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Trent Boys Winners In Theme Contest

Two Trent boys were among the winners in the Bobby Morrow TB Poster and Theme contest held recently.

Leroy Shafer won second place and Eugene Kegans third in the junior high theme contest.

Winners of the contest were guests of the West Abilene Kiwanis Club luncheon December 2 when the awards were presented.

Merkel Beats Anson 60-32

The Merkel Badgers beat the Anson Tigers 60-32 here Tuesday night.

Mahey Denton and Bud Patterson were high men with Denton tossing in 24 points and Patterson 19. John Mitchell scored 12 for the Tigers.

Merkel also won the B team contest, taking a 51-27 win over Anson. Ronnie Reeger and John Thomas had nine points each for Merkel while Gary McCaleb made nine for Anson.

Starr Rest Home

By MARY OUTLAW

Everyone is OK at this writing. Some are getting the Christmas spirit and waiting for Santa.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Crawford of Stamford visited M. E. Smith, Friday.

Mrs. Farley and Mrs. Chaney, delegates from the Church of Christ visited the patients Thursday. We were happy to have them. The old folks enjoyed them very much.

Mrs. W. R. Carr of San Angelo visited her mother Mrs. Sarah Carr Wednesday.

We are happy that Bro. Sewell is working on the wiring of our home again. He says the old folks will have their ear phones ready to hear by Christmas.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and Mrs. Arnold Den mothers of Cub Scouts No. 3 brought their scouts to visit the Rest Home this week. They brought fruit for the old people for Christmas. We certainly appreciate them and invite them to visit us again.

The Frank Carrs came Sunday and sang for the old people.

Rev. Wayne Davis of the Calvary Baptist Church filled his appointment here at 3 o'clock. Frank and Ethel sang for him. We had a good service and every one enjoyed it. We invite them again.

In case anyone finds a little black part cocker spaniel dog with curly ears, a long tail and a white breast. Please notify the Rest Home. He belonged to us. The old people liked him as well as we did. His name was Sparky and he disappeared Tuesday a week ago about sundown. He didn't bother anyone only chickens that didn't belong here. So in case anyone finds him there is a reward for him.

Paul Wheeler of Abilene visited in our home Monday. We are always glad of his visits even if Uncle Bennie isn't with us any more.

We would be glad to have anyone come by the home and play the piano during the holidays. It would be appreciated as well as enjoyed by the patients. So when you are on your way to town drop by and play a tune or two for them. You are always welcome.



GROCERS' OFFICERS—New officers of the Abilene District Retail Grocers Association elected Tuesday night are, left to right, J. M. Clarty, program chairman; Herman Carson of Merkel, first vice-president; Russell Day, second vice-president; Carl Nichols, secretary-treasurer; and Kenneth Tyler, president. All but Carson are from Abilene.

Noodle Mustangs Hoop Schedule

Dec. 5—Jim Ned—Here
Dec. 12, 13, 14 McMurry Tournament—There
Dec. 16 Jim Ned—There
Dec. 19, 20, 21 Anson Tournament—There
Jan. 2, 3, 4 Trent Tournament—There
Jan. 10 Haskell—Here
Jan. 14 Hawley—Here
Jan. 17 Leuders—There
Jan. 21 Trent—There
Jan. 24 Avoca—Here
Jan. 31 Hawley—There
Feb. 4 Leuders—Here
Feb. 6, 7, 8 Hardin-Simmons Tournament—There
Feb. 11 Avoca—There
Admission: Students 20
Adults 40 cents

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

The farmers have really had a break the last few days getting their crops out, while the sunshine lasted.

As the old saying goes, "It will be a long time before we make another crop."

It is very amusing to hear the various opinions about the cattle business. One rancher in our area stated the market on good mother cows would be good for at least three or four years, possibly longer. While another stockman told about a trip he made through the eastern states where he saw plenty of good fat cattle, as many as three hundred head on a thousand acre place. That is more than we can run here.

We really think that we have a shortage of good cattle and because of that shortage the home boys have been forced to buy out of state cattle that are low in quality and which creates other problems.

The Community night held at Pioneer last Saturday night was well attended. Games of bingo and 42 were played and plenty of coffee and pie served.

New officers as follows were elected for another year: Joe Seymore replaced R. G. Toombs as president, Mrs. A. D. Scott, program chairman, and Mrs. LeRoy Riney re-elected as secretary-treasurer.

A government trapper told W. T. Perry that he has caught seven becats this year in the mountains from Mountain Pass on east. Just think what seven bobcats could do to a bunch of baby lambs or kid goats.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore and son have returned to their home here after spending several months in Ft. Worth where Arthur was employed.

Farmers who did not soil bank their wheat and are busy sowing wheat this week.

Our regular all night singing will be held on New Years eve. Due to so many other singings over the county we thought about calling ours off, but the home singers want to have it. So let's all talk it up and make plans for the night of Dec. 31.

Some of the land that was sold to the Veterans has been resold recently. Quite a lot of this land is in the Canyon. This land keeps changing hands. One land owner stated that it looked as if the State would wind up with most of the land again.

