

TRENT

Morris Wayne Claborn was given a birthday party by his mother, Mrs. A. M. Claborn, on his eighteenth birthday, December 7.

The party was carried out Mexican style. With the Mexican supper and decorations.

The guests were entertained by Mr. Bob Palo with his magic tricks.

Guests attending were Misses Judy Steadman, Kay Beasley, Jerry orton, John Stowe, Bob Palo, Earnie Manning, David Manning, Judy, Keith and A. M. Claborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Jengenson were in Abilene on Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hogue left Thursday for Lubbock where Mr. Hogue will have a heart examination.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Palo and children left Friday for La Habra, California on their vacation. They will spend the Christmas Holidays with their parents.

Mr. James Hellus is home after spending several days in the hospital at Knox City and Merkel from a back injury.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Winn were visitors in Anson Wednesday.

Mrs. M. Freeman was in Sweetwater last Thursday.

Mrs. Greta Williamson and Mrs. Love were visiting in Abilene Wednesday.

Miss Nelto Hale of Fort Worth visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hale over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hicks and family of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Yate Sipe and daughter were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Manning's Saturday.

Mrs. Odell Greeman visited in Abilene Wednesday Mrs. Dottie Lang of Abilene and Mrs. Alice Emma Cross, Clara Ferrell, Mrs. O. H. Cox, and Mrs. Robert Scott of Sylvester visited Mrs. Bob Spence Friday afternoon.

The spacious new home Mrs.

Odell Freeman was the scene Thursday of the Christmas luncheon for members of the Friendship class of the First Baptist Church.

The dining room table had a lovely center piece of white foilage and color candles, filled with food, where the guests were served.

In the adjoining living room was a big green tree glittering with tinsel and lights. Beneath this each class member laid a gift for exchanging.

Mrs. Manning gave the thanks prayer. Mrs. A. M. Claborn, president, opened the meeting, and Mrs. Frank Carter gave the devotional.

Present were Meses. Othel Barnhill, L. C. Murray, L. W. Ross, C. C. Estep, A. M. Claborn, Doris Drigger, Cecil Taylor, Frank Carter, Carl Edwards, J. D. Manning, Foy Steadman, McDonald and the hostess Mrs. Freeman and five children.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. J. D. Manning entertained her son Earnie Lynn on his fourth birthday, with a party.

The Christmas theme of Santa and his reindeer with the candy tree was the table decorations. Games were played with Stan Hicks and Cresta Sipe winning the prizes. Earnie opened many lovely gifts, enjoyed by all the children. Each child received his gift from off the Christmas tree.

Refreshments of birthday cake and hot chocolate were served to Mona Beth Hogan, Ina Beth Ray, Cresta Sipe, Debbie and Stan Hicks, Chris and Gregory Palo, Steffie Hogan, Sandra Freeman, Jack Horton, James and Richard Manning, Mrs. Charles Hogan, Mrs. Yate Sipe, Mrs. Eldon Hicks, Mrs. O. E. Ray, Mrs. Bob Palo, Judy and Keith Claborn, and J. D. Manning.

Elmer Lee Sandusky, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky, has returned home after two years of service in the army.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Steakley and family of Novice, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Allen and family of Godsboro were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Higgins, Sunday.

HODGES

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cox, Lanna and Jimmy. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelso, Maddie, Leon and Derrell visited in Eastland Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reece and family.

Mrs. T. W. Vantrees and Mrs. Clyde Jones are on the sick list. We are hoping they are feeling better real soon.

Mrs. Ruby McCaleb received word that her brother, Brooks Shelton of Carlsbad, New Mexico was seriously ill. Her mother, Mrs. Mollie Shelton of Dallas is also ill.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fullbright and Tim of Abilene visited with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sloan on

Sunday. Visiting with Mrs. Virgie McCoy and Jack on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McCoy, Betsy and Eldora, Mr. and Mrs. Durwood McCoy and Lu Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walsh of Tuscola, Mr. and Mrs. Osro Warner, Mrs. McCoy and Jack plan to go home with the Warners on Thursday and remain for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boney, Famelle and Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lindley of Colorado City, and Mrs. Helen Boney were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney and Annet for their Christmas dinner.

Mrs. W. R. Nichols and daughter, Linda, of Johnstown, Pa., are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John West during the holidays.



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"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."
ST. LUKE, Chap. II, 10

Let us all remember the blessed story and its lessons. Let us keep faith and love in our hearts for all mankind and this will be a truly Joyous Noel!

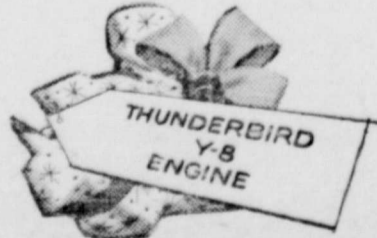
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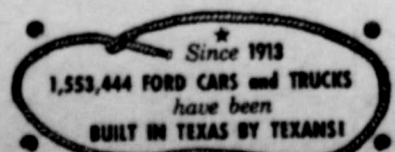
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As we prepare for another visit from Santa we like to pause to remember all the wonderful friendships we've made in the past and look forward to those of the New Year. We thank you all for your every kindness and hope you have a

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292,946 Farms Listed During 1954 Census

The 1954 agricultural census recorded a total of 292,946 farms in Texas. The total number electrified last November stood at 269,219 for a percentage total of 91.9. By contrast, in 1940 only 22.4 percent of the farms reporting were electrified; by 1950 the number had jumped to 260,373 farms or 78.5 percent. In 1940 only 17.6 percent of all farms in the state reporting had telephones. During the next 10 years the percentage rose to 23.1 percent but from 1950-54 the percentage jumped to 38 percent. A summary of the preliminary reports from the 1954 Census of Agriculture covering Texas also show that rural residents have equipped their farms and homes with many electrical appliances for making life in the country more enjoyable and also have used electricity to save labor and increase production.

The summary shows that by October of 1954, 30.8 percent of all farms had television; 68.1 percent had piped running water; 32.1 percent had a home freezer; 12.6 percent had a power grinder; 3.4 percent a milking machine and 8 percent used electric pig brooders.

It must be remembered, points out Extension Agricultural Engineer W. L. Ulich, that the percentages are for all farms in the state and that the percentages vary with almost every county. In the case of feed grinders, he says the greatest numbers are found in the counties where much grain and forage is produced and fed to livestock and poultry. Milking machines are most numerous in counties where dairying is of major importance. Electricity, he adds, has pro-

vided the energy needed to replace man power and bring more efficient production to the farm. Motors and appliances handle the chores which formerly required human labor, and they do it faster and cheaper. Research, he says, is continually coming up with new machinery and equipment for making the job of farming less tiring and more enjoyable and electricity is a major source of power in the changing picture.

B. B. HD CLUB ENTERTAINS GUESTS

The Blue Bonnet Home Demonstration Club had a Thanksgiving dinner Wednesday night in the Pioneer Tabernacle in honor of the member's families.

Mrs. R. G. Toombs, president gave the welcome and Dale Davis gave the blessing.

