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The Little Mail

By E. S. CHASTAIN

THIS STORY is about a little boy just two years old. His daddy drives a Volkswagen and they were visiting with grandma on New Year's day.

From youth and the young springs eternal ambition, and one of the first hankering they get is to learn to drive an automobile.

Even this little feller, at his tender age, probably said to himself: "Guess I'll just get in that Volkswagen and take a ride." So, in he climbs, cranks it up and took off down the street until a tree got in his way and he came to an abrupt stop. The little fellow wasn't hurt but it sure took about \$150 to repair the car.

Ray Wilson, grandfather of the little boy told us this story. His name is Monty Meel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Meel. Ben is a Highway Patrolman out of the Abilene district and they were visiting at the Ray Wilson home on New Year's day. Ray said he was going to ask Ben how old one had to be to get a DWL (driving without a license) ticket.

NOT LONG AGO one of the teachers at the school asked at the office for a roll of newsprint. At the time we didn't have one on hand, but we do now. You may call for it at any time.

WET TRACK — Little Boy: "Bet you don't win the race, mister."

Jockey: "What makes you so sure?"

Little Boy: "Cause your horse just lost all his gasoline."

DROUTH STORY: Two West Texans sat glumly staring into the sunlit, parched space. Said one farmer: "If it doesn't rain pretty soon, looks like I'm gonna have to rob a bank." Said his neighbor, thinking of the money he had borrowed against his future crop: "If it doesn't rain pretty soon, looks like I've already robbed one."

May we ask that you cheer with us a little longer in regard to our subscription and circulation list? Past records were in pretty bad shape and we are putting in every minute we can spare to bring them up to date. If you have not been getting your paper, please call at the office or phone us. It will help considerably to know your proper address.

A FEW DAYS AGO a lady came in to renew her subscription to the Merkel Mail. The conversation drifted to the annexation of Wylie by the City of Abilene. This lady said: "Don't you ever let them annex Merkel." When we said that we did not think that was probable, she added: "Well I don't know, they have a lot of power over there, but really, I think they are spreading it out a little too thin."

We are doing some remodeling here at the Merkel Mail and after moving a "fixture" sitting against a wall, we notice where the keeper of accounts had used the unpainted wall as a place to record payments on account. Seems this old boy, (the date was about 30 years ago) had sold a typewriter and was entering the date of payments on the wall. When the payments reached a total of \$40 it was marked with this notation — "PAID IN FULL, by gum." Those were the lean days.

Texas State Historical Survey Committee, which consists of over 2500 members in the 245 counties will meet on Jan. 19 to kick off the year's work of historical preservation and marking in the counties. We are thinking surely there is something in the Merkel area that is worthy of the distinction from a historical standpoint that deserves recognition. If anyone has an idea on this, lets call it to the attention of the committee.

BIG D BARGAIN — Early Texas real estate transactions were not fabulous. For instance, in 1857 John Neely Bryan sold the site of downtown Dallas for \$7,000.

F.S. My insomnia is getting worse and worse. No I can't even sleep when it's time to get up.

Ray Holmes, Phillips, Ray Jack Holmes, Amarillo, and Joe Holmes of Tucson, Ariz., visited this week with their sister, Mrs. Florence Berry and with Mrs. J. J. Russell during her illness.

BADGER AWARDS BANQUET SET

Plans for the annual Badger Awards Banquet call for the kickoff of ticket sales this week.

Committee members were named at a special meeting Tuesday night and the announcement made that Coach Chenna Gilstrap, top-notch speaker and head mentor of Arlington State College, will be the speaker.

The banquet will be Thursday, Jan. 24, at 8 p.m. at the High School Cafeteria. Admission is \$1.50 per person. Tickets may be bought from any member of the Merkel Booster Club, at Wilson's Food Store, Merkel Drug or Carson's Super Market.

Committees named included: Speaker, Loyd Robertson, Robert Higgins; arrangements, Howard Carson, Bob Hook, Billy D. Doan, Joe Doan, George English; food, Herman Carson, Peck Eager, D. Whisenant; gifts, Ar-

Up The Canyon

By TOM RUSSOM

Well, winter is moving in, however, we have not had any severe cold as yet in our area.

The lamb market opened again up the Canyon this week. Some 1,000 to 1,200 head of lambs went to a Coke County sheep buyer and rancher, Mr. F. E. Modgling of Bronte.

The sellers were Sam Butman, Maurice Johnson and Frank Brnovak, all Canyon stockmen.

The lambs averaged around \$12 per head. With the cattle market getting so high, some of the stockmen who need more stock are getting back into the sheep market, and buying more mother sheep. However, sheep and good ewes are high again and hard to find.

Some herds are beginning to lamb and real cold weather would be hard on them.

B. B. Reynolds, a former resident of the Canyon and who now lives in New Mexico is here this week attending to business. He said they had had some real cold weather in that area.

Joe Seymore, who has recently returned from Morton, reports the cotton was real fine there. Joe has always had a little plains fever, and he said it went up a little while he was there.

We have the best 4-H Club out here in the Canyon. Just organized and going fine. The attendance of both parents and members is good.

We are proud that Mary Johnson of our community placed her lamb in the Odessa Show. It placed 10th in the show and sold for \$137.00.

Plans will be under way soon to repair and do some other work on our Community Center. It is the home of Canyon 4-H boys and girls. The parents in the community will do the work.

Tom Russom made a business trip Saturday to Big Spring. He had dinner in the home of his brother in law, J. B. Sloan and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gray.

Mr. Sloan reads our column every week in the Merkel Mail and says he likes it.

