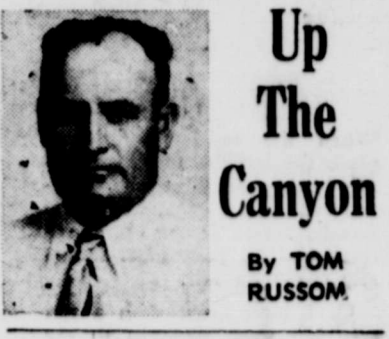


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## Up The Canyon

By TOM RUSSOM

Some light showers have been falling across the canyon making the weather cool and fine for working.

Our country is really looking fine. The question now being asked is "Who would want to leave our country in search of a better one?"

Well, we received news this week that takes us back about twenty five years. All you baseball fans and players recall the tall lanky 6 foot 3 inch ball player Roy Lane. Roy was in our area last week. At one time he was a farmer at Nolan and a very outstanding baseball pitcher. I suppose loved by all ball fans and players of that time.

Also playing ball during that time was Oddie Latimer, first baseman. I recall some very good players of our community Blanton McLean, his brother, Vance McLean and the three Seymore brothers, Joe at second base, Tom as outfielder and their brother Boyd as pitcher. All very good players. Well that carries us back about 30 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Demerie, former residents of Mulberry Canyon in the white church community, have returned to the canyon to build a new home. For the past 12 to 15 years they were in the ranching business in the Putnam and Baird area. They sold their livestock and came to make their home in the canyon.

Ray was born in the canyon and their new home is being built on a plot of land that he inherited from his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Demerie.

There is a small log cabin on the plot of land that was built in 1881.

We had a hand shake this week with a former resident of Merkel, Vernon Horton, who now lives in Plainview. He was in Merkel to attend the funeral of Lige Harris.

Vernon said he and his brother, Pierce, always look forward to receiving the Merkel Mail each week.

He said they could read up the canyon and know if it was raining or the sun was shining.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore and family were visitors in Fort Worth over the week end. They visited in the home of an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Perry.

Mrs. W. R. Toombs, who visited a week in the Perry home, returned to Merkel with Mr. and Mrs. Seymore.

The Perrys are former Canyon residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen King Jr. and baby from Hawaii are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen King Sr. He said it is good to be back shaking hands with old friends.

## MRS. THOMPSON FUNERAL HELD

Mrs. E. H. Thompson, 73, longtime Merkel area resident, died at 10 p.m. Friday in Sadler Clinic Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Tanner, pastor, and the Rev. C. G. Sewell of Sweetwater officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born April 10, 1891, in Coleman County, she came to the Merkel area in 1900. She married W. L. Barker in 1906. He died in 1916. She then married E. H. Thompson on May 16, 1920. Mr. Thompson died in 1959. She was a mem-



**BACKING THE GORILLAS** — These six Trent leaders will be among the students backing the Gorillas throughout the football season. In top picture are Cheerleaders (left to right) Diana Lewis, Sue Dickerson, head cheerleader, and Ginger Earnest. Bottom picture are majorettes (left to right) Vivian Lewis, Kaye McWilliams, drum majorette, and Peggy Hartline.

## TRENT TO MEET MERKEL B TEAM

The Trent Gorillas will meet the Merkel Badger B team here Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The Gorillas were defeated last Friday night 28-6 by the May Tigers. The first quarter went by without a score with May scoring 16 points in the second quarter.

Trent's lone 6 came in the second quarter when quarterback Larry Bagley tossed a nine-yard pass to end Charles Click. A run

## CEMETERY FUND

Recent donations to the Cemetery fund were:

- W. A. Witcher
- Mrs. R. G. Toombs in memory of Lige Harris
- Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee in memory of Lige Harris
- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley
- Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown in memory of Lige Harris
- Mrs. W. E. Petty
- Miss Alice Bigham, Abilene
- Mrs. Selma L. Paine, Abilene
- Mr. and Mrs. June Hogan in memory of Lige Harris.

## BIGHAM ELECTED TADET PRESIDENT

Dean Bigham, former Merkel resident, has been elected president of the Texas Association of Distributive Education Teachers.

TADET was organized to work with other agencies for advancement of Distributive Education throughout the state and nation.

Distributive Education is a vocational program in high schools and colleges which trains students in the field of distribution, which includes retail, wholesale and service selling occupations.

Students in the program are given classroom instruction plus on the job training in cooperation with retail and wholesale firms.

Mr. Bigham, 1944 graduate of Merkel High School, now resides in Amarillo where he currently serves as coordinator of Distributive Education for the Amarillo Public School System.

He was graduated from McMurry College in Abilene with a BA degree and from West Texas State University in Canyon with a MA degree.

## Lucia to Be Shown At Baptist Church

The new Billy Graham feature length sound color motion picture, "Lucia" will be shown at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 22 at the First Baptist Church in Merkel.

This is the story of "Lucia," coming to the motion picture screen with all of the pathos and poignancy that transcends its Latin setting, to embrace the spiritual needs that are common to every culture and clime around the world.

"Lucia" was made in its entirety in Buenos Aires, directed by World Wide Pictures' President, Dick Ross. The fire and excitement of gaucho folk music, South America's unmatched scenic grandeur and the excitement that belongs to one of the world's largest cities, are all enriched by full color and authentic sound.

But the real impact of "Lucia" is to be found in its intimate, utterly honest treatment of an individual's emptiness and frustration apart from the filling of the "God-shaped vacuum" with which all mankind is born. With this newest of the Billy Graham Films, "Lucia" enters into the area of domestic discord and the romantic triangle — and what the Bible has to say in resolving the emotional problems that are the hallmark of the 20th Century living.

## Barnett to Head Merkel 4-H Club

The Merkel 4-H Club met Thursday in the Glen Robertson home under the direction of Finley Barnett, president. The American pledge was led by Gail Boone followed by the 4-H Club pledge, prayer and roll call led by Christie Lucas.

A report was given on the County Council and Merkel 4-H members record books entered in the County and District Contests. Five books from the local club were entered. Patricia McDuff and Finley Barnett won first in County. Gail Boone won second and Christie Lucas and Vickie Robertson received honorable mention.

Barnett was a first place winner with his record book at the district meet.

