Drug for furnishing the food for the spaghetti supper, and to Carson's and Mellinger's for permitting us to sell our baked goods on their property."

Mrs. Cypert said she would also

like to thank the mothers who baked the cakes and pies for the bake sale which netted \$100. The money from the projects will be used for a band trip to Corpus Christi in May.

Band students are also selling tooth brushes and working at odd jobs to help raise the money for the trip.

Lambda Betas Hear Debate

"Let's Match Wits" was the program theme for the Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meeting in the Taylor Electric Auditorium Tuesday night, March 2.

A debate on "Men Have Contributed More Than Women To The World's Progress" was presented by Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Joe Lassiter.

Mrs. Jane Watson introduced Mrs. Sadler who took the affirmative side, and Mrs. Margarie Knight presented Mr. Lassiter who took the negative.

The ways and means committee reported a profit of \$63.30 made on the cake and coffee sale held recently in the Chamber of Commerce office.

Mrs. Vernon Mansfield was named treasurer to fill the un-

expired term of Mrs. Jeff Anderson who moved to Munday recently.

Mrs. Fouty Hosts Party For Local Air Force Wives

Wives of Dyess Air Force personnel who live in Merkel met for a "get acquainted" coffee in the home of Mrs. Carol Fouty on Feb. 12.

Those attending were Mes. Alice Browning, Dottie Jean Gauthier, Ethel Moon, Mary Gallonga, Lois Boltz and Margaret Arp.

The group plan to make the get-together a monthly affair with the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Alice Browning, 209 El Paso Street.

All Air Force wives are invited to attend these meetings, said Mrs. Fouty. For the benefit of those who are new in Merkel and have a baby sitting problem she said, "Pug's Nursery will be open all day Thursday to accommodate the Air Force group. Arrangements may be made by calling 73-J."

Sue King Gets 4-H Club Award

Sue King accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King, attended the Taylor County 4-H Club awards banquet Monday evening, March 2, at the Wooten Hotel in Abilene where she received a home improvement award pin.

More than 55 of Taylor County's outstanding farm boys and girls, their parents, adult leaders and guests were honored. The affair was sponsored by the Key City Kiwanis Club.

Juniors To Stage 4 One-Act Plays

The Junior Class of Merkel High School will present four one-act plays in the school auditorium Friday, March 13.

The public is urged to support the juniors in this annual fund raising project. Proceeds will go for the junior-senior banquet.

The plays and students participating are: "Summer Comes to the Diamond O" Robert Harris, Wayne Adeock, Tommy Lewis, Fernando Moreno, Butch Palmer, Frank Richardson, Billy Bishop,

Jack Riney, Larry Seymore and Jimmie Hargrove.

"Love Hits Wilbur!" Billy Bob Teombs, Melba Heron, Patsy Oliver, Sherry Hobbs, Joan Byrd and Doug Toliver.

"Twelve O'Clock Murder" Mary McKeever, Marie Foster, Brian Allamon, Bitsy West, Sue Modra, Mike Farley, Kay Teaff and Cynthia Mewborn.

"Hector's Night Out" Connell Higgins, Deanna Bird, Betty Jackson, Gary Rust, Carole Perry, Lynda Jones and Jimmy Eakin.

Scout Leaders Have Meeting

The Merkel Scout leaders met for the regular neighborhood meeting at the Scout Hut Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Woodrow Patton, Neighborhood Chairman, in charge.

The group discussed the annual cookie sale which started last Friday and will continue through March 14.

Leaders attending the meeting were Mrs. Sue Doan, Mrs. Alvin Smith, Mrs. Fannie Lou Dunagin, Mrs. Joyce Doan, Mrs. Dottie Gathe, Mrs. Kenneth Browning, Mrs. J. D. Sandusky, Mrs. Buddy Derrington and Mrs. Patton.

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Dear Friend:
 The great peril to this Nation lies abroad.

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We must move now. We must insure the greatest possible strength the day the showdown comes.

Our Nation and all the nations of the free world face a foe intent on one goal: to degrade the world, to reduce the relations between nations to the level of insults and humiliation, and to erase from our day and time the values of civilized men.

