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Well, the cold weather is coming in. Its been very cold up here in the Canyon, we had quite a bit of ice this morning.

Farmers are getting back into the cotton fields again. I notice that nearly all of our

college students who live around in the Canyon are home for the Christmas holidays. Some of them I've seen around are Mary Seymore, Aleta Scott, Roger Mcore, Bever'y Butman, Kenneth Don Ray, Karen Ray, Sue King and Buddy King.

Received a letter this week from the Rev. E. H. Phillips, former pastor at Pioneer Church and now of Anton. He asked that I be sure and send out greetings to all his friends around here. Rev. Phillips said that he "loved the people here so much."

The Christmas program at Pioreer Church this past Sunday night was wonderful! We had a big crowd, a big tree and some real good caroling. Every class in Sunday School took part in the program.

We'll be talking to you again next week, but in the meantime, be sure and drive safely if you get out on the highway during the holidays. We want to see you all back in your places after the holidays.

Fruit Baskets

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BANOUET SPEAKER "What you are going to be, how good you are, you can ge ycu are fast becoming." Merrill Green informed members and Banquet, held at the Starlite Res- drum major, who introduced taurant Saturday, Dec. 18.

The Cooper High School head football coach compared football te a "pseude - war." "Your participation in football is a test of yourseli," he said, "and the toughest test.

Ho encouraged students to be their best and not to be satisfied with less. "Be a better person after taking part in athletics, he said, "and remember, no matter

Merkel Jaycees **Give 7 Turkeys**

"The Merkel Jaycees extend a key shoot," said Cory Lash, pub- allo mention. licity directors. "Despite the rain and cold weather, nearly fifty notif was "Fantasy In Frost," persons took part in last Satur- with table displays of snowdrifts.

There was a three - way tie for the high score of the day between Bob Rankin of Nolan, Wayne Jackson of Abilene, and Jimmy Jenkins of Merkel, all of whom fire 49 out of 50 points. C. Teler and Jack Bagby of Merkel also won turkeys with their scores

day's event." he said.

of 46 In the youngsters division, Joe Dixon and Dre Warren of Merkel took home turkeys with a

better.' The program was "emceed" by guests at the regular Football Tim Beasley, Merkel High School

Merke! High's head cheerleaders, Sharon Dudley.

Miss Dudley introduced cheerleaders Jacque White, Becki Gladden, Cathy Derrington and Kathy Whisenhunt. Twirlers, Pam Walla, Jo Ann Lassiter, Pat Bigbee. Linda Windham and Linda Rutledge were also introduced by Sharon

Awards and gifts were presented by the cheerleaders and football captains to entertainers, speakers, Mrs. Don Dudley, sponsor, and Merkel High School coaches, Bob Byerly, William Tate, Jimmy Stubblefield, Mack Davis and Charles Warford.

Miss Dudley also announced that Richard Walker had receivcd an award as all - district end, hearty thank you to all who par- and Felix Cestello, Gary Doan and ticipated in the Christmas tur- Clifford Mackey received honor-

The annual Football Banquet's snowmen, Christmas trees and red candles.

Entyrtainment was presented by McMur /'s "Old Town Singers," The trio, consisting of Tommy Jordan, Lynn Taylor and Joe Stropp, entertained with light and humoreus musical numbers.

The 'Chaparrals' **Meet on Thursday**

COOPER HIGH COACH Merchants Say Christmas Shopping 'As Good As 1964'

SEVERAL SAY THAT **1965 IS BETTER** Merkel merchants were in a hap- was "very little difference from

current Christmas shopping busiyear as 1964.

Several agreed that Christmas right after Thanksgiving," but shopping was much better than he noted that real buying began during 1964, and all but two sur- in his store only about a week veved said it was "as good."

Two merchants interviewed said rush until Christmas eve. that "more cash sales were besales.

ness was equal to or perhaps a Since Christmas falls on Saturday, littlee better than last year." However, he is anticipating a day this year than last year when heavy rush from now until Christ- Christmas fell on Friday. mas eve.

Winners Named. In Garden Club **Lighting Contest**

Frizes, consisting of landscape shrubs, were presented to winners in the Trent Community Garden Club's Christmas lighting contest. The Friday evening judging was

py frame of mind Monday at the last year's shopping business." said that Christmas shopping ress and almost all of them said seemed to have begun later this that 1965 was a good a business year. He brought out the fact that usually shopping "begins ago. He too, anicipates a heavy

Some of the merchants thought ing made this year than in 1964." perhaps the heavy Christmas They said there were less charge shopping was due to the cooler weather and the other was the One merchant said the "busi- number of shopping days left. there will be one more shopping

Several of the merchants felt One merchant who said there that the extra shopping day this week will put them "ahead of last year on their sales."

> One merchant said that "he was selling larger items this year than before.

Almost all the merchants said they planned to stay open until their regular time Friday, Dec. 24. Two merchants said they were planning to "stay as long as people kept coming in."

