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Up
The
Canyon
By TOM
RUSSOM

Well, the cold winter storms are coming so fast, we can't find time to do anything other than prepare for another one.

Thus far, January, 1968, has brought plenty of rough weather.

Back in December, we lacked a little being through sowing our wheat. The ground was so wet, we just thought we could wait until the ground got dry, but here it is January 9, 1968, and the wheat is still in the grain drill and not yet sown. I think it best to call off the deal and water down the fire, so to speak.

All of the Butmans were in Big Spring Wednesday of this week to attend the funeral of a brother in law, J. B. Sloan. Mr. Sloan married the oldest Butman girl, the late Abbie Butman. They had lived most of their married life in Big Spring. They had one daughter, formerly Mildred Sloan, now Mrs. Harold Gray.

In our community the flu and colds have been extremely bad. However, the attendance at Pioneer church the last two Sundays has been real good.

Back to winter weather and livestock feeding. Due to such heavy feeding, farmers and stockmen are beginning to perhaps see a shortage of feed. We thought we would have a carry over again this year in our hay crop, but not now.

About the only time we see a neighbor up the canyon is early in the morning driving up to a hay barn to load out for the pasture.

We had a nice visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. Paul Douglas of Ruidoso, New Mexico. They spent Christmas with friends in Merkel. Paul said he always enjoys reading the Canyon news and Paul always knew everybody in and around Merkel.

I noticed one thing. Paul wasn't smoking his cigar as usual. He told us his doctor had a little to say about that. He had to quit smoking. Mrs. Douglas said he was a lot easier to get long with since he had quit smoking. Paul was always a good friend of mine and did my cattle hauling when he was in the trucking business.

DRIVERS' LICENSE 'HARDER TO GET, EASIER TO LOSE'

Merkel Chief of Police D. B. Bowen reminded young drivers under the age of 21 that with the new drivers' license law, obeying all traffic regulations will "help them keep their license."

Texas, which last August, made it harder to get a drivers' license for young people, entered a further stage January 1, in beefing up suspension laws that will most affect the drivers under 21 years of age.

"What it means for the young," said Bowen, "is that a driver's license is going to be harder to get and easier to lose."

Currently it takes four moving violations in a year's time or seven in 24 months before any driver faces suspension of his license as an habitual offender. But for persons under 21 years of age, that changed things Jan. 1.

Under the new law it will take only two moving traffic violations within a year to get a license suspended. Moving violations include speeding, running stop signs and running signal lights," said Bowen.

In an interview, Bowen said that there were many in the Merkel area under 21, and this new law "could most certainly affect them."

"We hate to see young people lose their licenses," said Bowen, "but the new law makes it imperative that violations must stop, or licenses will be suspended."

Changes in the law do not affect suspensions of licenses for other serious one-time offenses (such as drunk driving).

Bowen pointed out that also effective under the new law makes drivers' licenses provisional for persons under 21.

"This actually means that until young drivers are 21, they are in effect on probation," he said.

Many young drivers felt the new drivers' license requirement laws in August of 1967, when a new law became effective raising the minimum age for a drivers' license to 18 for those who haven't passed driver education courses. "Those who have passed the courses can apply for a license at age 16. But even hardship cases cannot obtain a license under age 15."

Merkel Area Citizens Respond to WTRC Crisis



WORK NOW — PLAY LATER — And that's what the three Merkel High School Cheerleaders are doing! With the date of Saturday, Jan. 13 set for the Football Banquet, Kathy Windham, left, and Kathy Whisenhunt and Dayna McAninch are busy getting decorations made for the big event. (Staff Photo)

Action Beginning By Contributions

Merkel area people took the news concerning the West Texas Rehabilitation Center's financial crisis with such remarks:

"We were shocked at the news, we want to help."

"What can I do to help?"

"I want to make a donation," and.

"Where do we send our contribution?"

The Mail telephone stayed busy Monday morning, with people calling in, expressing their surprise in one sentence and another one like the above.

And Merkel area people are not taking the news "sitting down."

They are getting busy — talking Rehab and digging down into their pockets for a contribution.

"With so many people, older ones and children, from our area being helped at this great center, we want to do as much as we can," said businessman, George West.

Bill Button, mayor pro-tem, member of Merkel's C-C board of directors, and manager of West Texas Utilities, is working with our businessmen in "starting a contribution campaign for the Merkel area."

Johnny Cox, Merkel mayor, said that "any person wishing to contribute to the Rehabilitation Center, may do so by bringing or mailing a check made out to West Texas Rehabilitation Center, to the Chamber of Commerce office, the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, West Texas Utilities, or the Merkel Mail.

"In fact," said Cox "contributions may be left with any Merkel business and it will get to the Center."

Earl Hughes, former manager of West Texas Utilities, began the drive Tuesday afternoon by leaving a nice check at the Merkel Mail office.

There will be more.

In a letter to the editor, which appears on page four of this edition, Mrs. J. H. Clark Jr. expresses the sentiments of many concerning the Rehabilitation Center.

"We were shocked at the news about the financial condition of the Center," said Mrs. Clark. "We want to do all that we can to help, for the Center has meant so much to us. Although we do not now take Randy (their son) to the Center for treatment, we have always had such a secure feeling knowing that it was there if we needed it. And more than that, our thoughts are for those Merkel area people who use the Center now. We just must not let it close."

"I can think of no organization which has earned and which deserves to any greater degree our loyal support both morally and financially," said Booth Warren, president of Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

Many Merkel area contributions have already been mailed in to the Rehabilitation Center or to the Abilene Reporter News.

Contributions coming through Merkel Businessmen include:

George West \$25.00
Mr. and Mrs.
Earl Hughes 10.00
Mr. and Mrs.
Dave Brumbeau and Jan 25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox ... 15.00

'67 CITY TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS FEWER

Statistics on traffic accidents for the City of Merkel in the past three years, show that the 1967 accident toll dropped to only twenty-six.

"We thought we were going to round out the year with only twenty-three traffic accidents," said Merkel's police chief, D. B. Bowen, "but the last two weeks in December chalked up 3 accidents."

