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**CHOCOLATE MINT OR SANDWICH CREMES?** — Debbie Martin, left and Suzie Wilson, along with other Merkel Girl Scouts, are selling cookies to raise money for the Girl Scout camp near Sweetwater. Debbie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Martin. Suzie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woody Milson.

## Up The Canyon

By TOM  
RUSSOM



Well, you have heard of million dollar rains — we have had it! I should say we have had two of them and all of the moisture went into the ground. It didn't run any stock water to speak of. It thundered like it was in the spring of the year and the rain came down in a very fine way. So with such good rains and spring time just around the corner it looks like we should be off to a good start getting some early pasture and as someone said, "Who Would want to leave Texas?"

We really had a fine attendance at Pioneer Church last Sunday and also had a very fine sermon delivered by the Rev. Sullivan. He is doing some fine preaching. Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Blair of Lubbock were here visiting relatives. They attended church at Pioneer.

Kyle said it was a little dry at Lubbock. They are former residents of our area.

Also visiting was Mrs. Hurd of Coleman, mother of Mrs. Kenneth Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Seymore were back in church services Sunday. He had surgery on his eyes and was unable to be about for a few days.

Mrs. F. R. Demerie of Merkel said Mulberry Canyon was named for its wonderful large trees that grew along the Mulberry Creek banks at one time. She said the berries made wonderful cobblers.

We are real proud of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club members. They did their part in both the county and district show. It's the finest little club going.

Katie Neill and the Dudley brothers of Merkel really rang the bell with their lambs in the shows.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Miles had their grandson in their home over the week end.

Morrice Johnson, rancher on the east side of the Canyon, said the fine rains have really put things in fine order for an early spring.

Louis Cook, who has ranching interest in the Canyon and on top

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## MOTHERS' MARCH TOTALS \$686

Proceeds from the Mothers' March held Thursday night have reached a total of \$686.

Approximately 50 women took part in the march, which began at 6 p.m. and ended two hours later. They were served coffee, cakes and cookies in campaign headquarters in the elementary school library Mrs. Pat Cypert, chairman, said.

The refreshments were furnished by Wilson's Food Store, Carson's Super Market, Cypert Income Tax, Mead's Bakery and Supreme Bakery.

One unusual marcher canvassed her neighborhood in a wheel chair. She was Margaret Foster, who has suffered arthritis for 16 years. Mrs. Foster has spent one year in bed and 10 in a wheel chair.

The proceeds from the March brought the total fund to \$1072.55 for the Merkel area. The March of Dimes Basketball Game brought in donations of \$100, an additional \$52.84 was donated by Merkel Elementary school students and

## 55 Merkelites Attend Show In Fort Worth

Approximately 55 delegates from Merkel attended the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth last Saturday night.

Miss Bronwyn Gamble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble, rode in the grand entry of the rodeo as Merkel's cowgirl sweetheart. She was introduced to the arena audience.

Members of the Brush Stompers Riding Club rode in the grand entry led by Miss Nancy Watts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Watts and Riding Club sweet heart.

The Merkel delegation was introduced during the show.

## CEMETERY FUND

Donations to Merkel Cemetery Association recently included: Mrs. J. R. and Jimmie Brown Mrs. M. G. Bryon Mrs. Gertrude Pee Estate Pauline Johnson, Abilene Mrs. M. L. Hand Mrs. June Toombs in memory of Bud

## Largent Steer Named Champion In Amarillo

A fourth generation registered Hereford breeder was awarded the coveted prize for exhibiting the grand champion steer of the 1964 Amarillo Fat Stock Show.

Thirteen year old Steve Largent son of Mr. and Mrs. David Largent of Fort Davis, was the proud exhibitor of the 805 pound grand champion steer named "Wyatt."

Steve is a seventh grader at Fort Davis and was assisted in his project by Billy Hill, Jeff Davis county agricultural agent.

The grand champion was produced in the 400 cow — commercial herd of Herefords operated by Steve's father, David, and grandfather, Mr. Roy Largent of Merkel.

The Largent commercial herd has produced many show winners in recent years, including the reserve champion fat carload of Herefords at the 1963 International Livestock Show in Chicago, exhibited by John and Don Pogliano of Wilmington, Ill.

## Two From Merkel Attend Fashion Show In Dallas

Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mrs. Cyrus Pee, buyers from Bragg's Department Store, attended the annual January Fashion Market held last week in Dallas.

During the Market buyers from all over the Southwest selected summer fashions from over 7,000 lines.

Dallas Markets are one of the top three fashion markets in the nation, according to Mrs. Grimes. She added that four major markets are held in Dallas annually, with the January market featuring clothing and sportswear for the summer season.

Merchandise selected at this market will be on sale in late spring and early summer.

## Services Held For R. N. Petnecost

Funeral services for Robert N. Pentecost, 77, were held Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in Starbuck Chapel with the Rev. William H. Wright, pastor of Methodist Church in Tye, officiating.

Burial was in Stith Cemetery. Mr. Pentecost, longtime resident of Jones and Taylor counties, died in Sadler Clinic - Hospital after a critical illness of some 30 days.

Born May 25, 1886, in Clark County, Ark., he married Mattie Lee Cook Aug. 8, 1915, in Arkadelphia, Ark. Mr. Pentecost moved to Jones County in 1920 where he farmed until 1959, when he moved to Tye. He was a long-time member of the Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors are his wife; three sisters, Miss Mattie Pentecost, Mrs. Watson Francis and Mrs. Cole Kinard, all of Arkadelphia; several nieces and nephews.

## Announcement

If you desire your vacant lots to be burned, call Merkel Fire Department, 928-5111.

The band parents meeting has been changed from Monday, Feb. 10 to Tuesday, Feb. 10th due to a conflict in schedule.

The Martha Clas of the First Baptist Church will have their monthly class meeting in the home of Mrs. Homer Finch Thursday night Feb. 6 at 7:30.

## Board of Directors To Gain 3 Members



**QUARTER-CENTURY FOR WTU** — Earl Hughes has recently completed 25 years service for West Texas Utilities Company. He has been the manager of the local office since 1944.

## HUGHES COMPLETES 25 YEARS SERVICE

Earl Hughes, local manager of West Texas Utilities, has recently completed twenty-five years of service for the WTU company.

Hughes joined WTU in 1938 as a clerk in the Stamford office. In 1942 he was made local manager in Stamford, and served in that capacity until his transfer to Merkel in 1944.

