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Up
The
Canyon
By TOM
RUSSOM

I promise I won't say anything about the weather this week.

I will say, people are making plans every day to get a little fishing done . . . who ever heard of much fishing going on the last day of January?

Well, it looks as if a large number of farmers are going to take part in the farm program this year, most farmers have agreed that the program is pretty good crop insurance. Farmers never know what a crop will make or bring until it is over. Well, the farmers think it is just best to have a program.

"The cattle market is still holding real well" is the report we get each week. Also the sheep market is good.

A sheep buyer and rancher offered 2 cents per pound for a good choice bunch of ewe lambs. The owner turned the price down. Say, an 80 pound lamb at 23 cents would figure \$18.40 per head . . . 100 head of the lambs would pay off real well.

Mrs. Ford Butman's brother, Herman Ray, died in Dallas last week. Burial was in Coleman. Mrs. Will Butman, Mrs. Sam Butman Jr., Mrs. O. S. Everett and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom attended the funeral services. Others attending were Kenneth Ray, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Butman, all relatives of the deceased.

Well, there has been another oil rig moved into Mulberry Canyon and is now drilling away. The rig is on one of Ernest Meek's places. Oil leasing is real slow.

MRS. A. R. Toombs of Merkel and Mrs. R. G. Toombs, who is teaching school at Trent, have leased some land to an oil company. This land is on the east side of the Canyon.

We want to say "hello" to our good friends in North Carolina, the Fred Hall family, this week. I had a very fine letter this week from Allen King Jr. of Central City, Neb. Allen is in the livestock commission business, and said his business was real good. He said it was so cold there they were having to warm the water for the stock.

The ACC teaching staff, Abilene, had dinner at the Butman Youth Camp last Saturday. Some 150 attended.

While in Abilene this week attending to business at the Courthouse, I had a warm handshake with my lawyer friend, Bryan Bradbury. Bryan always asks about the people of Mulberry Canyon. He is a reader of the Merkel Mail.

We also had a "warm handshake" with Le Roy Shaffer, a Trent boy who is rounding out a lot of college work at Texas A&M University.

MOTHERS' MARCH NETS \$433.92

Total collection in the Mothers' March of Dimes, held Tuesday evening, Jan. 31 were \$433, according to Mother March chairman, Mrs. Larry White.

Leon Walker is overall March of Dimes chairman for the Merkel area.

Mrs. White said that "a few streets were missed in the drive, and if residents will call her she will contact them for a contribution."

Special thanks went to the Mothers' March volunteer workers who "contributed so much time for this drive."

Mothers March of Dimes volun-

SOIL CONDITIONING TOPIC FOR FARMERS UNION MEETING

A representative of the Planters Distributors, with headquarters in Plainview, will speak to members of the Taylor County Farmers Union, Tuesday evening, Feb. 7 at the Taylor Electric Co-operative building at 7:30 p.m.

Farmers Union president, Joe McDuff said the group would hear items of interest on "soil conditioning and soil restoration." "The soil conditioner product is now being tested in the Pecos Valley area," said McDuff, "and should be of interest to farmers in this area."

Items to be discussed will be "What Effect do Mineral elements have on plant life." "Why min-

erals in feed for animals" and "Why minerals in stock feed crops."

Also on the agenda will be a discussion of the approximately two million dollar restoration for area skip-row farmers.

Jay Naman of Waco, president of the Texas Farmers Union, said in an interview with the Abilene Reporter - News he "was pleased to see this inequity rectified. We in Farmers Union have been working for such a correction ever since the 1967 program was announced back in the fall of 1966."

McDuff urges all members to attend this meeting and to bring a guest.

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN HAS NEW PASTOR

The Rev. James Sinclair is the new pastor of Merkel's Grace Presbyterian Church.

Sinclair, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Winters, assumed his duties as pastor here

Jan. 29. He will conduct the morning worship service at 8:30 a.m., with Sunday School to follow at 9:45. He has set aside special days during the week for "membership visitation."

A BA graduate of Trinity University in San Antonio, the Rev. Sinclair holds a BD degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Ill.

He served two and one half years as pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Kan.

Mulberry 4-H Club Completes Study

Members of the Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club have completed Food and Nourishment Class, 2-B, using their new book, "4-H Food and Fun."

Members completing the course are Becky Bryan, club president; Cathy Griffin, vice president; Anette Jo Reed, reporter, and Judy Brnovak, secretary.

The group made hamburgers with vegetables in foil, froze and canned apples, and made apple crisp at each members' home.

The cooking class was concluded with a picnic at the Brnovak home.

Meat, milk, vegetable and bread groups were also studied by the club members.

Members are making plans for the County Food Show, to be held Feb. 17 at the Westgate Shopping Center in Abilene.

Mrs. Frank Brnovak and Mrs. Harvey Bryan are club leaders.

TOURISM DISCUSSED AT TML MEETING

Representatives of Area 6 of the Texas Municipal League met Thursday evening, Jan. 26 at the Merkel Restaurant and heard Richard Pierce of the Travel and Information Division of the Texas Highway Department speak on tourism.

Said Pierce, in 1965 alone over 17 million tourists traveled Texas leaving \$9 million in trade in-

Texas. "The 1966 figures are not out yet," he said, "but we know it will be higher than 1965."

Pierce said that "within the next 10 years the Tourist trade will be the No. 1 industry in Texas."

Pierce offered the services of his division to the small towns and cities throughout Texas. "We have brochures, films, and other material available," he said, "and may be had for the asking."

H. G. Andrews Jr., mayor of Stamford and president of Area 6 TML, introduced Pierce, and conducted the introduction of representatives attending.

Johnny Cox, mayor of Merkel and vice president of the Area 6 league, welcomed guests to Merkel.

The Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor of First Methodist Church asked the invocation.

Lila Fern Martin, Abilene city secretary, is secretary of the organization.

Entertainment was given by Mrs. Dave Brumbeau, editor of the Merkel Mail, with a short skit on "errors that slip by the proofreaders."

The group voted to hold their next meeting in Brady, and meeting date will be announced at a later date.

