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JUSTALINE

By Maxine Gardner

A pamphlet giving information on the upcoming sales course to be held here, had a story in it about me that I thought was very informative. I will repeat it here for those of you who may not have heard it and should.

According to the theory of Aerodynamics, as may be readily demonstrated through wind tunnel experiments, the bumblebee is able to fly. This is because of the weight and shape of his body in relation to the total wing spread, which makes flying impossible.

But the bumblebee, being ignorant of these scientific truths, goes ahead and flies anyway... and makes a little honey every day.

There's an "R" in every month between September and April, and you know what that's supposed to mean. It's the oyster season.

Seems quite a few people eat the slimy things. Last year's harvest was put in 154,000 one-gallon cans, with about 300 medium sized oysters per can.

Incidentally, State Health Department shellfish experts say there's nothing to this "R" month business. It's just that oysters grow faster in winter, and all winter months have 'R's.

A full-color, 32-page brochure in the State of Texas was released recently and a colorful brochure is for free distribution to attract out-of-state tourists. It is the first of its kind ever published in Texas and is intended to serve as a showcase of Texas' scenic, historic, recreational, and cultural attractions.

While we're on the subject of Texas—it for the third time is the possessor of a National Champion Big Tree. The Nation's largest water oak (Quercus nigra) has been located in Shelby County. It is owned by E. H. Lawson of Center, Tex. Vital statistics are: circumference, 20 feet 3 inches; total height, 70 feet; and crown spread, 100 feet.

The other two Texas giants are located in Liberty and Coryell Counties. An American holly (Ilex Opaca) is near Hardin in Liberty County, and the largest hokey mesquite (Prosopis glandulosa) can be seen near Gatesville in Coryell County.

Well, we've gone from bees to trees. Guess we'd better stop while we're on top. I would like to leave you with this to think about: Some people use language to express thought—Some to conceal thought—And some instead of thought.

Union Ridge HD Has Yule Party

Mrs. Beauford Bunton was hostess for the annual Christmas party for the Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club on Dec. 16.

Presenting Christmas carols were Sharon Jo Lynn and Valerie Burns.

Mrs. J. H. Clark led the group in prayer. A Christmas story was read by Mrs. DeWitt Cox.

Christmas decorations were used throughout the house. Refreshments were served to a visitor, Mrs. Ila Turner, and the following members: Mmes. Clyde Newton, J. C. Walton, O. E. Carson, M. L. Douglas, Denzel Cox, Andy Baker, O. E. Harwell, J. H. Clark and Miss Mabel McRee. Mrs. Carson will be hostess for the next meeting on Jan. 6.

Woodmen Circle Yule Party Held

Members of Woodmen Circle Grove 563 and their families met at the Community Center on Dec. 19 for a Christmas party.

A turkey dinner was served from decorated tables. Gifts were exchanged.

About 20 attended.

Visitors in the Lige Harris home for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harris and son; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris and family; Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell and son; Jackey of North Texas State College; Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney and family; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Russell and son; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Russell and family of Newsho, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Harris of Quinlan, Tex.; and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harris of Dallas.

Merkel Man's Mother Dies In Tahoka

Mrs. J. A. (Annie Catherine) Scott, 78, mother of Silas R. Scott of Merkel, died unexpectedly during the night Sunday, Dec. 25, at her home in Tahoka.

Funeral was held Dec. 28 at 10:30 a.m. at Stanley Funeral Home Chapel in Tahoka with the Rev. James Eford, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Tahoka where graveside rites were conducted at 4 p.m.

Mrs. Scott and her husband, who moved to Tahoka in 1953 from New Home, were planning a trip to California at the time of her death.

She was born May 3, 1882 in Alabama and married J. A. Scott May 26, 1901 in Johnston County. The couple moved to Lynn County in 1943 from Taylor County and farmed at New Home until moving to Tahoka. She was a member of New Home Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; four daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Doan of Bell Flower, Calif., Mrs. Tinney Meeks of Tahoka, Mrs. Mable Welch of Post, and Mrs. Wanda Address of Somerton, Ariz.; two sons, Silas R. Scott of Merkel and W. P. Scott of Tahoka; two sisters, Mrs. Bessie Elam of Taos, N. M., and Mrs. J. A. Rosser of Cleburne; one brother, Bert Scott of Cleburne; 20 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren.

\$4,089 Okaved For Schools Here

Tentative entitlement of \$4,089 to the Merkel Independent School District for the 1961 fiscal year was revealed Friday in a letter by Rep. Omar Burleson to Merkel School Supt. Mack Fisher. A copy of the letter was sent to the Merkel Mail.

Burleson was notified of the entitlement, \$2,606 of which has been certified for immediate payment under Public Law 874, by the Office of Education in Washington, D. C.

The entitlement is federal aid for maintenance and operation allowed for children in the Merkel school district whose parents are either Civil Service or military personnel.