Merkel merchants interviewed were managers or owners of Merkel Drug, Wilson Jeweler, Mellin gers, White Auto Stores, Ben Franklin Store, Starbuck Co., Crawford's Men's Wear, Bragg's, Carson Super Market, Wilson Food Store, and Bullock Hardware.

Delivered By Merkel 4-H Club

The Merkel 4-H Club held their Christmas party recently and carried two large fruit baskets to the Starr Nursing Home.

The meeting was called to order by president, Kathryn Criswell.

Club members Sandy Hogan, Jan Beasley and Stephanie Walker led the group in singing Christmas carols.

The Christmas story was read by Vickie Robertson.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served to the club members.

Trent Garden Club Has Annual Party

The Trent Community Garden Club held its annual Christmas Party recently in the home of Mrs. Odel! Freeman. Co - hostess was Mrs. Jack Bright. Mrs. Erma B. Black was presiding president.

Mrs. Freeman gave the invocation followed by "Legends and Traditions of the Ho'r Land" presented by Mrs. Othel O'Kelly. Mrs. Mary Click demonstrated the growth and cure of broadleaf evergreens. The National Garden News was given by Mrs. Black in which she told of plans to have a U. S. Commeroratives stamp made. Verious club members showed handiwork of Christmas decorations they had made. Special guest, Mrs. Dale Litton, showed a beautiful handmade candle. Refreshments were served to nineteen club members and one

Jaycee-Ettes Meet Elect Officers

At a recent meeting of the Merkel Jaycee-Ettes, Mrs. Cory Lash was elected president.

Serving with Mrs. Lash will be Mrs. Tom Wanser, vice president: Mrs. Joe Alves, secretary - treasuurer; Mrs. Carl Giles, sergeantat-arms: Mrs. David Gee, program director, and Mrs. Robert Gray, publicity director.

score of 46 and 33 respectively. The seven turkeys were presented to the winners by the Jaycees at the conclusion of the shoot.

This ends the last project that the Merkel Jovcees have planred for 1965. "The schedule proare the most active civic organization in this area."

"The Jaycees thank everyone in the Merkel area for their support throughout the year and wish every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New

Something new has been or-

ganized in Merkel and it seems to be "catching on" quite rapidly. The name given this new organizations is "The Chaparrals" and it is a car club, which holds grams for the new year will at- its meetings every Thursday at tempt to prove that the Jaycees the rear of 904 North First St. at 8 p.m. Advisors, Albert Chancey and

Peck Eager, invite "visitors and prospective members to attend any Thursday meeting. The car club's aim is "to promote safety and better under-



A DEER, BUT HE GOT AWAY - City Constable Luther Land points to a large deer track, found inside Merkel's City limits, Monday afternoon. The deer was actually seen by several people, but was "going to fast to catch." (Staff Photo)

- Mrs. Faul Bradley readily agrees that shopping can be easy and relaxing when it's "all done within a radius of four or five blocks." (Staff Photo)

First Methodist Church

Christmas Program 17.00

Optimist Club 25.00

R. Y. Buchanan 10.00

TOTAL \$302.00

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING CAN BE SO EASY

GOODFELLOW STORE IS CPENED TODAY

The Goodfellow Store opens today. Dec. 22 with displays in the building formerly occupied by Max Murrell Chevrolet.

Mrs. Opal Sheppard 10.00 Goodfelow chairman, Truman Belcher, expressed appreciation to "all who volunteered their time, clothing and money toward making the drive a success."

"A special thank you goes to the girls in the Homemaking department at Merkel High School for repairing and dressing the dells that were donated." said Belcher.

"The Goodfellow building will be open at 1 p.m. both Wednesday and Thursday. Families who have been screened and found verthy of help by Goodfellow volunteers will begin coming to the store Wednesday afternoon,' said Belcher.

Cash donations may still be mailed or taken to the Chamber of Commerce or to the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

Cash Donations Previously donated \$225.00 Wren Durham 10.00 Cyrus Pee 5.00

Gleaner Class Has Christmas Party

The Gleaner Sunday School Class of the First Methodist Church met in Fellowship Hall, Wed. Dec. 15 for their annual Christmas Luncheon.

The invocation was asked by the Re". Newton Daniel, pastor.

Members participating in the Christmas program were Mrs. Denzil Cox, who led the group in singing Silent Night, accompanied by Miss Louise Hudson and Mrs. Newton Daniel gave the Christmas story and Mrs. Tom Largent asked the closing prayer. Refreshments were served to approximately 40 visitors and class members.

done by Mrs. Larry Lemons and Mrs. Mildred Tcombs.

Winners named in the three divisions were Mrs. Foy Steadman. first; Mrs. C. W. Edwards, second, and Mrs. Othell O'Kelley, third, all in Window Decorations. The Door Decorations winners were Mrs. Billy Young, first: Mrs. Weldon Beasler, second, and Mrs. Geta Williamson, third.

Yard decoration winners were Mr.: Mary Young, first, and Mrs. Lesley Beasley second. Honorable mention went to Mrs. Earl Stevens Sr., for her window decoration.



