

The Little Mail

By E. S. CHASTAIN

All signs fail in dry weather. So goes the old saying. But I have found that all prognosticators of weather usually have an alibi to rely upon.

This column predicted that rain would come three days before or after the 21st of March, but I'm falling back to that alibi to save face by saying that Tom Russom fouled it up for me.

Now, we have a new member to the Rain Maker's Society. Mr. Ted Smith, down at the Farmers and Merchants Bank goes on record by saying that rain will come on the 29th.

Of course, Tom Russom, Mr. Cordill, and myself are staunchly supporting him in this.

The wind is blowing a terrific gale today. If there was a rain cloud in the sky, rain would probably fall on Fort Worth before it reached the ground.

Barry Goldwater's appearance on the Jack Parr program last week could be summed up and criticized with one word. Comical. He said that the administration is not leveling with the American public on international affairs. Perhaps he has forgotten how much the Republican administration leveled with the American public under Eisenhower during the U-2 incident. Had little to say except to criticize about everybody in the present administration.

When asked by Parr if he had any criticism on President Kennedy, he answered by saying, "How much time do we have?" Sitting at the right of Parr, Goldwater said, "I'd rather be RIGHT than president." An understatement of the year.

I keep wondering when Parr is going to have Johnny Birch on his program.

AS A PARTING THOUGHT I would like to convey that "far rightest" people believe that 99 per cent of the people are wrong and insist that right must triumph and that they can't agree on what is right.

Tye Lions Chili Supper Set April 2

The Tye Lions Club is sponsoring a chili supper on Tuesday, April 2 at the Tye School Cafeteria. Chili will be served from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Each ticket will sell for fifty cents and the club promises each person all the chili that they want.

The Tye Lions Club has sponsored different community activities during the short time that it has been established which includes the construction of the Little League Park, the turning of an old unused building into a community building, the purchase of glasses for underprivileged children, and many other projects.

It is through the support of such events as this chili supper that the Lions Club is able to accomplish worthwhile things. We ask that everyone who possibly can purchase a ticket to this supper to do so in order that the Lions Club may get sufficient revenue to continue these community projects.

Also we want to announce that the Lions Club of Tye is sponsoring a clean up day on Saturday, March 30. We request that everyone in the community place their tree limbs and such things in a pile in the front and they will be hauled off by members of the club. We also request that all people that own vacant lots in the community clean off their lots and place their trash in a pile on their lot close to the street and this too will be picked up.

The Lions Club is trying to help make Tye a nice place to live and will appreciate the cooperation of the community in their activities.

Gas Fire Burns Luther Land

Luther Land, Taylor County Constable, precinct 5, Merkel, received second degree burns on his chest, arms and face Tuesday morning about 11 a.m. while attempting to hasten a trash fire by pouring gasoline on a smouldering blaze.

Quick action of the Starbuck Ambulance in taking Mr. Land to the hospital where medical attention was given, relieved the severe pain.

Seriousness of the burns was not stated by the Sadler Clinic Hospital attendants as of Tuesday evening. Mr. Land's right hand was badly burned.

WORKERS FINISHING CO. RED CROSS DRIVE

The annual March Red Cross Drive headed by Johnny Cox and Fred Starbuck as general county chairmen are coordinating efforts to bring the drive to a close.

They are urging all committees to complete their quotas and turn in their records so that they may close out the project. To all extent, as the drive looks this week, it has been successful. However, some committees have yet to report from their areas.

Executive director of the Taylor County chapter, Miss Ollie Lena Olsen, was in Merkel on Tuesday conferring with leaders

Merkel Girls 2nd In Jr. Track Meet

The Merkel Junior High School girls scored 16 1/2 points to place second behind the Baird junior girls who scored 26 1/2 in the Junior Conference track meet held at the Jim Ned Elementary School March 22. The Jim Ned girls scored 9 points to place third and Wylie scored 3 points.

As this is the first annual meet of the Junior Conference made up of the Merkel, Baird, Jim Ned and Wylie elementary schools, the results of all events will be records. Results were:

50 yard dash: 1 Doan, Merkel; 2 Gordon, Baird; 3 Shelnut, Baird; 4 Smalley, Baird; Time: 6.7.

75 yard dash: 1 Gordon, Baird; 2 Doan, Merkel; 3 Evans, Merkel; 4 Shelnut, Baird; Time: 9.5.

220-yard relay: 1 Baird; 2 Merkel; 3 Jim Ned; 4 Wylie; time: 29.7.

Chinning: 1 Daniels, Baird; 2 Vines, Baird; 3 Doan, Merkel; Broadjump: 1 Evans, Merkel; 4 Childress, Baird. Chin 12 times.

2 Laster and Gordon, Baird; 4 Rogers, Wylie. Distance 14' 1". Softball throw: 1 Gipson, Jim Ned; 2 Gordon, Baird; 3 Wylie and 4 Doan, Merkel. Distance 142 feet eleven inches.

Merkel Jr. Class To Present Plays

The Junior Class of Merkel High School will present three plays Friday, March 29. There will be an afternoon matinee at 1:30 and an evening performance at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

The three plays to be presented are "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," a tragic story of a dual personality, "Elmer and the Lovebug" is a story of a teen age boy's discovery of a special girl, and "Bird on the Wing," a story of a girl's growing up.

Admission to the plays will be 25c and 50c.



WILLIAM PASCAL BUCKNER

Student Preacher Here March 31st

William Pascal Buckner II, student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, will be guest pastor at the Merkel Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 31.

Mr. Buckner received a bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University in 1955 and a law degree from the Baylor Law School in 1957. He has also attended Trinity University in San Antonio and the University of Texas. He was president of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity and a member of Psi Chi, psychology fraternity.

Before entering the Seminary Mr. Buckner practiced law in Odessa. He has his church membership in the First Presbyterian Church of Austin.

and committeemen on the county-wide drive.

