

# **TC FARMERS UNION** PLANS JAN: FLY-IN

attended the three day Farmers ed because of their common inter-Abilene Dec. 4 - 6 "came home with something to think about."

Gathered in the Farmers Union office in Merkel this past Taylor County president: Joe Mc-Duff, June Hogan and Charles farm programs.

"And it's serious talk," said Toombs. "For never before have we had such a critical problem facing us."

was the Fly-In planned for January, 18-20, 1970.

"This will be a nationwide flyin," explained Toombs, "where farmers and ranchers will go to Washington and lobby like we did fly - in held in July of this year).

"Anything that happens in Washington is due to a certain amount of pressure that is applied," said Toombs. "And if Washington is, swamped with farmers and ranchers from all over the United States, there's bound to be a big pressure."

Members of the Taylor County Farmers Union will discuss plans as well as appointing delegates to the January fly - in at the Jan. 6 meeting at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building.

"Heretofore, farmers have been busy growing crops and haven't had the time to leave their farms, but this is one time we're going Of the convention, McDuff said, "Overall, this convention was one of the most progressive than any ning, Dec. 21. Pastor Kenneth F. I have ever attended. "The people

Area farmers and ranchers who who were there seemed more unit-Union state convention, held in est and concern over the farm program.

McDuff further expained that people seemed to have just "one goal in mind," and that was the week were Bily Bob Toombs, continuing of the 1965 farm program,

"Our farmers and ranchers are Jacobs. And they were all talking beginning to realize more and more that without the voice of Farmers Union in Washington, we can't be heard," said McDuff. "The present farm program is not perfect." said Jacobs, "and Highlight of their conversation we realize that, but it has worked, and that is something remarkable to say about a farm program."

Hogan stressed the fact that with the critical problems "facing us it's going to take everything in July." (Toombs refers to the we can do to get the farm legislation we want - to keep the farmers on the farm."

> Hogan was still referring to Yarborough's talk concerning "the one - man, one - vote rule."

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AT FIRST BAPTIST

**MISSIONARY FROM WEST AFRICA** SPEAK SUNDAY EVENING

Southern Baptist Missionary to people in the Merkel area are in-

West Africa, will be

guest speaker in First Baptist

Church, Merkel, on Sunday eve-



PARADE ATTRACTION - No doubt about it - Santo Claus is still the most popular fellow when a Christmas parade comes to town. Just before hopping in his sleigh (in background) Santa is beseiged by a large group of "I want-ers." We only caught a snap of Blitzen pulling the sleigh, but you can be sure there's Donner, Prancer, Dancer, Donder, Cupid, Comet, Vixen and Rudolph with his red nose right up front. Santa and his Sleigh are a contribution to the parade by the Merkel Fire Department (Staff Photo)

# Yule Season Business **Rates Good or Better**

With only six shopping days busy to even observe it." until Christmas, Merkel merchants contacted agree that "business is about like last year." And ac- we expect it to get better before cording to the Dec. 19, 1968 edithe season is over.' tion of the Merkel Mail, merchants Noan Palmer, Palmer Pontiac. were saying "Christmas buying said Wednesday morning that this year has been better than some new cars are being sold, last year, and even better than but whether they are getting them earlier this year.' that

So, if last year's shopping was good, then shopping this year is

"holding its own." according to some merchants. Dave Gamble, Merkel Drug,

said "surprisingly enough, Christmas shopping started early with him.

"We had some early buying." sad Gamble, and purchasng of gift items have been steady since the middle of October."

"About like last year," was Meyer Mellinger's (Mellinger Dry Goods) comment. "This past week end was a busy one, and we expect to be pretty rushed right up until Christmas Eve."

Onis Crawford (Crawford's) said when contacted this weekend, that he hadn't had time to check, but he felt like it was "about like last year's shopping."

"Christmas buying started off rather slowly," said Crawford, "but the past week the pace has quickened with this weekend being rather busy. Overall, I be live we can say it is about like last year."

for Christmas or not I don't know. I just know that we've sold a few "Christmas buying in food right now is good," said Wilson, "and right now.'

"We've had outstanding Christmas sales in our store," said Mrs. Dee Grimes, owner of Brand's. "Every day has been good, and Christmas buying started a lot.

**P-TA** Meeting

The Merkel P-TA will have its first meeting of the year, an organization meeting tonight at 7:30 in the school auditorium.

The third and fourth grades will present a Christmas program.

# CHRISTMAS PLAYS O BE PRESENTED

the MHS Drama Club "The Preenders" presentation of "In scope of Christmas," is an orig-Search of Christmas" this past inal composition, written and di-Wednesday evening, will have a rected by four members of Drama. chance to see it Friday, Dec. 19. I Class. The author - directors The two plays, "Why the are Judy Hester, Donna Phillips, Chimes Rang," and "A Kaleido- Randy Doan and Steve Do scope of Christmas," will be pre- Cast includes Ja Nell Las school auditorium, according to director, Mrs. Don Dudley. Cast for "Why the Chimes Rang." include Mark Dudley as Holger: Danny West, Steen: Terry Wade, Bertel: Carolyn Gilmore, an Old Woman: Jeanie Fincher, Angel: Roger Beaird, Priest; Larry Hewitt Rich Man: Don Whisenhunt. Coutier: Vickie Payne, Beautiful Woman: Billy Jackson. Carolyn Gilmore Suzie Wilson and

lector, Burl King, in a telephone

conversation Wednesday morning.

Of the 28,086 applications which

Merkel area people who missed Girl; and Monty Tittle, King. The second play, "A Kaleido

FOR GOODFELLOWS

# **RESPONSE HAS BEEN** 'VERY, VERY GOOD'

are the things needed at Good- it will be one of our best." fellow time.

And Merkel residents are "opening up their pocketbooks," for the contributions of money and many are calling in telling about clothes they have ready to give.

