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Up The Canyon

By TOM
RUSSOM

We are having cold damp weather up the Canyon this week. It has slowed down the sowing of wheat and oats in our area.

Heavy feeding of livestock is underway. Our moisture is fair.

Pioneer church and community are having a Christmas program and tree this Sunday. Everyone will bring a 25c gift to exchange.

Teresa Clemmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer and Donald Russom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom were both second place winners in the poster and essay contest of Taylor County.

Uncle E. H. Cordill is still in the Sadler Clinic and still pretty sick.

The young people and the pastor of Pioneer Church made a fine manger scene at the church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney visited over the week end with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Swinney of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson are the new camp managers of the Butman Youth Camp for 1964.

Joe Seymore said his land is in good shape for plowing.

The 4-H Club boys and girls are shaping their club lambs and calves for the shows that are soon to start.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Neill of Missouri called his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neill this week that they will leave there to come home for Christmas.

Brownies Hold Christmas Party

Merkel Brownie Troop 62 met Monday afternoon for their annual Christmas party.

Refreshments were served to Diane Allen, Dora Ascencio, Binwy Baccus, Christine Biera, Sherry Bratcher, Kathryn Cypert, Diana Dayton, Debbie Fincher, Kay Hollar, Jacqueline Johnson, Zana Mansfield, Jeri Mullenix, Judy Shields, Cynthia Steck, Cecelia Wade, Mrs. R. E. Dayton, Mrs. Pat Cypert and Mrs. David Gamble, special guest.

The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 6.

YULE HOLIDAY PERIOD IS TIME FOR EXTRA CAREFUL DRIVING

AUSTIN — The director of the Texas Department of Public Safety calls upon Texas motorists to "awaken their consciences and do more than just drive safely during the Christmas-New Year holidays" to forestall an expected toll of 96 lives in traffic accidents.

Col. Homer Garrison Jr., in announcing that past experience indicates such a toll for the nine-day period from Christmas Eve through New Year's Day, urged motorists to "drive legally on holiday excursions and not only watch out for those who don't, but report them to the nearest police agency."

Garrison announced that the DSP Statistical Services calculates that a total of 180 persons will meet violent deaths of all kinds during the period of "Operation Deathwatch," which begins at 12:01 December 24 and ends at 11:59 p.m. January 1.

Of this total, 96 traffic deaths,



Weather Halts Cotton Harvest

Unfavorable weather conditions in the form of rain, sleet, snow, and low temperatures cause cotton harvesting to be halted last week, according to B. B. Manly Jr., officer in charge of the USDA Cotton Classing Office in Abilene, receipts from District 2 totaled approximately 13,200 samples for the week ending Dec. 13, 1963. The portion of District 2 served by the Abilene office is composed of the counties surrounded by Dickens, Sterling, Runnels and Jones.

The Abilene office classed a total of 18,998 bales last week compared to 16,759 the previous week. This brought the total bales classed during the current harvesting season to 337,736, as compared to 210,861 total bales classed through the corresponding week, one year ago.

BANQUET HELD AT SANDS MOTEL

Mrs. Jean Thompson and Mrs. Bill Shields were the guests of Mrs. Norma Bond and Mrs. Don Riney at a banquet for Unit 12 of the Association of Hairdressers at the Sand Motel last Monday.

Dotty Botkins dance groups entertained.

During the election of officers Norma Bond was elected fifth vice president.

Announcement

Greely Ashton, Taylor County Service officer will be in his office in Merkel from 9 until 3 Friday Dec. 20.

He will be available to all area veterans and their dependents for consultations. Offices are in the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

Eastern Star Meet In T. J. Bird Home

Members of the Merkel Eastern Star Chapter 212 and their families met Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bird Jr., for a Christmas party.

A covered dish supper was served and gifts were exchanged.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. L. H. McAden, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Windham, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Seago, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Parham, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whitehead and Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie O'Dell, Carey and Garey, Mrs. Florence Berry, Mrs. Jewel Dunagin, Mrs. Lucy Ford, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bird Jr., and Patti VeAnn.

SARAH HARRIS WINS MEDAL

Sarah Harris, Merkel High School senior recently won first place medal in twirling in an Interscholastic Meet held in San Angelo.

Miss Harris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris.

EARLY DEADLINE

Monday noon will be deadline for copy for the December 26 edition of The Merkel Mail. The Merkel Mail will be closed December 24 and December 25. The early deadline is necessary so that employees will not have to work Christmas. A happy holiday to all our readers and faithful advertisers.

Merry
Christmas

Merkelites Take Part In Holiday Festivities

Christmas parties and programs highlight the Yule Tide season in Merkel as the day of Christmas draws near.

The residential lighting contest, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will include two divisions. One division will include yard decorations and the second division will consist of window decorations.

The decorations will be judged Friday night December 20 by out of town judges selected by the Merkel Garden Club. Merchandise prizes will be given for the first place winners in both divisions. The prizes are the courtesy of West Texas Utility Company and Taylor Electric Coop.

Twenty - one entries were submitted for the contest.

Those entering were Mrs. E. L. Sherrill, 1111 S. 9th; Mrs. Max Murrell, 1411 Heath; Mrs. R. E. Dayton, 1111 S. 10th; Mrs. Horace Boney, 1412 Herring Drive; Mrs. Dale Litton, 504 Yucca, Mrs. Benny Melton, 507 Locust, and Mrs. Bryan Dunnigan, 821 Ash.

Also Mrs. Pat Cypert, 807 Ash; Mrs. Earl Hughes, 412 Oak; Mrs. E. E. Tipton, 1404 Sunset Drive; Mrs. Jarrett Williams, Mrs. Gary Douglas, 808 Yucca; Mrs. W. W. Toombs, 1109 S. 9th and Mrs. Roy Dalziel, 1414 Heath.

