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MERKEL PAGEANT

By DAVE

Now is the time to clean out the frozen food cabinet. Lots of people in Merkel will find that they have venison left over from last year, cuts of beef that aren't so choice and odds and ends of meat that the family just doesn't care for.

Now it's almost time to go deer hunting again. And if you like steaks and roasts more than you do stew, hamburger and chili — that meat in the freezer should go to the Merkel Badger Booster Club.

The Booster Club members are having a chili supper to help raise funds for some of their good projects.

And for 50 cents, the Booster Club members guarantee all you can eat.

Must be expecting a lot of free venison and beef.

Wonder whose recipe they are going to use for the chili? I would be interested in receiving chili recipes from Merkel Mail readers.

If there is anything that gives a hint to a person's character, it's the type chili recipe he thinks is best. And chili can be as delicate as a French chef's creation or as strong as a pectin brewed up by a goat herder.

So come on, send in some recipes on a postal card.

Holland Teaff, precinct chairman for Box 24, the only Merkel box for voters at this time, was in the office the other day and was pretty well in high gear. In a half dozen words or so Holland let it be known that:

"We should be excited about every election. Be a loyal citizen and go to the polls and vote on November 6."

The place will be in the High School Gymnasium. Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

Another thing Teaff said was that besides voting citizens should know what they are voting on. He had an editorial from "The Texas Outlook," which said in part:

"Unless local school officials want to spend a great deal of their time in court from now on, they would be wise in working for the defeat of Amendment No. 14, the 'trial de novo' amendment to the Texas Constitution which will appear on the Nov. 6 general election ballot."

This amendment looks like it's in for rough sliding and it's a pretty good prediction that it won't pass.

Teaff wanted us to explain the other amendments on the ballot I wish I could but you can't explain what you don't understand.

Guess we'll have to call on our friend Earl Lassiter. He does all our political explaining.

"Course one thing Earl can't explain is this paper's editorial stand on the governor's race.

I can't pass on the pleasure of this choir.

Well, sir, or madam, I'm for John Connally. We in Merkel know what John Connally has done. And far from being tied down by Washington strings, he has friends in Washington. These friends would at least listen to him with an open mind.

The other fellow running can only boast that he is not controlled by Washington. What he means is that he has no friends in the nation's capital. And the way he is conducting his campaign not on his own merit but on an attract against men who are not even on the ballot he is not likely to show up with any friends in Texas during or after the election.

What party is he going to latch onto next?



CONGRATULATING COL. HOMER GARRISON, JR.—On winning the coveted Paul Gray Hoffman award for distinguished professional service in highway safety are Governor Price Daniel, left, and D. C. Graer, State Highway Engineer, right, who nominated Col. Garrison for the award. The Governor commended Garrison, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, for "his crowning achievement in a lifetime career of outstanding police administration and public service." Col. Garrison is the sixth U.S. traffic safety official to receive the award from the Automotive Safety Foundation.

Booster Club Plans Chili Supper

The Badger Rooster Club voted Monday night to hold a chili supper November 8, 1962. Advance ticket sales will start this week end.

The Booster Club has adopted two projects for this year. They will finance the moving of the lights on the football field, which is much needed and have purchased a Whirlpool Bath for the new field house.

The Booster Club was instrumental in getting the field house constructed last year and paid a portion of the cost.

Norman Winter is in charge of arrangements of the chili supper. Winter asked any one who might have chili meat, beef or deer meat they would like to donate to please leave it with Ray Wilson or Herman Carson.

The supper will be held at the school cafeteria, starting at 6 p.m. Tickets will sell for 50c.

Children Honor T. K. Marshalls

The children of Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Marshall honored the couple on the 66th anniversary Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Newell Lucas.

On October 26 the couple will have been married 69 years.

Those present at the anniversary celebration included:

Jean Irvin and son of Abilene; Shilene Bowen and children; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Patterson, Odessa; Mrs. Menda Sellers and children; Shirlene Bowen and children; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Davis and sons; Mrs. Zenobia Lucas; Mr. and Mrs. Philip Purley and son; Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Newell Lucas, Bily, Christie and Sarah Harris.

BADGERS TO MEET COAHOMA FRIDAY

After taking the Jim Ned Indians 21-6 Coach Carrel Eason's Badgers meet Coach Jim Spann's Coahoma Bulldogs at Merkel Friday night.

Stith Cemetery Panel Meets

The newly organized Stith Cemetery Association held its first meeting Monday, October 15 at the Community Center.

Jesse Swindell was elected president. Other officers are F. J. McDonald, vice president; Roy Kelso, secretary - treasurer.

Albert Evans was elected chairman of the committee to collect funds and to serve as a governing body. Other committee members are T. W. Vantreese, Ted Hudson and E. L. Berry.

A committee was named to raise money to build a fence around the cemetery. Mrs. Ted Hudson is chairman and Miss Louise Hudson is secretary. Other members of the committee are Mrs. F. J. McDonald and Mrs. Jesse Swindell.

Ex Merkelite At Great Lakes

Seaman Apprentice Michael Dan Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Cunningham of 4125 S. Henderson of Fort Worth, has been assigned to Instrument School at Great Lakes Naval Training Center after completing boot camp in San Diego, Calif.

Michael Dan (formally known as Mickey) is a grandson of Mrs. O. J. Adcock of Merkel. He formerly lived at Merkel, but his home is now in Fort Worth.

COMMUNITY FUND LOOKS FAVORABLE

Merkel's Community Fund Drive has been extended for "clean up" work.

Fred Starbuck, chairman of the 1962 drive, said Wednesday that about 50 per cent of the cards have been worked.

From the return on the advanced gift it looks reasonably favorable that we will make this year's goal, said Starbuck.

"We have not counted the dollars yet," he said, "but it looks favorable."

This year's Community Fund Drive got off to a quick start last week with a goal of \$4,000 to be reached by October 19.

Agencies which benefit from Merkel's Community Fund Drive include Red Cross, Heart Fund,

Canyon 4-H Club Elects Officers

The newly organized Malberry Canyon 4-H Club met for the first time October 22 with approximately 50 persons present.

The following officers were elected for the 1962-63 year: Myrtle Davis, president; Donald Ransom, vice president; Aleta Scott, secretary - treasurer; Gaylon Brown, reporter; Katy Neill and David Seymore, council delegates; Del Davis and Sue King junior leaders; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Johnson, adult organizational leaders.