In 1966 traffic accidents totaled thirty-one, while in 1965, a total of thirty-two were recorded.

"If we go by statistics, it would seem that people in the city are becoming more accident conscious," said Bowen. "We trust that this is true, and we're optimistic for 1968, in that it will drop even more than '67."

Bowen commented, "as we drive around our city and observe drivers, it seems that more caution is being taken at stop signs and in speeding. Especially do we have a word of praise for most of our young people and their driving habits. And if we remember to apply the golden rule in our driving habits, our traffic accident toll is bound to be cut down."

Merkel Schools Closed Due To Sickness; Weather

Absenteeism, due to a combination of sickness and weather, closed Merkel Schools Wednesday, according to Superintendent Mack Fisher.

Icy road conditions closed schools Monday.

"We plan to resume classes today," said Fisher, "but if we continue having a large number of students absent due to sickness, we will be forced to close again."

Fisher said that a total of 175 were absent Tuesday.

The absent days will be "made up later in the school year."

MERKEL'S LIVESTOCK SHOW BEGINS AT NOON SATURDAY

Chester Collinsworth, Merkel High School's vocational agriculture teacher, said today that plans were "shaping up for the Stock Show Saturday."

The show will begin at 12 noon. "It seems that everyone concerned with the show is working right along to get things ready," he said. "The FFA boys are getting beds read, clipping lambs, steers and swine for the show, and the soliciting committee is calling on merchants for contributions."

Entry-wise, Collinsworth said the show looked as though it might be a "record number." To date entries include approximately twenty steers, 70 lambs and 50 in the swine division.

Judging the three divisions will be Jake Joyce, principal of Winters High School and former ag teacher at Coleman. Benny Melton, Merkel, will serve as secretary for the show.

Dayna McAninch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted McAninch, and Merkel's Future Farmers of America Sweetheart, will present ribbons to the winners.

The annual Showmanship Award will be presented this year by Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. The award is an annual presentation by the Electric Cooperative to the boy or girl on his ability "to show his animal and his or her's cooperation with the judges and

show officials."

The Merkel 4-H Club will serve lunch at the noon hour, which will include hot dogs, hamburgers, beans and drinks. Robert Boyd is president of the Merkel 4-H Club, and Gail Boone is reporter.

The list of merchants contributing toward the Merkel Stock Show will be published in next week's edition of The Merkel Mail.

'MOTHERS' MARCH WILL BE JAN. 23

An urgent need for volunteer workers for the Mother's March of Dimes was made by Merkel MOD chairman, Mrs. Larry White.

The Merkel MOD drive will be held Tuesday, Jan. 23 and will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Assisting Mrs. White will be Leon Walker, principal of the Merkel Elementary School.

Both Mrs. White and Walker will be at the Merkel Elementary School Library at 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 23 and will have workers' packets ready or volunteers to begin the house to house drive.

"We have worked the same small group of people each year," said Mrs. White, "and although we appreciate their help, we feel that they have been worked too long. We need new volunteers and the more we get, the less time each will have to work."

High school students are especially urged to volunteer their time for this cause, said Mrs. White. "We know that it will be a great help to the drive, and we believe that each young person will have a satisfaction of giving of their time to a worthwhile cause."

January campaigns will raise funds to support the voluntary health organizations' attack on birth defects through a nationwide scientific research program, a large network of March of Dimes treatment centers throughout the country as well as a comprehensive public and professional information program.

Walker asked that citizens who wish to contribute to this very worthy cause plan now to have porch lights turned on and to have contributions ready so that workers may be able to contact as many as possible.

Mrs. White said that "only an hour's time of any volunteer worker is all we ask. With an adequate number of volunteers each worker can have his part completed within an hour."

Persons interested in volunteering time for the MOD may contact Mrs. White at 928-5113 or at her home after five p.m., 928-5666.



MRS. LARRY WHITE
... Merkel MOD chairman



BONING UP — A group of MHS students were "caught" in serious study in a Study Hall period Friday. It's all business for Dayna McAninch, left, and Donna Diltz, front row; second row, Randy Carson, left, and Ronnie McKeever; and back row, David Coker, left, and Ronnie Chancey and Robert Wilson. (Staff Photo)

Recent Visitors

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensminger recently were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sanford and sons from Thermopolis, Wyo.

The Sanfords attended the Wyoming - LSU football game in the Sugar Bowl and also visited with Mrs. Sanford's brother and family in Shreveport, La.

Mr. Sanford served during World War II with the late Wade Ensminger Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ensminger.

DOLLAR DAYS IN MERKEL

THE FIZZLE FAMILY



Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



We are having very cold weather; the coldest this winter. There is still some cotton in the field, but harvesting has been stopped due to bad weather.

Visitors in the Orval Ely home during the New Year weekend were Mrs. Ely's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bond and children from Sweetwater, Mrs. M. H. Ely from Tye, and Mr. and Mrs. Faye Rogers and children of Lubbock. They were over night guests.

Sharon Ledbetter was ill with a virus last week and missed several days of school.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning and their children met at the Brownwood Lake and spent New Year's weekend in a cabin at the Lake. The children are: Mildred and Donnie Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Harris of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children of Tuscola and the Jack Bedford family of Cottonwood.

Mrs. Helen Heket passed away Saturday, Dec. 29, in a Lubbock hospital. Mrs. Heket was a sister of Mrs. John Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs and children and Mrs. Hobbs went to Lubbock Sunday, but did not stay for the funeral Monday due to the bad weather.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald attended the wedding of Ginny Shelton and Donald Ray Williams at the First Baptist Church in Anson Saturday evening at six p.m. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bennett and the

bridegroom's parents are the Rev. Ralls visited in the McDonald and Mrs. James Williams. Rev. home Saturday. Williams performed the ceremony. Fred Perry visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Perry at Tye Sunday.

Charter No. 7481 National Bank Region No. 11
Call No. 464

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

OF MERKEL,

IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DEC. 30TH, 1967 PUBLISHED IN RESPONSE TO CALL MADE BY COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, UNDER SECTION 5211, U.S. REVISED STATUTES.

