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## Up The Canyon

By TOM  
RUSSOM

Merry Christmas  
from  
Up the Canyon

I was just thinking this morning where in the world did all of our time go to. Here it is Christmas all at once, and we are not ready for it. May be that is the way things are when we are getting old — however, I remember when my mother would say on Christmas Eve day, "Now Santa will be here tonight, you boys get in plenty of wood for the fireplace so he can warm up when he gets here." We were so thrilled all day long and we thought it was the longest day we ever spent on earth. We never ate much supper — jumped down from the table to hang up our socks, and lay awake until midnight, waiting and listening for someone to come and put those nuts, candy and an apple and orange in our socks.

About two years later I received my first real Christmas present — a twenty-five cent pocket knife. I kept that knife, I know, must have been a year, and I loved it so much.

Today we may go by the bank, check out a handful of money and give to mother and say "mom make it go as far as you can," and of course with so many things to buy and perhaps Chester might be just a little spoiled, or Mollie just a little hard to please. And I bet too, that when Dad handed Mom that money, he was thinking about bacon going to a \$1.00 a pound.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brumbeau and their daughter, Jan, attended church at Pioneer Sunday. It was their first visit to Mulberry Canyon. Mrs. Brumbeau said it wouldn't have been so far if the road wasn't so crooked. They were dinner guests in the Russom home. (Editor's note: and we really enjoyed every minute of our visit too)

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Everett had a host of friends and relatives in their home over the weekend. They were Mr. Everett's brother, Newt Everett and a friend, Elmo Medlock and son T. P. of Spur.

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## Jaycees Schedule "Turkey-Shoot"

"So you think you're a pretty good shot . . . prove it," said Cory Lash, publicity chairman. "Come to the Jaycees' Christmas Turkey-shoot, Saturday, December 18, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., at the Civil Defense Building in downtown Merkel."

One shooter out of every 10 will win a turkey. Bring your .22 rifles. If you don't have one, the Jaycees have one for you to use. "Ammunition will be furnished free," said Lash.

You don't get 1 or 2 but you get 5 shots at one target! Five shots to win a turkey! Youngsters under 14 years will shoot in a category all their own, so you shooters bring your children.

## SO THINGS DO CHANGE

Innovation according to the calendar.

That's the style at Mellinger's Department Store.

It has been a tradition for Mellinger's to hold their Dollar Day sales on the Tuesday that this year would fall on Dec. 21. But that would be during the Christmas rush. Dollar Day and Christmas shopping . . . whew! So Mellinger's will start Dollar Day sales this month on December 16.



BEAUTIFUL FOR ANY HOME — Agrees Mrs. Dickie Dannheim when she spotted the arrangement of red carnations in a cupid Epergne, artistically arranged by Bill Wood. (Staff Photo)

## GOODFELLOWS

### 'PLEAS' OUTNUMBER THE CONTRIBUTIONS

With Christmas time quickly approaching, the plain truth is that more persons must contribute generously if the approximately twenty-five people who have asked for help, will be helped.

An extra eighty-five dollars, contributed by Merkel people and civic club, has boosted the total contributions to \$225.00.

The Goodfellow Store will be situated in the building formerly occupied by Max Murrel Chevrolet. "Many people have volunteered to help Monday, Dec. 20, in sorting clothes, putting them on racks, and sizing articles," said Truman Belcher, Goodfellow chairman.

Belcher asks that anyone who will be able to help Monday at the "Goodfellow Store" to call the Chamber of Commerce office.

"Also workers will be needed Wednesday and Thursday afternoons," said Belcher.

## District 2 E-1

### Lions to Meet

### In Merkel Dec. 21

Approximately forty Lions and their ladies from District 2 E-1 are to be guests of the Merkel Lions and their ladies Tuesday, Dec. 21. The Quarterly Zone meeting will be held in the Banquet Room of the Merkel Restaurant, beginning at 7 p.m.

Mack Fisher, Lion Program chairman, will present a film on "Texas — Land of Contrast."

District zone chairman, John W. Baugh of Abilene, will present the welcome address.

"All Merkel Lions and their ladies are urged to be present," said president, Johnny Cox. "We want a large crowd of Lions and their ladies to be on hand to extend Merkel's hospitality to our guests."

Reservations for the quarterly zone meeting may be made by calling the Merkel Restaurant or Johnny Cox by noon Monday, Dec. 20.

## Cash Donations

Previously donated	\$140.00
Henry Ueckert	10.00
C. F. Curb	10.00
E. J. Patterson	10.00
Este Class S.S. of	
First Baptist Church	5.00
Christine Collins	20.00
John West	10.00
Beta Sigma Phi	15.00
Bryan Dunagin	5.00
Total to date	\$225.00

## Burleson says:

### SMALL BUSINESS, FARMS NEED GREATER ASSISTANCE

Congressman Omar Burleson said one of the central issues concerning towns the size of Merkel is centered around the "family-size" businesses and farm.

And he said that a lot of "lip-services" must be paid to "some of the policies and their effect in meeting this problem."

He pointed out that the Small Business Administration and the Farm Home Administration were set up to aid the family size business and farm.

However, he said that he receiving many reports and requests from small units when he visits his district pointing out the need for additional help.

## WTU Announces Change In Mangers for Merkel

### New Official Has 28 Years WTU Services

The new Merkel manager has been serving as WTU local manager in Cross Plains for the past three years and is a veteran of 28 years of service with the company.

Born in Celina, Texas, in 1919, Button, still a small boy, moved with his family to Abilene and attended the Abilene Public Schools. While still in high school, he worked at a grocery store, and following graduation in 1936 from Abilene High School, Button was employed at the C. A. Hines Grocery.

During the summer of 1937 he worked part-time with a WTU surveying crew in the Quannah area and the following November was employed full-time as a distribution clerk in McCamey. He later worked as a clerk in the McCamey district office and was working as a dispatcher when he was transferred to the transmission department as a clerk.

