

MERKEL RECEIVES NEW ZIP CODE

Merkel's five - digit ZIP Code is 7-9536, announced postmaster Wrenn Durham.

Everyone in Merkel will use this ZIP Code on all their correspondence to speed mail delivery and reduce the chance of mis - sent mail, Durham said. ZIP Code, the Post Office Department's revolutionary new system of improved mail dispatch and delivery, goes into effect nationally on July 1.

Durham stressed the importance of all citizens of Merkel learning the city's ZIP Code and

using it in their return address on all correspondence. In answering mail, he said, ZIP Codes taken from return addresses on incoming mail should be used.

The new ZIP Code plan, Mr. Durham said, for the first time will permit the Post Office Department to short - cut repeated address reading. "The address on mail must often be read as many as eight or ten times by postal employees, to get it to the proper destination," Mr. Durham said. "Each handling slows the process of mail dispatch and adds to the opportunity for human error."

With ZIP Code, a clerk needs only to glance at the code to know immediately to what national area, state and post office the letter is destined, and to speed it on its way, cutting up to 24 hours off the time between deposit and delivery.

Mr. Durham said that when ZIP Code is in full swing, the United States will have the most modern system of mail distribution and delivery in existence.

MERKEL PAGEANT

By DAVE

Now you take old Frank Breaux. He ate crow without any help and with very little fuss. Said it wasn't too tasty, tho.

Frank was the co-chairman of the Lions Club broom sale. Frank had quite a tussle with Chester Collingsworth over who was going to be chairman and who was co-chairman. Frank lost that conflict.

Herman Carson, incoming Lions Club president who was installed last week, didn't have a co-chairman.

So, the time to count up the broom sales and see who won. Frank insisted that his team had sold more — but Herman kept the books.

Frank was served the crow at the Merkel Community Center in full view of everybody — except Chester Collingsworth. Chester was absent.

But the winners were the people who will be helped by the money from the broom sale. Those who need glasses and can't afford them. Or some of the other good work the Lions do.

The Merkel Mail doesn't intend to be a house organ for the Lions Club alone.

Affairs of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Optimist Club or any other organization will be printed with great delight. But an editor can belong to only so many clubs. Now if somebody from the other organizations will scribble a few notes and get them to the Merkel Mail, activities of other organizations will be reported — gladly.

It has been the Merkel Mail's policy, at least under the present publisher, to turn down any out-of-town advertising that is in competition with Merkel Merchants. The purpose of the Mail is frankly to help build Merkel. It is the desire of those with the Merkel Mail that it will never be necessary to accept "foreign" advertising. And it will not be as long as the Merkel economy is as lousy as it is today.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce had a healthy program of work set out for the coming year. Don Warren and Bill Wood have outlined what looks like a fine program of work.

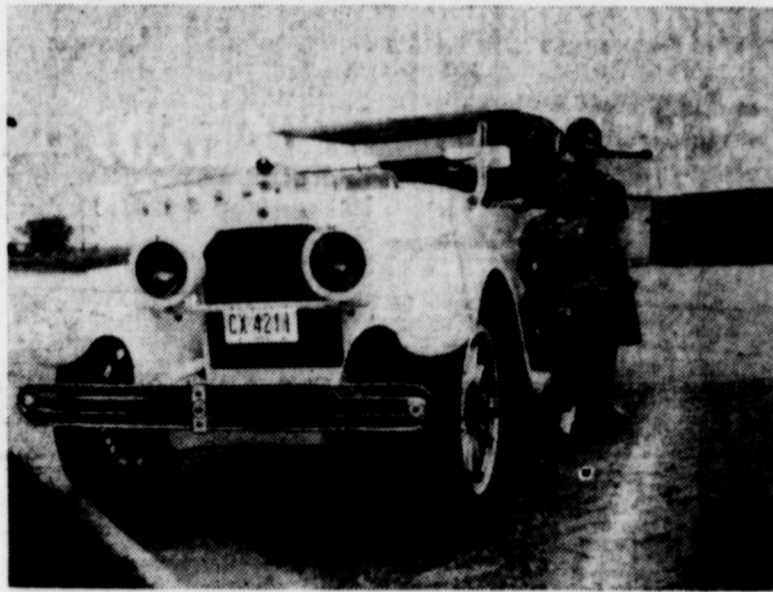
School teachers are a hardy breed and as a whole very hard-working. It would be interesting to know how many of Merkel's school teachers are going to school this summer, have summer jobs and so forth. Mack Fisher will probably come up with a list of summer activities that Merkel teachers are undertaking. And it will likely be a long, long list.

