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GOOD SEASON — The junior high basketball teams had a good season this year winning a total of nine trophies. Members of the boys team are (left to right) seated: Deryl Herring, Felix Castillo, Bob Tate, Robert Wilson, Joe Delacruz and Ronnie Luke; second row: Tony Castillo, Wayne Davis, Stanley Leamon, Ronnie McKeever, Butch Bruce and Danny Wade; standing: Mike Dudley and Stuart Bishop, managers, and Charles Warford, coach. Members of the girls team are (left to right) Pat Bunch, Jo Ann Stallo, Kay Hanson, Pam Walla, Marylee Noster, Kaye Lynn Conley, Alyce Whisenhunt, Valerie Buntin, Ann Riney, Jo Ann Lassiter, Ann Walker, Connie McCarthy and Cheryl Herring; In the background is Mack Davis, coach.

**Up
The
Canyon**
BY TOM
RUSSOM

We are still having beautiful weather up the canyon. Small grain is showing some growth, except the sandy land, which is always slow to grow small grain.

For some reason the livestock have shown some shrink in weight the last 30 days. Perhaps the stockmen are going a little light on the feeding.

Joe Seymore, canyon farmer and stockman has just closed a deal on buying some of the Uncle John Toombs' Estate. It was a choice piece of land and the price paid was \$100 per acre. That made Joe quite a spread on the East side of the Canyon.

It has been confirmed that the Gerald Derrick place, just north of the Tom Rusom place, has been sold at \$100 per acre to little Ed Hamilton of Abilene.

It is also confirmed that the Will Orr place, back in the south foot hills of the canyon has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Elton Hicks of Trent. The price was \$75 per acre.

So that's about all the land we know of around here for sale.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott, who bought most of the Latimer land are remodeling their home. It is already under construction.

Mrs. A. R. Toombs of Merkel visited in the homes of her children.

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JR. TEAM TURNS OUT GOOD SEASON

The Merkel Junior Boys and Girls Basketball team closed out the season in final play with Baird and came home wearing the crown of conference champions.

The Badgerettes played a total of 23 games with 15 wins and 8 losses. They were rated second in the district with a 4-2 standing and a total of 140 points scored this season.

The season average for the girls was 17.6 points per game with Jo Ann Lassiter leading the high scoring players with 146 total points for the season.

The Junior Boys Team played a total of 27 games with 23 wins and 4 losses. They were rated first in the district with 6-1 standing and a total of 924 points scored this season.

The season average for the team was 34.2 points per game with Bob Tate leading with 278 total points for the season with 12.6 average per game.

"It has been a very successful season for the junior high teams," stated Mack Davis, coach.

CAR INSPECTION DEADLINE NEAR

"April 15th is the deadline for several things, one of which is having your motor vehicle inspection certificate on your car," warned Major Leo E. Gossett, Commander of the 49 county West Texas Region of the Department of Public Safety.

Capt. R. M. Hammett, who heads the Vehicle Inspection Service for this area stated, "Our records show less than one-third of the vehicles in this area have been inspected since the new inspection year began Sept. 1, 1963 and this means several thousand vehicles must be inspected in the two months remaining."

All motor vehicles are required to display a valid inspection certificate on or before the April 15 deadline. Those who fail to comply with this law are subject to a fine of not less than \$1.00 and costs or more than \$200 and costs.

"May we encourage our motorists in this area to go in now and have this safety inspection made as there are sure to be long lines waiting before the deadline," Hammett said.

Merkel Office To Issue Auto License Tags

An office to issue automobile license tags will be open in Merkel for one month starting March 2.

County tax collector Burl King told Mary Hargrove, executive secretary of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, that he would accept the chamber of commerce directors' office to use the chamber of commerce office as the place to locate the clerk who will issue the tags.

Mrs. Hargrove said King did not mention hours the office would be open or who would staff it.

The offer to place a clerk in Merkel came after members of the Merkel Lions Club asked King to locate the branch office here.

King said he could not work out a compatible agreement for an agent in the Merkel City Hall as in past years but said he would place a clerk in Merkel if a suitable place could be found.

Members of the Lions Club petitioned the Merkel Chamber of Commerce to make the chamber office available so that Merkel citizens would not be forced to drive to Abilene for their licenses.