Bryan Bradbury, Abilene attorney, told this writer he sure enjoys reading Up The Canyon that Tom's wife writes. We had a big laugh over it. Bryan is a longtime reader of the Merkel Mail.

The attendance at Pioneer Church was up last Sunday.

Tommy and Joseph Swinney, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney, have been promoted to corporal in the U.S. Marines.

Mrs. Griffith, 44, Rites at Odessa

Mrs. W. A. Griffith, 44, former Jones County resident, died Saturday night of leukemia, following a nine-month illness.

Funeral was held in Odessa Monday at 10 a.m. in the Hubbard Funeral Chapel, with burial in the Rose Hill Cemetery at Merkel beside the graves of her parents.

Born July 13, 1918 in Albany, she married William Alfred Griffith July 12, 1937 in Anson.

Survivors include her husband; one son, John Lawson, 14, of the home; a brother, John Malone of Denver City; one half-brother, Earl Moore of Illinois.

Toombs Family Reunion Held

It was a happy reunion at the Will Toombs home on January 1, when fifteen members of the Toombs family gathered for a New Year's dinner.

Members of the family attending from Abilene were Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Toombs, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Toombs, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Anderson, Mrs. Sal-lye Angus, Mr. Joe Toombs, Mrs. Jewel Haskins and Mr. H. H. Toombs.

Other members from Merkel were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs, Mrs. Myrtle Boden, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs, Mrs. E. Walton, another member of the family was unable to attend.

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR TO ADDRESS MERKEL LIONS

Jim M. Cherry, a director of Lions International from Columbia, S.C., will be the principal speaker at the Ladies' night, anniversary of the Merkel Lions Club.

The special anniversary dinner will be held at the high school cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 25.

Program chairman for the

Merkel Chamber In Membership Campaign

Many people ask, and some do not fully understand just what is a chamber of commerce.

Basically, it is the business community at work as the central agency for community development for business, industry, the professions and all civic interests — doing jobs that no individual can do alone — rendering many services that benefit all citizens.

With this thought in mind the Merkel Chamber of Commerce is now participating in a membership drive and is headed by competent chairman, Mr. J. W. Hammond. When he or any of his committeemen call for your membership, please keep in mind the foregoing paragraph. Your participation will mean the success of better things to come for our community. Not only does it require membership participation, but the help of all citizens.

The chamber wishes to call to the attention of all members to get their election cards mailed in as Saturday is the last day to vote for the three new directors.

The last auction day will be held on Saturday in Merkel which will give everyone a chance to clean up on their script money.

The chamber has again been invited to sponsor a candidate to the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show, anyone interested should call on Mrs. Hargrove at the chamber office.

The chamber wishes at this time to thank the West Texas Utilities Co., Taylor Electric Co-operative, Merkel Telephone Co., and the Taylor Telephone Co-operative for helping to put up and take down the Christmas decorations. And to the many individuals for their help and participation in the Christmas parade.

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BOOK HONORS MERKELITE

An outstanding woman of Merkel, Mrs. Homer Patterson, has been recognized for her contributions to the progress and history of Texas by being listed in Texas Women of Distinction, a publication edited by Ina May McAdams.

The book lists a biographical sketch for each biographee and includes organizations in which each holds membership, as well as genealogical and immediate family information. Biographees include women who represent leadership in the professions, finance, business, agriculture, politics, religion, education and culture.

The purpose of the publishers of Texas Women of Distinction is to provide to the researcher or historian material which will verify the positions and accomplishments by the women of Texas.

Each generation is a link in

evening is Fred Starbuck, assisted by Isadore Mellinger and Dave Brumbeau.

On the menu committee is Booth Warren, Ray Wilson and M. E. Welch.

The attendance committee consists of Herman Carson, C. H. Collingsworth and W. M. Durham.

Members of the arrangements committee are Mack Fisher, J. W. Hammond and Horace Hargrove.

Lion President Onis Crawford said Pete Shottwell District 2 E-I governor will be guest of honor at the program along with other district Lions from Abilene and throughout the area as a district meeting also is being held in Abilene that week end.

Jim Cherry was elected a director of Lions International at the annual convention held in Atlantic City, June, 1961.

Lion Cherry served as president of both the McCormick and Columbia Lions Clubs. He held the offices of Zone Chairman and Governor of District 32-C, during which time he received 100 per cent District Governor's award and an Extension award. Director Cherry is a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the South Carolina Eye Bank.

Born in Sumter, South Caro-

CEMETERY FUND

The following persons have made contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Association fund: Wm. R. Cyper in memory of Homer Patterson

Mrs. L. M. Touchstone in memory of Mrs. Sam Mashburn, Mr. Aaron Horton and Homer Patterson

Mrs. C. K. Russell and Mary Jo and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson in memory of Homer Patterson

Mrs. W. E. Petty (Sweetwater) in memory of Alfred D. Skillern

E. L. Berry in memory of Jennie Berry and Mrs. James Patterson

V. D. Jones, Bagwell, Texas Mrs. Maude H. Bryan, Trent Mrs. Odell Freeman in memory of Mrs. L. C. Murray

E. C. Hughes, Dallas, Herman Hughes, Anson Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Simpson in memory of A. T. Sheppard

Luna Johnston, Santo E. Doyle Garrett, Waco.



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the vast chain which stretches from the past to the future. The

Livestock Program Slated Saturday

The annual Merkel Livestock Show will be held Saturday, Jan. 12, at the FHA Barn, west of the High School.

Entries for the local show will include: Approximately 10 heavy wt. steers.

Approximately 10 light weight steers.

Thirty lambs, including South-down, Hampshire, fine wool and

cross bred.