"This year's response to Goodfellows has been wonderful," said chairman Lawrence Hewitt. "With

Food, clothing and toys, and monetary, clothing and toy concontributions of money - those tributions yet to come, we believe

> Secretary - treasurer Mrs. Willim R. Cypert, said Wednesday morning that "there's plenty of letters coming in too, requesting help at Christmas time."

"Dear Mr. Goodfellow, just a few lines to say that I need a little help for Christmas to help See Story TWO, Pg. 4

vited to be present to h missionary tell of his work in Nigeria

The evening services will begin at 6 o'clock, with everyone meeting in the church auditorium for an informal question and answer session with the Rev. Kennedy. He will have on display many items of clothing, household utensils, and other samples of the Nigerian culture. Also, he will show color pictures of his area of work in West Africa.

Following Rev. Kennedy's informal presentation of the Nigerian work, the evening worship service will begin at 7 o'clock. The Youth Choir of First Batpist Church will be featured in presenting Christmas music, and Rev. Kennedy will brng the evening message which will be a continuation of his missionary adventure in Nigeria.

An all - church fellowship will follow the worship service. Spon-



REV. THOMAS KENNEDY ... field evangelist

sored by the youth of the church, it will afford opportunity for all present to meet Rev. Kennedy and to have fellowship and refreshments together.

A native of Tioga, Texas, Rev. Kennedy is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Sem-

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Johnny Hammond, owner Ben Franklin's and Merkel toy store outlet, said "there has been quite a bit of toy buying, along with miscellaneous items."

"Shopping really picked up this past weekend."

Mrs. Almeda Bullock, at Bullock's Hardware and Gifts, commented Tuesday that "I believe shopping is even a little better than it was last year, and last year was good. It seems that shoppers are buying better gifts this year."

Herman Carson, Carson's Supermarket, reported a "heavier volume of buying than last year."

"Christmas buying in food items is as good as last year." said Carson, " and perhaps a little heavier. We find people seem to have even a more optimistic attitude in their purchasing." Ray Wilson, Wilson's Food

Store, concerning Christmas buying, remarked, "I've been too

Terry Wade, Steve Walker, Suzie Hendricks, Larry Hewitt and Debbie Bowen. Also Roger Beaird, Mike War-

ren. Danny West, Jerry Holmes. Beth Hicks, Don Whisenhunt Kathy Griffin, Jan Beasey, Eddie Merrell and Billy Jackson.

Also Mark Dudley, Sandy Hogan. Monty Tittle, Donna Diltz, Scholar: Debbie Bowen, Young the four authors - directors.



Applications for the 1970 voter were mailed out Oct. 1, more than registration certificates are still 21,000 already have been returncoming in at a good pace, accorded, said King, ing to County Tax Assessor - Col-

"At the rate the applications are coming in, it looks as if we'll far surpass last year's voter registration," he said.

King explained that forms mailed out in October are not certificates, but applications for certificates

"They must be filled out, signed and mailed back to our office," before Jan. 31 deadline," said King.

King urged persons to get applications that were mailed out in October filled out and returned as soon as possible, as well as those who need to pick up applications.

"We have applications here at our office, and they are also scattered around places in Taylor County.'

Applications may be picked up in Merkel at City Hall, Farmers and Merchants National Bank, the Merkel Mail and the Farmers Union office.

In his address to the Farmers Union banquet Saturday, Dec. 6, Sen. Ralph Yarborough warned delegates to the convention that "if the farm community doesn't wake up and register every voter, you're going to be overshadowed by the growing influence of the suburbia."

"The general rule is that no one can vote without having reg-istered, King explained. "Play it safe now and get your ap d maybe we'll get d oct have a bactle



FIRST AND SECOND PLACE FLOATS - The Merkel 4-H Club won first place (picture at left) and \$25 in the float contest during the annual Christmas Parade this past Saturday. Placing second and winning \$15 was the Beta Sigma Phi's float, depicting "Gifts

of Christmas." Third place float winner was the Young Homemakers.' The annual parade is sponsored each year by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, with Santa Claus leading the parade. This year "Ole Santa" arrived in Merkel riding his sleigh with his reindeer pull-

ing him along. The sleigh is a contribution made to the parade by the Merkel Volunteer Firemen. (Staff Photos)



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Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married April 25, 1965 Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. There were no children born, and no community property acquired of this marriage, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served

tiff, vs. Glendon Monroe Millican,

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.

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Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD Clerk, Domestic Relations By Marie Gill, Deputy.



by H. T. ELMO

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THURSDAY Beef-Cheese Pizzas, green lima beans, cabbage pepper relish. rolled wheat batter bread, buttered, apple cobbler, milk. FRIDAY

Bar-B-Q on bun, pinto beans, potato salad, peanut butter bars, apple wedges, milk.

U.S. veterans in civil life reached 26,712,000 in January 1919, according to the Veterans Administration.



Bob Hammond son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hammond, was among students from McMurry College Band, who performed in West Texas during their fall tour. The McMurry Band played Dec. 3-7 in Colorado City, Friona, Muleshoe, Brownfield, Morton, Abernathy, New Deal, Stanton and Sweetwater.

Dr. Raymond T. Bynum, direc-

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Love Feast.

