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## POST SCRIPTS By Uncle Ned

Just a word of condolence to the Reynolds family on the loss of their loved one in the fatal train crash in Blair last week. Our sympathy and prayers go out to you.

This week is filled with activity. Merkel won the Bi-District championship by defeating Sundown 60 to 20 in Big Spring Friday night. They meet Sonora in San Angelo tonight (Friday).

The Merkel Mail carried a double page spread on the championship team last week with the exception of one player and we regret very sincerely not having his picture. We had contracted for an Abilene photographer to photograph the first and second string back in September but one of the players was absent that day and we did not have a complete team. Our apologies go to Berry Scott who has played a wonderful game and is a fine young man. His picture deserves to be with the rest. It was revealed that young Scott was helping his parents harvest crops the day the photographer was taking pictures.

Every businessman and every private citizen in Merkel are exceptionally proud of the Merkel Badgers, the Merkel schools, faculty and churches, and express their appreciation by sponsoring this championship line-up in this paper. They are for the Badgers, all the way!

Christmas opening is featured in this week's paper. It shows the interest local merchants have in their community. It shows that they want your business and have gone all out to make things easier for you to shop in Merkel.

If you show your confidence in your community, you will take advantage of these money saving opportunities.

We extend our congratulations to Mr. Herman Carson, who has just been elected president of the Abilene District Retail Grocers Association.

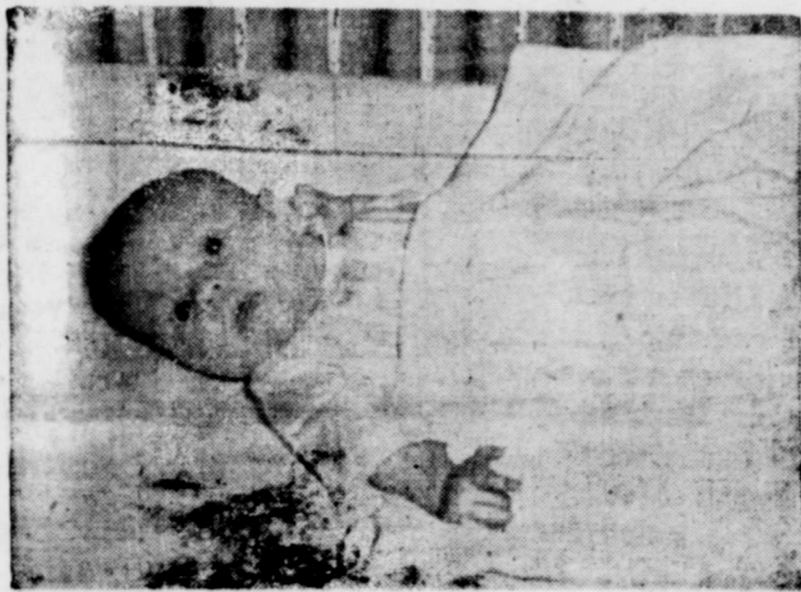
There's a little shop opened in Merkel that offers a wonderful opportunity for those skilled in sewing clothes, etc. They will display your work and offer it for sale at the price you ask. Mrs. Thomas is the owner and invites every one to come in and see their business.

This is Thanksgiving week in Merkel. In spite of the drought and conditions, we have lots to be thankful for. This could be no better expressed than the sincere words of Mrs. Dave Gamble on the editorial page of this paper.

We are sincerely thankful for having such a thoughtful person as Mrs. Gamble in our community.

Behind the scenes in publishing a newspaper many things go unnoticed to the general public. Many kindnesses extended the staff with acknowledgement. We, of the Merkel Mail, are especially grateful to everyone who has contributed so much in publishing this newspaper. To those who are thoughtful in writing news of their communities, about their neighbors, and visitors within their own home. Without their kind help, this newspaper could not serve its readers with news they want to hear.

We are especially thankful to a lady who has helped in many ways to publish this newspaper. She has offered her help since our first week and has taken time from her own home to help out in this office. There's no way we could possibly repay her for her kindness and we are especially thankful for her untiring efforts. She is Mrs. G. D. McConnell. Another kind lady who works untiringly for the welfare of this newspaper, this community and churches, who places high esteem on the people she serves, unselfishly. We are indeed thankful for her efforts and for her many kindnesses. She is Mrs. Hugh Campbell, a long-time resident of this area.



**YOUNGEST PATIENT** in the 15-year history of the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation is the niece of Merkel resident. The young patient is tiny Susan Lee Bibles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bibles of Burnet, Texas. Mr. Bibles is the brother of Mrs. Robert L. Carey, Jr., of 820 Rose St. in Merkel. Young Susan was born August 4, 1956 and has been hospitalized at the rehabilitation center since November 7. She contracted polio on October 2. Susan is the favorite of hospital personnel.

## Christmas Opening Today In Merkel

Lt. Col. and Mrs. J. J. Jowers of Tokyo, Japan announce the arrival November Fourth 1956 of Lydia Jo, who weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. Mrs. Nem Teaff and Mrs. Jerrett Pinckley are paternal aunts. Mary Jowers of Tye, Tex., is the paternal grandmother of the new little miss.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. McConnell and Mrs. Twyman Collins will spend Thanksgiving Holidays in Flagstaff visiting W. L. Russell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Campbell and Lou Ann of Abilene were dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Campbell on Sunday.

Guests of Mrs. W. M. Elliott over the week end were her brother-in-law and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Elliott of near Los Angeles and her nephew, Alvie Elliott of Abilene.

## Merkel FHA Presents Play

The Merkel Future Homemakers of America chapter of Merkel High School met Monday night, November 19, to practice for the assembly presented Thursday morning, November 22, in the High School Auditorium for the student body and faculty members. The play was "Sister Sue", a one-act comedy starring Kay Dishman as Sue Spencer, Becky Ray as Maybelline Spencer, Dana Durham as Carol Spencer, Kay Teaff as Mrs. Spencer, Wanda McLean as Mr. Spencer, Mena Lou Stallo as Allan Marsh, Joan Bird as Tommy Shotwell, and Irene Dishman as the voice on the radio.

The October community project was to deliver flowers to the hospital. The November project was to deliver a box of food to a needy family. The December project is to send Christmas cards to the State Hospital and the orphanages.

Mr. Edward McCowen of Fort Worth visited his friend, Mrs. J. L. Ingram on Tuesday.

## Badgers Clobber Sundown For Bi-District Championship

The Merkel Badgers started things humming in sport circles after downing Sundown 60-20 for the Bi-District championship in Big Spring Friday night.

Every man on the team was a standout as Robert McLeod connected five of eight passes for 180 yards, carried the ball six times for 48 yards and one touchdown, punted once for 48 yards

## Frances Carr J. Robert Myers Wed Nov. 16

Miss Frances Sue Carr of Merkel and A. 2nd C. Julius Robert Myers of Florence, South Carolina were united in marriage November 16, 1956, at 8 p.m. in a beautiful single ring ceremony performed by Rev. W. T. Hammon D. D. of Abilene.

The marriage took place in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Jones, 2142 N. 17th Street in Abilene. The flower arrangements were created by Mr. Jones own hands. Mrs. Jones, sister of the bride sang "Because" preceding the ceremony she sang "The Lord's Prayer".

The bride's dress of white bridal satin fashioned with fitted bodice, three-quarter length sleeves and full skirt with a rhinestone studded tiara and short veil were all of her own design.

The brides' maid, Miss Jo Nell Williams, 3134 Pine Street, wore a street length dress of white faille with scoop neckline. The bride's mother and sister wore dresses of blue crepe, street length with chosen croop neckline. All the corsages were of white and blue carnations to coordinate with the brides bouquet.

The bridegroom and the best man, A. 2nd C. William Hayden, who are both stationed at Abilene Air Force Base were in full dress uniforms of the Air Force Blue. The father of the bride, Frank L. Carr of 701 Walnut, Merkel gave the bride away.

Guests attending were from Abilene and Merkel.

## Chili Supper At Stith

There will be a chili supper at the Stith Community Center Saturday night, December 1. Officers for another year will be elected. Everyone is invited to be there and enjoy fellowship and supper with games starting at 6:30.