Merkel Hospital District Bill Passed Senate 29-0



SHOWMANSHIP AWARD — J. Lynn Knight, left, Electrification Advisor with Taylor Electric Cooperative, presents Randy Dusek of Van Court the showmanship belt buckle at the Abilene Fat Stock Show held last week. (Photo Courtesy Lee Scott Studio)

ESTIMATE

25,000 VOTERS TO REGISTER

16,239 Taylor County residents had registered to vote by noon Tuesday, Jan. 31, (last day for

voter registration), according to Burl King, Taylor County Tax Assessor - Collector. King predicted that approximately 25,000 county residents will have registered to vote by the time all tabulations are in.

Car Owners Urged To Register Early

AUSTIN — The Texas Highway Department reported today that more than 6.7 million motor vehicles will be registered in Texas in 1967 and urged car owners to buy their license plates early.

The new license plates may be purchased during February and March at county tax assessor-collector's offices or at authorized sub-stations. New license plates must be displayed after midnight April 1.

A Highway Department spokesman said motorists can help shorten waiting lines and speed up registration by buying license plates early and by presenting proper ownership documents.

Car owners are required by law to present certificates of title and last year's license plate receipts when renewing vehicle registrations.

Merkel Upsets Aspermont 59-48

The Merkel Badgers handed the Aspermont Hornets their first District 6-A loss of the year Tuesday night at Merkel with a score of 59 - 48.

The Badgers' Richard Walker scored 17 points and Barney Davis 14. Gary Suggs led Aspermont Hornets with 16 points.

Merkel is now 5-2 in the district standing.

Merkel won the girls' game 38-24, and Ann Walker was high scorer with 13. Bobby Worthington had 10 for Aspermont.

Aspermont won the B - team boys' game 31 - 14.

BILL AIMED AT NEW MERKEL HOSPITAL

The formation of a hospital district in Merkel progressed toward reality Monday, Jan. 30, as the Texas Senate passed 29 - 0 Senate Bill No. 23.

The bill next goes to the House of Representatives.

The bill would "authorize creation of a hospital district co-extensive with Commissioner Precinct No. 2, Taylor County.

In an interview this week with Boll Wood, chairman of the Merkel Hospital Authority, Wood said that "effects of this bill are aimed at a 30-bed new hospital in Merkel, and that passage of the bill would provide that an election may be called upon petition of 50 property taxpaying citizens."

The election then, would seek to "authorize the levy of a tax not to exceed 75 cents per \$100 valuation," based solely on county evaluation, Wood said. Also vote would then be taken to authorize immediate issuing of five hundred thousand dollars in bonds.

Wood explained that of the 75 cents, a maximum of 50 cents may be used for retirement of the bonds and 25 cents for the general maintenance, new equipment, salaries and other operating expenses."

If after the first year, the hospital shows a net profit of sufficient size to retire all or part of the year's bonded indebtedness, taxes would be re-evaluated and could go down," said Wood. "There will be a re-evaluation each year by the Hospital Administrator."

The nine directors named in the bill are Bill Wood, Mrs. John P. Hardesty Jr., W. S. J. Brown, W. H. Button, Joe Cypert, Herman Carson, Lawton Finch, Max Murrell and David Gamble.

An architectural drawing of the proposed new Merkel Hospital appeared recently in the Mail and the grounds for the hospital have been given to the Merkel Hospital Authority by Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon of Merkel.

Architects for the proposed hos-

pital are Brashier - Geyette and Rapier of Lubbock.

Advisor for the Hospital Authority is C. M. Smith of the First Southwest Company in Abilene.

Miss Wozencraft To Represent C-C

Saturday, Feb. 4 will see approximately fifty members of the Merkel Riding Club attending the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth.

Representing Merkel and the Merkel Chamber of Commerce will be Terry Sue Wozencraft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft and Cowgirl Sweetheart. She will ride out on her horse "Chico" for a special introduction at the Fat Stock Show rodeo.

Dayna McAninch, Merkel Riding Club Sweetheart and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted McAninch, will also appear in the performance.

Kathryn Criswell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Criswell, will ride in the Invitational Girls Barrel Race at the show.

'Wig Tea' Set Tuesday, Feb. 7

Mrs. Ann Baggett, owner of The Glamour Bar, has set Tuesday, Feb. 7 for a "Wig Tea" to be held in her shop on Edwards Street from 7 until 9 p.m.

A special wig presentation will be on display at the tea, according to Mrs. Baggett. "Thousands of dollars worth of hair pieces will be on display showing the latest styles," she said.

Mrs. Eva Lanier of Abilene and a wig authority with Classic Wigs will assist the Glamour Bar personnel. Mrs. Marlene Peel and Mrs. Ann Rutledge, with the display.

Mrs. Baggett "invites the Merkel area women to come by the Glamour Bar Tuesday and see the wigs on display."



YOUNG TEXAN OF THE MONTH—Deris Hutcherson of Trent, center, is presented the Young Texan of the Month award by Truman Belcher, Optimist Zone F chairman at the Merkel Optimist Club's regular noon meeting. At left is Deris' father, C. A. Hutcherson. The Merkel Optimist participates in zone, district and state in the Young Texan program. (Staff Photo)

THE FIZZLE FAMILY

By H. T. Elmo



LEGAL NOTICE

THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS
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THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed and published in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

