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The Little Mail

By E. S. CHASTAIN

Business was good in Merkel back in 1915. I notice an advertisement in the files of the Merkel Mail where you could buy a 10 pound bag of sugar for 47c. Bacon was advertised for 17c per pound and men's shoes could be purchased for as little as \$1.65.

But that was before the four-wheeled monsters made their appearance on the scene. It was too long a trip to hook up old Dobbin and drive 15 or 20 miles to another city. Merchants bought goods by the carload and had customers ready and waiting to buy. It was a pretty good period. Money stayed at home, built churches, schools, paved streets and helped people to get rich.

It might be interesting to reflect backward to the past 60 years. No time in the history of the world has advancement been so great. People who have been fortunate enough to have lived in this period have watched the phenomenal advancement from horse and buggy days to moon shots.

Tale Of The Old West

He died in his boots was the word that came.

We thought him quite daring and honored his name.

He died as he danced, still a later word came.

We said he was romantic and told of his fame.

Till a man from those parts heard the tale.

And said "Nope,"

"He died as he danced at the end of a rope."

In most any community you find a few persons who are interested in art. Being one who likes to dabble with brush and pallet, I'm wondering if any others in Merkel have the same ambition. I think it is one of the better hobbies and lends much toward the expression of cultural talents.

Having belonged to several art clubs and associations, I have seen even beginners complete first class paintings and what's more, exhibit them in a show and win many times.

If any one in Merkel is interested in forming such a club please count me in on it.

DID YOU KNOW THAT TV commercials are responsible for at least 50 per cent of the wear and tear on your TV set, tubes, etc.? Last evening I kept an exact account of the minutes, commercials consumed on a half hour show. Announcers used up 14 1/2 minutes explaining why their products were better than their competitors.

When will the so-called advertising greats of Madison Ave. realize that their commercials have no appeal to except perhaps five-year-old children. Repetitious and disgusting advertising commercials are driving buyers away from their products. So help me, if I ever have to stop at the grocery to buy soap I know what kind I'm NOT going to buy. And that goes for a lot of other merchandise I know of.

Bertha Boring Dies In Ft. Worth

Miss Bertha Boring, a native of Merkel, died Jan. 28, after a short illness.

Funeral was held Jan. 31 at the Owens - Brunley Funeral Home in Fort Worth.

Miss Boring was a retired school teacher, having been associated with the Fort Worth Public School System for the 1950's.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. J. O. Crenshaw, Fort Worth; one brother, W. M. Boring, Tyler; three nephews, Mack Boring, Port Arthur; Billie Boring, Dallas; and James Crenshaw of St. Louis, Mo.; four nieces, Mrs. Carl Clendenon, Mrs. James Truelove, both of Tyler; Mrs. M. W. Woodlief, Waco; and Mrs. W. B. Cheek of Houston.

Announcements

Registration of vehicles can be made at the City Hall Building from February 1, 1963 to March 31, 1963. Office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday.

FLOSSIE MCKEEVER
City Clerk

BUSY FIREMEN TALLY 56 JANUARY CALLS

In 1962 the Merkel Fire Department answered the call to 72 fire alarms. When totals for that year were added up the department regarded the number to be high and thought perhaps they had set some sort of record.

Unless the calls for the balance of 1963 are comparatives few, this year's total will far overstep that of 1962. So far this

Up The Canyon

By TOM RUSSOM

The warm weather we are having up the Canyon makes us think about springtime. It is fine when you can walk around with your shirt sleeves rolled up in February.

Wheat has greened up quite a bit during the warm days that we have had. The livestock is still in good shape after all the cold weather we had.

Uncle E. H. Cordill, one of the old times here says, we will get rain in March. We hope it comes before that time. Anyway we will have to have rain before spring grazing comes.

Ground is plowing perfect in our area and is mostly all done. Livestock trading is at a standstill at this time.

Well, the fishing fever is beginning to start up. V. Garner and Houston Roberson of Merkel were doing a little fishing up the Canyon this week. It may be a little early they said as they did not have any luck.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Scott attended Pioneer Church services on Sunday. They are both recovering from a car wreck and are doing real well at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer and family were in Abilene this week end for the funeral of Mrs. Clemmer's uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Fulbright and children, Big Spring, and little Marl Fern Powell of Stanton visited over the week end in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Wendell Leach and family of Pioneer Church.

Herbert Swinney of Amarillo visited over the week end in his parents home, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney.

Lloyd West and his father of Santa Anna visited over the week end in the home of his grandparent, Mr. E. H. Cordill.

Joe Seymour said his wheat has made a good growth after the warm days that we have had.

Faris and Katy Neff had good luck at the Fort Worth Stock Show with their lambs. Faris won the open show and Katy took 2nd in the fine wool class.

The Neills left this week to attend the San Antonio Show. We hope they win in that show.

Baseball Club Will Work

Board of director member Bob Hook, of the Baseball Association has called a meeting in which he asks that all members and anyone interested in helping to fix up the ball field to please be present at the field on Saturday and Sunday afternoon of this week. The field is located at the old Lobo Baseball field.

Other members of the board of directors are Lynn Knight, Howard Carson, Bryan Dunnagin and Arthur Moore.

There is a bright season ahead for baseball in Merkel and the work at the field has to be done soon as possible and the directors will appreciate any help anyone can give on the above dates.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Admissions to the hospital from Sunday, Jan. 27 through Saturday, Feb. 2 included:

Earl Lassiter
Kleas Parmelly, Tye
Mrs. A. B. Gregory.

Dismissed during the same period were:

M. E. Harris
Val Byrom
Mrs. Mike Ford and baby
Mrs. S. G. Russell
E. L. Marton
Raymond Ferguson
Mrs. Jerry Russell
Mrs. Marvin Freeman
Leon Scott
Mrs. Ford Smith
Mrs. J. C. Jeffrey.

year the department has answered 56 calls. According to Fire Chief Wayman Adcock almost all have been brush or weed fires.

Fire Chief Adcock wishes to caution persons burning weed patches where they might be hazardous and ask that they enlist the aid of the department before doing so. The department has taken it on their own to burn several lots that might prove dangerous to adjoining buildings and are willing to help any property owner who wishes to burn weed and brush near his home. While calls have been frequent for this aid of the department, Chief Adcock stated that they would get to them as soon as possible. In making calls to have weeds burned call the Chief's number and not the fire alarm signal.

Recently there has been some undue criticism concerning the fire department's operations and to clarify a few facts in regard to this it should be stated that there is only one member of the department that is salaried. He is Chester McWilliams who drives the fire truck and is in charge of keeping all the equipment in good shape. Mr. McWilliams does not get paid for calls that are made outside of the city limits.

