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## MERKEL WINS SECOND IN 6-A UIL CONTEST

Rotan High School scored 157 points to earn third place. Other schools competing were Roscoe and Wylie.

In the grade school division the schools finished in identical fashion. Rotan scored 59 points to edge Merkel with 52. Coahoma was third with 39.

Results of Saturday's competition are as follows:

Debate — Rotan (Jimmy Heahtington and David Guffin).

Girls' Prose Reading — Carolyn McDaniel, Rotan.

Girls' Poetry Interpretation — Linda Brown, Rotan.

Boy's Poetry Interpretation — Kenny McCasland, Rotan.

Persuasive Speaking by Boys — Stanley Brown, Rotan.

Extemporaneous Speaking by Boys — Jackie Young, Merkel.

Extemporaneous Speaking by Girls — Fran Borden, Merkel.

Ready Writing — 1. Wayne Wash, Roscoe; 2. Carol McAninch, Merkel.

Science — 1. Paul Camp, Coahoma; 2. Lennis Poinas, Coahoma.

Number Sense — 1. Ferris Neal; 2. Larry Howard, Merkel.

Slide Rule — 1. Bozy Allen, Coahoma; 2. Gerald Newman Coahoma.

Shorthand — 1. Retta Head, Rotan; 2. Celia Reece, Rotan; 3. Sandra Kaye Nichols, Coahoma.

Typewriting — 1. Ann Tillotson, Rotan; 2. Ann Curtis, Merkel; 3. Leroy Rivers, Rotan.

## HOSPITAL PATIENTS

### Admissions

J. W. Tiner  
P. B. Cooper  
Jack Cannon  
Mrs. J. S. Grant  
Ernest Dixon  
A. E. White  
Mrs. Joe Sylvia  
D. A. Lee  
D. P. Baze  
Robert Magill  
Mrs. A. D. Fulton  
Mrs. J. W. Welch  
Jim Smith  
Andy Pruitt  
Wesley Henry  
Mrs. Harry Johnson  
Mrs. D. H. Reddin  
Mrs. Leo Harris  
J. R. Savage  
Bill Teaff  
Pete Cook  
Mrs. Arlie McWilliams  
Jerry Gardner  
Mrs. Katie Blackburn  
Nancy Bowen  
Mrs. Charlie Roland  
Mrs. Minnie Young  
Mrs. Ethel Kendall

### Dismissals

P. B. Cooper  
Mrs. Joe Sylvia  
Mrs. J. S. Grant  
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Mrs. A. D. Fulton  
Mrs. J. W. Welch  
Jim Smith  
Wesley Henry  
Mrs. Harry Johnson  
Mrs. Leo Harris  
J. R. Savage  
Jerry Gardner  
Mrs. Katie Blackburn  
Nancy Bowen  
Mrs. Jerry Burchard and baby  
Mrs. Bobby Sullivan and baby  
Mrs. Johnny O'Dell and baby  
Mrs. Bruce Knight and baby

## Volleyball Tournament Here This Weekend

The Merkel Civil Defense unit is sponsoring a women's volleyball tournament April 5, 6 and 7. There will be three games Thursday and Friday night with four games Saturday night.

Trophies will be presented the first, second and consolation winners.

Games Thursday and Friday begin at 7:30 p.m. with a 7 p.m. starting time Saturday.

Eight teams have entered the tournament so far. They are: Lawn, Bronte, Casey's Car Wash of Abilene, Clyde, two from Buffalo Gap and two from Merkel.

The Merkel Civil Defense team is made up of Betty Jane Tittle, Lois Deen, Jackie Doan, Janice Russell, Imogene King and Sug Springer.

The roster of the second Merkel team includes Betty Jo Doan, Betty Lou Satterwhite, Joyce Doan, Jan Loper, Becky Knipe and Jo Ann Smith.

Admission will be 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. Proceeds will be used for new equipment for the Merkel CD unit.

## Physical Fitness Tests Completed

On March 16, Merkel Elementary School students completed their first physical fitness tests.

The Amateur Athletic Union of the United States Physical Fitness Tests were used as a standard for grades one through eight.

Of the 911 children taking the tests 363 passed the minimum standards for a 71 per cent average. The national average for this test is 51 per cent. The AAU Tests set a higher standard of achievement than does the program outlined by President Kennedy.

Wonderful World of Easter for All Children April 20th.

## Olin Amerson Heads WT Hereford Association

The West Texas Hereford Association Tuesday elected Olin Amerson of Hamlin as its president.

Arthel Henson, of Abilene was named vice president with Sam Swann of Merkel as 2nd vice president; and B. R. Blankenship of Abilene secretary-treasurer.

Elected to the board of directors for three-year terms were Paul Turner of Sweetwater, Scott Casey of Snyder, Olin Amerson of Hamlin, Elbert Payne of Hamlin, Heston McBride of Llano and Oris Reynolds of Abilene.

In other business the group approved the financial statement which reflected a healthy financial condition of the association and a successful consignment sale last Dec. 4 at Abilene.

After discussion, another bill-board to advertise Hereford cattle was authorized for a suitable site on Highway 83-277 north of Abilene at a cost of \$285. The addition of this sign will bring the number of signs, now covering all principal highways entering Abilene, to four.

The group discussed the West Texas Fair, and voted to present a trophy to the reserve champion heifer of the Junior show at the West Texas Fair.

Heston McBride offered to present a heifer to the boy or girl who wins the Junior Heifer Show at the Fair.

A discussion was held on the annual Fall consignment sale in Abilene Dec. 3, 1962, and a sales committee consisting of Arthel Henson of Abilene as chairman, Walter Hill of Comanche, Sam Swann of Merkel, Charles Creighton of Big Spring, Scott Casey of Snyder, and Lee Atkinson of Throckmorton, was appointed and authorized to make arrangements for a sales manager and all other details concerning the sale.

Amerson appointed the Feeder sales committee, naming Sam Swann as chairman, and Alton Whiteaker and Elbert Payne as members. He also appointed Dorothea Griffin as entertainment chairman.

## First Baptists To Hold Revival

The First Baptist Church of Merkel, is to have their Spring Revival, April 8-15. Evangelist will be Rev. Boyd E. Eldridge, Executive Director of the National Church Finance Service, Inc., of Detroit, Michigan. Rev. Eldridge has held pastorates in Texas, Arkansas and Missouri, having been in the ministry over 25 years.

