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## Up The Canyon

By TOM  
RUSSOM

Here in the Canyon this morning the weather is just ideal for working. The land has dried off so farmers are getting back into the fields to get the rest of the wheat sown.

We are all set for Christmas; most everyone have their trees already up.

Just the other night I made a remark at church that Santa was still real to me and just as I made the remark I looked at Dewell McLean and he nodded his head as if to say "me too."

So, I think it could be said of all of us that Christmas time is real, very real. I don't enjoy it the way I did when I used to hang my sock up, and on Christmas morning find an apple, an orange and some candy and nuts inside.

As Christmas approaches, I want to ask the people of our area to join me in turning our thoughts and wishes for those from our area who are ill.

Some of the people from our area who are ill are Mrs. Adrain Farmer and Mrs. B. H. Riney, both in West Texas Medical Center, Abilene; Hollis McLean, who is in the Air Force and just recently had surgery. He is in the Great Lakes' Naval Hospital. His mother, Mrs. Dewell McLean has been at his bedside since his surgery and she calls home often to report how he is doing. Sunday she reported Hollis sitting up in his bed, which sounds real good.

Just had a report that Fayne Perry, formerly of this area, and now living in Aspermont, is at home, after spending quite some time in a Houston Hospital. Our thoughts are with you Fayne, and we wish for you a speedy recovery.

We want to say to all our friends who are ill, we hope you will be back home soon and we wish A Merry Christmas to all of them.

People of Pioneer Church have just recently closed out a three day and night Revival Meeting. Steve Harper was the evangelist. He brought some fine sermons and we had a fair turnout for the services.

Deer hunting is slowly coming to a close; there has been less deer reported killed this season than in any year since the Season opened. Perhaps too much warm weather is the reason for the deer not making their appearance.

May I say in closing, truly I wish every one of you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR IN 1969.

## Friday Singing

Third Friday Night Singing will be held this Friday at the Victory Baptist Church.

"This is the season for singing," said president, Connie Mack Seymore, "and all who enjoy participating or just listening, are given a special invitation."

Time will be 7 p.m.



**WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS** — A group of Merkel Junior High girls did just that when they sang Christmas Carols in the lobby of Farmers and Merchants National Bank this week. Under the direction of Mrs. Norman Winter, organist, and Mrs. Anna Belle Shouse, the carolers gave Merkelites the Christmas spirit as they listened in the bank lobby. (Staff Photo)

## AREA TEXAS FARMERS UNION MEMBERS ATTEND CONVENTION

Joe McDuff, Merkel farmer, and member of the Taylor County Farmers Union, said this week that the Convention held in Austin Dec. 5 and 6 "was one of the most unique and most interesting meetings he has attended."

"The speaker was very impressive," said McDuff, "and he certainly gave us farmers and ranchers who heard him something to think about."

Attending the convention from Merkel and area besides McDuff were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Bob Toombs, Pete Morgan, president of TC Farmers Union, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Seymore, and Wilmer Crielwell. Seymore is Farmers Union insurance agent for the Merkel area.

Principal speaker for the convention was Victor K. Ray, of

Washington, D. C., directors of public affairs for the National Farmers Union.

He told delegates and members of the Texas organization that corporate domination of markets is resulting in lower prices for such farm products as beef cattle, that small towns and rural communities are being depleted, and that farmers are being "sold out, bought out, and rooted out of rural America."

He said that farmers are the most efficient producers in the American economy, but are helplessly outbargained in the market place.

"However," he said, "the trend is not inevitable, as some argue. It is a matter of national choices, and strong government action must be taken to halt the corporate take-over."

Policies presented and adopted

at the Convention included:

"Strong support of the Mondale Bill for establishment of a national bargaining system to make it possible for farmers to negotiate terms prices with the processor on a commodity by commodity basis.

"Support of Texas Congressional delegation for an export wheat certificate program to assist in bridging gap between world market prices and a parity price for the wheat which is used to implement our foreign relations program.

"Urging immediate passage of a strategic reserve program permitting the insulating stocks of wheat, feed grains, rice, peanuts, and cotton for use only under emergency conditions.

"Urge passage of the Young Farmers Investment Act to provide necessary credit to young farmers to strengthen their economic position in agriculture.

"Urge members of the Texas Congressional delegation to support legislation proposed to close tax loopholes in the Internal Revenue statutes that permit hobby farmers and ranchers and corporations to write off losses sustained in their agricultural ventures against non-farm profits.

"Urge that the National Farmers Union launch a cotton belt wide campaign to encourage farmers to confine their planted acreage in 1969 to their domestic allotment.

"Urge Secretary of Agriculture to release more details of the 1969 Cotton Program and include 25 per cent of the production payment as an advance payment."

## "Business Is Good" City Merchants Say

Merkel merchants agree that Christmas buying this year has "been better than last year and even better than that."

Merchants pointed out that "Steady shopping began before Thanksgiving, but has become at a faster pace in the last two weeks." Several merchants said they had quite a bit of lay-away earlier this year, gifts already wrapped and put back as early as Nov. 1.

Mrs. Dee Grimes of Braeg's said "we're having a very good buying record this year. Saturdays have been very outstanding.

Onis Crawford with Crawford's said "last year was good, but this year has been exceptional. Shoppers began coming in around the first of November and laying away Christmas items, but the rush is really on now."

David Gamble with Merkel Drug, agreed that Christmas buying was better this year. "I'd have to go back and check my records but I can tell that it is better than last year."

Wilson, with Wilson Jeweler agreed that "more hometown people were shopping in Merkel this year."

It seems that our area people are buying more in their hometown this year, and that is good," said Woody.

Sylvan Mellinger, with Mellinger's, Tuesday morning amidst a packed store, readily agreed that "business was good."

Most of the merchants are optimistic concerning the rest of this week and "through Tuesday." They are hopeful that the remaining shopping time will be one of the biggest if not the biggest of the year."

Another merchant remarked

that most of the shoppers "seem to have cash with them when they buy, and they are more cash shoppers than those wanting credit."

With only five more days until Christmas, merchants who have re-ordered items, ask that customers check back ever so often to see if ordered items have come in.

Johnny Hammond, with Bee Franklin, said that he had re-ordered several items for customers and that they "are promised to be here before Christmas."

"Be sure and check ever so often, for we feel sure these items will be here before Santa arrives," said Hammond.

## TRENT BANQUET

### TICKET DEADLINE IS THIS FRIDAY

This Saturday night at 7 p.m. the Trent Gorillas, Regional winners, District 7-B, and their coach, Charles Russell will be honored at an Appreciation Banquet at the Trent School Cafeteria.

Area people who wish to have a part in this expression of appreciation to the Trent team and their coach are asked to "buy their tickets early."

"We are having the dinner catered by Mack Eplen Cafeteria, said J. G. Wilks, "and we must know by 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, the number of people planning to attend."

Tickets are \$2.25 each and may be purchased in Trent at Home State Bank, Carriker Food Store, and Aunt Jack's Cafe, and in Merkel at the Merkel Drug.

Principal speaker will be Curly Hays, West Texas Utilities Farm and Ranch Representative and a long time athletic official.

James Lewis Wilks, a 1954 graduate of Trent High School, will be master of ceremonies for the occasion. A graduate of Abilene Christian College and the

University of Houston Law School, Wilks is a Sweetwater attorney. "This is one of the finest ways to honor a fine football team and their coach," said Trent banquets Wilks, "and we extend an invitation to all our area people to attend this banquet."

## City Officials Send Greetings

In a few more days Father Time will file away in the archives of memory the year of 1968. At the same time the days will be fulfilled and Mother Nature will deliver a New Year, a year clean, without spot or blemish, a year of opportunity and responsibility, a year for mutual cooperation in doing something for others and something to increase the size, friendliness, beauty, and efficiency of our town.

With the above in mind the employees and elected officials wish for you and yours a very Merry, Merry Christmas and may this day be celebrated in the spirit of the occasion that made the day possible, and to wish for you all the health, happiness, and prosperity the year 1969 can bring.

Knowing full well that for at least most of us there will be some worries, some griefs, and even some problems that seem unsolvable even as in the years that have come and gone, but a year that offers opportunities far greater than those before known. A year to be kind, compassionate and understanding of the frailties of those attempting to do more for others and our town.

The above will be the aim and goal of the City family. We realize this is possible only with the cooperation of all our citizens.

Again we say Merry, Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Sincerely,  
JOHNNY COX,  
Mayor, Merkel, Texas.

## TRENT LIVESTOCK SHOW DEC. 27-28

Trent's FFA and 4-H Livestock Show for 1968 will be held Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27-28, according to vocational ag teacher, Arthur Maberry.

General superintendent of the show will be John Hamner and junior superintendent will be Arthur Maberry.

Mrs. John Hamner will be general secretary and Glenn Bryan and John Brand junior secretaries.

Heading the Rabbit and Poultry Division will be Dale and Don Simpson, and junior chairmen will be Lathan Henager and Owen O'Kelly.

Frank Brnovak and Tuffy Stevens will head the Sheep Division, with junior assistants, Gaylon Frazier and Gaylon Brnovak.

Clovis McElmurray and Spud McLeod will be in charge of the Swine Division and junior assistants will be Mark Williamson,

Pat Carriker and Tim Riggan. Beef cattle will be headed by Red Shaffer and Doug Reddin with Steve Reddin and Ted Simpson as junior assistants.