He is a native of Taylor County and has spent most of his life in this vicinity. Born near Merkel in 1900, he attended the public

schools at Center Point and Blair and graduated from high school in 1917.

He served as chief deputy in the Taylor County Tax Collector's Office from 1919 until 1926 when he was elected tax collector. After serving 6 years as tax collector, Hughes was named tax collector for the City of Abilene and served in this capacity until he resigned in 1938 to join WTU company.

Hughes served as Mayor of Merkel for 5½ years and was a member of the city council for 6 years. He is an active member of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, the Merkel Lions Club and the Methodist Church, and is also a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 559 in Abilene.

Mrs. Hughes is the former Lamoyn Baker. They were married in Abilene in 1921 and have one son and two daughters, Earl Hughes Jr., and family, Abilene; Joy Spots and family, Willoughby, Ohio; and Jane Wade and family of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have eight grandchildren.

## TEENAGER WRITES POEM "JOHN-JOHN;" MAKES HIT

The following was taken from an article that appeared in the "Stars and Stripes," army newspaper, and brought to the Merkel Mail by Mrs. Walter Harris, whose husband is stationed in Germany.

DETROIT (UPI) — Candy Geer watched the sad funeral procession of the late President John F. Kennedy and saw six white horses take a world leader to his grave.

The 15-year-old Grosse Pointe, Mich., girl was saddened by what she saw and "thought about John-John" seeing his "daddy in that box . . ."

The high school sophomore put her thoughts into a poem called "Six White Horses" that night.

Last Friday, January 24, the poem was read on a Canadian radio station by a disc jockey.

It was heard by radio listeners as far east as Boston, throughout parts of Canada and the Midwest.

In three days, 18,000 letters poured into station CKLW of Windsor, Ont., Canada, asking for a copy of the poem.

Candy's poem personifies what John-John, 3 years old on the day of his father's funeral, may have thought as he saw six white horses take his father away.

Tom Clay, the rock 'n' roll disc jockey who read the poem when two high school students from a Detroit suburban school showed him a copy of it, became so emo-

## Six Nominated For Directors

A special meeting of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors was called last week to submit nominations for new directors to be named to the board.

Ballots nominating six Merkel businessmen to the board of directors were mailed Tuesday, according to Mary Hargrove, Chamber of Commerce secretary.

She added that the ballots must be returned no later than Saturday, Feb. 15.

When the ballots have been returned three new directors will be appointed, from the six nominees, to serve a three year term.

Nominees are Dave Brumbeau, The Merkel Mail; Howard Carson, Carson Super Market; John Hardesty, Taylor Telephone Company; Robert Malone, Malone Implement Co.; Fred Starbuck, Starbuck Company; and Norman Winter, Taylor Co-op.

Retiring directors are Paul Wood, White's Store; Joe Cypert, Taylor County Commissioner and Jack South, South Grain Co.

Hold over directors include Dr. Don Warren, M.D.; Chester Collinsworth, vocational agriculture; Frank Breaux, Lone Star Gas; Earl Hughes, West Texas Utilities; Ray Wilson, Wilson's Food Store; and David Gamble, Merkel Drug.

New directors will go into office March 1 and new officers will be elected at that time.

The present officers are Dr. Warren, president; Paul Woods, vice president; and Earl Hughes, secretary-treasurer.

The nominating committee was composed of Ray Wilson, David Gamble and Don Warren.

## United Fund At 95 Per Cent

The Merkel Community Fund is now standing within 95 per cent of the \$4,000 goal.

"A few cards have not been turned in," stated Herman Carson, publicity chairman. "When they come in we expect the amount to meet the set goal."

Donations should be sent to Fred Starbuck, Herman Carson, Mina Winter, Johnny Howard or Mary Hargrove at the Chamber of Commerce office.

The total amount collected will be divided on a percentage basis to the eight cooperating agencies, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Red Cross, Heart Fund, West Texas Rehabilitation Center, Local Contingency, Texas United Fund and Boys Ranch.

tionally affected while reading it, he began to cry.

"Like millions of other persons who mourned him, I thought he was like my father," Clay said in describing how he felt when he read the poem over the air for the first time.

Clay played the theme music from the movie, "The Cardinal," and an engineer taped another reading of the poem. This time Clay broke up even more. He refused to read it again. But fellow disc jockeys played the tape over and over again.

The first reading caused a flood of 3,000 telephone calls from De-

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# SOCIETY

## NEW SOFT LOOK



By MRS. T. J. AMASON  
Correspondent



A fresh, new fabric for now and spring, adds a bright fashion flair to a junior's favorite jumper. Styled of wool, and Creslan acrylic fiber, the fabric comes in mouth-watering, lively pastels lightly streaked with white. The jumper features a slim skirt falling softly from a lowered waist-line extended shoulders just cap the white crepe "go-with" blouse.

Mr and Mrs. H. N. Odum have returned from a tour of Honolulu, Hawaii. They are now visiting in Arkansas.

Mrs. G. R. Touchstone visited her sister, Mrs. H. C. Pierce in Wichita Falls, last week end.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. C. E. Huff last week were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Huff of Harrison, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Huff and family of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Watson visited in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Amason in Graham last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown and Mrs. Kate Phillips were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Phillips and family in Big Spring.

Mrs. Gerald Fudge and daughter, Christie, of Abilene were dinner guests in the home of her mother, Mrs. Eunice Massey, Wednesday.

Danny Harris of Abilene was a visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Jenkins and daughter, Jodie Wednesday.

Mrs. N. L. McLeod was guest in the home of her son, Mr. and Mr. H. L. McLeod and son, Wade, in Roscoe, las week end.

Mrs. Mary Carey has returned home after a two month visit in the homes of her sons, Carl Cary and family and Oliver Carey and family. She also visited her grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Carey in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Toliver visited in the home of their son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Toliver in Bronte last week end.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Patterson recently were Claude Dye and Byron Patterson of Greenville, Mrs. Earl Beech, Williams, Calif., Mrs. Rachael Kemp and son of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Patterson and family of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy and son of Anson and Miss Linda Leach of Llano.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Brazell and families visited her parents, Mr.

Randy in Abilene the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hook visited in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Banta in Jal, New Mexico, last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Carb Magelby of Wichita Falls were visitors in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Tiner last week end. Also visiting with Mrs. Tiner recently was Gerald Tiner of Abilene.