Mr. Sam Ligon, local Music Director, is to be in charge of the music, and has arranged special music for every service consisting of solos, duets, trios, quartets, and other ensembles.

The services will be held each day at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The nursery, capably staffed, will be open for each service. The church is located at 3rd and Locust in Merkel.

Schedule for the night services is as follows:

Revival Schedule:

Monday, April 9th—Sunday School night;

Tuesday, April 10th—Training Union night;

Wednesday, April 11th—Family night;

Thursday, April 12th—"Pack-A-Pew" night;

Friday, April 13th—Bring a Friend night;

Saturday, April 14th—Youth night;

Rev. William B. Sawyer is pastor of Merkel's First Baptist Church.

## Elementary Girls Win Tennis Meet

Linda Rutledge and Nelda Doan won first place in the grade school girls doubles in the Interscholastic League Tennis Meet held in Roscoe March 23. Honey Ann Steek won first place in Junior Girls Singles.

This gave Merkel Elementary School a clean sweep of the grade school tennis for girls.

## ALLEYS MUST BE CLEANED

All residents must clean the alleys adjacent to their property so the trash truck can pass. Violation of the city ordinance to block the city alleys.



DR. MARSHALL RHEW



WESLEY BOYD

## DR. RHEW EVANGELIST AT METHODIST REVIVAL

Revival services begin Sunday at First Methodist Church with Dr. Marshall Rhow, pastor at First Methodist Church in Sweetwater as evangelist. He will preach twice this Sunday, 10:50 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Week-day services will be at 7 a.m., 10 a.m., and 7:30 p.m. Breakfast will be served before and after the 7 a.m. service.

Both week-day morning services will be identical, with Dr. Rhow preaching on "Prayer." Such topics as, "How to Spend 15 Minutes in Prayer Time" and "Praying All the Time" will be dealt with in these morning services.

Students and employed persons are urged to the early morning services.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Boyd, who came from Ireland, will direct the music of the revival. The services by Dr. Rhow and the Boyds will close on Friday night, April 13.

Dr. Rhow has had a wonderful ministry in the Northwest Texas Methodist Conference, and is known for his wonderful messages on "Prayer" and his practicing a life of prayer. Before his three years at Sweetwater, he was District superintendent of the Stamford District.

He has served churches at Vernon, Stamford, Berger, Roscoe, and Abernathy. He is a graduate of SMU and of Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist. McMurry College conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity on Rev. Rhow in August of 1957.

Boyd is a native of Belfast, Northern Ireland, and has been in this country since the summer of 1959. He is the soloist and song-leader for the Rev. Joe Blinco, associate evangelist of Billy Graham.

Boyd has accompanied Blinco in many parts of the world, including Britain, The Caribbean, Australia, Canada, and the United States.

In his native Ireland, Boyd won distinction at the Belfast and Dublin Music Festivals, where, in 1958, he carried off the premier awards at both festivals, including the famous John McCormick Cup.

Wherever he goes, he is called upon to sing many of his native Irish songs.

Mrs. Boyd has toured the continent of Europe and the United States as pianist for the Belfast Girl Singers.

These persons are fully dedicated Christians, having given themselves to evangelistic work after becoming professional people in the field of music.

## Commissioners Questioned By Merkel Students

County Commissioners were put to test Tuesday by a Merkel Junior High Government Class.

The class — 32 strong — showed up at the County Courthouse Tuesday to make a first-hand study of county government. It was carried out through assistance of various officials explaining functions and duties of their respective offices.

County Judge Reed Ingalsbe acted as host for the students at the commissioners meeting.

Students were a bit reluctant to "open up" on questions. However, once they started, they had plenty to ask.

Commissioner court members observed the group had some "pretty good" questions.

## Sites, Hamner, Graham Elected By Trent Voters

TRENT — Yates Sites, Clark Hamner and Onis Graham Tuesday were elected city councilmen for two year terms. Dow Williamson was a fourth candidate for office.

The councilmen will assume duties Monday.

Thirty-four votes were cast in the election. Sites and Hamner got 34 each and Graham 33 votes.

## CEMETERY FUND

The Cemetery fund donations will not be published every week but will be published once a month and that will be in the last issue of each month.

## FARMERS, RANCHERS NEED MORE MOISTURE

COLLEGE STATION — Texas farmers and ranchmen need a break in the weather, John Hutchison, director of the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, says.

Only limited areas received enough moisture last week to help land the situation worsened in southern, southwestern and western areas where winds depleted soil moisture, reports from the district agents said.

Planting dropped further behind because of dry soil and low temperatures.

Moisture in Central Texas was adequate in eastern counties and short in the west. Oats made some growth. Corn and sorghum planting progressed but moisture is needed to insure stands. Pastures are improving.

Winds and sun depleted the small amount of moisture and all crops and ranges need rain around San Angelo. Livestock are in fair to good condition but feeding is heavy.

Light rains soon disappeared as high dry winds continued in far West Texas. Pre-plant irrigation is in full swing; sheep and goat shearing is well along; and feeding continues.

Mitchell, Scurry and Howard counties received from a half inch to two inches of rain last week.

The Rev. W. B. Sawyer, pastor of First Baptist Church and president of the Merkel Ministerial Alliance, has announced that the Alliance will sponsor an Easter Sunrise Service, April 22. Weather permitting it will be held at the Badger Football Stadium.

Should the weather be bad, the service will be held at the First Methodist Church. Time of service is 6 a.m.

The program is as follows:

Invocation: Rev. J. Alvis Cooley, pastor, First Methodist Church.

Congregational Singing, led by Sam Ligon, Minister of Music, First Baptist Church.

Offering will be taken by Rev. Derrall Gleghorn, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Scripture, read by Rev. Milton Martinez, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Mission.

Choir Special, composed of members of all church choirs in the city.

Message by Rev. John Curtis, pastor of the Assembly of God Church.

Benediction by Rev. W. B. Sawyer.

Ligon has announced that several choir practices will be held and the members and churches will be notified as to time, date and place.

The public is cordially invited to attend this sunrise service.

Mrs. D. I. Davis of Rt. 4, Merkel, was admitted to Hendrick Memorial Hospital for observation Saturday after the car she was driving was in collision with one driven by William Matthew Hinds of Box 504, Coleman, at S. 14th and Chestnut Sts., about noon.

Hospital attendants listed Mrs. Davis' condition as "good."