Others are Howard Marcom, 411 Locust; Mrs. Alvin Wozencraf, 509 Oak; Mrs. Jimmy Hobbs, 1529 Sunset; Mrs. Laverne Moore, 1406 Sunset; Mrs. Dub Bruce, 1412 Sunset; Mrs. Herman Carson, 1501 Sunset and Alice McCarty, 1108 S. 8th.

Decorations committee chairman is Ray Wilson assisted by Onis Crawford and Paul Wood. The Garden Club assisted in arrangements for the judges and their tour of Merkel.

Santa has made his headquarters at the Chamber of Commerce office. He will be there every afternoon until Christmas.

Donald Williams Named to Cast

Donald Wayne Williams of Merkel has been named to the cast of "The Teahouse of the August Moon" which will be presented by the Department of Speech at Abilene Christian College, Feb. 14 and 15.

Williams will play Mr. Keora in the student production to be directed by Gary Aday, graduate assistant in speech.

Williams is a junior English major at Abilene Christian College.

The 1961 graduate of Merkel High School is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett G. Williams, 501 Thornton, Merkel.

Christmas Plans Made by Brownies

Brownie Troop 62 met with Diane Dayton, president, in charge of the pledges to the American Flag and Brownie Flag.

Secretary Cathy Cypert called roll with Dora Ascencio accepting dues.

Main activities of the meeting included decorating the Christmas tree and drawing names for a Christmas party.

Brownie leaders are Mrs. R. E. Dayton and Mrs. Pat Cypert.

Christmas music has been provided for the town by Fred Starbuck.

Also participating in the holiday festivities will be Taylor Electric Coop employees and their families. A Christmas dinner has been scheduled for Friday night at the Taylor Electric Building.

Merkel schools will dismiss at 2 p.m. Friday for the holidays

and will resume classes Jan. 2. Friday, Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. the Merkel High School Band will present a program of Christmas music for the high school.

A Christmas program for the parent - teachers association will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. The program will be presented by the first grade students of the Merkel School.

LOCAL CHURCHES PLAN SERVICES

Most of the churches in Merkel have planned special services around the Christmas theme for their Sunday meetings.

Calvary Baptist, 506 Runnels, will observe special Christmas services throughout the day Sunday. In all Sunday school departments the lesson will be on the birth of Jesus as recorded in the gospels of Matthew and Luke.

Song services of the day will be geared to the Christmas theme. The pastor, Marvin Clark, will speak on the "Birth of Jesus."

He will also deliver the message on radio KWFA at 9 a.m. Sunday.

An attendance goal of 126 has been set for Calvary Church.

The children's department and junior high department of the First Methodist Church will present a Christmas program under the direction of Mrs. Jarrett Williams, Sunday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m.

The Sunday morning services will be directed on the Christmas theme.

The Rev. W. D. Tanner of the First Baptist Church will deliver a Christmas message Sunday morning "The Name of Jesus."



WALTER BOREN SATTERFIELD
... guest speaker

Local Church To Hear Satterfield

Walter Boren Satterfield, senior student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, will be guest pastor at the Merkel Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Dec. 22.

He received his bachelor of arts degree in English from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. During the summer of 1958 he served as supply pastor for Mecklenburg Presbytery in North Carolina, and before entering the Seminary he served three years in the U.S. Army in Germany.

Christmas hymns will also be featured.

Sunday night a Christmas program in song and reading will be given by the young people of the church.

The Spanish Mission will have a special Christmas program Sunday night.

There will be a guest speaker at the Church of Christ Sunday. In the absence of minister Kenneth Jones the speaker will be C. M. Jobe from Abilene.

Eight Students Make All-District Band In Anson

Dr. Neill Humfield from East Texas State College was the clinician at the all-district band clinic held recently in Anson.

Eight Merkel students made the all - district band. They were Tommy South, second chair cornet, Hayden Griffin, first chair trumpet, Almer Barnes, second chair tuba, Elizabeth Reagan, fourth chair trombone, David Hammond, fourth chair saxophone, Adrey Reagan, fourth chair flute, Johnny Hardesty, first chair clarinet, and Larry Howard, second chair clarinet.

Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club Meets

The Mulberry Canyon 4-H club viewed slides of the Holy Land in a recent meeting in the community center.

Donald Russom called the meeting to order followed by the American Pledge led by Mark Clemmer.

Betsy Johnson led the club motto and prayer with Mary Johnson reading the minutes.

Highlights of the meeting were the presentation of gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson by Myrtle Davis and to Mr. and Mrs. Mignery by Robert Clemmer. The Johnsons were awarded as former organizational leaders and the Mignerys for donating paint to paint the building. Donald Russom presented a gift to Mr. and Mrs. Davis, present organization leaders.

The meeting was climaxed by a Christmas party. Gifts were passed out by Mark Dudley and Theresa Clemmer.

Refreshments were served to Donald Russom, Gaylon and Judy Brnovak, Mark and Mike Dudley, Robert and Mark Clemmer, Mary and Betsy Johnson, Susie Riney, Katie Neill, Myrtle Davis, Becky and Glenna Bryan, Aleta Scott, Steve Butman and Mickel Ray.

