



## Pay Hike At 14 Per Cent; President Approves

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara today (Jan. 3) announced that he would present to Congress proposed legislation to provide a pay raise averaging 14.4 per cent for the more than three million active duty, retired and reserve members of the country's military establishment.

The Defense Secretary said in a special press conference in the Pentagon that the raise is "fully justified" and that it will remedy inequities that have existed "too long."

The largest increase will go to those in the ranks of first lieutenant and captain, the grades in which most of the officers are serving when they make their decision to return to civilian life or remain in the military service.

In the enlisted ranks, he said, the highest increase will go to those in the grade of E-4 and above.

The total cost of the program, the Defense Secretary



**SAVES AIRCRAFT** — SMSgt. Kenneth J. Carney, 2010-4 Communications Detachment, is quite at home at a precision radar approach scope in the RAPCON building north of base operations. Sergeant Carney is accredited with saving a Navy jet-fighter from disaster. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

said, will be about \$1.7 billion annually, including the recently enacted BAQ increase, which will amount to about \$285 million, and the cost of retired pay.

He said that it will be the policy of the Defense Department to thoroughly review the military pay structure each year with relation to productivity and price changes in our national economy and to recommend adjustments where appropriate.

Target date for passage of the pay raise is Sept. 30. "It

may be before or after this date," the Defense spokesman said, "depending upon the action that the Congress takes in the matter."

In summarizing the raise which he will propose to the legislators, the Defense spokesman said the average increase will be about 14.4 per cent for those on active duty. The increase for retired personnel will be about five per cent, he said.

Secretary McNamara said that his proposal has the approval of the President.

### Objectives of Plan

Secretary McNamara said major objectives of the pay proposal are to:

1. Provide fair rates of pay for service members.
2. Improve the present pay system by correcting certain inequities.
3. Provide incentives which will help solve our manning problems and thereby increase operational effectiveness.
4. Establish a more equitable basis for adjustment of retired pay for service members after retirement.
5. Provide for an annual review of the compensation of members of the Armed Forces.

"The estimated average annual cost of the pay increases to become effective in 1963, including the \$285 million increase in quarters allowance authorized by the last Congress, is over \$1.7 billion. Although the proposed increase is large, I believe it to be fully justified.

"To achieve the pay objectives I mentioned, the proposed legislation to be submitted to Congress will include these six main provisions:

1. Provide increases in rates of basic pay averaging 14.4 per cent for officers and enlisted members.
2. Provide an increase in the basic allowance for subsistence for officers from \$47.88 a month to \$77.10 a month, the rate currently in effect for enlisted men when rations in kind are not available.
3. Authorize up to three years of constructive credit for both promotion and basic pay purposes for persons appointed as commissioned officers who at the time of initial appointment hold postgraduate degrees in fields specified by the Service Secretary concerned.
4. Provide authority for a new system of "Remote and isolated duty" pay for both enlisted members and

officers in lieu of the present system of "sea and foreign duty" pay.

"5. Provide authority for a new system of variable career incentive payments for enlisted members keyed to critical skills. This proposed system would ultimately replace the present reenlistment bonus system.

"6. Provide for future automatic adjustments in retirement pay for retired service members based on increases in the cost-of-living.

**4 1/2 Years Since Last Hike** — "Four and a half years have elapsed since the last pay adjustment for members of the uniformed services. In the interim some erosion has taken place in the real value of their compensation and there has been a substantial loss relative to the wage and salary gains of wage earners in the civilian economy. Although the proposed changes will increase military pay by an average of 14.4 per cent the increases will be on a selective basis.

"For example, in both officer and enlisted compensation the largest percentage increases in our pay proposals are at the point where men are normally completing their first term of service. Substantial percentage increases for the grades normally held at this time should materially help to meet retention problems in all the Services.

"I would like to emphasize that I believe that military compensation should be kept abreast of productivity and price changes in our national economy. I consider the establishment of an administrative

procedure for annual review of such compensation as one of the most important actions to be undertaken by the Department of Defense. The immed-

iate responsibility for conducting the annual review of military compensation will be that of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower)."