Mrs. E. H. Thompson visited in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn in Stith last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Knapp and children of Midland visited with Mrs. J. T. Anderson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Anderson last week end.

Mrs. L. E. Taylor and Mrs. Marie Games of San Angelo visited in the home of their mother, Mrs. Lela McEver this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins of Seguin and daughter, Mrs. Don Murry of San Antonio were guest of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Thompson and mother, Mrs. J. M. Toombs last week.

Mrs. Lena Thompson of Abilene is visiting in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Haword Brown.

Mrs. Bob Williams and children, Mark and Deanne of Abilene were visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton. They also visited Mrs. Lela McEver and son, J. T. and Mrs. Tom Melton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dumagin were in Dallas last week to visit their daughter, Carol Sue and family. They were accompanied by their daughter, Bryan Beth, and Carolyn Anderson, students of Hardin - Simmons University.

Mrs. Judy Bagby and children, Kenny, Carrie Anne and Charles Lynn of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack South last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McCoy and children of Haskell were visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. Joe Winter last week end.

Mrs. Vernon Wade and son, Lynn of Abilene were visitors in the home of her mother in law, Mrs. Thelma Wade and children Thursday.

Mrs. E. H. Sadler and Mrs. E. R. Saller of Dimmit, Mrs. H. L. Weaver of Anson and Mrs. Margie Henslee of Abilene were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Buchanan las week.

Miss Sharon Seifield and Dee Brumer of Texas Tech College in Lubbock were visitors in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Lige Gamble, last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Davis of Midland were visitors in the home of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Patterson Sunday.

## STITH NEWS

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantresse last week were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mundy and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Mundy of San Angelo.

Walter Vantresse and Charlie Mundy visited Saturday in Sweetwater with Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lily and children and his mother, Mrs. Lilly, all of Abilene, were among those attending the Turkey Dinner last Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry in honor of their son, Edgar Berry's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Vera Cruz moved last week to the Truby Community.

Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Plank was honored Saturday night with a wedding shower at the Stith Community Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne attended the 50th Anniversary celebration in Anson Sunday of his sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Ward.

Ethel Canida and Mr. and Mrs. James Hale and children visited with Mrs. Fritz Hale last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Hale returned home with them to Midland for a visit. They are also visiting Mr. and Mrs. Odell Newton and children in Monahans.

## Coleman-Toombs Engagement Told

The engagement of Lynne Erin Coleman to Ronald Deverel Toombs has been announced by the bride elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Coleman, 2326 Campus Courts in Abilene.

Toombs is the son of Mrs. Deverel Toombs and the late Mr. Toombs of Merkel.

Miss Coleman was graduated from Abilene Christian High School in Abilene and is a Junior business major at Abilene Christian College.

The prospective bridegroom, a graduate of Merkel High School and Abilene Christian College, is a teacher at Thomas Jefferson High School in Dallas.

The wedding will take place in the late spring.

## Miss McKeever To Receive BA Degree

Mary Louise McKeever, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever, is among six January graduates of Wayland Baptist College, Plainview.

An elementary education major and English minor, Miss McKeever will be one of four to receive the Bachelor of Arts degree.

A 1960 graduate of Merkel High School, she is active in campus affairs. Miss McKeever is a member and past president of Treble Tones, select woman's traveling choral ensemble, member of Texas Student Education Association, and the Baptist Student Union. This year she has been social chairman of the BSU and was a member of the Freshman BSU Council.

## Brownies Study Fire Prevention

Brownie Troop 62 met Monday at the Scout Hut for a program on fire prevention.

The program also included an outline of what to do in case of fire.

Each Brownie outlined an escape route for her home, what to do in case her clothing were on fire, and emergency telephone numbers and information she

should know in case of fire.

Refreshments were served by Zana Mansfield.


Brownie leaders are Mrs. R. E. Dayton and Mrs. Pat Cypert.

Mrs. Blanche Smith has returned home following a month's visit with relatives in Dallas, Texarkana, Jacksonville, Sims and New Boston.

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## Crippled Boy Wins Sports Letters With Assist from March of Dimes

A boy who can scarcely walk because of arthritis wins a letter in athletics. Impossible, you say. Not if the lad has the grit of Tim Ewald.

Even though this 17-year-old from Minneapolis can barely "inch" along with the help of a cane, he wears the monogram of Golden Valley High School in both football and track.

How come? How is all this athletic activity possible when it takes this likable youngster as much as 15 minutes merely to tie his shoelaces?

You must look back seven years to find the answer. As the second-oldest of five sons, Tim at the age of 10 could outrun all his brothers and even his parents, Graydon and Diane Ewald.

At touch football, no one could lay a hand on him. Tim dreamed of a high school and college career in football and track.

Then, at the age of 10, came disaster. One night the boy was struck by the indescribably severe pains of rheumatoid arthritis throughout his body. His temperature soared. For long months he had to be hospitalized in body casts and treated with cortisone.

### Aided by March of Dimes

Now, after seven years of the disease, Tim is slowly regaining some mobility—thanks in great part to physical therapy given him at the March of Dimes Arthritis Treatment Center in the University of Minnesota Medical School. This treatment is conscientiously repeated at home.

Much as the boy yearned to play, such strenuous sports as football and track were not for him. It was all he could do just to hobble from class to class. But in his freshman year at high school he resolved to be as close to sports as his crippled condition permitted.

Tim made a private vow that he would become a team manager.

He made it in his freshman year as manager of the football squad. He made it again in his sophomore year. Last



To continue working in the field of sports, even though he can't join actively because of crippling rheumatoid arthritis, Tim Ewald, 17, hopes to become a sports cartoonist. Here he outlines caricature of a sports personality. His doctors at March of Dimes Arthritis Center say this is good therapy for his hands and wrists.

year, his third, he managed the track team. He won his letters in two sports.

Tim won't talk much about what his duties are. He's an excessively modest youngster but, even if it does embarrass the boy, his father says:

"I looked into this with some care because it would be dangerous for Tim to overdo. I found out that these manager-ship aren't snap jobs given by the players to a classmate they feel sorry for. The work is tough—Tim goes along in the team bus to games all around the state, he checks equipment and keeps the players' records, he's a timekeeper, and so on. But he thrives on it—and it's far better therapy than gnawing his nails because of no contact with sports."