Tittle Named On Dean's List

Billy Tittle of Merkel has been named in the top 15 per cent on the Dean's list, Spring Honor Roll at Sul Ross State College.

Billy, a 1961 graduate of Merkel High School, is a junior at Sul Ross, where he is majoring in Industrial Arts and minoring in Physical Education.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Tittle.



PROUD OL' BEAUTY — This 1923 Cadillac touring car is one of the last of its model known to exist in the United States. It was driven down the streets of Merkel on a 1,175 mile vacation trip.

OLD CADILLAC ROLLING ALONG

Well, they don't build them that way anymore, hardly.

What with built-in obsolescence and so forth, today's automobiles just aren't made to keep on galloping down the road like the 1923 V-8 Cadillac that the T. W. Roberts came wheeling into Merkel.

The Roberts family visited Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris. Mrs. Roberts is Mrs. Harris' granddaughter.

The Roberts were on a vacation that took them 1,175 miles in the 1923 Cadillac. This trip took them to San Antonio and College Station at Bryant where the Cadillac won first place in its class in the antique car show.

Roberts said there are only four known models of the 1923

Cadillac touring car known to exist in the United States.

"I bought it from Raymond Jones of Abilene, Jones got it in Kansas in 1956. It was unrestored and in pretty rough shape," Roberts said.

Ever since he bought it, Roberts has given almost all his spare time to restoring the car.

The automobile was originally black. Now it's yellow. It had leather upholstery. Now it has naugahyde. Roberts had to buy tires. Firestone still makes these tires on special order. Roberts said antique lovers can buy these tires at cost because Harvey Firestone is an old car buff himself. Tires cost \$71 whether you buy one or a carload, said Roberts.

Besides the cost of the tires, the old Cadillac has had about \$500 worth of work done on the engine. That meant it was re-bored, got new main bearings and pistons and rings.

The 1923 car was a deluxe model with a cigaret lighter, park and back up lights, trouble light under the hood that would reach all four tires and its own air compressor. All this was standard equipment.

The Roberts family doesn't expect to have to use any of this equipment on their way back to their home at Midland.

Services Held For Mrs. McCurdy

Mrs. Emma McCurdy, 78 died in a hospital at Hughes Springs, Tex., after an illness of about three weeks. She lived in Trent until five years ago.

Funeral was held Thursday in First Methodist Church at Hughes Springs.

She was a member of the First Methodist Church of Trent.

Surviving are the husband, C. A. of Hughes Springs; one son, Fred C. of Tulsa, Okla.; one granddaughter; two god-children, whom she reared, Mrs. Ann Russell of Corpus Christi and Mrs. Barbara Foshee of Dallas; five sisters, Mrs. Tom Swinford of Linden, Mrs. Ondis Hill of California, and Mrs. Marvin Stubbs, Mrs. Talmadge Jordan and Mrs. Otis Jordan, all of Hughes Springs; and six brothers, W. R., J. T., Tom and Roy Dudley, all of Hughes Springs; Vance of Baytown and Wayne of LaPorte.

In addition to the requirement with reference to the time registration, sponsors are required to ride in the big parade on July 2, at 4 p.m. and all grand entries. In addition to this the girls will enter barrel racing in the rodeo events.

Failure to ride in the big parade, in all grand entries, and to ride when called upon can disqualify the sponsors. Also if a rider touches a barrel with her hand the rider is disqualified.

Penalties will be imposed for wearing blue denim in the arena, for each barrel that is knocked over, and for each barrel which is not circled according to the patterns.

In the event any sponsor should



MARVIN H. CLARK

where she and her husband are, studying for foreign missions service in Brazil. At home are Mary Ruth, 17; Sharon Rose, 15; and a son, Marvin Jr., 10.

