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The Little Mail

The Friendliness of the people of Merkel continues to astound me. Factually, I come in contact with many people in the community during each week, talk to, and in some cases write news about them. In comparison I find that individuals in this communuity seem much more amicable and have a more friendly attituude than some I have known in other communuities.

Here is an example of what I am talking about. My wife, thereinafter in this column to be called the "ball and chain") was walking home the other evening and was going across from Ash to Yucca Street and saw a man picking up pecans from unudueur one of his trees. She asked him if he cared to sell any of them. She later found his name to be Mr. S. C. Dixon. Mr. Dixon said that he guessed that he had sold about all the pecans he would this year, but told her to wait a moment while he went into the house.

Out he came with a big sack of pecans for her and wouldn't take a cent for them. She thanked him for his generosity and when I came home for lunch she told me all about it. Thanks Mr. Dixon. They are mighty good. We intend to shell them and send some to ouur relatives up north and explain that they were from one of Merkel's friendly citizens.

Out on the highway Saturday, I saw the highway patrolman with fouur cars stopped and lined up back of him. Don't know if they all got tickets or not, but it does show that ouur highway patrol is on the job in a big way to keep down the highway slaughter during the nolidays.

Dec. 31. He was 70 years of age, a member of a prominent Taylor County pioneer family. He died Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in the Sadler Clinic - Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral for Mr. Patterson was held at 3 p.m. Monday in the

Annual Breakfast Christmas Day In Harris Home

As has been the custom for several years the children of Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris make an annual affair to meet in the home of the Harris' for Christmas breakfast

This year twenty - two made the trek to Merkel to enjoy the occasion. All were present with the exception of one son who lives in Amarillo, and another son who lives in Ballinger, Also here to enjoy visiting with the entire family were Mr. Joe Milfer, a brother of Mrs. Harris, from Pomona, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Toble Harris of Selna,

Calif. The arrival of the children began on Dec. 23rd and we quote Mrs. Harris with saying 'There was sure a passel of kids at our house on Christmas Day."



Admissions and dismissals to Sadler Clinic - Hospital Sunday, Dec. 23 through Saturday, Dec. 29 were as follows:

Admissions Mrs. W. H. Laney Joe Harley , Tuscola Fred Alb

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eanne Williams, Abi-Che

> nold Jurena, Abilene Jones, Abilene

HOMER PATTERSON FUNERAL IS HELD Funeral for Homer Paterson Merkel Methodist Church with of Merkel was held Monday, the Rev. Howard Marcom, pas-

tor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Darrell Gleghorn, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, and the Rev. Levi Price, Baptist minister from Monahans. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Patterson, well - known large scale farmer and stockman, was the victim of an apparent heart attack. He had returned Friday from a deer hunting trip with his son Jack Patterson, near Waco,

Mr. Patterson was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson, who moved to Taylor County from Mississippi in 1888. The family settled on a farm about four miles west of Abilene

Homer Patterson was born in Taylor County July 31, 1892, and spent his entire life in the county. For the past several years he had operated a stock farm a mile north of Merkel.

He was married to Lola Tittle. who preceded him in death, and later married Myrtle Val Harris, who survives.

He was a longtime member of the Baptist Church.

He is suurvived by his wife: one son, Jack of Waco; one daughter, Mrs. Kemp Hinch of Odessa; five brothers, A. B., J. A., W. F , and Herbert, all of Merkel, and Emmett of Abilene, and one sister, Mrs. Barbara McCoy of Abilene, and

five grandchildren. Pallbearers were David Gamble, Horace Boney, Pinky Cypert, Weldon McAninch, George T.

Moore and Jim Mayfield. Honorary pallbearers were John Shannon, D. O. Tolliver, Booth Warren, Wilmer Criswell, C. R., Tittle and other close friends.

Announcement

Dr. E. A. Dann, chiropractor,

Local Woman **Takes Insurance Post In Merkel** Mrs. J. W. (Ruby) Hammond

MERKEL, TEXAS, THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1963 - EIGHT PAGES

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of 1001 South 4th Street in Merkel, announced today that she has resigned her position with the Sadler Clinic - Hospital to give full time as agent for the Great American Reserve Life Insurance of Dallas.

Mrs. Hammond, as representative for the Dallas Insurance firm will be able to serve the needs of all for life insurance, endowment for college education and non - cancellable hoseventful. pitalization.

She has been an employe at the hospital for the past several years. Mrs. Jan Hodgin will replace Mrs. Hammond in her position on the hospital staff.

Merkel School To **Take Census**

The enumeration of school pupils in the Merkel Independent School District will begin on January 1 and will be completed by January 31.

A census blank will be compiled on each family, listing the names, birthdates, age, and sex of each child who will be six on or before September 1, 1963, and under 18 on the same date.

These will be listed whether they are in school or not, whether married or single, whether in public or private school. Children born on or before September 1, 1945 or after September 1, 1957 will not be included in the school age census group.

The school census is taken in accordance with the daws of the state of Texas. It is important that every child falling within census age be enumerated. If anyone should either have a child or know of a child who will be school age and who may possibly be missed by the census, please call Leon B. Walker at the elementary school. Phone

112, or at home, phone 342-W.

Election Scheduled For CC Directors **'CLEAN-UP' AUCTION**

Bluebonnet HD

morial Fellowship Hall for a

Christmas party with Mrs. R. E.

Clemmer Jr., president, welcom-

Mrs. Frank Brnovak read the

Christmas Story from St. Luke.

Calvin Leach gave a reading.

prayer. Mrs. Dewell McLean

gave a Christmas reading and

Mrs. Allen King distributed

gifts to secret pals and guests

from a gaily decorated silver

Refreshments of sandwiches,

cookies, candies, nuts, fruitcake,

coffee and spiced tea were serv-

ed to two new members, Mrs.

Oswald Everett and Mrs. Dewel

McLean; visitors, Mrs. W. C.

Smith, Mrs. Wendell Leach and

Calvin, Mrs. Kenneth Ray and

Karen Ann; and club members

Mmes. Charles Mignery, Adrian

Farmer, Horace Miles, Frank

Brnovak, R. E. Clemmer Jr.,

Joe Swinney, Sam Butman Jr.,

Mrs. Joe Swinney, a story.

tree with red decorations.

Has Party

ing guests

Entry Into New Year Calm Here

Aside from a few bursts of fireworks at the stroke of 12 the new year came to Merkel unmittee decided to hold one more Auction Day, the last, on Jan-

According to police officers uary 18. The decision to hold there were no wrecks or accianother auction was made bedents of major importance in the vicinity.

The absence of noisy and boisterous celebration was noted throughout the New Year eve.

As a whole, Merkel came through with an orderly, safe and sane entry into the new year.

While it is too early to be certain, The National Safety Council is predicting a new record low for highway and other fatalities during the Christmas -New Year period.

