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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

The weather here in the Canyon has been too bad to do any farming for the last few days. However, a lot of the bad weather missed us. In most cases this time of year it doesn't last very long. Anyway, we know that spring is not too far off. Some believe the cold weather got a lot of the fruit. Of course, that is yet to be seen. I recall last year we built smudge fires to protect the fruit from the freeze.

Well, about the cattle market is anybody's guess now. We received a report last week that some light weight calves sold as high as 42 cents per pound, and that is something.

We recently visited Cal Tex Feed Yards and we find that replacement cattle there is almost too high to buy. R. L. Bland, manager of the feed yard, told us that this had been a fine year to feed cattle; not very much snow and ice on the cattle. Bland reports there's a good outlet for the finished cattle. He said Dallas and Houston were the largest markets. However, he had cattle packed Sunday, going to a Tyler Packing Company, with some 27,000 head of cattle on feed at Cal Tex yards.

The demand for the meat is large. The feed yard bought almost all of the local milt crop last year at a little above market price paid farmers. It is believed that there will be a record acreage planted to milo this year due to such outlet for the crop.

Mrs. B. H. Riney, who has been sick for several months, recently had two of her sisters visiting her. They were Mrs. Dewey Hutchins and Mrs. Dixie Parker, both from Odessa. Also a son, Ed Riney of Lamesa, visited in the Riney home. Mrs. Riney said it made her feel better having them come. Oh, yes, by the way, M. J. Pal Riney and daughter were also visiting.

Mrs. F. R. Frazier of Merkel attended church at Pioneer Church Sunday. Mrs. O. W. Reynolds, a longtime resident of the Canyon, was also at church. Mrs. Reed is the mother of Mrs. Aver King. She has been visiting a number of her children recently.

Mrs. Sam Logan Jr., who has been visiting a daughter and Pulk in California, recently wrote family. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin a letter to the secretary of the Pioneer Church and also sent a check. She said that she and her family were doing real well.

BY FIRST BAPTISTS

'GOOD NEWS' BIBLE TO BE DISTRIBUTED

The First Baptist Church of Merkel has announced that it is cooperating with other Texas Baptist churches in the distribution of nearly 1 1/2 million copies of the New Testament in Today's English version. This book, published by the American Bible Society, presents the New Testament in present day language, and is entitled "Good News For Modern Man."

Distribution of the book will begin early next week and will include all the immediate Merkel area, pastor Kenneth F. Jones has stated.

"It is the purpose of the church to place a complimentary copy in each home and to encourage regular daily Bible reading as the Easter season approaches," Jones said.

Along with the book distribution, the church will include an announcement of plans for the spring revival, scheduled for the



PLANNING AHEAD — Ray Wilson, right, president-elect of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce looks over plans for '69-70 with outgoing president, Bill Button. Wilson will be installed, along with new directors, at the Annual Chamber Banquet this coming Tuesday at the Merkel School Cafeteria. (Photo by Connie Harris)

HOUSE BILL 300

HEARING IN AUSTIN SET FOR MARCH 25

A meeting of the Merkel School Committee has been called for Monday, March 17 at Horace Boney Insurance Agency at 7 p.m. Members of the local committee are Lassiter, chairman; and Boney, Booth Warren, Mrs. Glen Reed, the Rev. Kenneth Jones, Mrs. Dave Brumbeau and Gene Stewart.

Joe Lassiter, chairman of the Independent and Common School District Committee, received word this week that a public hearing on House Bill No. 300 has been set in Austin for Tuesday, March 25, by Dewitt Hale.

House Bill 300 deals with the Governor's Committee on Public School Education, "authorizes a series of changes during the ten year period from 1969-70 through 1978-79."

"A meeting of the ICD Committee has been called for Friday, March 14 in Lassiter's office in Abilene at 1341 No. 2nd, Garrison Building.

"Members will meet to determine the strategy we should take in personal representation before this committee," said Lassiter. "Meeting time will be 7 p.m."

Following the Friday evening meeting in Lassiter's office, local school committees will be alerted and advised to plan local meetings and also a public meeting in their respective school districts. The meetings will mainly decide on type of representations to be made at the public hearing in Austin and "whether or not a mass appearance will be desired."

"We will be getting more pertinent information on this March 25 meeting to find out if the bill is going to be presented to the Education Committee or if it will be merely referred to a subcommittee," said Lassiter. "However, if a detailed hearing on the Bill content is planned, we can make a more determined effort to appear en masse."

The ICD Committee includes representatives from Wylie, Jim Ned, Hamby, Elmdale, Merkel, Buffalo Gap, Butterfield, Trent and Tye.

TC Homemakers

Meet Tonight

Taylor County Young Homemakers will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13 at the Taylor Telephone Cooperative building.

Mrs. Linda Caton, Home Economist Representative from West Texas Utilities, will speak to the members and guests on home laundry.

Saturday, March 15, 12 members of the local organization will attend a workshop in Abilene at the Abilene Christian College Student Center, being held for Area 4 Young Homemakers.

Mrs. Dickie Dannheim is president of the local chapter, and Mrs. Billy Lucas is reporter.

Patton to Head Merkel Little League Assn.

The Merkel Little League Association met Thursday, March 6 and elected Billy Patton to head the 1969 season.

Other officers elected are Billy Holmes, vice president and Mrs. Benny Melton, secretary.

E. A. Conley was elected player agent; Clyde Bunch, safety agent; Roy Kimbrell, T-Shirt coordinator; and Billy Dye umpire chief.

Patton said that boys eligible for T-Shirt League and boys of Little League who have not played before, must register at the West Texas Utilities building April 12.

Try-outs will begin April 14, and the first game of the season will be May 1.

ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS MARCH 14

Absentee voting for candidates filing for races on the Merkel City Election will begin Friday, March 14 and voting will be done at the City Hall, according to city secretary, Mrs. Flosie McKeever.

The Merkel Election is set for Tuesday, April 1 at the City Hall, with polls opening at 7 a.m. Mrs. Pat Oypert is election judge.

Candidates for the two council vacancies are Derrell Farmer, filing for reelection, and Henry Brady, Leon R. Walker, Royce Hardy, Benny W. Melton, and Vernon L. Wade.

Farmer is employed by Taylor Telephone Cooperative; Brady, employed at Hendricks Memorial Hospital in Abilene; Walker, principal of the Merkel Elementary Schools, Hardy, owner of Hardy Grocery; Melton, associated with Horace Boney Insurance, and Wade, owner of Bill's Flowers.

Councilman Horace Hargrove, with no opponent, filed for the

Annual C-C Banquet Is Tuesday, March 18

Once each year, and almost always during the month of March, citizens, farmers and ranchers, and other area people interested in the progress of Merkel, as well as guests from neighboring towns and cities meet with Merkel Chamber of Commerce members for their annual banquet.

And that date is this next Tuesday (March 18). Time is 7:30 p.m. and the place is the Merkel School Cafeteria.

Tickets to the banquet are \$2.00 each, and persons interested in purchasing tickets in advance and planning on attending may get tickets at Boney's Insurance, Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Merkel Drug, Carson's Super Market, Wilson's Food Store, Merkel Mail and the C-C Office. Deadline on tickets is noon Monday, March 17.

"We must be able to turn in an approximate number of people planning to attend," said Bill Button, chairman of the food committee. J. W. Roddy, with the Asteroid Restaurant, will cater the banquet.

Guest speaker for the occasion

will be Judge Raleigh Brown, judge of the 42nd District Court, and also presiding judge of the Seventh Administrative Judicial District.

BULLETIN

Because of conditions in the bond market, the Merkel Hospital District did not receive a bid on the hospital bonds Tuesday evening.

John Cutbirth, representative of the First Southwest Company of Abilene, explained it this way:

"Interest rates have soared in the past two weeks and the Hospital District has a 6 per cent limit on the rate they may pay. And no bidder was willing to loan the money at 6 per cent or less."

"However," said Cutbirth, "with the fine Hospital District Board you have, and the continued encouragement and support from them, I believe that Merkel will have a hospital."

Dr. Don Warren, master of ceremonies, will introduce guests, and will award trophies to the Outstanding Citizen and the Outstanding Farmer or Rancher, chosen by Merkel and area people.

Deadline for mailing or bringing in names for the Outstanding Citizen and the Outstanding Farmer or Rancher is this Friday at 5 p.m. Ballots will be counted, and honorees will be named at the banquet.

Judge Brown, active in Civic Affairs in Abilene, is past president of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, and past president of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. He is presently chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Regional Education Center and director of the Abilene United Fund.

Ray Wilson, incoming president, along with three new directors, will be installed during the banquet ceremonies. Directors to be installed are Mack Fisher, Johnny Hammond and Vernon Mansfield.

Activity Night Is This Friday

Activity Night, sponsored by the Merkel Country Club House Committee will be held this Friday night at the Merkel Country Club and will begin at 7:30.

"The public is invited to attend the social and to participate in all games," said Mrs. Lloyd Robertson, committee chairman.

Homemade pies and coffee will be sold during the evening.

Proceeds from the social will be used toward improving the club building.

"OF POEMS" NAMED CLUB'S BEST PLAY

By MIKE DUDLEY
It's all over but the cleaning up for the "Pretenders" of Merkel High School.

Festival of Drama, presented last Thursday night, was a "smashing success" and reports indicate that everyone had an enjoyable evening.

After the performance, Mr. Mike DeDitz, judge for the Festival, presented a critique of all four plays, announced his All-Star Cast, Best Actress and Best Actor.

The play, Of Poems, Youth and Spring, was chosen as the best play. Feathertop, was second; Six Who Pass While the Lentils Boil was third, and Once Upon a Playground was fourth.

Best Actress for the evening was Dayna McAninch for her performance in "Feathertop." Wally Knight was chosen Best

Actor for his outstanding performance in "Of Poems, Youth and Spring."

Also noted for their acting ability and named to the All-Star Cast were Mike Warren for "Once Upon a Playground," Mark Dudley for "Feathertop," Cathy Beard for "Once Upon a Playground," and Donna Diltz, "Of Poems, Youth and Spring."

The "Pretenders" wish to thank all who came, and want to invite everyone to come to Stamford for the District 7-AA competition on March 25th. Merkel's play will be the last of six plays presented that evening. Check next week's Merkel Mail for further details. Also the "Pretenders" thank all who donated and loaned clothes and props to make this first festival of Drama a success.

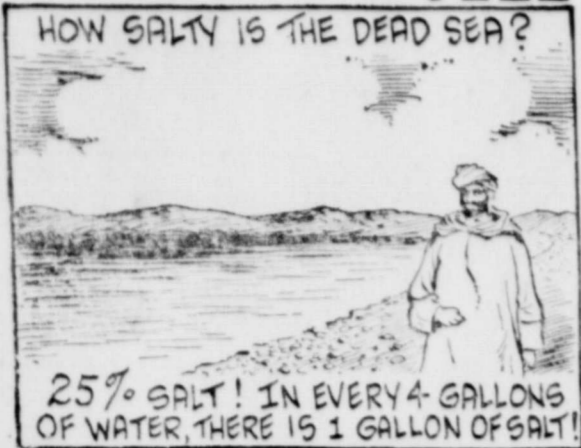


BEST ACTRESS; ACTOR — Dayna McAninch, second from right, was named Best Actress in last Thursday evening's Drama Club presentation of "Feathertop." Named Best Actor was Wally Knight for his performance in "Of Poems, Youth and Spring," named best play of the four presentations. Also in cast of "Feathertop" were Katie Neill, left, and Bob Hammond, far right. (Staff Photo)

