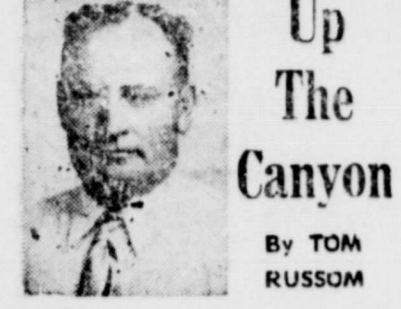


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Up  
The  
Canyon  
By TOM  
RUSSOM

Everyone in our area is still wondering how such a fine lot of moisture could come our way this time of year, just after a very long dry spell, and everything pointing to anything except a good rain.

A lot of farmers say the wheat is very slow coming up to a stand, but the ground is very cold, which makes it slow getting up to a stand.

Deer hunting is almost to a standstill with hunters being discouraged by the deer being so hard to appear for shooting. It was thought in December there would be a good turn out of hunters, but it could not be so, due to the fact they give up if luck isn't too good. From the closest report we have received, there have been some fifty deer killed in the Canyon within the foothills of the mountains, which is not too bad.

Well, after a very enjoyable time at home eating turkey and other good things, the college students in our area returned to

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## City Recreational Committee Sets Friday Meeting

Members of the Merkel Recreational Center Committee will meet Friday at 7 p.m. at the Merkel Restaurant, according to Dr. Don Warren, chairman.

"Purpose of the meeting will be to meet with engineers from the firm of Yates and Decker, Abilene, and receive cost estimates and proposed layouts for a Recreational Center," said Warren.

Recreational Committee members besides Warren are Howard Carson, Robert Higgins, Herman Carson, Dave Brumbeau, David Gamble and Calvin Wade.

Warren urged that all members "make plans to attend this meeting, and any other interested parties may also attend."

## Buses Chartered For Trent Game

Chartered buses will take Trent and area football fans to the Trent - Jayton Regional playoff game at Snyder this Friday, according to J. G. Wilks of Trent.

"Tickets may be purchased at Home State Bank until 3 p.m. Thursday," said Wilks. "We are hoping to fill two buses and possibly three." Buses will leave the Trent school at 6 p.m.

Rountrip tickets are \$3.00 per person.

## REV. JIM SHARP SPEAKS TO LIONS

"Begin early this year, and put Christmas in your mind and heart," were the words spoken to Lions Club members at their Tuesday noon luncheon by the Rev. Jim Sharp, pastor of the Trent United Methodist Church.

"Too often, with the hurry and hustle of Christmas shopping, we lose the true meaning of Christmas."

Rev. Sharp recalled Christmas time "when he was a child."

"We had a stocking with an apple, an orange, peppermint candy stick and maybe a lemon stick," he said, "and an apple still smells like Christmas even now."

# Santa to Make Official Entry This Saturday



**BULLETIN**  
NORTH POLE — Dec. 5  
(Special to the Merkel Mail)  
— Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive in Merkel this Saturday, Dec. 7) at 2 p.m. He

will make his appearance during the annual Christmas Parade, riding his traditional "sleigh with tiny reindeer."

The long-awaited time is almost here! Santa will make his cheerful entry into Merkel Saturday at 2 p.m. Music and fanfare will herald his appearance.

When you hear the lively tune of "Jingle Bells," played by our own Merkel High School Badger Band, you will know that Santa is not too far behind!

Sorry, boys and girls, we can't tell you too much about Santa,

except that we do know he is preparing his sleigh, all shiny and new, and it is to have plenty of goodies for the "little ones." Just be sure and have Mommy or Daddy downtown early so you can find a good "lookout," and don't miss a minute of the parade.

Waymon Adcock, Parade Marshal, said Wednesday that he had four definite float entries turned in.

"I feel sure there are more floats to be entered," said Adcock, "and we do need to have this information by Friday."

First, second and third place prizes will be given floats entered. Fifty dollars will be awarded the first place winner; twenty-five dollars for second place, and ten dollars for third place.

Christmas street lights and decorations went up in downtown Merkel this week to add to the Saturday's festive occasion.

Merchants are already "decorating" their windows with beautiful Christmasy colors and gifts.

Inside the stores there are Christmas ideas galore displayed for Merkel people wondering what to buy for Christmas.

And Christmas shopping has already begun here is the consensus of Merkel merchants and judging from the many beautifully wrapped packages on display.

Adcock asked that all float entries and parade participants be at North Second and Rannels by 1:30 p.m. "to get parade formation ready."

The parade will proceed down North First Street from Rannels, going east, then turn left up Lamar, north to North Second and left on Edwards where the parade will conclude with the Badger

Band swelling forth with merry Christmas tunes.

"We will be glad for children to participate in this parade," said Adcock. "They may decorate their bicycles, tricycles, go-carts in Christmas colors and join us."

McMurry College's well-known and often-used Calliope will again be featured in the Merkel Parade.

The famous Merkel Riding Club will add liveliness to the parade this year, and "all Merkel High School Clubs are given a special invitation to participate in the parade," said Adcock.



**THE FINISHING TOUCHES** — Are put to decorations of elves and poppies in bright red and green colors as Mrs. Adah Heeter makes the final twist to a stem. Her dining room table is "piled high" with Christmas decorations for mantles, doors, and centerpieces for tables... for friends and relatives. (Staff Photo)

## WWI Vets Plan Christmas Party

World War I Veterans of the Merkel - Trent Barracks, 2248, and the Ladies Auxiliary are having a Christmas Party Friday, Dec. 13, and "all Veterans, wives and widows are invited."