About eighty were present to enjoy the chicken and dressing and all the fixings. The center of interest at the head table was a modernistic gold horn-of-plenty

overflowing with the traditional pumpkin, corn, fruit, vegetables and grain. Background color was given by beautiful autumn leaves. Other tables were centered with arrangements of white mums, maize, and gold and red leaves. The program consisted of everyone joining in singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and readings were given by Mrs. Joe Swinney, Mrs. Joe Seymour and Mrs. Tom Russom.

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 7:30 o'clock P.M., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Booth Warren, President



PERRY'S CONOCO STATION

Merry Christmas



We would like to extend at this time our best wishes to you and your loved ones. May your Holiday be a merry one and filled with goodwill! May the New Year bring you luck, success, and happiness!

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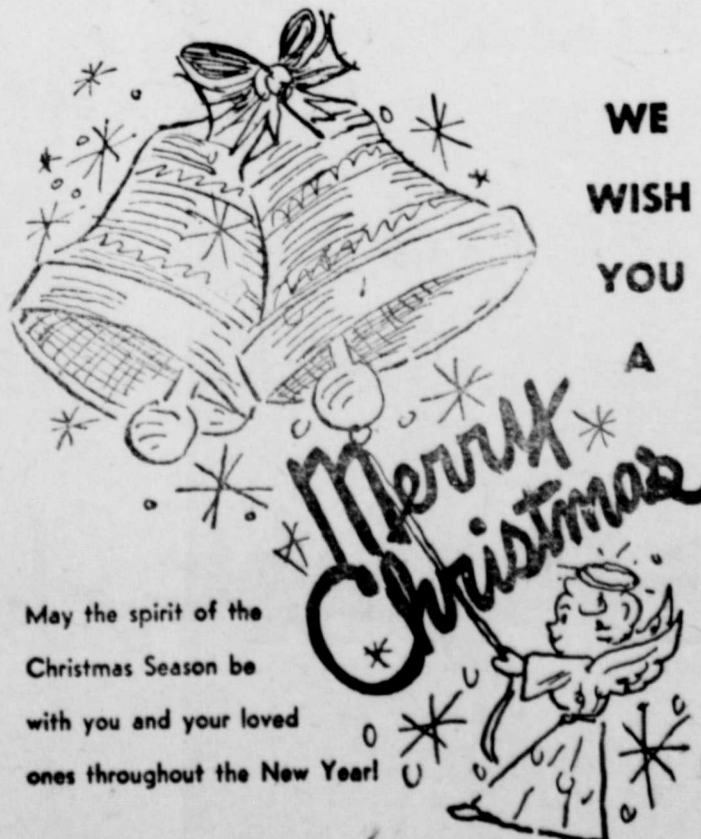


To you and your family we extend our greetings for a truly wonderful Holiday Season and a most prosperous New Year!

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Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clement and boys, Mr. Carl Wood, Mrs. Dayrl Wood and David were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox returned home Sunday after visiting in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herbie Bullock, in San Angelo.

The Naith Maxwells moved in their new home Tuesday. There was an open house given for them Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Y. Hudson and son, Clarence, moved into our community Saturday. We welcome this fine family.

Ginning is almost a thing of the past, they only ginned Tuesday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maxwell and

two little sons of Aspermont visited in the home of his parents, M. and Mrs. Naith Maxwell Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Thompson and family from Oklahoma spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. John Thompson, and sister Mrs. Robert Wyche and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Owens of Fort Worth are visiting their daughter and families, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Pack.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee and Mrs. Dock Calloway were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Touchstones Sunday.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —

GREETING:
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed 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: Tolbert Arledge, Defendant. Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation same being the 22nd day of January A. D. 1956, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 26th day of November A.D. 1955, in this cause, numbered 20,380-A on the docket of said court and styled Patsy Arledge, Plaintiff vs. Tolbert Arledge, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff & Defendant were married on or about 1950 and lived together until on or about September, 1953.

Plaintiff shows there is no community property to be adjudicated and that there are 2 children, names of Gerry Hayes and Billy Don Arledge.

Plaintiff sues for Divorce on grounds of cruel treatment and prays that she have custody of two children and defendant pay child support as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If the 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 by hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 8th day of December A.D. 1955.

(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk,
42nd District Court,
Taylor County, Texas.
By Clayrene Long, Deputy.

NEWS

County Home
Demonstration Agent
Texas A.M. College
Extension Service

CHRISTMAS TIME AT HOME

Christmas is a time of tradition — of church services and caroling, Santa Claus, glistening trees, surprise gifts and hospitable entertainment. Let the food served at holiday parties help carry the gala spirit of entertainment.

CHRISTMAS MENUS

- "Twas the night . . ."
- Scalloped oysters
- Oven-crisp potatoes
- Tossed salad
- Hard rolls — butter
- Sugar cookies
- Hot cranberry punch
- White Christmas Breakfast
- Frosted grapes
- Scrambled eggs — grits
- Link sausage
- Hot cranberry muffins
- Butter or margarine — Coffee
- Yule Dinner**
- Shrimp cocktail
- Roast turkey
- Cornbread dressing
- Giblet gravy — Candied yams
- Buttered broccoli
- Ruby-red grapefruit and avocado salad with French dressing
- Ripe and green olives
- Cranberry sauce — Celery curls
- Hot rolls — Butter or margarine
- Fruit cake — Coffee
- Hot Buttered Cranberry Punch**
- 3-4 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1 cup water
- 1-4 teaspoon salt
- 1-4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1-2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1-2 teaspoon allspice
- 3-4 teaspoon cloves
- 2 1-pound cans jellied cranberry sauce
- 3 cups water
- 1 quart pineapple juice
- Cinnamon sticks
- Butter or margarine

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gibson of Morton announced the birth of a son, James Dent II. They have another son, Jerry. Parental grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown.

