

Starr Rest Home

By MARY OUTLAW

Due to the fact our news was unable to be published week before last we wrote no news last week so some of the news is a little late but we want to thank the Editor for letting us send in our news.

Mrs. Loyd Robertson and her Sunday School class, Donna McKenzie, Beth Patton, Connie Conroe, Frances Tuckey and Sandra Robins from the First Baptist Church came to the Rest Home and brought a nice Thanksgiving program Tuesday evening, Oct. 25 at 4:30. It was indeed a nice program and we appreciate their talent and thank each one for the nice box of fruit they brought for Thanksgiving.

The three year old Sunbeam class of the First Baptist Church, Merkel, sent a nice shower of fruits and juices to Mrs. J. M. Meeks, Mrs. C. M. McWilliams and daughter, Joy, brought them. Mrs. Meeks wants to thank each one for their kindness. We want to thank Mrs. J. H.

Clark for the nice homemade chocolate cake she brought the home for Thanksgiving. She also brought chow chow and a lot of nice glasses for which we do appreciate.

We had a wonderful Thanksgiving with a big turkey and all the trimmings all of our patients were well for which we were thankful.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Outlaw have returned to their home in Stephenville.

We want to thank the Junior Red Cross for bringing the nice box of fruit. Thanks to Jacky Reynolds, Wendell Doan, Ann Smith and Jenifer Smith for bringing it. Thanks to Mrs. Paul Osborn's room for the turkey plate favors for the trays. They were pretty and made the trays attractive.

Mrs. Jewell Russel, Ft. Worth, Mrs. Pete Barbian, Abilene, John C. Meyers, Abilene, Felix R. Carrasco, Ft. Worth, and Mary Ann Newberry, Abilene, visited Mrs. Minnie Meyers Thanksgiving Day.

We want to thank Mrs. Cox and her students for the nice turnips and greens they sent for Thanksgiving. Thank Uncle Joe Higgins for bringing them.

We are very sad over the passing of Milton E. Smith. He was 95 years old his last birthday. He was such a nice patient and was loved by all. He was always good natured and never fussed or grumbled about anything. He always bowed his head and offered thanks before each meal. We miss him very much. We extend to his loved ones, the Crawfords, our sympathy.

Mrs. Sadie O'Lughlin of Decatur, Ill., and son, Curtis O'Lughlin, Hammond, Ill., visited Granny Cade during Thanksgiving.

The Church of Christ brought Communion to Margaret Eason and Uncle Jim Smith, Sunday morning. Thank you nice people.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cade of Abilene visited Granny Cade Sunday.

Rev. Dorn, minister of the Methodist Church of Trent came to the Rest Home Sunday, Oct. 30, and conducted the services. He brought his members to sing. We really had good singing and everyone enjoyed the services. It was Rev. Dorn's first time in our home to conduct services but he has been a weekly visitor in our home since moving to Trent. We invite them back again.

We want to thank Buddy Burks of Stamford for the 32 lb. cat fish he brought the home. We really had some feasts off of that fish. The old folks sure enjoyed it with no bones in it.

We are still canning tomato preserves from the tomatoes you good people brought us.

We want to thank Paul Wheeler of Abilene for the nice Christmas tree he brought us for the Rest Home. It is a silver tree.

We want to thank Mrs. Heater and family for the frozen cakes and pies she sent the Rest Home. They were appreciated.

The third grade "Brownie Troop" of Merkel school and their leaders visited the Rest Home on Tuesday, Dec. 2, and sang Christmas carols for our patients. Those participating in the singing were: Carol Chism, Candy Cox, Bobbie Corder, Lisa Gardner, Kay Hansson, Brenda Morgan, Vickie Doan, Jo Ann Lassister, Sharon Ledbetter, Denise Smith, Karen Browning, Leaders: Mrs. Allen Smith, and Mrs. Kenneth Prowning. We want to thank them for the nice cookies and candy they brought. There were several servings of them and we appreciate them so much for coming into our home to sing for our patients.

