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LOCAL CIVIL DEFENSE GROUP KEEP ABREAST

By FRED STARBUCK
Merkel Civil Defense Director

If we thought earlier this year that international crisis were becoming things of the past, events of the last few months rudely and uncomfortably changed our minds.

Daytime radio and TV programs, instead of providing an unobtrusive background for household chores, produced a continuing variety of disconcerting news specials... the resumption of nuclear testing... the flight of thousands of East Germans into Berlin... the increase in the strength of our armed forces.

First reaction to these events was probably a sinking feeling of unpreparedness, followed by one of not knowing how to remedy it. When life under the threat of nuclear war becomes a hard established fact, a change in values occurs. The latest fashion news, for example, suddenly assumes a frivolous and terribly unimportant

aspects. Only one thing is important—the safety of our families.

With men orbiting in space and the heavens full of satellites, realization comes that there must be a lot of "catching up" to do to learn new preparedness techniques.

Scientific and technological developments have brought about changes in previous civil defense planning. It's been learned, for instance, that radio active fallout, and not the initial blast presents the greatest danger to the greatest number of people. As a result, the need for fallout shelters stocked with food supplies adequate for a least two weeks becomes increasingly important. A few years ago, we counted on a warning time of several hours. At this time most civil defense planners had elaborate plans for mass evacuation. The perfection of missiles and rockets has lowered this safety margin to less than thirty minutes today.

Only one thing definitely has not changed. Individual self-sufficiency still remains the basic premise of civil defense preparedness.

This statement may seem disturbing at first, but most of us are better prepared than we think. Take a look around the house. A majority of essential survival items are already at hand.

The medicine cabinet contains many basic first-aid items... an emergency water supply is obtainable from the hot-water tank... the pantry has the beginnings of a two-week food supply... a transistor portable radio provides contact with the emergency broadcasting system called CON-ELRAD.

These "plus" items vividly point up the lack of several other items in our community which, because of a lack of funds, we have not been able to follow through on. We have had to depend upon using our fire signal system for any civil defense warning that we might need and have worked out this system of alarm. We have left the fire signals that you already familiar with as they are... two whistles for practice... three or more for a fire. To this we have added the continuous blowing of the sirens for a period of from three to five minutes as a signal to you that a civil defense emergency exists and that you are to take such cover as you may have. We will use this same signal for any weather emergency that may exist in which we feel that you need to take cover. This signal will be used only when we feel there is a need for you to take cover.

Now then, what else have we done to further the cause of Civil Defense in Merkel. As I stated previously, Civil Defense is primarily a plan of individual self-sufficiency. Your Civil Defense Organization, which is a part of your City Government, can only advise and lead.

To help you know what to expect and advise you of some of the things that you might do for yourself, we have prepared a "Plan of Operation" which we hope will be both informative and helpful. We plan to have enough of these printed so that each household in Merkel may have a copy. If you read it and use its suggestions, it will help you to help yourself.

One of the important phases of Civil Defense is our Fire and Rescue unit. Wayne Adcock, who is our Fire Chief, has accepted the responsibility of this program and at this time has a training program under way which will train two squads for rescue work. Other phases of the program are in the planning stage. Yes, your Civil Defense Organization in Merkel is alert and will try to help you to help yourself.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Childress are visiting their sons and families. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Welch and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Walsh, all of Rogers, Ark. Mrs. Childress is recovering from a serious illness.

The Rev. and Mrs. Bob Carter and Angela were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hale and children, Mike and Shirley, of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hale, Dave and Steve and Ethel Canada were dinner guests Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale and Sandra.

Mrs. A. M. Evans spent Christmas with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hub Evans of Abilene.

Merkel Student gets Football Letter At McM

Jimmy Hargrove, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hargrove of Merkel, was one of McMurry College's 27 football lettermen for 1961, according to announcement last week.

Hargrove, a sophomore, is a graduate of Merkel High School.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mrs. Ellis Harris and Stanley were Capt. and Mrs. Jimmy Harris and sons of Corvallis, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. James Eason and son of Kermit and the Rev. and Mrs. Bob Harris and children of Blackwell and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Harris and children of Borger.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shaver and sons of Fort Worth spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Kemlets of Knox City were holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Mrs. Carrie Keen Succumbs Here

Mrs. Carrie Mae Keen, 78, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Winnie Morgan, in Merkel at 9:40 a.m. Monday following a lengthy illness.

She was born Nov. 28, 1893, in Comanche. She was married to Charlie Keen Nov. 22, 1900, in Clyde.

Mrs. Keen was a member of the Baptist Church. She was a Clyde resident for many years.

Mr. Keen died in 1947. Funeral was held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Wylie Funeral Chapel. Burial was in the Clyde Cemetery.

Surviving Mrs. Keen are one son, Leo of Glen Rose; six daughters, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Viola Barberousse of Houston, Mrs. Patsy Keahey of Dallas, Mrs. Velma Voss of New Braunfels, Mrs. Nona McGinnis of Phoenix, Ariz. and Mrs. Eula Hunsaker of 1010 Elm St., in Abilene; two sisters, Mrs. Ader Adams of 1309 Oak St. in Abilene and Mrs. Dot Bolt of Phoenix, Ariz.; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Nephews were pallbearers.

Gleaner Class Has Luncheon

The Gleaner Sunday School Class of First Methodist Church had their annual Christmas luncheon in fellowship hall of the church.

Turkey with all the trimmings was served at tables decorated in the Christmas motif.

Invocation was by the Rev. Alvis Cooley, pastor.

Class members sang "Silent Night" and Mrs. Tom Largent read a Christmas story.

Gifts were exchanged from a decorated tree.

Guests were the Rev. and Mrs. Alvis Cooley, A. R. Toombs, J. S. Pinkley, Fraise Demere, Kate Campbell, Betty Cleveland and Jewell Huddleston.