Larry Orsborne, spoke on "How to select officers and the duties of each officer."

Following the program officers were elected for the 1964-65 year. Finley Barnett was named president with Katherine Criswell as vice president. Also serving as officers will be Christie Lucas, secretary-treasurer; Vickie Robertson, reporter; Gail Boone, council delegate and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Barnett leaders and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Robertson, assistant leaders.

## Crawford Given CJC Scholarship

A tuition scholarship has been awarded to Jimmy Crawford of Merkel by Cisco Junior College for participating in the Wrangler Band program for the 1964-65 school year.

Crawford will be one of some 25 students in the band that will stage special half-time shows and provide music for Wrangler football games and other college events during the coming year.

Director of the band is Earl Hesse, now in his second year, who is a graduate of H-SU and well known in music circles of this region. He came here from Crowell where he compiled a good record as a high school band director during some four years.

Crawford, a spring graduate of Merkel High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Onis Crawford.

## Open Date Friday For Merkel Badgers



**BACK THE BADGERS** — Merkelites are urged to get behind the local team and really Back the Badgers as they prepare for their first conference game Oct. 2 with Rotan. Russell Steck, Merkel High School Band member applies one of the "Merkel Badger" stickers being sold by the Merkel band students. He is the son of Mrs. Mamie Steck.

## District Meeting of Woodmen Circle Held At Community Center

Laura E. Krebs of Austin, state manager and national committee woman, attended the meeting of Laura E. Krebs District, Woodmen's Circle, Monday at the Community Center.

Mrs. C. T. Harris of Abilene heads district officers elected for 1965.

Other officers chosen included Mrs. Buck Hughes of Abilene, first vice president; Lorena Bartlett, second vice president; Mrs. W. T. St. John of Abilene, chaplain; Mrs. Abe Flippin of Abilene, attendant; Mrs. Ollie Kidwell of Abilene, assistant attendant; Mrs. Ernest Garner of Abilene, secretary; Mrs. Maggie Renfro, treasurer; Mrs. Roy Matthews of Abilene, captain, Mrs. Estelle Anderson of Stephenville, auditor.

Mrs. George Wilkerson of Abilene was initiated as a member of Grove No. 239. Ritualistic demonstration was presented.

Groves represented at the meeting were from Stephenville, Trent, Austin, Abilene and Merkel, host

## HARRIS FUNERAL SERVICES HELD

Lige Harris, 80, longtime Merkel resident, died at 6 a.m. Thursday at his home after a short illness.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Tanner, pastor, officiating, and the Rev. Melvin Byrd, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church in Abilene, assisting.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

Born March 27, 1884, in Alabama, he moved to East Texas in 1897 and to Merkel in 1903. He married Lula Miller Dec. 11, 1904, in Merkel.

Mr. Harris had farmed in this area until his retirement. A longtime Baptist, he was a deacon in the First Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife; three sons, Leo of Merkel, Bill of Ballinger and James of Amarillo; two daughters, Mrs. S. G. Russell and Mrs. Don Riney, both of Merkel; one sister, Mrs. Raymond Noe of Oulman; three brothers, Harold of Dimmit, Ernest of Dal-

## Badgers Meet CC Team Sept. 25

The Badger A team has an open date Friday which allows them a straight two week work out before meeting the Colorado City team here Friday, Sept. 25.

The local team met Baird on their own field last Friday night and was whipped by a 45-6 score.

The slow pace of the first half resulted in two touchdowns for the Baird team with no score for Merkel. Baird rallied 32 points in the third quarter with Merkel's only touchdown coming in the fourth.

Robert Shouse, tackle, picked up a Baird fumble and carried 65 yards to the 3. Fullback Weldon Tittle then took it over for the 6 points.

According to Bob Byerly, head coach, several of the Badger players, due to sickness, are unable to meet for workout.

At the present time the heaviest concentration of workouts is on pass defense and the backfield.

The Colorado City team seems to be stronger than the two teams that have played the Badgers, stated Byerly.

The main objective at this time is to get the Badgers back on their feet and to work out the mistakes that were made in the Baird game.

Story in Figures

Baird	Merkel	
282	Rush yardage	148
6	First downs	7
48	Pass yardage	29
2	of 4 Passes Complete	5 of 11
5	Pass intercepted by	0
5	for 32 Punts, average 3 for 28	6 for 50 Penalties, Yards 6 for 70
1	Fumbles Lost	4

## Optimists Re-Set Carnival Date For Oct. 1-3

The Merkel Optimist Club met at Ira's Cafe for their regular noon luncheon. Approximately 15 attended.

Kenneth Rogers from College Station presented the program on safety. Mr. Rogers, a safety instructor for several years, demonstrated to the club, with the aid of a life like dummy, the proper techniques of mouth to mouth resuscitation. He demonstrated how to revive a heart beat on a patient who has suffered a heart attack.

The carnival, which the club had originally set for the coming week end was postponed until October 1, 2, 3.

The portable television which was to have been given away Saturday night will be given away the last day of the carnival, October 3.

## Eleven Attend Pep Club Meet

Trent Pep Club had a called meeting Thursday to make plans for new game suits.

The suits will be blue A Line skirts with suspenders and white cotton long sleeve blouses.

Pep Club officers are Linda Barnhill, president; Floydell Ross, vice president; Shiela Webb, secretary and Janis Hobbs, reporter.

Approximately 11 attended the meeting.



LIGE HARRIS  
... Merkel pioneer

las, and Davis of Hawkins; 14 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

One son, Thomas, preceded him in death.

Pallbearers were grandsons. Honorary pallbearers were deacons of the church.

# Religious Review

ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY!

## CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Marvin H. Clark, pastor

### SUNDAY MORNING

Broadcast ..... 9:00

Sunday School ..... 10:00

Worship Service ..... 11:00

### SUNDAY EVENING

Training Union ..... 6:45

Worship Service ..... 7:30

### WEDNESDAY

Evening Service ..... 8:00

## NEW LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH

3rd and El Paso Streets

Bill Williams, pastor

### SUNDAY

Sunday School ..... 10:00

Preaching Service ..... 11:00

Training Union ..... 6:00

Preaching Service ..... 7:00

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

### SUNDAY

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.

Radio Broadcast ..... 10:15 a.m.

Worship Service ..... 10:50 a.m.