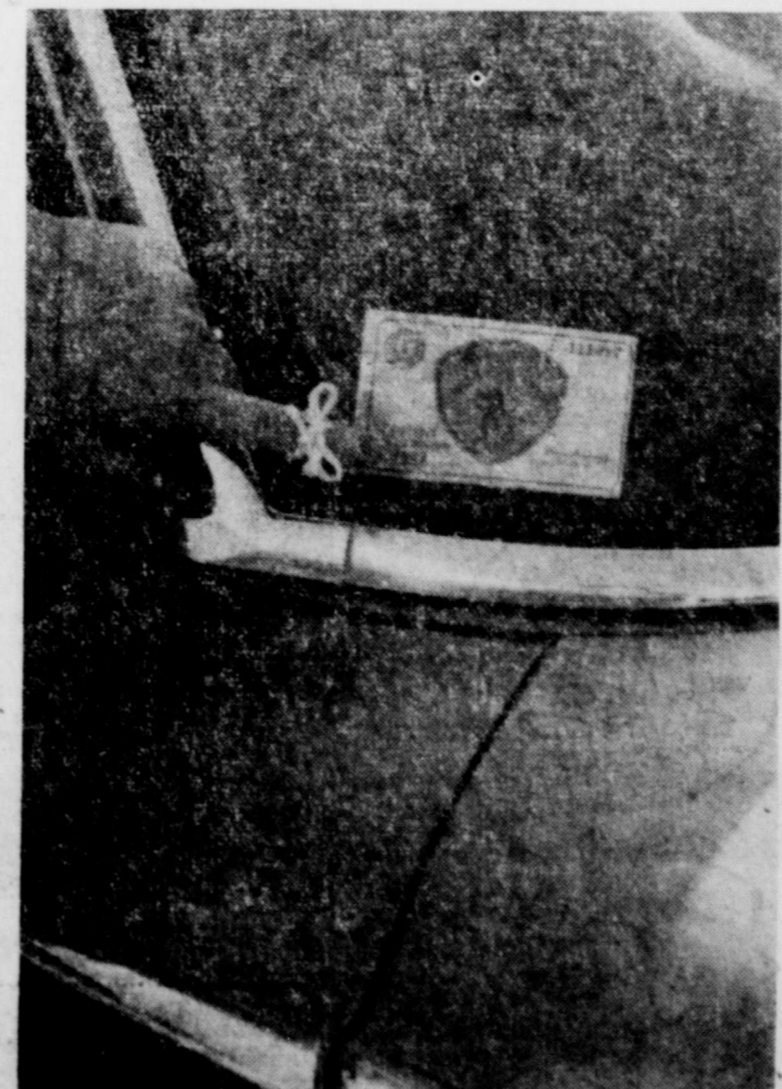
School Board Election Slated

The trustees of the Merkel Independent School District have ordered an election to be held on Saturday, April 14, to fill the expiring terms of Joe Earl Lassiter and Lynn Knight, according to Mack Fisher, superintendent of the local schools.

Dewell McLean was appointed by the board to serve as presiding judge over the election to be held in the local high school gymnasium. He will be assisted by Miss Selena Teaff, Mrs. T. L. Grimes and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, Fisher stated.

Absentee ballots may be cast at the City Hall where the school tax assessor-collector will serve as clerk. Absentee voting may be done from March 16 through March 31, Mondays thru Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., he added.

Fisher stated that candidates may file for positions on the school board by filling in legal forms as prescribed by law, at the high school office on or before Thursday, March 5, 3:30 p.m.



DON'T FORGET! The age old reminder, a string around the finger, is to remind this driver to remember the April 15th deadline for 1964 auto stickers.

Three New Members Named To CC Board



QUEEN FOR A NIGHT — Mrs. Ann Scott, Beta Sigma Phi Sweetheart, was the guest of honor at the club's valentine party held Friday night.

DEE SNELL SPEAKS FOR LOCAL BANQUET

The annual Firemen's Banquet was held Thursday night in the Merkel School Cafeteria with Dee Snell, assistant fire marshal of the Abilene Fire Department, as guest speaker.

The speaker and his wife were introduced by Merkel Fire Chief Waymon Adcock.

Chief Snell spoke on the topic of "Fire Prevention" and gave demonstrations of fire hazards in the home.

Vernon Mansfield, president of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department, introduced the local guest.

Attending from the city council and police department were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wurst and Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKeever.

Other special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Starbuck. Mr. Starbuck is the local Civil Defense Director.

Entertainment was provided by a group of local musicians composed of C. B. Brown, Sammy Smith, Butch Winters, and Kenneth Ray.

Approximately 50 attended the banquet.

Directors Begin Terms March 1

Three new members were appointed to the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors during a called meeting Tuesday afternoon.

The new members, whose terms will begin March 1, are John Hargrove, Taylor Telephone Co., Howard Carson, Carson Super Market and Robert Malone, Malone Implement Co.

They will serve three year terms.

Retiring directors are Paul Wood, White's Auto Store; Joe Cypert, Taylor County Commissioner, and Jack South, South Grain Co.

Held over directors include Dr. Don Warren, M.D.; Chester Collinsworth, vocational agriculture; Frank Breaux, Lone Star Gas; Earl Hughes, West Texas Utilities; Ray Wilson, Wilson's Food Store and David Gamble, Merkel.

The Board of directors will meet March 1 for the election of new officers.

Methodist Family WSCS Program

The Women's Society of Christian Service met Tuesday in the chapel of the First Methodist Church with Miss Mabel McRee as program chairman.

The topic of the program was "The Methodist Family."

Mrs. Denzil Cox gave a report on the experiences of John Wesley at Aldersgate in England.

Mrs. John Shannon dismissed the meeting with a prayer.

Ten attended the meeting.



DAVID RATLIFF
... candidate for Senate

RATLIFF ANNOUNCES FOR RE-ELECTION

State Senator David Ratliff of Stamford this week made his formal announcement for re-election as Senator for the 24th Senatorial District, which includes Borden, Fisher, Garza, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stone-wall and Taylor counties.

He was elected to the Senate in 1954 and re-elected in 1958 and 1962. Ratliff has to make an extra race this year because he was one of 15 Senators who drew two-year terms in 1962 under the new state redistricting law. Normally, senators serve four-year terms.

In 1961, Senator Ratliff was elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the highest honor the Senate can confer on one of its members. He ranks ninth in seniority among its members, which increases his value to the people of this district.

Senator Ratliff is Chairman of the Insurance Committee and serves on eleven other standing committees, including the most powerful ones in the Senate, Banking, Finance, Oil & Gas, State Affairs, Transportation, and Water & Conservation. In addition, because of his broad knowledge, steady influence and demonstrated interest in sound government, he serves on the Senate General Investigating Committee. In the past, he has served in key interim study groups such as the Tax Study Commission, the Cost of Government Study Committee, the Legislative Budget Board and recently was appointed by the Governor to a special committee to study the problems of the aging. He is on more committees than any other Senator.

During the last session of the...

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SPEED, NUMBER ONE IN TRAFFIC DEATHS

The Texas Department of Public Safety reported today that a preliminary count of traffic deaths in the state for 1963 shows that 2,703 persons were killed — by far the greatest toll in history.