Members present were Mmes. A. H. McElmurray, B. H. Jones, Harold Odum, Roy Largent, C. A. Cox, Ross Ferrier, Mabel Dorton, Lou Petty, John Shannon, Tom Largent, R. O. Anderson, W. A. Stockbridge, Dee Moore, W. W. Toombs, Sallie Moore, Buelah Stamford, J. K. Anderson, F. Y. Gaither, Herbert Patterson, Ruby Grimes, Mary Grimes, Leon Toombs, O. R. Douglas, W. S. J. Brown, Doc Vaughn, Mary Click, Winnie Cypert Lee Tipton and Miss Louise Hudson.

Cemetery Fund

The following persons made contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Association fund:

Brooks Callaway in memory of Andrew J. Barbee



ROSE MARY JONES
campus favorite

Rose Mary Jones Receives Honor At Wayland

Rose Mary Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Jones, Trent, has been chosen Campus Favorite by a vote of the student body at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview.

Each year the student body selects a young man and a young woman for the honor. They are revealed at the traditional Christmas banquet given by the Student Government Assn. Jesse Holland, Gruver, is the young man selected as Campus Favorite.

Miss Jones, a 1959 graduate of Trent High School, is a junior majoring in physical education.

She received one of the highest honors a Wayland student can have when she was selected for Who's Who this year. She was also a 1961 Homecoming Queen candidate sponsored by the Physical Education Majors and Minors Club of which she is a member.

The active young woman is serving as Student Government Assn. secretary of women's athletics. Her sophomore year she was a class officer. She has played forward for the Hutcherson Flying Queens for three years and was winner of the Flying Queen's academic award for her sophomore year.

Mrs. Harrison and the late Mr. Harrison were parents of eight children, seven of whom are living. They are Levi Harrison, Fort Worth; Mrs. D. W. Rodgers, Hawley; the Rev. Lynward Harrison, Goree; C. J. Harrison, Pyote; Mrs. D. R. Riggins Wickenburg, Ariz.; Mrs. John Swinney, Trent and J. W. Harrison, Hamilton.

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P-TA Concession Stand Nets \$115

The Merkel P-TA concession stand at the basketball tournament held here recently netted approximately \$115 according to Mrs. Clyde Bunch, co-chairman of the project.

Mrs. T. L. Hewitt, vice president, expressed her thanks to the many mothers for their assistance, to the Merkel Restaurant for donating the ice, to those who worked in the stand and to other persons who helped in any way.

Baptist Pastor Is P-TA Speaker

The Rev. Darrell Gleghorn, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, was guest speaker for the Merkel P-TA meeting Thursday night in the high school auditorium.

Rev. Gleghorn pointed out the importance of a child's home life in relation to his life as an adult. "Neglect not the child's spiritual growth, an individual must be complete," he said. Home, school and church should be important to every child, he added.

A Christmas program was presented by students of the third and fourth grades. Kathy Mansfield and Jaynelle Lassiter introduced the numbers which included an arrangement of "Silent Night" by Wayne Cypert, accompanied by the choir.

Mrs. T. L. Hewitt, vice president, presided at the business session.

Fire Damages Hodges Gin

No figure has been set on the loss to the Hodges Cooperative Cotton Gin Wednesday when fire damaged the gin's machinery extensively.

The blaze, which was battled by units from Abilene, Merkel and Anson, was reported to Abilene firemen at 3:30 p.m. The damage was limited to the machinery since the structure is almost completely built of steel.

I. B. Ray, manager, sent his personal "thanks" to firemen in the three towns who fought the blaze and to the Taylor County Civil Defense director Glenn Meeks who assisted.

The gin was closed by the fire and probably won't reopen until after Jan. 1.

Harrison Family Reunion Slated

Mrs. W. A. Harrison will host a reunion of her family Monday, January 1, in her home at 206 Locust Street.

Mrs. Harrison and the late Mr. Harrison were parents of eight children, seven of whom are living. They are Levi Harrison, Fort Worth; Mrs. D. W. Rodgers, Hawley; the Rev. Lynward Harrison, Goree; C. J. Harrison, Pyote; Mrs. D. R. Riggins Wickenburg, Ariz.; Mrs. John Swinney, Trent and J. W. Harrison, Hamilton.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Watkins of Gruver and Kenneth Watkins of Brownfield were holiday visitors in the home of their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Vaughn.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins of Seguin, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Toombs and son, Tommy, of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Risinger of Odessa visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irven Thompson and Mrs. Daisy Toombs during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Boyd and Ann of Willcox, Ariz., spent Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Boyd. Other visitors in the Boyd home were Mrs. Boyd's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Dressler of Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hughes visited her brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd and children of Willcox, Ariz., during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Amason and children of Graham were holiday guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Watson and visited his grandfather, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Toliver and children of Midland visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Toliver and Mrs. Edna Horton, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Stevens and children of Wink were holiday visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robertson, and brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Robertson and children.

Mrs. G. H. Bullock of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Garrett of Waco and Mr. and Mrs. Forest Harper and children of Odessa were week end visitors in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller.

Dr. and Mrs. John Davidson and children and the Rev. and Mrs. Dave Johnson and children returned to their home at Waco Monday after a week end visit in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan of Mineral Wells spent the holidays with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Doan. They were Tuesday visitors in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Doan of Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Shaw of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Doan and son, Mark, of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Doan and children of Merkel.

Gilbert Walton returned to his home at Vancouver Wash., after visiting with his parents, Mrs. Eron Walton and Carol Walton and other relatives here and in Abilene with his sister, Mrs. Ruby Daniels. This is his first visit to Texas in 7 years.

Evelyn Johnson of Dumas is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Ada Johnson, and aunts, Mrs. Billingsley and Miss Delia Kuykendall.