"We are happy in our new home and are looking forward to the years of service here with great enthusiasm," stated Clark.

Dedication Rites Set for Ball Park

South Taylor Swim Program Starts July 8

Swim Program coordinator, Bobby Sayles, announced that the South Taylor Learn to Swim Program would begin July 8 at Abilene State Park. Swimming Pool and will continue daily until July 12th. Class time is from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 each day.

Sponsors for the free swimming instruction classes are South Taylor Lions Club, Abilene State Park, Jim Ned School and the American Red Cross.

Sayles said that registration blanks may be picked up at the following places:

Stewart's Grocery, Eufala Gap; First State Bank of Tuscola; Lawn Cash Grocery.

Sayles asked that registration blanks be turned in at the First State Bank of Tuscola.

Two Merkel Boys Injured In Wreck

Two 16 year old Merkel boys received numerous cuts and bruises when the car in which they were riding hit several highway signs on Farm Road 126 at the intersection of the north access road to interstate Highway 20 in Merkel.

Treated at Sadler Clinic Hospital here were Craig Litton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Litton, and Weldon Tittle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neely Tittle.

Merkel Chief of Police Pete Petty said Litton was driving north on the farm road when his car went out of control, hit a stop sign and wedged between the stop sign and another highway marker. Petty said the 1949 Ford which Litton was driving was a total loss.

SIX MERKEL GIRLS TO RIDE IN RODEO

Six Merkel girls will participate in the Texas Cowboy Reunion in Stamford July 2, 3, and 4.

The girls and their sponsors are Shirley Sandusky, West Texas Utilities; Bronwyn Gamble, Chamber of Commerce; Pat Bigbee, South Grain Company; Barbara Whisenant, Taylor Electric Coop.; Sue Pinkley, Taylor Telephone; and Brenda Morgan Brush Stompers.

Three prizes will be awarded: First prize will be a saddle presented by the Texas Cowboy Reunion; second prize will be a specially designed belt buckle presented by Holland Jewelry Company of San Angelo; and third prize will be a pair of spurs.

The sponsors will be entertained with a breakfast the morning of July 3 and a chuck wagon dinner at noon on July 4.

fall from her horse, no re-ride will be granted, but if the horse falls, a re-ride will be granted. The granting of the re-ride will be based on the decision of the judges.

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AIN'T WHAT IT USTA BE

MERKEL SWIMMING HOLE BUSY

By ELAINE BRUMBEAU
The ole swimmin' hole ain't what it used to be, 'ole be— thank goodness!

It's at the same ole' place at Merkel, but it's concreted in instead of that juicy mud you usta stick your toes into.

The shade trees are still there, but there's also a well - stocked concession stand.

Way back then when we wanted a drink of water, we used the swimmin' hole facilities; if we wanted a cold drink, we brought our own jug of lemonade. There's swimming suits we can rent too, but do you ever remember rent-

NEW NAME TO BE REVEALED THURSDAY

Dedication ceremonies for the renaming of Merkel's Pony League Ball Park are scheduled for Thursday night, June 27.

The renaming of the ball diamond, at the west end of South Second St., is brought about because of the raising of the age limit of teams playing there to the level of the Babe Ruth League.

The name of the park is being held secret until Thursday night. The evening will start with two

Four Merkelites To Attend School

Four Merkel teenagers have completed plans for attending the McMurry College Band and Twirling School July 14 through July 27.

Those planning to attend the school are Robert Dwight Hammond and David Hammond, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hammond; Joe Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Dixon; and Tommy South, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack South.

More than 200 junior and senior high schoolers from 50 west Texas cities and towns have registered for the school that will be directed by Dr. Raymond T. Bynum, McMurry professor of band.

A staff of 24 instructors from throughout West and Central Texas have been engaged. Classes will offer specialized training in individual instruments, conducting, marching and twirling, stage band, theory and concert band performances, drum majoring and twirling.

Linda Leach New HD Agent

Linda Leach of Merkel has been approved as Llano County Home Demonstration agent by the Llano County Commissioners Court.

Miss Leach will succeed Bobbie Riney, also of Merkel, who resigned to take an appointment with rural civil defense at Texas A&M.