Even with his heavy schedule of classes, homework, team management, home exercises and weekly visits to the March of Dimes Arthritis Treatment Center, Tim finds time to draw,

chiefly cartoons and caricatures for which he seems to have promising talent. He thinks that someday he might like to be a sports cartoonist.

### Faces Surgery

Will he walk again normally? It's quite possible. This year, after graduation from high school, he may undergo hip surgery. Dr. Keith N. Drummond, assistant director of the March of Dimes center, explains that Tim's hips are now locked in a bent position caused by contraction of the tendons and muscles and by inflammation of the hip joints. Under favorable circumstances, surgery could release and lengthen these shortened tissues.

Whether crippled for life or on his feet again, which now seems likely, Tim is determined to continue working actively in sports. That's about all he'll say. But you know that this quiet and resolute youngster means it.

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# Religious Review

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Marvin H. Clark, pastor  
SUNDAY MORNING  
Broadcast ..... 9:00  
Sunday School ..... 10:00  
Worship Service ..... 11:00

**SUNDAY EVENING**  
Training Union ..... 6:45  
Worship Service ..... 7:30  
WEDNESDAY  
Evening Service ..... 8:00

**GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday School ..... 10:00  
Preaching Service ..... 11:00

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
Howard Marcom, pastor  
SUNDAY  
Sunday School ..... 9:45  
Preaching ..... 10:55  
Youth Meeting ..... 6:00  
Evening Worship ..... 7:00  
WEDNESDAY  
Choir Practice ..... 8:00

**NEW LIVE OAK BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Bill Williams, pastor  
SUNDAY  
Sunday School ..... 10:00  
Preaching Service ..... 11:00  
Training Union ..... 6:00  
Preaching Service ..... 7:00  
3rd and El Paso Streets

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Kenneth Joines, pastor  
SUNDAY  
Bible School ..... 9:45  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30  
Evening Classes ..... 6:00  
Evening Worship ..... 6:45

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
John Curtis, pastor  
SUNDAY  
Sunday School ..... 9:45  
Preaching ..... 11:00  
Evening Preaching ..... 7:00  
WEDNESDAY  
Mid-Week Evangelistic Service ..... 7:30

**MISSION BAPTISTA BETHEL**  
Pastor: M. D. Moorehead, Jr.  
SUNDAY  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Training Union ..... 6 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 7 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Prayer Meeting ..... 7 p.m.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF ELECTION**  
City Council of the City of Merkel hereby gives notice of CITY ELECTION.

The following vacancies to be filled Alderman three (3) places two (2) years each. Candidates will have until 12:00 A.M., March 7th, 1964, in which to file for place on the ballots.

The Election shall be held April 7, 1964, at the Welfare Office and shall conform as nearly as possible to the General Election Laws of Texas governing such Elections. The polls shall open at 8:00 A.M. and close at 6 P.M.

Mrs. F. Y. Gaither is hereby appointed Election Judge. Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of February A.D. 1964. (Seal)

City Council,  
City of Merkel  
FLOSSIE W. McKEEVER,  
Flossie W. McKeever,  
City Secretary 48 1tc

Bible School ..... 9:45  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30  
Evening Classes ..... 6:00  
Evening Worship ..... 6:45  
WEDNESDAY  
Bible Classes ..... 8:00

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
W. D. Tanner, pastor  
SUNDAY  
Sunday School ..... 9:45  
Sunday School Broadcast 10:15  
Morning Service and Broadcast ..... 11:00  
Training Union ..... 6:30  
Evening Service ..... 7:30  
Youth Council Meeting .. 8:50

**TUESDAY**  
WMU Visitation ..... 9:30  
Sunbeams ..... 9:30  
Jr. G.A. .... 9:30

**WEDNESDAY**  
Evening Services ..... 7:30  
**THURSDAY**  
Visitation

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**Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club Meets**

The Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club met Thursday with Donald Russon, president, calling the meeting to order.

Michiel Ray led the American pledge with Glenn Bryan leading the Club Motto and prayer.

A devotional, "Be The Best," was given by Robert Clemmer. Donald Russon gave a council report.

During the program Pat Dudley showed slides from New York and Washington D.C.

Attending the meeting were Glenn Bryan, Gaylon Braovak, Michiel Ray, Myrtle Davis, Mark Dudley, Mark Clemmer, Becky Bryan, Robert Clemmer and Katy Neill.

**Stith HD Club Meets**

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met in the Community Center with Mrs. Fletcher Jones, president, in charge of the meeting.

The devotional was given by Mrs. Swindell, hostess.

Mrs. Paul Bradley gave the council report.

A program on "What to Do With Plastic Bottles" was given by Mrs. Ted Hudson.

## Hunters Feted At Annual Dinner

An annual dinner for hunters and their wives was held recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robertson.

The invocation was given by Houston Robertson.

Following the dinner was a report given by Jack Collier.

Films from the hunt were shown by J. D. Sandusky.

Attending the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Craig Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hays, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cypert, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Collier, Mr. and Mrs. Paxton Hays, Houpston Robertson, Woody Rogers and the host and hostess.

## NOODLE NEWS

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

Mrs. Georgie Best from Abilene visited Thursday with her son, Carrol and family.

Mrs. Zenolia Lucas visited with the following women last Thursday: Mrs. Carl Jackson, Mrs. Troy Sloan, Mrs. Bill Caldwell, Mrs. Carroll Best, Mrs. Karl Bonneau and Mrs. Doc Callaway.

The people of Noodle are really proud of the good rain we received. It sure will help the wheat.

Mr. and Mrs. Fald Womack and family were dinner guests in the home of his mother and brother, Mrs. Clara Womack and Joe in Hawley.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Justice and children of Abilene spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Justice and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jackson Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell and Mrs. J. E. Swindell from Stith, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mann and Mr. and Mrs. Jordan and Jamie from Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jones spent Sunday afternoon with the Bill Caldwell.

A. D. McCain had surgery in Cox Hospital in Abilene last week. He is reported in good condition.

Billy Maxwell has returned home from Sadler Clinic - Hospital in Merkel. It is reported that he is feeling better.

**"Our Christian Heritage," WSCS Study Program**

The Womens Society of Christian Service met Monday in the Chapel of the Methodist Church with Mrs. Vernon Hudson leading the program on "Our Christian Heritage."

Opening prayer was led by Mrs. Denziel Cox.

Mrs. Jarrett Williams told of visiting the Church of England. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Howard Marcom. Approximately 13 attended.