The outlook for the new year in Merkel is promising. The Chamber of Commerce are striving ever forward to greater Mrs. Sam Butman Jr. led in achievements for the growth that will benefit the community. Much progress in the Industrial Development can be looked forward to. Bankers, businessmen and many individuals say the economy of the area is in better condition than ever before. All considered, conditions point to more improvement on the local level and many feel the realization that the nation is under some very good and sound administration

Two Stores Under New Ownership

R. G Toombs, Tom Russom and The change of ownership of E. C. Ray. two Merkel establishments has been announced. uary 3rd with Mrs. R. E. Clem-Doans Cash Store

SET IN JANUARY At a meeting of the Chamber cause of bad weather that ocof Commerce held last Wednescurred on the regular date as day, the Retail Merchants Com-

of December 24 when the Rambler was given away. Since a good many are holding script money, this will give them a chance to use it up on this final

CURB, Mrs. W. T.

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Other business taken up at the C of C meeting, the nominating committee nominated six as candidates for the posts of three new directors. They are Frank Breaux, Chester Collingworth, Wm. (Pinky) Cypert, Mrs. Mack. Fisher, Mrs. Mary Grimes and Don Warren.

Cards have been mailed to members to cast their votes. The nominating committee was composed of Fred Starbuck, Herman Carson and Meyer Mellinger. The chamber urges all mem-

bers to mail their cards as soon as possible.

Up The Canyon By TOM RUSSOM

As far as we know, everyone in our area has a real good Christmas.

We do not know what the new year 1963 holds for us, but at this time things look good. We have a good plowing season and small grain is furunishing quite a lot of grazing for livestock. Most of the livestock is in real The next meeting will be Jan- fine shape.

We haven't had much winter i

auction. The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club met in Pioneer Me-

The gent from Trent says: 'I'm not trusting Wall Street any more. From here on out I'm putting fil my money in taxes. I know they are sure to go up.'

Before you make too many New Year's resolutions don't forget that a neurotic is a fellow that builds castles in the air, a psychotic lives in these castles, and the psychiatrist collects, the rent.

Advertisement in the Merkel Mail 60 years ago. December, 1902. Rollins and Young Dry Goods, listed men's fancy suits reduced from \$5 to \$3.25. Ladies' shoes were selling for \$1.35, and will you could buy 30 yards of calico for \$1.00.

In the same issue the First National Bank listed a capital of \$30,000 and surplus as \$4,000. Anyone remember?

DID YOU KNOW - That it costs the taxpayers \$275,000 per year to keep a congressman in Washington - or off on a junket?.

Postal rates will be advanced again in January. I have heard many say this will be their last year to send greeting cards. It is very understandable that a communuity of this size will spend approximately \$5,000 to \$6,000 yearly on yule greetings, enough to make a sizable down payment on a good civic building.

IN VIEW of the Impact -Abilene controversary, here's a detter from a rebel drinker down Mississippi way you might want to read.

Your readers who gripe about the liquor laws ought to come down to Mississippi, and see how it is really done. They can put you in the pokey for having booze around you, and yet they charge what they call a "Black Market Tax" of around four bucks a gallon. Bootleggers are thicker than fleas on a hound dog. Church people and bootleggers work together to keep the state dry, as bootleggers donate more than church members. Dern good place to stay away from. Tourists take warning: drive around this state and save money. Nothing to see here anyway. Beter hold my name and address. The KKK is very much alive down here still, and I am getting too old to run.

Billy Pitt Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley Patricia Graham, Tren. Mrs. Sally Hays Mrs. Harold Inman and baby, Abilene Mrs. C. M. Powers and baby, Abilene Mrs. Oscar Brewer, Sweetwater W O Hendricks, Abilene Mrs. W. J. Herrington, Tuscela Mrs. Mary Jowers, Tye Ira Cross

Mrs. Kennett Patton and baby Ray Reynolds Mrs. Charlie Lamkin, Black-

J R. Baker, Abilene Billy W. Jones, Abilene Mrs. Grady Knight and baby Kay Teaff

Mrs. E. E. Akin

to the Merkel Mail that he has come to Merkel and has taken over the office formerly in charge of Dr. James H. Chaney who has discontinued practice. Dr. Dann, formerly of Sweetwater, for many years has treated many thousuands of people in

Sweetwater, Merkel and throughcut the western part of Taylor County. Chiropractic, as practiced by Dr. Chaney for many years in Merkel, became well known to

everybody in this vicinity, and Dr. Dann invites you to call at the newly furnished office the former office of Dr. Chaney, and get acquainted with his work. He feels sure you will be highly pleased with his work. Dr. Dann will be pleased to ed at 211 Oak Street in Merkel. in Tolone, Ill.

Austin Student Preaches Here

George Mrazek, senior student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, was the guest pastor at the Mer- charge of the establishment on kel Presbyterian Church Sunu- Monday.

day, Dec. 30. College in Parkville, Mo., Adams is married and has one son of State College in Alamosa, Colo., and the Louisville Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

He has served as student pastor for the Wabash Presbyterian Church in Allendale, Ill, and the Friendville, Ill. Presbyterian Church. He has his membership have you call at his office locat- in the First Presbyterian Church

Merkel Filled With Holiday Visitors

Street has been sold to Mr. Troyce Perry, and the South 9th Street Grocery was purchased by Mr. Q. P. Boygent.

Mr. Perry, of Pasadena, Texas, and an employe of the Shell Oil Co. for the past 15 years will take inventory of the Doan Store next Sunday and will be in

Mr. Perry is the son of Mr. Mr. Mrazek has attended Park and Mrs. John Perry of Merkel, school age.

Mr. Doan atsted that his plans for the future are indefinite at this time.

HIT. Boygent, atso of Pasadena, and former employe of the Shell Oil Co. has already taken inventory of the 9th Street Grocery and is open for business under the management.

mer and Miss Loretta Allen, County Agent, presenting the program.

STORK CLUB

Old Santa was a day late, but who cares, when you get a brand spanking new son for a Christmas present? This was what happened when a new son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Grady Knight, Wednesday, Dec. 26, at 10 a.m. The new boy weighed 6 pounds 10% ounces, and has not been named as yet. His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charley Knight. We're sorry we could not find out who the maternal grandparents are. CON-GRATULATIONS.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Byrd of

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buford

Jim of Lubbock their brother,

James H.; Daniel, Wichita Falls,

and Mrs. R. R. Buford and her

Gladys and Joe Swinney had

Mamie Williams from Amarillo;

Visiting in the Earl Baze and

were: Mr. and Mrs. Burton Cook

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reynolds

my Collins and Tony, Mr. and

Mrs. Willie Cook, all of Morton

mas day.

our part of the area as yet. However, it may be a bit early. It is my prediction that livestock will move in a greater number to the market before heavy winter sets in. Some stockmen have held back some to decrease the income pile up.