## Quarterback Club Sees Sonora Films At Meet Monday

The Merkel Quarterback Club saw films of the Sonora-Iraan and Merkel-Sundown games at their regular meeting in the REA guest room Monday night.

The Badgers play Sonora in Regional play-offs in San Angelo Friday night.

A report was given about Sonora's star quarterback, George Johnson and a run-down on the entire team. It was reported that Merkel out weighs them a few pounds.

The Quarterback Club is sponsoring the buses to run to San Angelo for the game Friday night. Prices for round trip are \$3.25 each and admission to the game is \$1.25.

## Couple To Note Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray of Merkel will observe their fiftieth wedding anniversary Saturday, December 1st from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. with an open house at their home. They invite their friends to attend. They request that no gifts be brought. Their children are: Mrs. Maruin Johnston, Pampa; Mrs. James J. Benshoff, North Little Rock, Arkansas; Dean Murray, Pampa; Gordon Murray, Portsmouth, Virginia. They will all be present except Gordon.

## Lambda Beta Sponsors Game Nite

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the REA Building Tuesday night, November 20, at 7:30 with Eddis Lee Hardesty as hostess. Since the sorority is furnishing lunches for children at this time, it was decided that we needed to have a money making project. In the near future the sorority plans to have a game night in order to make money to pay for these lunches.

Each member of the sorority was on the program. During the past two weeks they had written a short story and read it at this meeting. All of them were very entertaining and read it at this meeting. All of them were very entertaining and varied from murder mysteries to romance. Members had talent that they didn't realize they had.

Apple pie and coffee were served to Mary Hargroves, Billye South, Rojean Hicks, Lucille Linton, Ann Tipton, Viola Shields, Bonnie Dayton, Jean Goldstein, Ruth McKinzie, and Eddis Lee Hardesty.

## Linda Jacobs Feted With Party

Linda Jacobs was honored with a birthday party on Tuesday November 27 in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Betty E. Knight at 1409 S. 2nd Street

Those present were Shirley Pam and Jerry Don Sandusky, Sue Pinckley, Cathy Derington, Bronwyn Gamble, Philis Newby, Pat Bagby, Jeanie Anderson, Rebecca Gladdin, Arda Reagon, and Mrs. J. O. Sandusky and Linda, Mrs. Jacobs, and Mrs. Knight.

Mrs. W. J. Tyler of Seattle, Washington, is visiting her brother and family, Z. L. Johnson.

## Train-Auto Crash Kills Bartie Reynolds At Blair Crossing Thurs.

## Herman Carson Elected President Of Retail Grocers Association

Mr. Herman Carson, local grocer, was elected president of the Abilene Area Retail Grocers Association at their annual banquet in the ACC cafeteria Tuesday night.

Mr. Carson has operated the Carson Food Store in Merkel with his father and brothers for a number of years. He replaced Carlos Appleton, out-going president.

Over 500 hundred grocers and their families attended the banquet. Dr. Sterling Price was guest speaker.



HERMAN CARSON  
retail association president . . .

## "Teen Age" Librarians Meet Nov. 17

The "Teen Age Librarian's Association for District 3 met in Newman High School at Sweetwater, Nov. 17. The theme of the meeting was "It is Always Booktime". Two workshops and a luncheon were highlights of the meeting. The Merkel Senior Club was chosen to choose the vice-president for next year's meeting which will be held in Winter. Those attending from Merkel were Sarah Salter, Betty Parker, Jane Loller, and their sponsor Mrs. W. C. Perkins.

## Baptists Close Revival Sunday

The First Baptist Church closed last Sunday night one of the most successful revivals in her history.

Dr. L. D. Ball, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Roswell, New Mexico was the evangelist. Don Jones was the singer for the meeting.

The attendance was good on each service with Sunday morning service being the largest.

The ordinance of baptism was observed at the close of the service Sunday evening when fifteen people were baptized. There were five other professions who did not unite with the church. A considerable number came for rededication.

Those who attended these services will long remember with joy the inspiring messages of Dr. Ball.

We hope to have him with us again soon.

## HD Club Elects New Council Chairman

Programs on making Christmas candy, pot roasting, and floor coverings were reported at the Jones County Home Demonstration Council meeting on November 21. The clubs reported hearing a report of the State and National Conventions from the delegates who attended them.

Mrs. Vernon Stanley will not be able to serve as Council Chairman next year; Mrs. N. I. Williams was elected.

Mrs. Newberry, the County H. D. agent, reported having the 4-H Achievement Night on November 19. Awards were given to several boys and girls for outstanding work. Patsy Wade of Anson won third prize of \$20 for her record book in the state contest.

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## Community Thanksgiving Service

The 4th annual Thanksgiving Service of the Merkel Community was held at the First Methodist Church Monday night. An interesting program was rendered. Those who were on the program were: Welcome address, Rev. C. G. Sewell; Prayer of Thanksgiving, Rev. Walter Smith; Thanksgiving Reading, Lonnie Harris; Annual Thanksgiving offering, Rev. Cloy Lyles; and Quartet, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cypert, Dr. and Mrs. James Chaney and Miss Agnew accompanist; Thanksgiving Message, Rev. George Epperson; Choir Director, Cyrus Pee; Organist, Mrs. Robert Malone; and Closing Prayer, Rev. Agnew.

## Merkel Grocers Display Emergency Food Kits

Merkel grocers now have a 7-day emergency food kits in cooperation with the national Civil Defense program, according to Mr. Fred Starbuck, Merkel Civil Defense Director.

The kits contain non-perishable foods to last about a week if properly used and may be kept in the storm cellar. In case disaster strikes, this emergency kit in every home would be most valuable.

Lou Holle, Civil Defense director for the Abilene area, pointed out that these kits may be purchased at a very nominal price from local grocers and urged citizens of the Merkel area to get one.

## Methodist Men Hold First Meet

The Methodist Men's Club had its first meeting the 16th of November. There were 28 men present. A turkey supper was served. Elvis and Presley, Fred Starbuck and Cyrus Pee, entertained the group with songs and games were played.

The meeting was called to order by Lay Leader, A. N. McMurray. Regular officers were elected as follows:

President, Hubert Berry; Vice President, Z. L. Johnson; Secretary, Jack South; Treasurer, Andy Shouse; Reporter, Jeff Anderson. Jack Wallace was in charge of the food committee for this meeting.

Mrs. B. B. (Bartie) Reynolds, about 68, of near Merkel, was killed and her husband was seriously injured when their auto was in collision with a train at Blair, six miles south of Merkel, Thursday night.

Reynolds is in serious condition with undetermined injuries in Sadler Hospital here.

According to the investigating highway patrolman, D. R. We-mack, the couple had seen the train. Reynolds apparently had not completely stopped their auto in time to avoid striking the train.

Mrs. Reynolds was thrown from the auto and the car was dragged about 50 feet down the tracks.

The accident occurred between 6:10 and 6:45 p.m. Thursday on Farm-to-Market Road 126.

The Reynolds resided about 7 1/2 miles south of here on the farm-to-market road. They were traveling south in their 1951 Ford.

The couple had been married 52 years and had lived at the home near Merkel since that time. He is a stock farmer.

Mrs. Reynolds was a member of The First Methodist Church here.

Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday in Merkel Methodist Church.

Officiating was the Rev. Cloy Lyles, pastor, and the Rev. John Ferguson, Methodist pastor from Roaring Springs, and the Rev. C. G. Sewell, Baptist minister from Merkel.

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

Survivors include three sons, Ernest Ray Reynolds Sr. of Merkel, Clayton L. Reynolds Sr. of Cleveland, Ohio, and B. B. Reynolds Jr. of Cleveland, Ohio; three daughters, Mrs. Ralph Miller Sr. of Merkel and Mrs. George Murray and Mrs. Frank Riffel, both of Hayward, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Frances Moore of Snyder, Okla., 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Many of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren are residents of this area.

Mrs. Dewey Hutchins, Mrs. Jo Clark and her daughters, Linda and Vickie of Odessa spent the weekend with Mrs. Hutchins sister, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney and attended the Reynolds funeral.