Mrs. C. P. Stevens is visiting in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Stevens of San Antonio.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Bartlett during the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Jay Humphreys of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Red Miers of McCaulley; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jefferies of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dunagin, Dave and Tommy of Jackboro; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Raney and Mrs. L. F. Young of Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whisenhunt, Jeff, Cindy and Bart.

Mr. and Mrs. Criswell Doan and children and Mr. and Mrs. Don Doan and children, of Stamford and Mr. and Mrs. Billie D. Doan and children and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Doan and children, all of Merkel, were dinner guests Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Jones and children, Shilia and Verna Dee, of New Orleans La., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Jones of Merkel, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Angus Garvin, of Midland during the holidays.

Jo Layne Reese of Baytown is visiting Mrs. Harry Bullock this week.

Winners Told In Decorations Contest At Trent

Eighteen Trent home were judged Thursday night on window and door decorations in a contest sponsored by the Trent Community Garden Club.

Window decoration winners were Mmes. Carl Edwards, first; C. W. Edwards, second; Othell O'Kelly, third; and J. E. Stephens Jr., fourth.

Winners for door decorations were Mmes. Mark Williamson, first; Ronnie Freeman, second; Weldon Beasley, third and Geta Williamson, fourth.

First place winners were presented a "Texas Centennial" rose bush. An evergreen shrub was given to second place winners.

Judges were Mmes. Charley Sherrill, Carroll Benson and Bryan Dunagin, all of Merkel.

Following the home judging, judges and Garden Club members were guests in the home of Mrs. Mark Williamson where "My Favorite Christmas Arrangement" made by members, was also judged. Mrs. Jack Bright won first place. Mrs. Odell Freeman, second. Mrs. Weldon Beasley, third and Mrs. Geta Williamson, fourth.

Mrs. Othell O'Kelly assisted the hostess in serving from a table covered with a white gandy cloth over pink and centered with a red and white arrangement accented with crystal drops and flanked by red Christmas bells.

Esso Foundation Awards H-SU \$3,500 Gift

Hardin-Simmons University will receive \$3,500 as an unrestricted grant from the Esso Education Foundation, M. J. Rathbone, chairman of the foundation, announced Thursday in New York.

The local Baptist-supported school was one of six Texas universities and colleges named to share in foundation education grants totaling almost \$1,900,000.

Other institutions, also privately controlled, are Baylor, Rice, Southern Methodist and Texas Christian Universities and Howard Payne College.

H-SU's grant will be used for the school's general operations, Dr. Evan A. Reiff, president, announced. The university has been receiving \$3,500 each year for seven years except for a \$10,000 grant in 1953 that was earmarked for the building fund.

Including this year's program, the Esso Foundation will have granted \$11,334,000 in aid to education since 1955.

The foundation, established in 1955 by Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey), of which Mr. Rathbone is president, is also supported by five domestic affiliates of Jersey Standard: Humble Oil & Refining Co., Esso International Inc., Esso Research and Engineering Co., Humble Pipe Line Co. and Jersey Production Research Co.

Mrs. Mary Liles Succumbs At 59

Mrs. Mary L. Liles, 59, 38-year resident of Merkel, died at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in Sadler Clinic Hospital.

Mrs. Liles was born July 17, 1902, in Cedar Island, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson. Mr. Patterson died in 1919.

She was married to L. P. Liles May 3, 1934, in Merkel.

Funeral was held in the First Methodist Church in Merkel at 2 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. J. Alvis Cooley, minister, officiating.

Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery was under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Surviving Mrs. Liles are her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Carl Giles of Merkel; one step-daughter, Mel Dene of the home; three brothers, W. J. Patterson of Merkel, Rev. Roy Patterson of Matador and Rev. J. V. Patterson of Clarendon; a sister, Mrs. Vernon Hudson of Merkel; four nieces and one nephew.

Pallbearers were Joe Cypert, Ray Wilson, Johnny Cox, Bob Hudson, T. C. Brown and Ken Ramsey.

Honorary pallbearers were L. A. Dudley, A. J. Cannon, Sam Hines, Fred Goshorn, E. G. Hayslett and W. H. Burnett.

Notice

The Taylor-Jones County Fifth Sunday singing will be held at the High School Auditorium in Merkel at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 31. Leroy Butler is president.

STATE CAPITAL
Highlights
AND Sidelights
by Vern Sanford
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN, Tex. — Announcement that John B. Connally was resigning his post as U. S. Secretary of the Navy to run for governor caused a bit of confusion and conjecture in the Capital City.

Attorney General Will Wilson, also an announced contender, referred to Connally's candidacy as "a Washington fairytale." He recalled his October 9 prediction that Connally would run with Governor Price Daniel's blessing. Wilson doesn't believe Daniel will now bid for a fourth term.

Governor Daniel says he appreciates Connally's courtesy in advising him of his decision before making it public. He told Connally he would extend the same courtesy, "when my decision is made." Daniel says, "He (Connally) is an able man and my high regard for him will continue even though we end up as candidates for the same office."

Senator Ralph Yarborough, also mentioned as a possible candidate, says he won't make a decision "until after Congress convenes January 10."

Houstonian Don Yarborough has a lot of liberal encouragement to run for governor, but may run as lieutenant governor.

Already in the Governor's race is Marshall Formby of Plainview. Nearly 600 paid \$12.50 each to hear Republican gubernatorial candidate Jack Cox and Republican Senator John Tower at a dinner in Austin's Municipal Auditorium.

TOURIST COUNCIL READY

The 22-member executive committee of the proposed Texas Tourist Council has drafted a bill for advertising funds.

Chairman W. Price Jr. says the bill will be introduced at the January 3 special session of the Texas Legislature . . . providing Governor Daniel enlarges the scope of the session to encompass more than escheat legislation.

Tourist bill calls for \$200,000 in contributions to complement the program.

Harold Robbins of San Antonio was named chairman of the constitution and by-laws committee. Others on the committee include Rep. Joe Ratliff of Dallas; Callan Graham and H. C. Pittman of Austin and J. W. Burton of DeCatur.

