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## GOODFELLOW FUND RECEIVES DONATIONS

Donations totaling \$90.00 arrived for the Goodfellow Fund Tuesday morning, raising the total to \$140.00.

The remaining 15 days until Christmas will require sizeable donations if the drive is to provide Merkel's less fortunate with even minimum help.

Tuesday's Chamber of Commerce mail, marked "Goodfellows" brought another large group of letters from needy Merkelites — asking for clothes, food and toys.

Donations may be sent to Merkel Goodfellows in care of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Merkel. Clothing and food may be left at the Chamber of Commerce office.

| Cash Donations          |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Previously donated      | \$ 50.00        |
| Anonymous               | 15.00           |
| W. S. J. Brown          | 25.00           |
| Mrs. J. A. Horton       | 5.00            |
| Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hail |                 |
| Trent                   | 10.00           |
| Methodist Comrade Class | 25.00           |
| Downtown Bible Class    | 10.00           |
| <b>Total Donations</b>  | <b>\$140.00</b> |



**Up The Canyon**  
By TOM RUSSOM

We have had our second frost of the year up the Canyon. Cotton strippers are getting into the fields and will be making progress real soon.

All of the small grain is sown and a lot of it is affording a lot of livestock grazing.

## Santa Claus To Be In Merkel Friday, December 10, 4 P.M.

**BULLETIN**  
North Pole—Dec. 9 (Special to the Merkel Mail) — Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive to the tune of "Jingle Bells," Friday, Dec. 10 at 4 p.m.

The long awaited time is at-

most here! Santa Claus will make his cheerful entry into Merkel Friday at 4 o'clock. Music and fanfare will herald his appearance.

When you hear the lively tune of "Jingle Bells," played by our own Merkel High School band,

you will know that Santa isn't far behind.

Waving from the back of a shiny red fire truck, Santa will be throwing out "Christmas cheer." For the youngsters he will have a wave and candy; for the "old-

sters" he will have a big smile and a Merry Christmas wish.

A large crowd is expected to be on hand for Santa's arrival and merchants are putting an "extra" touch to their store windows. The displays will say "Merry Christmas," and also invite everyone to come in and "browse" around after Santa has landed.

"I would like for you to help if you can. My husband was very sick and in critical condition in an Abilene hospital and has now been sent to the VA hospital in Big Spring. Please help us if you can with food and clothes or anything else. I have five kids and myself. We don't have anyone to help us. The oldest is sixteen and the youngest eighteen months old. Thank you."

## Small Business Tax Clinic Set For December 9

The Small Business Tax Clinic for owners and managers of small businessmen in the Abilene area will be held at Hardin-Simmons University Dec. 9.

The purpose of the Small Business Tax Clinic is to provide the owners and managers of small businesses with a better understanding of the Federal Tax Laws affecting business. The practical application of the principles and provisions involved will be stressed in order to enable the small business owner or manager to receive the greatest possible benefit from the clinic.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be held in the President's Room and the Student Center. A fee of \$5.00 per person includes coffee and luncheon.

Registration may be made by writing Richard A. Hancock, Div. of Business Administration, Hardin - Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, 79601.

Joe Swinney, Canyon stockman, made an all time top lamb sale in San Angelo last week. A load of lambs weighing seventy - five pounds, sold for \$24.80 per hundred pounds. That is easy to figure, anyway, I know it runs into a lot of money.

Booth Warren, Merkel banker and rancher, has just recently sold a string of aged mother cows at the Warren Ranch, for, I would say, a real good price. The cows were very high quality.

## Merkel Little Homemakers Have Meeting

The making of hot chocolate and sandwiches were activities for the Merkel Little Homemaker group's November meetings.

The Nov. 23 meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Seth Ragan, while the Nov. 30 meeting was at Mrs. Billy Black's home.

Members present at both November meetings were Linda Sanford, Dianne Allen, Connie Ragan, Christie Lucas, Dayna McAninch and Gail Black.

Adult leaders are Mrs. Seth Ragan and Mrs. Billy Black.



**ALL SET FOR THE PARADE** — Lyn Hunter, granddaughter of Mrs. Walter Hunter, chooses a bike from one of our local stores, she hopes to ride when Santa makes his entry Friday. Then perhaps Santa will see the bike and place it under her Christmas tree. (Staff Photo)

"We need food and clothes, and if you can, we would like some toys for our children."

One letter came from a youngster who was aware of the needs of his parents and he asked for food for his mother and daddy, not even mentioning toys.

## No Injuries In Train-Car Wreck

Ronnie Chancey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chancey, was not hurt in the train - car wreck at the Cherry Street crossing Monday, between 8:30 and 9 p.m.

The automobile was damaged heavily, but Policeman D. B. Bowen said "Ronnie did not receive any injuries."

## MERCHANTS OPTIMISTIC FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON

Shopping in Merkel's local stores Saturday gave evidence of the "beginning of a busy Christmas season."

Many customers were quite sure of what they wanted to purchase, and others were "looking around to decide."

See pictures in this and next week's edition of the Merkel Mail's photo coverage of shoppers.

Many Merkel merchants are optimistic concerning business for the Christmas season. Some are anticipating "good" to "excellent." One merchant interviewed said almost every known space was "already filled with gift - wrapped packages," and he was rearranging shelves to hold more packages already ordered for wrapping.

Virtually all merchants contacted said they were laying away some packages, and some merchants said their gift wrapping departments are already busy.

One merchant brought out the fact that he believed the recent rains, cooler weather and the "spirit of the holiday season are bringing about the upswing in business."