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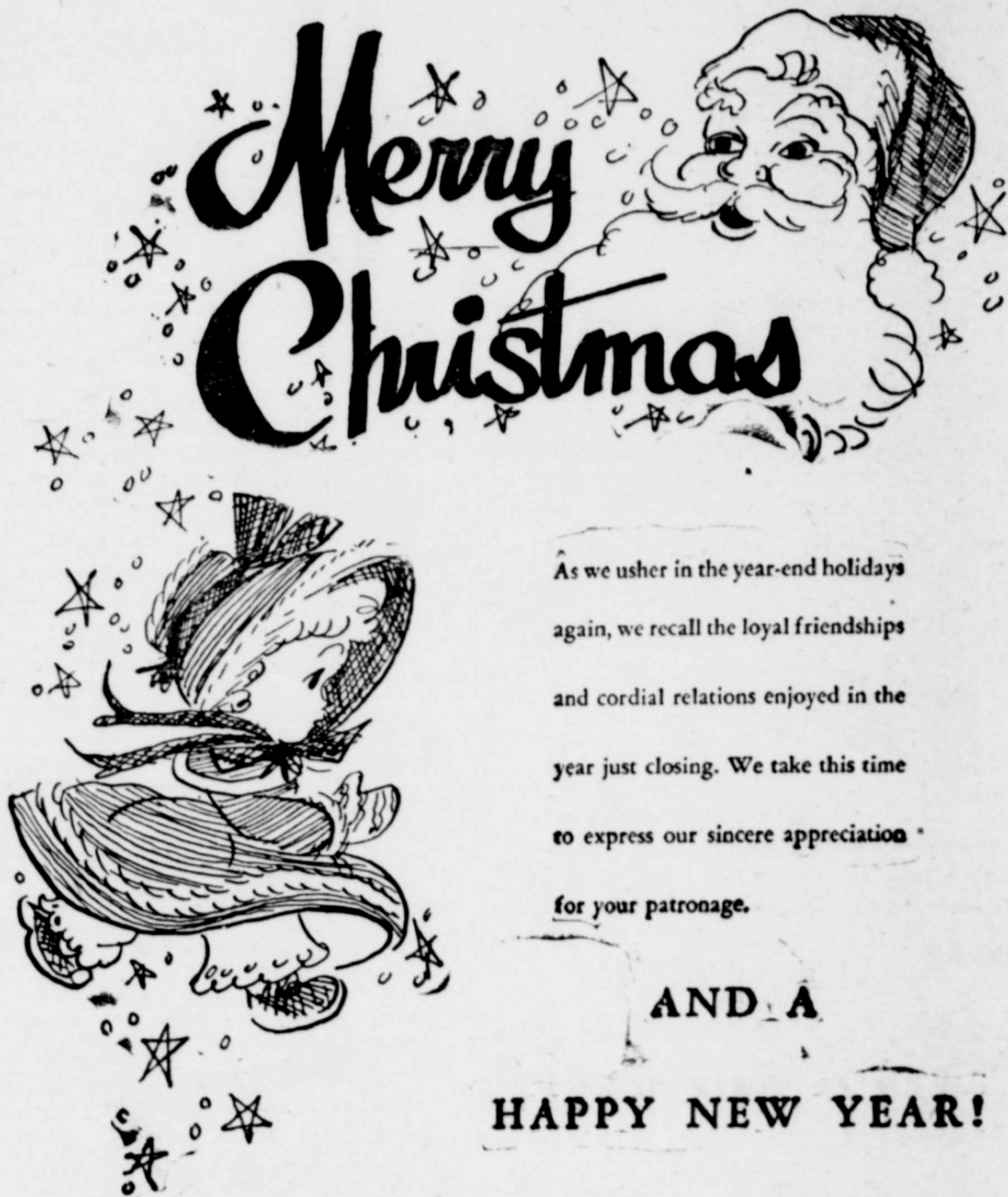
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QUEEN THEATRE



It's Christmastime again, and, as this season foretells the passing of another year, we think of those who have helped make that year so very enjoyable. Knowing and serving folks like you makes business a pleasure. It is indeed a privilege to greet you and wish you a Merry Christmas.



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UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

If anyone owned a sandy land farm up the Canyon, they had better check to see if it moved out last Thursday morning. There was a lot of soil moved northward, if course that will continue until we get some rain.

F. H. Horton's house burned last Tuesday evening as always the case, people were sad of his big loss, and as the saying goes, there are many things that are dear to any one that can be replaced, when fire destroys their home.

There has been over three hundred dollars given to him by friends of the Canyon and Merkel and other communities. Hoyt says thanks to the fire boys of Merkel who put two loads of water on the fire.

The Johnson brothers, still have their lambs on feed. The lambs will be sheared and shipped to market in about thirty days.

Sam Butman Jr. has sold the last of his lambs to a Bronte buyer, we see some of the boys and girls club lambs and calves of the Canyon are looking good. They are really working to get them ready for the show.

Among the visitors at Pioneer Church Sunday were Miss Dayne Ambrose of Trent, she is home from Canyon where she attending college. Mr. A. R. Toombs of Merkel was also present.

This Thursday night, December 22, Nolan is having their all night singing at the Methodist Church of Noal. Everyone is welcome. There will be refreshments at 12:00 o'clock.

Jimmy Oliver is home on leave during the Holidays. He plans to be shipped over seas when he returns to his base. A group of friends honored him with a supper at the community center. He is another one of our fine boys.

Everyone had a real fine time last Sunday night at the Christmas program. The children exchanged gifts and the adults gave to the orphans home the price which their gift would cost.

Word of appreciation were spoken to Mr. Sam Butman for the fine church he gave to the four communities. Mr. Butman and Miss Lottie were present for the program. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCoy and family of Trent were also present.

You will remember some two or three weeks ago we said all the bundles of feed would be sold by January 1, 1956. Well, it is all out now, anyone might find a little here and there but the bulk of it has already sold. There was a little milo stored on the farms, the price was \$1.50 per 100 lbs. now it is moving at \$1.90 per 100. We know of some milo moved last week for that price.

Merkel Man Is Teaching At Denton

Glenn Westenhover of Merkel is one of 186 students enrolled in the student teaching program of the School of Education at North Texas State College this semester.

During this course, the prospective teacher takes over the whole classroom program — prepares lessons, administers assignments, and carries out the testing program.

The program is designed to give students practical knowledge in teaching, with supervision from an experienced teacher, before they take over a teaching job on their own.

The student teacher is guided in and outside the classroom by a supervising teacher who helps in the planning, carrying out, and evaluation of the work.

NTSC students teachers do their work not only in Denton public schools, but also in nearby towns, including Dallas and Fort Worth school systems.

Westenhover, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Westenhover, 102 Manchester, Merkel, is teaching typing in the NTSC Laboratory School. He is a member of Alpha Chi honor society.

Mrs. George Murphy of Stephenville, Texas, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. J. Largent, last week. She was accompanied by Mrs. Lenton Howard, also of Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith of Midland will spend Christmas day with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert McCartney.