Mark Williamson and Leonard Quattlebaum will head the Horse Division, and Gaylon Frazier and Mark Williamson assistants.

Mrs. R. L. Bland will be chairman of the committee manning the concessions.

Judges for the show will be T. C. Blankenship, livestock, and Fred Killough, horse.

Showmanship trophies will be presented by Taylor Electric Cooperative.

## Small Schools To Be Discussed

A meeting of Trent and area residents is being called for this Friday, Dec. 20, at the Trent School Auditorium at 7 p.m., according to Weldon Beasley, chairman, Trent Citizen Committee.

"Purpose of the meeting will be to hear the Governor's Committee report on small schools' consolidation," said Beasley. "This is a matter of very serious concern to Trent and other small schools and parents of school children and pre-schoolers, board members and faculty are urged to attend.

Speaking to the group will be Gordon Ashbury, an Abilene attorney.

## GOODFELLOW STORE OPENS THIS FRIDAY

The Merkel Goodfellow Store, located this year at the old Post Office building, will be open this Friday and Saturday for needy families to shop, according to Mrs. Mary Mosier, co-chairman with Mrs. W. R. Cyper.

Lawrence Hewitt, chairman, said that the public was "invited to come by and see the many items donated for this year's needy families."

"Contributions this week have been good," said Hewitt, "and if there are still persons wishing to contribute they may do so by sending their checks to Goodfellows in care of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank."

Total donations this year as of Wednesday morning were \$226.00. Contributions posted after Wednesday this week will be listed in

next week's edition of the Merkel Mail.

### CONTRIBUTIONS

John Reed	\$ 5.00
Mr. and Mrs. George West	20.00
Key Class, Methodist Church	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Paterson	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hall	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Carson	20.00
Beta Sigma Phi	10.00
Junior High School Class	6.00
C. E. Horton	2.00
TOTAL	\$88.00
PREV.	
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$138.00
TOTAL	\$226.00

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### THANK YOU, TOM

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and myself, I would like to publicly thank Mr. Tom Russom for his letter to the editor in the October 31st Merkel Mail. We here at Taylor Electric, appreciate Mr. Russom and others like him for their loyalty and especially for telling the public how they feel about Rural Electrification.

Most of us do appreciate the good things that tend to make our living easier and better but too often we take these things for granted and somehow we forget to say "thank you" often enough or loud enough. We forget to remember how hard our

President and Congressmen, mentioned by Mr. Russom, worked for Rural Electrification and while we are remembering let us not forget how hard Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom and others worked for Taylor Electric.

It took our President and Congressmen to light the light for the rural areas but it took people like the Russoms to keep that light burning.

Lacking for words to express our appreciation, we will just say "Thank you, Mr. Tom."

Sincerely,  
NORMAN WINTER,  
General Manager  
Taylor Electric  
Cooperative, Inc.



may it live in men's hearts!

You Are Invited to Our  
Downtown Christmas Program  
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BY THE CHRISTMAS TREE  
Caroling Led by Cyrus Pee  
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MRS. ROBERT D. RODRIQUEZ  
... the former Angelita Biera

## BIERA-RODRIQUEZ VOWS ARE READ

Wedding vows for Angelita Biera and Robert D. Rodriguez were read Saturday, Dec. 7 in Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

The Rev. John Howlett officiated. Mrs. John Brady was organist. Mrs. Ruby Moreno soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Biera and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Rodriguez Sr., of Abilene, are the bridegroom's parents.

Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a taffeta gown trimmed with alencon lace appliques reembodyered with pearls. Lace appliques also enhanced a back panel extending from the empire line and the chapel train.

Her veil was caught to a floral headdress. She carried carnations on a Bible and rosary.

Mrs. Felix Acuna, matron of honor, wore a white empire gown with cut velvet bodice crepe skirt. White velvet bows held her veil. She carried a long stemmed red rose.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Ida Acuna of Oceanside, Calif., Mrs. Virginia Gonzales of Abilene, sister of the bridegroom, Mrs. Connie Ybarra, Mrs. Mary Benitez,

Mrs. Geneva Pena, Mrs. Janie Acosta of Abilene, Liria Biera, sister of the bride; Lube Rodriguez of Abilene, sister of the bridegroom; Susie Rivera, Mary Castillo, Dolores Moreno and Irene Hernandez of Abilene.

Their dresses and headdresses designed like the honor attendant's were red. They carried long-stemmed red roses.

Junior bridesmaids were Christina Biera, the bride's sister, and Dora Ascensio. They wore gold gowns and carried yellow roses.

Felix Acuna was best man. Groomsmen were Fernando Acuna of Oceanside, Calif.; Victor Gonzales of Abilene; Juan Ybarra, Zeke Benitez of Abilene; Santos Pena, Pete Acosta of Abilene; Vernon Stamford of Coleman; Jimmy Hernandez, Joe Treviso of Abilene; Marcelino Moreno Jr. of Abilene; Ramon Ortiz, Ray DeLara, Alex Moreno and Amado Calle, all of Mineral Wells.

Clen DeLara of Millsan and Reuben Dela Cruz seated guests. Flower girls were Patsy Biera and Sandra Gonzales.

The bride was graduated from Merkel High School and attended Draughon's Business College in Abilene. She is receptionist for

Humble Oil and Refining Co., Abilene.

A graduate of Abilene High School, the bridegroom is employed in Abilene by Seaglass Manufacturing, Inc.

at the 1969 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth Jan. 24 through Feb. 2, 1969.

Mrs. Edmondson is the former Diltzie Bland of Trent.

Advantages of G.I. home loans include low or no down payments, lower interest rates and a longer mortgage period. G.I. loans may be paid of at any time without penalty.

## Ex-Telephone Operators Have Christmas Party

A Christmas party for the ex-telephone operators of Merkel was held at the home of Mrs. Woodrow Patton Friday, Dec. 13.

A covered dish supper, exchange of gifts and singing of Christmas Carols were included in the program.

Attending were Mmes. Odie Clark, George Woodrum, Scotty Carlisle, Elsie McDonald, Roy Hewitt, O. R. Douglas, Ethel Hicks, Joe Higgins and hostess, Mrs. Patton.

## To Participate In Barrel Race

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## Danny Wade Is Contestant

ARLINGTON—Alpha Phi Omega conducted its annual Beauty and the Beast Contest at the University of Texas at Arlington to raise money for its service projects.

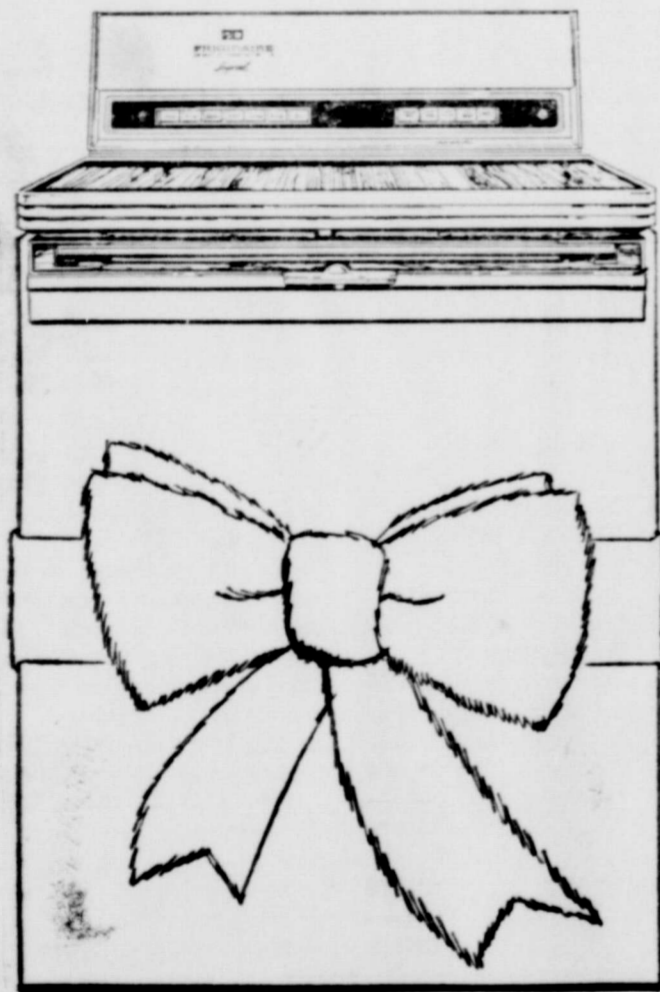
Beast contestants included Danny Wade, a graduate of Merkel

High School.  
Seven beauties and six beasts entered this year's contest.

## JOHNNY COX

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**LOST** — 25 head cattle strayed from my place 1 mile south of Blair Branded right hip with "T over S." \$100 reward for information leading to recovery of cattle. Stanley Toombs. 42 2tc

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**NOTICE** — I will not be responsible for any debts, other than those authorized by me, personally, as of this date forward. Charles R. Toler. 41 2tp

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**FFA STATE PRESIDENT** — Bill Starpoulis, left, Future Farmers of America state president, recently visited with members of the Trent FFA. Starpoulis, whose home is Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, is shown congratulating Arthur Maberry, Trent FFA president, on the "Trent's progressive organization."