The Merkel area which consists of the trade area, workers have turned in \$514.44 with one area yet to report. Workers conducting the drive in the Merkel area are Holland Teaf, Mrs. H. B. Finch, Mrs. Vernon Hudson, Mrs. Frank Brnovak, Mrs. J. A. Horton and Mrs. Buster Horton.

The Trent area has turned in \$67.00 and those working in Trent area are Mrs. Othel O'Kelly and Mrs. Mark Williamson.

In the View area with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Braune working, they have turned in \$58.50.

The Potosi area with Mrs. Edgar Holly working has turned in \$82.75.

Other areas not reporting as yet are Cedar Gap, Mrs. Tommy Graham, chairman; Tuscola area, Rex Reddel, chairman; Lawn area, Mrs. J. C. Raper, chairman; Bradshaw area, Wayne Hunt, chairman; Buffalo Gap area, Mrs. Clyde Bingham, chairman; Wylie area, Mrs. Bill Moore and Mrs. V. L. Ohlhausen, chairmen; Hamby area, Mrs. V. B. Reeves, chairman; Elmdale area, N. A. Estes and Bill Antilly, chairmen and Shep area with Frank K. Antily as chairman.

Mrs. McMinn, 83, Dies In Merkel

Mrs. Susan Margaret McMinn, 83, of Merkel, died at 3:15 a.m. Thursday in Sadler Clinic - Hospital following a short illness.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday in Merkel Church of Christ with E. M. Borden officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mrs. McMinn was born at Eccatur, April 28, 1875. She married J. O. McMinn June 16, 1897 in Alma, Okla. A newspaperman in Oklahoma before moving here in 1924, he farmed here until his death in 1950.

Mrs. McMinn was a long-time member of the Church of Christ. Surviving are five sons, Leon of Stonewall, Okla., E. R. of West Covina, Calif., Juano of Barmeshall, Okla., Jack of Loma Linda, Calif. and Fred of San Angelo; two daughters, Mrs. W. R. Weaver of Spur, and Mrs. Ernest Teaf of Merkel; 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons were pallbearers. Elders and deacons of Merkel Church of Christ were honorary pallbearers.

NOTICE

Children who will begin school for the first time at the beginning of the 1963-64 school year will be invited to visit the Merkel primary school under the supervision of our first grade teachers on April 26.

If you have moved to Merkel since Feb. 1 of this year and you have a child who will start to school in September, please contact Leon Walker, principal of the elementary school. Also please call the school if you did not get your child on the school census during the month of January.

We would like to have the names of all children possible who will start to school next year in order that we may send letters of invitation to all as well as other information that will be helpful to parents of the beginner in school.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Admissions to the hospital from Sunday, March 17 through Saturday, March 23 included:

- M. T. Head
- T. B. Poe, Winters
- Joe Douglas
- Mrs. M. E. Baccus
- Mrs. Howard E. Cook, Abilene
- R. O. Payne, Trent
- Mrs. W. A. Hogue, Trent
- Mrs. A. B. Patterson
- Mrs. Johnny Cox
- Dismissals of the same period were:
- O. S. Everett
- Mrs. Lula Hussey, Tye
- Mrs. E. W. King
- Mrs. Andy Pruitt & Abilene
- John T. Dixon
- Mrs. J. S. Knight
- Mrs. Dee Teaf, Tye
- Bobby Campbell, Abilene
- Mrs. J. M. Stowe, Trent
- Kenneth Talburt, Trent
- Mrs. L. A. Plank
- Mrs. Bennie Melton and daughters.



MPFC HUGH O'DONNELL

Hugh R. O'Donnell Gets Promotion

USS COLUMBUS (FHTNC) — Marine Private First Class Hugh R. O'Donnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. O'Donnell of Merkel, was promoted to his present rank while serving with the Marine Detachment aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Columbus, operating out of Bremerton, Wash.

He recently completed one week of field training at Fort Lewis, Wash. The training consisted of small unit tactics, bayonet drill, dry net training and familiarization firing with the .45 caliber pistol.

Mrs. Ada Duncan Funeral At Trent

Mrs. Ada M. Duncan, 83, died at 5:25 p.m. here Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Dudley.

Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Trent Church of Christ with the minister, Doug Sikes, and E. M. Borden, minister of the Merkel Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial was in Trent Cemetery, Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

Mrs. Ada M. Sherman Aug. 31, 1879, in Anahuac, Tex., she moved to Trent 74 years ago and married Frank H. Duncan there Oct. 27, 1901. He owned and operated a feed store. He died Sept. 15, 1943.

She had been in ill health for nine years.

Surviving are three sons, F. H. of Merkel, Earl of Garland and Roland of Post; four daughters, Mrs. Ida Mae Kent of Odessa, Mrs. Ola Purser of Mineral Wells, Mrs. Clarice Blankenship of Hamlin and Mrs. Ruth Dudley of Merkel; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Nolan Duncan, George Van Roden, Pete Neill, Nolan Palmer, Onis Graham and Carlton McLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Pyburn, Abilene, announce the birth of a girl, Lana Laynette, born Friday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene, at 7:15 p.m. The little lady weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray of Mulberry Canyon and Mr. and Mrs. George Pyburn of Roby.

AREA LIONS ATTEND MERKEL ZONE MEET

The Merkel Lions Club was host to 38 Lions in a zone meeting this week in which membership, attendance, elections and convention plans were discussed.

Merkel Lions Club President Onis Crawford welcomed the directors and visitors to the Lions Zone meeting.

C. A. Fomby of Tuscola presided at the meeting. Lion Fomby pointed out that membership in the district was slightly above that of this same period last year. However, the increase in attendance for the zone was largely because of the work of the Abilene Downtown Lions Club.

A report was made on the percentage of attendance at meetings. Lion Crawford reported that the Merkel Club had approximately 60 per cent attendance.