Tax Agent Due Here Jan. 10-11

Burl King, Taylor County Tax Assessor-Collector, will have a representative at the city hall office in Merkel from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 10-11.

A representative will be at the Home State Bank in Trent on Thursday, Jan. 12, King said.

Area residents will be able to pay their state, county and poll taxes on these days, according to King.

Jaycee Meet Slated

Merkel Jaycees will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6 at the Country Club.

Anyone interested in becoming a Jaycee is asked to call Franklin Myrick, president, or come to the meeting.

Mrs. W. A. McCandless spent the holidays with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Boswell and son, Billy Mc.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McGuire and daughters of Houston were weekend visitors in the home of Mrs. McGuire's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fulton.

SALESTRAINING STUDY COURSE HERE JAN. 9

"The Dynamics of Selling," a sales training course presented by the Distributive Education Department of the University of Texas, will be held in Merkel Jan. 9-12.

Sponsored by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, the classes will be held in the Taylor Electric building beginning at 7:30 each evening. There will be a fee of \$2.50 per person for the entire course.

Francis A. Flynn, supervisory training specialist for Distributive Education at the University of Texas, will conduct the course. He has had broad experience in personnel work and in the retail field. Prior to joining the Uni-

BADGERS PLACE THREE ON CLASS A ALL-AREA

The District C-A champion Badgers placed three members on the Reporter-News' 1960 Class A All-Area football team.

Making the chosen eleven were Larry Dudley, 165-pound junior guard; Jack Stallo, 170-pound senior center; and Ronnie Reeger, 190-pound senior tailback.

Reeger, Merkel's outstanding back, was the key reason Coach Carroll Benson's Badgers almost upset Plains in bi-district. He

made well over 1,000 yards rushing this season. Against Plains, he made over 160 yards in the 6-7 setback.

Badgers named to the All-Area second team were James Bible, 220-pound junior tackle, and Lester Dorton, 160-pound back.

Receiving honorable mention were Pedro Ybarra, end; Jimmy Sledge, guard, and Phil Seymore, back.

CLASS A ALL-AREA TEAM

Player, School	Pos.	Wt.	Cl.
Rocky Hill, Albany	E	170	Jr.
Phillip Petty, Rotan	E	170	Sr.
T. G. Wylie, Albany	T	190	Sr.
Morrow Hunsaker, Rotan	T	195	Sr.
Bill Stapp, Albany	G	185	Soph.
Larry Dudley, Merkel	G	165	Jr.
Jack Stallo, Merkel	C	170	Sr.
Johnny Agan, Albany	B	168	Jr.
Tom Polson, Clyde	B	165	Sr.
Ronnie Reeger, Merkel	B	195	Sr.
James Lewis, Eastland	B	165	Sr.

Player, School	Pos.	Wt.	Cl.
Barton Tucker, Clyde	E	170	Sr.
Dennis Tuck, Albany	E	175	Jr.
James Bible, Merkel	T	220	Jr.
Bill McCleskey, Eastland	T	185	Sr.
Fred McGrady, Munday	G	165	Sr.
Kenneth Baker, Albany	C	175	Sr.
Ronnie Green, Wylie	B	185	Sr.
Donnie Clepper, Roscoe	B	165	Jr.
Bill Morrell, Albany	B	168	Sr.
David Baugh, Rotan	B	160	Jr.
Lester Dorton, Merkel	B	160	Sr.



LARRY DUDLEY
... junior guard



JACK STALLO
... senior center

School Census Underway Here

The annual census for the Merkel Independent School District started here on Jan. 1, according to Leon Walker, elementary school principal.

The census, required by law each year to enumerate all children of the school district whose birth dates fall either after Sept. 1, 1943, or before Sept. 1, 1955, enables the Merkel schools to determine pupil and teacher placement for the 1961-62 school year.

Walker urges all parents in the Merkel school district who have a child who will start to school next September to contact him.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Mashburn and daughter Lee Ann of Big Spring were visitors Christmas day in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris visited in the O. B. Tatum home Sunday evening.



RONNIE REEGER
... senior fullback

Wanda Joyce Dunn Rites In Abilene

Funeral for Wanda Joyce Dunn, 31, who died in a Big Spring hospital Friday, was held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Abilene First Methodist Church with Dr. Hubert Thompson, pastor, officiating, assisted by J. M. Moody.

Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park.

She was born near Merkel on Aug. 22, 1929.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. (Dutch) Dunn of Abilene; two brothers, Tommy and Danny, both of the home; and two sisters, Virginia of the home and Mrs. B. J. Thompson of Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth honored their granddaughter, Mrs. Bill Haynes of Abilene on her birthday Sunday with a dinner in their home. Others present were Mrs. Haynes and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. Oris Reynolds and children of Abilene and Mrs. Helen Mayfield.

Cemetery Fund

The following persons made contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Association fund for the week ending Jan. 7:

Mrs. Luna Johnson

Mrs. Wheeler, Longtime Merkel Resident, Dies

Mrs. Ross Wheeler, 70, died at 6:45 p.m. Thursday at Sadler Hospital after being critically ill for two days.

