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As the pages of the New Year unfold, we hope each day will be filled with happiness for you. Happy New Year friends.

Merkel Economy Looks Up At Begining of New Year SOFT SPOTS IN '64 BUT PROFITS GOOD

shape to start 1965.

That's the consensus of business leaders interviewed this week on the prospects for the coming year. But all predictions for the coming year were tempered by one factor - the type of weather com-

It was agreed that 1964 was not a bumper crop year or economy wise, but while volume was not the greatest, earnings were described as very good.

Booth Warren, president of the F&M National bank, said "We've

Charlie E. Quinn Dies at Age 75

Charlie E. Quinn, 75, former area resident, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. J. Thomas, in Houston.

Funeral was Thursday in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel here with the Rev. R. E. Cash, pastor of the Abilene Seventh Day Adventist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery

He was born Oct. 19, 1889, in Alverada, and married Clara Esther Franklin Dec. 19, 1909 in Noodle area in 1952 and to Houston in 1959. Mrs. Quinn died there address of the parents.

Merkel is economically in good had a very good year from a earning point." However, he said that he expects the bank to end loans a little bit higher. He said one of the reasons for that is that there is some cotton vet to be ginned, although that wasn't the only significent factor. He said the top crop in cotton was somewhat disappointing and that the price of cattle was off that calves which last year would bring \$90 would bring about \$65

> However, Warren said he felt that the individual farmers this year would mostly report they were in better shape this year the city expects to finish the

or \$70 dollars this year.

their obligations because of tighter control of expenditures.

without great expense and that the wheat crop could still be good, depending on weather. Isadore Mellinger, with Max

Mellinger's Department store agreed that while the local economy depends on climatic conditions the national picture looks

"The market in our line is very strong. No let up in prices," said

Mellinger. Mayor Horace O. Boney said

NEW YEAR BABY

The first born baby in 1965 at Mail within three days after the Sadler Clinic - Hospital will fall birth of the child. heir to a fine array of merchandise from several Merkel mer-

In order to qualify, the parents must have been residents of the Merkel trade area for at least

In addition, the doctor should state the exact time and date of Coleman. They moved to the the baby's birth, the sex, weight, and name of the baby, and the

The baby must be born in Sad-Survivors include one daughter ler Clinic - Hospital ,and the enand several brothers and sisters. tries must be sent to the Merkel

To you and our m

New Year greetings

baby and the gifts they offer in-

Bill's Flowers, one dozen red roses: Bragg's, fitted crib sheet, 4 infant shirts, 2 Curity night diapers: Bullock Hardware, Hankscraft electric bottle warmer: Carson's Super Market, one case strained baby food; Ben Franklin's, polyethylene diaper pail; Mack's Cleaners, \$5.00 cleaning; Mellinger's Department Store, an infant dress; Merkel Drug, bottle formula bag; Wilson's Food baby needs; Merkel Mail, oneyear subscription to the Merkel Mail: Wilson Jewelers, sterling silver baby spoon.

4-H Club Plans **Food Show**

The girls in Merkel 4-H Club who have completed food units recently are planning to enter the Taylor County Favorite Foods Show Jan. 23.

In preparation for this event, the girls are having their own practice show locally.

This show will be Saturday. Jan. 2, at 3:00 p m at the school cafeteria. Any girls who needs information conecrning this event you for your suppor is urged to contact their adult foods leader.

> The public is invited to attend the show and see what these girls are learning in food preparation, nutrition and the setting of an attractive table.

ANDERSONS HAVE GUESTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Visitors in the David Anderson home during the holidays were their son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Anderson of Burkeville, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Anderson and children of Nashville, Ark., Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Garrett and children of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Campbell of Victoria, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Young of Goliad, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Campbell Jr., and children of Wilson.

Mrs. Bill Nutt and children, Pamela, Roger and Nancy of Marlin, and Mrs. Bobby Toliver and children, Larry and Gayla, of Rotan were guests in the home of their mother, Mrs. Edna Horton and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason during the

looks for some construction to begin in 1965.







Well, Christmas was fine in our area, and everyone had a fine time. The weather was ideal.

The Canyon is needing rain pret ty badly, but the wheat is growing some. Some wheat has fur nished quite a bit of grazing.

There are a lot of cattle going will be going in a few days.