The swimming pool at the Butman Youth Camp is well under way at this time. The pool will be ready for next summer's camping.

Baptists Plan Banquet For Men And Boys

The Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church, Merkel, are sponsoring a Men and Boys Banquet, at 7:00 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16.

The speaker for the banquet will be the Superintendent of Schools at Lawn, Harold Dobbs. Don Estes, program chairman, will act as master of ceremonies and the local brotherhood Quartet will provide the music for the evening.

The theme for Monday evening's program is "YOUTH—OUR CHALLENGE!" All the men of the First Baptist Church are cordially invited to come, and to bring as their special guest either their son or some other boy. The banquet will be held in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church, according to L. H. McAden, president of the Brotherhood.

Jimmy Wilks In 'Who's Who'

Jimmy Wilks son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wilks of Trent has been selected for listing in the 1957-58 edition of "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." He is a senior in Abilene Christian College with a major in business administration.

He is listed along with 30 other students from the ACC student body of 2300.

The announcement was released by the national office in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The students were picked for the honor on the basis of leadership, scholarship, character and promise of future usefulness.

Jimmy is Skipper of the Sub T 16, a member of the Circle K and Business Administration Club. He is active in campus religious activities.

As a sophomore he was instrumental in initiating the first Annual Freshman-Sophomore Rivalry Day. This is coming to be one of the big days of the year for these classes. He was also one of the leaders in working out the 500 student 80 mile relay from Abilene to Brownwood.

His wife is the former Marjorie Morrow, who is also a member of the senior class and one of the campus leaders.

Local Residents Attend Funeral

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray of Merkel and Mrs. Joe Stalls and son, Felix of Abilene left Tuesday for Pampa in response to a message of the death of Mrs. Stalls' brother, Lundy Stalls, which occurred in the Pampa hospital, Monday afternoon, Dec. 9, at 1:30 p.m.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 in the Presbyterian Church at White Deer, where Mr. Stalls had resided for a number of years. Burial was in the Pampa Cemetery.

Bluebonnet HD Club Meets

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club of the Butman community met in the home of Mrs. Horace Miles on Dec. 3, for its annual Christmas party.

Mrs. Frank Brnovak, president presided for a short business session. She announced the County agent will conduct an upholstery and clothing school at Merkel in January.

The club will send four gifts to Ward 7 Christmas party at the State Hospital, Abilene.

Mrs. Allen King was in charge of the program of readings, games and songs. Club pals were revealed by the exchange of gifts.

The hostess served fruit cake and candy to one visitor, Miss Loreta Allen, County Agent, and eleven members.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. A. D. King, Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 7, 1958.

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner spent several days in Fort Worth last week when Dr. Gardner met with the State Medical Board.

David Allred, 14, Dies Of Injuries Received In Wreck

David Marvin Allred, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allred of Lamesa, died at a Lamesa Hospital at 8:15 p.m. Monday as the result of a two-car accident about 4 p.m. Monday.

The Lamesa High School freshman was riding in a car driven by Gary Ledwith, also 14, when it was in a collision with one driven by Mrs. David Franklin Honeycutt, also of Lamesa.

The Ladwig car was traveling south on the main street, when hit in the side by the car driven by Mrs. Honeycutt going west on N. 12th St.

Young Allred was thrown from the Ladwig car and pinned under it when it rear overturned. None of the other occupants of the car was injured.

Funeral services for young Allred were held Tuesday in the First Methodist Church in Lamesa with the Rev. J. Loyd Mayhew, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Merkel cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Lamesa.

Survivors include his parents; a sister, Kathryn Elizabeth, 6; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Opal Brookreson, longtime Merkel resident now living in Lamesa; his paternal grandfather, Walter Allred of Livingston, Tenn.; and a number of other relatives in Lamesa, and Merkel, and Buffalo Gap.

Mrs. Shouse's Room Elects Officers Dec. 2

Mrs. Shouse's room elected officers last week with the following being elected: Roger Moore, president; David Scott, vice president; Sharon Buntin, secretary; Malinee Seymore, treasurer; Frances Collier, reporter.

Students in Mrs. Shouse's room are doing some leather work, making belts and billfolds.

All of the pupils are working on a project to decorate their room for Christmas.

Welfare Office In New Location

The local Welfare and Red Cross office has recently moved from 101 Kent St. to 131 Kent, the building formerly occupied by Woods Grocery Store.

Mrs. Elma McFarland, local supervisor, has been in the local office since it was established 20 years ago. It is the only branch office in the county.

A worker with the State Department of Public Welfare, Louis Allgood of Sweetwater, is in the office on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Mr. Allgood works through the Taylor County agency which has headquarters in Abilene.

Mail Now For Christmas Delivery

"The time has passed to talk about mailing early for Christmas," Postmaster Wrenn Durham said yesterday, but he added that "our local patrons still can help us avoid a last-minute pile-up of Christmas mail by sending the rest of their packages and cards now."