Both the county agent and assistant home demonstration agent were present to help with the organization.

FIFTH GRADE ELECTS SIX-WEEK OFFICERS

Mrs. Cox's fifth grade elected officers for the second six-weeks.

The officers are: Randon Ely, president; Donald Whisenant, vice president; Steve Doan, secretary; Benson Pack, treasurer; Wendy Leach, reporter; Cathy Beard, nurse; Billy Webb, doctor.

Alona Luper and Diane White were elected to clean boards.

Tommy Lindsay passes the waste paper basket; Carolyn Gimore passes out lunch tickets.

JEK's Cuban Action Approved at Merkel

Sells Bros. Circus To Show Merkel Full Performance

Carrying on the great American tradition of the tented circus, Sells Bros. famous 3 Ring Circus will come to Merkel on November 6 for two performances at 4 and 8 p.m. at the Water Tower Grounds.

"The oldest and proudest name in the circus world," the Sells Bros. had their first circus in 1872 and the name lives on even now, 90 years later. During that time, hundreds of circuses have come and gone, but the management of Sells Bros. long ago discovered that in order to endure, a circus must keep faith with the public. For 1962, Sells Bros. Circus again proves why it is the favorite of the American public with more and better of everything that has come to be associated with a genuine traditional tented circus.

With over 30 featured acts in all 3 rings, Sells Bros. famous circus brings a full 90 minutes of arena and aerial entertainment to town. For this, their 1962 edition, Sells Bros. presents jugglers, tumblers, and a cavalcade of downs, deata - deying aerialists, wirewalking wonders, and a host of trained animal acts including dogs, ponies, monkeys, bears, chimpanzees, high school horses, bare - back riders and tons upon tons of performing elephants.

The management emphasizes that no games of chance or gambling are carried with this show, and that the entire circus is good clean entertainment for the entire family.

PP&K Contest Now Underway

Registration for the PP&K Contest is now in progress at Merkel Ford Sales. The contest is locally sponsored by Merkel Optimists and Nationally by Ford Motor Company and will take place in the early part of November. Boys must be accompanied by a parent to register.

Fifteen prizes will be given locally to boys 7-11 years of age. Get going boys! Registration must be in October.

Attendance Good At Bridge Meet

Last week's "master point" session which was held on October 18 at the Merkel Country Club was well attended and ended with the following results: First Mrs. M. E. Cox and Mrs. W. Severson, both of Sweetwater; second, Mrs. Ed Jay and M. B. Cox, both of Sweetwater; third, Sylvan Mellinger and Raymond Fiesher of Abilene.

The next regular session will be held at the Country Club on Thursday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Cemetery Fund

The following contributed to the Merkel Cemetery fund in memory of A. T. Sheppard: Mrs. Mabel Easterwood Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson Mr. and Mrs. Red Alston Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee Mrs. Florence Berry Mrs. T. G. Bragg Mrs. Dee Grimes C. E. Westenhover John Westenhover Mrs. Paul West Mr. and Mrs. Johny Hill.

NO 'SCARE BUYING' REPORTED LOCALLY

The consensus of a quick downtown survey of Merkel Wednesday showed that the majority of Merkel residents approved of President Kennedy's quarantine of Cuba.

Merchants reported that there was no "scare" buying of sugar, automobile tires or other war-scarce items as there were in World War II or the Korean conflict.

Onis Crawford, owner of Crawford's Men's Wear, said he did not have a customer who seemed to buy anything because of the international situation of urgency.

"In my opinion," said Crawford, "I would not be surprised to see Cuba fire a nuclear missile. But I believe Russia will say that they (Russia) have nothing to do with the situation and that it is only between the United States and Cuba."

Howard Carson of Carson's Super Market said "Everybody agrees with what has been done.

Some seem to think it should have been done sooner." Howard said it had reached a point where somebody will have to back down. His brother, Herman Carson, said "I sure hope they back down."

Ray Wilson at Wilson's Food Store said he "didn't look for atomic bombs to start falling in the next 30 minutes, but we may have a shooting war first."

Wilson said only after one side became desperate after the use of conventional weapons would a desperate use of atomic weapons be used. He said he believed for instance that Hitler would have used nuclear war in his last desperate struggle.

Mrs. J. Connally Sets Abilene Tea

Mrs. John Connally and Mrs. Merrill Connally will be in Abilene Friday, October 26, for a coffee open to the public. This coffee will be at the Democratic headquarters, 1226 North 3rd from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

They will also be guests at a workshop luncheon for the ladies working in the Democratic campaign at the Starlite Motel at 12:00 noon. Tickets will be \$2.00 each and reservations should be made in our office by Wednesday, October 24, (bring your friends).

Mrs. Connally has expressed a desire to meet and visit with as many Democratic ladies in West Texas as possible and I am sure you will enjoy meeting and visiting with her at the luncheon or coffee.

Sorority Slates Halloween Rites

Beta Sigma Phi is holding a Halloween Carnival Halloween night, October 31, at the Merkel Community Center.

There will be door prizes. No admission will be charged. All of the prizes have been donated by local merchants.

The following booths will be set up: penny pitch, balloon dart, cake walk, bingo, fishing, basketball, ring the bottle, guessing jar, concession stand and snow cone booth.

Come eat supper with us. Among the many refreshments, we will have apple cider.

See posters in the downtown stores for the time.

MONEY TO FIGHT SCREW WORM SOUGHT

The committee to help raise money in Merkel to fight the screwworm destruction hopes to have its quota raised by Nov. 2. Vincent Barnett, chairman of the Merkel area workers, said that about \$900 has already been raised and Taylor County needs to get about \$5,000 more to underwrite the state-wide fight.

Those wishing to donate to this cause may do so by giving

their donation to Barnett or any member of the committee.

Other members of the committee are: Comer Haynes, Holland Teaff, Buster Horton, Tom Ransom, Willie B. Toombs and Mat Ely.

Or those who wish may turn their subscription into the Farmers and Merchants National Bank at Merkel.

THERE'LL BE LOTS OF 'REMEMBER WHENS' NOV. 16

Merkel school Exes will have plenty of "remember whens" at this year's homecoming November 16.