W. T. Perry, who ranches in the Mountain Pass area says it has been damp and cold at his place and has laid in some extra feed to take care of his stock through the cold winter ahead. Perry has sold his lambs to the San Angelo market,

Most everyone has gone back home after visiting their folks during the Christmas holidays. Those having their children in their homes for Christmas are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore and family spent the week - end with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCoy, of Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewell McLean had all of Dewell's brothers and sisters in their home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. D J. Anderson had as guests for Christmas their son, Odell, and family of Oklahoma. They also visited the T. H. Russom home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom and son, Don, attended the livestock show at Trent on Saturday. It was a real good show and was judged to be the best in several vears.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer and family visited in their parents home in Abilene during the Christmas holidays.

The club boys and girls are taking their stock to the Odessa Livestock Show this week. The Neill family and the Maurice Johnson's family left this week for the Odessa show.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney's children were all home during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom and son, Don, spent Christmas with Tom's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Bradshaw at Winsboro.

The Rev. and Mrs. Wendell Leach and family of the Pioneer Church spent Christmas day with their parents in Colorado City.

N. Holder of 306 Martir Street on Christmas day were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neil Holder of Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Gleghorn and children of Fluvanna, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reiger of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Laun and children of Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Maxwell and girls of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Greer of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Holder and children of Merkel. John Boyd of Willcox, Ariz., attended the funeral of his uncle.

week Mrs. Frank Hail of Trent, had in her home as guests some of her children, grandchildren and great - grandchildren during the Christmas holidays.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pate, of Gainesville; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis, Brenda, Joann and Terry of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Davis of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Les Fields and sons, Larry and Alton Jo, of Kress, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Hail and son, Jay, of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Taylor of Trent, and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Beasley and Cindy of Trent. Visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. T.

Bartlett over the Christmas holidays were their parents, children, and grandchildren: Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bartlett of Anson; Mrs. L. F. Young, Hamlin; Mr.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. and Mrs. W. M Dunagin and First Baptist Chuucuh Services from Lubbock, Abilene and Mer- the home of his mother, Mr. and sons, Dane and Tommy, of Jack- Sunday night, Dec. 30, and was kel. A granddaughter, Mrs. Mrs. T. J. Amason on Christsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Walter a passing visitor in the home Whisenhunt, Jeff, Cindy and Bart of his mother, Mrs. R H Matof Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jeffries, Fort Worth; Mrs. Homer Raney, Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. J. E Humphreys, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs Red Miers, Mc-Caulley, and Jimmy Humphreys of Washington, D.C. Mrs. S. C Dixon and boys vis-

ited Mrs. Dixon's mother, Mrs. Fisher, at Rosser, over the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Phaxton

have returned home after spending part of the Christmas holi-Jimmy Skillern in Merkel last days with their son, Johnny, and family in Dumas

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs E P-- Farmer during the Christmas holidays were their children and grandchildren, Billy Hale and daughter Kim of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hale and children of Matador and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hale and children of Lubbock.

Guests in the Sam Swann home during the holidays were Mrs. Carson Miles, San Angelo; James Swann, Chicago, Ill., and Irene Swann of Roswell, New Mexico. Mr. W B McCorkle, brotherin-law of Mrs. Sam Swann, and a niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. C E Lyles, all of Amarile, were uests in the Sam

Swann home on Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr and Mrs. Pov H. Matthews. Abilene, visited at the

Olez Petroff, and her husband were present from Rochester. thews, and Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Shanks and family of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Clemmer and children, Imperial, were guests ci their mother, Mrs. Josie Shanks, during the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Esther Collins from Grand

Prairie, was wekend guest of her father, Mr. W. A. Wozencraft and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft and family, and Mrs. Lucy Ford.

Fredlyn Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. A L. Farmer, visited in the homes of his parents, friends and relatives during the Christmas holidays. He is stationed at Camp Leroy Johnson, New Orleans, La. He, his parents and Connell Higgins were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. T J Amason on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell, Merkel, had as guests in their home for the bolidays, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Turner, their children, Debra, Susan and Tom of Roswell, N.M. Also visiting them on Christmas day were the J C. Walter fam iv, and Charles Harwell and son, Larry of Odessa. Mr. and Mrs. Houston Clark, at what had all of their children home for Christmas with the

evention of Wondrow, who lives in Kansas. Those present were

N.Y., who had been unable to the Tye Communuiuty had all attend the homecoming for the of their family home through the past three years. Olez is at-Christmas holidays, Seven chiltending an electircal college in dren, numbering thirty - one, Rochester. Mrs. Tom Coats, of plus a sister of Mrs. Byrd, Mrs. Merkel was also a guest on Lulu Hassey were included in the gathering. Two other girls in Christmas day. Visiting later in the day were Mr. and Mrs. Scott the family reported in by phone Wilson of Abilene, and Mr. and to round out a joyous Christmas Mrs. Arthur Lee and children of for all. Clvde. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nutt and had as their guests during the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allfamily of Marlin were guests day and two sons, Tommy and

in the home of her mother, Mrs. Edna Horton, and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason, on Christmas day.

son, Dr. Lee Buford of Dallas. and children, of Midland, were all their children at home for visitors in the home of his par-Christmas. Harold and Wilda, ents, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Oliver; her grandmother, Mrs. Edna from Fort Hancock: Herbert and Horton ,and grandparents, Mr. Geraldine and her mother, Mrs. and Mrs. T. J. Amason on Christ-

Tommie and son from Abilene; Kathy and children, Nancy and motored over and visited with Bobby Hardy of Merkel, and Mrs. Stockbridge's mother, Mrs. Lesa Dawn of the home. Mamie Glenn, and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Collins, on Christ-Boden homes for the holidays mas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Amason Sr., Burton Cook Jr., Sharon, and children were house guests Gwen and Benny of Weatherford; of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. and Jo Ann: Mr. and Mrs. Jim-Tom Watson and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amasan on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy M. Baze, Abilene, were dinner guests in Kathy and Karen of El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Toliver

mas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stockbridge

Realistic Navy Maneuvers or Start Of WW II? B-17 Crew Wasn't Sure

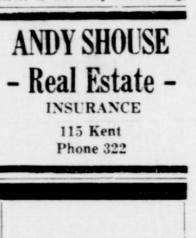
Editor's Note: The following is an account of a flight made in 1941 from Sacramento, Calif., to Clark Field in Manila, with a supposed refueling stop at Hickam Field, located at Pearl Harbor, in Hawaii. The narrator is Lt. Col. (then 2d Lt.) Robert L. Ramsay Jr., director of comptroller at Dyess. It is an offthe-cuff description of America's blackest day.)

My subject is a personal experience that happened some years ago, but one that I'll probably remember long after I've forgotten others.