## Tidwell Honored With USAF Medal

Technical Sergeant Lee W. Tidwell of El Paso has been decorated with the United States Air Force Commendation Medal.

Sergeant Tidwell was awarded the medal for his meritorious service as an aircraft radio maintenance technician while assigned to Bunker Hill AFB, Ind. He now is assigned to the 449th Bomb Wing at Kincheloe AFB, Mich.

The sergeant, son of Mrs. Effie Tidwell of 1210 N. San Marcial, El Paso, attended El Paso High School.

His wife, Pauline, is the daughter of Mrs. Zedie DeBusk of Merkel.

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59 CADILLAC Sedan has automatic transmission, air conditioner, radio, heater, power steering and brake, power seat and windows \$1995

61 FORD Galaxie has automatic transmission, air conditioner, radio, heater, white tires just \$1550

60 PONTIAC Star Chief sedan has automatic transmission, air conditioner, radio, heater, power steering and brakes. Low mileage and nice \$1545

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## LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

WHY YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT COMMUNISM --  
By Tim Beasley

During the Korean War one young American soldier, Otho Bell, was captured and placed in a Communist prisoner of war camp. After being brain-washed for several months, he renounced his American Citizenship to become a member of Communist China. Then after several years he saw the light and came to the country he had betrayed. When he returned he was quoted as saying, "If I had really been educated before I left this country and known what Communism was, I would have been killed on the Korean battlefields rather than become a prisoner of war." Many of us are like Otho Bell. We don't really know what Communism is. To many of us it is just a word and means little to us. The future of our country depends on the younger people of today. Since America is the only country strong enough to resist Communism, it is important that we do as much as possible to keep it that way. If this younger generation does not learn what Communism is and how to rec-

ognize it, America is liable to get slowly weaker and fall into Communist hands. Since the younger people have so much to do with our country's future we should want to learn more about Communism and how to avoid it.

The Merkel Elementary School was happy to serve as headquarters for the Mothers' March of Dimes.

Dale White and Russell Steck are doing a fine job studying the weather and reporting their findings to the Elementary Building.

Monday night, Feb. 3rd, the Merkel Junior Badgers clinched at least a tie for conference championship by defeating the Wylie Junior Bulldogs 33 to 24. The Junior Badgerettes will have to content themselves with second place as the Wylie girls had the edge 20 to 14. The Junior Badgers lost their only conference game to Jim Ned by a close score of 35 to 32 on Jan. 27th. The girls have lost two games, both to Wylie. Wylie stands undefeated in conference play.

Honor Roll Supplement — The following pupils had a ninty average or better during the last six week period of school: From Mrs. Orsborn's room: Cathy Beard, Roger Beard, Donna Diltz, Steve Doan, Scotty Higgins and Ja Nell Lassiter. From Mrs. Fisher's room: Tommy Carson, Mignon Crawford, Kathryn Criswell, Terry Doan, Randon Ely, Carolyn Gilmore, Gary Hicks, Laurell Loflin, Christine Lucas, Kay Tipton, Janet Wilson and Debbie Davis. From Mr. Bratcher's room: Margaret Gilmore, Lyn Hunter, Kathy Mansfield, Dayna McAninch, Melba Seymore and Robert White.

Mrs. Benson's room had the following students with 90 or above average: Robert Clemmer, Mark Ransford, Don Purser, Keith Reeger, Randy Smith, Tim Tanner, Judy Hester, Vickie Robertson and Linda Sanford.

The student council has planted three trees of the Arizona Ash variety on the west end of the playground. This is part of a continuous campus beautification program. The student council, headed by committee chairman Valorie Buntin, will be selling Valentines, singing telegrams and candy as part of a Valentine program to raise money to continue the beautification program.

For **COLDS** take **666**

## Brownie Troop To Study Puppet Theatre

Brownie Troop 62 met Monday at the Scout Hut to elect new officers.

The officers elected were Judy Shields, president; Jacqueline Johnson, secretary; Diana Dayton, treasurer; Debbie Fincher, reporter; and patrol leaders, Debbie Fincher, Jeri Mullenix and Dianne Allen.

This month the troop will study the puppet theatre. They will write original skits, make puppets, build a theatre and present a puppet show.

Refreshments were served to the group by Jeri Mullenix.

Leaders of the troop are Mrs. R. E. Dayton and Mrs. Pat Cypert.

## Marcus Bivin In Korea

Army PFC Marcus R. Bivin, son of Monte R. Bivin, 1104 Buff St., Wichita Falls, and other members of I Corps took part in Exercise SNOW STORM in Korea.

The week-long training maneuver was designed to test the corps' ability to operate in Korean winter conditions and to measure the effect of extreme cold on men and equipment.

Bivin is assigned to Company A of the corps' 51st Signal Battalion in Korea. He entered the Army in December 1962, completed basic training at Fort Polk, La., and arrived overseas in December of last year.

The 18-year-old soldier, son of Mrs. J. R. Henry, Route 1, Merkel, attended Abilene High School.

## Merkel FHA To Sell Cookbook

The Merkel Future Homemakers of America chapter is conducting a sale of the cookbook, "Favorite Recipes of Home Economics Teachers."

There are three editions to the book, featuring salads, desserts and party beverages, according to FHA members.

They added that the book contains a complete collection of meat, salad and dessert recipes. It is composed of over 2,000 recipes submitted by home economics teachers.

For further information concerning the cookbook contact Mrs. Roberta Bender, Merkel Home Economics teacher.

## TEENAGER

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troit and Windsor area residents wanting to know who wrote the poem. Clay himself didn't know until checking further with the two high school students who showed it to him during an interview.

Candy, who already received praise from her English teacher for the poem she did for extra credit, was the center of attention at Grosse Pointe High School. Everyone wanted copies of her work.

The poem found its way into other high school papers and finally on the air.

"I wrote it for my own enjoyment," explained Candy who still is amazed at all the attention she is receiving.

### "SIX WHITE HORSES" By CANDY GEER

Six white horses came today  
To take my daddy far away.

Mommy said I must be good  
And stand as big as daddy would.

And now I am big, so I won't cry  
When I see my daddy wave good-bye.

'Cause daddy is my special friend,  
He always comes back soon again.

I cannot wave, I don't see why,  
There's just a black box moving by.

But mommy says I should be still,  
I'm a big boy now, and so I will.  
I hear some drums; they're aw-

ful loud!  
My mommy's sad and so's the crowd.