## DPS ESTIMATES 33 PERSONS MAY DIE IN ACCIDENTS

AUSTIN — A warning that 33 persons may die in traffic accidents in Texas during the Christmas and New Year's holiday periods was issued today by Col. Wilson E. (Pat) Sneir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Sneir said the DPS will activate a special "Operation Motorcade" in an effort to remove unsafe drivers from the roads and lower the holiday traffic death toll.



MRS. ROBERT W. BUTMAN  
... the former Linda Ingram

## Ingram-Butman Vows Are Read

Wedding vows were read Dec. 7 for Linda Joyce Ingram and Robert Wayne Butman at Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church. The Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor of the Merkel United Methodist Church, officiated. Mrs. Kenneth Ray, pianist and Mrs. David Hutchins, soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Grace Ingram of 307 Haynes, Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. Ford Butman are parents of the bridegroom.

Given in marriage by her uncle, Sam Jones, the bride wore a white silver brocade gown and carried red carnations.

Bridesmaid was Jana Farmer. She wore a red gown with white collar and her bouquet was white carnations.

James Butman, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The bride is a former employe of Sweetwater Manufacturing Company, Sweetwater, and the bridegroom is an employe of Sojourner Drilling Co., Abilene.

The couple are living at 1666 South Third Street in Merkel.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, we thank all those who did so much to help us in our time of grief. The kindness and thoughtfulness shown us was indeed helpful.

Mrs. Andy Shouse  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shouse

**CARD OF THANKS**  
WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL to the good friends who did so much for us during our recent sorrow. May we take this means of saying thank you for the many comforting expression of your friendship and affection. For the beautiful service, flowers and food, may God's richest blessings be upon you.

The brothers and sisters of  
H. A. Martin

## YES — THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

Yes, little boys and girls, there is a Santa Claus.

And he was in Merkel Saturday, Dec. 7, leading the Christmas Parade.

And he will be here again Saturday, Dec. 21 at 3 p.m. to join the Downtown Christmas Tree with candy and goodies or "good little boys and girls."

But, there's a note of sadness about Santa and his long-looked for entry at this year's Christmas Parade.

And the following letter from Santa is to all the big "little" boys and their parents.

"I want to thank all the inconsiderate brats that surrounded my sleigh and hogged up all the goodies from the small children who came with pride and joy to see me make my entry to Merkel.

"My time, boys and parents, was taken up ducking the peas and rocks thrown at me in the

Parade last Saturday.

"It is boys like you and boys with lack of consideration for the small boys and girls of our city who will make my job so much easier, because, you will soon do away with the desire on my part to even visit your city.

"My advice to you "little" boys is to grow up, or stay alongside with your parents, where you truly belong until you learn that "others have a right to Christmas happiness."

"When you get this letter, parents, why not find out from your boys if they were involved. Perhaps, just a few minutes' time discussing the rights of others, considerations and courtesy, will go a long way toward helping someone find real happiness in this world — and it could be your own child."

Yes, little boys and girls, there is a Santa Claus, and there is a world of little boys and girls who will be waiting for him to come Christmas Eve.

## Veterans, Ladies At Christmas Fete

World War I Veterans and the Ladies Auxiliary of Barracks No. 2248 met Friday, Dec. 13 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building for their annual Christmas Turkey Dinner.

Mr. Albert F. Halle, commander 17th District, was guest speaker. Mrs. Karl Banneux led the group in singing. Gifts were exchanged.

Visitors present were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago, Commander and Mrs. Halle, Elizabeth Russell, Mattie Shipley and M. T. Heald.

Members attending were Messrs. and Mmes. Raymond Ferguson, Dent Gibson, Homer Finch, Earl Baze, M. L. Rutledge, E. E. McLaurin, V. B. Simpson, Joe Hartley, L. A. Dudley, Bonneaux, W. R. Cox, Denzel Cox, H. B. Finch and Sam Swan, Maude Bryan and Maggie Renfro.

Homer Finch dismissed with prayer.

## Style Show Set 8 P.M. Tonight

Taylor County Young Homemakers will sponsor a Style Show Thursday, Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. at the Merkel High School auditorium.

The Style Show is being presented by members of the Merkel Chapter of Future Homemakers of America, and admission is fifty cents for adults and twenty-five cents for students. Proceeds will be given to the school's Homemaking Department for expenses incurred during the year.

Home Economics members participating in the Style Show will be Dobi Black, Valois Bardin, Sharon Dean, Karis Neill, Mary Lee Noster, Katherine Patterson, Ann Traueck and Ann Walker.

Also Wanda Barnes, Donna Dickerson, Kay Lynn Conley, Linda Hardy, Debby James, Jonis Long, Nancy Rich, Kathy Windham and Terry Wozencraft.

Children participating are Rese-ann Noster, Tammy Kirk, Melissa Worthington, Lois Baker and Kim Black.

Refreshments will be served by the young Homemakers.



## SEASON'S GREETINGS

Here's wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas filled with good cheer!

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## Merkel Telephone Merger Proposed

Roy Peck, manager of the Merkel Telephone Company, announced the proposed merger of the North American Communication Corporation and the Continental Telephone Corporation. The merger of the two companies has been agreed on in principle, but details concerning the merger have not been resolved.

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MRS. RODNEY McCLINTOCK  
... formerly Miss McNary

### Miss Susan McNary Wed To Mr. Rodney McClintock

Susan Ellen McNary became the bride of Rodney Lynn McClintock at Abilene Saturday, Dec. 7, at the First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. McNary of Merkel and Mrs. and Mrs. W. C. Barney of Euless are parents of the bridegroom.

Dr. R. Gage Loyd read the wedding vows. Mrs. Noble Kenemur was organist.

The maid of honor was Nancy Kenemur.

Kenneth W. McClintock, brother of the bridegroom was best man. David McNary, brother of the bride, was usher.

The bride's gown was of velvet with lace edging long sleeves and skirt. A metal cap trimmed with seed pearls held her veil. She carried carnations.

The maid of honor wore a red velvet gown and headdress. She carried a red rose.

A graduate of Big Spring High School, the bride is a senior music major at Hardin - Simmons University. She is a member of Alpha Chi, national scholastic honor society, and of Gamma Pi Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, national music fraternity for women. She received the Dean's Honor Award and a Sword of Honor from Gamma Phi Chapter and was nominee for its leadership award. She teaches piano.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Crozier Tech High School at Dallas and a veteran of four years service in the U.S. Air Force. He is employed in Abilene by the Texas Highway Dept. The couple will live at 1202 No. 16th, Abilene.

### Teen Center Sets Christmas Party

The Teen Center Christmas Party will be Friday at 8 p.m., with members meeting at the Community Center, according to Mrs. Robert Leo Harris, adult counselor.

A hayride is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. and admission for the activities will be "a canned goods which will be donated to the Goodfellows."

### Lanning Speaks To Treat FFA

Monday evening, Dec. 9, members and guests of Trent's Future Farmers heard Capt. Jim Lanning, a 1960 graduate of Trent High School speak to them on "FFA Work, Incentives, and Goals."

Capt. Lanning, a recipient of the American Farmer Award, and the only Trent FFA member to receive this award, told the crowd gathered that "incentives and goals are important in being the best FFA member you can be."

"Don't let any handicaps stand in your way, and set your goals at the very highest," he said. "Be proud of your FFA membership."

A graduate of Texas A&M University with a major in Agricultural Education, Lanning entered the regular Army in 1964 and was sent to Vietnam in 1965 by special request. He remained there until Nov. 1967. At present, he is stationed at Fort Bliss, Tex.

Also given special recognition at the Banquet were Gene Stewart, of Merkel and Eldon Hicks, FFA honorary members, and Mrs. Irvin Davis, FHA honorary member.

### Recent Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reidenbach recently entertained their children from Houston. They are Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Brown, and they spent Monday through Friday, Thanksgiving week, with the Reidenbachs.

Also spending the weekend were the Reidenbach's granddaughter, Mrs. Tania Stanley, and one-year old son, Robert, of San Antonio.



MR. AND MRS. W. T. WILLIAMS  
... to observe 50th Anniversary

### Hamby Couple To Be Honored

Mr. and Mrs. Walker T. Williams, Rt. 2, Abilene, of the Hamby Community, will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary with an Open House Sunday, Dec. 22 from 2 until 5 p.m. at the Hamby Community Center.

Honoring their parents will be Mrs. George Richardson of Kansas City, Mr. Mrs. Early L. Howard of Arlington; Bobby Joe Williams, Bonham, and George Mark Williams of Abilene.

Mr. Williams, a retired farmer, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. and Arra Bell Williams, who came to Hamby in 1897 from Graham.

Mrs. Williams, the former Louise Mackechaney is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. M. G. Mackechaney, a grocer. She was born in Abilene and moved to the Hamby Community in 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams, who were married in Abilene, Dec. 25, 1911 in the home of the late Rev. W. P. Crow, are members of

the Methodist Church. Mrs. Williams is an active member in the Hamby Home Demonstration Club. Mr. Williams, a former Hamby School board member, is a steward in the Methodist Church.

They have nine grandchildren. A son, Wyman Preston, was killed in World War II, Sept. 14, 1944.

### Beta Sigma Phi Has Program

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the Asteroid Restaurant Saturday evening, Dec. 14, for their Christmas program, with members and their families attending.

