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Wrap Securely, Address Correctly, Says Postmaster

Postmaster Wrenn Durham said today, "Early mailing of all Christmas cards and gifts is the biggest single factor in getting all of the mail delivered before Christmas."

The Postmaster urged special care in preparing gift packages for the mails. Make sure that all addresses are legible and complete.

"If you have any articles of unusual size or bulk, better check with the Post Office before attempting to mail them," the Postmaster warns. The limits on size and weight of packages varies, depending on where you mail your package.

When wrapping gifts for mailing, it is always better to use corrugated cartons, especially where there are a number of various sized objects in the shipment, use plenty of wadded tissue or newspaper for extra protection against shock, and securely wrap each package or carton in heavy paper, and then tie it with string cord. Be sure to include an extra label with your return address and the recipients address inside the carton or package before it is wrapped.

Another good idea is to place a piece of transparent cellophane tape over the address portion of the label on your package to prevent defacing in transit, and always make sure to include the recipient's full name, street address, post office box, or rural route, city, zone and state.

"Remember these three rules," the Postmaster said, "Wrap securely, address correctly, and mail early."

Holiday Home Tour Set For Dec. 19

The Merkel Garden Club is sponsoring a Holiday Home Tour here from 8 to 9 p.m., Thursday, December 19, according to Mrs. Robert Tom Hodge, president.

The homes of Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, Mrs. Robert Tom Hodge, Mrs. Dale Linton, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. Carrill Benson and Mrs. John Shannon will be open for the tour. Refreshments will be served in the Sadler home.

Tickets for the Holiday Home Tour will be \$1.00.

Guests in the E. R. Clack home Thanksgiving Day were Mr. Clack's sister, Mrs. Clive E. Murray of Tishomingo, Okla., a cousin, Charles Kennedy, Grand Prairie, and a niece, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Archambough, of Abilene.

J. D. Shotwell Succumbs At 44

J. D. Shotwell, 44, native of the Hamby community and a life-long resident of Taylor County, died at 12:40 p.m. Sunday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital following an illness of several months.

He had lived with a brother, Marvin Shotwell, in Abilene for three years before they moved to Rt. 3, Merkel where they had resided the past three months.

He was a farmer. Mr. Shotwell was born Oct. 28, 1913 in Hamby. His family had lived there for many years. He was a veteran of World War II, having served four years, two overseas.

Funeral was held at 3:45 p.m. Monday in Elliott's Chapel of Memories with the Rev. Oscar Fanning, pastor of the Hamby Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Hamby Cemetery under the direction of Elliott's Funeral Home.

He was a member of the Hamby Baptist Church.

Survivors include four sisters, Mrs. E. W. Kelly of Dallas, Mrs. Paul Robinson of 1517 Clinton St., Mrs. Edward Foster of Lake Jackson and Mrs. W. N. Shaddix of 1755 Glenhaven Dr.; and two brothers, Marvin of Rt. 3 Merkel, and Fred of Rt. 1, Abilene.

Native Of DeLeon Dies In Rest Home

Mrs. Toby Hammett, 82, life-long resident of De Leon and daughter of a well-known Baptist minister of that area, died at 8:20 a.m. Friday in a rest home here. She had been ill about three weeks.

She was born at De Leon Jan. 9, 1875, the former Mary Flolena Ross. In 1899 she married the late Toby Hammett of De Leon. A farmer, he died in 1909.

Mrs. Hammett's grandfather founded the Round Grove Baptist Church near De Leon and her father, the late Rev. Ross, served as pastor of the church until his death.

Funeral was held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in De Leon. Burial was in the De Leon Cemetery.

She is survived by a son, Bill of De Leon; four daughters, Mrs. Preston Henry of Merkel, Mrs. Preston Chick of Odessa, Mrs. Manley Stone of Cleburne and Mrs. Ruben Holmes of De Leon; 13 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Dee Grimes and daughters, Mrs. Betty Dean and Mrs. Jerry Warren, and granddaughter, Susan, spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Dallas.

Local Events Planned For March Of Dimes

"Survival Is Not Enough" is the theme of the 1958 March of Dimes campaign, according to C. A. Farley, local chairman.

The majority of the money raised in this campaign, Jan. 1-31, will be used for rehabilitation work with "old" patients.

Locally planned events include balloon sales, Mothers' March on Polio, benefit basketball games, coin cards sent through the mail. The annual Poliothon over KRBC-TV will be held January 18.

Jr. High Girls Beat Trent 26-25

The Merkel Junior High girls put up a terrific fight with the Trent girls Monday night, Dec. 3, and ended the game with a winning score of 26-25.

Merkel's high point girl was Jean Owens with 18 points. The other 8 points were made by June Owens. Helping the Owens girls was Judy Mattingly.

Merkel's guards were Gayle Harris, Vaudie Smith, Linda Toliver, Sandra Hunter and Malinie Seymour. Linda and Vaudie fouled out in the last quarter with only seconds to play.

Carolyn Anderson and Elizabeth Tuckey also saw action in the last quarter. Coaching the exciting game were Mrs. Shuey and Don Estes. Berle McCoy and Robert Tom Hodge refereed.

Carolyn Bond was the girls' score keeper and manager. The public is invited to attend the games.

Former Merkelite At Hensley Field

Capt. Oscar C. Shouse Jr., former resident of Merkel, has been assigned to the 2596th Air Reserve Flying Center at Hensley Field.