Merry Christmas

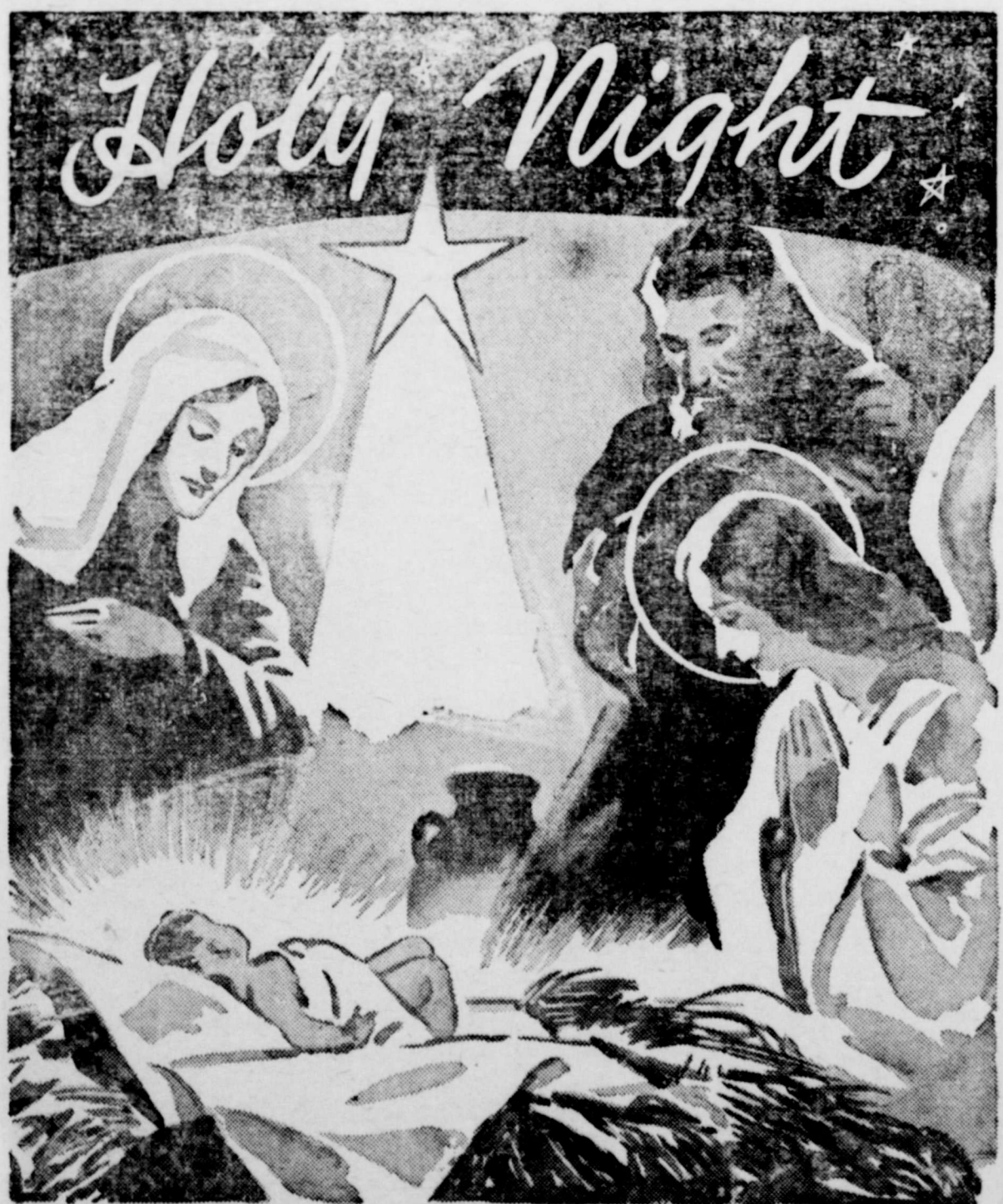
We are privileged at this time of the year, as on no other occasion, to give expression to our thoughts concerning those whose friendship and good will we cherish. May your Christmas be merry and long remembered! May your New Year be joyous, filled with the pleasures of friendships renewed, and abounding with prosperity and real happiness!



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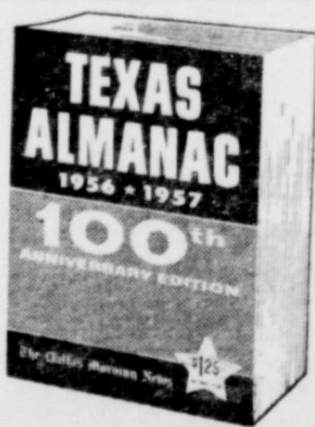
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RECENT BRIDE — Mrs. Clyde Lindsey, the former Denta Marie Gibson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson of Merkel, was a recent bride in ceremonies at the Merkel First Baptist Church. The couple is now at home in Stratford, Texas.

Gridders, Band Honored Friday

The Merkel High pep squad honored the Badger football team with a banquet, Friday night, December 9, in the Windsor Hotel ballroom in Abilene. Approximately 200 members of the football team, pep squad, band, faculty, school board, and other guests attended. The theme, "Starlight," was carried out respectively with blue and silver decorations.

Toastmistress, Joyce McLean, who is president of the pep squad welcomed the guests. Superintendent Mack Fisher gave the invocation.

Kay Toombs, head cheerleader presented an inspiring speech about the football team. Larry Joyce, senior cocaptain, talked to the underclass men of the football team.

Music, coordinating with the theme, was provided alternately during the banquet by selected pep squad and band members. Vocalists were Betty Chancey, Kay Chancey, Loretta Henry, Jane Harris, Glenda Owen, Leta Hester, Dixie Wade, Wanda Hester, and Junell Seymore. Accompanists on the piano were Mrs. Comer Haynes and DaLois Reess. Janice Rutledge assistant head cheerleader presented the pep squad mothers, Mrs. Ford But-

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AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SALE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OR DISCHARGE OF SAME IN OR UPON THE STREETS, ALLEYS, RIGHT-OF-WAY OR WITHIN THE FIRE ZONE OF THE CITY OF MERKEL AND PRESCRIBING A PENALTY FOR ITS VIOLATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

Sec. 1. That on and after the publication of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation or association of persons, while in the corporate limits of the City of Merkel, Texas, to have or keep in his or their possession, for the purpose of sale or barter or to sell or offer to sell, trade or barter, or to give away or offer to give away, any rocket, Roman candle, blue light, squib, fizzer, cracker, torpedo or any kind of fire display or fireworks, manufactured or sold for the purpose of pleasure, amusement or for entertainment.

Sec. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to discharge or set off, any of the fireworks mentioned and set out in section one of this ordinance; in or upon the streets, alleys, railroad right-of-way, or within the fire zone of the business section of the City or within two hundred feet of any gin, cotton yard or place where public worship is being held, within the City of Merkel, Texas.

Sec. 3. Any person violating any part or parts of section one or two of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in the sum of not less than ten or more than one hundred dollars and each day shall constitute a separate offense.

Sec. 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

PASSED THIS THE 5TH OF OCTOBER, 1954.

or with a gift of thanks from the pep squad. Mrs. James Liner, who helped plan the banquet, also received a gift.

Larry Joyce presented Kay Toombs, football sweetheart, with a miniature gold, engraved football, who in turn, presented Larry, pep squad sweetheart, with an engraved, gold football.

Mr. Sammy Baugh, Hardin-Simmons coach, was speaker at the banquet. He was presented with a small token of appreciation.

Patricia Butman, sophomore cheerleader, looked into the future of the students ten years from now and found some humorous results.

Sue McLean, junior cheerleader, presented some amusing facts about events of the past year.

Clydene Eager, senior cheerleader, gave the farewell to the school.

Senior cheerleaders presented with megaphones were: Kay Toombs, head cheerleader, and Clydene Eager. Other cheerleaders receiving megaphones were: Janice Rutledge, Sue McLean, and Patricia Butman. Joyce Butman, mascot also received a megaphone. Jane Harris, who was elected most valuable pep squad member was presented with an engraved identification bracelet.

Cheerleaders elected for next year are: Patricia Butman, head cheerleader; Sue McLean, assistant head cheerleader; Janice Rutledge, Leta Hester, and Dixie Wade.