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before 10 o'clock A. M. of the
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piration of forty-two days from
the date of the issuance of this
citation, same being the 2nd day
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on the 4th day of October A.D. 1963,
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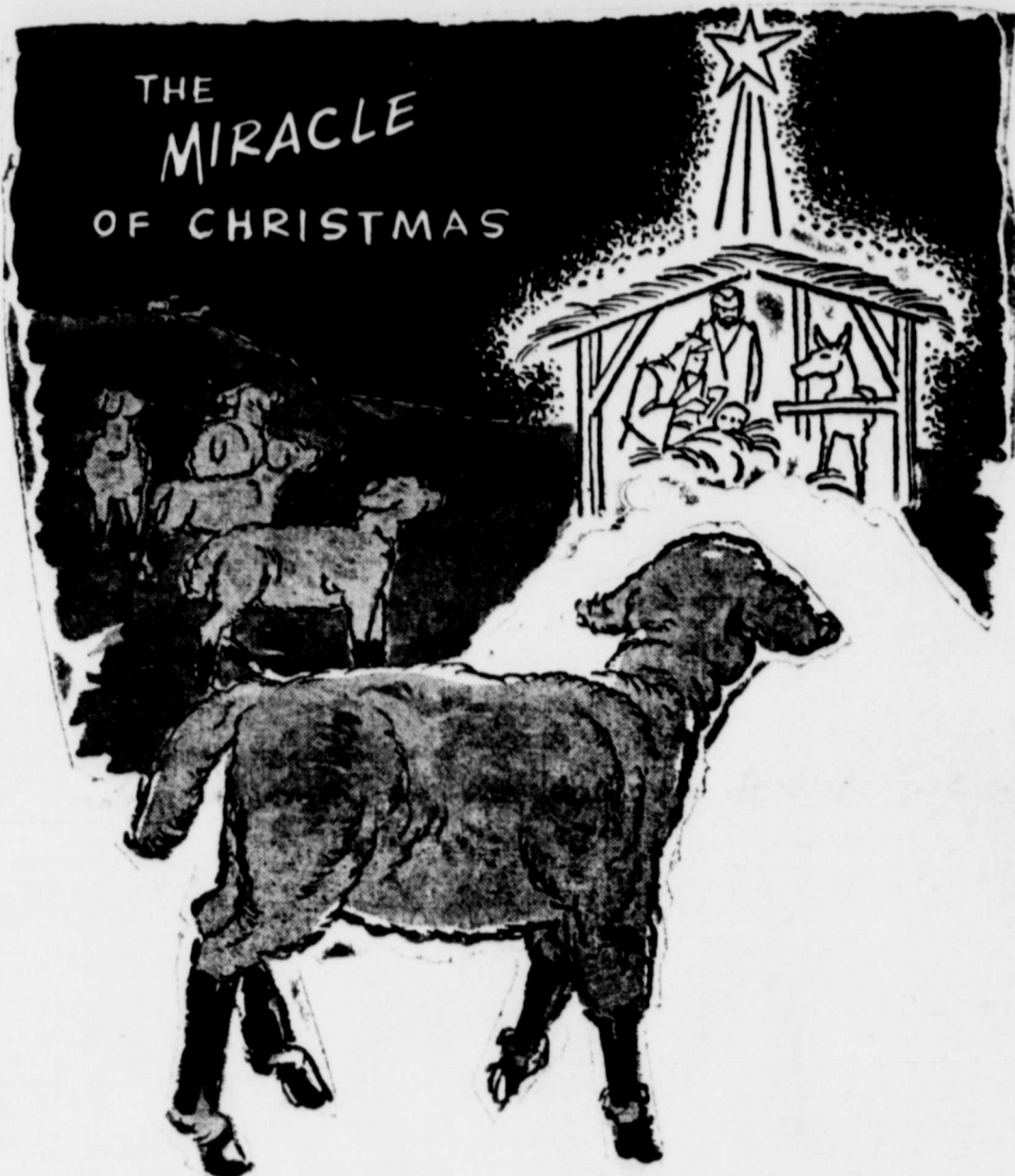
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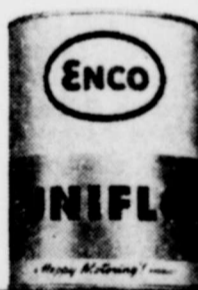


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Junior Garden Club Meets
The Junior Garden Club met recently with hostesses Mrs. Jarrett Williams and Mrs. Buck Leach.
Kathy Mansfield, president, presided for the election of two officers, Suzie Wilson, treasurer, and Mary Doan reporter.
Program for the occasion was "Hands busy for Santa."
Barbara Higgins was program chairman and Kathryn Criswell was program leader.
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To all we extend our warm greetings for a happy 1964.
1964

Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. Also our special thanks to Dr. Sadler. For the beautiful service, floral offerings and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.
The family of J. T. Anderson

Hardy Grocery
Phone 8-6912

Merkel Restaurant

Jack Boone
SERVICE STATION
N. 1st. Phone 8-5123

Hi ho!
1963

It is with sincere best wishes we send you our Christmas greetings.

Eoff's Conoco Station
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The best to you.
1964

Noel
Joy, health, happiness and goodwill to all the world.
1963

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138 Edwards
Phone 8-5166



Joy 1963

Your friendship has been a joy. We wish you a Merry Christmas.

May you have a joyous and happy holiday.

Happy New Year

To all our many friends and neighbors we send greetings and best wishes for '64.

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Johnny Cox
ACCOUNTANT
INCOME TAX
215 Edwards Ph. 8-6943

Gladys' Grocery

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
My name is Barbara Jean and I want a sewing machine for Christmas, my age is 5 years old.
Love you
Barbara Jean Moreno

Dear Santa
My name is Bertie. I am 2 years old and I would like an Army suit size 12 in the pants and

size 10 in the shirt for Christmas.
Love you
Mendes Moreno

Dear Santa,
My name is Bertie. I'm 12 years old and I want some swings for Christmas.
Love you
Bertie Moreno

Dear Santa,
My Name is Cha Cha Moreno. I'm 3 years old and I want some swings for Christmas.
Love you,
Cha Cha Moreno

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas this year I would like:

1. Big Thumble Doll
 2. Bicycle
 3. Uncles Wiggly Game
- Yours truly,
Patricia Ann McDuff

LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

DRIVE SAFELY DURING THE HOLIDAYS! — By Robert Wilson
Are you as safe while driving as you think you are? If while driving you take your mind off your job for one small moment and happen to violate any of the traffic laws, you might pay for that mistake with your life or the life of someone else.