Mary Mosier takes a "break" after helping with other volunteers Monday in sorting clothes for the Goodfellows. All clothing and toys are on display at the Goodfellow Building and will be ready for the needy to come in Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. (Staff Photo)

Contraction of Physics

AN EDITORIAL

"Time changes about everything." Towns, like children, grow up, and upon doing so they are governed accordingly.

Towns operating under the old township rule have virtually no powers such as passing zoning ordinances or abolishing nuisances of conditions creating health hazards, annexations, etc.

The old Township rule of opcration has long been outmoded and only a few small towns are still operating uner such a plan. All rules and regulations pertaining to the operation of towns operating under the city form of government are by written statutes.

Some three months after Merkel was incorporated on June 26. 1906, steps were completed to c'ange from operating as a Township to that of a city, except for the fact that a record of the proceedings were never filed or recorded at the County Courthouse.

Therefore, the present City Council, desirious of correcting this inequity, of 59 years standing, and further desiring to do all possible to further the growth of our town and providing for the better health and welfare conditions of our citizens, did at the regular meeting of the City Council, Monday, Dec. 20, 1965. pass by unanimous vote a new resolution providing for the change from the old Township mode of operation to that of a City and have caused same to be put on record at the County Courthouse. Johnny Cox

Thursday, December 16, 1965 Page Two eeting. FROM YOUR STUCKEY'S PECAN SHOPPE



THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS

We hope that everyone has a truly wonderful holiday!

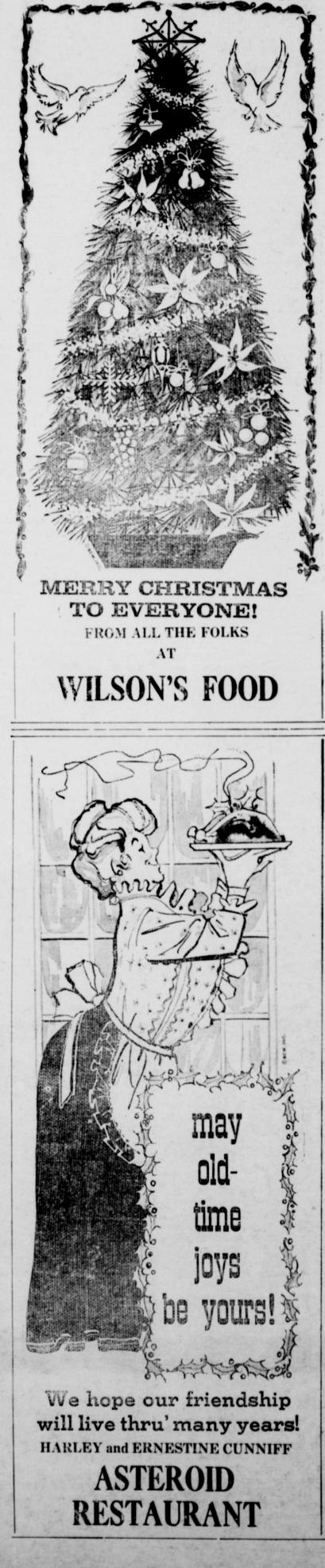
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NOOLDE GRADUATE **RECEIVES MEDAL**

(Special to the Markel Mail) Maj. Joe F. Tarpley, son of dr. D. C. Callaway of Rt. 2. lerkel, has been awarded the ast oak leaf cluster to the U.S. Vir Ferce Commendation Medal Lackland AFB, San Antonio.

Major Taroley received the meesor of aerospace studies with an Force Reserve Officer Train-Corns detachment at San ies (Calif.) State College. He is now a group training offi-

r for the Officer Training School t Lackland with the Air Training Command which operates the world's largest technical school system to train personnel for Air Force duty. A graduate of Noodle Consoli-

dated High School, Merkel, the

Mack's Cleaners Major received his B.A. degree from Howard Payne College, Brownwood, and his M.A. degree from Hardin - Simmons Univer-

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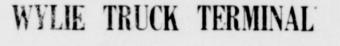
WW I Veterans **Meet for Social**

The Merkel - Trent Barracks of World War I Veterans and their Auxiliary met Thursday, Dec. 9 in the Community Center for rei · Chris mas secial.

Those present for the social which included singing of World War I songs, and an exchange of gifts, were Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rutledge, Clarenco Melton, Bill Con, Dent Gibson, Denzil Cox, John Crain, Karl Bonneaux, G. N. Reynolds, Homer Finch, Joe Hartley, C. W. Seago, T. J. Bird, Mrs. L. J. Renfro, M. L. Bryan, Opal Jesel. Birdie Scott, Amanda Williams of Fort Worth, Mrs. L. A. Dudley, E. E. McLaurin and Jim McAninch.

The next meeting will be Jan. 13, 1966 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson.





lasts longer and looks new longer.

ioned in 1944 through the aviation cadet program. THIS Maj. Tarpley's wife. Martha, is the daughter of Walter G. Moore of 206 N. 10th St., Killeen.

