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The Little Mail

By E. S. CHASTAIN

IS THIS A COINCIDENCE or was it originally planned? Six streets, Marion, El Paso, Runnels, Kent, Edwards and Lamar run parallel to one another north and south. Take the first letter of each street and what do you have — MERKEL.

This coincidence if it is one was called to attention by a sixth grader, Kathy Tyler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Tyler of Merkel. Mr. Tyler was as much surprised as I was when he related the finding by his young daughter.

I would like to advance the theory that since these streets comprise most of the central part of the city that the founders of Merkel named the streets purposely. Does anyone know for sure? Anyway, Kathy is a pretty sharp little gal to notice it, don't you think?

February is National Heart Month and we are being asked to have a heart and help the many thousands afflicted with the dreaded disease. February is also noted for other things closely related to the heart. This month we celebrate the anniversaries of two great Americans, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln whose names hold a revered spot in the hearts of true Americans. And, almost smack dab between the birthdays of the two great Americans, St. Valentine's day is celebrated symbolically of the heart.

THE TV TRAP — Poly unsaturates, a pet name for commercial writers and used to describe their values for the vegetable shortening people have gone to the dogs. Ken-L-Ration dog fooders say it is beneficial for pooches also. Imagine the consternation and anguish one Madison Avenue copywriter had when he stated, "Oh Lord, now we gotta hunt up a whole new name for the shortenin' folks."

THE WHOLE FAMILY was watching a female beatnik torch singer emote with a torrid song. With gesticulations feigned to emphasize the tempo, her face distorted with anguish, she approached the climax of the emotional song when a five-year old in the family turned and said: "Mommy, she's going into the Twilight Zone."

Viewers on Friday's Tonight Show got an extra bonus. They failed to run Slitch Henderson's commercial on tape recorders. And with my question as to why people think Oscar Levant is so great, the door is closed.

A light mist falling Sunday turning into snow early Monday that dumped up to two inches in this area put highway travel in its most dangerous condition for the winter. Cars without chains experienced much trouble getting started because of ice conditions. The moisture, considered small will help grasses and grasses to some extent.

CEMETERY FUND

Donations to the Merkel Cemetery Fund this week are as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Armstrong, in memory of Bud Toombs
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Swanson, in memory of Bud Toombs
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bird Jr., Mrs. T. T. Carey and family, in memory of Bud Toombs
Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore in memory of Bud Toombs
T. J. Bird.



FENA GLADDEN, nurse from the Sadler Clinic Hospital staff holds prepared Type III Vaccine for waiting youngster in the long line formed Sunday afternoon at the Community Center. (Staff Photo)

Over 2,300 Receive Type III Polio Vaccine In Merkel

A total of 2348 persons, almost equal to the entire population of Merkel itself passed through the lines at the Community Center Sunday to receive Type III Polio Vaccine.

Three registration desks staffed by 23 voluntary workers of the Beta Sigma Phi Club that worked in two shifts registered persons from long lines throughout the afternoon.

A desk staffed by the personnel of the nurses from Sadler Clinic Hospital administered the vaccine to youngsters unable to handle the cubes by themselves. Preparing the vaccine were David Gamble, Baxter Fortenberry of the Merkel Drug and Dr. W. T. Sadler.

In comparison, the number was slightly fewer than the number taking the previous Type I and II. According to Dr. Sadler Type I was administered to approximately 3100 and Type II was given to about 2700. As a whole the picture is good from a standpoint of participation. The words of Dr. Sadler sums up the situation. "It is rewarding to know that people are determined to wipe out this crippling scourge to humanity."

Badgers Tie For 6-A Dist. Play-Off

Merkel Badgers broke open a tight game in the second half to beat Roscoe, 71-47 Tuesday night and earn a share in the District 6-A championship with Jim Ned. Jim Ned beat Wylie to gain the same position.

Merkel will go against Jim Ned in a series of three play-off games scheduled as follows. First game at Jim Ned Friday night, Feb. 15, second game is scheduled for Feb. 19 when Jim Ned will be at Merkel. The date of the championship game and place is to be decided later.

T & P Railroad Played Big Role In Progress Of Area

The railroads since their very beginning have always played a prominent role in the marching progress across the nation.

When trans continental lines were consummated the country was geared for a progress so great that many failed to realize its scope of possibilities.

John R. Craig said in "Ranching With Lords and Commons," "The trail is poetry; a wagon road in prose; the railroad, arithmetic."

Taylor County and Merkel gained much in the way of progress when the railroad came. To give a first hand account of what Merkel was like and the importance of the railroad, and what it contributed to the area, here are a few excerpts from an article written in 1911 by the Rev. A. A. Baker at that time.

My experience and knowledge of Merkel and the Merkel country dates from December, 1885. We arrived here in that month after a drive through the country from Tehuacana, Tex. It was a cold and blustery day, but we took a survey of the town, which consisted of the following: Texas & Pacific depot, one little general store, one little hard-

ware store, one little thriving saloon, and a few small box houses, scattered about.

The depot was the business center, for there the agent received and dispersed freight, passengers and even the U.S. Mail. He still had time to run the Sunday School and look after the education, morals and social interests. An enormous business was carried on in the little box houses and a small hotel and schoolhouse were the public building.

Today this same depot and railroad are contributing their share toward further progress in spite of other modes of transportation making inroads into the domain of a heritage rich in lore to Americans and the railroad.

If anyone thinks that the progress made in other modes of transportation has changed this picture, then let them think again. A short time ago the security wraps were removed from some of the events involved in the Cuban crisis. At that time no man knew what might result — there was every possibility, that a third World War of incredible destructiveness was in the offing. Just 15 minutes before President Kennedy went on the air to inform the nation of this government's policy, the Defense Department now informs us, the railroads were put on the alert.

How did they respond? Major I. Sewell Morris, Commander of the Defense Traffic Management Service, gave his answer: "Despite short deadlines and frequent adjustments in our military requirements, the railroads responded magnificently — demonstrating again, and most forcibly, that the railroads are a vital part of the transport of military preparedness."

Specifically, a huge fleet of 3,600 flat cars, 150 gondolas, 40 box cars, and 200 passenger cars was pressed into service to move some 8,000 troops and numerous armored vehicles in the initial operation of the Cuban crisis. Other big emergency tasks followed, with railroad people working around the clock to meet the needs of national security government's needs — which were and survival in a moment of grave danger.

The moral writes itself: A healthy railroad industry is essential to this country's well being and security.

Trent Election Slated April 2

Trent City Council met Monday night, Feb. 4, calling for a city election to be held Tuesday, April 2. Two council posts and the mayor post are to be filled.

Members whose terms expire include Clark Hamner, mayor; Ronnie Freeman and Weldon Beasley, councilmen.

The election will be held at Trent City Hall, and W. C. Matthews will serve as election judge.

Bud Toombs Dies Of Wreck Injuries

Deverel (Bud) Toombs, 48, died Saturday at 12:18 p.m. in Hendrick Memorial Hospital from injuries suffered in a pickup truck accident Jan. 30 at S. 19th and Marshall in Abilene.

He was the driver of the truck which struck a parked pickup on Marshall Street.

Services were held Monday at 2 p.m. in Merkel Church of Christ. Officiating was Rex Kyker of Abilene Christian College. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Toombs was born Dec. 25, 1914, at Nubia. He had lived in the Merkel area all his life. He was in the real estate business.

