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TROPHIES AND WINNERS—Horace Hargrove, back row, president of the Merkel Quarterback Club, is pictured with Badger trophy winners and Newt Logan who made the presentations at Monday night's Awards Banquet held in the school cafeteria. Left to right are Ronnie Reeger, Most Valuable Back, Logan, holding the team's District 6-A trophy, Lester Dorton Jr., Most Conscientious Player and James Bible, Best Lineman.

REEGER, DORTON AND BIBLE GET TOP MERKEL GRID AWARDS

Top honors went to Lester Dorton Jr., Ronnie Reeger and James Bible Monday night when the Merkel Quarterback Club honored members of the Badger football team and their coaches at the Annual Awards Banquet in the school cafeteria.

Principal speaker for the event was Jack Patterson, Texas' senior college coach of the year.

Reeger, senior tailback who was named to the all-area team last season, received the most valuable back award. Dorton, a senior quarterback, received a trophy for the most conscientious player on the

team and Bible, a junior, was named best lineman.

Lester Dorton Sr. introduced Patterson, Baylor University track coach and native of Merkel.

Patterson is a 1934 graduate of Merkel High School and was national hurdles champion while attending Rice Institute.

The outstanding coach, who last season led Baylor to its first track championship in history, praised today's young people. "Our young people aren't going to the dogs," he said. "They have a sound mind and body and possess a faith in God."

He ended his talk by lauding the Merkel Quarterback Club as a "rallying point" between community and school.

Young Dorton thanked the Quarterback Club for the support they gave to the Badger team last season and every season.

Out-of-town guests introduced by Dr. Don Warren included James Norman of the Abilene Reporter-News, and Coach and Mrs. Joe Bill Fox of McMurry College. Also present were Jimmy Hargrove, Gary Reeger and Skippy Hicks, all former members of the Badger team.

Carroll Benson, head coach, and Buddy Nail, assistant coach, introduced the players, Benson presenting the backs and Nail the linemen.

Newt Logan presented the awards and Charles Eager presented checks to Benson and Nail for their outstanding work.

Phil Seymore, senior fullback, awarded Merkel school superintendent Mack Fisher the District 6-A championship trophy the team won this year.

The Merkel Garden Club, headed by Mrs. W. T. Sadler, decorated the tables using miniature megaphones and school colors to carry out the football theme.

Horace Hargrove, president of the Quarterback Club, was master of ceremonies.

Backs on the Badger football team last season included Seymore, Dorton, Reeger, Lupe Duran, Bill King, Brown Higgins,

Farris Neill, Roger Moore, Don Parmelly, Charles Russell, C. B. Brown, Jack Mansfield and Bob Benson.

Linemen were Pedro Ybarra, Jack Stallo, Felix Acuna, Jeff Smith, Jimmy Jacobs, Wilson Wade, James Bible, Tommy McAninch, Larry Dudley, Jimmy Sledge, Mack Mansfield, Van Goethe, David Loflin, David Scott, Keith Wilson, Tim Martin, Johnny Whisenant, Jimmy Haley, Donald Rich and Frosty Winter.



TOM COATS

Tom Coats, 78, Longtime Merkel Resident, Dies

Funeral was held at 2:30 p.m. Friday at First Methodist Church for Tom Coats, 78, who died Thursday at Sadler Hospital here after an illness of three weeks.

The Rev. J. Alvis Cooley, officiated, assisted by the Rev. E. W. Yates of Roby. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Coats, a longtime water-well driller, monument dealer and concrete worker, was born March 20, 1882, in Mesquite, Tex. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Coats. The family moved to Mulberry Canyon, settling in the former White Church community. They moved to Merkel in 1898.

He married the former Bertie Clark Oct. 26, 1902. He and his wife joined the Methodist Church at White Church in early life. Their membership was transferred to Merkel Methodist Church in 1905 while the Rev. C. S. Fields was pastor.

Mr. Coats served for many years as a steward in the Merkel church.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Lendon A. of Midland and Weldon of Abilene; two sisters, Mrs. Rosa Daniel of Del Rio and Mrs. Lee Cox of Merkel; two half-sisters, Mrs. M. R. Hall of Merkel and Mrs. Ben Clark of Wichita, Kan.; two half brothers, Roy Coats of Fallon, Nev., and John D. Coats of Austin, and three grandchildren, Tommie Coats of Abilene, Doris Scott of Abilene and Elaine Coats of Midland.

Miss Gafford Of Trent Dies

Funeral for Miss Mamie Lois Gafford, 56, longtime Trent resident, was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday from the Trent Methodist Church with the Rev. Alvis Cooley, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Merkel, officiating.

Burial was in Trent Cemetery under direction of Elliott's Funeral Home.

Miss Gafford died Sunday afternoon in an Abilene hospital after suffering a long illness. She was born Feb. 4, 1904, at Sulphur Springs and moved to Trent with her parents in 1905. She was a member of the Trent Methodist Church.

Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. W. J. Bicknell of Trent, Mrs. A. C. Keltz of Vernon, and Mrs. G. F. Daniels of Anaheim, Calif.

Pallbearers were John Hamner, Weldon Brasley, Dow Williamson, Othell O'Kelly, Onis Graham and Carlton McCloud.

Abilene Jaycees Beat Merkel, 50-45

The Abilene Jaycees nipped the Merkel club, 50-45, in a basketball game in the school gym here Thursday night.

Featured during the halftime were The Simple Tones, a barber shop quartet from Abilene.

The fund raising event, sponsored by the local Jaycees, netted them \$81.06, according to Franklin Myrick, president.

The team went to Hamlin Saturday night and won, 50-42.

Noodle Event To Aid MOD

The Noodle Home Demonstration Club will sponsor a game night in the Noodle School lunchroom on Jan. 27.

Proceeds from the event will go to the 1961 March of Dimes.

There will be games for the entire family to enjoy including dominoes, 42, Canasta, and 84.

Return From Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger have returned from a business trip to Pecos. While there they visited with Mrs. Ensminger's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Frazier and were feted at a barbecue supper at the home of her nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Frazier. They also visited another sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Frazier of Pyote.

Edgar A. Breeze, Merkel Resident 50 Years, Dies

Edgar A. Breeze, 83, resident here for 50 years, died at 7 a.m. Thursday in the Veterans Administration Hospital at Temple. He had been ill since September, 1958.

Born June 15, 1877, at Walnut Hill, Ill., he was a World War I veteran, having served 13 months in Europe. Mr. Breeze was a bachelor.

Funeral was held at 4:30 p.m. Friday at the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. J. Alvis Cooley, pastor of the Merkel Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Survivors are nieces and nephews.

Merkel Couple's Daughter Dies

Mrs. Darrell Watkins, 25, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Reynolds of Merkel, died Jan. 15 at 8 a.m. in M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston where she had been a patient since Dec. 8.

Mrs. Watkins was born in Comanche County in the Amity community on Nov. 9, 1935. She had lived in Odessa for the past five and one half years where she was a member of the Northside Baptist Church.

A graduate of May High School, she married Darrell Watkins on Aug. 29, 1955. She was the former Willie Maurine Reynolds.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 2:30 p.m. in First Baptist Church at May with the Rev. L. R. Higgenbottom of Eola and the Rev. Wayne Allen of Early, officiating. Burial was in Amity Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Darrell Jr. and Douglas Lee; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds of Merkel; two brothers, R. W. Reynolds of Rosamond, Calif. and Bobby Reynolds of Merkel; one sister, Bonnie Reynolds of Andrews; her grandmothers, Mrs. Willie Casper of Rising Star and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds of Merkel.