Steve Matthews of Austin will head an organization and nominations committee which includes Scott Hardy of San Antonio, and John Ben Sheppard of Odessa, J. A. Jameson and Charles Simons of Dallas, Ed St. John of Austin, and Bob Conwell of Corpus Christi.

Price and Tom Taylor, Highway Department Travel Director, will serve as consultants to both committees.

LEGISLATIVE LIST GROWS — Texas Legislative Council is considering the report of its Small Loan Study Committee, and Will Wilson still insists "Loan Shark" legislation should be on special session agenda.

Other groups are pushing for consideration of farm-to-market road appropriation in January.

Texas Youth Council has a few matters to consider. They are: the problem of extending the state juvenile parole program; a discretionary bill for revision of court procedure on juvenile offenders; and an interstate compact regarding parole exchange.

Rep. Charles Ballman of Borger says he plans to move for immediate adjournment of the special session. "Unless I am fully convinced that there is a need for a special session, I plan to introduce a resolution the first day of the session, calling for an adjournment on the second day," chairman of the House Revenue and Taxation committee says.

EMPLOYMENT UP — Total employment in Texas hit an all-time high in October according to the Texas Employment Commission. By mid-month, 3,494,100 Texans were employed.

Increase was largely due to heavy agricultural activity.

Seasonal farm employment rose to an estimated 280,600 workers, with cotton activities accounting for 66 per cent of this total.

Although 4.4 per cent of the total labor force was jobless, the unemployment situation was more favorable than at any time since April, 1960.

People having most job troubles continue to be those who are unskilled.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RULING — In answer to an inquiry from Lubbock County Attorney Alton R. Griffin, the Attorney General ruled that while a child over 16 years of age is not required to attend school whether he has completed 9th grade or not, a child under 16 who has completed the 9th grade is subject to the compulsory school attendance law, even if his services are needed for the support of his parents.

POPULATION CHANGES — Population estimates prepared by the Population Research Center at the University of Texas reveal that 94 of the 143 counties which lost population between 1950 and 1960 registered an increase during 1960-61.

Forty-nine counties continue to lose population.

Research Center figures only 66 counties lost population between 1960 and 1961, as compared with the 143 during the previous decade.

A geographical pattern indicates that counties which have grown in the past 11 years are concentrated in the Gulf Coast region, the Northwest and in a belt running from Cooke & Grayson counties on the North Central Texas border to Travis and then curving southwest toward Maverick.

Counties with an 11-year loss are scattered, but tend to be concentrated in a wide belt running from southeast to northeast in the center of the state.

HEALTH, WELFARE CONSULTANTS — Governor Daniel named six appointees to an advisory committee on a study of state health and welfare services to be conducted by the Legislative Council.

Appointees are Dr. W. C. Smith of Carthage; Dr. C. M. Phillips of Levelland; Eldred Thomas of Dallas, president of the Texas Nursing Home Association; Mrs. Louise Evans Bruce, editorial page editor of the Amarillo Globe-News; Roderic M. Bell, administrator of Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas; and V. H. Hackney, president of the Marshall National Bank.

Dr. J. B. Copeland of San Antonio was reelected chairman of the State Board of Health.

Dr. Hampton Robinson of Corpus Christi and Joe B. Winston of Mercedes were re-elected to respective posts of vice chairman

and secretary of the health board.

SHORT SNORTS

Many Texans are urging that the National Legislative Conference hold its 1964 meeting in Texas. Executive committeemen including Speaker James A. Turman met this week to discuss 1962 agenda for Phoenix, Arizona, meeting. Hawaii will be site of 1963 session.

Everett J. Grindstaff of Ballinger has been appointed to the board of the Upper Colorado River Authority.

Malcolm L. Quick of Austin, Irwin R. Salmanson of El Paso, and Felix Salazar Jr. of Houston have been named Assistant Attorneys General.

Acting District Attorney Gail Walley of Beaumont has asked the Attorney General's office to hold a court of inquiry concerning the empanelling of a grand jury by Criminal District Judge Owen Lord.

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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 9th day of January, 1962, at 7:00 P.M. for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

BOOTH WARREN, President

SEASON'S GREETINGS
TO OUR CUSTOMERS
AND
PEACE AND
GOODWILL
TO ALL MEN

MERKEL TELEPHONE CO.

GEORGE W. CULLER
President

E. ROY PEEK
Manager



What's in it for me?

If he'll work, there's faith in his future.

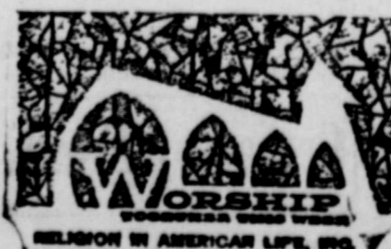
Nothing... and everything

It will demand your free time—often when you want that free time for other things. It will demand sincere enthusiasm and concentration.

It will demand money, perhaps . . . certainly hard work and the sacrifice of some personal pleasures and whims.

In return you'll have nothing you can hold in your hand . . . or put in the bank . . . or stick up over the mantelpiece. Nothing but priceless faith. Hardly a specific. But faith is not a specific thing. It comes when you need it most . . . and when

That's part of its strength—a strength that's as strong as you want to make it.