He attended Merkel High School. Mr. Toombs married Naomi June Taylor Oct. 10, 1936, in Abilene.

Survivors include the wife; one son, Ronald Deverel Toombs of Dallas; one daughter, Mrs. Jerry McWilliams of Henrietta; father H. H. Toombs of 328 Peach, Abilene; one brother, Cullen H. Toombs of Snyder; two sisters, Mrs. Doyle Pogue of Snyder and Mrs. Pauline Epps of 825 Palm, Abilene; and two grandchildren. Pallbearers were Beauford Allen, Bill Sledge, Onis Graham, Bobby Dudley, Ben Watson and David Gamble.

2 Merkel Riders Place In WTBRA

The West Texas Barrel Racing Association held their monthly meeting in Lubbock on Feb. 10. Two entries from Merkel, both girls, attended the meet and participated in the contests.

Myrtle Davis won a 2nd place in the 2nd go around with a fast time of 15.7. She also won a 2nd in the average. Myrtle was riding in the Junior Barrel Race where she is standing 4th in the top ten.

Barbara Whisenhunt won a 2nd in the 1st go around with a time of 15.3. She came back to tie for 1st in the second go around with a time of 15.5.

Barbara won the average and a beautiful trophy in the Novice horse barrel race where she is setting 4th in the top 10 and is 1st/so 7th in the open top ten.

There were 18 girls to take part in the barrel race. It was held in the Lubbock Coliseum.

Any girl from this area wishing to join the WTBRA should contact either Myrtle Davis or Barbara Whisenhunt.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Admissions to the hospital for Sunday, Feb. 5 through Saturday, Feb. 9 included:

Mrs. Henry Fennell, Winters
Mrs. Bob Fincher
Mrs. Arnold Seydler, Abilene
Mrs. Howard Laney, Tye
Mrs. Ludie Keith, Abilene
Bobby Campbell, Abilene
Mrs. Leon Patterson and baby, Abilene

W. O. Winter, Trent
Mrs. B. L. Moody, Nolan
Mrs. Ray Reynolds
Mrs. C. Crocker, Trent
Willie Daugherty, Abilene
Dis — sales during the same period were:

T. B. Poe, Winters
A. H. Murphree
Mrs. J. W. Mayfield
Earl Lassiter
Mrs. Tim Martin and baby
Mrs. Fred Barnes
Mrs. A. B. Gregory
Mrs. Sallie Rosson
A. W. Cook
Mrs. Modell Eoff
Otis Foster
Clyde Hollowell
Jil West
David Tarpley
Mrs. Robert Gilchrist and baby
Mrs. Leon Patterson and baby.

School Board Sifting Coaching Applicants

More Than Thirty Seek Merkel Post

Members of the Merkel School Board have started to work on the task of sifting applicants for the job of head coach.

More than 30 applicants have shown interest in the job. Among those who have applied is Coach William J. Tate.

Tate was assistant to Coach Carroll Benson, whose contract was not renewed for next year.

Ray Wilson, chairman of the school board, said Wednesday that the board members at the last meeting decided to set up a series of meetings to give the school board an opportunity to meet some of the applicants. He stressed that those interviewed were only being "looked over" and that no decisions were being made at this time.

A special called meeting is set for this Saturday, Feb. 16, in order to interview some out-of-town applicants who could not be available at regular meeting nights.

Approximately four out-of-town applicants will be interviewed at the Saturday meeting.

Student to Preach Here February 17

Jack Myers White, senior student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, will be guest pastor at the Merkel Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Feb. 17.

Mr. White received a bachelor of arts degree from King College in Bristol, Tenn., in 1959. He was a member of the social and literary society, symphonic choir, and the newspaper and yearbook staffs.

He is married to the former Mary Lou Snyder of Winchester, Va. Mr. White has his church membership in the Lakeside Presbyterian Church of Richmond, Va.

Merkel 4-H Meets At REA Building

The Merkel 4-H Club met Feb. 7 at the REA Building. The meeting was opened with the pledge to the American Flag led by Connie McCarthy and the club motto and pledge led by Shirley Sanduskey.

Finley Barnett, president, introduced guests, Myrtle Davis and Mary Johnson from the Mulberry Canyon who presented a methods demonstration on vegetable preparation.

After the demonstration the girls served the vegetable salad which they prepared. It was evident that most members would probably go home and try to prepare the girls' recipe, because everyone was ready for seconds. The demonstration also inspired others to enter their demonstrations for state competition with eliminations to be held on March 30.

Recreation for the evening was led by Kathy Mansfield. The next meeting will be March 7. The program at that time will be on Citizenship. A committee composed of Gary Smith, Christine Lucas, Terry Woogeraft and Finley Barnett plan to invite Judge Roy Scargo to be the guest speaker for this meeting.

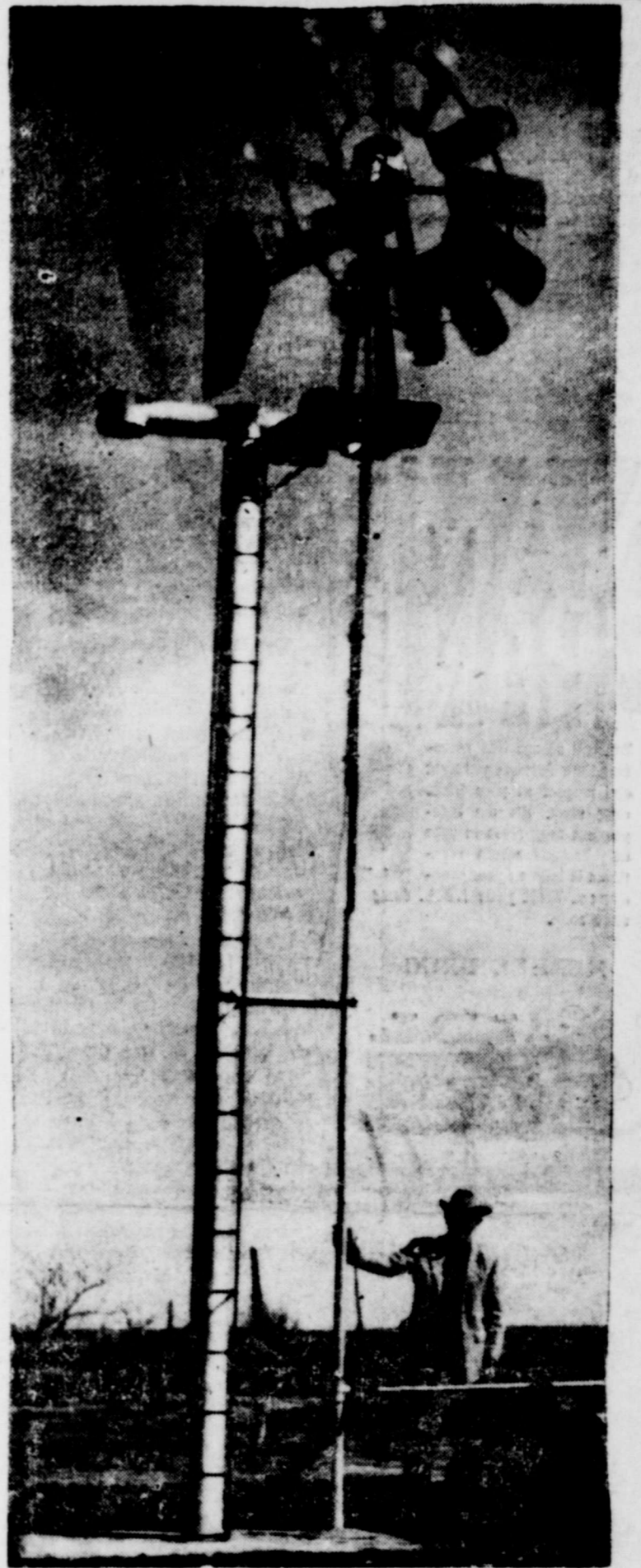
Mrs. Toombs Hosts HD Club

The Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club met Feb. 5 with Mrs. R. G. Toombs.