Born Nov. 19, 1890, in Waco, she moved to Merkel in 1909. She married Walter Ross Wheeler in 1909 and had lived in Merkel ever since. She was a member of the First Methodist Church.

Funeral was held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the First Baptist Church here with the Rev. Mart Hardin, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Bert Freeman of Abilene; two sisters, Mrs. Bill Altizer of Burns, Ore., and Mrs. Bill Garrett of Carlisbad, N.M.; and one grandchild.

Pallbearers were Ray Wilson, Joe Cypert, Earle Watts, Earl Hughes, Lester Garrett and O. D. Allamon.

MERKEL IS 6-A PICK FOR DISTRICT CAGE

Merkel Badgers are favored to batter down all opposition in District 6-A basketball this season with Coahoma expected to be their most formidable opposition.

Five returning lettermen, including all-district performers Ronnie Reeger and Phil Seymore, are the big reasons the Badgers are picked to go all the way.

Roscoe has been picked to finish third while Rotan and Wylie will probably battle it out in an attempt to escape the loop basement.

Merkel, which chalked up a 4-4 mark in a 10-A cage competition last year, is well-balanced and rugged.

Reeger and Seymore, both sturdy six-footers, are doubtless the best Class A forward combination in the area. Both excel in all phases of the game—scoring, rebounding and ball handling.

Reeger and Seymore were second team all-area choices last season and Reeger was also an all-

area football back the past campaign.

Giving the two capable help will be lettermen James Bible, 62, James Ayers, 62, and Lester Dorton, 51-0.

Dorton is the team sparkplug and floor leader and is also a consistent scorer.

DISTRICT 6-A SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Game
Tuesday, Jan. 3		Rotan at Roscoe
Tuesday, Jan. 10		Coahoma at Wylie
Friday, Jan. 13		Coahoma at Rotan
Tuesday, Jan. 17		Merkel at Rotan
Friday, Jan. 20		Coahoma at Roscoe
Tuesday, Jan. 24		Roscoe at Merkel
Friday, Jan. 27		Rotan at Wylie
Tuesday, Jan. 31		Roscoe at Coahoma
Friday, Feb. 3		Rotan at Coahoma
Tuesday, Feb. 7		Wylie at Coahoma
Friday, Feb. 10		Wylie at Merkel
Tuesday, Feb. 14		Merkel at Roscoe
Tuesday, Feb. 14		Wylie at Rotan

BADGERS BEAT TRENT, 60-57 TO NAB TITLE

Merkel's James Bible flipped in 27 points at Trent Saturday night in leading the Badgers to a 60-57 victory over Trent in the championship game of the Trent Invitational basketball tournament.

Merkel advanced to the finals with a 44-41 win over Abilene Cooper in the afternoon.

In addition to Bible, Lester Dorton was also in twin figures for the Badgers in the championship game with a 10-point effort.

Trent stayed close throughout the tilt, lagging only by four at halftime, 31-27, but the Badgers padded their lead to six

points entering the final period, 47-41.

The Gorillas had three players in double figures. Jerry Barnes, Glen Payne and Eugene Kegans led the attack with 17, followed by Glen Payne and Eugene Kegans each with 10.

Cooper made a battle of things in the afternoon semifinal game. The Badgers led 15-14 at the quarter rest period and they led by four at halftime, 25-22. It was 35-29 in favor of Merkel entering the fourth quarter and the Badgers held on to preserve their win.

Phil Seymour paced the Badgers with 15 points while Ronnie Reeger added 10 for the winners. The Cougars had three players in double figures, with Mike Furch topping the list with 13. Roy McCharen had 11 and Paul Lick netted 10.

Graham Club To Host Lions District Meet

It was announced today by Dr. D. L. Ligon, Governor, District 2-EI, Lions International, that the Mid-Winter Conference of the District will be held in Graham, on Saturday, January 14. President Ronald Stephens and the Graham Lions Club will act as the official host for this one-day annual conference.

The featured speaker for the 1961 Mid-Winter Conference is Dr. Randall Watkins, Lions International Director, Laramie, Wyoming. Dr. Watkins is a native Texan and is well known in the educational circles in this state. He will speak at the Saturday noon luncheon and at the dinner at 6:30 p.m.

District 2-EI is composed of 48 Lions Clubs with a total membership of approximately 2600 Lions. Since every Lion is eligible to attend the Mid-Winter Conference, a very large attendance is expected.

Visiting in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Cooley and daughters during the holidays were Mrs. Cooley's relatives, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ryan, Mrs. Madra Eason and son, all of Paducah; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Steelman of Paris; the Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Ryan and three children of Ralls; and the Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Stewart and six children of Dallas.

Mrs. Rex Dillard Of Tuscola Dies

Funeral for Mrs. Rex Dillard, 76, who died Wednesday, Dec. 28, of a heart attack, was held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Tuscola Methodist Church.