It is imperative as we approach the crisis of Berlin that we make this plain to the Russians:

Once the decisions are made, this is a country united behind the President.

It is united behind and in support of the President and the United States in the policy and doctrine the Commander-in-Chief enunciates. We must have one

firm, clear voice speaking for this Nation in relation to other nations.

We must look to the whole struggle. We must seek the total solution—not the giving away by bits and pieces of our heritage of integrity and freedom.

We can no longer sit by and see our strength—military, moral or economic—weakened by delay, defeat or retreat.

We must trim from the Nation's waistline any bulge of wasteful fat. We must tighten our moral, spiritual, economic and military unity so as to squeeze out any waste of dollars, of manpower or of resources.

The question is: Shall Berlin be remembered as the deathbed of democracy—or as the graveyard of aggression?

I say: Let us use every minute every second of every day to the best possible advantage to get this Nation as strong as we can, as fast as we can.

SENATOR YARBOROUGH'S REPORT

Our state today is generally a growing, booming area. But this prosperity in most places serves only to point up the hard times being felt by people in some areas of our state.

We have all seen these areas in Texas and elsewhere. Prosperity has passed them by, leaving behind it human hardship of more kinds than jobs in the cities and near-starvation income on the farm.

In our state, there are now about 70 thousand farm families—a total of more than a quarter of a million Texans living in some 36 counties who receive less than a thousand dollars a year net cash family income. This doesn't let a man earn enough money to keep his family even decently clothed, fed and sheltered, not to mention a chance to enjoy any of the modern conveniences of life.

The result is that thousands of families have been driven not only off their farms but out of the farming areas into our major cities. As a result, we have what the Department of Labor calls "substantial labor surpluses" — or more people than there are jobs for them—in cities such as Beaumont, Port Arthur, Houston, Texarkana and others.

I am co-sponsoring a bill known as The Depressed Areas Redevelopment Bill which I feel goes to spot where the trouble is—the rural county—to help solve the problem. The bill would furnish funds on a loan basis and also provide planning assistance to rural communities to help build industrial plants. New industry for these areas would mean new jobs, new payrolls, new tax revenues, and a better standard of living for everyone.

SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY, MARCH 16
 Meat balls
 Carrot - pineapple salad
 Green beans
 Devils food cake
 Corn bread muffins
 Butter
 Milk

TUESDAY, MARCH 17
 Pork patties
 English peas
 Apple - celery jello salad
 Home made rolls
 Butter
 Honey
 Milk

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
 Hot dogs
 Red beans
 Potato salad
 Apple pie
 Milk

THURSDAY, MARCH 19
 Sausage
 Spinach
 Corn bread muffins
 Butter
 Pineapple upside down cake
 Milk

FRIDAY, MARCH 20
 Hamburgers
 Potato chips
 Coconut cookies
 Milk

The 1959 Easter Seal campaign, February 27 - March 29, marks 38 years of continuous service to the handicapped by the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults. You can help further this important work by giving to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, Abilene, before Easter Sunday.

STRENGTH FOR THESE DAYS
 from The Bible
 Call unto Me and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not.—(Jeremiah 33:3.)

Any human father hearing his child call out to him will gladly and tenderly help the child out of his distress, soothe his hurts and quiet his fears. And when the child asks help with a problem, the father will try to teach him as much as the child is able and willing to learn. How can we doubt our Heavenly Father's promise that He will do as much for us when we call on Him for help?

Pontiac Chosen Car Of The Year By Motor Trend

The 1959 Pontiac has been chosen as "Car of the Year" by Motor Trend magazine, it was revealed today by Walter A. Woron, editor of the popular automotive publication. The magazine's editors described Pontiac with its wide track as being the "best combination of handling, ride, performance and styling of any 1959 car."

Receiving the award for Pontiac from Editor Woron was S. E. Knudsen, GM vice president and Pontiac general manager.

"We at Pontiac are very proud of this signal honor," Knudsen said. "No previous Pontiac has ever been so unanimously accepted by the public nor attracted so much nation-wide attention as our 1959 models. Receiving this 'Car of the Year' award from such expert judges as the editors of Motor Trend reaffirms the public's favorable opinion of this car and in turn justifies our early confidence in the car," Knudsen stated.