Pallbearers were Jay Rankin, Glen Criswell and J. R. Watkins of Odessa, Adron Beck and Brooks Ribble of Brownwood, and Bob Allen of May.

J. R. Patterson Dies Here At 60

Joseph R. Patterson, 60, died at 1:14 a.m. Saturday after a critical illness of three days. The funeral was at 2 p.m. Sunday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

Born Feb. 8, 1900, in Mississippi, Mr. Patterson moved to Merkel in 1934. He married the former Minnie Hazel DuBose here in 1936.

Patterson lived here continuously since 1934 except for a short time in New Mexico and Fort Worth. He and Mrs. Patterson had returned here about a month ago.

The Rev. James Roberson, Primitive Baptist Church pastor at Abilene, officiated at the service. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery here. Nephews served as pallbearers.

Surviving in addition to the wife are four sons, Wallace H. of Houston, and Orville Ray, Davis Richard and Andy Charles, all of Merkel; a daughter, Kay Frances Patterson, Merkel; two brothers, James Edward and Abb Fisher Patterson, both of Fort Worth; two sisters, Mrs. W. R. Cruise of DeKalb and Mrs. John Crabb of Fort Worth; and one grandchild.

License Plates On Sale Feb. 1

Area residents may register their vehicles at Merkel City Hall beginning Feb. 1 through March 31, according to Mrs. Flossie McKeever, city secretary.

The office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday each week, and from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays.

Persons registering vehicles must have their car title and license receipts with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Doan and children of Stamford, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Grady Bishop of Route 1, Merkel, visited Monday in the home of Mr. Doan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan.

MOTHERS TO MARCH TUESDAY

The New March of Dimes will be climaxed here Tuesday night, Jan. 31, when Merkel mothers, headed by Mrs. Dan Allen, will conduct the 1961 Mothers' March.

On the same day some two million volunteers in other communities will also be "marching" and will visit an estimated 40 million households.

Each residence called on will receive valuable health information cards including Do's and Don'ts for expectant mothers, Arthritis Warnings, and Vaccination Alerts for the almost 85,000,000 Americans still not protected against polio.

Volunteers in the March will wear a Golden Key badge a new symbol for a new decade of medical progress against crippling diseases.

Other local drives being conducted for the MOD include a special gifts committee, headed by Fred Starbuck, which solicits the business district, and the Rainbow Crutch sale to be conducted by Merkel Boy Scouts under direction of Odie Griffin, Jan. 28.

Local chairman for the drive is Leon Walker.

COLD LASHES AREA AFTER RAIN TUESDAY

The coldest weather of the new year hit here Wednesday morning following 1.25 inches of moisture Tuesday.

The rain changed to freezing rain Tuesday afternoon and the temperature dropped to 13 degrees by Wednesday morning.

Merkel schools were closed Wednesday because of hazardous driving conditions and the basketball game scheduled for Tuesday night was postponed.

Merkel Telephone Co. reported cable trouble and line breaks due to the ice with service temporarily disrupted in some areas.

Two lines belonging to Taylor Electric Cooperative burned down Tuesday afternoon, one near Nolan and one north of Merkel. The

Hammer Infant Dies In Trent

Troy Francis Hammer, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Hammer of Trent, died at 3:40 a.m. Monday in Sadler Hospital at Merkel.

The baby was born Sunday.

Graveside rites were conducted at 4 p.m. Monday in the Trent Cemetery by Dwight Holland, minister of the Merkel Church of Christ, Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include the parents; two sisters, Tina Ann and Terisa Sue; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hammer; and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Barnes. All are residents of Trent.

quick change in temperature along with the ice started lines to bouncing together causing the trouble. They were repaired in short order and service was restored to the areas.

Janie Breaux Is Candidate For Queen

Janie Breaux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breaux of Cherry, Merkel, was nominated candidate for Annual Queen and Sophomore Favorite Girl of Lubbock Christian College Wednesday morning, January 11, during the regular Chapel hour.

The winner will be announced when their photographs appear in the 1961 LCC Yearbook, Explorer, in May.

Other nominees for Annual Queen include Nathalee Britton, El Capitan, N.M.; Kay McCorkle, Lubbock; Sally North, Hobbs, N.M.; and Anne Smith, Kermit. Other nominees for Sophomore Favorite Girl include Carol Lewis, Carlsbad, N.M.; and Kay McCorkle, Lubbock.

Miss Breaux graduated from Merkel High School in 1959.

W. W. Poston Dies At 73

Wesley W. Poston, 73, a longtime resident of Breckenridge, died Sunday at 4 a.m. in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mr. Poston was born Feb. 1, 1887 in Hunt County, but lived most of his life in Breckenridge. He had been in Albuquerque two weeks visiting his son.

He was married at Chickasha, Okla., in 1920 to Rosie Ray, a native of Scotland. Poston met his wife while serving in World War I.

Services were held at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in Starbuck Chapel at Merkel with Rev. Al Dickey, Assembly of God minister, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery at Merkel.

Surviving Mr. Poston are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Charles L. Robinson of Pampa, and Mrs. Dettie L. Poston of Albuquerque, N.M.; a son, B. R. Poston of Albuquerque; and three sisters, Mrs. Russel Bird of Colorado City, Mrs. Allie Fisher and Mrs. Mary Ward, both of California.

Jaycees Schedule Charter Banquet

Plans for a Charter Banquet were made when the Merkel Jaycees met in Ira's Cafe Friday night.

Tickets for the banquet, which will be held on Feb. 3, will go on sale the latter part of this week, according to Franklin Myrick, president.

Coffee for Friday's meeting was furnished by Merkel Telephone Co.



TAYLOR COUNTY TOES—Del Davis of Merkel, Taylor County 4-H'er and last year's Gold Star 4-H boy, right, is at halter of his grand champion steer of the Taylor County Livestock Show Saturday at the Taylor County Exposition Center. Reserve at left was shown by Jackie Henson of Cedar Gap, also a Taylor County 4-H member. (Reporter-News Photo)



Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

FAYAT COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

Last Friday I attended a meeting of twelve very enthusiastic 4-H Adult Food Leaders. Adult Leaders are the key persons in every 4-H Club. The food leaders will watch, help, and supervise four to six 4-H girls as they actually prepare food in someone's kitchen. The girls learn to do by actually doing. The leaders attending the meeting Friday were — Mrs. Randall Story, Mrs. Cal McAninch, Mrs. R. E. McAnelly, Mrs. Alton Doan, Mrs. Maurice Johnson, Mrs. Dwight Holland, Mrs. Lindy Smith, Mrs. Bob Gardner, Mrs. Ray Brubaker, Mrs. J. G. Wilks, Mrs. Bob Hook, and Mrs. Newby.

Fruit should start off a good

breakfast . . . One of the benefits of serving it first is that the acid taste of fruit starts the saliva flowing—thus helping to create an appetite for breakfast.

The pulp of fruit as well as the minerals are useful for their laxative effects. Although most fruits are acid they don't have an acid effect on the body. Instead they help to counteract the other acids of the body. Many fruits, especially citrus fruits, also provide much needed vitamin C.

Trying to cut food costs? . . . Extension foods and nutrition specialists say you're paying for more food when you pay the grocery bill.