### **Dorcas SS Class Has Love Feast**

The Dorcas Sunday School Class met Dec. 11 in the First Baptist Church for their annual

ter of the McMurry Band since 1946, is one of the best known bandmasters in the Southwestern the American Bandmasters Association. Bob, a 1969 graduate of Merkel

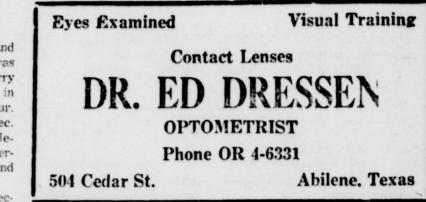
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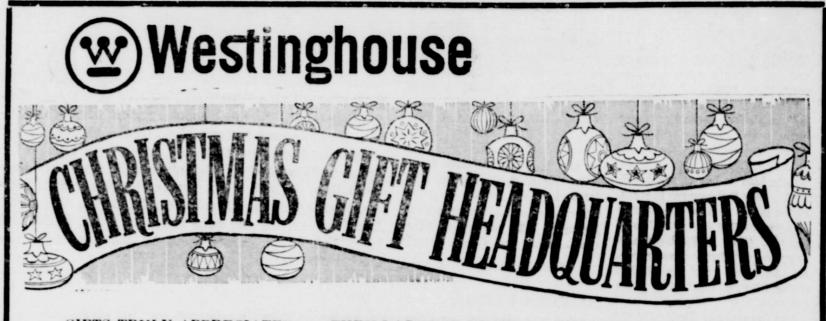
The Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, opened the meeting with a prayer. Following the meal, music was brought by Marie Shanks, pianist, and Sybil Riney and Lynn Barnes sang. Also church youth

played the piano and sang. Mr. Homer Finch brought a devotional on the Birth of Christ and other readings from the Bi-United States. He is one of Five ble that "related to the past. Texans to hold membership in present and future." Rev. Jones led closing song and Mrs. W. A. McCandless closed the meeting with prayer.

leader. Mr. Powers and his wife,

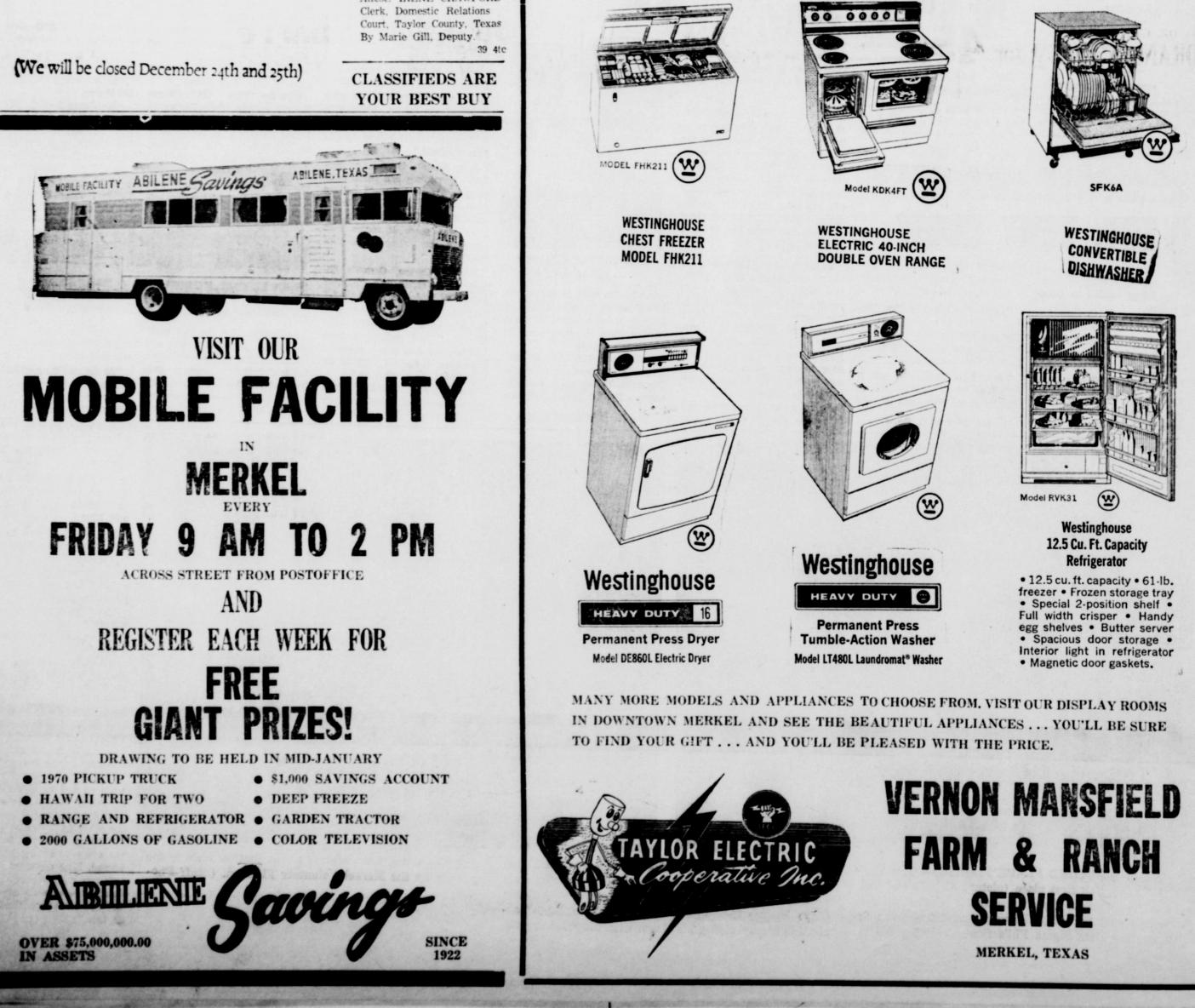
Twenty - eight members and 16 visitors were present.