Rev. Williams, Baptist minister of Trent, filled his appointment at the home Sunday, Dec. 7. Those helping sing were Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Green, Mrs. W. M. Cooper, W. C. Matthews, Mrs. Carl Edwards, Mrs. Zilla Bright, Mrs. J. B. Winn, Mrs. H. T. Ogletree and Mrs. R. A. Boyd, pianist. We enjoyed the services and invite them back again. We want to thank Mrs. Bright for the candy she brought the patients.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fowler of Stamford visited his mother Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cole of Abilene visited us and their aunts, Jennie Joplin and Pearl Wiggins, last week. To the friends of J. W. who have asked about his condition he doesn't have to have surgery at the present and is now able to go back to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Joplin, Spur, visited Aunt Jennie Joplin last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Crawford of Stamford visited in our home last week. We hope that because their uncle, M. E. Smith, has gone that they will continue to visit us for they are certainly nice people.

Mr. Anderson of Noodle stayed two weeks in our home. He returned home with his son, Bennie Anderson. We hope that his health will improve.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Brown of Sweetwater visited her mother, Mrs. Hicks, last week.

Refrigerators soon will be bulging with supplies of turkey and all the trimmings for Thanksgiving dinner. Extension foods and nutrition specialists pass along a reminder that sanitary handling and proper storage are of utmost importance to the safety, appetite appeal and flavor of meat.

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I was mighty sick with a headache when I got through and I was afraid I might not be able to send in my piece for the paper this week. It's hard to say how sick I would have got if I had done it according to them directions they give you.

But I finally took me a short cut and got it about as accurate as most farmers get it. I took the number on the form, added the date of my birth and multiplied it by 10. Then I subtracted the license number of Ed Doolittle's car, divided it by the number of times the bank has threatened to sue me this year. To this I added the amount I paid the preacher, then subtracted the amount I promised to pay him.

Then I took another pad and divided my cousin's withholding tax by his telephone number, then deducted 10 per cent on account of it being a six-party line. This gave me the gross income, minus allowable deductions if Congress admits Hiwaawer into the Union. If they pass the Rivers and Harbors bill this year, call for a slight upward adjustment, but I don't think they're going to pass it. I added this to what I had on the other pad, then deducted for my estimate of what Harry Truman

thinks of the Gallup Poll, and divided the whole thing by the dividend I got from my fire insurance policy, and fixed out the check. My system is much easier than the one they recommended on the back of the blanks—and it's about as accurate.

It might vary a few cents one way or the other, but the Government is in a position to take as much risk as me on a few cents. If they can risk four million dollars on a shot at the moon, they ought to have a little pity and risk for a feller that, man and boy, has spent the best years of his life filling out OPA forms for kerosene, gasoline, guano, forms for the soil bank, allotment checks, and otherwise wore hisself bent and grayheaded keeping books for the Government.

I imagine most of the farmers and ranchers is doing their income report about like I'm doing mine, but I'm always ready to improve on my methods, and if any of you farmers is using a better system, please write me a note in care of the Merkel Mail. Yours truly, Uncle Gabby