His 28 years of service were interrupted in 1942 when he joined the U. S. Marines for service in World War II. Following his discharge in 1945 Button returned to McCamey and rejoined the company.

The following year Button was transferred to Stamford, where he worked as assistant chief clerk for two years and in 1948 returned to McCamey as assistant chief clerk for the McCamey district.

In 1950 Button was transferred to Rising Star, where he served as local manager for 11 years and for the past 4 years has been serving as local manager in Cross Plains.

Mrs. Button is the former Oma Rutledge. They have two daughters, Joyce, 16, and Patsy, 10. The Buttons are members of the Baptist Church, and he is a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Lions Club and the Quarterback Club. Button is also a past member of the city council and the Boy Scout Committee.

## Merkel Resident Injured in Fall

The latest report at "press time" on W. W. (Will) Toombs was that he rested "fairly well" Tuesday night in Hendrick Hospital in Abilene.

Mr. Toombs suffered an arm and shoulder injury from a fall where he was working on a house on Locust Street Tuesday evening.



EARL HUGHES



W. H. (BILL) BUTTON

## STRAY-DOG PICKUP BEGINS DEC. 18

Merkel's City Council voted unanimously at their December 2 meeting to begin "picking up dogs found away from home."

The beginning date for the dog catcher to pick up stray dogs, will be Saturday, Dec. 18 at 8 a.m.

The ordinance accepted by the council reads: "Dogs picked up away from home, without collars or harness, without vaccine and license tags attached, will be impounded for a period of forty-eight hours, and then killed or sold, unless sooner redeemed by the owner. The owner will pay an impounding fee of \$3.00 plus a charge of \$1.00 per day."

"Dogs running at large with a collar, with vaccine and license tags attached, shall be kept for a period of ninety-six hours and then killed or sold, unless sooner called for by the owner, who shall pay an impounding fee of \$3.00 and a charge of \$1.00 for each day that the dog has remained impounded."

"It shall be unlawful for any person who owns, keeps, or is in charge of, or has control of a dog, to keep said dog within the corporate limits of the Town of Merkel, which dog is notoriously vicious or dangerous, or which dog by loud barking, whining, howling, or other noises, is reasonably calculated to disturb the peace and quiet of a neighborhood."

At the Council's Oct. 4 meeting the ordinance was passed on establishing and adding new and stricter regulations on the keeping of dogs in the Town of Merkel. The ordinance appeared in the Oct. 7 edition of the Merkel Mail and a hearing was held by

the Town Council of Merkel, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. in the City Hall.

"The delay in enforcing the Dog Ordinance has been by and far two main reasons," said Mayor Johnny Cox.

"First," said Cox, "a great many difficulties beyond expected control has prevented the immediate enforcement of this ordinance, and second, it was hoped that the articles published in the paper concerning requests for cooperation of dog owners, would remedy this situation."

The council agreed that a great deal of time and thought has been given to the working out of an equitable and economical solution.

## Merkel Schools Receive Grant

In a special message to The Merkel Mail, Congressman Omar Burleson advises that approval of \$5,815 for the Fiscal Year 1966 has been granted the Merkel Independent School District, with \$4,361 for immediate payment.

This grant is under public law 874, assisting schools in federally affected areas.



JUST WHAT I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR! — And Mrs. Ted Smith seems to have "settled" on this lovely cardigan, on display in one of Merkel's local stores. (Staff Photo)

## W. H. Button Replaces Hughes For Utility Firm

Earl Hughes, local manager for West Texas Utilities Company in Merkel since 1944, retired in December and has been succeeded by W. H. (Bill) Button of Cross Plains.

The announcement of the retirement of Hughes and the promotion of Button was made today by Frank Hobbs, Abilene district manager.

Hughes moved to Merkel in 1944. Employed by West Texas Utilities Company for the past 27 years, Hughes was scheduled for mandatory retirement at the age of 65 on Jan. 1, but he has been enjoying a three week's vacation before officially retiring on the first of the year.

Hughes joined WTU in 1938 as a clerk in the company's Stamford District office. Six years later he was promoted to local manager and served in that capacity until his transfer to Merkel.

Born in Taylor County in 1900, Hughes spent his early life in the vicinity of Abilene and attended the public schools at Center Point and Blair. He graduated from Blair High School in 1917.

In 1919 he was employed as chief deputy in the office of the Taylor County tax collector and was elected tax collector in 1926. Six years later he was named tax collector for the City of Abilene and served in that capacity until he resigned in 1938 to join West Texas Utilities Company.

One of Merkel's leading citizens and civic leaders for many years, Hughes served as Mayor of Merkel for 5 1/2 years and was a member of the Merkel Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Methodist Church. He is also a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 550 in Abilene.

Mrs. Hughes is the former Larmoyan Baker. They were married in Abilene in 1921 and have one son and two daughters, Earl Hughes Jr., and family reside in Abilene. J. G. Spatz and family live in Willoughby, Ohio, and the other daughter, Jane Wade, and family, live in Merkel.



## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas on the 27th day of October, 1965 in a certain Cause wherein Crown Credit Corporation is Plaintiff and Alfred S. Portillo and wife Ester Portillo are Defendant wherein the Plaintiff has sued for the sum of \$2,197.19 with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 27th day of October, 1965, and cost of suit. And, in which, Cause I have levied upon the property herein described by virtue of an Order of Sale I will on the 4th day of January 1966 at the County Court House of Trrlor County, Texas within legal hours from 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., I will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in and to the following described property to-wit:

50x150 ft. out of a 6 AC. tract out of Jno. Jarman Survey, Abstract No. 82 Recorded in Vol.

523, Page 392 in the Deed Records of Taylor Co., Texas.