BASEBALL

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Announcement Concerning
Little League Baseball

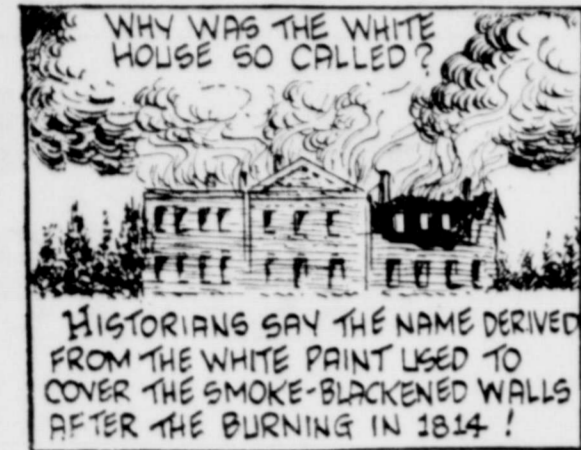
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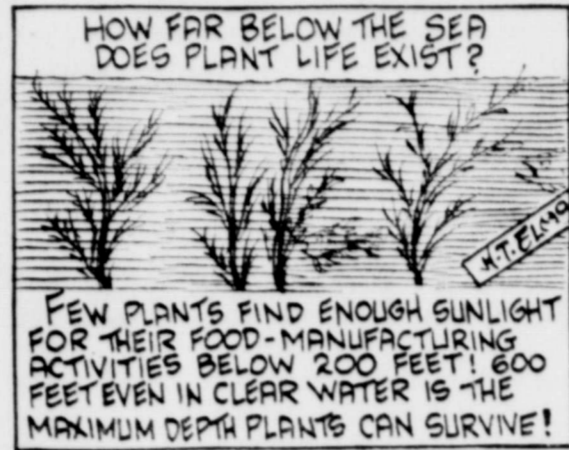
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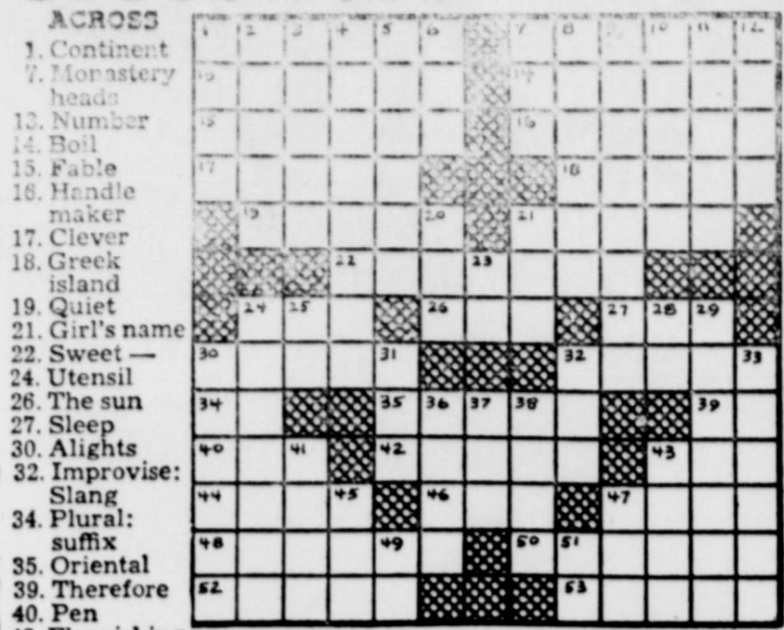


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1. Continent
7. Monastery heads
12. Number
14. Boil
15. Fable
16. Handle maker
17. Clever
18. Greek island
19. Quiet
21. Girl's name
22. Sweet
24. Utensil
26. The sun
27. Sleep
30. Alights
32. Improve:
Slang
34. Plural:
suffix
35. Oriental
39. Therefore
40. Pen
42. Flourishing
43. Indonesian
44. Prophet

DOWN
1. Congers
2. Moslem
3. Royal
4. Not by water
5. Five years
6. Terminal
7. Tree
8. Signal
9. Aid
10. Sea mammal
11. Greek letter
12. Withered

46. — Durocher
47. God of love
48. Girl's name
50. Forgive
52. Try
53. Drinking cup

20. Affirmative
21. Measure
23. Behold!
24. Crayons
25. One
28. Nickname
29. Engine parts
30. Renter
31. Plant fluid
32. Some
33. Brags
36. Auction
37. — de France
38. Love
41. Yes votes
43. Expanse
45. Creek
47. House wing
49. State: abbr.
51. For example

BADGER TRACKS

By WALLY KNIGHT

The Merkel Drama Club, "The Pretenders," presented four one-act plays last Thursday night. A large crowd was on hand to view the plays. A critic judge from Hardin - Simmons University judged the plays and selected the play "Six Who Pass While the Lintils Boil" as the third best play. "Feathertop" was selected as the second best play and "Of Poems, Youth and Spring" was selected as the best play. Dayna McAninch was selected as best actress. Donna Diltz, Cathy Beard, Mike Warren and Mark Dudley were selected as members of the All - Star Play Cast.

The Junior Class is starting to work on their annual play productions. Mrs. Wiggins, Speech and English teacher at Merkel

High is the director of the Junior plays.
The high school band goes to Lamesa this Friday to compete in the annual Lamesa Band Concert Festival. The band members will leave Friday and will be housed Friday night by families in Lamesa. The band will perform Saturday and then return that night.
School will not be held Thursday or Friday afternoons due to the Parent - Teacher Conferences.