And everybody's dressed in black,  
But daddy soon will hurry back.

We're going to take a walk to Mass.

Then maybe I'll see daddy pass.

I wonder why we're only three?  
He always comes to church with me.

Two men are talking, I can see.  
They said they're very proud of me.

They said my daddy's in that box

The black one, with the six gold locks.

I have on a big boy's suit,  
And now it's my turn to salute.

I do it just like the big boys do.  
Because I have to be one too.

They're going to stop and then just leave.

But in that box how will he breathe?

Though I do not understand  
There's my mommy here to hold my hand.

He's going to leave and not come home!

We just can't leave him here alone.

I want to hear him laugh and say,  
"John-John, come here so we can play."

I don't see daddy anywhere.  
I want to cry and I don't care.

He's in the ground—he cannot be!  
He should be right here holding me!

But mommy says I must be good—  
So I'll just stand as daddy would.

## UP THE CANYON

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of the Divide, reports thing in wonderful shape at the ranch.

Those from the Canyon attending the funeral of Mrs. Ray in Coleman were: Mrs. Dewell McLean, Mrs. R. G. Toombs, Mrs. Elmer Patterson, Mrs. Arthur Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russon, Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman Jr., and daughter, Mrs. Frank Brnovak, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Butman, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray and Mrs. Lottie Everett.

Mrs. Ray was the mother of E. C. Ray and Mrs. Ford Butman.

## Three Directors Named to WTBA

Three new directors were elected to the West Texas Barrel Racing Association at a recent point race in Lamesa.

The new directors are Lavoy Arant, Lubbock - Amarillo area; Margaret Brewer, Lamesa area; and Barbara Whisenhunt, Sweetwater - Abilene area.

According to Miss Whisenhunt the next WTBA point race will be held in Sweetwater Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. She added that no admission will be charged and the public is invited to attend.

## Bridge Club Winners Named

Winners of the Merkel Duplicate Bridge Club, for the month of January were announced this week.

JANUARY 9  
1st — Dr. and Mrs. Sadler  
2nd — Roy Dalziel and Max Murrell

JANUARY 16  
1st — Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Smith, Hamlin

2nd and 3rd (tie) — Mrs. Bea Flesher and Mrs. Anno Bridwell; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wood

4th — Mr. and Mrs. Norman Winter

5th and 6th (tie) — Dr. and Mrs. Sadler; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Russell, Hamlin

JANUARY 23  
1st Mrs. Lee and Bill Wood

2nd — Dr. and Mrs. Sadler  
3rd — Bonnie Dayton and Janice Russell

4th — Preston Lee and Julia Wood

5th — Meyer Mellinger and Max Murrell

JANUARY 30  
1st — Dr. and Mrs. Sadler

2nd — Mrs. Lee and Bill Wood  
3rd and 4th (tie) — Mrs. Sammy Doan and Meyer Mellinger; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Preston.

The Bridge Club meets Thursday of each week at the Merkel Country Club. The public is invited.

## Compre HD Club Meets

The Compre Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Vancil with Mrs. Hunter calling the meeting to order.

The opening prayer was led by Mrs. Ramsey.

The program presented was "Foods for Snacks."

Refreshments were served to seven. The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Don Adair Feb. 13th.

## Noodle Club Meets In Vancil Home

The Noodle Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Boyce Vancil with Mrs. Ern-

est Spurgin, president, in charge of the meeting.

"To Make Someone Happy" was the club project selected for the year.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Hubert Sullivan.

Attending the meeting were Mrs. J. E. Boaz Sr., Clayton Dilard, Alec Carter, Ernest Spurgin, Hubert Sullivan, Henry Uecker, Boyce Vancil, C. A. Cox, Earl Palmer, V. R. Justice and Lawrence Olive.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hood of Levelland were visitors over the week end in the home of the Ralph Miller Mrs. Other relatives visited were Mr. B. B. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds and Walter.

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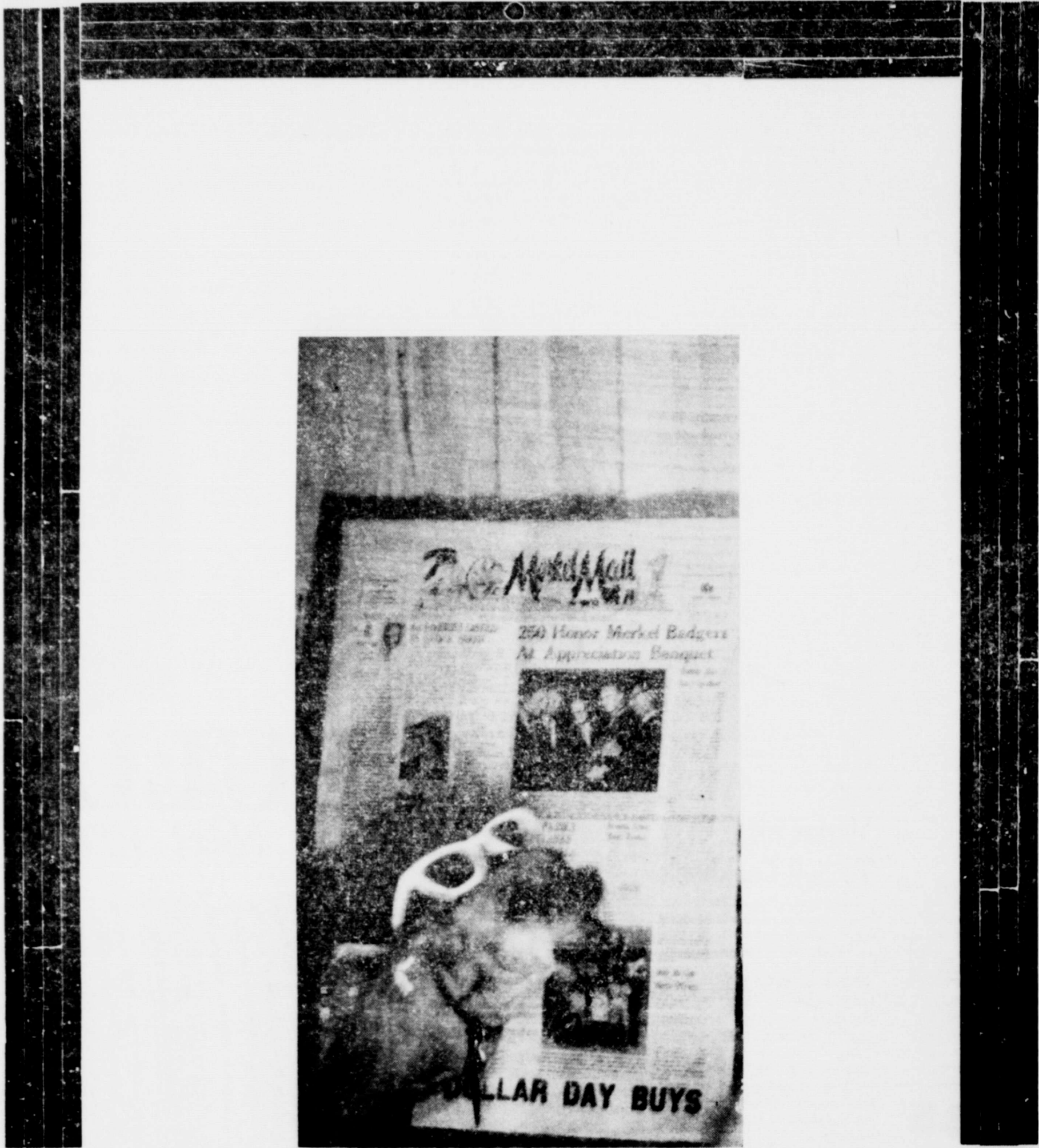
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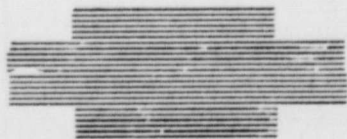