Officiating were the Rev. Harry Saries, pastor of the Central United Presbyterian Church of Abilene, and the Rev. H. P. Widmer, pastor of the Tuscola Methodist Church. Burial was in Buffalo Gap Cemetery under direction of Fry Funeral Home.

Born Maggie Bell Gaither on Aug. 9, 1884 near Buffalo Gap, she had lived in Taylor County all her life. She married Mr. Dillard, a farmer and longtime Precinct 3 county commissioner Nov. 29, 1906 in Buffalo Gap. He died Sept. 28, 1956.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Lee Newman of Tuscola and Mrs. Elmer Huff of Alpena, Ark.; three sons, Clayton of Noodle, Rex Jr. of Benjamin and Lee Roy of Gaither, ETAOIN N Lee Roy of Abilene; one brother, Forrest Gaither of Merkel; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Survivors were Elmo Jones, Walter Latta, Nobel Touchstone, D. J. Brookerson, John Stockton, all of Tuscola, and J. E. Stallings of Clyde.

CENSUS REPORTS 1,011 FARMS IN TAYLOR CO.

The 1959 Census of Agriculture, conducted in Taylor County last fall, counted 1,011 farms, according to a preliminary report just issued by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Total land in farms was 644,093 acres. The average size of farm was 637.1 acres. The average value of farms (land and buildings) in the county was \$37,591.

Of the county's farm operators, 467 owned their farms, 318 owned part of the land and rented additional acreage, and 212 were tenant farmers.

This average size of farm operators in the county was 53.4 acres. There were 213 farm operators on 10 or more acres of land.

Of the 1,011 farms in the county, 695 were operated by the owner, 212 by the owner and tenant, and 104 were operated by a tenant.

with comparable statistics for 1954. Copies of the county report may be obtained for 10 cents each from the Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D. C.

McLean Selected Dimes Treasurer

Garth McLean, vice president of Citizens National Bank in Abilene, has been selected as treasurer of the 1961 New March of Dimes campaign in Taylor County.

Chairman Bob Deegan said last week that McLean is a Merkel native. McLean became vice president of the bank last year and has been active in the March of Dimes and other fund-raising efforts.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Moyer of Little Rock, Arkansas, were Sunday visitors in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Mart Hardin.

Mrs. Nell Campbell of Munday is visiting in the home of her son and family, the Rev. and Mrs. Mart Hardin and children.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley were Mrs. S. and Mrs. Billy So Relie and children, Vickie and Tommy of Lawton, Okla., Mrs. J. W. Webb and Danny Welch of Sweetwater, and Mr. and Mrs. E. K. So Relie of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley spent the New Year's holidays with relatives at Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Holt Vaughn and children, Nancy, Mike and Bill, of Rogers, Ark., Mr. and Mrs. Claude Watkins of Gruver, Kenneth Watkins of Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. Price Mitchell and children, Jimmy, Debra and Tim and Mrs. Lela Farris, all of Abilene, and Mrs. Harry Bullock were Christmas Day visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Vaughn.

Visitors over the New Year holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Dickerson of Trent were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore of Denver, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brooks and children of Lilean, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Brant and children of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Casady of Merkel. Their father, J. E. Brooks, who was a patient in Sadler Hospital the past week, is now at home and reported recovering satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Palmer had as guests Christmas Day five of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Palmer of Noodle, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Palmer and children of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Palmer and children, all of Abilene, Mrs. Opal Winn and children of Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Palmer and Butch of Merkel and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Leveridge and daughters of Abilene. Afternoon visitors were Mrs. Roy Mathews of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Blair of Walters, Okla. A daughter, Mrs. Jack Mathews of Wichita Falls was unable to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kemp and sons, Kenneth and Bobbie, and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Dixon, all of Lubbock spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Clay, and grandmother, Mrs. Laura Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wallace and son, Mike, of Garland, and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Patterson Jr. and sons, Jerry Wayne and Tommye, of Arlington have all returned home after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson.

Annual Stockholders' Meeting

Notice is Hereby Given:

That the annual meeting of the stockholders of Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on the 10th day of January 1961, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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JACKPOT WINNERS and LOSERS THIS WEEK

Tuesday—Loser—Gusty Rose	\$ 90.00
Wednesday—Loser—Mrs. Melvin Yancey	\$ 95.00
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Friday—Loser—Lottie Butman	\$100.00
Saturday—Loser—J. R. Corruthers	\$100.00

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KAREN PARRISH WEDS JERRY CUNNINGHAM

Lela Karen Parrish and Jerry Arnold Cunningham exchanged wedding vows Friday evening in the chapel of the First Baptist Church in Abilene.

The Rev. Lee Butler, pastor of Iraan Baptist Church, read the double ring rites at 7 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Vester Parrish are parents of the bride. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cunningham of Merkel.

The bride wore a formal gown of peau de soie fashioned with

a basque bodice, long pointed sleeves and a bouffant skirt which extended into a chapel train. The scalloped sabrina neckline was outlined with alencon lace medallions re-embroidered with iridescents.