Mrs. Eldridge Hinds of 615 W. Ford in Coleman, a passenger in the Hinds car, was slightly injured in the accident, according to Abilene policeman Harold Hambrick.

Hambrick said Mrs. Hinds suffered only minor injuries.

The Hinds car was traveling south on Chestnut St., and Mrs. Davis was going west on S. 1st at the time of the accident, Hambrick said.

LITTLE LEAGUE TRYOUTS SLATED

Tryouts will be April 10-13 at the Little League Field from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Boys will not be allowed to try out unless an application is properly filled out and signed by parents and in the hands of the try-out manager.

Any boy who will attain the age of nine before Aug. 1 and who will not attain the age of 13 before Aug. 1, shall be eligible to compete in Little League baseball.

COMPERE CEMETERY WORKING TUESDAY

The annual cemetery working at Compere Cemetery will be held next Tuesday and everyone is invited to come and bring their lunch. W. D. Ramsey, president of the cemetery association has announced.

They are asked to bring all the tools that are needed for working the cemetery, he added.

Lunch will be served at the Compere Baptist Church.

PET VACCINATIONS SLATED WEDNESDAY

Dr. Chapman, veterinarian from Abilene, will be in Merkel at the fire department in the city hall building April 11 to give vaccination shots for all pet animals.

The inoculations will be given between 2 and 5:30 p.m. Fee is \$2.50 for the shot and a tag.

All owners who haven't already had pets vaccinated are urged to do so next Wednesday.

## Tuscola Church Begins Work On New Building

TUSCOLA — Ground has been broken at Tuscola First Baptist Church for the new education building on the north side of the present building. Taking part in the service were H. B. Terry Jr., H. B. Williams, W. L. Morris of Abilene, Jack W. Hancock, Boles H. Fry, Lawrence Care and Luther Caldwell of Abilene, contractor.

The new unit will be known as the Morris building, as a donation was given for the building by Morris and Mrs. J. D. Sheffield of Loring in memory of their parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Morris, pioneer residents of the Tuscola community, and their sister, the late Miss Lucy Morris.

When the building is complete, there will be a dedication service. A new organ, recently purchased by the church, will also be dedicated.

The new unit will add 1,000 feet of floor space and will give nine more classrooms. The present auditorium was built in 1948.

The building committee includes Jack W. Hancock, Boles H. Fry and Lawrence Carey.

The Rev. H. B. Terry Jr., pastor, is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and has completed two years of work at the Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. For the past 6 1/2 years he has served as pastor of the Tuscola First Baptist Church.

## Merkel Elementary School Second In Scholastic Meet

The University Interscholastic League spring meet was held in Abilene at Abilene Christian College on Saturday, March 31. In the grade school division elementary schools from Merkel, Rotan, Roscoe, Wylie and Coahoma were represented.

Rotan Elementary School won with 59 points.

Merkel Elementary School was a close second with 52 points.

The following children represented Merkel: Debi Corder and Frances Doan, third place in fifth and sixth grade spelling; Youlanda Carey and Mike Hester, second place in seventh and eighth grade spelling and plain writing; Suzy Wilson, story-telling; Brenda Barnett, Debra Block, Kathy Mansfield, Ann Walker, Alan Reed, Valerie Buntin, Barbara Higgins, Reba Cooley and Carolyn Gilmore, second place in picture memory; Hayden Griffin, second place in ready-writing and Linda Windham, third place in ready-writing; Hayden Griffin, third place in Junior Boys' Declamation; Ruth Cooley, third place in Junior Girls' Declamation; Hayden Griffin, first place and Mike Hester, third place in number sense.

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# STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights by Vern Sanford

AUSTIN, Tex. — At a joint meeting of the Governor's Highway Safety conference and the Texas Safety Association, Gov. Price Daniel said that good traffic safety legislation still is lacking because citizens "have never taken enough time and trouble to tell their legislators exactly what they want."

He said that five bills which have failed to pass will be introduced in the January session, "regardless of the identity of your next governor." These concern:

1. State financing to pay the salaries of driver-education teachers in public schools
2. Complete revision of the driver-licensing law.

3. A chemical test law for use in cases of driving while intoxicated — designed to free the innocent and provide medical evidence against the guilty.

4. Adequate city and county traffic courts of record to handle traffic cases with efficiency and justice.

5. Authorization for additional highway patrolmen and additional pay for Department of Public Safety personnel.

Although the Legislature lately approved 51 additional highway patrolmen, a \$300 increase in pay and set a floor of \$4,947 annual salary, the governor reported the patrol still is 150 men short of its authorized strength of 894. He feels the pay hike was sufficient.

**VOTERS LIST** — Comptroller Bob Calvert added up the poll taxes and exemptions sent in by the counties and found 2,355,159 Texans qualified to vote.

This is an increase of 300,000 from 1958, the last non-presidential election year. But it is virtually the same as the number of qualified voters in 1952.

Still holding the record is 1960 with 2,589,924 Texans qualified to vote.

**TEACHERS QUIZZED** — Texas school teachers are pretty good at answering their examinations. Texas Education Agency sent out questionnaires to about 95,000 school people. They expected a

## Young America Cooks— Teen-Agers Aid in Meal Planning



TEEN-AGERS enjoy baking such family treats as this beautiful Pecan Ring.

### For Young Cooks— Easy-to-Bake Pecan Ring

Young cooks who take particular pride in their baking will enjoy making and serving the beautiful Pecan Ring above. Made with yeast and biscuit mix, it is surprisingly simple and quick to put together, yet has all the tender goodness and attractiveness of a sweet yeast bread made by conventional methods. The dough is easy to handle when mixed, and has only one rising. Beginners and experienced bakers alike will find it a splendid addition to their baking repertoire.

