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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM



We could talk about the weather this week but it is about the same as it has been for quite some time.

I want to tell you about some things that have been done in our area recently. Some rural things some home building and repair jobs and all real fine work that we are proud to see.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Barnes have just completed a fine new farm home on their farm in the White Church Community. So it looks like they have come back to stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Orsborn rebuilt their home last year and it is fine and like new. Ray said he would have to stay — he waited too long to get away.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray are completing a fine home on their farm just west of Pioneer Church. It is a new home made of pink stone. It looks like they are planning to stay awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray, who live at the old Butman Ranch have rebuilt the old ranch house and it looks like a new job. It's as fine as new.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brovok who live in the White Church area have rebuilt their home, adding a large living room and a car port.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen King have added some new outdoor improvement, a car port and new corrals. Their son, Bud, who is a very handy boy around the ranch, took a pretty big hand in the improvements.

Leroy Riney remodeled his farm home and it is just as fine as it can be. Leroy's place is in the Castle Peak area.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cole of Abilene remodeled their ranch home in the White Church area and it is real fine. It is leased to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Miles. This ranch place is the headquarters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Castphen and Mrs. Cole's grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Riggan, who bought the Dee Willison place in the White Church area, completely remodeled their home and it is among the tops. We visited with them during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Evrett have redone a little ranch Kyle home on their ranch in the Butman Community.

The canyon received a big snow Sunday night which will be a big help to small grain.

A correction on the oil well on the Ford Butman place, the location is on Mrs. Lottie Everett's place and the depth on it Sunday was 1,700 feet.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Patterson have their grandson from Arlington visiting with them.

Visiting in the B. H. Riney home over the weekend was her sister, Mrs. Dewey and children of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Riney and daughter, Paula and Mr. and Mrs. Doc Alexander of Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Jud McReynolds remodeled their home. They did a fine job in making it into a beautiful ranch home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Phillips, parents of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown, died during the holidays.

Their deaths were four days apart.

Holiday visitors in the Le Tipton home were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tipton and sons, Sam and Gary, Glenda and Mac Hyle of Gruver, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McMurray and children, Elaine, Teresa and Bert of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Tipton Jr. and family.



WINS ANOTHER TROPHY! — Sue King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King, adds another trophy to her collection at the Trent Community Stock Show. Presenting the over-all showmanship trophy is Norman Winter, manager of Taylor Electric Cooperative, which sponsors the award. (Photo Courtesy Abilene Reporter-News)

W. T. McKinney Rites In Anson

William Thomas McKinney, 57, died at 3:50 a. m. Sunday in Sadler Clinic - Hospital in Merkel. He suffered a heart attack Saturday.

Funeral was held Monday in Lawrence Funeral Home Chapel in Anson with the Rev. Jesse Swindell, pastor of Noodle Baptist Church, and the Rev. Lloyd R. Pendley, pastor of Tye Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Comper Cemetery.

Born June 7, 1906 in McClennan County, he had lived in Jones County since 1915. Mr. McKinney farmed with his brother, John, in the Hodges community. Survivors are his mother, Mrs. J. W. McKinney of Hodges, a brother, John, of Hawley, and three sisters, Mrs. Harvey Allred and Mrs. Pat Allred of Merkel, and Mrs. Otis Astford of Cisco.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Sunday at the home of Mrs. J. E. Touchstone, Gene Allred, I. B. Ray, Durwood McCoy and F. J. McDonald and C. M. Brown.

FIRST BABE OF '64 TO GET LOOT GALORE

The first baby born in Sadler Clinic - Hospital in 1964 will be the reigning king or queen of a pile of loot presented by several of the Merkel Merchants.

In order to qualify the parents must have been residents of Taylor County for at least three months.

In addition, the doctor should state the exact time and day of the baby's birth; place of birth; the sex, weight and name of the baby and the address of the parents.

The infant must be born in Sadler Clinic - Hospital and the entries must be sent to the Merkel Mail within three days after the birth of the child.

A total of nine gifts have been designated and will be showered upon "Little Mr. or Miss 1964" when proper announcement has been received.

Merchants and the gifts they are giving include:

Braggs, Jamakins; Bullock Hardward, Cradle Tune Time; Carson's Super Market, one case baby foods; Ben Franklin's, formula feeding kit; Mack's Cleaners, \$5 in cleaning; Mellinger's Department Store, blanket, quilt or sweater set; Merkel Drug, Johnson and Johnson baby set; Merkel Mail, one year subscription; Wilson's Food Store, automatic baby bottle warmer and vaporizer.