Sewing ideas were studied, and some nice work done by members was discussed.

Chairman reports were given and a report on County Council meeting was reviewed by the council chairman of the club.

The next club meeting will be held with Mrs. Tom Russom Feb. 19 to study plant propagation.



A BRAND NEW IDEA invented by Louis Butman might very well revolutionize the windmill tower business. Mr. Butman holds patents on the tower and header and expects to market them in the future. The most pole with an offset header to swing around out of the way simplifies the process of installing or taking out rods or pipe from the well.

LOUIS BUTMAN WINS TILT WITH WINDMILL

Thomas A. Edison once said, "It takes a necessity, a little wisdom and a lot of work to complete an invention that is valuable to humanity."

For some 100 years the four-legged windmill served the purpose of the farmer and rancher even though it was cumbersome and often weak. After these long years a man visioned a possibility and saw a benefit to the user if a tower was constructed in a more simple manner.

Another example of human ingenuity was demonstrated when the wheel was invented, but it took around a century before someone conceived the idea that if an axle was put on the wheel it would lighten the burden of man.

When Louis Butman, Merkel rancher, combined the ingredients of wisdom and necessity, he came forth with an improvement in windmills that has been in need for many years. He now holds two patents on the mast-pole type tower with a revolving cross-arm or "header." The tower and header can be erected cheaper, faster and eliminates some of the inconveniences of the old conventional tower.

Mr. Butman has named the new tower "The Crazy Windmill Tower" but by no means misconstrue the name with how it works. The tower and header as shown in the accompanying

photo was assembled by a welder in about three hours. Butman plans to advertise his invention of the tower and has already received many inquiries. Those who have seen the new tower predict that many will sell readily to farmers and ranchers.

Louis Butman was born and reared on a ranch in the Butman community about 17 miles southwest of Merkel.

His late father, Sam Butman Sr., came to that section of Taylor County before much land had been placed under fence. Like his father before him and countless other pioneer ranchers they relied mostly on windmills for stock water and household use. There were many things that pioneers contributed to settling and improving the west, perhaps the words that Dr. Prescott Webb used in his journal and history of the west states it more clearly when he said, "It wasn't the Winchester nor the six-gun that settled the west so much as did 'bob wire' and the windmill."

BAKE SALE BY GARDENERS

The Merkel Garden Club will hold a bake sale Saturday, Feb. 16, at the West Texas Utilities Building located at 123 Edwards Street. Sandwiches, fried pies, cake or pie to take home or with coffee from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



TRENT GIRL QUEEN — Carolyn Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Graham of Trent, was crowned Queen in Homecoming activities at Lubbock Christian College, Lubbock, Feb. 2. Miss Graham is a sophomore at LCC. Escorting her is Jim Shewmaker, sophomore from Pampa.

Star Nursing Home News

By MARY OUTLAW

Every one is fair at this writing.

We have two new patients, Mr. and Mrs. John Rasson. We welcome them into our home and hope they will be happy here. At this time they are both improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Popham of Wichita Falls visited his father, Bob Popham over the week end.

We were sorry to lose Mr. Shugart by death. Sunday morning he sang at the song service. Sunday afternoon we didn't have church, so Mary Richardson played the piano and he sang bass. He sang as he had never sang before. He had a beautiful voice. He seemed happy Sunday evening. Monday afternoon he had a heart attack. We all miss him very much. We extend our sympathy to his sons, Lester of Merkel and Bernice of Fredericksburg. Mrs. Bernice Shugart was here to attend his funeral. She was a wonderful daughter-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West, of



HIT THE SILK—A C-130 aircraft of the 516th Troop Carrier Wing passes over the new Dyess drop zone as paratroopers (circled) "hit the deck." The drop was the first since the arrival of a troop carrier wing at the base and utilized paratroopers of the 1st Aerial Port Squadron's combat control team. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

Stith, visited his sister, Hettie, Sunday.

Mrs. Theodisia Gilbert visited her daughter in San Angelo on the week end.

Mr. M. L. Jones is very happy to have his Trent friends to visit. He is a very nice patient.

Mrs. Cla Beasley, Trent, visited her mother, Minnie Ashford, Sunday evening.

We wish to thank Mrs. Wilma Roberson who came and played the piano for Rev. Darrel Cleghorn who did the singing Sunday morning. We missed Mrs. Miller but we are happy she sent her sister in her place.

Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Kingberry for coming into our home and bringing the Lord's Supper to those people who belong to the Church of Christ.

We welcome Joyce Tackett of Trent back on our staff. She will work the relief shift. We extend to her our sympathy over the loss of her little baby boy.

The Rev. Willis P. Gerhart of the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest Church, Abilene, visited Mary Richardson Saturday. They have been friends for a long time and Mary is of that belief. He brought her some books for which we thank him.

Some one is sending us the Post magazine. We certainly appreciate it but we would like to know who sent it so we can thank them personally.

We express our thanks to the WNS of the First Baptist Church of Tye for the colorful wash rags they brought to the home. The last time they brought towels for both we are thankful.

We have had lots of visitors the past two weeks. Come back to see us again as I have said time after time, our welcome mat is always out.

We had a Stanley Party in the recreation room Saturday morning. A number of ladies attended. They enjoyed the games.

Thank you, Mr. Bennett for coming to our home and cutting the patients hair.

We visited Mr. and Mrs. Outlaw of Stephenville for a few hours week before last. Both had been in the hospital but were back at home again. Just thought their old friends would like to know that they were doing nicely.

Thanks to "The Locker Plant" for their kindness to the home. It was greatly appreciated.

We had a letter from Brenda and Jim, they went to Pueblo, Colo. where he entered the Railway Communication School and she is in High School. Both like Colorado just fine but as Hettie West says, "We miss them."

We had a good service Sunday, Feb. 10. The Baptist Church of Stith was represented. Sorry we did not get all the names who attended.

We thank Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Cooper for the dresser you gave the Rest Home. It was really appreciated.

We always enjoy having Mrs. Mildred Arnold coming to dine with us. She works at Bill's Floral Shop now and she never forgets to come back to see us and visit with the patients. She used to cut our men's hair and she was a pretty good barber.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Boyd, Sweetwater, visited his father, C. C. Boyd Sunday.

516th TCW Has First Troop Drop at Dyess

By Capt. Robt. B. Richardson

At 11:05 a.m. Tuesday, three billowing green parachutes appeared over Dyess AFB. The occasion was the first troop drop at Dyess since the arrival of a troop carrier wing at the base, and possibly the first in the base's history.