Capt. Shouse was commander of Detachment 1 of the 2585th ARFC at Orlando AFB, Florida, before being assigned to Hensley. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar C. Shouse of Mineral Wells. His wife is the former Miss Iris Eoff of Merkel. They have two children, Iris Ann, 12, and Richard, 3.

Brother Visits Mrs. L. A. Watts

Visiting in the home of Mrs. L. A. Watts and other relatives for the past three weeks was Mr. Watts' brother, A. J. Foster, of Durango, Colorado, and San Diego, Calif.

Mr. Foster is a retired professor having taught for a number of years in Teachers College, Greeley, Colorado. He is a graduate of Harvard University and was sent to West Germany as an instructor after World War II.

A Series of Local Children's Pictures to Be Taken Free for Publication in Mail

There is no age limit — There is no obligation. Saturday, December 14, is the big day for the picture taking of your youngsters! The Merkel Mail is having pictures taken of all children who are brought by their parents or other guardian to the Chamber of Commerce between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., absolutely free of charge.

The Mail wants a picture of your child to print in its forthcoming feature, "Citizens of Tomorrow", a series of photographic studies of local children. The more we get the better the feature will be, so the cooperation of mothers and fathers is urged.

It often seems to parents that children are little one minute and are grown up the next, so fast does a child's growing stage pass. Here is a splendid opportunity

Ben Wheeler, 91, Dies In Rest Home

Ben N. Wheeler, 91, resident of Taylor County since 1900, died in Starr Rest Home Thursday at 10:45 a.m. He had been in ill health for some time.

Mr. Wheeler, born Dec. 18, 1865 in Georgia, came to Parker County, Tex., in 1896. He married Drusilla Hall there. She died in 1908.

A retired farmer, Mr. Wheeler had lived around Merkel since 1900. He was a member of the Church of Christ at Noodle.

Funeral was held Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Merkel Church of Christ. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Rosa Rogers of Merkel and Mrs. Ruby Ward of Fort Worth; two sons, J. A. of Merkel and Paul of 290 S. Mockingbird St. Abilene.

J. A. Harris Dies In California

Word was received here the past week of the death of J. A. (Alex) Harris as the result of a heart attack suffered at his home in Fresno, California, on Monday, November 25. Burial was in that city.

Mr. Harris, a former Merkel resident, operated a gin here and one at Nubia. He was the brother-in-law of C. K. Russell.

He is survived by his wife, one son, Jack A. Harris, Fresno; two daughters, Mrs. Cleo Terry, Fresno; Mrs. Mary Love Brown, Los Angeles, California; a sister, Mrs. Tom Winman of Roscoe.

Child Dies Here; Rites In View

Eddie Joe Oates Jr., born Oct. 22, 1956, died Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at Sadler Clinic-Hospital after an illness of three days.

Funeral was held at 10 a.m. Monday in the View Baptist Church with the Rev. Rolla M. Bradley, pastor officiating. Burial was in Drummond Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home, Merkel.

Survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Joe Oates Sr. of View; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Oates of Turley, Okla., and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Randall of View.

C. B. Rust Wins In Poster Contest

C. B. Rust II, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust, was a second place winner in the Bobby Morrow TB Poster and Theme Contest held recently.

The contest was sponsored as a means of health education for the county. Morrow, Olympic champion, was the contest sponsor, and the prize money was furnished by the Kiwanis Club.

Winners were guests of the West Abilene Kiwanis Club Monday at the noon luncheon meeting, when the awards were presented by Morrow.

C. B. is a fifth grade student in Mrs. Carroll Benson's room.

Mrs. Rust and Mrs. Fred Starbuck accompanied him to the luncheon.

J. M. Tucker of Plainview visited his mother, Mrs. Etta Tucker over the weekend.

BADGER BASKETBALL NEWS

The Merkel High School basketball season opened on Dec. 2, as the Badgers traveled to Hamlin and won both games. The "B" team won 38-29 and the "A" team won 33-27. High pointer in the "B" game was Doug Toliver with 10 while Manly Denton and Pat Patterson led the "A" team with 9 and 8 points respectively.

Tuesday night, the two teams evened the season standings as

they went to Colorado City. The Wolves won the "B" game 35-28 and the "A" game "A" game 48-42. Jerry Phillips hit 8 points in the "B" game while Manly Denton got 21 points in the "A" game. Riley Seymore missed both games this week because of flu.

First home game for the Badgers will be this Friday, Dec. 6, against a strong Winters team. "B" game starts at 6:30 p.m., and "A" game at 8:00. Tuesday night, Dec. 10, Anson plays here.

The following boys are listed on the Badgers "A", "B" and Freshman Basketball Squads: Riley Seymore, Manly Denton, Jerry McClell, Bud Patterson, Ronny English, Lanny Perry, John Thomas, Joe Neill, Doug Toliver, Larry Seymore, Jerry Phillips, Mike Farley, Johnny Roach, Walter Grimmer, Butch Palmer, Ronny Reeger, Eugene Bishop, Alan Tittle, Phil Seymore, Lester Dorton, James Ayers, Bill King, and Edwin Wiley.

Mrs. H. C. Reid Visits Son In Charleston, Ill.

Mrs. H. C. Reid has returned to her home here after a ten-day visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reid and son, Jeff, of Charleston, Ill.