The cotton is all out in

Those of us who have had, or should have heard the news recheck up. The report said they could not tell he had ever had a heart attack, and now he is seeing after the business of the United States, and his ranching interests down here in Texas Isn't that wonderful? Makes us want to take care of ourselves

Mrs. A. R. Toombs of Merkel attended church here Sunday. She spent Christmas in her daughter's Mrs. Joe Seymore and

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCoy and family of Muleshoe, and Mrs. R G. Toombs of Trent also spent Christmas in the Joe Seymore

It took two days for Mrs. T. H. Russom to take care of her children during Christmas. So mary coming from a good distance. There were two dinners prepared for the different ones. Some coming from New Mexico. and some from Ark

Someone asked Mrs. Russom how many grandchildren she had. and she said the last count was 25, but she said the grand grands pased them, and I lost count on all of them

Sue and Buddie King from Texas Tech were home for Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen King.

All of the college students from the Canyon were here for Christand Mrs. E. C. Ray had

their children home for Christ-- the Rev. and Mrs. Lucie Rudd of Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Steel of Corpus Christi. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemm

had her brother's folks in their home during Christmas, from Corpus and Abilene.

Herbert Swinney of Amarillo visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney Tom Rusom's sister and family, Mrs. Ebb Bradshaw of Dallas, spent Christmas in the Rus

Mrs. Eli Click of Merkel spent Christmas day on the farm of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Price Floyd, in Mulberry





With sincere thanks for your good will and patronage, we wish each of you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

HIGHWAY 80

VY PHONE 928-6633



FATHER KNOWS BEST?

Dear Helen: Maybe I don't belong in your column. I'm 25, married 5 years. But my question concerns my father, nearly 60, and my husband, 29. My father was in an auto accident, on slippery ice, and brought to the hos-

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be. I caught a train at once to spend New Year's with him. My husband didn't protest, but now we argue. He claims my place was with him. But my father is alone, my parents divorced. We are asking you to settle the argument. We will accept what you say.

Dear Baby Chick: If you're counting an doing your growing between trains, you'll never make it! This goes for your fanot critically hurt, he should have had the good sense to tell the train to take you right back to your husband. Let the hospital take care of your father, and you ake care of your marriage!

BAD DOCTOR?

Dear Helen: Every time I go e my doctor he over-burdens ne with instructions and medications. In the good old days the 'pill-shooter' did everything. These days, a fellow has to be a Ph.D. just to be a patient. What's your opinion of these newfangled doctors?

Dear Otto: What's new-fangled about good health? Riding high in the saddle with you are doctors, psychiatrists, clegrymen, professors and health leaders, all of whom extol you, the patient, as the biggest thing that happened These days, the patient is more important than the pill. Study



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work, Miss Wilkinson has

canned 669 containers of vege-

tables and fruits and frozen 265

sored by the Kerr Glass Manu-



favorite projects.

best-in-state placings in their

was presented a wrist watch. Dwight Pittman, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Pittman of

Stephenville, was the swine

award winner. His congress trip

is sponsored by the Moorman

10-Year Member

grand champions and nine re- years.

of Denton, was named winner in ty competition.

serve grand champions with his



best better-in winning the 1964 ning and freezing foods.

A freshman at Tarleton State facturing Corporation.









Miss Mahaffey Miss Christenberry Bix Texas 4-West Hved up to see has saved her family ap- | R. Platt of Palestine, Platt's 4-7 the club motto-to make the proximately \$500 a year by can- electric record book won first place in county and district She has won a total of 20 blue competition for three years. In ribbons in adult competition and 1963 he received the State Fair Five of the winners have been has won 27 blue ribbons in award of honor for his project.

selected by the Cooperative Ex- county and district 4-H competi- Platt has placed first three tension Service to represent the state at the National 4-H Club sented the Texas State Fair congress in Chicago Nov. 29 charm award in 1963 for the through Dec. 3. The state win-third highest number of awards in electric projects. He has built ner in the dairy foods category received in the foods depart- 27 electrical appliances. His trip is sponsored by the West-inghouse Educational Founda-As part of her 4-H project

Safety First Safety is a favorite subject

with Wanda Skinner, 16, of

quarts of food. Her trip is spon- Honey Grove. Miss Skinner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Skinner, was College, Pittman has been a Maurine Christenberry, 15, first place winner in the junior 4 H'er for 10 years. During that daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. division for two years. In 1964 time he won 66 ribbons for his Christenberry of Springtown, she won first place in the dis-4-H dairy cattle project, won the will attend the congress as a trict with a Civil Defense dem-1964 showmanship trophy for guest of the Oliver Corporation onstration. She has been a memswine at the Stephenville project show and sale, and won 10 been a 4-H member for eight onstration. She has been a member of 4-H for seven years.