Probably the best place to start is some time before the event, in Salt Lake City, Utah, where I happened to be stationed with a heavy recon outfit. We had been making regular trips to the Boeing plant in Seattle to pick up brandnew B-17s, and had finally equipped the entire squadron. We were to make a flight across the Pacific and were to be stationed at Clark Field in Manila.

We had a rather important matter to prove before we left on our flight, and that was: Would the B-17Es make the long overwater jump? B-17 "Bs," "Cs" and "Ds" had made the trip, but it hadn't been proved that the "E" would make it safely from Hamilton Field to Hickam Field.

So the next detail was a series of gas consumption tests; long, 14-hour flights equal to the required distance. Two of these flights were without incident but the third ended up in Tucson, Ariz., instead of our home station at Salt Lake City. This fact in itself is not very interesting,



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but, having landed, we were told we wouldn't be returning to our home station; we were to go directly to Sacramento for a few minor modifications, then to Hamilton Field to take off for Clark Field.

I don't think I could possibly picture for you the confusion that existed at that moment. A 5,000-word telegram was required to tell our fellow officers what to break into and what to do with cars, personal effects, financial matters, rooms, houses and apartments, and a million things you wouldn't think about unless you were to be faced with a like situation.

The next morning we went to Sacramento, stayed for two days and then went to Hamilton Field, arriving in the early afternoon.

In the early evening we received a briefing by a general officer, and I've wished many a time that I could remember his name. The only words I can remember him saving caused quite a furor when he said them, and they were "good hunting, good bombing and good shooting. because you gentlemen will be doing some.

This came as quite a shock. So far this flying had been fun, and now here was someone inferring that we were going to shoot and bomb someone else, and this probably meant that they would shoot back.

At any rate, that evening we took off into the San Francisco fog at five-minute intervals, and proceeded to wind up in the biggest mess I, at least, was ever involved in.

Almost Routine The greater part of the flight was uneventful, merely a long and tiresome overwater flight. However, during the last 100 or so miles I had been trying to raise Hickam Field by radio and had been trying to pick up the radio range, without any luck whatsoever. I thought it rather odd, but nothing to get alarmed about. We weren't lost, so no problem.

Just after dawn we sighted the islands and approached them from the mainland side. which means that, to get to Hickam Field, you must round the island of Oahu. So, a few minutes later, we rounded Diamond Head and looked in on the attack of Pearl Harbor, the "day of infamy," the seventh of December, 1941.

knew something was drastically wrong, as we could see burning planes, bombed hangars and buildings, ships on fire and sinking, bombs, torpedoes and depth charges exploding, and that apparently everything in sight was a shambles.

As we arrived over the field we received our first and last call from the Hickam tower (at that point of the battle. the tower was a mobile jeep). His statement, "We have been attacked by Japanese aircraft," really shook us up.

We had a big time (ha!) firing at them from the waist windows with .45 caliber pistols. I'll never know why they didn't make a concerted effort to shoot us down, but it must have been that they had more important targets, or were a little worried about all the guns we carried. Of course what they didn't know was that all the guns were cosmolined and we didn't have any ammunition for them even if they had been in operating condition.

Waited Out Attack

Arriving at Schofield Barracks, we discovered that they were worse off than Hickam, so back through the gamut we ran. We had to set down some place, for we were operating on fumes about then. So I decided to set her down on Hickam no matter what. I managed to get the plane on the ground and I taxied. tail high, to one edge of the field, killed most of the

switches, and we all jumped out, ran to a ditch, jumped in and watched the rest of the young war from the bottom of said ditch.

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DYESS' PERSONAL FRIEND - Lt. Col. Vincente A. Adecer, left, student of Air University's Air Command and Staff College, receives a few pointers on an assignment from his faculty advisor, Maj. H. A. Pederson, right, ACSC instructor. Colonel Adecer fought in the battle of the Phillippines during World War II. (USAF PHOTO)

HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES By LORETA ALLEN Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent Generous storage space, a and each bedroom has plenty of front porch, and carport are fea-

tured in a new 3 - bedroom house plan I have received.

The house provides privacy in the living and sleeping areas,

CHECK

man from the for the first

closet space. The master bedroom tued in a new 3-bedroom house I is large enough for twin beds and the other bedroors will each accommodate a double bed.

> An L-Shaped kitchen features liberal storage space that is

conveniently located near work surfaces, and has dining space for 6 people. A large picture window in the kitchen give an unobstructed view of the backyard and play area.

fat and milk - 115 calories

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235 calories

French - fried potatoes - 155

Hash - browned potatoes -

Fresh - fried potatoes - 240

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0 STORES

Storage walls serve as partitions for the rear - entry hallway. The wa'l facing the kitchen is designed for storage of canned foods, cleaning equipment and an ironing board. The other storage wall, which opens into the workroom, provides space for work clothes.

square feet of living space and the front porch and carport (with storage) add another 546 square feet.

The plan provides for slab on-grade construction.

You can obtain working drawings of this plan No. 7150 from me at my office located at 317 Pecan Street, Abilene.

If you're a calorie counter trying to lose or maintain weight - watch how you fix those potatoes.

Nutritionists in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Services say potatoes in themselves are not fattening. It's what people do to them that makes them high calorie items.

tatoes (1/2 cup diced) has only 45 calories, but the same amount

Mashed potatoes, with table



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A serving of plain boiled po-

C. L. A

Jo Ann

At that time we could see entirely too much activity at about 1,000 feet, which was where we were sitting. So I made a pass at the field, but there was too much smoke, which was right down the runway, so I pulled up and was trying to figure something else out.

The flight engineer had been in Hawaii before, and suggested I try another field he knew of (Schofield Barracks). The route, unfortunately, took us over Pearl the great pillars of smoke, the great number of aircraft in the area, the anti-aircraft bursts filling the air, but still didn't have the slightest idea as to just what was going on. I can remember my first impression was that the Navy was really having a realistic maneuver, with no holds barred.

Just a few minutes later we were over the field, and then

Col. Maybin Wilson, department engineer for the State Adjutant General's Department for 10 years, has retired after some 40 years' public service

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POSTAL HIKE WILL HURT

We have no quarrel with the civil service in regard to the new postal rate hike to go into effect on January 7. Fact is, we hold more of a sympathetic attitude toward them, especially those in the Post Office division. Since the bill is an accomplished fact and will be in effect as of January 7th, we might just as well stop bellyaching, put up and shut up.

Percentage-wise the increase is terrific. First class letters will show an increase of 25 per cent and the old penny post card will jump to an all-time high of 33 and one-third per cent. Second class mail such as newspapers, magazines, etc. will go up 10 per cent in January and by 1965 they will show a total increase of 30 per cent.