Eight to ten swine will be shown.

Any FFA boy or 4-H member in the Merkel School District is eligible to show.

Judging will begin at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Freddy Stewart, livestockman and sheep breeder of Roby, will serve as judge.

Three boys from the Merkel Vocational Agriculture Department entered steers in the Sand Hill Quarter Horse and Hereford Show in Odessa.

Bob Benson, Danny Malone and Bill Holloway showed his type Hereford steer to win first

Mrs. J. J. Russell, Merkel, Dies

Mrs. J. J. Russell, 83, died at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the home of a daughter, Mrs. C. M. Hughes, south of here.

Services were held at Grace Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m. with burial at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Sarah Ann Winter, Oct. 22, 1879, in Whitney, Tex., she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam Winter of the Hodges community.

She was married to John J. Russell Dec. 20, 1896. He died Feb. 14, 1937.

Mrs. Russell was a member of the Grace Presbyterian Church here, and had been a member longer than any of the present membership of the congregation. She affiliated with the church in 1900 and was active in the church's activities as long as health permitted.

In 1908 a father and three motherless children moved into her neighborhood. Mrs. Russell assisted with the care and rearing of Roy and Joe Holmes and Mrs. Florence Berry.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. C. M. Hughes and Mrs. James H. West of Merkel; one son, J. J. Russell Jr. of Wichita Falls; three sisters, Mrs. Arthur Sears and Mrs. Ernest Rogers of Abilene, and Mrs. A. W. Hampton of Ballinger; two brothers, S. J. (Lit) Winter of Abilene, and J. L. (Jinks) Winter of Greenville; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two great - great - grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

CHASTAIN NAMED MERKEL EDITOR

E. S. Chastain, former editor and publisher of the Dell Valley Review, Dell City, has been named editor of the Merkel Mail.

Mr. Chastain was publisher, announced here today.

Prior to his acceptance as editor of the Merkel Mail, Chastain has maintained close relationship to the newspaper profession. In addition to his many years as a working newsman and editing the Dell Valley Review, Chastain was a news staff-

er on the Eddy County News, a Carlsbad, N.M., publication, news correspondent and feature writer for the El Paso Times and El Paso Herald Post and served as advertising manager for the Drill Bit, an oil publication in Odessa.

His civic endeavors include active work with the many funds, chamber of commerce, and is a charter member of the Lions Club since 1948.

Chastain is married to the former Jessie Zieke of Rock Port, Missouri. They have two married children, a daughter, Mrs. Virgil Spiers, Wichita Falls, a son, Robert, of Lincoln, Neb. The Chastains are members of the Methodist Church.

Austin Student Preaches Here

Harry Albert Osborne, student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, was the guest pastor at the Merkel Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Jan. 6.

Mr. Osborne received a bachelor of arts degree from Duke University in 1959. He was commanding officer of the Salvation Army for Orange, for two years prior to entering the seminary.

He is married to the former Karol Ann Howarth of Elmere, N.Y. They have two children. Mr. Osborne has his membership in the Covenant Presbyterian Church.

place in the heavy weight division.

The Merkel boys are getting ready for the Merkel Show Saturday and then show in Abilene the following week.

4-H Club Hears Parliamentary Lecture

Members of the Merkel 4-H Club received a talk on the eight steps in making and carrying a motion and on how the 4-H Emblem came into use.

Mrs. Verdean Dobkins gave a lecture on parliamentary procedure and the history of the emblem.

The meeting at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building was called to order by vice president Terry Wozencraft in the absence of the president, Finley Barnette.

Christie Lucas called the roll in the place of Gary Smith, who is secretary.

There were ten parents present. The American pledge was given by Mignon Crawford.

The 4-H motto was given by Shirley Sandusky.

Games and recreation were led by Pat Moore and Barbara Higgins.

Gardeners Meet In Hicks Home

The Merkel Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. Robert Hicks on Jan. 3 to discuss "Pleasure In Growing New Plants."

After a short business meeting the planting of trees on the Primary School grounds on Arbor Day was discussed by members.

A symposium composed of Mrs. Jarrett Williams, Mrs. Dale Litton, and Mrs. Odell Freeman, made very interesting and informative talks on the "Culture of New Plants." Plants discussed were annuals, perennials and shrubs.

The resignation of Mrs. Carroll Benson was accepted with regret.

Mrs. Jarrett Williams and Miss Christine Collins will sponsor the Gay Gardeners.

A survey made by members present showed that they had planted 43 trees, 69 shrubs and 68 roses this year. Many of these were plants that members had not planted before.

Members exchanged plants at Christmas and 18 Christmas trees were sent to the Starr Nursing Home. Eighteen members were present.

Mrs. Hargrove To Head MOD Drive

Mrs. Horace Hargrove has been named local chairman of the March of Dimes Drive, County Chairman, Garnett Gracey announced today.

A number of activities are planned here to help raise funds for the March of Dimes. Mrs. Hargrove said.

Current plans include at least four major fund raising projects she said. Major plans include a Mothers March, placing collection boxes in business places, benefit game night, which will include bridge, 42 and 84 and Teen-Age participation.

The Merkel Jaycee-ettes with Jan Hodgin as president will be in charge of the Mothers March.

Teen Age participation in the MOD will be under the leadership of Linda Denton.

Date and time of the projects to begin will be announced at a later date in the Merkel Mail.

Mrs. E. W. King and Mrs. Ada Higgins spent the Christmas holidays in Detroit, Detroit and Paris, Tex. Mrs. King visited with relatives and friends in Paris and Detroit, while Mrs. Higgins visited with her daughter in Detroit and her son in Atlanta, Tex. On the return trip, they spent New Year's day with Mrs. King's sister in law, Mrs. Bertha Still and her daughter's family. Mr. and Mrs. James Smith. Much bad weather was reported.