A headpiece of peau de soie and alencon lace accented with sequins and seed pearls held her fingertip circular veil of silk illusion. She carried an orchid surrounded by frenched carnations atop a white Bible.

Sandra Thompson of Dimmitt was maid of honor. Her street length dress of white peau de soie was styled with round neckline, long torso and box pleated skirt. She wore a white organza hat with silk illusion veil and carried a tailored crescent bouquet of white frenched carnations with white satin leaves.

Joe Cunningham of Merkel, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were Bruce Knight of Merkel and Robert Ryan of Ira.

Wedding music was presented by Judy Royal, organist, and Donice Johnson, soloist.

Wedding guests were registered by Nan Futch of Dickens.

For traveling to Mexico, the bride wore a tailored suit of brown wool with a mink collar and brown and beige accessories. Her corsage was a white orchid.

After Dec. 30, the couple will reside in Westbrook where the bridegroom is a coach and social studies teacher in Westbrook High School. He is a graduate of Merkel High School and holds bachelor of science and master of education degrees from Hardin-Simmons University.

The bride was graduated from Winters High School. She will continue her studies at H-SU where she is a junior.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner Thursday evening at their home.

HENAGER - STROTHER MARRIAGE VOWS READ

Freda Jo Henager, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Henager, and William David Strother, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Strother, were married Tuesday Dec. 20, at Calvary Baptist Church.

The Rev. Cecil Wagoner read the double ring rites at 2:45 in the afternoon. Music was by Ann Marie White, pianist, and Edith and Kay Bagby, who sang a duet.

Linda Henager was her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were the bridegroom's sister, Sharron Strother, and the bride's cousin, Mary Frances Fellers.

Another sister, Dollie Henager, was a flower girl as was Becky Wagoner.

Bruce Henager of Trent was ring bearer.

Tommy Stevenson of Abilene was best man. Ushers were Kenneth Lienbaugh, Keith Tarpley of Abilene, and Gayen Strother of Morton, cousin of the bridegroom. Groomsmen were Billy Fellers and Wylie Brown.

The bride's father gave her in marriage. She was wearing a street length dress of white chiffon over taffeta and net. She carried a white Bible topped with a white orchid.

Bridal attendants' dresses were of pink taffeta and net. Their cascade bouquets were of blue pompons accented with silver Christmas ornaments.

For a wedding trip to Mineral Wells the bride wore a tweed suit. She is a junior at Trent High School. Her husband is employed by Safeway Stores in Abilene.

Mrs. Thompson Has Yule Party

A party and Christmas tree was held in the home of Mrs. E. H. Thompson for her children and grandchildren Sunday, Dec. 25. Mrs. Truett Thompson hosted the affair.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Parker of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Mason Barker of Hawley; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Barker, Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Omer Bishop and children, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Truett Thompson and son, Wayne; Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mack Barker, Anson.

Also present was Mrs. Thompson's sister, Mrs. Ada Higgins of Merkel.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR SALE — 160 acre farm in Jones County, 3 miles south and 2 miles east of Tuxedo, 138 acres in cultivation, 71 acre wheat allotment, 25 cotton. One-half mineral rights. Excellent loan available. \$150 acre. Also 320 acres in Fisher County south and east of Sylvester on Clear Fork River, modern house. Also small farm south of Merkel in Taylor County. O. H. Cox, Sylvester, Rt. 1. 43-2tp

FOR SALE — Low mileage 1957 Olds 98 4-door, radio, heater, factory air and power. 1958 Chevrolet 6 cylinder 4-door, radio and heater. Both are very clean, low mileage cars. Phone 208 or 242-W or see at K & E Service Center. 43-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.

Ross Wheeler
Burt, Joyce and Carolyn Freeman.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our neighbors and many friends for their words of comfort, cards, wonderful food and beautiful flowers. There are no adequate words to thank you for the many acts of kindness during the illness and at the death of our beloved husband, father and brother, Dr. J. P. Howard. May the Lord bless each of you and keep you in perfect health is our prayer.

Mrs. J. P. Howard and children.
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Municipal Bonds and Warrants	767,250.88
Cash and Due from Banks	1,174,181.89
	3,388,292.15

Total Resources	\$4,262,698.10
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LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	100,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided Profits and Reserves	101,135.40
Dividend (10% payable Dec. 31, 1960)	10,000.00
DEPOSITS	\$3,951,562.70