Miss Skinner was selected as

Miss Skinner was selected as state winner for having learned Miss Christenberry was named and demonstrated safety on the Champion Holstein Girl of farm, home, highway and com-Pittman was a member of a Texas in 1961 and has shown munity. Her trip is provided by national champion poultry judg- dairy cows at 38 shows through- General Motors.

ing team and a first place state out Texas. She was awarded the Michele Mahaffey, 18, daughdairy judging team in 1963. He reserve champion prize in 1962 ter of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Mahafwas named winner of the \$2,000 and 1964 at the Dalworth Disfey of Canton, was winner in Houston Livestock Show and trict Fair and the Parker Coundairy foods. She was awarded a ty Show. In other 4-H projects wrist watch by the Carnation Gayla Wilkinson, 15, daughter such as dress revue, she has company.

of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wilkinson won seven blue ribbons in coun
Miss Mahaffey won first place

in the county and district in food preservation. Having car-ried this project for five years, the state prize for Eddie Platt, She is a freshman at North Miss Wilkinson estimates that 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Texas State University.

that you and your wife INSPECT some exhibit material. Can you

> a 9-foot picture exhibit or a 3 table-top exhibits standing 6 feet high by requesting them from the Gerentology Branch, Public Health Service, U. S. Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washin con, D.C. 20201. How do you like that - I remembered

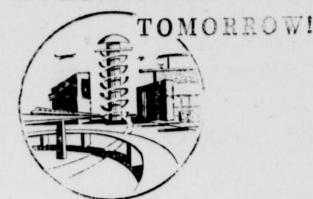


WASHDAY ADAGE

If you spare the rinse, you may spoil the wash, warns the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association. The trade group points out that its very important to make low the clothes.

sure your water is hot enough on washday. The first rinse should be just as hot as the washing water. Why? Because cooler water will harden the soap, causing it to cling to the fibers and yel-

The PROMISE of



As the old year ends, we glance briefly backwards to give thanks for old favors and happiness.

With pleasant anticipation, we lank forward to the New Year, to its challenge, to its promise of a better future and greater happiness for all — The Promise of Tomorrow.

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these words by Dr. Samuel P. Martin, Prof. of Medicine at a university: "The patient must exert a cood deal of responsibility in the area of self-education, self-motivation and self-understanding." Been enlightened patient! It's the fastest road to better health!

Rodeo scholarship.

WHAT PRICE RETIREMENT

My wife and I like your sincerity, so we're writing. After I got incapacitated 10 years ago,

before you invest. Please do not buy blind. Please do not buy on impluse. Not much auto traffic may I indicate not much life. I strongly disapprove of the two communities you name in your letter, and I'm glad you asked me! They are so buried in wilderness it takes an Olympic polevaulting carrier picton to find

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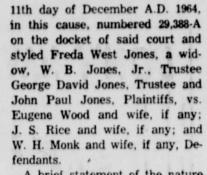
For a happy and blessed New Year.

return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Eugene Wood, and wife, if any; J. S. Rice and wife, if any; and W. H. Monk and wife, if any, and if said persons or any of them be dead, the legal representatives of each of said named dedendant, and the unknown heirs of each of said named Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty - two days from the date of the isuance of this citation, same being the 25th day of January, A. D. 1965, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the



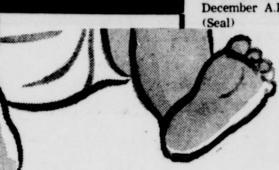
A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit for title and possession on the property described in Taylor County, State of Texas, to-wit:

Being Lot. No. Thirteen (13), Eugene Wood's Subdivision of the South 1/2 of Lot 1, Block No. 177, City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, SAVE AND EXCEPT the East 10 feet of said Lot. 13, 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 save according to requirements of law. and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law di-

Isued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 11th day of December A.D. 1964.



- - noce Clerk The infant Clinic

> Send entri Box 42 within. of chil

Good luck in the New Year.

Y OF 1965 HAVE A SILVER SPOON OR YOU.