Visiting over the holidays in the F. T. Bartlett home were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jifferies, Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Red Miers, McCauley; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Humphreys, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bartlett, Anson, and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dunagin, Dave and Tommy, Jacksboro.

Total Of 157 Enter In Trent Stock Show

Eleven years ago the Trent 4-H and FFA Livestock Show was staged for the first time in an abandoned lumber shed, with 17 entries, mostly poultry, and cash awards totaled \$25. Saturday the 11th annual show was staged in a modern FFA barn at the Trent Community Center with 157 entries competing for \$1,026 and four showmanship awards.

The over - all showmanship trophy went to Sue King, 17, of Rt. 2, Merkel. Sue, a senior in Trent High School, is a Taylor County Gold Star 4-H girl, a dress revue winner, sweetheart of the Trent FFA Chapter and has won a variety of trophies both in 4-H and Future Homemakers competition.

Sue is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King.

Ricky McMurray and Pam McMurray, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clovis McMurray, set the pace for the swine exhibitors, taking the top spots in several breeds, with all of their animals coming from the McMurray's own breeding herds.

Here are the championships garnered by Rick McMurray:

Poland China and Chester White females, with the Poland China named over - all champion female of the show; Hampshire, Chester White and Poland China barrows, with the Poland China named over - all champion barrow of the show.

His reserve titles included:

Hampshire and Poland China females, with the Poland China named over - all reserve champion gilt of the show; Hampshire, Poland China and Chester White barrows, with Hampshire barrow as the over - all reserve champion of the show; pen of three Hampshire barrows, which was the over - all reserve champion pen of the show; reserve champion heifer, an Angus, of the show.

Other champion and reserve champion exhibitors of the show were

Capons — Jerry Shafer, champion and Tommy McLeod, reserve champion.

Duroc females — Beris Hutcheson, champion; Pam McMurray, reserve.

Berkshire females — James Lacey, champion; Steve Kiser, reserve champion.

Chester White Barrows — Larry Houchins, reserve champion.

Hampshire barrows — Mark Williamson Jr., champion pen of three and over - all champion pen of barrows.

Fat steers — Jerry Shafer, grand and reserve champion, both Herefords.

Breeding beef cattle — Tommy McLeod, grand champion, on nine

month old Hereford obtained from Granite Hills Ranch, Llano.

Showmanship awards were presented to Rick McMurray, swine; Pam McMurray, poultry; Jerry Shafer, beef; with the overall award, sponsored by the Taylor Electric Cooperative, presented to Sue King.



NANCY WATTS
... elected sweetheart

MERKEL RIDING CLUB ELECTS SWEETHEART

Nancy Watts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Watts, was elected club "Sweetheart" at the "Brush Stompers," Merkel Riding Club, annual meeting held last Friday.

Nancy will act as representative and club flag bearer for the group in their activities for 1964.

Myrtle Davis was elected as Sweetheart alternate.

The club also elected two new directors, Walter Henslee and Mark Williamson. The outgoing directors are Irvin Davis and Wal-

ter Whisenhunt. The holdover directors are David Gamble, Ralph Russell, Pete Morgan, Earle Watts and Jarrett Pinckley.

Club president David Gamble plans a board meeting within the next few days to elect new board officers and to make committee appointments for the new year ahead.

The financial report given at the annual meeting indicates good financial health and the club is looking forward to a happy and successful year for '64.

SOCIETY



By MRS. T. J. AMASON
Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grimmitt of San Antonio spent the holidays in Merkel and Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breaux spent Christmas with their son, Eddie Breaux and family in Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon visited their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. James Shaver of Fort Worth during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton of Abilene were dinner guests in the home of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason.

Dewell Burden, student at Sul Ross State College in Alpine, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Hallie Burden.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Bright and baby of Orange were visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bagby.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Pangle and son Keith of Corpus Christi were holiday visitors in the home of his mother, Mrs. Ruth Pangle.

Vivian Davis spent Christmas holidays with her brother and family. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Davis and daughter Judy of Orlando, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Turner of Fort Worth and Mr. Ike Turner of Roswell, New Mexico, were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Jo Largent of Jefferson visited in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent on Christmas day. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Warrick and children of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Imes and daughter of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Amason and sons of Midland were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Amason, Sr. on

Christmas day. They also visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason.