Merkel C of C Set For Annual Event

Featured Speaker Is Rex Jennings

One of the greater civic functions of the year to take place in Merkel, will be the annual banquet of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce to be held Thursday evening, March 28, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

New Merkel Chamber of Commerce officers to be installed include Dr. Don Warren, president; Paul Woods, vice president; Earl Hughes, secretary - treasurer; and Chester Collingsworth and Frank Breaux, directors. Mr. J. Cooley, general manager of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce will be the installing officer.

Featured speaker for the event will be Rex Jennings, executive vice president and general manager of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Jennings, a native of Lamar County, has been chamber of commerce manager at Mount Pleasant, Sulphur Spring, Brownwood and Longview. Before accepting the Wichita Falls post he was manager of the industrial department of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce.

He is president of the Texas Chamber of Commerce Managers Assn. and is a past president of Southern Industrial Development Council. He is first vice president of the Wichita Falls Rotary Club.

One of the highlights of the evening will be the recognition and presentation of a plaque to Merkel's outstanding civic organization. Last year's banquet honored the Brushstomper's Riding Club.

Isadore Mellinger will be master of ceremonies for the banquet with the Rev. John Curtis,

Merkel Tennis Jrs Win Roscoe Meet

At the District 6-A Junior Tennis Tournament held at Roscoe, on March 22, Gary Doan and Donnie Doan defeated the Rotan Juniors 6-4 and 6-2 to win the Double Championship. In other games of the Junior tournament Edward Arms was defeated by the Roscoe team 6-4 and 6-3; the Roscoe double team won over Phyllis Newby and Sue Pinckley in three sets 6-1, 4-6 and 6-4. Sandy Tate was defeated by the Rotan singles champion 6-1 and 6-0.

Announcements

All Pony League boys in the 13 to 15 age group, their fathers, and all ball players are asked to meet at west end of south 2nd Street Saturday morning at 9 a.m. for try outs. Dink Whisenhunt and Bob Hook.

The 5th Sunday Singing Convention will be held in Merkel on March 31, at 2 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church. The public is cordially invited.

The Band Parents Club are sponsoring a negro Minstrel April 8 at the high school auditorium. Proceeds are to benefit Merkel Bonds. Your attendance will be appreciated.



REX JENNINGS
... Merkel speaker

pastor of the Assembly of God Church, giving the invocation.

Featured as added entertainment at the banquet will be the organ music of Johnny Hardesty who will also accompany Mrs. Don Riney in a vocal number.

Chamber officials estimate that 200 to 300 will be served at the banquet.

Advance tickets are on sale at the Merkel Drug, Wilson's Food Store, Carson's Super Market and at the chamber office. You may also secure your tickets at the door.

Invitations have been sent to many out of town guests, including Dyess Air Force Base personnel, Abilene Chamber of

Commerce, West Texas Chamber, the Trent Chamber, Tye Chamber, Colorado City and Sweetwater Chambers, County officials and many others.

Graders To Enter Interscholastic Literary Meet

On Saturday, March 30, the Merkel Elementary School will participate in the Spring Literary Meet of the University Interscholastic League at Big Spring. The events in the elementary division will be declamation, 5th and 6th grade spelling and plain writing, 7th and 8th grade spelling and plain writing, number sense, story telling and picture memory.

Pupils who were chosen to participate in this meet are Arthur Lee Barnhart, Terry Wozencraft, Ann Walker, Judy Marcom, Stanley Leamon, Dobi Corler, Mamie Patterson, Robert Wilson, Cecil Hernandez, Liz Bagan, Randy Hornagin, Cindy Wade, Judy Hester, Paul Thomas, Bill Whisenhunt, Pamela Sandusky, Keith Roeger, Carolyn Gilmore, Vickie Robertson and John Dixon. Pupils chosen to serve as alternates at the meet are Rayford Paek, Myrtle Davis, Mike Dudley, Pat Moore, Becky White, Mary Ybarra, Kathy Luper, Jimmy Hester, Sharon Armstrong, Linda Sanford and Becky Kohutek and Elaine Bradley.

Noodle Trustees Re-Hire Faculty

The Noodle - Horn School Board at the regular March meeting re-hired the faculty for the 1963-64 school year.

Superintendent Edmond J. Womack's contract was extended at the February meeting. The Noodle faculty consists of Gerald Jennings, coach and principal, Ernest Tate, agriculture and science, Betty Wood, math and science, Anne Osborne, English, Mary Buckley, 5th and 6th, Juanez Bicknell, 3rd and 4th, Lela Lumpkin, 1st and 2nd. Mrs. Mary Gordon was hired at the same meeting to finish this term as home economics teacher.

A trustee election will be held at the Noodle school on April 6, to fill the expiring terms of Ab Hunter Jr., and Carol Best. Appearing with the names of Hunter and Best on the ballot will be the names of R. D. Ely and Melton Sargin.

Mrs. Karl Bonneaux, Mrs. V. R. Justice and Mrs. Henry Uecker will serve as election judges. The school custodian, Mr. Elmo McCoy and the cafeteria workers, Mrs. Gene Cochran and Mrs. D. J. Dichie were also re-hired by the board.

Mrs. Fisher Hosts Fortnightly Club

With Mrs. Mack Fisher as hostess the Fortnightly Study Club met March 12 in the Merkel Elementary Library for a visual education program on Mexico City and the surrounding area.

The refreshment table was covered with a cloth from Juarez, Mexico, and most of the accessories were made in Mexico. Other tables were decorated with pottery sent by children of a small town in Mexico who had received Red Cross packages from the Merkel Elementary School.

The Rev. Howard Marcom showed slides of business houses, cathedrals, streets, monuments, sports in Mexico City and thatched roofed cottages and farms where the agricultural people lived.