Things that probably won't be remembered or even thought about will include:

That the first school in Merkel was taught in the depot in 1883. This depot was a box car which also served as a post office,

church, school, telegraph station and railway depot.

When Merkel Exes get together for this 1962 homecoming, it will not be just a time for remembering yesteryears.

Highlight of the homecoming will be the battle between Merkel and Rotan on the football field.

Exes will register from 12 p.m.

until 5 p.m. at the Community Center. Free coffee, cakes and pies will be served. Merchants have been asked to display "Welcome Exes" signs.

Between 2 and 5 p.m. there will be a pep rally and parade including civic and social clubs, led by the Merkel High School Band. The Brush Stomper will be flag carriers.

The crowning of the high school homecoming queen will be new this year. Last year's senior queen, Mrs. Dollie Seymore, will crown the high school queen.

Supper will be served from 5:30 until 7:30 at the school cafeteria.

Then comes the football game. After the football game free coffee will be served and for a small fee cake and pie will be

served at the School Cafeteria by the Band mothers.

A business meeting will follow to elect new officers for the next year. Officers now in office are: president, Herman Carson; vice president, Joe Earl Lassiter; secretary, Bobby Mansfield; treasurer, Don Dudley.

All classes that wish to have a class reunion can get together on Saturday.



EDITORIAL

Red Drive on Religion Is a Sign of Insecurity

In Russia, under the Soviet Constitution, citizens are guaranteed the right of religious worship.

Yes, that's what the document says. Just like our own Constitution.

Or is it? What's the real picture?

The real picture is that the Communist Party, which holds a steely grip on the Russian people, has launched an all-out campaign for "popularization of atheism." Pravda, the party newspaper, says the anti-religious offensive was urged by the presidium of the Central Council of Trade Unions which controls the mass of Soviet labor.

Press, radio and television are to go all-out in praise of atheism. Atheist reading rooms are to be established and atheist evening lecture sessions organized. Workers are to urge "believing" comrades to abandon their religious faith.

And how will they do this? "Popularization of atheism," says the Trade Unions Council, "must be based on the outstanding achievements of Soviet science and the materialistic point of view."

After all their years of rule, the Red bosses must feel mighty insecure about the appeal of godlessness to the masses. And this is more than speculation. When a group of American churchmen recently made a three-week visit to the Soviet Union, they reported that all the services they attended "were always full."

Said one of them: "The strongest impression I shall take away with me is the vitality of Russian church worship."

Indeed something for Khrushchev & Co. to think about.

BEHIND SCENES IN BUSINESS

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT

NEW YORK (Special to the Merkel Mail). — One of the most closely watched barometers of the nation's economic health — steel consumption — has been given a tremendous boost in recent months because Americans have stepped up their purchases of home appliances.

Sales figures compiled by the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Assn. illustrate the trend. In the first eight months of the year factory shipments of gas ranges were up 11.3 per cent and gas central heating equipment was 6.6 per cent ahead of the 1961 pace.

The impact of these increases on the steel industry, says J. F. Ray, GAMA's president, is indicated by the fact that each gas range requires 225 pounds of steel, each furnace contains 250 pounds and each boiler takes 425 pounds. Steel also is the principal material in water heaters (180 pounds), clothes dryers (200 pounds), refuse incinerators (140 pounds), direct room heating equipment, refrigerators and air conditioning equipment. Such figures can

add up to a whopping tonnage.

Actually the gas industry expects to consume 850,000 tons of steel, 35,000 tons of cast iron and sizable quantities of copper, aluminum and other metals in the manufacture of more than 11 million home appliances this year. In addition, another 2,500,000 tons of steel will be used for new pipelines, mains and equipment needed to bring natural gas from the fields to millions of new gas customers.

The combined total of steel consumption by the gas industry accounts for five per cent of the nation's entire steel output, Ray observes.

ATMOSPHERIC FERTILIZATION — Versatile carbon dioxide, the chemical used for carbonating soft drinks, protection against fires, refrigeration and a wide variety of other purposes, is now playing a new role.

It is causing flowers and vegetables to grow faster and bigger in a method called "atmospheric fertilization." Increasing the concentration of the chemical vapor in a greenhouse stimulates growth, according to the Cardox Di-



HOW'S THE WEATHER? — SAC's global weather central supports a variety of missions. On a recent presidential trip abroad, for example, the agency supplied continuous weather information to the crew of the chief executive's plane. Meteorologists are shown here at work in weather central's main office in the SAC underground command post.

vision of Chemetron Corp., Chicago, a major producer of carbon dioxide. Cardox technicians have installed equipment for this new kind of "fertilizer" in more than a score of greenhouses in the Middle West.

Growers report lettuce maturing in four weeks instead of five, tomatoes with a 30 per cent increase over normal in crop size, carnations flowering two weeks ahead of schedule, and roses with larger heads, stems and leaves.

In the Cardox system carbon dioxide stored in a tank on the premises is precisely metered through perforated plastic tubing. The basic equipment costs only about \$80. Cardox predicts the method will soon be in standard use in greenhouses.

THINGS TO COME — Coming to market is a portable fire alarm needing no electricity and suggested for use in trailers, small buildings without power, or locations where electricity constitutes a hazard; a loud clanging bell gives the alarm. . . . Football fans who dislike those hard bleacher or concrete seats can enjoy the game in comfort thanks to a new inflatable air cushion made of polyethylene and available for a modest 40 cents. . . . Cleaning that paint brush is less of a chore thanks to a fluid cleaner that is odorless, non-flammable, non-poisonous and won't evaporate, says the Pittsburgh-based manufacturer. . . . Opening beer cans may become a lot easier if an aluminum company's invention catches on. You lift a tab on the can lid, swivel the lid piece around a half circle and then peel back the piece, uncovering a neat opening in an underneath lid piece that's an intrinsic part of the can itself.

TEXAS LAGGING? — California has stolen a march — two, actually — on the other

states among which rivalry for bigness has become almost a tradition. The state's government has announced celebrations for this year-end to mark its ascendancy to leadership over New York in the population column. Perhaps of greater interest to heavy industry observers is the second announcement — California now ranks second only to Michigan in production of motor cars, although it's still a somewhat distant second.

The population spurt means of course, surging demand for food and other essential consumer goods. And a growing auto industry means new jobs for thousands of workers and a healthier market for the West Coast steel industry.