MAJ. JOE F. TARPLEY

... gets recognition

sity, Abilene. He was commis-



at this holy Season.

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THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS Page Three mursday, December 23, 1965

Girl Scouts Hold Regular Meetings

Hendrix as leader. Mrs. Duane Mitchell is leader ci the Third Crade Brownies. The Junior Scouts are meeting Wedresdays with Mrs. Pat Cypert as leade.

first meeting in September. The Second Grade Brownies meet every Turslay at 3 p.m. in the Scout Hut, with Mrs. F

The Merkel Girl Scouts have

held regular sessions since their

Mrg. Jake Martin is the leader of the Carette Scouts.

Tr Muslim armies occupied Epain for 750 years.





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MRS, BILLY JOE LATTA . . . formerly Caroline Jean Clark

WEDDING VOWS READ

Marriago vows for Caroline Jean Clark and Billy Joe Latta were read Friday in the Highland Church of Christ Chapel, Abilene. Minister M. F. McKnight officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Clark and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. E. E. Latta, both of Abilene. The bride is the granddaughter

of Merkel.

of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark Sr.,

An a cappella chorus sang the wedding music.

Latta is an Abilene High School graduate, has attended McMurry College two years and will enter Abilene Christian College in January. He is presently employed as a video engineer at KPAR

Television. After a wedding trip to Fort Worth and Dallas, the couple will be at home at 2401 Church St Apt. 10, Abilene.

The bridegroom's mother and brother hosted the rehearsal dinner at the Starlite Restaurant.

Christmas Theme

Study Club Hears Christmas Music

Christmas in story and Song was the theme for the Fortnightly Study Club's Dec. 14 meeting. The meeting was held in the



home of Mrs. Comer Haynes. Entertaining the group were Miss Christine Collins and Mrs. Andy Shouse, who sang and played Christmas Carols. Jan. 11 is the next meeting for the Study Club.

Primitive man made tools of stone, bone, and wood during the Stone Age.

Lake Powell in Glenn Canyon will hold enough water to cover Pennsylvania a foot deep.



Christmas Greetings

Hick's Auto

Supply

May we say Shank You for the warm and friendly welcome we have received from you.

Our New Year's Resolution for 1966 is to enedeavor to have a Golf Course and Blub House that the membership and community will be proud of.

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The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of slipper satin with scooped neckline and cummerbund waistline.

Floral appliques accented the skirt which had a slight train. She carried orchids and carnations on a Bible. A pearl Tiara held her tulle

veil. Her maid of honor was Linda

Pruett and bridesmaid was Gail Carter. Janie Clark of Merkel was flower girl. Patricia McDuff and Letha West-

brook were candlelighters.

The attendants' dresses were of blue taffeta and they carried carnations. Headdresses were of taffeta and net.

Best man was Glen Latta, brother of the groom, and Mike Swayne was groomsman.

Ushers were Bobby Clark, brother of the bride and Jim Wright. The reception was held in Fellewship Hall of the Highland Church of Christ. The bride is a graduate of Cooper High School, Abilene, and is

Presented P-TA Christmas carols, presented by

Miss Nora Fester and Miss Lydia Norcross' fourth grade students, and a descriptive meaning of Christmas, given by principal, Leon Walker, was the program for the Merkel Parent - Teacher Association meeting held Thurs-

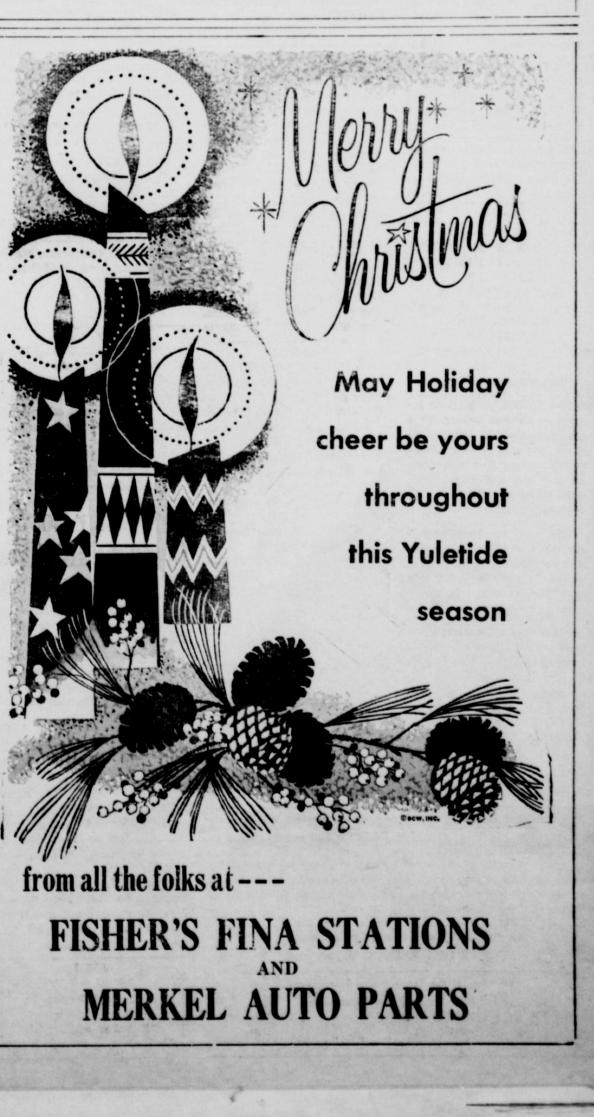
day, Dec. 9. The invocation was asked by J Lynn Knight.