Traffic laws are made for your own good, so obey them. It is your duty to obey the traffic laws and always be alert.

It is apparent from one statistical holiday to the next that there is a steady increase in traffic fatalities. By your safe and sane driving you can make this a "Merry Christmas" for yourself, your family and others — **DRIVE SAFELY DURING THE HOLIDAYS.**

SPORTS — There was some exciting Junior Basketball in the local gymnasium last Saturday night. In two overtime periods, the Merkel Junior Badgerettes defeated the Roby Junior Girls 24 to 21 to win first place in the annual junior tournament here. Earlier the Merkel Junior girls had defeated Anson 15 to 14 and Jim Ned 21 to 20.

The Merkel Junior Boys and Girls will play in the Annual Anson Junior Basketball Tournament on January 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

The first conference game for the junior boys and girls will be played at the Jim Ned Elementary School on January 9th, 1964.



Greetings

We have enjoyed your friendship and hope to be of service during the New Year.

1964



May the joy of this Holy time be yours today.

Ann's Beauty Shop

Clyde's Garage

SOCIETY



By MRS. T. J. AMASON
Correspondent

Mrs. Ava Gilbert and son Billie Mack of Abilene were visitors in the home of her mother, Mrs. W. A. McCandless Sunday.

Miss Lucille Hogg of Bay City is visiting in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robertson.

Mrs. Lon McDonald and children of Winters were visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Campbell the past week.

Miss Lou Ann Largent of Muskogee, Okla., is visiting in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent.



Starr Rest Home



We remember with awe the meaning of this season. May it be an inspiration to your family.

1963

Merkel Farm Machinery



Ninth Street Grocery
1207 S. 9TH
Phone 8-5331



Wishing you a memorable, joyful Christmas holiday.

DuBose Mobil Station
1210 N. 1ST
Phone 8-5814



Knight's Service Station



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Greetings to our many patrons and friends.

H. W. Lemens Butane, Inc.



May all your dreams bring you happiness.

1963



Doan's Feed Store

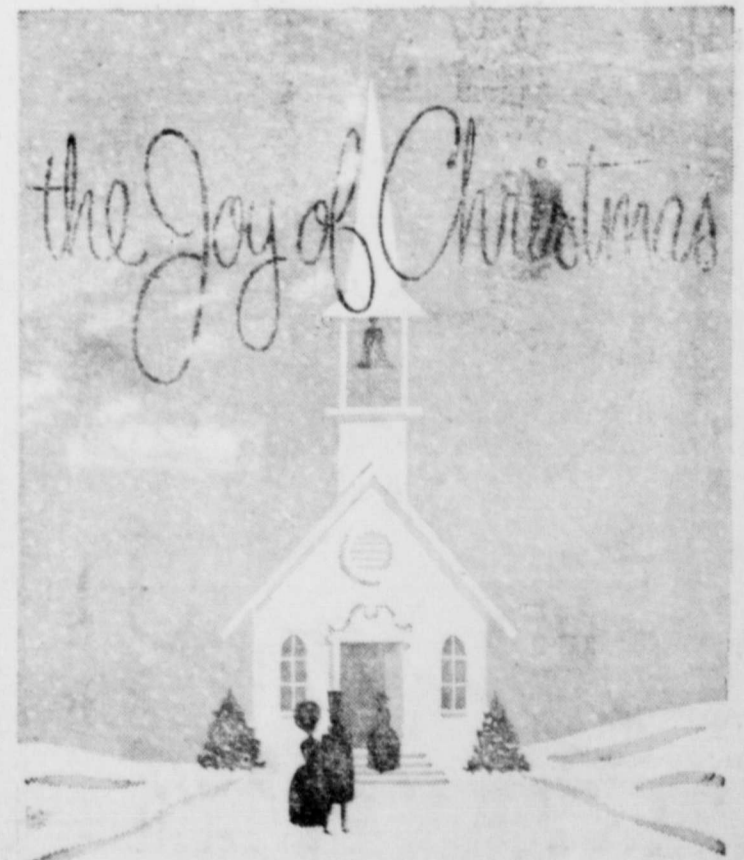


To wish you a

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Ford Smith, Jr.
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Christmas is a time for joy and hope and peace. We hope your days will be filled with them all.

1963

Carson's Super Market
217 EDWARDS
PHONE 8-5231

Merkel Students With McMurry Band Fall Tour

Bitsy West, Sharon Cypert and Robert Marcom, members of the McMurry College 1963 Band in



Joy
1963

Your friendship has been a joy. We wish you a Merry Christmas.

Bullock Hardware

214 Edwards
Phone 8-5310

Abilene will be with the group on their annual fall tour when they perform in five towns in the Panhandle area of Texas.

Miss West, McMurry College senior student, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eager, 708 Oak. She is majoring in biology and is a member of Kappa Phi Social Club, Student Education Association, and Science Club.

Miss Cypert, McMurry College junior student, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cypert of Merkel. Her major course of study is elementary education and she is a member of Alpha Pi Alpha.

Mr. Marcom, a junior student on the McMurry College campus, is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Howard Marcom of Merkel. He is majoring in Spanish and is a member of Eta Epsilon Iota.

The band opened its tour Dec. 8 in the First Methodist Church of Shamrock for a Sunday evening service entitled "Let Us Worship Through Music." Last Monday the McMurry musicians performed in Perryton. Tuesday they presented an evening program in Pampa. Wednesday morning and evening they presented programs in the Clarendon and Childress High Schools.

The band is under the direction of Dr. Raymond T. Bynum, West Texas musician and band master listed in "Who's Who in the Southwest."