F. W. Sheppard, E. L. Montgomery, Mrs. E. L. Montgomery (wife, if any, of said E. L. Montgomery), H. O. Barber, Mrs. H. O. Barber (wife, if any, of said H. O. Barber), Guy Robertson, Mrs. Guy Robertson (wife, if any, of said Guy Robertson), J. E. Redburn, Mrs. J. E. Redburn (wife, if any, of said J. E. Redburn), C. Jobe, Mrs. C. Jobe (wife, if any, of said C. Jobe), W. A. Barker, Mrs. W. A. Barker (wife, if any, of said W. A. Barker), James V. Ross, Mrs. James V. Ross (wife, if any, of said James V. Ross), and all persons claiming any title or interest in land under deed heretofore given to Midwest Improvement Company of Taylor County, Texas, as grantee, recorded in Vol. 177, Page 17, of Deed Records of said Taylor County, and all of the unknown heirs and unknown devisees and unknown legal representatives and unknown assigns of each hereinbefore named and - or described and - or indicated person other than said Sarah Magdalene Payne and plaintiff, and all of the unknown stockholders of Midwest Improvement Company of Taylor County, Texas (a private corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas but now being defunct), and all unknown heirs and unknown devisees and unknown legal representatives and unknown assigns of each such aforesaid unknown stockholder, and all unknown owners and unknown claimants of the herein described land and every part thereof and interest therein, defendants. — GREETING:
You (being all the defendants in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause) are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court of Taylor County, in the 42nd Judicial District of Texas, at the Courthouse thereof in the City of Abilene, in Taylor County, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 O'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty - two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 27 day of February, A.D. 1967, to Plaintiff's petition filed in said court on the 18 day of November, A.D. 1966 in this cause which is numbered 30,631-A on the docket of said court and styled William Robert Spence, plaintiff, vs. F. W. Sheppard, et al, defendants; you, the foregoing named and - or described and - or indicated defendants being all of the defendants in said cause.

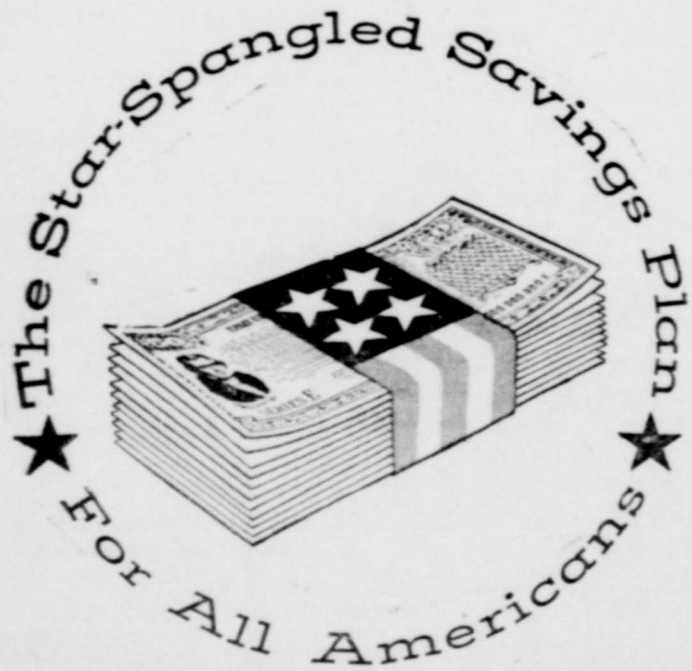
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: same being a trespass to try title suit by plaintiff against defendants to recover from defendants the title and possession of 24 acres of land in the Southwest one-fourth of the Northeast one-fourth of Section No. 36 in Block No. 19, T. & P. Ry. Co. land, in Taylor County, Texas, and being a part of the North Trent Addition to the City of Trent in said County; plaintiff, in addition to claiming good indefeasible title to said land, specially pleaded he has good title to all of said land against all the defendants under and by virtue of the ten years statute of limitation of the State of Texas; plaintiff also specially pleads that defendants claim some right or title to said land or part thereof; that such claims are inferior to his title but are clouds thereon which he seeks to remove, and he prays for judgment against all defendants for title and possession of all said land, for removal of said clouds to his title, for his damages and rentals and general and special relief, all as more fully shown in his 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 13 day of January, A. D. 1967.
(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS
Clerk of the District Courts of Taylor County, Texas.
By Kathryn Williams, Deputy. 47 4tc



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4-H Club Member Prepares Meal

Making the most of milk was the point that was emphasized at a 4-H cooking class by Mrs. Tommy McAllister. Her daughter Margo, Jan. 30, Margo prepared a complete meal which included macaroni and cheese, potatoes, bread, slaw, milk and ice cream for dessert.

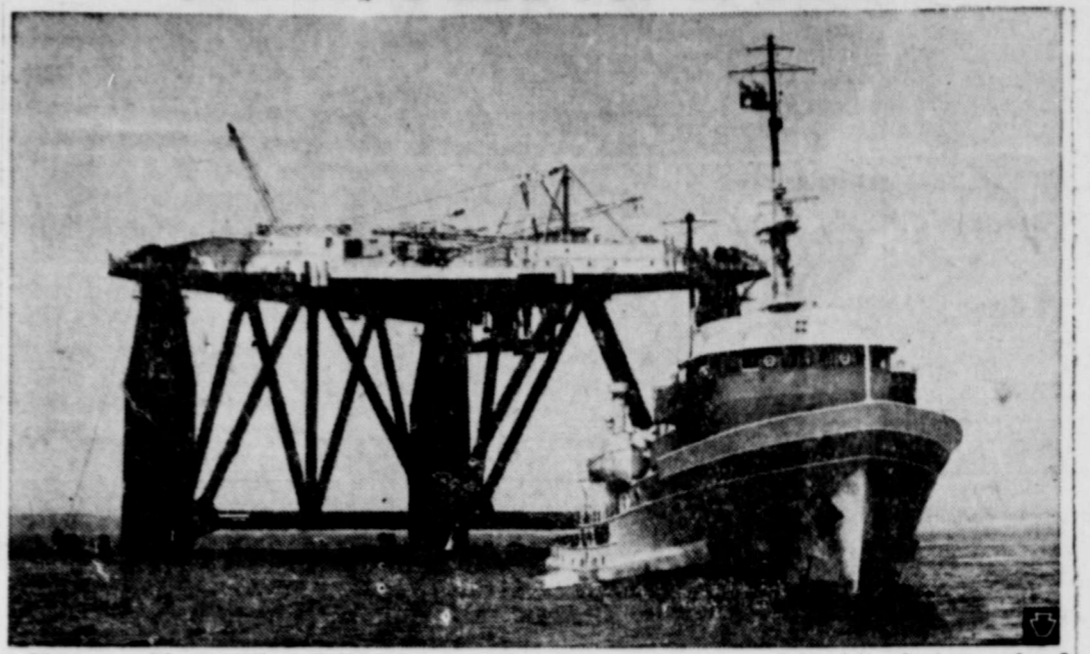
The dairy group was discussed and plans for the next meeting were made.