ASSETS

1. Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	\$1,061,341.72
2. United States Government obligations	1,259,870.15
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	790,733.21
5. Other Securities Stock in Federal Reserve Bank Dallas, Tex.	9,000.00
7. Loans and discounts	1,243,120.13
8. Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	60,000.00
9. Real estate owned other than bank premises	1.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,444,066.21

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$3,765,831.46
15. Deposits of United States Government	17,167.16
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	191,500.21
19. Certified and officers' checks, etc.	15,652.67
20. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,990,151.50
(a) Total demand deposits	3,990,151.50
25. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$3,990,151.50

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

26. (c) Common stock—total par value \$50.00 per share	\$ 150,000.00
27. Surplus	150,000.00
28. Undivided profits	153,914.71
30. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	453,914.71
31. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$4,444,066.21

MEMORANDA

32. Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date \$3,955,460.42
33. Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date 1,288,825.60
I, Geo. T. Moore, Cashier, of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this report of condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Geo. T. MOORE

We, the undersigned directors attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief is true and correct.

DONALD W. WARREN, M.D.
W. S. J. BROWN
BOOTH WARREN
DIRECTORS

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of

which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Vernon Earl Thomas, Defendant, Greetings:

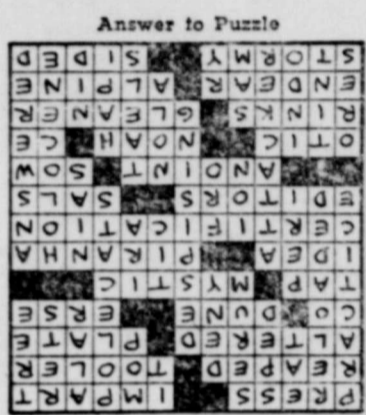
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Court of Domestic Relations of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer to or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 12th day of February A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of December A.D. 1967, in this cause, numbered 3809 on the docket of said court and styled Betty Darlene Thomas Plaintiff vs. Vernon Earl Thomas, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married April 1, 1965 and became separated June 1, 1966. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Compel
6. Disclose
12. Harvested
14. Chisel
15. Modified
17. Sheet metal
18. Cobalt: abbr.
19. Sand hill
20. Irish
21. Faucet
23. Enigmatic
25. Concept
28. Fish
32. Attestation
35. Newspaper directors
38. Salts
37. Rub with oil
40. Scatter seed
41. Auricular
44. Biblical name
46. This: Fr.
47. Skating areas
49. Gatherer
51. Hold in love
53. Like the Alps
54. Turbulent
55. Having boundaries
27. Assailer
29. Dutch island
30. Geological epoch
31. Replied
33. Charged atom
34. To and —
38. Ancient Italian city
39. Chinese monies
41. Mined materials
42. Tinge
43. Indian: comb. form
45. Nile River
48. Uncle —
50. Nest
52. Railway: abbr.



- DOWN**
1. Exercise
 2. Recharged
 3. Consume
 4. Accelerated
 5. Serous fluid
 6. Pronoun
 7. Wipe
 8. Skunks
 9. Winglike
 10. Soaks
 11. Woody plant
 13. Contradict
 16. Scorning
 22. Elf
 24. Twitching
 25. Man's name

Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 29th day of December A.D. 1967.

(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
Domestic Relations Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
44 41c

Hester Children Home for Holiday

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Hester had all their children home for the holidays. They were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Warren, Mike, Cindy and Ramon of Haskell; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hester, Steve and Gina, Garland; Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hendricks, Kathy and Dave of Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gurganus, Jackie and Kim, of Fayetteville, N.C.

The all have returned to their homes.

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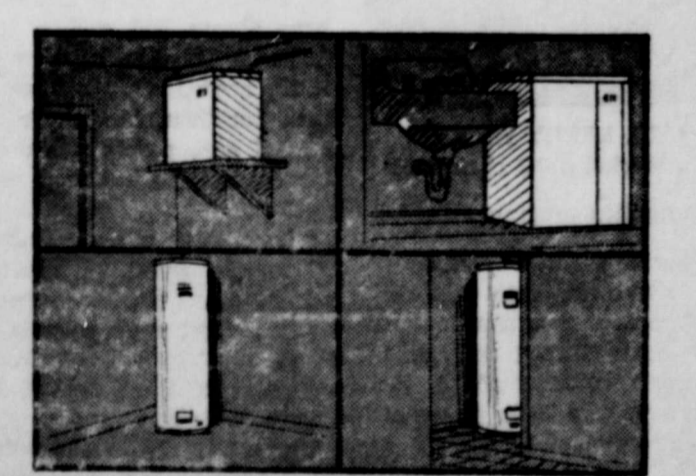
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CORN Our Darling 303 Can ... 5 for **\$1.00**