Mrs. Johnny Cox, Red Cross Chairman, gave the history of the pottery collection sent by the Mexican children to the children of Merkel.

The following members and guests were present: Rev. Howard Marcom and Mrs. Marcom, Mmes. Alan Armstrong, David Brumbeau, Johnny Cox, Robert Curtis, William R. Cypert, Roy Dalziel, Wrenn Durham, S. C. Dixon, Don Dudley, Mack Fisher, David Gamble, S. D. Gamble, Bob Goodwin, Ben R. Hicks, Earl Hughes, Paul Orsborn, Homer Patterson, Andy Shouse, W. T. Sadler and Ray Wilson and Miss Christine Collins.

CEMETERY FUND

Donations to the Merkel Cemetery Association Fund for the week are as follows:

- Fred Gyuitar Sr., Colorado City.
- Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, in memory of Mrs. J. O. McMinn
- Mrs. W. E. Brown, Merkel
- Adolphus Byrum, Abilene
- E. Yates Brown, Midland
- Mrs. Mary E. Hunter, in memory of W. T. Perry
- Fred Yandell, Odessa.

EDITORIAL—

A Thing Of The Past

Little by little, but with the sureness of the ebb and flow of the tides, the old, fine distinction between the two great political parties of this country have been slipping away. Party loyalty, as the nation once knew it, is virtually a thing of the past. Nowadays it is commonplace for a Democratic Presidential candidate to carry a state while the Republicans sweep the local and Congressional offices. And vice versa.

There is every reason why this should be so. Once the parties, and the men who represented the parties, stood solidly on one side or the other of issues — bimetalism versus a solid gold standard, free trade versus high tariffs, internationalism versus a Washington nationalism, more government power versus a rigidly limited government, and so on down a long, dramatic list. No longer. As the Portland, Oregon, Journal, puts the question: "On the basis of political and social philosophy, for instance, why is Senator Hubert Humphrey in the same party as Sen. Strom Thurmond, or Senator Barry Goldwater in the same party as Governor Rockefeller?"

So, in these times, we vote for individual men and women, not for a strong, clear party policy. Whether this is good or bad is certainly a matter of argument. But the fact exists, and the impact on the American governmental is profound.

HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

By LORETA ALLEN

Last week was another busy week Monday Mrs. Gladys Kollander, State Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Thelma Casey, District Home Demonstration Agent, and Mr. Roy Huckabee, District Agricultural Agent, were in Taylor County for a conference with the Extension Agents in the county.

The Cleaning Equipment Program was very interesting and was well attended. If you missed it, you missed a real good program. Maybe you had better plan now to attend the Furniture Buying Programs this fall. Watch for more information about them. It looked like it could not keep from raining the other day. Our garden would really benefit from a good rain, and I know you farmers would welcome one.

NEW TREND IN RUGS

Area rugs have become an important part of today's

room decoration, according to Charlotte Tompkins, Extension Service specialist in housing-home furnishings.

They vary in size from those that cover an area designated for a conversation group to the small-scatter type rugs.

Skid rugs on polished floors invite disaster, the specialist points out, and if you have any doubt about underfoot security of small rugs, don't take any chances. Treat your rugs with one of the easy to use non-skid backings.

If you are buying new rugs, look for non-skid types. Or try some non-skid aids on the market. While not endorsing any of the products, here are some suggestions from the specialist:

A non-skid, rubberized product, Sta-Put, is easy to use. Protect the floor when applying it, and turn the rug upside down. Spray around the border two or three times in quick continuous motions. Then spray the inner area of



DUAL ROLE—Capt. Herman Gilster, a combat-ready bomber pilot, polishes up his speech making ability at a meeting of the Dyess Toastmasters Club. A West Point graduate, Captain Gilster is the Educational Vice-President of the club and expects to join the faculty of the Air Force Academy upon completion of his tour of duty at Dyess. Robert Ferris Jr., son of MSgt. and Mrs. Robert Ferris; (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

AULD LANGSYNE

By MRS. GEO. D. MCCONNELL

50 YEARS AGO

R. R. Steen and wife (of Inkum) were trading in Merkel Wednesday.

Leo Sheppard of Merkel stopped in Inkum Wednesday while enroute home from Shep.

For Sale — Good second-hand Phaeton and harness. See Austin Boyd at Barton - Lingo Lumber Co.

Rev. Kind will preach at Castle Peak Church Saturday night.

Dead letter list — The following letters remain unclaimed in the post office at Merkel Texas for the week ending March 15th, 1963. Spurrier, G. A. Thornton Miss Mattie U. If not called for will be sent to dead letter office March 29th, 1963. H. W. Ders-time Post Master.

Picture shows on Friday and Saturday nights at the Opera House.

Sam Butman Sr., and W. I. Cogburn of the Canyon were late visitors at the Fat Stock Show.

N. D. Cobb, Justice of the peace in Abilene Monday on business.

Groene's Studio opens at 8 o'clock a.m. and closes at 5:30 p.m.

40 YEARS AGO

Miss Julia Martin spent last week end with friends in Abilene.

Expecting a car of choice Prairie Hay within the next few days — Garrett and Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Shaffer who have been here on a visit to the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Allday, left Tuesday for Hicc, but will return to Merkel next week.

30 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woodard Sr. returned home last Monday

after a short visit with their son, Homer Easterwood, and family at Taff.

Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hiller residing south of town on Tuesday, March 14th.

Mr. Will Walker of Clyde visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foster Sunday at Salt Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren are entertaining their granddaughter, Barbara Beckett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Beckett of El Paso.

Mayor W. M. Elliott visited from Friday till Sunday of last week in Dallas with his son, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliott.

20 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Floyd and Patsy and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Click and family all of Merkel, visited Mrs. Floyd's and Mr. Click's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Click Sr. in Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Isom were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Boden Jr. last Sunday.

