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Little Ronnie McKeever was pretty put out at Santa Claus Santa Claus last week, and he doesn't mind telling anyone that he is "mad at Santa Claus." When followed Santa Claus around town and didn't get to talk with him, and his show of a girl on the tight wire was "lousy" as he put it. "And," grieved Ronnie added, "he didn't give me any candy." That's enough to make any kid mad. Don't be mad long, Ronnie, for Santa's really coming within a short time.

Jerry Cunningham, of Merkel, had a very special hand in the Merdin-Simmons University Cowboys' record-breaking game with the University of Corpus Christi at Abilene last Thursday night. The Cowboy won 102-48 to erase the 89 point record in Rose Field House and the all-time high of 98 points. Cunningham, a sophomore, made 11 points in his first start as varsity player. The 6 foot, six inch center is up from last year's Freshman team. He played better than 17 minutes last week. Jerry is on the road trip with the Cowboys at Memphis State, Dec. 7, Murray State, Murray, Kentucky, Dec. 8, and Tennessee Poly. at Cookeville, Tenn. Dec. 10.

Miss Louise Hudson and Bob Hollis had as guests over the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Munday from Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hudson from Levelland, Texas.

Merkel received another new family this week when the Buck Richards family moved in down on Locust street. They have three children. Buck is a sergeant and is stationed at the air base. He recently returned from overseas duty, and they moved here from Fort Worth. Their home is in east Texas.

Often times we get mail, sometimes we agree and sometimes we don't, but nevertheless we always like to pass along the thinking of our readers, and this week we are producing a letter we received. Here it is:

**EAR EDITOR**

What kind of Christmas are you having at your house this Christmas? As the Christmas season nears, let us try to make it a truly Christian Christmas. Each year it seems that commercial greed has killed the true spirit of Christmas.

Months before Christmas the stores are stocked with toys and gifts to entice buyers. That's business, yes, — but is Christ considered in so doing?

A town will go all out to bring the Christmas season in with parades and Santa, leaving out all that really depicts the Christmas spirit. On returning from our community show, one 7 year old girl told her mother, very disappointedly, "It was plum vulgar" (meaning vulgar). She was referring to indecently dressed performers. What are we coming to, that a 7 year old will scoff at our town's representation of the Christmas season?

Our children grow up with the idea that Christmas is a time for getting instead of giving. Some never know the real meaning of Christmas.

Even in our churches we fail to grasp the real meaning. We are willing to let other organizations take the responsibility of looking after the needy. Needs to say, they do a fine job of bringing happiness into these homes, especially to little children who otherwise have no Christmas. The church is missing a spiritual blessing and an opportunity to make more real its testimony for Christ.

Christmas should be a time to dedicate ourselves to the cause of Christianity. It should be a time of giving out of hearts filled with love, not merely a time to buy "Uncle John a tie and Aunt Susan a scarf, because we feel sure they will send a gift for us."

Christmas began in God's gift of the Savior. When the angels announced His birth they sang, "Peace on Earth, good will to men," but in our world today we find good will absent, and Pagan worship as prevalent as in Biblical times. Christ came that he might save the people from their sins, not in them. As believers we are to let the example of Christ be our daily guide. As long as we have this ideal, and love our neighbors as ourselves, Christmas will not lose its spiritual meaning to us.

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## You Can Note A Line in Xmas Package

With the peak of the Christmas mailing season just around the corner, Wrann Durham, postmaster, today called attention to a new combination mail service which he said many patrons of the Merkel Post Office should be interested in.

The new service, he explained, allows the presence of a first class letter or other written message inside a package. All that's necessary is to note on the outside of the package that a letter is enclosed and put an additional stamp on the package.

Under the new service letters or other single pieces of First or Third Class mail may be placed inside Fourth Class parcels or inside copies of publications mailed under second class mail entry. Letters or other single pieces of First Class mail may also be placed inside Third Class packages.

This means the familiar phrase, "we are sending under separate cover," is no longer necessary, the postmaster said. In the past it has been possible to send a letter along with a package only by pasting the letter on the outside of the package and affixing the necessary postage.

This new combination service, which went into effect November 28, meets a genuine need, the Postmaster said. "It is one more improvement to add to the list of more than seventy procedural changes that the present postal management has adopted for the convenience of the public and for the improvement of the postal service."

Durham said the new combination mail service is on a 60-day trial basis. During this period comments of the public will be welcomed.

Durham quoted Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield as saying he felt certain most mailers will welcome this more convenient system for mailing different classes of mail together.

"We are here to serve the public," the Postmaster General said, "and we are especially pleased that we can introduce combination mailings before the Christmas season when so many Americans depend upon the Department for delivery of their gifts and personal messages."

Among the postal patrons needing to send two classes of mail together, the Postmaster also cited business firms sending substitute products and wanting to explain why that was done; magazine publishers sending gift certificates naming the donor with first copies of their publications to new subscribers; manufacturers sending operational, maintenance, and repair instructions with household appliances; and companies including sales letters with samples of merchandise.

## Read Given New 3-Year Contract

Edwin Read, principal of the high school, has been reelected for a three year term to the same position.

The 3-year contract was awarded by the school board, giving Mr. Read a vote of confidence for the fine work he has done as a school administrator.

His current contract would have expired this year.