Tables were decorated with cedar and red Christmas balls. Toys were brought to be given to the Goodfellow committee for distribution.

At the Dec. 3 meeting, Mrs. John Brady was hostess and Mrs. Larry White, program chairman. Program consisted of the Internationals singing Christmas carols.

### Letters To Santa

Editor's Note: Dear Santa, if these letters from the little folks in our area seem a little late, and it really puts the rush on you to get their "wishes" answered, please don't fuss at the little folks. Just fuss at yo ole editor and leave off a gift or two from her "wish list." By all means please don't neglect our grad little boys and girls.

Dear Santa Claus:  
We are going to move down to our other white house where we used to live. I am five years old.

For Christmas, I want a motorcycle and house shoes.

Love,  
TODD  
P.S.: I love Santa Claus.

Dear Santy:  
I am a little boy, five years old and I live at 1103 South 10th in Merkel, Texas.

For Christmas, will you please bring me a football suit, a bicycle, and some cowboy clothes. And if you have a cowboy gun and hat I would like that too.

I love you,  
KEL CRAIN  
P.S.: Don't forget my big sister, Janay, who is seven years old and is in the first grade at school. My mommy helped me with this letter.

### Caroling Party

Members of the Church - White caroling program are asked to meet at the intersection of the Methodist and Baptist Churches.

Max Murrell, working with the group, asked that young people meet at 8 p.m.  
"There will be a trailer for all students to ride in," said Murrell, "and students in junior high and in the primary school are urged to attend and go caroling."

### WTRC New Wing Dedicated Sunday

A large crowd from the Big Country attended the West Texas Rehabilitation Center's Open House this past Sunday afternoon.

Presiding at the ceremonies for the 4,500 square - foot addition was Judge Raleigh Brown, president of the center's board of directors.

C. G. Fairchild, assistant commissioner for Vocational Rehabilitation and Special Education, was dedication speaker.

Cutting the ribbon to the new annex was David Morris, 4 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Morris of Abilene, and a patient at the center.

The new addition was financed by a \$80,250 grant from Texas Education Agency's Vocational Rehabilitation Division and \$25,750 in personal contributions.

Following ceremonies, Shelly Smith, manager of WTRC, and his staff conducted guests on a tour of the new wing.

### AT POST OFFICE Holiday Service

There will be no delivery of mail on city or rural routes, and no window service of any type will be provided on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1968, and New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 1969, according to Postmaster Wren Durham.

Postal services on these two days will be limited to the following:

Special Delivery Service and delivery of mail through post office lock boxes. The receipt, distribution and dispatch of mail will be maintained on holiday schedules.

### TOP TEN

- The Girl Most Likely - Jeanie C. Riley
- I Take a Lot of Pride in What I Am - Merle Haggard
- Your Source Is on the Warpath - Loretta Lynn
- Did I Say Something Wrong - Tony Douglas
- I've Got You on My Mind Again - Buck Owens
- Born to Be With You - Sonny James
- Big Rig Rollin' Man - Johnny Dollar
- Each Time - Johnny Bush
- Angry Words - Stonewall Jackson
- Smokey the Bar - Hank Thompson

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## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Taylor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
That by virtue of a certain execution issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor

County, of the 15th day of November 1963, by District Clerk of said County for the sum of Eight thousand Five Hundred Four and 80/100 (8,504.80) Dollars and costs of suit, under an Execution, in favor of Abilene Savings Associa-

tion in a certain cause in said Court, No. 31-584-A and styled Abilene Saving Association vs. Mel Thurman et ux Louise Thurman, placed in my hands for service, I, George Maxwell as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 10th day of November 1963, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lots 9 and 10 in Block 1 of College Heights Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of Mel Thurman and Wife Louise Thurman and that on the first Tuesday in January 1964, the same being the 7th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said execution I will sell said above Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Mel Thurman and Wife Louise Thurman. And in compliance with law, I

give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas.

Witness my hand, this 18th day of November 1963.  
GEORGE MAXWELL  
Sheriff Taylor County, Texas.  
By Robert Alexander, Deputy  
41 2tc

## LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation of which the herein below following is a true copy:

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: William Ray Belyeu, 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 20 day of Jan. A.D. 1964, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 9 day of May A.D. 1963, in this cause, number 804601 in the docket of said court and styled In Re: Vickers Children.

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 unreturned.

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 5 day of Dec. A.D. 1963.  
(Seal)

Attest: R. H. BOSS, Clerk,  
Domestic Relations Court  
Taylor County, Texas.  
My Marie Gill, Deputy.  
41 4tc

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Have a jolly good holiday,  
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FROM ALL THE FOLKS  
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When the Apollo 8 spaceship lifts off for its historic Christmas circle trip around the moon, astronauts will be breathing air fresher than that breathed by millions of land-locked Americans. According to Lt. Col. John A. "Shorty" Powers, famous Voice of the Astronauts, the key to the spacecraft's remarkable air filtering system is activated charcoal, the same material used in filter cigarettes such as Tareyton. The activated charcoal purges the oxygen being fed to the astronauts. Without activated charcoal, breathing and odors from machinery would exhaust the fresh air supply in short order. Activated charcoal adsorbs the odors and enables the astronauts to re-use the modest supply of air available in the tiny craft.

### IT'S NEWS TO ME

Easy Holiday Decorating  
A Christmas "Holiday Decorator" clutch of fibre tip pens in gala colors accompanied by gold, silver and white inks with pens and holders is on the counters from the Sanford Ink Company of Bellwood, Ill. The whole family can join in the fun of making their own cards, gift tags, special package wrappings and tree ornaments from fixin's like cardboard and colored paper. Each item is priced at 39 cents.

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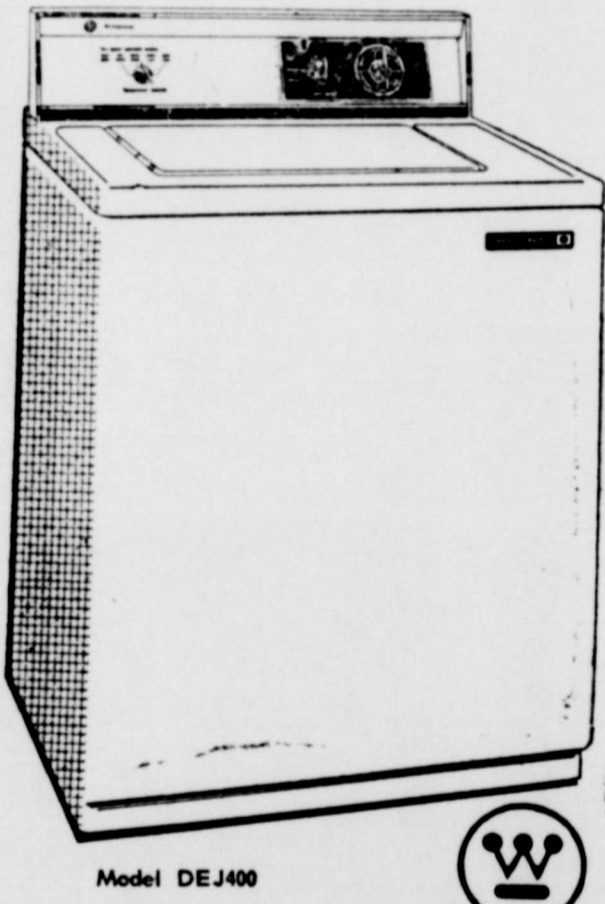
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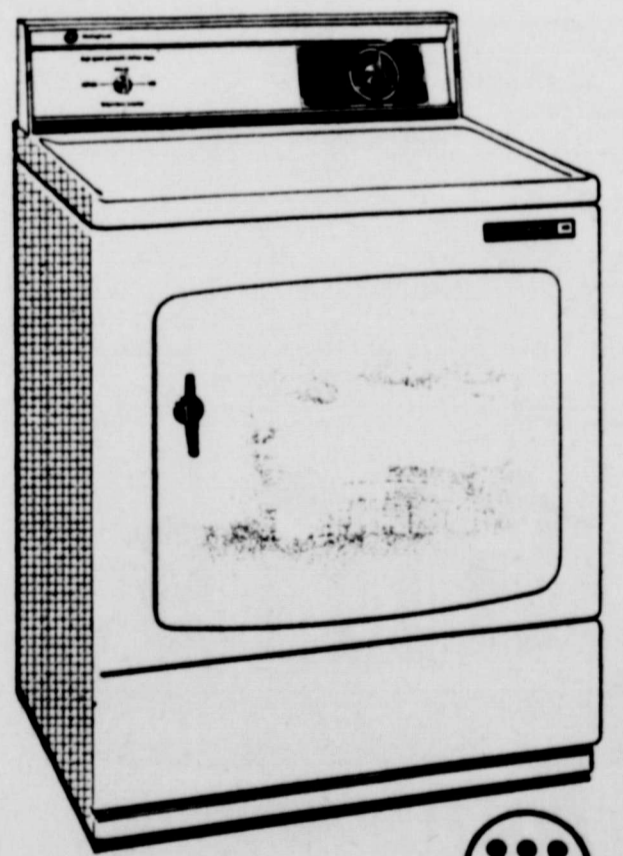
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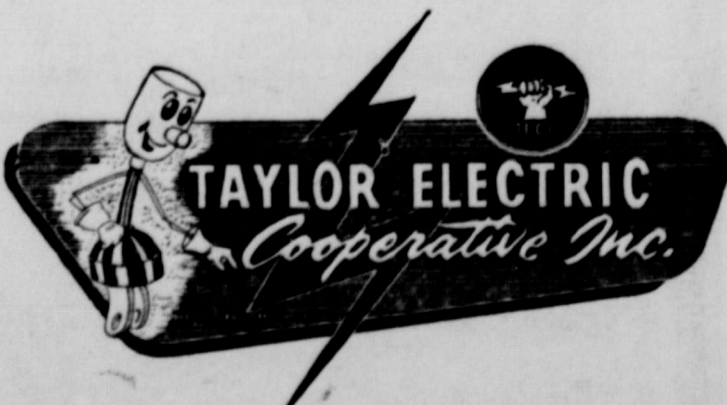
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### Stith News

By MRS.  
FRITZ MALE



Merry Christmas to every one!  
The weather is nice for all  
farm activities. There is still  
some cotton to be harvested, but  
should be finished this week.