Radio Broadcast ..... 11:00 a.m.

Training Union ..... 6:30 p.m.

Evening Worship ..... 7:30 p.m.

### MONDAY

Junior Royal Am. .... 3:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY

Intermediate GA's ..... 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

Women's Missionary Society ..... 9:30 a.m.

Sunbeam Band ..... 3:15 p.m.

Junior GA's ..... 3:45 p.m.

Intermediate Royal Ambassadors ..... 6:30 p.m.

Mid-Week Service ..... 7:30 p.m.

Choir Practice ..... 8:30 p.m.

## MISSION BAPTISTA BETHEL

### SUNDAY

Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.

Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.

## GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### SUNDAY

Sunday School ..... 10:00

Preaching Service ..... 11:00

## FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Howard Marcom, pastor

### SUNDAY

Sunday School ..... 9:45

Preaching ..... 10:55

Youth Meeting ..... 6:00

Evening Worship ..... 7:00

### WEDNESDAY

Choir Practice ..... 8:00

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dwight Holland, pastor

### SUNDAY

Bible School ..... 9:45

Morning Worship ..... 10:55

Evening Classes ..... 6:00

Evening Worship ..... 6:45

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes ..... 8:00

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## Beautiful New Chevrolets for 1965



Leading the beauty parade of 1965 cars is the elegant Chevrolet Impala Sport Coupe (above) with new flowing lines, new roominess and a distinctive profile. Stylish roof lines and curved side windows blend with the gracefully contoured rear quarter panels. The new Impala Convertible features an inward folding top with tempered glass rear window. The regular-size Chevrolet is available in 15 models in four series. The public announcement date for all Chevrolet-built passenger cars is September 24.

## YOUR HEALTH

With the opening of the 1964 football season in thousands of colleges and high schools, the American Medical Association's Committee on Medical Aspects of Sports again reminded coaches and trainers to be wary of the athlete who has continual or recurring back pains, even if the pains are not disabling. Serious disabling injuries of

Training Union ..... 6 p.m.  
Evening worship ..... 7 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Prayer Meeting ..... 7 p.m.

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

John Curtis, pastor

### SUNDAY

Sunday School ..... 9:45

Preaching ..... 11:00

Evening Preaching ..... 7:00

### WEDNESDAY

Mid-Week Evangelistic Service ..... 7:30

## LEGAL NOTICE

### SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That by virtue of a certain Execution issued out of the Honorable County Court At Law Court of Taylor County, of the 17th day of July 1964, of said Max Giles, et al for the sum of \$297.66 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of Max Giles and Martin Cargile in a certain cause in said Court, No. 3709 and styled Max Giles and Martin Cargile vs. Judson B. Hardy, placed in my hands for service, I J. D. Woodard as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 27th day of August 1964, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 12 Block 3 Section H Elmwood West (Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas) and levied upon as the property of Judson B. Hardy and that on the first Tuesday in October 1964, the same being the 6th day of said month at the Courthouse door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Judson B. Hardy.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 27th day of August, 1964.

J. D. Woodard, Sheriff  
By Robert Alexander, Deputy.

the back are unusual in sports among persons who have a sound spine to begin with. Contusions of the muscles, strains of the ligaments and even fractures of various aspects of the lumbar vertebrae ordinarily heal with no persistent disability in from two to six weeks. If disability persists beyond six weeks, the physician will search for some underlying defect in the spine or its juncture with the sacrum.

Congenital defects of the spine are rare and may not be detected. Unless they produce obvious external signs they are not ordinarily recognized during childhood. During adolescence however, heavier stresses are placed on the spine by the greater size and weight and more strenuous activities of the individual. When the boy or girl becomes active in athletics, pain in the back, or spasm of the back muscles may appear for the first time.

Unless there has been a history of injury these difficulties are often discounted as "back strain" or "growing pains." Continuation of athletic activities, especially contact sports such as football, may then result in an injury which becomes chronically disabling because of the underlying defect.

The AMA declared that the only way to prevent serious chronically disabling back conditions in young athletes is by detecting and rigidly excluding those who have serious birth defects of the spine from sports which have a high risk of injury to the back. This can be done, first, by taking a careful history from all candidates for these sports. Any history of frequent back symptoms demands a careful evaluation, including x-rays. Significant limitation of forward or side bending or pain produced on straight leg-raising provides evi-

dence of possible disorders.

Excluding such individuals from sports with a high risk factor may seem harsh when the player is able. But counting on such a player for continuing service can have disastrous results, both to the team which risks losing his services at a crucial period in the season, and to the individual who risks a disabling injury. Far better to guide the person with this potential into less hazardous activities.

### DO YOU KNOW?

Everybody has an opinion many of us know the basic facts about civil defense, but how about our nation's civil defense program? About emergency actions or the nationwide shelter survey? Official information is available to you through your local civil defense director. Offices are located at 201 Edwards in Merkel. Phone 928-6612.

Mrs. Lillie Dean of Dallas and Birtus Dean of Weatherford visited in the home of their brother, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dean last week. They also visited in the homes of Mrs. Margaret Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Hester, Mr. and Mrs. Quannah Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent and Miss Christine Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dillard spent the past ten days in St. Louis, Mo., visiting in the home of their son, Dr. and Mrs. Burl Dillard and children, David and Nancy. They attended the St. Louis Cardinals and Milwaukee Braves baseball game and visited the St. Louis zoo.

## MISS DEB



... answers questions about Junior Miss etiquette, grooming and interests.



Q. I invited just about everybody to a party at my house after the season's last football game. It's o.k. with my family except for one little detail: I have to do everything myself. How can I have fun if I'm running interference in the kitchen?

A. It's not as hard as you think to carry the ball and have-a-ball at the same time. Plan everything ahead, beginning with refreshments. Keep your menu simple and easy to serve. If sloppy joes or spaghetti are crowd favorites, make your sauce a couple of days ahead. Re-heat at serving time and let guests help themselves. Make it buffet style with paper plates and cups and table-server boxes of napkins. A few trips with a tray will take care of clean-up time.

Q. My boy friend has invited me to have dinner with him and his parents in a very elegant restaurant. I'm not even sure who goes first to the table. In fact, what do I do with my napkin when dinner is over? Help! Help!