How much you pay will depend on a number of things. Here are a few: Where and how you shop; whether foods are in seasonal supply; and whether you select luxury or economy items.

Monthly food bills will also be affected by the amount of impulse or "spur-of-the-moment" buying you do; the keeping quality of the food you select; how you handle, store and cook the food; and how much goes into the garbage can.

Another factor is the amount of home preparation you're willing to do.

Do not forget to sign up for the children's clothing workshop if you are interested.

Traffic Flagmen In Construction Areas Wear Red

The Texas Highway Department today announced a highway safety measure designed to protect the motorist by making him see red—literally.

The Department said it will require flagmen directing traffic at highway construction and maintenance projects to wear bright red vests and to use a flag of the same color.

The men in the red vests will begin appearing on Texas highways by mid-February, when Highway Department employees working on maintenance jobs will don the eye-catching apparel. Made from fluorescent red nylon, the new vests are designed to make flagmen more easily visible and recognizable to motorists both day and night. At night the vests and flags will be supplemented by flares.

Red flags have been used by flagmen in the past but the fluorescent color and the vests are new requirements, made "to insure added safety and convenience for the public in the movement of traffic to and through highway construction and maintenance operations," said D. C. Greer, State Highway Engineer. He hailed the new vests as a safety measure not only for motorists but also for highway workmen.

Beginning with the February contract letting, he said, the specifications for all highway projects will require that flagging be done with the use of the special vests and flags.

The same flag signals will be retained; flagman's arm fully extended horizontally to indicate "STOP"; movement of the flagman's free hand without use of the flag to indicate "PROCEED."

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge spent the weekend in the home of her mother, Mrs. Nannie Glenn, and sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Collins, all of Breckenridge.

Dewey Sandusky of Blair visited Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell Friday.

Mrs. J. D. Witcher of Abilene visited her grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Witcher, Tuesday.

STUDENTS AID AT TCU TO INCREASE IN FALL

Maximum amounts to be available to students of Texas Christian University under the sweeping new program for scholarships, grants-in-aid and tuition discounts that becomes effective next fall, have been increased.

Logan Ware, director of Scholarships and Financial Aid, pointed out that the boosts will coincide with the effective date of the university's new tuition rates of \$20 per semester hour.

Under the new program, TCU will issue scholarships for academic achievement only. Their value will vary with the student's need — from an "honorary" amount of \$75 per school year to \$750. Previously the maximum amount had been \$600.

For the first time, scholarship applicants must submit scores of the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board. Awards will be made on these scores plus high school record.

In the fall of 1962, all applicants to TCU must take the College Board tests.

A second category of student aid to be awarded not only for academic achievement but for leadership character and special skills will be called "awards-in-aid." Such awards for band members

have been increased to a maximum of \$350 per year. For students preparing for full-time Christian service the maximum has been raised to \$175 per semester or \$1,400 for a four-year course.

Grants-in-aid for orchestra and chorus, other Fine Arts areas, nursing, foreign students and athletic will also be adjusted. Athletic grants, of course, are governed by the rules of the South-west Athletic Conference.

Tuition discounts, for certain wives, children and employees of the university, have also been increased to \$175 per semester.

In calling attention to the new maximum grants Ware reported that applications for TCU scholarships should be received by March 15 for the school year starting next September. Applications for grants-in-aid should be made by April 1; those for Christian service awards by July 1 and tuition discounts not later than Aug. 1.

Applications for student loans are due by May 1.

"All entering students for next fall who wish to apply for any of these awards should act in the next few weeks," Ware said. "Official application for enrollment should be sent to the Office of Admissions as soon as possible. Those planning to apply for scholarships should arrange to take the College Board Aptitude Test as quickly as possible."

Trent Beats Noodle, 71-63 In District Play

Darrell Ueckert scored 31 points last Thursday night for Noodle but the Trent Gorillas took a District 17-B basketball contest, 71-63.

Don Wilks tallied 19 and Don Jones and Jerry Barnes added 15 apiece for the Gorillas, who are now 2-2 in the 17-B race as compared to 0-4 for Noodle.

Sarah Payne tallied 18 as the Trent girls defeated Noodle, 38-17. Barbara Herron scored seven for Noodle.

TRENT: Jones 5 5 15; Swinney 2 0 4; Barnes 4 5 15; Wilks 3 3 19; Heatley 4 4 12; Kegans 2 2 6; Totals 26 19 71.

NOODLE: Sipe 3 1 7; Ueckert 13 5 31; Adams 5 2 12; Crumpler 0 5 5; Spurgin 1 0 2; Easley 2 0 4; Herron 1 0 2; Totals 25 13 63.

