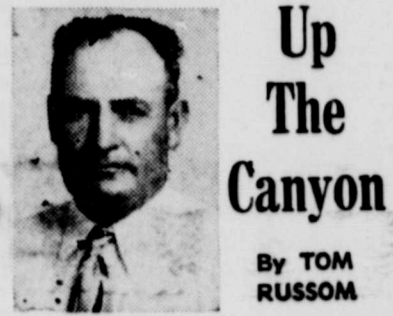


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Up The Canyon

By TOM RUSSOM

Things here in the Canyon are a little quiet, however, a lot of work is going on, and the Stock Show has been attended by a lot of our people the last few days.

The Mulberry Canyon 4-H'ers rang the bell at the Stock Show, with Katie Neill, and Mary and Betsy Johnson taking the lamb show, and Myrtle Davis placing 4th with her calf, which we thought was real good.

There have been some parents asking us about our 4-H Club the last few days, saying they were wanting to bring their children to join our club. We really welcome any children to come join our 4-H Club. If you are of age, join now so you can get in on all of the meetings, and we are planning on having a Community Party for all of our club members early in the spring.

Well, our area is just getting a little dry; could use a good rain on the wheat.

Ray Orsborn, who has some stock farm on the north side of the canyon, says his wheat needs rain pretty badly. Ray sold some cattle last week, and said they sold real well; he said the market looks good. You will recall about a month ago, the cattle market got fairly normal, or a lot better, and who can tell but what we might see a good cattle market in the spring if just a little rain should come, and we are looking for it to come.

Of course, the sheep market has held good thus far, and perhaps will continue on through the year. Just one man's opinion.

A few days ago we had a very fine letter from Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess of Austin, saying they had gotten home, after being in the Sadler Clinic for several weeks from results of a heart attack. He wrote how good the people of Merkel and surrounding area were to them while in the hospital. The Burgesses



SUSAN SCOTT
... Trent honoree

Trent Senior Of the Week

By FLOYDEL ROSS

Susan Scott, 18, is the honored senior of the week at Trent. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott of Sylvester. Susan has been in the Trent Beta Club for 2 years, and is currently president. She is very active in the Trent Band, and was all district for 5 years.

Susan is reporter of the senior class, and personality editor of the annual staff. She has been in FHA for four years.

Susan plans on attending Texas Tech next fall.



WAY BACK WHEN — Carson Food Store in 1936 at 213 Edwards. From left to right are Louis, J. N. and E. O. Carson.

PEOPLE LIKED TO EAT YEARS AGO BUT GRUB WAS DIFFERENT THEN

Grocery store management comes naturally to the Carson family in Merkel.

It should. It's been a family tradition for three generations.

And while people haven't changed much in 40 years as far as their desire to eat is concerned, what they eat and how groceries are sold have changed.

But to begin at the beginning in the saga of the Carsons and the grocery business in Merkel as Carson's Super Market chalks up a 40-year anniversary...

World War I had been over five years and the boom of America emerging as a world power on the land in 1923 when Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Carson moved from Eunice, N. M., to Merkel and bought a grocery store at the present location of Merkel Auto Parts.

E. O. Carson left Eunice and came to work for his father later in the year.

America was still booming and growth was in the air. The Car-

POSTMASTER ASKS RURAL COOPERATION

Postmaster Wrenn Durham today appealed to postal customers on rural routes to help their rural carriers make mail deliveries during bad winter weather.

The Merkel Post Office has three rural routes covering the area around Merkel.

Mr. Durham said that at the same time he hopes all authorities concerned with rural routes where snow and other bad weather hampers the carriers will continue to cooperate to help the mailman get through.

The Postmaster listed these points of particular concern:

1. Approaches to rural mail boxes must be kept open by the customers.
2. Obstructions to delivery of mail on routes should be removed or minimized to the fullest extent possible.

Unless approaches are cleared, it may be necessary to temporarily withhold delivery of mail, the Postmaster pointed out.

Rural carriers are not required to perform service on foot when roads cannot be traveled with the vehicles normally used, but they are expected to make every reasonable effort to serve as many of their patrons as possible with-

out physical exertion or added financial cost, he explained.