BITS O' BUSINESS — Rising personal income, which has bolstered the economy in the face of recession tendencies for well over a year, dipped slightly in September to an annual rate of \$443 billion. It was only the third month since the bottom of the 1960-61 recession in which the figure had shown a decline. . . . Are the days of the true pigskin for gridiron sport numbered? Polyvinyl chloride already is used to make the smaller-size football for kids, and now a Minneapolis firm claims it can produce a completely serviceable football from polyethylene. . . . The average American in 1961 bought \$624 worth of Japanese-made merchandise, according to a U.S.-Japan trade promotion group; in contrast, the average per capita expenditure for Japanese goods in Europe's Common Market was a slim 95 cents. . . . Sales of imported cars in the U. S. slumped to 378,000 last year

TCW SSgt. Improves 64th's Preparedness

The work of a staff sergeant has resulted in a new high for operationally ready C-130 Hercules aircraft assigned to the 64th Troop Carrier Wing, and an increased combat posture for the Tactical Air Command.

The man is SSgt. John F. Needham, who is a member of the aero repair branch, 64th Field Maintenance Squadron. Sergeant Needham's skill has resulted in the swift repair of a critical item that threatened to keep the C-130s on the ground when they were needed for combat missions around the world.

The problem centered around the temperature datum control amplifier, a complex valve system deep within the huge Hercules. This component adapts fuel temperature to atmospheric conditions, and uses an electronic amplifier to supply the current which operates solenoid valves. When a "TD control" gave out, so did the operational readiness of one \$3 million aircraft.

Until recently, TD controls were virtually non-repairable. A backlog of them piled up at the 64th, while the stock of usable ones grew shorter and shorter.

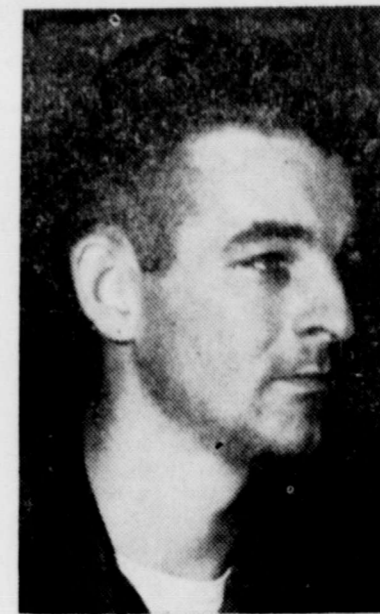
The 64th inherited its C-130 "A" aircraft from Sewart AFB, Tenn. Word came that a testing bench that could solve the problem was in "mothballs" at Sewart, unused since that base phased in their newer C-130 "B" models. Men were dispatched to bring the bench to Dyess.

Sergeant Needham, then AIC, took over the testing equipment as his project. A long period of non-use had taken its toll. Instructions were sketchy. Parts were missing.

Today, Sergeant Needham has reworked the complex device, assisted in rewriting the directions for its use, and has reduced the backlog of out-of-commission TD controls to a single unit—one instead of 15 — which can be sent to the air materiel depot for the extensive repairs needed.

SSgt. John F. Needham, from Kentwood, La., can take the credit for supplying a skill at a time when it was sorely needed. Each time a C-130

leaves the runway at Dyess, it's doing so just a little bit better because of Sergeant Needham.



SERGEANT NEEDHAM

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Mrs. Mae Douglass of Abilene visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Amason Thursday. Mr. Amason is her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Toliver and family of Midland were visitors in the home of their parents, Mrs. Edna Horton and Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Toliver, this past week end.

Mrs. Earl Bright from Lubbock visited in the home of her mother, Mrs. Emory Wilburn, her sisters, Mrs. Norma Bond, Mrs. Burley Bond and Mrs. Allen Agnew over the week end.

Mrs. W. M. Elliott visited her sister - in - law, Mrs. E. I. Shelton and her niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard at Big Spring. Mrs. J. R. Walling also visited in Mrs. E. J. Shelton's home while Mrs. Elliott was there. Mrs. Elliott returned home last week. All are former Merkel residents.

The average disabled person's monthly benefit under social security was \$86.49 in Dec. 1961 for Texas.

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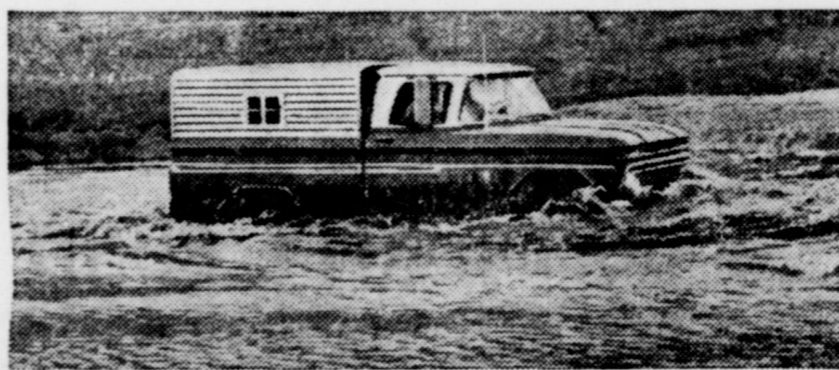
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Mrs. Carl Bonneaux Begins Duties As New THDA Chairman At Anson

Twenty-one members, four visitors and all clubs were represented when council for Jones County Home Demonstration Clubs met in Anson with Mrs. H. H. Windham presiding.

Recreation was led by Mrs. Dunklin followed by the usual order of business. Being October, all yearly reports were given.

This included many worthy things that the clubs have participated in, besides the business of their meetings. These included gifts to hospitals, state schools, donations to cancer and polio drives, honoring older people, aiding distressed families, and other things too numerous to mention.

Mrs. Carl Bonneaux took over her duties as new THDA chairman. The new rules call for the chairman to serve until the first of the year, instead of after the state meeting, as practiced until now, but for personal reasons, Mrs. Noel Weaver asked Mrs. Bonneaux to begin serving at this time. Mrs. Bonneaux read the changes in the constitution, which were made at the state meeting, stating that the fiscal year will begin January 1st so that the THDA can be declared a tax free organization.