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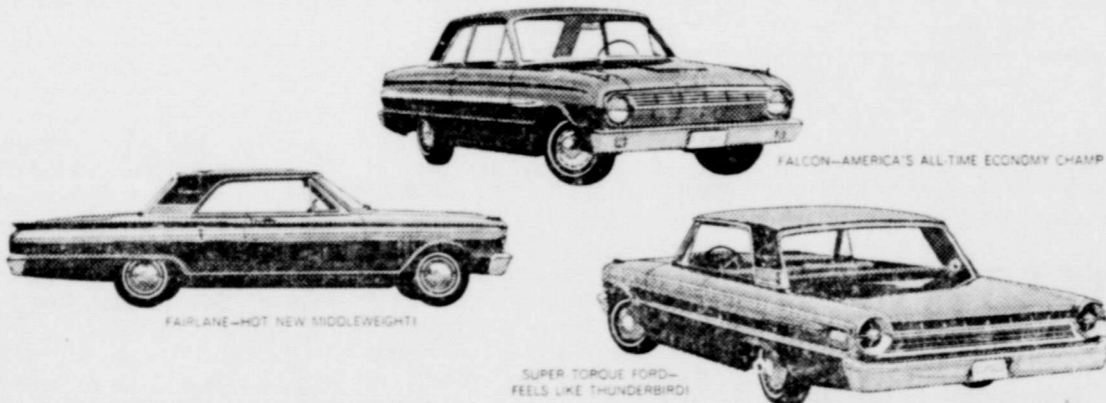
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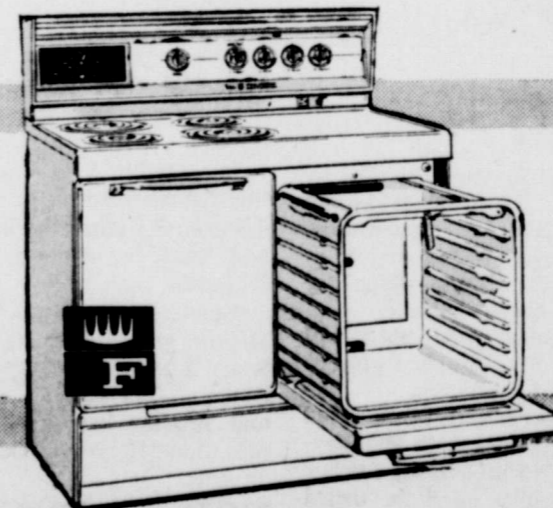
WASHINGTON (AFNS)— Department of Defense pay recommendations will call for more money for the lowest grade officer. Its basic pay proposal for second lieutenants will be \$265 per month, \$30 more than it previously recommended and \$42.75 more than the present rate. If the DOD recommendation is accepted when the pay proposal is presented to the Congress, this will also mean a hike for Air Force cadets, who are now paid at the rate of one-half the pay of second lieutenants.

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## Fortnightly Club Meeting Held In Hicks Home

Mrs. Ben R. Hicks was hostess to the Fortnightly Study Club Tuesday, Jan. 8, in the Merkel Elementary School library.

Ecuador, a land of contrasts, was presented through film strips by Mrs. Mack Fisher and Mrs. Johnny Cox.

Mrs. Don Dudley, the president, presided at a short business session. The nominating committee composed of Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. Homer Patterson and Mrs. Johnny Cox presented the following officers for the year 1963-64: Mrs. Roy Dalziel, president; Mrs. Bob Goodwin, vice president; Mrs. W. R. Cyfert, recording secretary; Mrs. Ben R. Hicks, corresponding secretary; Miss Christine Collins, treasurer; and Mrs. Don Dudley, parliamentarian. All were unanimously elected.

Mrs. David Brumbeau was asked to write an open letter to the editor of the Merkel Mail expressing the appreciation of the Fortnightly Study Club for the work done by the Chamber of Commerce in presenting the 1962 Christmas Parade.

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

The following members were present: Mmes. Clyde Bartlett, David Brumbeau, Johnny Cox, W. R. Cyfert, Roy Dalziel, Don Dudley, Bryan Dunagin, Mack Fisher, Bob Goodwin, Comer Haynes, Ben R. Hicks, Earl Hughes, Howard Marcom, W. T. Sadler, Andy Shouse, Ray Wilson and Miss Christine Collins.