Find the strength for your life...
worship together this week



SPECIALS FOR NEW YEAR

SPECIALS FOR THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, DEC. 28, 29, 30

MARYLAND CLUB

COFFEE

Lb. **59¢**

GLADIOLA

FLOUR

10-Lb. Bag **89¢**

KIMBELL'S

OLEO

Lb. **19¢**

KRAFT'S

GRAPE JELLY

18-Oz. Jar **29¢**

DUNCAN HINES ANGEL FOOD

CAKE MIX

Box **49¢**

WHITE SWAN

GRAPEFRUIT JUICE

46-Oz. Can **25¢**

ARMOUR'S PURE

LARD

3-Lb. Ctn. **49¢**

WHITE SWAN -- 300 SIZE

PORK & BEANS 2 for 25c

CUE -- 15-OZ. BOTTLE

BAR-B-Q SAUCE 25c

SUPREME DUTCH APPLE

COOKIES 1-Lb. Pkg. 45c



FRESH CRISP

LETTUCE Lb. 11c

AVOCADOS Each 8c

NEW RED

SPUDS Lb. 5c

NWIESAP

APPLES Lb. 15c

RUBY RED

GRAPEFRUIT Lb. 5c

BORDEN'S

MINCE MEAT 9-Oz. Pkg. 25c

KIMBELL'S -- WITH SNAPS

BLACKEYE PEAS No. 300 Can 2 for 29c

BIG TOP

PEANUT BUTTER 18-Oz. Jar 49c

BPEER RABBIT -- BROWN LABEL

SYRUP 63-Oz. Jar 49c

A MUST FOR NEW YEAR'S

DRY BLACKEYE PEAS

1-Lb. Pkg. **12¢**

FOREMOST WHIPPING CREAM

1/2 Pint **19¢**

DOUBLE PREMIUMS ON WEDNESDAY ON PURCHASE OF \$2.50 OR MORE IN MERCHANDISE

HORMEL

SPAM Can 43c

FOREMOST

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OUR DARLING

CORN No. 303 Can 2 for 35c

BORDEN'S INSTANT SLICED

POTATOES 8-Oz. Pkg. 2 for 29c

IRELAND'S

CHILI No. 2 Can 59c

PUREX 1/2-Gal. 39c

Frozen Foods

TENNESSEE SPECKELED

BUTTER BEANS Pkg. 21c

MINUTE MAID -- 6-OZ. CAN

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ORANGE JUICE 5 for \$1.19

MEAD'S FROZEN

BISCUITS Pkg. of 10 19c



SALT JOWLS 15c

HORMEL RANGE BRAND

BACON 2-Lb. Pkg. 87c

HORMEL PURE PORK

SAUSAGE 2-Lb. Bag 59c

ALL MEAT

FRANKS Lb. 49c

CHOICE BEEF

LOIN STEAK Lb. 85c

CHOICE BEEF

ROUND STEAK Lb. 89c

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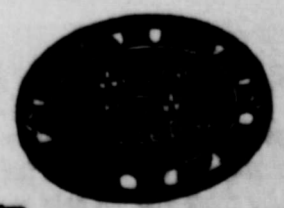
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R. J. MILLERS MARK GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller of Merkel celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 24, with a day of festive activities.

At 10 o'clock Sunday morning, the exact hour of their wedding 50 years ago, the couple had a wedding ceremony in the presence of their children.

Wedding music was by a daughter and her husband, the Rev. and Mrs. Dave Johnson, who sang "I Love You Truly" and "O Perfect Love." They were accompanied at the piano by Suzy Davidson, a granddaughter. Mrs. John Davidson, another daughter, played the wedding music as Dr. Davidson performed the ceremony.

The family had lunch in the home of Mrs. Miller's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Robertson. Hosting the affair with the Robertsons were other sisters, Mrs. Forest Harper of Odessa, Mrs. G. H. Bullock of Dallas and Mrs. Doyle Garrett of Waco.

At three o'clock in the afternoon, Dr. and Mrs. Davidson and the Rev. and Mrs. Johnson entertained with a reception for their parents.

Wayne Johnson presided at the guest book while Bruce and Ray Johnson greeted guests.

The table was laid with a white satin cloth with golden bells and had as a centerpiece the tree of life of golden roses.

Suzy Davidson and Donna Davidson presided at the refreshment table. Friends and relatives called from 3 to 5 p.m.

Trent Community Garden Club Has Christmas Party

Mrs. Newt Goodwin presented a reading, "Last Year's Christmas List," when members of the Trent Community Garden Club met for a Christmas party Monday in the school cafeteria.

Winners of Christmas arrangements were Mrs. Othell Barnhill, first, Mrs. Odell Freeman, second, and Mrs. J. E. Stephens Sr., third.

The gift table was centered with a Santa's sleigh filled with candy, gum and fruit. Holly and candy canes accented the arrangement. The decoration was made by Mrs. Carl Edwards.

Refreshments were served from a table covered with a white lace cloth over red and centered with an arrangement of cedar, mistletoe, white poinsettias and red lighted tapers. The arrangement was made by Mrs. Weldon Beasley, club president.

Hostesses were Mmes. Carl Edwards, J. M. Stowe, Tom Williamson and Tom Christ.

Mrs. J. B. Winn Sr. and Mrs. Foy Steadman will host the next regular club meeting on January 15. Mrs. John Strawn will be leader of the program on "Joy in Preserving Our Heritage."

Albert Maberry, Trent High School vocational agriculture teacher, will speak on "Horticulture Workshop."



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: — "KEEP RECORDS!"

Back in pioneer times our forefathers found they could keep track of the family history pretty well with a few notations on the flyleaf of the family Bible. But life's not quite that simple any more. Great-grandpa wasn't covered by social security or workmen's compensation. He didn't have a bank account or safe deposit box, a car and a dozen home appliances being bought on time payment, or a half-dozen insurance policies. We have taxes great-grandpa never heard of and wouldn't have believed if he had. And had you asked him for a certificate to prove his birth, he'd have thought you'd taken leave of your senses.

The point of this is that the average American today has a good many important papers to keep track of. There are birth certificates, receipts, copies of tax returns, sales contracts, and a host of other papers. With a little tidy record-keeping, you can make life easier for yourself and your family when you are gone.