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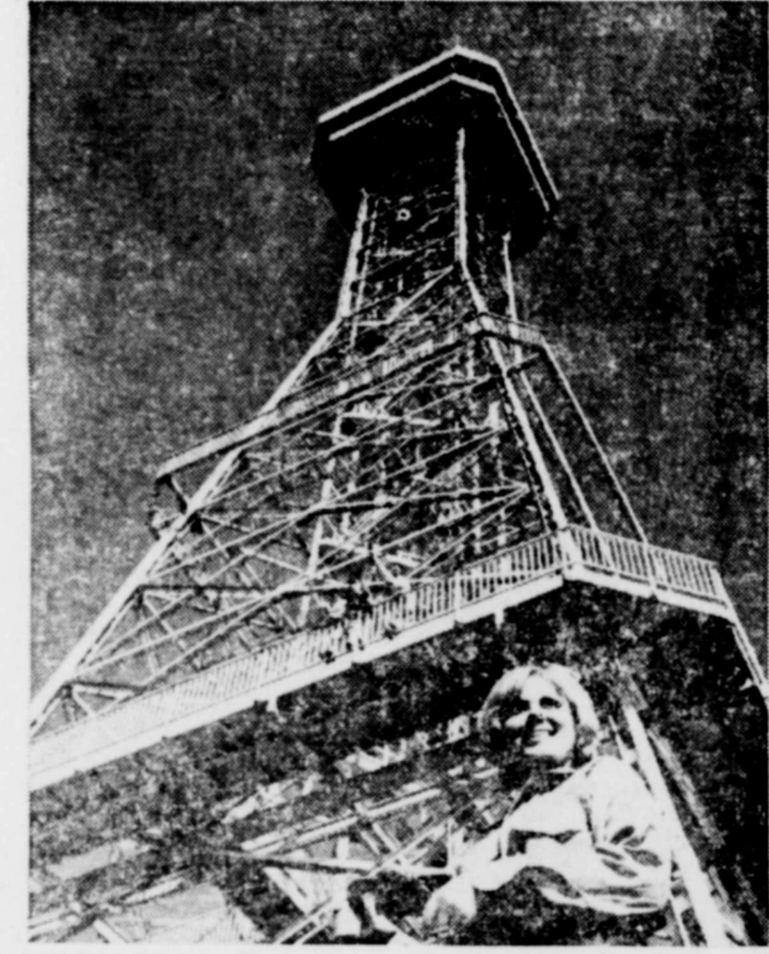
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To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas - GREETING:
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty - eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.
CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Chester O. Rowell, Defendant.

ant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty - two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 24th day of March A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 3rd day of January A.D. 1969, in this cause, numbered 4501 on the docket of said court and styled

Derlie Jean Rowell, Plaintiff, vs. Chester O. Rowell, Defendant.
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were legally married Nov. 15, 1960 and became permanently separated July 4, 1963. Plaintiff sues for divorce, 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,

SIX FLAGS TO OPEN '69 SEASON APRIL 12



SIX FLAGS Over Texas hostess Jill Tipps caused a slight work stoppage by some members of the construction crew building the Park's newest attraction, the 300-foot Oil Derrick.
Scheduled to be in operation when SIX FLAGS opens the 1969 season on April 12, the Oil Derrick will afford visitors a spectacular view of the 145-acre park from observation platforms near the top of the rig. At the 50-foot level (where workmen are waving), a giant 180-foot-long, 12-lane slide angled down 35 degrees will be built for visitors wishing to make a rapid and rather daring high-speed trip to ground level.
The 19-million-dollar historical-theme park is located between Dallas and Fort Worth.
Arlington, Texas: One of the first signs of Spring came about today as SIX FLAGS Over Texas, the big, historical-theme entertainment park between Dallas and Fort Worth, set the opening of its 1969 season for the weekend of April 12 and 13.
The announcement came from Angus G. Wynne, Jr., founder of SIX FLAGS and Chairman of Great Southwest Corporation, which owns and operates the \$19,000,000 park.
SIX FLAGS will be entering its 9th operating season this year and is the State's most popular single tourist attraction, according to the Texas Tourist Development Agency, having drawn over 13,000,000 visitors since opening in 1961.
A large corps of workmen are busily engaged on a \$1.4 million expansion program which will add a fresh and exciting array of new rides, attractions and shows for the estimated 2,000,000 people who will visit SIX FLAGS during the 1969 season.
The expansion program is primarily centered on the area between the Texas and U. S. A. sections of the 145-acre park. Here construction on the world's largest land-based oil derrick, which towers 300 feet above SIX FLAGS, is nearly completed.
Designers of the Derrick have ideas other than drilling for oil. Instead, the Oil Derrick will serve as both an observation tower, with a spectacular panoramic view of the entire park stretched out below, and as an unusual ride.
Two elevators capable of carrying 2,000 passengers per hour will carry visitors up to observation platforms near the top. On the return trip down, passengers will have the option of getting off at the 50-foot level, where a giant 180-foot-long, 12-lane slide angled down 35 degrees has been built for a rapid

and rather daring high-speed access to the ground.
A new ride especially for the younger set is the Mini-Mine Train. This ride is a smaller version of the Run-A-Way Mine Train, one of the most popular of all the 85 rides, shows and attractions featured at SIX FLAGS.
Another new attraction for the 1969 season will be a porpoise show featuring the aquatic antics of four trained porpoises. To house the porpoises, a 115,000-gallon tank is now being built, as well as permanent bleachers around the tank with a seating capacity of 1,500.
The Krofft Puppet Circus, which debuted last season with such critical acclaim, has an entirely different and lavish production planned for this year. The show promises more of the rollicking humor and imaginative surprises which delight audiences of all age groups.
Like all rides, shows and attractions at SIX FLAGS, the Krofft show is included in the one-price ticket that entitles the visitor to ride all the rides and see all the shows as many times as he likes during each operating day at no additional charge.
Tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12 years of age.
After the opening weekend and starting April 18, SIX FLAGS will be open during the Spring on Fridays from 5 to 11 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. From May 25 throughout the Summer, the Park will be open seven days a week from 10 to 10. After Labor Day, through September 28, SIX FLAGS will be open on Saturdays and Sundays only from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Then from October 4 until closing November 30, the Park will operate on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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 7th day of February A.D. 1969.
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FOUND — A pair of glasses, multi-colored frames. Found in the middle of Locust Street last week. Contact The Merkel Mail. 5c 1tc

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Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan and children.