**PECAN RING**  
1/2 cup very warm water

- 1 package or cake Fleischmann's Yeast, active dry or compressed
  - 1 egg
  - 1 tablespoon sugar
  - 2 1/2 cups biscuit mix
  - 2 tablespoons soft Fleischmann's Margarine
  - 1/2 cup sugar
  - 2 teaspoons cinnamon
  - 1/2 cup seedless raisins
  - 1 cup confectioners' sugar
  - 4 teaspoons warm water
  - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
  - 3/4 cup coarsely chopped Planters Pecans
- Measure very warm water into large mixing bowl. Sprinkle or

crumble in Fleischmann's Yeast, stir until dissolved. Add egg, 1 tablespoon sugar and biscuit mix. Beat vigorously. Turn dough on to surface well dusted with biscuit mix. Knead just until smooth, about 20 times. Roll into rectangle 16x9 inches. Spread with margarine; sprinkle with 1/2 cup sugar, cinnamon and raisins. Roll up tightly from 16-inch side. Seal well by pinching edge of dough into roll. Hold one end in each hand and twist in opposite directions about 4 times. Form into a circle. Pinch ends together. Cover. Let rise in warm place (85° F.) free from draft, until doubled in bulk, about 1 hour. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) for 20 to 25 minutes. Frost while warm with Ring made by combining confectioners' sugar with water and vanilla; sprinkle with pecans. Makes 1 ring.

Because it is delicately sweet and crunchy, Pecan Ring may be served with desserts that are usually accompanied by cookies or cake—ice cream, puddings, gelatins. When paired with a milk-rich pudding, it provides growing youngsters with important nutritional benefits as well as taste delight.

Royal Scotch Spice Cream is a delightful dessert to accompany Pecan Ring. It is a dessert that the young cook can make easily and serve proudly to her family and friends.

#### ROYAL SCOTCH SPICE CREAM

- 1 package Royal Butterscotch Pudding
  - 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
  - 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
  - 1/8 teaspoon ginger
  - 1/8 teaspoon cloves
  - 3 cups milk
- Mix Royal Butterscotch Pudding and spices together; add milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a boil. Cool slightly. Pour into sherbet glasses and chill. Yield: 6 servings.

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2nd—\$5.75 Sepia Tone Portrait  
3rd—\$4.75 Portrait

Pictures Of Every Child Photographed Will Be Published In **MERKEL MAIL**

**EASY TO ENTER**—Simply have your child's photograph taken by **WINSTON B. LUCAS PHOTOGRAPHER** at **NO COST** to you. They will show proofs from which you may choose the pose you wish entered in the contest and your child is automatically entered; and at this time you may order photographs for gifts or keepsakes if you wish. (Postage and handling 25c) but this is entirely up to you. **WINSTON B. LUCAS**, of Irving, an expert child photographer, will be here to take pictures, with all the necessary equipment to take nice portraits for this exciting event. There is no age limit to this contest — even the tiniest tots enjoy being photographed by our photographer.

**This Is A Local Contest!**  
(CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PARENT or GUARDIAN)  
**ONE DAY ONLY!**  
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THURSDAY, APRIL 12  
Chamber of Commerce Office 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
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30 per cent return but \$2,000 answered.

Questions were part of a Texas Legislative Council study of teacher training.

Results will be fed through computers to give lawmakers an idea of what school people think about the way public schools are run and how teachers are trained.

**WATER LOANS HIT** — The state will borrow another \$15,000,000 on April 19 to help local water districts, river authorities and cities on their water projects.

Texas Water Development Board has the authority to borrow up to \$100,000,000 for this purpose.

Its first bond issue of \$10,000,000 is nearly used up in four loans. So another \$15,000,000 worth of bonds will be sold.

Major projects helped so far by this state program is the Toledo Bend reservoir on the Sabine River near Newton. It will get a \$15,000,000 loan over the next four years.

**PADRE STUDY** — Herb Petry, chairman of a special committee to study the various proposals for making Padre Island a recreational area, said the committee will

have a meeting in April to decide on its recommendations.

Governor Daniel appointed the committee after differences developed as to whether Padre Island should be turned into a recreation area by the federal or state government.

A bill in Congress has authorized federal purchase of a large part of the island as a national seashore area. But the bill has not passed the House of Representatives because South Texas Congressmen favor a smaller area, if any at all.

**GI FARMS** — Veterans Land Board has sold 20 repossessed GI farms for \$19,000 more than it had invested in them.

But it turned down bids on a Grayson County tract which drew 33 bidders.

Board tried, but failed, to put a block deal back together by advertising for bids on an 860 acre farm in Zavala County. Board had set the minimum bid at \$150,000 but nobody bid.

Only qualified veterans who have not made GI land loans were eligible to bid on the tracts.

**PROFESSORS PAY** — Two University of Texas department heads told their troubles as they moved into a new \$4,000,000 business and economics building.

Dr. Carey C. Thompson, chairman of the economics department, said he recently lost a good faculty member to the University of Rochester which bid up his salary from \$7,800 to \$13,000 a year.

### It's Time For... EYE CARE

Dr. Newton K. Wesley  
**Cataracts:**

Years ago it was thought that those with cataracts would have to postpone an operation until the cataract had "ripened". This is not true today. Modern surgical techniques have made this operation safe and effective 95 times out of 100. The decision to operate is usually made by the doctor when the cataract has affected the vision enough to interfere with the following of one's profession.

Surgery is the only known effective cure for a cataract condition. Don't be misled by "cure-all" claims of curing this condition through the use of salves, eye drops, or other such means.

Cataracts, the most important single cause of blindness among adults, occurs when the normally clear lens within the eye becomes cloudy, blocking some or all the light rays entering the eye. If the cloudiness is slight and the vision is not interfered with, an operation may not be necessary. However, if the cloudiness is extensive enough to obscure vision, the doctor will, no doubt, recommend an operation. A person operated on for cataracts must wear corrective lenses for the rest of his life. A pair of special glasses or, in some cases, contact lenses, are necessary to replace the clouded lens removed from the eye.

Cataract sufferers can be assured that, thanks to today's modern methods, the surgical treatment is safe and highly effective.

Dr. John Arch White of the College of Business Administration said his college had not had a full staff since the end of World War II. Last year he needed to hire 12 young instructors but could only find eight and lost four of them. Other employers outbid his salary limits.

The two departments have a fine new building but are hard-pressed for professors for their growing number of students.

**SUNDAY SALES** — Atty. Gen. Will Wilson has held that the new law which prohibits car-house sales on Sunday or Saturday does not prohibit the sale of mobile homes (house trailers).

New law requires retailers in many lines to close either on Saturday or Sunday.

## Mrs. R. E. Dayton Heads Lambda Beta Chapter

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met March 20 in the R. E. A. Building with the president, Mrs. Joe Lassiter, presiding. The members voted on "Best Program of the Year" to be revealed on Founder's Day April 30th.