Another merchant said that Christmas buying started "before the Thanksgiving holidays, but had not picked up as fast as anticipated."

Almost all merchants interviewed agreed that they were optimistic about the buying season from now until Christmas.

One merchant feels that the "kick off" in buying will really begin with Friday's parade and "Santa's entry."

Merchants revealed that they have "stocked their shelves with

popular items for men, women and children. "We want to be able to supply our area tradespeople," said one merchant, "and we believe we have stocked what they will want."



**ILL TAKE THIS ONE** — "And ride it home," says Little Miss Julia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kimbrell. It seems Julia was doing a little "Christmas Shopping" on her own, Saturday, afternoon, and it didn't take her long to find what she wanted. (Staff Photo)

## Stock Show Entry Deadline Dec. 15

(Special to The Merkel Mail)  
FORT WORTH — W. R. Watt, president and manager of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show reminds all prospective exhibitors that cattle, horses, sheep and swine entries close December 15, 1965. The 1966 Fort Worth Stock Show entry deadline is five days earlier than for the 1965 show.

Watt is cautiously optimistic over the prospects of the 1966 Stock Show January 28 through February 6. He said, "Entries are coming in steadily but of course they'll really have to push to beat the 11,000 plus entry record we set at the 1965 Show."

Entries for poultry, rabbits and pigeons close January 15, 1966.

## Merkel Native Dies in Wreck

Graveside rites were held in Rose Hill Cemetery Tuesday, Dec. 7 for Mrs. Tommie E. Musser, 41, of Arlington and formerly of Merkel.

Mrs. Musser died in a Dallas hospital Sunday, Dec. 5, after being injured in a Dallas auto accident.

A native of Merkel, she had been a resident of Arlington the past 12 years.

She was born Dec. 25, 1923 in Merkel and was the daughter of Mrs. T. L. Grimes.

Survivors are her husband; a son, Steven T., her mother, Mrs. T. L. Grimes of Merkel, and a half brother, Luther Grimes of Georgetown.

## MERKEL JAYCEES HELPING S. VIET NAM

Merkel's Jaycees are engaged in an activity known as the American Christmas Trains and Trucks. "This program is a nation - wide effort to obtain needed items for the people of South Viet Nam," said Cory Lash, publicity director.

The Jaycees call upon the people of Merkel to donate such items as hammers, saws and shovels for farming and building; soap, toothbrushes, and towels for personal hygiene; cleaning materials; school supplies; canned foods; toys; and medical supplies.

Children's clothing is also needed. The average adult Vietnamese is 5' 2" tall, weighs 122 pounds, has a 27 inch waist, and wears a size 8E shoe.

The Jaycees have placed cardboard containers in Carson's and Wilson's Super Markets and in Ben Franklin's for your donations. The articles will be picked up Saturday, Dec. 11, for shipment. "Help the people of South Viet Nam have a Christmas. Please contribute to the American Christmas Trains and Trucks," said Lash.

## Announcement

Parent - Teacher Association will meet Thursday, Dec. 9 at the High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

The Merkel Garden Club will meet at Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, 312 Oak St., Thursday, Dec. 9.

Grace Presbyterian Church will hear Chaplain Kenneth Israel at their eleven o'clock hour, Sunday, Dec. 12.

The Fortnightly Study Club will meet Tuesday, Dec. 14 with Mrs. Comer Hanyes, 410 Oak St.

The Noodle Junior High School Class is sponsoring a Musical Variety Show Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The Merkel Livestock Show Assn. will meet at the V. A. room Thursday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

A Car Club is being organized with it's first meeting Thursday, Dec. 9 at North First and Lamar streets at 7:30 p.m.

## WINNERS NAMED IN GRAND OPENING

A large crowd attended the three - day Grand Opening at Max Murrell's Chevrolet Dec. 2, 3 and 4, and saw first hand the Chevrolet Workpower trucks, as well as the Caprice, Chevelle, Chevy II, Corvair, Corvette and the Chevrolet.

Winners in the Thursday Grand Opening drawing were Mrs. John Perry who won an electric clock and the Rev. John Emory, winning a broiler oven.

Friday's winners were Mrs. Roy Buchanan, who won an electric knife, and Mrs. C. P. Knight,

## Services Held December 1 For George W. Bishop

Funeral services for George W. Bishop, 73, were held Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the Assembly of God Church, with the Rev. John Curtis, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

Mr. Bishop died Nov. 29 in the Starr Rest Home.

Born Dec. 2, 1891, in Durant, Okla., he married Nancy Ellen Richardson Dec. 15, 1912, in Durant. They came to this area in 1915.

Mrs. Bishop died in September of 1964.

Surviving are three sons, J. C. of Lompoc, Calif., Buddy of Santa Ana, Calif., and John of Denton; three daughters, Mrs. T. R. Williams of San Antonio, Mrs. Georgia York of Santa Ana, Calif., and Mrs. David Fields of Long Beach, Calif.; one brother, Grover of Sacramento, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. J. Y. Richardson of Edinburg, and Mrs. Russell Breeding of Abilene; 20 grandchildren and eight great - grandchildren.

## J. A. McWilliams Dies at 79

Services for James A. McWilliams, 79, were held Friday, Dec. 3 at the First Methodist Church, with the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Bill Tanner, First Baptist Church pastor.