THE FIRST

ATULATIONS

Farmer's Co-Op Gin

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TO

TO: Jessie Mae Minnitt, Dendant, Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the

CHAIL OF TEAMS

Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written anser 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 18th day of January A.D. 1965, to



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HIGHWAY 80

PHONE 928-6633

Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 23 day of June A.D. 1964, in this cause, numbered 1188 on the docket of said court and styled Tommy Jerrall Minnitt Plaintiff vs. Jessie Mae Minnitt,

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, towit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married June 13, 1959. They were separated on or about September 2, 1959. It is unknown whether or not there were any children born. Plaintiff sues on a three year abandonment. There is no community property.

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

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Issued and given under my

hand and the seal of said court

at Abilene, Texas, this the 4th

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk

Domestic Relations Court

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friends and neighbors for the

many kindnesses shown us at the

death of our beloved husband and

father. May God bless each of

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Reagon

and daughter of Amarillo, and

Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Lomax of

Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. M.

Visitors in the home of the

Buck Leach family were Linda

Leach of Llano, Dick Leach from

LeTounneau College in Lovington.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker Jr.,

from Slaton, Mr. and Mrs. Bill

Comegeys from Hamlin, and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell,

Mrs. Francis Carey and Yolinda

and Wayne, and Mr and Mrs.

Charles Harwell and family of

Odessa visited in the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Turner in Ros-

well, N M. during the Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fowler of

Andrews visited with Mr. and

Mrs. M. M. Owens Monday.

W. G. Leach of Abilene.

Mrs. Joe K. Higgins

and children.

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kel Lodge No. 710 on So and Seturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 8:00 p.m. Visitors welcome.

Members urged to attend. IKE TURNER, W.M. ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y.

ATTENTION MOTHERS - A day nursery is now open. Let us work or attend special events. For further information contact Mrs. Thelma Wade, 207 Orange. 26 tfc Phone 8-6904.

WANTED - Land to break and sow, call 928-5918 or see Ralph Russell.

WANTED - Snack bar girl part time - apply Stuckey's Pecan Shop. 43 1tc

LOST - Drill bit for water well. Lost between White Flat and Merkel. Vestal Hicks, 711 Oak 43 2tp

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> 106 Locust. See Mrs. Dan Reidenbach. Call 8-5589. 43 1tp

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Sharon Beth of Anson, and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry of Abilene

J. McDonald were Pat McDonald, Mamie Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and Cathy from Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burns and Sammie of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. David Glover, College Station, and Mrs. Jim Burns.

Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Rodney last week.

Hawley.

Swindell

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Christmas with Sam Mashburn.

Leon Kelso of Carlsbad, N.M.,

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Malone of 43 1tp Taylor, and Mr. and Mrs. James Hale and family of Midland, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Fritz

> Harris and Glendale Williams of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Harris of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and

> Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley and tended a singing at Sweetwater. Sunday afternoon.

Homer D. Payne of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hickerson of Belton, and Mrs. Bess Jackson of Merkel spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne.

Gaston Gregory, father of Mrs. Babe Tarpley, suffered a heart attack at his home in Big Spring Monday of last week. Mrs. Tarpley is staying with him.

ter visited him Sunday.

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Filks were Mr. and Mrs. Odie Clark of ly of Abilene, J. B. Pearce and family of Oplin, Paul Whitehouse and family of Odessa, Guy Cook and family of Big Spring, Jack Pearce and family of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. George Peachy and children of Dyess Air Force Base and Glynn Clark of El Paso

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Malone of



Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones in Cross Mr. and Mrs. Olin Potts and

spent Saturday with their parents. Guests for Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mashburn and Samatha Jean of Carlsbad, N.M., and Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Horton of Lawn visited Mr. and

Mr. and Mrs. Mashburn and Rodney had dinner Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw in

Mr. and Mrs. James Strong and Melinda of Odessa spent Christmas with Mrs. J. E. Swindell and the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Chancy and family of Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holt, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Buntin and family were dinner guests Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs, and Chev. with stake bed. Many Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hobbs and children. Other visitors during the week end in the Hobbs home were Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hobbs from Grand Prairie, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Horton and baby of

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Munday. and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Munday of San Antonio spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Van-

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vantreese were dinner guests Christmas in the Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lilly and Tony of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs.

E. L. Berry Christmas night. Mr. and Mrs. Murray Toombs and Tommy of Lubbock spent

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hancock had all their children home during Christmas.