Col Homer Garrison Jr., DPS director, noted that this means 282 more persons died in traffic last year than in 1962, or an increase of approximately 12 per cent. He also pointed out that the 1963 toll of lives was 92 greater than the previous all-time high of 2,611 in 1956.

DPS Statistical Services said it is estimated that when all reports are received for the year 1963, the death figure from traffic accidents in Texas will be 2,725.

"To attempt to place the blame for this great tragedy on one single factor would be pure speculation," Garrison said. "The records indicate consistently that speed too fast for conditions is the most prevalent law violation involved in fatal accidents. The second most frequent factor involved in fatal accidents is driving while drinking, and the third is driving on the wrong side of the road. A combination of these things often is involved. And we do know that in almost every fatal accident there is at least one violation of some traffic law involved."

"Therefore, it would seem that the best explanation for the upward spiral in traffic fatalities, both in Texas and in the nation, would be a combination of general carelessness and disregard for the law."

"As for the matter of speed, we cannot over-emphasize that the Texas law clearly states that no vehicle shall be driven at a speed greater than that which is reasonable and prudent for existing conditions. This holds true regardless of what the posted limits may be."

"In other words, the law clearly places the responsibility for not exceeding safe driving speeds upon the driver himself."

"With these things in mind, we wish to appeal to all Texans to recognize the seriousness of the traffic situation with which we are faced, examine the facts, and determine to resolve the matter in the true tradition of responsible Texas citizens."

METHODIST MINISTER RETURNS "HOME"



Two-year-old Jack Daniels (inset) sits on the steps of his new home, the Methodist Home in Waco, Texas on January 21, 1937. Jack and his six brothers and sisters entered the Home for children following the death of their parents.

In the larger picture, Methodist Home Superintendent Hubert Johnson welcomes Jack Daniels back to the Home following his recent appointment as chaplain. In his first sermon Rev. Daniels told the children he can understand their feelings well because he has been on both sides of the Methodist Home pulpit. Rev. Daniels felt his call to the ministry while growing up in the Christian atmosphere of the Home. His good record in public school and at the Home helped him earn an Albaugh Scholarship for his bachelor's degree.

Rev. Daniels worked his way through theological school as a student pastor. After graduation he served Methodist churches in the Central Texas Conference for seven years preceding his appointment to the Methodist Home. He will guide a program of bible study for the children, supervise daily devotional services in each Home unit and hold regular services in the chapel. As the children's pastor Rev. Daniels will offer experienced counsel in helping solve problems of faith and life.

The Methodist Home serves both Texas and New Mexico and since its founding 74 years ago has cared for over 8,700 children orphaned by death and human failings.

school and community.

The Badgerette yearbook publication of the Merkel Elementary School, has been sent to the publishers. Mrs. Fisher is sponsor for the yearbook and Ronnie McKeever, Marisela Asencio, Tex Barnhart, Earl Morehead, Alan Reed, Jackie Whisenhunt, Terry Doan, Margaret Gilmore, Keith Reeger and John Dixon are on the staff. The cost for a "Badgerette" is \$2.25 including tax. There are still a few to be sold.

In the primary building the teachers have been decorating their display cases with pictures and information on famous men in history. Mrs. Reid's second grade has used Abraham Lincoln for their theme. Mrs. Hayne's has decorated her display case with Benjamin Franklin. Miss Foster has used the birthdays of great men whose birthdays are in February as her decoration.

Basketball season has come to an end for the Merkel Junior High Badgerettes with a season of 15 wins and 8 losses. The girls finished second in their conference with a 4 win and 2 loss record.

The junior girls had an outstanding season. They scored 440 points during the season for an average of 17.6 points per game. JoAnn Laster scored 146 points in 23 games for an average of 6.4 points per game. Cheryl Herring played in 25 games and scored 132 points for an average of 5.3 points. Valerie Buntin played in 24 games and scored 118 points for an average of 5.0. Ann Walker average 3.7 per game scoring 34 points total.

Pat Bunch had a 2.2 average and Marylee Noster averaged 1 point per game.

A great deal of credit for the success of the Badgerettes goes to the guards, Pam Walla, Kay Hanson, Connie McCarty, Debbie Seymour, Ann Riney, Jo Ann Stallo

and Kaye Lynn Conley. Ann Whisenhunt came on in the last three games to give added strength to the defense. We feel that Coach Mack Davis and his girls have represented the Merkel Schools exceptionally well on the floor and off the floor as well. We say thanks and a 'tip of the hat' to coach Davis and his 'girls.'

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Peterson and family of Abilene were guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Peterson last week end.



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McMillan-Newton Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Jewell K. McMillan are announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Judith Kay, to Clinton

A. Newton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Newton of Merkel.

The ceremony will be performed on April 11 in the Wylie Methodist Church with the Rev. Robert D. Ford officiating for the double ring ceremony.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Wylie High School and the prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Merkel High School.

Both are employed by Lone Star Gas Company.

Lt. and Mrs. Jerry Don Reynolds are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hull. Lt. Reynolds is in the U. S. Army stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington.

Miss Margaret Watson of Abilene is visiting in the home of her nephew, Mr. Harry Watson and family.

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LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

"Why I Believe in America" — By Marisela Asencio

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If I were in another country, such as Russia, I'd be told what to do, where to go and, perhaps, even what to see. People are free to travel in America, but in Russia this is not so.

America means free people — free speeches — free press — America means equal protection under the law that is designed to protect the innocent as well as punish the guilty.

Here no one makes any distinction with me because I am not a citizen. I am treated like an American because I want it that way. I appreciate this more than anything else: to be accepted just like everyone else.

Freedom is not up to the government but the people. Freedom has been gained by suffering. It has not come easily, and we must protect it.

Freedom means a lot to me and to all people. That's why I'm thankful I live in America.

These are only a few of the reasons I believe in America. I guess no one could ever write a

complete analysis of why they believe in America.