Wheat is up to a good stand.  
Gaston Hobbs of Fort Worth  
visited his mother, Mrs. John  
Hobbs and the Benny Hobbs family  
Saturday.

These from the Stith HD Club  
attending the County Christmas  
Club party at the Lions building

in Anson Tuesday were Miss Lo-  
uisa Hudson, Mrs. Vernon Hud-  
son, Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, Mrs.  
O. J. Fikes, Mrs. Wade Shaw  
and Mrs. Roy Mashburn.

Mrs. Charles Reidin and Vic-  
kie, Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, David  
and Marsha, attended the PTA  
program at the Merkel High  
School auditorium last Thursday  
night. Vickie and Marsha were  
on the program.

A large crowd attended the  
Stith HD Club Christmas dinner,  
program and tree, at the Stith  
Community Center Saturday  
night.

Curtis Clyburn's home was  
drawn at Carson Super Market  
Saturday, Dec. 7. He received  
\$50 worth of groceries.

Kid Jones of Ft. Hood visited  
the Babe Tarpley family Sunday.  
Ghrona Tarpley spent two nights  
last week with her grandfather,  
Dave Tarpley. Mrs. Dav Tarpley

is in the hospital, and is doing  
fine.

Mrs. Robert Wayne Berry,  
daughter of the Paul Bradleys,  
is feeling some better this week.  
She is in a hospital in San An-  
tonio, but expects to go home  
soon.

Mrs. Roy Mashburn, Mrs. Brenda  
Hardin and children visited  
Mrs. Claudia Mashburn in Abilene  
Sunday.

Mrs. John Shaw of Merkel vis-  
ited Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw  
Saturday night, and attended the  
Christmas Party at the Commu-  
nity Center.

Sam Mashburn spent four days  
recently in Lubbock in the home  
of his daughter and family, Mr.  
and Mrs. Murry Tompkins.

James Hale of Midland, visit-  
ed his parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
Fritz Hale, Friday.

Mrs. Don Williams of Abilene  
attended services at the Stith  
Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley  
visited Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dav-  
is in Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones  
visited her sister and husband,  
Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Howard in  
De Leon last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy R. Browning  
and children of Tuscola, were  
rumpus guests in the home of  
Mr. and Mrs. John Browning  
Sunday.

Mrs. Benny Hobbs attended a  
party in the home of Mrs. Orval  
Ely Thursday.

Those on the sick list are Bus-  
ter R. Tarpley and Mr. and Mrs.  
Cyde Jones.

Mrs. G. C. Bond, Mrs. Ely's  
step-mother, is feeling better  
this week.

VA payments to war orphans  
are not counted as income in de-  
termining whether dependent re-  
ceived half of his or her support  
from tax payers.

## BADGER TRACKS

By WALLY KNIGHT

School will be dismissed this  
Friday afternoon for the Christ-  
mas Holidays. Classes will be  
resumed after the holidays on  
January 2. Mid-term exams will  
be given after the holidays so  
high school students have some-  
thing to look forward to after  
they return to school.

Congratulations to Katie Neill  
upon being elected the FFA  
Sweetheart. Katie is a senior in  
high school and is active in stock  
shows, rodeos and clubs.

Two of our great Badgers were  
elected to the All - Area AA  
football squad. Johnny Thompson  
and Gaylon Doan, both seniors,  
were honored by being elected  
to the team.

The Freshman, Sophomore,  
Junior and Senior classes held  
their class parties Monday night.  
The Freshman class held their  
party at the high school cater-  
teria; the Sophomore class party  
was at the Community Center;  
the Juniors held theirs at the  
Taylor Electric Coop building,  
and the Seniors held theirs at  
the Country Club. Each party  
turned out to be a big success  
and everyone had a good time.  
Many thanks to all the mothers  
and sponsors for doing all the  
work.

Everyone is glad to see that  
Mike Dudley is back in school  
this week. Mike is recovering  
from a broken leg that he re-  
ceived at a home basketball  
game. Now that he is back he  
can start to make up all of the  
tests that he has missed instead  
of flitting with the nurses at  
Hendrick Hospital.

The Drama Club will present  
some plays with themes about  
Christmas to the students and  
faculty Friday before school is  
dismissed. This will be the club's  
first production this year.

Mrs. Blankenship, the high  
school homemaking teacher, is  
really a swinger, or at least she  
was at the Senior Christmas par-  
ty. Mrs. Blankenship, as one of  
the sponsors, really livened up  
the party by participating in se-  
veral dances. She is really good,  
too! Coach Robinson, another  
sponsor, played it cool during

the fast numbers, but finally set-  
tled for a slow dance with his  
wife. Nobody can hold a candle  
to the Senior sponsors.

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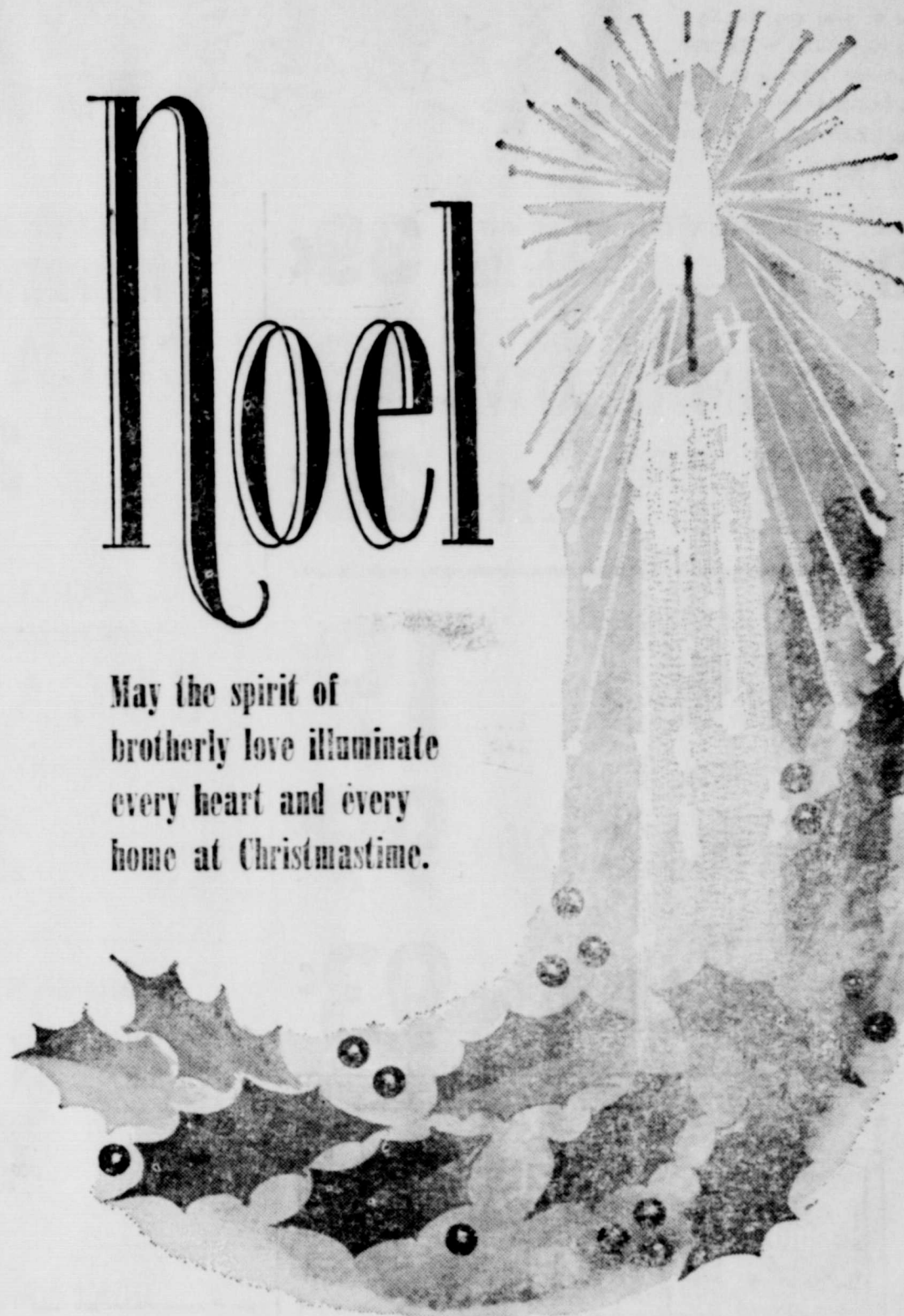
The last major First Fleet ex-  
ercise involved 23 ships and 31  
air squadrons, including four Ca-  
nadian units.