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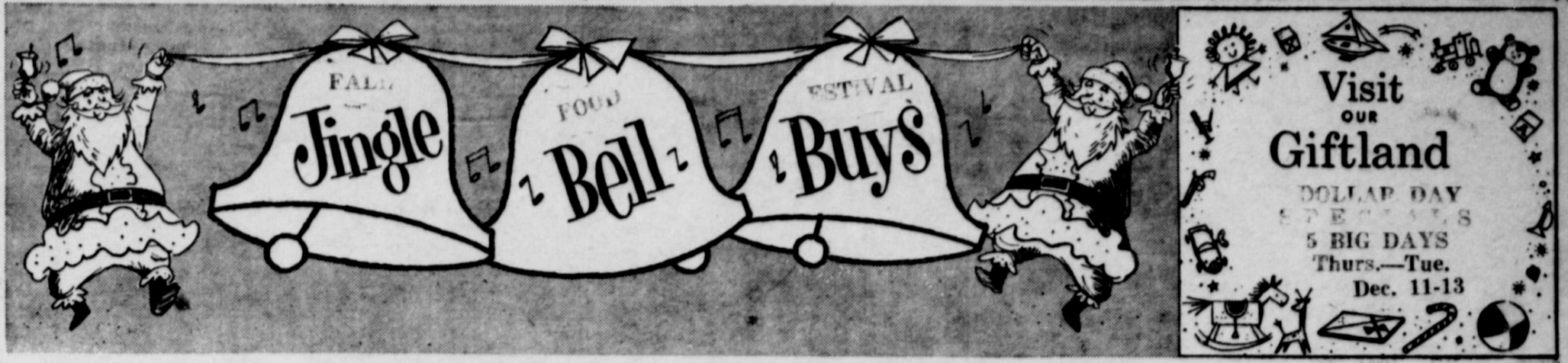
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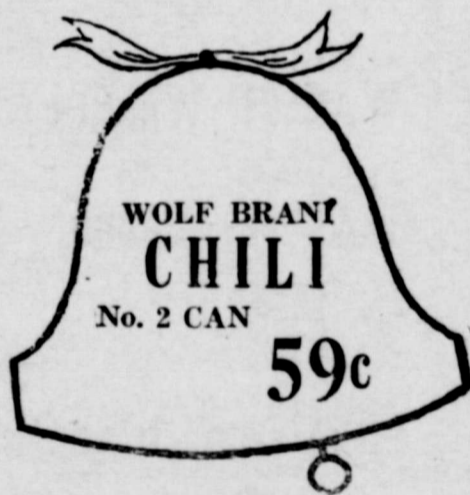
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2 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup (small can) undiluted Carnation Evaporated Milk
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups (about 16 medium) diced marshmallows
1 1/2 cups semi-sweet chocolate pieces
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup chopped nuts
Combine butter, Carnation, sugar and salt in saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil, and cook 4 to 5 minutes, stirring constantly. (Start timing when mixture starts to "bubble" around edges of pan.) Remove from heat. Stir in marshmallows, chocolate, vanilla and nuts. Stir vigorously for 1 minute for until marshmallows are completely melted and blended.) Pour into 9-inch square buttered pan and allow to cool. Cut in squares.
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Mrs. Wynona Scoggins, yard demonstrator for the Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club, purchased a yellow Eclipse rose which was planted by Miss Loreta Allen, County Agent, at the

meeting of the club in the home of Mrs. Scoggins, Friday, Nov. 21. Miss Allen stated that a five-limb bush was preferable and should be planted on a mound of rocks and covered well with good soil mixed with fertilizer.

Mrs. Denzel Cox, president, presided for the business session. The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. J. C. Walton Friday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m.

Noodle P-TA Meet Set For Dec. 15

Everyone interested in having a homecoming at Noodle School, is urged to come to the Parent-Teacher Association meeting Monday night, December 15, at 7:30 o'clock.

After a short business session to decide on a project for the year, the Seventh and Eighth Grades will present a Christmas program sponsored by Mrs. Rankin and Mr. Tate.

Immediately following the Christmas program, plans for the homecoming will be discussed.

Dist. 17-B Play Starts Dec. 16 At Noodle School

The Noodle Mustangs basketball team will open District 17-B conference play Tuesday night, Dec. 16, 7 o'clock at Noodle. The first game is with a new-

comer to the district, Old Glory. The district is made up of the following schools: Aspermont, Avoca, Lueders, Hawley, Noodle, Trent, and Old Glory.

Admission will be 25 cents for students and 50 cents for adults.

Baylor Amason of Graham was a visitor in the home of his father, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason, Friday.