So, why not make a New Year's Resolution to follow these suggestions:

1. Get a heavily bound notebook folder or file folder as a central collecting point for all the records of your affairs.
2. Put your especially important papers in your safe deposit box, but make a list of those papers and a brief summary of their contents to put in your home file.
3. Insert your will or a copy of it. If your will is kept elsewhere, include a note telling where it may be found.
4. Make a list of all the stocks and bonds you own and where they are.
5. If you may have benefits coming under a profit-sharing plan where you work, make a note of that too.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McAninch of Galveston and Jimmy McAninch of Fort Polk, La., spent Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch.

Suzy Bird and Dana Durham from North Texas State University, Denton, are spending the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Bird and Mr. and Mrs. Wren Durham.

Tye SS Class Has Yule Party

Mrs. Pearl McCartney and Mrs. Deverle Teaff were hostesses in the McCartney home Dec. 19 for the Reapers Sunday School Class of the Tye First Baptist Church. Christmas decorations were used throughout the house.

A turkey dinner was served, buffet style, to 35 members and guests. The Rev. David Hartman, pastor of the church, led the group in prayer.

Gifts were exchanged from a huge Christmas tree Pictures were taken by Mrs. Boss Hinds.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Carmack, Mrs. Loyd Davis, Mrs. Willie Joy McCartney and daughter, Anna Rose, all of Abilene; Mrs. Ray Perry, Mrs. Melvin Bachhafer, Mrs. Oliver Webb, Mrs. C. P. Stevens, Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley and Mrs. Alma Collins, all of Merkel.

Burleson Has Perfect Attendance Record

WASHINGTON, D.C. Figures compiled by the House of Representatives show Representative Omar Burleson, 17th District of Texas, to be one of 31 of the 437 members with a perfect attendance record in the 87th Congress. Burleson was present at every roll call, and cast a "yea" or "nay" vote on every issue.

Burleson was appointed Delegate from the Congress to the 16th General Assembly of the United Nations and has been there this Fall, but delayed going until after the House adjourned, stating that he considered his first obligation to be his Congressional duties.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR SALE — 250-gallon Butane tank, 2-wheel trailer. See or call Mrs. Jess Russom. Phone 213-W. 42-3p

Bragg's Pre-Inventory Sale

In accordance with Bragg's policy not to carry over anything from one season to another — Everything is now Sacrificed! All Fall and Winter Ready-to-Wear 1-3 to 1-2 off.

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ALL NEW AND YEAR ROUND	
\$65.00	\$59.95
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Have plenty of 1961 forms now. W. R. (Pinky) Cypert will be assisted by Herbert Patterson. Mr. Patterson has had 55 years experience in income tax service.

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55	PONTIAC STATION WAGON, Radio and heater, hyd. drive, tutone green. Good leather upholstery. Going for Only	\$495.00
2-56	PONTIAC 4-DOOR HARDTOPS, Radio and heater, hyd. drive, factory air conditioner. Good Ones. Only	\$635.00
55	FORD STATION WAGON, Radio and heater, auto trans., factory air and power	\$645.00
55	OLDSMOBILE 88 4-DOOR, Radio and heater, hyd. trans. New Motor overhaul. Good tires, light blue color	\$568.00
56	BUICK SPECIAL 2-DOOR HARDTOP, Radio and heater, auto. transmission, one owner. Extra Nice	\$685.00
55	PONTIAC CHIEFTAIN 4-DOOR, Radio and heater, hyd. transmission, air conditioned, color — coral and white	\$495.00
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57	BUICK CENTURY 4-DOOR HARDTOP, Radio and Heater, automatic transmission, power equipment, new tires, one owner, white color	\$764.00
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WANTED TO BUY — Vacant lot on the south side of town. Mrs. Ike Turner. Phone 50. 40-3tc

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FOR RENT — Furnished garage apartment. E. O. Carson. Phone 279.
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FOR RENT — Apartments with utilities paid. Rooms, weekly or monthly rates. Merkel Hotel. Phone 107. 36-tfc

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FOR SALE—Nice 3-bedroom home close in. Reason for selling, leaving town. Mrs. Estelle Hannah, 301 Lamar. 40-3tp.

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OR SALE — '55 Chevrolet 2-Dr. 210. In excellent condition. Phone 340-W. 32-tfp

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TO: William Donald Roots, Defendant. Greeting:

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married on the 7th day of September, 1957 and became permanently separated on the 25th day of August, 1961. 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.

POLITICAL Announcements
DISTRICT CLERK
W. L. McDonald of Anson

FOR SALE — Bundle cane. Phone Noodle 6334. 42-1tp

FOR SALE — Two houses in Trent. Well located. See W. C. Matthews. Trent. 42-3tc

CARD OF THANKS
I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department for their help in fighting the fire at the Hodges Cooperative Cotton Gin Wednesday.

I. B. Ray
Gin Manager.

THE ANNUAL HARRISON FAMILY REUNION
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Monday January 1

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 19th day of December A. D. 1961. (Seal)