The time will be 7 p.m. and the party will be held at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building.

Karl Bonneaux is commander of the Merkel - Trent Barracks 2248, and Mrs. Dent Gibson is president of the auxiliary.

Each person is asked to bring a gift and a covered dish. The Veterans will furnish the turkey and dressing and the ladies auxiliary are to "bring the trimmings."

Speakers from the Veterans Administration have been invited to attend the party, said Bonneaux.

## 'EX-FLORIST' BUSY WITH DECORATIONS

Ex - Florist retired? Not on your life!

Just let the "smell" of Christmas get near (and that can be anytime between November 1 and Thanksgiving) and Mrs. Adah Heeter gets the "Christmas decoration bug" all over again.

"I guess I'll always have that 'yen' to decorate for Christmas," said Mrs. Heeter as her nimble fingers busily shaped red carnations around a Christmas elf.

"To me, Christmas is the best holiday of all to get decorating ideas. There's so many pretty things touse—cedar, english ivy, — and with just a little imagination, so much can be done for a mantle, window or door."

And looking on, enjoying every minute of the Christmas creations, is her sister, Miss Sadie Woodrum. The two have lived for thirty years in the two-story white stucco house on North Second.

Ten years ago, Mrs. Heeter "took a rest" from the floral business, when she sold Missie's Floral Shop to Bill Wood, and was re-named Bill's Flowers. The shop today is owned by Vernon Wade, and still goes under the name Bill's Flowers.

And "Missie" in the Floral Shop name is none other than Mrs. Heeter's daughter, now Mrs. Raymond McNeal of McKinney, Texas.

"We're mighty busy right now," said Mrs. Heeter, "trying to get all our Christmas decorations finished in time to spend Christmas in McKinney with Missie."

Mrs. Heeter's other daughter, Mrs. Bowman Barlow and her husband live in Provo, Utah.

And the home of many relatives and friends will be brighter this Christmas with Mrs. Heeter's elves, Christmas calendars, angels, door decorations and Christmas boots, shoes and logs.

## Youth Council Party Dec. 20

The Merkel Youth Council, meeting this week with president Mike Dudley presiding, discussed entertainment, purchasing a pinball machine and an extra juke box and made plans for the Christmas party to be held Dec. 20.

The party will include a hayride, and admission will be "a canned goods per person."

"Canned goods will be given to needy families," said Dudley.

Members plan to decorate the Christmas Tree at the Community Center Dec. 14, and each member is asked to bring decorations for the tree.

Attending the council meeting were Dudley, Alan Reed, Bob Hammond, Judy Hester, Mignon Crawford, Vickie Robertson and Mike Warren.

Also Beth Peachey, Randy Doan and sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Melton and Mrs. G. R. Peachey.

# Merkel Goodfellows Begin Contributions

Needy families in Merkel and the area will be helped this year in spite of the lag in the Merkel Community Fund Drive.

And again, coming to the rescue for those "less fortunate" will be the Merkel Goodfellows.

At a Monday afternoon meeting at the Asteroid Restaurant the Goodfellow Committee met, made plans to open a store, secure contributions and "kicked off the money phase of the Drive with \$35.00."

Members named Lawrence Hewitt as chairman for this year's Goodfellows and Mrs. Mary Mosier and Mrs. W. R. Cypert as co-chairmen. Mrs. Cypert was also named treasurer.

Bill Button, representing the Chamber of Commerce and as advisory member for the Merkel Community Fund Drive, said that "a very small amount will be allotted Goodfellows this year."

"If we had been able to even reach \$4,000.00 of our Community Fund goal, the amount going to the Goodfellows would have helped a lot more. But with the drive totaling right now around \$3,000.00, it looks as if all agencies will have to be cut or separate drives made."

Others meeting Monday afternoon and helping to work out a plan for the Goodfellows were Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor of the United Methodist Church, Brother Kenneth Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and Mrs. Ray Wilson.

Rev. Daniel will place Goodfellow Jars in business houses beginning this week.

"We are already getting in requests for help," said Hewitt,

"and some of those requests are pretty touching. Merkel Goodfellows cannot let these people down. We never have, and we can't do it this year."

Members discussed the possibility of contributions being made to the Goodfellows.

"We are not going to conduct a drive," said Hewitt. "We want to let people know that we are ready to accept any contribution and that it will be used for a most worthy cause at Christmas time. Location and opening date of the Goodfellow Store will be announced in next week's edition of The Merkel Mail."

"We are in need of good, used clean clothing," said Mrs. Cypert. "Anyone who has clothing they would like to donate to the Goodfellows may call Mrs. Cypert and she will see that they are picked up."

Last year's Goodfellow contributions totaled \$590.00.

"This amount helped the Goodfellows to see that a lot of families had a happier Christmas," said Mrs. Mosier. "Most especially many children were clothed."

Fifty one pair of shoes were purchased last year, mostly for children.

Members also stressed the need for toys to be brought to the Goodfellow Store "as soon as possible."

Money contributed will be used to buy shoes and food for needy families.

## Letters to Goodfellows Mostly Ask 'Only for Necessities'

Letters to Goodfellows are already coming in, asking for "just a little for Christmas."