Mr. McWilliams, a longtime resident of this area, died Wednesday, Dec. 1 at his home, following an illness of several months. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

Mr. McWilliams was born March 8, 1886 in Llano County and married Etta Shouse Dec. 4, 1910 at McKinney. He moved to the Mount Pleasant area in 1910, and also was a former Callahan County resident. He retired from farming in 1938, moving into Merkel. He was employed at Camp Barkley during World War II and had been a night watchman in Merkel for a number of years.

Survivors are his wife; five sons, Chester of Merkel, Joe Clyde of Wilcox, Ariz., Ward of San Angelo, Sherwood of Midkiff and Durwood of Jal, N. M.; two daughters, Mrs. E. R. Thompson Jr. and Mrs. W. B. Grant of Big Spring; two brothers, G. M. of Wingate and J. M. of Baird; a sister, Mrs. Mae Payne of Putnam; 17 grandchildren and one great - grandchild.

## KEEPING TAB ON MERKELITES AND AREA RESIDENTS

By JACKIE DOAN

The Mail Photographer found out this week end it was easier to snap pictures of women in and around your local stores than it was to get a man stopped long enough to "shoot him." Finally got one snapped out at Max Murrell's Grand Opening of Herman Carson looking at a beautiful new

Chevy, but the Chevy was so bright and shiny it completely "outshined" Herman.

If you happened around the Merkel Drug Tuesday morning, you would find one person in there who wouldn't let you get out without your knowing it was his birthday. Sitting on a specially reserved stool . . . counter stool . . . with gifts surrounding him was Earl Hughes with his usual big grin. He was asked why he was still having birthdays and his reply was apropos — "If I didn't have birthdays, I wouldn't be retiring." Happy Birthday Earl, and good luck!

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cox and children, Mrs. Barbara Patton and daughter, Abilene, and Mr.

and Mrs. Pete Morgan and Brenda had Thanksgiving dinner with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. (Box) Murphee. Also visiting was their grandson, James McKee of Abilene. James went hunting and got himself a 3 point deer.

David Hammond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hammond, accompanied the McMurry Indian Band when they made a short tour to perform in concerts in Big Spring, O'Donnell, Plains and Brownfield Dec. 5 and 6. David is a freshman at McMurry College.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mitchell of Alvarado, Texas, visited Mr. Mitchell's sister, Mrs. E. R. Foster over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reidenbach had their son David, his wife and four children of San Antonio, as guests for several days during the holidays. David received his discharge from the Navy in June.

Mrs. C. P. Stevens and Mrs. Mossie Brown also had Thanksgiving dinner with the Reidenbachs.

Roger Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Moore, has recently been inducted into Sigma Tau Delta, honorary English fraternity. Roger, a junior English major at McMurry College, is a graduate of Cisco Junior College where he was sophomore favorite and vice president of the Student Council.

Jimmy Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver was home on leave last week from the Veteran's Hospital at Big Spring. Jimmy had surgery several weeks ago and is feeling "fairly well." Mr. and Mrs. Oliver visited another son, Johnny Oliver and family in Midland Thursday and Friday.

Riley Whisenhunt had quite a "shin-dig" at his home Sunday! He had a guest list of approximately forty to fifty people visiting him. Some of the out of towners were Mr. and Mrs. Clyn Whisenhunt and children, McKinney; Mrs. Era Blair, Santa Rosa, California; Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Monroe, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Matthews, Monroe Whisenhunt, Abilene.

Elizabeth Bearden has been elected secretary of the Radio-Television Club at North Texas State University. Elizabeth, a junior speech major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Tuckey.

"Jolly ole' Saint Nicholas," and wreaths all around the town . . . especially those wreaths — they had a few people asking questions when they first went up! Naturally, when you see a wreath, you think of — "Christmas!"

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### Banana Egnog Pie Fine Holiday Fare



"Make mine pie!" When it comes to dessert, it's everyone's favorite. So are bananas. A delectable choice for festive fare is Banana Egnog Pie, with a smooth and luscious filling that takes but minutes to prepare. No baking, either, except for the crust, and mixes have made pastry-making a snap. Easy to make, fine. How's it taste? Elegant! Real egnog goodness it has, and the flavor and firm texture of Chiquita Brand bananas. So, to grace the holiday fruit bowl and enjoy in many a delightful dish, from breakfast to gala desserts, it's nice to know that bananas are always available to play their healthful and delicious roles.

#### BANANA EGGNOG PIE

3 1/2 cups milk  
2 egg yolks, beaten  
2 packages vanilla pudding and pie filling  
1 tablespoon brandy flavoring  
1 9-inch baked pie shell  
3 bananas, sliced  
Candied cherries  
Angelica

Scald milk. Add to beaten egg yolks, stirring constantly. Combine pudding and egg-milk mixture in the top of double boiler. Cook over boiling water, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens. Remove from heat and cool. Add brandy flavoring; blend well. Place alternate layers of pudding and bananas (reserve a few slices for garnish) in pie shell, beginning and ending with pudding. Refrigerate. Before serving, decorate top with angelica for leaves and stem, candied cherries and banana slices for flower. Or, top with sliced bananas and dabs of whipped cream. Serves 6 to 8.

### Stith News

By MRS.

FRITZ HALE



grandfather, W. J. Herrington, at San Angelo Sunday morning.

Visitors in the Charles Fikes home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Oda Clark, Mr. and Mrs. George Feachy, Louise, Bob and Hollis Hudson of Merkel.

Ray and Rodney Mashburn were deer hunting over the week end.