CATSUP Hunt's 14-Oz. Bot. ... 5 for **\$1.00**

Grapefruit JUICE HUNT'S 46-OZ. CAN
Texsun 46-Oz. Can **29¢**

PEAS Ranch Style Blackeye With Bacon ... 2 for **25¢**

OLEO All-Sweet ... 4 for **\$1.00**

TISSUE Zee 4-Roll Pkg. ... 3 for **\$1.00**

FLOUR GLADIOLA
5-lb. bag **49¢** 25-lb. bag **\$1.98**



BACON Armour Star ... Lb. **59¢**

FRYERS USDA Grade A ... Lb. **29¢**

STEAK Choice Round ... Lb. **89¢**

CHEESE Wisconsin Longhorn ... Lb. **69¢**

Fresh **GROUND BEEF** Lb. **39¢** 3 Lbs. for **\$1.00**

Thursday, January 11 through Tuesday, January 16
COFFEE

Folger's 1-Lb. Can **65¢** 2-Lb. Can **\$1.29**

Buttermilk Half Foremost ... Gal. **39¢**

PEACHES Hunt's Spiced ... No. 2 1/2 Can **29¢**

Shortening FLUFFO ... 3-Lb. Can **59¢**

NABISCO
CRACKERS
1-LB. BOX **33¢**

HUNT'S
TOMATO SAUCE
8-OZ. CAN 3 FOR **29¢**

HUNT'S
PORK & BEANS
300 SIZE FOR **25¢**

AJAX
DETERGENT
GIANT SIZE **59¢**

AJAX
CLEANSER
2 REG. SIZE **25¢**

PICK-OF-THE-CROP FROZEN FOODS

DONALD DUCK 12-OZ. CAN
Orang JUICE ... 2 for **69¢**

MORTON'S
PECAN PIES ... each **69¢**



DELICIOUS
APPLES ... Lb. **19¢**

NO. 1 TEXAS
YAMS ... Lb. **12 1/2¢**

RUSSET
SPUDS ... 10-Lb. Bag **49¢**

MEXICO
ORANGES ... 5-Lb. Bag **49¢**

TEXAS - 5-LB. BAG
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Card of Thanks: \$1.50 for the first 50 words, 5c per word for each additional word. TERMS: Cash in advance, unless an account is already established.

NOTICE of typographical or other errors must be given before the second insertion or claims for refunds or extension will not be recognized.

Miscellaneous

FOR MONUMENTS and CEMETERY CURBING
M. A. (Sarg) NOSTER
1604 Herring Dr.
Merkel, Texas
Phone 8-5665

MASONIC MEETING
Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.

ALLEN MORGAN, W. M. DAN BUTLER, Sec'y.

NEED A NEW WELL DRILLED? An old well cleaned out? Call Robert Higgins, 8-5998. Also sell and install Meyers Pumps. 51-11c

LOST - A small costume jewelry watch, worn around neck, about size of quarter, has black rim around outer edge. Presumably lost around post office. If found, please notify Betty Parmally at 407 Rose. 44 21c

BEAUTY CARE - For free facial or information on skin care, call Emma Shugart, 928-5027, or Betty Satterwhite, 928-5665. Mary Kay. 44 41p

WANTED - Someone to share home with me for small fee. For further information contact Mrs. Winnie Walton, 311 Oak. 44 41c

WILL THE LADY who borrowed my card table while I was in the hospital please return it. Thank you. Christine Collins. 45 21c

LOFTY PILE, free from soil is the Carpet cleaned with Blue Lastra. Rent electric shampooer, \$1. Bullock Hardware and Gifts, 928-5310. 45 11c

For Rent

FOR RENT—Two bedroom house, clean, plumbed for washer. Reasonable rent. North FM Road 126 on school bus route. Mrs. C. K. Russell, 928-5108. 37 11c

For Sale

FOR SALE - 1965 Chevrolet pickup, 23,000 actual miles. Also three room storage building to be moved. Small stock trailer. Phone 928-5764. 44 21p

FOR SALE - Three bedroom frame house, carpeted and many improvements. Shown by appointment only after 5 p.m. Write Merkel Mail, U.O. Box 428 Drawer A, Merkel, Texas 79536. 45 21c

FOR SALE - 3 bedroom house, at 760 Yucca. Recently redone inside. Call 928-5393. 44 21p

TRUCKS, Trailers, truck and trailer equipment, new IHC trucks, new and used parts, we always have from 20 to 40 trucks, 15 to 20 semi-trailers including vans, pole, grain, oil and water trailers, winch trucks, winchers, etc. We trade, try us. **JOHNSON TRUCK & SUPPLY** Phone 725-2181 Cross Plains

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CARD OF THANKS
WE WISH TO EXPRESS our thanks and appreciation to our friends for the many acts of kindness shown us during the recent death of our very dear loved one, Harold Cox.

The cards, letters, food, and the beautiful flowers, along with your prayers, have helped us to bear our sorrow. May the Lord bless each of you is our prayer.
The Harold Cox Family

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR'S NOTE - Letters to the editor do not necessarily express the view of the editor nor of this paper. But The Merkel Mail will continue to run letters to the editor as long as some are not liable, in good taste, and they must be signed.

Dear Editor:
Hope - Help - Health - we hear so much today of the many things Medical Science is doing and trying to do. We look forward to the day for cures of this and relief for that. We all wish for healthy bodies, and pray each day for progress in the medical field.

At this time there is a building (of course the personnel included) as they are among the best in the state - perhaps the nation). The West Texas Rehabilitation Center, where many people find hope, help and health. The knowledge that something can be done and the help of those trained, do help many return to lead a normal, healthy life.

About 14 years ago we heard about this place and its personnel being established in Abilene. West Texas Rehabilitation Center - my! It had a big sound. It offered help to those who had so many different ailments (many we could not pronounce). The little we bothered to read about it even sounded good - help for all "those other people!"
Randy was born Nov. 21, 1955 and in a few months we became some of "those other people" knocking at the door of the WTRC asking for help. We were welcomed, with our pediatricians' references, and received help, a lot of encouragement, and education of the care and treatment of C.P.
Our story does not end with a healthy body, but it does say that we feel that in Abilene, we received the help - evaluations of some of the top doctors and authorities in the country - treatment received that could not be found anywhere.

Looking around our town - the many people who've received help at the Center - the young, the athletic, the middle age and the older ones - how much we do owe to WTRC... a place available to you or your family should the need ever occur. And remember it can happen. Let us put our hearts in our pockets and work together to keep this Center open to those who need it... Hope and Help... to Regain Health.
Sincerely,
MRS. J. H. CLARK JR.



BADGER TALES

By DEBI CORDER



It is that wonderful time of the year we have all been looking forward to - the football banquet. Or it is? It's kind of like Christmas, with all the hustle and bustle, but in the end, I guess it is all worth it. Mrs. Don Dudley and the cheerleaders are the people who really have to work hard. The theme of the banquet this year is "Moonlight and Roses," so if you're romantically inclined, or would like a good meal, please come. All you have to do is see Mrs. Dudley and sign up. Members of the football team and band get in free.

Ouija Board fans have been finding out quite a lot about some of their teachers lately. You had better watch out. "teach." Ouija is watching.