CARD OF THANKS
TO OUR FRIENDS of Merkel and surrounding communities, we want to thank each one for the kindnesses shown us when our house was destroyed by fire.
Ronald and Sharon Bond

Merkel 4-H Club To Meet Tonight
The Merkel 4-H Club will hold its regular meeting at 7:30 tonight at the Taylor Electric building. Demonstrations will be given by 4-H club members. "All members are urged to attend, and a special invitation is given to parents to attend this meeting," said Robert Boyd, president.

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MALONE-DUNCAN EXCHANGE VOWS

Nancy Malone and Kenneth E. Duncan were married Friday, March 7 in Hillcrest Church of Christ Chapel in Abilene.

Carl Spain, professor of Bible at Abilene Christian College, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark L. Malone of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan are the parents of the bridegroom.

The bride wore an A-line brocade dress and coat.

She is a graduate of Merkel High School and Gail Business College, and is employed in the Taylor County Tax Office.

A graduate of Trent High School, the bridegroom is a senior at Abilene Christian College where he is a member of the Trojans.

Sandra Fox Tea Honoree
Sandra Fox, bride-elect of Ralph Miller Jr., was honored at a gift tea Friday at the Tuscola Community Center.

Greeting guests were Mrs. Dick Atkins, Mrs. Willis Fox, the honoree's mother; Mrs. Ralph Miller Jr., of Merkel, the bridegroom-elect's mother and Miss Fox.

Judy Cox of Abilene registered guests. Serving were Mrs. Bill Thornton and Mrs. Jack Franklin. Receiving gifts for the honoree were Mrs. Harvey Johnson and Mrs. Gerald Waggoner.

The bride-elect's colors of green and yellow were carried out in the decorations.

PERSONALS
Mrs. L. H. Earls, an of Pleasant view and her daughter, Mrs. David Treadway of Christian Retreat, Brownwood, were visitors last Friday in the home of Mrs. T. T. Earthman.

TAX MAN SAM SEZ:

When it comes to arithmetic the IRS computer would get a straight A and stand at the head of the class. Most of us make simple errors in arithmetic anytime we add more than two and two.

However, when we figure our income tax returns we have to go through the painful process of adding and subtracting and multiplying just like we did when we were in the fifth grade.

When an Internal Revenue agent or any tax professional figures a tax return he uses an adding machine and a calculator to work the tax computation. He also goes back and re-checks all of his figures. In many cases the professional man who works with figures also has someone else to check the figures. If all

taxpayers would follow the system used by the professionals and very carefully re-check their figures, they would keep the IRS computer from sending out so many math error notices.

Holloway Named To Dean's Roll

ABILENE — Bill Holloway son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Holloway of Route 1 in Merkel, has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian College.

He is a senior animal husbandry major at ACC and a member of the Aggie Club and Delta Tau Alpha.

To achieve the honor a student must take at least 12 semester hours and have a 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

Holloway was among 294 listed.

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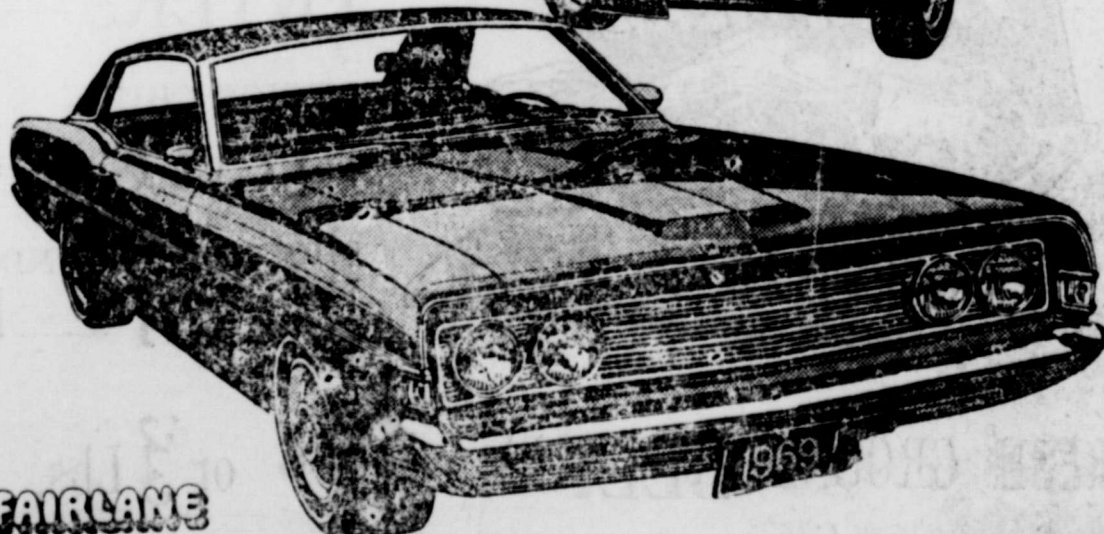
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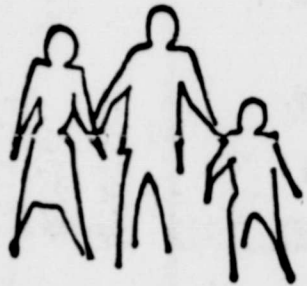
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**Worship
this week**



**Mrs. McCandless
Hosts Meeting**

Mrs. W. A. McCandless was hostess to the Dorcas Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church March 6 when members met for a Prayer Service.