A. You'd be surprised how knowing a few rules of etiquette can be a social life saver. Remember: Your date or his father will hold the door for you while you precede him into the restaurant. You wait with the others at the entrance of the dining room for the head waiter to guide you to the table. The waiter goes first, then your date's mother and you. The waiter indicates to you the chair that will provide the most desirable view. Sit down slowly and give your date a chance to hold your chair.

When the meal is finished, place the napkin, unfolded, beside your plate. Be sure to confine your face fixing to the powder room. Above all, try to relax and be your most naturally charming self.

Q. I look great with a sun-tan, but what happens to my complexion from fall on makes me want to hibernate with the bears. Make-up only gives me a splotchy look.

A. You can be a snow bunny if you start to work on your winter skin right now. Artificial heat often dehydrates the skin so it becomes papery to the touch. Powder only makes it look flaky. The cure begins with a lavish application of "night cream." Next, hold a very hot washcloth close to your face. The steam will warm the cream and help it penetrate the fine top layers of skin. Repeat the process, keeping the washcloth steamy hot, for five minutes. Then, gently remove most of the cream with Kleenex tissues leaving on a fine film as a base for foundation and make-up. After a week of daily facials, you'll be back in circulation! From then on, make it a weekly ritual.

(The 16mm sound film, "A Date For Dinner," will answer more of your questions on how to practice proper etiquette when eating out. If your school doesn't already have a print, ask your school audio-visual coordinator or club leader to obtain the color film free on a loan basis from the Public Relations Department, Kimberly-Clark Corp., Neenah, Wis.)

# HERE'S SOME MORE MOM!



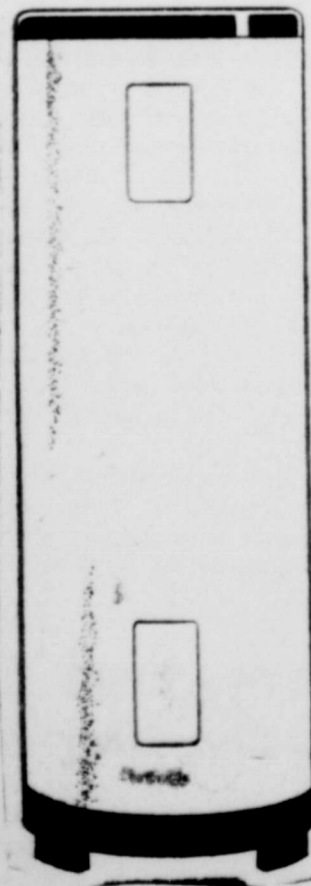
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**GLEANERS CLASS** of the First Methodist Church are holding their annual rummage sale, located in the old Ford Building. 28 2tp.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We would like to express our sincere thanks to all who helped in any way to share in our great loss of our beloved husband and father. May God bless each and everyone of you.  
Mrs. Lige Harris  
And Family.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We wish to express our sincere thanks to all our friends in the kindness they showed toward us during the illness and passing of our beloved mother, also the beautiful floral offering, food and other kindness. We are deeply grateful. May God's Blessings rest upon each and every one of you.  
The Bersha Thompson Family

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
In compliance with Article 1302-2.02 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, notice of intention to become incorporated without a change of name is given by Munden Wholesale Company, 1218 Butternut, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. 28 4tc

**Mrs. Fikes Named HD Club President**  
Stith Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday at the Community Center under the direction of Mrs. Fletcher Jones, president. Mrs. Charles Fikes gave the devotional. Mrs. Paul Bradley led the opening prayer. Roll call, answered with "A Wardrobe help" was followed by the election of officers for the 1964-5 year. Mrs. Charles Fikes was elected president with Mrs. Charles Reddin as vice president. Other officers elected were Miss Louise Hudson, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Vernon Hudson, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Jerry Byrd, council delegate and Mrs. Paul Bradley, assistant delegate. Refreshments were served to seven members and five children. Secret pals will be announced at the next meeting scheduled for Sept. 23.

**Mrs. and Mrs. Loyd Morgan, Phillip and Neal of Perryton** visited in the home of her mother, Mrs. J. C. Pincley last week end.

**Mr. and Mrs. Luther Land** visited last week in the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Corky Land in Corpus Christi.

## Local Study Club Meets in Abilene

The Fortnightly Study Club held their initial meeting of the 1964-65 year at the Sauna Club in Abilene.

Mrs. J. Lynn Knight, president, directed the meeting with approximately 16 members attending.

Mrs. Ben Hicks, program chairman and vice president, presented the year books and challenged members to rededicate themselves to making 1964-65 a more progressive year for the Study Club.

For the course of study she called attention to the programs, all aimed toward "A Challenge for Tomorrow."

Attending the meeting were Mrs. J. Lynn Knight, Ben Hicks, Bryan Dunagin, Roy Dalziel, Andy Shouse, Corner Haynes, Johnny Cox, David Gamble, Dave Brumbeau, Homer Patterson, W. R. Cypert, Don Dudley, Mack Fisher, Howard Marcom, Ray Wilson and Miss Christine Collins.

## Mrs. Irven Hosts HD Club Meeting

Mrs. Hollis Irven was hostess to the Noodle Home Demonstration Club meeting held recently in her home.

Mrs. Irven presented the program on interior decorating. She gave a demonstration on interior painting, refinishing furniture and picture frames. Mrs. Irven used her recently redecorated home as a model for the demonstration.

Nine attended the meeting.

## Miss Ross Wins Bal Jar Award

Floydell Ross, senior at Trent High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ross Jr., is a winner of the Bal Jar Award at the West Texas Fair now being held in Abilene.

The Bal Jar is a special award for the best entries in the canned vegetable division.