Total Liabilities	\$4,262,698.10
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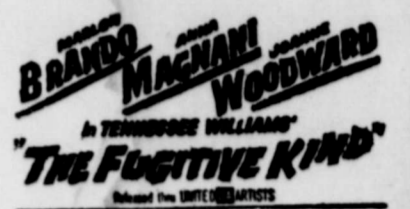
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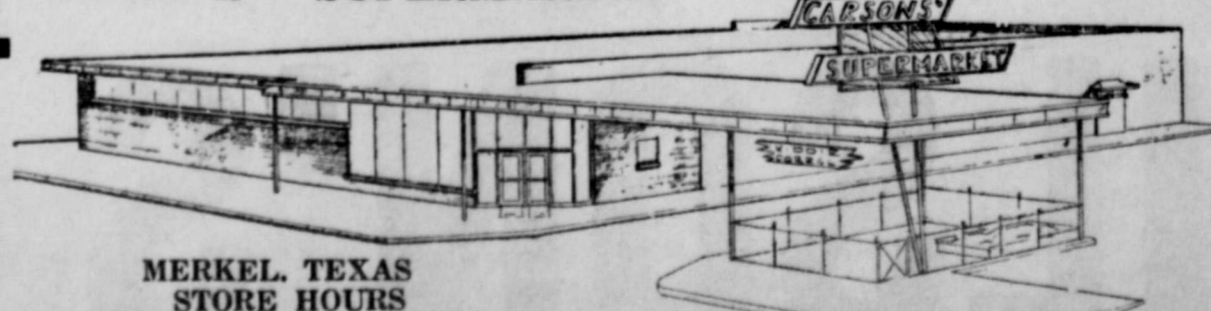
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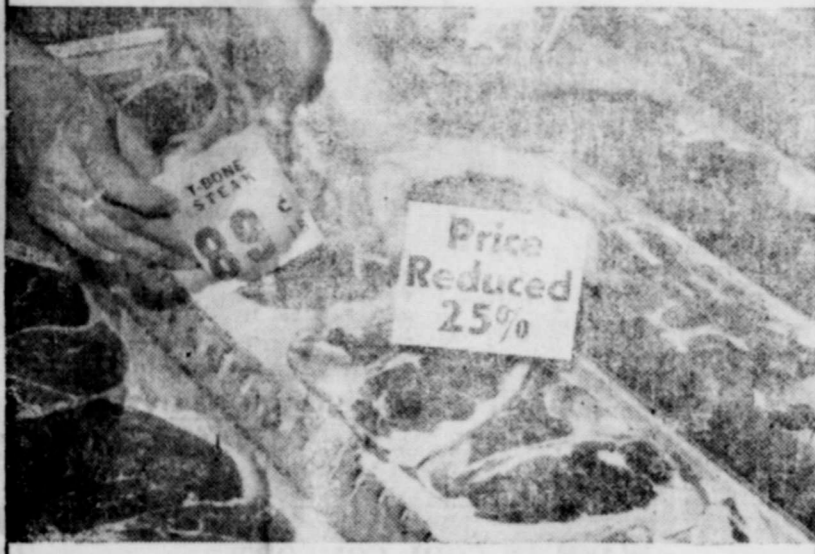
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Miss Gaytha Rice, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor; and Dwain Wade, the bridegroom's brother of Merkel, served as best man. Traditional wedding music was presented by Mrs. Larry Shoemaker, organist. Guests were seated by Hugh Harper of San Antonio, the bride's cousin.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a dress of chantilly lace over satin, featuring a V neckline and long sleeves of the lace. The fitted bodice extended to meet a tiny ruffle which topped the ballerina length skirt. Lace scallops circled the hem.

Her elbow length veil of white tulle was caught to a pearl tiara, and she carried a white orchid resting on a white Bible. Her jewelry was the traditional pearl necklace and earrings.

The maid of honor wore a pink nylon organdy dress complemented by embroidery trim at the neck and hemline. Her bouquet was of white pom-pom chrysanthemums, and she wore a headdress made of pink nylon rose petals.

At the reception, held at the home of the bride's parents, Mrs. Dwight Reagan, Jr., of San Antonio and Estelle Rice, a sister of the bride, served the cake and punch. The bride's book was attended by Miss Charlene Watson.

For the wedding trip Mrs. Wade wore an ice blue dress and hat and black shoes and bag.

The bride is a 1960 graduate of Cisco High School; and her husband, who attended school at Merkel, has recently completed six months' active duty in the Marine Corps Reserve. The couple is residing in Merkel.

Those who attended the wedding from out of town included Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Willett and Miss Nancy Gryder of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Rice of Abilene; Mrs. W. V. Harper, Hugh Harper, and Mrs. Dwight Reagan, Jr., of San Antonio; and Mr. and Mrs. George English

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald and daughter Sandra of Salt Lake City, Utah, spent the holidays with their mother and brother, Mrs. Mattie Addison and son, Arthur. They also visited at Wichita Falls with Mrs. Fitzgerald's sisters, Mrs. Robert Hinkle and Mrs. J. C. Horton and their families. Sandra Fitzgerald is a nurse at St. Mark's Hospital and attends Westminster College.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amazon drove to Tahoka to visit their brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan of Bellflower, Calif., who were guests of her father J. A. Scott.