Mrs. Agnes King opened the meeting with prayer, and members gave verses on prayer for the devotional. Mrs. Emory Wilburn closed the meeting with prayer.

Those present were Meses. Homer Finch, Callie Price, R. Y. Buchanan, Mary Jones, J. W. Tiner, Ira Moore, Clara Driver, John Mansfield and Emory Wilburn.

Also Meses. Irene Pomroy, Dave Anderson, Cordelia Scherer, Clay Satterwhite, Eunice Massey, Sam Hill, King, Lise Harris, Myrtle Walker and hostess, McCandless, and one visitor, Mrs. Claude Warren.

**Catholic Church
To Serve Dinner**

A Mexican Dinner, sponsored by the Mother of Mercy Catholic Church will be served at the Merkel School Cafeteria this Sunday beginning at 12 noon.

Mrs. Juan Ybarra, heading the project, said that charge for the dinner is \$1.00 per plate and tickets may be purchased in advance or they may be bought at the door.

Proceeds from the dinner will be used for church expenses, said Mrs. Ybarra.

**Rabbit Breeders
Meeting Is Set**

The West Texas Rabbit Breeders Association will hold a meeting Friday, March 14 at 8 p.m. at the home of O. D. Calk, 1345 Pioneer Dr. in Abilene.

"A very interesting program is planned, and anyone interested in rabbits is welcome to attend," said Mrs. Mickie Yates, publicity chairman.



MARY JOHNSON
... home ec major

**MHS Graduate
On Honor Roll**

STEPHENVILLE — Mary Johnson, a Tarleton State College freshman from Merkel, has been named to the B Honor Roll and the Distinguished Student List for the fall semester of 1968.

In order to make the Distinguished Student List, a student must post a semester grade point average of at least 3.25 on Tarleton's 4.0 system. And, the student can have no grade lower than a C in any course.

Miss Johnson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Johnson of 1112 S. 10th in Merkel, is majoring in home economics at Tarleton.

**CAP Directors
Meeting Set**

A Board of Directors of the Community Action Program, Inc., will be held at the Coca-Cola Bottling Company auditorium in Abilene Thursday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda will include committee reports of the Executive Committee, Personnel Committee, Head Start Committee and Neighborhood Centers.

Also president's report and consideration of by-law amendment.

**E. Q. Warren, 92,
Dies in Knox City**

Ellis Quitman (E. Q.) Warren, 92, and a longtime Knox City businessman, died Saturday, March 8 in Knox County Hospital, where he had been a patient for the past three weeks.

Funeral services were held Monday in Knox City, with burial in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Born Sept. 20, 1876, in Coryell County, Mr. Warren moved to Jones County as a youth and lived in the Merkel area for a time. He married Evelyn Williams March 21, 1921 in Marshall. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife of Knox City; one brother, H. M., of Knox City, several nieces and nephews.

**J. C. Riggins
Are Honored**

Approximately 250 relatives and friends attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Riggins held March 2 at their home.

Guests attended from Sweetwater, Lawton, Stanton, Houston, Abilene, Mulberry Canyon, Trent, Tye and Merkel.

Hosting the celebration were their children, Mrs. Kert Satterwhite, Jimmy Riggins, Mrs. Pete Swinney, Mrs. Weldon Holmes, Murel Riggins and Denzil Riggins.

Assisting were granddaughters, Ann Riggins, Mrs. Billy Clark, Mrs. Travis Swinney and Mrs. Kenneth Pesley.

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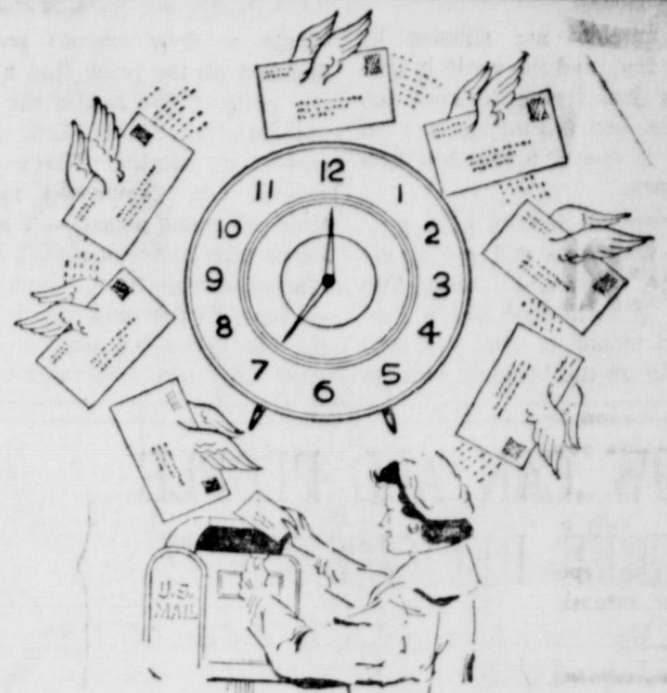
FT. HOOD, Tex. (AHTNC) — Army Specialist Four David H. Long, 21, son of Mrs. Doris F. Harendt, 404 Ash, Merkel, was assigned Feb. 3 to the 1st Armored Division at Ft. Hood, Tex., tracked vehicle mechanic.

Noodle Baptist To Have Speaker

A representative of Texas Alcohol Narcotics Education (TANE) will speak at the Noodle Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, March 15.