The annual Christmas party will be held at the oil mill guest house in Hamlin, Thursday, December 13th, if the building can be used at that time.

Mrs. Dunklin, recreation chairman will work up the program this year and also be responsible for other recreation.

A gift exchange will be made as usual, each one attending bringing a gift of at least one dollar value, and not exceeding that within reason. The gifts will not be brought to the Christmas party this year for the state school, as the school has asked that all gifts will be reached them by the middle of November, so each club will be responsible for sending their gifts to the school.

The new officers, the president and council delegate, of each club are to attend council in November, to get acquainted with council procedure.

The 4th Achievement Banquet will be held in Anson Monday, November 5. The district Gold Star Banquet will be held November 14th at the KRBC Television Studio.

All club members are asked to not forget to attend the training meeting in Anson November 7th, in one of the court rooms, to be conducted by Miss Bonnie Cox, organizational specialist from A and M College. All new officers and committee chairmen should be in attendance, as well as all other club members.

Blue Bonnet HDC Hear Mrs. Butman

Mrs. Sam Butman Jr. told of her trip to North Carolina for opening exercises when the Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club met October 16 in the home of Mrs. Frank Brnovak.

Two new members Mrs. A. L. Farmer and Mrs. Charles J. Mignery, were recognized at that time.

A program on furniture arrangement was presented by Mrs. Allen D. King. Mrs. King asked, "Do you ever have the experience of having the furniture all out of place after guests have gone home?"

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ment isn't too convenient or comfortable. First consider your family's tastes, habits, hobbies and interests. By drawing a floor plan and using cut-out patterns to represent each piece of furniture, a well-balanced, spacious, interesting and comfortable room may be achieved. Also use at least one center of interest for each room and provide ample space for traffic lanes and furniture grouping based on activities.

New officers were elected for the coming year. They are: Mrs. Frank Brnovak, president; Mrs. Sam Butman Jr., vice-president; Mrs. R. G. Toombs, secretary; Mrs. Allen D. King, council delegate.

The next meeting will be November 6 in the home of Mrs. Charles Mignery.

Sandra Randolph Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Randolph, 1516 Heath, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Sandra, to Jerry Burrow. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Lois Burrow, 2905 Bickley in Abilene.

The vows will be exchanged November 22 at 7 p.m. in Live Oak Baptist Church. The ceremony will be read by the bride's father, pastor of the church.

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Garden Club Sets Autumn Lunch

The Merkel Garden Club met in the home of Miss Christine Collins on Saturday, October 20,

for an autumn luncheon. The tables were decorated with fall arrangements by Mrs. Robert Hicks. Other arrangements were made by Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Mrs. Charlie Sherrill. The luncheon was held to raise funds for the Texas Headquarters

Building of Garden Clubs in Fort Worth

Mrs. Mack Fisher, president, presided at the business meeting at which the annual fall flower show was discussed. The show is to be held November 3 and 4 at the Merkel School Cafeteria. It will be open to the public on Saturday from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. The theme of the show is "Autumn Moods." There are seven classes in the artistic division in which the members will display their talent at interpreting the separate class titles. The horticultural division includes classes for annuals, perennials, roses, chrysanthemums and potted plants. The show is designed to be a beautiful display of autumn flowers and foliage.

Bird - Pursley Vows Announced

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bird are announcing the engagement and wedding plans of their daughter, Deanna Calvin, to David Pursley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pursley.

The couple will be married in a double ring ceremony at 7 p.m., November 10 in the home of the bride-elect's sister, Mrs. J. B. Whisenhunt, 1226 S. 21st Str., Abilene.

The bride-elect, a 1960 graduate of Merkel High School, attended Cisco Junior College. Her fiancé, a 1959 graduate of Merkel High School, attended Cisco Junior College and Hardin-Simmons University. He is employed in Carlsbad, N. M.

Up The Canyon

By TOM RUSSELL
Everything is quiet up the Canyon this week. Everyone is finishing sowing grain or harvesting cotton or milo. Beautiful weather for harvesting.

Working and marketing livestock is slow due to so much pasture and field pastures are nearly ready to open up. People are turning on the stoves early in the morning in our area. Very cool nights, but hot days, are too warm to really make for comfortable work.

There will be plenty of hay and bundle feed to take care of the feed for the stock in our area this winter.

Tom Russell and Loyt and W. I. Perry had sheep on the San Angelo market last week. The sheep market is holding fairly well.

We attended that Bull sale in San Angelo Saturday. The first fifty bulls sold averaged \$850 which was very good.

There was a group of parents and children gathered Monday night at the Butman Community center to organize a 4-H club which will be real good for our community.

The Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Turbow spent Saturday night in his uncle's home, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott. He preached at the Presbyterian Church in Merkel Sunday morning. He is attending Seminary in Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Scott and children of Petersburg visited in his parents home, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott.

The Rev. and Mrs. Wendell Leach of Pioneer Church had her sister and boy friend of White Face visit in their home Sunday.

R. G. Toombs, president of the Lord's Acre Program, called a board meeting Sunday night to set plans for the program that will be held next month. This is an annual program held each year.

Mrs. Lottie Everett who is just home after having surgery at Hendrick Hospital, is doing real well.

A. L. Moore was able to be back at Church Sunday after having surgery some two weeks ago. He was able to be in the board meeting Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Tea Richardson of Godley, near Fort Worth, visited in the Tom Russell's and Mrs. Jess Russell's homes over the week end.

Riding Club News

The Brush Stompers had a cold night for riding at their regular meeting on October 20, but there was a large crowd of enthusiastic participants and spectators.

The pivets for the grand entry were set by eight of the younger girls of the club. They were Terry Wozenkraft, Donna McAninch, Pam Sandusky, Vickie Robertson, Donna Dickerson, Suzy Wilson, Karlan Gamble and Carla Hobbs.

Stick Horse barrel race, 5 and under — 1st Pam Hagar 11:3; 2nd Danny Hobbs 11:7; 3rd Tim Wozenkraft 11:8.

Barrel race, 6 and over — 1st Joe Bigbee 10:00; 2nd Jeff Whisenhunt 10:2; 3rd Robbie Whitehead 11:00.

Flag race, 5 and under — 1st (tie) Tim Wozenkraft and Pam Hagar 5:3; 2nd Audy Byrd 6:9; 3rd Danny Hobbs 9:00.