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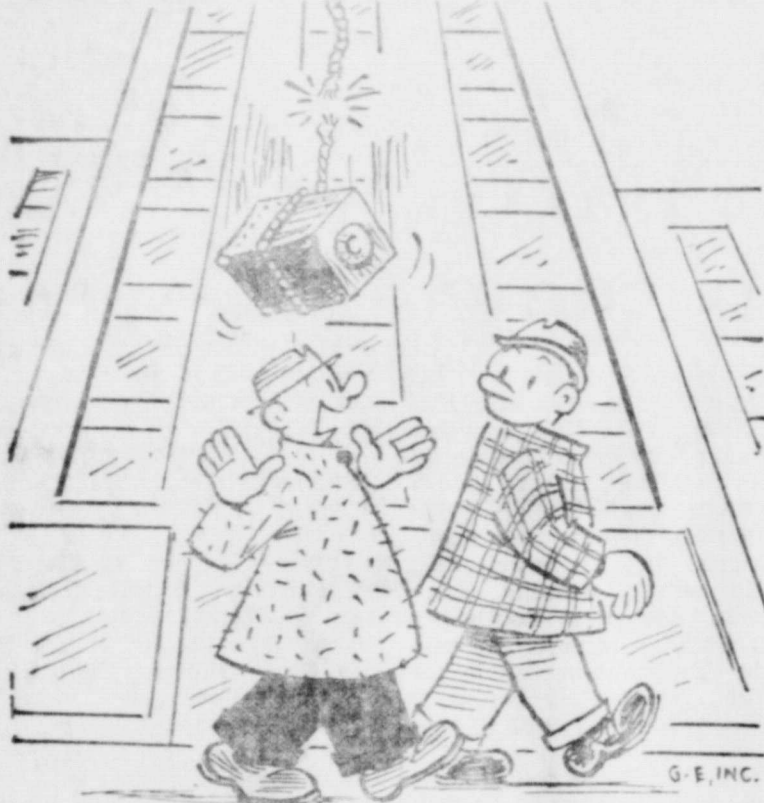
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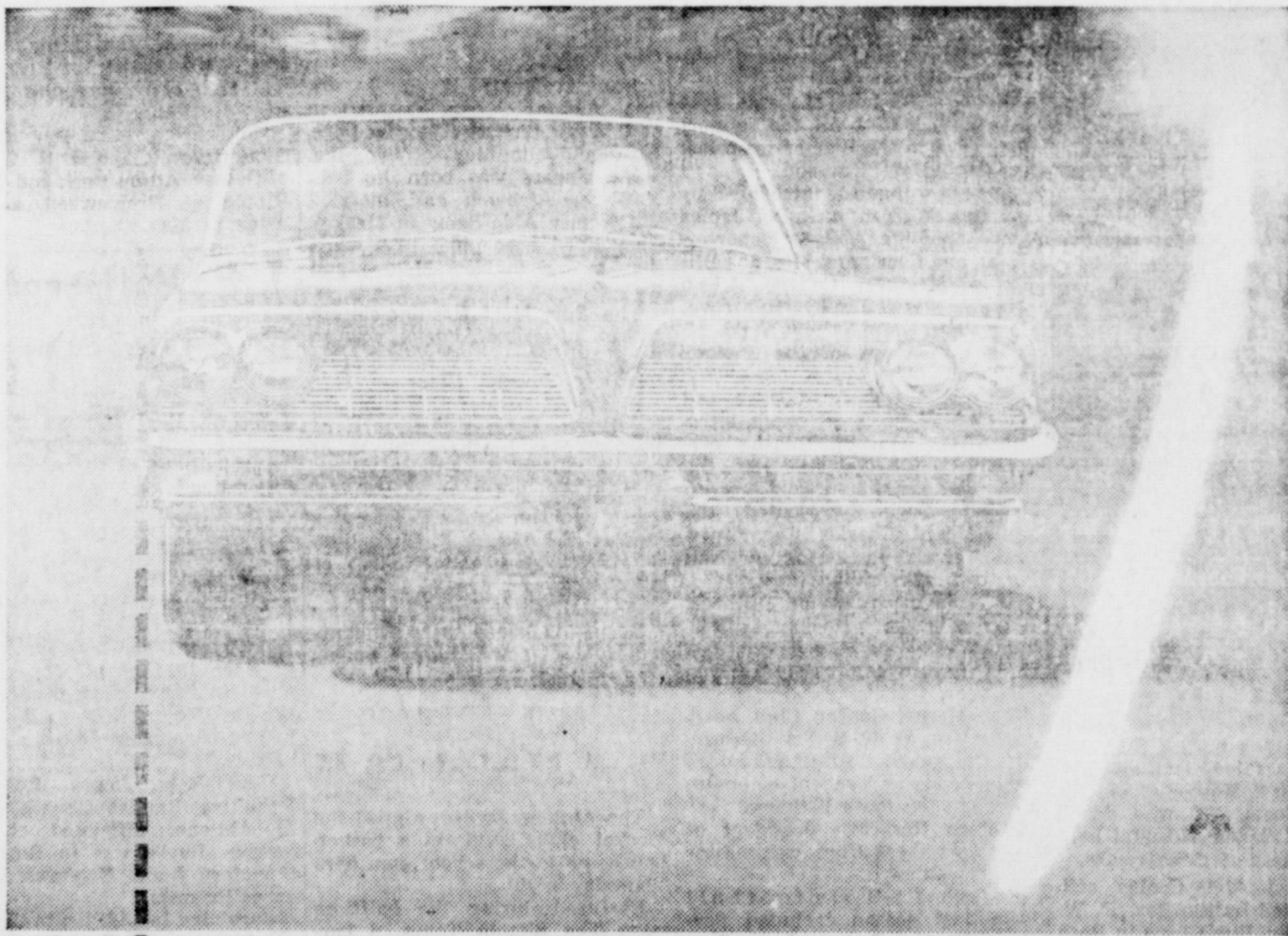
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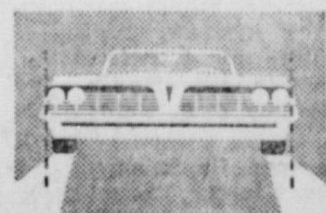
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BADGER TALES

By Ruthie Corder

According to the latest reports, there is a spy in our midst. Who he is and why he is here we do not know. On occasion he reports to his superiors, (have you seen anyone suspicious looking in Mrs. Read's office lately?) In any case the students are organizing in an effort to find the spy. They have planned a counter move and at present have elected their intelligence man, Jimmy Sladeg — better known as Sluggie. (The progress of this project will be reported from time to time.)

Monday night the Future Homemakers (they are the ones to be aware of, boys) held their installation services in Sharon Cypert's home. The out-going officers and the new officers went formal and the members, semi-formal. Everything was very nice.

There was a little girl
 And she had a little smile
 She sent it to a little boy,
 Across a little aisle.
 He wrote a little note,
 But he made a little slip.
 And they both went together
 On a little office trip.

Jr. High Scores Second Victory In District Play

The Merkel Junior High boys' and girls' basketball teams took a second victory in district play Monday night against Albany.

Ann Lawson, with a total of 18 points, sparked the girls to a 17-9 victory. Gayle Givens provided the other point.

Fine defensive work at guard position was provided by Cynthia Ayers, Roxie Collier and Jennifer Smith. They were ably assisted by Lois Given, Janie Hull and Cherry Davis.

Charles Danheim was high point man for Merkel in the boys' game with nine points. Following him were Mack Dorton with six points, Jacky Reynolds, 4, Johnny Hardesty, 2, and Tommy South, 1.

Robert Shouse played a fine defense game in Tittle's position while he was out with an injured hand. He is expected to be back in the line-up for the Trent tournament this weekend.

Both the boys and girls will play Elmdale in the Trent tournament on Thursday with the girls' game scheduled for 5:30 p.m. and the boys' at 6:30 p.m.

Happy Fingers Club Meets For Luncheon

The Happy Fingers Club met for an all-day meeting and covered dish luncheon Jan. 18 in the ranch home of Mrs. F. E. Allyn south of Trent.

The group did hand sewing and exchanged recipes.

Present were Meses. C. C. Stribling, W. O. Steen of Abilene, J. B. Wian, J. M. Strawn, Weldon Steen, Carl Edwards and Geta Williams.

Mrs. Carl Edwards will be hostess for the next meeting on Feb. 8.



FOUR AREA CHAMPS—Not an exhibitor took two championships in the regional sheep division of the Abilene Fat Stock Show Monday. Winners of the high quality 700-lamb show included the exhibitors pictured with champion lambs. Left to right are Lanier Price of Eden, finewool; Knox Pittard of Gouldbusk, crossbred; Gordon Hays of Ballinger, intermediate; and Katie Neff of Merkel, mutton-type class for Shorthorn and Shropshires. (Reporter-News Photo)

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

We are enjoying some nice weather. Farmers are busy plowing.

M. E. West made a business trip to Wichita Falls Wednesday.

Mrs. Irs Stanley received word of the death of a brother, H. H. Spears, of Wyoming. We extend our sympathy to the family.

The Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Tatum of Merkel spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. John Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones who were on the sick list the past week, are repaired improved.

The Rev. Bob Carter attended the Worker's Conference at the Bethel Baptist Church Tuesday night.

Barney Berry is visiting relatives in New Mexico this week.

Mrs. Paul Bradley has spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Lenzo Peterson of Merkel, who is reported much improved after being quite ill the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West visited their son-in-law, Norman Winter, a patient in Sadler Hospital Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peaty visited Sunday with her sister and family. Sgt. and Mrs. Odell Campbell, Jana and Dale of Waco in the home of Mrs. Delia Campbell at Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Burks of Tye and Mrs. Al Newman of Truby were Thursday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley visited relatives in Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Fritz Hale and daughter, Sandra, Pat McDonald and Mary Dunagin visited Ethel Canida of Merkel Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. and Mrs. Bill Beaty and children and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Harris of the Bethel Baptist Church visited the Stith Baptist Church Sunday night. Rev. Beaty spoke on the Church Achievement program.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hudson of

Levelland visited Louise, Bob and Hollis Hudson first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris and Johnie visited Sunday with the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Bedford and daughter of Henrietta.