Annual Stockholders' Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That the annual meeting of the stockholders of Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on the 13th day of January, 1959, at 7:00 o'clock P. M., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Mrs. Johnny Cox Hosts Garden Club

Mrs. Johnny Cox was hostess for the regular meeting of the Merkel Garden Club in her home Thursday, Dec. 4.

Mrs. Carol Benson, Mrs. Mack Fisher and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown presented the program on "containers, accessories, settings and mechanics" of arrangements.

Mrs. John Hughes, president, presided for the business session. Roll call was answered with "My favorite flower container."

Suggestions of ways and means for the club to raise money were given by Miss Christine Collins.

At the next meeting, in the home of Mrs. Brown, members will make Christmas decorations for shut-ins.

Sixteen members attended.

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Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration agent



I feel like I've been around the world this past week. Mr. J. B. Singh of India visited in our office Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of last week. He told of Extension work in India, which was very interesting to me. The home demonstration agents are girls who have graduated from high school and then they are trained for one and one half years and are then home demonstration agents. The customs in India are so very different from our customs.

Christmas in other lands was the theme of Taylor County Home Demonstration Council's Annual Christmas Party held December 4, at Tuscola Community Center.

Christine Bonney from Malaya told about Christmas in Malaya. Christine, dressed in her native costume, told us that Christmas in Malaya was observed very similar to our own Christmas. She said that they did not send Christmas cards as much as we do here. She said that she received one from her home land but it was made in the United States. They sing Christmas carols but they let the people know in advance that they are coming to their Christmas sing. The hostess has gifts and food for the carolers. Christine is a student in McMurry.

Ronnie Paul Sadorra of the Philippines told us that in his homeland Christmas was very similar to our own Christmas. He told of seeing his very first snow last winter in Abilene. He said he looked out one morning and saw everything covered in white and was told that was snow. His country has two seasons instead of four like we have. These seasons are the rainy season and the dry season. He sang a Christmas carol for us. Ronnie is attending Abilene Christian College.

Cor, van Ewijk of the Netherlands told of many customs and ways of observing Christmas in his country. One of the things that was interesting was that there was a Black Peter who would get naughty boys and girls. He said that children sat their shoes by the Christmas tree on Christmas Eve and that they left things for Santa and he came and got their gifts and left gifts for the children. He said they had very good food for their feasts and that they had a season of holidays past new year and that they sent new year's greetings instead of Christmas greetings. Cor is attending Abilene Christian College.

Of course, the program would not have been complete without Christmas carols, led by Mrs. Edgar Holly. Santa came and distributed gifts to all. Mrs. R. F. Morgan, retired home demonstration council chairman presided over the meeting.

Noodle Students Enter Program

Elementary students at Noodle-Horn School, grades three through eight, are participating in the "Look-it-up-Yourself" program, which is sponsored by Field Enterprises, publishers of World Book Encyclopedia.

This program is set up mainly to aid the students in the use of reference books. It is hoped that this program will help to eliminate some of the difficulty usually encountered by students in the use of the encyclopedias. Both students and teachers are actively engaged in the study and seem to be enjoying it as a challenge in learning. The special program will continue for three weeks.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren were their children, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Warren and children of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Frank Warren and children, Perryton, and Mrs. Tommy Warren and one of Abilene. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hines and Mrs. Mary R. Hines, all of Brownwood.



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Quail Season Is Now Open

Two more shooting seasons on important species will open Dec. 1, according to the director of law enforcement of the Game & Fish Commission. Of wildest importance will be the opening of quail season, with a bountiful crop reported throughout the state. The deer season west of the Pecos also will open at that time. Shooting of quail will be legal until Jan. 16, but trans-Pecos deer season will end Dec. 8.

All dove shooting in Texas now is over for the year. Any further killing of doves is illegal.

The season also is open now on all species of geese. It is now legal to kill Canadas and white-fronted geese. He warns, however, no more than two of either of the Canadas or specs, or one of each, may be legally killed.

Vickie and David Robertson spent the weekend in Wink with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Stevens.