Designed to prepare U.S. units  
for the conditions encountered  
in Southeast Asia and through-  
out the Western Pacific, the ex-  
ercise consisted of missile firing  
exercises, bombing practice, close

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# Noel

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every heart and every  
home at Christmastime.

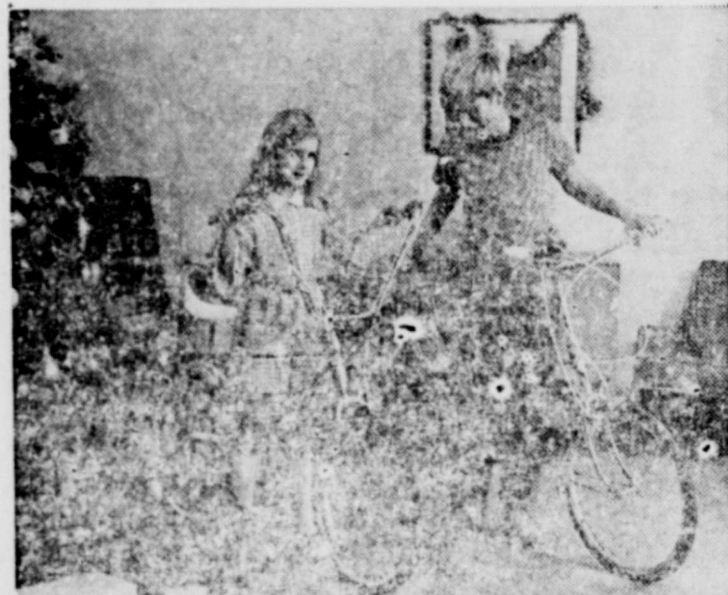


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Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.

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**LOST** — 25 head cattle strayed from my place 1 mile south of Blair. Branded right hip with "T over S." \$100 reward for information leading to recovery of cattle. Stanley Toombs. 42 2tc

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**NOTICE** — I will not be responsible for any debts, other than those authorized by me, personally, as of this date forward. Charles R. Toler. 41 2tp

**DEER HUNTING** — Lease by day, 20 miles south of Merkel on FM Rd. 126. Phone 846-4183. 41 2tp

**FOR COMPLETE BEAUTY CARE** — Free facial, and a complete line of cosmetics, call Emma Shuggart, 928-5027 or Betty Satterwhite, 928-5965. 12 1tp

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**FOR RENT** — Unfurnished 2 bedroom house. Nice and clean, plumbed for washer. Phone 928-5236 or see at 402 Ash. 42 2tr

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**FFA STATE PRESIDENT** — Bill Starpoulis, left, Future Farmers of America state president, recently visited with members of the Trent FFA. Starpoulis, whose home is Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, is shown congratulating Arthur Maberly, Trent FFA president, on the "Trent's progressive organization."

## DPS ESTIMATES 33 PERSONS MAY DIE IN ACCIDENTS

AUSTIN — A warning that 33 persons may die in traffic accidents in Texas during the Christmas and New Year's holiday periods was issued today by Col. Wilson E. (Pat) Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Speir said the DPS will activate a special "Operation Motorcade" in an effort to remove unsafe drivers from the roads and lower the holiday traffic death toll.



**MRS. ROBERT W. BUTMAN** — the former Linda Ingram

## Ingram-Butman Vows Are Read

Wedding vows were read Dec. 7 for Linda Joyce Ingram and Robert Wayne Butman at Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church. The Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor of the Merkel United Methodist Church, officiated. Mrs. Kenneth Ray, pianist and Mrs. David Hutchins, soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Grace Ingram of 307 Haynes, Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. Ford Butman are parents of the bridegroom.

Given in marriage by her uncle, Sam Jones, the bride wore a white silver brocade gown and carried red carnations.

Bridesmaid was Jana Farmer. She wore a red gown with white collar and her bouquet was white carnations.

James Butman, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

The bride is a former employe of Sweetwater Manufacturing Company, Sweetwater, and the bridegroom is an employe of Sojourner Drilling Co., Abilene.

The couple are living at 1606 South Third Street in Merkel.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, we thank all those who did so much to help us in our time of grief. The kindness and thoughtfulness shown us was indeed helpful.

Mrs. Andy Shouse  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shouse

**CARD OF THANKS**  
WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL to the good friends who did so much for us during our recent sorrow. May we take this means of saying thank you for the many comforting expressions of your friendship and affection. For the beautiful service, flowers and food, may God's richest blessings be upon you.

The brothers and sisters of  
H. A. Martin

## YES — THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

Yes, little boys and girls, there is a Santa Claus.

And he was in Merkel Saturday, Dec. 7, leading the Christmas Parade.

And he will be here again Saturday, Dec. 21 at 3 p.m. to join the Downtown Christmas Tree with candy and goodies or "good little boys and girls."

But there's a note of sadness about Santa and his long-looked-for entry at this year's Christmas Parade.

And the following letter from Santa is to all the big "little" boys and their parents.

"I want to thank all the inconsiderate brats that surrounded my sleigh and hogged up all the goodies from the small children who came with pride and joy to see me make my entry to Merkel.

"My time, boys and parents, was taken up ducking the peas and rocks thrown at me in the

Parade last Saturday.

"It is boys like you and boys with lack of consideration for the small boys and girls of our city who will make my job so much easier, because, you will soon do away with the desire on my part to even visit your city.

"My advice to you "little" boys is to grow up, or stay alongside with your parents, where you truly belong until you learn that "others have a right to Christmas happiness."

"When you get this letter, parents, why not find out from your boys if they were involved. Perhaps, just a few minutes' time discussing the rights of others, considerations and courtesy, will go a long way toward helping someone find real happiness in this world — and it could be your own child."

Yes, little boys and girls, there is a Santa Claus, and there is a world of little boys and girls who will be waiting for him to come Christmas Eve.

## Veterans, Ladies At Christmas Fete

World War I Veterans and the Ladies Auxiliary of Barracks No. 2248 met Friday, Dec. 13 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building for their annual Christmas Turkey Dinner.

Mr. Albert F. Heile, commander 17th District, was guest speaker. Mrs. Karl Bonneaux led the group in singing. Gifts were exchanged.

Visitors present were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago, Commander and Mrs. Haile, Elizabeth Russell, Mattie Shipley and M. T. Head.

Members attending were Messrs. and Mmes. Raymond Ferguson, Dent Gibson, Homer Finch, Earl Baze, M. L. Rutledge, E. E. McLaurin, V. B. Simpson, Joe Hartlev, L. A. Dudley, Bonneaux, W. R. Cox, Denzel Cox, H. B. Finch and Sam Swan, Maude Bryan and Maggie Renfro.

Homer Finch dismissed with prayer.

## Style Show Set 8 P.M. Tonight

Taylor County Young Homemakers will sponsor a Style Show Thursday, Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. at the Merkel High School auditorium.

The Style Show is being presented by members of the Merkel Chapter of Future Homemakers of America, and admission is fifty cents for adults and twenty-five cents for students. Proceeds will be given to the school's Homemaking Department for expenses incurred during the year.

Home Economics members participating in the Style Show will be Debi Black, Valois Burtin, Sharon Doan, Katie Neill, Mary Lee Noster, Katharine Patterson, Ann Traweck and Ann Walker.

Also Wanda Barnes, Donna Dickerson, Kay Lynn Conley, Linda Hardy, Debby James, Jan's Long, Nancy Rich, Kathy Windham and Terry Wozencraft.

Children participating are Resean Noster, Tammy Kirk, Melissa Worthington, Lois Baker and Kim Black.

Refreshments will be served by the young Homemakers.



## SEASONS GREETINGS

Here's wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas filled with good cheer!

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## Merkel Telephone Merger Proposed

Ray Peck, manager of the Merkel Telephone Company, announced the proposed merger of the North American Communication Corporation and the Continental Telephone Corporation. The merger of the two companies has been agreed on in principle, but details concerning the merger have not been resolved.

The Merkel Telephone Company has been associated with North American Communications Corp. since January, 1957.

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MRS. RODNEY McCLINTOCK  
... formerly Miss McNary

### Miss Susan McNary Wed To Mr. Rodney McClintock

Susan Ellen McNary became the bride of Rodney Lynn McClintock at Abilene Saturday, Dec. 7, at the First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. McNary of Merkel and Mrs. W. C. Barney of Eules and is parents of the bridegroom.

Dr. R. Gage Loyd read the wedding vows. Mrs. Noble Kenemur was organist.

The maid of honor was Nancy Kenemur.

Kenneth W. McClintock, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. David McNary, brother of the bride, was usher.

The bride's gown was of velvet with lace edging long sleeves and skirt. A metal cap trimmed with seed pearls held her veil. She carried carnations.

The maid of honor wore a red velvet gown and headdress. She carried a red rose.