Billy, a graduate of Merkel High, is an instructor of Business Administration in Eastern Illinois University.

The group spent from Wednesday until Saturday in Chicago sight-seeing, and visited many places of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Teaff, Mrs. Zola Teague, Mrs. Joe Hartly, and Mrs. Charley Sherrill attended funeral services for Mrs. Lena Hammett, mother of Mrs. Preston Henry, of Merkel, in DeLeon Sunday. The party also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hubert and Mrs. Dave Hobdy, who formerly resided in Merkel.

Mrs. W. M. Elliott was a guest in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton, of Cisco for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Relatives visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Scott of Trent for the holidays were Mr. Scott's two sisters and niece, Misses Mattie and Cora Scott, and Fannie Groom all of Lamesa; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Susie Foster, of Long Beach, Calif., and her daughter, Mrs. Troy Womack, Lubbock, and a sister-in-law, Dixie Scott, Merkel.

Mrs. Fisher's Sixth Grade Elects Officers

Mrs. Mack Fisher's section of the sixth grade met Monday Morning Nov. 25, to elect officers for the next six weeks.

Following is a list of the officers: Estelle Rice, president; Beth Patton, first vice-president; Allen Gray, second vice-president; Paullette Gillespie, third vice-president; Beverly Butman, secretary; Edward Ledbetter, treasurer; and Paul Lollar, reporter.

Claude Warrens Entertain Family

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren held a weekend house party for Mrs. Warren's brothers and sisters who were here for a visit. Those present were: Mrs. Della McAllister, Abilene; Mrs. Mary R. Hines, Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hill, Cross Plains; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Warren, Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slough, Ft. Worth; and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Slough, Etla.

Others attending were the Warren's sons, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Warren, Pam and Wayne of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Warren and son, Mike, of Lamesa, a niece, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McKeever and children, Donna, Rusty and Gregory of Abilene, and a nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hines of Brownwood.

Another brother, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Slough of Houston was unable to attend.

Fifth Grade Elects Officers

Mrs. Cox's fifth grade met Monday, Dec. 2, for the purpose of electing officers. Charles Dannheim acted as chairman for the meeting, when the following were elected: Larry Hargrove, president; Beverly Howard, vice-president; Mikel Arnold, secretary; Danny Cybert, treasurer and reporter.

Rodney Gardner resigned as Student Council Reporter for this room, and Charles Dannheim was elected to replace him.

District Governor Is Guest Speaker At Lions Banquet

H. R. Garrett of Eastland was guest speaker for the annual Ladies' Night banquet of the Merkel Lions Club Tuesday night at the Community Center.

"Pop" Garrett, governor of District 2-E, was introduced by Deputy District Governor, L. R. Lapham of Abilene.

A film of the Crippled Children's Camp at Kerrville, which the Lions sponsor, was shown by Pete Shotwell of Abilene, a director of the camp.

The Rev. C. G. Sewell, pastor the First Baptist Church, was master of ceremonies for the occasion.

Other guests present were John Goode of Eastland, cabinet secretary, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lassiter. Mr. Lassiter is a member of the Abilene Lions Club.

Ladies of the Eastern Star prepared and served the food for the banquet.

Fire Department Expresses Thanks

We want to thank each of you who donated to the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department Fund. The money will be used to buy groceries, clothing and other necessities for needy families.

We will still take old toys that are repairable at the fire station. Merkel Volunteer Fire Dept.

Basketball Games In Noodle Dec. 5

The Noodle boys and girls will play Jim Ned Valley in a non-conference basketball game in Noodle Thursday, December 5.

The girls game will start at 7 p.m. and the boys at 8 p.m. Admission is 20c for students and 40c for adults.

Box Supper At Stith

A box supper will be held at the Stith Community Center Saturday night, December 7, at 6:30 p.m. following which there will be an election of officers at 7:30. Every one is invited and the ladies are requested to bring a box.

J. E. Hudsons Have Visitors

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson for the Thanksgiving holidays were Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Willingham, Greggton; Mrs. Otha Baugh, Burbank, Calif. and Mrs. Addiline Martin, Studio City, Calif.

Mrs. Willingham, Mrs. Baugh and Mrs. Martin are daughters of Mrs. Jessie Lenoir, who makes her home with her other daughter, Mabel McRee.

The ladies were here to attend the wedding of Mrs. Martin's daughter, Miss Marlene Lenoir to Mr. Dean Bell of Hastings, Nebraska, who were married on November 2, at seven o'clock in the Church Chapel at Abilene Christian College.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ramsey and children of Abilene visited with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Sewell, during Thanksgiving.

Mrs. J. T. Williams of Abilene visited in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton, and attended services at the First Baptist Church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McClean and son, Mike, have returned from a visit with their daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Russom and son, Mark, of Eunice, New Mexico.

Dr. and Mrs. John B. Davidson and daughters, Donna and Susy, of Waco were guests of Mrs. Davidson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Miller during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church and children, Sue and Charles of Plainview were weekend visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lem Dudley, and with other relatives and friends here.

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Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Love of Trent, Thanksgiving, were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Martin and son, Gary, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McLaughlin, Charles and Karen Sue, all of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox and Mrs. Gertrude Pee have returned to their homes here after a visit during the holidays with their brother and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pike of Bagwell, and other relatives in Bogata, Grand Prairie, and Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman English and daughters, Patsy and Mary Jo of Big Spring spent the weekend with their parents, Mrs. Norma Bond and Mr. and Mrs. Joe English.