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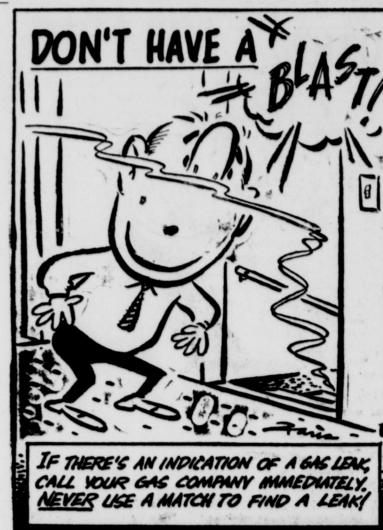
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children of Tuscola spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Browning. Mr. and Mrs. John Browning at-

Mr. Tarpley, Gronda and Bus-

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Dear Chairman: You can get

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By ALLEN

While "sitting" in the father

waiting room at the hospital the

other night I got to confabbing

with a couple of other expectant

fathers and came across a pretty

This fellows was telling about

inducing a scorpion to commit suf-

cide. This may be old-hat to some

of you, but it was completely new

to me. As many scorpions as I

have seen, and had the good for-

tune to get away from or stomp,

I've never seen nor heard of one

committing suicide. Can't imagine

anything as mean and ornery as

a scorpion committing suicide.

To get on with it, he said you

can take a coffee can, squirt

lighter fluid around inside the rim.

put scorpion in the middle of the

can and light the fluid. Upon be-

ing surrounded by fire ,the scor-

pion will start stinging itself in

Now then. I wonder if the scor-

pion becomes frightened from be-

ing surrounded by fire and ac-

cidentally stings itself from hyper-

action, or if it actually forsees

immediate death from fire, and

chooses its own natural poison

Possibly some of you who have

heard of or witnessed this, have

come to some conclusion. Let us

know what you've seen. Better

yet, we have an empty coffee can

and lighter fluid aplenty, so bring

your scorpion and we'll all see.

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More names have been tabu-

lated amongst those who gave to

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eneral Motors.

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NOODLE NEWS

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

After an absence of two weeks due to illness I'm back. I was in Snyder with my son, Garvis Tarply and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dixon and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dixon and family of Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Callaway Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Tony and children spent Sunday with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Womack and family. Jeffery Bert is the name of the new son of the Womack's, born Dec. 14. They have a daughter, Sandra Kay, 11. and a son, Douglas, 7.

Farmers are really taking advantage of the pretty weather and are out stripping their cot-

M. and Mrs. Wallace Wheeler of Denton, Miss Sara Wheeler of Crane and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hamilton and children of Sulphur Springs were week end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux spent Chistmas with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith in San Antonio.

Mr. Slim Clement and boys from Hobbs, Tex., are spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cald-

The Noodle "Handy - Helpers" Jr. 4-H Club met recently in the school cafeteria. Janice Hill, junior leader presided over the meeting. The "Helpers" made Cheese Dainties, Christmas cookies, and Apple Crisp Dessert. Those present were: Sandra Womack, Martha Cochran, Marilyn Maxwell Mrs. Bill Maxwell.

the week with Patti Sousin, Ruby Kityisitors in the holirs. Inez

Joan



By MRS. T. J. AMASON

Corresponded

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Petree and son, Richard, of View visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Carson of Corpus Christi visited in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Carson and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McCain

Mrs. Peggy Joyce Dennison and daughters. Diana and Katherine of Houston, are visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Toombs.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins of Seguin; Mr. and Mrs. Don Murray of San Antonio: Mr. and Mrs. Murry Toombs and son, Tommy of Lubbock: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter and children of Odessa were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irven Thompson

through the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Pursley and sons, Brad and Burt, of San Antonio were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Member of Federal D Mrs. Gordon Pursley. Mr. and Mrs. David Pursley of Midland were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pursley. Mr. and Mrs. David Pur-RID YOUR ROOM sley of Midland also were visitors of his parents.

Mrs. E. P. Farmer's daughter, Mrs. Fred Baker and Mrs. Clay Garner of Abilene spent Christ-

mas day with Mrs. Farmer. Mr. and Mrs. George Fatheree and children, David and Lisa, of Carlsbad were house guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gor-

den Purstey. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Amason and Mike and Ricky from Graham spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watson and his grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason' were visitors in the home of her son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Amason of Noodle visited in the home of his father, Mr. and

Mrs. T. J. Amason. Larry Howard, student at Texas Tech visited in the home of his parents during the Christmas holidays.

Robert Benson of Texas A&M visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Benson.