A graduate of Big Spring High School, the bride is a senior music major at Hardin - Simmons University. She is a member of Alpha Chi, national scholastic honor society, and of Gamma Pi Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, national music fraternity for women. She received the Dean's Honor Award and a Sword of Honor from Gamma Phi Chapter and was nominee for its leadership award. She teaches piano.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Crozier Tech High School at Dallas and a veteran of four years service in the U.S. Air Force. He is employed in Abilene by the Texas Highway Dept. The couple will live at 1202 No. 16th, Abilene.

### Teen Center Sets Christmas Party

The Teen Center Christmas Party will be Friday at 8 p.m. with members meeting at the Community Center, according to Mrs. Robert Leo Harris, adult counselor.

A hayride is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. and admission for the activities will be "a canned goods which will be donated to the Goodfellows."

### Lanning Speaks To Trent FFA

Monday evening, Dec. 9, members and guests of Trent's Future Farmers heard Capt. Jim Lanning, a 1966 graduate of Trent High School speak to them on "FFA Work, Incentives, and Goals."

Capt. Lanning, a recipient of the American Farmer Award, and the only Trent FFA member to receive this award, told the crowd gathered that "incentives and goals are important in being the best FFA member you can be."

"Don't let any handicaps stand in your way, and set your goals at the very highest," he said. "Be proud of your FFA membership."

A graduate of Texas A&M University with a major in Agricultural Education, Lanning entered the regular Army in 1964 and was sent to Vietnam in 1965 by special request. He remained there until Nov. 1967. At present, he is stationed at Fort Bliss, Tex.

Also given special recognition at the Banquet were Gene Stewart, of Merkel and Eldon Hicks, FFA honorary members, and Mrs. Irvin Davis, FHA honorary member.

### Recent Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reidenbach recently entertained their children from Houston. They are Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Brown, and they spent Monday through Friday, Thanksgiving week, with the Reidenbachs.

Also spending the weekend were the Reidenbach's granddaughter, Mrs. Tania Stanley, and one year old son, Robert, of San Antonio.



MR. AND MRS. W. T. WILLIAMS  
... to observe 50th Anniversary

### Hamby Couple To Be Honored

Mr. and Mrs. Walker T. Williams, Rt. 2, Abilene, of the Hamby Community, will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary with an Open House Sunday, Dec. 22 from 2 until 5 p.m. at the Hamby Community Center.

Honoring their parents will be Mrs. George Richardson of Kansas City, Mr., Mrs. Early L. Howard of Arlington; Bobby Joe Williams, Bonham, and George Mark Williams of Abilene.

Mr. Williams, a retired farmer, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. and Arra Bell Williams, who came to Hamby in 1907 from Graham.

Mrs. Williams, the former Louise Mackechaney is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. M. G. Mackechaney, a grocer. She was born in Abilene and moved to the Hamby Community in 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams, who were married in Abilene, Dec. 25, 1911 in the home of the late Rev. W. P. Crow, are members of

the Methodist Church. Mrs. Williams is an active member in the Hamby Home Demonstration Club. Mr. Williams, a former Hamby School board member, is a steward in the Methodist Church.

They have nine grandchildren. A son, Wyman Preston, was killed in World War II, Sept. 14, 1944.

### Beta Sigma Phi Has Program

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the Asteroid Restaurant Saturday evening, Dec. 14, for their Christmas program, with members and their families attending.

Tables were decorated with cedar and red Christmas balls. Toys were brought to be given to the Goodfellow committee for distribution.

At the Dec. 3 meeting, Mrs. John Brady was hostess and Mrs. Larry White, program chairman. Program consisted of the Internationals singing Christmas carols.

### Letters To Santa

Editor's Note: Dear Santa, if these letters from the little folks in our area seem a little late, and it really puts the rush on you to get their "wishes" answered, please don't fuss at the little folks. Just fuss at yo ole editor and leave off a gift or two from her "wish list." By all means please don't neglect our good little boys and girls.

Dear Santa Claus:  
We are going to move down to our other white house where we used to live. I am five years old.

For Christmas, I want a motorcycle and house shoes.

Love,  
TODD  
P.S.: I love Santa Claus.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy, five years old and I live at 1163 South 10th in Merkel, Texas.

For Christmas, will you please bring me a football suit, a bicycle, and some cowboy clothes. And if you have a cowboy gun and hat I would like that too.

I love you,  
KEL CRAIN  
P.S.: Don't forget my big sister, Janay, who is seven years old and is in the first grade at school. My mommy helped me with this letter.

### Caroling Party

Members of the Church - White caroling program are asked to meet at the intersection of the Methodist and Baptist Churches.

Max Murrell, working with the group, asked that young people meet at 8 p.m.

"There will be a trailer for all students to ride in," said Murrell, "and students in junior high and in the primary school are urged to attend and go caroling."

### WTRC New Wing Dedicated Sunday

A large crowd from the Big Country attended the West Texas Rehabilitation Center's Open House this past Sunday afternoon.

Presiding at the ceremonies for the 4,500 square foot addition was Judge Raleigh Brown, president of the center's board of directors.

C. G. Fairchild, assistant commissioner for Vocational Rehabilitation and Special Education, was dedication speaker.

Cutting the ribbon to the new annex was David Morris, 4 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Morris of Abilene, and a patient at the center.

The new addition was financed by a \$80,250 grant from Texas Education Agency's Vocational Rehabilitation Division and \$25,750 in personal contributions.

Following ceremonies, Shelly Smith, manager of WTRC, and his staff conducted guests on a tour of the new wing.

### AT POST OFFICE Holiday Service

There will be no delivery of mail on city or rural routes, and no window service of any type will be provided on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1968, and New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 1969, according to Postmaster Wren Durham.

Postal services on these two days will be limited to the following:

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That by virtue of a certain execution issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor

County, of the 15th day of November 1963, by District Clerk of said County for the sum of Eight thousand Five Hundred Four and 80/100 (\$8,504.80) Dollars and costs of suit, under an Execution, in favor of Abilene Savings Associa-

tion in a certain cause in said Court, No. 31-594-A and styled Abilene Savings Association vs. Mel Thurman et ux Louise Thurman, placed in my hands for service, I, George Maxwell as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas did, on the 18th day of November 1963, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Lots 9 and 10 in Block 1 of College Heights Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas and levied upon as the property of Mel Thurman and Wife Louise Thurman and that on the first Tuesday in January 1964, the same being the 7th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. by virtue of said levy and said execution I will sell said above Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Mel Thurman and Wife Louise Thurman. And in compliance with law, I

give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County, Texas.  
Witness my hand, this 18th day of November 1963.  
GEORGE MAXWELL  
Sheriff Taylor County, Texas.  
By Robert Alexander, Deputy  
41 3tc

## LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To any sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —  
GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County Texas, the accompanying citation of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: William Ray Beben, Defendant, Greetings:

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 20 day of Jan. A.D. 1964, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 9 day of May A.D. 1963, in this cause, number 804derol in this cause, numbered 4081 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Vickers Children.  
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 unexecuted.  
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 5 day of Dec. A.D. 1963.  
(Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk,  
Domestic Relations Court  
Taylor County, Texas.  
My Marie Gill, Deputy  
41 4tc

Veterans Administration physicians have performed about 250 of about 1,000 kidney transplants made in the United States since the first operation was performed in 1952.



Have a jolly good holiday,  
aglow with love & laughter!

FROM ALL THE FOLKS  
AT  
**PALMER PONTIAC  
AND GMC**



When the Apollo 8 spaceship lifts off for its historic Christmas circle trip around the moon, astronauts will be breathing air fresher than that breathed by millions of land-locked Americans.  
According to Lt. Col. John A. "Shorty" Powers, famous Voice of the Astronauts, the key to the spacecraft's remarkable air filtering system is activated charcoal, the same material used in filter cigarettes such as Tareyton. The activated charcoal purges the oxygen being fed to the astronauts. Without activated charcoal, breathing and odors from machinery would exhaust the fresh air supply in short order. Activated charcoal adsorbs the odors and enables the astronauts to re-use the modest supply of air available in the tiny craft.

### IT'S NEWS TO ME

**Easy Holiday Decorating**  
A Christmas "Holiday Decorator" clutch of fibre tip pens in gold, silver and white inks with pens and holders is on the counters from the Sanford Ink Company of Bellwood, Ill. The whole family can join in the fun of making their own cards, gift tags, special package wrappings and tree ornaments from fixin's like cardboard and colored paper. Each item is priced at 39 cents.