—Principal's note: Marisela, her father and her brothers and sisters have not yet completed requirements for their United States Citizenship, but they have already begun to assume the responsibility of citizenship in their home.

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A quantity of household goods stored by Mrs. J. M. Williams.
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Mayor

LEGAL NOTICE

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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 printed 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: GEORGE WATSON, defendant. Greeting:

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 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 30th day of March A.D. 1964, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of February A.D. 1964, in this cause, numbered 844 on the docket of said court and styled DEANNA LOTT WATSON, Plaintiff, vs. GEORGE WATSON, Defendant.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were duly and legally married at Abilene Texas, on August 5, 1955. They became permanently separated in November, 1963. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment and for custody of the three children, 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.
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 12th day of February A.D. 1964.
(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,
Domestic Relations Court,
Taylor County, Texas.
By Millie Scott, Deputy. 50 4tc

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals for constructing two sanitary sewerage facility projects will be received at the office of the City Secretary, Merkel, Texas, until 2:00 o'clock p.m. March 17, 1964, and then publicly opened and read. Either or both of the projects, which are listed below, may be bid.

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To all our friends our sincere thanks and appreciation for the kind words of sympathy, the beautiful flowers, and the many cards and letters received at the time of our deepest sorrow. God bless each of you.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bert Presler

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SUNDAY MORNING
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Worship Service 11:00
SUNDAY EVENING
Training Union 6:45
Worship Service 7:30
WEDNESDAY
Evening Service 8:00

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00
Preaching Service 11:00

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Howard Marcom, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45
Freaehing 10:55
Youth Meeting 6:00
Evening Worship 7:00
WEDNESDAY
Choir Practice 8:00

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Bill Williams, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00
Preaching Service 11:00
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CHURCH OF CHRIST
Kenneth Joines, pastor
SUNDAY
Bible School 9:45
Morning Worship 10:30
Evening Classes 6:00
Evening Worship 6:45
WEDNESDAY
Bible Classes 8:00

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SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Radio Broadcast 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
Radio Broadcast 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY - Junior Royal Am. ... 3:30 p.m.
TUESDAY - Intermediate GA's ... 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY - Women's Missionary Society 9:30 a.m.

Sunbeam Band 3:15 p.m.
Junior GA's 3:45 p.m.
Intermediate Royal
Ambassadors 6:30 p.m.
Mid-Week Services ... 7:30 p.m.
Choir Practice 8:30 p.m.
ASSEMBLY OF GOD
John Curtis, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45
Preaching 11:00
Evening Preaching 7:00
WEDNESDAY
Mid-Week Evangelistic Service 7:30
MISSION BAPTISTA BETHEL
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SUNDAY
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Training Union 6 p.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Lunchroom Menu

- MONDAY
Potato Boats
English peas
Beet pickles
Homemade bread - butter
Cookies
Milk
TUESDAY
Pork Patties
Turnips
Salad
Apple wedges
Biscuits - butter
Milk
WEDNESDAY
Toasted Cheese Sandwiches
Vegetable Stew
Peanut Butter Cake
Milk
THURSDAY
Barbecue Chicken
Green beans
Salad
Homemade bread - butter
Jello
Milk
FRIDAY
Fish sticks
Tomatoes - Macaronni
Spinach
Cornbread - butter
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Recent donations to the Cemetery Association were:
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Merkel Troop Celebrates Boy Scout Week

Boy Scout Troop 18, sponsored by the First Methodist Church, joined with Scouts all over the nation in celebration of Boy Scout Week, Feb. 7-13.

The week was climaxed with a banquet for the boys and their families.

The following received badges for advancement in rank. Larry Toler, Mike McLean, Keith Reeger and Tommy Anderson who received their Tenderfoot badge. Scout Richard Walker; Wayne Cypert, first class badge presented by Eagle Scout David Hammond; Dee Warren received his Star Badge, presented by Eagle Scout Hayden Griffen; Pat Warren, received the Life Badge, presented by Eagle Scout Paul Carson; Tim Beasley received the cooking merit badge and Dee Warren received the home repairs merit badge, both merit badges were presented by Eagle Scout Alan Reed.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox, committeemen who have worked on the board of review this past year, and Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Reed, Abilene, parents of Glenn Reed.

RATLIFF

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Legislature, Senator Ratliff was the author of the special enabling act setting up the Texas 65 Health Insurance Association to provide low-cost health insurance for persons over 65. Among other statewide legislation, he also obtained passage of the Free-Port Bill, a bill to help attract industry to Texas.

Through the years, Ratliff's primary interest has been directed to the major problem of West Texas — making water available to the cities in the 24th Senatorial District. He has co-authored legislation making water available to Abilene, Albany, Anson, school at Gail, Hamlin, Post, Roby, Rotan, Spur and Stamford.

Senator Ratliff expressed his gratitude for the past support and many honors extended to him by

the people of the District. Ratliff said "I am running on my past record of service. I pledge continued dedication to sound and responsible governmental policies, and to conduct my self honorably at all times in discharging the duties and responsibilities of the office of State Senator."

Senator Ratliff and wife, Priscilla, reside at 1005 Wells Street in Stamford. They have two sons, David and John, two daughters, Lynnora and Janie, and two grandchildren, Robert and Rebecca. David and family live in California and John is in the seventh grade in Stamford public schools. Lynnora teaches in Big Spring public schools and Janie attends the University of Texas Dental School in Houston. Mrs. Ratliff attends Abilene Christian College and is to receive her degree in May of this year.

Senator Ratliff is a member of the Christian Church, a honorary Rotarian, a charter member of the Abilene Boys Club and active in Boy Scout Work.

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Band Students Receive Awards

The Merkel Band Booster Club met Tuesday night and presented jackets and sweaters awards to band students meeting the musicianship requirements set up by the director, Glenn Reed.