January 1 was indeed a happy day for Mrs. W. A. Harrison when her children, grand children and friends, totaling thirty-six gathered in her home for a family reunion and New Year's Day dinner. Those attending the reunion were: Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Harrison, Monahans, Mr. and Mrs. Fernon Harrison, and son, Kenneth; Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Exater, and son, Stephen; and Lenie Harrison, all of Fort Worth; Mrs. Donald Rutledge, and Donna Lee; Mildred Harrison; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Newton, Cindy and Kurt, all of Abilene; Mrs. D. W. Rodgers, Hawley; the Rev. and Mrs. Lynard Harrison, Rochester, Ky. and Brenda Harrison, Midwest City, Okla.; John and Beulah Swinney, Trent; J. B. Dayne, Tommy and Jay Swinney, Hobbs, N.M.; and Jerry Frank, Syra, Kerry and Cheryl, of Trent.

Friends attending the dinner were Era Wallis, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman, Divide, and Mrs. T. H. Russom, Merkel.

## Canyon 4-H Club Has Meeting

The Canyon 4-H Club met on Jan. 7, with Myrtle Davis presiding and Gaylon Brnovak leading the Motto.

Wendy Leach read a poem and Dennis Osborn lead with the Allegiance.

Katy Neill read the minutes. The 4-H Club will take part in the Merkel FFA Show concession stand.

Mrs. Dobkins gave a lesson on how to give a demonstration. The regular meeting has been changed to the 3rd Monday night of the month. Steve Butman lead the recreation.

Those present were Steve Butman, Windy Leach, Glen Bryan, Donald Russom, Dennis Osborn, Robert Clemmer, Katy Neill, Mary and Betsy Johnson, Myrtle Davis, Mikiel Ray, Melba Seymour, Gaylon Brnovak and the parents.

## Goodman HD Club Meets

Goodman Home Demonstration Club met Jan. 11 in the Community Center with the president, Mrs. Frank Carter, presiding. Officers were installed and plans for the year were discussed. A resolution to work harder toward carrying out the purpose for a bigger and better club was made.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Frank Carter to Mmes. H. H. Windham, Jennings Winter, Cal McAninch, Karl Bonneaux, D. L. Butler and Mrs. C. H. Butler.

officers in lieu of the refreshments were served to Mmes. Foster, Hill, Clack, Moore, Mignery, Austin, Robertson, Walker, Fulton, Houston, Winter, Massey, Ford and Miss Teaff. One visitor, Mrs. Strickland, was present.

Merkel, had the following guests in their home this week: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Price and children, Christie, David and Connie Peralta, of Apache Creek, N.M. They also visited in the home of their aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Les Phaxton.

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## Lambda Beta Chapter Holds Meeting

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Vice president Wilma Robertson was in charge of the absence session due to the absence of President Bonnie Dayton.

The program, "How Is Your Conversation?" was brought by Wilma Robertson who told members: "A good conversationalist should think before he speaks. And one should know how and when to listen, because he knows that the listener, who really listens, with an open mind,

participates as fully as the conversationalist.

Dorothy Wade was hostess for the evening and served refreshments of sandwiches, olives, mints, coffee and cokes to Helen Benson, Mary Boone, Frances Carey, Mary Hargrove, Annie Harris, Pat Hunter, Mildred Reeger, Wilma Robertson, Lonell Teaff, Alameda Bullock, Linda Denton, Peggy Bowen, Ruth Tipton and Louise DuBose.

Next meeting will be Jan. 15 with Miss Peggy Johns of KRBC Abilene Radio and Television presenting the program.

## Mrs. Massey Host Dale Moore Circle

The Dale Moore Circle of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Eunice Massey January 8.

Circle chairman, Mrs. Ollie Fox, presided with the Mission Study led by Mrs. Td McAninch, program chairman by Mrs. Lucy Hord, Community Missions, by Mrs. Eunice Massey, Stewardship by Mrs. Cordelia Sherer, opening prayer by Mrs. E. W. King, enlistment by Mrs. E. O. Carson, secretary, Mrs. Charles Wafford, publicity, Mrs. Blanch Amason.