New Officers elected were Mrs. R. E. Dayton Jr., president; Mrs. H. B. Robertson, vice-president; Mrs. Teddy Byrd, recording secretary; Mrs. John Mason, treasurer; Mrs. Peggy Wannack, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Patsy Hunter, extension officer; Mrs. W. T. Sadler, sponsor, and Mrs. Almada Bullock, director.

The program for the evening was presented by the Gay Gardeners under the direction of Miss Foster. It was entitled "Birds" and gave the different types of birds, their descriptions, feeding habits, and the protection they give trees and plants.

It was a very entertaining pro-

gram and was greatly enjoyed by all present, Mrs. Dayton reported. The next meeting will be the Ritual of Jewels ceremony April 3 in the home of Mrs. W. T. Sadler.

## POLITICAL Announcements

- STATE SENATE, 24th District  
Truett Latimer
- DISTRICT CLERK  
W. L. McDonald, Anson, (reelection.)
- TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE  
Roy Skaggs
- STATE SENATE  
David Ratliff (reelection)
- COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT  
Clive Pierce (reelection)
- TEXAS LEGISLATURE, 44th Dist. Place 1.  
Mrs. Barbara Hawkins

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**NEW LOW RATE**  
Speaking of economy, did you know that homes served by West Texas Utilities Company are heated during the winter months at a low low 1¢ rate per kilowatt hour? Enjoy this new, low rate in your home! Ask a WTU representative to discuss this new rate with you.

West Texas Utilities Company  
an investor owned company

\* Plus fuel adjustment and state tax. For details, contact your local WTU office.



# APRIL RAIN OF BARGAINS

PRICES GOOD THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 6, 7.

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**PINEAPPLE** FLAT Can ..... **15¢**

**SNOWDRIFT** 3 lb. Can ... **63¢**

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**JELLO** 3 For ..... **29¢**

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## Stith HDC Members Hear Program On Plaid Materials

Mrs. Plank was hostess to the Stith Home Demonstration Club March 28 at the Stith Community Center.

Mrs. Mashburn read a passage of scripture and Mrs. Jones led the opening prayer.

Roll call was the answer to the question, "Do you have a good place to sew?"

Louise Hudson has moved to another county and district and Mrs. Wesley Mashburn was elected to fill her unexpired term as president.

The Home Demonstration agent, Mrs. Newberry, brought the program on working with plaids. She

showed pieces of material, demonstrating woven and printed plaids, balanced and unbalanced, and right and left plaids, and talked of ways to handle each for best appearance. She also pointed out that in order to match the pattern at seams, it is wise to buy from 1-8 to 1 full yard more material than for a solid color.

Mrs. Plank served refreshments to Mrs. Bradley Hudson, Ely, Leach, Mashburn, Jones, Snyder, Hill, Fikes, Newberry, Louise Hudson, and four children.

The next meeting will be April 11, when the program will be "Late information on Heart, Diabetes and Polio."

Wonderful World of Easter for All Children April 20th.

## TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

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We would like to express our sincere appreciation to our many friends for their acts of kindness and sympathy during the illness and after the death of our loved one.

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Mrs. John Young  
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## UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

We are having some fine weather up the Canyon this week. Some real good plowing weather and farmers are catching up with their plowing.

We are all the time saying "just look what a good rain would do." Well, we are serious at this time. It would be very fitting at this time.

However, we are having a fine plowing season.

Some few farmers are thinking of planting some early grass for grazing but the nights are still cold. Some ice reported this week. And you will recall we had warmer weather in some January and February than we are having now in April.

Some ranchers are saying when some warm days appear they plan to shear their sheep and others say they plan on shearing from May 15 to June 1. So that's the difference in ranchers' opinions. Frank Brnovak, Canyon stockman, said his lamb crop was a little smaller than last year but said they were good quality lambs.

Have you been down to the Edgar Davis feed yards at old Camp Barkeley?

Well, it is out of this world, a turn-button job of feeding.

We recently visited the yards to see the most complete set up in operation.

His nephew, Irvin Davis, showed us around and through the plant and yards. Three hundred head of cattle and 1,600 lambs were on feed. Davis was planning to ship some 200 steers weighing around 1,100 pounds. Drive down and Irvin will show you around.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Davis and children, Dell and Myrtle, live on the Davis ranch in the mountains south of Merkel.

This Sunday plans are under way for the dedication of the Bernie Opal Riney Memorial at Pioneer Church at the 11 a.m. services.

Mrs. Dewell McLean will be in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Swinney visited in their parents' home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. \_\_\_\_\_ and children spent the weekend in Abilene with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Perry and daughter, Dianne, spent Sunday in Abilene visiting with W. T.'s mother and his grandmother, Mrs. Tom Edd Reynolds.

Mrs. Harry Riney is visiting this week in her daughter's home, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander, at Berger. She went there to attend the wedding of her granddaughter, Miss Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Scott attended church at Pioneer Sunday. They are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Fayne Perry of Aspermont spent Saturday night in the Tom Russom's home. They were here to see Andy Pruitt who is in Sadler Clinic-Hospital in Merkel. Perry is ranch foreman at the Pruitt Ranch at Aspermont.

## CROSSWAYS

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from DALLAS PERKINS

MY TWO OPPONENTS FOR THE STATE SENATE ARE PROMISING THAT THEY WILL CORRECT THE INEQUITIES IN THE SALES TAX AND THE INSURANCE RATING SYSTEM IF THEY GET BACK TO AUSTIN. THEY'VE BEEN THERE FOR TWENTY YEARS BETWEEN THEM. AND THEY HAVE BEEN PASSING INEQUITABLE LAWS EVER SINCE THEY HAVE BEEN THERE.

I GUESS THEY HAVE TO PASS THESE THINGS SO THEY WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO PROMISE WHEN THEY ARE TRYING TO GET REELECTED. THEY PROMISE TO UNDO WHAT THEY DID IF YOU WILL SEND THEM BACK.

FRIEND OF MINE IN TUSCOLA SAID THE ONLY THING WRONG WITH POLITICS IS POLITICIANS.

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## Merkel Garden Club Yearbook Wins First Place

At the District VIII meeting of the Texas Garden Clubs at Olney, March 23, the Merkel Garden Club placed first in Group One of the Advanced Clubs with a score of 99.

The Junior Garden Club placed third with a score of 96. Under leadership of Mrs. Carroll Benson and Miss Norah Foster (the Junior Club has a membership of 30 students in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades) Cheryl Herring is president of the Junior Garden Club.