NCO Meeting To Select New Board of Governors

A general meeting of the NCO Open Mess membership will be held at 3 p.m. Jan. 10 in the base theater for the purpose of electing seven members to the Board of Governors to serve until January 1964.

by each organization and no nominations will be taken from the floor.

The meeting will last approximately one hour, but polls will be open until 7 p.m. for those who are on duty and cannot attend the meeting. Current club cards must be pre-

Nominations have been made

sent to receive a ballot. Listed as nominees are:

CMSgt. Ira J. Borrows, SM-Sgt. Atha A. Hill, master sergeants Robert T. Austin, Jess Hopsen Jr., Theodore T. Tomasko, Wayne H. Nitzel, John Sawchak and Bernard McEnchren; technical sergeants Donald E. Fox, Charles D. Schaefer, Harold L. Sonney, Alton R. Gentry, J. A. Castillo, Archie M. Johnson and Floyd L. Dodson; and staff sergeants Jack Collins and Cary J. Chaffin.

Alice Couple Exchange Vows

Miss Barbara Jean Cornelius and Joseph Wayne Hendricks exchanged wedding vows in a double ring ceremony at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alice recently in a chancel setting of white gladiolas and greenery with the Rev. A. H. Bohls officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curt Cornelius and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hendricks, all of Agua Dulce. The groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hogan, of Merkel.

The bride wore a broaded satin suit designed with elegant simplicity. A matching diminutive tulle bow caught her short illusion veil. She carried a bouquet of cascading white roses caught with illusion and brilliants.

The bride's sister, Mrs. Dale Eurns of Kingsville, was her only attendant. The matron of honor wore a suit of emerald green silk and carried a bouquet of white gladiolas.

The groom's brother, Finis Hendricks, was best man.

Ushers were Scott and Wayne Cornelius, brothers of the bride, Tommie Jean Harris and Donald and Donald Wayne Johnson.

Sue Cornelius, sister of the bride registered the guests.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dietz.

Members of the houseparty were: Mrs. Tommy Harris, Mrs. Ed. Kronke, Mrs. Frank Hoelscher, Mrs. Donald Johnson, Mrs. Douglas Cornelius, Mrs. Bill Burns of Kingsville, Mrs. E. A. Kronke of McAllen and Miss Ruth Kronke of Santa Fe, N.M.

The couple are graduates of Agua Dulce High School. The bride graduated from Herman Hospital of Nursing in Houston. The groom attends Texas A&I College in Kingsville.

After a wedding trip to Monterrey, Mexico, the couple will be at home in Agua Dulce.

Tom Thumb's real name was Charles Sherwood Stratton.



5 YEARS SERVICE — Mrs. Robert Fowler, left, receives a 5-year Red Cross Volunteer pin from Lt. Col. Louise Dittmar, chief nurse, Dyess hospital. Mrs. Barney Cloudis, volunteer nurses aid chairman looks on. Mrs. Fowler has devoted 5 years of volunteer time while at various Air Force bases. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

Arctic Mercy Flight Performed by 64th Crew

Five hundred miles from the North Pole at an isolated weather station in Greenland where temperatures average 35 degrees below zero and it is dark 24 hours a day at this time of the year, a Danish citizen employed at the Nord weather station fought to stay alive earlier this month. His critical condition prompted a call for help to Thule Air Base on the west coast of Greenland, the support base for the station at Nord.

Officials at Thule were unable to find an aircraft capable of making the 1500 mile round trip, so an SOS was sent

to Tactical Air Command. Soon thereafter a C-130 ski-equipped aircraft roared into the air from Sondrestrom Air Base, south of Thule on the east coast of Greenland. The C-130 crew, commanded by Capt. Ralph W. Carboneau from the 17th Troop Carrier Squadron at Dyess Air Force Base, had been performing routine support flight to isolated radar sites as part of their normal and continuing arctic mission.

Col. Burl W. McLaughlin, commander of the 64th Troop Carrier Wing at Dyess, who made public the details of this

mercy flight, reported that the aircraft stopped at Thule Air Base only long enough to take on board a doctor, several medical technicians, and an additional crew member familiar with the area. The big jet prop transport was soon winging northward to the top of the world on its humanitarian errand.

Arriving at Nord, the doctor quickly diagnosed the condition of his patient, Mr. Ole Korsgaard, as critical — immediate evacuation to Thule was imperative.

Within minutes the patient was high in the dark sky of our northernmost frontiers. While the crew pressed on to Thule, the doctor and his technician applied all of their medical knowledge to keep the Dane alive.

Ten and a half hours after the initial call for help was received, Capt. Carboneau settled his aircraft onto the icy runways of Thule Air Base. The patient was rushed to the hospital, operated on for acute appendicitis, and is now reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

Capt. Carboneau and his crew returned to Dyess last week in time to enjoy Christmas at home. But of all the presents the crew might have exchanged in Texas, the humanitarian gift to Mr. Ole undoubtedly one of the finest Korsgaard of Denmark was presents of all.

Ginger Rogers won a Charlston contest in Fort Worth, and thereby entered upon the career that led to movie stardom.

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NOTICE
Burl King, tax-assessor and collector, will have a representative at the Trent Home State Bank to assist with taxes on January 15. Tax representative will also be in Merkel at the City Hall on January 16 and 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Remember — get your poll tax receipt now. Deadline is January 31.