The Postmaster said the mail volume this year, no doubt, will break last year's all-time Christmas record. He expects to keep local mail moving without serious difficulty, but explained that many large transportation terminals and large post office terminals will be swamped with mail that will exceed their physical capacity in the last days before Christmas.

To avoid any such congestion, he urged that all out-of-town mail be placed in the post office this week-end so that it will be assured of delivery next week—the last week before Christmas. He recommended three-cent stamps for Christmas cards and air mail postage to those going to distant places.

The cooperation so far has been excellent, and I believe that when the rush is over our community will have done its part to prevent mail-handling problems that usually plague the Postal Service at Christmas time.

Dr. W. F. Armstrong of Fort Worth was a weekend guest of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox.

Couple Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thomas were honored by their children with open house on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, Sunday, December 8, from 2 to 6:00 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were married at DeLeon and lived in Rotan until six years ago when they moved to Sweetwater. After a year in Sweetwater they moved to Merkel and have lived here since that time.

Children of the couple are Byrde, Janet and John of the home, and two married sons, Eddie of Dimmitt and Roy of Merkel. They have two grandsons, Eddie Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Thomas and Wayland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas.

Janet greeted guests and Byrde showed gifts.

The two daughters-in-law presided at the tea table, which was covered with lace over silver and centered with an arrangement of white stock in a silver container. Members of the house party wore corsages of white carnations trimmed in silver.

Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dawkins of DeLeon, parents of Mrs. Thomas; Mr. and Mrs. Houston Dawkins of DeLeon, brother of Mrs. Thomas; four of her sisters, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Morgan and son, Stanton, Mrs. Hollis Head, Roby, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Childress and daughter, Sweetwater, Mrs. M. L. Shahan and son, Levelland.

Present also were three sisters of Mr. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Metcalfe, Aspermont, Mrs. A. E. Wyatt and girls, Abilene, Mrs. Katie Nabours, Abilene, Mrs. LeWayne Harris and daughter, of Lubbock.

Lions Sponsor Turkey Shoot December 15

The Lions Club will sponsor a Turkey Shoot to be held from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, December 15, southeast of Merkel.

Dr. Don Warren and Chester Collinsworth are in charge of the project and they expect to have quite a few fat turkeys by then. They suggest that teenagers, amateurs, dads over 60 or just anyone get up a group and see who is the best shot.

Gerald R. West Is Student At Washington U

Gerald R. West, son of Mrs. James H. West, is currently enrolled at Washington University, Chancellor Ethan A. H. Shepley has announced recently.

West, who formerly attended Texas Technological College, is a student in the graduate division of the university's School of Business and Public Administration.

Tye Girls Win GA Promotions

Six girls were recognized with new ratings in Girls Auxiliary work at ceremonies Wednesday at the Tye Baptist Church. Mrs. O. B. Woodrum of Abilene, for whom the local GA is named, presided.

Advanced to the rank of "princess" were Nancy Jack Teaff, Diane Mauldin and Ann Askins; Linda Gilbreath and Nancy Ellen Moore received crowns to denote the rank of "queen." Named "queen with scepter" the next to highest rank in GA work, were Patty McCartney, Alline Kimmy, Jana Mauldin, Mary Alice Roach and Judy Beth McCartney. Myrtle Louis has earned this same rank but was not present for the ceremony.

Mrs. Woodrum showed the group colored slides taken while many of the girls were at Glorieta Baptist encampment in New Mexico last summer.

At this season of the year it behoves all of us to be thoughtful of the appearance of our Cemetery. If you have not made a contribution to your Cemetery Association this year, please do so at this time.

Merkel Cemetery Association

FFA Members To Have State Contest Dec. 14

The State Leadership Contest for Texas Future Farmers of America will be held at Sam Houston State Teachers College, Saturday, December 14, 1957. The State Contest for FFA members originated in the spring of 1931 and since that time has been sponsored by the Sam Houston College Chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

The primary purpose of the contest is to further develop the leadership activities of some 36,000 Texas Future Farmers of America. Area elimination contests have been conducted and only the top teams from each of the ten areas will compete. The FFA boys will participate in Chapter Conducting, Farm Skill Demonstrations, Farm Radio and the FFA Quiz. The contest will be in two divisions Greenhand for the students who are taking Vocational Agriculture for the first time and Chapter Farmer for the older boys.

G. H. Morrison of the Agricultural Education Department of Sam Houston State Teachers College is State Leadership Contest Chairman and will direct the contest. Outstanding teachers of vocational agriculture from all over the State will assist in judging the contests.

In conjunction with the State Leadership Contest, Billy Penn of Lufkin, President of the Texas Association of Future Farmers of America will hold a meeting of the State FFA Officers. The vice-presidents are W. R. Collier, Idaho; Pete Baker, Anson; Dickie Rosenthal, Pasadena; Creath Davis, Comanche; Kyle Hooper, Plano; Durwood Irby, Winnishoro; Layton Black, Lometa; Eldridge Robinson; Lott; and James Knight, Odem.

P-TA Meets Dec. 12

The Merkel P-TA will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 12, in the high school auditorium.