Mrs. Nora Suter celebrated her 82nd birthday in the Starr Nursing Home Dec. 18. Refreshments included a birthday cake and ice cream, served by her daughters. Mrs. H. L. Shaxton and Mrs. Charley Massey and her grand-

daughter in law, Sharron Harris. Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Massey for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Price and children of Apache-Creek, New Mexico.

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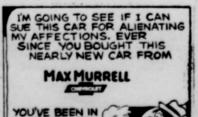
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Miracle Whip Kraft's Salad D. qt.

No. 2½ can 2 for

Kimbell's Red sour 303 can 2 for

18-oz.

10-lb. **89**¢ 25-lb. \$189 bag

Kounty Kist 12-oz. can _____ 2 for

With Bacon 300 size PEAS With Bacon 300 size
Ranch Style can

PREM 12-oz. can 39c

RUSSET

SPUDS 10-lb. bag 69c SPAGHETTI with meat balls 24-oz. can 39c ROAST blade cut lb. 39c CABBAGE Ib. 5c TOMATOES Diamond 303 can 2 for 25c STEAKETTS Ib. 59c CRISP GREEN CELERY stalk 19c BEANS Ranch Style 300 Size 2 for 29c BEEF LETTUCE _______ lb. 15c STARLAC Borden's ______ 8-qt. size 59c LIVER ______ lb. 29c

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Happy New Year 1965

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your good will we send on New Year greetings.

Religious Review

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GRACE PRESBYTERIAM CHURCH	Preaching Service 11:00
Sunday School 10:00	FIRST METHODIST CHURCH Howard Marcom, pastor SUNDAY
	Sunday School 9:45
JOHNNY COX	Preaching 10:55
00111111	Youth Meeting 6:00
Income Tax Service	Evening Worship 7:00 WEDNESDAY
Notary	Choir Practice 8:00
Farmers Returns	CHURCH OF CHRIST
Due by Feb. 15	Dwight Holland, past
215 Edwards Merkel	JUNDAY
	Bible School 9:45
Ph. 928-6943 or 928-5315	Morning Worship 10:55
	Evening Classes 6:0

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Wolshi this week

Bible Classes 6:00
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Marvin M. Clark, pastor
SUNDAY MORNING
Broadcast 9:0
Sunday School 30:60
Worship Service 11:00
SUNDAY EVENING
Training Union 6:45
Worship Service 7:30
WEDNESDAY
Evening Service 8:00
ASSEMBLY OF 600
John Curtis, pastor
JUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45
Preaching 11:00
Evening Preaching 7:00
WEDNESDAY
Mid-Week Evangelistic
Service 7:30
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Radie Broadcast 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
Radio Broadcast 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
MONDAY
Junior Royal Am 3:30 p.m. TUESDAY
Intermediate GA's 7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Women's Missionary
Society 9:30 a.m. Sunbeam Band 3:15 p.m.
Junior CA's 2.45 p.m.
Junior GA's 3:45 p.m. Intermediate Royal
Ambassadors 6:30 p.m.
Mid-Week Service . 7:30 p.m.
Choir Practice 8:30 p.m.
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MISSION BAUTISTA BETHEL
SUNDAY
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Training Union 6 p.m.
Evening worship 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
NEW LIVE CAN
NEW LIVE OAK
SAPTIST CHURCK
3rd and El Paso Streets
Bill Williams, paster
SUNDAY

Evening Worship

Bible Classes

WEDNESDAY

Sunday School Preaching Service 11:00 Training Union 6:00

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Preaching Service 7:00

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1965

Happy New Year to our friends.

Badger Inn Scotty Carlisle

6:45 | LUXURIOUS EGGS

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off ragged edges. The poaching liquid may be thickened with a little cornstarch or flour and served over the eggs. To all our





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many friends and neighbors we send greetings and best wishes for

1965



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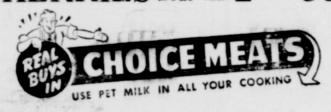
SOUP HEINZ TOMATO	3 cans 29c
CHILI AUSTEX No. 2 Can	each 49c
TOMALES Austex	2½ 29c
SALMON Honey Boy	Tall 49c
TUNA Del Monte Flat Can	2 for 49c
JUICE Hunt's 46-oz.	2 for 49c
POTATOES Evan geling	21/2 23c

BEANS Kuner's 303 Cut Green 2 for 39c PEAS Kuner's Garden 2 for 35c KUNER'S 303 TOMATOES Whole 2 for 33c

KRAUT Kuner's 303 2 for 29c 2 for 29c APPLE Kuner's 303
Sauce

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