If excessive detours are necessary to effect delivery of mail, customers should temporarily relocate their boxes on the new line of travel, arranging to receive their mail through other patron's boxes, or make other arrangements for their mail until travel on the roads affected can be resumed.

MR. AND MRS. W. O. HARDY NOTE 45TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hardy of Merkel were honored Sunday by their children and grandchildren for the celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

Travis Hardy, his wife and four children from Midland, Royce Hardy, his wife and two children from Merkel, Bobby Hardy, his wife and son, also of Merkel, Mrs. La Rue Beauchamp, her husband and daughter from Stamford, Mrs. Lou Elta Cox, her husband and two children from Lubbock, were in Merkel for the celebration of the anniversary.



LAMB CHAMPION — Katie Neill had two champions and a reserve champion in the Taylor County lamb show. Here, Jackie Richards of the Taylor County Sheep and Goat Raisers Assn. presents her with the association's showmanship trophy buckle. (Photo Courtesy of Abilene Reporter-News)

Chamber Picks Girl To Represent City

Sue Pinckley Is Fat Stock Show Delegate

The board of directors of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce selected Miss Sue Pinckley to represent Merkel at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show.

She will be given a spotlighted introduction at the rodeo performance, and her participation, as well as other delegates, will receive wide publicity, stated officials of the show.

Sue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley, attends Merkel High School, and is a member of the FHA, High School Band, Stage Band, West Texas Barrel Racers Association, and the Merkel Riding Club.

She has been a sponsor of the Texas Cowboy Reunion at Stamford for the past two years.

Sue is active in church work at the First Baptist Church, where she is assistant organist.



SUE PINCKLEY
... spotlight introduction

Hardin-Simmons Has Tournament

ABILENE — Sixteen high school girls' basketball teams will compete in the 13th annual invitational tournament for girls at Hardin-Simmons University Feb. 4-6. Otho Polk, tournament director, has announced.

Teams will come from Trent, Paint Creek, Avoca, Old Glory, Petersburg, Lueders, Anson, Eula, Wylie, Roby, Hamlin, Aspermont, Haskell, Sands, O'Brien and Hawley.

Trent High School is the defending champion.

Play will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4, and championship finals are set for 9 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6.

Every team will see action on the opening day of the tournament, Polk said.

NEW ATTRACTION FOR OPTIMIST SHOW

Max Murrell, Optimist Club president, announced the Gospelairens have had to call off their appearance for Saturday

night, but he said the Hi-Lo's of Abilene will be the feature group and that the Western Band from Trent would also appear. Murrell said it will still be a gala affair, so join the crowd Saturday night for an evening of entertainment.

The program starts at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23 in the Merkel High School Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Optimist Club. Prices are \$1.00 for adults and 50c for students.

C. McCormick Dies at Age 83

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Elliott's Chapel of Memories for Charlie T. McCormick, 83, of 858 Elm, a Taylor and Jones County resident for 65 years. He died Friday morning in Hendrick Memorial Hospital where he had been a patient for about a month.

Dr. Hubert Thomson, pastor of First Methodist Church, officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Elliott's Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 1, 1881 in Tennessee, he first settled at View in 1900, then moved to Stith in 1903. A retired farmer, he had lived in Abilene since 1950.

He married Paralee Shouse south of Merkel in 1910.

Surviving are his wife; four daughters, Heleen Reneau of 2501 Regent and Evelyn Hudgens of 3800 N. 10th. Mrs. R. W. Hones of 318 Meander, all of Abilene, and Mrs. A. M. Roberts of Waco; a son, Charlie T. Jr., of Ropesville; a sister, Mrs. E. L. Kelso of 601 Victoria; six grandchildren.

Band Parents Sponsor Dinner

The Merkel Band Parents Club will sponsor a chicken dinner with home made pies to raise money to purchase sweaters, jackets and pins for band students who meet the requirements. Every band student receives one of the above mentioned awards. The dinner will be Sunday, Jan. 24th beginning at 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Merkel School Cafeteria. The price of the meal will be \$1 for adults and school children and 75 cents for pre-school children.