The icy hold it didn't last too long for the students of Merkel, but it was good while it lasted. Vickie Doan had a bad attack of asthma after pulling "yours truly" three consecutive blocks on sled last Monday.

Finals are nearing, but no one studies for finals, do they? And research papers plague the seniors.

Some of the seniors are anxiously awaiting their A.C.T. test scores. Many of us wonder whether or not we should start planning for college life or apply for a job at the store.

Pam Walla has another very cute name other than Pam Walla. It goes something like "Minnie Mouse."

Somebody needs to buy a pair of shoe chains (whatever that is) for Donna Kay Diltz. She seemed to be walking a little too fast on the ice Tuesday.

Speedy New Metroliners



PHILADELPHIA, PA. - Budd President Philip W. Scott points out a feature of the new PRR Metroliners to U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Alan S. Boyd in a recent visit to the Company's Railway Division in Philadelphia. Production models of the New York-Washington Cars have achieved speeds of 164 mph. Service is scheduled to start early in 1968.



KEY TO A LANDMARK—Dr. Chas. F. Jones (left), president of Humble Oil & Refining Company, receives the ceremonial key to one of San Antonio's pioneer stores from Mayor W. W. McAllister, Sr. The weathered building, known to generations of Texans as the Schultze Stove and Hardware Company, is being restored and will become the Humble Pavilion containing a travel center, transportation exhibit, and theater at HemisFair '68, the first world's fair ever held in the Southwest, April 6 to October 6.

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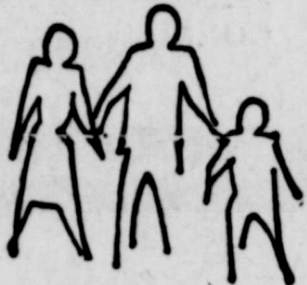
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Worship this week



CLUB MEMBERS HEAR ABOUT 4-H ACTIVITY

Recipient of the Merkel 4-H Club high point cooking award went this year to Suzie Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woody Wilson.

Suzie, a freshman student at Merkel High School, is a junior leader for the first year 4-H Cooking Class.

The award, in the form of a cookbook, was presented to Suzie at the club's Jan. 4th meeting at Taylor Electric Cooperative building.

Audie Byrd led the group in the American Pledge, and the 4-H Motto, Pledge and Prayer was led by Joe Dudley.

Guest speaker for the evening was Curley Hays, farm and ranch representative of West Texas Utilities, who spoke to the group on 4-H and its influence in life.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky, who outlined to the group the Rifle Club program.

Refreshments were served by



SUZIE WILSON
... High point cooking winner

Mrs. Weldon McAninch, Mrs. Vernon Mansfield, Mrs. Wilmer Criswell, and Mrs. Maurice Johnson. The group completed plans for serving lunches at the Merkel Livestock Show Saturday. Gail Boone is the club's reporter.

TEC Youth Tour Planned for '68

Norman Winter, manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative, has announced that the cooperative will sponsor a Youth Tour to Washington again in 1968.

One boy and one girl between the ages of 16 and 18 will join approximately 100 other youths from Texas for an expense paid trip to the nation's Capitol and points of interest in route from June 6 - 18, said Winter.

In Washington they will be joined by youth from other states for a gala round of entertainment and sight seeing.

Mr. Winter stated that this is one way which Taylor Electric Cooperative has for recognizing worth young people in the area in which the cooperative serves.

Detailed information may be found in the counselors office of the high schools or secured by calling the Taylor Electric Cooperative office.

Beta Sigma Phi Has Regular Meet

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Jan. 2 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building with Mrs. Billie Lucas as hostess.

President Mrs. Bobby DuBose, appointed Mrs. John Brady and Mrs. Jimmy Leverich captains of the "annual attendance contest".

Mrs. Lawrence Hewitt presented the program on "Pleasure of Possessions - The Collector."

Members attending were Mrs. Dan Allen, Brady, Bob Garner, DuBose, Hewitt, Leverich and Glenn Sandusky.

Also Mrs. Edgar Tipton, W. J. Roddy, Jackie Doan, Glenn Teaff and Lucas.

NEW TEXAS LAW TO BENEFIT MANY

AUSTIN — A new Texas Law which may benefit hundreds of elderly residents, particularly Spanish-speaking people who now receive little or no old-age assistance, is being widely publicized by the Southwest Regional Office of Economic Opportunity.

Leon Walker, principal of Merkel Elementary School, and representative for Neighborhood Center for OEO, said that a meeting is being called this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Coca-Cola building in Abilene and "this subject would possibly be brought up

for discussion." Walker is also a member of the Community Action Program board for Taylor County.

The new law authorizes old-age assistance benefits to be paid to non-citizens who have lived in the United States for a least 25 years and in Texas for one year prior to application for assistance.

Walter Ritcher, OEO Southwest Regional director said, "I would also like to suggest that all CAP (community action program) staff, particularly neighborhood aides and organization workers, be given this information with instructions to make it known to all low-income older persons with whom they come into contact. We want to make sure that everyone who is entitled to receive this assistance knows of its availability and exercises his option to apply for it. Special efforts should be made to seek out eligible individuals and to assist them in making application."

What Next???

Newspaper Chow

A mixture of ground-up newspapers and molasses was fed to a test group of heifers for 56 days in an experiment by dairy scientists at Pennsylvania State University. And believe it or not it made good cattle feed. These cows digested the mixture — at the rate of two and a half pounds of newsprint daily — just as well as a controlled group of heifers digested a standard high-quality feed supplement. Both groups of heifers were fed conventional corn silage along with the supplement.

It is predicted by Dr. Earl M. Fesler, professor of dairy science, that a newsprint-molasses mixture could help alleviate the expected world food deficit by making available a cheap, nutritious cattle feed that would not compete with man's own food needs.

Molasses is cheap and nutritious and cows can digest molasses better when it's mixed with newsprint. Furthermore newsprint provides the kind of fiber the animals need.

What affect the mixture had on the milk was not mentioned but evidently there was no appreciable difference in the quality of the milk or quantity.