The Fire Chief and 32 other members all work on a voluntary basis. Their time spent fighting fires is time taken from their jobs and businesses.

A first class, up to date fire department is valuable to any city. Without such facilities any community would be helpless and property damage caused by fire would double, not to mention that insurance rates would be almost prohibitive. Each and every one of the firemen should be commended for their fine work.

Don Wood, 39, manager of the Merkel Country Club, died Wednesday at 11:30 p.m. in Sadler Clinic - Hospital after a short illness.

Funeral was held Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the Starbuck Chapel, with Rex Kyker of Abilene Christian College, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Dec. 7, 1923 in Merkel, he graduated from Merkel High School, held bachelor of Science and bachelor of music degrees from North Texas State University and a master's degree from the University of Denver.

Mr. Wood served in the Navy during World War II, rising to the rank of lieutenant (jg.). He was attached to the Black Cat Flotilla during the war, stationed in the Pacific area.

Survivors include: his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wood of Merkel; one brother, Bill of Merkel; two sons, Jamey and Steve, both of Dallas.

Outstanding Civilian Employee Award Given Merkel Man

Claude Warren, Merkel, civilian employe at Dyess Air Force Base for the past 11 years, was recently awarded a cash prize and a certificate for an incentive suggestion of betterment by the Management Improvement Awards Committee at Dyess.

Winning cash awards and certificates in this division seem to have become a habit for Mr. Warren. So far he has won 10 awards for suggestions made to the base for betterment. One of the ten was a special recognition, an outstanding award for compiling and suggesting the greatest number of accepted suggestions.

Warren is employed in Base Supply and has gained an enviable record for rendering better ways in handling, dispensing and storing of Armed Services supplies.

When some one gets stumped on how or what to do with certain situations the say, "Go get Claude Warren, he can tell us the best way to handle it."

Mr. Warren is not alone in his family as being outstanding. He has three sons who were, or now



CAPT. BOBBY G. GILBERT assigned to Phoenix

Captain Gilbert Gets Transfer

Capt. Bobby G. Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Gilbert of Merkel, has recently been assigned to the U. S. Air Force Recruiting Service in Phoenix, Ariz.

Capt. Gilbert attended Abilene Christian College from 1949 to 1951, after his graduation from Merkel High School in 1948. In the U. S. Air Force 12 years, he is rated a Senior Pilot. Prior to his present assignment, he was a member of the 356th Pilot Training Squadron at Webb Air Force Base, Big Spring.

Capt. Gilbert, his wife Donna, and their three children, now reside in Tempe, Ariz.

Beta Sigma Phi Will Conduct Oral Vaccine

The Beta Sigma Phi Club of Merkel will conduct the Type III Oral Vaccine program to be held in the Community Center Sunday, Feb. 10 during the hours of 1:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m.

Administration of the program will be under the direction of the club president, Bonnie Dayton. The Beta Sigma Phi administered the program when the Type II Vaccine was given.

The Merkel Jaycees have offered to furnish cars for those wishing to be taken to the Center. You may also call Woodrow Wade if anyone wishes to donate any help toward the program.

Store Changes Ownership

Alton Doan has purchased the 9th Street Grocery and Cafe from Mr. and Mrs. Boygent, who have operated the store for the past two months. Mr. Doan formerly owned the store now operated by Mr. and Mrs. Perry on North Kent. The Boygents have no definite plans for the present. Mr. Doan invites his friends to visit him at the new location.

Band Parents Meeting Held

Band Parent Club met Feb. 4 at the High School auditorium.

Mr. Glenn Reed, band director announced that Friday, Feb. 8, is the deadline for the contest of students for band jackets, sweaters and pins. He also announced that the band will go to Lamesa to participate in the contest March 8 and 9.

The Junior Band will go to Cisco on April 6 and on March 23rd the High School Band will participate in the Interscholastic contest at McMurry College in Abilene.

It was announced that the band parents will sponsor a negro minstrel in March, the date to be announced later. Mrs. Sammy Doan is chairman of the finance committee.

An interesting program was provided by Mrs. Spears sixth grade pupils. The next regular meeting will be March 4th.

Type III Oral Vaccine Slated For Feb. 10

Oral Type III Vaccine for Polio will be administered in Merkel Sunday, February 10 at the Community Center during the hours from 1 p.m. through 5 p.m.

Information furnished by Dr. W. T. Sadler in regard to a statement released to the press from the Office of the Surgeon General reads as follows:

Communities planning immunization campaigns against poliomyelitis are urged to move ahead, using all three types of Sabin oral vaccine with particular emphasis on children and young adults, Surgeon General

Luther L. Terry of the Public Health Service announced today.

The Committee stressed that special attention be given to children because they comprise the population group "in whom the danger of naturally occurring poliomyelitis is greatest and who serve as the natural source of poliomyelitis infection in the community."

"In the oral and Salk vaccines we have two established weapons against polio and we can, I believe, look forward to the day when polio is finally eliminated in this country," the Surgeon General stated. "With a total of

around 650 cases reported this year, compared to almost 58,000 a decade ago, it is clear we are well on our way."

It is therefore recommended: (1) that community plans for immunization be encouraged, using all three types; and, (2) that immunization be emphasized for children in whom the danger of naturally occurring poliomyelitis is greatest and who serve as the natural source of poliomyelitis infection in the community. Because of the need for immunization diminishes with advancing age and because potential risks some to exist in adults, especially above the age of 30, vaccination should be used for adults only with the full recognition of its very small risk.

Vaccination is especially recommended for those adults who are at higher risk of naturally occurring disease; for example, (1) parents of young children, (2) pregnant women, (3) persons in epidemic situations and (4) those planning foreign travel.

The total number of cases associated with the administration of Type I vaccine and considered as "compatible" is seven, of which 4 are over 30 years of age. Ten cases were excluded; six were considered inconclusive. None of the three Type II associated cases was judged to be "compatible."

It should be noted that the total number of doses of oral vaccine given in non-epidemic areas during 1962 is approximately 31 million Type I, 19 million Type II and 15 million Type III. Hence, the maximum potential risk for Types I and II is of the order of one per million or less overall, but higher for those over 30 years of age. It is concluded that contact spread has posed no significant hazard.

The Surgeon General, his Special Advisory Committee, the Medical Staff of the Sadler Clinic Hospital and the civic organizations who will help administer the Type III vaccine urges all to take advantage of the oral vaccine on Sunday, February 10.