Social Security's hospital insurance trust fund was \$1,155,000,000 as of August 31, 1966.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Lustrous
7. Heavy; dull
13. Crescent-shaped
14. Dawn
15. Sharp
16. Ore digger
17. Those who get up
19. Cut trees
20. Suffix: past tense
21. Meadow
22. Silkworm
23. Dysprosium: chem.
24. Building wing
25. By way of
27. Greek letter
29. Prefix: half
31. Elderly
32. Insects
35. Minister
37. Irony
39. In
40. Erbium: chem.
41. That man
42. Within
43. Electricity unit
44. Bird
47. Act
49. Vegetable
51. Winged
53. Chart
56. Spread out
58. Warship
60. Ball game
61. Farm implement
DOWN
1. Dazzling light
2. Clear
3. Burden
4. Moons
5. Cubic meter
6. You: archaic
7. Continent: abbr.
8. Protuberance
9. Started
10. Ding—
11. Avarice
12. Measure units
18. Taste
19. Guides
24. Printer's measures
26. French "he"
28. Prefix: one
29. Resort
30. Consume
33. Prefix: three
34. Japanese coin
36. Either
38. Exclamation
43. Gain as due
44. Length measures
45. Mother
46. State
48.—Khayyam
49. Place
50. Compass point
51.—Baba
52. Age
54. Fuss
55. Animal's foot
57. Above
59.—and Mrs.

Journey's End For A Giant



Two world records off the coast of Australia are captured in this photograph of the largest sea-going tug towing the most massive off-shore drilling rig, over a rugged 5,200 mile voyage from Hiroshima, Japan. The grueling 3-month trip put both General Motors powered units to test through three slashing typhoons and several storms. The massive 8 million dollar drilling rig, called the SEDCO-135E, was brought to search for oil off the coast of Port Campbell, Victoria. The 9600 horsepower, sleek looking Alice L. Moran leaves the rig to begin her long journey back to the States.



HOW TO MAKE A WISH COME TRUE

Most of our farmer friends have many things they wish they could do to improve their farms. Bust most of these "wishes" cost money.

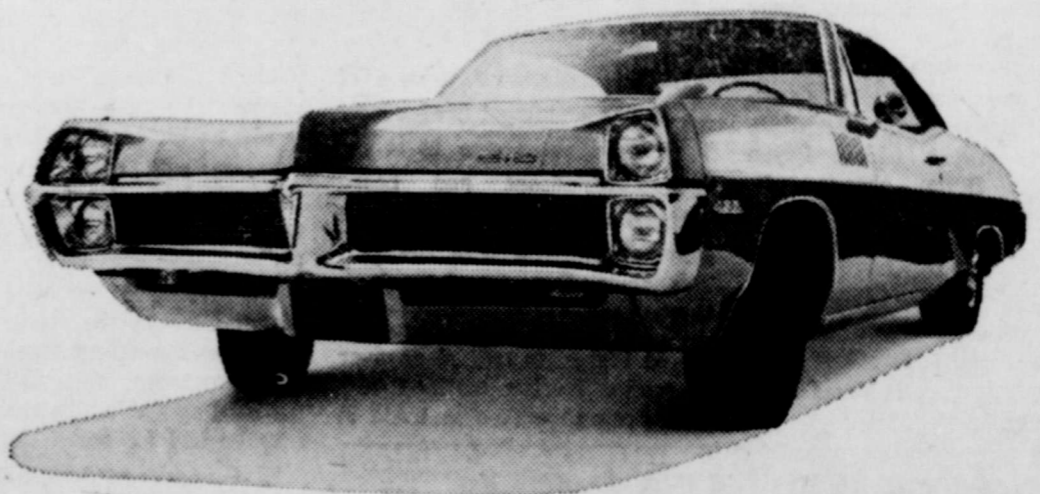
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MASONIC MEETING
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CARD OF THANKS

In behalf of the Lee Cox family we wish to thank everyone who was so nice to us during our recent sorrow. To Brother Daniel and Brother Tanner go our heartfelt thanks. Also, for the flowers and food, and the many words of sympathy. You will always be cherished in our hearts.
Mrs. Lee Cox
The Deniz Cox family
The Dewey Sandusky family
The Earl Stevens family.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks the kind expressions of your sympathy. For your prayers, flowers, food and for all the ones who sat with our loved one. May God bless each of you.
The family of S. R. Scott

H-SU to Conduct Testing Meeting

The Hardin - Simmons University Education Department is hosting an American College Testing Workshop for area high school principals and counselors Feb. 9, 1967 in the Steakery Room of the Student Center.

Sessions will begin at 9 a.m. with adjournment at 12:15. Dr. E. L. Bowden, department chairman, announced.

Dr. Vernon L. Odum, regional director of the Southwest Region of the American College Testing Program, will direct the workshop.

Religious Review

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Floyd G. Kinser, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00
Worship Service 8:30

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Newton Daniel, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45
Worship Service 10:55
Youth Meeting 6:00
Evening Worship 7:00

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Dwight Holland, pastor
SUNDAY
Bible School 9:45
Morning Worship 10:55
Evening Classes 6:00
Evening Worship 6:45

WEDNESDAY
Bible Classes 8:00

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
John Curtis, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45

Lone Star Gas Has Contract

Lone Star Gas Company has obtained gas purchase contracts for a major part of the total reserve of the Katy Gas Field located 30 miles west of Houston in Fort Bend, Harris and Waller counties. In making the announcement, S. D. Liles, vice president of Lone Star's Exploration and Gas Supply Department, also reported company plans for construction of pipeline facilities to bring the gas to Lone Star's distribution system for the 1967 - 68 heating season.

"In addition to the importance of the added reserves, the Katy acquisition and the proposed transmission facilities represent a major source of supply that can be called upon for almost instantaneous gas delivery under all conditions," Liles said.

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SUNDAY EVENING
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Worship Service 6:30

WEDNESDAY
Evening Service 7:30

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Bill Tanner, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Radio Broadcast .. 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
Radio Broadcast 11:00 a.m.
Youth Choir 5:00 p.m.
Training Union 5:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Women's Missionary Society 9:30 a.m.
Sunbeam Band 3:15 p.m.
Junior GA's 3:45 p.m.
Intermediate Royal Ambassadors 3:30 p.m.
Midweek Service 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY
Junior Choir 3:30 p.m.