The following eighth grade students earned jackets: Ronald Chancey, Finley Barnett, Robert Wilson, Brenda Morgan and Debbie Corder.

Sixth and seventh graders receiving sweater awards were Debbie Seymour, Alan Reed, Larry Bird, Gary Smith, Wally Knight, Katherine Patterson, Judy Marcom, Ghrona Tarpley, Wayne Cypert and Terry Derrington.

High school band students receiving jacket awards were: seniors — Jil West, Larry Howard and Audrey Reagan; Juniors — Tommy South, David Hammond, Ann Smith, Karen Ray, Sophomores — Mike Walla, Mynon Beaird, Dorothy Torrence, Sherry Martin, Youlinda Carey, Almer Barnes, Jean Read, Suzanne Howard; Freshmen — Elizabeth Reagan, Sue Pinckley, Shirley Sandusky and Diane Knight.

The 5th grade beginning band presented the program.



LYNDON BROWN
... Austin Student

H. L. Brown To Preach February 23

H. Lyndon Brown, second-year student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, will be guest pastor at the Merkel Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Feb. 23.

He received his bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Trinity University in San Antonio where he was a member of the Blue Key Club honor fraternity and president of the Westminster Fellowship.

Mr. Brown, past vice-chairman of the San Antonio Council of Churches Youth Council, has his membership in the Beacon Hill Presbyterian Church of San Antonio.

Beta Sigma Phi Picks Sweetheart

The Beta Sigma Phi Valentine Party — Spaghetti Supper — was held Friday night at the Taylor Electric Coop Building.

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the Club Valentine Queen, Ann Scitt.

Mrs. Scott was crowned by the 1963 Queen Mary Boone and was presented a gift by Mrs. Alameda Bullock.

Included in the activities were dominoes and bridge games. The winners were presented prizes. Approximately 23 attended.

Omar Burleson Has 100 Per Cent Attendance

A review of the record of the first session of the 88th Congress that adjourned in December, shows Congressman Omar Burleson, 17th District of Texas, to be one of only 15 members of the House with a perfect attendance record on recorded votes. He was one of an even smaller group who did not miss a quorum call during the session.

There were 119 recorded votes during the session and Burleson was present and is on record with a "yea" or "nay" on each. There were 137 quorum calls, and he was present in every instance.

Of the 435 members of the House, the average voted on 84 per cent of the roll calls.

Supper Honors Juniors - Seniors

The Rev. Byran Bryant, director of Religious Activities at Hardin Simmons University, was the guest speaker at a chuck wagon supper at the First Baptist Church honoring the Junior and Senior Classes of Merkel High School.

Entertainment was provided by two H-SU students, Sandi Taylor and Sue Jennings.

Among the guests of honor attending the supper were Mr. and Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Walla and Bill Tate.

The meal was served by ladies of the church assisted by the men's brotherhood.

Approximately 45 junior and seniors attended.

75 Attend FBC Banquet

Approximately 75 attended a Sweetheart Banquet held at the First Baptist Church Saturday night.

Theme of the banquet was "Hitch Your Wagon To A Star." Guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. Don Warren, M.D.

The Rev. M. D. Morehead, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, was in charge of activities for the banquet.

UP THE CANYON

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dren over the week end and attended church at Pioneer church.

Chubbie Addison has been a very handy man around the Pioneer Church this week. He has varnished the doors of the church. He has done a lot of work around the church this year. Our thanks to Chub.

Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Everett were down at Blackwell this week to see about things at the ranch.

Mrs. F. R. Demerie of Merkel attended church at Pioneer Sunday.

Here are some of the things that are to come in our area in the next few weeks.

The first Sunday in March Taylor County Singing Convention will be held at Pioneer Church, that same Sunday night films of the construction of the pioneer church will be shown. We want to invite everyone who would like to see these films to come meet us at the Butman Youth Camp at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday night, March 26 there will be an Easter revival at Pioneer church. It will continue thru March 29 with the Rev. Lary Sullivan, pastor, doing the preaching.

The Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club members and their parents met at the Club Center Monday night.

Betty McAninch, 4-H Club member from Trent, spoke to the club members. The boys and girls are doing fine work.

Womack Speaks At HD Club

Stith Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday at the community center.

The roll call was answered with "What Is On Top of My Sewing Machine."

A devotional was given by Mrs. Paul Bradley followed by a prayer by Mrs. Swindell.

A program was presented by Joe Womack, from Wolfe Nursery in Abilene on "Care and Planning of Trees and Shrubs."

The club set 2 evergreens in front of the community center.

Refreshments were served to eight members and two visitors.

Mrs. Louise Hudson received the hostess gift.

Mrs. Dan Allen P-TA Speaker

The Merkel Parent-Teacher Association met Monday night in the High School Auditorium for a Founders Day Program.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Dan Allen. Mrs. Corner Haynes read "Children Live What They Hear."

The High School Band, under the direction of W. G. Reed, entertained for the program.

Officers for the 1964-65 term were elected during the meeting. They are Lynn Knight, president; Mrs. Pat Cypert, vice president; and Mrs. Pat Hunter, secretary-Treasurer.

Carriker Names Allen Glenn Manager

Max Carriker, 17th district Congressional candidate on the Democratic ticket, announced Wednesday the appointment of Allen Glenn of Abilene as his district wide campaign manager.

Glenn, Abilene attorney and former Judge of the Taylor County Court-at-Law is now completing his tenure as a member of the 58th Texas Legislature, and is in the private practice of law with offices in the Petroleum Building in Abilene.

Dr. Sadler Wins Bridge Series

The Merkel Duplicate Bridge Club completed a six weeks series Thursday night at the Merkel Country Club.

The series was won by Dr. W. T. Sadler.