A Christmas program will be presented by the children of the first and sixth grades and a group of high school students.

Refreshments will be served by the third and fourth grade mothers and teachers.

Lanny Perry and his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Arrington, went to Amarillo Saturday to see the Abilene-Amarillo football game. The Arrington's daughters stayed with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Perry.

HOSPITAL NOTES

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

- Mrs. L. C. Murry
- Sharon Osborne
- Joe De La Cruz
- Mrs. Truman Harvell
- Mrs. Lila Hopper
- Rev. W. F. Smith
- Bill King
- Tina Hamner
- Mrs. Arthner Hernandez
- Mr. R. Ayers
- Mrs. W. E. Miller
- Deverell Farmer
- Mrs. J. J. Parsons
- Clay Satterwhite
- Sally Patterson
- Mrs. Howard Laney
- Floyd Jones
- Mrs. Joe K. Higgins
- Mr. Bill Patterson
- Edwin Renfro
- Mr. L. B. English
- Mrs. M. L. Dokey

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

- Jeff Seaburne
- Mrs. Bill Peterson
- Mrs. L. C. Murry
- Sharon Osborne
- Joe De La Cruz
- Mrs. Truman Harvell and baby
- Mrs. Lila Hopper
- Rev. W. F. Smith
- Bill King
- Tina Hamner
- Mrs. Arthner Hernandez
- Mr. R. D. Ayers
- Deverell Farmer
- Mrs. J. J. Parsons
- Clay Satterwhite
- Floyd Jones
- Mrs. Bill Peterson
- Mr. L. B. English
- Mrs. M. L. Dokey
- Mrs. Newt Logan
- Maurine White
- Mr. O. C. Rister
- Mrs. Tom Largent
- J. L. Casady
- Riley Seymore
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MONDAY—LOSER	
Mrs. Henry F. Jones	15.00
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Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN
Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



Annual reports for 1957 were mailed today. Now we can begin to look forward to some things for 1958. We will have four clothing workshops beginning the last of February. There probably will be one in Merkel. You do not have to be a home demonstration club member to attend so begin plans now to attend and watch for exact dates for you to sign up for the workshop.

There will also be four workshops on re-upholstering of furniture. If you are interested in attending watch for exact dates and contact my office for blanks to sign up for the course.

Did you have some turkey left over from Thanksgiving? You might try the following recipe:

Turkey Chowder

1½ cups chopped cooked turkey

2 tablespoons butter or margarine

1 large onion, sliced

½ cup sliced celery

2 cups raw potato cubes

10-ounce package frozen lima beans

1 cup hot water

1 pound can stewed tomatoes

10½-ounce can condensed cream of chicken soup

2 cups shredded cheese

¼ teaspoon garlic salt

1-8 teaspoon pepper

Melt butter in a large skillet. Add onion and celery and brown lightly. Add potato cubes, lima beans, and water. Cover and cook 15 to 20 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for 45 minutes to 1 hour, 6 servings or 8 cups.

SCHOOL MENU

MONDAY

Sausage-gravy
Green beans
Macaroni-cheese
Fruit salad
Rolls
Milk

TUESDAY

Weiners
Sour kraut
Cream potatoes
Rolls
Mince meat cake
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Beef-gravy
Whipped potatoes
Tomato wedges
Rolls
Blackberry pie
Milk

THURSDAY

Fish sticks
Green blackeyed peas
Apple-cherry salad
Rolls
Butter
Coconut pudding
Milk

FRIDAY

Christmas Dinner

Turkey
English peas
Cranberry sauce
Rolls
Pumpkin pie
Milk



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- NEW STEP-VAN BODIES!**
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Above: Series 60 medium-duty tractor model.
Center: Series 100 heavy-duty cab-and-chassis.
Right: Series 31 pickup model.