HELP!!!

the best made plans — they don't work out. And it was the plan of the publisher of the Merkel Mail to have a nicely bound volume made of the papers published for 1964 but

Two copies are missing — August 13 and August 20. If any readers have copies of these two editions will they please let us know so we may pick them up and complete our records.

Announcement

Greely Ashton, Taylor County Veterans Service Officer, will be in Merkel Friday, Jan. 29, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

Veterans or their survivors who need advice or help are urged to contact Ashton at that time.

SOCIETY



By MRS. T. J. AMASON
Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Petterson and family of Phoenix, Ariz., were house guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Petterson recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Petterson and children of Abilene, were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Petterson recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Doan and son, Mark, of Lubbock, were visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jacobs, over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Imes of Dallas are house guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lar-

gent, for an indefinite time. Mr. and Mrs. Carlton McLeod of Trent were visitors in the home of his mother, Mrs. N. L. McLeod, over the week end. Also visiting Mrs. McLeod were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Masson of Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs and son, Matt, of Colorado City were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs Sr., Sunday.

Ike Turner and daughter, Debbie, spent the week end with the E. C. Harwells, and J. C. Walters.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglas of Ruidoso, N.M. were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Foster and other relatives this past week end.

Mrs. W. N. Elliott visited in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliott of Dallas recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Windham of Trent were visitors in the home of his mother, Mrs. R. E. Windham this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Bland of Abilene were visitors in the home of his sister, Mr. J. L. White over the week end.

Mr. L. D. Giles of Wichita Falls was a visitor in the home of his sister, Mrs. T. T. Earthman this past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Earthman of Abilene were house guests in the home of his mother, Mrs. T. T. Earthman over the week end.

Mrs. Wade Davis and children of Caps were visitors in the home of her mother, Mrs. Callie Price

over the week end. Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum are at home after spending the holidays with their niece, Mrs. Raymond Neal at McKinney.

Mrs. Ida Campbell of Roby visited with her sister, Mrs. Lucy Ford this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Doan and family were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan of Abilene, over the weekend.

Mrs. Sallie Moore visited in the home of her nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Berryman and children of Abilene this past week end.

Mrs. Harold Alderman and children of Texas City were house guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan and family this past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Tiner of Lubbock were visitors in the home of his mother, Mrs. J. W. Tiner of the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Doan and family of Odessa, were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Reynolds of Midland were visitors in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod of Snyder were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds last Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Jones of Tye was a visitor in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley and Mr. and Mrs. Nim Teaff over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Horton and family of Abilene were visitors in the home of his mother, Mrs. Edna Horton over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Farmer visited over the week end with his brother and family, and other relatives and friends in Wellington.

NOODLE NEWS

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

This has been such beautiful weather, with pretty red sun rises, makes us all want to start working in the yards and gardens.

Minister Faubus preached at the Church of Christ Sunday, in the absence of Norman Hogan, the regular minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Justice and family of San Angelo spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vess Justice, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell.

There are several out of school with the flu at this writing.

Mrs. Pete Barbee and boys, and Sheila Barbee of Hawley, visited the Edmund Womancks Sunday. Mrs. Barbee and Mrs. Womancks are sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Wood and family from Big Spring visited over the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell. Mrs. Caldwell came home from the Anson Hospital Wednesday, where she had been for treatment.

Mrs. J. B. Griffin is also home from the Merkel Clinic, and she is going to Abilene to have some eye tests run.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Calloway visited the Griffins Sunday afternoon. Also visiting them were Bob Hale and son, Clay of Abilene.

Clarence Hudson is visiting his sister and brother in and around Antioch, Calif. It had been rain-



CAROLYN JANE TEAFF
... to marry in spring

ing so much, he was unable to visit his sister at Lake Tijo.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bails and boys, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sloan and children, visited their parents, the Troy Sloans, Sunday.

Those visiting the home of Bill Caldwell Sunday were the following children: Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Wood and family, of Big Spring; Mrs. Billye Underwood of Abilene; Messrs. and Mmes. Willie Earl Smith and boys and Homer Jones and family of Hodges; Mrs. Alice Cooper and sister, Mrs. Della Robinson.

The Will Hendon family are all on the sick list, and also Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Earl Palmer is in the hospital in Merkel.