The winners in regular play were:

1st — Mr. and Mrs. Bob Preston

2nd — Mrs. Raymond Flesher and Meyer Mellinger

3rd — Roy Dalziel and Dr. W. T. Sadler

4th and 5th Tie — Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mrs. Roy Dalziel; Raymond Flesher and R. E. Dayton.

FFA Boy Buys Purebred Swine

John Read, local vocational agriculture student, and Chester Collinsworth, vocational agriculture teacher, attended the Southwestern Hampshire Swine Congress in Lubbock Saturday.

In connection with the swine congress an auction sale was held with some of the best known Hampshire swine breeders from Texas and New Mexico bringing top animals to the sale, stated Collinsworth.

Reed purchased a bred gilt that is to farrow by a boar that was purchased for \$2,600 at the National Show.



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CALICO BATTER BREAD (Makes 1 loaf)

- 1 1/4 cups warm water (105°-115°F.)
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- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons Fleischmann's Margarine
- 2 1/2 cups unsifted flour
- 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 Melted Fleischmann's Margarine

Measure warm water into large warm mixing bowl. Sprinkle or crumble in Fleischmann's Yeast; stir until dissolved. Add sugar, salt, Fleischmann's Margarine and 2 cups white flour. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed on mixer or 300 strokes by hand. Scrape sides and bottom of bowl frequently. Pour half of batter into a second bowl. With wooden spoon, stir remaining 1/2 cup of flour into half the batter; beat until smooth. To the remaining half of batter, stir in whole wheat flour; beat until smooth. Cover both bowls; let rise in warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk, about 30 minutes.

Stir each batter down by beating about 25 strokes. Spoon small amounts of light and dark batters alternately into greased 9x5x3-inch bread pan to give marbled effect (Batter will be sticky). Smooth out top of loaf by flouring hand and patting into shape. Cover; let rise in warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk, about 40 minutes.

Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 45-50 minutes, or until done. Remove from pan and brush with melted Fleischmann's Margarine.

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SOCIETY

By MRS. T. J. AMASON
Correspondent

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

Mr. and Mrs. Orvel Brown and son, Gary, of Sweetwater were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown the past week.

Mrs. W. A. McCandless visited relatives and friends in Fort Worth the past week end.

Mrs. Alma Fudge of Abilene was a visitor in the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. M. Elliott Sunday.

Mrs. W. A. Harrison has returned home after a week visit in the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Donald Rutledge and family in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Farmer attended an Insurance Sales Meeting and banquet in Dallas recently.

A nephew from Tennessee visited his aunt, Mrs. Rosa Beard last week.

Mrs. May Douglas of Abilene visited in the home of her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason Wednesday.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. C. P. Stevens last week were Mrs. Silas Stevens and Larry of San Antonio, Mrs. Myrtle Lock and Mrs. Myrtle Fernin of Hamlin, Mrs. Mattie Storey of Hobbs, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barrett of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Oris Reynolds and family of Vernon were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Zerk Robertson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Robertson and family, all of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sliger of Pecos, were visitors in the home of their mother, Mrs. Austin Robertson last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Davenport of Midland were guests in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Rogers of Midland visited in the home of her mother, Mrs. W. A. Harrison the past week end.

Mrs. L. J. Miller visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Presler, and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Deen of Lawn Sunday.

The Lavonia Duck Circle met in the home of Mrs. R. E. Bratcher. The prayer calendar was read by Mrs. Buck Leach followed by a prayer by Mrs. Shanks. Theme of the program was "We Must Be Informed."

Fashion Favorite



The semi-fitted dress is an outstanding favorite for '64. The line and fit so important to the attractiveness of this design, are achieved with the help of the Talon nylon coil Zephyr, the zipper so flexible that it flows in unison with the fabric. Here's a tip: the expert seamstress presses as she sews, always using a press cloth over fine fabrics and nylon coil zippers. Above is a stunning Butterick pattern—#2995.

NOODLE NEWS

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Tarpley, Scott, Stephen and Gwin, from Merkel, attended church at Noodle Sunday. They visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sloan and family.

Other visitors at the Church of Christ Sunday were Mrs. Ilene Jones, Merkel, Mrs. Zenolia Lucas and several children from Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Poplin and Phil from Midland were visitors in Noodle over the week end. They also visited in Noodle church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wheeler left Friday for Austin to visit their daughter, Mrs. Joyce Sailors and family.

Visiting the Carl Jacksons over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stanton from Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Touchstone visited Sunday afternoon with his

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Mrs. Jess Patterson and Mrs. L. G. Hays of Lawn were visitors in the home of their cousin, Mrs. L. J. Miller Tuesday.

Noodle HD Club Meets

The Noodle Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Hubert Sullivan with Mrs. Boyce Vancil in charge of the meeting.

Mrs. C. A. Cox led the opening prayer followed by a recreational period led by Mrs. Clayton Dillard.

A demonstration on yeast bread was given by Mrs. Sullivan.

The hostess gift was received by Mrs. A. B. Parham.

Attending the meeting were Mrs. J. E. Boaz Sr., Alec Carter, A. B. Parham, Boyce Vancil, Clayton Dillard, C. A. Cox, Henry Ueckert, Earl Palmer, Hubert Sullivan and V. R. Justice.

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STITH NEWS

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Mrs. Nora McDonald is visiting in Taft with her sons, Mr. and Mrs. Royce McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Noel McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Burns and daughter have moved from Jacksboro to Abilene. They spent two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ledbetter have moved to the Stith community. He is employed with Wimberly Oil Company.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Hale were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Malone in Abilene Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald

spent last week end in Midland with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and Kathy and Mrs. Mamie Hardin and their daughter, Pat McDonald who has been visiting the Harris family for five weeks.

Henry Holt is reported to be doing fine after an appendectomy at Sadler - Clinic Hospital Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs visited him Sunday.