GEORGE MAXWELL,  
Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas  
By: Leon Sledge, Deputy.  
41 3tc

## LEGAL NOTICE

### SCHOOL BUSES FOR SALE

The Merkel School Board is receiving sealed bids in the office of the local school superintendent for 5 school buses listed as follows:

- 1 GMC, 1953 Model, fair body, some parts missing
- 1 1954 Chevrolet, fair body, but some parts missing
- 2 1955 Fords, one fair shape
- 1 1957 Ford, fair shape

All bids must be received on or before January 3, 1966, 7:30 p.m. Bids may be for one or more buses. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.  
39 3tc

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

In compliance with Article 1302-2.02 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, notice of intention to become incorporated without a change of name is given by Poor Boy Movers, 6000 Pueblo Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. 41 4tc

Species of cotton are found native in all continents except Europe.

## PUGGY



## Christmas Theme Presented P-TA

"Happiness is Christmas" was the theme for the Merkel Garden Club's meeting Thursday, Dec. 9. The home of garden club member, Mrs. W. S. G. Brown, was colorfully decorated with the Christmas theme. The centerpiece was a Mesquite limb, covered with snowflakes — depicting a West Texas Christmas scene.

"The unlifted face of a small child, gazing on a Christmas tree, Santa Claus, or a decorated store window, quickly depicts the theme of 'Happiness is Christmas'," said Mrs. Dee Grimes, program leader. "Music and beauty is everywhere at Christmas time," she said.

Mrs. Clyde Bartlett read a collection of Christmas poems, by Helen Rice, with a special emphasis on "The Christmas Guest." Miss Christine Collins sang "Cantique de Noel," by Adolphe Adam. Christmas music was by Mrs. Jarrett Williams.

## "The Bible Today" Is Lecture Theme

(Special to The Merkel Mail) ABILENE — Theme of the 48th Annual Bible Lectureship at Abilene Christian College Feb. 20-24 is "The Bible Today."

Dr. J. D. Thomas, professor of Bible and Lectureship director, said Tuesday that included on the program will be major lectures by 18 speakers, eight speakers on four panel discussions, classes on 42 special topics, a daily teenage forum, and a daily Biblical forum on scholarly research.

Largest room in Carlsbad Caverns has a floor area of 14 acres.

## Tomato Sauce Flatters Chicken



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### BAKED CHICKEN WITH TOMATO SAUCE

(Makes 4 servings)

- 1/2 cup fine dry bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 3 pound frying chicken, cut in serving pieces
- 1/2 cup Carnation undiluted evaporated milk
- 2 tablespoons salad oil
- 1 medium green pepper, thinly sliced
- 1/2 pound sliced fresh mushrooms or 1 can (4 ounces) sliced mushrooms, drained
- 2 cans (8 ounces each) Contadina tomato sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon oregano
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

Combine crumbs and cheese. Coat chicken with crumb mixture; dip in evaporated milk; coat again with crumb mixture. Arrange in shallow ovenproof dish. Sprinkle with oil. Bake in 375° (moderate) oven 45 minutes, or until chicken is tender. Meanwhile, combine green pepper, mushrooms, tomato sauce, salt, oregano and pepper in medium saucepan. Cook over medium heat until heated through and flavors are blended. Serve sauce over baked chicken.

## Dorcas Class Has Christmas Party

The Dorcas Class of the First Baptist Church had a Christmas program and a turkey dinner in the Fellowship Hall, Thursday, Dec. 9.

Members and guests attending the social were the Rev. W. D. Tanner, church pastor, Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson, Mrs. J. A. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Gibbs, Mrs. Leoto Sherrill and Mrs. Jean Thompson.

Also Meses Homer Finch, Sam Swann, J. W. Tiner, T. J. Bird, Jim Kuykendall, Irene Pomroy, Emory Wilburn, Dave Anderson, Houston Robertson, Bessie Jackson, W. A. McCandless, P. F. Harris, Lige Harris, Myrtle Walker, E. M. McDonald, E. O. Carson, W. M. Hays, Howard Phillips, A. H. Jollinger, W. E. Pet-

ter, Corderia Sherer, Josie Shanks, T. T. Earthman and J. E. Powell. Class president, Mrs. W. D. Tanner, welcomed guests and Mrs. Homer Finch lead the group in prayer.

A Christmas hymn was sung by Mrs. Jean Thompson, Mrs. E. O. Carson read the Christmas Story from the Gospel of St. Luke, and an inspirational talk was given by Rev. Tanner.

Social security beneficiaries must make a special report if they earn over \$1,200 in 1965.

## Bible Land Tour Starts Aug. 1966

(Special to The Merkel Mail) ABILENE — Dr. J. W. Roberts, professor of Bible and director of graduate studies in Bible at Abilene Christian College, will direct the third annual study Tour of Bible Lands.

The tour will depart from New York Aug. 1 and last until Aug. 22. Included are such places as Rome, Pompeii, Athens, Jordan, Jerusalem - Israel, Nazareth and Tell-Aviv.

Total cost, to and from New York is \$1,200. Students may earn three hours of undergraduate credit in Bible geography or Bible archaeology. Taking the trip for course credit is optional.

## Merkel 4-H Club Cooking Class Completes Study

The 1-A Cooking Class of the Merkel 4-H Club has completed six work sessions in a study on Foods and Nutrition. The class will recess until Jan. 1, 1966, when they will meet to study and make plans for the Foods Show, scheduled for Jan. 23.

Members participating in preparing foods, salads, peanut butter cookies and meat salads are Jana Farmer, Karlen Gamble, Lois Traweck, Cindy McDonald, Lee Ann Butman and Sheri Stephan.

Adult leaders are Mrs. Andy Stephan, Mrs. David Gamble Mrs. Lon McDonald and Mrs. Gerald Butman.