## Evangelist To Preach At Church of Christ

H. C. McCaghen, evangelist for the Kaufman Road Church of Christ of Dallas will conduct a three night gospel meeting at the local Church of Christ starting next Wednesday night, December 5 and continuing through Friday night.

Congregational singing will be led by Manley Denton and Joe Nalley.

McCaghen has been a gospel preacher for 15 years and is a very powerful pulpit preacher and teacher.

The public is invited to attend each night at 7:00 p.m.

## Hospital Notes

Those admitted to Sadler Clinic-Hospital during the past week were:

Mr. N. T. Hodge  
Mrs. H. P. Washburn  
Mr. A. E. White  
Christie Lucus  
Tommi Harwell  
Mrs. Lu Allison  
Ray Lyn Dixon  
Mrs. Price Melton  
Mrs. L. E. Hopper  
Mr. M. L. Rutledge  
Mr. B. B. Reynolds  
Mrs. Emma Wheatley  
Mr. Odie Jones  
Mrs. S. Y. Reese  
Mr. Pete Neil  
Mrs. G. N. Reeves, girl  
Mrs. Robert Stephens, girl

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## THANKSGIVING FOR THE GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR IN MERKEL

By MRS. MARIE GAMBLE

This has been the year of Merkel's Golden Jubilee, a year set aside to remember and to celebrate the growth and accomplishments to the past for which the people of Merkel are justly proud.

And, this year of Golden Jubilee has come at a time when it has been felt that the opportunities to progress were so slim and near-to impossible because of many difficulties . . . chief among them being the severe drought. And yet, it has been shown that the people of Merkel and surrounding communities have boldly found and made opportunities in their difficulties.

They have helped others and themselves, have grown in many ways, and have so much for which to give thanks unto God at this Thanksgiving season.

Merkel has heeded the call for help to others, such as the Polio Drive, Red Cross, Crippled Children, Cerebral Palsy, and many other fine worth-while projects.

Many businesses have expanded and improved their facilities to offer that which is best to their patrons. Others have been organized, and from some have come new homes for our people and those who have come to live in our town.

Our week of Golden Jubilee Celebration was one which offered the chance of a lifetime to many to see old friends and to remember good things past. Also, the Golden Cavalcade Pageant, which was the result of a wonderful cooperation and hard work on the part of many hundreds, was such that it would have been a credit to a city of any size.

There has been the dedication of the new Merkel High School auditorium, gymnasium and improvements to the high school building.

Merkel's swimming pool, another example of what can be accomplished by willingness and cooperation on the part of many.

Merkel's football team has come through with flying colors to win the conference, bi-district and will play the regional championship game this week end, thus far in this Jubilee year. The people are enjoying going with the team and assuring the boys of their all-out support.

Many newcomers, members of the Air Force and others, have moved to this area. We are happy the way they have entered into the activities and we are thankful for their interest and support.

Looking ahead, we can be thankful for the organizations which are continually building Merkel: The Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, the Volunteer Fire Department, the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, the Fortnightly Study Club, the Garden Club, the Sewing Club, the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, the Home Demonstration Clubs, the Quarter Back Club and others.

Our schools are a great benefit to our community and we are thankful for them, the faculties and student body.

And we would not forget the House of God, our churches and the privilege we have of going into them and worshipping God and giving thanks unto Him for the many blessings of life.

Ever remembering, we have God's promise in II Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."



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## UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

People of the Canyon were made sad from the loss of one of our greatly loved mothers of the Canyon. May we as a community express our love and sympathy to her family and we hope Mr. Reynolds will soon be able to be up and around.

We post-poned our Lord's Acre Program which was to be held last Saturday night at Pioneer church due to the death of Mrs. Reynolds. It was reset for Wednesday night of this week, November 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Russom who lives in New Mexico.

Nearly everyone in the Canyon went to Big Spring last Friday night to the ball game. If anything should happen in the Canyon this Friday night, there won't be anyone here to tell about it, everyone will be in San Angelo for the game.

W. T. Perry had a load of lambs on the Angelo market this week.

It is just awfully dry. The small grain is really taking a beating now, and we need the grazing so bad.

W. H. Ensinger was in Abilene this week looting over stocker cattle. He said he had some bundle feed carried over from

## JAMES H. CHANEY Chiropractor

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211 OAK STREET MERKEL

Last year and he might carry a few head through the winter. sown, but most of the farmers don't want to spend money for seed until it rains.

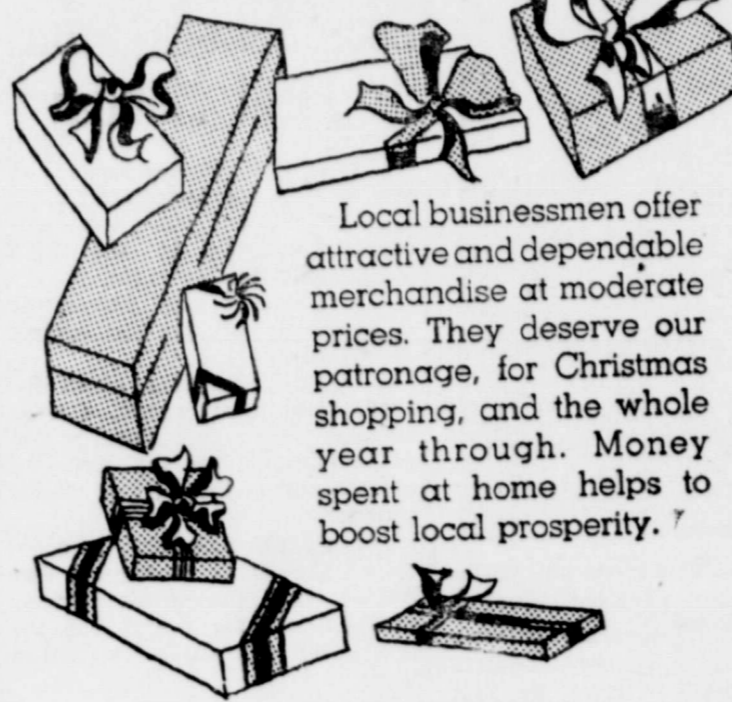
This Saturday night is our regular Community Program night, December 1, at 7:30. This will be another amateur hour. If you missed the other one please don't miss this one. Come and bring a friend with you.

There's very little farming going on in the Canyon due to dry weather. Some grain is being dry

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Miles visited in the Miles home over the week end.

Mrs. W. C. Church of Slaton is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. P. Mashburn, who is a patient in the Sadler Clinic. Mrs. Church will remain by her bedside for an indefinite time.