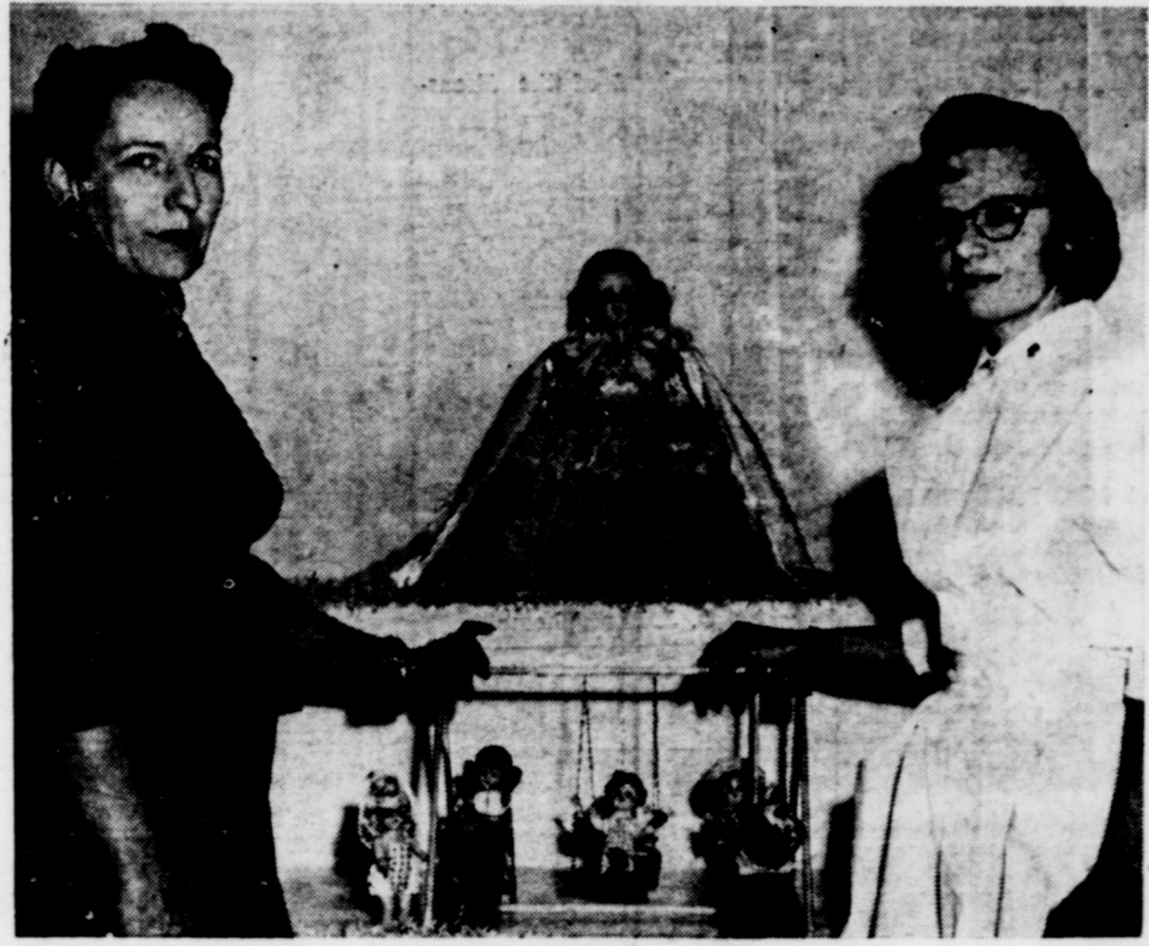
Read did his graduate at Texas Christian University, and he received his degree from North Texas State at Denton.

He served in the school here before the war, and went into service. He returned to the school system after the war.

## New Employee At McKinzie Motors

Lloyd Giles, a native of Winters, has been named service manager of the John McKinzie Motors in Merkel, and has moved his family here.

Giles is an experienced automobile mechanic, and is married and has two children. They already have established a home here.



**TO HELP CRIPPLED CHILDREN** — Mrs. Belle Kimbrough of Merkel, left, presented this group of small dolls to Joy McGlaun for the children at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Miss McGlaun is occupational therapist at the Center. The dolls will be used as a part of the therapeutic treatment in her department. The doll in white (center) was dressed by Mrs. Kimbrough and was bought by four Abilene firms last year for \$1,000. The money and the doll were given to the Center.

## THE CEMETERY FENCE

Attention is being directed throughout this issue of the Merkel Mail to the handsome edifice the Garden Club is having erected at the entrance of Rose Hill Cemetery.

This project was started last year with all funds raised by this energetic club going toward one goal "A fence for the cemetery." A number of sizeable donations from individuals and from "families" have given club members confidence to begin their dream in a most beautiful structure which will be a source of civic pride to every one when completed. Easily seen from town, these massive white Austin stone pillars built in three units, afford an entrance into the old cemetery and an exact duplicate into the new western addition. Contract for this part of the work was let to L. J. White who donated \$150.00 in labor. When completed a handsome bronze plaque will be installed in the center section inscribed with the name Rose Hill Garden Club members visualize roses growing in its curves to further emphasize the name.

Every precaution has been taken to insure stability and the fence will "if" and "when" it is built be as long lasting and as beautiful a low white Austin stone is the ideal barrier after a number of modern cemeteries and veen viewed by members of the fence committee but the generosity of the public will determine to a large extent whether this will be expedient.

This project has reached civic proportions and it will require financial aid from every person to once and for all erect a fitting memorial to the past, present, and future resting place for those who sleep. The Garden Club will continue to be the focus for this tremendous undertaking and contact can easily be made with any member of the club.

MERKEL GARDEN CLUB

## Noodle Baptists To See Pictures

Mrs. Twyman Collins, prominent churchwoman who had made a trip to the Holy Land and the World Baptist alliance last summer, will show her pictures and lecture at the Noodle Baptist church at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. She will give a report on Baptist mission work in foreign countries and show many of the souvenirs she brought back.

## McLeod Lead Badger Victory

Robert McLeod, lanky center for the Merkel Badgers, dumped in 26 points, 22 of them in the first half, as the Badgers coasted to an east 59-30 victory over Rotan.

McLeod sat out most of the final half as the reserves saw action. Last week the Badgers routed Hamlin, 70-30, and McLeod dumped in 30 points. Philip Pursley was second high with 17.

Seeing action were Pursley, Jimmy Neill, Jimmy Russell, Chester Collinsworth, J. McLeod, forwards, McLeod and Manly Denton, centers; Kermit Rutledge, David Pursley, Eddie Higgins, Carl McKeever and Jerry Miller, all guards.