Lonnie Harris, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Browning, has been very ill at Hendrick Hospital in Abilene. He was reported doing better Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Browning visited him Saturday.

Randon Ely has the mumps.

Ghrona Tarpley is confined to her bed with mumps. She is improving.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley during the last week were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tarpley of Abilene, Mrs. Claude Maxwell and Mrs. V. R. Fincher of Merkel.

Those attending the wedding of Miss Fonda Brown and Glen

Bicknell at the Woodlawn Church of Christ in Abilene Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelso, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry, Leon Kelso, Mrs. Ina Kelso, Mrs. W. I. Burton and Mrs. Jessie Dellion.

Claudia Mashburn, Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mashburn visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Horton in Lawn Sunday.

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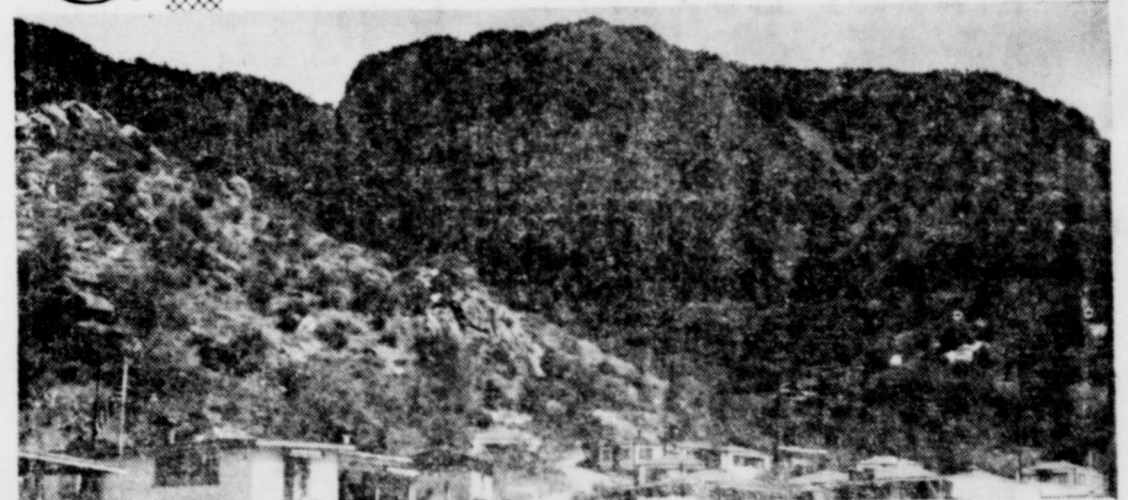
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Do you have a yen to be different? How many of your friends bake their own bread? If they don't, you can be a hit just by baking some yeast-raised delicacies. If they do bake, you might try this totally different Calico Batter Bread for your next get-together.

It's a good recipe for beginner cooks to try. Made by the batter method, you don't have to knead it. The attractive checkerboard pattern is achieved by mixing whole wheat flour with half the batter, then alternating dark and light batters as they're spooned into the loaf

pan. It's wonderful hot — served with butter balls or spread with cheeses!

CALICO BATTER BREAD (Makes 1 loaf)

- 1 1/4 cups warm water (105°-115°F.)
- 1 package or cake Fleischmann's Yeast, active dry or compressed
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons Fleischmann's Margarine
- 2 1/2 cups unsifted flour
- 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- Melted Fleischmann's Margarine

Measure warm water into large warm mixing bowl. Sprinkle or crumble in Fleischmann's Yeast; stir until dissolved. Add sugar, salt, Fleischmann's Margarine and 2 cups white flour. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed on mixer or 300 strokes by hand. Scrape sides and bottom of bowl frequently. Pour half of batter into a second bowl. With wooden spoon, stir remaining 1/2 cup of flour into half the batter; beat until smooth. To the remaining half of batter, stir in whole wheat flour; beat until smooth. Cover both bowls; let rise in warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk, about 30 minutes.

Stir each batter down by beating about 25 strokes. Spoon small amounts of light and dark batters alternately into greased 9x5x3-inch bread pan to give marbled effect. (Batter will be sticky.) Smooth out top of loaf by flouring hand and patting into shape. Cover; let rise in warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk, about 40 minutes. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 45-50 minutes, or until done. Remove from pan and brush with melted Fleischmann's Margarine.

STITH NEWS

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Mrs. Nora McDonald is visiting in Taft with her sons, Mr. and Mrs. Royce McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Noel McDonald. Mr. and Mrs. T. Burns and daughter have moved from Jacksboro to Abilene. They spent two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ledbetter have moved to the Stith community. He is employed with Wimberly Oil Company. Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Hale were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Malone in Abilene Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald

spent last week end in Midland with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and Kathy and Mrs. Mamie Hardin and their daughter, Pat McDonald who has been visiting the Harris family for five weeks. Henry Holt is reported to be doing fine after an appendectomy at Sadler - Clinic Hospital Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs visited him Sunday. Lonnie Harris, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Browning, has been very ill at Hendrick Hospital in Abilene. He was reported doing better Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Browning visited him Saturday. Randon Ely has the mumps. Ghrona Tarpley is confined to her bed with mumps. She is improving. Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley during the last week were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tarpley of Abilene, Mrs. Claude Maxwell and Mrs. V. R. Fincher of Merkel. Those attending the wedding of Miss Fonda Brown and Glen

Bicknell at the Woodlawn Church of Christ in Abilene Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelso, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry, Leon Kelso, Mrs. Ina Kelso, Mrs. W. I. Burton and Mrs. Jessie Dellion. Claudia Mashburn, Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Mashburn visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Horton in Lawn Sunday. Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Abb Evans, Nancy and Mrs. A. M. Evans Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Schwartz and Mr. and Mrs. Hub Evans, all of Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Perry at Tye. Mr. and Mrs. Perry visited one day last week with the Squires family in Breckenridge. Mrs. N. L. McLeod visited in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bill Springer and family in Abilene last week end.