The weather here is beautiful after a rainy week. The farmers are very busy trying to get their cotton out. Some of the fields are white and in fine shape for striping, after the freeze last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning, Mildred Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Harris and Lonnie Harris were supper guests in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Bedford and children at Cottonwood Saturday, Nov. 27. The Rev. Bedford is pastor of the Cottonwood Baptist Church.

Pat McDonald of Midland visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald Tuesday.

Mrs. Mike Dedmon of Abilene visited Mrs. A. M. Evans Sunday. John Bennett, father of Mrs. James Williams, was not doing so well last week. Mr. Bennett has been ill a long time and is in a nursing home in Abilene.

Mrs. A. M. Evans and Mrs. Fletcher Jones was on the sick list last week.

Gaston Gregory of Big Spring suffered a heart attack two weeks ago. He is the father of Mrs. Babe Tarpley. Mrs. Tarpley spent ten days with him.

Ed Kelso and Mrs. Stella Tarpley, Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley Friday.

Mrs. Roy Mashburn and her mother, Mrs. John Shaw of Hawley, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Horton at Lawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley, Ghrona and Buster, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tarpley had supper Saturday evening at Fort Phantom Lake.

Mrs. Raymond Anderson, Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Mashburn, Mrs. Sonny Horton and Mrs. John Shaw were dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Shaw and children of Abilene.

Mrs. Jessie Dillion attended services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Mrs. Charles Fikes visited her



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## Homemakers To Meet Dec. 9

The Taylor County Young Homemakers will meet Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cooper High School Home Economics Dept.

Mrs. Kathryn Cawley of Lone Star Gas Co., will present the program with a display of Christmas Food items gift wrapped.

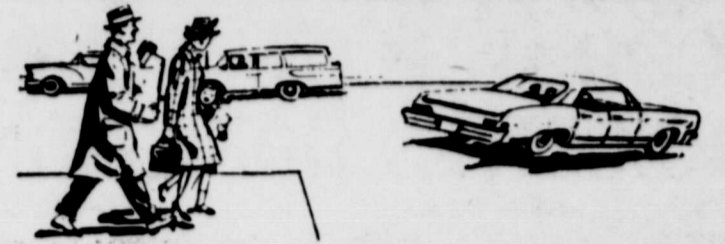
Delegates will be elected at the Dec. 9 meeting to attend the

State Convention of Young Homemakers in Austin Jan. 15 and 16.

Also three new advisors will be announced at this meeting. They are Mrs. Kathryn Ryle, Mrs. Iris Atkins, both of Abilene, and Mrs. Larry Lemmon, Trent. Mrs. Ryle is the Homemaking teacher at Merkel High School.

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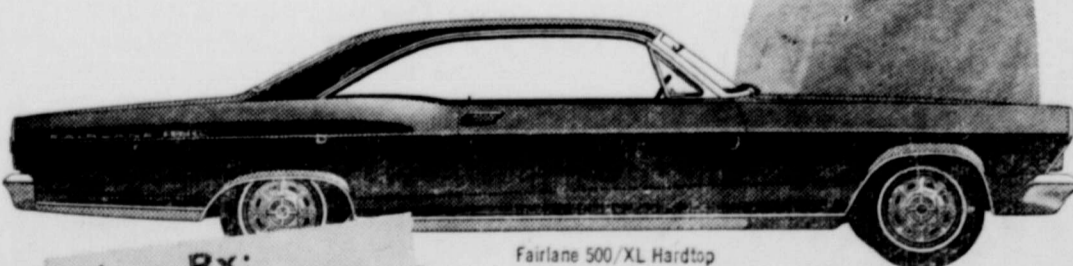
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The family of Mr. J. A. McWilliams wishes to sincerely thank all who helped us bear the sorrow of the loss of our husband and father. We are so grateful for the food, flowers, ceremonies, music, and beautiful words of kindness and encouragement. Mrs. J. A. McWilliams and children. 40-1tp

## Texans Advised To Pay Poll Tax

(Special to The Merkel Mail)

AUSTIN — Fate of Texas' 63-year-old poll tax as a voting requirement rests in the hands of a three-judge federal court. They heard four hours of arguments here last week in an historic case to abolish the levy.

Judges announced that no immediate ruling would be made. They advised Texans who want to be eligible to vote next year to pay the \$1.75 fee before the January 31 deadline.



MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS — Cheering the Merkel High School Activities for the 1965-66 school year are from left, Kathy Whisenhunt, Jaque White, Sharon Dudley, head cheerleader, Kathy Der-rington, and Becky Gladden. (Photo by Jim Baber)

## Questionnaires Are Mailed With Benefit Checks

(Special to The Merkel Mail)

Annual income questionnaires again will be mailed with November benefit payments checks to veterans and beneficiaries, according to Jack Coker, manager, VA Regional Office, Waco. These income questionnaire forms will be received about Dec. 1, by approximately 62,000 veterans and widows receiving pension payments and by some 2,000 dependent parents receiving disability and indemnity compensation. The form should be completed and returned to the regional office in Waco as soon as possible, but must be returned by Jan. 31, 1966, to avoid discontinuance of payments.

The income questionnaire form has been completely revised this year and contains only essential

items for completion. Separate income questionnaire forms previously used for veterans and widows are now combined into a single form. Instructions for completing the questionnaire form are on the reverse side. Veterans and beneficiaries should read instructions carefully and complete each block of the questionnaire form. Failure to complete or sign the form will require its return and can result in suspension of payments.

Veterans and beneficiaries receiving assistance in completing the income questionnaire form should contact any VA office. In addition to the regional office in Waco, VA offices are located at 1612-20 19th Street, Lubbock, Texas, and 2209 Main Street, Dallas. County Service Officers may also be of assistance in areas where VA representatives are not located.