Miss Ross is the winner of 7 first places; 5 second places and 1 third place for a total of \$22.50 prize money.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

The following were admitted to the hospital for the week of Sunday, Sept. 6 thru Saturday, Sept. 12:

Mrs. A. V. Teaff, Tye  
E. O. Carson  
Mrs. Jimmy Russell  
Nath Maxwell  
Mrs. Artie Bright, Trent  
Mrs. Cecil Lassiter, Abilene  
W. A. Stockbridge  
Mrs. D. N. Warner, Tye  
O. J. Adcock  
Richard Owen  
Mrs. W. S. Allred

The following were dismissed for the same week:  
Ernest Neff  
Freddy Joe Lawrence, Wingate  
Joe Horton

Mrs. I. D. Kimmey, Tye  
Mrs. E. L. Berry  
Mrs. Dave Tarpley  
Charles Keys, Abilene  
Thomas R. Smith, Hawley  
Mrs. Jessie Lenoir  
Elton Payne, Trent  
Mrs. Lottie Green  
Mrs. Herman Hyatt, Abilene  
Mrs. Ennis Reidenbach  
Fredlyn Farmer  
Jerry Shafer, Trent  
Tina Hammer, Trent  
Glenda Braune, Abilene

## Local ABWA Chapter Meets

The Merkel Chapter of the American Business Womens Association met Monday night at Ira's Cafe for a dinner meeting.

Guest speakers for the evening were Robert Shouse and Johnny Hardesty, Merkel High School students who were delegates to the Attorney Generals Youth Conference in Austin during the summer.

The two students spoke on conditions of the increasing rate of juvenile delinquency in Texas and the ways and means to combat the delinquency problem.

Reports were given by committeemen during the business session and plans were made for adopting the name for the local chapter.

Approximately 18 members and two guests attended.

## Noodle Beginners 4-H Club Meets

The "Busy Little Hands" of the Noodle Community 4-H Club met Monday for a planning meeting.

Karen Sullivan, junior leader, outlined the "Food Unit Plan No. 1" for the group of nine year old girls who are beginners in 4-H work.

Attending the meeting were Lettie Griffith, Faye Cockren, Anne Doan and Joyce Hogan.

The next meeting has been set for Monday, Oct. 5. The program will be "Making Fudge."

Mrs. Bill Maxwell is adult leader in foods for the Noodle Club.

## Sixth Grade Elects Officers

The sixth grade class of Mrs. Mack Fisher met Thursday to elect officers for the coming six weeks session.

Jammie Holland was elected president with Lee Ann Holloway as first vice president.

Other officers elected were Keith Reeger, second vice president; Allen Fudge, secretary; Mike Steck, treasurer; and Lon Beasley, reporter.

## BIRTHS

A son, Joe, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Valentin Olvera of Merkel at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1, at Sadler Clinic Hospital. The lad weighed 7 lbs. 12 1/2 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Felia Acuna of Merkel are parents of a daughter, Esther Michele, born at 7 p.m. Wed., Sept. 2, in Sadler Clinic Hospital. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hagar of 511 Oak, Merkel, announce the birth of a 6 lb. 5 1/2 oz. son, Michael Ray, in Sadler Clinic Hospital at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 3.

A daughter, Teresa Linn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Moses of Trent in Sadler Clinic Hospital at 5:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 15 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Rood of 2418 Beech, Abilene, are parents of a 5 lb. 10 1/2 oz. daughter, Tammy Sue, born at 2:35 p.m. Sat., Sept. 5, in Sadler Clinic Hospital.

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## Hamilton Enrolls In Cisco College

Jack Hamilton, son of A. L. Chancey of Merkel is among the more than 300 students to pre-register for the fall semester at Cisco Junior College.

According to an announcement by President G. C. Hogue, the enrollment this year far exceeds that of previous years.

All freshmen students at CJC must register before Sept. 16 in order to attend the compulsory orientation period on that date.

Mrs. Gloria Benton, student counselor, says that the orientation period will begin at 9 a. m. for students whose name begins with A through L and a 10 a. m.

for M through Z.

This orientation will continue one period a week throughout the first semester. It is designed to familiarize students with the library and counseling facilities and other aspects of the college community.

Sophomores may register at any time until Sept. 15, the book store will be open several days before classes begin Sept. 17.

### PICTURES TO BE MADE AT TRENT SCHOOLS

Trent Public School students will have pictures made Monday, Sept. 21, according to Floyd Ross, school reporter.

All pictures, individual, class and organizational, will be made on that day.

The pictures will be made by Cole Studio from Abilene.



**NOODLE** — The Noodle FFA elected five girls as nominees for chapter sweetheart. Pictured from left to right are: top row: Caron Carter and Betty Rister; second row: Karan Sullivan and Janice Hill; Bottom row Myron Cockerham, who was elected chapter president. Not pictured was Linda Clift.

## Noodle Future Farmers Elect Officers - Sweetheart Nominees

The Noodle Future Farmers of America met Monday night in the High School Agriculture Department to elect officers.

Myron Cockerham was named president with Dennis Hail as vice president.

Other officers are Barry Olive, secretary, Eddie Arms, reporter; Bobby Campbell, treasurer; Jerry Deen, centennial; and Larry Carter, parliamentarian.

FFA members also elected sweetheart nominees. The FFA

sweetheart contest will run until Sept. 21 with the votes selling at one penny each. The proceeds will go toward the building of a new agriculture barn.

Sweetheart nominees are Caron Carter, senior; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alec Carter; Betty Rister, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rister; Linda Clift, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Clift; Karan Sullivan, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Sullivan and Janice Hill, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hill.

Ernest Tate is agriculture teacher and sponsor of the Noodle FFA.

Approximately 15 attended the meeting.

## Reunion Held In Scott Home

The Sampson family reunion was held recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Scott.

Visiting throughout the week end in the Scott home were G. C. Scott and family of San Bernardino, Calif., Elmo Sampson and family of Wichita Falls and Mrs. Lee Stockton from Brownfield.

Joe Scott and family of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scott of Abilene assisted their parents with a buffet luncheon Sunday.

Approximately 66 relatives and friends attended the luncheon.

The oldest attending was Frank Sampson of Anson. The youngest attending was Todd Scott, son of Joe Scott.

Mr. Scott's mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock of Merkel, also attended the luncheon.

Families attended from Anson, Midland, Odessa, Stamford, Abilene, Mansfield, Dallas, Brownfield, Wylie and Smiley.

### NOW IT'S 31

Latest figures show that the average American farmer is now producing enough food, fiber and other products for 31 people, with five of them living in other countries. Back in 1820, says the USDA, he was producing enough for only 4 people.

## NOODLE NEWS

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Vinson from Hawley were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Callaway Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Faye Daniels and granddaughters from Abilene visited her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Al Griffith Sunday and attended services at the Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Warren of Richardson were visitors in the home of her mother, Mrs. Zenobia Lucas the past week end.