Robert Marcom of McMurry College in Abilene is visiting in the home of his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Howard Marcom and family.

Bob Benson from A&M College is visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Benson throughout the holidays.

Mrs. E. T. Ellwood of Sinton is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Earl Lasser throughout the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Comer Haynes and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald and Mrs. Nell Teaff visited in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Jack Haynes in Abilene Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller were guests of their children and other relatives in Waco during the holidays.

Mrs. J. W. Mayfield had her children as guest during the Christmas holidays. They were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gardner, of Belen, New Mexico, G. C. Forrow and Miss Ethel Flimings of Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown visited in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wilson in Snyder Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wade and family of Fritch were guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown recently.

They also visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Wade.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Amason and sons of Graham were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason.

Mrs. Houston Robertson and sister, Miss Lucille Hogg of Bay City visited during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hartley of Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Toliver and children, of Midland were visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Toliver and Mrs. Edna Horton Christmas day.

Mrs. W. M. Hays visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Burgess in Abilene Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hopkins of Abilene were visitors in the



MRS. DOUGLAS TOLIVER
... nee Carolyn Bond

BOND-TOLIVER EXCHANGE VOWS

Carolyn Bond and Douglas Marshall Toliver were married Saturday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gibson.

William Tanner, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated for the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Norma Bond. Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Toliver are parents of the bridegroom.

Nuptial music was presented by Mrs. Larry White, organist, and Mrs. Don Riney, soloist.

The bride wore a dress of white chantilly lace and tulle over taffeta. A princess crown of pearls and crystals held the fingertip

length veil of illusion. She carried a pearl covered Bible topped with a cascade bouquet of french-ed carnations centered with a white orchid.

Mrs. Richard Copeland of Lubbock, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a deep pink velvet dress. Her headdress, a matching cabbage rose, had a brief veil. She carried a crescent bouquet of carnations.

Tom Toliver, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Skippy Hicks and Jim Toliver, brother of the bridegroom, were ushers.

Lighting the candles was Randy Bond. A reception followed the ceremony.

The bride was graduated from Merkel High School and Commercial Business College. Also a graduate of Merkel High School, the bridegroom is employed by Mobil Oil Co.

Austin Student To Preach Sunday

William Martin Hager, second year student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, will be guest pastor at the Merkel Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Jan. 5.

Mr. Hager received his bachelor of arts degree from Millikin University in Decatur, Ill., in 1962. He is married to the former Sherry Ann DeWitt of Springfield, Ill., and his church membership is in the Westminster Presbyterian Church of that city.

Master Sgt. and Mrs. Billy SoRelle and children were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hartley and Mr. and Mrs. K. SoRelle in Abilene. They have recently been transferred from Fort Sill, Okla. to Fort Richardson, Alaska.



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LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

CONSERVATION WINNERS

Debbie Black won 1st place in the 7th grade division and Donald Russom won 2nd place in the 8th grade division of the Middle Clear Fork Conservation District Essay Contest. The essays were entitled "Pollution - A Menace to Conservation." Teresa Clemmer in Mrs. Barnett's room had earlier won 2nd place in the 1st grade division poster contest. The children along with their parents and homeroom teachers were the guests of the Taylor Electric Co-operative, Inc. at a dinner at the Starlite Motel this past Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gibson hosted the rehearsal dinner in their home.

Visitors in the home of the Onis Crawfords during the holidays were Mrs. W. H. Gilber, Westfield, N.J.; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morris, Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Crawford, Stamford; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Crawford and Kent, Del Rio; Mrs. W. J. Cheshire and Crystal, Hamlin, and Barry Cheshire, Pensacola, Fla.

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Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Scamore and Mrs. Holiday all joined their efforts to have the Christmas Program for the monthly Parent-Teacher Association meeting that was held in the Merkel School Auditorium.

home of Mrs. J. B. Foster Sr., and Norah during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray B. Masey and children of Dallas were the guests of his mother, Mrs. Eunice Massey during the holidays.

Mrs. Bessie Jackson visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Payne in Trent and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Payne in Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sliger and daughter Nancy of Pecos were guests of her mother, Mrs. Austin Robertson Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Campbell and family attended a Christmas dinner in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Veckert, Wednesday.