FORMER MERKEL BOY TAKES NAVY TRAINING

Billy Wayne Tyler, son of C. O. Tyler, 112 Rose St., has joined the United States Navy.

Electing to become an electronics specialist, seaman Tyler has shipped to San Diego, Calif., for training.

He attended Merkel and El Paso schools.

Dr. ELEANOR WELDON
Chiropractor
707 Yucca
Phone 58

Merkel, Texas
Closed Tuesdays and Saturday Afternoons



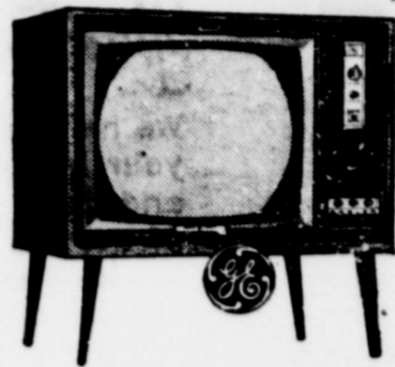
Greetings
1964

It's a pleasure to recall those whose friendship we enjoy. Happy New Year!

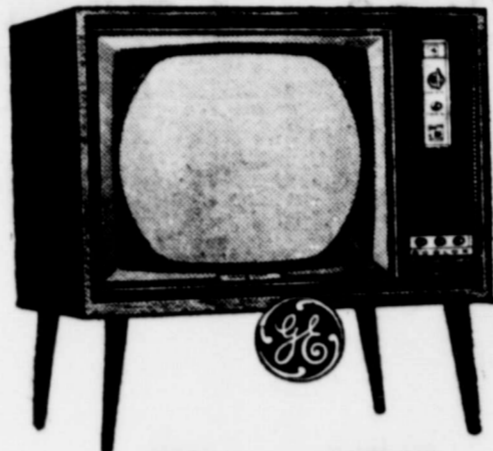
Merkel Drug Co.

121 EDWARDS

PHONE 8-5012



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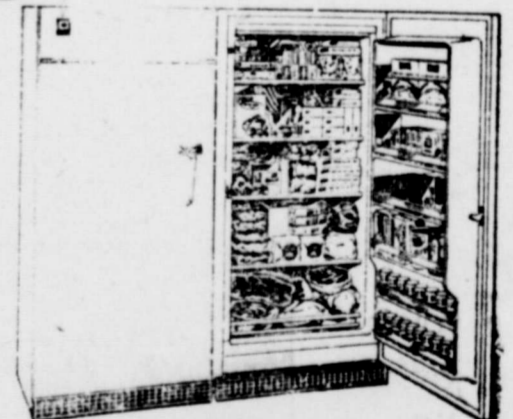
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Pair a G-E Fresh Food 13 Automatic Defrost Refrigerator with a giant Frost-Guard Freezer 13 (holds 469 lbs. of frozen food...no defrosting ever!) and get side-by-side convenience with 26.4 cu. ft. total refrigerated storage! This G-E Refrigeration Center costs only pennies more a day than a refrigerator alone.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS
from

PALMER MOTOR COMPANY

1208 NORTH 1ST STREET

PHONE 8-5113

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LEGAL NOTICE

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: Kenneth Ray Bell, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Court of Domestic Relations of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of 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 13th day of January A. D. 1964, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 11th day of October A.D. 1963, in this cause, numbered 605 on the docket of said court and styled Wanda Loyce Bell, Plaintiff, vs. Kenneth Ray Bell, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were duly and legally married on or about January 3, 1963, and continued to live together until on or about October 7, 1963. No children were born to said marriage, and no community property was acquired. Plaintiff requests the Court to restore to her the name of Smith which was her maiden name, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court this the 2nd day of December A. D. 1963.
(Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk of the Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas, By Millie Scott, Deputy.

39 4t

Mrs. Eunice Massey spent the holidays in Dallas with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Ray B. Massey.

Does BLADDER IRRITATION
MAKE YOU NERVOUS?
After 21 common kidney or bladder irritations affect twice as many women as men and may make you tense and nervous from too frequent, burning or itching urination both day and night. Secondly, you may lose sleep and suffer from headaches, backache and feel old, tired, depressed. In such irritation, **CYSTEX** usually brings fast, relaxing comfort by curbing irritating germs in strong, acid urine and by analgesic pain relief. Get **CYSTEX** at drugstore. Feel better fast.

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas, By Marie Gill, Deputy.
38 4tc

Trent FHA Slates Banquet

The Trent Future Homemakers of America in a recent meeting

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Linda Ann Lockemy Evanson, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 6th day of January A.D. 1964, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court 1963, in this cause, numbered 481 on the docket of said court and styled Anton E. Evanson, Plaintiff, vs. Linda Ann Lockemy Evanson, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Married September, 1957, separated August 20, 1962, because of harsh and cruel treatment, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 20th day of November A.D. 1963.
(Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas, By Marie Gill, Deputy.
38 4tc

slated December 16, held the annual FHA mother - daughter and FFA father - son banquet. Mayreen Inight, home economist from Lone Star Gas Co. in Abilene, gave a demonstration on Christmas gifts.

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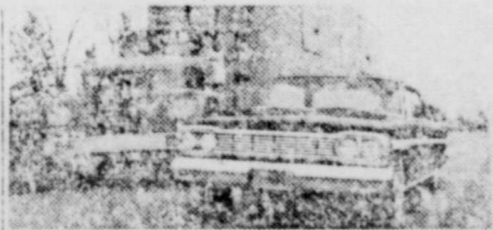
New Rambler Classic 770 hardtop, one of 24 models in 3-line 1964 Rambler Series: American... Classic 6 or V-8... Ambassador V-8

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Dishwasher's Eyes



**FIRE
HER!**

Buy her a portable electric dishwasher for Christmas. There's no installation and it comes on rollers for convenience of moving. Later on, if you wish it can be permanently installed.