Miss Leach is a January 1963 graduate of Texas Tech and has been training at San Angelo since that time.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Leach.

Local Teachers Attend Workshop

Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, Mrs. Johnny Cox and Mrs. Mack Fisher attended a Reading Workshop June 18 and 19 at Roscoe on the subjects of "Phonetic Keys to Reading and Keys to Independence in Reading." About fifty teachers attended.

Twelve workshops in reading are being held this summer in Texas. Merkel will have a workshop August 5 and 6.

Babe Ruth League games; the first beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Then at intermission at about 8 p.m., the dedication ceremonies will be held.

In charge of the dedication ceremonies are Woody Wade and J. C. Carson. The Rev. Bill Tanner will give the dedicatory address. Mayor H. H. Doney will make a presentation.

The first game to be played Thursday night will be the Lawn Lions vs. the Merkel Medics. The second game will be the Lawn Tigers against the Merkel Boney Insurers.

Woody Wade is manager of the Boney Insurers and Connie Mack Seymour is manager of the Merkel Medics.

Bob Hook is a spark plug for both the Babe Ruth League and the Merkel semi - professional teams, both of which use the same field with different markers.

Merkel Boys Attend Meet

Seventeen Merkel boys attended the track meet at Andrews last Saturday, June 22.

These boys representing all four divisions in Merkel Summer Activity Program.

Those who entered were: 11 and under class — Tommy Carson 4th in high jump; 4th in 440 relay

Mike McLean — 4th in 440 relay

Keith Reeger — 5th in broad jump; 4th in 440 relay

Randy Doan — 4th in 440 relay

Don Warren — 4th in 440 relay

12-13 Class — Joe Dudley — 5th in high jump

Raul Lerma, Bob Tat, Wally Knight, Alan Reed and Johnny Thompson competed in a least two events.

14-15 Class — Hayden Griffin, Butch Bruce, D. A. Bishop, Tommy Reynolds.

16-17 Class — Jack Reynolds — 5th in hundred yard dash

Robert Shouse — 3rd in discus

Robert Wilson — who is suffering with a broken foot acted as manager.

June 29 track meet is at Odessa. Both boys and girls competing.

Over 40 towns were represented in the Andrews meet.

The Summer Activity Program holds its practice at the Bridger Stadium with girls and boys under 12 running in the morning and senior boys running from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

Announcements

Paul Faulkner, Dean of Men at Abilene Christian College will be the speaker in the meeting at the Trent Church of Christ, July 1st through July 7th. Services will be held each evening at 8 p.m. The public is invited.

I can remember back in '37 when a bunch of young people from Abilene could hardly wait for church to be out so they could jump in their old dressed-down hoopy and head for the swimmin pool at Merkel!

Well now, it usta take us nigh on to an hour and half to get in to swimmin'. Now it just takes about 15 minutes, and we're right up to our necks in that cool stuff.

If you think that "ole swimmin' hole" is still what it usta be — come on out and get a surprise.

EDITORIAL

SENIOR CITIZEN NO. 3

A desirable place to live is necessary for the senior citizen who wants an independent life.

One aspect of housing to take into consideration in regard to older people is that they have smaller incomes, their health is usually poorer, and today nearly one out of four live alone.

Therefore it is important that they have available housing which can be maintained efficiently and at low cost; and housing that is designed to safeguard against accidents.

Of like importance is that their homes be located near transportation, shopping, community, church and recreational centers.

Almost one third of our older Americans are faced with inadequacy of housing; that is deteriorated housing with a need for plumbing facilities, housing which does not bow to their needs financially, efficiently, or safely.

Despite this view of the housing situation, there is a bright outlook for improvement. In the past two years the Federal Housing Program has made much improvement and progress in housing for our older citizen.

The Housing and Home Finance Agency now has three major housing programs for the older people. A mortgage insurance program, which aids in building or rehabilitating both profit and non-profit rental housing; direct long-term and low interest loans which is handled through private non-profit groups, consumer cooperatives, and qualified public agencies to assist in financing rental housing for moderate-income older families and individuals; and a low-rent housing program which is administered by the Public Housing Administration.