WANTED — Garden and small tracts to plow. Have good garden plow. Call or see Oscar McLean at 506 Ash, Merkel. 44 2tp

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FOR RENT—Good late model typewriters. Tel. 246-M after 5 p.m. 25-tfc

FOR RENT — Two bedroom furnished apartment with bills paid. No pets. Inquire at 405 Kent or phone 406-W. 40 tfc

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CARD OF THANKS

OUR HEARTS OVERFLOW with sincere appreciation for all who expressed their love and sympathy in so many comforting ways during our recent sorrow. We are deeply grateful to all of you.
Mrs. Homer Patterson
Jack Patterson Family
The Kemp Hinch Family
His Brothers and Sister.

Mrs. Clemmer Hosts HD Club

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club met January 3 in the home of Mrs. R. E. Clemmer. Mrs. Clemmer's daughter, Teresa, was assistant hostess. Miss Loretta Allen, home demonstration agent, brought the study on "The Necessity of the Home Business Center," with interesting information, pictures and plans to eleven members and two visitors.

Members present were Mrs. Tom Russom, Mrs. Sam Butman, Mrs. Jewel McLean, Mrs. A. L. Farmer, Mrs. Allen King, Mrs. Frank Demere, Mrs. Stanley Toombs, Mrs. Frank Brnovak, Mrs. Maurice Johnson, Mrs. Charles Mignery and Mrs. Clemmer. Visitors were Teresa Clemmer and Mrs. Ernest Meek. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 15 with Mrs. Allen D. King.

LEGAL NOTICE

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on the 8th day of January, 1963, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. 40 4tc

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Margaret Clancy, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 4th day of February A.D. 1962, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 2nd day of November A.D. 1962, in this cause numbered 27,611-A on the docket of said court and styled John H. Clancy, Plaintiff vs. Margaret Clancy, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about the 12th day of July, 1959 and became permanently separated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 17th day of December A.D. 1962.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy
42-tc

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION TO: Jacob Lester Owens, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd Dist. Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 28th day of January A.D. 1963, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 6th day of November A.D. 1962, in this cause, numbered 27,628-A on the docket of said court and styled Melba Jean Owens, Plaintiff, vs. Jacob Lester Owens, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

Plaintiff and defendant were duly and legally married on or about November 27, 1958, in Knoxville, Tennessee and lived together as husband and wife until on or about February 18, 1960, at which time she became permanently separated from the defendant and has since not lived with him as wife, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 10th day of Dec. A.D. 1962.

(Seal)
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By Gracie Jenkins, Deputy
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Mr. and Mrs. Ben Adkins To Observe Fiftieth Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Adkins are celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, Jan. 13, in the home of their daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Smith. The Smiths reside five miles south of Anson. Friends are invited to call between the hours of 2 and 5 in the afternoon.

The open house is being hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Adkin's chil-

dren and their husbands and wives. They are Mr. and Mrs. Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnson, Pampa; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Adkins, Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Adkins, Pasadena; and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cozart, Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Adkins were married Jan. 11, 1913, in Jones County. They have lived in this area since their wedding. Mrs.

Adkins is the former Eva Lee Lucas.

They have nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. David Tarpley were Mr. and Mrs. Odell Andees and children, Steve and Darrel Zane of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Criswell of Plainview visited in the home of her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. V. Garner on Saturday.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hallmark home for the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bagswell of Arlington, California.

Observes 75th Birthday

A surprise birthday party was given for Mrs. W. T. Howard on her 75th birthday on January 6, at her home in Merkel. Over thirty-five guests, relatives and friends piled many lovely gifts on the gift table.

Atteline and Madaline Gregory were hostesses who received and registered guests as they arrived. Refreshment of punch and cake were served by the hostesses.

Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Alexander, the Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Kingsfather, the Rev. and Mrs. A. D.

Light, the Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Earp, all of Abilene. The Rev. and Mrs. John Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kinsey, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cypert, Mr. and Mrs. Odis Davies, Mr. and Mrs. George Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Horton, Mrs. J. B. McDonald, Mrs. Roy Mosier, Mrs. John Wheeler, Mrs. Howard Beard, Mrs. M. W. Smith, Robert Smith, Misses Atteline, Madilene and Audrey Gregory, and Orville Smith.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse and Mrs. R. C. Bailey on New Year's Day were Mrs. Shouse's brothers and their families: Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Bailey of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Bailey, Mrs. Edgar Lynch and Barbara Lynch, all of Grand Prairie.

Letter to Editor

Dear Editor:
The Fortnightly Study Club voted unanimously to write a "letter to the editor" stating their appreciation for such an outstanding Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

The interest, and hours of work combined, we are sure, are factors that made this parade such a successful one.

Our thanks go to the Chamber of Commerce and to all the citizens who contributed so much to this parade.

Sincerely,
Mrs. W. R. Cypert,
Corresponding Secretary
Fortnightly Study Club

Baptist WMS Circle Meets

Aletha Fuller Circle WMS of First Baptist Church met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Buster Heston for the regular circle and business program. Prayer calendar and prayer Business was conducted by Mrs. Howard Carson, circle chairman.

Mission study books were assigned and refreshments were served to the following: Mmes Claude Warren, Onis Crawford, Homer Finch, Vaughn Doan, Bill Hayes, George D. McConnell, Mary Mossier, William Boyington and the hostess.

Christmas DOLLAR DAY SAVINGS

ALL DOLLAR DAY PURCHASES MUST BE FOR CASH

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Our final clearance on all dress slacks — woollens, wool blends, dacrons, and rayons. Pleated and plain fronts.