Attest: R. H. BOSS Clerk 104th District Court Taylor County Texas
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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married on 18th day of November, 1958 and became permanently separated April 10th, 1961. 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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ANDY SHOUSE
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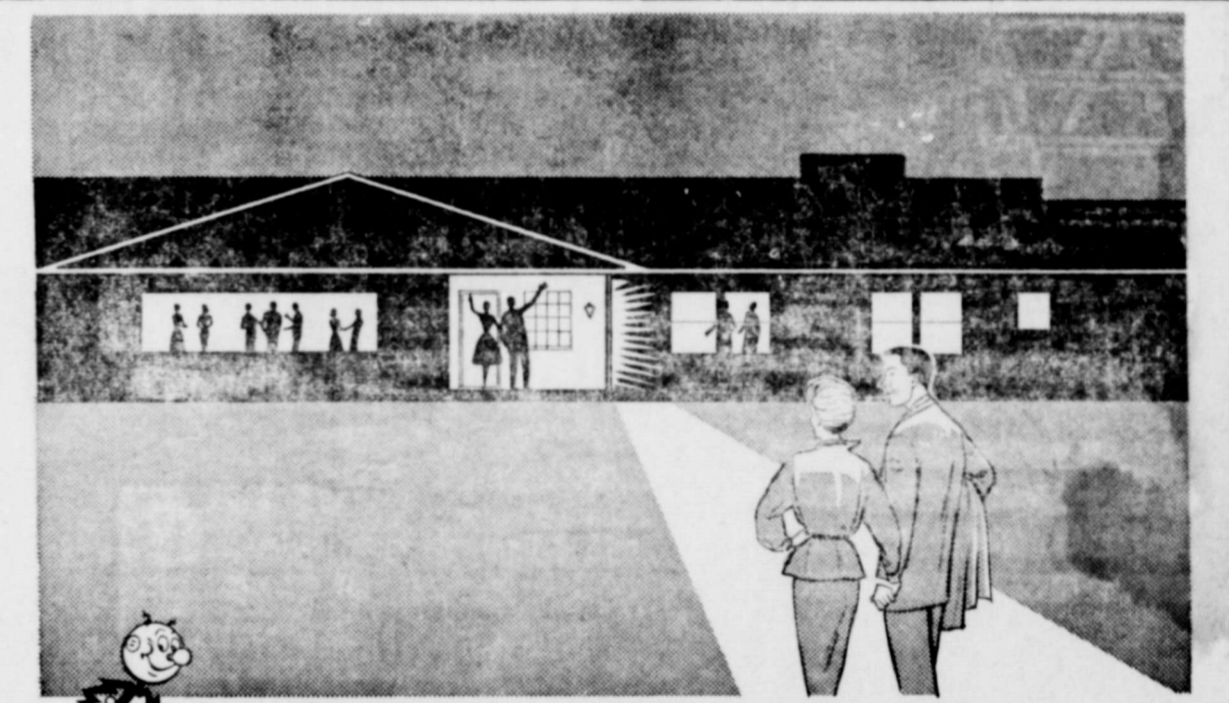
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gabby doodle from noodle says:

EAR MISTER EDITOR:

Zeke Grubb's preacher come to the country store Saturday night, told the fellers he was trying to get his nerves back in shape from a pritty ahd week. He reported that thing got started on the wrong foot last Friday morning when he had a few words to say about drinking and gambling. He got a unsign letter Monday advising him at drinking and gambling was disease and a matter for the medical profession. It was cause the letter claimed by some in that happened to a feller in youth, like weaning him too young.

The good Parson said he recollect when he was a boy his ole Cyrus come home drunk Saturday night and his old y used the rolling pin on him. Now, allowed the Parson, she'd probably give him a shot of penicillin. He said it looks like disease has took over all the sins and it might be better for him to pass out a few pills at Sunday School and go on home. But the hard part of the week, told the fellers, come Friday night when the Fund Raising committee met to report on the annual canvas. After counting the pledges it was voted that church budget was in a state

of emergency and it might be necessary to name a Emergency Committee to work on the problem.

One feller, fer instant, told Rufe Zinder he didn't believe in making no pledge. He said things was so uncertain these days that he didn't sign nothing in no shape or form. Rufe told the Committee he happened to know this feller was buying his car, his motor boat and color TV set on the installment plan. Rufe couldn't figger out how he was getting all them things without signing somepun.

Another member told Hezekiah Adams that he didn't use no envelopes, just dropped a big handful of money loose in the plate. He allowed as how the congregation would be surprised at how much he dropped in the plate loose ever Sunday. The Parson said he took all the loose offering one Sunday and divided it among the members that says they give loose and it come to seven cents apiece. He said the major problem was them putting it in loose members.

Ed Doolittle told the preacher that if he was in his fix he'd invent a new kind of offering plate. Ed said he had somepun in mind like a plate that, if you put a paper bill in it, the bill would float to the bottom real quiet. If you put in small silver, a bell would ring, and if you put in pennies, it would snap your picture. Ed figgered the preacher could git the film wholesale and that after the first couple Sundays he wouldn't need no film. The good Parson thanked Ed, said he would take the idea up with the Emergency Committee.

Yours truly,
GABBY

Railroad Workers Add To County's Economy Yearly

Taylor County's 114 railroad employes contribute \$684,228 to the economic well-being of the area each year.

The figure may well be conservative. It is based upon a consumer report by the U. S. Department of Labor, which shows the average employe in all industries spends \$6,002 each year. The average pay of railroad workers this year is \$6,270, an increase of \$1,661 in the last five years.

Expenditures by railroad employes, which of course is in addition to large sums spent by the railroads in purchases of supplies and equipment and for taxes, extends into all facets of the economy.

The Labor Department's "survey of consumer expenditures" shows workers dollars are spent this way: \$523 for taxes, \$1,598 on food, \$93 tobacco, \$498 housing, \$198 household items, \$419 furniture, \$609 clothing, \$877 transportation, \$246 medical care, \$113 beauty aids, \$340 recreation, \$58 miscellaneous, \$192 charity, \$243 insurance.

Latest figures available for the railroads show that they paid \$50,485 in taxes in Taylor County for the benefit of schools, county and city operations and for road and bridge funds in 1959.

Mothers-to-be Must Diet Properly, March of Dimes Research Shows

No doubt many a healthy young mother-to-be has wondered why her doctor puts so much emphasis on proper diet during pregnancy—especially if she's never been ill a day in her life, and she has a yen for wholesome foods.

But there's good reason for it. More and more it's becoming evident that for the sake of her child a pregnant woman must have a diet adequate in vitamins and minerals, particularly in the early stages of the baby's development.

The reason lies in the dread words: birth defects. Until about 20 years ago, scientists generally went along with the idea that birth defects in higher animals—and that includes man—were due for the most part to heredity. So if a baby had picked out the right ancestors, he had a better than good chance of coming into the world perfectly normal, and sound of mind and limb.