Flag race, 6 and over — 1st Joe Bigbee 5:5; 2nd (tie) Jeff Whisenhunt and Robbie Whitehead 5:8; 3rd Cindy Whisenhunt 5:8.

Ribbon roping — 1st Teddy Byrd and Jody White 20:5; 2nd Carl and Carla Hobbs 23:1; 3rd Walter Henstee and Suzy Wilson 27:3.

Barrel race 11 and under — 1st Gaylord Frazier 23:3; 2nd Dayna McAninch 23:5; 3rd Pam Sandusky 23:7.

Barrel race 12 to 16 — 1st Myrtle Davis 18:6; 2nd Shirley Sandusky 21:00; 3rd Almer Barnes 21:2.

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DEAR MISTER EDITOR:
The fellers at the country store Saturday night was voicing their blessings for the Congress not being in session. Ed Doolittle allowed as how this was the only season of the year when a pore man could go to bed at night and not expect to read in the papers next morning where the Congress was working on a new plan to tax him fer his own welfare.

Zeke Grubb said, now that Congress has adjourned, it looked like just about everybody has crossed the New Frontier and is headed for the Promised Land. He reported, fer instant, about seeing in the papers where the better barber shops in Washington was now getting into this "status" business and has installed them Kennedy rocking chairs fer the customers to set in while they're waiting. Zeke claimed the piece said one barber shop there has put in a phonograph playing classic music and is serving coffee, tea and doughnuts. But Bug Hookum was lamenting that barber shops, tea or no tea, won't never reach the proper "status" till they invent a contraption that'll keep hair from getting down a customer's back. Bug never was a feller to appreciate classic music and the finer things of life.

And while the barbers was crossing the New Frontier, Clem Webster reported that Sen. Wiley from our good state of Wisconsin wasn't making much headway with his plan to help the farm surplus problem. You will recollect, Mister Editor, that Sen. Wiley told the Congress afore it adjourned that one of his loyal constituents had invented a cheese charcoal filter that would cut the tar and nicotine out of cigarette smoke. He has been trying to get the Government to endorse it, point-

ing out that it will be a fine thing fer our surplus dairy products. Clem allowed as how it sounded as sensible as anything else that has come out of the Congress on the surplus problem, but he told the fellers it ain't liable to amount to nothing during his lifetime. Clem said if the Government endorsed it next week it would take them congressional committees and farm experts 10 year to decide on what kind of cheese.

Josh Clodhopper told the fellers he saw in the papers where Billie Sol Estes claims he was getting in financial distress even afore the Government closed in on him. All the fellers was agreed that, after observing how the Congress works out these matters, they ain't no excuse fer a feller getting in financial distress. All he's got to do is follow three simple rules laid down by the Congress, increase his spending, decrease his income and raise his temporary debt limit. And one feller allowed as how it didn't make much difference if he raised it temporary or permanent.

Yours truly,
GABBY DOODLE

PCA to Hold Abilene Meeting

The board of directors and general manager of the Coleman Production Credit Association will attend an area group conference of PCA managers and directors in Abilene Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 22-23.

Representatives of six associations from a 46-county area of West and Northwest Texas will attend the two-day conference at the Wooten Hotel. The meeting will be sponsored by the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Houston, supervisory and discount agency for all 36 PCAs in Texas.

Associations invited to the conference are Canadian, Coleman, Memphis, Stamford, Sweetwater and Wichita Falls. These six home-owned and -operated agricultural financing organizations provide more than \$45,000,000 in short term credit in their areas each year.

The Coleman PCA serves Taylor, Callahan, Runnels, Coleman, Brown and Concho counties. Offices are operated in Coleman, Abilene, Brownwood and Ballinger.

Defeat never comes to any man until he admits it.
—Anonymous



LOAD 'EM UP—CMSgt. Tom Newton (l) of the munitions services branch of the 42nd Munitions Maintenance Squadron, presents SSgt. William A. Oblein with the loading team of the month award for September. Sergeant Oblein is team chief of team "2," which won the award. Loading team competition is based on safety, standboard results, form documentation, upkeep of team equipment, man-hour accounting, leadership ability and promptness. In the background are photos of previous winners. (AIR FORCE PHOTO.)

Rattlesnakes, Arma dillos, and Spiders Are All Part of a Show for Sergeant

By MSGT. JIM MURRAY
ERNEST HARMON AFB, Newfoundland (SAC PS). — When SMSgt. Henry Erben has his picture taken, he uses some unlikely "props," all calculated to whet the creative appetite of even the most jaded shutterbug.

Sergeant Erben is NCOIC of Harmon's survival training section. The "props," part of his famous collection of survival gear, feature snakes (pickled) from all parts of the world, armadillos, piranhas from the Amazon and many other little-known creatures of the land and sea.

During his lectures, Sergeant Erben explains which are or aren't edible (ugh!). He states that if people could overcome their natural squeamishness, there are many horrifying creatures that are edible and helpful. To prove his point, he has on display many commercially canned delicacies: Chocolate-covered ants, fried meal worms, snails, rattlesnake hors d'oeuvres and many other "mouth-watering" treats.

Newfoundland is like Ireland — there are no snakes. That is, until recently. Sergeant Erben secured approval from the Newfoundland government to import several live

snakes for instructional purposes. These include a cottonmouth and a diamondback rattlesnake, plus a harmless hog-nosed snake.

During a recent open house at Harmon, Sergeant Erben put on a demonstration of how to handle the critters before an audience estimated at over 8,000. He also gave this demonstration over the arm-

ed forces radio and television CFSN-TV to an audience of more than 30,000 viewers.

During this spine-tingling show, Sergeant Erben demonstrated how to "milk" a rattler. He then proceeded to drink the venom (oops!) to show that it had no effect on a person if that person would be in the process of sucking venom from a wound and inadven-

tently swallowed some. This part of the demonstration caused many a stomach to flip-flop, but proved to be one of the highlights of the spectacular.

Before his assignment to Harmon Sergeant Erben spent five years at Stead AFB, Nev., as a survival instructor. His instruction covered edible foods and methods of staying alive in the tropics, Arctic and the desert. During his tour at Stead, Sergeant Erben had students named Grissom, Carpenter, Glenn and others chosen as astronauts. They were taught survival techniques for every area over which they would travel during their orbital flights—just in case.