Rev. Clesby Patterson, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Hermleigh, was a visitor in the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Russell, and with his son, Buddy, who is attending school here, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Patterson this week.

HOSPITAL NOTES

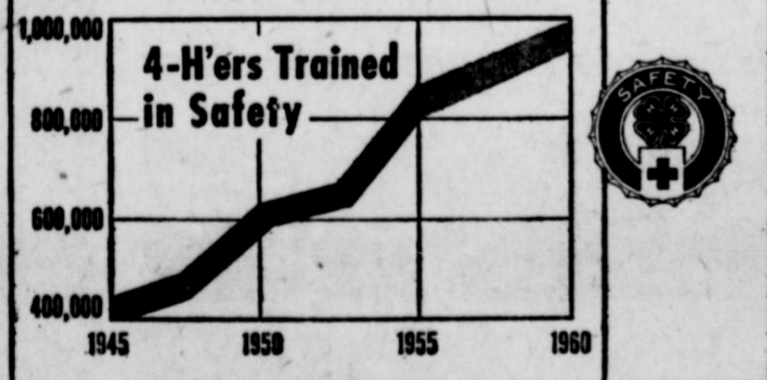
The following persons were admitted to the Sadler, Clinic-Hospital this past week:

Tom Largent
Mrs. Frank Demere
A. L. Hogue
Mrs. B. L. Vinson
Stevie Donaldson
Mrs. E. L. Ascherman
Glenna Riggan
Mrs. Bill Peterson
Miss Maurine White
Mac Franklin
Eddy Oates
O. C. Rister
J. L. Casady
Mrs. A. J. Hartley
Mrs. Newt Logan
Mrs. Tom Largent
Riley Seymore
Jeff Seabourn
Mrs. L. C. Murray
Sharon Osborne
Joe DeLaCruz

The following persons were dismissed this past week from the Sadler Clinic-Hospital:

Henry Griffith, Jr.
Tom Largent
Earl Baze
Mrs. Frank Demere
A. L. Hogue
Roy Buchanan
Vickie Teaff
Ada Higgins
Mrs. B. L. Vinson and baby girl.
Stevie Donaldson
Mrs. E. L. Ascherman and baby girl.
Glenna Riggan
Mrs. Frank Demere
Mrs. Bill Peterson
Riley Seymore
O. C. Rister
J. L. Casady

4-H'ers Lead the Way to Safety



The future looks brighter for more people because more 4-H Club members than ever before are being trained and educated in safety. Participation in the 1957 national 4-H safety program enables them to make their homes, farms and communities safer places in which to live and work.

Boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 21 throughout the state are learning safe practices that will pay dividends later in life whether they reside on the farm or in the city. Conducted by the Cooperative Extension Service, the 4-H safety program has been supported continuously since 1945 by General Motors.

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New Arrivals

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The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil B. Reavis of Danville, Ark.

Starr Rest Home

By MARY OUTLAW

Everyone is OK at this writing. A. J. Hill and sons from Moran visited his mother last week end. Sandy Sipe of Sylvester visited his mother, Mrs. Lina Sipe, Sunday.

Mrs. A. J. Wayamon of Denison, visited her mother, Mrs. Meyers, Sunday.

Rev. Wayne Penberton, Pastor of the Live Oak Baptist Church, filled his appointment Sunday. Mrs. Bill Henager, Mrs. Jack Bagby, Keith Tarpley, Vicki Jane Reid, Edith Bagby, Linda Henager, Nelda Henager, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Griffin sang for the services. The patients enjoyed it very much and invite them back again.

We want to thank Mr. Hallie Simpson and Mrs. Alva Starr for the nice turnips and greens they brought the home.

Mrs. Richard Hunter, Mrs. Agnes Bucks and Mrs. Bicknell of Trent visited the Gaffords and Mrs. Sipe Sunday.

The Woman's Society of the first Methodist Church at Trent brought Mamie Gafford a box of candy Tuesday for which we want to express our appreciation to the nice people.

We are very sad over the death of Uncle Bennie Wheeler, who passed away on Thanksgiving.

We will all miss him for he had been with us almost as long as

we have owned the home. He was a very sweet old man and when he felt good he always yodeled before breakfast. We will miss him for a long long time. We extend to his loved ones our sympathy. May God comfort their hearts.

The Frank Carr's filled their appointment and sang for the old folks Sunday morn.

Mrs. Lina Hammett passed away with a heart attack Friday of last week. She was a new patient and we had learned to love her very much. We want to thank her family for the beautiful flowers they sent the home. We want to extend to her loved ones our sympathy for we understand as it hasn't been many months since

we had to give up our sweet little mama.

Mrs. Margaret Sparks, Mrs. Edna Lyle, Mrs. Ren Scott and Miss Carolyn Sue Cole of Abilene visited Mrs. Pearl Wiggins Sunday.

We want to thank the children of Mrs. Hammett for the nice clothes that they gave the home.

We want to thank Mrs. Beasley for the large box of white rags she gave the home.

We want to thank the children of Uncle Bennie Wheeler for the clothes they gave the home.