Basically improving housing of older people is underway, but an expansion of these efforts will require continued thought, energy, and capital through both local and governmental agencies.

Real progress will not be made toward the problem of inadequate housing for the senior citizen until both private and public interest have been focused on the problem.



HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County 4-Hers, parents, Extension agents and other friends are looking forward to 4:00 p.m., Saturday afternoon when a bus load of forty-five 4-Hers and leaders from Iowa will arrive. Everyone is looking forward to a week of bustling activities.

Miss Thelma Casey, District 7 Home Demonstration Agent, was in Taylor County this week to attend a meeting to discuss civil defense. Among other out-of-county people attending the meeting were Miss Bobby Riney and Mr. Tommy Hollmig, Rural Civil Defense Specialists, from College Station. Dr. W. R. Bodine, Office of Defense and Disaster Relief, Department of Public Safety; Mr. Bob Hicks, State Health Department; and Mr. George Blassingame, Director of Civil Defense Adult Education, Texas Education Agency in Austin. Mr. Don Timberlake, Taylor County Civil Defense Co-ordinator said he will be encouraging people to cooperate in some of the activities outlined during the meeting.

Seventeen women attended Taylor County Council last week. Mrs. L. A. Groene, Three E

Chairman, reported that Taylor County members have selected the title for their educational exhibit at West Texas Fair, Eastland and Fisher county representatives have also selected their title.

After the next Council meeting there will be a THDA Meeting to elect delegates to the State Meeting to be in San Antonio in September.

I enjoyed the meeting with the Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club when it met with Denzil Cox last week. She was elected by the club as a nominee to be one of the delegates to the State THDA meeting.

SANDWICH TIPS

Introducing — the kind of summer menus, supersnacks and the all-time favorite — the sandwich!

For the ready to eat picnics and for food to eat out of hand while traveling — frozen sandwiches are a natural. To freeze — use freshly prepared sandwiches. Wrap and seal each sandwich in a double thickness of moisture-vapor proof wrapping. Sandwiches will keep 2 to 3 weeks if frozen. Thawing at room temperature takes about 2 to 3 hours.

Avoid freezing raw vegetables as they lose crispness, flavor and color. Cooked egg white becomes tough, so should not be frozen. Fruit jellies, preserves and salad dressings separate and soak into the bread.

Fillings that freeze well are cooked egg yolk; cooked or canned chicken, turkey or fish; cooked or canned meat; dried beef; peanut butter; cheese and cheese spreads.

For chopped fillings use the following binders — lemon, orange or pineapple juice; crushed pineapple; applesauce; cranberry sauce and dairy sour cream.

Capt. Tommy Warren and family of Clovis, N.M., are visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren. Capt. Warren will be leaving soon for England.

Linda Leach of Llano visited last week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Leach.



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- Clyde Irvin
- Rosemary Roberts
- Mrs. W. A. Hogue
- Craig Humphreys
- Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Hughes
- C. F. Curb
- Mrs. E. L. Grimes
- R. E. Dowdy
- W. D. Gamble
- W. C. Reid
- Frank F. Carter
- Sarah Herron
- V. D. Herron
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- Rosemary Roberts

Visitors in the home of Lige Harris was Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harris.

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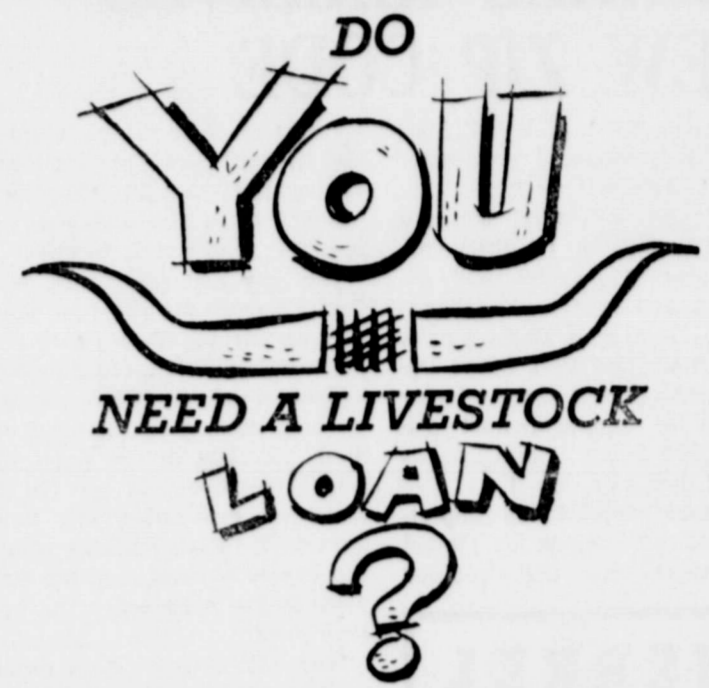
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Carolyn Janet Parker and Bobby Lee Womack were married in a double ring ceremony solemnized Thursday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent.