Coaches Carroll Benson and Don Loyd, Dr. W. T. Sadler and Dr. Don Warren were presented gifts by the football team. Mr. W. G. Reed, band director, was presented a gift from the band by Homer Payne, president of the band.

man, Mrs. Clyde Eager, and Mrs. Lovell Rutledge with tokens of appreciation. She presented Miss Leatrice West, pep squad spons-



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Merkel Gridders Cowboy Letterman

Nineteen Hardin-Simmons University freshmen football players will receive awards. The awards were approved by Prof. Hiram Arrant and his faculty athletic committee, recommended by Coach Sammy Baugh and his staff and announced by Athletic Director Bill Ledbetter.

The awards go to: Wayne Asing, Honolulu, T. H.; Kenneth Bartlett, Lamesa; John Birdwell, Big Spring; D'Alton Belvins, San Angelo; Dewey Bohling, Alb., New Mexico; Earl Brown, Fort Worth; Ollie Byrd, Mobile, Alabama; Charles Canfield, Roswell, New Mexico; Carroll Dickson, Odessa; Robert Groom, Fort Worth; Bill Horton, Merkel; Douglas Huckaby, Fort Stockton; Eugene Kirkman, Moran; Eugene Lay, Melrose, New Mexico; Lee McLaughlin, Fort Worth; Marvin Reichenau, and Gary Schmidt, both of Mason; Jackie Strand, Dallas; and George Ward, Mobile, Alabama.

Best way for a man to stay single is never to attend his own wedding.



CYRUS PEE



We'd like to tell all our good friends with whom we worked this past year... Thank You for your cooperation and patronage and Best Wishes for a very Merry Christmas!

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To you, our customers, whose friendly support during the past year has contributed so greatly to our welfare we extend cordial and appreciative thanks!

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FOR SALE

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FOR SALE - H-Farmall tractor with good equipment, priced right; F-20 tractor with good equipment, real bargain; One 6-foot one way goes with F-20. Price Melton, route 4, near Blair. 39-4tp

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NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A.F. & M. A. M. Sat., Dec. 24, at 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited. J. R. Mashburn, W. M. C. B. Rust, Secretary.

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PRACTICALLY new Leonard 12-foot home freezer, chest type. \$189.95. White Auto Store. 40-2tc

A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank each and every one who helped in anyway during our bereavement in the loss of our dear: Dad and Grandfather. We also wish to thank our many friends for the beautiful flowers and nice cards. May God bless each and everyone.

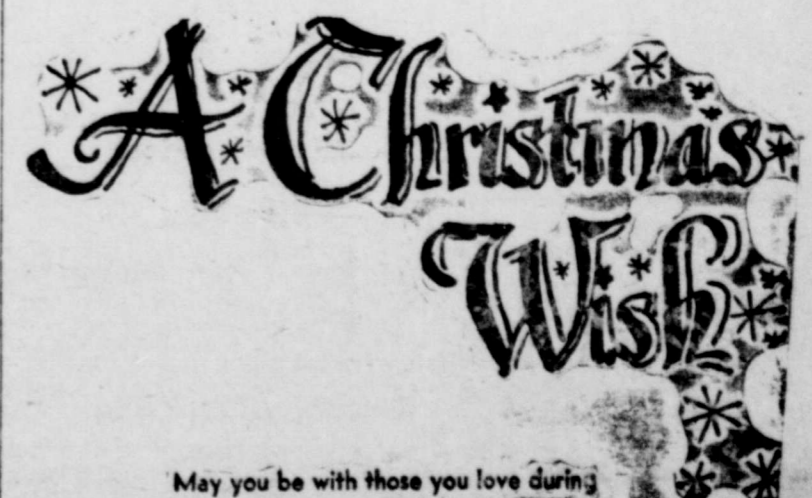
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LONG RUN
to TRADE in
MERKEL**



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SNOWDRIFT 3-Lb. Can 69c	Aunt Jemima FLOUR 10-Lb. Bag 79c	Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce 303 can 2 for - 45c	Borden's BISCUITS Can 10c	Folger's COFFEE Pound 89c
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KLEENEX 200 Size 15¢	REYNOLDS ALUMINUM FOIL Roll 29¢	GLADIOLA CAKE MIX Box 25¢	HIPOLITE M.MALLOW CREME Jar 29¢	MOUNT JEMIMA MEAL 5 Pound Bag 39¢	DEL MONTE WHOLE GREEN BEANS - 303 can - 25c	SUN SPUN APPLE SAUCE --- 2 for 35c	BORDEN'S MINCE MEAT ---- Pkg. 25c	BLUE PLATE OYSTERS --- can 43c	SUN SPUN - 303 Can PIE CHERRIES --- 2 for 45c	KRAFT SALAD - 10 1/2-oz. Pkg. MARSHMALLOWS ---- 29c
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Morton's FRUIT PIES PEACH - APPLE HERRY - PUMPKIN LARGE 24-oz. Each 55c	Thomas STRAWBERRIES 10-oz. Pkg. 25c	Cape Ann FISH STIX 8-oz. Pkg. 39c	Stokely's CORN 10-oz. Pkg. 23c	Florida Gold ORANGE JUICE Can - 19c
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Meats

CURED HAMS Half or Whole - lb. 49c	FRESH HAMS - - - - - lb. 47c	LEAN PICNIC HAMS --- lb. 35c	CHOICE BEEF CHUCK ROAST -- lb. 39c	CHOICE FAT HENS - - - - - lb. 49c	LONGHORN CHEESE - - - - lb. 47c
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NAPKINS
Box
60 Count
45c

Tender - Plump TURKEYS
Toms or Hens
Pound

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

FRESH CRANBERRIES -- lb. 25c

CRISP CELERY - - - - stalk 19c

TEXAS ORANGES -- 5-lb. bag 35c

LARGE GOLDEN BANANAS ----- lb. 15c

FRESH TOMATOES - - - - lb. 19c

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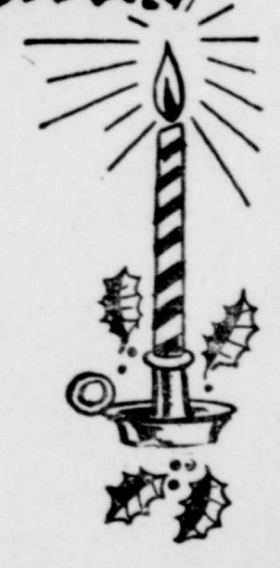


TO ALL OUR GOOD FRIENDS... we bring you three heartfelt wishes for Good Health, Happiness and Prosperity!

MACK'S CLEANERS

A Happy Christmas

May your days be bright with the joys of the Yuletide Season. May every good thing be yours during the coming New Year!



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Sincerest and best wishes during this holiday season. May Good Luck, Good Health and Good Fortune smile upon you all the days of your life.

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May only the good things be yours! May you know only peace and happiness!