The drop was made from a C-130 assigned to Tactical Air Command's 516th Troop Carrier Wing. Piloted by Capt. Willis D. Calcott of the 17th Troop Carrier Squadron, the aircraft took off from Dyess at 10 a.m. and flew a prescribed low-level route so as to arrive over the Dyess drop zone at the correct time for the jump.

First out of the aircraft was MSgt. Gordon F. Hamblin, the NCOIC of the Combat Control Team assigned to the 1st Aerial Port Squadron at Dyess. Members of this team are qualified parachutists who are trained to jump into a selected drop zone and establish communications and control with the main airborne force under combat conditions.

This function was omitted

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren was Mrs. Warren's sister, Mary Hines of Brownwood. Accompanying her was her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hines; one sister, and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Warren, Clyde; and another sister, Mrs. D. McMiller of Abilene.

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today as a communications truck was placed on the drop zone, where it was operated by another CCT member, A-1C Anton E. Evanson.

The second and third jumpers SSgt. James M. Jackson, assigned to Dyess for training from Webb AFB, and SSgt. Lewis Martinez of the 1st Aerial Port Squadron, followed Sergeant Hamblin out of the airplane at one - second intervals.

Sergeant Hamblin, making his 136th jump today, is a master parachutist with over 17 years of service — He has been jumping since 1956. When interviewed on the ground after landing only a few yards from his target, he said, "This is one of the best drop missions I've been on—the wind was calm and the weather was just right."

Sergeant Hamblin came to Dyess from the 7th Aerial Port Squadron at Tachikawa Air Base, Japan, in July 1962. Providing a watchful eye on the ground was the medical support team headed by Dr. (Capt.) Vincent Carter from the USAF Hospital at Dyess, the drop zone control officer, Capt. Kenneth J. Outland from the 17th Troop Carrier Squadron, and a team of observers, chiefed by Col. Paul J. Mascot, deputy commander for operations of the 516th.

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Four of Five Retirees Will Make Home in Texas

Four of the five Air Force career men, with units assigned or attached to the 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing and who are closing their active service Jan. 31, have selected the Lone Star state as their permanent home.

Three of the four residing in Texas will be residing in Abilene, while the fourth will be moving to the city of Clyde, approximately 40 miles distant.

Major Callan

Maj. William L. Callan, commander of 9th Weather Squadron's Detachment 14 since November 1960, will continue his residence at 1202 Sayles Boulevard. The major was born in Grand Rapids, Mich. He enlisted in the armed forces during 1942, and won an officer commission and pilot wings the same year. He had a one-year tour in the China-Burma-India theater during World War II, and post war assignments in Newfoundland and Japan. He won command pilot wings during 1958 but for the past 12 years has been primarily assigned in weather duties as a commander.

Sergeant Barnhardt

SMSgt. Marion W. Barnhardt, a supervisor with the 96th Supply Squadron, will be returning to his home state of North Carolina. A supply man throughout his military career he had been assigned in roles as supply sergeant, warehouse supervisor and non-commissioned officer — in charge of an Air Force weapons supply. His final duties at Dyess were as a special assistant in the management and procedures section. His military awards include the Commendation Medal During World War II he took part in five ground campaigns in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. He will be residing in Stateville, N. C.

Sergeant Riley

MSgt. Floyd B. Riley of the

819th Medical Group will be residing in his adopted city of Clyde. He was born in Throckmorton, Tex. Sergeant Riley's major specialty during his military career, which began in 1940, has been in the food service field. He came to Dyess in 1960 after a tour in Newfoundland. His duties at this Base have been in the role of a diet specialist with the hospital.

Sergeant Collins

TSgt. Arthur C. Collins, Jr., an instructor with Detachment 417S of Air Training Command's 3751st Field Training Squadron, will reside on Abilene Route Three. He began his Air Force career in 1940 as a flight chief and served in this capacity until 1951. For the 13 years he has been an aircraft maintenance instructor and had been assigned in that capacity at Dyess since February 1961. He had a tour on Guam from

1952-1954, and was stationed in Panama from 1940 to 1944.

Sergeant Hickerson

TSgt. Delore D. Hickerson, a maintenance control technician with 96th Combat Support Group headquarters will be residing at 5298 S. 7th St. in Abilene. He was born in Lone Wolf, Okla., and began his service career in 1940. An infantryman until 1948, the

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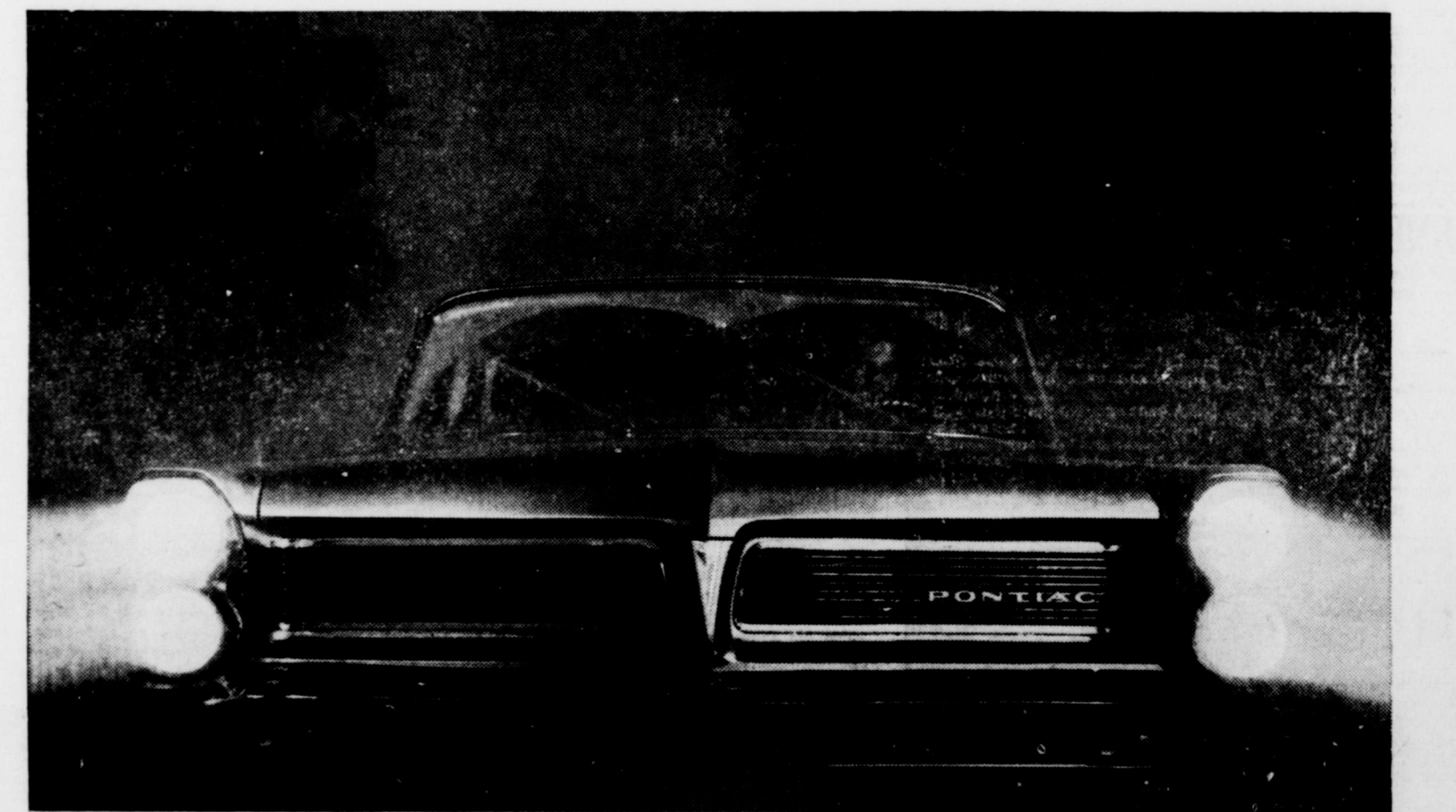
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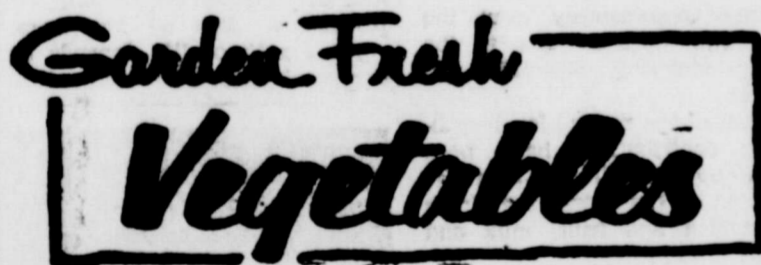
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2-Lb. Box **73¢**