Only members and close friends of the family attended the ceremony for which the Rev. Howard Marcum was officiating minister.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Parker, Rt. 2, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. Jeff Womack.

Mrs. Shirley West and Mr. Largent were honor attendants. Mrs. West's dress was of mint green silk organza and lace, and she carried a bouquet of white carnations.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white gown of chantilly lace over taffeta, with the full skirt of tulle and silk organza. Two streamer folds of taffeta attached to the lace bodice in the back fell to the hemline. Her waist length veil of silk tulle fell from a crown of pearls.

The bride's bouquet was a white orchid on a white prayer book. Melvin Parker Jr., brother of the bride, lighted candles.

A reception for members of the wedding party and guests followed the ceremony.

Both the bride and bridegroom are graduates of Merkel High School.

The bride has been employed by the U.S. Time Corp. in Abilene.

The bridegroom is in the U.S. Navy stationed in San Diego, Calif., where the couple will reside.

AULDLANGSYNE

By MRS. GEO. D. McCONNELL

FIFTY YEARS AGO
Lost— one bay horse, 12 or 15 years old, about 14½ hands high, long mane, thin tail. Finder please notify C. T. Teague, Trent Texas.

Three new Fords: The matter of delivering mail to rural free delivery patrons in the Merkel country is fast becoming an item of progress. During last week two new Ford automobiles were pressed into service. Messrs. Price Bankhead and F. A. Sanders, carriers of routes three and four are the owners of the new cars. Mr. Bankhead gave his machine a successful tryout last week, while Mr. Sanders watched him break the ice and got into the swim the first of this week with his car. These two additions to our postal service brings the number of U.S.A. cars up to three. B. L. Moore, carrier of route to Noodle having used a Liberty Brush for the past 13 months with only a loss of 21 days, these being on account of rains. The last addition to the carrier service in the way of

automobiles delivery was put in to service Wednesday morning when Victor Harris, carrier of route one came out in a brand new Ford. This gives the entire Merkel country auto mail delivery with the exception of the country through which O. J. Adcock, carrier of route 5, goes. This section is rougher than any other traversed out of Merkel. But even with all its roughness the carrier on his new 7 HP Yale motorcycle makes his rounds before the postmaster knows his understudy has left the city limits.

FORTY YEARS AGO
There will be a singing at Blair Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to come out and bring their books — by T. H. Spears.

Mrs. Royce Dowdy was here from Trent Wednesday visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Pribble.

Mrs. Ethel McKee and children are here from Sweetwater the guests of M. and Mrs. R. L. Proctor.

Mrs. Dr. Miller is home from a visit with relatives in San Antonio.

Miss Selens Teaff left first of the week for an extended visit

to Roswell, New Mexico.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
For the opening night of the annual Presbyterian encampment, Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott drove over to Buffalo Gap Wednesday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Russell and their daughter Nina Bell; they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. James H. West and J. J. Russell Jr., and the party enjoyed a delightful picnic supper. Leave orders for the Texas Almanac with us. Price is 60 cents per copy, postpaid. The Merkel Mail Office.

TEN YEARS AGO
Mr. and Mrs. Quannah Dudley and family and Mr. and Mrs. Craymer Reynolds and family attended the Reynolds family reunion at the Abilene State Park at Buffalo Gap Sunday. A big dinner was served at noon some came from as far away as Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Janes and

Mrs. M. S. Cummins of Lubbock visited the Seago's over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernes Hendricks visited their son, B. C., over the week end at Fort Sill, Okla. Accompanying them were Bar-

bara Sue McLeod and Goldie Ann Leveritch.