WERE	NOW
\$ 6.95	\$4.64
7.95	5.30
8.95	5.97
10.95	7.30
12.95	8.64
14.95	9.97

(Alterations extra at sale prices)

MEN'S SPORT SHIRTS

Every one must go at this final clearance, including broadcloths and knits. All sizes, styles and colors.

WERE	NOW
\$2.98	\$1.99
3.50	2.35
3.95	2.65
4.95	3.30

MEN'S AND BOYS' JACKETS

Every one priced to move immediately — some woollens, DOE-LON, Rayon and others. Practically all sizes in some jackets in stock.

1-3 OFF

MEN'S WARM PAJAMAS

Still a nice selection to choose from for those cold nights ahead. Choice of Thermal knits and fleecy flannels.

\$2.98 Each

MEN'S DRESS GLOVES

All by "Stetson." Soft, pliable, leather — either fur-lined, silk lined, cloth lined, or unlined. All sizes.

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Compare this quality elsewhere at 75c per pair.

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Heavy and medium weight knits for real service.

3 Pairs \$1.00

BOYS' JEANS

Nice weight, tight fitting, and sanforized by "LONGHORN."

Sizes 12 to 16 \$1.98

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MARK JANUARY 15TH ON YOUR CALENDAR. THAT'S MELLINGER'S ANNUAL AFTER - INVENTORY AND JANUARY CLEARANCE DOLLAR DAY. MOST ALL PRICES SLASHED BELOW COST. THERE'S BARGAINS GALORE IN EVERY DEPARTMENT. SHOP EARLY FOR BEST SELECTIONS.

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GROUP I

Boys' black smooth leather Wellington Boots by "ACME." Sizes small size 8 to big boys' size 5. Compare at \$9.95.

\$5.99 Pair

GROUP II

Every pair of Men's Cowboy Boots by "ACME." Many colors and styles. All sizes.

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GROUP III

One big lot of Men's quality tan color lace Oxfords, values to \$9.95. A real value.

\$5.95 Pair

GROUP IV

Ladies' smooth leather Loafers in black and brown. All sizes and widths.

\$3.99 Pair

GROUP V

Little girls and bigger girls sizes in Nylon Velvet shoes. Available in lace Oxfords and strap styles.

WERE NOW
\$3.95 \$2.98
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GROUP VI

Ladies' smooth leather "flats," casuals and dress slippers, in choice of black and brown. This season's styles. Broken sizes but real values.

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Every pair of ladies' Suede slippers in stock — dress, heels, casuals and flats. Broken sizes.

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to a Lady: Matchless Mona Lisa

THE MOST famous painting in the world is a small portrait 30 inches high and 21 inches wide. You don't have to be an art lover to recognize it. We all grow up with Leonardo DaVinci's Mona Lisa in one way or another. And now the lady is visiting us, to be displayed at the National Gallery of Art in Washington and after that at New York's Metropolitan Museum.

It's more, much more than an event for just the art world, this unprecedented gesture by President Charles de Gaulle and the French Cabinet. In President Kennedy's words, "This incomparable masterpiece, the work of one of the greatest figures of the greatest Western age of creativity, will come to this country as a reminder of the friendship that exists between France and the United States. It will also come as a reminder of the universal nature of art."

The mysterious smile of this Florentine lady has haunted and baffled millions the world over. One explanation is that Mona Lisa del Giocondo had bad teeth and sought to conceal them; at any rate her husband, who had commissioned the portrait, never owned it. Leonardo worked on it for four years, probably between 1503 and 1507, finally taking it with him to France where he sold it for 4,000 gold ducats. Today the painting is priceless.

Mona Lisa through the centuries has had a romantic and exciting history. Napoleon Bonaparte kept her in his bedroom when he was emperor. She was stolen in 1911 by an Italian who thought she rightfully belonged to Italy. He took her home and hid her in a trunk where she was found two years later. During WWII she was removed from the Louvre and hidden when the Germans overran France.

She is a welcome visitor to our shores, this matchless lady, and she well deserves the reception she will get from the President, members of Congress, and the hundreds of thousands of the admiring and the curious who flock to see her during her stay. (AFPS)



FIRST — Audibly announcing her arrival as the first Abilene baby of 1963 is Charlene Jo Klotz, daughter of SP5 and Mrs. Sammy Klotz, as she is presented to her mother at the Dyess hospital. Specialist Klotz is with the 5th Missile Battalion headquartered at Dyess. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

Defense Move Cancels Controversial Skybolt

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Department of Defense said recently that the successful test of the Skybolt air-launched ballistic missile would not alter the department's decision to stop development of that Air Force weapon system.

The announcement to this effect came immediately after Skybolt was launched on a successful trial mission from a B-52 jet bomber over the Atlantic Missile Range on the same day.

The success, first in six attempts, came at a time when Defense leaders said the program would be halted because of the high cost of development and doubt as to the reliability of the Skybolt system.

In a statement from the Pentagon, Deputy Defense Secretary Roswell L. Gilpatric said:

"The Skybolt flight test that took place this morning, the only successful test out of the six conducted to date, had been scheduled for sometime

prior to the understanding reached yesterday at Nassau by President Kennedy and Prime Minister MacMillan.

Not Conclusive

"Today's single test did not conclusively demonstrate the capacity of the missile to achieve the target accuracy for which the Skybolt system was designed. This flight test was one of an extensive series planned for the research phase of the project. It is always expected that some tests of this sort should succeed and that others will fail. Many additional tests had been planned and would be required during the research phase to prove out and perfect this complex weapon system.

"Program decisions cannot be based simply upon the success or failure of early tests. Doubts as to the prospects of success of the Skybolt system in its entirety and its reliability when operational were among the factors responsible for the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense

against further funding the program.