Sergeant Erben, a veteran of 21 years' service and a senior parachutist, started his hobby of collecting snakes and exotic (?) foods in 1948. Since that time he has amassed one of the most complete displays of survival flora and fauna to be found in the Air Force.

Called upon to give demonstrations on snake handling on many occasions, he has only once been struck. During a demonstration at Lake Tahoe, a cottonmouth decided not to follow the script and, through an accident, slipped a fang into Sergeant Erben's finger. Although not a part of the show, he treated the wound himself by incision and suction and then went to the hospital for injections of anti-venom.

In case you're interested, here's one of his favorite recipes: First, catch a rattlesnake

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and whack off his head and tail; skin him, eviscerate the same. The meat can then be fried in batter, broiled, or made into kabobs. According to Sergeant Erben, it tastes just like chicken. Be my guest!

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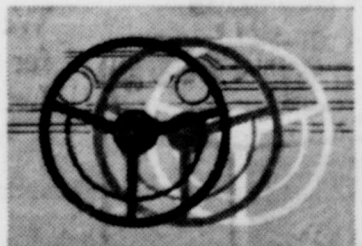


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The crew, composed of Maj. Raymond M. Bank, aircraft commander; 1st Lt. Harry R. Lagerwall, co-pilot, and 1st Lt. Lee R. Bohlen, navigator, amassed a total of 181 points on a five-hour and 30-minute mission. They averaged a total of 33 points per hour.

Mission included refueling and instrument training.

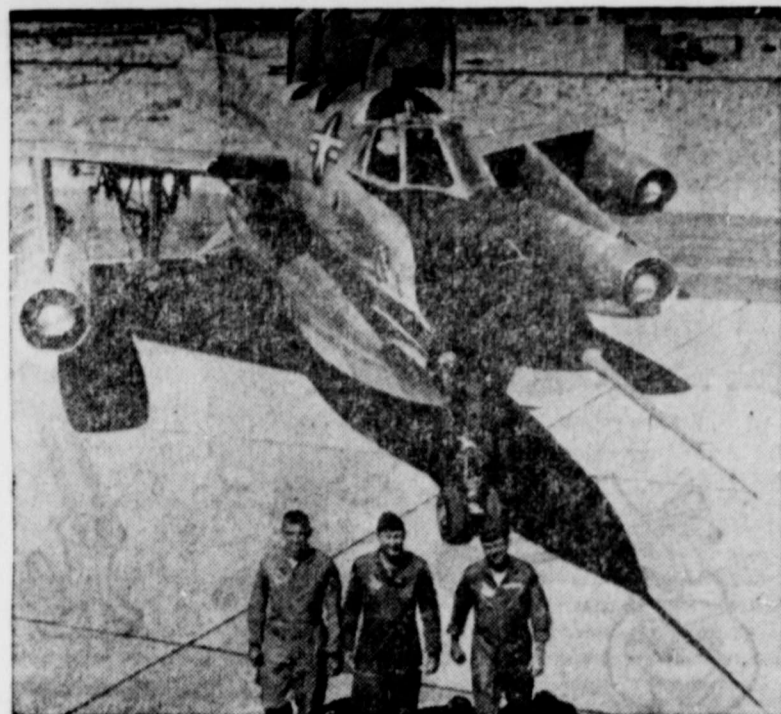
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HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

By LORETA ALLEN
Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent

Mrs. Edgar Holly presided over Taylor County Home Demonstration Council meeting Oct. 18.

Mrs. J. M. Foster gave a report and some suggestions for the club's work done at Abilene State School.

Mrs. R. E. Clemmer, Three-E committee chairman, reported that her committee had been busy this month. They had met with Taylor County Commissioners' Court and gave highlights of the home demonstration work.

Officers elected for 1963 for Taylor County Home Demonstration Council are Mrs. Smith, chairman; Mrs. Herman Hamon, vice chairman; Mrs. Lance Smith, secretary; Mrs. J. A. Moore, treasurer; and Mrs. B. J. Gist, THDA chairman.

I have had many telephone calls about refreezing foods, so I decided to give you the latest information I have on it.

When frozen food thaws in your home, is it always necessary to discard it? Research studies reveal that if the temperature of the food has not risen above ordinary refrigerator temperatures (40 degrees F.), then you may consider refreezing it, provided it has acceptable odor, texture and color.

The process of refreezing in itself introduces no hazard, the study shows. If the partially thawed food is safe to eat, it is safe to refreeze. These facts about refreezing may prove helpful to the homemaker. Frances Reasonover, foods and nutrition specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, reminds, the research findings come from USDA's Agricultural Research Service and other agencies.

A rise in a food's temperature up to thawing impairs color, flavor, and texture, and the refreezing period causes further loss of quality. If the total time involved is short enough, there may be enough quality left to justify refreezing. No health hazard is involved if the temperature of the food has not risen above ordinary refrigerator temperature. Food-poisoning bacteria have never been found to grow at temperatures below 38 degrees F., and they grow very

YOUR HEALTH

A leading cancer researcher has leveled his investigatory guns on air pollution as a potential "accessory to the fact."

Dr. E. Cuyler Hammond of New York City, director of statistical research for the American Cancer Society, reports on studies in air pollution, smoking, and health in the August issue of the Texas State Journal of Medicine. He holds a doctor of science degree from Johns Hopkins University.

According to Dr. Hammond, an individual may be exposed to the same air contamination from several different sources, including tobacco smoke. For example, an automobile mechanic may be exposed to carbon monoxide at work, while driving home in city traffic, and while smoking cigarettes.

"Since a number of cancer producing agents, irritants, and toxic agents are present in both tobacco smoke and general air pollution as well as certain industrial dusts, vapors, and gases, these three sources of exposure should be considered together," he writes.

A preliminary analysis of death rates by smoking habits revealed the following:

Cigarette smokers were found to have by far the highest death rates, the total death rate increases considerably with amount of cigarette smoking, death rates increased considerably with degree of inhalation, the lung cancer death rate of men with a history of regular cigarette smoking is roughly ten times as high as that of men who never smoked, and the total death rate from all causes and the death rate from both lung cancer and coronary artery diseases is lower in former cigarette smokers than in men who continue to smoke cigarettes regularly.