Twelve were present including Mrs. T. J. Bird, Mrs. Ada Higgins, Mrs. W. J. Boyton, Mrs. Shelva Ashcraft and Mrs. Loretta Young.

Mrs. Myrtle Boden reports that her grand daughter is recovering from injuries received in a car accident. Mrs. Boden received a letter from her daughter, Mrs. Ocie Day, who reported that Ann Day was recovering from three broken ribs, received when she was pinned in the seat by the steering wheel. The accident occurred in Chandler, Okla.

## 12th AF Commander Unfurls New Wing Colors

At ceremonies held at Dyess Air Force Base Tuesday, Maj. Gen. Karl Truesdell Jr., commander of TAC's Twelfth Air Force, unfurled the bright blue flag of the 516th Troop Carrier Wing, officially marking the activation of the newest TAC C-130 wing. Simultaneously, the 64th Troop Carrier Wing was inactivated.

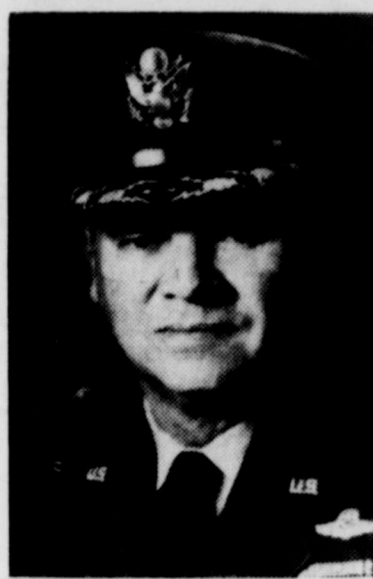
The ceremonies were one of many activities held during the day to observe the activation of the new wing. Upon arrival of General Truesdell at the Dyess flight line, he was greeted by Col. Burl W. McLaughlin, commander of the new wing, and by a party of SAC officers and members of the local press.

The official party proceeded to the Officers Open Mess where it was joined by twenty Abilene civic leaders for a luncheon to begin the day's events. Following the luncheon General Truesdell discussed the relationship of airlift capability to TAC's overall global operations. The Twelfth Air Force commander went on to describe TAC's role in the limited war concept of operations.

The official party and distinguished guests went from the press conference to the headquarters of the new wing where over 300 spectators gathered to watch the ceremonies.

General Truesdell, in his remarks to the public at the formation, spoke over a three station radio network on the colorful history of the 516th.

The scene of activity moved to the flight line shortly thereafter, where three models of the C-130, the original 'A,' the 'sk-



MAJOR GENERAL KARL TRUESDELL, JR.

equipped 'D,' and the newest 'E' version, were on display. Crowds of base personnel and their dependents swarmed through the planes and observed the TAC exhibit with interest.

Promptly at 3:15 p.m. an aerial demonstration of C-130 aircraft began, and spectators cheered as the Hercules transport showed its versatility in formation, short field take-offs and landings, and high speed low level operations.

Afternoon activities complete, General Truesdell returned to Waco, Tex., and Maj. Gen. Fred M. Dean, deputy Twelfth Air Force commander arrived at Dyess to preside at the final activity of the day, a formal dining-in.

The dining-in, the first for a TAC unit at Dyess, began at 6 p.m. with over 200 officers and guests present. General Dean, the guest speaker, talked on the advanced fighters and weapons systems of TAC. The dining-in, adjourned at 9 o'clock, closed out a day which the base and the townspeople will long recall as a milestone on the West Texas scene.

## 4-H-FFA Show Set for Thursday

The annual Merkel Livestock Show, scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 12, was postponed because of severe cold weather until Thursday, Jan. 17 (today).

Approximately 10 heavyweight steers, 10 lightweight steers, 20 lambs, and 8 to 10 swine will be entered.

Freddy Stewart, livestock man of Roby will be the judge. The Merkel boys will move their stock to Abilene after the Merkel show to compete in the Abilene show on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Scott, Merkel, visited in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Scott, and their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gore Plotuska and family of Detroit, Michigan, through the holidays.

## Mrs. Cox Hosts Union Ridge HD

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met Jan. 4, in the home of Mrs. Denzil Cox.