One mother wrote:

"Dear Goodfellows, we're not going to ask for much this year... for we know there are so many more who need food and clothes too."

"Our children are blessed with good health, but I do not have any money to buy them things for Christmas. All I ask this year is some clothes and shoes... and perhaps a few toys if you have them."

"Thank you for anything you can do."

Another:

"I am a little girl seven years old and my daddy is out of work. He got hurt on the job and there ain't (sic) much money left."

"If you can, I would like a pair of shoes. My little sister can wear mine, so if you would she would like a doll."

"Dear Friends:

"I am thirteen years old and my brothers and sisters and I won't have a Christmas if we don't get some help."

"If we can just get some shoes and clothes and maybe a toy or two, that will be all."

"Thank you."

# TRENT GORILLAS PLAY JAYTON AT SNYDER FOR DISTRICT CHAMPS

By CONNIE HARRIS

In the Little City of Trent, Texas, there's a very BIG football team, that has set out to be Number One; not just in the town, district, bi-district, but in regional! They were a first when they won district — something which had never been done in the school's history.

These mighty Gorillas will be tangling against the Jayton Jaybirds Friday night at 7:30 at Snyder.

Friday night's game with Jayton Jaybirds will be the last of the season for the Trent Gorillas as they vie for Regional Championship since the state playoffs only go through regionals in Class B.

Coach Charles Russell is "optimistic, even though we've got a real good team to face."

"The Jayton Jaybirds will be

the best team to play all season long," said Russell. "They're a real good team, and promises to be a good game."

Jayton's record for the season is 9-2 while the Gorillas' record is 11-0.

"We've scored 421 points this season while our opponents have scored 37," said Russell.

Of the game with Fort Hancock last weekend for the Class B bi-district title, Trent scored 58 points and held Fort Hancock to only six points.

Offense standouts for Trent were Gaylon Brnovak, Tim Riggan, Gayland Frazier and Stan Hicks.

"All Members of the defense played an exceptionally fine game," said Russell, "and especially Si Acuma, Hicks, Steve Redding, Johnny Jones and Ted Simpson."

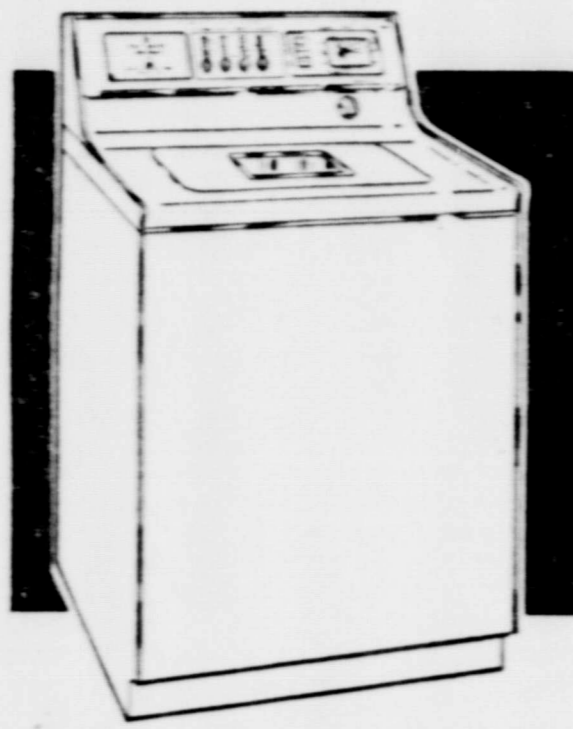
Quarterback Gaylon Brnovak has thrown 25 touchdown passes this season, while Hicks, tight end, has caught 19 TD passes and has scored 127 points. Hicks is top scorer in Class B.

Gorillas' season record for the eleven games played is Blanket 26-0; Roby, 42-0; Rochester, 22-0; Central Catholic, 26-6; Hermleigh, 60-16; Loraine, 42-3; Fusan, 18-0; Hawley, 53-0; Bronite, 40-6; Jim Ned, 34-0, and in Bi-District, Fort Hancock, 58-6.

TRENT	FORT HANCOCK	
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258	Rushing Yardage	123
111	Passing Yardage	10
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**Stith News**  
By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Cotton harvesting was stopped last week due to the rain and snow but the farmers are real proud of the moisture. It will be a help to grain. Just a few more days of dry weather and the cotton harvest will be over.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hinton and daughter of Hawley visited the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell and MacSherry and also Mrs. J. E. Swindell Sunday.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jack Bedford and children of San Antonio and the Billy Ray Browning family of Trowels, spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. John Browning.

Mary Dutton of Austin and Randy Dutton of Texas Tech, Lubbock, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dutton. The Dutton family spent Friday in Odessa with Mrs. Dutton's mother, Mrs. Margaret Jackson and with Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Jackson and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Betty Hobbs and children, Mrs. John Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holt spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Burfin and family. Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Chaney and Sandra of Richardson, spent Sunday with the Hobbs family.

Mrs. Ronald Hale returned Tuesday to her home in Hoylake, Mo., after a visit with her father in law, Charles Hale and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley and Mrs. Herbert Row and David of Monroe, Tex., spent Tuesday through Friday in San Antonio with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worre Berry and children, Mrs. Betty

had back surgery several weeks ago. She was at home confined to her bed, but was returned to the hospital Friday.