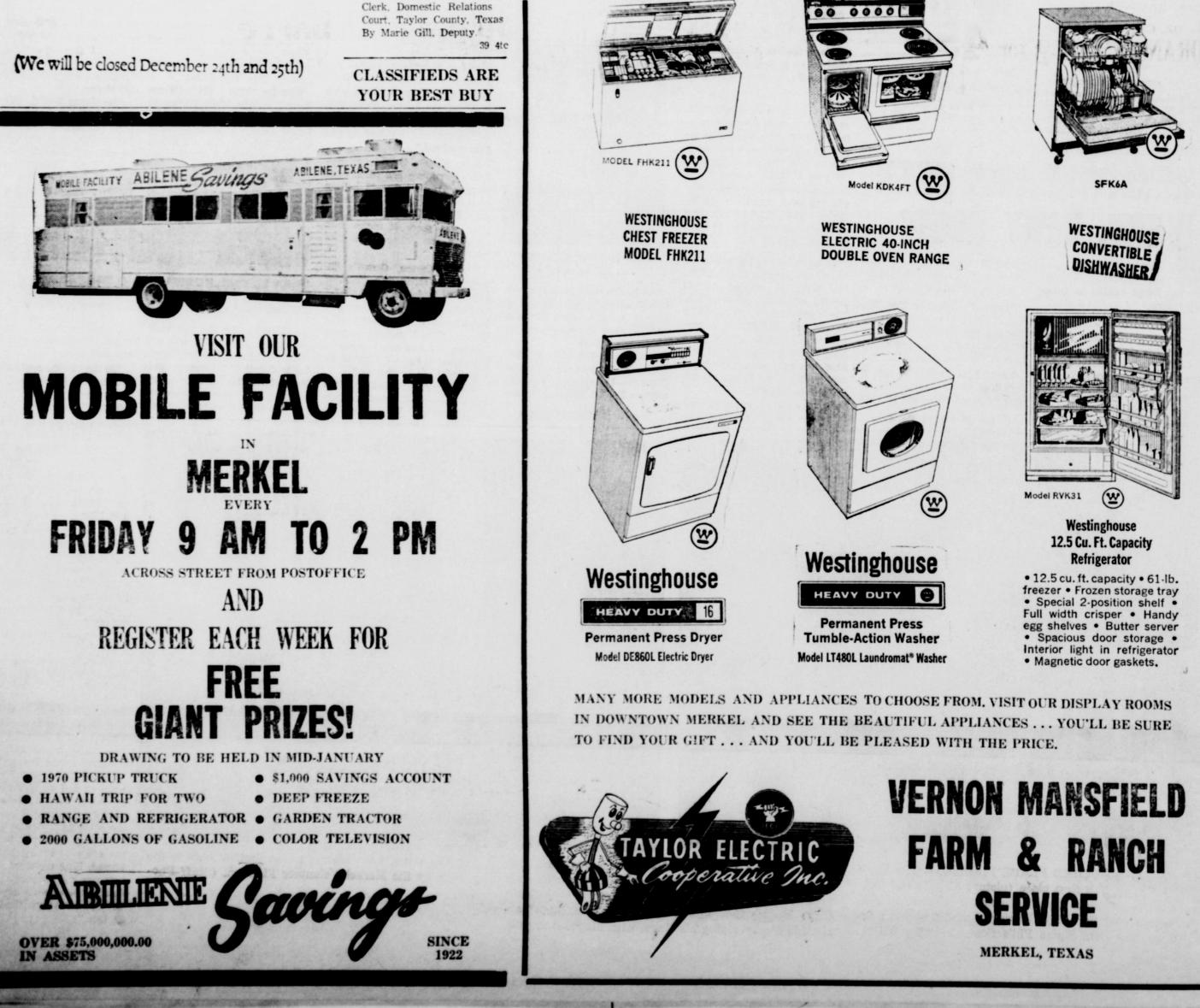




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#### MASONIC MEETING

Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on See 2nd Saturday and 4t4h Thursday of each month 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. embers urged to attend.

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inary in Fort Worth. He was appointed missionary to Nigeria in 41 2tp 1954 and has served more than, 12 years as a field evangelist in that country.

He and his wife, the former Willie Mae Rankin, of Loraine, are presently at home on furlough from the mission field, and make their home at 1425 Mimosa in Abilene. The Kennedys and their five children will return to West Africa in June of 1970, at which

Leaves for Japan SM William Dale White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jo White, left

Long Beach, Calif. Nov. 18 for Pearl Harbor. From Pearl Harbor he went to

WILLIAM DALE WHITE

. . . in Japan

Midway and to a port on the Sea of Japan, where he will be stationed until Dec. 31.

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Yarborough elaborated on the danger to the farmer by saying the "one - man, one - vote rule apportionment of the House of Representatives is a real threat to agriculture." because he said it shifts the balance of power from the rural areas to the suburban areas of big cities - and those people don't understand what will happen if family farms disappear.)

"We have to begin now toward a massive education campaign to let people know of the critical problems of the farmers." said Hogan. "The outlook is not only critical for farmers but for the

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denson Fort Phantom Lake, Calling hours will celebrate their 50th wedding will be from 2 until 5 p.m.

> Hostesses will be their children and their families: Mrs. Don Barbie, Carlsbad, N.M.; Mrs. A. E Armstrong, Abilene: and Melvin Denson, Monahans.

The couple lived in Merkel for many years. Mr. Densen was a butcher and grocery man. They owned and operated the Lake View Grocery at Ft. Phantom for fifteen years, before retiring last July. Mrs. Denson was the former Winnie Herron. They married at Wingate Dec. 19, 1919...

Mr. Denson's hobby is fishing and Mrs. Denson enjoys working with flowers and handiwork. All friends are invited to call at Open House.

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Tickets for the Fort Worth Live. Tickets may be purchased for stock Show and Rodeo for Feb- \$3.00 each at the Merkel Drug and ruary 7 are now on sale in Mer- at the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

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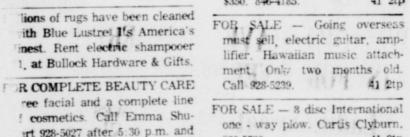
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time he is commissioned to begin an evangelistc work in a new area of Eastern Nigeria. The visit of Rev. Kennedy to

First Baptist Church of Merkel is a part of the church's special emphasis on the Christmas offering for Foreign Missions. Members of the church have adopted a goal of giving \$35 for each of the 71 foreign countries and provinces in which Southern Baptist Missionaries are now serving. The total goal is \$2,485, and represents an increase over total gifts last year of \$2,409.

do will be appreciated."