SUNSHINE GRAHAM

CRACKERS 1-Lb. Box **35¢**

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PEAS 2 for **39¢**

AUSTEX - NO. 2 CAN

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MISCELLANEOUS

FOR MONUMENTS and CEMETERY CURBING M. A. (Sarg) NOSTER
Phone 321-W
1404 Herring Dr.
MERKEL, TEXAS

WOMAN WHO CAN DRIVE to call regularly each month on established Studio Girl Cosmetics clients in and around Merkel, making necessary deliveries, etc. 3 or 4 hours per day. Route will pay up to \$5.00 per hour. Write STUDIO GIRL COSMETICS, Dept. 79232, Glendale, Calif.

WANTED — Painting, sheetrocking, taping, bedding, textoning and general repair. Lee Edward, Phone 8-6824, Merkel, 49 3tp

WANTED — Gardens to plow with walking tractor. Contact Oscar McLean, 506 Ash, Merkel.

WANTED — Dirty windshields to clean. K & E Service Center. 5-tfc

BATTERIES CHARGED
29c
WHITE AUTO STORE
Merkel, Texas

WE REPAIR and have parts for Norelco and Remington electric razors. McCue Drug, Phone 9506. 46 tfc

SEPTIC TANKS, CESS POOLS AND CELLARS pumped out. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call collect, OR 3-3081, Abilene. 39 tfc

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NEED A NEW WELL DRILL-ED? An old well cleaned out? Call Robert Higgins, 9011-J2. Also sell and install Meyers Pumps. 51-tfc

FOR YOUR RADIO and TV Service... call Durwood Doan at 420. 49 tfc

MASONIC MEETING
Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.
T. J. BIRD JR., W.M.
A. E. PARHAM, Sec'y.

COMPLETE SERVICE on Refrigerators, washers, dryers and stoves. K. B. Cleveland, OR 2-9678. 43-8tp

CALL 928-5230, Merkel, for general repair, carpenter, painting, plumbing, etc. Earl Mashburn, Merkel. 47 1tp

PLUMBING and repair work. Charley Massey, Phone 121-W, 211 Thornton. 47 1tp

FOR RENT
FOR RENT—Good late model typewriters. Tel. 246-M after 5 p.m. 25-tfc

FOR RENT — Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, central heating, electric appliances, fenced, 1505 Sunset, Merkel. Abilene phone OR 3-2134.

FOR RENT — Rooms and furnished apartments. Bills paid. Merkel Hotel. Phone 9503. 46 ttc

FOR RENT — Unfurnished house. See Mrs. J. S. Pinckley at 507 Edwards or call 292-R, 1 ttc

FOR RENT — Furnished bedroom. Private bath and private entrance. Phone Mrs. Ina Hunter, 63 W. Located at 301 Oak, Merkel. 1tp

FOR RENT — Furnished house, three rooms and bath. Call 928-5236, 402 Ash, Merkel.

FOR RENT — Two bedroom apartment. Bills paid. No pets. Inquire at 405 Kent, Merkel. 47 ttc

FOR RENT — Furnished apartment with bath. Call Mrs. Ina Hunter, 8-5936, Merkel. 48 1tp

FOR RENT — Two furnished rooms and private bath. Phone 928-5742, 513 N. 5th at E. Paso St. 49 1tc

FOR RENT — 5 room modern house with bath. Located at 104 Manchester in Merkel. Call Mrs. Mack Hode, 8-5255. 49 1tp

FOR SALE

FOR SALE — See me for Knapp shoes. Peck Eager, K & E Service Center, Ph. 208. 34-tfc

FOR SALE — Large rock home with garage apartment located at 112 Oak St. Call 159 or 129, Nolan Palmer. 48 1tp

FOR SALE — Baled sorghum almun. Phone McKee at 9010-J2, Merkel. 48 1tp

FOR SALE — Nice 2 bedroom home, double garage at a bargain price. Also 1 house for rent. Call Cyrus Pee, 8-5613. 47-1tp

FOR SALE — The L. C. Murray home, 1111 South 6th Street, Merkel. Call Mrs. Odell Freeman, 2-9253 in Trent. 48 1tp

NEED a carport, room addition, garage or a new roof? We have all types of siding, aluminum, insulation, plastic, asbestos etc. Aluminum door and window screens, also brick. For best prices and guaranteed satisfaction, with no down payment and 5 years to pay call us collect for free estimates. GATHRIGHT CONSTRUCTION & SUPPLY. Office phone OW 2-0016. Residence. OR 2-7607 or OR 3-1735, Abilene. 47 ttc

FOR SALE — Farmall tractor for cultivator, planter and plow attachments. Call or see Lige Harris, 404 Rose Street, Phone 8-5173, Merkel.

FOR SALE — Nice, one owner Dodge car in excellent condition. See at 205 Yucca, Merkel. 49 1tp

FOR SALE — Choice lots in the new section of Western Heights. Paved streets and all utilities. Inquire of Herman Carson or Nolan Palmer, Merkel.

FOR SALE — 4,000 bundles Higeria, 5c per bundle. Contact Otis Williams, Rt. 2, Trent, Phone 2-9328.

FOR SALE — 500 laying hens or deep freeze hens 50c each. O. D. Watson, McCaulley, Phone 2314. 48 1tc

BIGGEST BUY IN TOWN — 1 Zig-Zag electric portable sewing machine with built-in button holer and attachments. 1 electric Atlas sewing machine with all attachments. Choice either machine \$49.00. McCue Drug, Merkel.

FOR SALE — Chrome dinette suite, table, leaf, four chairs, \$14.50. See at 1206 N. 2nd, Phone 8-5761, Merkel.