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FOR SALE — Lumber, sheet metal, sheet rock, pipe and house. Call 8-5934 after 12:00. 40 2tp

FOR SALE — Chevrolet truck — 1½ ton, new motor, new radiator. 14 ft. grain bed. See at 1112 South 10th. Phone 928-5436. 40 2tc

FOR SALE — Handmade quilts. Make excellent Christmas gifts. Call 928-6818. 40 2tc

FOR SALE — Ford tractor. See W. D. Gamble, Merkel Drug. 41 2tc

FOR SALE — Post on Farm to Market Rd. 2928 — this is a new road — east of Butman Ranch on Charlie Orr's place — Winkie Cedar Yard. 41 2tp

WINKLE Cedar Yard — Place your orders for post at once — for January delivery. 41 2tp

CARD OF THANKS  
The children of Mrs. A. J. Ramsey wish to express our thanks to the friends and neighbors for all their kind words and deeds during the time of the loss of our dear Mother. May the Lord richly reward you for all your kindnesses. Thanks again.  
W. D. Ramsey.

## OPTIMISTS ORGANIZE EXPLORER SCOUTS

An Explorer Scout Post has been organized by the Merkel Optimist Club and will meet the first Monday of each month at the Calvary Baptist Church.

"Boys who are fourteen years of age and are in the ninth grade in school may join this post," said publicity director and Optimist member, John Emory. "Those who enroll in the Explorer Scout Post need not be a former Boy Scout.

The post will have two extra meetings each month. Emory said, but will meet at designated places for these occasions.

Officers elected were Pat Warren, president; Tim Beasley, vice



MY FAVORITE COLOGNE — Mrs. Jane Fudge holds an attractive package of cologne, that she found in one of our local stores. It's all brightly gift wrapped and ready to put under the Christmas tree. (Staff Photo)



SO MANY TO CHOOSE FROM — Says Mrs. Gary Douglas as she tries to decide just which watch she would rather have. Since there's one for any occasion, perhaps she could "take" them all. (Staff Photo)

## BADGER TALES

By DEBBIE CORDER

Last Thursday the Future Homemakers of America met in the auditorium and a demonstration was given by Mrs. Maureen Dunaway, a Lone Star Gas representative. Mrs. Dunaway showed the girls many gift-making ideas that were inexpensive but delightful. Most of the gifts were foods with decorations about them.

The band participated Saturday in the Annual Pecan Bowl Parade in Abilene. There were Abilene bands attending and a few from other areas. The band also attended the Pecan Bowl game, Saturday afternoon. What was really even more exciting was getting to see the all Negro Grambling band perform. — surely was worth the trip to see them.

Last Thursday the four classes of the entire student body met to discuss their Christmas parties. It was suggested that all students bring a toy to give to the Goodfellows. Dolls are also being contributed and the homemaking girls are dressing them.

The football banquet is finally here! Everybody is ready for it to get here, too. With all the rushing around, getting flowers ordered, dresses pressed, suits cleaned, etc., etc. we all need a rest.

Christmas is really an exciting time anywhere. Christmas shopping, parties, cards, parades — and lessons (which teachers never let up on, no matter what season it is) certainly keeps a person busy. It keeps a lot on your

## The Lendon Coats Have Leased The Merkel C. Club

The new managers of the Merkel Country Club are Mr. and Mrs. Lendon Coats, who have returned to Merkel to make their home.

Mr. Coats, who recently retired from the water well drilling business, leased the Country Club Dec. 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Coats, known to Merkel friends as Lindy and Ruth, invite all golfers, members and friends to "stop by and say hello."

mind. So, for these of you who can't wait until all these things are over (except for Christmas itself), there are only three more days of school left until the holidays.

Please, no more jokes about the playing on the tracks — someone could take you seriously.

Let's watch those steps, Vickie.



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## KEEPING TAB ON MERKELITES AND AREA RESIDENTS

By JACKIE DOAN

The Onis Grahams spent several sight-seeing days in and around Nashville, Tenn. this past week. It was real interesting listening to Ida Mae tell about their visit of the Parthenon. They also visited the Grand Ole Opry. Wonder if Ida Mae's foot got to patting? The highlight of their visit, of course, was seeing their daughter, Carolyn, and husband, Lt. and Mrs.

Fred G. Koplin in Nashville.

Mrs. J. E. (Babe) Boaz came home Saturday after undergoing surgery at Hendrick Hospital in Abilene. She is reported to be feeling fine. A speedy recovery is wished for Babe.

One woman decided to go deer hunting with her husband a few weeks ago. They arrived at their destination and he "plants" her

in one of those not too good, but you're lucky I brought you along, kind of spots and he continues on to his deer blind. She settled down for the long wait, which turned out not so long after all. In a short while she has bagged herself a deer! She calls out to her husband to come and lend a hand with her prize. Again, she waits and wonders if he is ever coming. Ah, here he comes, at last, or at least it looks like him — no, "hubby" has BLUE eyes. It's a big buck, just standing there looking at her! She did what any red-blooded, not too welcome house wife would do — she shot him! That made a total of two for the lady! and "hubby" got a total of none. Oh well, if he's lucky, maybe she'll

drag him along on her next deer hunting trip. Cais Crawford's father, S. E. Crawford, had surgery Monday morning in the Stamford hospital. The Crawfords said he is recovering nicely.

Guess you've been in suspense long enough about the Parthenon. It is in Nashville's central park and is the only full size replica of the world famous Acropolis from the masterpiece of early Greek architect.

If you happen to miss a "smiling face" around Merkel Drug way, you might like to know that the owner of that "smiling face" tried to convince her husband that she was an angel — but her wings didn't work — she took

quite a fall from atop a cotton trailer.

## UP THE CANYON

(Continued from Page One)

Mrs. Lee Alderman and Mrs. Mammy George of Blackwell, and Mrs. Pat Crane and two grandsons of Sweetwater.