Mrs. Lucas returned with them to Richardson for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell were in Hodges Sunday afternoon to keep the children of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Earl Smith while they attended the funeral of Mrs. Thompson.

Nath Maxwell is in the Merkel Sadler Clinic Hospital and is reported to be in serious condition.

Mrs. Allred remains in Sadler Clinic Hospital where she has been for the past several days.

Ernie Joe Dismukes from Pomona, Calif., was a visitor in the home of his aunt, Mrs. Dock Callaway Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dillard visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dixon in Abilene Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Spurgin of Abilene visited Monday in the homes of Dock Callaway and Blue McCoy.

## Announcement

The Badger Band members are selling "Merkel Badger" bumper stickers. These may be obtained from any band member for 25 cents.

## Mrs. Boone Host Beta Sigma Phi

Approximately 20 attended the Beta Sigma Phi sorority meeting held Tuesday evening at the Taylor Electric Coop Building.

A program on speech was presented by Mrs. Glenn Teaff and Mrs. R. E. Dayton.

The program emphasized conversational speech with points on clear expression, good vocabulary,

articulation, pronunciation, correct grammar, beauty of voice, courtesy and listener attention.

The group participated in the program with each member giving a two minute talk.

During the business meeting plans were made for the Halloween carnival to be held Oct. 31 at the Community Center.

Yearbooks were presented to sorority members.

The next meeting has been set for Oct. 6.

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# SOCIETY

By MRS. T. J. AMASON  
Correspondent

Miss Ruthie Corder has returned to Denton where she will enroll as a senior student at North Texas State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Roberts of Greenville and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roberts and daughter of Arlington were guests in the home of their sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Foster the past week end.

Mrs. Margarette Quillin and daughter of San Diego, Calif., were visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Watson the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Dunning of Abilene were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. McConnell Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent visited in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Largent and son Robert in Muskogee, Okla., the past week end.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Callie Price Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buchanan, Mrs. Clea Crawford of Midland, Mayor and Mrs. Edward Farmer of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Price of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Lonzell Price of Baird and Mrs.

Oneta Davis and children of Caps.

Mrs. Ray Wilson and daughter, Mrs. Ben Neel and children of Abilene were week end visitors in the home of her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Campbell in Lamesa and in the home of her sister and family Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McFarland in Friona.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McCall and sons, Tommie and David of Abilene, visited in the home of her father, Grover Blair, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Price of Abilene were visitors in the home of their aunt, Mrs. Callie Price the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mason of Austin were guests in the home of her mother, Mrs. N. L. McLeod the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann visited in the home of her sister, Mrs. M. C. Clayton in Tulia over the week end.

Rev. and Mrs. Perry King of Abilene visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Buchanan.

Also visiting in the Buchanan home were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Petree and son, Richard of View.

Miss Lisa Gardner of Lubbock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blake-more, was a recent visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Corder.

Week end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock were Oscar J. Adcock and sons, Don and Mike of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Adcock of Kres and Mrs. A. A. Betterton and son, Joe of Midland.

Week end visitors in the home of Mrs. J. W. Tiner were Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey Warren and sons, Bill, Robert and Rich-



A third Mustang model — the "2+2" fastback — joins hardtop and convertible Mustangs announced as the first of its 1965 cars by Ford Division last April. The new Mustang provides seating for four. Fold-down rear seats permit added luggage — including skis and other lengthy equipment — to be carried inside the car with driver and passenger. Functional air louvers styled into the rear roof quarter-panels provide an efficient, flow-through ventilation system for window-up driving free from wind noises and drafts in nearly all kinds of weather. Continued as standard equipment on all Mustangs are such sports and luxury features as bucket seats, molded nylon carpeting, floor mounted shift for both manual and automatic transmissions, all-vinyl interior, padded instrument panel, and full wheel covers.

The new Mustang "2+2" joins the 1965 Mustang hardtop and convertible models in Ford dealer showrooms Friday, September 25.

ard of Odessa and Emmett Tines of Austin.

Mrs. Bessie Jackson visited in the home of her mother, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Payne in Trent last week end.

Dr. Mary Walker, famous Union spy who wore male attire, was a pioneer woman suffragist and a doctor in the Civil War.



## STITH NEWS

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Stith received light rains and cloudy weather last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Tunstill and children of Dyess Air Force Base, Mr. and Mrs. Bufford Welch and children of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Alanzo Peterson, Miss Louise Hudson of Merkel and Annie McDonald were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley.

Hal Burk of Levelland was a dinner guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malone visited over the week end in Taylor with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Malone.

Mr. and Mrs. Blondy Hanson and Carolyn, Mrs. Dave Rister and Mrs. W. C. Clyburn visited in the home of Mrs. J. E. Swindell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dedman of

Tye visited her mother, Mrs. A. M. Evans Sunday.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Mrs. E. H. Thompson. She was the mother of Mrs. Curtis Clyburn of Stith.

Several from Stith attended the funeral Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Hale visited Mr. and Mrs. John Jones at Truby Sunday. They also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry.

Mrs. Jessie Lenior, mother of Mrs. J. E. Hudson, spent several days in Sadler Clinic Hospital last week. She is at home and doing better.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning visited Mildred and Johnny Harris in Abilene Sunday.

## Bridge Club Names Winners

The Merkel Duplicate Bridge Club met Thursday evening at the local Country Club.

Winners of the Thursday night bridge play were Julia Wood and Bill Wood, Mrs. McIntyre and Katherine Walker, a tie for first place; Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mrs. R. E. Dayton, third

and Mrs. Raymond Flecher and Meyer Mellinger, fourth.

Winners of the six weeks series were Katherine Walker, 1st; Bill Wood, 2nd; Julia Wood, 3rd and Meyer Mellinger, 4th.

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## Social Security Aids Three Ways

"Many people who call at our offices throughout the nation continue to surprise our interviewers by thinking of social security as only a one-way form of income insurance," reports R. R. Tuley Jr., district manager of social security in Abilene.

"One caller will know only of the retirement benefits; another the disability program; the next the survivorship payments," Tuley went on.