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## Angus Cattlemen Change Membership Requirement

Delegates representing more than 45,000 members of the American Angus Association took a bold step at the group's recent 82nd annual meeting in Chicago when they voted to issue associate membership to the owners of commercial Angus herds. The move was made to help solidify the interests of all Angus cattlemen in the nation. It was passed by a unanimous vote.

Commercial cattlemen who use registered Angus bulls thus will become allied with the owners of purebred Angus herds to work together in an effort to improve the quality and productiveness of all U. S. beef herds. As associate members commercial cattlemen will take an active role in all Association activities. Last year more than 5,878 owners of purebred herds become members of the American Angus Association.

## Mulberry Canyon Foods & Nutrition 2-A Group Meets

The Mulberry Canyon Unit 2-A of the Foods and Nutrition group met Nov. 9 and Nov. 20 for their class study on foods at the home of Mrs. Frank Brnovak.

The Nov. 9 meeting consisted of the class making fruit salad and Macaroni and cheese. Participating in the Nov. 9 cooking class were Judy Brnovak, Cynthia Rhoton and Becky Bryan.

The Nov. 20 meeting included the learning of cutting and cooking of a fryer chicken.

Those present at this meeting were Judy Brnovak, Anita Joe Reed, Cynthia Rhoton, Debra Ohlhausen, Becky Bryan, Mrs. Harvey Bryan and Mrs. Frank Brnovak, adult leaders.

The next Foods and Nutrition meeting will be Dec. 14 at 4 p.m.

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## BADGER TALES

By DEBBIE CORDER

We believed all was lost when the Thanksgiving holidays were over, but realizing that the Christmas vacation is just around the corner, we have received new hope. School really isn't too bad, we are just getting tired of it. Seriously, however, everyone needs a little vacation now and then from school.

Larry Ragan hasn't seemed to have gotten used to his huge bass horn yet. He just started playing it this year and the other day, during the class period he dropped his music and while bending over to pick it up, the bass fell forward, pulling Larry with it, causing the chair to topple with him. This put him in a rather awkward but hilariously funny position and everyone roared with laughter and gave him a round of applause. Even Mr. Reed broke down and laughed. Little incidents such as this always give us something to laugh and talk about. Thank you, Larry.

As you all know, we have a genius in our school. We should be very honored to have her in our midst. You all know who I am speaking of. Yes, Youlinda! She entered the Soil Conservation essay contest and won first place in district.

Arrangements are still being made for the football banquet. The girls are hurrying here and there trying to get last-minute beauty appointments and dresses pressed, and the boys are frantically trying to order flowers (which they have just now remembered) for their dates. From the looks of it, this is going to be a very successful banquet, and according to some, one of the prettiest.

The annual Christmas parade will be held Friday after school.



## February 20-25 Tour Date Set For West Texans

(Special to The Merkel Mail)  
ABILENE — A 150 or more West Texas farmers, ranchers, and businessmen will visit South Texas, the Gulf Coast, and Lower Rio Grande Valley area Feb. 20-25 as the West Texas Chamber of Commerce holds a special agricultural development tour into those areas.

The tour is being set up to give the West Texans a good look at both the industrial and agricultural picture from Houston into the Valley, with a special look at ranching operations on the King Ranch and the Armstrong Ranch between Kingsville and Brownsville.

W. H. (Bill) Lance of Perryton, chairman of the WTCC Agriculture Committee, officially announced the tour. Dennis Lilly, Brownfield banker, is chairman of the subcommittee which is making the tour arrangements and plans.

Travel will be by rail, with Santa Fe Railway making arrangements for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, Lance said. Fullmans will originate at Amarillo, Lubbock, and Fort Worth.

Inquiries concerning the tour may be directed to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 1561, Abilene, Texas, 79604. Other information on tour costs and plans will be announced in the near future.



A JACKET WOULD BE NICE AND USEFUL — Especially the sports jacket Mrs. Joe Seymore is looking at for one of her sons. And she found it right here in Merkel, too! (Staff Photo)



I THINK I'LL TAKE THIS — And Rudolph is tightly clutched in Loyce Baker's hand, while her Mommy, Mrs. Hugh Baker, looks on. They're making a "twosome" — one shopping for children's clothes and the other a reindeer. (Staff Photo)

## Medicare Offered Persons Over 65

More than 650 persons over 65 in Taylor County have a decision to make before March 31, 1966, relative to something new under social security — Medicare. Only about half of them have already done so.

This new program offers extensive hospital and health insurance to almost all persons over 65. At the present time even those who have never worked under social security may qualify for this protection. Even those who are still working and are not eligible for the monthly cash payments may qualify.

R. R. Tuley Jr., Abilene Social Security District Manager, stressed the fact that all persons over 65, or who will be this year, need to contact their social security office now if they are not receiving social security, railroad retirement, civil service retirement, or old-age assistance. He urges them to complete the coupon printed elsewhere at once. All those completing the coupon will be contacted about filing the needed forms for medicare protection.

## NOTICE

The Trent Community Club will have its Christmas Party, Thursday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 at the Trent School Lunchroom. Bryan Bradbury will be the principal speaker.

## Cotton Classing Office Reports Samples Steady

(Special to The Merkel Mail)  
The quality of samples received at the U.S.D.A.'s Cotton Classing Office in Abilene was steady compared to the past two weeks. B. B. Manly Jr., in charge of the office said the 79 gins in District 2 contributed 25,800 of the 35,800 samples classed. The season class-

ing total reached 216,400 samples on Friday night which represents 1/2 of the expected total for the 1965-66 year.