Dr. Hammond doubts, however, that exposure to tobacco smoke is directly involved in the cause of every disease for which the death rate is higher in cigarette smokers than in nonsmokers.

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slowly between 38 and 45 degrees. Other bacteria can grow slowly at these or even lower temperatures, and they cause off-odors and off-flavors that spoil foods but do not cause food poisoning.

Two At Lubbock

One student from Merkel and one from Trent are playing in the Royal Blue Band at Lubbock Christian College, Lubbock.

The student from Merkel is Fran Borden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Borden Jr., 1408 Sunset Drive. From Trent is Carolyn Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Onis W. Graham.

According to Director Joe Lee, the band plans two major tours and several area performances during the 1962-63 school year.

Miss Borden is a freshman at LCC, and Miss Graham is a sophomore.

Funds Released For Runway

Headquarters USAF has released funds in the amount of \$5,080,000 for widening of primary runway and replacement of taxiway, and warm-up pad addition and washrack addition at Dyess, it was announced by Col. Clarion J.

Kjeldseth, the Air Force regional civil engineer, Southwest region, Dallas.

Construction for the Air Force will be under supervision of the Albuquerque district engineer. Invitations for bids are scheduled for December, 1962, with bid opening in January, 1963. These facilities are being provided for use by Strategic Air Command.

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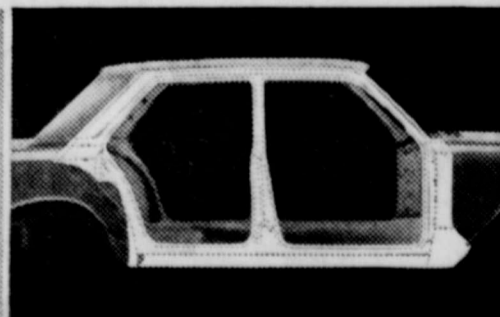


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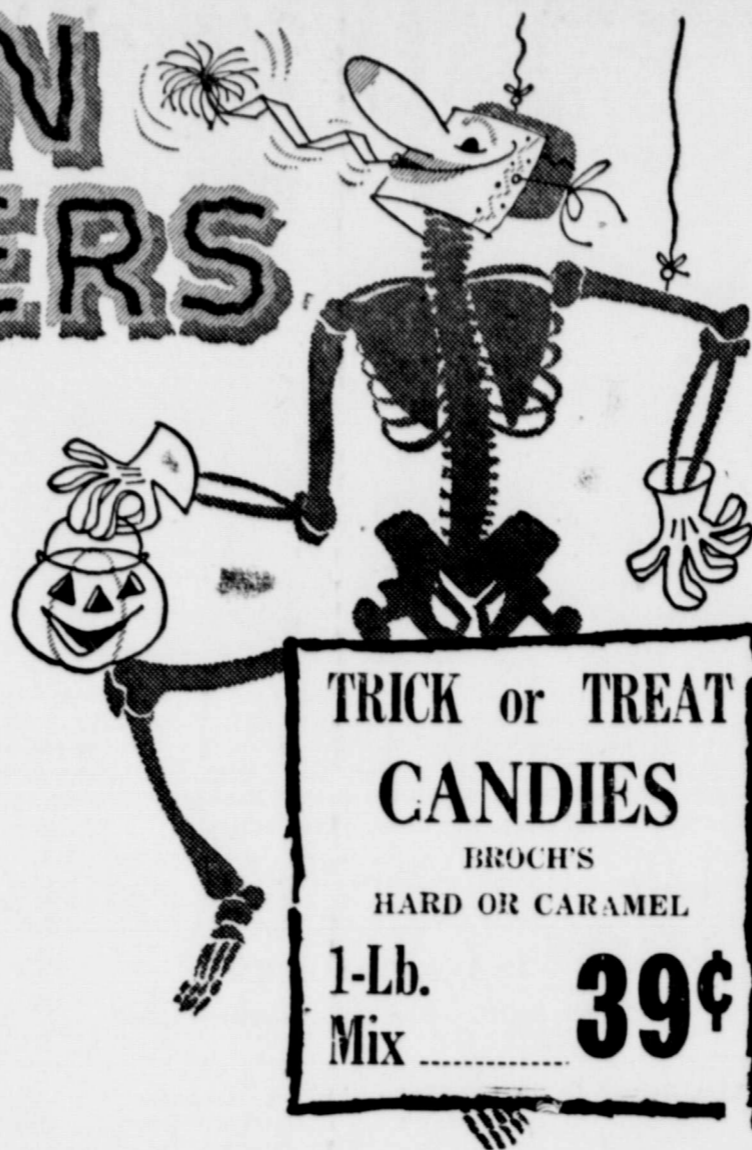
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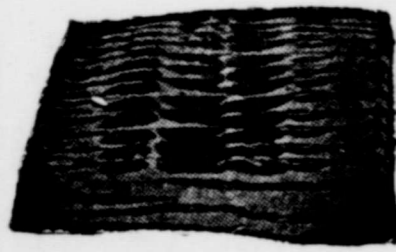
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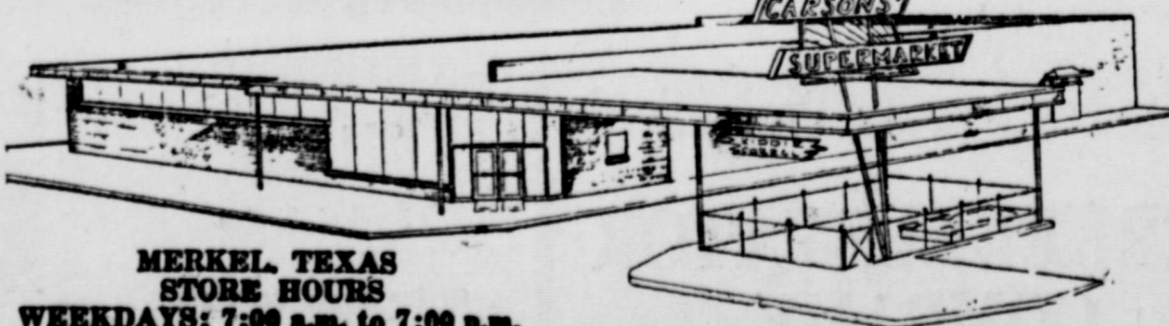
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