BIG DEAL — 3 bedroom, large living room, dining area, kitchen with vent-hood, 20 ft. den, new wall to wall carpet, redecorated throughout, furnace heat, double garage, patio, gas light, fenced, good water well, 4 room nicely furnished rent house on rear of lot, stays rented all time, will sell with or without rent house. Also extra lot on the north. Will FHA. Located at 711 Loust, Merkel. Key for inspection at C of C office. Phone L. H. McAden, OR 3-4442, Abilene. 49 3tp

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER EXECUTION NO. 9842-B
BANK OF COMMERCE
VS.
THOMAS A. TUCKER AND ELBERT H. BONINE
IN THE 104TH DISTRICT COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS STATE OF TAYLOR

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. 9842-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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The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 11th day of February A.D. 1963.
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Ann Benson Complimented With Series Of Parties

Ann Benson, bride-elect of Bill Scott, was honored with a gift party Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. John Shannon. Miss Benson was wearing a Dior blue taffeta dress fashioned with bouffant skirt and bolero jacket.

In the receiving line with the honoree were her mother, Mrs. Carol Benson, Mrs. W. P. Scott of Trent, mother of the prospective bridegroom, and Mrs. Shannon.

Green and white themed party decor. The table was laid with a white satin brocade with a net skirt overlay accented with cascade arrangements of white wedding balls. A white Florentine container on a cherub base held a table arrangement of white stock, carnations and

freesia. Appointments were in silver.

Mrs. Manly Denton, Mrs. Ronnie English, Mrs. Benny Melton, Mrs. Joe Scott and Janie Ereaux were in the house party.

Miss Benson and Scott will exchange wedding vows Feb. 23 at her parents home.

Mmes. Weldon McAninch and Chester Collingsworth shared hostess duties Tuesday evening in the McAninch home complimenting Ann Benson with a personal gift party.

Miss Benson greeted guests wearing a gold and green print shirtwaist frock.

The refreshment table was laid in white linen, a centerpiece of green and white. Appointments were in silver and china.

Mrs. Robert Tom Hodge, 1400 Trundy, Sweetwater, honored Miss Benson with a luncheon Saturday, Feb. 9.

A Valentine decor was used throughout the entertaining rooms. Places were laid for sixteen guests in the den.

Miss Benson was wearing a spring suit of red hosiery with black patent accessories. Guests were from Abilene, Tuscola, Big Spring, Odessa, Trent and Merkel.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Martin, Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilchrist, Merkel, are parents of a 7 pound daughter Patricia Lavonne, born at 2:30 a.m. Feb. 8, in Sadler Clinic Hospital. Grandparents are Mrs. Vita Smith, Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gilchrist of Gay, North Carolina. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Patterson, Abilene, announce the birth of a daughter, Terry Ann, at 9:40 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, in Sadler Clinic Hospital. The baby weighed 8 pounds.

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Beta Sigma Phi Holds Election
Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday night at the REA building. Mrs. Bonnie Dayton, president, presided at the business session in which a nominating committee was elected.

Elected were: Pat Hunter, Lonelle Teaff and Wilma Robertson. The chapter also voted to have a Spring Rushing Program to begin in March.

The program was brought by Mamie Steck who talked on "Voice and Vocabulary."

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HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES
By LORETA ALLEN

Leaders from nine Home Demonstration Clubs were told that many kinds of ornamental trees, flowering shrubs, roses, and evergreens are easy to propagate by home methods. These home methods utilize inexpensive easily available material and equipment. For greater success use only healthy plants, propagate in the proper season, protect propagating material from drying, and give the newly propagated plants extra care until they are well established in their permanent location.

Simple layering and air layering was discussed.

The group were shown how to take cuttings and how to care for them before they put them out. Then they were shown how to root the cuttings in a flower pot that is kept covered with a plastic bag.

Each person made some cuttings and put them in the flower pots. The plastic bag forms a miniature hot house for the cuttings.

Those attending the meeting were Mmes. Tom Rusom, Harry Franklin, A. L. Cook, Virgil Waldrop, B. J. Gist, Homer Landers, Billy R. Browning, Riley Miller, Leo Norris, Herman Hamon, J. R. Giddens, Bobby Mangan, Pat Caldwell and W. E. Vance.

THE ROLE OF FOOD ON LIFE EXPECTANCY
Foods are helping to expand the human life span.

Today's life expectancy is 7 years longer than it was in 1940. Our national health has improved tremendously over the past two decades due to the many startling scientific advances.

Some of the many life-lengthening contributions have been made by agriculture — in the growing and processing of fresh vegetables and fruit, milk and meat.

Take a look around the shelves of your favorite grocery store. You can buy strawberries in December, pumpkin pie in June, lettuce in January, apples in April. Food products once considered seasonal today can be purchased the year around.

Homemakers can be sure that the foodstuffs are more nutritious, have better flavor, are clean and free from insects or harmful disease — carrying filth.

Availability of high quality food the year around is one of the things which has lengthened our average life span from 62 years in 1940 to 69 years in 1960. Others are the wonder drugs and miraculous surgical techniques.

The wise use of agricultural chemicals by growers, farmers and ranchers has resulted in the availability of these foods. Without the use of these vital production tools, we would not enjoy the high standard of plenty

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Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

It is very cold at Stith this Monday. The moisture will be a help to the small grain.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson visited in Albany Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Willingham. Mrs. Jessie Lenoir, returned home with them after visiting several weeks with her daughter and husband, Mr. and

Mrs. Willingham.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry spent the week end in Thalia with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sims, and in Vernon with Mrs. Effie Nash. Walter Kelso of Anson visited at Stith Friday.

Bobby Malone of Merkel attended services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Ethel Panida returned home last week after a month's visit in Fort Worth and Dallas with friends and relatives. Mrs. Zella Bright of Trent visited her

Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale and Charles visited in Anson Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Smoot and at the Anson General Hospital with Mrs. J. F. Hill who is seriously ill.

O. B. Tatum, Merkel, spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children of Tuscola visited them Saturday afternoon.

The Rev. T. E. Moore, pastor of the Stith Baptist Church conducted services at the Starr Nursing Home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. R. E. Dayton Jr., was hostess Friday afternoon for a

roller skating party at Merkel Friday afternoon, celebrating the 8th birthday of her twins, Dianna and Danna. Refreshments of cup cakes and cold drinks were served to 20 guests.

Mrs. McElmurray Host Gardeners

Members of the Merkel Garden Club met Thursday in the home of Mrs. A. H. McElmurray. Mrs. Raymond Ferguson was co-hostess.

The tea table was centered

with an arrangement of red carnations featuring the Valentine motif.

During the business hour Mrs. Earl Hughes was appointed to take the duties of secretary following the resignation of Mrs. Ernest Teaff.

Plans were made to hold a bake sale on Feb. 16, in the West Texas Utilities building when sandwiches, cakes, pie and coffee will be served all day as a fund raising project for the club.

"Pleasures in Conserving Wildlife" was subject matter for the day. On display was a collection of birds carved of bone which Mrs. W. S. J. Brown brought

from Japan. Another collection was made by Mrs. Clyde Bartlett.

Guest speaker was Mrs. O. Hillyard of Abilene. She discussed approximately 35 species of local birds and their habits. Colored pictures identified most of the species.