Miss LaVerne Hughs of Merkel has joined the faculty of the Noodle School as teacher of English and Home Economics. She takes the place of Mrs. Carol Benson, now supervisor of the WPA Housekeeping aid at Merkel.

W. J. Bicknell, Norman and E. P. Spurgin, visited in Dallas Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spurgin and Alton Bicknell met them there. Alton is in Army Camp in South Texas.

10 YEARS AGO

At the Abilene Fat Stock Show Wednesday the District Champion Steer of Bonnie Freeman, Trent, brought \$1.05 per pound. It weighed 960 pounds.

W. O. Reeves and family of Barcolona, Venezuela, are visiting his sister, Mrs. Irl Walker and his mother and other relatives in Roby.

Mrs. Norma Bond attended the All Texas Beauty Show in Dallas last week at the Adolphus Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney with daughter, Annette, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Grey, in Winters Sunday.

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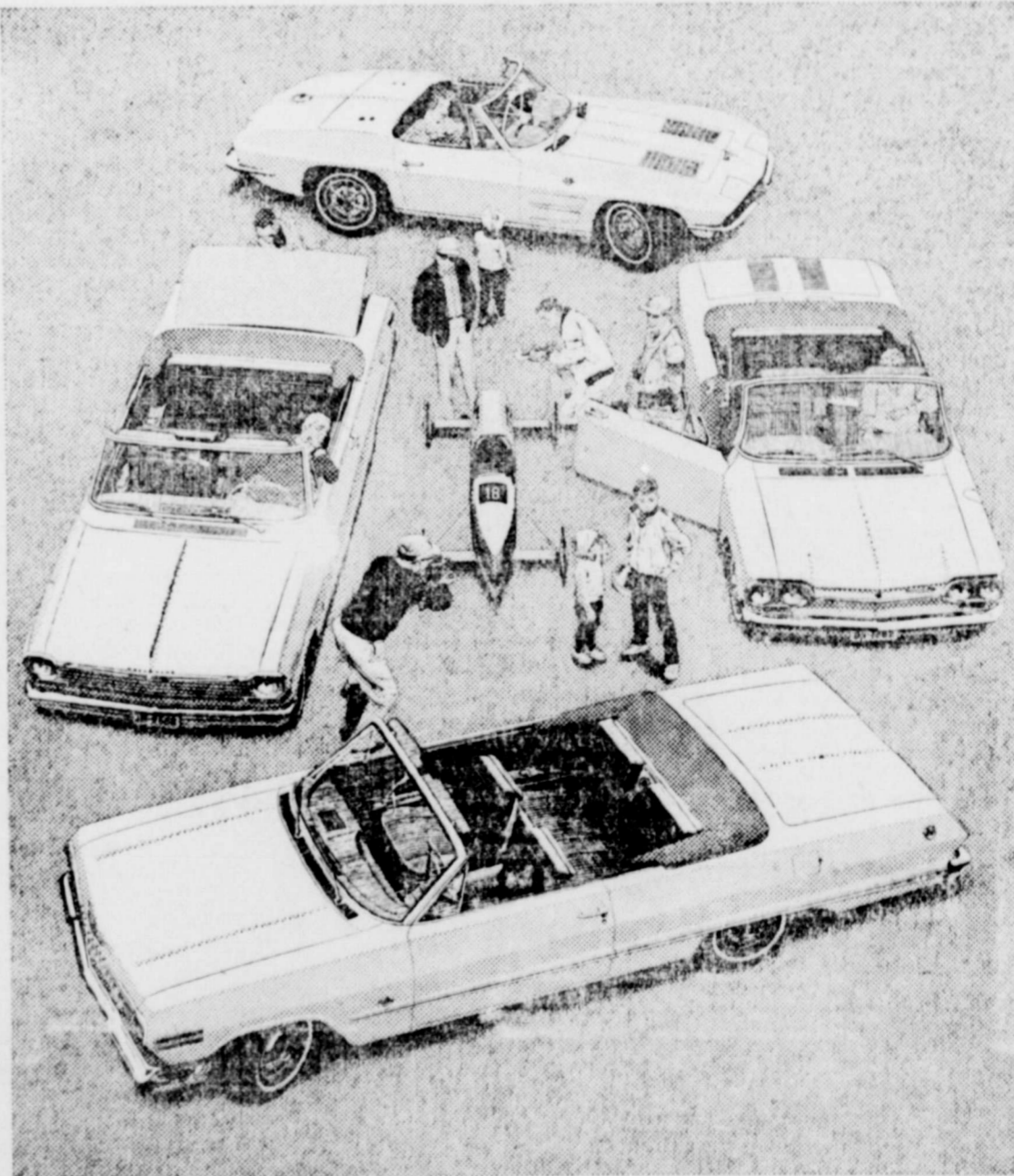
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Sport zing applies to the Corvair Monza Spyder, very breezy with its air-cooled 150-horsepower rear-mounted engine, and 4-speed shift*. Ditto for the new Corvette Sting Ray, a magnificent thoroughbred among pure-blood sports cars with not a single sacrifice in comfort. Both Spyder and Sting Ray come in coupe or convertible styles. All Chevrolet Super Sports are like spring days—you've got to get out in them to savor them. So catch yourself a passing zephyr and waft on down to your Chevrolet showroom.