The entire program was planned by the recreation committee consisting of Mrs. Rex Reddell, chairman, Mrs. Tom Drummond, and Mr. Charles Smith. Nine clubs were represented and assisted the recreation committee in serving food and helping Santa.

The 4-H Gold Star Banquet in San Angelo was a very nice affair. We were proud of David Petree, Taylor County Gold Star Boy, because he was Co-Chairman and did a very nice job of introducing guests. Of course, we were proud of Carolyn Miller, Taylor County 4-H Gold Star Girl. The Gold Star award is the highest county award a boy or girl can win and they really work for it.

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UP THE CANYON
By TOM RUSSOM

Well, well, winter time is here again and it is just a little rough to get out early these cold mornings to start on a day's work.

Farmers are finishing harvesting their milo and the stockmen are working their herds; selling off the stock that is going to market and getting ready to feed the ones that will be kept at home.

All livestock in our area is in excellent shape for winter.

Joe Swinney had two loads of big steers on the Abilene market this week.

Riley Seymore, who made a crop on the Plains, has returned home. He plans to stay here for awhile with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Riney and Mrs. Allen King sponsored the MYF on a hay hide Saturday night. There were eighteen in the group and all reported a fine time.

Mrs. Charles Byers, Mrs. Allen King Sr., and Mrs. Frank Brnovak from Pioneer Church attended the District conference in Abilene.

They gave their reports to the local church Sunday night and we enjoyed them very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Byers, who have lived in our community on the Willard Brown place for the past year, have bought the Mrs. John Meeks place at Blair. Charles is employed in the Gyp Mill at Sweetwater.

F. H. Horton, who has been ill for some time, is doing very well at this time.

K. Blackburn has just returned from a visit on the Plains in the home of his son, Mr. and Mrs. John Blackburn. He reported a good trip. He says his health is not too good at 85 years of age. He is now visiting his daughter in Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney and family spent Sunday in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swinney of San Angelo.

Mrs. Melvin McCoy and children have returned to their home in Muleshoe after a short visit with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Russom and daughter moved recently from Odessa to Merkel. Jess who has been ill for some time is doing very well at this time.

Mrs. Glenn Robertson of Merkel, Mrs. Willie Hicks and Throsia of Hamby, Mrs. Bruce Haile of Austin and Harold Hicks of Kermit attended funeral services for their grandson and nephew James Dean Hicks, five months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sal Hicks of Bacon, California.

Dale Coody of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, who is choir director of the First Baptist Church here, was a dinner guest Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason.

Rayler Amason of Graham was a guest in the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. K. Ayers, Friday.