Buster Tarpley spent Saturday night in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Callan and Bobby.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale and Charles Hale visited over the week end in Midland with Mr. and Mrs. James Hale, Shirley and Mike, and in Monahan with Mr. and Mrs. Odell Newton, Kathy and Roger.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. Trest Jones Sunday at Cross.

Mrs. Babe Tarpley gave a Stan-ley party Tuesday afternoon in her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bly Harris and Kathie Mammie Hardin of Midland, visited over the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns, and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald, Pat and George.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burns, Judy and Sammie of Abilene visited the Burns home Sunday.

Sam Mashburn spent the week end in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Murry Toombs and Tommy.

Isaac A. Bright died in Melrose N.M. Jan. 24, of a heart condition. He was reared at Trent and was a cousin of Fritz Hale, and was a cousin of Fritz Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantress visited Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Berry Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning visited Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning at Tuscola Saturday. While there they attended a singing at the Four Square Church in Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Merkel High School Seniors will hold an auction sale on cakes Friday evening at the school auditorium. The auction will be conducted between periods of the Coahoma - Merkel basketball game.

A regular auctioneer has been arranged for and you are invited to attend the games and buy a cake. The proceeds go toward the seniors' expenses for their trip this year.

The B games start at 5:30 p.m. and the B boys and B girls games following.

The Coahoma - Merkel A boys game will climax the evening activities.

Baptists Have New Minister

The Rev. Ira Harrison of Abilene, has accepted the call as Interim pastor of the First Baptist Church of Merkel.

The Rev. W. B. Sawyer recently resigned as pastor of this church to accept a call of the Belmont Baptist Church of Odessa.

The Harrisons make their home at 325 Woodlawn, Abilene.

Merkel FFA Boy Shows Champion Lamb In Fort Worth Livestock Show

A Merkel FFA youth, Farris Neill captured the championship title with his Southdown lamb in the open show during the Fat Stock Show held in Fort Worth last week.

Competition in the open class was great. According to Chester Colingsworth, Merkel Vocational Ag. teacher, the entries were many and the line was long with many top lambs.

Most observers reported that the lamb show in Fort Worth was the best in many years.

Farris and his sister, Katie, both were championship winners in the Taylor County Livestock Show in January when their Southdown and Hampshire lambs won top honors. Miss Katie also showed her lambs in the Junior Class in the Fort Worth Show.

Winning championships in the Open Show is indeed a top honor or as the entries in this class are usually made up of entries

City Election Slated April 2

A city election slated for Merkel on April 2 will elect two aldermen and a mayor.

Vacancies to be filled are the expiring terms of two aldermen, Kent Satterwhite and Irven Thompson, and the office of mayor now held by H. O. Boney. The offices to be filled are for a two year term.

Candidates will have until 12:00 a.m., March 2, 1963, in which to file for places on the ballot. The election will be held at the Welfare Office and will conform to the General Election Laws of Texas.

Polls will be open at 8:00 a.m., and will close at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. F. Y. Gaither has been appointed election judge.

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CEMETERY FUND

Donations to the Merkel Cemetery Fund

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Beasley and Doris Beasley, Meadow, Texas.
T. J. Renfrow, in memory of Homer Patterson and Mrs. Emma Douglas.
Mrs. Johnny Isom, Snyder, in memory of Mrs. J. J. Russell.
Anna Maye Casteven in memory of Casteven family.
Mrs. C. C. Eoff.

from registered sheep breeders and colleges.

The Neills left this week for San Antonio to enter the Livestock Show in that city.

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gregory, Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gregory and children of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley and children Sunday.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holt to our community. They moved to the W. S. Burton farm last week, and we are glad Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Thomas and children have moved back to the Stith Community. They lived here several years ago and are now living at the E. L. Kelso farm.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dayton and children attended the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth over the week end.

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Editorial

Poor New York City In Soviet TV Eyes!

Well, at last we have the word! Gotham is gruesome. Baghdad-on-the-Hudson is a blight. America's Wonderful Town is really a thundering brown antheap populated by bums, undernourished slum children, unemployed idlers, striking longshoremen and—bankers. These last lurk in a liar called Wall Street, "the street of big business and the empire of the dollar."

What's the authority for this grim portrait of the world's largest city? Why, none other than the Soviet television network which has been edifying its audience with a series of "documentary" films about life in the United States. One of these, called "Streets of New York," introduces the city as "the show window of America" and proceeds to make it a pretty smeary pane of glass.

This approach is scarcely unexpected, of course. Soviet TV wouldn't be likely to picture New York in terms of Central Park, Radio City, the Easter Parade and Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. But it is a pity that the six million Russians fortunate enough to own television sets couldn't be treated to something of the excitement and splendor of a metropolis whose current building boom is one of the marvels of the century.

Granted that New York has staggering urban problems. It's not all Park Avenue and it doesn't have Moscow's marble-paneled subways. In fact almost any New Yorker will sound off with a list of things about his city he doesn't like. But much as he gripes about some things, he loves the city.

No, Ivan Ivanovich, "Streets of New York" is a badly blurred video image. Pay us a visit and see for yourself. Sure, sometimes there are pro-Castro demonstrators in the United Nations Plaza—there are also anti-Castro marchers aplenty. We leave them be as long as they don't mix it up. And it's true that you'll find New Yorkers lounging on the steps of their Public Library at Fifth Avenue and Forty-Second Street. But it isn't because they don't have homes or jobs, Ivan. They simply like to eat their lunch there or read books there or just watch the passing crowd. And they're awfully attached to those big lions that flank the entrance, Ivan—along with a lot of other things about New York.

To Oklahoma State

Sergeant Tirres Studying For BS Degree and Bars

SSgt. Carlos Tirres will be donning gold bars on his shoulder in the near future thanks to the Airman Education and Commissioning Program.

Tirres entered the service in 1954 with only two years of high school education. But when he was assigned to Dyess he had already taken and passed his high school GED test.

He then started taking courses with McMurry college downtown by working nights as a turret system technician and thus getting his schooling during the early morning hours.

He amassed 40 hours of off-duty college credits this way. He took courses ranging from engineering physics to differential equations. Tirres left recently for Oklahoma State University and will be studying for a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering.

He will be at Oklahoma State for 30 months and while he's there, the Air Force will pay for all his tuition, books, and fees. He was assigned to the 96th Armament and Electronic Squadron while at Dyess.

The Airman Education and Commissioning Program will offer the same opportunities for you, if you have a minimum of 30 semester hours of college, passed the college GED test and Air Force officer qualification test. Airmen going to college in this program will receive the pay of a staff sergeant.