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And how can we say no to this

"Dear Goodfellows, my husband

has been out of work on account

of sickness. There won't be any

food, or toys this Christmas and

we will appreciate any thing you

can do for our eight little ones.

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The Goodfellow Store. located

this year in the Masonic Lodge

building on Edwards Street, will

be open Monday and Tuesday,

Dec. 22-23, for those who want to get clothing and toys," said Mrs.

Mary Mosier, co-chairman with

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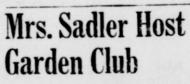
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small towns and business men of small towns as well." Actually, what we're fighting

for is a way of life." said Toombs. 'A way of life that has been the backbone of American culture.

All gathered in the Farmers Union office agreed that it was 'most important that farmers and ranchers make sure they have made application for their voters registration this year." "If we go to sleep on registering to vote, then about all we can do is make a loud noise," said Hogan. (Applications for voter registration may be picked up at the Merkel Mail office, Farmers and Merchants National Bank, City Hall and at the Farmers Union office.



The Merkel Garden Club observed their Christmas program with a luncheon this past Friday in the home of Mrs. W. T. Sadler. Christmas decorations trimmed the serving table and party area. Mrs. Erma Black, presented a program with displays. on "Any-

one Can Make a Wreath.' Mrs. Maurice Brooks, Abilene District 8 president of Federated Garden Clubs, spoke to members and guests on activities of Federated work.

Twenty - three members and guests attended.

### **Teen Center Plans Christmas Party**

There wil be a Christmas Party A toyl of \$160.00 had been contributed as of Tuesday mornat the Teen Center Monday, Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m., according to Teen president, Randy Doan.

"Along with admission charge, pease bring a can of food or food of some kind to give to needy families," said Doan. "There wil be a band from Abilene and adult sponsors will be present."

## **Friday Singing**

The Third Friday Night Singing will be held this Friday at the Victory Baptist Church at 307 Eh Paso, according to F. E. Sipe, newly elected president.

"Singing will begin at 6 p.m., relatives) ..... 10.00 said Sipe, "and all who enjoy C. E. Horton ..... 5.00 singing or listening to good mu-TOTAL ..... \$166,00 sic, are invited to attend."

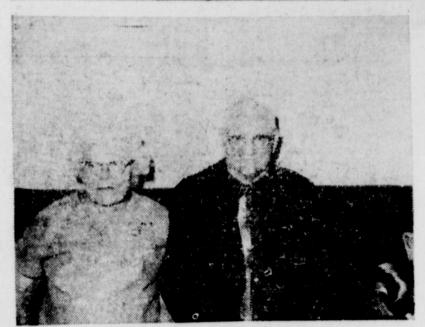


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MR., MRS. M. L. PAYNE . . . married 60 years

### AT TRENT TO OBSERVE PAYNES **60TH ANNIVERSAR**

Mrs. Payne, born in Mississip-

pi in 1892, moved to Anson at

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Payne of Jahoma in 1350, and meved to An-Trent will observe their 60th wed- son at the age of six years. His ding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 21 hebby is playing dominoes. at the home of their granddaughter, Mrs. Ronnie Freeman,

Hosting the celebration will be the age of eight. Her hobby is their children, Mrs. George By- piecing quits. ron, and R. O. Payne, both of Trent, and Mrs. Clifford Talbett. Anson Dec. 19, 1909. They lived Abilene. Assisting will be grand- in the Anson area until 1948 when children and great - grandchil- they moved to Trent, dren.

Mr. Payne, a retired service vited to call Sunday between the station operator, was born in Ok- hours of 2 and 4 p.m.

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## **4-H Club Thanks Merkel Merchants**

"If you happened to have seen young people going along fence rows picking up tumbleweeds last week, they really weren't on a clean up campaign," explains Jerny Stephan, reporter for the Merkel 4-H Club. "They were gathering them to be used on the float in the Christmas Parade,"

"The seven foot snowman made of these weeds and with members wearing fur hats, gloves and heavy winter coats looked a little out of place on the beautiful warm day of the parade, but it must have convinced the judges it was really winter and Christmas time, for it won first place in the parade.

"A very big thank you goes to the Merkel Chamber of Commerce for making this parade possible and for the \$25 for our Dear Santa Claus club," said Miss Stephan. "A 4-H Thank you also goes to Mrs. Almeda Bullock for providing a place to work and to Mr. Fred ed. I want a B-B gun, 3 trucks, Starbuck for the grass we used a race track and a Johnny Eagle on the float."

## **R. H. Peterson** Services Today

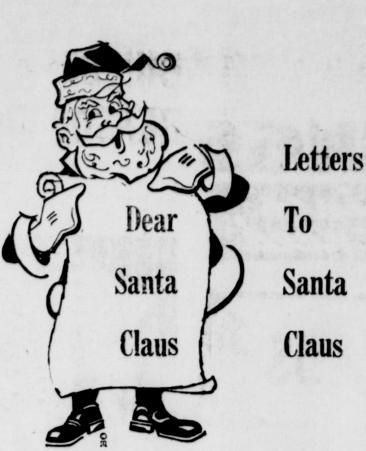
Funeral services for Raymond The couple wkas married in H. Peterson, 66, former Merkel

> Mrs. Ida Mashburn and Mrs. Lola Saffel, both of Merkel, and Mrs. Fred Dudley of Miles; four brothers, Jim and Alonzo Peterson, both of Merkel, Lester of Abilene and Cecil of Long Beach.

preceded him in death. Nephews will serve as pall-

bearers.

Two sisters and three brothers

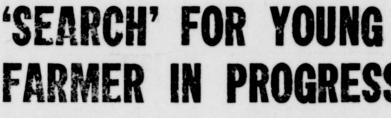


a very nice chimney for you to My name is Kel Crain. When I told you what I wanted, I forgot

To

Thank you, Your friend, Bill (Engelbucht) 4073 Laurel

Please bring me a Tonka Station Wagon for Christmas, I'm pants, shirt, football shoes. six years old, and have been a Santa, I love you, very good boy this year. We have



Plans for the search for Texas' Oustanding Young Farmer were announced today by Les Ethetton and Bob Price, co - chairmen cf the Abilene Jarcees Oustanding

"This is part of a nationwide "to bring about a closer understanding and appreciation of farm problems and agricultural achievement.'

come on Christmas.