In announcing its annual selection Motor Trend has this to say about Pontiac:

"The stability of the 1959 Pontiac is the outstanding automotive advance of the year."

"It's the best balanced passenger car in America. We firmly believe that in moving wheels further apart, to develop the widest stance of any American car, Pontiac has created an entirely new sense of balance and handling security."

"Pontiac lines are clean, simple and beautiful. It has a fleet look, a trim appearance. The wide wheel design contributes greatly to its overall integrated styling. Any comparison with narrower track cars readily shows the difference."

"For the economy-minded, an efficient new engine. The new 420-E Tempest economy engine offers remarkable performance along with exceptionally high mileage while operating on regular grade gasoline."

"Pontiac is again a top performer based on our extensive road testing. Acceleration is outstanding, yet the engine is unusually quiet and smooth." Motor Trend's "Car of the Year" presentation was witnessed on closed circuit television by the entire Pontiac sales organization across the country.



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A Promise To The Chickens

Thirty-five years ago a Texas boy made a promise to a flock of chickens.

—even though he had to use bribery in the form of corn, to hold them. His human audiences wouldn't believe such fantastic talk. They wouldn't even listen. He had to tell his story to someone.

"When I grow up," the boy told the chickens, "I am going to publish a national magazine."

The chickens continued eating corn. Today, that promise is blossoming into reality. In the process, a phenomenon in the publishing world is taking place.

The usual procedure in publishing is to start with a million dollars and wind up broke.

But Joe Small, of Austin, Texas, started with \$97 and is well on his way to building a million-dollar property.

With the current issues, his two magazines, TRUE WEST and FRONTIER TIMES, go "big-time," hitting the newsstands on a nation-wide basis—much to the astonishment of the brains in the publishing world. They still can't

figure out how Joe Small does it. "It's simple," Joe explains. "You hold a human audience exactly the way I held that audience of chickens—with corn. But it's got to be honest corn. And that's exactly what we're giving them."

The phenomenon of Small's success in the publishing world is even more remarkable in view of the fact that his two publications are the only ones published outside the established "publishing centers" that have achieved national stature. No other magazine in the history of publishing has made this kind of success—and there have been thousands of tries.

Again Small explains it. "Friendly 'down-to-earthness' and a little corn in universal—but, as I said before, it must be honest corn."

TRUE WEST and FRONTIER TIMES are completely "honest," in the sense that they tell the true story of the Old West with no garnish—something new in the publishing world. They have created a new type quality western. Dr. Walter Prescott Webb, 1958 President of the American Historical Association, wrote Joe: "The files of TRUE WEST and FRONTIER TIMES are going to be of great historical value and should be preserved in all libraries of the country."

"I know of no publications on the American West that make more appeal to a greater variety of readers, young and old. There is a reason for this appeal. You have hit what in mining parlance is called a 'vein'—in the language of writers, an 'angle.'"

"You are undertaking to tell the truth about the West. The people have responded in the way they have because they like the truth and are finding it more exciting than fiction."

Small publishes his magazine in an old ex-student boarding house in Austin. Visiting editors and publishers executives are absolutely astounded at his whole set-up.

The first thing they note is that there is no "prestige" at all to the layout.

Joe explains that neatly. "Most beginners in the publishing business feel that they must spend money in making a show—swanky offices, big names, a top-heavy personnel, etc. They spend their money on expensive 'effect' and pretty soon there is none left to pay the printer."

"The worse thing that can happen to the prestige of a magazine," he says, "is to stop publication."

The first "turnpike-proved" tires, tested on a scientist's race track in the Texas desert constructed for speeds up to 140 miles per hour, have arrived in Merkel.

Nolan Palmer, of Palmer Motor Co. said today all passenger tire lines being shipped to him by the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. have been tested and proved on the "turnpike that never ends" near San Angelo, Texas.

Goodyear completed construction of the five-mile, high-speed test track in May, 1958. The banked, high-speed circle was designed by tire development engineers and research scientists.