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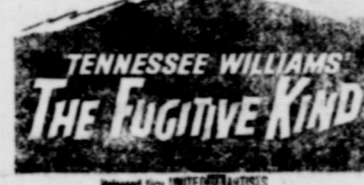
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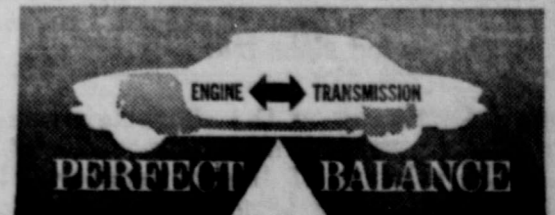
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gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:
Kennedy ain't got as strong a hankering for golf as Ike. When Hoover was in the White House he said there ain't but two occasions when the American people has got any respect for a President's privacy — when he's fishing and when he's praying. And he claimed it was impossible for even a President to pray all the time.

I think our new President would show a heap of wisdom if he took up fishing. He might get a little privacy, and next to setting on a nail keg and whittling on a soft piece of pine, there ain't nothing better suited for deep thinking.

From what I see by the papers, the country is getting off to a normal start for the new year. Even in Washington things is normal. Some chemist in the Department of Agriculture has announced that onions is bad for the liver and that turnip greens has the same food value as boiled hay. It's good to know them Government agencies is working on important items and earning their pay. It takes 10 years to learn a kid to eat his spinach and the noble onion has enjoyed a good reputation for a couple centuries but it takes one of them fellers in the Agriculture Department only two paragraphs to write the obituary for the both of them.

And the fellers at the country store has about got back to normal. Nobody brings up Quemoy, Matsu and our foreign prestige at the session Saturday night. They was discussing mostly local and family problems. Clem Webster, fer instans, was giving his excuse for missing church Sunday. Clem allowed as how the soap folks has developed them detergents to the place his old lady is gitting his Sunday shirt so white he can't stand the glare. He said he had to take it off Sunday morning, just couldn't stand it, and without no Sunday shirt, he couldn't sit to preaching.

Ed Doolittle brings up the subject of barns. He said he took a trip last week and as he was riding along the road he was struck with one fact. The barns is gitting smaller and smaller. Ed allowed as how it used to be that a barn was really somepun to look at but now the new ones ain't big enough to hide a good-sized heffer. Zeke Grubb blamed this sad state of affairs on the wimmen. He said he'd heard his Grandpa claim many a time that when you come to a place where the house was bigger than the barn you was looking at a place where the wife was the boss. There ain't no place like the country store, Mister Editor, for learning these little inside facts of life.

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Starr Rest Home

By MARY OUTLAW

The patients are all well at this time. Aunt Aquila Durooss has been sick but was able to take her place to hear the Carrs sing Sunday. Their daughter and son-in-law, Geneva and Curtis Jones and children from Plainview helped them sing.

Christmas has come and gone and all the patients had a good Christmas. We had turkey and the trimmings and a lot of nice people came and sang carols and some of the patients had Christmas dinner at home.

We want to thank the nice lady who called and wanted someone who wasn't going home to take Christmas dinner with her.

We appreciate the box of fruit the Trent Community Club sent the Rest Home. Thank you John Hamner and Othel O'Kelly for bringing it.

Uncle Bob Popham spent Christmas with his son in Sweetwater.

We are very happy Mrs. Stella Miller is back after staying over three weeks at St. Ann's Hospital where she had eye surgery. She is now able to see again.

Mrs. Orsborn's class made Santa Claus apple plate favors and sent them to the Rest Home by Linda Jacobs and Ray Woodard. Their Red Cross representatives. The apples were real apples and each apple had a Santa Claus. The patients got a kick out of the favors and we want to thank Mrs. Orsborn's 6th graders for their kindness.

Thank you Mrs. Cecil Wagner for the box of candy and cookies you brought the Rest Home.

Thank you Merkel Drug for the boxes of soft chocolates you sent the Rest Home. It was appreciated.

Maurice Johnson of Baird visited Mrs. Reed during the holidays.

The Jr. Dept. and Mrs. Malone, Superintendent of Jr. Dept. of the Methodist Church, came and sang carols and brought a box of fruit. Thank you all for your kindness.

The G.A.'s from Tye Baptist Church brought place cards with scriptures on each for Christmas day for the trays. It was certainly nice of them to remember our old folks on Christmas.

Mrs. Fred Stanfield and children of Monahans visited Mrs. Willie Mae Hock during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boyd, Don and Alan of Seguin visited Mrs. Ashford last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Steen of Abilene visited Mrs. Steen last week.

We want to thank the Fidelis Matron S.S. Class of the First Baptist Church for the four nice gifts they brought the patients who had no people to buy for them.

We want to thank the Noodle School for the fruit and candy and the gifts in each box that they brought the patients.

Rev. A. D. Smith, Baptist minister of Sweetwater, filled his appointment Dec. 25. We had a real good service.