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nominations, speak in some 2,000 churches in Texas each year. The organization is dedicated to the prevention of problems that arise from the use of alcohol, narcotics and other dangerous drugs.



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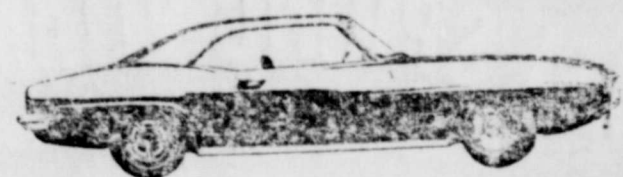
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANYONE TOP THIS FOR REMEMBERING?

The Merkel Mail, Merkel, Texas Dear Friends: Well, things are slipping by mighty fast, and the world in general is just trying to keep up. My one and lasting picture of Merkel is one of a real live hustling town. I arrived in Merkel at 8 a.m. a long time ago and got a job and was working by noon. The late C. W. Whitaker had a contract to unload a stack (100,000) of bricks on the business sites in

the business section of Merkel. The Crenshaw Building was one of the buildings. He had the first floats or dray wagons and we handled all the brick that started the building. We hauled the brick that was to be the first paved street in Merkel. There were around 40 businesses at that time, all going strong — 3 wagon yards with camp houses, 2 livery stables, a mule barn, freight lines — Sam Foster was the largest. He had three big wagons 16 ft. long and one trail wagon. He

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4. By abiding in the doctrine of Christ. II John 9-11.
5. By being pure and believing in God. Titus 1:15, 16.
6. By studying God's word. II Timothy 2:15.
7. By refusing to add to or take away from the word of God. Rev. 22:18, 19; Jude 3.
8. By refusing to pervert (change) the Gospel. Gal. 1:6-10.
9. By following God's commands rather than the traditions of men. Matt. 15:3; Col. 2:8.
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11. By "endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." Eph. 4:3.

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made two round trips from Abilene a week. He had one famous mule, a big black club-footed mule that everyone thought was the smartest mule that ever was. And I for one, would not have been surprised if "Old Tubby" had started talking.

We had a bottling works and an ice house, three lumber yards, five gins, five doctors. The old-time kind (general practitioners) Dr. Armstrong and Dr. Rust owned the drug stores. The Gamble Drug is a direct descendant of the old Armstrong Drug.

George Boyce was the main realtor. I am now getting on up in years — to be exact, and my fondest memories are of that hustling little town, really "bursting at the seams."

Oh yes, the question comes up as to where Merkel got its name. Mr. Vaughn was the first station agent. They wanted to name it for him, but he wouldn't have it. But the road master of the road west and had one daughter, named Merkle Vaughn suggested the spelling to Merkel. So, they had it and Merkel was born.

The road master's name was J. P. (Pete) Johnson.

Well, I could run on for quite a time, but will let it go at that. So thanks for listening to this. Here's to Merkel and long may she live as an ideal place to live and raise families.

Her friend,
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Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Farm activities are almost at a standstill in the Sixth Community. There is plenty of moisture, but a few days of sunshine is needed and the land will be in good shape to plow.

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs and children and Mrs. John Hobbs moved last week to their home they bought from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vantresse. The Hobbs redecorated the inside and also added another room.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Mundy of Fort Worth visited a few days last week with Miss Louise Hudson and Hollis Hudson. The Munds also visited Bob Hudson at the St. Ann Hospital in Abilene.

Jana Farmer of Merkel spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Perry of 7, visited in their son's some Sunday. The Fred Perrys visited at Hendrick Hospital in Abilene with Mrs. Fletcher Jones. Mrs. Jones is slowly improving from surgery she had recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kuch of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs.

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Curtis Clyburn and children Sunday. Mrs. John Hobbs and Marsha Clyburn were on the sick list last week. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hollis and Mr. and Mrs. Lem Bockman of Hawley visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn, Mrs. Sonny Hardin and children, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw and the Charles Reddin family attended the musical at the Truby

Community Center Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children and Mr. and Mrs. John Browning spent the weekend in Dallas with Mildred and Lonnie Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Harris. Mr. and Mrs. James Strong and Melinda of Odessa spent the weekend with Mrs. J. E. Swindell and the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell and MacSherry. Mrs. J. E. Swindell returned home with her daughter and family for a

visit. Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Chancy and Sandra of Richardson visited during the weekend in the home of Mrs. John Hobbs and the Benny Hobbs family. Mr. and Mrs. Chancy also visited at the St. Ann Hospital with Mr. Chancy's mother, Mrs. J. C. Chancy of Merkel, who is seriously ill. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Baughoffer and children of Graham spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry. Ethel Canida spent several days in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rushing. There was a gift shower at the Sixth Community Center Friday night for Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bond, who lost all their things by fire recently.

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BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED MARCH 20-22

AMARILLO — This Panhandle city's chamber of commerce has taken a giant step toward boosting women's college basketball by sponsoring the Amarillo National Womens Collegiate Invitational Basketball Tournament, which will be played March 20-22.

Site of the first two days of action will be the ultra-modern 7,000-seat Amarillo Civic Center. Finals will be played at West Texas State Fieldhouse in Canyon since the Amarillo Wrangler

ice hockey team plays at home March 22.

Eight of the top ten teams in the country will be on the card with the Hutcherson Flying Queens of Wayland College holding the inside track on the favorite role. As of Feb. 28 the Queens had defeated each of the other five teams already secured for the tournament. Two more teams should be added to the card in the next week to ten days.

Top stars and their teams are Linda Price and Susan Britton, Queens; Pat Ramsey and Myrna DeBerry of Ouchita Baptist University Tigerettes; Caro Bollinger and Martha Jo Welsch of Temple Junior College Leopardettes; Maurice Smith and Pam Mindeman of the Raytown Piperettes; Lois Stuffleck and Jeanette Olson of the John F. Kennedy Patriotettes and Mari Wilson and Rae Willis of Midwestern College Packerettes.