The original bill, on its inception had some good logic. It was rightly intended to wipe out the Post Office deficit. But, on passage and final enactment this intention proved nothing but a big joke. The same bill that raised the postal rates gave salary increases to civil service employes in the federal government not in the postal department. The salary increases will total more than the new revenue will bring in, and we are not saying that civil service employes, outside the postal department do not deserve a salary raise.

What it really means is that the pastal department will still be operating under the same old deficit. We sincerely believe the general public and businessmen over the nation have a perfect right to criticize the enactment and wonder why congressmen we eect to watch over and protect loop holes of this sort, allowed such a bill to go through.

with them.

STITH NEWS

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Happy New Year to All! We are having nice weather. The gin is still running. There is still some cotton left in the fields

Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Luther Williams at the Baptist Churuch in Weatherford Sunday, Dec. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. M. E . West, and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bradley attended the funueral of a cousin, Guy Bradley, at O' Donald Sunday afternoon We extend our sympathy to them.

Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Kelso and baby of California, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kelso and Leon. Mrs. Willie Cox, Sam Herndon and children, of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry had Christmas dinner with them.

Mr. and Mrs. T E Burns and daughter of Jacksboro, and Mr. ty at the Stith Communuity Cenand Mrs Sam Burns, Abilene, ter on Saturday night, Dec. 22. visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns

ifornia on Friday night. He lived in this community before moving to California several years ago. He has two brothers living here, Sam and Wesley Mashburn. Sam left Friday for California to attend the funueral. We extend our sympathy to them.

Walter Mashburn died in Cal-

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Brenda and Rodney had Christmas dinner with their mother, Mrs. Shaw at Hawley. F. J. and George McDonald

made a trip to Temple Monday to see George's doctor. Mrs. Nora McDonald went

with them where she was met day by a son, and continued on to Taft, to spend two months with Mr. and Mrs. Royce McDonald and with Mr. and Mrs. Noel McDonald.

Visitors in the John Browning home Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children of Tuscola; Mildred, Johnny and Lonnie Harris; O. B. Tatum, Merkel, and Ona Pace o. Abilene.

George McDonald gave a par-Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and the



seems to me that the "little" sleeveless frock with matching sweater is the one constant in an ever-changing fashion scene. This beauty by R & K has satin binding and belt, and a deliciously em-broidered Orlon sweater. P.S. Better get one quick, and keep it for Summer!

NOODLE NEWS

Well, it's all over. We can do no more to 1962 except to record it in history. And, sure enough we are all making new year's resolutions only to turn right around and break them. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Poplin and Phil, from Midland, Mr. and Mrs Tim Mason, Jackie, Judy and Jeff from College Station and Tim's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mason of Abilene, were all guests in the Vess Justice home Sun-

guests of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Callaway. Mrs. Ann Lucas, Eddie and Jane visited Mrs. Will Herndon

Thursday Carrol Best had his mother and his brother Bill Best and family for the Christmas holi-

Mrs. Zenobia Lucas had both of her daughters and families home for Christmas. Visiting her was her sister-in-law and brother in law. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Adkins, Anson; and her aunt, Mrs. Ethel Richardson of True Story Magazine teaspoon baking soda 1 teaspoon cinnamon 'i teaspoon salt Combine:

Nut Icing

cup butter or margarine

Gradually add, while beating:

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

MORE LIGHT

confectioners' sugar

1 cup chopped walnuts

Estimates say that up to 40 per cent of the electricity

you pay can be wasted if incandescent bulbs or fluores-

cent tubes are dirty. Remove

these from their socket occa-

sionally, and wipe with a soft

cloth wrung out of suds. Be sure to avoid wetting the metal "neck." Dry carefully b e f o r e replacing in the

SHORTCAKE PINK

on shortcake and frozen

"standby" for many years,

forms a waterproof coating on

the skin that prevents ammo-

nia burn and protects against

Finally, keep in mind that a

painful diaper rash, as well.

It is hard to improve on

package (8-oz.)

cream cheese

1 package (1 lb.)

Beat until light.

114 cups salad oil topping adds a note to 2 cups sugar puddings, Mix well. cakes, and ice Add, one at a time: 4 eggs Beat well after each addition. cream. Thanks to handy but-Gradually add dry ingredients, terscotch mor-

Combine:

Add:

Mix well.

sockets

sels you can mixing well. make the Add: 2 cups finely grated carrots. sauce in a matter of min-Mix well. Turn into 3 8-inch layer cake pans which have

by Adeline Garner,

Home Service Director

Adeline Garner utes. Bring 14 cup light corn een greased and floured. syrup and ¼ cup evaporated Bake in a moderate oven (350°F.) for 50-60 minutes. milk just to a boil over moder-Remove from pans and cool ate heat, stirring constantly. on racks. When completely Stir in one 6-ounce package butterscotch morsels. Heat uncool, fill and frost with nut il dissolved. icing.

saucy

PLANTER ROOM DIVIDER A sturdy screen made of panels of strong pegboard becomes an attractive planterroom-divider when you attach red clay pots containing trail-ing plants like ivy, philodendron, chlorophytum and rosary vine. Cut wire coat hangers into pieces long enough to encircle each pot under the rim and leave enough extra to bend into hooks to insert into the holes of the pegboard. Or, you can buy inexpensive brackets at your garden sup-

CANNED FOOD STORAGE Canned foods may be stored any place. The best storage is a dry place at a moderately cool, or cold, but not freezing temperature. A cool, dry cel-lar is suitable. Storage near steam, pipes, radiators, fur-naces or kitchen ranges should be avoided

COOK'S CHOICE Mrs. Jane Walter is TRUE strawberry shortcake, but it is STORY'S January Cook of the possible. Strawberry Whipped Cream accomplishes the feat. Combine ¹⁴ cup quick straw-berry-flavored mix with a dash of salt and 1 cup heavy cream. Beat until thick. Pile Month. Her recipe is a favor-ite with friends and family. Carrot Cake

Makes 3 8-inch layers Sift together:

2 cups sifted flour 1 teaspoon baking powder strawberries.

CARING FOR YOUR FAMILY

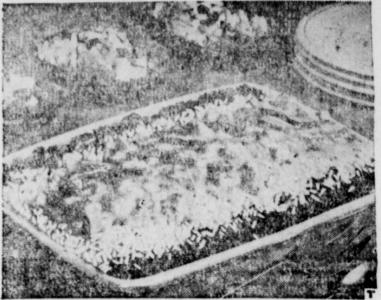
by Edith Clarke

Notes On New Babies

A new baby in the home calls for adjustment on everyone's part, for even the tiniest bundle of joy makes many demands on mother's time and energy. During baby's early weeks, he reacts to the atmosphere around him. If all is calm and serene, baby is apt to be that way too. If he senses apprehension and is disturbed

by it, chances are he'll howl. . Experienced mothers say that for this reason, first babies often cry more than subsequent





There's no need to worry about unexpected dinner guests when you've some packaged rice and canned chicken on your pantry shelf and some frozen broccoli in the freezer.