Hueco Tanks in the Hueco Mountains near El Paso, Texas, are large cisterns formed by depressions in limestone.

Bridge Club Plans Tourney

The Merkel Duplicate Bridge Club will sponsor a charity bridge tournament to be held Sunday, Jan. 24th at the Merkel School Cafeteria. The tournament will consist of an afternoon session beginning at 2:00 p.m. and a night session at 7:30 p.m. For both sessions and the meal the charge will be \$5.00 or for each session separately the charge will be \$2 and \$1 for the meal.

Proceeds will go to charities selected by the board of trustees of the American Contract Bridge League Charity Foundation. Last year approximately \$295,000 was given to Cerebral Palsy Foundation and the American Cancer Society.

At the beginning of the 19th century Nacogdoches was the second largest city in Texas.

Spring Wedding Being Planned

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Teaff Jr. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Jane of Midland to William Geary Nelson.

Nelson, also of Midland, is the son of Mrs. Eileen C. Nelson of Springdale, Ark., and the late Geary U. Nelson.

Miss Teaff received a BS degree from McMurry College and attended the University of Texas graduate school. A member of Alpha Chi, she is employed by

Midland Public Schools. Nelson was graduated from the University of Arkansas where he belonged to the Pi Kappa Alpha. He is employed by Burroughs Corp. A spring wedding is planned.

Most of the mainland coast of Texas is separated from the Gulf of Mexico by a chain of long, narrow barrier islands.

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300 size **19¢**

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APPLES lb. **12c**

RUBY RED
GRAPEFRUIT 5 for **39c**

VINE RIPE
TOMATOES lb. **25c**

FRESH
ONIONS or
RADISHES bunch **5c**

FRESH CRISP
CELERY stalk **15c**

CRISCO - 24-OZ.
OIL bottle **39¢**

MACARONI DINNER Kraft's 2 for **35c**

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DUTCH CLEANSER 2 for **25c**

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Miracle Whip KRAFT **49¢**
qt.

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2 lbs. **39¢**

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AUSTEX
BEEF STEW
NO. 300 SIZE 2 for **69c**

DIAMOND
TOMATOES
NO. 303 CAN 2 for **25c**

SUNSHINE - 1-LB.
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HORMEL
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SAUSAGE 2-lb. bag **69c**

HORMEL ALL MEAT
WIENERS lb. **49c**

CHUCK 7-CUT lb. **45c**
ROAST blade cut lb. **39c**

LOIN OR
ROUND STEAK lb. **83c**

HORMEL ENDS AND PIECES
BACON 4-lb. pkg. **69c**

LIPTON'S
TEA
pkg. **39¢**
1/4-lb.

LIPTON'S
INSTANT
TEA
3-oz. jar **69¢**



GROWING — Carson Grocery and Market in 1946 at 213 Edwards . . . under the ownership of Herman and Howard Carson.

40 Years In Grocery Business

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the good business of Merkel and came back in 1933.

J. N. again set up shop at the same location, 213 Edwards. But this time his fixtures consisted of apple boxes, orange crates and one counter. J. N. wasn't wrong in remembering the robustness of the Merkel economy. The fall cotton crop of 1933 put him on his feet again. In 1934 he expanded—got more room and put in more apple boxes and orange crates.

In 1936 J. N. Carson sold out to his son, E. O. Carson.

E. O. Carson operated under the same conditions — apple crates and orange boxes.

Things were changing fast in 1938. Hitler was making his inroads into Europe. War clouds were gathering and E. O. Carson bought the fixtures of the Sure Way Grocery and moved them to his store at 213 Edwards and expanded. Then, in 1939, E. O. Carson bought out Ross Wheeler's meat market fixtures

UP THE CANYON

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are no strangers to this area, after making their home here for 17 years. We just want to say we hope he is still doing fine.

Mr. E. W. Turner has been in the Sadtler Clinic for several days. His daughter, Mrs. Wade Ensminger has also been in the clinic for several days. All of the family are former residents of the Canyon. Mrs. Marvin Frazier, Mrs. Johnnie Frazier and Mrs. Howard Masrange of Pecos have been here to be with their father and sister.

Mrs. Lloyd Knip of Snyder was spending the week end in her parents home, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore.