WILSON JEWELRY

(Published in the Merkel Mail, Dec. 16, 23, 30, 1955, & Jan. 6, 1956)

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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 J. H. Phillips and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; A. C. Walker and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; and S. V. Isenhour and wife, if married, whose name is unknown, Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court 42nd Judicial District of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 23rd day of January A.D. 1956, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 7th day of December A.D. 1955, in this cause, numbered 21,008-A on the docket of said court and styled J. A. Jennings & wife, Lora Jennings, Plaintiffs, Vs. J. H. Phillips and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; A. C. Walker and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; and S. V. Isenhour and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; if living, and if dead, the legal representatives of each of said named Defendants and the unknown heirs of each of said named defendants, the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of each of said named Defendants; if the unknown heirs of said names Defendants are dead; the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit in trespass to try Title to establish the ownership of the following described property, situated in Taylor County, Texas:

All of Lot No. 3 in and to Block No. 131 of the City of Abilene, 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 by hand and seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 7th day of December A.D. 1955.

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

them, but should save them for use in filing their tax returns, since the supply of instruction pamphlets is limited.

A study of the new tax forms shows a few changes which make the return easier to complete. A new tax table for married taxpayers filing jointly eliminates the complicated computation on the return for figuring tax on split incomes.

Farmers who file and pay estimated taxes by the January 15, 1956, deadline may also obtain the forms they require at district and local offices. Most post-offices have a supply of tax forms for local residents.

ANDY SHOUSE -Real Estate-

115 KENT ST.

MODERN BEAUTY SHOP

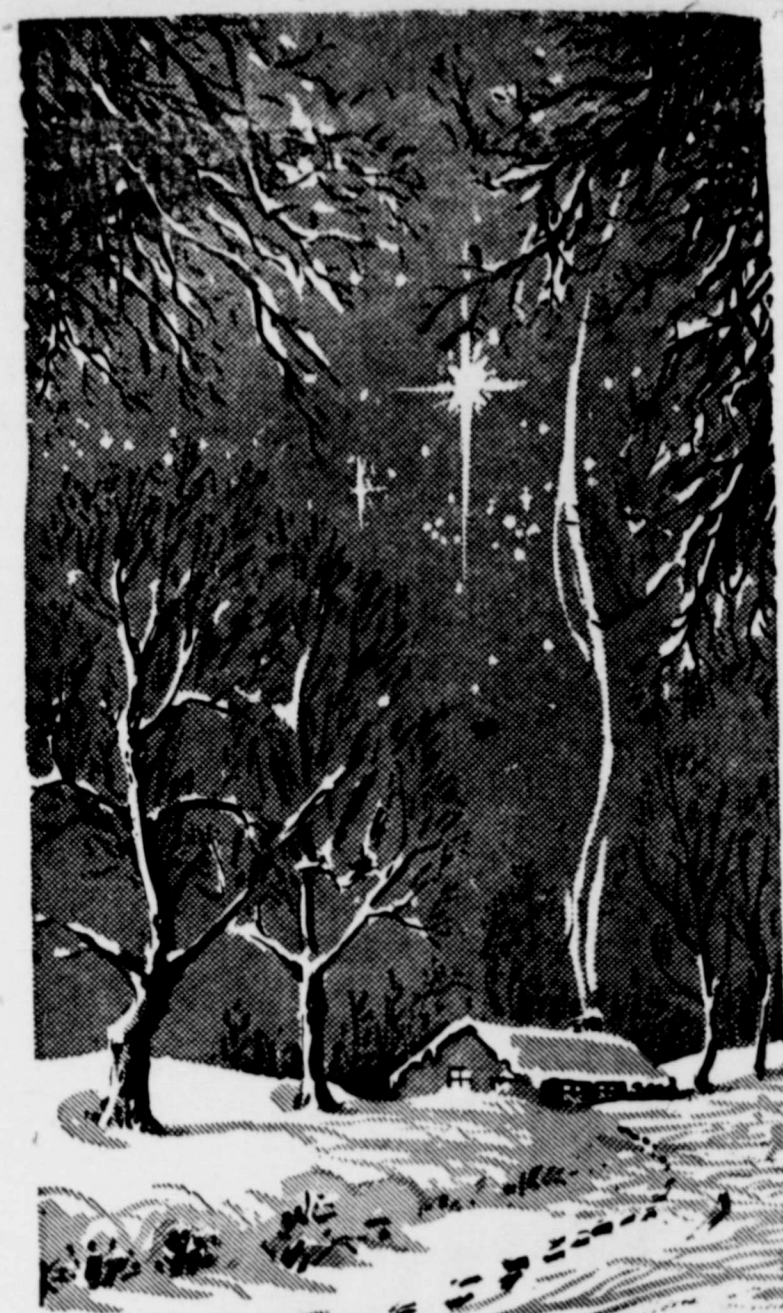
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AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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We're sending our Best Wishes for a happy holiday... and may every good thing come your way!

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Income Tax Forms Due In Few Weeks

The 1955 income tax forms and instructions to individual taxpayers will be mailed between December 27 and January 10 from Kansas City, was announced today. "Taxpayers should postpone their inquiries regarding these forms until after January 10."

"Taxpayers receiving tax blanks and instructions by mail should not misplace or discard

GAS-TOONS

By "LEON"

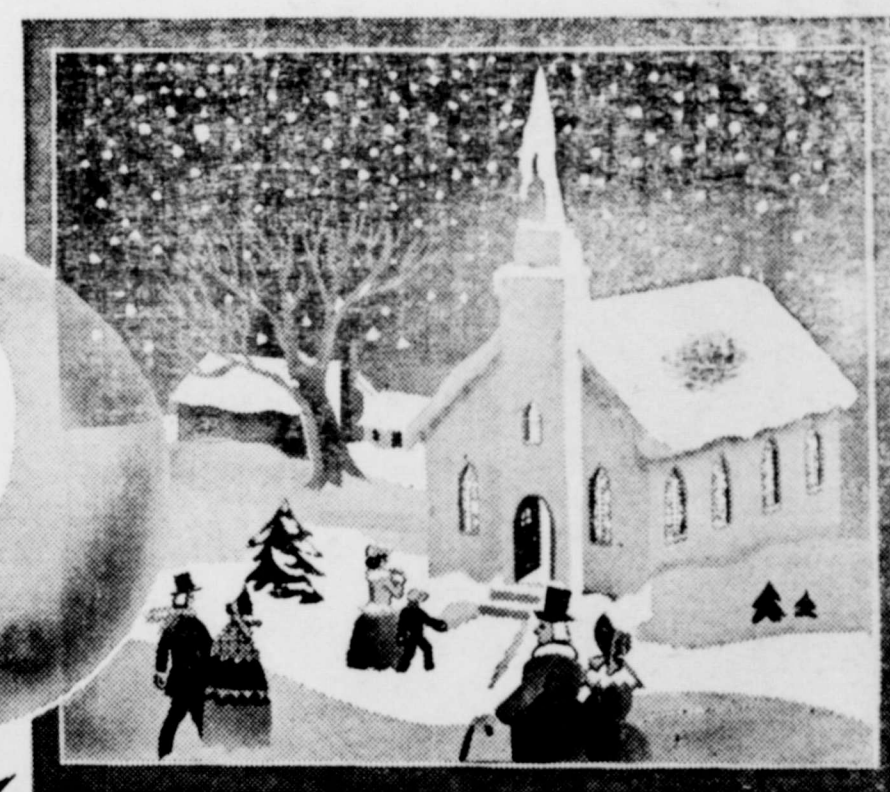


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Will loan money to build, remodel, enlarge your house, repair a room, garage or any other kind of improvements. Also will buy vendor's lien note. W. W. TOOMBS



Holiday Greetings

From each of the officers, directors and employees of the bank come sincere Greetings to you and your family. May the warmth and joy of the Christmas spirit make your holidays exceptionally happy.