With such supplies on hand, you can whip up a colorful, flavorful entree that belies its ease of preparation. Rice and chicken supreme is an expandable recipe that is as suitable for guests as it is just for the family.

The hot cooked rice forms a "bed" for the quickly cooked broccoli. Chunked chicken in sauce (easily prepared using canned mush-room soup) made more piquant by the addition of deviled ham, tops the combination. Pimiento strips or hard cooked egg slices can be used as the garnish.

With this meal-on-a-platter, serve individual bowls of crisp waldorf salad, if you like. Wedges of pumpkin chiffon pie would be a delicious dessert accompanied by hot coffee.

RICE AND CHICKEN SUPREME

1 can (101/2 ounces)	11/2 cups diced cooked chicken
mushroom soup	2 packages (10 ounces each)
1/4 cup water	frozen broccoli, cooked
1 can (21/2 ounces)	3 cups hot cooked rice
deviled ham	Hard cooked egg slices or
1 teaspoon minced onion	pimiento strips for
2 tablespoons diced pimiento	garnish

In a saucepan, combine soup, water, ham, and onion; stir over medium heat until smooth and hot. Fold in pimiento and chicken. Arrange broccoli on serving platter. Top with rice. Spoon sauce over rice. Garnish with eggs or pimiento strips.

Makes 4 servings.



Mr. and Mrs. Garvis Tarpley. Mike, Marsha and Collye were

and Mrs. Dock Callaway last

Christmas

Mr d Mrs. Murry Toombs and Tommy of Lubbock, spent J. McDonald, Pat and George,

Sandra Hale and Bobby Malone atentded a banquet in Abilene Thursday night, Dec. 20, for the employes of the International Service Life Insurance Co., sponsored by the manager, Ben Parkes.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantresse spent Christmas in San Antonio Hawley, visited Mr. and Mrs. the last Longhorn steer of the with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mundy and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrvin Lyles of Abilene had Christmas dinner with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs Fletcher Jones had all their children home for Christmas. They were Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones, Cross Plains; Mr. and Mrs. Olin Potts and Sharon of Anson: Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry of Abilene, and T. Sadler and Mrs. Carrol Ben-Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones of San son. Angelo

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Eerry Christmas evening were wards; 2nd, Mrs. Lesley Beas-Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lilly, Vickie ley;3rd, Mrs. Othell O'Kelly. and Tona, and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry of Abilene.

The Rev. and Mrs. Herbert How and children of Edmondson, spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brad-

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson visited in Odessa Thursday and Friday, with Mr. and Mrs Gene Powell and children, and with Mr. and Mrs. Burns Powell and children. On Saturuday the Hudsons visited in Bangs with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Powell and children, and in Albany Sunday, Mrs. Jesse Lenoir returned home with the C. O. Willinghams.

Kathy of Midland weekend with Mr. and Mrs. F. Christmas with Sam Mashburn and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns. Mamie Hardie returned home

> with them, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grinnley and son, and her father, Mr. Trott of Abileae, attended services at the Stith Baptist Churuch

last Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hollis of Fritz Hale Sunday afternoon.

Trent Gardeners' Winners Told

The Trent Community Garden Club sponsored a Christmas deccrations contest. There were twenty entries. Judges were Mrs. Charley Sherrill, Mrs. W.

Winners in windows decorattions were: 1st, Mrs. C. W. Ed-

Winners in door decorations were: 1st., Mrs. Carl Edwards, 2nd, Mrs. Geta Williamson; 3rd, Mrs. Cecil Taylor.

Winners in yard decorations were: 1st, Mrs. Weldon Beasley; 2nd, Mrs. Ronnie Freeman; 3rd, Mrs. Onis W. Graham.

Prizes included rose cuttings and daffodil bulbs.

Other activities to be sponsored by the Garden Club includes the setting out of a tree on the school yard on Arbor Day.

Mrs. Dale Litton will be guest speaker on January 21. She will discuss "Modern Trends in Flower Arranging.'



MOVING DAY - TSgt. Billy Watts of the Dyess Aero Club takes a minute for a final talk with Mr. Jack Hughes, owner of Abilene Aviation Co., which leased the aero club offices at Abilene Municipal Airport. The club moved to the Dyess flight line last week. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

Riverside, Calif. We want to say now, how much we are enjoying the Merkel Mail and the new editor.

The George West, Texas, courthouse lawn holds a mounted Longhorn in a glass case. It is great West herd.

The University of Texas has a permanent fund which is increasing by approximately \$17 million a year.



children.

A new baby often requires adjustment on the part of older children in the family, too. Actually, it is normal for a young child to be jealous of a new baby in the home. A wise mother will find ways for the older child to help with baby care. By "helping," the child will be encouraged to show loving feelings toward the infant. Child care specialists tell us that every child develops at his own rate of speed, and that comparisons with other chil-

dren are not wise. So, in setting up your care and feeding schedules for the new baby, allow some room to be flexible so that both you and baby can adjust together.

new baby is a miracle of na-ture. When you are exhausted Changing and diapering can at a late feeding, discouraged by a row of bottles to be steribe a pleasant time for both of you, since it affords an opporlized or running still another load of diapers through the tunity for some cuddling, exer-cise and play. An older child washer, baby may seem like a could help, too, by fetching a fresh diaper. Mother, of course, lot of work. And he is. But the joy of helping that tiny infant rubs baby's diaper area with Vaseline petroleum jelly. Gengrow and develop is truly one of life's most satisfying experitle petroleum jelly, a baby care ences.

AFTER A WEEK OF HURRIED BREAKFASTS, almost everyone enjoys a leisurely Sunday brunch with time for "seconds" -and maybe "thirds" of coffee.

Make coffee by the potful, using Instant Sanka Coffee with its blend of superior coffee beans from the world's greatest plantations. Put about one-fourth cup of coffee in a pot, add a quart of boiling water and stir. Then cover and let stand over low heat for about five minutes to bring out the full rich flavor.

Start the brunch with grapefruit juice "old fashions", made with reconstituted quick-frozen grapefruit juice and crushed ice with a maraschino cherry for garnish. Serve a hot dish in a casserole or chafing dish, and pass Orange Glazed Muffins with the coffee. _

ORANGE GLAZED MUFFINS Packaged muffin mix Quick-frozen concentrated orange juice, thawed / Sugar cubes

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Prepare muffin mix as directed on package. Spoon batter into well-greased muffin tins. Then top each muffin with a cube of sugar which has been dipped into concentrated juice. Press sugar cubes down into the batter. Bake as directed on mix package. When done, muffins will have glaze on top.

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE and The Church Bell

"I don't need to advertise," an established merchant in Kansas once told William Allen White, renowned publisher of The Emporia Gazette. "Everybody knows me and knows what I sell."