"Fascinating Facts About Birds" were given by Mrs. Robert Hicks. Sixteen members were present.

Click, Johnny Cox, R. M. Ferguson, W. L. Brown, W. S. J. Brown, Mary Click, Johnny Cox, R. M. Ferguson, Mack Fisher, Robert Hicks, Earl Hughes, Dale Litton, Eunice Masey, A. H. McElmurray, H. N. Odum,

Herbert Patterson, Jarrett Williams, Misses Christine Collins and Nora Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver and son Jimmy spent the week end in Midland with Mr. and Mrs. Jon B. Oliver and children.

The Rev. and Mrs. Dave Johnson and family, Waco, were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller over the week-end.

Blessed are the poor, for they are not compelled to pronounce Hors d'oeuvres.

DOLLAR DAY SAVINGS

ALL DOLLAR DAY PURCHASES MUST BE FOR CASH

VALUES MEN'S DRESS SLACKS

A final "close out" of Men's year-around dress slacks. Our sizes and color selections are very broken but if we can fit you this is a wonderful value.

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LONG SLEEVE SPORT SHIRTS

What we have left in Men's broadcloth and knitted long-sleeve sport shirts. Selection and sizes very broken.

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\$3.50 PER PAIR

Pillow cases to match these sheets ONLY

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Awards Made At Commander's Hour; 4 Commendation Medals Included

Four Air Force Commendation Medals plus award for outstanding achievements of the quarter were presented by Col. William L. McDowell Jr., commander, 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing at his wing commander's hour at the base theater Jan. 24.

Air Force Commendation Medals were presented to the following: Maj. Viking H. Lian, Headquarters Squadron section, 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing; MSgt. Lawrence A. Reynolds, Headquarters Squadron section, 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing; TSgt. Alfred E. Brent, 819th Medical

Group; and TSgt. Albert H. Lattany, 96th Transportation Squadron and Col. Wilbur B. Beezley, Headquarters Squadron section, 96th Strategic Wing.

Mrs. Bishop Is Named to Board

A certificate of appointment as Executive Secretary to the U. S. Board of Civil Service Examiners, Abilene area, was presented Monday to Mrs. Roy J. (Louise) Bishop at Dyess.

In a brief formal ceremony at the civilian personnel office, Mrs. Bishop was presented the certificate by Lt. Col. James S. Hislop, base personnel director. Also present was Mrs. David F. Ibbotson, civilian personnel officer and chairman of the board of local civil service examiners.

Mrs. Bishop has been employed at Dyess for the past seven years as a personnel specialist. In her role as executive secretary, she will release announcements, administer and grade civil service exams given to applicants in the eight-county area surrounding Abilene. Her appointment, approved in Washington, D. C., and by the local board, is for an indefinite term.

Mrs. Dee Grimes will accompany her daughter, Mrs. John Cleveland to Dallas for a short stay this week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess, Austin, are visitors at the Herbert Patterson home this week. Mr. Burgess, a former Merkel Schools Superintendent.

SSgt. Harvey E. Fuller, 819th Medical Group, and AIC J. Vega-Montalvo, Headquarters Squadron section, 96th Combat Support Group, were each presented a Certificate of Achievement plus a \$25 Savings Bond for being selected Outstanding NCO for a six month period and Outstanding Airman of Quarter respectively.

Outstanding performance awards for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1962 were presented to SMSgt. Robert W. Shults, Jr., 96th Field Maintenance Squadron; TSgt. James W. Martin, 96th Transportation Squadron; and SSgt. Bernard R. Johnson, 96th Supply Squadron. Letters of appreciation and wing lighters were presented to the men.

Trophies were presented to the following squadrons for having outstanding dormitories: 96th Food Service Squadron, Headquarters Squadron section, 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing, and 96th Civil Engineering Squadron. 96th Food Service Squadron won the unit dormitory and then tied with Civil Engineering for area dormitory. The most improved dormitory was won by Headquarters Squadron section, 96th SAWg.

The outstanding dining hall award was won by Dining Hall 2. Sergeant Moore accepted the trophy.

The Wing Unit Leadership award for the quarter ending, Dec. 31, 1962 was copied by the 578th Strategic Missile Squadron, and the Wing Individual Proficiency Training award was won by the 96th Organizational Maintenance Squadron. The 96th Field Maintenance Squadron was awarded the Wing Ground Safety Award for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1962.



HERE'S YOUR GAVEL — MSgt. William H. Osterholt, right, accepts the presidential gavel from CMSgt. Eugene J. Witkowski, outgoing "prexy" of the Dyess chapter of the Fifteenth Air Force non-commissioned officer academy graduates association. The term is for one year. Sergeant Witkowski is sergeant major for the 819th Strategic Aerospace Division headquarters and Sergeant Osterholt is first sergeant of the 96th Food Service Squadron. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

Father Cmiel Takes New Chaplain Post

Chaplain (Capt.) John C. Cmiel, 39, recently took over the duties as Catholic chaplain at Dyess. Father Cmiel's assignment became official with Chaplain Thomas D. Holland's departure to Turkey, Jan. 16, 1963.

Father Cmiel, originally from Plymouth, Pa., entered the service in 1956. He took the chaplain's basic training course at Lackland AFB, Tex., and since then has been assigned to Perrin AFB, Tex.; Alaska; Greenville, Miss.; Phalsbourg, France; Bitburg, Germany; March AFB, Calif.; and Dyess.

He graduated from the St. Peters Seminary located in London, Canada, in June 1949. Father Cmiel had been assigned to six different civilian parishes prior to joining the Air Force.

Father Cmiel's mother, Mrs. Mary Cmiel, resides at 118 E. Shawnee Ave., Plymouth, Pa.

Billy King, mechanic at the John Deere Implement Co., is attending John Deere Training School in Dallas this week.

Robert Malone and Dink Whisenant attended a manager's meeting of the John Deere Co. in Dallas last week.



FATHER CMIEL

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Lackland Assignment

Sergeant Hale Working With Many Specialists

MSgt. Kermit W. Hale, an inspector with the 96th Supply Squadron, left Dyess yesterday (this week) on a special assignment to Lackland AFB, Tex.

He will be on temporary duty at Lackland, preparing skill knowledge tests for airmen in the supply career field. These will be used Air Force worldwide, starting next summer in the upgrading of airmen from apprentice through specialist to technician levels.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Spiers and four children, Mark, Jan, Craig and Jill of Wichita Falls, visited over the week end with Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Chastain.

Mrs. E. P. Farmer, Merkel, is home again after spending some time in St. Ann's Hospital in Abilene for medical care.

Air Training Command normally selects non-commissioned officers every two years for writing of specialty tests. Sergeant Hale will be working with other NCO's (all experts in the supply field) a review officer and psychologist in the preparation of tests for Air Force skill codes 647XO and 647XI (supply).

Sergeant Hale has been assigned in the supply field the past 22 years. He had three year assignment at the start of his career as an artilleryman and then served as a mess sergeant during a one-year period.

This will be Hale's second test-writing assignment for the supply career field. His first came in 1954, while on duty at Scott AFB, Ill. Normally all Air Force skill knowledge tests are rewritten every two years.



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HQ SAC (SAC PS)—Drivers of military vehicles in Strategic Air Command can now look back at the "trip ticket" as a thing of the past.