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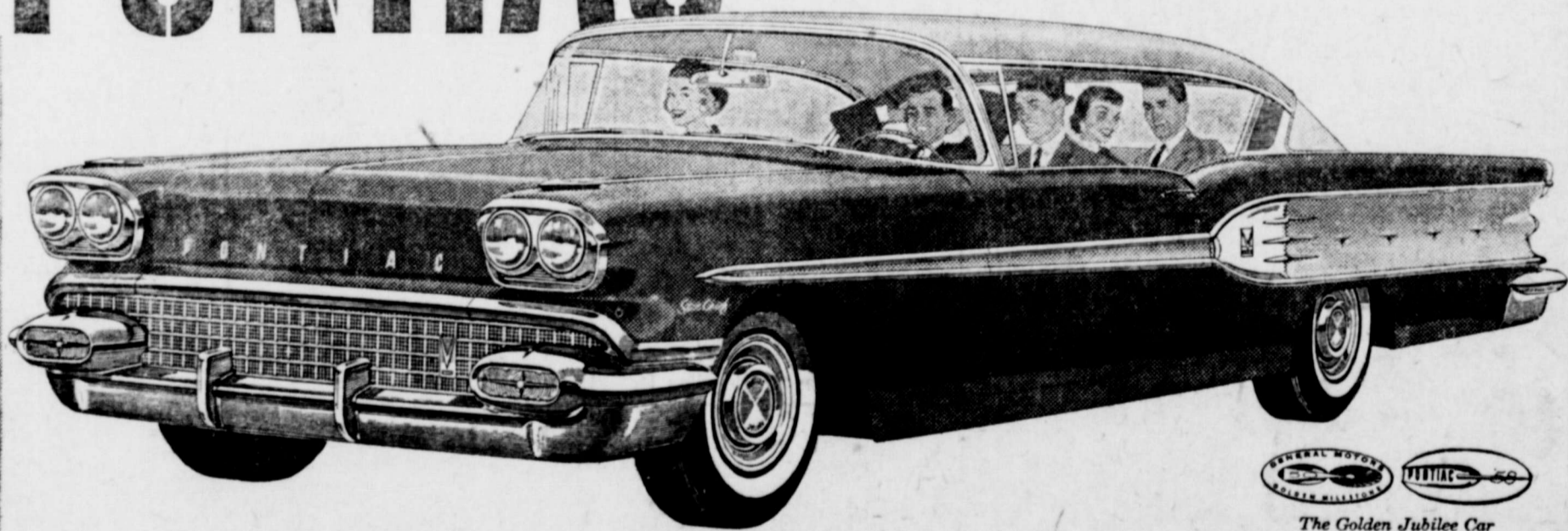
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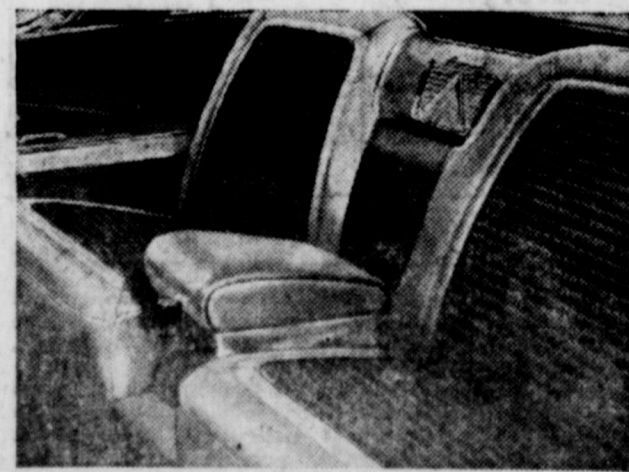
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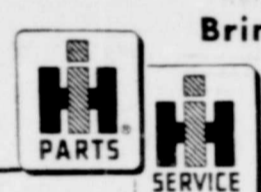
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For the grand finale fruit pie flambe, deck the table as a glowing dessert for the Christmas party. For an extra spectacular show lower the lights before you flambe the pies. Then serve proudly.

OPEN HOUSE BUFFET
Hot Spiced Tomato Soup
Holiday Casserole
Tossed Green Salad
Hot Biscuits Butter
Fruit Pies Flambe

Hot Spiced Tomato Soup
2 cans (1 1/2 ounces each) condensed tomato soup
2 cups water
Dash cinnamon or ground cloves
Combine all ingredients, heat. Makes 6-8 servings.

Holiday Casserole
4 cans (1 1/2 ounces each) macaroni with cheese sauce
2 cans (5 ounces each) boned chicken or turkey (or about 1 1/2 cups leftover turkey)
2 cups cooked whole kernel corn
1/2 cup diced pimiento
1/2 cup crushed potato chips
Combine macaroni contents of can of boned chicken, corn and pimiento in a 3-quart casserole, sprinkle potato chips on top. Bake in a moderate oven (375° F.) about 1 hour. Makes 8 generous servings.

Fruit Pies Flambe
Bake frozen fruit pies as directed on package. Just before serving cut a small circle from top crust and drop in sugar cube that's been soaked in lemon extract, then light.

Ralph Bartlett of North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, was a guest in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. Dave Johnson on a children, Bruce, Wayne, and Ray of Vivian, La., spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Miller.

Mrs. W. M. Elliott attended funeral services for her sister-in-law, Mrs. G. W. Elliott, which were held in Abilene, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Simmons of Sweetwater were visitors in the home of their daughter, Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Sewell, Thursday.