Mrs. Mack Fisher is president of the Merkel Garden Club and Mrs. Robert Hicks is yearbook chairman.

Members from the Merkel Garden Club attending the Olney meeting were Mrs. Dale Litton, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, and Mrs. Charlie Sherrill.

## LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Abilene, a municipal corporation, having determined by and through its Board of Commissioners, that it is advisable to make an oil, gas and mineral lease covering the hereinafter described land situated in Taylor County, Texas, hereby gives notice of its intention to lease such land; such land being described as follows to-wit:

TRACT ONE: All of the Loni Soucy Pre-emption Survey No. 31, containing 80 acres, more or less;

TRACT TWO: All of the Mary Cranfill Pre-emption Survey No. 32, containing 137 acres, more or less;

TRACT THREE: The East 480 Acres of Survey 21, T&P Ry. Co., Block 4;

TRACT FOUR: The West 55<sup>th</sup> acres of Samuel Andrews Survey No. 117;

TRACT FIVE: An 83 acre tract out of West half of Samuel Andrews Survey No. 117, beginning at the Northeast corner of above described tract 4; THENCE S 15 deg. E with the East line of said 552 acre Tract 4, 470 varas; THENCE N 75 deg. E 1,000 varas; parallel to NBL of Samuel Andrews Survey 117; THENCE N 15 deg. W, 470 varas to the NBL of Survey 117; THENCE S 75 deg. W with NBL of Survey 117 and SBL of T&P Ry. Survey 21 and 22 of Block 4, 1,000 varas to place of beginning, containing 83 acres, more or less.

(Said five tracts aggregating 1,332 acres more or less.)

The City of Abilene owns all of the oil, gas and other minerals in and to the above described lands, and therefore, the bonus consideration, the annual delay rentals, and the royalties to be paid under any lease shall be paid in full to the City of Abilene.

The City of Abilene here now gives notice by publication in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas, having a general circulation therein, once a week for a period of three (3) consecutive weeks, designating the time and place after such publication where it will receive and consider bids for such mineral lease on the above described lands, as the Board of Commissioners may determine to make; the time and place for such hearing being heretofore designated by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Abilene as the meeting place of the Board of Commissioners in the City Hall, Abilene, Texas, on the 27th day of April, 1962, at 9 o'clock A.M. On such date the Board of Commissioners of the City of Abilene shall receive and consider any and all bids submitted for the leasing of the above described lands or portions thereof; provided, however, that if in the judgement of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Abilene, the bids submitted for the leasing of the above described lands or portions thereof do not represent the fair value of such lease, the Board of Commissioners may, in its discretion, reject all bids, and provided that any such lease shall retain at least one-eighth (1/8) royalty to the City of Abilene, to be reduced in proportion to its ownership in the event of production; and provided further that no such lease shall contain a primary term extending beyond May 1, 1964.

SIGNED this the 29th day of March, 1962.

(SEAL)

THE CITY OF ABILENE  
By C. R. Kinard, Mayor  
ATTEST:  
By Lila Fern Martin City Secretary

4-3TC

## gabby doodle from noodle says

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Zeke Grubb's preacher come by the country store Saturday night for a few minutes, said he couldn't stay long on account of his church was putting on a hot dog sale and he was Chairman of the Mustard Committee.

The good Parson allowed as how he wasn't agin eating but it was getting so's you couldn't hold the weekly prayer meeting without serving hot coffee and doughnuts. At his church, for instance, he claims it takes more time and members to run the kitchen in the basement than it does to run the Lord's business upstairs. He told the fellers a week never went by but what the Kitchen Committee was putting on a barbecue supper or a chicken dinner and some weeks both.

This hot dog they was putting on Saturday night, he said, was somepun new and if it went pritty good he wouldn't be surprised to see 'em announce the next one on the church bulletin board out in front of the building, right under the topic for the next sermon.

And, claimed the Parson, the end ain't in sight. Just last week, he reported, some of the members was making plans to put in ping-pong tables in the basement and rig up a place to play horse-shoes and softball out on the lawn. He was predicting that the time was coming when the members was going to have to make up their mind whether they was running a church or a Y. M. C. A., and whether they wanted the emphasis put on the Good Book or on hot dogs and ping-pong.

But taking everything all in all, the Parson reported, he'd had a pritty good week, only two little matters coming up for major consideration. One of the members got in the hospital and it was three days afore he went to see her. The reason he was so late getting there, he said, was because none of the members told him she was sick. But some of the congregation was mighty disturbed about it, he reported.

The second item, he told the fellers, was a little more tricky. The income tax folks was checking on one of his good members and he come to the Parson and ask him to sign a statement verifying on how much he had to the church last year. This member don't use no envelopes, is one of them put-it-in-loose members, he said and the figger he wanted signed was pritty high.

The good Parson left without saying whether he signed it or not, and to speak frank, Mister Editor, none of the fellers had the heart to ask him.

Yours truly,  
Gabby

## April 16 Deadline For Payment Of 1961 SS Taxes

Farmers who have not already paid their 1961 social security taxes have until April 16 to do so, according to R. R. Tuley Jr., manager of the Abilene social Security District office.

"A farmer must pay the self-employment tax if the net income from his farm is \$400 or more, unless his gross income was under \$900. This tax is due even though no income tax may be due," he said.

"If a farmer's net income was less than \$400 but his gross was at least \$600, he may elect to pay on two-thirds of his gross and report up to \$1,200 for social security purposes," Tuley said.

The district manager also stressed that farmers who haven't paid self-employment tax in past years may wish to use this optional method now and pay the back taxes.

"The last chance to correct and report 1958 income under the optional method is April 15," he said.

## MR., MRS. JOHNNY O'DELL PARENTS OF SON

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny O'Dell have announced the birth of an 8-pound, 6-ounce son March 31 at Sadler Clinic-Hospital. The maternal grandmother is Mrs. T. T. Carey of Merkel and the paternal grandparents are Mr. W. W. O'Dell of Albuquerque, N.M., and Mrs. Earl Quinn of Lawton, Okla.

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## Sam Swann Back From Trip Abroad

Q—Are those who fought in the Mexican Border campaign against Villa in 1916 eligible for veterans benefits?

A—They are eligible to receive a burial flag at the time of death. Although other benefits have been proposed in Congress, no legislation for benefits has resulted.