Tommy Carson, Carolyn Campbell, Dianna White, Gary Stutts, Catherine Beard, Nelda Tuckey, Judy Hester, Trudy Butler, Lois Traweck, Larry Don Riney and Mrs. Ester Carson, the 8 year old sn bean band, came and sang for the Rest Home. They brought a big snow ball decoration for the piano. It was a beautiful decoration.

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

We hope everyone had a nice Christmas and we wish all a happy New Year.

The Rev. and Mrs. Bob Carter and baby have returned from a visit with her parents at Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris and sons and the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Bedford and baby visited with the Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Tatum of Merkel Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Loflin and children of Kermit spent Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Loflin and children.

Bob, Hollis and Louise Hudson were holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Mundy at Fort Worth. Mrs. A. M. Jackson and Bill

and we want to thank the Sunbeams for their kindness. The members of the Calvary Baptist Church came and sang carols during Christmas. The patients always like singing. Thank you all.

Mrs. Steen got to go home to Trent during Christmas.

John Weaver ate Christmas dinner with his daughter, Pearl Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Durooss of Perryton visited Aunt Aquila Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyne Perkins of Abilene visited his mother last week.

Joe Bryan of Abilene visited his father, Mr. Bryant Sunday.

Mr. Hurd took Christmas dinner with Mrs. Hurd's son's family, the Doyle Barnes.

Isom Burks spent several days at home at Trent.

Mrs. Meyers spent Christmas day at Abilene with all of her children.

Jim Goza of Arizona visited his mother, Granny Goza last week.

Hettie West is very happy after Christmas. She wanted a doll for Christmas. She not only got one doll but two pretty dolls. We asked her what her pretty black haired doll's name was and this is what she named her, Sanna Anna, Connie Stanny Sarah Nobles. I don't know what she named her blonde doll. She spent Christmas day with her family.

Mrs. Hicks ate Christmas dinner with her daughter in law, Mrs. Ethel Hicks. We were glad she was able to go.

Mrs. Van took Christmas dinner with the Campbells.

We want to thank each one who made it possible for the patients to go home for Christmas. It made me very sad for this was the first Christmas without Aunt Pearl and Granny Massey, for Granny Massey had also shared my Christmas for over ten years. We miss them very much.

We had lots of visitors during the holidays. Sorry space won't permit to mention everyone. But we were happy to have each visitor who entered our doors. The welcome sign is always out.

Mrs. Arma Vanlandingham, Perrin, Tex.

Nanette Vanlandingham, Weatherford.

Mr. and Mrs. James Vanlandingham, Yorktown, Tex. and Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Vanlandingham, Rt 4, Weatherford, visited Mrs. Van last week.

Rev. Cecil Wagner, Calvary Baptist, filled his appointment Sunday, Jan. 1. We had real good singing and had a good sermon.

Thank you Joe and Billie Hartley for the Christmas gifts you sent our patients.

We appreciate the Intermediary G.A.'s from the Trent Baptist for bringing the presents to the patients.

Thank you "Assembly of God" people for coming and singing carols during the Christmas holidays.

We appreciated the fruit, candy and nuts the Church of Christ sent the Rest Home. Thank you Mrs. Joe Nalley for bringing it.

Mrs. Ashford not only got to spend Christmas day at her daughter's, Mrs. Beasley, she spent New Year's day there also.

Thank you Ethel Carr for the nice cakes you made. They were delicious.

Our Papa & Mama Outlaw have gone back home after spending Christmas with us.

Jackson of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Limscom of Clyde were holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dunagin, Randy and Mary.

Mrs. A. M. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Evans and Nancy and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Evans of Houston were dinner guests Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dedman of Tye.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Evans and Nancy ate dinner Monday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Schwarz of Abilene.

Mrs. Gene Powell and children of Odessa were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Powell of Haskell were Sunday night visitors in the Hudson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Filks had as holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. Chester Filks and children and Mrs. Gene Powell and children, all of Odessa and Charles Filks of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne Berry and children of Lubbock were overnight guests Friday of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley and the group went to Grand Prairie to spend the holidays with the Rev. and Mrs. Heubert Row and children.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Ledbetter and children spent the Christmas holidays in Arkansas with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Toombs and son, Tommy were holiday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mundy and Lynn of San Antonio were holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantrees.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Loflin and children spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Warren of Seymour.

Mrs. Jessie Reynolds and son of California and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ragsdale and children of San Antonio attended services at the Hope Church Sunday night.

John Brown who is a patient in Hendrick Hospital, Abilene is reported improving.

Mrs. John Brown and son, J. C. were Christmas dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Baker of Anson.



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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Virginia Ruby Martin, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 23rd day of January A. D. 1961, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 28th day of September A. D. 1960, in this cause, numbered 25,349-A on the docket of said court and styled Albert Joseph Martin, Plaintiff, vs. Virginia Ruby Martin, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about the 4th day of February, 1956, and became permanently separated on or about the 27th day of September, 1960. Plaintiff sues for divorce on ground of harsh and cruel treatment 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 8th day of December A. D. 1960.
(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk,
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