## Bragg's Winner Of Light Contest

Bragg's Dry Goods was declared winner of the contest for the best lighted and decorated store window to open the Christmas season.

Bill Wood's Floral Co. was next with the Taylor REA next. The garden club will judge the homes Christmas decorations December 12. Originality and lighting will count more than cost of a display.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann had as their guests over Thanksgiving holiday Mr. and Mrs. Roy Danziel and son, Danny, of Tulsa, Okla.

Dennis Hartley has returned to his home in Plainview after a three week visit with his mother, Mrs. A. J. Hartley.

## Lester Wheat, 66, Dies At Fort Worth

Lester Evan Wheat, 66, died Wednesday in a Fort Worth hospital.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Starbuck funeral home.

Mr. Wheat is a former Merkel resident, moving away in 1916.

He is survived by one brother, J. E. Wheat, Coleman; three sisters, Mrs. T. C. Allen, Mrs. Ada Higgins, and Mrs. E. H. Thompson, nieces and nephews. He also has son, all of Merkel, and several one daughter, Jane McBride. He was born July 21, 1889 in Coleman county.

## Baptist Women Observe Prayers

The Women's Missionary Union of the First Baptist church observed the yearly Lottie Moon week of prayer last week.

Mrs. Sam Swann, prayer chairman, prepared, informative and inspirational programs each day. She was assisted by Mrs. Bill Largent, president.

On Friday, they observed the Day of Prayer along with other Unions all over the world. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering will begin this Sunday, Dec. 11, and continue throughout the month. The goal for this year is \$2,175.

## Highway Job to Take 280 Days

A contract for 20.8 miles of construction on U.S. Highway 80 in Taylor County has been awarded to a San Angelo firm, it was announced in Austin this week by the State Highway Commission.

C. Hunter Strain submitted the low bid of \$1,019,769.70 on the project. Construction of grading, structures, base, and hot-mix asphaltic concrete pavement from 0.3 miles east of the Nolan County line, east to Abilene is expected to take 260 working days, according to J. C. Roberts, District Highway Engineer at Abilene. The awarding of the contract to this firm is subject to the concurrence of the Bureau of Public Roads.

R. W. Doman, Resident Engineer at Abilene will be in active charge of the project while under construction.

## MASONS MEET

The A.F. and A.M. of Merkel will meet at 7:30 p.m. December 8.

## ABILENE SPEAKER

Rev. Charlie Masseege of Hardin-Simmons University of Abilene delivered the message at the F.B.C. at the officers and teachers banquet at the First Baptist church Monday night. His

## Hospital Notes

Marvin Whitaker  
Mrs. G. N. Davis, Tye  
Sue Case, Abilene  
Mrs. J. S. Swan  
Jerry Don Randall, View  
Mrs. Vernis Henry  
Mrs. L. C. Murray  
Curtis Hammond, Abilene  
Mrs. Cal Hamner  
Mrs. Nettie Johnson, Sweetwater

Garna Leggett, Abilene  
Rachel Blackburn, Sweetwater  
Mrs. Leota Griffin, Tye  
Allen Harkin, Sebastian  
Mrs. Nolan Palmer  
Bill Largent  
H. E. Cole, Anson  
Waldo Cox  
Fay Knight, Abilene  
W. H. Olson, Abilene, Surgery  
Mrs. Ella Shoemaker  
Theida Hammer, Trent  
Mrs. E. H. Cordell  
Darla Matthews, Abilene  
Jerry Matthews, Abilene  
Jan Levarts  
Mrs. D. A. Armstrong, Tye  
James Hellums, Trent.

## NEW ARRIVALS

Mildred Darlene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rister, Merkel. Six pounds, 8 ounces. Born December 1.  
Rita Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Brooks, Merkel. Six pounds, 14 ounces. Born December 2.  
Debra Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Clift, Merkel, 8 pounds, 7 ounces. Born December 5.  
Garry Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Baxter, Tye. Seven pounds, 13 ounces. Born December 6.

## Three Merkelites On McMurray Tour

Three Merkel students at McMurry College will make a four-day concert tour with the McMurry Indian Band, Dec. 11-14, playing for church congregations and high school audiences in nine West Texas communities.

They are Bertha and Sandra Patterson, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Patterson; and Barbara Jean Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson. All three girls played in the Merkel High School Band.

## Rites Monday For Heart Victim

Services for Mrs. Florence Eunice Burkhead, 66, of Eastland were held Monday in the Starbuck Funeral Chapel.

Mrs. Burkhead died Saturday while visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. J. B. Bell. She suffered a heart attack, and died within a few minutes.

The Rev. Cloy Lyles, Methodist pastor, officiated and burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery. The Eastern Star Chapter of Eastland conducted graveside rites. The funeral was restricted to members of the family and close friends.

## Noodle Man Beaten; Seek Unknown Man

Waldo Cox, well-known Noodle farmer, was in a serious condition in Sadler Clinic-Hospital for a few days this week after he was attacked by an unknown assailant Sunday night near Capps.

Cox, who had been in San Angelo to visit his new grandson, had stopped at Capps to aid a woman who had hailed him and told him her car was in trouble.

When he stopped he offered to push the woman, but she told him that it wouldn't do any good, and he looked under the hood. As he raised the hood he was knocked in the head.

He staggered in to the Methodist church near there and screamed for help and frightened the congregation, but the pastor brought him to the Merkel hospital.

Officers said they had no trace of the assailant, as Cox could offer no description, since he was struck from behind.

He was robbed of \$110, his keys to his car, and the gas was emptied out of his car.

It was first reported that the keys to Cox's car were thrown in the seat of the car, but this was in error, as they were the gin keys where Cox was a bookkeeper.

Cox had gone to San Angelo Sunday morning with Albert Criswell and Hicks Goode, of Noodle, to see his new grandson. Mrs. Cox had gone down there Saturday. He started back to Noodle late in the afternoon, after filling up with gas at San Angelo. But when his car was found near the scene, it was empty of gas. Officers believe the assailants also took his gas or emptied it.