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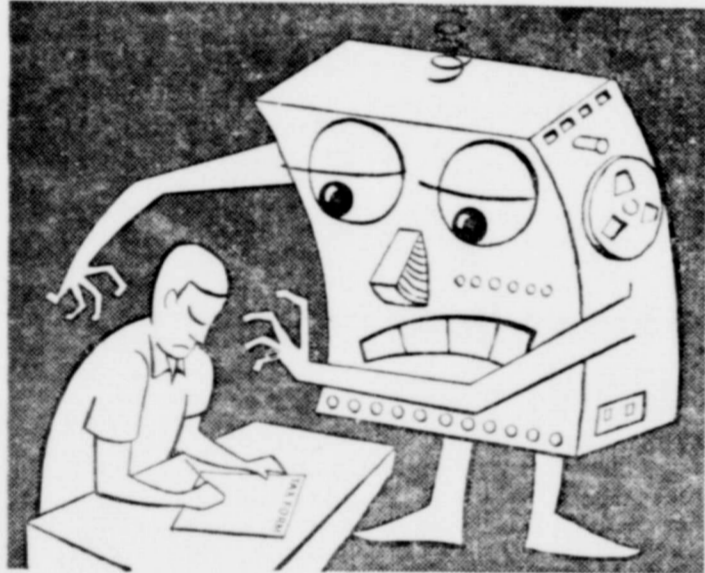
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TO: Billy Wayne Crowley, Defendant. Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 13th day of May A.D. 1963, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 10th day of January A.D. 1963, in this cause, numbered 27,822-A on the docket of said court and styled Barbara Ann Crowley, Plaintiff, vs. Billy Wayne Crowley, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff sues for divorce and custody of and support of minor children of the parties as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 21st day of March A.D. 1963.

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk
42nd District Court
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By Irene Crawford, Deputy. 3 4tc

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit on a Written Contract for services performed and materials furnished on oil & gas leases out of the R. Salinas Survey 429; the A. Winter Survey No. 432 and the J. C. Thompson Survey No. 433 wherein Defendants own an undivided interest in what is known as the Atwood West Gardner Unit and said suit being also to foreclose a lien created by the Unit Operating Agreement, a contract in writing; as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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By Carolyn Johnson, Deputy 2-4tc

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Star Nursing Home News

By MARY OUTLAW

Everyone is fair at this writing.

We were sad over the passing of Mrs. Helen Phillips. She had a stroke on Saturday afternoon, March 16 and passed away Monday afternoon. She was a very dear person and we miss her very much. To her loved one we extend our sympathy.

We have a new patient, Mrs. Zaddie DeBusk from El Paso. She is the aunt of Mrs. Ellen Reynolds. We are very happy to have her and we hope her health will improve. She is 87 year old.

The Merkel Church of Christ filled their appointment here Sunday, March 17, and a large crowd attended. They really brought a good pi am.

The Merkel Methodist Church filled their appointment here Sunday, March 25. They had a good service, and this coming Sunday it will be the First Baptist Church to bring the service.

We were sad Sunday for there was a vacant place in church at the Nursing Home. Mrs. Susan McMinn was not there in her usual place. She took ill Tuesday evening with a coronary heart attack and was transferred to the hospital where she passed away Thursday, at 3:45 a.m. We loved her very much and we miss her. To her children we extend our sympathy.

We wish to thank Mrs. Hurd of Abilene for the nice cake she brought to the Nursing Home.

Sunday we had a lot of local visitors and out of town also. Spaced will not permit the names of all but we do appreciate your visits.

We wish to thank Mrs. Weaver of Spur and Mrs. Blanch Teaff for the beautiful flowers they brought the home for church services Sunday in memory of their mother, Susan McMinn.

We wish to thank Dr. Sadler for his services rendered at the nursing home in time of sickness. When we call him he always says "I'll be right down." We know that sometimes he is dead tired but he never fails to come and for this we are very thankful for such a wonderful person as well as a good doctor.

Mr. C. H. Wylie, Bronte, visited his brother, Clay, on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Charlie Bow celebrated his 86th birthday Saturday. His friends and neighbors dropped in to wish him a happy birthday and eat some of his cake that Edna Horton baked for him. We wish for him many more birthdays.

Mrs. Theodosia Giber celebrated her 90th birthday March 16 in San Angelo. We are sure she had a wonderful time and we wish for her many more.

Speaking of birthdays, aunt Aquila Duross will be 105 on

April 9, but she is to have a party on the 7th. Her step-daughter and step-son and their families are supposed to come and celebrate her birthday. She is still able to go to singing almost every Sunday. She sits up each morning after her bath until noon and spends the rest of the day in bed. To you who have known Aunt Aquila, please come by and see her on her birthday. She used to fold the wash rags, cup towels and little things each day, but when Sunday comes she wouldn't fold a one, said it was the Sabbath and she wasn't working that day. She has been with us since we have had the nursing home and we have learned to love her very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Outlaw have been visiting in our home the past 10 days but have returned to their home in Stephenville.

We are in need of a cook, beginning April 1st to help Mrs. Herron. Mrs. Pippin is resigning So, if any of you need a job, please call the Nursing Home.

Mrs. Dora Caudle spent Saturday and Sunday in Abilene visiting her son.

Mr. Tom Matthews, Peacock, is another new patient. He is a retired rancher from there. He had a birthday on the 21st. He was 71 years young. His wife and daughter visited him that day and brought a big cake.

Emma Ray Nall is visiting her sister, Mrs. Young in Hamlin this week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Russ of Dallas, visited her mother, Mrs. O. E. Taylor Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Hester Groene wants to thank her many friends for their visits. She fell one day last week as she often does but nothing serious. Just a skinned elbow and her leg hurt a little. Mostly she was grieving over the loss of her dear friend, Mrs. McMinn, for she always came to her room each Sunday to take the Lord's Supper that the Church of Christ

brought them. We appreciate this very much.

We want to thank Almer Barnes for coming Sunday morning and singing for the old people. He has a lovely voice. We thank Mrs. Miller who plays each Sunday.

HELP NEEDED — Cook at Starr Nursing Home. Also Nurse, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Apply in person or call 928-6814.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Don Doan and children, Dian, Steve and Kevin, of Stamford, were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan, on Wednesday.