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ONCE DIMINISHING — This is the earliest illustration of a bison, printed in 1558. (AFPS)

Your America

THIS YEAR, countless motor tourists in the U. S. A. will be traversing trails that go back before Columbus' time—trud first not by Indians but by buffalo, or bison. The Indians themselves followed paths beaten by bison in their migrations to and from seasonal grazing grounds and salt licks. Their unerring courses anticipated the routes of the transcontinental highways and railroads.

Herds once roamed a third of what's now the United States and Canada, but were most numerous on Western prairies. For centuries the tribesmen who inhabited the Great Plains based both their migratory mode of life and religion upon the bison.

Lacking horses and guns, and hunting the animals only when necessary for food and clothing, they did not deplete the buffalo population to any serious extent. They killed by stalking, by stampeding herds over cliffs, by driving small numbers into traps or pits.

The coming of white men with horses and rifles, who slaughtered buffalo needlessly, wiped out this most typically American of animals east of the Mississippi before 1875. In 1900, only about 1,500 bison remained where once there were millions.

Mrs. E. P. Farmer, Merkel, is presently hospitalized in St. Ann's Hospital in Abilene for a medical care. She is expected to be home this weekend.

Robert Malone and Dink Whisenant of the Malone Implement Company, are attending a John Deere meeting in Dallas this week.

Legislation Change Brings Benefits

Washington (AFNS)—Several bills affecting active duty and retired personnel and civilian employees were introduced in the opening days of the 88th Congress.

Most of the bills were referred to the House Armed Services Committee for study. H. R. 384 would amend Title 10, U. S. C., to provide that members of the Armed Forces be retired in the highest grade satisfactorily held in any armed force.

Under H. R. 193, military buyers of certain perishable subsistence items would have to pay the minimum price as set by the state. In some cases, this could result in an increase in the price now charged commissary shoppers for the items.

Amendment of the Hatch Act is proposed by H. R. 555 to permit all officers and employees of the government to take an active part in the political life of the U. S.

More adequate facilities for medical care of retired service personnel and their dependents is provided for in H. R. 178.

H. R. 374 would amend the Annual and Sick Leave Act of 1951 to increase the annual and sick leave which may be earned and accumulated by civilian employees.

Others are: H. R. 390 & 412—Would redesignate Grand Forks Air Force Base as Lerom Air Force Base.

H. R. 577—To amend the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 to provide for researching means of abating objectionable aircraft noise.

H. R. 361—To equalize the pay of retired members of the uniformed services.

H. R. 236—Would amend Sec. 110, Title 38, U. S. C. concerning veterans benefits. The amendment provides that any serviceman wounded, injured, or disabled as a direct result of armed conflict, or while engaged in extrahazardous service including service under conditions simulating war, would be entitled to all benefits provided under law for veterans.

H. R. 421—Would provide vocational rehabilitation, education and training, mustering out and loan guarantee benefits for Reservists and Guardsmen called to active duty after July 30, 1961. The bill would also apply to active

duty members whose enlistments were extended.

H. R. 10 — Would extend the apportionment requirements in the Civil Service Act of Jan. 16, 1883, to temporary summer employment.

H. R. 270—Provides that the rates of compensation of civilian employees subject to the Classification Act of 1949 shall hereafter be fixed and adjusted by wage boards on the same basis as prevailing rates and practices.

H. R. 275—To provide for the determination of the compensation of firefighting personnel in accordance with prevailing rates.



RED CROSS CONFERENCE — Looking over a Red Cross Disasterbooklet are: (l to r) Miss Beulah Miles, Col. W. J. Holzapfel (retired), Mrs. R. O. Delahoussaye, chairman of the Dyess nurses, and Mrs. Robert Armstrong, co-chairman. Miss Miles, Red Cross nursing representative from Midwestern area, instructed a six-hour disaster nursing conference at the Base Hospital, Jan. 16 and 17. Col. Holzapfel, co-chairman of disaster for Taylor County Red Cross chapter, spoke on disaster preparations for Taylor County. The conference was requested by an organization of Dyess Nurses.

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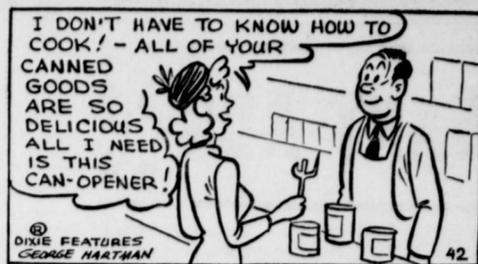


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THOMAS A. TUCKER AND ELBERT H. BONINE
IN THE 104TH DISTRICT COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, by virtue of an Execution issued out of the 104th District Court of Taylor County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 9th day of October, 1962, in favor of the said Bank of Commerce and against the said Thomas A. Tucker and Elbert H. Bonine, No. 984-B on the docket of said Court, I did, on the 31st day of January, 1963, at 4:00 P.M., levy upon the following described tract of land situated in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, and belonging to the said Elbert H. Bonine, to-wit:
Lot 1, Block "D," Section One, Lytle Shores Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas,
and on the 5th day of March, 1963, being the First Tuesday in said month, between the hours of ten o'clock A.M. and four o'clock P. M. on said day at the Court House of said County, I will offer for sale and sell at auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Elbert H. Bonine in and to said property.

DATED at Abilene, Texas the 31st day of January, 1963.
EUGENE WILLIAMS
Constable, Precinct No. 1,
Taylor County, Texas

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
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City Council, City of Merkle
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WINNERS SELECTED IN PHOTO CONTEST



PHOTO CONTEST — Left to right: James E. Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Curtis; Dona Walters, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pitman; Carey Odell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Odell Center row — Roger Grayson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Grayson; Crystie Gardner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Gardner; Carla Gardner, second prize, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Gardner; Third row — Johnny Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holmes; Chris Birkla, son of Mrs. Sue Birkla; Joey Lee Brenem, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Denman.



PHOTO CONTEST — Left to right — Brad, Tony and Lisa Shugart, children of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Shugart; Rhonda White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry White; Russell White, second prize, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry White; Susan Hewitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hewitt. Third row — Garey Odell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Odell; Seral Gayle Gleghorn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darell Gleghorn; Randy Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Phillips.



PHOTO CONTEST, Left to Right — Sherry Pitts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Pitts; Janay Crain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Crain; Jodie Jinkens, infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jinkens. Second row — Carmen Lerma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lerma; Michael Ray Womack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Womack; Teddy Holmes, first place winner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holmes.