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New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Winn of San Antonio are announcing the birth of a daughter, Deborah Denise, on Saturday, Nov. 30.

Grandparents and great-grandparent of the new arrival are Mrs. Ola Lee Winn, Abilene; Hosea Winn, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Norman, Bells; Mrs. Annie Boone, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Winn are both graduates of Trent High school. Mrs. Winn was the former Sharon Terry.

Mr. and Mrs. Etsel Farmer and children of El Paso were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Farmer.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson for the Thanksgiving holidays were Mr. Simpson's mother, Mrs. S. D. Simpson of Bastrop, and his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McConnell and sons, Daryl and Dale of Dallas.

R. B. Horton of Abilene spent Friday with his mother, Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Mrs. C. K. Russell and daughter, Mrs. Raymond Ferguson spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Dallas with their sisters and aunts, Mrs. Eva Morgan and Mrs. Lizzie Latham. They were met there by another daughter of Mrs. Russell's, Mrs. Cayton Knox and children of Mt. Pleasant, who also visited with the group.


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Bluebonnet HD Club Meets

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club met for an all day achievement program Novemb. 19 in the home of Mrs. Frank Brnovak.

Highlight of the day was a luncheon featuring main dishes which had been demonstrated during the year. Vice president Mrs. Allen King Sr. was in charge of arrangements. Chicken a-la-king with all the trimmings was served.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Frank Brnovak, president called the club to order and roll call was answered with "a gift I have made for Christmas."

Mrs. D. I. Davis gave tips on Christmas decorations and Mrs. Tom Russom talked on refinishing furniture.

Mesdames Elby Frazier, John Coomer, O. W. Reed, John Hughes and Miss Mabel McRee were visitors and there were eight members present.

WSCS Sets Date For Luncheon

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met in its regular meeting at the First Methodist Church Tuesday Morning, Dec. 3, at 9:30.

The program "Ye Are My Witnesses" was brought by the following ladies: Miss Lottie Butman, program leader; Mrs. Bud Haley; Mrs. Don Loyd; Mrs. W. F. Cypert; Mrs. Lou Petty; and Miss Babel McRee.

Miss Butman, president, announced the program for Tuesday, Dec. 10, will be a Christmas luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Stevens and son, Larry of San Antonio visited his mother, Mrs. C. P. Stevens Thursday. Sunday guests in the home were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Patterson and Carlion Perry of Hamlin, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barrett of Abilene.

Noodle Church To Present Film

The Noodle Baptist Church will present a film "All are Called" based on the Mission work in Africa, Sunday evening, Dec. 8, in the Noodle High School at 7 p.m.

Immediately following the showing of the film, a student from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, whose home is in Jerusalem will be the guest speaker.

The public is invited to this program, which will bring to a close the "Week of Prayer" for foreign missions which has been observed this week by the Women's Missionary Union of the Baptist Church.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

The fine sunshine has made the farmers happy in harvesting their crops.

In another week or two the crops will be out, and a lot of small grain will be sown.

The Canyon is making a better feed crop than we thought we would.

The winter weather is setting in now and stockman are shaping their stock for the cold weather. Most of the calves and lambs have gone to market, but some of them will be kept for replacement to the herds.

Our country is going into winter in fine shape. Stock is in excellent shape and with the fine underground season small grain will have a chance to make good grazing.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore received word from their son, Mack, that he had landed in Germany, and was feeling fine. Mack reported they stopped in England for a day of sight-seeing, and he said it was really worth while.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen King had guests for Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom and son, Don, visited with the Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Phillips of Wolf-orth during the Thanksgiving holidays. We looked over the fine crops and saw some milo that thrashed 8,200 pounds per acre. We also dropped by to see Kyle Blair but he had just left for the gin. He has a good farm and is making a fine crop this year. Mrs. Blair stated that Tom Kyle really enjoys reading this column for the Canyon was his stmping ground for many years.

The Rev. Arn Priester of the Nolar Methodist Church brought the devotional at the Lord's Acre program last week.

Mrs. Jack Latimer, a long time resident of the Canyon, has been quite ill at her home in Merkel.

Mrs. Frank Demerie of the Canyon is in the Sadler Clinic at this time. We hope Mrs. Latimer and Mrs. Demerie will soon be well.

Attendance at Pioneer church was down Sunday. Some sickness and some working harvesting their crops. We hope our attendance will be better. Our church needs the people and the people need the church.

Saturday night, Dec. 7, is our community night. We will play games of 42 and bingo. Pie and coffee will be served. Bring your family and have a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Toombs have returned from a trip to the Plains. They report an enjoyable trip.

Rev. and Mrs. Ward of Pioneer church had as guests Ward's mother and brother from Oklahoma during Thanksgiving.

The Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District along with four other districts held a luncheon in Abilene Monday with Congressman Omar Burleson, speaker. Tom Russom, chairman of the Middle Clear Fork District, presided for the meeting.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Farmer Thanksgiving Day were their son, Mr. and Mrs. Diverle Farmer of Tuscola and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Merkel.

Mrs. Nannie Glenn, who has visited for some time here with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge, returned to her home in Breckenridge Sunday accompanied by the Stockbridges.

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T. J. Bird Sr. W. M.
C. B. Rust, Secretary.

STATED Meeting for Eastern Star Chapter 212 will be December 9, 7:30 p.m. for initiation.