Ray Elliott, Dallas, visited with his mother, Mrs. W. L. Elliott of Merkel on Monday after completing a business trip to Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Oliver and son, Don, Kayenta, Ariz., were visitors in the John Oliver home Monday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whisenand and children and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Owen and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Reese, Austin, were guests Saturday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley, Merkel. Mrs. Reese is a teacher in the Austin school system and was to sing a solo Saturday evening for a wedding ceremony at Highland Church of Christ in Abilene.

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Up The Canyon

By TOM RUSSOM



So far the Canyon has not received any rain. But it is remarkable how the small grain and little grass and weeds are growing. With a good rain we would be in fine shape.

Farming is at a standstill now, and will be until rain comes. The warm days of spring has opened the fishing season as well as the rattlesnake hunting. Jack Collier and Woodie Rogers of Merkel caught fourteen big rattlers on the Tom Russom ranch last Sunday. That makes a total of forty-five caught on the ranch this season. Forty-five rattlesnakes in one pile would be a lot of snakes, wouldn't it?

Howard Brown of Merkel has been catching some big snakes on the Louis Butman ranch. No report on the number that were caught.

Attendance at Pioneer Church was up Sunday. Fifty were in church services.

Farris Neill is doing real well after having surgery at Baylor Hospital in Dallas a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray are

the grandparents of a fine 8 pound baby girl. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Doug Pyburn of Abilene.

The former Nettie Ensminger, a former resident of the Canyon and now of Portland, Oregon, has been visiting friends and relatives here. She also visited with Mrs. Lottie Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rust, Abilene, are staying a few days with her mother and sister, Mrs. W. T. Perry and Dian.

Lloyd West and his father of Santa Ana visited here this week in his grandparent's home. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cordill, Mr. Cordill has set the 10th of April for the first rain to come. He is 95 years old.

Tom Russom's sister, Mrs. Edd Bradshaw, of Deep East Texas, called by phone this week saying that water was standing in the fields there after two big rains.

Fredlyn Farmer, one of our Canyon boys who is in the service has been home for a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adrain Farmer. He will soon have served his time in the armed forces.

Mrs. Houston Martin said her son in law, Harrison Malone and family of Eunice, N.M. wishes to thank every one from here who sent cards and letters when he had surgery a few weeks ago. Harrison and family are former residents here.

The Rev. and Mrs. Wendell Leach and children of Pioneer Church were dinner guests in the

home of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Martin Sunday.

Gordon Murray, son of L. L. Murray, now lives in Beaumont. He told us he enjoys his Merkel Mail and the Canyon news. Gordon is a Merkel boy, however he has been gone quite some time.

Riding Club News

The Merkel Brushstomper's opened the season Saturday, March 16, at their arena with a large crowd in attendance for the activities.

All horses, in fine shape, and eager to run, resulted in the making of some fast times. Although it was the first activity of the year, not a pole or a barrel was turned during the evening.

A family night has been scheduled for each Saturday at 7:30 p.m. weather permitting, and ropers will rope every Tuesday night. Results of the March 16 event are as follows: Times for the Kiddie Division in the 1-6 age group: Stick horse barrel racing — 1st, Bill Russell 9.2; 2nd: Robby Whitehead, 10.4; 3rd: Johnny Gray, 10.7.

Poles — 1st Bill Russell 10.3; 2nd Johnny Gray 11.5; 3rd Robby Whitehead, 12.2.

Flags — Bill Russell 4.3, Cindy Whisenhunt, 4.4 and Pam Higgin 5.

Six to 12 age group — Barrel racing — 1st Jerry Don Sandusky 22.2; 2nd Karlan Gamble 23.2; 3rd Bill Russell 24.1.

Flags — Jerry Don Sandusky 10.2; 2nd Pam Sandusky 10.4; 3rd Mark Dudley.

Poles 1st Karlan Gamble; 27.3; Jeff Whisenhunt 28.6; Pat Moore 30.

Twelve to 15 age group — Barrels — 1st Myrtle Davis 17.6; 2nd Mary Davis 18.2; 3rd Margaret Davis 19.3.

Flags — Myrtle Davis 8.1; Eronywn Gamble 8.2; Mary Davis 8.5.

Poles — 12 to 16 age group — 1st Mary Davis 20.3; 2nd Myrtle Davis 21.5.

Senior Barrel racing — 1st Wylie Moore, 18.2; 2nd Del Davis 18.3; and Barbara Whisenhunt, 18.3, tie; 3rd Jean Moore 18.9.

Senior Flags — 1st Del Davis 8.2; 2nd Gene Clift 8.8; 3rd Walter Henslee 9.9.

Senior Poles — 1st Del Davis 21.5; Wylie Moore 22; Jarrett Pineckley 23.8.

Wilson and Danny Malone, 17.6; Ribbon roping — 1st Susie Wilson and Danny Malone 17.6; 2nd Jeff Whisenhunt and Lyndell Quatelbaum 18.2; 3rd Mark Dudley and Jerry Russell 19.3.

Tie Down calf roping — 1st Dukie Danheim 23.5; 2nd Lyndell Quatelbaum 28.1; 3rd Danny Malone 37.2.

The results of the March 23rd event will be carried in the next issue of the Merkel Mail.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris were home for a birthday dinner in their daughter's home Sunday. Twenty-seven were present from Coahoma, Vincent, Ballinger and Merkel. The dinner was in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney.

STITH NEWS

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley spent last week end in Edmondson, with their daughter, the Rev. and Mrs. Hubert How and children.

Mrs. Mamie Hardin and Kathy Harris, returned to Midland Friday after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns, and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald, Pat and George.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Masby and son moved last week to Monahans.

The Homemaking Sunday School Class of the Stith Baptist Church had a social Saturday night at the community center. M. E. West was the teacher.