As soon as the frost-killed cotton becomes dry enough for machine harvesting, gins in the counties west of Abilene are expected to operate at capacity and sample receipts at the Classing Office should reach a new high. Producers are urged to delay harvesting until the cotton is thoroughly dry. Harvesting cotton while it is green results in lower grades and poorer lint turnout, according to Manly.

Widows aged 72 and over whose earlier claims were denied because their husbands hadn't enough social security credits might benefit from the 1965 Amendments.

## Alexander Named Dist. 75 Deputy Grand Master

Walter E. Alexander of 1441 Cedar Crest Drive, Abilene, has been named District Deputy Grand Master of Masons for Aasonic District No. 75, which includes ten Masonic Lodges in Taylor and Jones counties.

Alexander, who is a building maintenance engineer, is a Past Master of Abilene Lodge 559. He is active in other Masonic organizations. Alexander is a member of Grace Methodist Church, Abilene, and serves as official board chairman, a 1st reader and an adult Sunday School teacher.

The appointment was made by the newly-elected Grand Master of Masons in Texas, H. W. Fulgim of Odessa, as the 130th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas was concluded in Waco Dec. 2.

## NOODLE NEWS

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

Visiting Joe Amason Sunday were his father, T. J. Amason, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Butch Thomas and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Amason of Abilene.

M. O. D. Putman has been in Hendrick Hospital since last Friday.

All social security beneficiaries aged 65 and over will be automatically covered by the new hospitalization benefits, but must make a separate decision as to the medical benefits, before March 13, 1966.

The Mayans invented their calendar about 300 B. C.

Buildings in Disneyland are five-eighths normal size.

## LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

By RANDY DOAN

There will be a P-TA meeting Dec. 11 in the auditorium, starting at 7:30 p.m.

The display windows will be judged Dec. 10.

The Junior Badgers and Badgerettes will play Tye, here, on Dec. 13, with the games starting at 7:00 p.m.

The 8th grade will have their annual Christmas Party Dec. 14. Merkel Elementary's Christmas holidays begin Dec. 21.

In the basketball tournament, held here Dec. 2, 3 and 4, the Trent girls won in their division by edging out the Merkel girls by a score of 25 to 18. The Hamlin boys won in their division by edging out Anson by a score of 34 to 30. The Merkel girls won second in their division.

In the basketball games held here Monday, Dec. 6, the 7th grade boys were defeated by Roscoe. The score was 10 to 20. The 8th grade boys score was 18 to 15, with Roscoe winning. The 8th grade girls won over the freshman girls by a score of 32 to 25. Terry Doan was the high pointer for the 8th grade girls.

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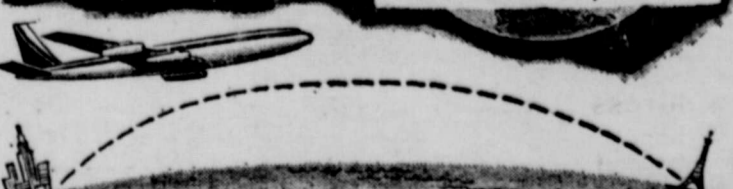
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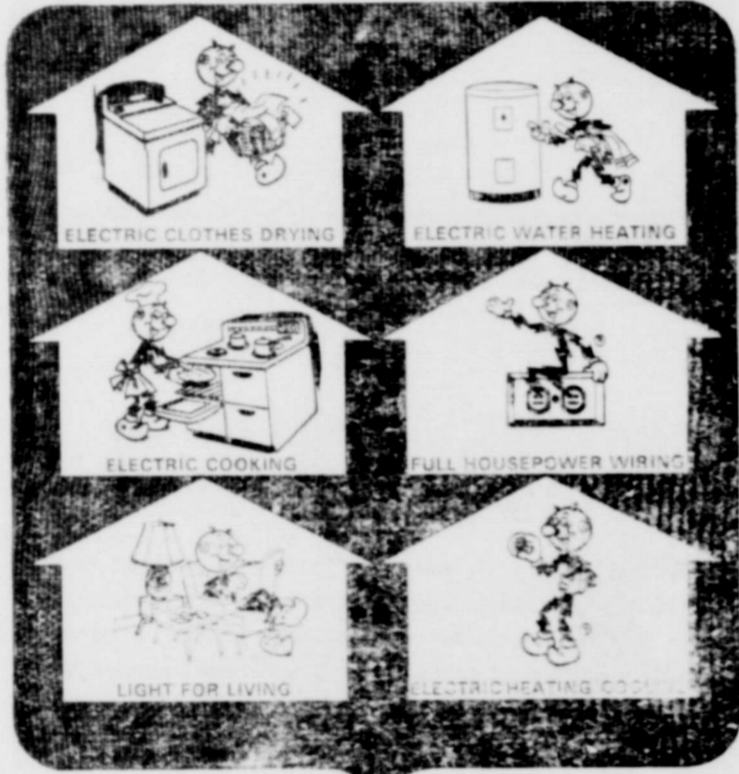
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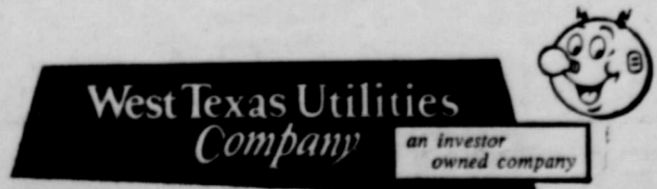
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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

TO: Georganne Haigler, Defendant, Greeting:

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear before the

Honorable Domestic Relations 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 8th day of December A.D. 1965, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 19th day of October A.D. 1965, in this cause, numbered 2222 on the docket of said court and styled John D. Haigler, Plaintiff, vs. Georganne Haigler, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married in July, 1963, and separated in April, 1964. Plaintiff sues on grounds of cruel and harsh treatment. No children have been born or adopted, and there is no community property.