The regular annual Christmas Program and tree at Pioneer Church will be this Sunday night at 6 p.m. There has been a manger scene erected in front of the church. If you are passing by, be sure and slow down and have a look at it. We invite you to our Christmas Program and be sure and bring a twenty-five cent

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gift to exchange if you wish.

All of us were real glad to see Roger Moore back at church last Sunday. Roger is in McMurry College and is a very busy boy.

We regret very much to know of the serious illness of Mr. Willie Love of Trent. Mr. Love is the father of Mrs. Leroy Riney here, and Mrs. Mark Williamson of

Trent. We do hope he will soon be up and back at home.

Before I forget this I want to say we want to say MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF OUR READERS OF THE MERKEL MAIL. AND WE WISH FOR ALL OF YOU HAPPINESS FOR A NEW YEAR AHEAD. — Tom, Mary and Don Russom.

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Attractive patterns in Durene knits. All sizes.

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### Jackets

A useful gift at Christmas time; Zipper and button fronts — long and short lengths. Woolens, Nylons, and other fabrics. Most all sizes.

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### Men's Dress Slacks

HAGGAR SLACKS are ideal at Christmas. Select from rayons, woolens, and blends; pleated and plain fronts. Sizes to 48 waist.

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(alterations extra at sale prices)

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A real gift! Choice of any "Acme" cowboy boot in stock. Any style and in Black and Brown.

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MEN'S AND BOYS'

### Sweaters

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### Men's Dress Hats

A hat would be appreciated by Him. Select from "Open Road" or nifty brim styles. All colors including Silver Belty. All Sizes.

GROUP I GROUP II

**\$4.99 \$6.50**

(Stetson Hats available \$12.95-\$25.00)

### Men's Khakis

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**\$2.98 Per Garment**

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**\$2.49 Pair**

### Men's Jeans

"Dickie's" 13 3/4 ounce sanforized denim.

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### Men's Sport Coats

Just what he would prefer this Christmas! All sizes — Regular and long.

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Regular **24.95 19.95**

### Ladies' Blouses

A thoughtful gift for the Lady on your list. Your choice of the store.

**1-4 Off**

## VALUES

### Ladies' Ready-to-Wear

LET'S DRESS HER UP THIS CHRISTMAS!

GROUP I

Every single Fall Dress in stock, regardless of fabric, brand name or style. Nice selection.

**1-2 Price**

(Priced regularly from \$6.95 and up.)

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Every Ladies' and Girls' Fall Coat in stock. A genuine value for this Christmas!

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Every Fall Skirt in stock — All on a long rack for easy selection.

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### Ladies' Hosiery

GROUP I

First quality, 51-gauge, NYLON hose in the season's best shades. All sizes.

**2 Pair \$1.00**

GROUP II

First quality, ultra sheer, seamless NYLON hose in the Season's best shades. All sizes.

**69c Per Pair**

LADIES' & GIRLS'

### Sweaters

One of the more useful gift items for the Ladies on your list. All the wanted fabrics, colors and styles.

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### Ladies' Robes

Every lady likes attractive robes. See these this Christmas!

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## VALUES

### Cotton Dresses & Dusters

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### Ladies' Briefs

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Any Hat in stock — ONLY

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### Slim Jim Pants

The girls love them. A wide selection — all sizes.

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### LADIES' FLANNEL Gowns & Pajamas

Don't forget lingerie this Christmas.

**1/4 OFF**

### Blankets

Part wool, double and full bed size. Satin bound edge and available in a wide choice of colors.

**\$3.99 each**

### Electric Blankets

A fine gift! Double-bed size, single control.

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### WHITE Bed Sheets

Double-bed size — Garza quality

**\$3.50 Per Pair**

Pillow Cases to Match

**98c Per Pair**

### Bedspreads

Make her happy with a new bedspread. Your choice of the house.

**1-4 Off**

### Bath Towels

"Cannon's" 20x40-inch towels

**3 for \$1.00**

WASH CLOTHS TO MATCH — ONLY

**12 for \$1.00**

### Pastel Sheets

Double bed sizes and all colors. 1st quality.

**\$5.00 Per Pair**

PILLOW CASES TO MATCH — ONLY

**\$1.25 Per Pair**

### Rugs and Bath Sets

Long ones and round ones. All Colors. Gifts for the home are always in order.

**1-4 Off**

### Houseshoes

Let's give houseshoes this Christmas! Felts, leathers, and satins. Slides and slippers, too. Some are fur lined. All sizes and widths.

**\$1.98 to \$4.95**

### Fall Fabrics

All are out for your personal selection.

**1-3 Off**

### Ginghams

"Cemal" Brand and 45 inches wide.

**59c Yard**

### Cotton Batts

Two-poundrolls and bleached

**\$1.19**

### Dish Cloths

A useful item that would always be appreciated. Assorted Colors in a Package of 12.

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## TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ESTIMATED BY DPS

(Special to The Merkel Mail)  
AUSTIN — Past experience indicates that some 110 persons will be killed in traffic accidents during the 10-day Christmas-New Year's holiday period. It was reported today by Col. Homer Garrison, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

### NOODLE NEWS

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Justice and children of San Angelo, were week end visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vess Justice and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Poplin and children of Midland are spending a few days with Mrs. Poplin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vess Justice.

Col. Karl Bonneaux, from Stewart AFB, spent Thursday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux Sr.

Miss Margaret Arnold, an RN nurse from Hendrick Memorial Hospital, Abilene, spent the weekend with Mrs. Elsie Maxwell.

Mrs. Earl Mashburn was at the Baptist Church Sunday with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stanley.

Mrs. Joe (Zenobia) Soann and daughter, Mrs. Forrest Warren and children, visited Saturday afternoon with friends in Noodle and saw the basketball game at the 7th Saturday evening.