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Lambda Betas Hear Program On 'The Dance'

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday evening in Taylor Electric auditorium with Mrs. Vernon Mansfield, president, presiding.

Mrs. Joe Lassiter, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Lynn Knight who presented the program on "The Dance."

Mrs. Knight used everyday surroundings to describe dancing — clouds, raindrops and children. Dwelling more on the square dance and classic ballet, she described steps and type of music for each.

Mrs. Lassiter was hostess for the evening.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Dale Litton on Feb. 7 when Mrs. W. W. Wade will present a program on "Drama."

Mrs. Paul Rogers and three sons of Andrews met another son and brother, Lynn, student at Howard Payne College, Brownwood, here for a weekend visit in the home of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Josie Shanks.

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Mrs. Swann Hosts Circle Meeting

The Blanche Walker circle of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Sam Swann-Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Mrs. A. R. Booth presided in the absence of Mrs. Vaughn Doan, chairman.

Mrs. Swann brought the devotional. Prayer was by Mrs. Cordelia Sherer.

The mission study was presented by Mrs. Booth.

Refreshments of cookies, candies and coffee were served to Meses. W. N. Hays, T. J. Amason, Booth and Sherer. Larry Dalziel was a guest.

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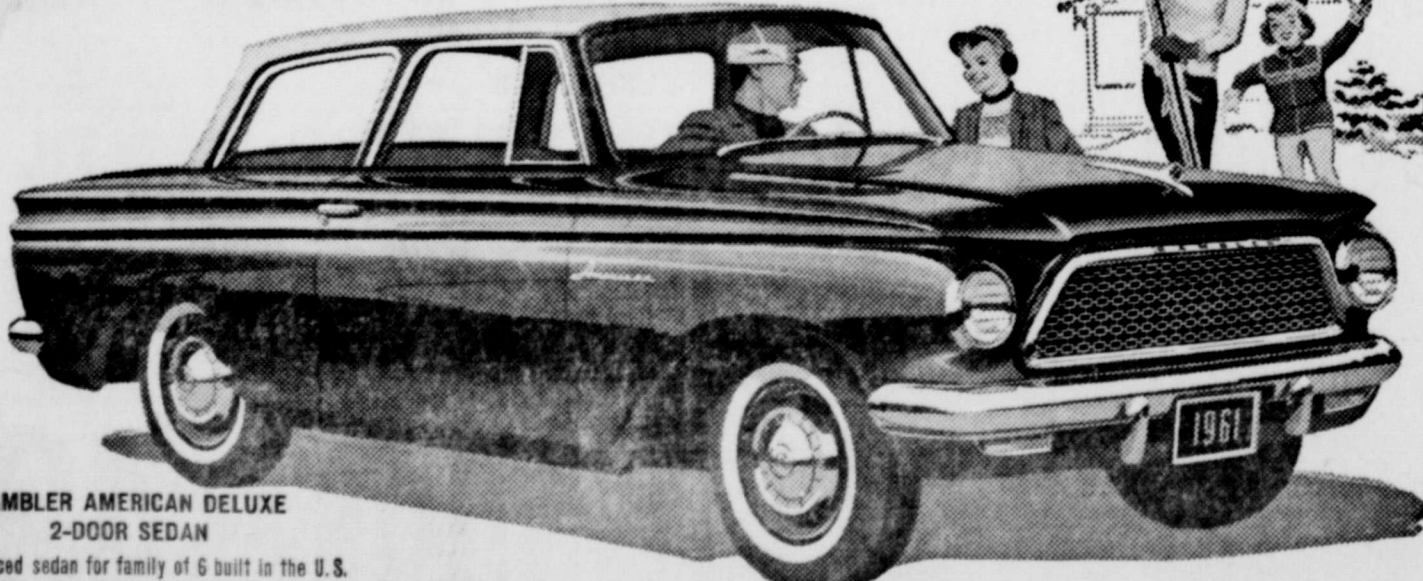
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The Rev. Mart Hardin, pastor of the First Baptist Church, was guest speaker for the Pat Neff Chapter of the Future Teachers Association meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brvan Duragin Jan. 19.

Rev. Hardin spoke on "The Three T's—Tact, Technique and Temper," and told them how they applied to the teaching profession. He concluded his talk by telling the group, "Love people and you are sure to be a good teacher."

Kent Denton, president, presided at the business session when Lobe Loflin gave a treasurer's report.

Denton, accompanied at the piano by Sherry Hull, led the group in singing.

Other members present were Carolyn Anderson, Mary Jane Horton, Don Williams, Nancy Teaff, Keith Wilson, Beth Dunagin and the sponsor, Mrs. Ellen McReynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Risinger and son, Jimmy Raymond, of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter and children of San Angelo, Mrs. John Brady of Evansdale, Iowa, and Mrs. Jewelene Winter of Noedle were guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Thompson and Mrs. Daley Tombs.

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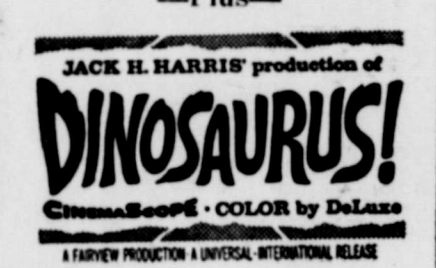
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The National Foundation

If there is any one point that we scientists must get across to the "average man" (if there is any such person), it is that conducting a first-rate research program is much more than just giving money indiscriminately to various laboratories.

The key to right giving is selecting the right people to whom to give. This is a most difficult task but it is a job at which The National Foundation has proven itself exceptionally competent.

Research may be said to be a journey into the unknown to push forward the frontiers of knowledge. Inevitably, its nature is such that no man can foretell exactly where it will lead.

But this "average man" to whom we just referred, and who is perhaps dissatisfied with the uncertainties over where research will lead, might be reminded that The National Foundation has shown in the past what it can do—for example, initiating the research that developed the Salk and Sabin polio vaccines. This and other major accomplishments constitute the credentials of the world's largest voluntary health organization for going ahead.

A great deal of basic research, of this journey into the unknown, was needed to create the bases which made possible the development of the polio vaccines. This again will be necessary as The National Foundation moves forward in its expanded program which includes birth defects and arthritis in addition



Dr. Rivers



Dr. Albert B. Sabin at his University of Cincinnati laboratory examines samples of his live-virus anti-polio vaccine, developed by him with \$1,500,000 in March of Dimes public contributions. Sabin vaccine, to be taken orally instead of by needle, has been approved for eventual use in the U. S.

to continued work in polio. Perhaps you have heard the comment that a camel is a horse put together by a committee. This illuminates what I think is one of the principles of research. Great research is done by great men, not by committees. It is The National Foundation's job, among others, to find those great men, and to see that they have adequate equipment with which to work.

It is natural for the public to want immediate results. For the parents of a child afflicted with arthritis, for instance, to want quick cures is understandable. But we are trustees of public funds. We cannot spend those funds save for projects that have some promise of success, conducted by people who have shown what they can do.

If our aims in research could be summed up, I would say that The National Foundation operates like a rapier, not a bludgeon. We are selective. We put March of Dimes funds in the exact spot and under the specific man who will make

the hands of the Merkel High School aggregation. The game was the first to be played on Merkel's indoor court. Jerome Hatcheson (Chachie) starred for the locals by tossing 24 points of the 41 made by Merkel. The local team showed excellent playing by getting the ball to "Chachie" and Petty so that it could be thrown into the basket by them.