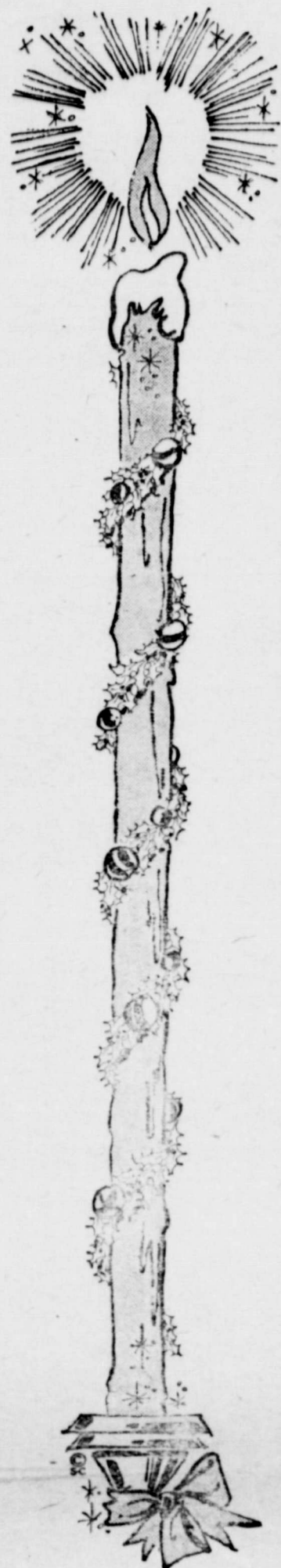
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EARL HOLLIMAN · CAMERON PRUD'HOMME
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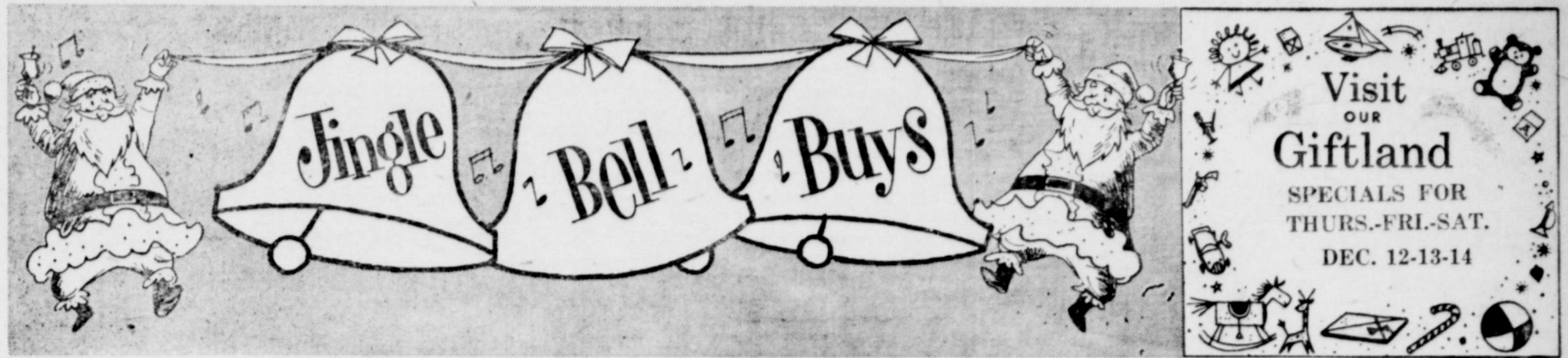
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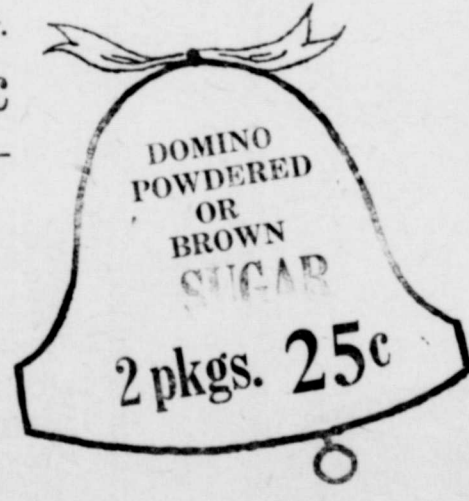
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THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable
within the State of Texas —
GREETING:

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: A. E. Lasater, if living, and if dead the unknown heirs of the said A. E. Lasater, deceased, 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 expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 6th day of January A.D. 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 29th day of November A. D. 1957, in this cause, numbered 22,698-A on the docket of said court and styled Brown-Kuensler Company, A Texas Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. A. E. Lasater, if living, and if dead the unknown heirs of the said A. E. Lasater, deceased, Defendants.

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 590, 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.

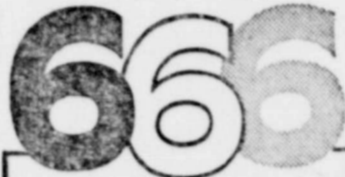
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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 seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 20th day of November A. D. 1957.

(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas

By Irene Crawford, Deputy.



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Billye Patterson Honored At Party

Billye Patterson was honored with a gift party in the home of Mrs. Johnny Cox Saturday morning, December 7.

Barbara Wilson and Gloria West, classmates of Miss Patterson, served refreshments. Piano selections were played by Miss West. Mrs. Andy Shouse and Ann Bynum.

Mrs. Comer Havnes proposed two toasts and read a poem.

Jo Ann Meadow of Deming, N.M., sang "Why Do I Love You". She was accompanied on the piano by Miss Bynum.

The refreshment table was laid with a Maderia cloth centered with an arrangement of white carnations surrounded by burning tapers in milk glass and silver candle holders. Christmas decorations were used throughout the house.

Attending from out of town was Mrs. Bertha Sharp of Blackwell, sister of the bride-to-be.

Miss Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Patterson, will marry John Summerfield Townsend III of Las Cruces, N.M., on December 15.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Ferguson spent the weekend in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Walker and children, of Westbrook.