Holiday guests in the home of Mrs. Callie Price were Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Price and son of Levelland, Mr. and Mrs. Lonzall and son of Baird, Mrs. Clota Crawford of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Davis and children of Caps.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foster and children from San Diego, Calif., were visitors in the home of his mother, Mrs. J. B. Foster and sister, Norah, during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Criswell Doan and family of Stamford were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan during the holidays. Also visiting in the Doan home was their son, Don, and family of Stamford.

burn and Mrs. Kate Campbell. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan Christmas day.

Union Ridge HDC Meets

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club held their annual Christmas party recently in the home of Mrs. O. E. Harwell.

Mrs. Denzel Cox, president, was in charge of the business meeting.

Mabel McRee gave the devotional. Other program committee members were Mrs. Jarrell and Mrs. E. O. Carson.

Gifts were exchanged. Refreshments were served to Mrs. Cox, Mrs. M. L. Douglas, Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Andy Baker, Mabel McRee and the hostess.

LEGAL NOTICE

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Dec. 14, 1963
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on the 14th day of January, 1964, at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

Charter No. 7481 Reserve District No. 11

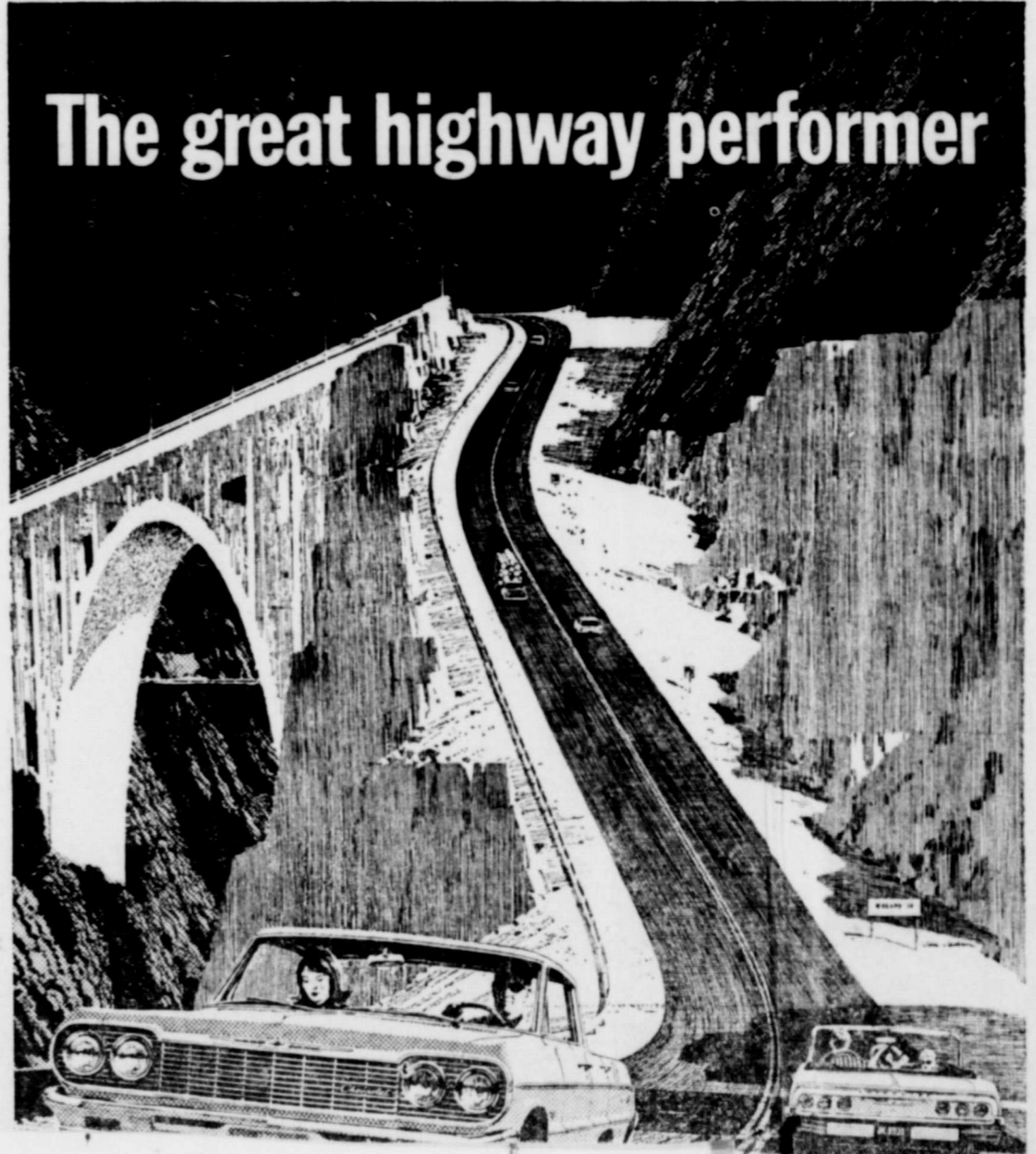
REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