Q—Must an eligible war orphan attend college to take advantage of the War Orphans Education Assistance act?

A—No. Vocational training and other subjects that will help toward a career are permitted. All subjects must be above the high school level, however.

Q—Can inductees and draftees en-

Sam Swann, Merkel Polled Hereford breeder, returned last week from a trip to Mexico City; Panama City; Lima, Peru; Sao Paulo Brazil; Rio De Janeiro; Montevideo, Uruguay; Buenos Aires; and Santiago, Chile.

He spent two days in each of the cities, except one day in Sao Paulo and eight in Santiago.

Swann said he visited several ranches in Argentina, "which is a great cattle country. They run a cow to two acres the year round down there."

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May God's blessings be with you.  
Odell Eoff family

## SENATOR \*\*\* Yarborough's Report

Dear Fellow Texan:

Our State of Texas knows the importance of good relations with Latin American countries. Texas has much at stake—not only because of our large import-export trade—but because of our history, cultural understanding, and growth potential.

The major effort of the United States in Latin America today is channeled through the Alliance for Progress, a ten-year program of cooperation among the American Republics—from which Communist Fidel Castro's captive Cuba has been excluded, and branded as a mouthpiece for Communism. In effect, Cuba has excluded itself from the ranks of American nations seeking a better way of life in peace and in freedom. Castro and his Communist supporters have chosen instead a bitter future of hunger, hardship and peril for the people to whom they promised so much.

Castro is like a little feist trotting along behind the Russian wolfhound Khrushchev. The delegates of the Organization of American States met in January this year at Punta del Este in Uruguay and declared that the American Republics would stop trade with Cuba in arms and the implements of war. President Kennedy on February 3rd announced an embargo on Uni-

ted States trade with Cuba except for certain medicines and foodstuffs for humanitarian reasons alone. On March 23, the United States declared to the world that it would not allow Cuba to use other countries as fronts through which to move its tobacco and other products into the United States by trickery.

These are steps in the right direction but the United States and the rest of the Free World must in my opinion take even stronger action against the Communists in Cuba.

The Cuban economy is falling fast. Managerial and technical talent has fled Cuba. The State Department informs me that 150,000 to 175,000 people have fled from Cuba since Castro took over. About 125,000 of these Cubans came to the United States in a dramatic repetition of the many hundreds of thousands who fled Communist rule in East Germany to come to the freedom of West Germany.

Castro's bayonets and the shark-infested waters of the Strait of Florida are all that are keeping hundreds of thousands more Cubans from fleeing Castro's Communist regime.

Castro is offering excuses to the Cuban people for rigid rationing of basic food like rice and

black beans. The sugar cane crop is off 25 per cent and Cuba is short of cash. They recently sold three planes to get a little money. Many of their field workers are in the Cuba militia, they drill in the second largest army in the Western Hemisphere while the Cuban children cry from hunger. The dismay of the Cuban people with Castro's false promises is held back only by bayonets.

This is the time for the United States to call on every nation receiving foreign aid from the United States to cut off prohibited trade with Cuba. Stronger measures are demanded if the virus of Castro's Communism is to be stopped from spreading. The American taxpayer is apposed to sending money to countries that help through trade with Cuba in materials that sustain the Communist Castro regime. Now is the time for all Free nations to cut off aid to Communist Cuba.

The measure I propose might bring temporary hardship to Cuba, but would quicken freedom for the hungry people of Cuba who are being fed on a diet of hatred of the United States by Fidel Castro. But the end result—the quick removal of Castro Communist chains from the Cuban people—is the kindest thing we can do for them.

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The "Seven Ages" are six months, when the child can smile yet is still a fat cuddly baby; one year, when his features first begin to show future family likeness and he wears his first hard-soled shoes; second birthday, when he has his baby teeth and is almost out of diapers and into short pants; and fourth birthday, when he has lost his "baby fat." Also, the seventh birthday, when second teeth are developing; 12th birthday, when he is on the verge of being a teenager; and the 16th birthday, when a boy starts to shave and is almost an independent adult.



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### Comment from the Capital —

#### ROUNDUP

by Vant Neff

Not long ago I got off the train and hailed a taxi at Grand Central Station, New York City. As we drove downtown, the cabbie said Sunday was the only day fit to drive in the city any more. I agreed that traffic on weekdays was a real mess.

"You know," said the cabbie, "I wish we had a union. Then I'd be getting mine. I wouldn't kick if the head man grabbed twice as much as Hoffa. Look at those electricians. Working half my hours for twice my take. They got it made."

"All they're doing is pushing prices up," I answered. "Soon the carpenters will demand more; then the bus drivers, then cooks, then barbers, then everybody. More wages for less work just chases prices higher and higher. Pretty soon your dollar won't buy much."

"Your dollar don't buy much of anything in this town," the driver said.

"It doesn't buy much of anything in any town," I returned. "And if everybody goes on looking for more money for less work, imagine what it'll be like in five or ten years. Everybody getting twice the pay for half as much work. That would make today's dollar worth just two bits. It's just like a spotlight on a stage. One spot makes an actor stand out. A dozen spotlights and nothing is spotlighted. The whole stage is flooded."

"I don't know anything about spotlights," the driver said. "All I see is everybody grabbing and I want mine!"

I wonder whether the leaders of AFL-CIO will continue to disregard President Kennedy's request for cooperation . . . and consumed by greed continue their demands for higher wages and shorter hours, which can only lead to self-defeating inflation.

One rich international union has a slogan "It pays to belong". It sure does, but the catch is, it pays who?

The AFL-CIO has a full-time Director of Investments to decide what to do with \$50,000,000 worth of assets. Workers have paid \$350,000,000 to the Garment Union. UAW has collected \$50,000,000 from auto workers.

Unions own banks, real estate, insurance companies. They pay no taxes on these

dues that continue to pour in. This great concentration of financial power, largely unregulated by any civil law, is one of the things that makes thoughtful people wary.

A few weeks back I wrote that unionization of the federal government which the Kennedy Administration seems to be encouraging could lead to strikes in government. One of the unions trying to organize civil service employees writes me that they will never go on strike. That's nice . . . May be so. Maybe they would just threaten the way Mike Quill does when he wants to bring New York City's government owned Transit Authority to its knees in the form of a subway strike. Or maybe the union leaders will be blissfully content when they have compulsory union membership (the so-called union shop) and the check-off (automatic collection of dues before the em-



ployee gets his pay). This would empower the union (legally a private voluntary (!) organization) to enforce collection of its private taxes on every civil servant.