Miss Connie McCarty, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Joe McCarthy of Merkel, was visiting here in the home of Kenneth Ray over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewell McLean visited Sunday in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Griff Barnett of Anson.

Mrs. Worthy Cordill of Temple City, Calif. is visiting in a niece's home, Mr. and Mrs. Price Floyd. Mrs. Cordill is a sister in law of the late E. H. Cordill.

We received word here this week that Luther Jones passed away. He was a longtime resident of Mulberry Canyon, and a brother of Mrs. Will Butman, Mrs. Lake Renfro, Mrs. Val White of Merkel and John Jones of Merkel. Mr. Jones was living near Buchanan Lake, in Central Texas.

School Census Under Way

Leon R. Walker, school census trustee for the Merkel Public Schools, is taking the school census during the month of January. All children who will be six years of age, but no older than eighteen years of age, on or before Sept. 1, 1965, must be enumerated before the end of January. Parents of children who are not in school and who have no brothers or sisters in school, should notify the Census Trustee before the close of this month.

School Menu

For the Week of January 25
Through January 29

MONDAY

Pork-Pineapple upside - down loaf, sweet potatoes, English peas, rolled - wheat bread, butter, brownies, white honey syrup and milk.

Tuesday

Potato cheese boats, red beans, cabbage - apple slaw, cornbread, butter, cherry cobbler and milk.

WEDNESDAY

Roast turkey and gravy, mixed vegetables, carrot sticks, homemade bread, butter, pumpkin pie and milk.

THURSDAY

Italian spaghetti, whole kernel corn, English peas, lettuce and tomato salad, homemade bread, crackers, butter, fruit cups and milk.

FRIDAY

Steak and gravy, rice, green beans, hot rolls, butter, fruit jelly salad and milk.

Juliette Lowe Patrol Meets

The Juliette Lowe Patrol of Girl Scouts met Monday in the Girl Scout Hut. Mrs. R. E. Dayton led the group discussion on cooking.

Dianne Allen served refreshments to Mary Ann Hernandez and Juanita Gleas, who became new members, and the other members, Dora Asencio, Cathy Carson, Diana Dayton, Kay Holter, Zana Mansfield, Jeri Mullenix, Connie Ragan, Jeannette Tanner and Mrs. Dayton.

Merkel Bridge Club Meets

At the regular meeting of the Merkel Duplicate Bridge Club's Fractional Master Point Session held at the Taylor Electric Coop Thursday night the winners were:

- 1st — Mr. and Mrs. Bob Preston of Abilene
- 2nd — Roy Dalziel of Merkel and Peggy John of Abilene
- 3rd — Bonnie Dayton and Jo Fulton of Merkel
- 4th — Lt. Bob Richards of Sweetwater and James K. Graham of Abilene.



POULTRY CHAMP — Barbara McAninch, a member of the Trent FFA, and a senior at Trent High School, won the regional grand championship in the poultry division of the Abilene Fat Stock Show. Here she is shown with her pen of three broilers. Other Trent winners in this division were Jim Canady, Doris Hutcheson, David Templeton and Dee Lang Hutcheson.

C. W. Mashburn Dies at 76

Charles W. Mashburn, 76, of the Stith Community, died at 2:20 p.m. Thursday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene after a few hours' illness.

Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Friday in the First Methodist Church in Merkel with the Rev. Richard Pittman, pastor of the Tye Methodist Church, and the Rev. Jessie Swindle of the Noodle Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in Stith Cemetery, with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

Born May 1, 1888, in Cummings, Ga., he moved to Jones County in the fall of 1901 and was married to Ida Florence Peterson, Dec. 15, 1914, in Merkel. Mr. Mashburn retired from farming in 1958.

Survivors are his wife; one son, Charles W. Jr., of Merkel; seven daughters, Mrs. Ralph Norton of Fort Worth, Mrs. Gladys Richardson of Abilene, Mrs. Tom Hogan of Merkel, Mrs. Robert Gilmore of Merkel, Mrs. Fred Bates of Riverside, Calif., and Mrs.