Mohair Council Meeting Jan. 19

Annual membership meeting of the Mohair Council of America is to be Friday, Jan. 19 in the Sorora 4-H Club Center, said Walter Pfluger of San Angelo, secretary-treasurer. Members are invited to attend the Board of Directors meeting at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served to all members at noon. General membership meeting starts at 1:30 p.m. Members will elect a new slate of directors.

The new directors will then elect officers and set up a budget for fiscal year 1968 - 69.

Harold P. Faris, president of Prodesco, Inc., Perkaskie, Pennsylvania, will report on his firm's mohair product development work, including draperies, flame-proof upholstery and tufted carpeting.

Officers and directors of the council will report to the membership on council work since July 1.

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Crazy mixed up school bell (3), tolls visiting hours for exchange of English, Scotch and American Boys' Club workers. "Operation Know-How," sponsored by the W. Clement and Jessie V. Stone Foundation, offers professionals a chance to study varying methods of working with under-privileged youngsters. Project started with month's visit here of Neville Goodridge, head of Britain's National Association of Boys' Clubs and wife (1), followed by similar visit to England by Boys' Clubs of America's national director, John M. Gleason (2). Latest phase brought Scottish Boys' Club leader John A. Swanston and wife (4), here for month's work-study trip.

ROLLING PLAINS COTTON GROWERS STRESS QUALITY

STAMFORD "Growers cannot expect the short 1967 cotton crop to eliminate permanently the over supply situation and thereby solve one of their most vexing problems," said Charles Bragg, executive vice president of the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., in reviewing the year just passed. "With the changing rural to urban character of our Congress, farmers need to consider the unlikelihood of ever again growing cotton at a profit for government loan," he said. "Furthermore, we must take into consideration the increasing competition of man-made fibers and cotton grown in foreign countries. "The International Cotton Advisory Committee expects total foreign production last year to exceed by 1.5 million bales the 88 - million bale crop of 1966. Much of this is long staple cotton that spinners are demanding, and, because of lower production costs it can be purchased by the mills at lower cost than the same staple in this country." It all boils down to the necessity in 1968 of all Rolling Plains

growers producing the highest quality cotton they can at the lowest possible cost, Bragg said. "All members of the industry, including growers, ginners and merchants in the Rolling Plains area need to work more closely to produce the best spinning cotton they possibly can at the lowest possible cost," Bragg said. "Every effort needs to be made to grow dependable quality cotton, the kind a mill buyer can confidently expect to be the quality he wants for his spinning needs."

Holiday Visitors

Pvt. first class Dale Farmer, of the Naval Security Base, Pensacola, Fla., was home over the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones and Jana. Also visiting the Jones, was a friend of Dale's, Pvt. first class Jim Potiete of Oceanside, Calif. Both boys returned to Florida Jan. 3.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

- c-Jan. 15 - Wylie boys A & B, girls A here at 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 18-20 - Jim Ned Tournament
- c-Jan. 22 - Baird boys A & B, girls A here at 6:00 p.m.
- c-Jan. 29 - Jim Ned boys A & B, girls A here at 6:00 p.m.
- c-Feb. 5 - Wylie boys A & B, girls A there at 6:00 p.m.
- c-Feb. 12 - Baird boys A & B, girls A there at 6:00 p.m.
- c-Conference game.



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TO: Edwin E. Williams d-b-a Williams Texaco, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by fil-

ing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 15th day of February A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8th day of July A.D. 1964, in this cause, numbered 20,125-A on the docket of said court and styled Bank of Commerce, Plaintiff, vs. Edwin E. Williams d-b-a Williams Texaco, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: to collect notes totalling \$1,200.00, interest thereon, attorneys fees and costs of suit as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 2nd day of January A.D. 1968.

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1. Children under the age of three rarely get cavities. Fact or myth? The answer is MYTH. Nationwide dental surveys recently showed that fifty per cent of children under the age of two have some decaying teeth. By school age the average is three cavities per child.
2. Baby teeth are not worth bothering about because they are going to fall out anyway. Again, this is a MYTH. Baby teeth should be checked by the dentist when they have all come through-between the ages of two and three-then cavities can be filled and teeth saved.
3. It makes no difference at what age children lose their "baby" teeth. This is a FACT, providing the teeth have had a healthy life and are lost naturally. First teeth that are lost prematurely can lead to many later dental problems and first teeth that become infected can pass on that infection to permanent teeth growing beneath.
4. Most "baby" teeth cavities can be prevented. Another FACT. With the help

of two valuable assistants--the toothbrush and a substance known as stannous fluoride--children who receive regular check ups from an early age, can grow up cavity-free. On a first visit the dentist today may paint a toddler's teeth with a stannous fluoride liquid to strengthen the enamel and make it more cavity resistant. At home, children should learn to brush their teeth by the time they are three, using a toothpaste containing stannous fluoride such as Crest, first to receive American Dental Association recognition and now in a new mint flavor.

5. Poor nutrition during pregnancy can adversely affect "baby" teeth. Again, this is FACT. Baby teeth begin to form when the fetus is still only three inches long and it's the cutting edge that forms first, roots come later. Vitamins, calcium and phosphorus are necessary for healthy teeth and fluoride supplements now available to expectant mothers can also aid their baby's teeth.

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TEXAS NEWSPAPER CAMPAIGN PROMOTES VOTER REGISTRATION

This week marked the opening of a statewide newspaper campaign organized by Secretary of State John L. Hill to promote voter registration in Texas.

Burk King, Taylor County Tax Assessor - Collector, informs voters in this county that application forms will not be printed in newspapers "since the electronic data-processing system for his voter registration records does not fit into his system."

Hill has organized the registration drive in his capacity as chief election officer of the state, a title which the Texas Legislature conferred on the Secretary of State last year, along with placing upon him important new responsibilities in the administration of the state's election laws. In commenting on the drive, Hill said that one of his purposes is

to publicize new laws affecting voting rights, which otherwise might go unnoticed by the average citizen.