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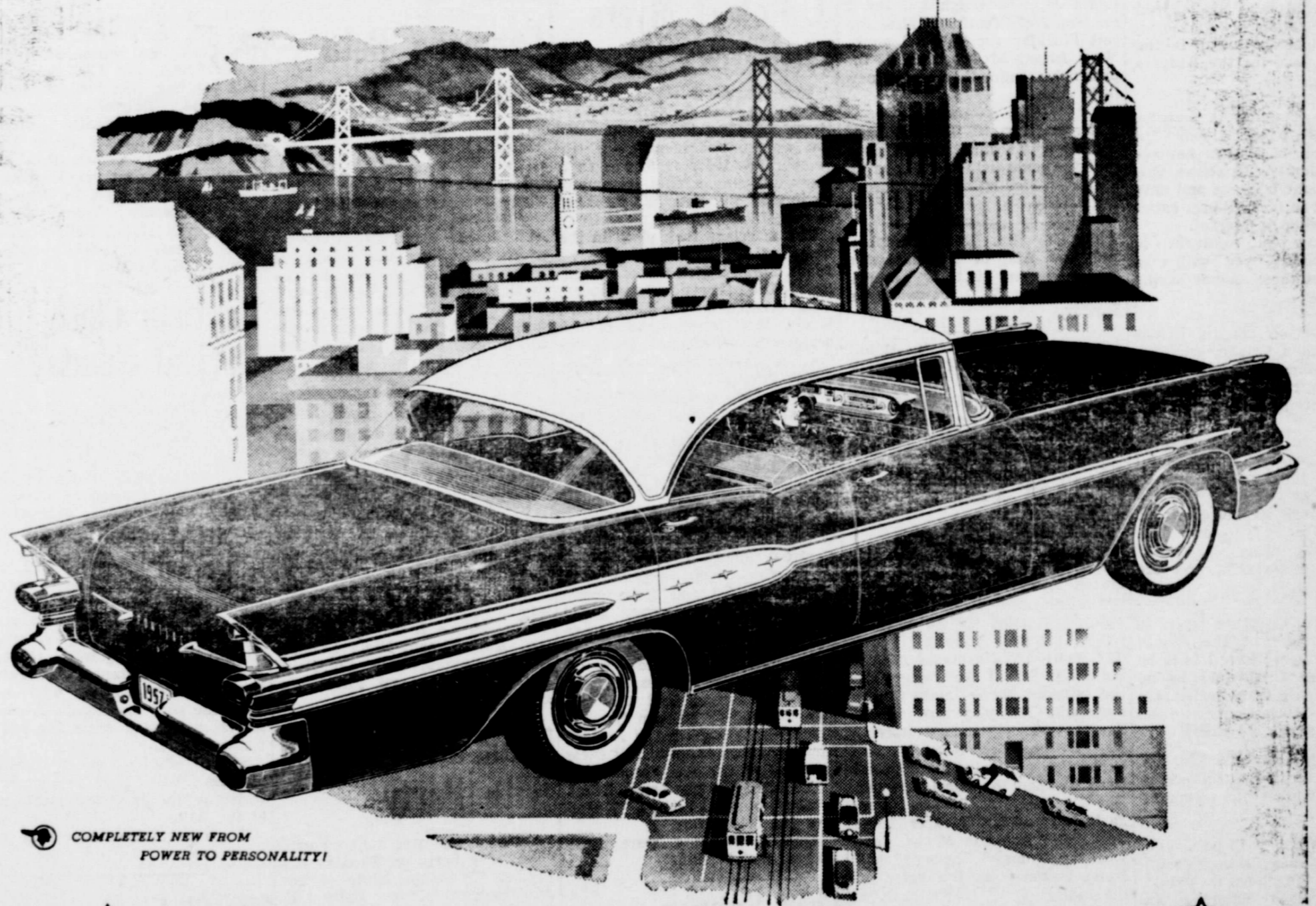
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J. F. Butman, W. M.  
C. B. Rust, Secretary.

O.E.S. regular meeting to held Tuesday, Nov. 27, at 7:30 p.m.

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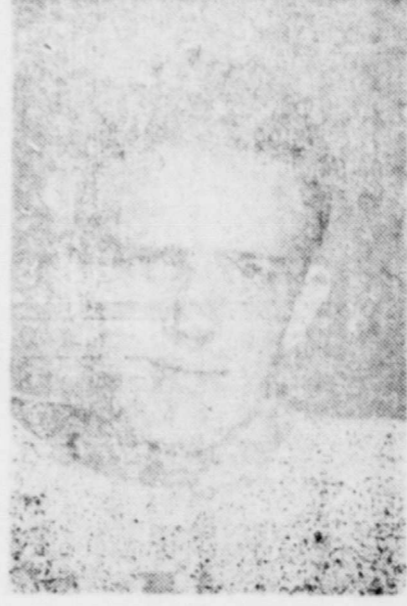
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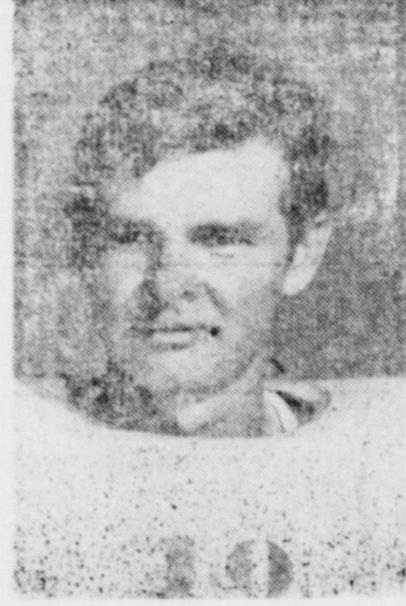
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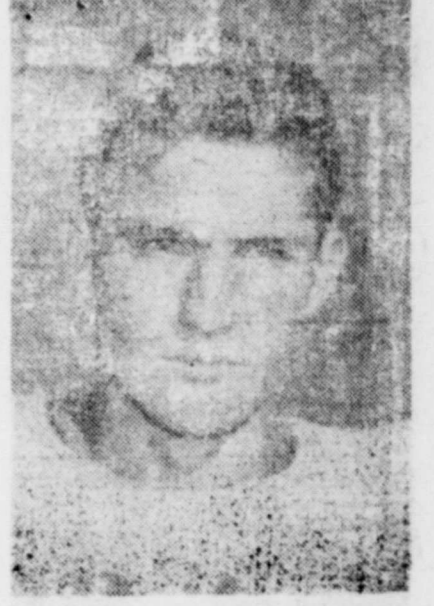
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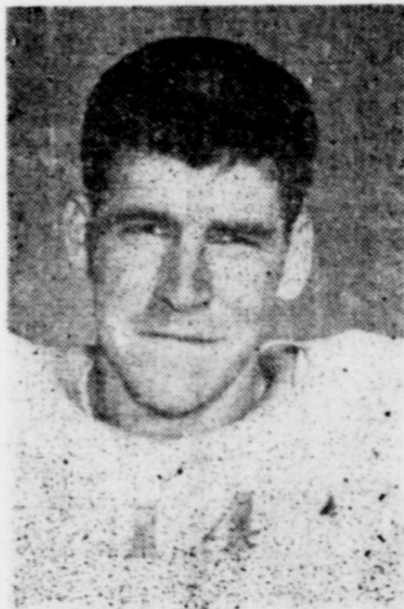


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## MERKEL



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## BADGERS

### MERKEL BADGER LINEUP

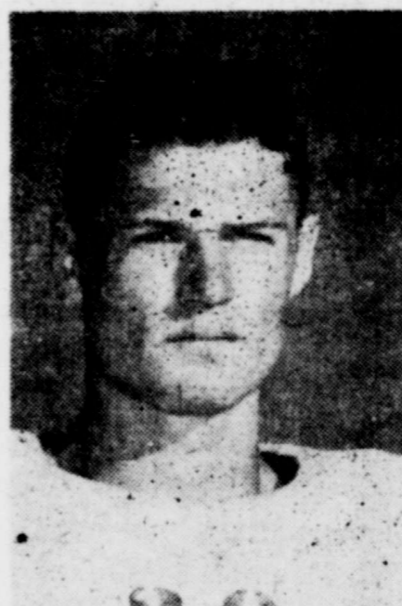
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Chester Collinsworth, . . . . .	C	166	91
Robert McLeod . . . . .	QB	200	98
Kermit Rutledge . . . . .	TB	158	90
Jackie Russell . . . . .	FB	147	88
Manley Denton . . . . .	WB	176	92
Jerry Miller . . . . .	E	166	86
Jimmy Neill . . . . .	E	150	85
David Pursley . . . . .	T	195	95
Charles Jacobs . . . . .	T	175	61
Edwin Mewborn . . . . .	Guard	175	96
Carl McKeever . . . . .	G	162	94



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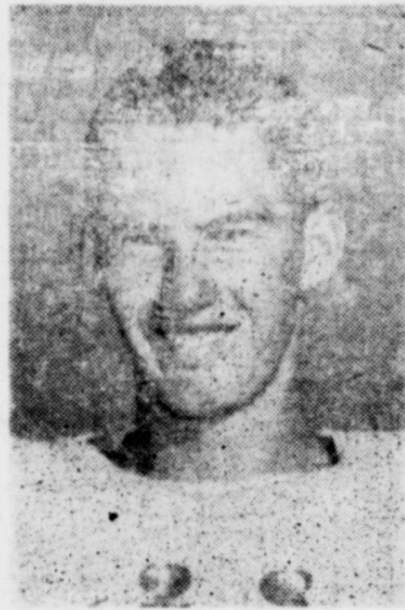
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BUDDY TITTLE