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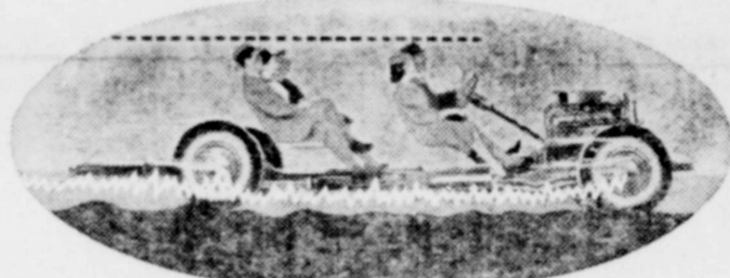
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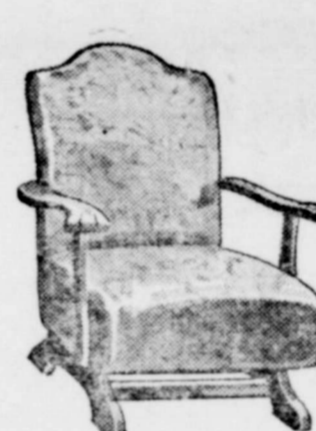
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren Friday night were their son, Lt. Tommy Warren, and Lt. Bill Price, flight instructor. The men flew from Las Vegas, Nevada to Dyess AFB where they took off from Saturday morning.

Gusso Circle Has Meeting In Tarpley Home

Members of the Guesso Circle exchanged gifts and made Christmas decorations when they met in the home of Bobby Tarpley Wednesday, December 4.

Three new members, Betty Sloan, Peggy Deen and Janelle Pitts, were introduced.

One guest, Peggy Bowen, and the following members were present: Loretta Young, Rojean Hicks, Mary Boone, Jo Ann Smith, Neva Hicks, Betty Satterwhite, Sue Tucker and Bonnie Douglas.

Mrs. Cox Hosts Wesleyan Guild Christmas Party

Fourteen were present when the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church held their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Johnny Cox, Monday evening, Dec. 9.

business session was held with Mrs. Cox, president, presiding.

Mrs. Hallie Burzen read the devotional from Luke 2-1-14, and Miss Bettie Tittle, program chairman, gave the story "Christmas on the Plains," taken from the book titled "Christ and the Fine Arts."

Mrs. Ray Wilson said the closing prayer.

Lt. James Harris To Marry German Girl December 22

Lt. James I. Harris called his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris, from Germany Thursday, December 5, to tell them of his approaching marriage to Erika Margarete Koellner of Kaiser Lautern, Germany. The marriage will take place in Germany on December 22.

Lt. Harris, pilot of an RF84 Jet, has been in the Air Force for five years and in Germany for two years. He has 600 hours of flying time.

Jimmie Campbell of Haskell is visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Joe Largent, Mrs. Roy Largent, and with Mrs. Tom Largent, Tom Largent who is a patient in John Sealy Hospital, Galveston, is improved.