Badgers Wallop Wyke, 68-38

The Merkel Badgers walloped the Wyke Bulldogs, 68-38, here Friday night to keep their District A record spotless at 2-0. James Bible with 17 and Phil Symore with 15 led the Badgers while Ronnie Beyer was high for the Wykes with 12.

The Merkel girls won, 69-60.

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despite a 40-point production by Judy Strickland, June Owens tallied 35 for Merkel.

Merkel also won the boys' B game, 43-23, with Johnny Harris and Mark Mansfield each tallying 11 for the winners. Boyd McGlothlin scored eight for the losers.

MERKEL: Reager 4 0 8; Ayers 2 2 0; Symore 7 1 15; Bible 2 1 17; Dorton 4 3 11; Harris 1 0 2; Moore 1 0 2; Totals 30 5 68.

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Bluebonnet HD Names Officers

Mrs. R. E. Clemmer was installed president of the Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club at a meeting in the home of Mr. Frank Brnovak Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Other officers installed by Mrs. Tom Russom, out-going president, were Mrs. Allen D. King, vice president; Mrs. Brnovak, secretary; Mrs. Russom, council delegate; and Mrs. Joe McCarthy, reporter.

Mrs. Brnovak led the club in the "H.D.A. prayer and creed. A song was led by Mrs. Joe Seymore. Roll Call was answered with "How I Spent Christmas."

The group discussed the possibility of sponsoring a community drivers re-education program.

Mrs. Brnovak presented the program on "International Peace Garden."

Mrs. Kenneth Ray and Donna Woodard were guests.

Science Club Formed At Trent

Don Wilks was named president of the Trent High School Science Club at an organizational meeting Jan. 19.

Other officers of the new club are Eugene Kegans, vice president; Jane Steadman, secretary-treasurer; and Brenda Tittle, reporter.

The group will sponsor an all-day science fair on March 9. Students in all grades, one through 12, will be eligible to participate.

40 Years Ago

Lloyd Dry, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dry, was here several days this week, from Eastland.

Mrs. A. M. Armstrong of Crawford, Texas, came in last week to celebrate her 73rd birthday with her twin-sister, Mrs. W. M. Armstrong, of Merkel. May they enjoy many more such happy occasions.

Again the Senior girls Basketball team went "over the top" in their game Friday with the Trent girls. The game was "peppy" from start to finish. Despite the fact that Trent showed especially good team work, Merkel could not endure the idea of being defeated. The final score was 6 to 11 in the home team's favor.

Miss Dixie Howard, the efficient bookkeeper at the Merkel Dry Goods Company, returned first of the week from an extended visit to her sister at Hillsboro and brother at Dallas.

On the indoor Gymnasium here Wednesday night the good tossers from Baird met their defeat at

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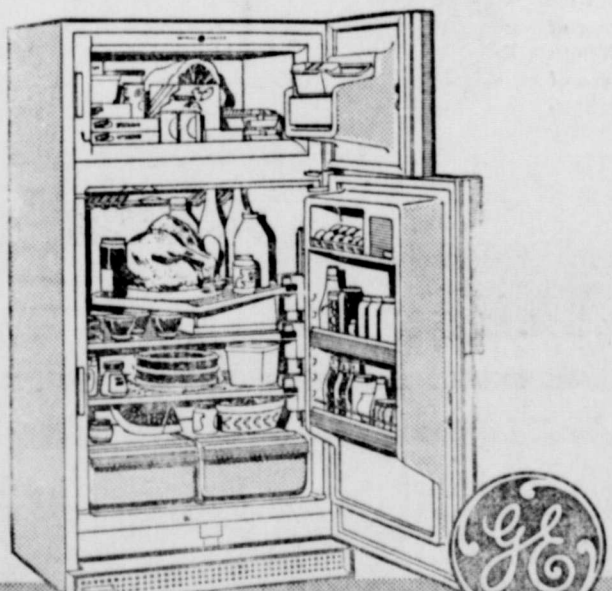
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Mrs. C. P. Stevens and Silas

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We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends and neighbors for the many expressions of sympathy extended us at the death of our son, Edgar Breeze. Also for the beautiful flowers. May God bless all of you.
The Nieces and Nephews.

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Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, food and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.
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Union Ridge HD Meeting Held

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club's first meeting of the new year was held in the home of Mrs. E. O. Carson. Mable McRee, president, presided.

Roll call was answered with "How I Spent Christmas."
Mrs. O. E. Howell was in charge of the program on "the International Peace Garden," which is located between North Dakota and the Province of Manitoba, Canada.

Mrs. Carson, who has visited the Garden, told of the beauty of it and repeated the epitaph inscribed on the monument — "We two nations dedicate this garden and pledge ourselves that as long as men shall live we will not take arms against one another."
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During this period, parents are encouraged to visit the public schools, and all citizens are urged through special programs to recognize the tremendous importance of our system of education. Our goal is to make Texas public schools the finest in the Nation, and to achieve this our citizens are urged to take an active interest in the school systems and to cooperate with their school boards, superintendents, principals and teachers.
Never before in our history has there been a greater need for educated leadership. As we rush to train young people in science and technology to keep pace with world events, it is also important to remember that our public schools will furnish our leaders of tomorrow with the basic human, moral and spiritual foundations necessary for more advanced training and knowledge.
THEREFORE, I, as Governor of Texas, do hereby designate the period March 6-March 10, 1961, as PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK in Texas.
signature this 6th day of January, 1961.
In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my
PRICE DANIEL
Governor of Texas

Lone Star Gas Offers 655,733 Shares Stock On 1-For-10 Basis

DALLAS, January 6: Lone Star Gas Company is offering to holders of its outstanding common stock of record January 5, 1961, rights to subscribe at \$40.00 per share for 655,733 shares of additional common stock at the rate of one new share for each 10 shares then held. A group headed by The First Boston Corporation will purchase all shares subscribed for at the termination of the offer January 22, 1961.
Of the net proceeds, \$20,000,000 will be used to repay bank borrowings and the balance will be applied to the company's 1961 construction program.
Lone Star Gas Company owns and operates interconnected natural gas transmission lines, gathering lines, compressor stations, gasoline plants, distribution systems and related properties which serve more than 850,000 consumers in Texas and Oklahoma. The company's subsidiary, Lone Star Producing Company, engages in exploration for and development of oil and gas production and owns and operates oil and gas leases and wells, gathering lines, gasoline and cycling plants and other related properties.

LEGAL NOTICE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —
GREETING:
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Hazel M. Smith, Defendant.
Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 6th day of March A.D. 1961, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 6th day of December A.D. 1960, in this cause, numbered 25,538-A on the docket of said court and styled Jimmie E. Smith, Plaintiff, vs. Hazel M. Smith, Defendant.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on Jan. 24, 1958 and became permanently separated on Nov. 4, 1959.
Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
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 17th day of January A.D. 1961.
Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy. 46-47-48-49

PAUL RICHARDS NAMED TOP TEXAN BY PRESS

Texas born baseball great, Paul Richards, now manager of the Baltimore Orioles of the American League, has received the first "Texan of the Year" award to be presented by the Texas Press Association.

Presentation was made at a banquet in his honor on Saturday night, during the Association's 14th Annual Mid-Winter Convention at the Granada Hotel in San Antonio.