SOCIETY

By MRS. T. J. AMASON
Correspondent

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

Mr. and Mrs. Orvel Brown and son, Gary, of Sweetwater were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown the past week.

Mrs. W. A. McCandless visited relatives and friends in Fort Worth the past week end.

Mrs. Alma Fudge of Abilene was a visitor in the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. M. Elliott Sunday.

Mrs. W. A. Harrison has returned home after a week visit in the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Donald Rutledge and family in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Farmer attended an Insurance Sales Meeting and banquet in Dallas recently.

A nephew from Tennessee visited his aunt, Mrs. Rosa Beard last week.

Mrs. May Douglas of Abilene visited in the home of her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason Wednesday.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. C. P. Stevens last week were Mrs. Silas Stevens and Larry of San Antonio, Mrs. Myrtle Lock and Mrs. Myrtle Fernin of Hamlin, Mrs. Mattie Storey of Hobbs, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barrett of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Oris Reynolds and family of Vernon were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Zerk Robertson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Robertson and family, all of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Slinger of Pecos, were visitors in the home of their mother, Mrs. Austin Robertson last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Davenport of Midland were guests in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Rogers of Midland visited in the home of her mother, Mrs. W. A. Harrison the past week end.

Mrs. L. J. Miller visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Presler, and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Deen of Lawn Sunday.

The Lavonia Duck Circle met in the home of Mrs. R. E. Bratcher. The prayer calendar was read by Mrs. Buck Leach followed by a prayer by Mrs. Shanks.

Theme of the program was "We Must Be Informed."

Fashion Favorite



THE semi-fitted dress is an outstanding favorite for '64. The line and fit so important to the attractiveness of this design, are achieved with the help of the Talon nylon coil Zephyr, the zipper so flexible that it flows in unison with the fabric. Here's a tip: the expert seamstress presses as she sews, always using a press cloth over fine fabrics and nylon coil zippers. Above is a stunning Butterick pattern—#2995.

NOODLE NEWS

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Tarpley, Scott, Stephen and Gwin, from Merkel, attended church at Noodle Sunday. They visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sloan and family.

Other visitors at the Church of Christ Sunday were Mrs. Ilene Jones, Merkel, Mrs. Zenolia Lucas and several children from Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Poplin and Phil from Midland were visitors in Noodle over the week end. They also visited in Noodle church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wheeler left Friday for Austin to visit their daughter, Mrs. Joyce Sailors and family.

Visiting the Carl Jacksons over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stanton from Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Touchstone visited Sunday afternoon with his

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Mrs. Jess Patterson and Mrs. L. G. Hays of Lawn were visitors in the home of their cousin, Mrs. L. J. Miller Tuesday.

Noodle HD Club Meets

The Noodle Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Hubert Sullivan with Mrs. Boyce Vancil in charge of the meeting.

Mrs. C. A. Cox led the opening prayer followed by a recreational period led by Mrs. Clayton Dillard.

A demonstration on yeast bread was given by Mrs. Sullivan. The hostess gift was received by Mrs. A. B. Parham.

Attending the meeting were Mrs. J. E. Boaz Sr., Alec Carter, A. B. Parham, Boyce Vancil, Clayton Dillard, C. A. Cox, Henry Ueckert, Earl Palmer, Hubert Sullivan and V. R. Justice.

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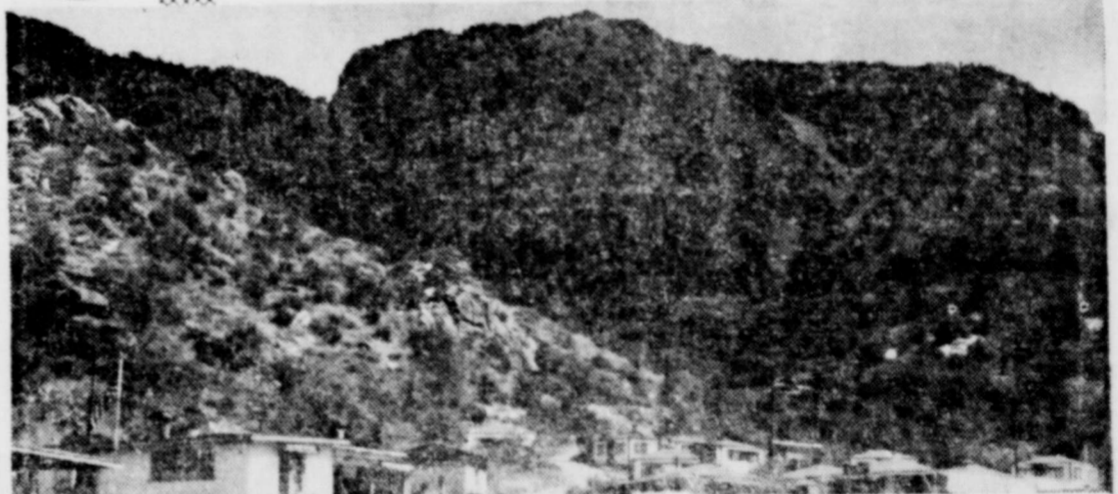
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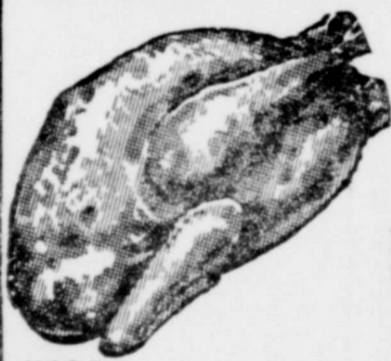
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