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Inexpensive but a nice quality and ideal gift. All NYLON construction and attractive styles. All sizes. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
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What lady wouldn't prefer one of these? Choice of gowns or shorty pajamas — both in all NYLON. Such attractive styles — such marvelous values. All sizes. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY
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We wish to express our appreciation to all who were so kind during Irene's illness. We especially thank Dr. Sadler, Dr. Warren and all the nurses for their kindness. We also want to thank the telephone operators for their prompt and patient service in emergency cases.
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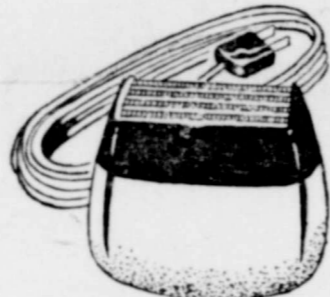
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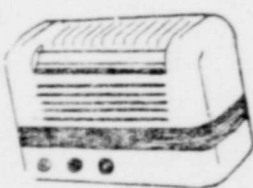
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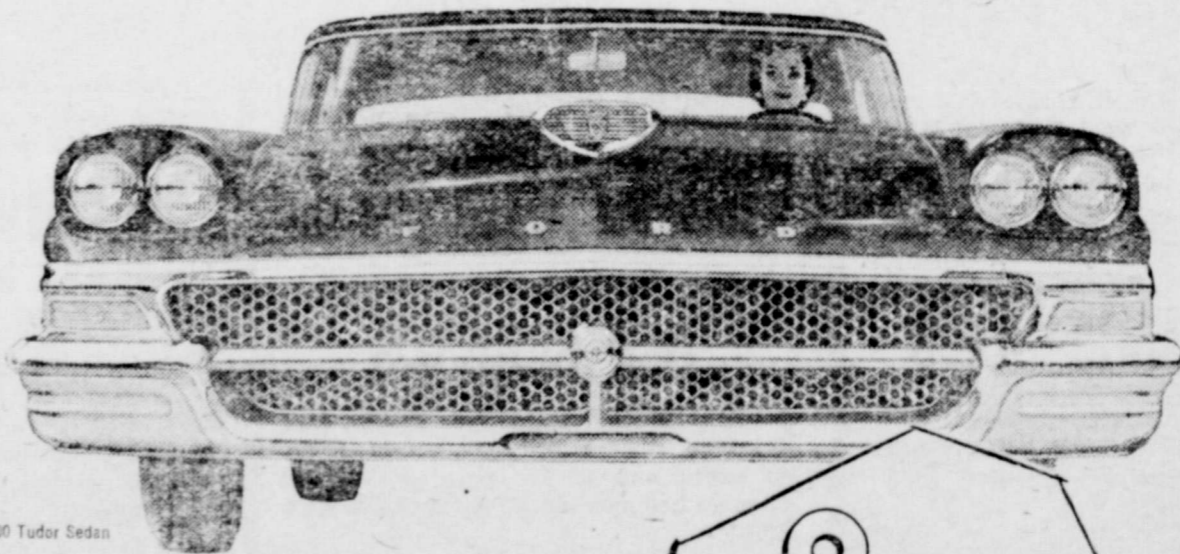
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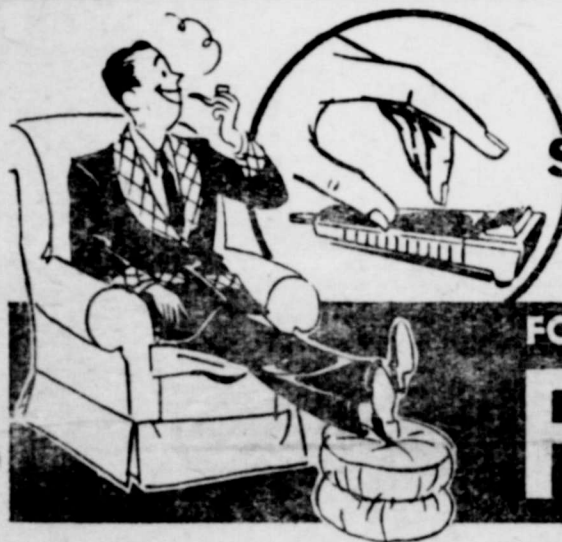
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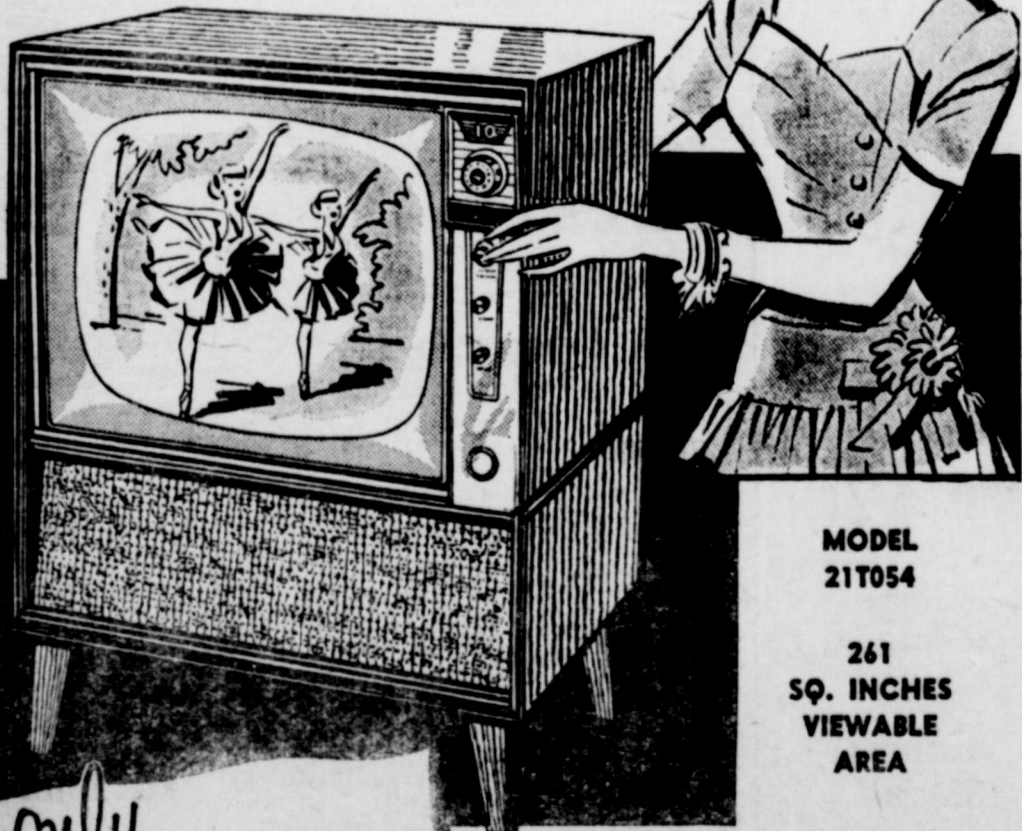
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MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

Honoring N. B. Teaff, long-time resident of Taylor County, the old family home was the gathering place of friends, relatives and children on Sunday, Nov. 23, for a birthday celebration. Mr. Teaff, who had lived on this farm in the Cross Roads community for the past 36 years, moving to this section from Corvell county, was 82 years old on that date.