Mr. Less Cox is at his son's, Jack Cox, in Abilene. It is feared that he will have to have surgery again.

This community welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas and children into our midst. They moved to the Maggie Goode house, from Stith. M. Nicholas is not well.

"We would like to appeal once again to the driving public to join us in an all-out effort to cut down on this terrible toll, particularly in traffic where observance of traffic laws and rules of safety can actually do something about it," the DPS director said.

In an effort to call attention to the dangers involved in holiday travel, the DPS will conduct its annual "Operation Deathwatch" during the 10-day period. From 12:01 a.m. December 24 (Christmas Eve) through 11:59 p.m. January 2, violent deaths will be tabulated and the totals announced three times daily from the Department's headquarters in Austin.

"We will also have every available patrolman on duty," Garrison said. "These men are on the road to protect and serve the citizens of this state. In addition to the highway patrol, there will be some 130 extra patrolmen from other DPS uniformed services on duty."

### LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

By RANDY DOAN

The third series of immunization shots will be given Dec. 16.

There will be a basketball tournament at Baird, Dec. 16, 17 and 18.

The Junior Badgers and Badgettes will play Noodle at Noodle Dec. 20.

The Christmas holidays will begin Dec. 21 and classes will resume on Jan. 3, 1966.

In the basketball games played here this past Monday night the high school "B" team girls won over the 8th grade girls by a score of 27 to 26. In the game

played with Merkel Elementary "B" team and the Tye girls, the Tye girls won by a score of 32 to 12. When the Junior Badgers played Tye, well, Tye won that game by a score of 24 to 22.

Mrs. Orsborn's room won in the contest for the "most decorated" show cases.

The entire student body of the Merkel Elementary School wishes you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!



### DAISY

Dear Helen: I read your column each week, and want you to know my husband and I both agree on you. views. However, here's my story. I grew up as a small town girl, my folks, and most of my friends think anything except the tiniest touch of make-up was improper for a lady. Several months ago my husband received a substantial promotion and a transfer to a large metropolitan area, and all of a sudden... in my late forties, I am completely out of my element. The other company wives attended the required social functions looking like dew laden rose buds, and here I am a washed-out daisy. What can I do? This late in life. I just can't bear to submit to one of the cosmetic studios and besides, I have always heard you can't teach an old dog (or daisy!) new tricks.

Dear Daisy: I have a very special answer for you. First forget the old daisy, new tricks bit. This has even been disproved scientifically. We are going to try a new approach called "one picture is worth a thousand words." There is just such a motion picture, made for folks just like you. It's called "Lessens in Loveliness." I have seen it several times, and it's just superb. Why don't you have a meeting of the bridge club, or some other group in your home, and use it as the entertainment? It is in 16 mm color, so it can be used with a home projector. You arrange a play date in your home by writing to Association Films, Inc., Broad at Elm, Ridgefield, New Jersey, 07657. Since it is sponsored by one of the nation's large cosmetic manufacturers, it won't cost you much more than the postage. By the way, after the girls go home, you can run it a couple of extra times for yourself, just to make sure you don't forget application techniques for becoming "a big city daisy."

"WILLS!"  
Dear Helen: Will you please send me your pamphlet on "Wills." I enjoy reading your column in the paper and some items are very helpful. I read the article about using kerosene on chrome metal. Also, to add a cup of kerosene to a bucket of hot water is wonderful to wash an automobile. It will remove any grease spots, or oil, and leaves the paint in wonderful condition. Water, or rain, stands on the car like beads of moisture after using the kerosene. Will not damage paint. I thank you and will appreciate receiving the pamphlet.

Dear Mrs. Cramer: Thank you for your letter... your pamphlet on "Wills" should have reached you by this time. We are always pleased to receive requests from our readers. You make us feel our column is appreciated. Thanks for the reminder on cleaning, it does work wonders. We hope your pamphlet on "Wills" will be of some help to you, and if we can

send you any other of the literature listed, please don't hesitate to let us know.

### NEED HELP ON A PROBLEM?

Write to Helen Murry, National Senior Center, P. O. Box 416, Lehigh Acres, Fla., 33906. List of booklets free by sending a card or letter.

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### Talented Teens Earn 4-H Awards for Best-in-Texas Projects



A camera, a cow, a tractor, and a toothbrush might be considered the symbols of success for four Texas 4-Hers who have won 1965 state honors in their 4-H projects.

James Beke, 15, of Houston, placed first in the photography program. He receives a \$50 savings bond from Eastman Kodak Company.

Jeff Quinn, 17, of La Grange, took honors in the dairy program, sponsored by Oliver Corporation.

Jackie Smajstrla, 14, of Victoria, was winner in the tractor program, which is sponsored by Humble Oil & Refining Company.

Linda Strempel, 15, of New Braunfels, ranked at the top in the health program, sponsored by Eli Lilly and Company.

Miss Strempel, Quinn and Smajstrla will receive expense-paid trips to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago Nov. 28-Dec. 2.

Beke, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beke, has been in 4-H six years. He has participated in the photography project for the past two years and developed skills in taking and using pictures through educational guidance.

Quinn, an eight-year veteran of 4-H, has won six grand cham-

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Joel Crain-Vearl Smith

### YES, I'LL HELP THE COMMUNITY FUND!

I know the importance of the Community Fund making its \$4,000 goal, so that seven vital agencies can continue functioning.

Enclosed is my contribution to this campaign.

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Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Merkel Community Fund  
c/o Farmers & Merchants National Bank,  
Merkel Drug, or Johnny Cox.

### Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

- Sent out
- Brags
- Wigwag
- In a line
- Argon: chem.
- Either
- Unit of heat
- Big cat
- Fallure: slang
- Egyptian river
- Gaelic "John"
- Wary
- Dandy
- More lucid
- Radium: chem.
- Suffix: collectively
- Declaration
- Exclamation
- Musical note
- Neither
45. Springs as a bird
- High peak
- Carries
- Past events
- Singles
- Exclamation
- Government body
- In
- Make certain
23. Characteristic
- Revenge
- Sowed
24. Gown
27. Profession
27. Siamese coin
- Sloping type
29. Insect
32. Intersect
33. Color
34. Minces
35. Very high
38. Immaturity
39. Rasper
41. Out of date
43. Having paddles
46. Nailhead
48. Pitcher
50. Mineral
51. Eggs
54. Type of current
55. Neon: chem.

**Answer to Puzzle**

**DOWN**

1. Sloping type
2. In a series
3. Selenium: chem.
4. On
5. Ever: poetic reverse
6. Prefix: reverse
7. Grass leaf
8. Grease
9. Soon
10. Type: cross stroke
11. Suit maker
12. Drowsy
17. Presently
19. Singles
20. Government body
21. In
22. Characteristic
23. Characteristic
24. Gown
25. Siamese coin
26. Intersect
27. Profession
28. Minces
29. Insect
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48. Pitcher
49. Past events
50. Mineral
51. Eggs
52. In
53. Make certain
54. Revenge
55. Neon: chem.

### TELL ME

**WHY ARE GOLD AND SILVER COINS MILLED?**

**TO PREVENT DISHONEST PEOPLE FROM SHAVING PRECIOUS METAL FROM THE EDGES!**

**HOW DID THE STATES OF TEXAS AND UTAH GET THEIR NAMES?**

**TEXAS IS NAMED FOR THE TEXAS INDIAN TRIBE... UTAH... FOR THE "LITE" INDIANS!**

**WHICH IS THE SLOWEST MOVING CREATURE OF ALL?**

**THE ORDINARY SNAIL! IT REQUIRES 6 WEEKS TO COVER A MILE!**

**IN CHINA, IS BIRDS' NEST SOUP ACTUALLY MADE OF BIRDS' NESTS?**

**NO... BUT THE GLUTINOUS SUBSTANCES BY WHICH BIRDS KNIT THE NESTS COMPRISE THE CHIEF FLAVORINGS!**



## Cut-Off Deadline For GI Insurance

A cut-off deadline faces all veterans over 55 years old who wish to obtain or exchange a Total Disability Income Provision rider (TDIP) on their GI insurance policies.

They must act before Jan. 1, 1966, Jack Coker, manager of the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Waco said today.

The Total Disability Income Provision provides payment of \$10 per month per each \$1,000 of National Service Life Insurance should the policy holder become disabled before his 65th birthday. The policyholder, who before the Jan. 1, 1966 date can be under 60,

pay an additional charge for this rider.

After Jan. 1, 1966, the rider will be sold only to veterans under 55, Coker said.

The previous law required that the disability be in effect before age 60. The present law extends the period in which disability may occur to age 65.

All World War II and Korean veterans whose NSLI policies are not preceded by the letters "RH" are eligible to buy the rider.

Veterans under 60 holding existing disability "up to age 60" riders and who wish to exchange them for the disability "up to age 65" riders may do so but those over 55 years old will have to do so before Jan. 1, 1966.

Any VA Regional Office can furnish further details.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

On October 1, 1965, Neely-Holden Furniture Company, 2541 South Treadaway, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, ceased doing business as a partnership, and became incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas on the 1st day of October, 1965, under the name of Neely - Holden Furniture Company, with its principal business office at 2541 South Treadaway, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

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## Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



The farmers are real busy stripping cotton. Grain is fine.

Mrs. Jessie Davis and Mrs. Claude Turnstill of Abilene visited Mrs. Paul Bradley Tuesday.

Mrs. Hird of Anson visited Mrs. Nora McDonald Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. and Mrs. Fred Perry visited recently in Graham with Margaret Craig, Mr. and Mrs. William Fain and T. H. Craig.

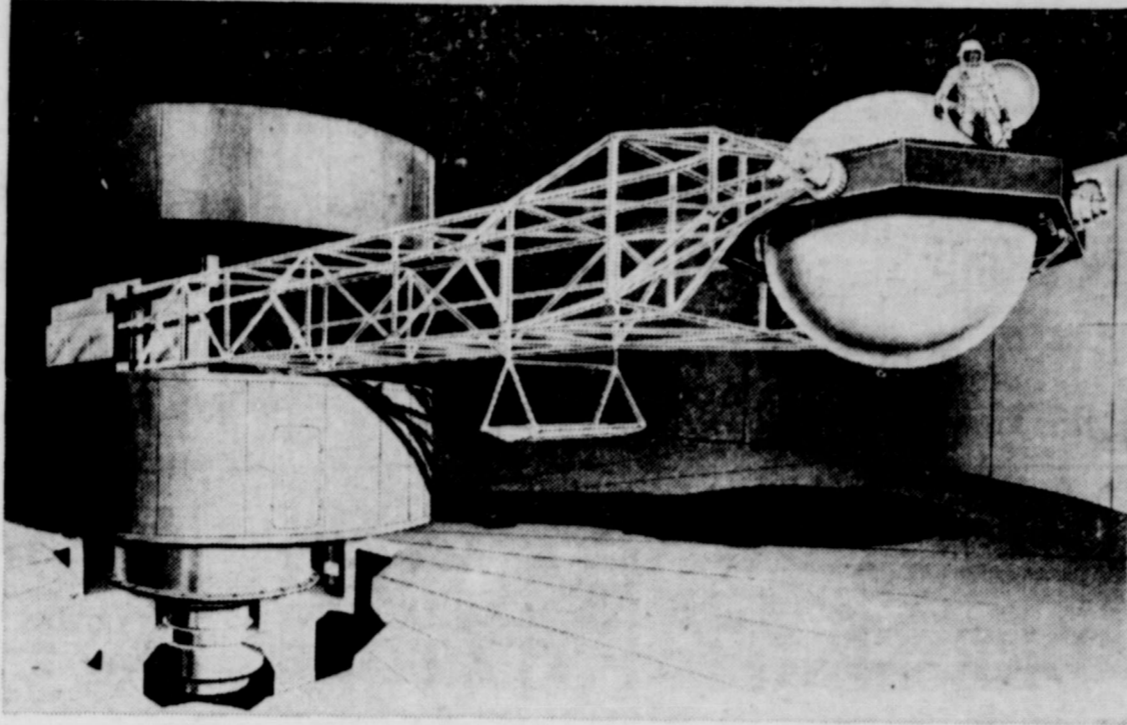
These from the Stith Home Demonstration Club attending the Jones County Club's Christmas party in Anson last week were Mrs. Roy Mashburn, Ted Hudson, Vernon Hudson, Charles Reddin and Miss Louise Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bauchhoffer, Jo Ann and Susie of Colorado City, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fikes are building a new home.