With an automatic dishwasher your lovely wife can relax after dinner over a second cup of coffee instead of jumping up to face a hot steamy sink full of dirty dishes and harsh detergent. Besides all this men, face it...a soggy dishtowel is no substitute for the sports page or your favorite TV program, and an automatic dishwasher doesn't drop a dish.

Stop in this week and see your local electric appliance dealer or WTU.



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GANDY'S
Whipping Cream 1/2 pt. 19c
Sour Cream 1/2 pt. 19c
Buttermilk 1/2 gal. 39c

GANDY'S ROUND CARTON PURE
ICE CREAM 1/2 gal. 69c

HERSHEY'S - 12-OZ.
DAINTIES pkg. 35c

REYNOLDS HEAVY DUTY
ALUMINUM - 18-INCH
WRAP 49c

BORDEN'S
EGG NOG qt. 39c

BORDEN or METZGER'S
Whipping Cream 1/2 pt. 19c

BAKER'S - 4-OZ. CAN
COCOANUT 2 for 39c

HOLSUM STUFFED
OLIVES No. 12 33c

KRAFT'S MARSHMALLOW
CREAM pt. 19c

KRAFT MINIATURE - 10-OZ.
MARSHMALLOWS 23c

BETTY JANE - 10-OZ.
STRAWBERRIES 2 pkgs 39c

MORTON
**PUMPKIN OR MINCE MEAT
PIES** 29c

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5 Big Shopping Days BEFORE XMAS

SUPREME CLUB **CRACKERS**
1-LB. BOX 29c

MEADOLAKE **OLEO**
2 Lbs. 39c



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MIX 'EM or MATCH 'EM
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3 Lbs. for \$1.00

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XMAS MIX
Candies BAG 23c

LIBBY'S ALL GREEN - 300 CAN
ASPARAGUS can 35c

DOLE CRUSHED - NO. 2 CAN
PINEAPPLE 2 for 53c

HUNT'S NO. 303 CAN FRUIT
FRUIT C'KTAIL 2 for 39c

COMSTOCK PIE MIX - NO. 300 CAN
PUMPKIN 2 for 19c

NIBLET'S - 12-OZ. CAN
W. K. CORN 2 for 33c

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GARDEN PEAS 2 for 39c

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WILL BE AT CARSON'S SUPER MARKET
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TOMS HENS
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HORMEL DAIRY BRAND
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BAR-B-Q BEEF - CHILI - SALADS

HORMEL RANGE BRAND
BACON 2 Lbs. 75¢

FRESH MARKET
SAUSAGE Lb. 39¢

Libby's
PEACHES
2 2 1/2 Cans 49¢

GARDEN FRESH VEGETABLES

RED DELICIOUS
APPLES
100-80
2 Lbs 25¢

FRESH
CELERY Lb. 10c

FRESH
COCOANUTS 2 for 25c

FRESH
CRANBERRIES Lb. 29c

FLORIDA
RUBY RED GRAPEFRUIT each 10c

CALIFORNIA NAVEL
ORANGES Lb. 12c

NO. 1 RUSSETS
SPUDS 10-Lb. Bag 49c

PET
MILK
3 Tall Cans 39c

DUNCAN HINES
PANCAKE MIX
2-LB. BOX 29c

LIBBY'S CUT GREEN
BEANS
2 No. 303 Cans 39c

OCEAN SPRAY
CRANBERRY
WHOLE OR SAUCE
2 Cans for 39c

DOLE
PINEAPPLE
JUICE
46-OZ. CAN 33c

GLADIOLA
MEAL
5-LB. BAG 33c

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EACH WEDNESDAY ON \$2.50 PURCHASE

CRISCO FOLGER'S JELL-O DATES FLOUR

3-Lb. Can 63¢
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Assorted
Reg. Size 3 Boxes 23¢

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LUX GIANT 49c

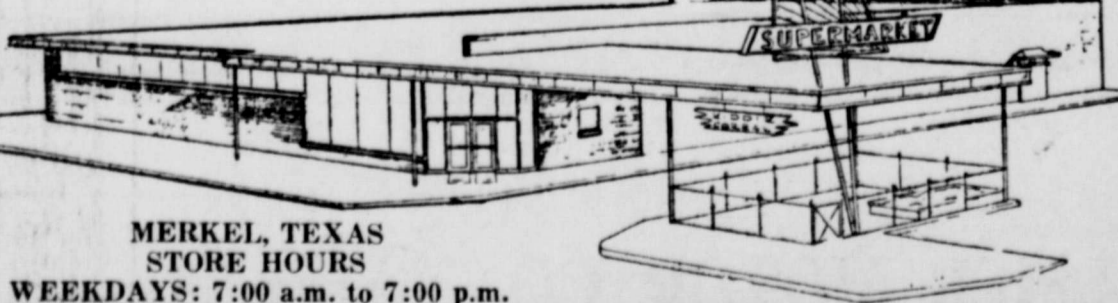
ELLIS
TAMALES

Jumbo 2 1/2 Can 29¢

MORTON COCONUT - PEACH
APPLE PIES 25c

SILVER DUST Box with GLASS box 63c

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Christmas Joy

Mina Winter Butane

123 KENT

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Mellinger's Department Store

137 EDWARDS

PHONE 8-5223

Jump-in-the-Box Still Making Popular Toy for Yule Giving

It may be called a Punch Box, Surprise Box, Admiral on a Stick, or Johnny Jumpup, but whatever the name, adults and children alike regard the familiar Jack-in-the-Box with pleasure. While today's Jack-in-the-Box features tinkling tunes and familiar clowns and cartoon characters, the original concept was something far different.