On the mid-semester roll of McMurry college, announced by Dean R. G. Borger, Miss Anna Lou Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church of Merkel, was in a four-way tie for top honors with students from Floydada, and Abilene, each with 69 honor points to their credit.

Miss Church, who is a senior, is also a member of the McMurry Chanters and the Girl's quartette.

met in the home of Mrs. Weston West on Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of electing officers. A miscellaneous program will be studied for the remainder of the club season, meetings to be held twice monthly in the homes.

Mrs. Weston West is president, with Mrs. Wrenn Durham vice-president. Treasurer is Mrs. Lou Farrow, while Mrs. Raymond Ferguson will act as recording secretary. Mrs. Chester Collingsworth is the corresponding secretary and Miss Frances Marie Church, critic.

The Merkel Parent-Teacher association met Wednesday afternoon in the Grammer School building with Mrs. Conner Robinson, the president, presiding. Forty patrons and friends of the school were present.

Strings of brightly colored street lights were to be turned on in the Merkel business district Thursday night, giving the town a truly holiday appearance.

MERKEL 40 YEARS AGO

On December 6th at Ft. Worth, L. E. Brady, son of Mr. and Mrs.

G. W. Brady, and Miss Ruth Cowan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cowan of that city, were happily married. The marriage was quite a surprise to his friends in and around Merkel, where he was practically reared. Mrs. Brady formerly lived in Merkel for a short time.

Mrs. Beene, wife of J. L. Beene, died at 12:30 o'clock last Saturday morning at her home near Noodle. While her health has not been good for the past four or five years, yet her death was entirely unexpected. She was born in Corvell County and was nearly 58 years of age. Her maiden name was Sarah Elizabeth Dunavant. She was married to Mr. Beene about 40 years ago.

Herbert Patterson, who lives 5 1/2 miles northeast of Merkel, made a good record in raising 53 pumpkins off of two vines and something over 100 cantaloupes off of seven vines. He also raised two or three hundred pounds of cucumbers on about 10 vines. This is a pretty good record for a year like this.

Mr. Corder of Abilene is now manager of the Burton-Lingo Lumber Company, taking the place of Austin Boyd, who resigned to accept a position with a South Texas Company.

Mrs. Dr. Miller is visiting her husband, who is practicing his profession in San Antonio. She will be away until after the Holidays.

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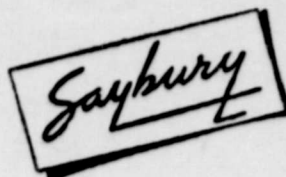
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1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon cloves
1 1/2 cups seedless raisins (1/2 golden and 1/2 dark are best)
3/4 cup finely cut dates
1 cup broken walnuts
1 1/4 cups cut-up candied fruit, bulk or canned ready-mixed

Line with waxed paper bottom and sides of 9-in. tube pan or loaf pan holding about 6 cups. Put into 2-qt. bowl the milk, marshmallows and orange juice. Let stand. Put crumbs into a large bowl with the cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, raisins, dates and walnuts. Add candied fruit. Mix in milk mixture with a spoon, then with hands until crumbs are moistened. Press firmly into pan. If desired, top with additional nuts and candied fruit. Cover tightly. Chill 2 days before slicing. Keep in refrigerator. Makes 3 1/2 lbs.

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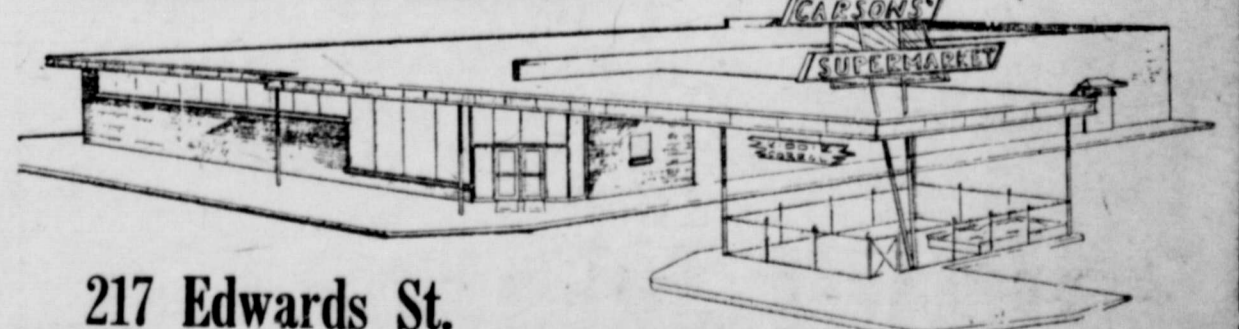
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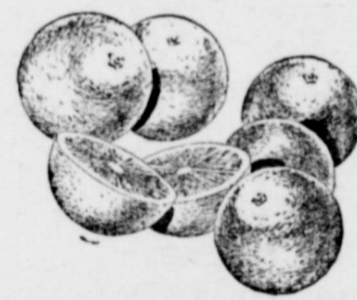
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