The Old Reliable

Farmers and Merchants National Bank Merkel, Texas Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation



POST OFFICE BARBER SHOP

Homer Newby O. N. Burford

CONSTABLE'S SALE
 THE STATE OF TEXAS
 County of Taylor
 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 28 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 and Lot 8 in Block No. 7, Ret:at 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 fo 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
 Constable Taylor County,
 Texas.



To each and every
 one of you... may
 the Yuletide season
 bring goodwill
 and lasting joy
 to your hearts!

MERKEL RADIATOR & ELECTRIC

Alvin Wozencraft W. T. Jackson



The beauty of the oft-told Christmas story has been an inspiration to many for many centuries... may this Christmas bring all of us closer to the hopeful message... Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward Men!

MODERN BEAUTY SHOP



May we extend a truly sincere wish for a Merry Christmas and may every good thing be yours during the coming New Year!

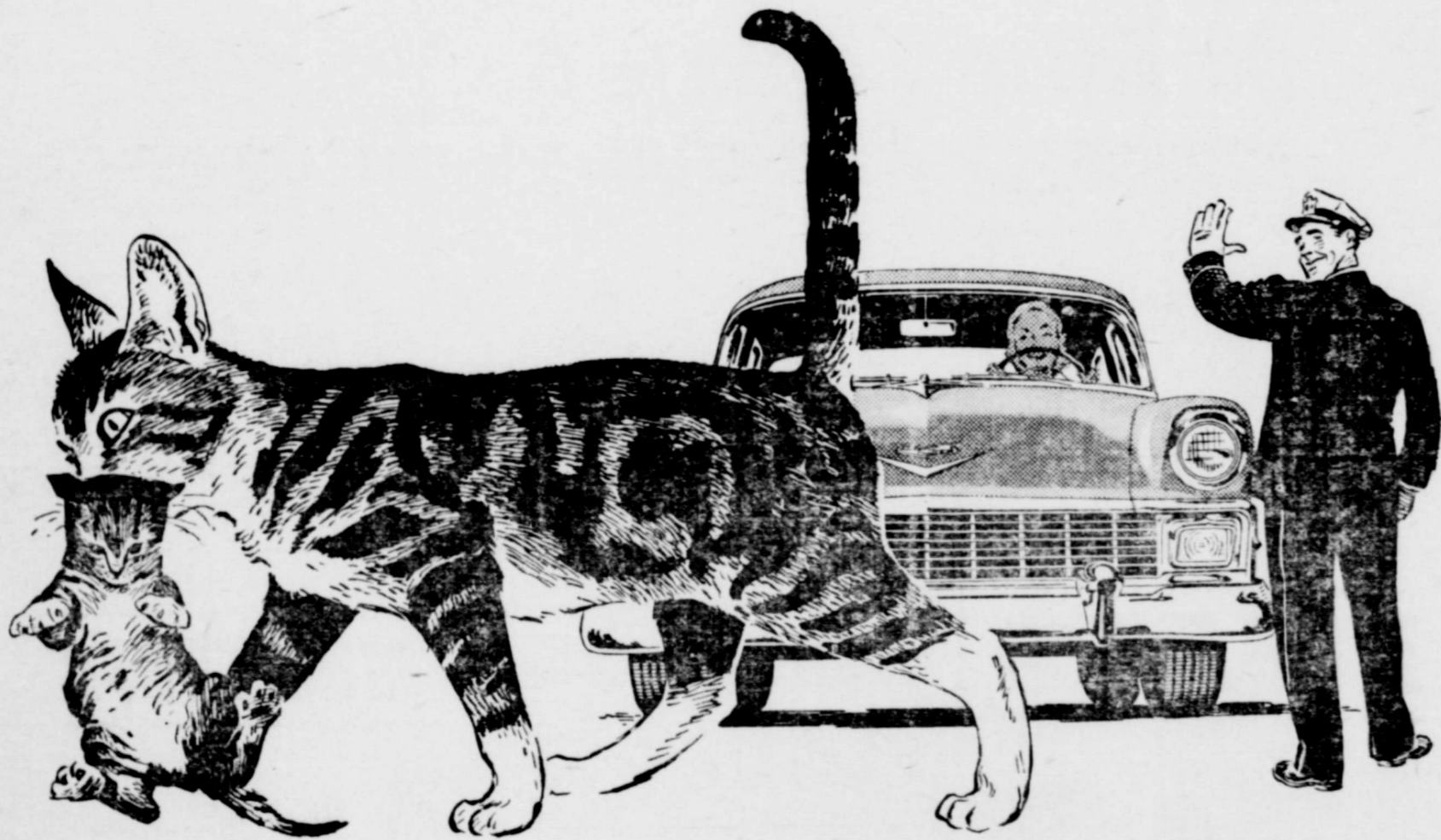
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Two things that make for SAFER driving!

The first and most important thing is you—the driver. As the highway safety organizations and law enforcement agencies point out, the courtesy, care, and common sense you show count more than anything else. You can drive any car safely — or foolishly.

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Chevrolet engineers and designers have always made your safety a major consideration, introducing many such features as the all-steel top, safety plate glass all around, and windshield-wide defrosters into the low-price field. And this '56 Chevrolet is the safest one ever built.

Its lively new power means safer passing. Its special Ball-Race steering—the oversize brakes with Anti-Dive control—the Unisteel construction and safety door latches of its Fisher Body—the nailed-to-the-road stability that comes from outrigger rear springs, an advanced suspension system and better balance—the sweeping panoramic windshield — all these things add to your safety.

Seat belts with or without shoulder harness? Instrument panel padding? Of course, they're available at extra cost on your new Chevrolet. But the best protection of all is to keep out of accidents in the first place. And that depends mostly on you and the built-in safety of your car.

As your Chevrolet dealer, we'll be glad to show you the many safety features of the '56 Chevrolet.