Charlene Patrignani of Abilene; one brother, Sam of Merkel; one sister, Mrs. W. C. Church of Slaton; 22 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Orval Ely, Hubert Sullivan, Arthur Blackman, Bill Little, Roy Mashburn and Torliff Hanson.

Sallie Rosson Dies at 80

Sallie Emma Rosson, 80, longtime Merkel area resident, died at 6 p.m. Monday in Starr Rest Home after a lengthy illness.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born July 3, 1884, in Rock Springs, Tenn., she married John B. Rosson in 1902 in Tennessee. They came to the Merkel area in 1907. He died Aug. 23, 1963.

Surviving are two sons, L. S. of Miami, Ariz., and Hollis J. of Merkel; three daughters, Mrs. John O'Donnell and Mrs. Dean Sumner of Merkel and Mrs. Robert Kelley of Fort Worth; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Ford - Sobczyk Vows Pledged

Mary Billieruth Ford and A-2.C. David Chester Sobczyk of Dyess Air Force Base were married Friday Jan. 8th, in the home of the bride's brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby

Mr. Dwight Holland, minister of Merkel Church of Christ read double ring rites.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ford Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Chester J. Sobczyk of Anchorage, Alaska.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her dress of pink taffeta with white lace trim had a square neckline, pleated skirt and short sleeves.

A net and lace rose held her tulle veil. She carried gardenias and carnations on a Bible.

Attending the couple were Linda Jean Hollar and D. L. Ford, brother of the bride.

Miss Holler chose a pink shift with long sleeves and square neckline. Her veil of white net was caught to a pink bow.

Reception was in the Bobby Ford home.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School, and Sobczyk was graduated from West Anchorage

High School, Anchorage, Alaska. He attended Alaska Methodist University.

They are living at 1311 S. 2nd. in Abilene.

TEL Class Holds Meeting

The TEL Class of the First Baptist Church met on Jan. 14 in the home of Mrs. Earl Foster, with Mrs. Clay Satterwhite as co-hostess.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. Dave Anderson.

Mrs. Seago brought the devotional. The business meeting was closed with a prayer by Mrs. Dent Gibson, after which refreshments were served to Mmes. Houston Robertson, E. R. Click, Della Brown, Dave Anderson, Clay Satterwhite, Dent Gibson, Vivian Winter, Mae Seago, John Mansfield, Ira Moore, S. C. Keith, May Hendrix, Myrtle Walker, Earl Foster, Lucy Ford, Eunice Massey and one visitor, Laura Mignery.