Cox said he believed a feat had been wearing probably saved his life, as he was struck with a heavy instrument over the head. He was knocked unconscious, and as he lay on the ground face down, he was further attacked.

Mrs. Cox said later she had to have new locks put on the car, as the assailants took the car keys.

## Former Resident Dies at Aledo

Othel Thomas, 53, died unexpectedly Tuesday night of a heart attack at his home in Aledo, where he moved from Merkel about 15 years ago.

Thomas grew up in Merkel, attended schools here and his relatives still live here.

The funeral will be held Thursday at Aledo.

Survivors include his wife of Aledo, a son, Larry, his mother, Mrs. J. W. Thomas, of Merkel, two sisters, Mrs. M. E. Harris, Merkel, and Mrs. Lester Blair, Merkel, and four brothers, Raymond Thomas, Merkel, Claude Thomas, Pecos, Willie Thomas, Midland, and Frank Thomas, Fort Worth.

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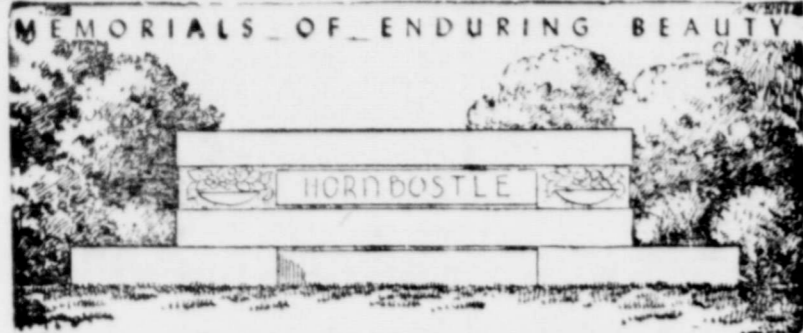
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**MRS. W. M. LOFLIN**

Mr. and Mrs. John Eakin, Patty Sue and Jimmy visited in Wichita Falls over the weekend with Mrs. Eakins brother, Mr. and Mrs. Pee Wee Stewart.

The Eakins spent Thanksgiving in McGregor with Mr. Eakins mother, Mrs. John Eakin Sr. and his sister, Mrs. R. L. Honauer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker had as guests last week Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Melcher and children of Kerrville, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Loflin had as guests Thanksgiving, Mr. Loflin's brothers and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Loflin and children of Kermit, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Loflin of Rising Star, Mr. L. E. Loflin of Abilene, Mrs. George Kirkland and children of Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Large of Knox City.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Mashburn spent Thanksgiving with their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilmore of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Childress spent the week-end in Morgan visiting Mr. Childress's brother Mr. Cal Childress who is ill. They came back to Cisco Sunday to attend the funeral of Mr. Childress uncle, Mr. Warren G. Jessup.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mashburn at Abilene Sunday night. They also visited with Franklin Mashburn who is home on leave from the Navy.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley Thanksgiving Day were Mrs. Tarpley's parents, and brothers Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Gregory, Troy, and Inlo of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dell Gregory of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley, Ghrona and David, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tarpley and Rachell in Abilene, Sunday.

David Tarpley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley was 3 years old Saturday getting a lot of presents and having a big cake topped with 3 candles made him a very happy little boy.

**STITH H. D. CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS**

The Stith Home Demonstration Club opened with a short devotional by Mrs. O. B. Leach in the home of Mrs. Orval Ely.

The song "God Bless America" was sung by the group, followed by prayer by Mrs. M. H. Ely. Two games were directed by Mrs. J. E. Hudson. The business meeting consisted of the discussion of the Bingo Party in the near future; and the annual tea at Anson.

The minutes and council report was given by Mrs. John Eakin. The program on "Health" was brought by Mrs. Leach.

Mrs. W. M. Loflin was elected president for the year 1956 at this meeting, with Mrs. Bill Childers being appointed reporter.

Mrs. R. D. Ely was welcomed as a new member. Hostess gift was won by Louise Hudson.

Fruit cake and coffee were served to the nine members present, four children and one visitor, Mrs. M. H. Ely.

The next meeting will be Dec. 7 in Mrs. O. J. Figs' home.

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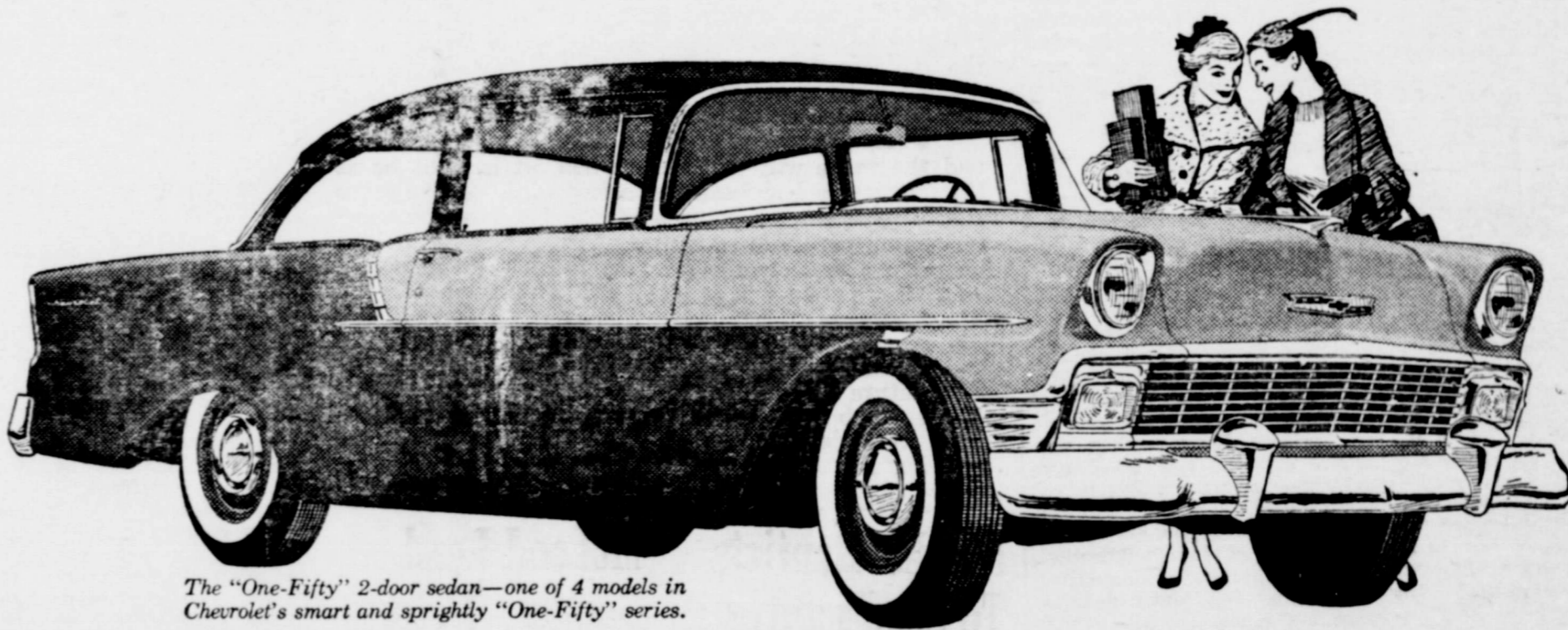
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**On Building Cemetery Fence**