O. B. Tatum is ill at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Browning. Ana Pierce of Abilene and Mildred Harris visited them Sunday.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones last week were her sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Howard, De Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Smith, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. Lon Rouse, New Mexico; and visiting with them Sunday were Dr. Howard, Carolyn and Libby, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Howard and Leca Hamlin and Mr. and Mrs. Olin Poits, Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald Jr., and Pat, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry and Martha, Mr. and Mrs. John Browning and Mildred Harris attended a singing at Sweetwater Sunday afternoon.

Ethel Canida returned Sunday morning from Crosbyton after a week's visit with relatives. Visiting with her Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. James Hale, Shirley and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale, Sandra and Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. Rober McJone, Bobby and Sandra Hale visited Nancy Malone at the Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene on Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Moore were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne Sunday.

Dana and Dallas Dayton were ill with the chicken pox last week.

Mrs. West Host To Fuller Circle

The Alpha Fuller Circle of First Baptist Church met Tuesday, March 26, in the home of Mrs. Charles West.

After a study of home missions, Mrs. Herman Carson served refreshments of iced drinks and delicious home made cake to those present: Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, Mrs. Claud Warren, Mrs. C. P. Stevens, Mary Traweck, Mrs. Bill Hays, Mrs. Clarence Perry and the hostess.

Mrs. Carter Hosts Goodman HD Club

Goodman Home Demonstration Club held an all-day workshop in the community center recently and enjoyed the program on making straw hats.

Roll call was answered with "Something Beautiful I Saw Today." The council report was given by Mrs. H. H. Wyndham. Ginger Williamson, a 4-er spoke on "The World of Good Citizenship."

Mrs. Frank Carter, president of the club conducted the meeting. Refreshments were served to five members and three visitors.



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NOODLE NEWS

By MRS. BILL MAXWELL

(Omitted from last week)

The Noodle Home Demonstration Club met March 12 in the home of Mrs. Henry Euckert, with Mrs. Justice officiating as president. After opening prayer by Mrs. Cleta Sullivan, roll call was answered with "My Favorite Magazine." After minute reading, Mrs. Burl Skidmore directed to group in a game of bingo.

A very interesting program led by Mrs. Mary Newberry, CHD Agent on selecting the correct pattern for correct measurements. The lesson stated in four categories were: select correct pattern either juniors, women's or half - sizes and taking measurements of bust, waist, back waist length and hips. Select correct pattern for your style.

Select style best suited for your figure.

Mrs. Boaz was lucky lady and received the hostess title. The next program will be on "Money Making Ideas for Your Club" and the club will meet in the home of Mrs. Louise Parham on March 26.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Parham, Boaz, Vancil, Justice, Skidmore, Sullivan, Frankie Spurgin, Hazel Spurgin, Cox, Palmer, Anderson, Euckert and Maxwell. Three visitors, Mrs. Betty Jennings, Mrs. Birdie McClain, Mrs. Newberry and four children, Patti Maxwell, Jerri, Garry and Jodie Jennings.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maxwell and girls were Mrs. Inez Warren, Abilene, Mrs. Loyd Warren, Jennie Lou, and Anna of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Walker, Linda, Rickie, and Cindy, Abilene; Mrs. Troy Dickerson and Donna, Merkel, the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell, Stith and Richard Ashley of Abilene.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Lee Harris and son, Roy Harris and wife, Loyelland, were visitors in the home of Lige and Leo Harris over the week end.

Mrs. Homer Dean, Abilene, Mrs. V. L. Dean, Whiteface, were visitors of Mrs. Kate Campbell last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Campbell and family, Haskell, were visitors in the home of his mother, Mrs. Kate Campbell last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Ross, Portales, N.M. were house guests of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason Sunday.



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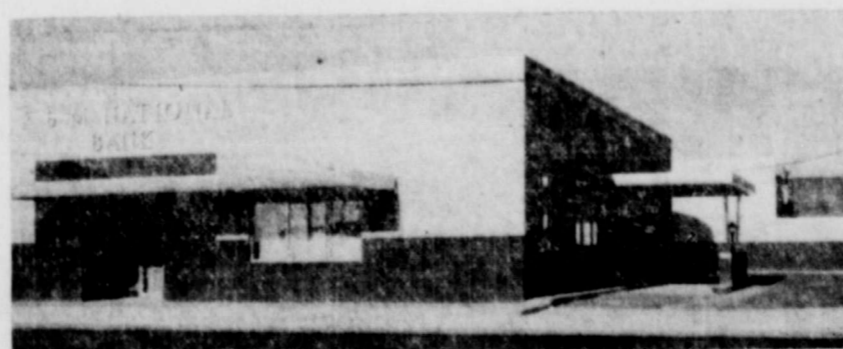
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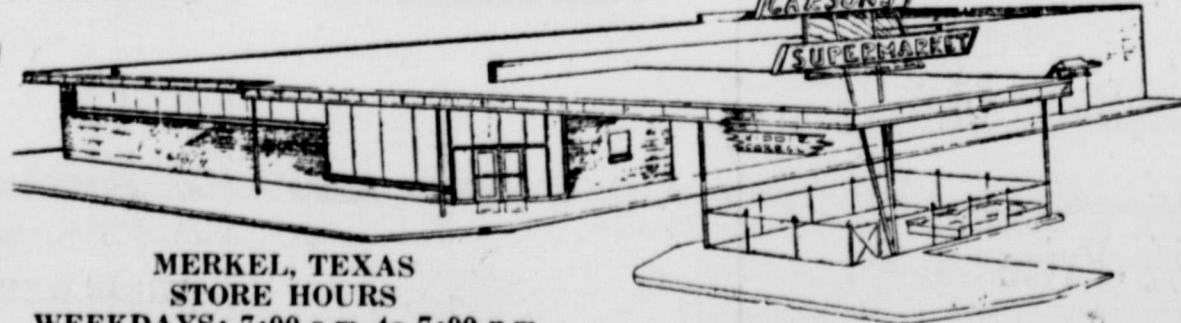
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