Farmers and Merchants National Bank OF MERKEL

IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DEC. 20TH, 1963 PUBLISHED IN RESPONSE TO CALL MADE BY COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, UNDER SECTION 5211, U.S. REVISE ETATUTES.

ASSETS

1. Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	\$1,451,021.42
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed (Net of any reserves)	1,346,184.17
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions (Net of any reserves)	716,821.04
5. Corporate stocks (including \$9,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank) (Net of any reserves)	9,000.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$355.93 overdrafts)	853,881.80
9. Bank premises owned \$75,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$25,000.00	100,000.00
14. TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,476,908.43



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PERSONALS

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Dee Grimes during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Warren and children of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. John McClelland and Cathy of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar Jr., of New Mexico.

Charles Curb of Arkansas, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Curb during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Starbuck visited their son, George, in San Diego, Calif., during the holidays.

Holiday visitors in the home of R. E. Dayton Jr., were Mr. and Mrs. Miller of Colorado City, and Mrs. R. E. Dayton Sr. of Abilene.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark during the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Clark and children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McDuff and children of Merkel. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Jones, Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Spect McDuff and granddaughter of Anson and Larry and Jerry Clark of Lubbock.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Homer Raney, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Young and Glenda, Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. Don Mashburn and children of Snyder, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whisenhunt, Jeff, Cindy and Bart.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett visited last week end in the W. M. Dunagin home.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Russell and family during the holidays were Mrs. Clesby Patterson and Buddy of Hereford and Marcine Baisden of Turkey.

Holiday visitors in the Horace Hargrove home were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Hargrove and family of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hal Hargrove of Hamilton.

Estella Hannah and children of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Mrs. Muri Smith of Merkel visited the Lewis Spratlen family Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Spratlen and Carroll visited with Mr. and Mrs. Otis Spratlen and Royce of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Mau-

rice Spratlen and family of Las Vegas, Nev.

Mrs. Mary E. Provine visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Tollison and family in Odessa.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler visited Christmas day with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Haynes in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Doan were visitors in the home of her mother, Mrs. J. B. Toombs in Abilene Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley spent Christmas in the home of her mother, Mrs. J. W. Welch of Sweetwater.

Odds 'n Ends

The only helium - producing plant in the United States is near Amarillo.

Crystal City, Texas, the spinach capital of the world, has a monument to Popeye.

A West Texas tradition says that a horned frog can live a hundred years without food or water.

Mashall, Texas, was once the capital of Missouri.

The first commercial ice plant in the United States was operated in Jefferson, Texas about 1874.

Thomas Edison was fired from a job as a young man for sleeping while on duty.