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### UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Well all the cotton is out and the hands are going back home. This has been a fine fall for harvest. One farmer said to another we made a good crop but it hasn't paid many bills. The other said yes but what if we hadn't made it? After all we've been blessed with a good crop.

Last Wednesday night, the women of the Home Demonstration Club gave their families a supper at the Community Center. There were about 70 present for the fine supper.

Thanks to our good women for being so good to us. After the supper the women gave a short program and then the games of bingo and 42 were played.

Joe Seymore who has large farming acreage on the east side of the Canyon has plans under way to enlarge an earthen tank so that he might irrigate some land. Some of the boys will keep an eye on that work to see how it will work out. We think there will be more of the work to develop in the years to come.

Mrs. Hollis McLean and baby of Fort Worth and Miss Andra Mae Lamb of Abilene were among visitors at Pioneer Sunday.

Mulberry Canyon has two young men attending college. Allen King Jr. is in Lubbock and Paton Scott is in San Angelo. They are always happy for a chance to sit in with our fine group of young people at Pioneer Church.

Mrs. R. L. McLean has been moved home from the hospital. We are glad she is improving. B. B. Reynolds is also home after suffering a bad fall. Good luck B. B.

Saturday afternoon brought dust and cold weather to our section. Farmers and ranchmen will be turning to the feed wagon now for livestock feeding.

Hubert Berry who took the place of Coleman O'Brian as head

of our Soil Conservation office in Merkel along with James Bomonie of Abilene and Dr. R. W. Varner of Abilene ate a country dinner with the Tom Russoms and the party checked over the 340 acres of land owned by Dr. R. W. Varner and made plans for an extensive land improvement. Dr. Varner has another good farm in the canyon and he has made a deal with Tom Russom to Russom will lightly stock the 340 acre tract.

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**MRS. W. M. LOFLIN**  
Mr. and Mrs. James Mankin had as guest Sunday, Mrs. Mankin's parents, and also her brother, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Grissom of Truly, and Mr. and Mrs. Randall Grissom of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Fikes had two of their children home Sunday. They were Mrs. R. C. Miller and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fikes and children all of Abilene.

Mrs. Chester Fikes and Pat spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reddin.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Hanson had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Limer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley had as guest Sunday, Rev. and Mrs. Jessie Ewindell.

The Stith Baptist Church is going to give the Rev. and Mrs. Jessie Swindell a pounding Sunday night Dec. 18 after the Christmas program.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald Jr. went to Gonzales last week end to take George for his check up. George is doing fine and is going to be able to wear boots now.

Mrs. W. M. Loflin's mother, Mrs. J. B. Warren of Seymour was down for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mashburn of Abilene Saturday. They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mashburn and

son of Robert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mashburn and boys of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Mashburn. Franklin is here on leave from the Navy.

**HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**  
The Merkel High School traditional Christmas pageant, "Joy to the World," will be presented at 7:30 Monday night, December 12, in the First Baptist Church. Speech students and the Girl's Chorus constitute the cast. The public is invited to this free performance.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wurst spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Wurst in Oroville, Calif. Mr. Wurst had an operation recently, but is getting along fine.

B. B. Reynolds Jr., who was injured in an accident in Ohio recently, is able to be up and around town. He is recuperating at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Murphree

have just returned from visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Murphree and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Murphree, at Oakman, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Bullock, 1208 Forrest Park, Ave., San Angelo announce the arrival of a son, December 3, Mrs. Bullock is the former Louise Cox, of Noodle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox.