No Change

"The results of today's tests have not caused any change in that position.

"The new Defense Department budget for fiscal 1964, which will be at a materially higher level than for fiscal 1963, will provide further substantial strengthening of United States strategic forces, including more Polaris submarines and more Minuteman missiles.

"These major additions to the forces now operational or previously funded; that is B-52 bombers equipped with Hound Dog missiles, Atlas, Titan and Minuteman ICBMs and Polaris submarines, will maintain the substantial margin of superiority now possessed by United States strategic power.

"It was in the light of these already large strategic forces and the availability of other proven weapons systems that the Secretary of Defense recommended against proceeding with further development and production of Skybolt missiles at a cost of at least some \$2.5 billion."

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S. REVISED STATUTES.

ASSETS	
1. Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	\$1,067,401.99
2. United State Government obligations, direct and guaranteed (net of any reserves)	1,192,399.94
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions (Net of any reserves)	775,726.99
5. Corporate otcks (including \$7,500.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank) (Net of any reserves)	7,500.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$2,253.42 overdrafts) (Net of any reserves)	926,591.41
7. Bank premises owned \$75,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$40,000.00	115,000.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,084,620.33
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	\$3,558,721.23
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	54,591.43
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	111,775.72
18. Certified and officers' checks, etc.	1,252.49
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,726,340.87
(a) Total demand deposits	3,726,340.87
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$3,726,340.87
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital Stock: (a) Common stock, total par	\$ 100,000.00
26. Surplus	150,000.00
27. Undivided profits	108,279.46
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	358,279.46
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$4,084,620.33
31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes	256,000.00
I, Geo. T. Moore, Cashier, of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
(s) GEO. T. MOORE	
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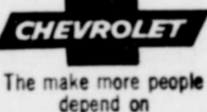
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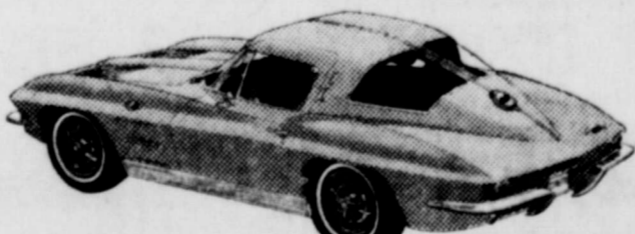
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TOURS END — Col. William L. McDowell Jr., R. Tilson, SSgt. Cletus D. Waggoner and SSgt. commander, 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing, Charles W. Hickman during a recent ceremony, presents certificates of retirement to (l to r) Maj. Justin A. Francis, MSgt. William over 82 years service accrued among them. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

64th In 'Sunshade'

The series of Army-Air Force maneuvers labeled 'Sunshade' was brought to a successful close last week when C-130 aircraft from Tactical Air Command dropped paratroopers of the famed 82d Airborne Division into drop zones near Pope AFB, N.C.

The 'Sunshade' maneuvers, scheduled during the Cuban crises were originally designated to provide Air Force reserve squadrons called to active duty by President Kennedy with training in transporting and dropping airborne troops. The initial phase of each exercise, a strategic deployment to Florida bases, was dropped when the reservists were released, and the exercises were conducted from the adjacent Pope AFB.

C-130's from Dyess AFB have participated in each of the five 'Sunshade' maneuvers.

ifications and improving his abilities to perform command and staff tasks.

Maj. Gen. Jack N. Donohew is commandant of the Air Command and Staff College.



Shop of the Month — TSgt. Adolph J. Giacomarro, NCO-IC of the 64th Field Maintenance Sq. Engine Shop, accepted award for Shop of the Month from Lt. Col. Leon A. Smith, 64th Troop Carrier Wing Chief of Maintenance. The Engine Shop, working twelve hours per day during the Cuban crisis, maintained an unusually high repair capability. The 7-man section was nominated for the honor by Lt. Col. Richard C. Ashman, commander of the 64th FMS. Colonel Smith presented the award for Col. Burl W. McLaughlin, 64th commander.

Philippine Pilot Who Befriended Dyess Is Now Student At ACSC

MAXWELL AFB, Ala. — A Philippine Air Force pilot, prisoner of war, Bataan Death March escapee, student impersonator, guerilla fighter, and befriender of the Dyess AFB namesake, briefly recount some of the World War II experiences of a student now attending Air University's Air Command and Staff College.

Lt. Col. Vincente F. Adecer, base commander of Zamboanga Air Base, Mindanao, Philippines and student at Maxwell, was a member of the 110th Guerilla Division that harassed the Japanese for three years in the Philippines.

It was while he was serving in the guerilla division that he met Maj. William E. Dyess (later Lt. Col.) for whom Dyess AFB in Abilene Tex., is named. Major Dyess along with nine other American servicemen and two Filipinos escaped from the Japanese

prison camp at Davao, Mindanao, and were intercepted by a patrol from the guerilla camp.

Served As Escort

Colonel Adecer and his group served as an escort for the escapees through 20 miles of jungle and it was during this two-day journey that he and the American major became friends.

"If you outlive this war and ever get to the States, be sure to look me up," was the invitation Major Dyess extended to him before they parted ways, Colonel Adecer said.

Major Dyess joined the guerilla division on Mindanao and remained with that group until his return to the U. S. via Australia in June 1943.

Colonel Adecer was a 3d Lt. in the Philippine Air Force in Dec. 1941 when the Pacific war began. He was captured

along with the American forces on Bataan and became a member of the Bataan Death March.