Goodyear officials claim its all-out tire testing program last year, using the 140 mile an hour turnpike that never ends as the acid test for passenger tires, has upgraded tire mileage potential by 25 per cent.

It provides facilities to conduct tire tests safely at higher-than legal highway speeds. Results of these tests enable the company to develop safer tires for normal driving.

Walter E. Shively, Goodyear's manager of tire development engineering, told Palmer Goodyear's "crash" program last year enabled the standards to surpass the demands of the automotive horsepower race and push these minimum standards well above the performance limits of today's cars.

Army Announces Gyroscope Units

The U. S. Army Recruiting Service in Abilene recently announced several units designated to Gyroscope to Europe. Applicants are now being interviewed for possible enlistment and assignment to the following units.

The 5th Engineer Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., 19th Engineer Battalion, Fort George G. Meade, Md., 54th Engineer Battalion, Fort Knox, Ky., and the 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 28th Artillery, Fort Sill, Okla.

Young men who meet the high mental and physical requirements may enlist for any one of these units. Gyroscope units are of particular interest to young men who wish to enlist as buddies and serve their entire three year enlistment together.

To take advantage of this selective enlistment option, you must enlist by March 12th. Young men who wish to make the most of an opportunity to visit the coun-

tries of Europe while in the service of their country are urged to contact your Army Recruiting Sergeant, Master Sergeant Leonard M. Evans, at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, 900 North Third Street, Abilene.

Fishing Booms; Buy License Before Going

Fresh water fishing definitely is on the upgrade in Texas with an apparent break in winter weather, according to Capt. E. M.

Sprott, director of law enforcement.

"Wardens are reporting increased activities on every lake and streams in the state," Capt. Sprott said. "Some exceptionally large crappie are being taken in lakes in East Texas. Bass fishermen also are reporting catching some 6 to 8 pounders in most of the lakes. This is especially true in Falcon, on the Rio Grande south of Laredo."

There is an unconfirmed report of an 11-pounder being caught in Falcon last week. Eight pounders, however, have been frequent.

White bass are still running at the upper end of all major lakes. Some fantastic catches also have been reported below the dams. "This is a good time to warn

fishermen they must have a license if they fish outside of their home counties or use a rod and reel," he said. This applies to all persons between the ages of 17 and 65. Texas has a universal license fee of \$2.15 which permits fishing in both fresh and salt water. It applies to both residents and non-residents.

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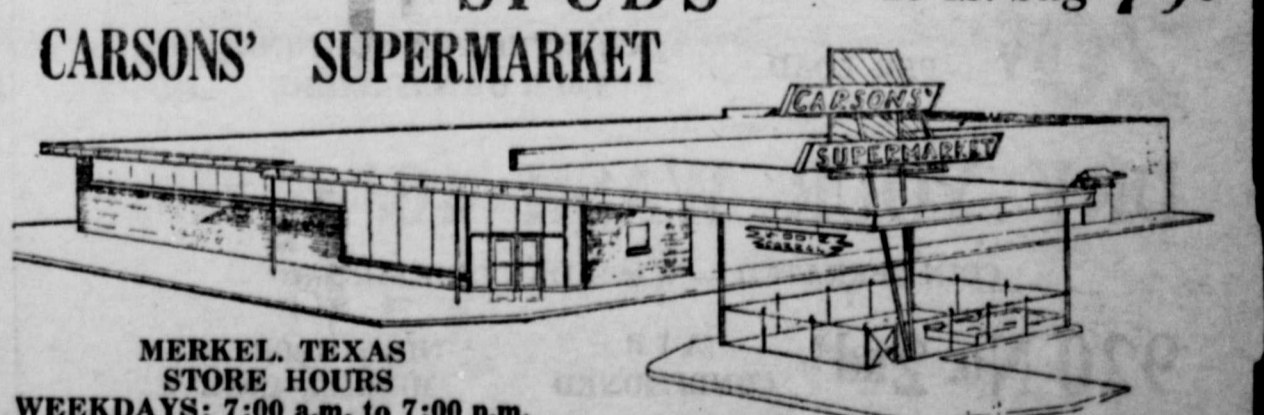
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