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 the 22nd day of October A.D. 1965.

(Seal)  
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,  
Domestic Relations Court  
Taylor County, Texas.  
By Kathryn Williams, Deputy.  
37 4tc

## LEGAL NOTICE

### SCHOOL BUSES FOR SALE

The Merkel School Board is receiving sealed bids in the office of the local school superintendent for 5 school busses listed as follows:

- 1 GMC, 1953 Model, fair body, some parts missing
- 1 1954 Chevrolet, fair body, but some parts missing
- 2 1955 Fords, one fair shape
- 1 1957 Ford, fair shape

All bids must be received on or before January 3, 1966, 7:30 p.m. Bids may be for one or more busses. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.  
39 3tc

### 4-H Cooking Class Met December 2

Mulberry Canyon's 4-H First Year Cooking Class met Dec. 2 at the home of Mrs. Walter Whisenant, adult leader. The group's cooking lesson consisted of making chocolate fudge and hot chocolate.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about December 31, 1957 and became permanently separated December 1, 1960. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 11th day of November A.D. 1965.

(Seal)  
Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,  
42nd District Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

On October 1, 1965, Neely- Holden Furniture Company, 2541 South Treadaway, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, ceased doing business as a partnership, and became incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas on the 1st day of October, 1965, under the name of Neely - Holden Furniture Company, with its principal business office at 2541 South Treadaway, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

V.A.T.S. Articles 5924 and 5924

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Excerpts from this letter fol-

lows along with their story — "The Miracle of Survival."

Dear Editor: If all this appears crude to you please remember that we are amateurs in your field. Feel free to use this infor-

mation in any way you choose to make this "Miracle" come true. This letters is being sent to 10,000 newspapers, 1,000 magazines, and 5,000 radio stations in America, whose combined cooperation for a Dec. 1965 printing and announcing of the request will really make this "The Miracle of Survival." We thank you for any assistance you can give in finding our friends and survivors

by making this public announcement on Dec. 7, (or approximate date), 1965.

**THE MIRACLE OF SURVIVAL**  
The military survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor of Dec. 7, 1941, are trying to perform a miracle by locating as many survivors as is possible in order to band together and form chapters in cities and states across the country as the "Pearl Harbor Survivors Association." We have located over 10,000 servicemen and women of all the uniformed military services who were there, and believe that some 40,000 more survivors may still be alive today and would join with us if they knew that we have formed our national association of survivors of Pearl Harbor 1941, and seeking to perform the "Miracle of Survival" which is, "Returning Enmasse" to Honolulu, Hawaii, for our 25th Anniversary and Memorial Service at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1966.

All of the arrangements have been made for this miraculous and historical reunion 25 years after the attack. If you are a military survivor who was stationed on the island of Oahu, or serving aboard ship within 3 miles of

Oahu, Hawaii, or if you might know of a survivor in any branch of the uniformed military service who was there on Dec. 7, 1941, then please write for full information on the "Miracle of Survival" to: The Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Room 5, Jefferson Building, 101 East High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65101, our national headquarters, or write to your own state chairman who is: John J. Crawford, RFD No. 4, Box 205, Victoria, Texas 77902.

### Sixth Grade Class Elects Officers

Mrs. Mack Fisher's sixth grade class elected officers the week of Nov. 22.

Members elected for the second six weeks' term are Kerry Thames, president; Jerry Williams, first vice president; Reuben Dela Cruz, second vice president; Margo Hunter, secretary; Ann Minze, treasurer, and Joe Lindsay, reporter.

Officers are elected every six weeks.

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Long trips under water were not possible until new methods of navigation had been discovered.  
Day on the moon is fourteen times as long as on earth.

President Cleveland suffered from cancer of the mouth during his second term of office.