One of the new laws enacted in 1967 makes registration necessary, for the first time in Texas history, for persons over 60 years old who live in rural communities and towns under ten thousand population. Heretofore, persons over 60 were required to register only if they lived in a city having more than ten thousand inhabitants. Many tax assessor - collectors have expressed a fear that lack of information concerning this new requirement will bring about disfranchisement of many elderly voters through their failure to register.

In order to vote in statewide elections, a person must meet the following qualifications on the day of the election: he must be over 21 years old and must be a citizen of the United States; he must have resided in Texas for one year immediately preceding the election; and he must have registered for the voting year in which the election is held. In order to vote in local elections (county, school district, etc.) he must also have resided in the county for six months immediately preceding the election. Residence in the city for six months is required for voting in a city election.

A new law enacted in 1967 permits voters who move from one Texas county to another within

the period of six months preceding an election to vote on statewide offices and issues if they have lived in the state for a year.

Texas voters must register annually. The 1968 voting year will begin on March 1, 1968, and will end on February 28, 1969. The registration period for the 1968 voting year began last October 1 and will end on January 31, 1968. Any citizen of Texas who now possesses the necessary qualifications for voting or who will attain them by Feb. 28, 1969, may register during the current registration period.

Except for three limited classes of voters, all persons wishing to vote at any time during the 1968 voting year must register by the January 31 deadline, even though they may not yet possess full qualifications for voting. The only registration permitted after January 31 is (1) by persons who move into Texas after October 1, 1967, (2) by persons who become 21 years old after January 31, 1968, and (3) by former aliens who are naturalized after January 31, 1968. The first and second classes may also register during the regular period. Registration certificates issued to persons not yet qualified to vote are marked to show the date on which they will become qualified.

Voter registration forms for Merkel area people who live in Taylor County may be picked up in Merkel at the City Hall or at the Chamber of Commerce office.

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YES... FISH AND CRAYFISH THAT HAVE NO EYES! GRADUALLY, THROUGH LACK OF USE IN THEIR WORLD OF DARKNESS, THEIR SIGHT DIMMED, WAVED AND FINALLY DISAPPEARED COMPLETELY! (J.F. ELMO)

EX-MERKEL MAIL PUBLISHER DIES

Leon F. Bookman, 88, former editor and publisher of the Merkel Mail, and shop foreman of the Abilene Reporter-News, died Friday, Jan. 5 after a long illness.

Funeral services were held Saturday in Moore Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Worth, with the Rev. John Wesley Ford, minister of the Handley Methodist Church,

officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Fort Worth with Masonic graveside services.

Mr. Bookman worked at the Reporter-News in the late 1940s and 1950s and while there bought and published the Merkel Mail. He sold the Mail in 1952 and had lived in Fort Worth for the past 10 years.

He had worked for the Big Spring Herald before coming to Abilene. At the time of his death

he was helping operate a restaurant in Fort Worth.

He was a Presbyterian and a member of Heronhill Heights Masonic Lodge in Fort Worth.

Survivors include his wife, Ida; a daughter, Mrs. T. W. Scott of Fort Worth; a sister, Miss Patricia Bookman of Denton; and three grandchildren.

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Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker were their two sons, and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Walker and children of Hurst; and Dr. and Mrs. Jimmy Walker and children of El Paso.

ALL TYPES OF INSURANCE BONEY INS. AGENCY

Phone 8-5151

VALUES

MEN'S AND BOYS' Sweaters 1-2 Price

MEN'S AND BOYS' Sport Shirts 1-3 Off

Men's & Boys' Jackets 1-3 Off

Men's Dress Slacks 1-3 Off
Quality Slacks by HAGGAR

Dickie's Matched Khakis
Type 4 Army Cloth in Gray and Tan Colors.
\$2.98 Per Garment
Type 1 pants in Suntan color only.
\$3.98 Per Garment

Men's Sport Coats
Most are for year-around wear. Most all sizes in REGULARS and LONGS.
GROUP I REDUCED TO \$19.95
GROUP II REDUCED TO \$14.95

Cowboy Boots
Entire stock of Men's and Boys' Acme Cowboy boots.
1-4 OFF

AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR ALL TO REMEMBER — — — TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH. THAT'S MELLINGER'S GREAT JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE PLUS REGULAR DOLLAR DAY. IT'S OUR FINAL SALE ON FALL MERCHANDISE AT MONEY SAVING PRICES. SHOP EARLY FOR BEST SELECTIONS.

ALL DOLLAR DAY PURCHASES MUST BE FOR CASH

Ladies' Shoes
ONE LOT

Heels \$2.98 pair
Flats \$1.98 pair

Tapered Pants
Every pair of Ladies' and Girls' tapered pants AT

1-3 Off

Ladies' Robes
Your selection ONLY

1-3 Off

Percales
"Quadri-ge" 80 Square printed percale ONLY

39c Per Yard

36-Inch Outing
Only 29c Per Yard

Thermal Blankets
\$5.95 each

VALUES

House Dresses & Cotton Dusters
Take Your Pick at ONLY
\$2.99 each

Domestic
36-inch brown domestic ONLY
5 Yards for \$1.00

ONE LOT OF MEN'S BROWN AND TAN Dress Oxfords
Only \$3.95

A FEW BROKEN SIZES Ladies' Dresses

Priced 6.95-10.95 **\$3.00** NOW
Priced 12.95-16.95 **\$5.00** NOW

Blanket Sale
All boxed Blankets ONLY 1-3 OFF
Double-Bed sizes and part wood Plaid
Blanket: ONLY \$3.99

Piece Goods
Entire stock of fall better piece goods to close out —

1-3 Off

Corduroy
59c yard

Fancy Sweat Shirts
\$1.98

Blouses
1-3 Off

Corduroy Jeans
MEN'S \$3.98 BOYS' \$2.98

REMEMBER TUESDAY, JAN. 16TH IS DOLLAR DAY

MELLINGER'S
"MERKEL'S LARGEST DEPARTMENT STORE"