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W. G. Richardson, pastor
SUNDAY
Bible School 10:00
Worship Service 11:00
Evening Service 7:00

WEDNESDAY
Evening Service 7:00

MISSION BAPTISTA BETHEL
Juan Nix, pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Training Union 6 p.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.



FARM BUREAU WEEK - Governor John Connally, center, presents proclamation designating Feb. 6-10 as "Farm Bureau Membership Week" to Texas Farm Bureau President C. H. DeVaney of Coahoma. Looking on is TFB Queen Julia Fair Wells of Eagle Lake. In his proclamation, the Governor cited our "efficient agricultural industry" for helping assure our citizens of the "highest standard of living in the world."

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Questionnaires To Be Returned

Approximately 52,000 veterans and widows who receive pensions from the Veterans Administration and 1,500 dependent parents of veterans have returned their income and dependency questionnaires, according to Jack Coker, manager of the Waco VA Regional Office.

Coker stated that approximately 14,000 beneficiaries had not returned their questionnaires and would have their payments discontinued if the questionnaires were not returned by January 31. Beneficiaries are encouraged to complete and return their questionnaire to the VA office indicated on the card as soon as possible.

DPS CHANGES POLICY ON EMPLOYMENT

AUSTIN (Special to the Merkel Mail) — Immediate employment is now available with the uniformed services of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Col. Homer Garrison, DPS Director, announced today.

Garrison reported that employment practices have been drastically changed to allow qualified applicants to begin work immediately, in contrast to previous policy of not hiring until time for a patrol - training school to begin.

"We realize," Garrison said, "that a person looking for career employment often must begin work as soon as possible to support himself and his family. We have made the changes necessary in our procedure to provide immediate career placement for such a person."

Under the new procedure an interested person may make application for employment at any of the regional, district or sub-district DPS offices over the state, where the written examination will be given.

Periodic patrol training schools

will be held at the DPS Law Enforcement Academy in Austin. This training is designed to equip the cadet to handle any of the various situations he may encounter as a patrolman, and will start him off on the right foot toward a rewarding career in law enforcement.

Garrison encouraged all interested high school graduates from the ages of 20 through 35 to contact their nearest Department of Public Safety patrolman for complete details on becoming a commissioned officer with the Department of Public Safety.



Area 4-H and FFA Clubbers Participate In Taylor County Livestock Show

Members of Mulberry Canyon and Merkel 4-H and FFA clubs are shown with their lambs at the Taylor County Livestock Show in Abilene last week. The 1967 show was said to be the largest in the history of the show. (Photo Courtesy Lee Scott Studio.)

BADGER TALES

By DEBI CORDER



Tuesday the student body and faculty members assembled in the auditorium to elect class favorites. The seniors were Nancy Evans and Donnie Doan; juniors were Kathy Whisenhunt and Felix Castolito; sophomores, Kathryn Patterson and Johnny Thompson, and freshmen were Dayna McAninch and Terry Wade.

In addition to electing favorites Tuesday, we were presented with a program from the Texas Farm Bureau Safety Department. The program was on fire prevention.

Happiness is sitting in front of Debbie Black at a ball game.

Monday we had a Most Friendly Girl and Boy contest, along with a Best All Around Girl and Boy contest. These were for our annual. No one is supposed to know yet who was chosen, except a few annual staff members.

Interscholastic League Contest is underway and the various groups are practicing their speeches, poetry and prose readings.

Friday night our basketball boys did not win, but they surely did give Roscoe a hard time. It was a close game, 50 - 51. The girls made up for the boys losing though, when they won their game. In fact, the girls have won all of their games in district this year, except one. Incidentally, the boys have new suits, if you have not noticed them yet. I will have to admit that they are certainly "sharp looking."

Jo Ann Lassiter and Rodney Robertson got their exercise last Wednesday evening to last quite a while. They were going to Trent with another friend when the car they were in broke down; they had to walk a mile and a half back to Merkel.

Dissecting the earthworm was just too complicated for Wally Knight. Last week when the class was supposed to cut the earthworm open lengthwise, what did Wally do? He cut it in half.

DOAN-HARDY VOWS EXCHANGED

Frances Evelyn Doan and A.S.C. Willie Royce Hardy Jr. exchanged wedding vows Thursday, Jan. 26, in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan of Merkel.

Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hardy Sr. also of Merkel.

The Rev. Bill Tanner pastor of Merkel's First Baptist Church, performed the wedding ceremony.

Becky White of Merkel was maid of honor.

Best man was Gaston Thomas, Merkel.

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore a short white lace over satin dress. She carried a bouquet of white carnations.

The maid of honor wore a blue sleeveless bell skirted dress of silk organza. She wore a corsage of yellow carnations.

The bride is a junior at Merkel High School.

The groom is a 1965 graduate of Merkel High School and attended Cisco Junior College one year. He has been stationed at



MRS. WILLIE HARDY JR.
... formerly Miss Frances Doan

Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, and after a thirty-day leave he will go to Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

A reception was held in the home after the ceremony.

NOODLE NEWS

By MRS. CLAYTON DILLARD

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Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Palmer Sunday were Mrs. Palmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Owen of Merkel. Also visiting the Palmers were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Palmer of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McCoy, Mylinda and Shelly of Big Spring, visited Mrs. McCoy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Skidmore. They were also here to help celebrate Mr. McCoy's mother's birthday, Mrs. Blue McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sloan of Hodges visited Mr. Sloan's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan, Wednesday night. Dwayne Sloan of Merkel spent several days last week with his grandparents.

Bennie Anderson, brother of Clyde Anderson, is seriously ill in a hospital at Sherman.

Mrs. Vessie Justice spent last week in Stephenville with their daughter, Mrs. Tim Mason and family.

Mrs. Riley Spraberry is home from St. Ann Hospital.