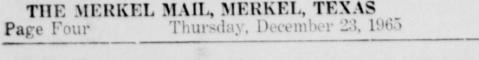
Mrs. Kathryn Ryle and her Homemaking II Class presented a Fashion Revue to members attending. Learning by experiences was displayed, when each Homemaking student presented her project on a child model.

Joel Crain was introduced to the group as P-TA projects chairman

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TRENT STOCK SHOW SET FOR DEC. 28

Tuesday, Dec. 28 is the date set vabbits and then judge sheep, for the Trent FFA and 4-H Stock swine and beef cattle." Show Bill G. Scott, Vo-Ag teacher at

"The show will begin Tuesday the show. Mr. Sch't has judged morning at 8:30," said Albert Mayberry, Trent vocational agriculture teacher. "We will begin with the judging of poultry and

Services Held For W. Rountree

Services for Wylie Roundtree. Community Club, which has un-\$2. were held Saturday, Dec. 18, derwritten prize money of \$900. in the Noodle Baptist Church with the Rev. C. R. Campbell of Big cur show," said Mayberry, "which Spring, the Rev. L. D. Crumpler will be held at the Community a Abilene and the Rev. Jesse Center and the FFA barn, west of Swindell, Noodle pastor, officiat-Trent. ng. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel under the cirection of Starbuck Funeral

M.: Roundtree, a retired farmer and longtime Jones County rest dent, died Thursday, Dec. 16 in Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a month's illness.

Born Feb. 8, 1873 in Hunt County, he married Maude Hale Dec. 21, 1962 in Merkel. They moved to the Shiloh community in southwestern Jones County in 1906 and to Noodle in 1917. Mrs. Roundtree died Nov. 30, 1943. Mr. Roundtree moved to Mineral Wells in 1951 and to Abilene in 1961.

He was a charter member and deacen of Noodle Baptist Church. Surviving are one daughter. Mrs. V. E. Eller of 2410 Woodard in Abilene; two sisters, Mrs. Della Benton of Longview and Mrs.

Dora Leggett of Lancaster. Fallbearers were Hollis Irvin, Grady Bishon, C. G. Willis, Norman Bicknell, Calvin Wade and

The "Messiah" oratorio, a Christmas tradition, was composed by George Friderick Handel in only 25 days, according to World Jerry Russell, 305 West. Phone Book Encyclopedia. It was first 42 tfc performed in 1742 in Dublin, A year later King George II set the custom of standing during the cratorio's "Halleulujah Chorus."

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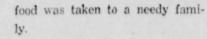
W. G. Ferguson.

Robertsons Fete TEL SS Class

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robertson entertained the TEL class of the First Baptist Church with their annual class Christmas Luncheon.

Abilene High School will judge The meditation was given by dressing was good - Woody Wil-Mrs. W. T. Sadler, who presented Christmas poetry.

John Hamner, general superintendent says that his "commitclass members and a basket of Giant Peas.' tees are all at work, getting things



Luncheon was served to approximately thirty guests and members.

The Sewing Club had their annual Christmas party at the Merkel Restaurant. The turkey and son did throw in a compliment, though. He said he didn't care for "Pal gifts" were exchanged by those "HO HO HO Jolly Green





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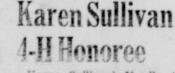
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Mrs. Don Adair was hostess for a Christmas Luncheon for the Compere Home Demonstration Club members and guests Thursday, Dec. 16. Christmas decorations were us-

> ed throughout Mrs. Adair's home. Gifts were exchanged and luncheon served to approximately 20 guests and members/



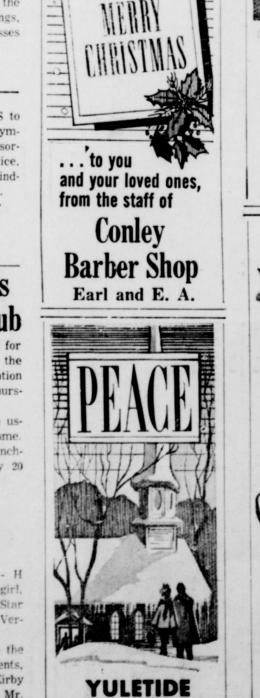
Karen Sullivanl Noodle 4 - H Club member and Gold Star girl. was honored at the Gold Star Award Luncheon, held in Vernon. Dec. 11. Karan was accompanied to the

luncheon by the county agents, Mrs. Mary Newberry and Kirby Clayton, and by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Sullivan.