Trent Stock Show Scheduled Dec. 28

The Trent FFA and 4-H Stock Show will be held December 28 at the Agricultural Barn in Trent. John Hamner has been superintendent of the show for eleven consecutive years. Committee members include: Clovis McElmurry, Onis Graham, Carlton McCloud and Mark Williamson. Junior superintendents include: Lee Lanning, Dennis Hobbs, Mike Carriker, Jerry Ernest and Keith Claborn. Approximately 190 entries are expected to enter this year and it is anticipated this will be the best show up to date.

Developed in the 16th century and usually credited to German toymakers, the toy found great initial favor with practical jokers who received their pleasure from the startled looks of those who found an unexpected and sometimes hideous figure jumping from the box. One of these figures, who still crops up today in a much friendlier version, was modeled after Polichinelle of the English Punch and Judy shows.

The toy's pleasant surprise aspect also brought early day toy psychologists into action and Rousseau credited Jack-in-the-Boxes of his era with helping to remove the "groundless fears of children." Whatever the reason for the popularity, the toy has been pleasing American children since 1800, when it was first imported from England by early immigrants. It has continued to find great acceptance with youngsters through the years.

Captain and Mrs. William R. Horton and son Ray are visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton.

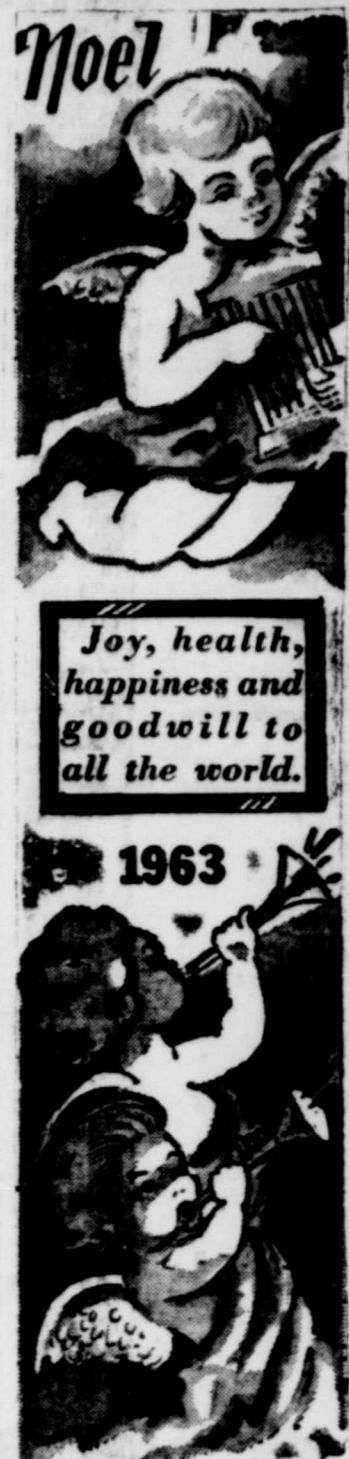
Merkel CC Gets Invitation From Fat Stock Show

FORT WORTH (Special) — The Merkel Chamber of Commerce has received an invitation to be honored with a Special Day at the 1964 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, January 24 thru February 2. W. R. Watt, stock show president - manager, said the Special Day delegation would be spotlighted during an introduction at the rodeo performance and the city would receive special recognition both at the show and over a wide area of Texas.

The invitation includes a block reservation of Rodeo seats, for advance sale locally, so all of the delegation can sit together during the spotlighted introduction. The local band is invited to play a concert in the stock show grounds and be the Shows guest at the rodeo. A cowgirl sweetheart can be named to ride in the Rodeo Grand Entry on the Special Day, and would be introduced to the audience. Area riding Clubs are invited to ride in the opening day Western parade, in the Rodeo Grand Entry on the Special Day, or both.



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INSURANCE AGENCY
126 Kent
Phone 8-5613**



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Christmas CHEER

To all good friends whose friendship means so much, we send you season's greetings. May your Christmas be a happy one.

1963

TAYLOR TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

CHRISTMAS JOY



To our friends we send greetings and best wishes.

1963

Wilson's Food Store

1033 N. 2ND PHONE 8-5713

it's a NEW YEAR



1964

We send our appreciation for our fine association during the past year and our best wishes for 1964.

Irven Thompson

WYLETIDE CHEER



May good times, good friends and pleasant memories make your Christmas a happy one to remember and cherish.

Ben Franklin
EDWARDS STREET

LEGAL NOTICE

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING
Dec. 14, 1963
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
That the annual meeting of the stockholders of Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on the 14th day of January, 1964, at 7:00 o'clock p m

for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
Respectfully,
BOOTH WARREN
President

40 57c

Mr and Mrs Talma Wilson and family of Snyder were visitors in the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs Howard Brown recently.



Gifts of the Magi

May your gifts be peace and great joy.

1963

Bill's Flower Shop
1025 N. 2nd
Phone 8-5213



1963

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Greetings to our many patrons and friends.

Dorothy Davis & Janie Dudley

IT'S CHRISTMAS



1963

We hope the true spirit of Christmas reaches into every home in this community.

Merkel Motors

KENT & N. 7TH PHONE 8-6625

SEASON'S GREETINGS 1963



To all of you whose friendship means so much to us we send greetings and our sincerest thanks for your patronage.

MALONE IMPLEMENT COMPANY



1963

Merry Christmas

May this holiday be filled with gifts of happiness, peace and goodwill.

HIGGINBOTHAM - BARTLETT

1046 NORTH 2ND

PHONE 8-5812

IT'S CHRISTMAS

1963



Peace be your gift this Yule, and your treasure.

Merkel Telephone Co.