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Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful. We especially thank the Starr Rest Home and its staff and Dr. W. T. Sadler. May God bless each of you in our prayer.

The family of Mrs. Lena Hammett
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May God bless each and everyone, for the beautiful floral offerings, the food, and sympathy shown in our bereavement in the loss of our dear, husband and father. May God bless you in our prayer.

Mrs. A. F. Derrington
L. L. Derrington and family.

Legal Column

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

GREETING:
You are hereby commanded 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: L. R. Porter, if living, and if dead, the legal representatives of said named defendant, and the unknown heirs of said defendant, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court 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 December A.D. 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 6th day of November A.D. 1957, in this cause, numbered 22,561-A on the docket of said court and styled Horace O. Boney, Plaintiff, vs. L. R. Porter, if living, and if dead, the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of the defendant, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: to trespass and try title to premises situated in Merkel, Taylor County, Texas:

Being a part of Block No. 6, S. W. Sheppard's Addition to the town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, 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 the 13th day of November A.D. 1957.

(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd

District Court Taylor County, Texas.

By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
37-38-39-40

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: trespass to try title to the following tract of land located in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Being all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in Taylor County, Texas, and being a part of Lots Nos. 37 and 38, Anderson Subdivision of North Part of the Original Lot

No. 1, in Block No. 208 in the City of Abilene, Texas, according to the Map or Plat of said City of Abilene, of record on page 580, Vol. C of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, and Map of said Subdivision of record on Page 642, Vol. 32 of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, said portions of said Lots Nos. 37 and 38 being described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at the Northwest corner of said Lot No. 38; **THENCE** East with the North Boundary Line of said Lot No. 38, a distance of 65 feet to a point for a corner;

THENCE South running parallel with the West Boundary line of said Lots Nos. 37 and 38, a distance of 95 feet to a point 5 feet distant from the South Boundary Line of said Lot No. 37;

THENCE East parallel with the South Boundary Line of said Lot No. 37, a distance of 75 feet to the East Boundary Line of said Lot No. 37;

THENCE South with the East Boundary Line of Lot No. 37, a distance of 5 feet to the SE corner of said Lot No. 37;

THENCE West with the South Boundary Line of said Lot No. 37, a distance of 140 feet to the SW Corner of said Lot No. 37;

THENCE North with the West Boundary Line of said Lots Nos. 37 and 38, a distance of 100 feet to the place of beginning as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 20th day of November A. D. 1957.

(SEAL)
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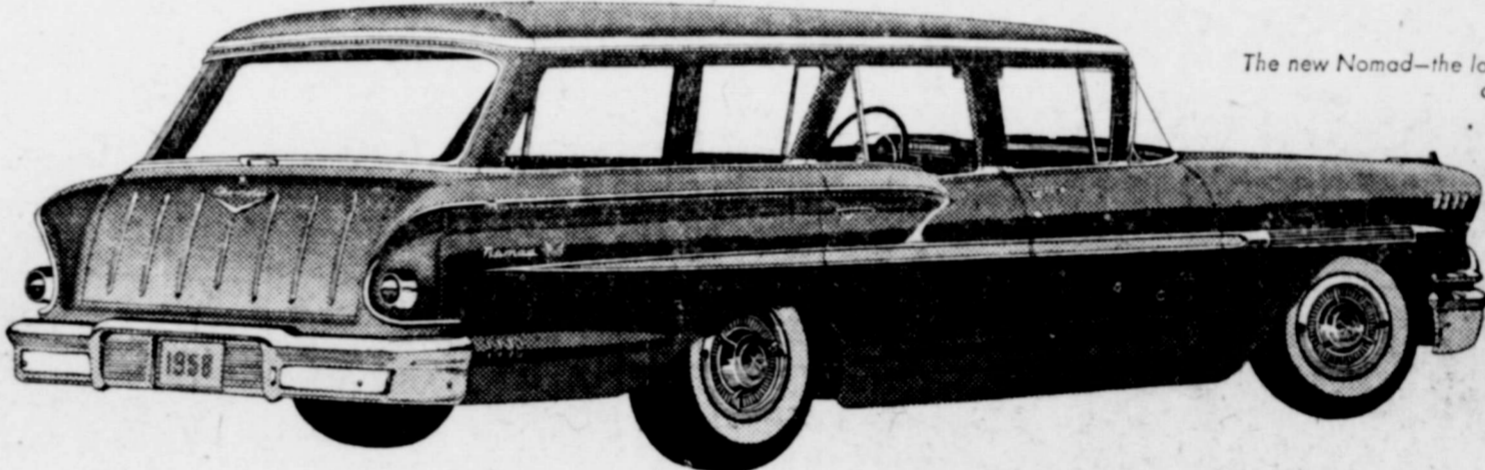
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MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

Austin Varner, Woodrow Clemmer and Doyle Gray were listed among honor students for mid-term grades of the first semester of Abilene Christian college, according to announcement made by Mrs. Clara Bishop, college registrar.

Sylvan Mellinger, Freshman at the University of Texas, came home Friday to spend Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger.

Thanksgiving Day guests of Mrs. J. R. Pee were her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Guthrie and son of Big Spring, and Mrs. Raymond Guthrie of Nowata, Okla.

Miss Billie Gardner, who is attending the University of Texas, was home to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner.