The Rev. Herbert Row and three children spent Thanksgiving Day with his parents in Abilene. The Row family spent Friday night in the Bradley home and returned to Bledsoe Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone and Monica of Taylor spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale and Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malone and the Dink Whisenbunt family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn

and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw had Thanksgiving Dinner with Mrs. John Shaw in Merkel.

O. B. Tatum of Starr Nursing Home, Merkel, and Ona Spence, Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Browning Monday.

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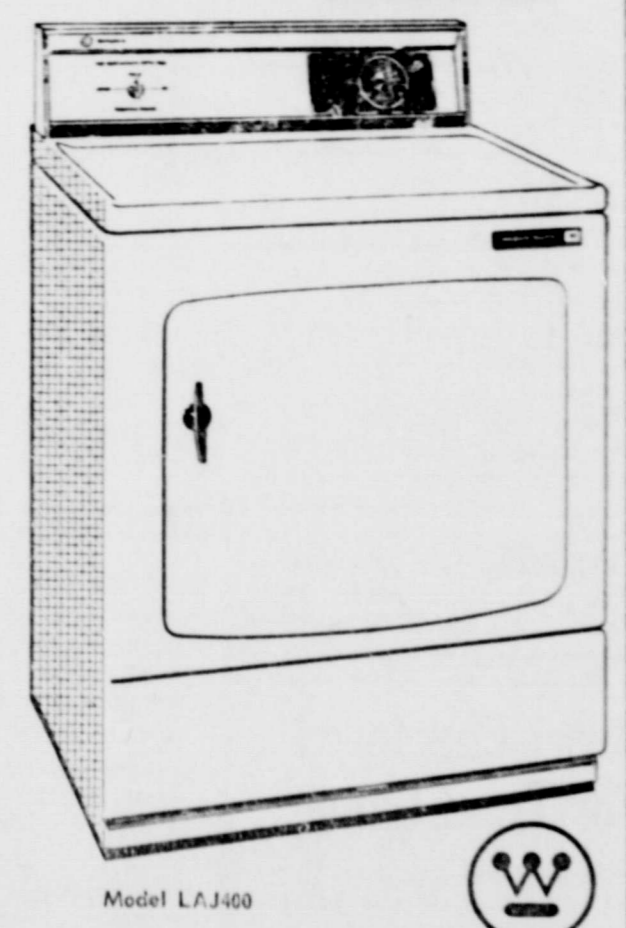
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the family of  
Willie B. Toombs

### Up The Canyon

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college over the weekend. Names of just a few were Steve Butman to Huntsville, Sam Houston State; Myrtle Davis, Mary Johnson and Donald Russom to John Tarleton State at Stephenville, and a number of other Merkel students at other colleges. Makes the parents wonder if there isn't something true in the saying "there is no place like home."

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gray of Big Spring were visiting relatives here Thanksgiving Day. They were dinner guests in Mr. and Mrs. Ford Butman's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewell McLean received word here this week that their son, Hollis McLean, who is in the Air Force and stationed in Illinois, is critically ill and will have surgery this week. Mrs. McLean left by plane Monday to be at his bedside. We all regret to hear this report and do hope for all of the families a successful recovery for Hollis.

Mr. Riney talked to us this week and reported that Mrs. Riney was doing fine. She is in the West Texas Medical Center and has been ill for some eight or 10 months, after having had a stroke.

### On Teenage Show

**COLLEGE STATION** — Ronald L. Chancey of Merkel, a member of Texas A&M's Singing Cadets, appeared Saturday on the nationally televised Miss Teenage America Pageant.

The A&M glee club member escorted one of the 59 pageant contestants to various functions, sang with the organization in solo spots on camera and support numbers performed by guest star Trini Lopez.

The Singing Cadets, directed by Robert L. (Bob) Boone, appear annually on the teenage beauty pageant.

Chancey, a freshman zoology major at A&M, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chancey.



**BAND FAVORITES** — Bob Hammond, left, and Badger Band Drum Major, presents a gift of recognition to the Badger Band Favorites, Marilee Noster and David Coker. (Photo by Jim Baber)

### Festive Fashion



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### W.O.W. Grove Elects Officers

Woodman Circle Grove 658 met recently in the home of Mrs. Alf Walla for the election of officers.

Officers elected were Mrs. Clara B. Walla, president; Mrs. Alyce Oliver, vice president; Mrs. Solie Mathew, attendant; Mrs. Callie Newsom, assistant attendant; Mrs. Lucy Bonnaville, chaplain and Miss Maurine White, treasurer.