Complex Factors Involved
Today, however, doctors know the story is not that simple. An increasing number of studies have shown that a wide variety of factors play a part in the birth picture. If a mother gets either too much or too little of such vital substances as hormones, oxygen, minerals or vitamins during certain stages of her pregnancy, the baby may fail to survive, or may be born malformed.

Under a research grant from The National Foundation—March of Dimes, Dr. Marjorie Nelson at the University of California has been trying to determine just how the absence of a vitamin or mineral may interfere with normal prenatal development.

She has found that in rats the absence of even a single one of certain important minerals or vitamins during early pregnancy can produce drastic effects.

Apparently nature has set up a delicate balance which a mother's body must maintain. If this balance is upset even for a relatively short time, permanent damage may result to the offspring.



Dr. Marjorie Nelson, March of Dimes grantee at the University of California, inspects research specimens under the microscope. It's part of her study to determine the influence of vitamin and mineral deficiencies as causes of birth defects.

In her San Francisco laboratory Dr. Nelson has demonstrated that even a temporary deficiency of a vitamin such as folic acid during early pregnancy can cause birth abnormalities in these young laboratory animals. The defects may range from the relatively minor to the very severe which include brain damage, displacement of intestinal organs, cleft palate or serious malformations of the heart and eyes.

Timing Is Critical

When Dr. Nelson puts the normal pregnant animals on such a folic acid-deficient diet during the second week of their pregnancy, at least 80 per cent of the embryos die or are malformed. However, if she carries out the same experiment about a week earlier or a week later, the young appear to suffer no adverse effects, thus underlining the importance of proper diet at the critical stages of pregnancy. In a woman, the comparable period of pregnancy extends primarily from the second to the eighth week of the baby's development.

Radioactivity Used

Dr. Nelson has also obtained a high incidence of skeletal defects in young rats when the

mother animal's diet was deficient in the mineral manganese. She is extending these studies with support from The National Foundation—March of Dimes using radioactive material in the diet to trace what goes wrong inside embryonic cells to hinder their normal development.

According to Dr. Virginia Apgar, director of the division of congenital malformations of The National Foundation, "Dr. Nelson's project has a direct bearing on the question of birth defects in humans. It is definitely known, for example, that severe folic acid deficiency in a woman can lead to loss of a baby during early pregnancy."

And as Dr. Nelson has pointed out, equally significant, the congenital malformations in the young animals that survive are irreversible. No amount of vitamins given later in pregnancy can undo the damage once a deficiency has occurred during the critical period of pregnancy.

Clinics Are Established

Because of the increasing problem of birth defects—it is now estimated that significant malformations occur in one in every 16 babies born in this country—each year—the National Foundation—March of Dimes has recently established a number of Special Treatment and Clinical Study Centers for coping with this crucial medical question. The Birth Defects Treatment Centers are in Jackson, Miss.; Atlanta, Ga.; Seattle, Portland, Ore.; San Francisco; Little Rock, Ark.; Indianapolis; Morgantown, W. Va.; New York City; Baltimore; and Washington, D. C. These are supported on the local level by The National Foundation's chapters.

In addition, Birth Defects Clinical Study Centers are located in Oklahoma City; Nashville, Tenn.; and Columbus, Ohio. These Centers are maintained on a national level with March of Dimes funds which are being applied by The National Foundation to continue support and expansion of such Centers for the development of total medical care for youngsters afflicted with congenital defects.

HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent

Anyone can grow roses, according to A. F. DeWorth, head of Department of Floriculture, Texas A&M College. They may be planted in the fall or spring. In Texas, fall planting is generally preferred.

Aim for quality and you may also get quantity. Many gardeners try to grow too many varieties or too many plants. Given careful attention, Mr. DeWorth says that 10 well chosen varieties will produce as many flowers and give far more pleasure than 50 poorly-tended plants.

Essentials for success with roses are: proper planting, a sunny location and well-drained soil. Start with No. 1 grade plants, and have the ground ready when the plants arrive. Make sure roots are never exposed to sunlight or drying winds.

For details on selection, soil preparation, pruning and care of roses, get a copy of TAP-1 "Roses for Texas" from your county extension agent's office or write

Smith says that when enough mistletoe is present on a tree it may weaken or even kill the tree, since it is a parasite and obtains its food and water from the host plant. It grows on many shade trees including elm, oak, hackberry, mesquite and others.

No chemical is available for control of mistletoe. In the case of valuable shade trees, Smith suggests removing the parasite by pruning or by breaking it off. New sprouts may grow from the original infection and these should be removed.

Minta Lue McAninch is home from Canyon for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McAninch.

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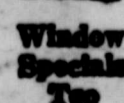
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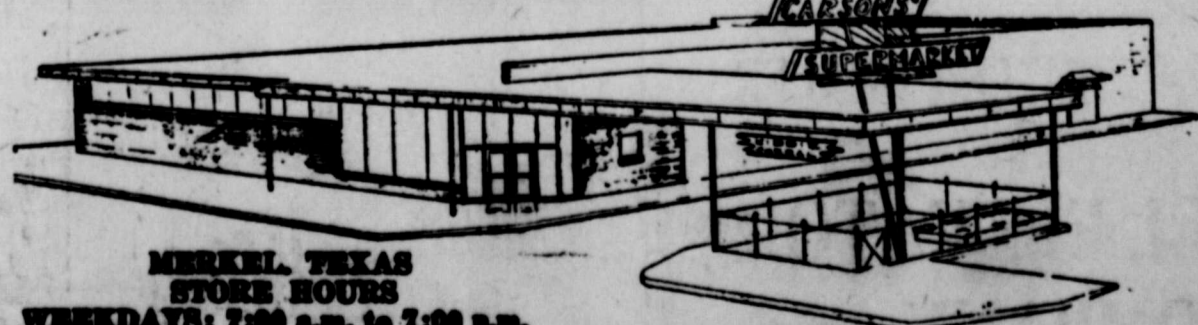
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