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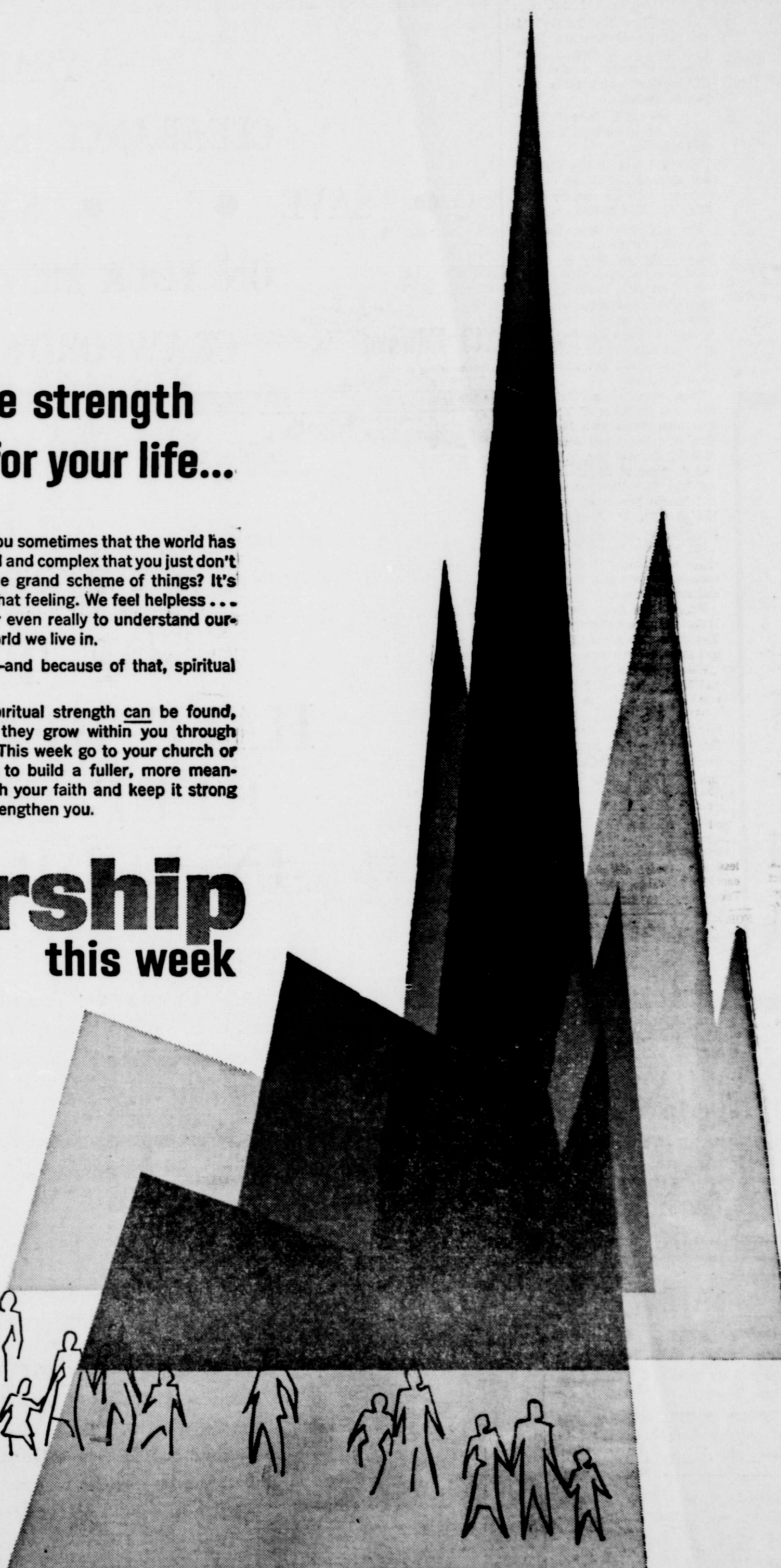
Find the strength for your life...

Does it seem to you sometimes that the world has gotten so crowded and complex that you just don't count at all in the grand scheme of things? It's not uncommon, that feeling. We feel helpless . . . unable to alter or even really to understand ourselves and the world we live in.

Faith is missing—and because of that, spiritual strength is.

But faith and spiritual strength can be found, nourished. Then they grow within you through regular worship. This week go to your church or synagogue. Start to build a fuller, more meaningful life. Cherish your faith and keep it strong so that it may strengthen you.

Worship this week



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STITH NEWS

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Mr. and Mrs. Abb Evans and Nancy and Mrs. A. M. Evans had dinner Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dedmon in Tye.

Claudia Mashburn of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Abb Evans spent Christmas day in Abilene with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Schwarz.

Mrs. A. M. Evans had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Hub Evans in Abilene Christmas day.

Hugh Taylor and Rodney Mashburn are on a deer hunt near Junction this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Mundy of San Antonio spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantresse.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bicknell and children of Abilene, Miles and Hetti West and Jessie Dillon were dinner guests Christmas day of

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones. Mrs. F. J. McDonald and Pat attended the wedding Saturday night, Dec. 21 of Judy Burns and David Glover at the Calvary Baptist Church in Abilene.