Four games will be played each day of the tournament. Starting times each day will be 4, 5:30, 7 and 8:30 p.m.

**CLASSIFIEDS
GET RESULTS**

Garden Clubbers Attend Meeting

Mrs. Odell Freeman of Trent and Mrs. W. L. Brown of Merkel attended the District VIII Spring Convention of Garden Clubs held in Sweetwater March 4.

The Merkel Garden Club took second place in Yearbook and received honorable mention in Flower Show Schedule.

With Mrs. L. W. Patterson, Sweetwater, 3rd vice director and convention chairman presiding a program on flower arranging was presented.

Mrs. A. E. Courtney of Arlington, a National Judge, spoke on flower arranging and depicted the "New Era," ranging from modern to collage assemblage and abstract.

Mrs. Max Carriker, president of the Roby Garden Club, presented greetings, and Mrs. H. B. Horn, De Rio, and incoming president of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., gave the response.

Hour of Sharing To Be Observed

Sunday, March 16, members of Merkel First United Methodist Church will join 30 other denominations in observing the One Great Hour of Sharing.

A special offering will be received to provide funds for overseas relief, Crusade Scholarships, emergency church extension projects and to provide a Ministry to Servicemen in the Far East.

Church pastor, the Rev. Newton Daniel, urged members to give "serious thought to the sharing."

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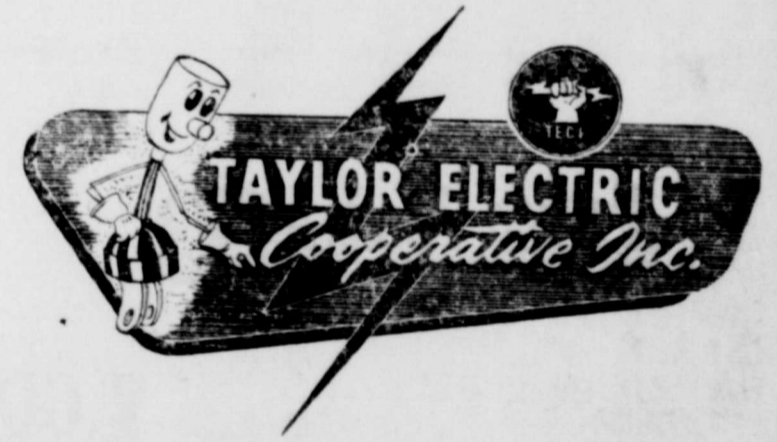
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST ESTATE OF FLOY ROWLAND, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration under the estate of Floy Rowland, deceased, were issued to the undersigned on the 7th day of March, 1969, in the proceeding indicated below my signature here, which is still pending, and that Sam Waldrop now holds such letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, in the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to the said Sam Waldrop respectively, at the address below given; suit upon same is barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. The residence and post office address as a place to file said claim is:

Mr. Sam Waldrop
201 Walnut
Abilene, Texas
Dated this 7th day of March, 1969.

Sam Waldrop, Administrator of the Estate of Floy Rowland, deceased, No. 9484, in the Probate Court, in the County Court of Taylor County, Texas. 2 11c

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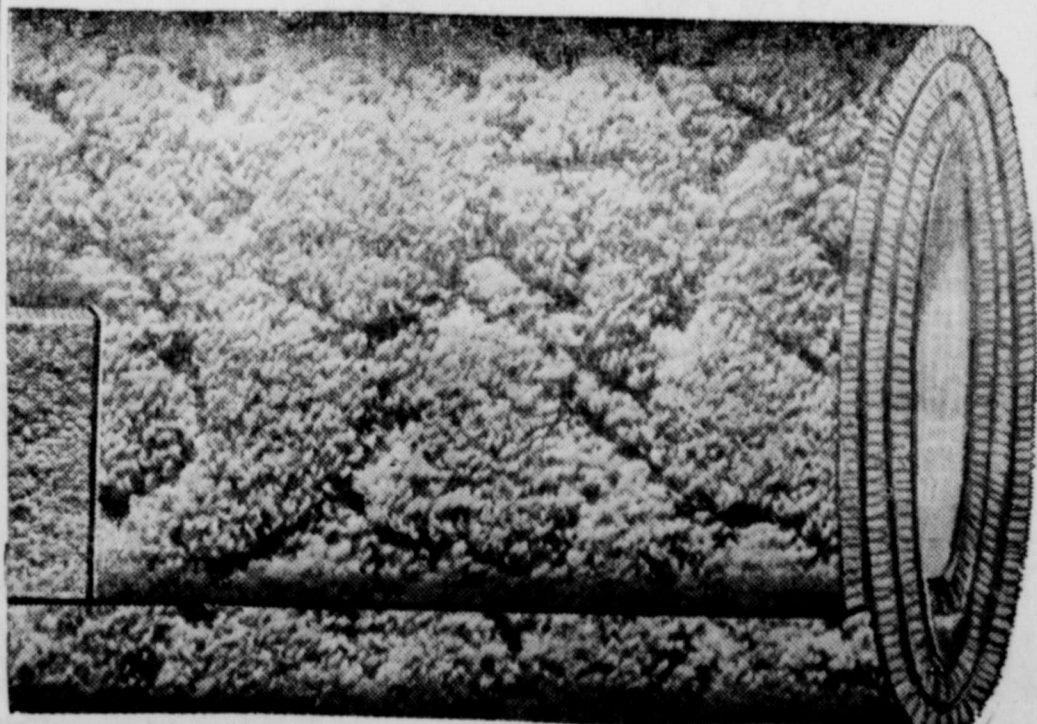
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