He did get to the States in early 1945, but Lt. Col. Dyess had been killed in a Burbank, Calif., P-38 fighter crash, Dec. 22, 1943, so the two men never met again.

Assumed Identity

After escaping from the Bataan Death March, the colonel went to Manila and assumed the identity of a student at the university he had attended before the war. A short time later he was able to get to the island of Mindanao where he joined the guerilla division.

He was one of the pilots returned to the U.S. in early '45 for further flight training to prepare them for the invasion of Japan. However, the Japanese surrendered before they had completed their training.

In Dec. 1946 the Colonel returned to the Philippines and resumed his duties as a Philippine Air Force officer. He was selected to attend the present class of ACSC and this is his second visit to Air University. In 1953 he attended Squadron Officer School here.

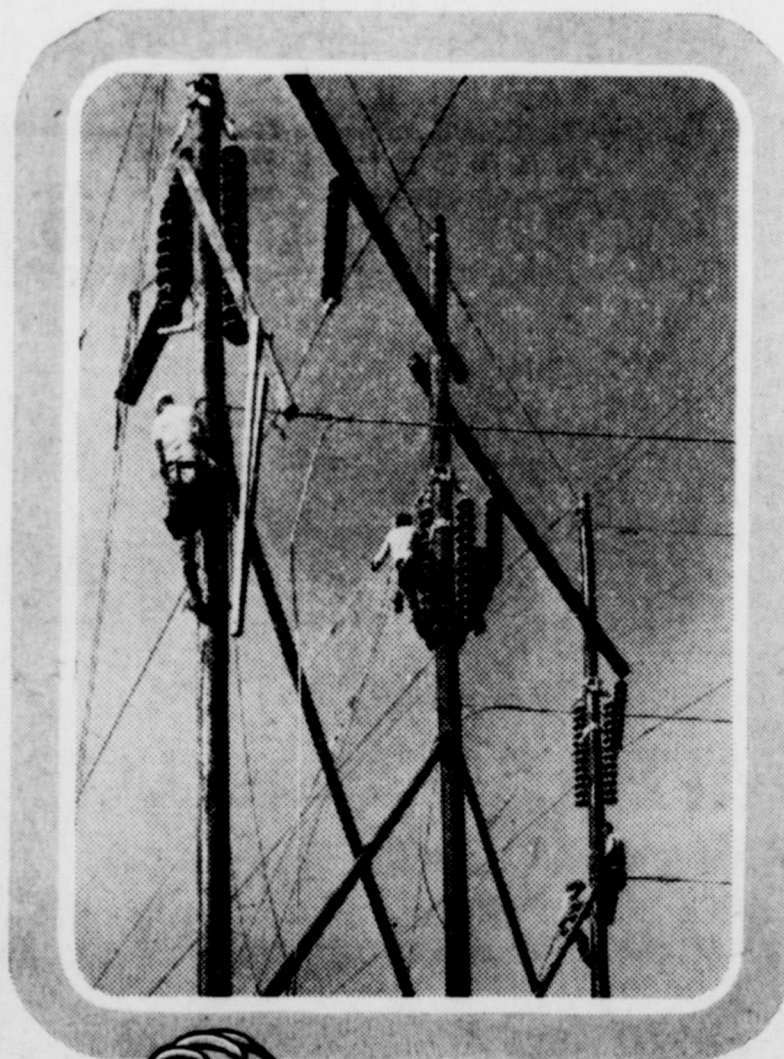
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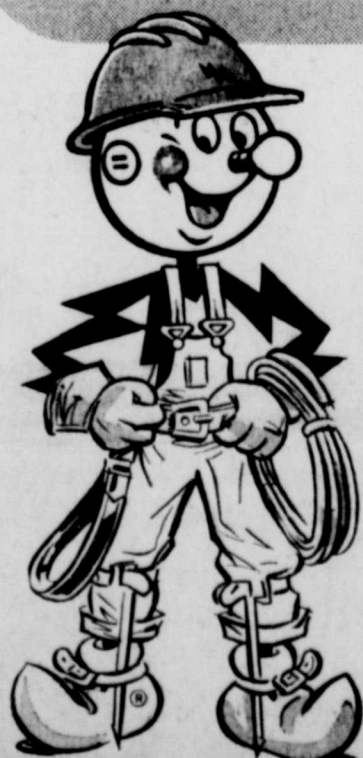
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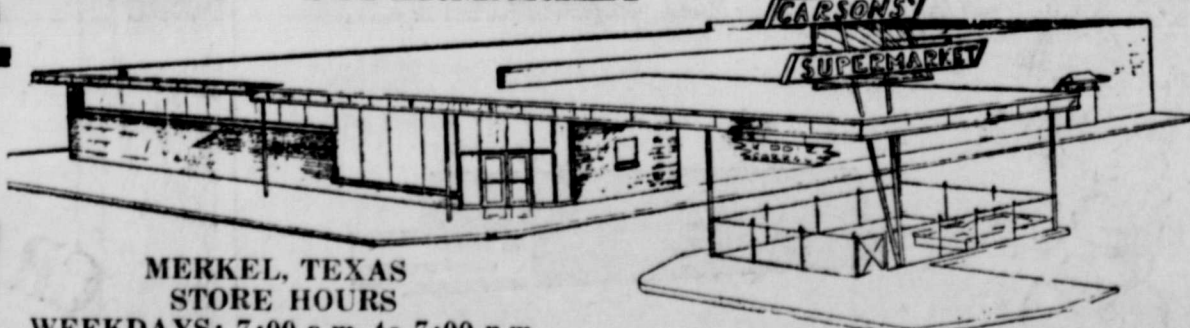
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