He added that with the retirement part now being over 27 years old, the survivors portion over 24 years old, and the newest, disability, now in its tenth year, such single-shot ideas are much more frequent than should be true.

Tuley furnished the following to summarize the three-way family income protection in the Social Security Act.

1. RETIREMENT. At age 62: early retirement amounts range from 80 to 99 per cent of the basic amount calculated as of age 65. At age 65: no reduction in benefit amount if no payments were made before 65. At age 72: payment of benefits no matter how high current earnings may be.

2. SURVIVORS. Lump sum death benefit. Monthly payments to children under 18 or continuously disabled since 18, to widows aged 62 or more or with children in their care, to dependent parents aged 62 or more, to dependent widowers at age 62.

3. DISABILITY: Monthly payments to disabled person and certain dependents.

All social security district offices welcome and encourage inquiries about possible benefits, he added.

## MISS DEB

... answers questions about Junior Miss etiquette, grooming and interests.



Q. My friends have asked me to serve on the decorations committee for our sister-the-game party. Our budget is small and I'm not very creative. It seems like all the good decorating ideas are expensive or over-used. What's new?

A. Not new, but practically synonymous, are pompons and football. Consider easy-to-make facial tissue pompons. Here's how: Take six yellow Kleenex tissues. Fold the tissues in half and fringe with scissors, making cuts one-fourth inch apart up to one inch from the top. Shake the fringe out and wrap around the end of a thin dowel stick. Fasten with heavy thread. Presto! A giant tissue pompon. Or, make pompons that look like snowballs out of all white tissues. Try hanging them from the ceiling or tie them in clusters for corner decorations. Besides being decorative they make ideal favors for guests when the party's over.

Q. When I go out on a double date with my girl friend she refers to me as "The Brain." I'll admit I like school, but I don't want my date to think I'm from squaresville. Should I ignore the sniping or play dumb?

A. Could be your friend is jealous of your good marks. One way to combat this is to show everybody that you're not just a brain but an all-around Jane. Join in plans for good times and conversations about sports and boys. Most important: Take the whole thing lightly and they'll soon forget to tease.

Q. I'm planning a holiday open house but my mother is worried about protecting her furniture from spills. How can I relax without hovering over my guests with a mop?

A. You can have a happy holiday and so can mom by "holiday-proofing" the floors and furniture. An extra-heavy coat of wax will protect the table tops from rings caused when drinking glasses are placed carelessly on the table. A good beeswax paste plus a strong arm and a roll of soft Kleenex towels will provide plenty of protection. Apply the wax before the holiday season and just buff up with a fresh double-layer towel before the party. Treat floors to waxing, too. Then relax. It's your holiday, too!

### YOUR LAWN

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#### WATERING YOUR LAWN

July and August are months when it normally doesn't rain enough to produce a lush green lawn. Watering isn't necessary for a healthy lawn but it's vital if you want to maintain an enviable plot of grass during hot spells.

The decision to water or not water depends on you. If you feel it's important to preserve a green turf during these months, then water. But remember, the watering habit can become expensive, especially in areas where water is scarce. And when done improperly, it often hurts a sturdy lawn.

Too little watering causes a shallow root system and invites crabgrass. Too much watering cuts off the oxygen supply to roots, causes shallow roots and creates an ideal breeding ground for diseases.

To water properly, soak the ground to a depth of at least 6 inches. Once a week is usually sufficient, but twice a week will take care of the worst drought conditions. To check the water penetration, insert a table knife or sharp instrument into the ground. See how far and how easily it goes down.

Summer is also the time to check your lawn for that dark green color it had early in the season. If the lawn lacks this color, then most likely it needs nitrogen to bring back the greenness.

Apply a slow-release nitrogen fertilizer. This type of fertilizer is non-burning, releases the ni-



trogen at a steady rate, and avoids a big surge of growth which sometimes invites disease and insects. If you don't mind a brown lawn during summer, don't bother watering. Most well-established lawns in the northern part of the United States can survive the summer months without watering and will usually revive with the first good rain.

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I have been watching this year's political campaigns with enormous interest, for I am convinced that the coming presidential election is one of the most significant in many a decade. I have seen with disgust the hysterical horde of Republican delegates in San Francisco passing up their greatest party leaders in order to nominate a radical in conservatives' clothing, and screaming so loud for their imaginary lost freedoms that they drowned out Nelson Rockefeller and denied his right to freedom of expression. And I have seen the calm, civilized, and by comparison tame gathering of Democrats to select their standard-bearers. And I have wondered what sort of morbid psychology, what sort of distorted perspective, what sort of total ignorance of American history, what sort of misguided ultra-patriotism or witch-hunting John Birchism could make so many Americans eager to turn from reasonable and proven policies and to entrust this nation to the guidance of an erratic, unpredictable madman. I have purposely tried to speak to as many avowed Goldwater supporters as possible, in an attempt to find out what characterizes a follower of the man from Arizona.

It seems that no two Goldwater men are exactly alike. How-

ever, they all have one thing in common: an emphasis on the specific and the particular rather than upon the general and the universal. I have not heard anyone say that he believes Goldwater will be good for America and for mankind. Instead, the typical adherent of Goldwater has one or more specific grievances which he believes that Goldwater will redress. He thinks that something is wrong and that the solution is to elect the savior from Phoenix, who promises to cure all domestic ills, send the whole Communist world scurrying for cover by some magic process he calls "defoliating Viet Nam," and make the world safe for the American Legion, the John Birch Society, the southern Negro-haters, Goldwater's wing of the Republican party, and all other radicals and fanatics of various hues.

For example, one man told me that he planned to vote for Goldwater because his company — which makes missiles, among other things — had suffered some setbacks because of President Johnson's economy moves. What an astonishing paradox! To vote for Goldwater, who never opens his mouth without demanding government economy, because Johnson has decreased his company's net profit by a few thousand a year. And what shortsightedness, to place company above country!

Other people have told me that



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they intend to support Goldwater because President Johnson's anti-poverty legislation smacks of socialism. Of course it smacks of socialism, as do the Social Security System, income taxes, REA, and a dozen other things that have become necessary as Twentieth Century progress has called for bigger government and more services to our citizens. It is time we stopped thinking that everything to which that nasty, abused, and misunderstood word "socialism" can be applied is necessarily bad. In 1910 John D. Rockefeller made \$20 million and paid no income taxes while the average American worker existed on an annual wage of \$450; the aged either continued working, starved to death, or became a burden to their children; and children studied by flickering kerosene lamps (as farm children would still be doing without REA) Of course there have been trends toward socialism in American government since 1910. But heaven forbid that we should allow Goldwater to lead us back to such "good old days" as these.