1005 N. 2ND

PHONE 8-6644

Del Davis Speaks To Merkel 4-Hers

The Merkel 4-H Club met in the Taylor Electric Coop Building with club president Finley Barnett calling the meeting to order.

The American pledge was led by Larry Ragan with the 4-H club pledge being led by Vickie Robertson.

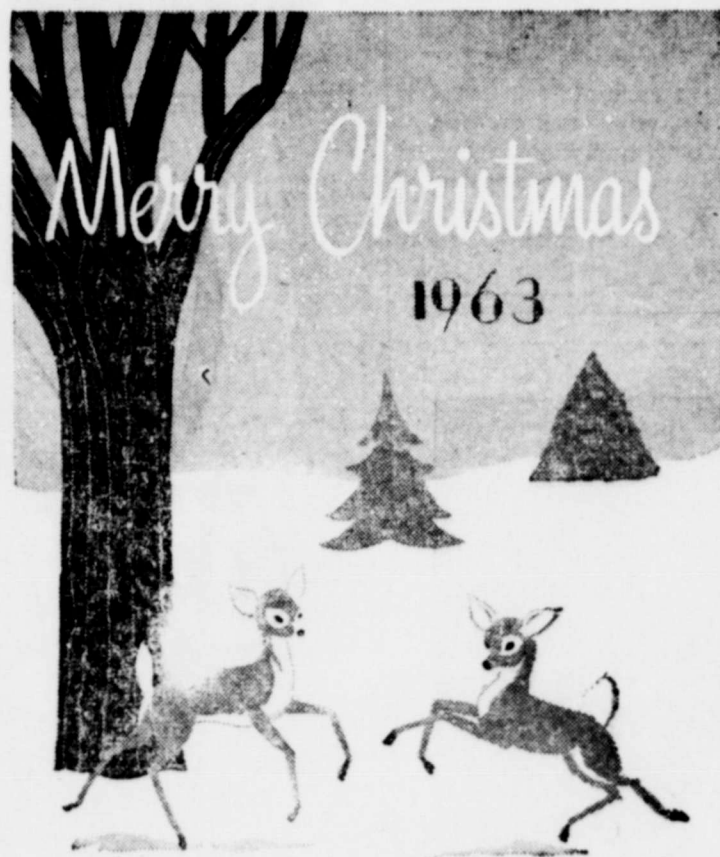
The roll was called by Christie

Lucas followed by a report given on "Subject Matter Groups" by Mrs. Glenn Robertson.

Vickie Robertson was elected reporter during the meeting.

Speaker for the occasion was Del Davis, introduced by Finley Barnett. The program "Leadership Club Prayer" was led by Dora Asencio and included Christmas carols led by Suzie Wilson and Dianne White.

Kay Tipton and Katherine Criswell were in charge of the recreation.



Your friendship has meant much to us over the years. We appreciate it and wish you a merry Christmas.

Adcock Cleaners

924 N. 2ND

PHONE 8-6821



Today, business leaders of the Nation know more about the WTU service area than they did a year ago. That is because we have promoted the business and industrial advantages extensively throughout the year. Our promotional efforts have reached attentive eyes and ears, too. So much so that we are encouraged to continue the area development program in 1964 with added enthusiasm. So much so that this is, in reality, a Merry Christmas for our service area — the region that faces GROWTH UNLIMITED. It is in this spirit that all the West Texas Utilities folks send you greetings for a —

Merry Christmas

West Texas Utilities Company



At This Gay Holiday Time Let Us Offer You All The Best Wishes From Our Entire Staff and Board of Directors. May Your Christmas be Bright With the Many Blessings of the Season . . . Rich In Friendship, Bright with Gifts of Happiness and Lasting Pleasure. And Our Wish Is Not Just for Christmas, But for Every Day of the Year 'till the Next Yule Tide.

TAYLOR ELECTRIC CO-OP, INC.



It is with sincere best wishes we send you our Christmas greetings.

Burton - Lingo Lumber Co.

102 LAMAR

PHONE 8-6921



MERRY CHRISTMAS
May your Christmas be merry, bright and happy. And thank you for your friendship.

Doan's El Paso Station

KENT STREET

PHONE 8-5222



Greetings
1964

Merry Christmas
Merkel Elevator

**P-TA To Meet
December 19**

A meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association has been called by Mrs. Onis Crawford for Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m.
The meeting will be held at the school auditorium.
A program will be presented by the first grade.

**Trent Boy
In ACC Chorus**

Don Garnett Wilks of Trent is a member of the 1963-64 Abilene Christian College A Cappella Chorus.
The 63-voice chorus, under the direction of Vernon W. Moody, assistant professor of music, will present its first local concert of the season Friday, Dec. 13, in

Sewell Auditorium on the Abilene Christian College campus.
Wilks, a sophomore majoring in general business, is a 1962 graduate of Abilene Christian College High School.
He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wilks of Trent.

**Merkel Soldier
In Exercise**

Army PFC William L. Kinsey, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther V. Kinsey Jr., live at 511 Edwards St., took part with other members of the 7th Infantry Division in Exercise STRONG SHIELD, a field training maneuver in Korea.

The exercise, which ended in late November, was designed to test the combat readiness of forces defending the Republic of Korea.

Kinsey, a cannoner in Battery A, 2nd Battalion of the division's

8th Artillery in Korea, entered the Army in January 1963 and arrived overseas the following July.
The 17-year-old soldier at-tended Lakeview High School.
The business meeting was closed with a prayer by Ruby Kitzkendahl.
Approximately 17 members and 3 visitors attended the meeting.

**TEL Class
Meets In Home
Of Earl Foster**

The TEL Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met recently in the home of Mrs. Earl Foster for a Christmas Love Feast.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. Claud Warren. Mrs. Linda Riney visited last followed by a devotional by Se-week end in Odessa.



With appreciation of our association we extend greetings and our best wishes.

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