Guests for dinner in the home of Mrs. Ina Kelso were Mr. and Mrs. Audrian Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Monte Berry and baby, Amherst, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Nuttall and children, of Sudan and Roy and Leon Kelso of Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gregory in Colorado City Sunday. They had supper Sunday night with Mrs. Stella Tarpley in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Tarpley were guests of the Babe Tarpleys Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children had dinner Christmas day with his mother, Mrs. Ella Clyburn in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley and children visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kelso in Abilene Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children had supper with her mother, Mrs. E. H. Thompson in Merkel. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Truett Thompson and Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Thompson.

Those attending a Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burns and Samie, of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. T. Burns and daughter of Jacksboro, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and Kathy and Mamie Hardin of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald, Pat and George, of Stith.

Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Kelso and children of California visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelso and son last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Strong and Melinda Lee spent Christmas with Mrs. J. E. Swindell and the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Browning Christmas day were O. B. Tatum, Merkel, Ona Pence, Midland, Lonnie and Johnnie Harris, the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Bedford and daughters, all from Abilene, Neta and Barbara Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children of Tuscola.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Buntin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holt were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs and children spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Chancy in Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hobbs in Grandprairie.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Hickerson of Belton and Homer D. Payne of Lubbock spent Christmas with

Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West enjoyed Christmas dinner in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Winter and family in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Horton of Lawn visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Rodney Christmas morning. They all had dinner with Mrs. John Shaw in Hawley.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry had all their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren at home

Christmas. They are Mr. and Mrs. Audrian Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Monte Berry and baby, Amherst, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Nuttall and children of Sudan, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lilly and children, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne Berry and children of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Pursley of Abilene were visiting in the Stith Community Friday. James Hale and Mr. and Mrs.

Bobby Malone had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones in Gatesville. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Howard in Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne Berry and children and the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Haw and children of Edmonson visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley during Christmas.

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Making West Texans See Better
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Buy them where you work or bank
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SAVE SAVE SAVE
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63 PONTIAC BONEVILLE — Four door sedan, automatic transmission, air conditioner, radio, heater, power steering, power brakes, white sidewall tires. **SAVE \$1,200**

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60 PONTIAC STAR CHIEF — Sedan has auto. trans., radio, heater, air cond., white tires. Color light green and white top. **\$1595**

59 FORD 4-DOOR SEDAN — With automatic transmission, radio, heater, air conditioner, white tires. Color Ivory. **JUST \$995**

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61 PONTIAC 4-DOOR — Sedan has automatic transmission, radio, heater, air conditioner, white tires. **\$1795**

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FIRST BABY OF THE YEAR?



CARSON'S PRESENTS

TO THE FIRST

BABAY OF 1964

ONE CASE OF

BABY FOODS

**CARSON'S
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RULES

Parents must have been residents of Taylor County 3 Mos.

HAVE YOUR DOCTOR STATE:

Exact time and day of baby's birth.

Place of birth, Sex, Weight and Name.

The Name and address of Parents.

The infant must be born in Sadler Clinic-Hospital.

Send entries to This Newspaper, Box 428 within 3 days after birth of child.

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Baby of 1964!

BRAGG'S is

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One Year Subscription

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 OUR GIFT TO YOU ...**

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 ELECTRIC AUTOMATIC
 BABY BOTTLE WARMER
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With automatic safety shut-off

WILSON'S FOOD STORE

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE PARENTS AND

TO THE

FIRST BABY IN 1964!

OUR GIFT TO

THE FAMILY

\$5.00 CLEANING

MACK'S CLEANERS

WELCOME

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OUR GIFT TO YOU

JOHNSON & JOHNSON

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YOUR CHOICE—

Baby Blanket -

Quilt or

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PRESENTS

FORMULA FEEDING KIT

to the

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Shop for Complete Line of Baby Needs

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THESE PROGRESSIVE MERCHANTS WELCOME MERKEL'S NEWEST CITIZEN!

WEEKEND SPECIALS

PLUS DOUBLE STAMPS



FRYERS

Fresh Whole Only Lb.