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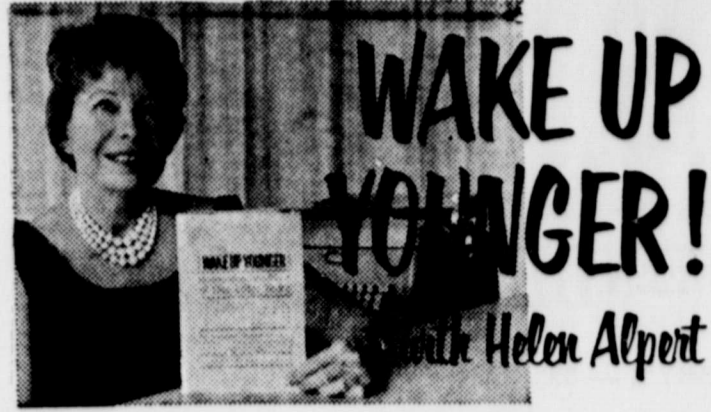
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# THE MERKEL MAIL





**IT'S A FAKE**

I have your hard-hitting column on fakes, frauds and vitamins. You advised people to write to the Better Business Bureau or ask their local Health Dept. or the U.S. Federal Food and Drug Administration for information and protection. You seem to have a pretty big list of fake vitamins. I enclose the name and label of an advertised vitamin. Is this on your black list? — Gertrude M., Arkansas

It certainly is, Gertie! This vitamin was being shipped from N. J. and was seized in Detroit, Mich., by the Food and Drug Administration. The enforcement authorities charged that this "geriatric vitamin" was misbranded and also adulterated. In fact, it was so adulterated that some tablets failed to disintegrate in the body hours later. Disgusting! If you bought them, go get your money back immediately!

**STRONG WILL NEEDED**

For over 2 years I slaved as housekeeper, cook and nurse for an overbearing old man. I put up with him because he really needed somebody. This was 24-hour slavery around the clock. I got sick and left temporarily. He died. In his will he left me the \$25,000 house and a legacy payable every month. But now his family stepped in. They broke the will, contesting he was of unsound mind. This is not true. His mind was the only sound thing he had. Is there any recourse for me? His family keeps hanging up when I telephone. — Victim, St. Louis, Mo.

Judging by these wistful letters, this is a common problem. The title might be: "Sincere Slave Gives All, Gets Nothing." Attorneys tell me that the one thing you can count on is for a family to appear practically from nowhere, to get a fast leg on a legacy. These situations demand reputable lawyers representing both nurse and patient... long in advance!

**OLD DRUNK?**

I was told that older people are becoming chronic alcoholics. Is this true? Or is this another way to criticize us? — Half Pint, Ohio.

For a Half Pint you delivered a gallon of anger, didn't you! Alcoholism in the aged is getting more attention merely because alcoholism is getting more attention. After all, how are you going to overlook 5 million steady drinkers in this country, of whom almost one million are ladies? Let us face it: it would be impossible for some of them not to be older folk!

After 40, personal losses such as bereavement by death or divorce can contribute to drinking, says the psychiatrist at Kings County Hospital Alcohol Clinic in Brooklyn, N.Y. Statistics showed 15 per cent of their new patients were men aged 50 to 60; and over 9 per cent were older women. The N.Y. State Department of Mental Hygiene upholds this picture with statistics that of 1,340 first time admissions to the state hospital, 91 were over 65. From San Francisco General Hospital, the Langley Porter Neuropsychiatric Institute's expert reported that at least one fourth of the 530 elderly had a long history of alcoholism.

One southern state pioneered this past summer with a "school" for alcoholic rehabilitation. One effort being carried on is to explore drinking by older people. This is aimed not to criticize them, but to help them! If you want more details, write to me at National Senior Center, Lehigh Acres, Fla. and I'll send you a free booklet.

**I MADE NEW FRIENDS**

I like how you put people in touch with each other all over the country. I wrote to a Golden Age president at your suggestion and now both our clubs have a lovely correspondence spanning 1,000 miles. We read each other's letters at our meetings. My cousin,

**OH, BABY WHAT A BUNTING!**



Here's a brand new bunting designed with mothers, as well as babies, in mind. It is made with Crestan acrylic fibers; can be machine washed and dried, and comes out as luxuriously soft as it went in. The bunting comes in two parts: a zip-up sleeping bag — and a hooded jacket—to keep baby warm and comfortable indoors and out. The sleeping-bag unit, which is being marketed under the name "Crimfy", is lined with plastic; the jacket with nylon.

also made friends through your column when you sent him names and addresses. Thanks!