Making the presentation of the large, (14" x 17") engraved plaque was his hometown publisher William P. Davis of the Waxahachie Light.

In commenting on the athlete Davis said, "Paul Richards has been making headlines regularly since 1924 and 1925 when he was the star third baseman and ambidextrous pitcher on the Waxahachie High School baseball team that won 65 consecutive games, to become the most famous inter-scholastic baseball team in history."

Richards went directly from high school in 1926 to the Brooklyn Dodgers in the National League. After being farmed out for several years in Class D leagues he decided that infielders were a dime a dozen and catchers scarce and valuable, so he moved behind the bat. This changed his entire career.

Richards joined the New York Giants as a catcher in 1932. He was Carl Hubbell's battery mate when the Giant hurler established a record for the number of consecutive wins and scoreless innings.

He was the star of the 1945 World Series. His two-base hit in the 9th inning of the final game won the series for Detroit.

During his baseball managerial career Richards has won pennants for the Atlantic team in the Southern Association; Buffalo in the International League; and made a pennant contender out of the floundering Chicago White Sox club before moving to Baltimore in 1955.

His Orioles finished second in 1960 after leading the league most of the season.

In 1959 Richards was ushered into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, joining Tris Speaker and Rogers Hornsby, two other Texans honored for achievement on the baseball diamond.

Texas sports writers recently honored Richards with the title of "Southwesterner of the Year."

TPA's Award reads "This award is presented to Paul Richards, Texas' Top Sportsman, by the Daily, Weekly and Semi-Weekly Newspapers of Texas, represented by the Texas Press Association. It is presented in appreciation of the great honor which he has brought to the Lone Star State. It is in further tribute to his selection as American League Baseball Manager of the Year, while directing the Baltimore Orioles throughout the 1960 Season; his selection as Southwesterner of the Year for 1960 by the Texas Sports Writers Association; and his recognition by us as one of the most astute and colorful managers in baseball today."

Richards' skill in handling and developing pitchers has long been recognized. It has brought him fame as one of the game's greatest managers.

He is unorthodox and daring in his team direction and continues to provide good newspaper copy by his winning ways and team development.

A dollar buys a lot of "pasta" for destitute families in Italy through CARE's Food Crusade. For every \$1 donated, CARE can deliver a 20-lb. package of Italian macaroni, made from U.S. surplus flour.



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DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Our new President says America has got to move ahead in the sixties. I don't know if it's ahead, behind, or sideways but we've been moving pritty fast now fer a long spell.

They was discussing this move-ahead business at the country store Saturday night and most

all the fellers had a item or two fer debate. Ed Doolittle, fer instant, said the medical and dental perfessions was moving ahead real good. Ed said his old lady got a bill from her dentist, "To Professional Service \$26." He allowed as how this dentist would have a fit if he got a bill from his druggist. "To Items

\$64.26." It was agreed by one and all that doctors and dentists was gitting too far ahead when they quit itemizing their bills.

And Clem Webster noted that we'd moved ahead into a brand new economic system fer the working man. It used to be, allowed Clem, that a working man set his pay at a figger he thought he was worth fer a honest day's work. But now he sets it according to what he thinks his boss is able to pay without going broke. The fellers agreed that if this trend keeps up, the store clerk will have to call the bank to see what you're able to pay afore he gives you the price on a pair of shoes.

And real move-ahead signs was noted by the fellers in other fields. Zeke Grubb said it used to be that country editors always ran a page ever week telling the farmers how to farm, what to plant and when and how. Now, claims Zeke, the weekly newspapers is leaving such matters up to the city boys in the Department of Agriculture. Bug Hookum noted that we'd moved ahead so far in the last 30 year in taxes that them fellers could now git blood out of a turnip. But the greatest progress in the move-ahead program, according to Josh Clodhopper, was in the teen-age field. Josh said all juvenile delinquents was improved to where we ain't got nothing to worry about but problem children.

It's hard to predict where this move-ahead program will take us in the sixties but I'm all in favor of it. I see where one Congressman, fer instant, is advocating we print our paper money

in fancy colors so's it'll have more glamor to it. Personally, Mister Editor, I ain't never saw an unglamorous \$20 bill but if it takes it to move ahead they can print it in bedroom pink and kitchen yellow.

And as we git ready to move ahead in the sixties, Ike goes back to his farm. Farming is the nearest thing to war a feller can find and I predict good ole Ike will be happy back there estimating and rotating his crops fer Uncle Sam.

Yours truly,
Gabby

20 YEARS AGO

The past week finds Chesby Patterson moved to the H. M. Rainbolt home which he just purchased. The Doyle Nutt family moved from the Rainbolt house to Mrs. Myrtle Boden's place on West Elm, vacated by W. F. Patterson, who moved across the street to a home he has purchased and repaired. Dillard Dunn has rented the cottage vacated by the Pattersons from Mrs. Grover Hale.

Max Mellinger and son, Meyer, returned Tuesday night from Dallas where they attended the Southwestern Shoe Retailers' association annual gathering. At Dallas they met another son, Isaac, from Clarendon.

The marriage of Miss Billie McGee and Mark L. Malone

was solemnized in a late afternoon setting Saturday at Lulu Belle's parsonage, with Rev. Cooper Waters reading an impressive wedding ceremony. Attending Mr. Malone as best man was Samole McGee, brother of the bride, while the groom's sister, Miss Sarah Malone, was the bride's attendant.

The Wets-Frances club of Merkel High School held a social and business meeting Monday night, Jan. 6, in the studio. The president, Dora Gaither, presided over a short business session, after which Eva Martin took charge of a clever program. Since the theme was "Twelfth Night" Mary Jo Hutchins gave a talk on its meaning. The honor of being "Queen" fell upon Patricia Leonard. Those having part in entertaining the "Queen" and her subjects were: Frances Walker, Dorothy Shannon, Bonnie Church, Peggy Tombs, Eva and Ova Martin, Venita Allen and Gwendolyn Renfro.

The favorites of the four High

school classes in the race for High School Queen were presented in clever skits at the chapel period Wednesday morning. They are Maudie Turner, senior; Venita Allen, junior; Wanda Douglas, sophomore; Dorothy Jinkens, freshman.

Honor roll for the Merkel Public schools for the third six-weeks period as released this week by Supt. Conner Robinson, includes the names of 133 pupils—75 in grammar school and 58 in high school. Two seniors, Becky Gardner and Doris Clyde Miller, a junior, Sue Grimes, and Wanda McCoy sophomore, each averaged 96 to tie for the highest grade in high school.

Leon R. Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Walker, who enlisted in the United States Army Jan. 16, has been assigned to the air corps, Puerto Rican detachment, Barksdale Field, La. He is at present in Shreveport, La., where he is taking examinations.

The Rental Exchange operated by Cyrus Pee, with headquarters at Lee-Ballev Drug, has already been instrumental in getting locations for 30 people to live here in town.

With six straight conference wins to their credit the Merkel caters are still undefeated in the county round robin tournament. The Badgers defeated Ovalo here Friday, 20-12. With the score, 21-19, Hamlin won the game (non-conference) Monday night giving the locals their first defeat of the season. Tuesday, the Badgers won over Wylie, 17-16.

Spotting Downed Birds

When you down a bird in brush or high grass and go to the place where you think it fell, and it isn't there, drop a white handkerchief at the spot.