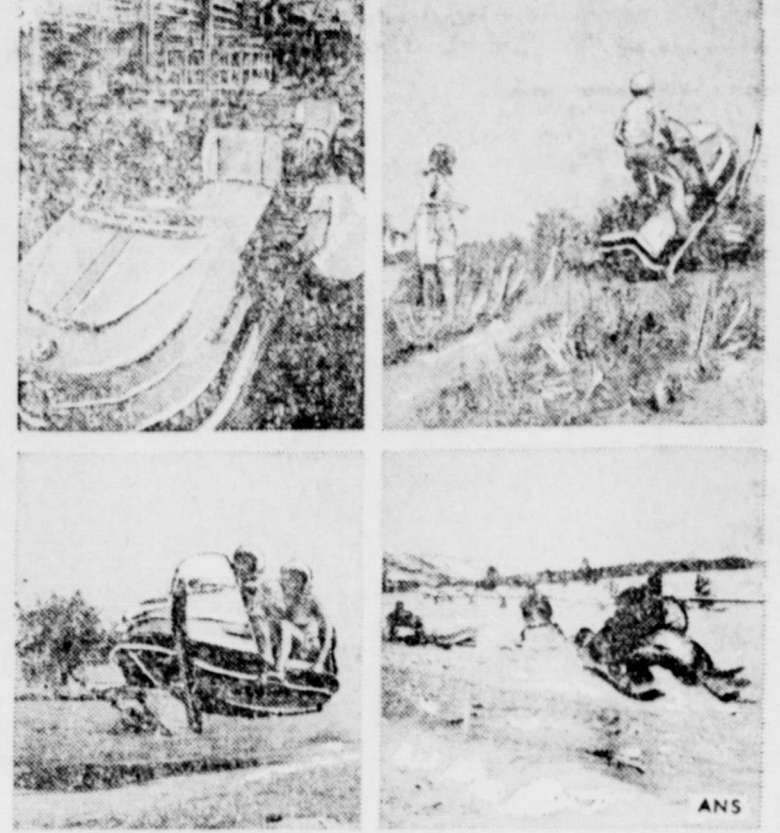
Mrs. Mathew was honored with a birthday gift and the singing of "Happy Birthday." A birthday cake and punch were served members.

Mrs. Matthews, 89, is one of the active members of the W.O.W. Grove.

The Grove's Christmas party will be held Dec. 19 at the Community Center, and "everyone is asked to come and bring a covered dish and a gift to exchange."

Members of the Merkel Grove have been invited to attend a Christmas party at the Abilene Woodman Hall, Dec. 14.

### Ready for Snow



**BOOMING SNOWMOBILE** demand is expected to account for sales of close to 200,000 units this winter. One major company in this growing recreation market—American Machine & Foundry Company—carries on a continuous proving ground test program until snowtime at its York, Pa. division. AMF selects its Ski-Daddlers at random from the assembly line (upper left), puts them through a gruelling 2,000 mile (100 hour) test program over a half-mile oval flat and hilly track and adjacent ravines providing all winter terrain conditions—including rocks—except snow. Upper right a test driver barrels up and out of a 45 degree gully, at lower left a mixed testing team clears ridges at high speed to determine Ski-Daddler performance with double load. All of this is done to assure trouble-free action in fast-moving cross-country situations (lower right) when winter comes.



**HUNGRY FOR FRUITCAKE** — The Merkel High School junior class will begin taking orders this week for fruit cakes for Christmas. Proceeds from the Fruit Cake Sale will go toward junior class expenses and especially the Junior-Senior Banquet that is held in the spring.

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**PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION** — Presented to Mrs. Don Dudley by Cheerleaders Dayna McAninch, at the recent Football Banquet. "This plaque is for being such a wonderful sponsor," said Dayna. In background is Mike Dudley, who was master of ceremonies for the festive occasion. (Photo by Jim Baber)

### Recruit Graduate In Combat School

SAN DIEGO — Marine Private Paul F. Lerma, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose P. Lerma of 109 Haynes St., Merkel, Tex., was graduated from eight weeks of recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot here.

He will now undergo from two to four weeks of individual combat training and then, after leave at home, will report to his first Marine Corps assignment.

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A thorough study of basic military subjects, hygiene, first aid and sanitation, and the customs, courtesies, history and mission of the Marine Corps serve to polish the new Marine's recruit education and prepare him to join the Marine combat forces.



**CHEERLEADERS' GUESTS** — Attending the Football Banquet last week and guests of the MHS Cheerleaders were from left, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Shields and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Robert Hicks. Hicks and Shields are members of the Merkel School Board. The guest list included board members, football team, band members, coaches and school faculty. (Photo by Jim Baber)

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### 4-H Canning Her 'Thing'



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Miss Dempsey exemplifies the 120,000 young 4-H cooks who strive each year to improve their products in hopes of winning a national scholarship offered to members enrolled in the national 4-H Food Preservation program.

Six \$600 scholarships are given annually to outstanding members by the Kerr Glass Manufacturing Corporation, sponsor of the program for 40 years. State and county awards also are provided. They are a trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago, and medals on honor.

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### Merkel Services For Mrs. Collier

Mrs. Elmeda Collier, 55, died Saturday, Nov. 30 at her home in Merkel, after a two year illness.

Funeral services were held Monday at Calvary Baptist Church, with the Rev. Herschel Smith, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Sixth Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 2, 1913, she married W. O. Henderson in 1934 at San Antonio. He died in 1945 and she married Ernest Pleasant Collier in 1947 at Abilene. They had lived in the Noelle - Merkel area for 20 years. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors are three sons, Carl and Jerry of Merkel; and Willie of Tuscola; seven daughters, Bessie Collier, Mrs. Kenneth Deaver, Mrs. Douglas Jowers and Mrs. Wallace Doan, all of Merkel; Mrs. Roxie Vinson of Trent, and Mrs. John Goodman of Ingram; three stepsons, Lee Roy, Ernest and F. A. Collier, all of Fort Worth; three stepdaughters, Edith Mae Vinson, Betty Jane Goodman and Ruthie Lee Phillips, all of Fort Worth.

### 'Chefs' Is Name Of Cooking Class

The Mulberry Canyon Boys' Cooking Class has had two meetings in the month of November, on the 12th and the 19th.