PHOTO CONTEST — Ronnie Mack and Randy Earl Holmes, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holmes.



PHOTO CONTEST, Left to right — Brian and Rhonda Byers, children of Mr. and Mrs. Al Byers; Vereen Curtis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Curtis.



PHOTO CONTEST — Joe Ortiz, son of Mrs. Nellie Ortiz.

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You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Robert Glenn Thayer, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th 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 11th day of March A.D. 1963, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 19th day of February A.D. 1960, in this cause, numbered 9050-B on the docket of said court and styled Celia Thayer, Plaintiff, vs. Robert Glen Thayer, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married July 7th, 1955 and

became permanently separated on or about August 3rd, 1957.

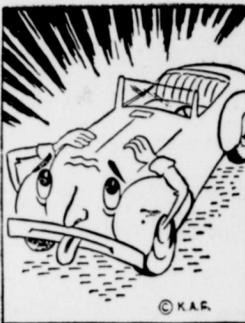
Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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.

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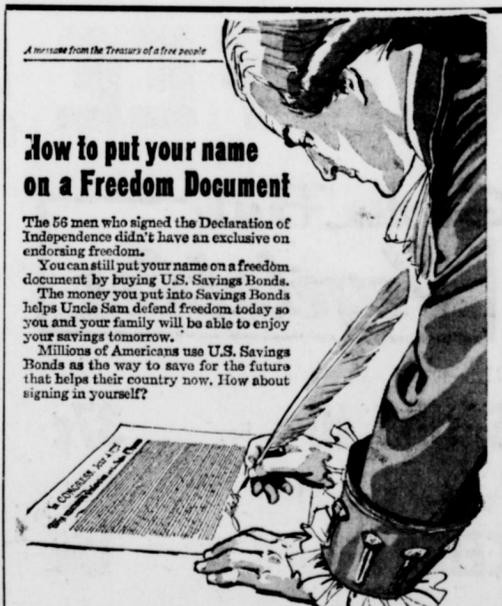
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EDITORIAL

Brotherhood and Freedom

Certainly no one needs to be reminded that February 12 is the anniversary of the Great Emancipator. Abraham Lincoln had a very keen insight into the relationship between brotherhood and freedom. His words, "As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master," have as much significance today as they did when first spoken.

Between these two extremes Lincoln saw the true meaning of freedom and brotherhood. "In giving freedom to the slaves," he said, "we insure freedom to the free—honorable alike in what we give and what we preserve."

To be a master implies superiority and domination: to be a slave implies degradation and inequality. Both deny the concept of quality and the dignity of man.

One man cannot be free while others around him are in bondage, and if we insist upon denying freedom to another, we must deny it to ourselves to the same degree. If we choose to keep another human being down, we will stay there with him. If we choose to give him a lift, we will lift ourselves as well.

Only when we are able to see this clearly as Abraham Lincoln saw it will be able to proclaim to all mankind as he did, "This nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom." Certainly we ought to give ourselves that much of a chance.

HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent

The Education, Expansion, Exhibits Committee of Taylor County Home Demonstration Council met Monday afternoon Feb. 4, and worked on some of the background information of the county to be used by the Program Building Committee for planning the program for the county. The committee members attending were Mrs. L. A. Greene, Chairman; Mrs. Wilbert Vance; Mrs. G. S. Billingsley; Mrs. Allen King.

The Home Management Committee with Mrs. Roy Manahan, chairman; Mrs. Charles Smith and Mrs. Roy Griffith met and made plans for a special program that will be in Abilene on March 14th at the Coca Cola Building from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This meeting will show all

the newest equipment used in house cleaning. If you have been dreading to mop the floor be sure to come and see the easy way to clean and care for rugs, mop and wax the floor, how to polish, and how to use your equipment to get the most good out of it. This meeting is open to the public.

ABOUT THOSE HOME-FROZEN CREAM PIES

It takes a special recipe and special handling to come up with a good cream pie that can be frozen and stored successfully.

Research home economists at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, in cooperation with food and nutrition specialists of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Texas A&M Col-

lege, have come up with a special way to make cream pies—so that the filling doesn't separate, get grainy, lumpy or spongy, and the crust remains flaky.

Cornstarch, the researchers find, is the most acceptable starch to use in the filling of a cream pie that's going into the freezer. And you get best results if you freeze the pie filling and shell separately, then combine the two when read for use—or use the frozen filling in a freshly baked crust.

Bake the shell on the outside of the pan, then remove, wrap and freeze. The filling may be frozen on the inside of the same size pan, then removed and wrapped. Raw egg whites may be frozen separately, then used in a meringue later, or freshly beaten whites can be baked in the frozen cream pie.

Additional information about the research project, along with the basic recipe for the pie and several variations of the recipe, may be obtained by writing the Agricultural Information Office,

College Station, and requesting reprints from the November-December (1962) Texas Agricultural Progress article about the research. Ask for TAP 305, "Home-Frozen Cream Pies."

Mr. and Mrs. Ear Beech, Sacramento, Calif., are visiting the O. B. Pattersons this week. Mrs. Beech is the former Opal Patterson. Mr. Patterson and Mr. Beech were callers at the Mail Office on Monday.

COMPERE HDC STUDIES TABLE DECORATIONS

Members of the Compere Home Demonstration Club heard a program on "Table Setting and Decorating."

Mrs. Don Adair gave the principle talk. The members met in the home of Mrs. Adair. Mrs. Ramsey opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Hunter presided.

The next regular meeting will be Feb 14 in the home of Mrs. Hunter.

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SAC Highlights -- 1962

President Kennedy Visits Offutt



PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY and Gen. Thomas S. Power receive honors at Offutt AFB, Neb., during the chief executive's visit Dec. 7. At a plane-side ceremony, the President gave a special flying safety plaque to General Power for SAC's outstanding record for the airborne alert operations during the Cuban crisis.

On Dec. 7, 1962, the 21st anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the United States' entry in World War II, President John F. Kennedy visited the headquarters of Strategic Air Command at Offutt AFB, Neb.

Rather than an observance of this anniversary, the President's visit was coincidental. The Cuban crisis had eased more than two weeks earlier and the President was making his first official visit to the heart of SAC's vast operation.

Following his arrival, which was cheered by thousands of military people, their families and visiting civilians, the President was taken to the famed SAC underground control center.

The President and his party, which included Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, Air Force Secretary Eugene Zuckert, Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, Adm.