Joyce Ann Atkinson, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Atkinson, is ill in Hendrick Hospital. Mr. Danny Atkinson is in the service in Vietnam.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Hatfield spent Sunday afternoon in Abilene with their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Baccus, Shirley and Gary.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

HIGH SCHOOL

The following are district games for both A boys and girls, at 7:00 Feb. 3 - Rotan, there Feb. 7 - Jim Ned, here Feb. 10 - Wylie, there

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Time is growing short for veterans of World War II to use their eligibility for guaranteed loans for homes, farms or businesses, A. W. Stratton, Chief Benefits Director of the Veterans Administration warned today. The final deadline for application for a VA guaranteed loan is July 25, 1967.

Stratton said that while over 7 million veterans had used their eligibility to purchase homes, farms or start businesses, there were many still eligible who had

not taken advantage of this provision.

Stratton advised veterans of World War II planning to utilize this privilege guaranteed to them by Public Law not to wait until the last minute before selecting their home, farm or business. Loans are arranged for by the builder in most instances, but the guarantee can be used to purchase existing homes as well as new homes.

The July 25, 1967 deadline does not apply to veterans of the Korean Conflict or veterans who have been included in the new legislation who have served since January 31, 1955. The expiration date for Korean veterans is 1975, and for veterans of the Vietnam era, ten years plus an extension for time served, from the date of their discharge.

Services Held For Silas Scott

Silas R. Scott, 60, Merkel resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 25 from an apparent heart attack.

Funeral services were held Sunday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Tanner, pastor, and the Rev. David Hahn, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge.

Born Aug. 17, 1906, in Oklahoma, he married Cora Dulin Dec. 5, 1925 in Merkel. He had lived in the Merkel area since 1953 and was a construction worker.

Survivors include the wife; his son Jammie, Dale Scott of Wayne, Mich.; four daughters, Mrs. Don Hewitt of Merkel, Mrs. George Platukas of Wayne, Mich.; Mrs. David Looney of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Mrs. Dwain Ransdell of Phoenix; one brother, W. P. Scott of Tahoka; four sisters, Mrs. Roy Doan of La Puente, Calif.; Mrs. Claude Meeks of Tahoka, Mrs. Rex Welch of Post and Mrs. Sam Andres of Yuma, Ariz.; and 13 grandchildren. Two sons and one daughter preceded him in death.

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Lee W. Cox Dies at Age 84

Funeral services for Lee W. Cox, 84, were held Thursday, Jan. 26 in Merkel Methodist Church, with the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Cox, a longtime resident of the Merkel area, died at his home Wednesday. He had been ill several months.

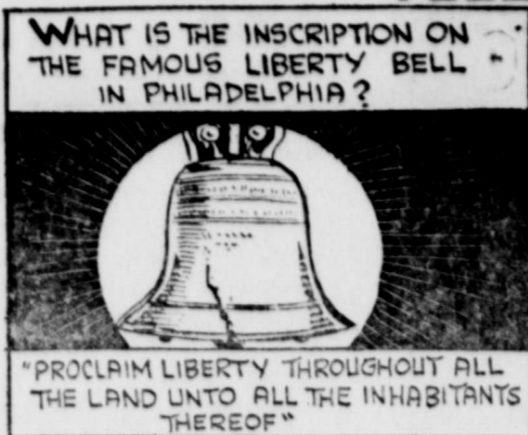
Born Sept. 19, 1882 in Bremond, he moved to the Capitol Peak community south of Merkel in 1929. He was married to Dessie Lee Coats Sept. 26, 1899 in White Church south of Merkel.

Mr. Cox retired from farming in 1940 and had worked part time at the Merkel Drug since 1952.

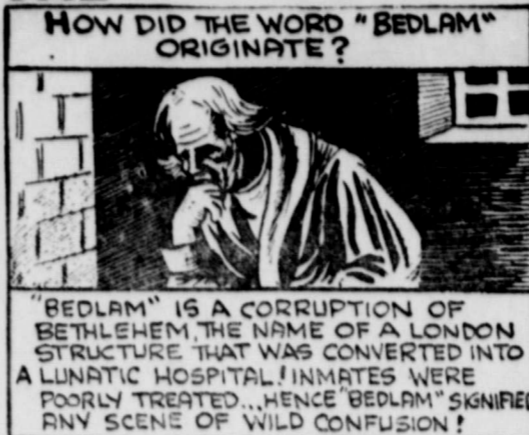
Survivors are his wife; a son, Derzil of Merkel; two daughters, Mrs. J. D. Sandusky of Merkel and Mrs. Earl Stevens of Trent; two sisters, Mrs. Ira Moore and Mrs. C. E. Tittle, both of Merkel; nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Palbearers were G. W. Hughes, Tommy Patterson, Joe Higgins, David Gamble, Roy Baccus and Fuxten Hayes.

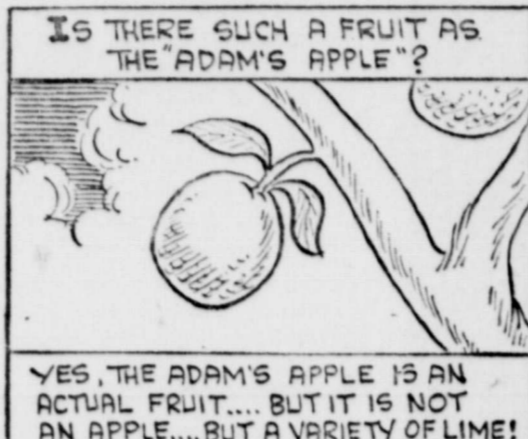
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LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

By MES REPORTERS

Mr. Bratcher's class saw two films entitled "California" and "The Fallen Eagle." They learned from the film "California" about California's land and industries. From the film "Fallen Eagle" they learned an old Indian Legend of how Old Faithful Geyser came to be.

New officers in Mrs. Orsborn's sixth grade class are: Pamela Mashburn, president; Ricky Minze, vice president; Larry Pack, secretary; Jeanette Tanner, reporter. Mrs. Orsborn's helpers this six weeks are Becky Holloway and Steve Teaff.

The tournament last Saturday turned out well for the boys. Their wins were 33 to 20 over Anson, 33 to 23 over Jim Ned, and 35 to 29 over Ballinger. Consequently, they won the tournament.