Our Sincere Congratulations to you, the Members of the

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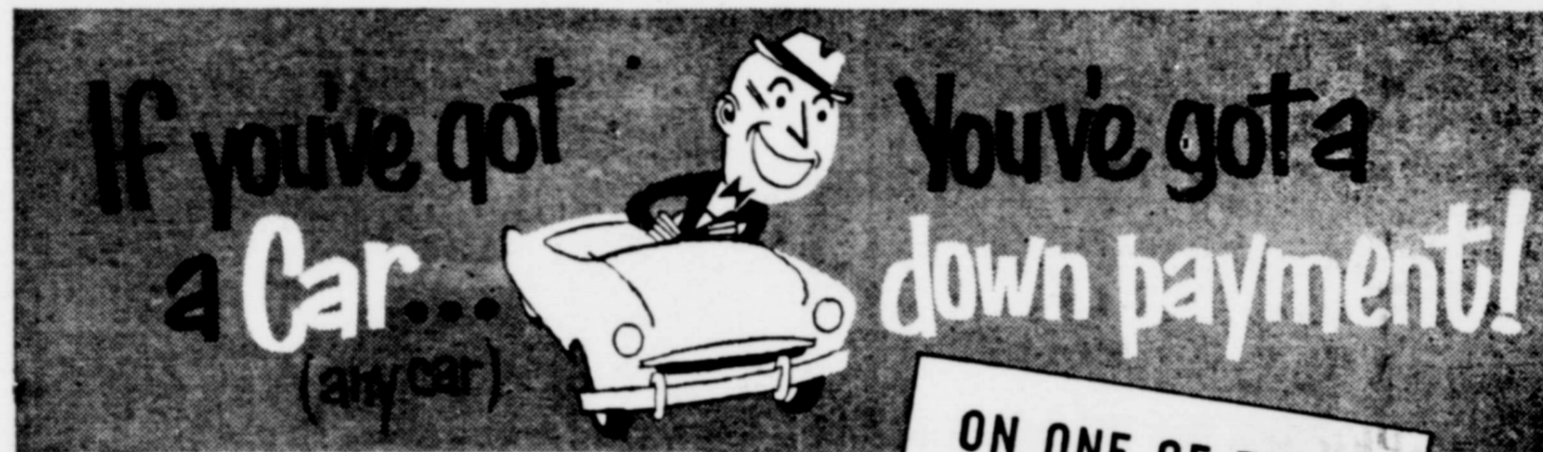
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The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Earl E. Howell of Ingram, Texas.

Rev. Sam Tullock, pastor of the First Baptist Church, read the wedding vows before an altar banked with palms and arrangements of bronze mums with a background of greenery and gold banded candelabra.

Mrs. Norman Winters presented the pre-nuptial papers and selections and played the wedding marches, accompanied Mrs. Boyd Moore, vocalist, as she sang "Whither Thou Goest", and Don Jones, vocalist, as he sang, "Always," "I Walk With God", and "The Lord's Prayer."

Kay Lynn Perry, cousin of the bride, and Annette Boney were candlelighters. They wore matching gold cotton satin back dress-

es, their corsages were feathered bronze mums. Peggy Bond registered the guests.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, she wore a gown of white brocaded satin-top designed with a fitted bodice made with small collar and minute self buttons down the back to the point of the tunic, her full length skirt was of embroidered tulle over satin. Her double tiered finger-tip veil of nylon tulle was attached to a tiara of seed pearls. Her bouquet was brown orchids with brown mums atop a white Bible. She wore pearl earrings, a gift of a friend, as her only jewelry. For good luck she wore a penny and a two and one-half dollar gold piece in her shoe.

Mrs. H. K. Henniger of Anson, was matron of honor, her dress was rust crystalette skirt with a long torso and full skirt with matching bandeaux. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Harrel Sloan, Mrs. Jimmie Smith, of Sweetwater, and Miss Jerry Hill of Pampana. Their dresses were made identically to the honor attendant's, except they were in winter

green crystalette with matching bandeaux. Each girl carried a colonial bouquet of bronze mums. Brynna Rousom, cousin of the bride, was a flower girl, Larry Denison, also a cousin of the bride, was ring-bearer, both were from Odessa.

Raymond Sleiger of Stratford was best man, Groomsman and ushers were Jerry Gibson, Merkel, L. B. Gibson, Morton, brothers of the Bride, and Jerry Cunningham, Merkel.

The bride's mother wore a cadet blue satin back faille dress with black accessories, and a hat of white satin with pearl trim, her corsage was yellow feathered mums, a gift of the bridegroom.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the home of the bride's parents.

Baskets of bronze mums were used in decorating the dining-room, the bride's table was laid with a crocheted lace cloth over green, centered with the bride's bouquet.

Betty Kannel rendered piano selections during the reception. Jan Lemon ladeled the punch and Peggy Bond served the three tiered wedding cake.

The bride's traveling suit was of chartruse velveteen with brown accessories, the brown orchid her bridal bouquet was her corsage.

After a short wedding trip, the ford, where the bridegroom is couple will be at home at Strat- employed by Phillips Petroleum Co.

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 Tuesday the 10th day of January 1956, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting. Booth Warren, President.

Other out-of-town people who attended the O. B. Boden Jr. funeral in Merkel last week included Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Morris, and daughter, Norma Jean, Beverly and Bettye, of Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Buster Eason, daughter and granddaughter, Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Tate, Tuscola, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wardo, Abilene, and several of the Boden family who worked with Mr. Boden at the Bell Aircraft in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Green and son, Jackie, of Ryan visited with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Finch, over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chambliss visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chambliss over the week end. Mrs. Chambliss is in the hospital.

FOR SALE - Three four room cottages, located at Humble pipeline company, northeast of town of Hawley, Texas, all cottages to be moved off company property, sealed bids will be received only through U. S. Mail, addressed to Humble Pipeline Company, Attention Mr. W. C. Hogue, Box 712, Cisco, Texas, on or before 10 a.m. December 27, 1955. Rights reserved to reject any or all bids. Inspection of property can be made by applying to Mr. C. Ohr at Humble Pipe Line Company, Hawley pump station, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. December 12 to 16, inclusive. Bid sheets and instructions for bidding may be secured at location. 39-1tc.

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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: W. D. Shaddix, deceased, estate, and Ella Davis, deceased, estate, and known and unknown heirs of W. D. Shaddix and Ella Davis, deceased, Defendants, Greeting:

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear before the Honorable Special Commissioners' Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by personal appearance, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. January 6, 1956, after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8th day of August A.D. 1955, in this cause and styled The State of Texas, Plaintiff, vs. W. D. Shaddix, deceased, estate, and Ella Davis, deceased, estate, and known and unknown heirs of W. D. Shaddix and Ella Davis, deceased, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows to-wit: Suit for condemnation of land for right-of-way purposes for US Highway 83, being a strip or parcel of land out of Lot 26, Stephens Subdivision of the Merchant Pasture of the James R. Shipman Survey No. 86, Taylor County, Texas; 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 7th day of November A.D. 1955.  
 (SEAL)

Attest:  
 Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, Clerk, Special Commissioners' Court, Taylor County, Texas.  
 By Inez Williams, Deputy.