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The Dyess chapter has 17 active members.

Any members of the association who joined and paid dues to the San Antonio office prior to the formation of the Dyess chapter are invited to attend the meeting and get acquainted. This invitation extends to all active or retired military personnel from all branches of the service in the grade of E-4 or higher.

Among the benefits offered by the NCO Association are retirement employment services, group automobile insurance, automobile financing, fellowship and social activities.

Further information about the NCO Association may be obtained by contracting MSGt. Albert L. Stressman, president, ext. 3225; MSGt. Ray W. Baker, vice president, ext. 2613; or MSGt. Jefferson I. Warfield, secretary-treasurer, ext. 2553.

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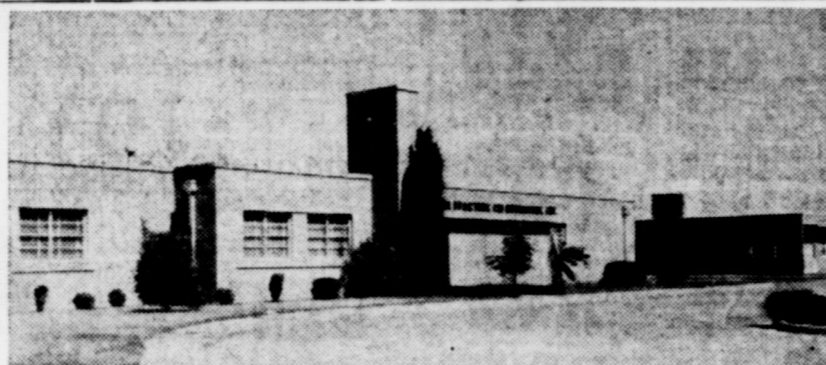
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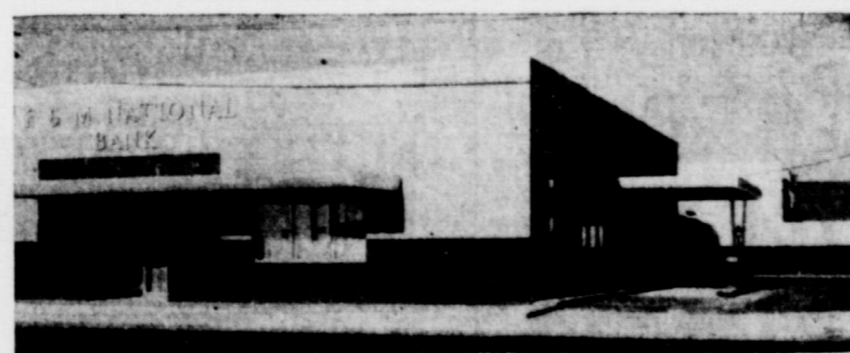
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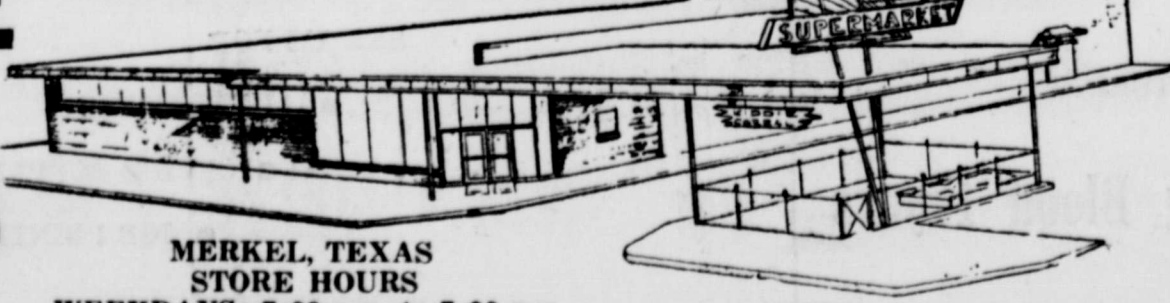
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