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Jerry Russell, 306 West, Phone 928-5164. 42 tfc CARD OF THANKS The family of Mrs. Claudie Holmes wishes to sincerely thank all who helped us bear the sorrow of the loss of our mother and sister. We are so grateful for the food, flowers, ceremonies, songs, and beautiful words of kindnesses and encouragement. The Holmes children and sisters. CAR OF THANKS OUT HEARTFELT THANKS to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful. Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Eller Mrs. Della Benton Mrs. Dora Leggett and other relatives Mrs. Adair Hosts **Compere HD Club**



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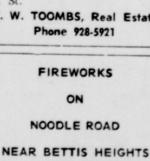
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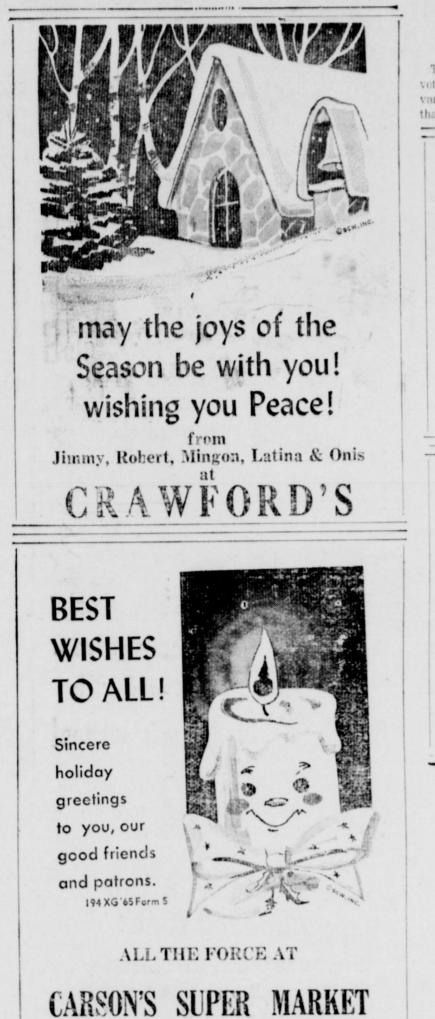
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BADGER TALES

By DEBBIE CORDER This week's column wil be devoted mainly to a discussion of various types of punishment that should be administered to

tudents who neglect to attend classes on the last day of school, before the Christmas holidays. Some suggest that offenders should each donate four hours'

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tients at Sarr Nursing Home. If Our wish for all of you is a Happy Holiday Season and a Very Happy New Year!

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labor for the purpose of beautifying the school grounds. This mass donation of labor would take place in the early spring when it would be most beneficial. This plan is favored by a majority of the faculty members, and also by Mr. Satterwhite and Mr. Clack.

This writer is in favor of "nonharassment" on the part of the administration. In other words, students delinquency should be regarded as a "trademark of the age." Those who like this point of view are all students.

Since I could only make it to the Sophemore Christmas party, that is the only one I can tell you about. A lot of the members had sad faces at the beginning, and didn't know exactly what to do, but when Mr. Tate had to imitate Bridgette Bardot's walk, that really cheered everyone up. Danny Wade and Pat Warren also had to eat whipped cream before they had their cookies, only it wasn't just plain old cream - it was crazy foam soap! Brenda Jernigan and Connie McCarthy had a lot of fun when they shaved Pat and Danr, with spoons, while both were blindfolded. The football banquet turned out

to be a real success! Everyone seemed to have a very good time

LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

By RANDY DOAN

In the basketball tournament held at Baird, the Merkel boys struggled to the last second of the game played with Baird, but found that the Baird team was just a little better. The Baird team won by a score of 25 to 20. The Badgers went back Saturday to play Cisco. If you weren't there, you mised a real exciting game.

There was about five seconds left in the game and Merkel had the ball out of bounds. Bill Whisenbunt threw the ball in to Jack ie Whisenhunt. Jackie had to weave in and out through the Cisco team to get to the basket, but found he was too late. The game ended with a score of 13 to 11 for Cisco. It was a real exciting game even though the Cisco team won. The Junior Badgers played Noodle Monday night, Dec. 20. Tim Tanner led the Badgers scoring with 13 points and helping Tim were Randy Doan, Jackie Whis-Bill Whisenbunt and A

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the first place trophy! It wasn't an easy chore as the Merkel girls had to come from behind to beat the Wylie Junior girls in the finals by a score of 24-23.

Cape Canaveral was named by Spanish explorers for the canelike reeds growing there.