Goldwater followers are fond of pointing out specific abuses of Social Security, or unemployment compensation, or the new anti-poverty measures. I am aware that such abuses are numberless, and will be so as long as we are all merely human. But what are the alternatives? I say that it is better to feed a dozen dead-beats than to let one child go hungry in a nation whose grain bins will scarcely hold our surpluses. How strange it would be for a nation which has always prided itself on its Christianity, its brotherhood, and its neighborliness to decide to adopt the "I got mine, you get yours" attitude of Goldwater and his anti-poverty followers. If everyone were poor because he was lazy, if every child of impoverished parents really deserved to remain hungry and uneducated until he became old enough to steal and wise enough to hate, then I would say, let us all condemn President Johnson's benevolence.

But we in America have always believed, or claimed to believe, that, although individuals are not equal in natural endowments, they should at least have equal opportunities for self-development and improvement. And, although first generation poor may, perhaps, in some cases deserve their predicament, there is certainly no reason why the sins of the parents should be visited upon the children. The harshness of Senator Goldwater's views was dramatized in a recent cartoon which showed him snarling at a couple of ragged children. The senator was saying, "Why don't you go out and inherit your own department store, like I did!"

What is the typical Goldwater follower like? He is a bundle of contradictions. He believes that economy in government is wonderful, unless it hurts him personally. He believes that extremism is all right, if it is a kind of extremism that he favors — in other words, that any means are justifiable if the ends are those that he approves of. He believes that Barry Goldwater can somehow lower taxes, abolish big government, balance the budget, and at the same time wage an active, uncompromising war on

communism. (And anyone who can believe that is capable of believing any lie on earth.) But most of all, he is characterized by selfishness and short-sightedness. He sees only the issues at his own doorstep. His dreams are haunted by the mythological creatures which politicians have long used to frighten people. "Big government," "creeping socialism," "liberalism," and that figment of an economist's imagination, "the national debt" — all are out to get him. In short, he has a vague sense that something is wrong (and he is right; there are many things wrong), and that therefore we must get rid of the old administration. (If he applied similar logic in his personal life, he would no doubt shoot himself if he developed a toothache). There are still many wrongs and injustices and inadequacies in America. As President Johnson has said, "We have a lot of unfinished business." But if we toss out every administration that fails to lead us to Utopia in four years, then we will have a new president every four years for the next ten centuries.

I am told that the Republicans have erected a huge sign for their candidate which says, "Let your heart tell you that Goldwater is right." What an insult to the intelligence of the American people — to ask them to decide emotionally rather than rationally who to select as their leader. And now alarmingly similar to the views of Adolf Hitler, who praised emotion and was suspicious of reason — who said he preferred women to men because they were creatures of emotion. If I were in charge of the Democrats advertising campaign, I believe I would select as an antidote for this mental poison an equally

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It should be evident by now that I am a liberal who believes in progress, who looks toward the future and has regard for the past only because of the lessons it offers and the preparation which it made for the present. I respect conservatism as a necessary element in our democracy,

as a braking force to insure that in our exuberance as a youthful nation we do not progress too rapidly or enter blind alleys. I respect and admire the conservative who drags his feet, who says, "Let's look around all the corners and proceed with caution as we progress." But Goldwater is a radical, not a conservative. He invites us to stop in our tracks in the middle of the twentieth century and turn back to policies that proved unfeasible half a century ago.

It is certainly true, as the Republicans say, that Goldwater

represents a choice rather than an echo. And I am confident that Americans will once again choose the party that has worn well, the party whose closet contains no unmentionable skeletons like Grant and Harding, the party which has represented people and progress for 150 years. Of course I mean the Democratic Party.

Thank you in advance for publishing this letter. I will welcome replies from any Goldwater advocates.

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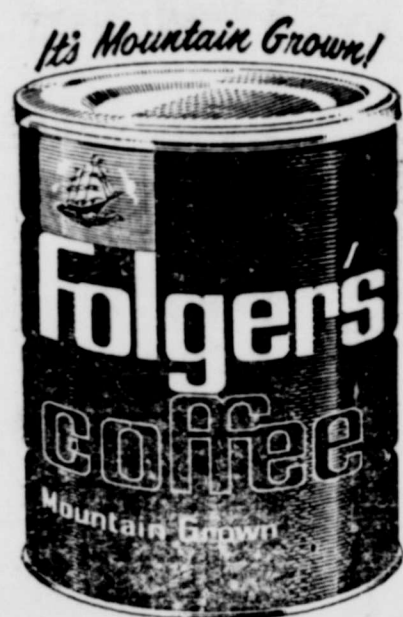
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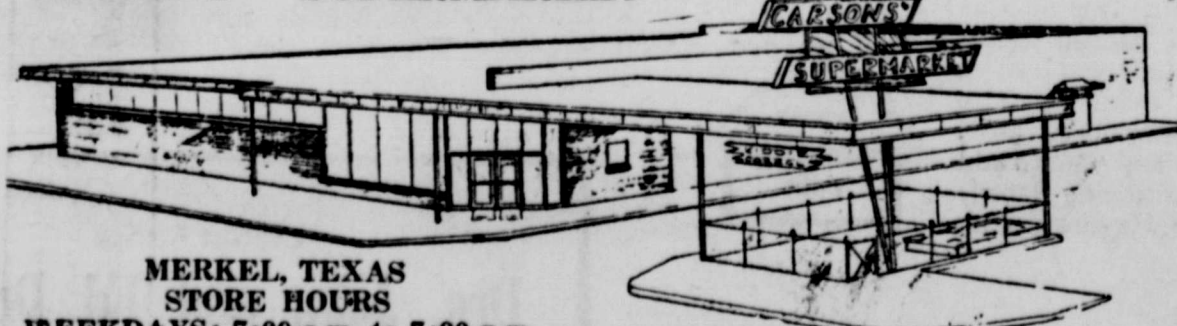
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