George W. Anderson, Gen. David M. Shoup, Gen. Earle G. Wheeler and other key government officials, were briefed by General Power and his staff on the capabilities of the command and the function of the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff.

A highlight of the presidential visit took place at planeside prior to the President's departure. He presented a special flight safety plaque to General Power.

The plaque was awarded for the command's meritorious achievements in flight safety while performing a continuous airborne alert during the Cuban crisis.

To the many people on hand to welcome the President, the best part of the arrival and departure ceremonies came when he made unscheduled visits to the crowd. The President shook hands with and greeted many of the spectators. (SAC PS)

Atlas System Becomes Operational

This nation's first complete intercontinental ballistic missile program was declared operational when the last of the country's 12 Atlases were accepted at Plattsburgh AFB, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1962.

The Plattsburgh acceptance, at the only ICBM site east of the Mississippi River, "culminated eight years of efforts of a military-industry-science-labor team" according to Secretary of the Air Force Eugene M. Zuckert.

The final Atlas squadron was added to the Strategic Air Command missile inventory slightly over two years after the first squadron became operational at F. E. Warren AFB, Wyo., in late August 1960.

There are 12 Atlas squadrons now operational plus the training squadron at Vandenberg AFB, Calif. The units are at Offutt AFB, Neb.; Fairchild AFB, Wash.; Forbes AFB, Kan.; Altus AFB, Okla.; Lincoln AFB, Neb.; Schilling AFB, Kan.; Dyess AFB, Tex.; Walker AFB, N. M.; Plattsburgh and three squadrons located at F. E. Warren.

There are three operational models of the Atlas. The newest 'F' series missiles are stored underground in concrete silos and raised to the surface for launch. Earlier models on alert in SAC are the 'D' series, which is stored in "soft" horizontal enclosures above ground and the 'E' series placed in protective semihardened enclosures above ground. All the Atlas series are fired from the vertical position, and all have a range of over 6,000 miles.

The Atlas program officially started in 1954 when a development contract was awarded General Dynamics. The following year fabrication began and the first flight test, from Cape Canaveral, Fla., was made on June 11, 1957. Less than 18 months later, in November 1958, the Atlas made a full-range flight of more than 6,300 miles from the Cape.

There have been 155 launches of Atlas missiles and boosters and only 17 have been unsuccessful—an extraordinary record that fits in with the overall Atlas program, an effort by over two million people and more than 5,000 large and small business organizations.

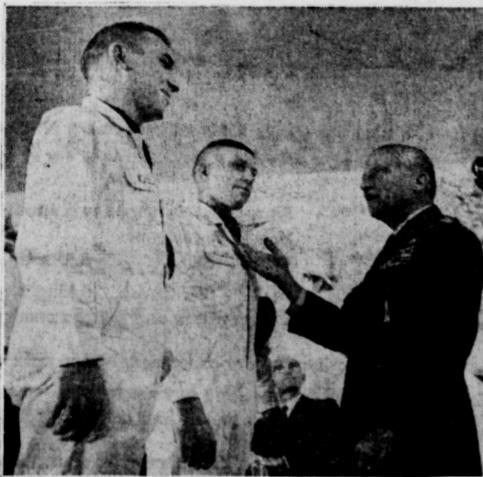
Distinguished Persons Watch Missile Turnover

Nearly 200 distinguished visitors watched at Malmstrom AFB, Mont., in mid-December as Lt. Gen. Archie J. Old Jr., commander of the Strategic Air Command's Fifteenth Air Force, initiated a pair of missile combat crewmen into the most exclusive club in the world.

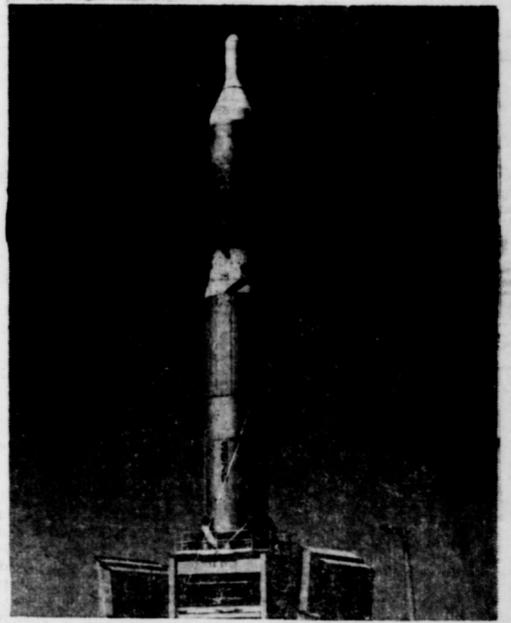
The ceremonies were part of the turnover of the first flight of Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missiles, which General Old, representing SAC, accepted from the Air Force Systems Command. To symbolize the accept-

ance, Maj. Gen. W. Austin Davis, commander of AFSC's Ballistic Systems Division, presented General Old with a gold key representing the first operational Minuteman ICBM unit.

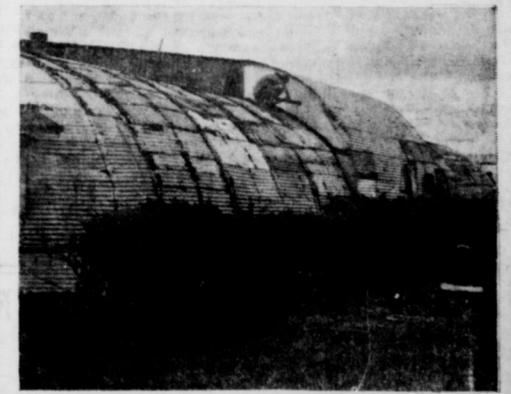
The ceremony marked the on-schedule completion of the first 20 launcher sites and their two launch control facilities. During the ceremony SAC accepted what had been a remarkable scientific achievement and a tremendous construction effort and made it into a weapon.



CAPT. WILLIAM BUCHHOLZ (left) and Capt. Herb Doby, a Minuteman combat crew acting for the 341st Strategic Missile Wing at Malmstrom AFB, Mont., accept their launch keys from Lt. Gen. Archie J. Old Jr., SAC's Fifteenth Air Force commander, at the December ceremony turning over the first operational Minuteman ICBM's to the Strategic Air Command. With this symbolic presentation, Minuteman was transformed from a remarkable technical achievement into a strategic weapon.



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ROARING 250 m.p.h. winds from Typhoon Karen ripped apart many buildings on Andersen AFB, Guam, but these two pictures—the first taken the day after the storm and the second on Dec. 27—show that rebuilding is going on. Because of adequate advance warning, no one was killed on Andersen, and the most serious personal injury was a broken arm.