I love you,

Kel (Crain)

Dear Mr. Claus:

The Abilene Jaycees will be working closely with the Taylor County Young Farmer Organization and in selecting the area's cutstanding young farmer. The TCYF organization is serving as the judging committee as well as in securing participants in the



Thomas (Tommy) B. McAlister, Abilene Christian College. He 53, owner of Merkel Restaurant, and other businesses in Merkel, was found dead Saturday evening Dec. 13, following an apparent heart attack at his apartment in the Merkel Motel.

Services were held Tuesday at the Elliott's Chapel of Memories in Abilene, with the Rev. Chris Diebel, pastor of the First Christian Church, officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

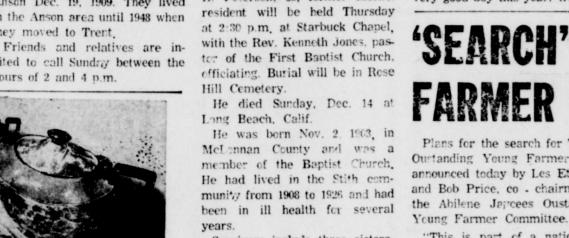
moved with his parents to Abilene two sisters, Mrs. George Warney lene High School and attended of Dallas.

worked for Superior Oil Company in Louisiana. He was also a prominent Taylor County oil companny consignee.

He married Frances Alexander Nov. 27, 1942, in Fort Worth and she died in February of 1966. He married Patsy Gene Hunter Aug. 24, 1966, in Anson.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Tommy Allen, a student at Texas A&M; a daughter, Margo Gyl McAlister of the home; five brothers, Herman, Albert and A. Mr. McAlister was born Dec. C. all of Abilene, Carol of Ama-13. 1916 in Wchita Falls, and rillo and Jack of Anaheim, Calif.; in 1924. He graduated from Abi- of Hereford and Mrs. Tom Sneary





Survivors include three sisters,

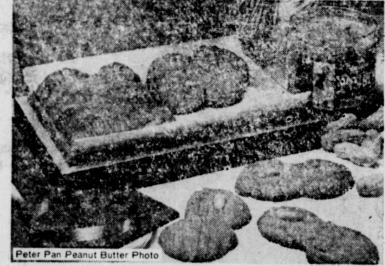
#### UT SQUAKES

These bars are delightfully "chewy" and the maple flavor sets them apart. Try some soon. 11/2 cups sifted flour 2/3 cup Griffin's Waffle

	cup sugar	Syrup				
1/2	cup butter or margarine	1½ cups Griffin's Fan Shred coconut				

Sift flour and sugar. Cut in butter until mixture resembles fine crumbs. Press into an 8" x 8" x 2" pan. Bake in moderate oven (375°) 15 or 20 minutes. Combine syrup and coconut in sauce pan and cook until coconut absorbs most of the syrup (about 8 minutes). Spread over the warm crust and bake 10 minutes. Cut into squares to serve.

### Spread Joy with Peanut Butter Cookies



Tis the season to be jolly and what better way than with gifts of something homemade ... crispy peanut butter cookies made in the shape of a peanut and decorated with a tempting goober right on top.

The Peter Pan Peanut Butter home economists worked on this recipe until they thought it was just the way you'd like it...lots of good peanut butter flavor and easy to make.

And remember too, what a great source of protein peanut butter is for active people all year long.

#### PEANUT BUTTER CRUNCHES (Makes about 5 dozen cookies)

1 cup shortening	1 cup Peter Pan Smooth
1 cup granulated sugar	Peanut Butter
1 cup firmly packed	2 cups sifted all-purpose
brown sugar	4 flour
2 eggs	2 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon vanilla	1/2 teaspoon salt
•	5 dozen (about) peanuts

Cream shortening, sugars, eggs and vanilla. Stir in Peter Pan Peanut Butter. Sift dry ingredients; stir into creamed mixture. Shape 1 teaspoon of dough. Press into slim Sshape and place on ungreased cooky sheet. Insert peanut in end of dough. Press dough with back of floured fork to make criss-cross. Bake in 350° oven about 10 minutes.

#### VARIATIONS

Chocolate Glazed Fingers: Use a level tablespoon dough for each cookie. Shape into an oblong or finger. Bake 11 to 12 minutes in a 350° (moderate) oven. While cookies are still warm, spread with melted chocolate and sprinkle with chopped peanuts.

Sugar 'n Cinnamon Rounds: Use a level tablespoon dough for each cookie. Roll into a ball. Place on ungreased baking sheet; flatten each cookie in criss-cross design with tines of fork. Sprinkle cookies with sugar and cinna-mon mixture. Bake in 350° (moderate) oven, about 11

minutes. Stars: Force Peanut Butter Cookle dough throuts & cookle press, using a star disc design. Decorate tips of star with silver dragees. Bake 6 to 8 minutes in a 350 (moderate) oven.

J. H. Clarks Note program.

## Their "Big" Day

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark observed their "biggest day yet," when their children hosted their 60th Wedding Anniversary this past Sunday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Joe (Patsy) Mc-Duff.

One hundred fifty guests registered from towns including Grand Prairie, Fort Worth, Clyde, Abilene, Trent, Lubbock, Albuquerque, N.M., and Kansas, Merkel and Arlington, Va.

Granddaughters, Patricia Mc-Duff and Janie Clark of Merkel presided at the serving table, and grandson, Larry Clark of Lubbock, registered guests.

Mrs. Clark was overheard to say "We're making plans for our 70th."