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GUS JACKSON



JOHN THOMAS



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Eddie Higgins	C	146	93
Skippy Hicks	C	132	50
Riley Seymore	QB	151	52
Larry Seymore	QB	126	74
Joe Neill	TB	142	90
Buddy Tittle	FB	137	89
Lloyd Shugart	WB	141	70
Tokio Moreno	WB	158	79
Johnny Thomas	FB	129	72
Wayne Adcock	WB	105	55
Russell Elliott	WB	102	13
Steve Portuges	B	128	78
Jerry McLeod	E	160	77
Ronnie Toombs	E	150	57
John Thomas	E	155	80
Douglas Toliver	E	145	81
Dewel Burden	E	110	78
J. R. Mashburn	T	148	76
Pat Patterson	T	146	82
Butch Palmer	T	180	63
Jimpp Hargrove	T	175	84
Barry Scott	T	185	97
Gus Jackson	G	143	87
Benny Milton	G	162	75
Doug Shugart	G	132	26

A. O. "Geo" Bicknell of Tucson, Arizona, Mrs. Ray B. Spurgin of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bicknell, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bicknell of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Eoff and Naylor, Merkel, Norman O. Bicknell and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Henniger of Abilene all visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell of Trent, Sunday, Nov. 18th.

Also visiting in the home Sunday afternoon were Mr. E. P. Spurgin, Mrs. Waldo Cox, Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Noodle and Mrs. Jess Bird, Abilene.

Mr. and John D. Oliver and twin girls of Midland came down Friday and stayed over till Monday afternoon visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver and Patsy. Sunday night all the Oliversons visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whisenand and family. Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver heard from man aboard the Aircraft Carrier, their son Jimmy, who is radio U.S.S. Oris Kany saying they were in Dry Dock at Alameda, California, waiting orders to go out to sea soon. Jimmy's time with the Navy will expire in March.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Derrington and children, Cathy and Perry of Merkel were dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan and son Ronny, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Kelly attended services at the Primitive Baptist Church at Anson, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. John Bryan and his sister Mrs. Lizzie Martin also attended services at this church.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller made a trip to Austin and visited Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Davidson. They were met there by Rev. and Mrs. Dave Johnson and family from Vivian, Louisiana. They returned home Sunday.

### Hosts Dinner

Mrs. O. W. Reed was hostess for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner Sat. evening - serving turkey Venison and all the trimmings for the following children and grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Athol O. Holder, Jerry and Raymond of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Harden Reed, Ronny and Beverly and Danny of Level land, Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King, Ida May, Buddy and Sue of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reed, Johnny, Nita and Tim of Lubbock. Her sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Coomer of Merkel.

### CARD OF THANKS

Our deepest and heartfelt gratitude goes out to all of our friends in our hour of need. Words alone cannot express our feelings to each and everyone. A special word of thanks to Rev. John Ferguson, Rev. Cloy Lyles and Rev. C. G. Sewell, Starbuck's Funeral Home, The Woodman of the World, The telephone operators of the Merkel Exchange, the Mulberry Canyon friends, the florists for the beautiful floral arrangements, Mr. and Ray Wilson for the use of the motel, all the families who opened their homes, the ones who brought food and to all the wonderful people who have shared our great loss with us and have given so freely their sympathy, time and all.

We thank you all from the bottoms of our hearts. You have helped so much to lighten our burden.

B. B. Reynolds and family

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dunning of Ft. Worth are house guests for Nov. 29th Thanksgiving Day in the home of his cousin Mr. and Mrs. Dunning McConnell.

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Rev. C. G. Sewell and his singers from the First Baptist Church conducted the services November 18. Everyone enjoyed them very much.

Mrs. Georgia Higginbotham of Spur, Mrs. Frances Daffern, Mrs. Goldie Smith of Eastland all visited Mrs. Smithers last week. Mrs. Higginbotham is a twin sister of Mrs. Smothers.

Mrs. C. A. McCurdy of Trent visited Miss Adcock, Friday.

Mrs. Otis Conlee of Clyde and Mrs. Olive Brooks of Dallas visited G. R. Baker on Saturday.

Mr. Evert West of Stith visited his sister Hattie West on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Altman of Abilene visited Uncle Ben Wheeler on Sunday.

Mrs. Bertie Jones visited her sister Hattie West Friday.

We appreciate the nice turkey given to us by the Men's Organization of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Ernest Fowler of Anson visited his mother, Mrs. Fowler Sunday.

We are sorry to lose Aunt Emma Adcock. She has returned in Ft. Worth after five weeks treatment under Dr. Sadler.

We have a very nice and sweet little lady who was admitted to the home Saturday, November 17. She is 99 years young. We hope she will be very happy here with us. She is Grandmother Cade from Noodle.

Mrs. B. T. Brown of Trent visited her mother, Mrs. Carr, Friday.

Mrs. Decker returned to her home in Knox City.

Mr. Wiley Smidley of Baird visited his father, N. A. Smidley, Sunday.

Mrs. Miller came and played for the patients and brought them some beautiful flowers.

Atwell Anderson of Trent visited Grandmother Cade on Tuesday. J. P. Smidley and J. O. Smidley of Baird visited their father, N. A. Smidley on Tuesday.

W. T. Riley of Goldsmith visited in the home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baker of Winters visited his brother, G. R. Baker, Friday.

Bill and Ruby Ward of Ft. Worth and J. W. Ward of Texarkana visited Uncle Ben Wheeler, November 21.

B. C. Jones and Miles visited their sister and aunt, Hattie West on Thursday.

Mrs. Fowler spent Thanksgiving Day with her son E. H. Fowler of Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pickens of Colorado City visited her sister Cora Reeder, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Canley and sons visited G. R. Baker.

Our new calendar for 1957 was given to the Home by Guy Pannell who is with the Republic National Life Insurance Company of Abilene.

Don and Danny Williams brought the Grif papers to the patients Saturday. They enjoyed them very much.

Wesley Pillgreen visited his father, Mr. Pillgreen on Sunday. Rev. Steward, Baptist minister brought the message for the patients, November 25. They enjoyed it very much.

The Junior Class of the Methodist Church brought a nice pro-

gram Sunday evening which the patients enjoyed. We invite them back again.

We appreciate the fruit, candy and nuts given the home by the Juniors.

We welcome Mrs. W. C. Hill into our home and hope she will be happy here.

### Merkel Students Make Tour With McMurry Band

Three Merkel students will make a four-day concert tour with the McMurry College Indian Band Dec. 2-5, playing for church congregations and high school audiences in seven West Texas cities.

They are Homer Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Payne; Sandra Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Patterson; and Barbara Jean Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson.

Payne, a 1956 graduate of Merkel High School, was a member of the band where he played the cornet. He was also a member of the Future Teachers Association.

Miss Patterson, a 1954 graduate of MHS, has been in the McMurry Band two years. She is also a member of Kappa Phi women's social club.

Miss Wilson, a 1954 Merkel graduate, has also been a member of the McMurry Band two years, and she is a Maidenette.

Raymond T. Bynum, McMurry director, said that the band will play in Big Spring, Odessa, Midland, Seminole, Andrews, Lamessa and Snyder on the winter tour.

The McMurrys will leave Abilene early Sunday morning and give their first concert at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 2, in the First Methodist Church of Big Spring.

Final concert of the tour is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Dec. 5, at Snyder High School, after which the band will return to Abilene. They will travel in two McMurry College buses.