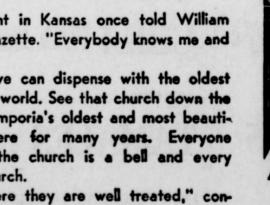
"In that event," replied the thoughtful publisher, "we can dispense with the oldest advertising medium for the oldest institution in the world. See that church down the street," continued Mr. White, pointing to one of Emporia's oldest and most beautiful structures, "That church has been established here for many years. Everyone knows what it is and what it does. In the tower of the church is a bell and every Sunday it rings out to remind folks to come to church.

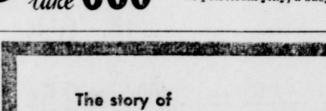
"Shoppers go where they are invited and stay where they are well treated," concluded the publisher.

> "Regardless of how well established a firm may be, newspaper advertising is a repeated invitation and a reminder to come and do business with that store."

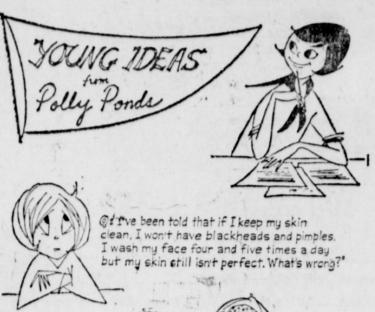


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A: Some skin problems stem from glandular over-activity ... and the most you can do to help yourself in this area is to eat well-bal-anced, regularly scheduled meals cut down on snacks-get at least eight hours sleep at night-and try not to worry, lose your temper or get over-excited.

On the surface, however, facewashing is only a partial answer. If you overdo this treatment you may be in danger of chap. ping or irritating the skin and actually making it more vulnerable than ever.

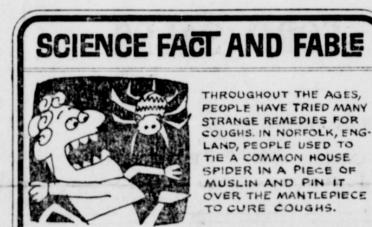


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. Three thorough soap-and-water washings plus a cream cleansing daily will keep you face spank-ing clean. If your skin is oily, use a greaseless Vanishing Cream. If normal, use Cold Cream.

For extra protection, wear a medicated pressed powder or cream make-up that's especially formulated to retard surface bacteria.

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Protect bamboo blinds from mildew with a thin coat of clear shellac.

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A GOLDEN BROWN TUR-KEY, beautifully served, and complete with cranberries, sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie, is one part of the Thanksgiving festivi-ties that none of us would want to miss-particularly the cook. A little act of carelessness in the kitchen, however, can ruin this wonderful feast for the chef who suffers a minor burn while the meal is being prepared. Try to concentrate on one chore at a time while you are cooking and your chances of accidental injury will be lessened. And follow this first aid tip for the treatment of mild burns that do occur. Hold the wound under cold running water until the pain stops; then apply Vaseline petroleum jelly and a bandage.

Pockets cut from discarded trousers make excellent dusting mitts.

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FULTON OURSLER TELLS FULTON OURSLER TELLS of a telephone operator who re-ceived daily requests for the time. One morning she asked the man why he called every day. He said, "It's my job to blow the whistle at noon, and I want to be sure when it's twelve o'clock." "That's strange," she replied, "but I set my clock by your whistle." We, too, can measure our lives by others who check with us-and everyone will maintain the same level in-definitely. Or we can strive for a true measure of life through wor-ship. This November the Religion In American Life program sponship. This November the Religion In American Life program spon-sors its fourteenth worship at-tendance program. The theme, "You can lift your life-worship this week," is our invitation to be present in God's House.

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To mend holes in glove fingers, you can make use of a lipstick case with a rounded end as a darning egg.

. Evening Drama



NOTHING ELSE THAT COSTS SO LITTLE MEANS SO MUCH TO SO MANY



IN SOME RURAL AREAS OF THE UNITED STATES, PEOPLE THOUGHT THEY COULD STOP COUGHING BY WALKING THREE TIMES AROUND THEIR HOUSE AT MIDNIGHT.

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season in this sparkling new long dress. The finishing fashion touch is Talon's Zephyr, the new all nylon coil zipper. Flexible and almost as delicate as a seam it gives this slim sheath a smooth line. It pulls itself out of a jam with a bend, a zip down and one up. When pressing simply set the iron at synthetic or use a press cloth over the zipper. It's Vogue pattern No. 5707.

The Muffled Look FM A GREAT FLUFF of European

blue fox collars this Lilli Ann suit in basketweave worsted. The collar, bowed with self-fabric, detaches-for an unmuffled look-to reveal a beautifully-cut V-neckline. The Sacket fastens invisibly and drops straight over a alim skirt. In lime green or black, about \$150. Newspapers are a universal product serving countless needs. Regardless of income, social standing or sex, political party or field of endeavor, men and women in every walk of life turn to the newspaper as their primary source of information about their community, their nation and the world. People in Merkel reach for the Merkel Mail ... and to each individual. the newspaper means many things. 1 + Summer and I to pressor.

The significance of newspapers to the public as a whole has no limits because each plays not only a vital but a versatile role in the lives of its readers. No other product in the world that costs so little means so much

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IN FEB. 1 CYCLE ... **338 Dyess Airmen Slated For Stripe Gain**

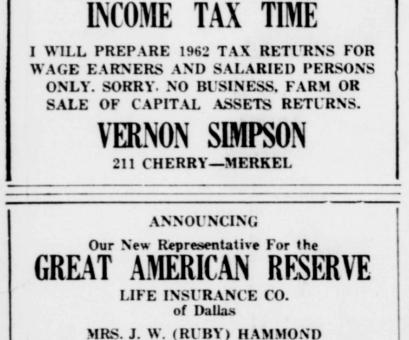
Washington (AFNS) -----Promotion quotas announced staff sergeant. this week by the Air Force reveal that some 44,000 airmen in three of the lower grades will panied the February quotas, a be eligible for hikes during the Feb. 1 cycle.

Dyess' special actions unit has disclosed that 33 promotions quotas to staff sergeant.84 to airman first class and 221 to airman second class have been received from higher headquart. The number shows no ers. great variance from the last promotion cycle.

Of the total quota of 44,394 set for airman second class, airman first class and staff sergeant grades, the greater number of eligibles will come from those being advanced to airman second class. The quota for promotion to this grade while 5,948 vacancies have been

OLIN CHRISTOPHER IS HOSPITALIZED

Olin Christopher, Merkel resident, was hopsitalized in the John Sealy Hospital in Galveston during the past week. Mr. Christopher has been 71 for the past few weeks and was removed to Galveston at the suggestion of Dr. Sadler, Mr. Christopher is an employe at the State would be activated at Dyess Hospital in Abilene



authorized for pror

promotion In the airman distribution list that accomtotal of 136 skills was listed. fied limations for any skill.