**BATTLE AGAINST BOREDOM**

I see that a widower like me complains of terrible boredom. He wrote to you. To your tips to him to combat this awful disease, I would like to recommend what I do. I live in a sort of tourist town. But what I do can be done anywhere. When boredom is getting me down, I take a bus ride. There are always people on the bus who need directions on how to find their way. Because they're visitors they're always glad to strike up a conversation with somebody who knows the sights. Frequently they invite me to come along. I've made some nice friendships this way. Sometimes we continue to write to each other, too. Best of all, I know I've been a real help to them to make their trip enjoyable. Also, it gives our town a good name for courtesy. Just call me Sam the Welcome Man.

Dear Sam: That's a great way to defeat boredom. Some of our folks in the retirement community I mentioned in an earlier col-

umn, have a wonderful activities program worked out to banish boredom, too. The people who live in this retirement community are busy and happy.

**JURY DUTY OUR PRIVILEGE**

Why aren't we retired folk ever called to jury duty? Fifteen of us went to the Courthouse to register for jury duty, but not one of us has been called in over 4 years. Are we second-class citizens? Or considered senile. Any advice? — ANGRY.

A noted columnist in a large city voiced the same complaint last week. In 40 years of residence he's not once been summoned to jury duty. Two years ago, hundreds of women similarly neglected for jury duty fought a crusade to get recognized as potential jurors. They now serve on juries all over the place! In most states, jury duty is voluntary, not mandatory for folks aged 62 up.

**NOODLE NEWS**

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

Noodle had a pee wee basketball tournament recently. The girls from Tren won the consolation.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McLaurin and her sister, Miss Reba Ronson visited Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sevey from Snyder were dinner guests of her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Callaway Friday.

Noodle is real happy to have the Clift children back in school. Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Wood and family spent Thursday and Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell.

Sunday guests in the Ed Womack home were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lantrip and sister, Mrs. Pete Barbee and boys from Hawley.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Callaway visited the Andrew Wheelers last Tuesday. Also visiting in the Wheeler home were Mrs. Garvin Tarpley and Collye and Mrs. David Casey of Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Blair attended church at the Baptist Church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell visited Judge Carpenter and Mrs. Doug Loving in Callahan County Sunday. They also visited Mrs. Sallie Crawford, a patient in St. Ann Hospital in Abilene.

Billy Maxwell is a patient in the Sadler - Clinic Hospital in Merkel.

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**National Infant Testing Program Helps Prevent Mental Retardation**

A major advance in early detection of one of the hidden causes of severe mental retardation is fast proving its worth, thanks to the "help" of thousands of newborn babies.

These children are among the first to benefit from a new, nationwide screening program for early detection of PKU (phenylketonuria), an inherited error in body chemistry which causes severe mental retardation unless treated in time.

The screening program, started in recent months, will eventually include some 600,000 newborn babies in the United States. Already 157,000 newborns have undergone the simple test which was devised by Dr. Robert Guthrie of Children's Hospital, Buffalo, N. Y., with the help of a grant from The National Foundation-March of Dimes.

Without the blood test, no one might have realized until too late that an infant had PKU. Such babies seem normal at birth and for several months thereafter.

But they lack a liver enzyme which enables the system to process an essential nutrient found in all protein foods. Within a day or two after the PKU infant's first milk feeding, the nutrient, called phenylalanine, begins to build up in his system. If the accumulation is not checked by special diet, abnormal amounts of phenylalanine soon begin to damage the developing brain.

First outward signs of mental deficiency usually show up when the PKU victim is three to six months old. At that age, a low-phenylalanine diet can halt the deteriorating process but cannot repair the harm already done.

The problem is to detect PKU not only before damage is evident but before it has any chance to start. Until recently this has been extremely difficult.

A hereditary condition, PKU is transmitted through defective genes from both parents. Although the parents are "carriers," they themselves do not show any symptoms of the condition. Statistically, one in every four children of such a union may inherit PKU.



Kits for early detection in babies of PKU, which can cause severe mental retardation, are assembled for distribution to U. S. hospitals by Sheila M. Kuhn, lab technician. March of Dimes contributions supported research in this health area by Dr. Robert Guthrie, Children's Hospital, Buffalo, N. Y.

Before development of the Guthrie test, with the aid of a March of Dimes grant, it was common for the first defective child in such a family to go undiagnosed and untreated until he was beyond help. Alerted by the first tragedy, doctors would then test subsequent children of the same parents and in most cases could prevent brain damage in the younger ones.

The usual test for PKU was the well-known "diaper test" involving the reaction of an infant's urine to ferric chloride. But that test is not effective until several weeks after birth—after enough phenylalanine has built up to "spill over" into the urine, and long after most newborns have gone home from the hospital.

The new Guthrie test, however, requiring only a speck of blood from a prick on a baby's heel, can be done on the fourth or fifth day of life. This makes it possible to screen all babies

before they leave the hospital, thus detecting even the first-born of unknown PKU carriers before a deadly excess of phenylalanine starts its ravages.

The current field trials of the Guthrie test, sponsored by the Children's Bureau of the United States Public Health Service, are being conducted with the cooperation of 30 state health departments in this country. The PKU Central Laboratory in Buffalo is shipping 300 kits each week to hospitals throughout the United States. Each kit contains materials for 500 tests. Dramatic results are already becoming apparent.

Of a little girl in New York State, who was among the first 850 babies routinely tested after the field trial started in that area, Dr. Guthrie has said:

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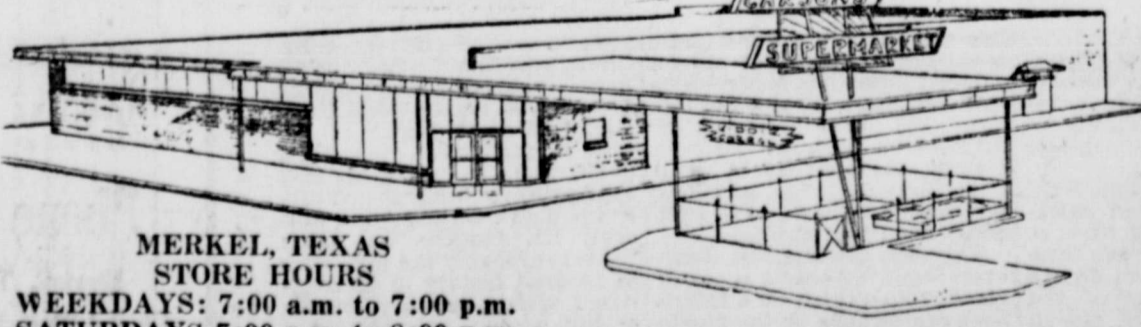
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