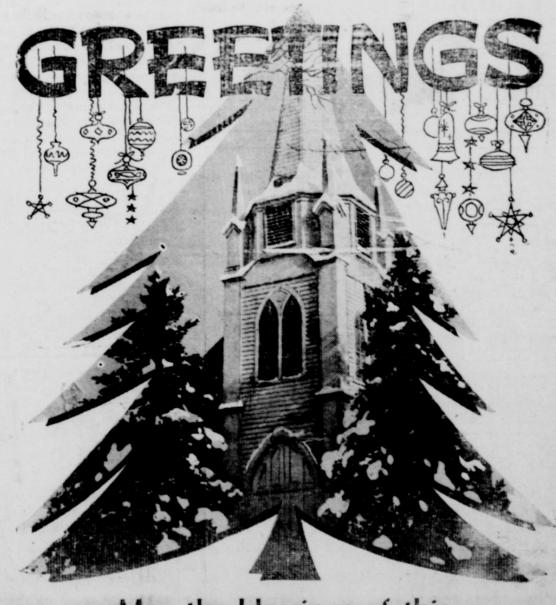






Arnwine. But the game ended with a score of 15-19 in favor of Nood!e

The Merkel Junior Badgerettes entered the Baird Tournament last week and came away with



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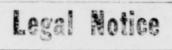
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Johnny Hammend was carrying teret the Starr Rest Home on her he Christmas spirit a little too fard birthday. They served cake in a dy, or so ago. He rounded and ico cream to all the patients the correct in his auto, driving in the home. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. with one hand and holding a Hall of Eastman, Ga., visited the Christmas tree cut the window with the other. Mr. and Mrs. Les Thaxton spent and were enroute home from Col-Monday through Wednesday of crade.

last wee'r visiting their son, Johnon the trip. What's snow? Mrs. haxton also said she and her sisd theri mether, Mrs. J. W. Su-



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lations 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 31st day of January A. D. 1966, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 24th day of May A D. 1965, in this cause, numbered 1902 on the docket of said court and styled Tommy Arnold Flowers,

Plaintiff. vs. Christian DuPont Flowers, Defendant. A brief statement of the nature

this suit is as follows, to-wi

June Hegans Friday. The Halls re fermer managers of Stuckey's These whom we know are in ny, and family in Dumas. Mae Hendrick Hespital are Mr. E. O. sold they sure ran into the show Carson, Mrs. Tommy Patterson

and Norman Winter Will foombs, who has been in ter, Mrs. Charlie Massey, honor- Hendrick came home Sunday, Bernice said he is doing fairly well but as for her, we could write a full column if we wanted to! You knew he couldn't possibly be any trcuble. He requested Mrs. Brumbeau to come down and take a ricture of his foot - Now, that would look good on the front

> Faye Campbell visited over the week end with friends in Fort Worth and Dallas. She was met there by Capt. and Mrs. Wesley Pean and family from Plattsburg, New York. She also visited Marha Perry in Irving

The Football Banquet, at the arlito Inn in Abilene Saturday light was quite a success again his year - Heard several comcents about the food - especially the angel haid. They said it was

Pairb, Jeff and Bill Russell of Bessier City, La., paid a short visit to Merkel Friday of last week. They returned home early Saturday morning

Fannell Boney entertained the ladies with a coffee in her home Tuesday morning. The decorations were very pretty - made mo feel kinda lazy, with our lone little tree.

Best wishes for the Holidays!

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Plaintifi and Defendant went through a marriage testimora in Brevonnes, Aube, France, but never at any time lived together as husband and wife. Plaintiff herein alleges that same was the result of a fraud and misrepresentation of material facts. Plaintiff sues for annulment of this marriage. as is more fully shown by Plain-

tiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served within nineoty 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 manadates 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 16th day of December A.D. 1965. (Seal)

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas on the 27th day of October, 1965 in a certain Cause wherein Crown Credit Corporation is Plaintiff and Alfred S. Portillo and wife Ester Portillo are Defendant wherein the Plaintiff has sued for the sum of \$2,197.19 with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 27th day of October, 1965, and cost of suit. And. in which, Cause I have levied upon the property herein described by Virtue of an Order of Sale I will on the 4th day of Jan-

uary 1966 at the County Court House of Taylor County, Texas within legal hours from 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., I will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in and to the following described property to-wit:

50x150 ft. out of a 6 AC. tract out of Jno. Jarman Survey, Abstract No. 82. Recorded in Vol. 523, Page 392 in the Deed Records of Taylor Co., Texas.