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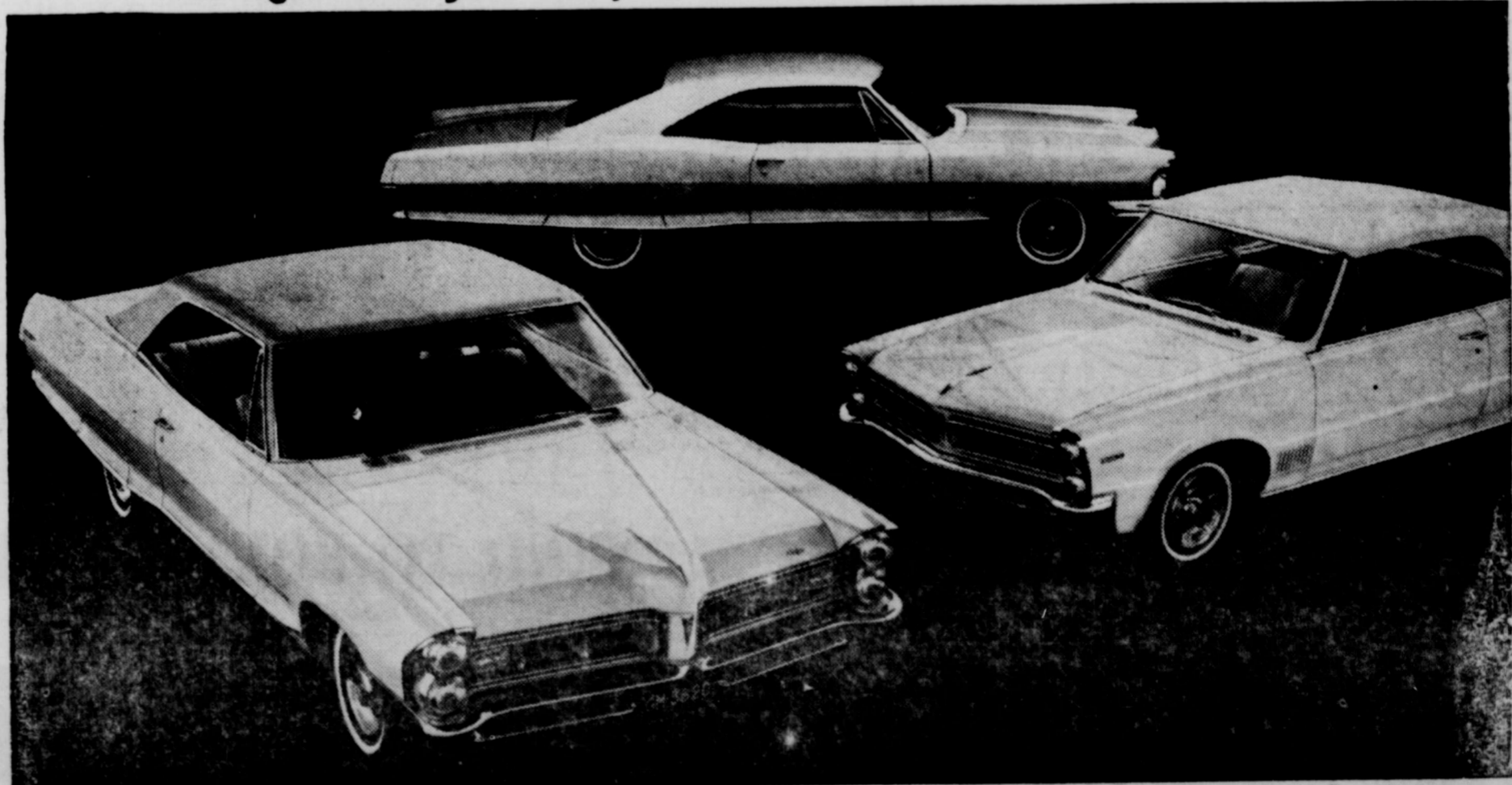
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SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00
Preaching Service 11:00
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FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Howard Marcom, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45
Preaching 10:55
Youth Meeting 6:00
Evening Worship 7:00
WEDNESDAY
Choir Practice 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

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
5th and Runnels
John W. Emery, 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 7:30

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

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.

AT EASE, LADIES

It's nice to be pampered with luxury, especially when it costs no more. Next time you're shopping for a foundation garment, look for the makes that feature "Maid-Rite" garter grips in a new plastic material—"Delrin" acetate resin. They're smooth and warm to the touch, kind to skin, strong yet flexible, and won't rust—no matter how often they're washed. You can choose from a variety of feminine colors on Best Form, Deluxe Girdlecraft, Formfit, Natureflex, Permalift, Playtex, Stephanie, Teenform, Jubilee, Vanity and many others.

If there's still lots of wear in your present garment, but you're tired of being pinched and gouged by metal grips, the same grips in "Delrin" are available as replacement items at variety stores and notions counters. One manufacturer, Gem-Dandy, Inc., offers three carded packages, two types of detachable supporters and a detachable grip through national chain stores and five-and-tens. In any style, they're a happy, trouble-free choice.

Another new item now appearing in department and gift stores rates as one of the most unusual, yet practical, gifts—particularly if there's a new baby on your list. The "GRO-tape" Keepsake Rule by Lufkin is a measuring tape on which the growth rate of a child will become a special memento. Record with a ball point pen, his size when he takes his first step, on birthdays, the first day of school.

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Training Union 6 p.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.

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

Fish Available For Area Tanks

In the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District about 60-70 of the districts cooperators are annually assisted in securing fish to correctly stock their farm ponds. These fish may be ordered from the Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Department of the Interior. Order blanks are available at the local work unit office of the Soil Conservation Service and any of the work unit personnel will be happy to assist in filling out the application. Both bass and channel catfish are available. Bass deliveries are made in the spring and channel cat in the fall. To assure the applications will be filled during 1965 it must reach the Fish and Wildlife Service office in Albuquerque, N.M., before May 1st of 1965.