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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: Guy Robertson and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; Baylis A. Hays and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; J. R. Headrick and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; J. M. Carroll and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; W. E. Walls and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; H. W. Fulton and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; A. N. Hamilton and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; Winnie M. Locke and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; Winne M. Locke and husband, if married, whose name is unknown; J. H. Swindell and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; J. H. Swindle and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; Joe A. Wright and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; T. K. Knight and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; Effie Hightower and husband, if married, whose name is unknown; S. H. Hightower and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; Oliver A. Keith and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; the unknown stockholders of Mid-West Improvement Company, a corporation; the unknown stockholders of Mid-West Improvement Company, a defunct corporation; all heirs, legal representatives, assigns or devisees of all the aforementioned 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 expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 7th day of January A. D. 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18th day of October A. D. 1956, in this cause, numbered 21,721-A on the docket of said court and styled Lee Roy Martin, Plaintiff, vs. Guy Robertson, et al, 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, to-wit:  
 All of that land out of the Southwest corner of the Northeast quarter of Section No. 36, Block 19, T & P Ry. Co. Survey, and being parts of Blocks 3 and 11 and all of Blocks 1 and 2 of the North Trent Addition to the Town of Trent, more particularly described, as follows:  
 BEGINNING at a point which is South 77 degrees W. 2640 feet and S. 13 degrees E. 1320 feet from the N. E. Corner of Survey No. 36, T & P Ry. Co. Survey, Block No. 19, for the N. W. and beginning corner of this tract;  
 THENCE S. 13 degrees E. 648 feet;  
 THENCE S. 76 degrees 05' E. 268 feet;  
 THENCE N. 32 degrees 30' E. 601 feet;  
 THENCE N. 57 degrees 30' W. 125 feet;  
 THENCE N. 32 degrees 30' E. 50 feet;  
 THENCE S. 57 degrees 30' E. 122 feet;  
 THENCE in a Northerly direction

with the West boundary line, Old Farm Road, 351 feet;  
 THENCE S. 77 degrees W. 825 feet to the place of beginning, containing 9.25 acres, more or less.  
 The Defendants set out herein are claiming the fee simple title to the property and Plaintiff is relying upon the 3 Year, the 5 Year and the 10 Year Statutes of Limitation 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 seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 19th day of November A. D. 1956.  
 Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk,  
 42nd District Court  
 Taylor County, Texas.  
 By Mrs. Jesse R. Swindell, Deputy.

**THE MERKEL MAIL**  
 Merkel, Texas - Friday, Nov. 30, 1956 **PAGE SIX**

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ensiminger have returned home from Portales, New Mexico, where they have been at the bedside of Mr. Turner's brother, Mr. John Turner who has been quite ill, but was better when they left for home.  
 Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark over the week end were, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Oleg Petroff of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Clark and family, Mrs. J. W. Clark and boys, and Mr. and Joe Edd McDuff and Ann of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Junior Clark and Randy and Mrs. Chas. West of Merkel.

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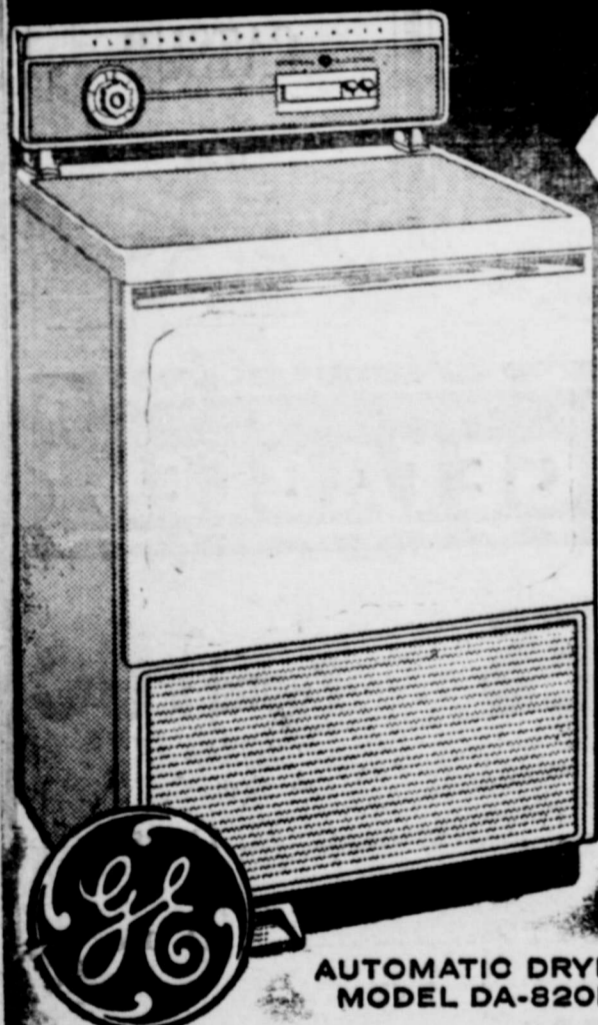
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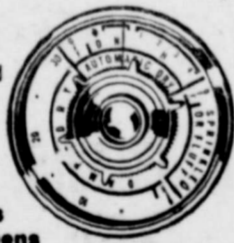
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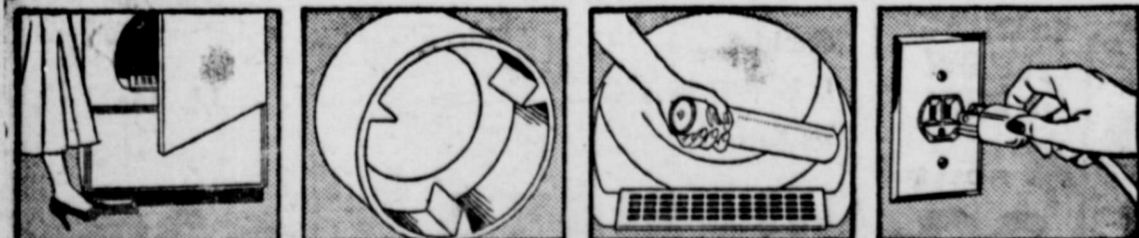


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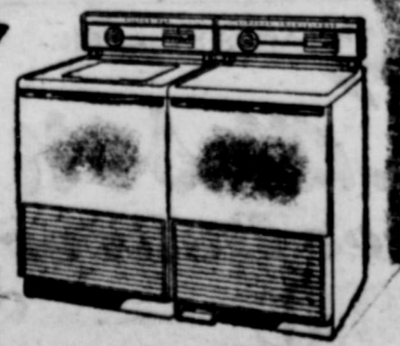
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### NOTICE BY CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS OF INTENTION TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER BIDS FOR OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASE ON LANDS OWNED BY SAID CITY

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas has determined that it is advisable to make an Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease or Oil, Gas and Mineral Leases on the following described lands situated in Taylor County, Texas, owned by said City, as follows:

TRACT 1: BEGINNING at a point in the South B. L. of Elm Street, in the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, 1206 feet N. 81 degrees W. of the W.B.L. of the city cemetery for the NE corner of this tract; THENCE N. 81 degrees W. along the S.B.L. of Elm Street 100 feet for the NW corner of this tract; THENCE S. 9 degrees W. 215 feet for the SW corner of tract herein conveyed; THENCE S. 81 degrees E. 100 feet for the SE corner of this tract; THENCE N. 9 degrees E. 215 feet to the place of beginning; the tract herein conveyed being 100 feet East and West by 215 feet North and South;

TRACT 2: Being a strip of land 50 feet wide East and West by 1816 feet long North and South, and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the N.B.L. of Elm Street, in the City of Merkel, Texas, 800 feet North 81 degrees W. of the W.B.L. of the city cemetery for the SE corner of this 2 9-100 acre strip; THENCE N. 9 degrees E. 1816 feet to the NE corner of this strip or tract; THENCE N. 81 degrees W. 50 feet to the NW corner of this tract; THENCE S. 9 degrees W. 1816 feet to a point in the N.B.L. of Elm Street, for the SW corner of this tract; THENCE S. 81 degrees E. with the N.B.L. of Elm Street to the place of beginning, and containing 2 9-100 acres of land;

TRACT 3: BEGINNING at a point on Elm Street 880 feet East of the NW corner of Block 17, original survey of the City of Merkel, (said NW corner of

Block 17 being at the intersection of Taylor and Elm Streets); point of beginning being 480 feet North of the center of Texas & Pacific Railroad right of way; THENCE South parallel to East line of Block 17, 150 feet for a corner; THENCE East parallel with Elm Street 100 feet for a corner; THENCE North parallel to East line of Block 17, 150 feet for corner; THENCE West, along South line of Elm Street, 100 feet to place of beginning.