25¢

PORK CHOPS End Cuts Lb. **43¢**

SAUSAGE Market Made Lb. **39¢**

BACON Armour Star Lb. **45¢**

PORK LIVER Fresh Lb. 19¢

T-BONE STEAK Choice Beef Lb. 85¢

WIENERS Gooch Rider 3-Lbs. 89¢

PICNIC Gooch Smoked Lb. **29¢**

CHUCK ROAST Choice Lb. **49¢**

COMET RICE 2-Lb. Box **39¢**

APPIANWAY PIZZA ROQ. or CHEESE Box **29¢**

SUPREME COOKIES ASSORTED 4 for **99¢**

ALLSWEET OLEO 2-Lb. Pk. **43¢**

CUTRITE WAX PAPER 125-Ft. ROLL **25¢**

SCOTT TISSUE 1000 SHEETS 3 Rolls **39¢**

SCOTT NAPKINS FAMILY 2 for **25¢**

SCOTT TOWELS REG. ROLL **19¢**

MORTON CREAM PIES STRAWBERRY CHOCOLATE LEMON COCOANUT PATIO - 6 LARGE 3 for **1.00**

BEEF TACOS Pkg. **39¢**

FRUIT PIES Each **29¢**

GREEN PEAS 2 for **25¢**

JOY KING SIZE **69¢**

CLOROX QUART BOTTLE **19¢**

VEL Beauty Bar 2 for **35¢**

AJAX CLEANSER 2 for **23¢**

DEL MONTE FAMILY CORN No. 303 Can 2 for **29¢**

DEL MONTE WHOLE BEANS No. 303 Can 2 for **49¢**

DEL MONTE SPINACH No. 303 Can 2 for **25¢**

DEL MONTE GARDEN PEAS No. 303 Can 2 for **39¢**

DEL MONTE CATSUP 14-Oz. Bottle 2 for **33¢**

DEL MONTE FRUIT COCKTAIL No. 303 Can 2 for **43¢**

DOUBLE STAMPS GIFT BOND 3 DAYS THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

300 COUNT LOOSE LEAF NOTEBOOK

PAPER

New Year SPECIAL **39¢** each

REMEMBER TO CHECK

LUCKY CALENDAR

JACK POT NUMBER

SOME ONE'S BEEN FORGETTING TO CHECK . . .

BIG JACK POT THIS WEEK! SO

COME IN AND CHECK

THE NUMERS POSTED

WOLF COFFEE SPAM FLOUR PEACHES TIDE

Chili No. 2 Can **49¢**

Maxwell House 1-Lb. Can **53¢**

Hormel 12-Oz. Can **39¢**

Gladiola 25-Lb. Print Bag **1.79**

Del Monte No. 2 1/2 Can 2 for **49¢**

Giant Box **59¢**

BAMA STRAWBERRY - 18-OZ. PRESERVES glass **39¢**

SANKA INSTANT - 5-OZ. COFFEE jar **98¢**

SHORTENING - 3-LB. SNOWDRIFT can **49¢**

BETTY CROCKER - 28-OZ. BOX PANCAKE MIX box **35¢**

LIBBY'S GRAPEFRUIT AND PINEAPPLE DRINK 29-Oz. **19¢**

GARDEN FRESH VEGETABLES



RED DELICIOUS APPLES Lb. **15¢**

SUNKIST LEMONS Dozen **19¢**

FRESH TURNIPS & TOPS bn. **10¢**

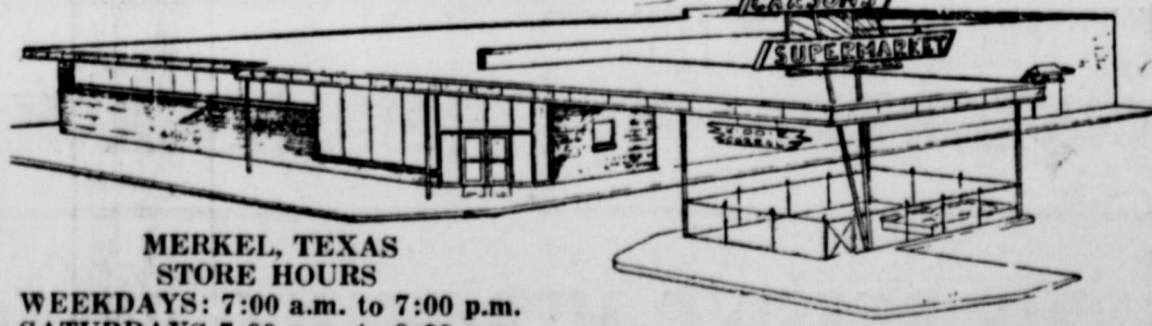
FRESH RADISHES 2 Bn. **19¢**

WAXED RUTABAGAS Lb. **5¢**

FRESH MUSTARD GREENS Bn. **10¢**

NO. 1 RUSSETS SPUDS 10-Lb. Bag **43¢**

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