In making applications the depth and surface acres of the pond, whether or not it will be fertilized and the kind of fish requested are used to determine the number of each kind of fish needed for correct stocking. When the application is received and processed each applicant will be notified that his order has been approved. Then about a week prior to delivery the applicant will be notified when and where the delivery will be made and how much water will be needed in which to take the fish safely to the pond.

STITH NEWS

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones attended the Workers Conference held at the Calvary Baptist Church in Stamford Tuesday.

A host of friends and relatives attended the funeral of Wesley Mashburn at the Merkel Methodist Church Friday afternoon. Burial was in Stith Cemetery. Mr. Mashburn died Thursday a.m. in the Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a short illness. He had lived in Stith Community most of his life. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hill of Las Cruces, N.M., visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Thursday. Mrs. Bob Hale and Goodwin, and Mrs. Ethel Canida were visitors in the Hale home Saturday night.

Mrs. Paul Bradley visited Mrs. J. E. Hudson, Mrs. Homer Finch and Miss Louise Hudson in Merkel Saturday.

Jana Farmer of Merkel spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry. She attended services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Hobbs and family of Fort Worth, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs and children.

John Hobbs celebrated his 92nd birthday Monday, Jan. 18.

Mrs. Robertson of Midland at-

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tended services at the Hope Church of Christ Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantress visited Mrs. Tenna Sloan and Mr. and Mrs. Mauree Cox at Hodges Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. and Mrs. James Williams and children were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley.

Pat McDonald of Midland spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and George.

The WMU of the Stith Baptist Church met at the church Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Pick Payne, president, in charge.

Mrs. Ira Stanley taught the lesson from the mission book, "Winds of Chance."

Mrs. Mamie Hardin of Midland spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning attended a singing Sunday afternoon at the Four Square Church in Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Gregory of Big Spring visited Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley and family Monday and Tuesday.

Shrimp mature in fall and leave the bays for the Gulf of Mexico to spawn during the winter and early spring.

For more than 60 years, the Federal Arsenal at Harper's Ferry was the nation's largest.

County 4-H Food Show

Approximately fifty 4-H girls and boys will be exhibiting their favorite foods at the Taylor County 4-H Favorite Food Show. The show will be held Saturday afternoon, Jan. 23, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Westgate Capital Mall.

Each contestant will set up his or her own exhibit on a card table. It will be entered in one of milk, vegetable - fruit, meat or bread - cereal.

Not only do the members learn to prepare the food but how to serve it correctly and attractively. They must know the nutritive value of the food and be able to

answer judges' questions concerning it and the Four Food Groups as well.

Each contestant must have on the table cards giving the recipe used and the complete day's menu featuring the food exhibited.

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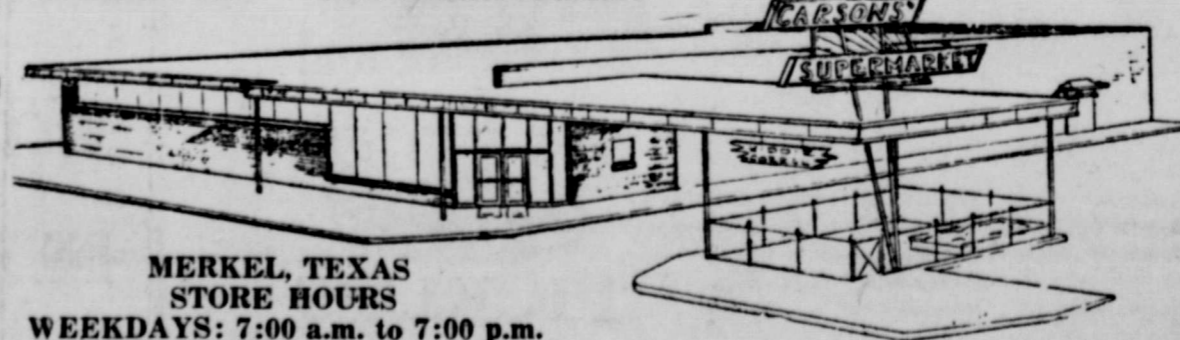
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