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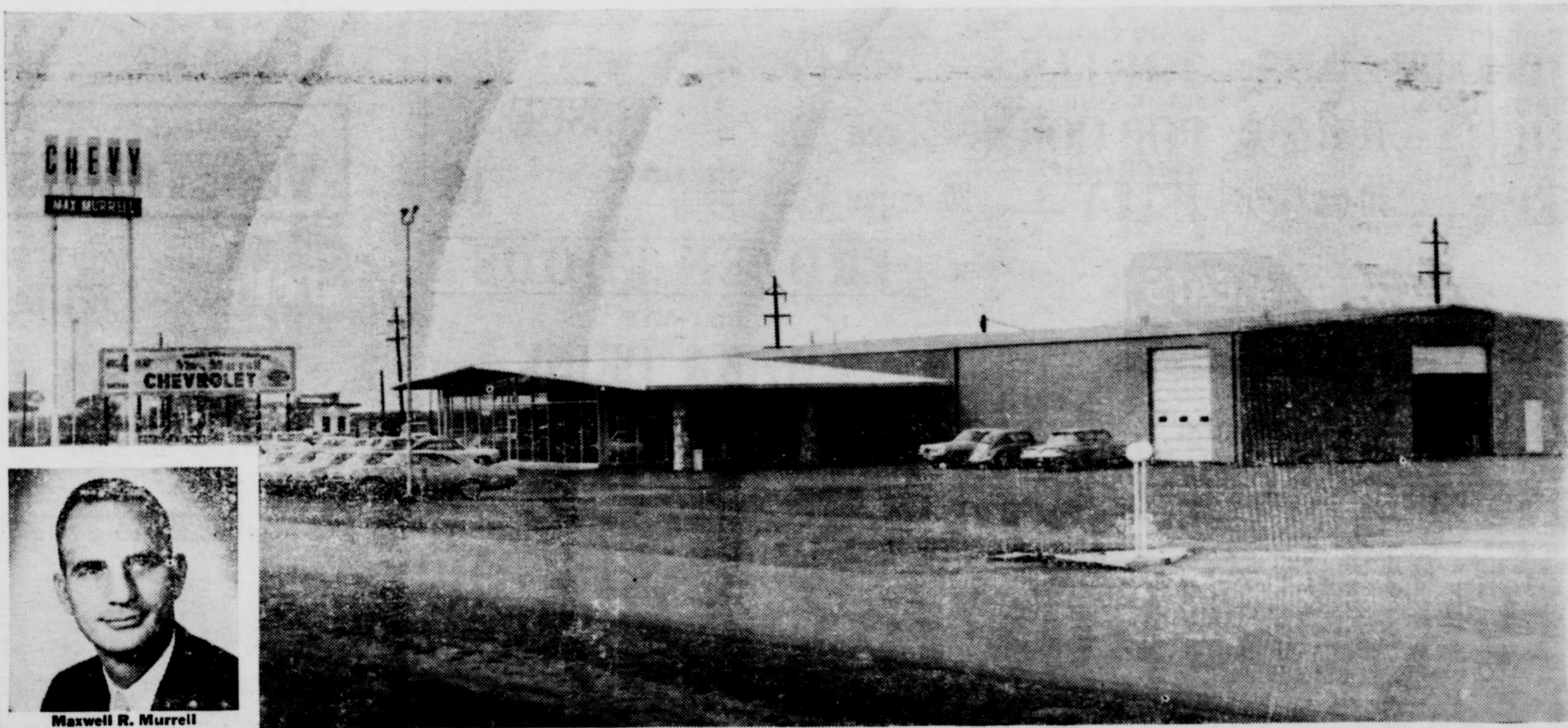


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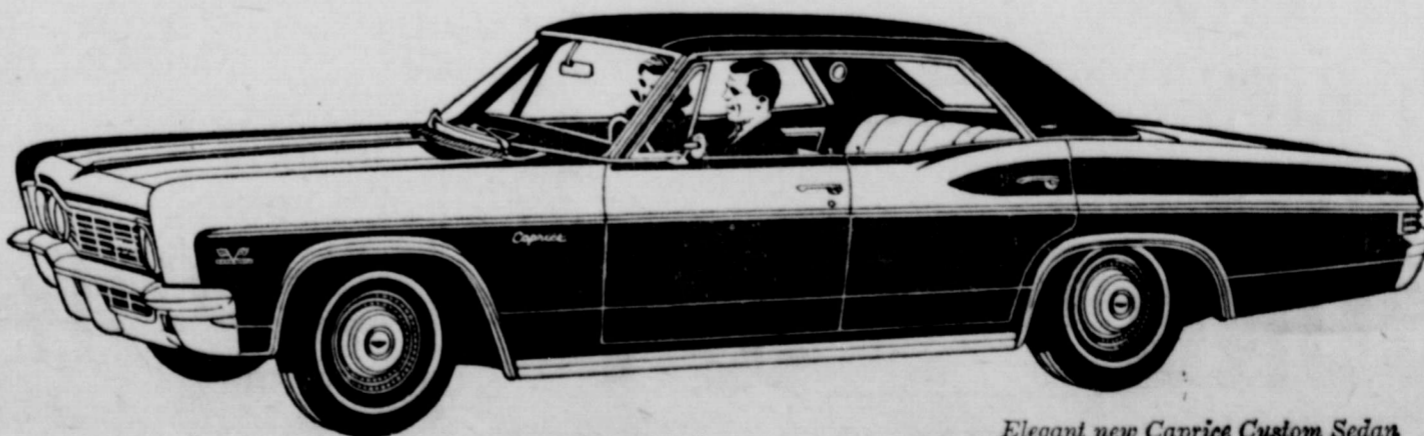
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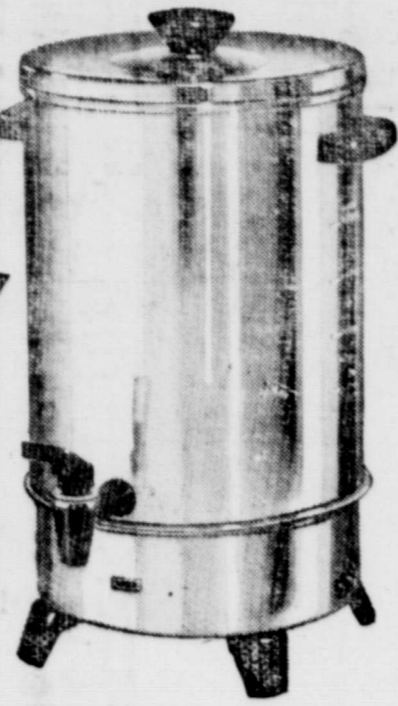
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Can

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Jar

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303 Can

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