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STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights by Vern Sanford

AUSTIN (Special to the Merkel Mail) — Serving as Governor of Texas should be a snap for John Connally.

Any man who can wage a rigorous, 12 months campaign for Governor, such as he has done, reorganize the state government, plan and participate in all the ceremonies he has been through since his election and inauguration, and assume all the allied responsibilities related thereto—should find the task of being governor a cinch.

It seemed like half of Texas was in Austin to see the first mass turnover in state government since Jimmy Alfred took over from "Ma" Ferguson in 1935.

Many were pleased to see Connally urge the strengthening of family sanctity laws. He recommended: An end to common-law marriages; a 90-day waiting period for divorces, prohibiting remarriages until six months after a divorce; and requiring both parents to appear in court when a divorce involves children.

His views on upgrading higher education were approved almost unanimously. But there was quite a bit of disapproval of his proposal to combine the Game and Fish Commission and the State Parks Board. Opposition was based largely on the idea that the Game and Fish Commission would suffer.

EQUAL RIGHTS — The perennial battle for women's equal rights will hit the limelight in the Texas Senate early in the 58th Legislative session.

Senate constitutional amendments committee set public hearing for 7 p.m., Jan. 30, on a proposal to give women equal right. Proposed constitutional amendment was submitted by Sens. W. T. Moore of Bryan and Bill Putman of Ganado.

VOTING AGE TAGET — Rep.

V. E. "Red" Berry of San Antonio wants the minimum voting age in Texas lowered to 18 years.

Berry has filed a bill which would propose a constitutional amendment allowing the Legislature to make the change.

Present law require voters to be 21 years of age.

STOCKMEN RAISING FUNDS — Texas Livestock Auction Association is sponsoring a drive to help raise the \$1,000,000 still needed to meet the Southwest Animal Health Research Foundation's \$3,000,000 goal to stamp out the screwworm.

Texas' screwworm eradication program will come to a halt in March unless the million is raised.

Governor Connally recommended that the legislature quickly determine whether the screwworm eradication program is in trouble. Result was a hurriedly called hearing, attended by about 30 legislators and as many livestock producers and animal health officials.

Eradication supporters told legislators that the program reduced screwworms by 70 to 90 per cent its very first year, but the \$5,000,000 spent to date will be wasted unless the job is finished. It is viewed as a three-year program.

Three-fifths of the money spent so far has come from federal funds, and two-fifths from the livestock producers.

The \$12,000,000 program is a true, matching one: Uncle Sam will continue his payments toward the \$5,000,000 he promised, so long as the producers and the state combined are matching his payments.

So far, the state has paid nothing into the program. But the Texas Animal Health Commission has urged an immediate ap-



MAINTENANCE MAN OF THE MONTH—SSgt. Nathaniel G. Station, received a citation naming him as Maintenance Man of the Month for November 1962. Sergeant Station, through his talent as a machinist, enabled a major modification of a C-130 landing gear to be completed in a minimum time recently. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

propriation of \$1,400,000. Governor Connally has stated that he would ask for such an emergency appropriation if the legislature learns that the program is in danger.

SMALL TOWN BOOST PROPOSED — U. S. Congressman Wright Patman's worry than an "overwhelming percentage of the smaller towns and rural areas of East Texas are going downhill" is shared by at least two legislators.

Reps. Joe Cannon of Mexia and H. G. Wells of Tulla spread their concern over economic ills in East Texas to rural areas all over the state. And they have come up with a scheme to bolster the moral and economy of rural counties.

Under their plan, counties with less than 45,000 population would receive a two per cent refund of the sales tax collected by them. This money would go to county judges, who in turn would distribute it to city councils to be used to advertise for new industries and offer incentives to industry.

Wells estimated that 200 counties would be eligible to receive a sales tax rebate, and that \$1,000,000 would be distributed the first year.

Main object, Wells said, would be to save counties which recently had some prosperous small towns but which have suffered from being by-passed by highways or from an exodus of citizens who have moved to metropolitan areas.

7th Graders Elect Officers

Mrs. Shouse's seventh grade met in room 8 Monday, Jan. 28 for the purpose of electing officers for the next six weeks. The

following were elected: president, Deryl Herring; vice president, Stanley Leamons; secretary and treasurer, Robert Wilson; reporter, Jo Ann Lassiter.

Following the election class duties were appointed to the following: windows, Kathy and Sharon Ledbetter; blackboards, Juan Carranza and Danny Wade;

housekeepers, Maggie Duran and Marselia Asencia; bookshelves, Ronny Gilmore and Stewart Bishop; water plants, Deryl Herring; pencil sharpener, Joe Dudley; lunch tickets, Felix Castillo; wastebasket, Earl Pippin.

Rules adopted: Those failing to perform their duties as outlined, will be fined 1c. This

fund helps to buy art supplies needed or an extra book for the room library.

Mrs. Paul Rogers and two sons, Mike and Gary, Andrews, Mrs. Rae Klepper and son Russell of Roscoe, were dinner guests of their mother, Mrs. Josie Shanks on Thursday.

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Texas Civic Leaders Cited, Singled Out for Citizenship



Four Texans, with 4-H Club work dating back as far as 1913, are winners of state-wide alumni recognition awards for 1962 citing them for providing young people with "living examples of dependable, purposeful citizenship."

The Lone Star State winners are Colbert E. Gregory of Groesbeck, Mrs. Durwayne Irvin of Dike, Mrs. Teddy J. Whitmire of Monahans, and E. R. Wagoner of Lukin.

The former 4-H'ers, selected by the Cooperative Extension Service, received burnished copper plaques from the Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation, Chemicals Division-Agricultural.

Olin Mathieson sponsors the awards program to recognize former 4-H members whose records of service exemplify effective community, state or national leadership, success in their chosen careers and interest in 4-H and similar activities.

Gregory, a rancher in Limestone County and executive vice president of the Farmers State Bank in Groesbeck, is described as a "banker friendly to progressive farming and better livestock." He was a 4-H member for four years in Navarro County before World War I.

The Groesbeck banker is a deacon of his church and a leader of the agriculture committee of the local chamber of commerce. He financed the 1962 trip of the Groesbeck 4-H beef cattle demonstration team to the State 4-H Club Roundup.

Mrs. Irvin has been local leader of the Dike Community 4-H Club for six years, drawing on her experience as a 4-H member in Hopkins County. She is a leader in local school activities and is secretary of the Connor Cemetery Association.