Mary Helen Mashburn of Merkel is described as a "distinctively superior secretarial student," by J. W. Foote, director of the department of business administration at John Tarleton college.

"In my courses, Miss Mashburn is making a consistent A average," Mr. Foote said. He teaches shorthand and office management and practices.

Miss Mashburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn, is a senior in the department of business administration.

Commissioner Jack Cannon, who was one of the lucky hunters who returned last week with a buck, entertained members of the road force most royally last Friday evening at Ed's Cafe. The banquet table was beautifully decorated and a sumptuous meal served following the invocation given by Rev. R. A. Walker. Rev. Walker was also an "after dinner speaker."

MERKEL 40 YEARS AGO

Sergeant Frank Ferrier arrived at home last Friday morning and returned last Wednesday morning. All the Merkel boys are in good health and are getting in fine shape. Three of them, Wm. B. Brown, Roy Adams and Lester White have been promoted to corporals, and are more than making good.

Mrs. Claude Bigham writes from Alvin, asking that her address be changed from Merkel to that place, saying: "we certainly can't do without the paper." Mrs. Bigham will be away for several months.

W. O. Boney left Sunday for Waco to represent A. F. and A. M. Lodge No. 710, at the State Convention of the order, which convened last Tuesday morning. He will be away for a few more days.

Mrs. Fred Latham underwent an operation on her foot at the Sanitarium in Abilene Wednesday afternoon. It proved to be a serious operation, and at last report Mrs. Latham was resting as well as could be expected. Mr. Latham came from Houston to be at her bedside. Their many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

R. S. Palmer left last Sunday night for New Mexico, where he will make his home, and Mrs. Palmer will follow later. Before leaving he called and placed a subscription for Urbin Shannon, brother-in-law, who is with co. 52, 13th Battalion, 165th Depot Brigade, San Antonio, Texas.

Parents Should Set Example

"Parents, more than anyone else, are responsible for setting a good example to their children in safety practices."

J. O. Musick, General Manager of the Texas Safety Association, made this statement, today, in behalf of TSA's current program to develop healthy safety attitudes.

"Parents often treat children as if they were deaf, dumb and blind," he said. "They don't realize that children have keen minds and pick up their first habits, good and bad, from their parents. This is especially true of safety habits."

"Truly, safety begins at home, and parents should be sure their actions set the right pattern of safety practices for their children to follow."

He also said that parents themselves are often victims of their own carelessness, or are responsible for accidents to their children through failure to stress safety measures in their own behavior around children.

"Many parents," he said, "will drive carelessly, jaywalk or use unsafe tools around the home, in the presence of their children. Yet these mothers and fathers will scold their children for doing the same thing."

Musick reminded parents that past National Safety Council figures indicate that more than 10,000 children under 14 years of age will die in accidents of all types this year — unless better safety education is provided in the home.

"It simply doesn't add up," he said. "If parents want to do right by their children, they must set a good example in everything they do. If they want to instill in their children the necessary precautions which will keep them out of the list of scheduled accidents, they had better inventory their own safety habits."

"Be safe parents," Musick concluded, "and you'll have safe children."

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Armon Clark Completes Tour

San Francisco, Calif. (PHTNC)—Armon D. Clark, seaman, USN, son of Mrs. J. W. Patton of 309 El Paso St., Merkel, returned to San Francisco, Calif., Oct. 26 aboard the attack cargo ship USS Chara after a tour of duty with the U. S. Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific.

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- PET Evaporated MILK 15c

BUTTER - BAKED CHICKEN AND GRAVY

1 cut-up frying chicken (about 3 lbs.)
1 1/4 cups PET Evaporated MILK
1 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1 can cream of chicken soup
1/4 cup water

Dip pieces of chicken into 1/2 cup of the milk, then roll them in a mixture of flour, salt and pepper. Melt butter in a 13 x 9 x 2-in. pan in a 425 (very hot) oven. Put chicken into pan, skin side down. Bake, uncovered, near center of oven for 50 min. Turn chicken and pour around pieces a mixture of soup, 1/4 cup of the milk and the water. Bake 30 min. longer, or until drumstick is tender when pierced with fork. Remove chicken pieces to hot platter. Stir gravy well and serve with chicken. Makes 4 servings.



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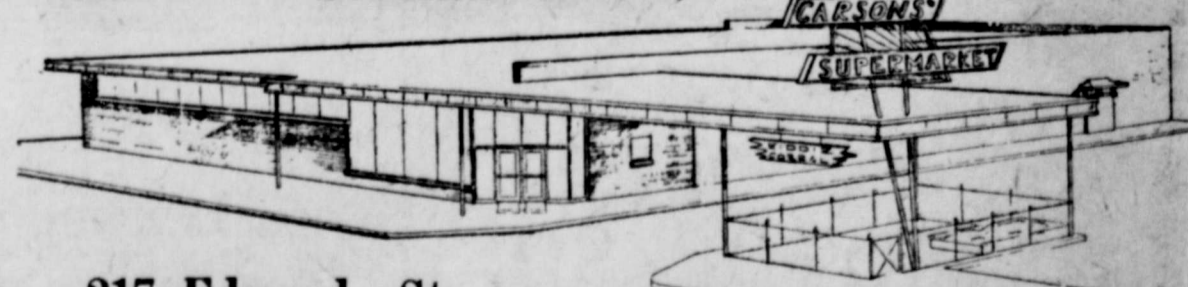
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