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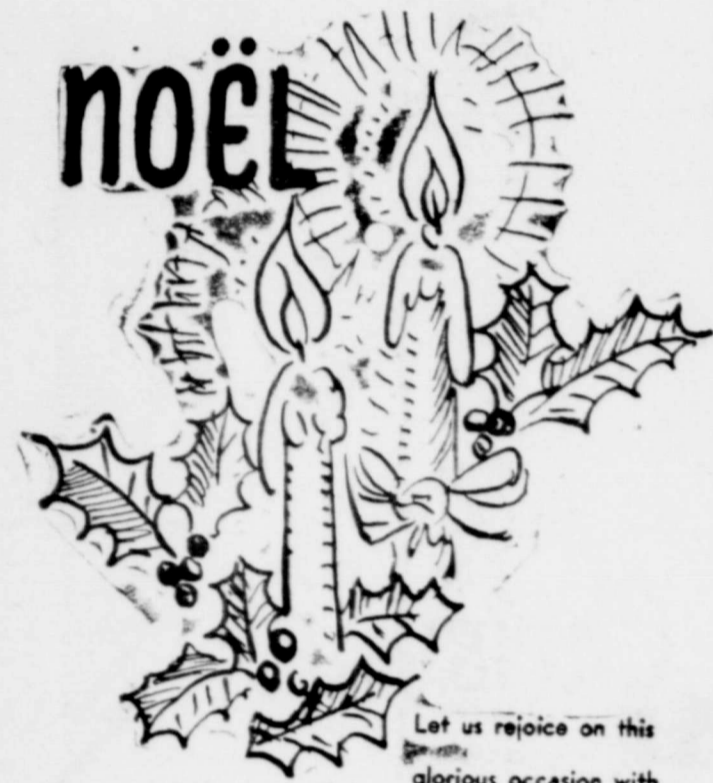


Wishing you a Christmas bright with holly, joy, friendship and cheer to last you throughout the coming New Year!

MERKEL FARM MACHINERY

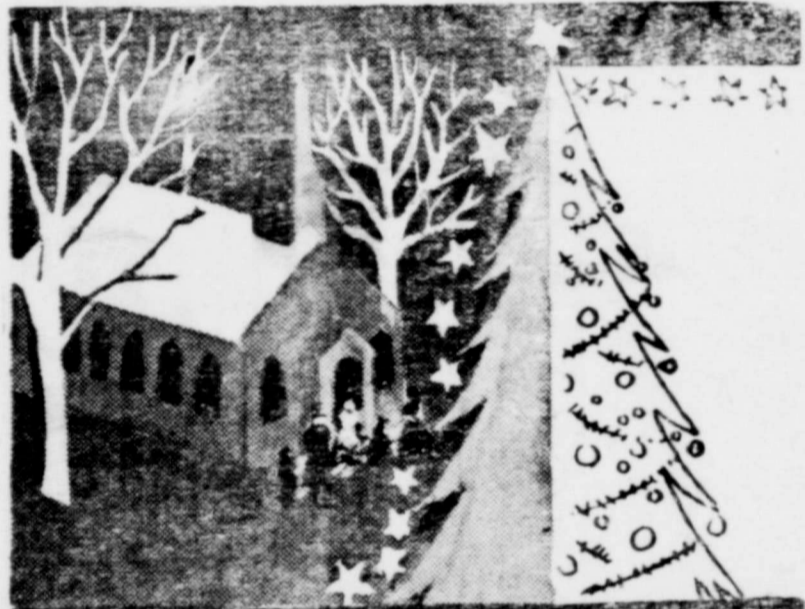


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Let us rejoice on this glorious occasion with glad hearts and goodwill towards all mankind.

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GREETINGS

to each of you from all of us at

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SEASONS



Please accept this expression of our appreciation together with our best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



MAX MELLINGER

Holiday Food Hints

FROM ALL THE PERSONNEL OF OF CARSON GRO. & MKT WE EXTEND YOU A MERRY, MERRY XMAS

SHORTENING Kimbells 3-lb. Can **59¢**
MIRACLE WHIP Salad Dressing - Qt. **49¢**
FOLGERS COFFEE Pound **83¢**
PEACHES Gold Coast No. 2 1/2 Spiced Whole 2 for **49¢**
PECANS BI-LO Pound Shelled **\$1.39**

WE WILL BE CLOSED Monday, Dec. 26th
SPECIALS DECEMBER 22 - 23 - 24

Eagle Brand CONDENSED MILK 2 FOR **59¢**
 Kraft MARSH-MELLOWS 8-oz. PKG. **15¢**
 Pillsbury BISCUITS 2 CANS **19¢**
 Golden FLUFFO 3-Lb. CAN **69¢**
 Assorted JELLO 3 Pkgs. FOR **21¢**
 Apple Jill APPLE JUICE 24-Oz. **19¢**
 Boys STICK HORSES With Plastic Head **69¢ each**
 DOLE CRUSHED - No. 2 Can PINEAPPLE - - - - 2 cans **49¢**
 HUNT'S NO. 2 1/2 CAN PEARS - - - - 2 for **69¢**
 KIMBELL'S SALAD OLIVES - - quart **53¢**
 BAKER'S COCONUT - - 8-oz. **27¢**
 ALL ICED CANDIED FRUIT CAKE MIX - - - - 1-3 off reg. Price
 PET MILK - - - 2 tall cans **23¢**

Milford All Green - 300 Can ASPARAGUS - - - - 2 for **49¢**
 KIMBELL'S CUT - 303 GREEN BEANS - - 2 for **25¢**
 DIAMOND - 303 TOMATOES - - - - 2 for **25¢**
 MISSION - 303 PEAS - - - - 2 for **29¢**
 DEL MONTE - No. 2 1/2 PUMPKIN - - - - 2 for **39¢**
 ROSE DALE - 303 - White Cream CORN - - - - 2 for **25¢**
 Traditional With Pan CHEESE CAKE - - each **39¢**
 Betty Crocker, Devi's Food, White & Yellow CAKE MIX - - - - - **25¢**
 OCEAN SPRAY CRANBERRY SAUCE - - - - 2 for **39¢**
 FRENCH Black PEPPER - - - lb. **83¢**
 KRAFT MUSTARD - - - - 6-oz. **9¢**

Finest Quality **MEATS**

FRESH CHICKEN HENS Lb. **39¢**
 CORN KING Bacon Lb. **35¢**
 WILSON OR GOOCH HAMS - - - - 1/2 or whole - - lb. **49¢**
 WILSON PURE PORK SAUSAGE - - - - lb. **29¢**
 ARMOUR'S - CANNED COOKED HAMS - - - 4 lbs. **\$3.39**
 FRESH GROUND BEEF - - - - lb. **25¢**
 CHOICE HEAVY BEEF CHUCK Roast Lb. **39¢**
 CHOICE BEEF T-Bone or Club Steak Lb. **49¢**
 BABY BEEF HENS - 6-lb. up - - lb. **59¢**
 Turkeys Toms - Lb. **49¢**

Gold Medal 10-lbs. FLOUR - - **73¢**

BLEACH Purex Quart **15¢**

TREND 2 large boxes - **39¢**

VEGETABLES

FRESH CRANBERRIES - - - lb. **19¢**
 FRESH CELERY - - - - lb. **9¢**
 RED DELICIOUS APPLES - - - - lb. **12¢**
 Fresh COCONUTS - - - - lb. **9¢**
 California Navels ORANGES - - - - lb. **17¢**
 Fresh CABBAGE - - - - lb. **6¢**
 Yellow ONIONS - - - - lb. **5¢**
 IDAHO NO. 1 SPUDS - - - - lb. **5¢**

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 Free Delivery Free Parking
 ON \$3.00 OR MORE MON., WED. and FRI. at 4:00
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