At the Nov. 12 meeting members met in the home of Mrs. Harvey Bryan and prepared for their meeting on the 19th, preparing their "cheffery."

On Nov. 19 the "Chefs" met in the home of Mrs. Layne Wells and made Strawberry Milk, and Easy Do Chocolate Fudge.

Attending both meetings were Jeffery Wells, Rocky Bryan and Billy Wells. Two Junior Leaders Becky Bryan and Judy Brnovak also attended, and Sue Bryan attended as a guest.

Adult leaders are Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Frank Brnovak and Mrs. Bryan.

Refreshments were served at both meetings.

### TOP TEN

- I've Got You on My Mind Again — Buck Owens
- Stand By Your Man — Tammy Wynette
- Your Squaw Is on the Warpath — Lynn Anderson
- Born to Be With You — Sonny James
- She Wears My Ring — Ray Price
- I Take a Lot of Pride In What I Am — Merle Haggard
- Plastic Saddle — Nat Stuckey
- Big Operator — Kenny Price
- The Girl Most Likely — Jeanie C. Riley
- Where Love Used to Live — David Houston

### Mrs. O. W. Walker To Be Honored

SWEETWATER — Mrs. O. W. Walker of 109 W. Ave. B, and a former resident of Merkel, will be honored Sunday, Dec. 8 on the occasion of her 87th birthday. Fellowship Hall of Lamar Street Baptist Church will be the setting for the celebration and relatives and friends of Mrs. Walker are asked to call between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m.

Mrs. Walker moved with her parents when she was 12 years old to Merkel, and in 1901 she married O. W. Walker in Abilene.

She has two daughters, Mrs. Ollie D. Deaton and Mrs. Keller W. Roberts, both of Abilene; three sons, O. B. and Harold Walker, both of Abilene and Carl Walker of Sweetwater. She also has 27 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

### H-SU Tournament Set Dec. 12-15

ABILENE — Merkel will be one of the sixteen teams entered in the 18th Annual Harcin - Simmons University High School Girls Invitational Basketball Tournament Dec. 12 - 15 in Rose Field House.

There will be eight games each day beginning at 10 a.m. on Thursday, and ending with the championship event which begins at 9 p.m. Saturday.

Otha Polk, chairman of the H-SU Physical Education Department, will serve as Tournament Director.

Other schools entered are Roby, Cross Plains, Eldorado, Hamlin, Haskell, Baird, Lueders-Avoca, Trent, Jayton, Hawley, Anson, Aspermont and Comanche.

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### Pioneer Church To Begin Revival

Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church will begin a three-day Revival Dec. 13, 14 and 15.

The evangelist will be Steve Harper and singing is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m., with services to begin at 7 p.m.

Church pastor, the Rev. David Hutchins, extends an "invitation to all to come hear this young evangelist."

Wednesday Fellowship will be Dec. 11 and will be a chili supper, followed by games of 42 and 52. "Everybody is welcome."



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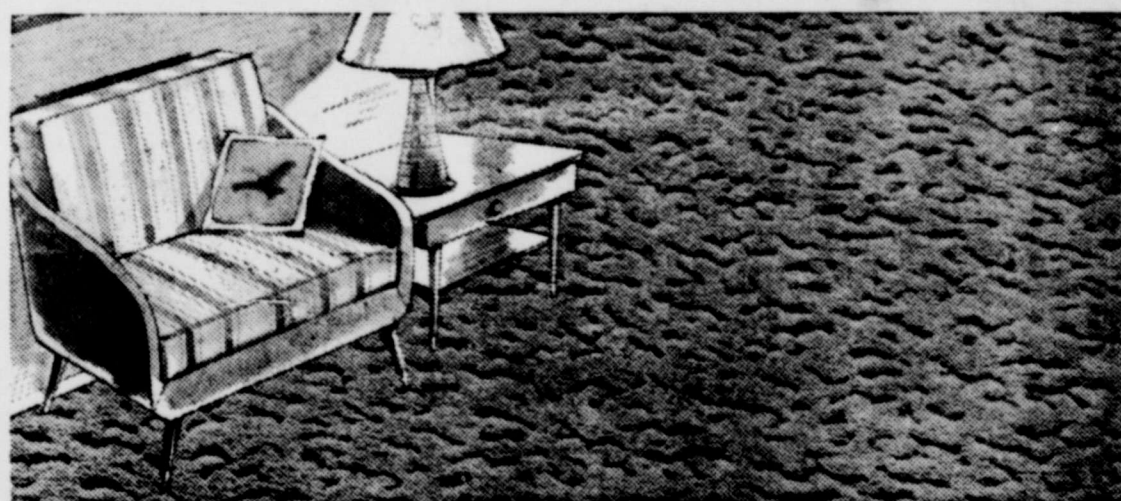
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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Johnnie Lee Ellis, De-  
fendant, Greeting:

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Court of Taylor County at the  
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Texas, by filing a written an-  
swer at or before 10 o'clock A.M.  
of the first Monday next after  
the expiration of forty-two days  
from the date of issuance of this  
citation, same being the 20th day  
of January A.D. 1969, to Plain-  
tiff's 1st amended Petition filed  
in said court, on the 2nd day of  
December A.D. 1968, in this  
cause, numbered 4273 on the doc-  
ket of said court and styled In  
Re: Kenneth Ray Ellis.

A brief statement of the nature  
of this suit is as follows, to-wit:  
in regard to adoption as is more  
fully shown by Plaintiff's Peti-  
tion on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served  
within ninety days after the date  
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turned unserved.