Presiding at the meeting was the new president, Mrs. Cox. Roll call was answered with a New Year's resolution. Minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report was read and adopted. There was no new business.

Refreshments were served to eight members. The club adjourned to meet in the home of Mrs. E. G. Carson, Friday, Jan. 18 when County Agent Loretta Allen will be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks and Mr. and Mrs. Silas Scott, of Merkel, attended the funeral of Mrs. Sam Rossen in Monahans on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Rossen was a former Merkel resident.

## LCC Student In Drama Role

Fran Borden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Borden, Jr., 1408 Sunset Drive, has a principal role in "Dona Rosita, The Spinster," a Garcia - Lorca drama

to be presented by Lubbock Christian College, Lubbock. She will play the part of the housekeeper.

The drama, which is being directed by Mrs. June Bearden, will be presented Feb. 7, 8, and 9 in the LCC auditorium.

Miss Borden is a freshman speech major at LCC.

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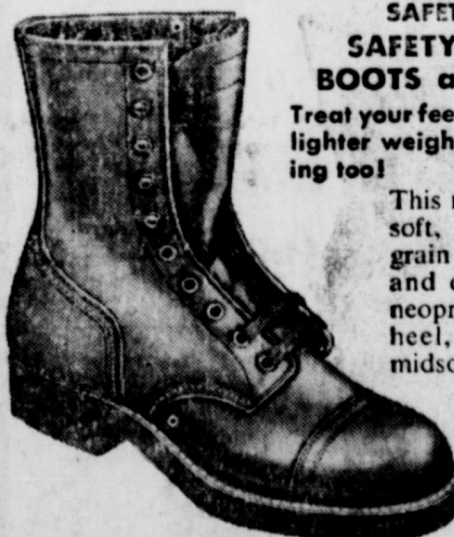
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## Gardners Meet In Library

The Gay Gardners of the Merkel Garden Club met January 10, in the school library with Maryleo Noster presiding.

The program on Soil, Water, Wildlife and Forest was presented by Debbie James, Katie Neil, Vickie Biera and Sharon Doan.

Mrs. Johnny Cox introduced the new sponsors, Miss Christine Collins and Mrs. Jarrett Williams. Mrs. Paul Orsborn was a visitor.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, Mrs. Dale Litton, and Mrs. Herbert Patterson. The meeting was adjourned until February 14.

## Engagement Is Revealed

Mr. and Mrs. James Canady of Trent are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Barbara Jean, to James (Buddy) Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin of Merkel.

The couple will exchange wedding vows March 15, at 8:00 p.m. in the Trent Church of Christ.

Miss Canady, a 1961 graduate of Trent High School is employed by West Texas Utilities Company. Mr. Martin, a graduate of Merkel High School is employed by the Wilson Food Store.

## SGT. JONES ASSIGNED TO LITTLE ROCK POST

SHEPPARD AFB, Tex. — Staff Sergeant Glenn D. Jones of Merkel, is being reassigned to Little Rock AFB, Ark., following his graduation from the United States Air Force technical training course for electricians here.

Sgt. Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin A. Jones, Rt. 2, Merkel.

The sergeant and his wife, the former Marie E. M. Michaud of Rt. 6, Grand Falls, New Brunswick, Canada, have four children.



'25 PLUS' — MSgt. Alphonse A. Chase, 1st Aerial Port Sq., TAC, received his certificate retirement from Col. Burl W. McLaughlin, commander, 516th Troop Carrier Wing. He retired last week with over 25 years service. He was the first sergeant of the 1st Aerial Port Squadron. (Air Force Photo)