Said lease or leases shall be in such form as shall be approved by said City Council, but no bid shall be considered and no lease will be executed which provides for less than one-eighth (1/8th) of all oil, gas and casing-head gas production as a royalty to the Lessor or providing for a primary term of more than five (5) years.

Bids for such lease or leases will be received and considered by said City Council at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of December, 1956, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall of the City of Merkel, Texas; and bids may be mailed to the City Council at Merkel, Texas, or may be presented in writing to said City Council at said meeting.

The City Council reserves the right to reject all bids if in their judgment the bids submitted do not represent the fair value of such lease or leases; and in making the award of any such lease or leases the City Council will consider both the amount of the cash bonus offered and the amount of the royalty to be paid the Lessor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and the Seal of said City of Merkel, under the authority and pursuant to the directions of the City Council of said City this 31st day of October, 1956.

Flossie W. McKeever  
City Secretary of  
City of Merkel, Texas.

Rev. T. H. Townsend of Kansas City, Missouri, attended the First Baptist Church Sunday morning and delivered our interesting message at Sunday night

service. Mrs. George Murphy of Ster-  
enville is visiting her sister, Mr.  
and Mrs. W. J. Largent, and fath-

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CHRISTMAS SUPPLEMENT — SECTION ONE

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1956 —

SHOP IN MERKEL THIS CHRISTMAS

## MERCHANTS GO ALL OUT TO MAKE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING BETTER THAN EVER IN MERKEL

### Free Prizes Given Away Everyday

Folks in Merkel are really in for a treat! Merkel Merchants have gone all out to make this year's Christmas shopping easier and more convenient than ever before. They're giving away prizes everyday! Turkeys will be turned loose on the streets with dollar bills attached to their leg every Tuesday!

This is just some of the things planned for your benefit. Merkel merchants have been shopping months in advance to bring you the largest selection of merchandise than has ever been offered in Merkel. All styles, sizes, fashions and fabrics of clothing, gift items popular the world over, toys as father would like to have played with... everything for giving or receiving will go on display here today!

### Merkel Drug Health Service Since 1919

Established by S. D. Gamble in 1919, the Merkel Drug has offered Merkel a health service unparalleled in quality from a place across the alley and a few drug compounds to a modern store with all facilities and the latest wonder drugs as fast as they become available.

This year the Merkel Drug, like all other merchants, have gone all out to offer the largest selection

of gift items as well as toys than they've ever had before. Like modern day drug stores, they have kept in line with a variety of services and sundries without losing the quality of their prescription service.

The store has had several partnerships in the business but has maintained a continuous chain of ownership within the family since its founding 37 years ago.

Dave Gamble, the present owner, started working in the store in the soda fountain department back in 1930, while attending school. After his graduation from Merkel High School Dave attended the University of Texas and received his degree in Pharmacology

back in 1938. He returned to the store and worked as Pharmacist until 1943 when he entered the service.

Gamble entered the Air Force as a Cadet in 1943 and received his wings at La Junta, Colo. in 1944. He was assigned to the 8th Air Force and stationed in England. He flew 19 missions in the famed B-17 before returning to the States, after Germany capitulated. Dave was released in 1945 and resumed his position with his father.

The elder Mr. Gamble was forced to retire from the store due to his health back in 1948 and Dave has assumed full control since then.

Mr. Gamble credited their continuous operation with the confidence folks in this area have years. He said, "We fully appreciated in them throughout the state their confidence and we will continue to strive to give the very best in health service and at very fair prices."

The younger Gambles have three children, Lynn (11), Bronwyn (7), and Karlen (3).

### Bragg's Observes 39th Christmas In Merkel

Bragg's Department Store is celebrating their 39th Christmas in Merkel by offering gifts for the entire family... and such gifts you've never seen before!

Their staff of buyers have been

making special purchases months in advance for this special occasion. They have completed their largest selection of fine merchandise for your benefit, everything from handkerchiefs to suits and top coats.

In keeping the tradition of friendly service, Bragg's offer a complete gift wrapping and mailing service to you at no more extra cost. You'll find neighborly friendliness at your service from their efficient staff. Florence Berry, Ethel Pee, Wanda Bradley, Ruth Baze, Granville Bragg and Mary R. Grimes will be glad to help you with your selection.

### Merkel's Newest Auto Store Opened In 1955

Paul Woods, owner of the White's Auto Store, came here two years ago and has the largest selection of merchandise ever offered in this area. He stressed that although his store name is a member of the chain, the store in Merkel is home owned and operated entirely separate from them. He is able to buy merchandise at quantity prices and offers the same prices as the other company owned stores in larger cities. This means the consumer trading in Merkel can take advantage of these savings that really count, he said.

Paul moved here from Abilene in 1955. He married the former Pat Parker of Hamlin. They make their home here and are members of The First Baptist Church.

### Max Mellinger Opens Store Here In 1920

When Max Mellinger bought a stock of Merchandise, little did he know he was laying the ground work for a future home and a business establishment that would become a trade-name as the word Merkel itself.

That's the way he became associated with this community. The merchandise was from a bankrupt store located in the building now housing the Eager Feed Store.

From the first time Max set eyes on Merkel, he knew he had found a home. He was operating a clothing store in Kennedy, Texas and closed it and moved his whole family to Merkel.

The Mellingers were burned out back in 1925 and moved to their present location. The entire family works in the store, devoted to the community as their neighbors.

The Mellinger brothers, three in all, grew up and attended school in Merkel. They are: Isadore, Meyer and Sylvan. All three graduated from the University of Texas and returned to help their parents in the store.

This year, the Mellingers offer the most complete and largest selection of merchandise ever offered by their store at Christmas time. They have made special purchases from months back in preparation for this season's buy-

### 6 Turkeys Turned Loose On Tuesdays

When you come to Merkel on Tuesdays, don't be surprised if a turkey with a dollar bill attached to its leg flies down from one of the buildings. If you catch him, he's yours! The Merkel Chamber of Commerce will turn six of them loose from a building every Tuesday afternoon.

Not only will the lucky person catching one of the turkeys will have a good feed but will have the money attached to its leg as well. All you have to do is catch one, and to do that you must be in Merkel Tuesdays, every Tuesday from now until Christmas! This is just a few of the many free gifts offered shoppers this year in Merkel.

Merchants have gone all out to make this the "biggest and best", ever. Shoppers will find what they are looking for and will always find plenty of free parking space. Why shop elsewhere?

This means that their customers can benefit by their planning and foresight in savings on quality merchandise.

A friendly welcome always greets everyone as they enter the store. This is a tradition of the Mellinger family for they pride friendship above all else. The family extends their cordial invitation to all in this area to come in and get acquainted.

The hunters are busy making preparation to be at their appointed places the first day of the hunting season. Bed rolls, guns, shells, cars checked, food ready, all impatiently awaiting

the day — a bunch of little boys grown tall.

### Merkel Schools Let Out Dec. 21 For Christmas

Students at Merkel schools have only a few more weeks of classes before the Christmas vacation, longest during the school year, begins.

All schools in the Merkel public school system will recess at the end of the school day on Friday, Dec. 21.