## NOTICE

The Merkel Mail will "go to press' Monday, Dec. 22 for it's annual Christmas edition, along with regular Thursday edition. Readers will get next week's edi tion on Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Copy and advertising deadline will be Saturday, Dec. 20.

Look for your Merry Christmas Merkel Mail Tuesday, Dec. 23, and if you do not receive your copy call us by noon Wednesday. The Merkel Mail office will be closed at noon Wednesday, Thurs day and Friday in observance of the Christmas holidays.

# **Shooting Victim**

**Progressing 'Fine'** 

Doug Reddin dropped by the Merkel Mai Tuesday morning and reported that their son, Steve, "had surgery this morning and is progressing fine."

"He's still a long way to go, but is so much better," said Red-

Steve suffered a .16 gauge shotgun wound in the jaw Wednesday, Dec. 3, when his gun went off while hunting for a racoon.

Any young farmer between the ages of 21 and 35 who earn at least two thirds of their income from farming is eligible to compete, said Ethetton, Anyone interested in competing or in nominating others to compete should contact members of the Taylor County Young Farmers organization, vocational agriculture teachers in the county, or Bob Price and Les Ethetton at the Soil Conservation Service office in Abilene. Entry forms should be available within the next few

days, said Price. The criteria for judging at the local, state and national level will be progress in agriculture, soil and natural resource conserva-

Mr., Mrs. Hodo Services Held

Funeral services for Mack Arhur Hodo, 86, and Mrs. Jeanie H. Hodo, 83, were held Sunday, Dec-14, at the Starbuck Chapel with the Rev. H. S. Earp pastor, of an Assembly of God Church in Abilene, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Hodo, a longtime Taylor County resident, died Saturday. Dec. 13, in West Texas Medical Center, following a short illness. He was born Feb. 24, 1883 in Hamilton County, and moved with his parents to Taylor County in 1901. In 1905 he married Jennie Huddleston in Abilene They had lived in Fisher, Jones and Taylor counties during that time.

Mrs. Hodo, 83, died Sunday morning, also at West Texas Medical Center, following a lengthy illness

Survivors of the couple include one son, Mack Jr. of Merkel; two daughters, Evora Lang of Abilene and Mrs. J. J. (Madine) Osborn of Cyde: six grandchildren and two great - grandchildren; one brother, Homer Hodo of Cushing, Okla,: three sisters, Mrs. Carl Horton of Roby, Mrs. Bessie Moody and Mrs. Will Brown, both of Lytle.

· Pallbearers were Ray Wilson, Onis Graham, Carroll Gilbert, Be-Ion Sedberry, Larry Cunningham and Robert Klingbil.



KNIT SHOW OFFS - Proudly displaying some of the knitting done at The Knit Shop are, from left, Jan Melton, with her poncho, Cle Juan Douglas, knit coat, Jan Beasley, vest; and Mrs. Georgia Higgins, dress; second row, Gene Stewart, sweater, Mrs. Anette Melton, poncho, and instruct r, Mrs. Rosanell Stewart, shell. (Staff Photo)

**KNITTERS LEARNING** THE 'FUN WAY'

How about learning to knit? Looks easy.

Then, start gathering those needles and yard and trying to come that it "takes more than one lesup with a sweater, skirt, suit you began to realize there is a Mrs. Gene (Rosanell) Stewart's



"learning process" that has to blocking, and button holes. be learned.

This reporter soon found out son to learn to knit.

house is full right now of "busy

red with her other duties - keeping house, running errands for husband, Gene, and seeing that the two boys, Kenny and Stephen are fed and clothed. Besides teaching knitting class-

es, Mrs. Stewart has a good supply of yarns, threads and does



### BADGER TALES

### By MIGNON CRAWFORD

Slowly - but surely - he 19th is coming - and we'll all get out for the Christmas holidays!

The Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes had their holiday parties Monday and everyone seemed to have a real good time.

Two of our basketball teams were in tournaments this past weekend. The A-team girls were in the Annual Hardin - Simmons University Invitational Tournament and the A team boys traveled to Colorado City. Both boys and girls A teams played Anson

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Tuesday evening at Merkel for a change.

Several people took the ACT tests last Saturday and they said it was "more than their brains could comprehend."

punch.

The MHS Band presented 2 Christmas Concert Sunday and boy! it was really good- Vickie Payne, Jeannie Fincher, Suzie Hendricks, Marsha Jordan, Jan Beasley and Carol Whisenhunt presented vocal numbers as part o the program. Not bad at all for sophomores.

I heard that Lee Ann Holloway

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believe it, just look at Buster's tournament - did I hear right, chin! 'Way to go, Lee Ann, I Dopy? Happiness to Judy "Lee" didn't know you had such a Hester is having only 6 days left to shop for Christmas and she hasn't bought a thing!" Happiness to Deborah Stallo is

an ice cold dress to put on after P.E. Is that right. Deborah? Happiness to Jan Beasley is marching in a parade and making a left turn when it should have been a right one - how about that? Happiness to Stephanie Walker is







Don Clyburn, Mary Jo Reddin, Jeanie Fincher and Rusty Hollo-

## **MERKEL 4-H CLUB NEWS**

### By JERRIE STEPHAN

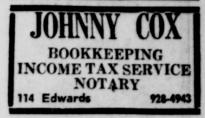
Twenty - six members, four guests and eleven adult leaders of the Merkel 4-H Club met at the Taylor Electric Cooperative for their annual Christmas party. The Rev. and Mrs. N. S. Daniel brought the program; gifts were exchanged and recreation was led by Paul Tucker.

At the short business meeting which preceded the party, Larry Toliver led the American Pledge; and Galen Boone led the 4-H club motto, pledge and prayer.

New members joining the club were Tonya, Morey and Shawn Moore, Grant Sandusky and Gail Teaff.

ing food groups were assigned to leaders. Any member wishing to take part in one of these groups should be sure that their name is on the list before groups begin meeting early in January in preparation for the food show to be held in February.