At Dyess, the trip ticket was replaced by a registration card Dec. 1, according to TSgt. Al Gentry, supervisor of the Base motor pool.

The trip ticket has been replaced by a registration card issued with every vehicle. The change reduces the administrative workload for transportation personnel and makes driving a SAC vehicle more like driving the family car.

The registration cards place the responsibility for control on the using organization. The laminated cards, white for on-base use and colored for off-base use, are the only means of proving authorization for use of the vehicle.

Under the new registration card system, servicing and paper work for the driver have been completely eliminated.

The new concept got its start a little more than a year ago, when the daily trip ticket exchange requirement was extended to once each 30 days. Next came SAC's service station reorganization which resulted in the assignment of mechanics to the service station to completely service the vehicle.

Often the driver of a military vehicle is a technician

in a career field not connected with transportation, and he uses the vehicle as a tool to complete his assigned mission.

Daily inspection and servicing of vehicles as well as the daily trip ticket renewal found these highly skilled technicians spending an average of 15 minutes at the motor pool getting trip tickets renewed. Multiply the 15 minutes by the thousands of vehicles in SAC, and the number of lost man-hours reaches an astronomical figure.

Under the new concept the driver of a vehicle needs only to drive—transportation takes care of the rest, filling the gas tank, checking the oil and battery, etc. All records are maintained at the service station on IBM cards which are processed every 15 days. Keeping records, such as mileage, stops, load, passengers, waiting time, have been completely eliminated for the driver.

Motor pool vehicles also have registration cards, and their use is controlled by the motor pool. However, the need to record mileage, stops, etc., has also been eliminated for the motor pool driver.

All of these changes make the job of driving easier and at the same time provide a more efficient way to record vehicle use and servicing on SAC's fleet of approximately 34,000 vehicles.

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Two To Receive Degrees At H-SU

Two Merkel students are completing requirements this week for their degrees from Hardin-Simmons University.

They are Edwin Bumpass, son of Mrs. E. B. Bumpass, Route 1, and Buddy Frank Carter, son of Frank F. Carter, Rt. 2.

Bumpass will receive the Bachelor of Arts degree with major in chemistry and minor in biology.

Carter will receive the Bachelor of Science with majors in secondary education and mathematics and a minor in chemistry.

Final examinations this week are closing out the undergraduate careers of the two. However, they won't receive their degrees until H-SU's regular spring commencement, slated this year for May 27.

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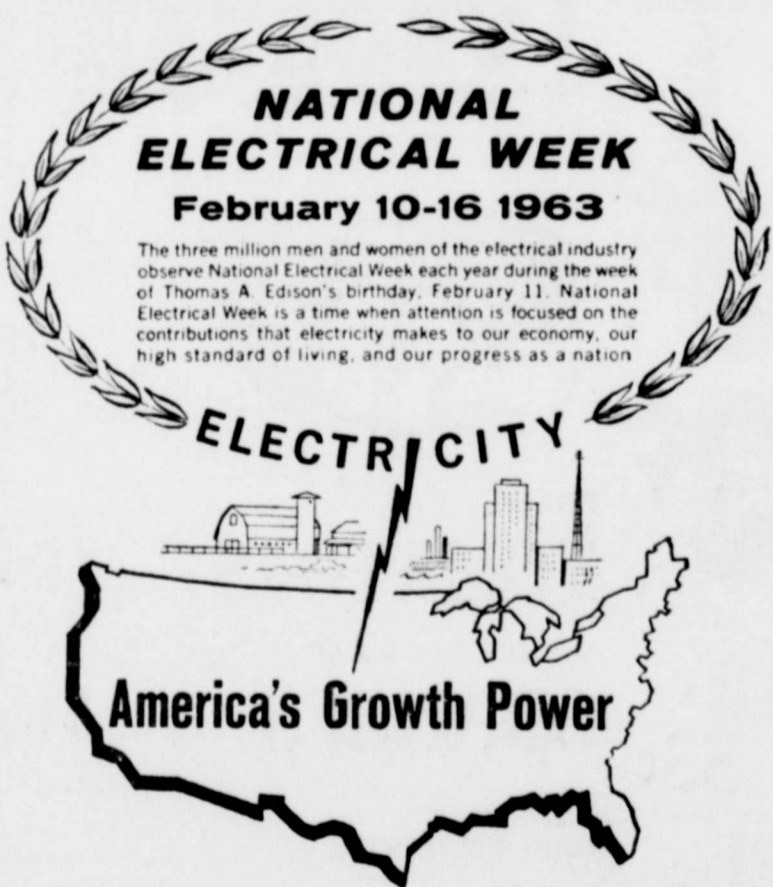
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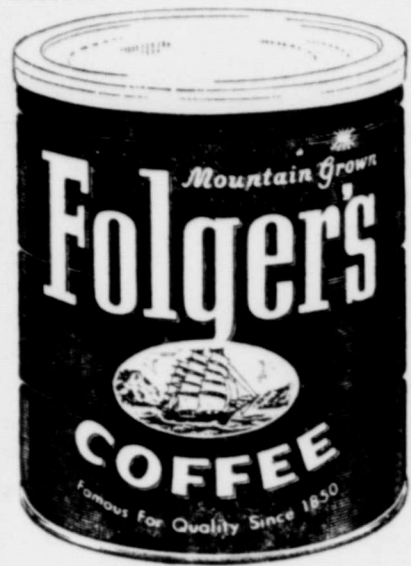
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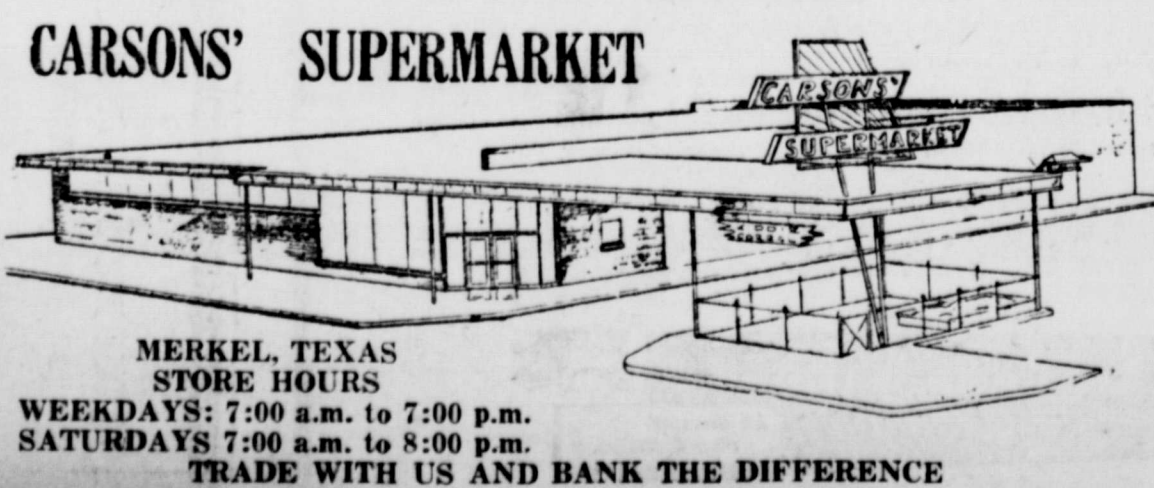
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