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INTERESTING STATISTICS

No wonder they had to send Paul Revere with the news; in 1776 there were only 37 newspapers in America — compared to over 11,000 today — Somebody has figured out that one of every 2 people who ever lived is alive today — A new immigrant arrives in America every 90 seconds (on an average) — and an American leaves us to live elsewhere about every 20 minutes — Uncle Sam only needs about 7 hours today to collect as much tax money as he took in for all the year 1913 — U.S. publishers are going to use some 7,400,000 tons of newsprint this year — Insects destroy enough timber in this country every year to build over half a million five room houses — Traffic accidents cost us about \$14,000 a minute — And speaking of costs—we're spending four times as much fighting crime and paying its bills as we are in educating our children — Only 16 American high schools taught Russian when the first Sputnik went up — But some 40 are teaching it now — The water America uses in two days weighs more than the steel it produces in a year — "For every man who lives to be 85, there are seven women," says Kurpaocan — "but by that time it's too late" — An estimated 10 million of us Americans will undergo some kind of surgery this year — Back during the 1958 recession, a young minister undertook to admonish his congregation that there'd be no buying or selling in Heaven. "So what!" grumbled one of his back-benchers. "That's not where business has gone anyway!" — In 1948 self-service stores got only 25 per cent of the grocery business. Now they're getting over 85 per cent of it — The Ohio State Sun - Dial tells of a very serious young college man who asked his girl friend if she enjoyed Kipling. "I don't know," she replied. "How do you kippel?"



**E-MODEL COMMANDER AND CREW** — Maj. Gen. Karl Truesdell Jr., commander of TAC's Twelfth Air Force, poses with the aircraft commander and crew of the C-130 E flown from Sewart Air Force Base, Tenn., as a part of the static display Tuesday afternoon on the Dyess flight line. The new 516th Troop Carrier Wing, soon to receive the new E model Hercules, is a part of Twelfth Air Force. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

New Wing Has Colorful History

Col. Burl W. McLaughlin, commander of the Tactical Air Command's 516th Troop Carrier Wing at Dyess, made public today the history of the 516th.

The colorful lineage of the 516th can be traced to WWII when, known as the 31st Transport Group, the unit participated in the European Theater flying cargo and evacuating wounded to England. In August 1944 the group flew gasoline to P-47s engaged in the

battle against German forces caught in the Falaise pocket and in September, it carried fuel for the tanks of the famous Third Army.

In late December of 1944, the unit supported Allied ground forces engaged in the Battle of the Bulge by airlifting a mass of cargo and supplies to airfields near the front on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. By the end of the war in Europe, the 31st Transport Group had amassed an enviable record of moving 45,000 tons of cargo, evacuating 50,000 wounded, and transporting 98,000 passengers.

Following the war, the 31st was redesignated the 516th Troop Carrier Group and performed useful services for the Army of Occupation in Europe until its inactivation in September 1946.

Another war, this time the Korean conflict, saw the 516th called to active service again in April 1951 as a troop carrier wing. It served with distinction at Memphis, Tenn. Municipal Airport, training with C-46 aircraft, and was again inactivated in January 1953.

The 516th proved its versatility once more when, in March of 1955, it was activated at Sewart AFB, Tenn., this time in the role

of a helicopter assault - landing group, training in H-19 and H-21 helicopters.

Since July 19, 1956, the 516th Troop Carrier Wing has been inactive in United States Air Force operations. Tuesday, this colorful unit was once again activated, this time at Dyess. It became a significant part of Tactical Air Command's airlift

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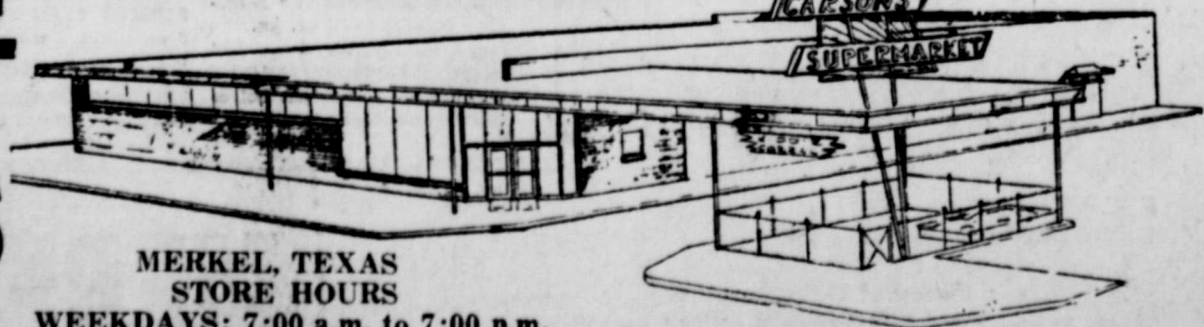
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