Airmen looking for promo tion to airman first class or staff sergeant will get an unex pected break with the removal of the Exceptionally Well Quali-Removal of EWQ limitations

several years ago. man first class total 16.454 Those to be promoted to airfor the February cycle marks the first time that the limits have been taken off since the in all commands is 21,992.

in his office this morning, Col.

Burl W. McLaughlin, comman-

der, 64th Troop Carrier Wing,

officially announced that the

516th Troop Carrier Wing

AFB Jan. 8, 1963, replacing



CREW OF THE MONTH - The 64th Troop Carrier Wing Crew of the Month has been announced. Commanded by Capt. George J. Young, Jr., Crew E-003 includes (seated) Capt. Richard A. Pearson, Captain Young: (standing, left to right), SSgt. M. A. Ashcraft, SSgt. J. F. Mitchell, and 1st Lt. J. J. Clayton. Captain Young's crew was selected in November for the first Special Weapons delivery mission to be performd by the 64th, and accomplished the job "in a very professional manner," according to Lt. Col. Guy E. Ridgway, Commander of the 17th Troop Carrier Squadron. It was Colonel Ridgway's nomination which brought the award for Crew E-003. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

516th TCW Will Activate Jan. 8

At a press conference held the 64th Troop Carrier Wing strength to approximately which will be simultaneously inactivated.

> The 516th will provide airlift capability for the Tactical Air Command in discharging its limited war responsibilities. The newly activated wing will be assigned to Tactical Air Command's Twelfth Air Force, planning stage. headquarters of which is located at Waco, Texas.

Colonel McLaughlin, who will assume command of the 516th during activation ceremonies on Jan. 8, also disclosed that a third tactical unit, the 345th Troop Carrier Squadron, will be activated and assigned to the wing Jan. 8. The 345th joins the 17th Troop Carrier Squadron, whose primary mission is the suport of distant early warning radar sites in the bleak arctic regions of Greenland, and the 18th Troop Carrier Squadron, which will celebrate its first annivtrsary on the day the 516th is activated. The 17th and 18th Squadrons will be assigned to the new wing along with the 345th. The re-

1,800 personnel with an increase in annual payroll to eight million dollars. Additionally, the expansion of the Tactical Air Command mission

at Dyess will require increased base facilities, many of which are presently in the In his closing remarks,

Colonel McLaughlin paid tribute to the citizens of Abilene and surrounding communities for their interest in and support of military activities of the 64th Troop Carrier Wing. He expressed his sincere hope that the high standard of community-military relations would continue during the years of mutual growth ahead. More detailed information

regarding the men and equipment of the soon-to-be activated wing is expected in the next ten days. Additionally, Colonel McLaughlin is scheduled to appear on the local television stations today to personally announce the activation for the city-wide audience.

Joint HD Clubs Hold Yule Party

The Home Demonstration Clubs hristmas party in Pioneer Memorial Fellowship Hall with Blueonnet Club as hostess, Mrs. R. E. Clemmer Jr., Bluebonnet Club president, greeted guests.

Christmas Carols with Mrs. Ken- from a lovely silver tree with neth Ray at the piano, Mrs. Eldon Landers, recreation chairman of council, was in charge of the program and recreation. Parts were given by Miss Loreta Tation County met for a Allen, County Agent, Mrs. Landers and other. Pleasant Hill registered guests and numbered Christmas candle, cedar and gifts for exchange.

The Fellowship Hall was gaily Mrs. Edgar Holly, council decorated in red, silver and chairman led group singing of greenery. Gifts were distributed Bluebonnet Club members,

silver and red decorations.

Refreshments of party sandwiches and cookies were served from the table of red satin cloth with tiers of red net caught up with silver Christmas balls. The table was centered with a large silver balls. Mrs. Holly served coffee from the silver service.

Good byes were said by the

"WHERE YOU ALWAYS SAVE"

62	FORD ½-TON PICKUP — Long wheel base, 6 cylinder, Custom cab, bumper and grill guard. LIKE NEW	\$1598
59	FORD 34-TON PICKUP — Wide box, 4-speed transmis- sion, V-8. READY TO USE	\$988
59	CHEVROLET 1/2-TO PICKUP — Long Wheel base, six cylinder. EXTRA NICE	\$988
59	INTERNATIONAL ³ / ₄ -TON PICKUP — 6 cylinder. 4- speed transmission. LOCAL OWNER	\$988
58	FORD ½-TON PICKUP — V-8, 4 speed transmission. READY TO WORK	\$888
57	FORD RANCHERO Extra Nice	\$777
57	FORD ½-TON PICKUP — 6 cylinder, custom cab and lots of extras. NOW ONLY	\$727
57	FORD ¾-TON PICKUP — V-8, Excellent tires. ONLY	\$499
55	CHEVROLET 1/2-TON PICKUP — Late series. WANTS TO WORK	\$422
55	CHEVROLET 1/2-TON PICKUP — Early series. NOW ONLY	\$398
54	CHEVROLET ½-TON PICKUP . EXTRA NICE ONE	\$393
47	STUDEBAKER ½-TON PICKUP. GOOD FISHING WAGON	\$88

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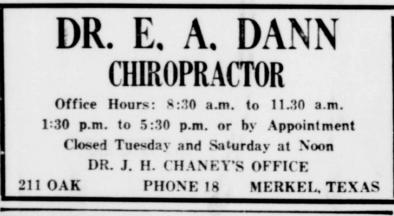
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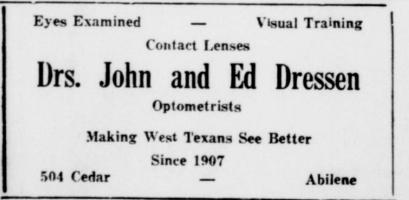
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ganizational Maintenance Sq. the 516th Field Maintenance Squadron, the 1st Aerial Port Squadron, and the 516th Headquarters Squadron. Colonel McLaughlin also re-

maining squadrons in the wing will be the 516th Or-

vealed that the 345th Troop Carrier Squadron will be equipped with the C-130E model, the newest and most improved version of the huge jet prop transport. The C-130E built by Lockheed Corporation, has improved performance characteristics over the A and D models now being used by the wing, has considerably greater range and is capable of carrying a 22,000 pound load 4,000 miles. Delivery of the first "E" model to Dyess is expected in the near future.

The relationship to the 516th Troop Carrier Wing activation to Abilene was pointed out by Colonel McLaughlin in terms of personnel and payroll growth. Starting in February 1961, the present troop carrier wing has grown to a current strength of over 1,000 personnel with an approximate annual payroll of five million dollars. In less than a year, Abilenians will see the 516th Troop Carrier Wing increase its activation

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