The Irvin family lives on a small farm near Dike. Promoting 4-H activities and livestock shows has been high on the schedule of Mrs. Teddy J. Whitmire of Ward County for more than 10 years. She was secretary of the County Extension Service for nine years and served most of that time as secretary of the Ward County Livestock Show.

Mrs. Whitmire, a housewife quarter horse breeder and director of the Ward County Livestock Show Association, was a county dress revue winner during eight years of 4-H work in Matagorda County.

Wagoner, formerly with the Texas Forest Service and the Kentucky Division of Forestry, is executive secretary of the Texas Forestry Association. He has been instrumental in distribution to 4-H'ers and other young people of 8½ million free pine seedlings.

The forestry executive concentrated on sheep raising during four years of 4-H work in Montgomery County, Ohio. He is on the board of his local church and served three years as district commissioner for the East Texas Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

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Ten Air Force Men Slated To Retire Today

Air Force retirements become effective today (Jan 31) for two officers and eight sergeants ranging in grade from Lieutenant Colonel to Technical Sergeant.

As announced by the 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing personnel office, five of the men have been assigned with the 96th SAWg. and its attached units, four with the 516th Troop Carrier Wing, and one with the 683d Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron at Sweetwater Air Force Station.

The retirees are:
96th Strategic Aerospace Wing
Maj. William L. Callan, weather detachment commander; SMSgt. Marien W. Barnhardt, special assistant in the management and procedures section, 96th Supply Squadron; MSgt. Floyd B. Riley, diet specialist, Base hospital; TSgt. Arthur C. Collins Jr., instructor, Detachment 417S, field training unit, TSgt. Delore D. Hickerson, maintenance control technician, 96th Combat Support Group headquarters.

516th Troop Carrier Wing
Lt. Col. William N. Gaylord Jr., wing headquarters squadron commander; MSgt. Walter I. Maloney, Non-commissioned officer in-charge, 516th Field Maintenance Squadron pro-

pulsion branch; MSgt. Charles J. Roten, NCOIC of the 516th FMS ground support equipment shop, and MSgt. David W. Stilwell, NCOIC of the wing headquarters work order control section.

Sweetwater Air Force Station
TSgt. Norman D. Griffin, organizational supply supervisor for the 683d Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron.

Col. Pavick Leaving Soon For War College

Lieutenant Colonel Pete D. Pavick, commander of the 5th Missile Battalion 517th Artillery, has been informed by Maj. Gen. James R. Winn, commanding general of 2d Region Army Air Defense Command at Oklahoma City, of his selection to attend the Army War College this summer.

Mission of the Army War College is "to prepare selected Army officers for the highest command and general staff positions in the Army in joint, allied and combined commands, and for such high level positions within the Department of Defense and other governmental agencies at the national level as the Army may be called upon to fill." It provides a one-year course of study in three phases:

1. National Power and International Relations;
2. Military Power and National Security Policy;
3. National Strategy and Military Program.

Colonel Pavick, his wife Anne and two daughters arrived in Abilene in August of 1961. He succeeded Colonel Joseph P. Guinn as commander of the Nike-Hercules Missile Battalion on Jan. 1, 1962.



MAN OF MONTH—SSgt. Earl L. Elzea, 96th Organizational Maintenance Squadron, was selected as the "Maintenance Man of the Month" for December 1962. Sergeant Elzea was selected for his outstanding performance and job knowledge.

181 Men In SAC Lose Lives

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—For the first time since 1959, the Strategic Air Command had a reversal of the downward trend in fatalities due to ground accidents.

The year 1962 saw 181 SAC-men lose their lives, 15 more than in 1961. This represents a 9 per cent increase in fatalities with only a 4 per cent increase in command strength.

The great majority of these losses to SAC (70 per cent or 126 lives) were incurred in private vehicle accidents.

Although the command had an overall increase in fatalities, Second Air Force, Sixteenth Air Force, the 3902d Air Base Wing and the 1st Combat Evaluation Group recorded a decrease in their ground accident fatalities.

In a recent message, Gen. Thomas S. Power, SAC commander in chief, congratulated commanders and personnel of these commands for the efforts which resulted in this favorable record.

General Power's message also urged all commanders and supervisors to accept the responsibility and to take aggressive positive measures to insure the safety and welfare of personnel under their control, both on duty and off, to reverse the upward trend in ground accident fatalities.



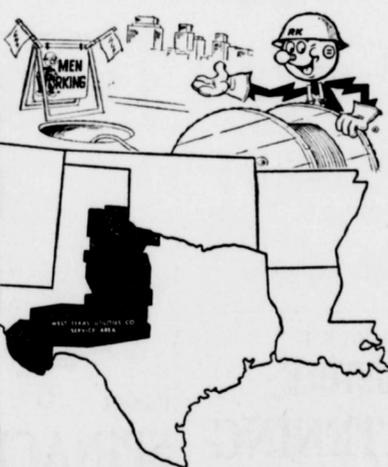
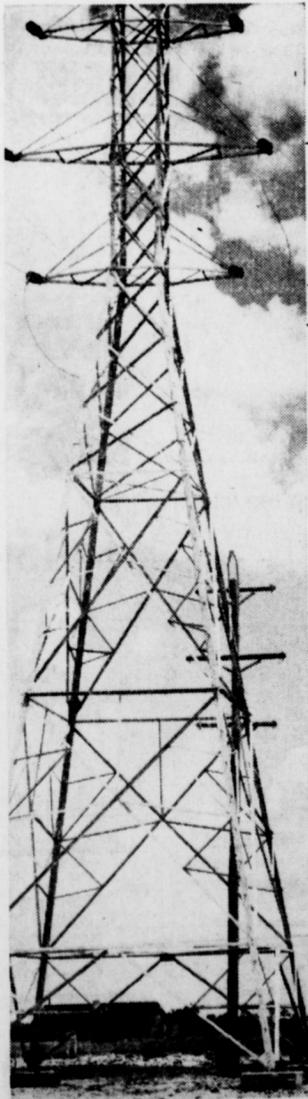
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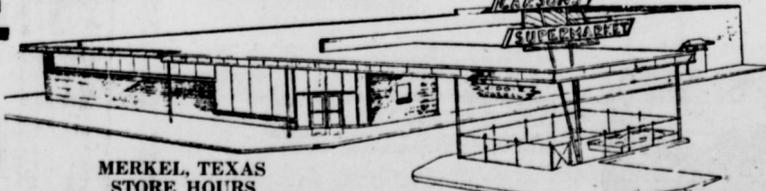
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