The officer executing this writ  
shall promptly serve the same  
according to requirements of law,  
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make due return as the law di-  
rects.

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hand and the seal of said court  
at Abilene, Texas, this 2nd  
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(Seal)  
Attest: R. H. BOSS Clerk,  
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## BADGER TRACKS

By WALLY KNIGHT

Students are back from the  
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Friday because of the holidays.  
School will continue for a few  
short weeks until it is adjourned  
for the Christmas Holidays.

The Junior Class has been busy  
selling fruit cakes, so if you are  
interested in a fruit cake contact  
Mrs. Sue Wiggins or a member of  
the Junior Class.

Last Tuesday at Robert Lee,  
the Merkel Badgers girls A basket-  
ball team won their game to  
remain undefeated so far this  
season, but the boys A team lost  
by a score of 69 to 60. This was  
the A boys first loss this season.  
Both teams will play Robert Lee  
in the Merkel High Gymnasium  
Tuesday night. The varsity boys  
basketball team will enter in a  
basketball tournament at Hamlin  
this Thursday, and the varsity  
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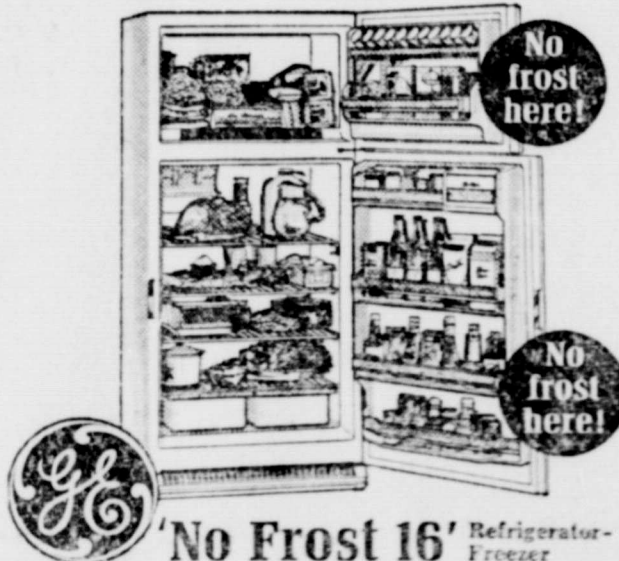


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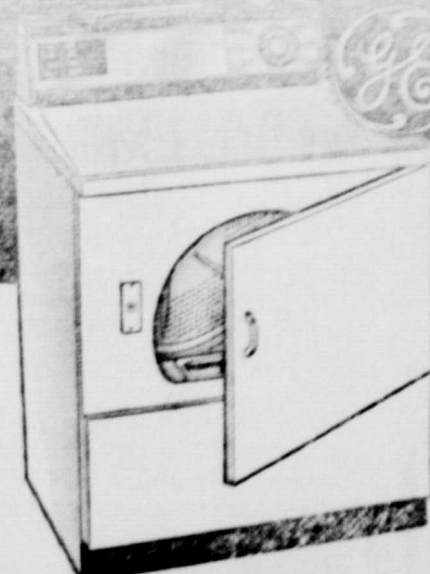


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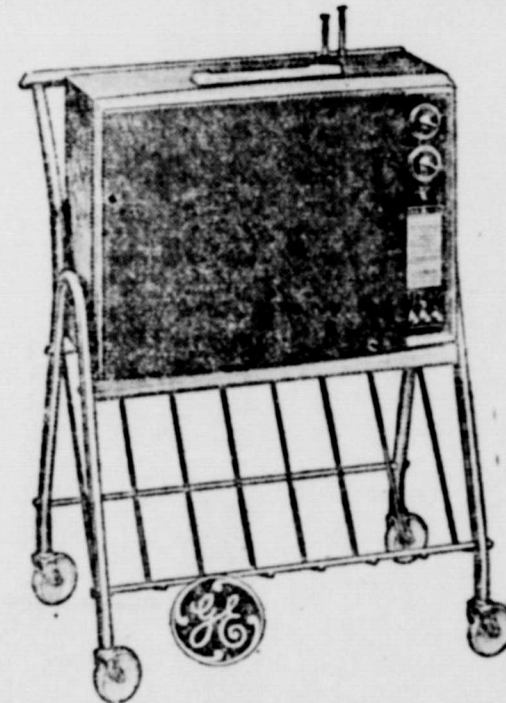


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CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Rudolph Kohl, Defendant.

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 30

day of December A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 14 day of November A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 4442 on the docket of said court and styled in Re: Adoption of Elbe Barbara Kohl and Astrid Gertrud Kohl.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: In Re: Adoption 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 unsevered.

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 14 day of November A.D. 1968.

(Seal)  
Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk,  
Domestic Relations Court  
Taylor County, Texas.  
My Marie Gill, Deputy.

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## MULBERRY CANYON 4-H NEWS

By ROBERT CLEMMER, Reporter

Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club met Monday night for their November meeting with Mark Dudley, president, presiding.

The 4-H Pledge was led by Johnny Gray, American Pledge to the Flag was led by Jeffrey Wells, and Inspiration was given by Judy Broovak.

A report was given by Don Dudley concerning the Adult Leaders 4-H meeting. Next adult Leaders Meeting will be at Mulberry Canyon.