Nice source of revenue for a "private" organization, but shocking in its implications.

With all the protection afforded by Civil Service Laws, I doubt that employees of the federal government need a union to protect them against the American public.

Now that the first report of the President's Committee on Business Ethics has been filed — the score is 0-0. The 21 members — 7 labor, 7 management, 7 public — found out that automation is here to stay and that we had better learn to live with it. This wasn't news to anybody.

Most of the union members want a shorter work week. Management members —

Henry Ford II is one — feel that with the rest of the world producing more at a lesser cost, we should concentrate on increasing our productivity.

Next on the agenda is labor-management relations.

With the pendulum having swung so far to labor's point of view in Washington these days, observers feel that public members of the Committee must throw their weight into the standoff, if management and labor are to settle matters fairly.

When Sarah McClendon, reporter, asked President Kennedy about two "security risks" at a recent press conference, she triggered a State Department wrangle that may blow the lid sky-high on the whole security question.

One of the State employees is William Wieland, former newspaper reporter. Wieland has been discredited by two former ambassadors to Latin American countries — Robert C. Hill (Mexico) and William D. Pawley (Brazil and Peru) and by Dr. Milton Eisenhower, Ike's brother. Many think that Wieland was an important influence in setting up Castro's red regime in Cuba — not only because his planning withheld arms and support from Batista — but also because Wieland fell for the hokey that Castro was an agrarian reformer.

Now Wieland has been transferred to a less sensitive spot. But why he hasn't been kicked out entirely is a mystery.

While you can't fool most of us more than once, it seems that you can goof off in government many times and still be welcomed home with "all is forgiven."

From the very founding of our country, Sunday has been decreed a day of religious observance and rest. While the sales of necessities on this holiday is essential, lately, some sale-hungry retailers have remained open for business-as-usual selling general merchandise. This practice, it appears to me, is in complete defiance of traditions and the moral concepts of our free society. In the preservation of our way of life, the least that you and I can do is not to buy on Sunday!

### THE NATIONAL OUTLOOK

In February, for the fourth consecutive month, private housing starts declined. The total in that month, on a seasonally adjusted basis, was at an annual rate of 1,125,000. Last October the comparable figure was 1,434,000.

The original forecast of the Department of Commerce was 1,400,000. That always appeared on the high side, and now it is quite unlikely that such a total can be realized. Even some of the men in the department are beginning to question this early estimate.

There are various factors, of course, which influence the volume of building. One of these is the supply of funds, and the terms under which mortgages may be obtained.

At present it is generally agreed that there is no shortage of funds, and the interest rate on mortgages has shown only a very slight increase—and no change at all in most sections of the nation. The persistent drop in the number of

starts, therefore, is not explained by any change in either the volume of funds available, or the terms at which it may be borrowed.

Another important element is the total cost of a house. We do not have an authoritative index on this, but there is no question that over the past several years the trend has been upward. Land values have been increasing, wages have been rising, and building materials and the fixed equipment which goes into homes cost more and more. The changes have not been spectacular from one month to another, either in the aggregate or by the individual items, but a house today is expensive, and that means many persons have been priced out of this market as purchasers.

Weather also plays a part in the number of starts that will be made in any one month, and in February this was especially true. For example, in the Northeast the decline between January and February

was 27 percent; in the West the drop was 29 per cent; in the North Central Region there was an increase of 12 percent; and in the South the rise was 3 percent. The Department of Commerce states specifically "The very heavy rains in Southern California, particularly in the Los Angeles area may have contributed to the sharp drop in the West."

Finally there is the question of demand. During the depression of the 30's there was relatively little home building, and this continued through the war. This created a backlog of demand for housing that was enormous.

This accumulated backlog has all

been worked off, and then some. This does not indicate that everyone has the type of home he would prefer, but there is not the pressure for new houses that there was over most of the past decade.

To a major extent the demand today has come from those who are establishing families for the first time, from those who want and are willing to pay for a better home, and to replace buildings which are destroyed or abandoned.

This aggregate demand should rise from year to year, but for 1962 it will be closer to 1,500,000 than 1,400,000.

Obviously private housing starts are only one part of the total construction picture. When one adds commercial and industrial buildings, and all other construction, he gets a total of some \$60 to \$61 billion as the prospect for this year. That will be a new all time high, but not sufficiently above

1961 to add any great zest to the recovery.

In a word, there is no reason to be especially disturbed by the decline of private housing starts. Construction as a whole will continue to be a sustaining force throughout the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stockbridge visited her mother, Mrs. Nannine Glenn and sister, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Collins of Breckenridge, over the weekend.

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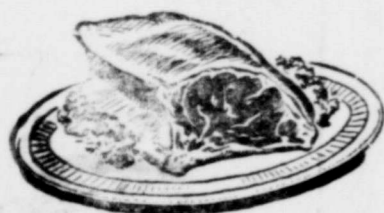
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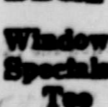
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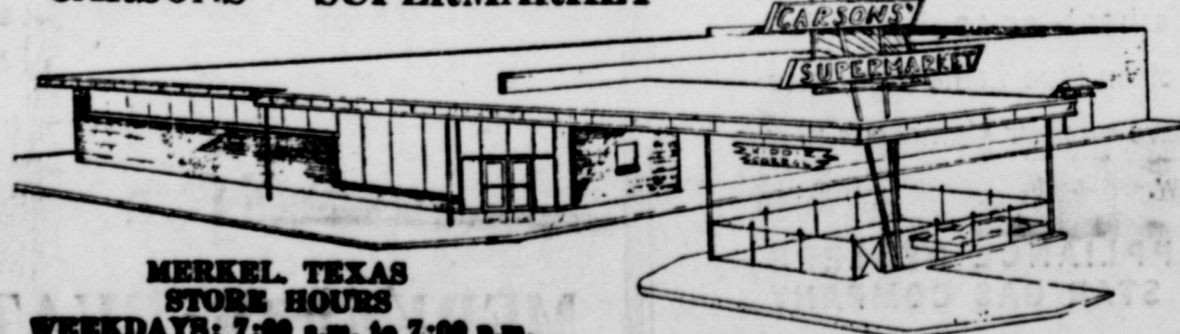
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