VALUES

Ginghams
Cornal Gingham 45" wide
59c Yard

Sweaters
Entire stock of Ladies' and Girls' sweaters to close out — Broken sizes.
1-2 Off

Cotton Batts
Bleached cotton batts in 2 pound rolls
\$1.19

Hosiery
Ladies Nylon hosiery in 1st quality
Seamless 2 for \$1.00

Cannon Towels
Large size Cannon bath towels. All colors
3 for \$1.00
WASH CLOTHS TO MATCH
12 for \$1.00

Percales
One large table fancy percales
3 yards for \$1.00

Bedspreads
Entire stock of famous "Morgan Jones" Bedspreads
1-4 OFF

Ladies & Girls Fall Coats
We are continuing our annual sale on Fall Coats. We still have a nice selection to choose from in either dress types or Car Coats.
1-3 Off

FIESTA DEL MONTE



5 BIG DOLLAR DAYS
 Thursday - Tuesday
JANUARY
 11 - 12 - 13 - 15 - 16th
 :- BIG SAVINGS :-

DEL MONTE (4 Limit)
 FLAT
TUNA 4 for **\$1.00**

DEL MONTE 20 OZ.
CATSUP 3 for **\$1.00**

SUN SHINE BOX
 CHOCOLATE CHIP
 AND BUTTER
COOKIES 4 for **\$1.00**

DEL MONTE ASSORTED
DRINKS 46-Oz. Can 4 for **\$1.00**

DEL MONTE
PUMPKIN 303 Can 6 for **\$1.00**

DEL MONTE
BEANS Cut Green 303 Can 4 for **\$1.00**

DEL MONTE
PEAS Garden 303 Can 5 for **\$1.00**

DEL MONTE
TOMATO Sauce and Onions 300 2 for **49¢**

DEL MONTE
SPINACH 303 Can 6 for **\$1.00**

DEL MONTE
TOMATO JUICE 46-OZ. Can 3 for **\$1.00**

KLEENEX
 200 CT. BOX **19¢**

POST
TOAST 'EMS
 ASSTD. FLAVORS BOX **39¢**

AUNT JEMIMA
MEAL
 5-LB. BAG **39¢**

BORDEN'S BUTTER
MILK
 1/2 GAL. 2 FOR **89¢**

COOKING OIL
WESSON
 24-OZ. BOTTLE **43¢**

SNOWDRIFT SHORTENING 3 LB. CAN **59¢**

WOLF CHILI NO. 2 CAN **59¢**

COFFEE MAXWELL HOUSE (1 Limit) NO. 2 1.29 POUND CAN **65¢**

FLOUR GLADIOLA 5 LB. BAG **49¢**

CAKE MIX DUNCAN HINES 2 ASSTD. FOR **59¢**

SUN COUNTRY ROOM SPRAY DEODORANT TALL CAN **49¢**

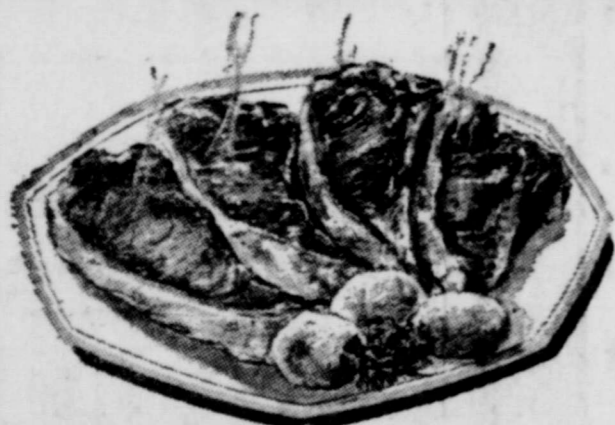
IMPERIAL SUGAR (1 Limit) 5-LB. BAG **49¢**

GIANT TIDE (1 Limit) GIANT BOX **59¢**

PARKAY DIET SOFT OLEO POUND **39¢**



FIESTA DEL MONTE
 DEL MONTE FRUIT COCKTAIL 5 for **1.00**
 DEL MONTE 1 1/2 SIZE Crushed-Chunk-Sliced PINEAPPLE 4 for **\$1.00**



FRESH END CUTS
PORK CHOPS
 Pound **39¢**



PATIO COCKTAIL 24 BEEF TACOS Pkg. **43¢**

MORTON'S TV DINNER Each **39¢**

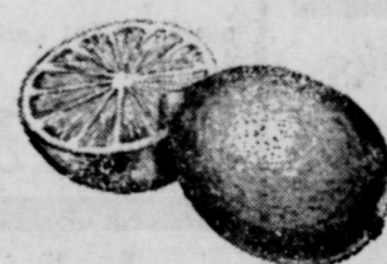
GENESEE GREEN PEAS CHOPPED BROCCOLI CUT CORN 2 FOR **29¢**

SPRAY CLEANER CINCH 22 Oz. **49¢**

JUMBO DASH Bcx **\$1.98**

LIQUID JOY Gt. Bot **49¢**

BATH SIZE 23c SAFEGUARD Reg. Size **15¢**



CHOICE LEMONS Pound **19¢**

BACON ARMOUR STAR POUND **59¢**

FRANKS ARMOUR STAR 12 OZ. PKGS. **39¢**

PICNICS ARMOUR STAR BONELESS CANNED 3 LB. CAN **1.99**

Beef ROAST FRESH GROUND 3 LBS. **\$1.00**
 CHOICE BEEF CHUCK LB. **53¢**

RED ROME APPLES Lb. **19¢**

RUBY RED GRAPEFRUIT Lb. **10¢**

JUICY ORANGES Lb. **12¢**

TEXAS YAMS Lb. **10¢**

RUSSET SPUDS 20-Lb. Bag **69¢**

CHOICE BEEF Arm, English or Rump ROAST Lb. **69¢**

Fresh Summer SAUSAGE Lb. **63¢**

WE GIVE GIFT BOND STAMPS

DOUBLE ON WEDS.

CARSONS



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 FRESH VEGETABLES BEST MEATS IN TOWN