GEORGE MAXWELL Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas By: Leon Sledge, Deputy. 41 3tc

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Americana Old Anson Rd. Exit & Interstate 20 BOTH PLACES WILL BE OPEN CHRISTMAS DAY

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS On October 1, 1965, Neely-Holden Furniture Company, 2541 South Treadaway, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, ceased doing business as a partnership, and became incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas on the 1st day of October, 1965, under the name of Neely - Holden Furniture Company, with it's principal business office at 2541 South Treadaway, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

V.A.T.S. Articles 5924 and 5924 (a) complied with. Published as required by V.A.T.S. Article 1302-2.02. 39 4tc

LEGAL NOTICE

SCHOOL BUSSES FOR SALE The Merkel School Board is receiving sealed bids in the office of the local school superintendent for 5 school busses listed as follows:

 GMC, 1953 Model, fair body, some parts missing
1954 Chevrolet, fair body, but some parts missing
21955 Fords, one fair shape
1957 Ford, fair shape
1957 Ford, fair shape
All bids must be received on or
before January 3, 1966, 7:30 p.m.
Bids may be for one or more
busses. The board reserves the
right to accept or reject any or
all bids. 39 3te

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

In compliance with Article 1302-2.02 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, notice of intention to become incorporated without a change of name is given by Poor Boy Movers, 6000 Pueblo Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. 41 4tc



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Services Held For Longtime Merkel Woman

Mrs. Claudie Elvira Holmes, 77, longtime Merkel area resident, died in Hillsboro Sunday, Dec. 12, after a four - month illness. Funeral services for Mrs. Holmes were held Tuesday, Dec. 14 in the Starbuck Chapel, with the Rev. Bill Tanner, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born April 5, 1828 in Hamilton, she was married to William Holmes in 1907 in Brady. They moved to the Merkel area in 1936.

Survivors include four sons, ray of Hillsboro, J. L., Weldon and Billy, all of Merkel: one daughter, Mrs. Mack Fowler of Port Aransas; 15 grandchildren and nino great - grandchildren.

John Lauw Dies at 63

Funeral services for John A. Lauw were held Sunday, Dec. 12 in the Starbuck Chapel, with the Rev. Allen Collins, pastor of Calyary Lutheran Church in Sweetwater, officiating. Burial was in the Trent Cemetery. Mr. Lauw, 63, a farmer in the

Trent - Merkel area, died Saturday in Simmons Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater after a threeweek illness. Born Sept. 18, 1902, in Lavaca

County, he married Mary Schroedter March 4, 1925, in DeWitt Coun t_{U} . They moved to this area in 1959.

Survivors are his wife; two sons, Edmund of the home and Charles of Clyde; one daughter, Mrs. Mortic McDonald of Sweetwater; one sister, Mrs. Elsie Kohutek of Roscoc; and six grandchildren.

Services Held For Mrs. Teaff

Functal services for Mrs. A. L. Teaff were held Tuesday, Dec. 14 in the Tye Baptist Church with buria! in Merkel's Rose Hill Cem-

JC Council Holds Christmas Party

Seventy - one women registered program and at the Jones County Council An-ed.

the Anson Lions Club Hall. After a covered dish luncheon, Council held a short session.

nual Christmas Party Dec. 9. in

The Bluebonnet Club gave a program and gifts were exchang-An- ed.



We hope that the Christmas Season will bring blessings to you and your loved ones, and peace to men everywhere!

Naomi and Fred Starbuck

Hints on Waking Up Kitchens

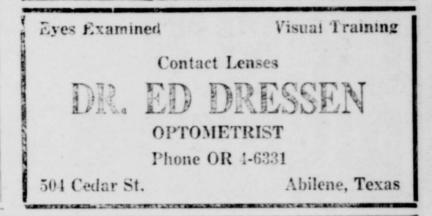


If your kitchen looks tired and you are tired of your kitchen, bear in mind that color and pattern can give virtually any room a new lease on life. An excellent place to start is with a quality vinyl-asbestos floor tile. The new embossed designs are particularly handsome, and they come in a range of colors and designs that can add distinction and elegance to any decorative scheme.

For example, an embossed natural wood grain goes beautifully with Early American, Scandinavian or modern decor. The grain lends textural interest, and color choices include teak, birch and maple. Seastone floor tile, embossed in a beach pebble design, also has a natural look. Travertine does, too, and is almost indistinguishable from the handsome, distinctive stone so popular since Roman times. There also are swirl mosaic patterns, and one of the newest tiles takes its style note from Spain. Called Del Prado, it features a deep veining embossed on a rich chip background. In the kitchen above it has been used with black feature strips.

Bright curtains and a patterned washable wallpaper will spruce up your kitchen, too. If you choose patterned curtains either match them to the paper or paint your walls a solid color.

Johns-Manville, the originator of vinyl-asbestos flooring, points out that the tile can be cut easily and installed by do-it-yourselfers. Those who wish, of course, can have the job done for them by a flooring contractor with a minimum of fuss and bother. Either way, the revitalized room can give pleasure for years to come and the floor will require little maintenance.





etery. Mrs. Teaff, 56, of Zavalla, died Surday, Dec. 12 in Lufkin Hospital. Born in Orange in 1908, she moved to Abilene with her family

when she was 11 years of age, and graduated from Abilene High School in 1924. Following her marrieg to Rev.

Teafi, the couple lived at several places in Texas where Rev. Teaff held pastorates. Survivors include her husband:

e son, A. L. Jr., of Fort Worth; two daughters, Mrs. R. Carl Smith of Silver and Mrs. H. Blake Winn of Oklahoma City; five sisters, five brothers and nine grandchildren.

JOHNNY COX

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