(Published in The Merkel Mail Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 1955)  
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TO: Alfred A. Smith and L. C. Lingle d/b/a Smith and Lingle Construction Company, Defendants, 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 2nd day of January A.D. 1956, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 13th day of July A.D. 1955, in this cause, numbered 20.669-A on the docket of said court and styled Central Texas Machinery Co.,

a Partnership, Plaintiff, vs. Alfred A. Smith and L. C. Lingle d/b/a Smith and Lingle Construction Company, Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: This is a suit on an account duly verified against the defendants, jointly and severally, for materials and parts and for work, labor and services furnished by plaintiffs for the defendants at their special instance and request during the months of June, July and September, 1954, said verified account being attached to plaintiff's petition and plaintiff's suit being for the sum of \$2,313.70; the suit is also for reasonable attorney's fees in the amount of \$750.00 and for costs of suit; as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 17th day of November A. D. 1955  
 (SEAL)

Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas.  
 By C. Bower, Deputy.

**CONSTABLE'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale No. 20.657-A issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, on the 28th day of November 1955, by District Clerk of said 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas for the sum of Thirty nine thousand, seven hundred fifty dollars & no/100 Dollars (\$39,750.00) and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of R. C. Lillard in a certain cause in said Court, No. 20.657-A and styled R. C. Lillard vs R. S. Griswold et al, placed in my hands for service, I J. D. Woodard, Constable of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 28 day of November 1955, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 1, 2, the north 75 feet of Lot 3, Lot 6, Lot 7 and Lot 8 in Block No. 7, Replat of the Country Club Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas and levied upon as the property of R. S. Griswold, Etta Mae Griswold, Tom C. Lillard and that on the first Tuesday in January 1956, the same being the 3rd day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, and Constable's Notice of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendure, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said R. S. Griswold, Etta Mae Griswold and Tom C. Lillard.

And in compliance with law, I

the English language, once each week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 28 day

of November 1955.  
 J. D. WOODARD  
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Ruby Joanne Sloan was married to Harold Robert Bails of Fort Hood, Friday evening in the Church of Christ at Merkel. Edd Brown of Abilene Christian College performed the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan of Noodle and Mrs. Harold B. Bails of Charleston, Ill.

Candlelight services were read before an arch of bronze chrysanthemums flanked by bronze burning tapers. Bouquets of bronze chrysanthemums and palms flanked the arrangement.

Harold Sloan, brother of the bride, was best man and Mrs. Sloan, was matron of honor, Mrs. Tim Mason of Lubbock and Mrs. Jeff Dunlap Jr. of Abilene were bridesmaids.

Cousin of the bride, Gay Lynn Satterwhite of Abilene, was flower girl. Lighting candles were Billy Sloan, brother of the bride,

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and Johnny Bails, brother of the bridegroom. Ushers were Hervey Latham of Noodle and Larry Sloan of Hawley. Stevie Satterwhite, cousin of the bride, was ring bearer.

Elaine Fare of Abilene sang "Because" and "Whither Thou Goest." A quartet sang other wedding selections.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a dress of nylon lace over taffeta made with a scalloped neckline, bordered with lace flowers and pearl centers. Tulle filled in the yoke, attached to a collar trimmed the neckline. Her veil of tulle was gathered to an ornament of pearl trimmed flowers, and lace flowers edged the veil. She carried a white Bible topped by orchids and white pom mums, interwoven with lace leaves that matched the dress.

The matron of honor wore a tan

dress made with fitted bodice, three quarter sleeves and full pleated skirt. The bridesmaids wore avocado green dresses. Attendants carried crescent bouquets of bronze pom mums and pearlized grapes.

Gay Lynn Satterwhite wore a bronze velveteen dress fashioned like the bridal gown.

The bride's mother wore a rust colored suit and black accessories with a bronze mum corsage. Mrs. Bails, mother of the bridegroom, wore a grey suit with black accessories and a bronze mum corsage.

The couple will live in Killeen in the Shandy Lane Trailer Park, after Dec. 2.

For a wedding trip, the bride wore a brown flannel suit with sandalwood shoes and bag.

The bride attended Abilene Christian College and was graduated from Noodle High School.

The groom attended East Illinois State College, Charleston, Ill.

Out of town guests were from Sweetwater, Fort Worth, Lubbock, Abilene, Odessa, Charleston, Ill. Mrs. Bob Hale of Abilene registered guests.

## Foods Plentiful During December

Housewives should find the December plentiful foods list to their liking both from the standpoint of supplies and price. Holiday meals promise to be cheaper this season than in several years, judging from the list the U. S. Department of Agriculture has declared plentiful.

Topping the list is a great combination . . . sweet potatoes and pork. Supplies of both are heavy and prices favor consum-

er. Despite the fact that this in winter season, more fruits are available now than in several months. These include grapes, winter peas, cranberries, and grapefruit.

Also more dates are showing up at local markets than is usual at this season. Pinto beans and Irish potatoes are also on the December list.

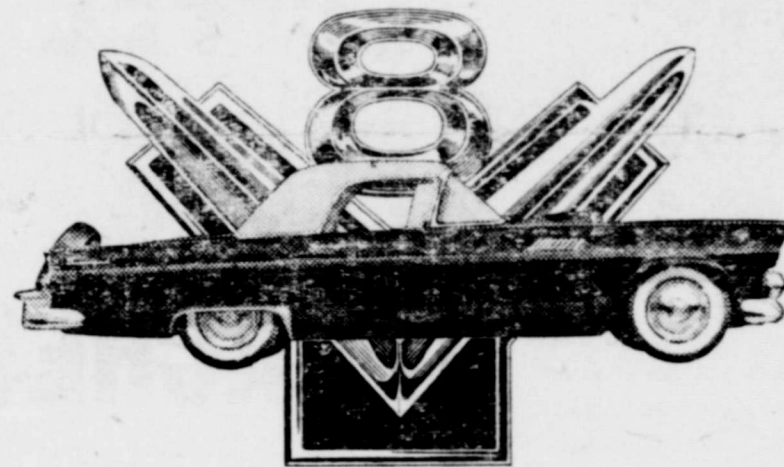
Turkeys, broilers and fryers, beef and canned tuna are almost as plentiful as pork in this area. Other foods rating a spot on the USDA's list include dairy products, lard, vegetable fats and oils.