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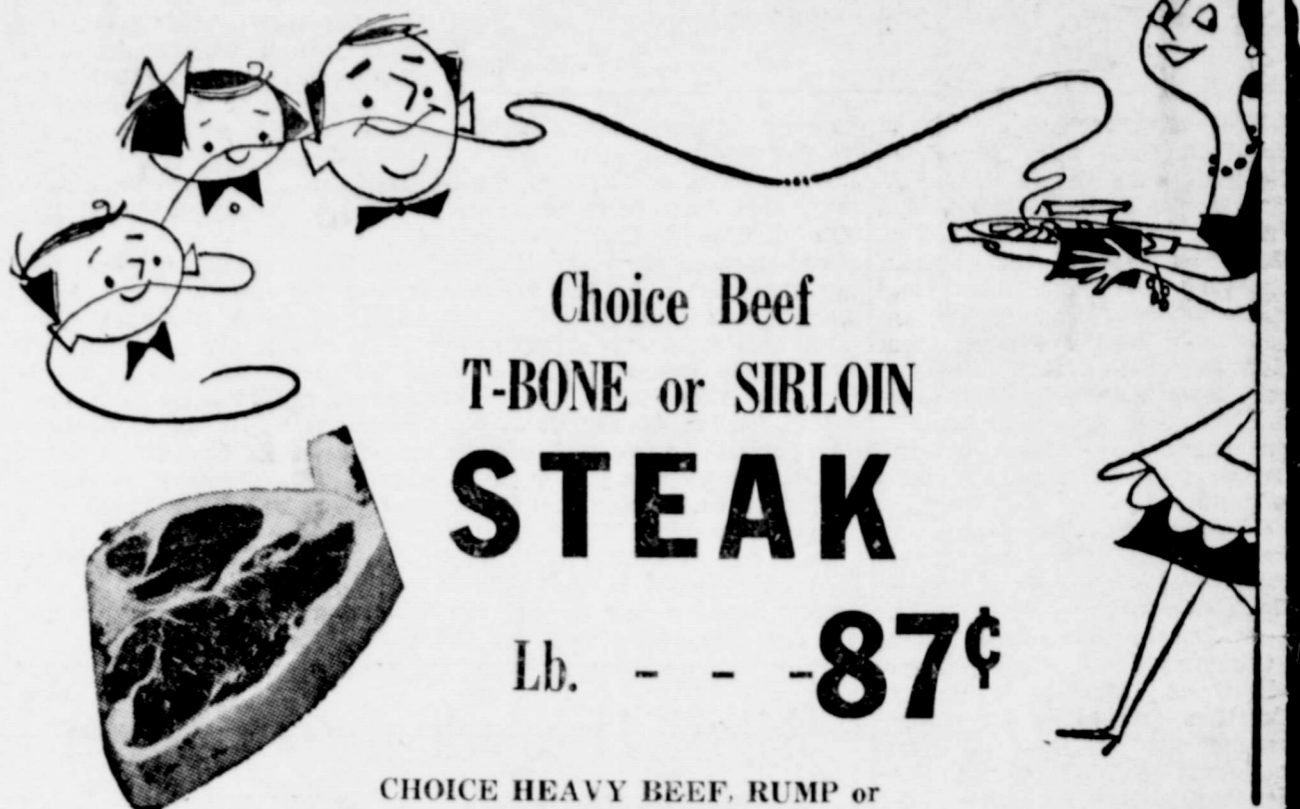
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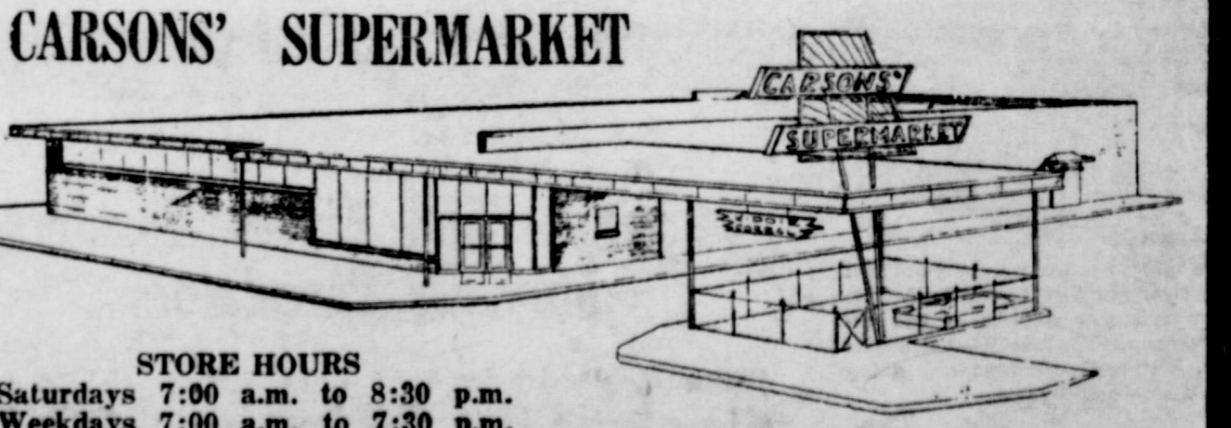
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