The girls played hard but didn't do as well. They won over Anson 27 to 15, but lost to Jim Ned 27 to 12. Jim Ned then beat Wylie 19 to 15 for the tournament.

Lee Ann Holloway placed 11th

out of 50 at the Abilene Fat Stock Show in the Angus division. Rusty Holloway followed with 13th place.

Mark Dudley placed 18th out of 59 in the steer division. Two days after the show his winner died of disease.

The Student Council Valentine Post Office will open February 6. Candy, songs, poems, and valen-

tines will be available to the students.

Mr. Davis' social studies classes are busy working on the back boards and maps. The maps, symbols, and flags are made of rice and salt. Shadow boxes and reports are also being worked on.

The Channel Islands were the only British possession occupied by Germany during World War II.

TECHNICAL HELP GIVEN LANDOWNERS

The Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District provides free technical assistance to land owners and operators in developing and applying conservation plans on their farms and ranches according to Joe Antilley, District Supervisor.

A conservation plan is needed on most land to determine erosion and economic problems. Antilley said, "Engineering assistance will also be provided for field layout and design of practices such as waterways, diversions, farm ponds and terraces. For further information contact the local District Supervisor or Soil Conservation Service."

J. C. Jacobs, A. S. Harker, Ruby Augustine, Dr. Hal Ramsey, Erwin Baucum and T. J. Neill are some of the landowners who have constructed parallel terraces in the Middle Clear Fork District. A. S. Harker, Geneva Cunningham and A. E. Fogle are in the process of building parallel terraces.

"These terraces will control erosion and conserve moisture which is needed by growing crops."

The season for brush control work has started. Farmers and ranchers who have mesquite or cedar should make plans to do tree dozing or rootplowing. "It takes four times as much water to produce a pound of brush than it does to produce a pound of grass."

Brush control in conjunction with range seeding and deferred grazing will provide a well rounded range improvement program. "Cost share assistance is available through the ACP and Great Plain Programs," said Arneal Scott, work unit conservatist.

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WILLIS, HARGROVE VOWS ARE READ

Karen Irene Willis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Willis, 1500 Glenhaven, and Larry Dee Hargrove of Merkel exchanged wedding vows Sunday, Jan. 22, in St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Hargrove is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hargrove of Merkel.

The Rev. William Eastburn officiated. Bobby Sumerlin was organist and Mrs. Janice Murray soloist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an empire gown of lace and crepe with slim

skirt. Watteau lace train was outlined in crepe.

A cluster of rosebuds held her veil. She carried white and yellow roses.

Carol Lee Willis was her sister's maid of honor. Her empire gown of pale yellow crepe had short sleeves and a brief train. A cluster of flowers held her veil. She carried a white rose.

The bridegroom's father was best man. Ushering were Jimmy Hargrove of Euless and Gene Hargrove of Amarillo, brothers of the bridegroom.

Reception was at the Willis home.

The bride was graduated from Abilene High School and the bridegroom from Merkel High School. They attended Cisco Junior College where she was a lieutenant in Wrangler Belles Drill Team and he was a member of the football team and Student Council representative of the sophomore class.

They will live at 209 W. Ave. D in Alpine where Hargrove will attend Sul Ross State College. Rehearsal breakfast was hosted by the bridegroom's parents.

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... portrait by Cotton's Studio

MRS. LARRY DEE HARGROVE

... formerly Miss Karen Willis



Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn, Route 1 and Claudia Mashburn visited Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Horton and James at Lawn Friday night.

Mrs. Paul Bradley visited Mrs. A. M. Evans and Mrs. Thelma Dedmon Thursday in Abilene.

Mrs. Babe Tarpley gave a Stanley Party Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry visited Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hale and Mike of Midland visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Saturday. The Rev. James Williams was a visitor Sunday afternoon.

Abb Evans visited his mother, Mrs. A. M. Evans and his sister, Mrs. Thelma Dedmon in Abilene Thursday.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley during last week were Jesse Davis of Abilene, Mrs. Clayton Dillard of Noodle and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning visited Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale visited at the Anson General Hospital with Mrs. Hale's sister, Mrs. J. F. Goodwin. Mrs. Goodwin had surgery Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Browning, Hildon, Okla., spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Browning.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley last week were Myrna Liles of H-SU in Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hodges and

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spears of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley, Ghronde and Buster attended a basketball game in Jim Ned Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hobbs of Grand Prairie spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Benry Hobbs and children and Mrs. John Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holt was visitors in the Hobbs home Saturday.

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val Ely, is doing very well after surgery Monday.

Visiting Mrs. J. E. Swindell and the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell and son during the last week were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cook, Mrs. Alice Cooper of Noodle, Mr. and Mrs. Blondy Hanson and Mr. and Mrs. Will Hendon.

\$17.00 was made with proceeds being used to purchase heaters for the Community Center."

Ten members and two new members, Mrs. Wade Shaw and Mrs. Odie Fikes, attended the meeting.

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Stith HD Club Has Luncheon

The Stith Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday, Jan. 25 at the Stith community center with a luncheon of dips and snacks, each member bringing a dip.

Roll call was answered by giving a "food tip."