Then hunt from there, in circles, until you locate your bird. Otherwise, you are apt to wander away from the original area.

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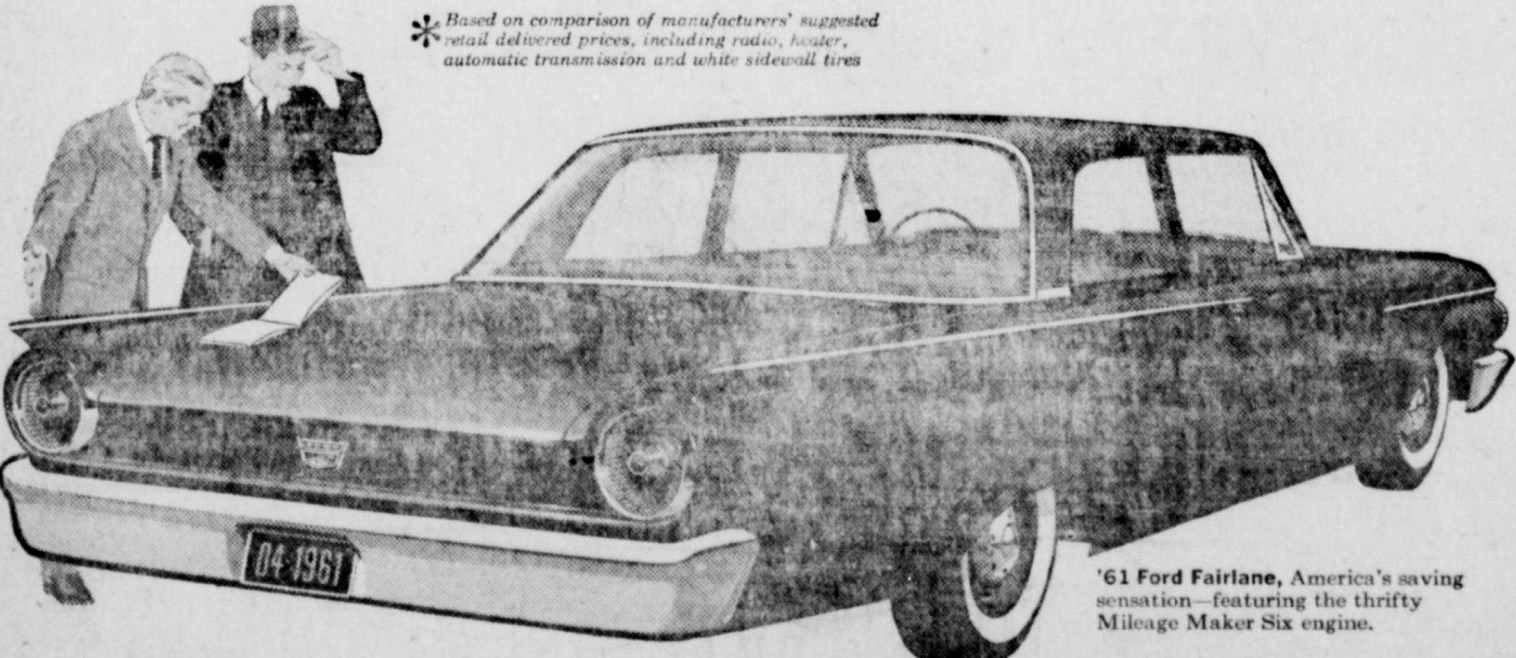
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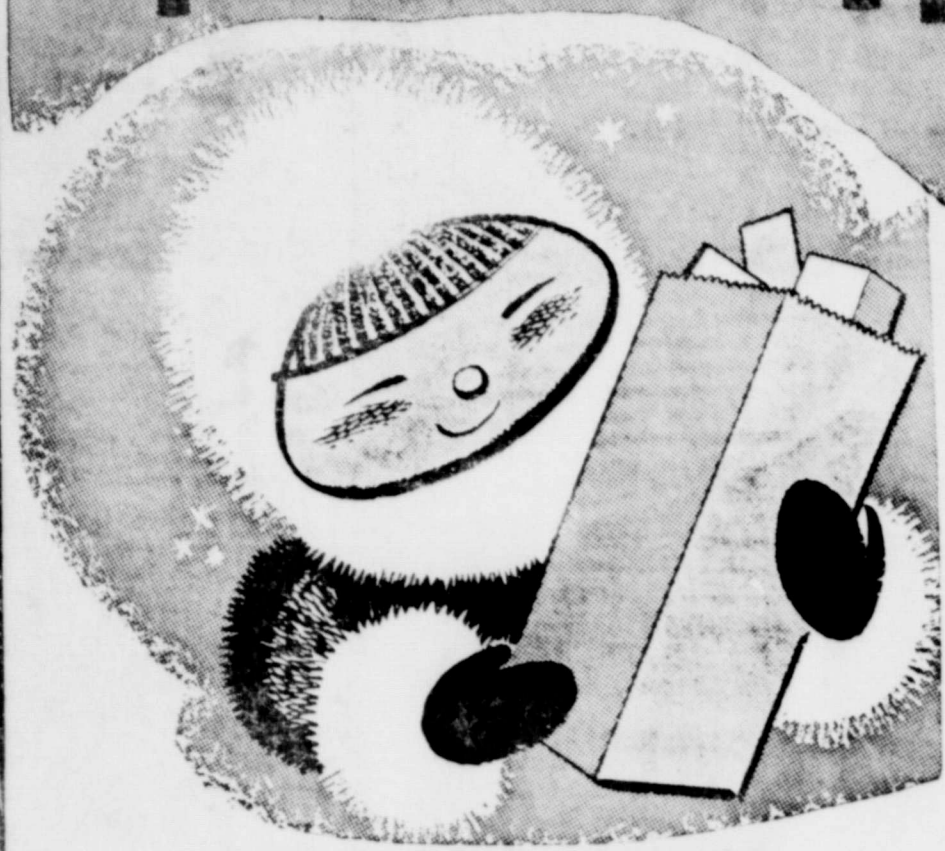
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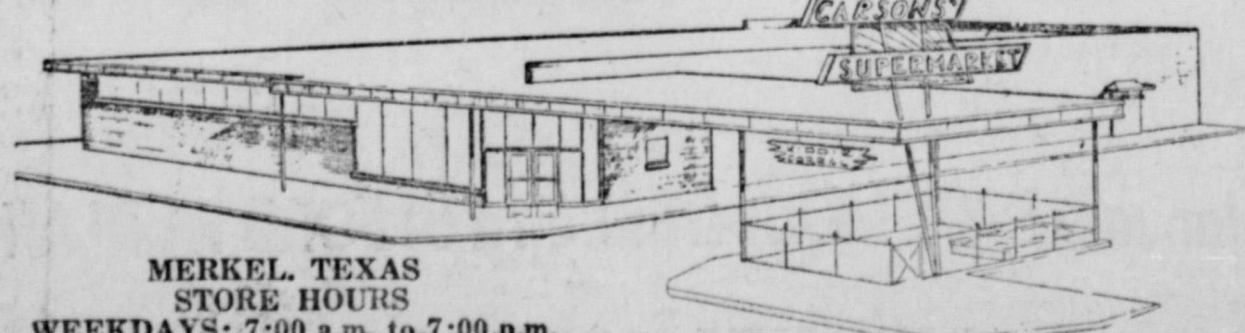
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