Plans were discussed for the club's Christmas Party. Committee for the party is Pam Sandusky, Teresa Clemmer and Judy Broovak.

Robert Clemmer presented a program on Citizenship. He told the meaning of our American

Flag, the United Nations' Flag and of the Olympic Flag. He was assisted by Johnny Gray. The program was concluded by a film on Patriotism, presented by Mrs. Pat Dudley.

Others present were Anna Bort, asst. Agent; Becky Bryan, Becky Bryan, Judy Broovak, Katie Nill, Beverly Gilmore, Lisa Swinney, Jerry Don Sandusky, Mike Dudley, Billy Wells, leaders.

## Henry A. Martin Rites Are Held

Funeral services for Henry Alfred Martin, 72, were held Tuesday, Dec. 3 in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. W. G. Richardson, pastor of Victory Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Martin died Sunday at the Veterans Hospital in Big Spring.

Born May 5, 1895 in Alvarado, he was a retired farmer. He was married to Lulu Esson July 29, 1929 in Frederick, Okla. They moved to Merkel after their marriage and had lived here since. His wife preceded him in death in 1967.

Survivors include two brothers,

R. F. of Anson and Roy C. of Leuders; three sisters, Mrs. Willie Lee of Haskell, Mrs. Rosie Carruth of Andrews; three half-brothers, Otis of Abilene Jimmy of Hobbs, N.M., and Johnny of Patricia.

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## LITTLE BADGER TRACKS

By MES REPORTERS

This week has been busy for the students of Merkel Elementary. It was kind of hard though to get back into the daily routine after the Thanksgiving Holidays.

The Junior Red Cross met Tuesday in regular session, with Kathy Hendricks presiding in the absence of Dennis James, president.

The Eighth grade girls and Seventh and eighth grade boys were unfortunate and lost some well-fought basketball games to Hamlin.

Eighth grade favorites were named Tuesday and pictures were also taken.

Favorites are:  
Most Beautiful - Nancy Doan and Kay Crenshaw.

Most Handsome - Joe Bigbee and Ronnie Holmes.

Most Popular - Mary Beth Boyd and Christi Carpenter and Dennis James and Larry Pack.

Best All-Around - Jana Howard and Patsy Butten and Steve Teaff and Jerry Beaird.

## Mrs. Jewel Hart Dies at Age 90

Mrs. Jewel Messie Hart, 90, died Sunday, Dec. 1 at Starr Nursing Home following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Spurlock Funeral Home Chapel, in Garland, with burial in Grove Hill Cemetery.

Born Dec. 12, 1877 in Navarro County, Mrs. Hart lived most of her life in Garland.

Survivors are a sister, Mrs. H. R. Chancey of Merkel; several nieces and nephews.

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**OLEO**  
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**PUDDING**  
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12-OZ. CAN **49c**

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LIBBY'S 46-OZ.  
**TOMATO Juice** Can **29c**

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**Green BEANS** 2 for **39c**

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LIBBY'S 303  
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**CATSUP** 2 for **39c**

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**PORK & BEANS** 2 for **29c**

LIBBY'S 303 LOW CALORIE  
**FRUIT Cocktail** 2 for **49c**

LIBBY'S 303 LOW CALORIE  
**PEACHES** 2 for **49c**

LIBBY'S 1 1/2 CAN  
**PINEAPPLE** 2 for **49c**

LIBBY'S 46 OZ. JUICE  
**PINEAPPLE** 2 for **49c**

**COFFEE** MARYLAND CLUB (1 Limit) POUND CAN **69c**

**SHORTENING** SWIFT (1 Limit) 3 LB. CAN **39c**

**FLOUR** LIGHT CRUST 5 LB. BAG **49c**

**TUNA** SEA CALL FLAT CAN 2 FOR **39c**

**BISCUITS** DOTTIES (6 Limit) CANNED 3 FOR **19c**

CAMPBELLS  
**SOUP** VEGETABLES NO. 1 CAN 2 FOR **25c**

BAMA  
**GRAPE JAM or JELLY** 18-OZ. GLASS **29c**

METZGERS 1/2 GAL.  
**HOMO 2 MILK** 2 for **93c**

METZGERS 1/2 GAL.  
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METZGER'S 1/2 PT.  
**WHIPPING CREAM** Ea. **29c**

**HAM** Armour Star  
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NO FAT  
3-LB. CAN ONLY  
BONELESS  
**259**

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**POT PIES** 3 for **49c**  
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JUICY  
5-LB. BAG **59c**

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**BACON** ARMOUR STAR M. CURE POUND **59c**

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**CHEESE** WISCONSIN CHEDDAR LB. **75c**

**STEAKS** GOOCH B. R. POUND PKG. **69c**

**BACON** SALT PORK NO. 1 LB. **39c**

**- DOWNY -**  
GIANT SIZE Bottle **63c**

SUNSHINE  
**CRACKERS** Lb. Box **33c**

GIANT BOTTLE  
**JOY** Each **49c**

GIANT NEW XK  
**TIDE** Box **69c**

JUMBO  
**DASH** 10-Lb. Box **1.89**

FRESH  
**CARROTS** Cello Lb. **10c**

TEXAS 5 LB.  
**ORANGES** 5-Lb. Bag **49c**

WAXED  
**RUTABAGAS** Lb. **7c**

CHOICE  
**LEMONS** Lb. **15c**

NO. 1 RED  
**SPUDS** 10-Lb. Bag **49c**

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