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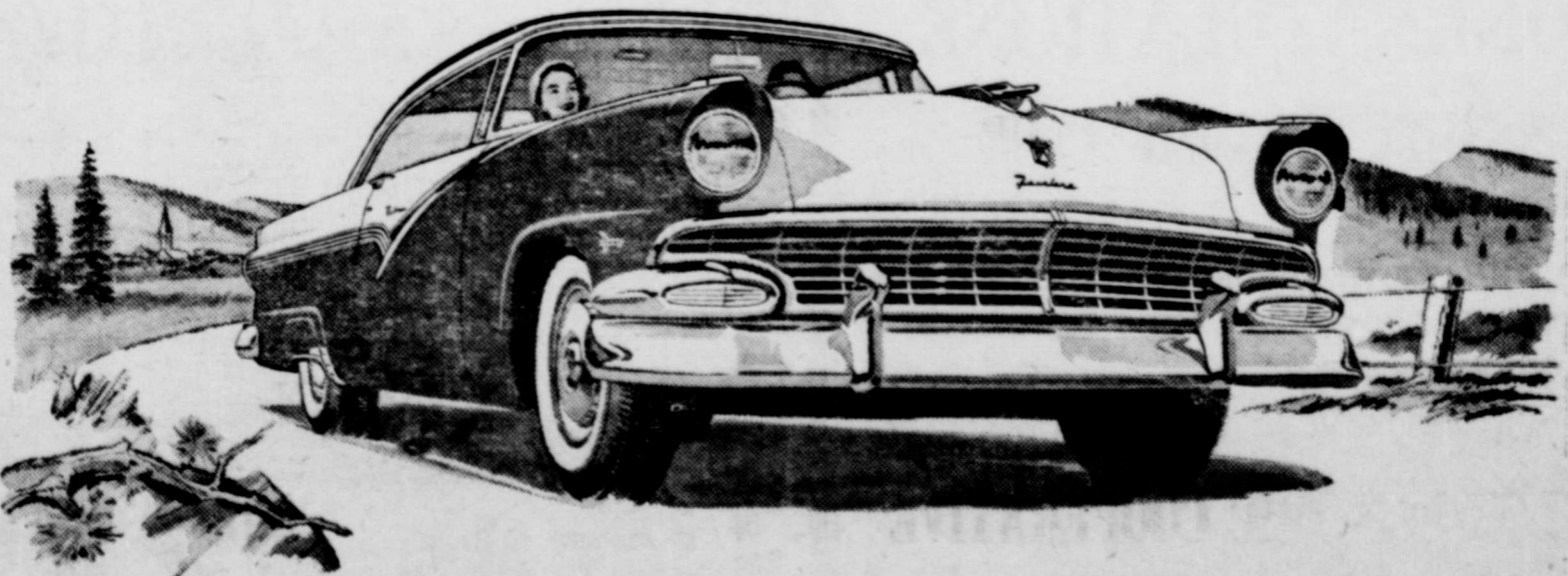
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**NOODLE**

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lile Code recently were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Code and two children of Kermit and Mr. and Mrs. Don Code of Brownfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox received word Friday their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herbie Bullock at San Angelo have a new son, they also have a daughter. Mrs. Cox has gone to spend a few days with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Jeffery visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Val Bryon, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Adkins of Anson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Sprayberry recently.

Mrs. Carl Jackson visited her brother, Mr. R. P. Stanton and wife at Jal, New Mexico this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Wood and David visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Caldwell at Anson Sunday.

Max Hodges son of Mr. and Mrs. Oran Hodges is at home on

a thirty-six day furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maxwell of Aspermont, and two little sons visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Naith Maxwell Sunday.

Billie Jock Benningfield and family also Leroy and family visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jock Benningfield last week end.

Mrs. Thomas Jones and three daughters from South Texas visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Anderson, also her sister Mrs. Margie Ross last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Warren and Loyd spent Sunday in Longview visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. G. W. Kikhem.

Mrs. George Cooper, Mrs. Bill Caldwell, and Ruby visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Y. Hudson Monday evening. Mr. Hudson was some better. Their daughter and granddaughter from California are visiting them.

Mike Tarpley is attending school at Noodle now. He will stay with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Callaway for a few days.



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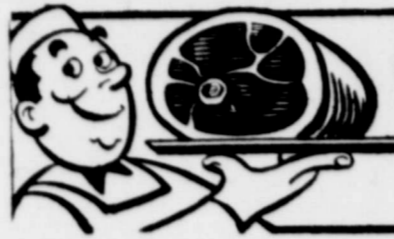
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**RECIPE OF THE WEEK**

By Mary Lee Taylor  
**Cottage Dinner**  
No. 303 can cut green beans 1/4 cup finely cut onion  
2 Tablespoons hot shortening  
2 Tablespoons flour  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
Few grains pepper  
1/4 cup Fat Evaporated Milk  
No. 303 can small potatoes, drained  
12-oz. can lunch meat  
Grease a shallow baking dish holding about 6 cups. Drain beans, save liquid. Cook onion slowly about 5 minutes in shortening in a saucepan. Blend in flour, salt and pepper. Stir in 1/2 cup liquid off beans. Boil and stir 2 minutes. Stir in milk. Mix in drained beans and potatoes. Put into greased dish. Cut lunch meat into 8 slices and arrange on top. Bake on bottom rack of moderately hot oven (375) about 15 minutes, or until bubbly hot. Serve hot from the baking dish. Makes 4 servings.

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