Approximately forty attended the Stith Home Demonstration Club Christmas party held at the Stith Community Center Saturday night for members and their families. Supper was served, the chil-

## Human Centrifuge Whirls Astronauts



This is a drawing of the Timken bearing-equipped flight acceleration simulator whose main drive system was constructed by Westinghouse Electric Corporation for use by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in training astronauts for space travel.

A Timken bearing-equipped flight acceleration simulator with a main drive system supplied by Westinghouse Electric Corporation has been constructed for use by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in training astronauts for space travel. The human centrifuge is capable of whirling astronauts and equipment at speeds up to 150 miles per hour and subjecting them to the effect of 30 G's (pressure 30 times the force of gravity).

A 50 foot arm is coupled to a Westinghouse electric motor that develops 10,700 horsepower. Trainees ride a gondola attached to the end of the arm which is powerful enough to simulate the exact conditions an astronaut would encounter during launch and re-entry of a spacecraft. The simulator generates the G forces while rotating at rotational speeds up to as high as 42

revolutions per minute.

Timken tapered roller bearings had to meet all specifications demanded by both NASA and Westinghouse engineers. Timken bearings are located in the mounting on the armature shaft in the thrust position and at the base of the shaft for radial stability. The Timken thrust bearing withstands a constant thrust load of 700,000 pounds during both static and dynamic operation. The entire weight of the giant vertical shaft, arm, cupola and counter weight is supported on the Timken bearings. The standard Type TS Timken bearing must take radial loads to maintain vital armature alignment.

The simulator is the second of its kind and the first of its size used at the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, Texas.

dren presented a program, and "Ole Santa" arrived and handed out gifts from a pretty tree.

Mrs. Hobbs is doing very well this week. Visiting in the Hobbs' home over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hobbs and J. C. Hobbs of Grand Prairie. Mr. and Mrs. Enis Ridenbaugh, Merkel, visited Sunday.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones during last week were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Potts, Anson, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Keller of Merkel.

Mrs. A. M. Evans is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Thelma Dedmon, in Abilene this week.

Helen King of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry Sunday and brought them a nine pound cake for Christmas — just a tip — if you go by the Berrys and stop for a visit you might get a piece of cake. Others visiting in the

Berry home Sunday were Tony Lilly, and Mrs. T. B. Smith and Jimmy of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. James Strong and Melinda and Mr. and Mrs. Garland Atkins, Odessa, stopped by on their way to Fort Worth to attend the Odessa and Texarkana football game Saturday for a short visit with Mrs. J. E. Swindell and the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell. Melinda remained with her grandmother Swindell. Her parents came by Sunday for her and reported that Odessa won the game. Mrs. Strong is a teacher at Odessa.

The Baptist people will have a Christmas social at the Stith Community Center Wednesday night, Dec. 22. The pastor, the Rev. James Williams, will ring the devotional.

Mrs. Fred Perry visited Mrs. Margaret Foster in Merkel Sat-

urday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mashburn and Samatha Jean of Carlsbad, N. M., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Rodney. Other guests for dinner Sunday were Mrs. Sonny Horton, Lawn; Mrs. John Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw, Hawley, Mo. and Mrs. Euell Mashburn of Abilene were visitors Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Maxwell and children, Anson, visited Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley and children Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nicholas and family moved to Noodle over the weekend.

## CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS

## Science in the News

### Artificial Sweeteners—A New Study

Consumption of a widely used artificial sweetener curbs the growth of test animals and stunts their young, an American research team has discovered.

The synthetic sweetener is calcium cyclamate, one of the leading sugar substitutes now employed in low-calorie beverages and food.

Laboratory rats receiving 5% of the chemical in their food grew 12% less after nine months on the diet than animals on a normal diet. When the proportion of cyclamate was raised to 10%, there was 50% more impairment of growth.

**Report Findings**

These findings are reported by Philip H. Derse and Paul Nees in the October 2 issue of "Nature", the noted British scientific weekly. The scientists conducted their experimental study of the artificial sweetener at the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation at Madison, Wisconsin, under contract from The Sugar Research Foundation of New York.

Except for the cyclamate, the test rats had a completely nutritious diet and they were permitted to eat as much as they wished. As a result, it was pointed out, these animals ate more until they actually received as many food values as rats on normal feeding. The article states that the cause of the impaired growth was the chemical sweetener itself, since both the test rats and those on normal feeding were receiving equal nourishment.

**Growth Impaired**

Female animals on the cyclamate diets gave birth to apparently normal litters. Growth of their young at the time of weaning, however, averaged considerably less than animals born of mothers on conventional diets. Weanlings of females on 5% cyclamate diets grew on the average 15% less by three weeks, while weanlings of females on 10% diets grew 37% less than normal young.

Further experiments have been mapped to determine if the stunted growth of the test animals was caused by the toxicity of the calcium cyclamate or by its interference with the normal absorption of food in the body.

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