The club's next meeting will be Jan. 8, 1970, with a program on highway safety and defensive driving. Why don't you start the New Year off right by joining us?



Also during the business meet-

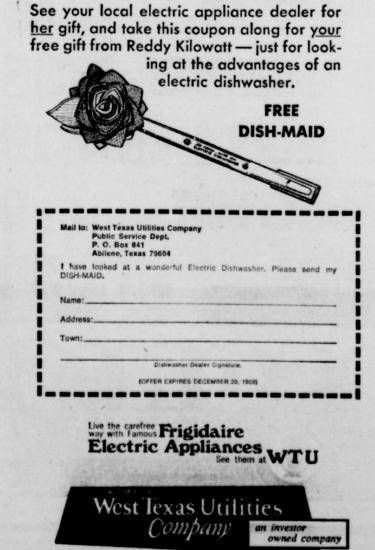
## The Adventure of Being a Wife ...

(Continued)

- 2. RESPECT HIS WORK ... when you marry a man. you also marry his job. At times you may even feel that the job comes before you. It doesn't really, but doing his work well means as much to a man as motherhood does to a woman ... and for much the same reasons.
- **3. LEARN THE TRICKY AND CHALLENGING** ART OF ABSORPTION ... a lot of unsuccessful wives seem to regard themselves as divinely appointed receiving stations for love. They're constantly concerned with how much attention and affection they're getting. Certainly a wife is entitled to love and loyalty, but she also has to be ready to absorbe irritability on the part of her husband at times when he is displeased or angry with his own performance. And remember: Even when a man becomes successful and knows it, some hidden, sensitive, unsure part of him continues to need the unquestioning support of a loving woman.
- 4. PRACTICE THE ART OF LISTENING ... most men desperately need a sounding board against which to test ideas, hopes, dreams, ambitions, inner conflicts that they can't resolve alone. They can confide their innermost thoughts and feelings without fear of ridicule or rejection. And sometimes that means a woman must bite her tongue.
- 5. LET HIM KNOW THAT YOU NEED HIM. You need it, why shouldn't he?
- 6. USE YOUR TALENTS . . . Marriage need not limit your horizons, use it to expand your marriage.
- 7. OTHERS: Don't be afraid to compromise. Don't be alarmed if you and your husband differ about

## She's washing dishes... with your gift!

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way were in the Band Concert, held at the Merkel High School Auditorium this past Sunday afternoon. Mothers attending were Mmes. Dolly Reddin, Waymon Hicks and Marvin Holloway.

The Rev. James Williams visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry Sun-

Ross Merritt and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Benthall were visitors Sunday at the Stith Baptist Church.

Mrs. Fritz Hale, Shirley and Mike of Midland visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Sunday.

The Stith Home Demonstration Club Christmas Party was held at the Community Center Saturday night for members of the club and their families. Thirtyeight attended. Supper was served and a program was given by the young people. "Ole Santa" was there to hand out gifts from the tree. Visitors were Mr. and

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**TYPES** 

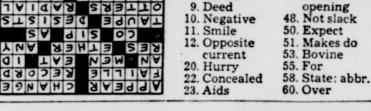
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and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Reddin

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning.

and Jo Ann Buchhoffer.

Mrs. Ted Hudson of Cross Plains Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dunagin attended the funeral of Mrs. Ruby and children of Abilene, and Susie Rainbolt in Big Spring Tuesday.

7. Ivylike plant 46. Unshut

43. Men

45. Clothes:

slang

47. Fence

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side

6. Leases

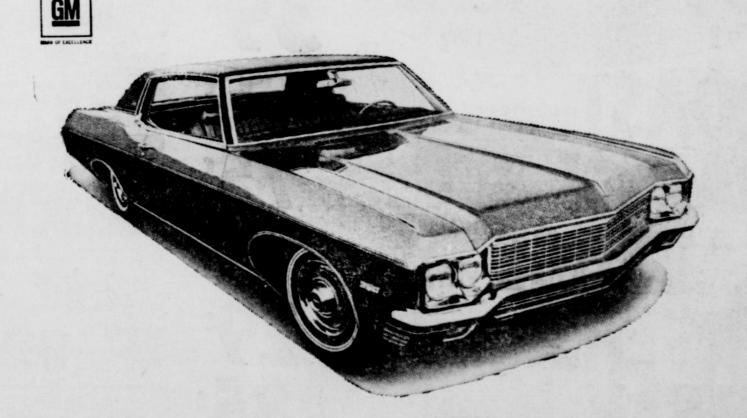
8. Listen

Admissions at the Veterans Ad-Mr. and Mrs. Fred Browning of Lefors, spent the weekend with ministration's 166 hospitals reached 647,000 in FY 1968, 22,000 Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunagin and above the 1967 figure.

some things (Marriage is a partnership, not a merger of identities). Don't keep fretting over irretrievable mistakes. Try to please your husband.

"TO LOVE AND TO CHERISH, TILL DEATH US DO PART ...."

**BILLY PATTON, Minister** CHURCH OF CHRIST "COME VISIT WITH US"



# If the competition had Impala's high resale value maybe they'd be No.1. Maybe.

The makers of Impala generously offer these tips to competitors to help improve their resale value.

They could try adding our side guard door beam structure, heavy steel rails inside the doors.

They could do something about the rocker panel problem, as we have done with flush-and-dry rocker panels, instead of being content to let rust accumulate.

They could put inner fenders in every model, just like Impala. Who knows? Come resale time their outer fenders

might look almost as good as Impala's. They could hush up the sounds of old age with something like Impala's long life exhaust system, aluminized at critical points for greater durability.

Impala's cargo-guard luggage compartment is a good bet, too. A steel bulkhead separates luggage from passenger compartment. Beats paper or plywood all hollow. We suggest an acrylic lacquer finish, so their cars will

keep their shine longer.

But if competition doesn't take these tips, you certainly should.

Buy an Impala.

It's such a rewarding car to get rid of. Putting you first, keeps us fi