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Complete Set — 35mm Camera  
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Flash Gun. Carrying Case

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Outfit

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Cap Sub-Machine Gun - - **\$1.98**

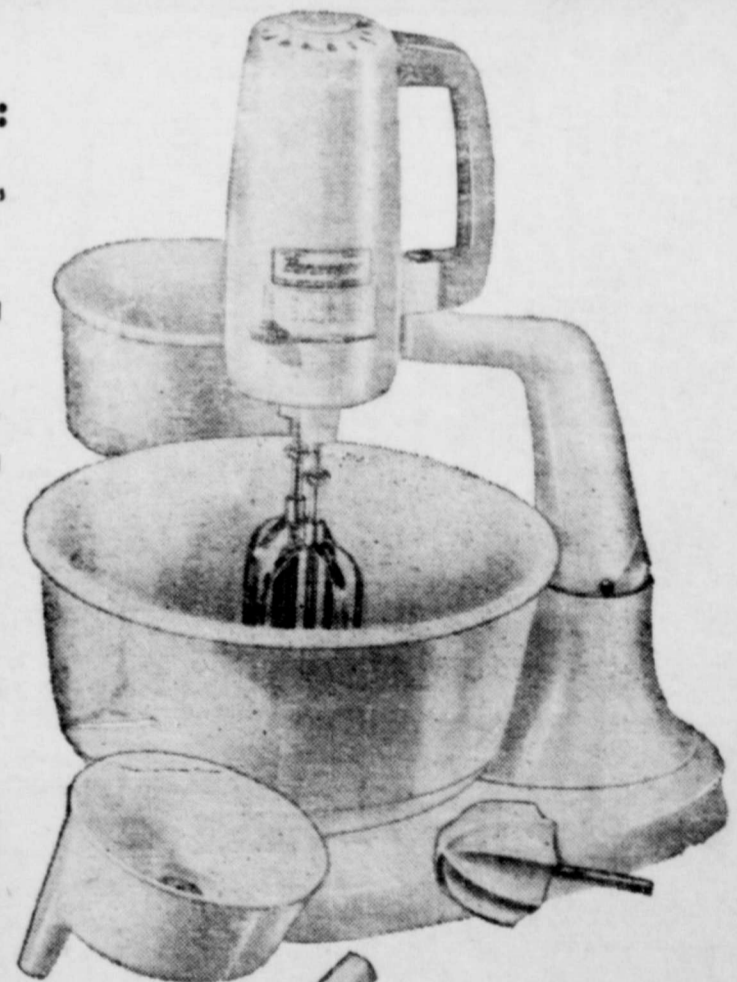
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Although F. C. McCue has only been in Merkel since 1954, the drug store itself is no stranger to Merkelites. Mr. McCue came here from Pyote where he still owns the Pyote Drug Store. He was Justice of the Peace and Bus Agent in Pyote for 12 years. He is adapted to this area and tries to offer a variety of needs. His store is well stocked from aspirins to modern drugs and a variety of sundries. He also stocks all kinds of guns and ammunition. For this special occasion, Mr. McCue has made many exceptionally good purchases and is passing them on to his customers at great savings. His store in Pyote was recently robbed by an ex-convict who has been apprehended and sentenced to two five-year prison sentences. A cordial invitation is extended to the many folks in this area to come in and get a beautiful religious calendar free of cost or obligation.

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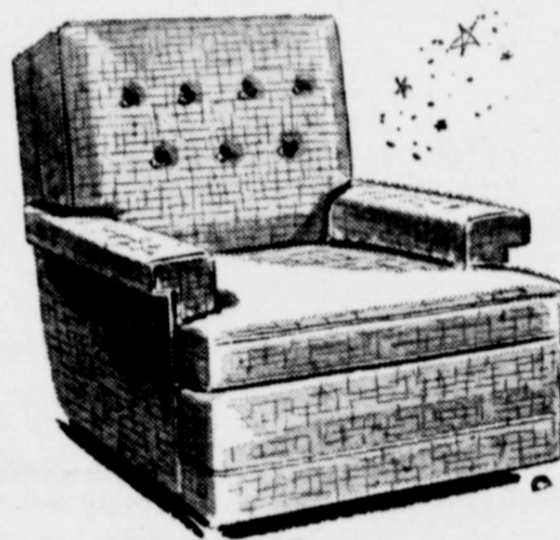
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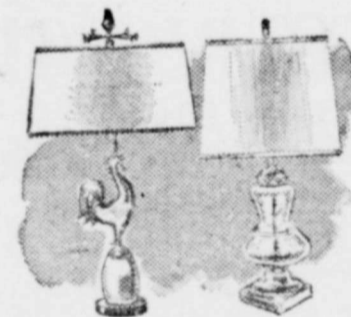
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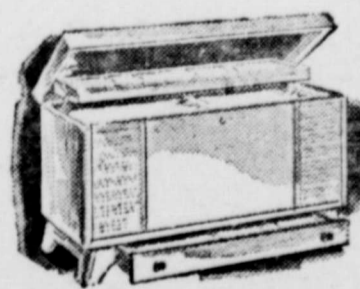
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## Fire Marshall Outlines Safety Rules In Christmas Decorations This Year

Fire Marshall Waymond Adcock Wednesday urged that fire safety be made just as much a part of plans for the Yuletide celebration as Christmas cards, presents and Santa Claus.

Reminding that Christmas trees are highly combustible, he suggested these safety rules:

1. Choose a small tree rather than a large one.

2. Store it outdoors until a day or two before Christmas.

3. When you bring it in, stand it in water and set it in a cool part of the house, away from radiators, heaters and fireplaces. Don't set the tree near any stairway or shaft which would provide a draft and don't let it block an exit.

4. Be sure every lighting set and electric cord you use is in good condition — no worn or frayed wires, no loose sockets. (Naturally, you never use candles.)

5. When you buy new sets of cards, look for the UL label. The ones that bear it have passed Underwriters' Laboratories tests for fire and shock hazards.

6. Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning tree lights on and off.

7. Ornaments should be made of fireproof materials like metal or glass. Never decorate with cotton or paper unless they are labeled "fireproof" or "flameproof."

8. Never set up electric trains under the tree.

9. Don't let gift wrappings pile up under or near the tree.

10. Don't leave tree lights burning when no one is home.

11. From time to time, see whether needles near the lights have started to turn brown. If so, change the positions of the lights.

12. When needles start to fall, take the tree down and discard it — outdoors.

13. Be sure plenty of ashtrays are provided for smokers. Don't allow smoking near the tree.

Adcock also advised that persons should be wary of chemicals or other substances sold for "fireproofing tree." In some cases, this process is ineffective.

An added fire hazard exists if dresses, costumes or children's clothes made of net or gauze-like fabrics are worn, he commented.

If it is impossible to avoid wearing them, they should be made flame-resistant with the following solution. Mix 9 ounces of borax and 4 ounces of boric acid in a gallon of water. Dip the fabric in the solution, wring by hand, then

hang to dry. Ironing does not affect the flame-resistance of the fabric, but the treatment must be repeated after each laundering.

And, Adcock added, if lights are desired in windows, never use candles. Keep curtains, and other flammable material pulled back at least six inches from any electric light.

## Postmaster Asks Early Mailing

Pointing up the need for your cooperation on his 1956 "Mail Early For Christmas" campaign, Postmaster Wrenn Durham says if you will follow these simple rules, all of your gifts can be delivered before Christmas Day: Wrap them securely. Address them correctly, and Mail them early.

Amplifying these rules, the Postmaster said, "Avoid the risk of mailing poorly wrapped packages. Use corrugated mailing cartons, plenty of heavy brown wrapping paper, and be sure that every package is tied with strong cord. Cartons containing several gift packages should be stuffed with tissue or old newspapers to cushion the shocks." He also reminds us that size and weight limitations for Parcel Post packages vary according to place of mailing and destination, and advises us to secure Pamphlet No. 2, at the Post Office, telling all about Packaging and Wrapping Parcels for Mailing, and Pamphlet No. 3, giving complete details on Domestic Postage Rates and Fees.

Speaking about correct address of Christmas gifts and cards, the Postmaster said: "Be sure your Christmas mailing list is up to date and that you have the complete name, address, zone number, city and state for everyone on your list. Send all your Christmas cards by First-Class mail, because they will be processed and delivered quicker, and they'll be forwarded, or returned, if it becomes necessary." Only Christmas cards sent First-Class mail may carry written messages, a custom everyone enjoys. Moreover, Christmas card envelopes smaller than 2 3/4" by 4" or larger than 9" by 12" require hand cancellation, and must carry First-Class postage.

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Beautiful soft flannel in all wool fabric. Elastic fitted waistband and gathered yoke, zipper front. Yours in Light Gray or Natural Tan. Sizes 34 to 44. Regulars and Longs. Others \$6.95 to \$19.95

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