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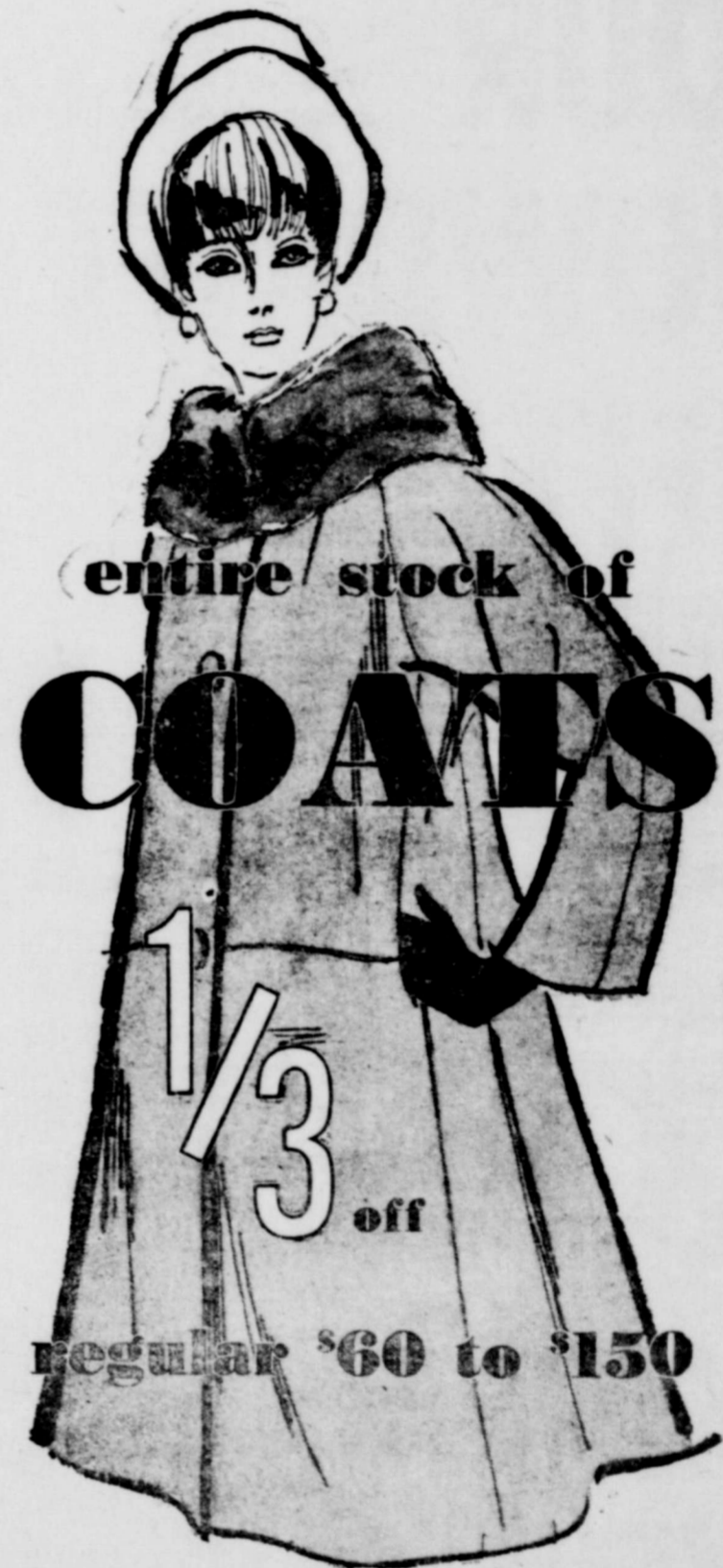
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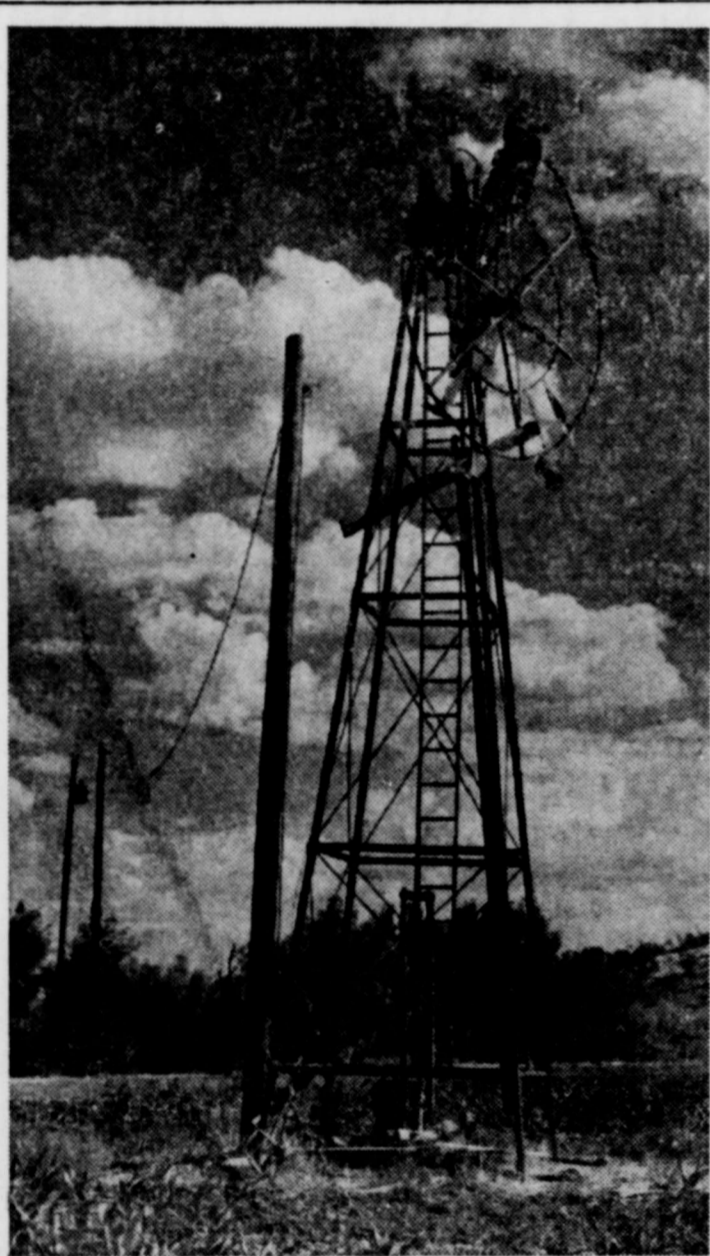
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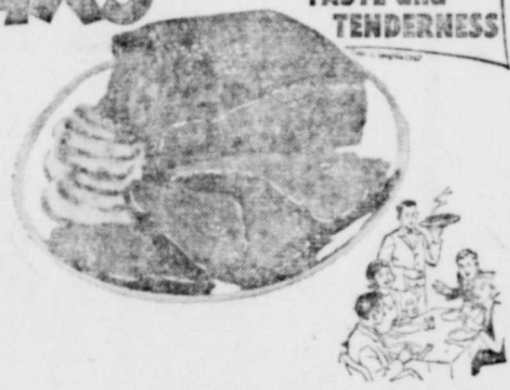
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