**Buy Gifts The Easy Way**  
AT YOUR DRUG STORE  
**FOR CHRISTMAS**

JADE EAST  
Cologne for Men  
REG. \$4.50  
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WESTCLOX FOLDING  
Travel Alarm  
REG. \$7.98  
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JUST ARRIVED  
Pangborn Chocolates  
2 LB. BOX \$4.50  
New **\$3.19**

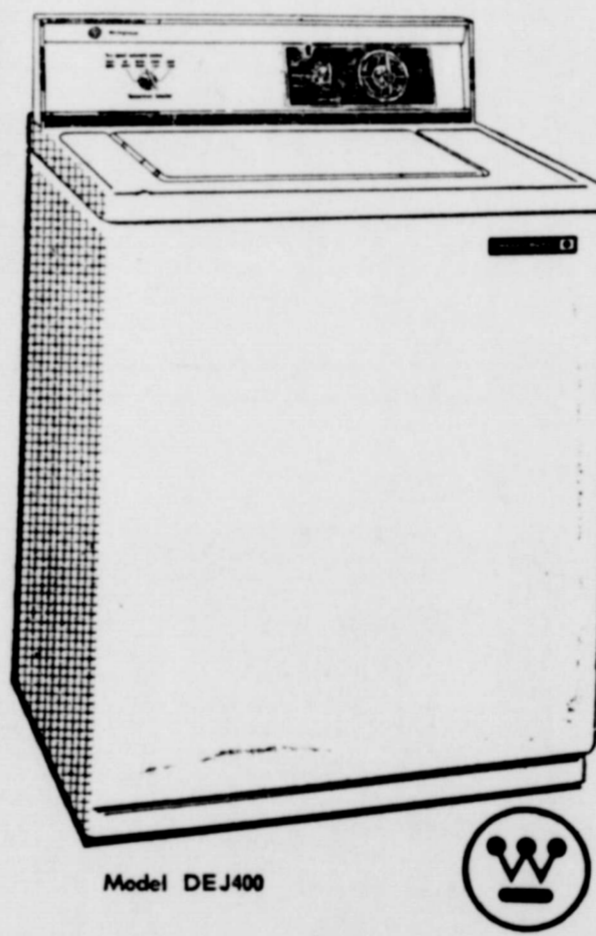
SUN MARK  
Electric Toothbrush  
**\$10.88**

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FOOD WARMER — Nothing to Buy —  
Need Not be Present to Win. Drawing Dec. 24th.**

**MERKEL DRUG**  
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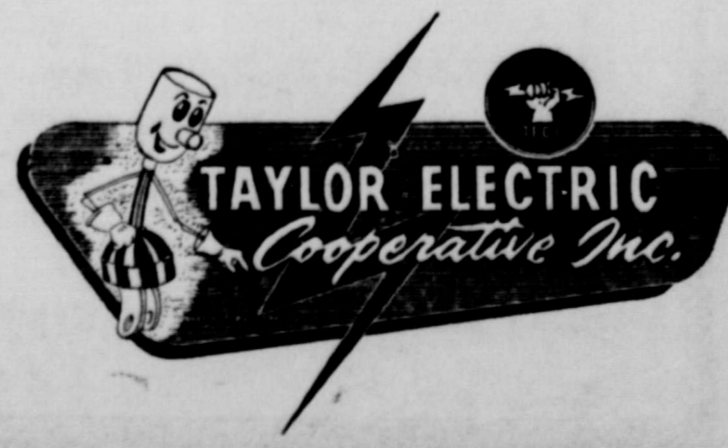
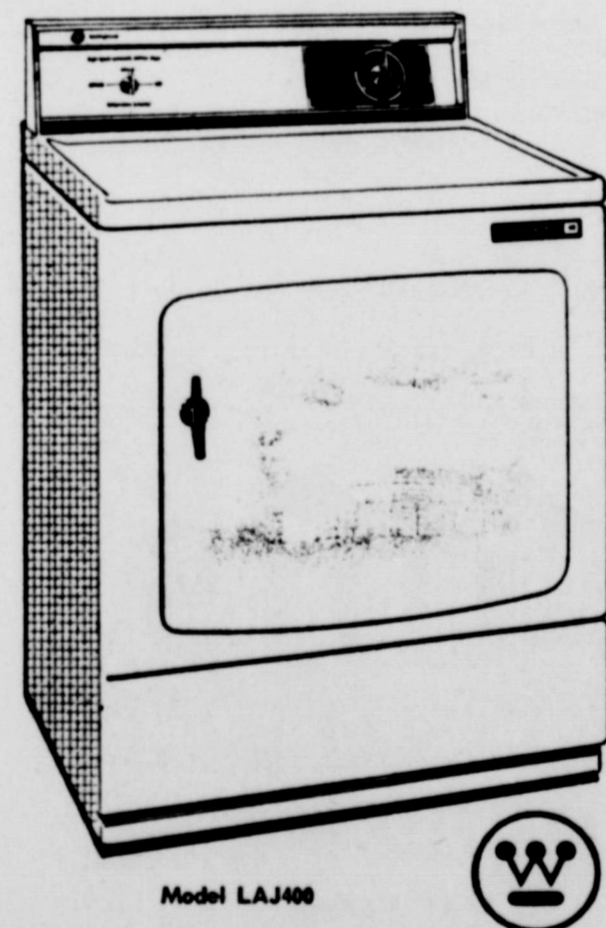


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ONE STOP SERVICE FOR ALL YOUR INSURANCE NEEDS  
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**SHOP BRAGG'S FOR FAMILY GIFTS!**  
WEARING APPAREL for ladies, men, boys, girls — toddlers too.  
GIFT ITEMS — Decor pillows, bath mats, cosmetic kits, jewelry cases, and many, many more.  
REGISTER for Free Nelly Don Dress to be given Tuesday, Dec. 24.  
**BRAGG'S**  
"EXCLUSIVE BUT NOT EXPENSIVE"

Put the Spirit of Christmas in Your Driving!

Best Wishes for a Safe Holiday from your Texas Department of Public Safety

### Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Merry Christmas to every one! The weather is nice for all farm activities. There is still some cotton to be harvested, but should be finished this week.

What is up to a good stand. Gaston Hobbs of Fort Worth visited his mother, Mrs. John Hobbs and the Benny Hobbs family Saturday.

Those from the Stith HD Club attending the County Christmas Club party at the Lions building

in Anson Tuesday were Miss Louise Hudson, Mrs. Vernon Hudson, Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, Mrs. O. J. Eikes, Mrs. Wade Shaw and Mrs. Roy Mashburn.

Mrs. Charles Reddin and Vickie, Mrs. Curtis Clyburn, David and Marsha, attended the PTA program at the Merkel High School auditorium last Thursday night. Vickie and Marsha were on the program.

A large crowd attended the Stith HD Club Christmas dinner, program and tree, at the Stith Community Center Saturday night.

Curtis Clyburn's name was drawn at Carson Super Market Saturday, Dec. 7. He received \$50 worth of groceries.

Kid Jones of Ft. Hood visited the Babe Tarpley family Sunday.

Ghrona Tarpley spent two nights attending the County Christmas Club party at the Lions building

is in the hospital, and is doing fine.

Mrs. Robert Wayne Berry, daughter of the Paul Bradleys, is feeling some better this week. She is in a hospital in San Antonio, but expects to go home soon.

Mrs. Roy Mashburn, Mrs. Brenda Hardin and children visited Mrs. Claudia Mashburn in Abilene Sunday.

Mrs. John Shaw of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shaw Saturday night, and attended the Christmas Party at the Community Center.

Sam Mashburn spent four days recently in Lubbock in the home of his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Murry Tombs.

James Hale of Millard, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale, Friday.

Mrs. Dan Williams of Abilene attended services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley visited Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis in Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Howard in De Leon last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy R. Browning and children of Tuscola, were supper guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Browning Sunday.

Mrs. Benny Hobbs attended a party in the home of Mrs. Orval Ely Thursday.

Those on the sick list are Buster R. Tarpley and Mr. and Mrs. Code Jones.

Mrs. G. C. Bend, Mrs. Ely's step-mother, is feeling better this week.

VA payments to war orphans are not counted as income in determining whether dependant received half of his or her support from tax payers.

## BADGER TRACKS

By WALLY KNIGHT

School will be dismissed this Friday afternoon for the Christmas Holidays. Classes will be resumed after the holidays on January 2. Mid-term exams will be given after the holidays so high school students have something to look forward to after they return to school.

Congratulations to Katie Neill upon being elected the FFA Sweetheart. Katie is a senior in high school and is active in stock shows, rodeos and clubs.

Two of our great Badgers were elected to the All - Area AA football squad. Johnny Thompson and Gaylen Doan, both seniors, were honored by being elected to the team.

The Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes held their class parties Monday night. The Freshman class held their party at the high school cafeteria; the Sophomore class party was at the Community Center; the Juniors held theirs at the Taylor Electric Co-op building, and the Seniors held theirs at the Country Club. Each party turned out to be a big success and everyone had a good time. Many thanks to all the mothers and sponsors for doing all the work.

Everyone is glad to see that Mike Dudley is back in school this week. Mike is recovering from a broken leg that he received at a home basketball game. Now that he is back he can start to make up all of the tests that he has missed instead of flitting with the nurses at Hendrick Hospital.

The Drama Club will present some plays with themes about Christmas to the students and faculty Friday before school is dismissed. This will be the club's first production this year.

Mrs. Blankenship, the high school homemaking teacher, is really a swinger, or at least she was at the Senior Christmas party. Mrs. Blankenship, as one of the sponsors, really livened up the party by participating in several dances. She is really good, too! Coach Robinson, another sponsor, played it cool during

the fast numbers, but finally settled for a slow dance with his wife. Nobody can hold a candle to the Senior sponsors.

aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk off the coast of Southern California.

air support and anti - submarine warfare.

## USN Participant

USS KITTY HAWK at Sea - Seaman Apprentice Jerry D. Williams, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett G. Williams of 501 Thornton St. Merkel, participated in operation "Beef Trust"

The last major First Fleet exercise involved 23 ships and 31 air squadrons, including four Canadian units.

Designed to prepare U.S. units for the conditions encountered in Southeast Asia and throughout the Western Pacific, the exercise consisted of missile firing exercises, bombing practice, close

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May the spirit of brotherly love illuminate every heart and every home at Christmastime.

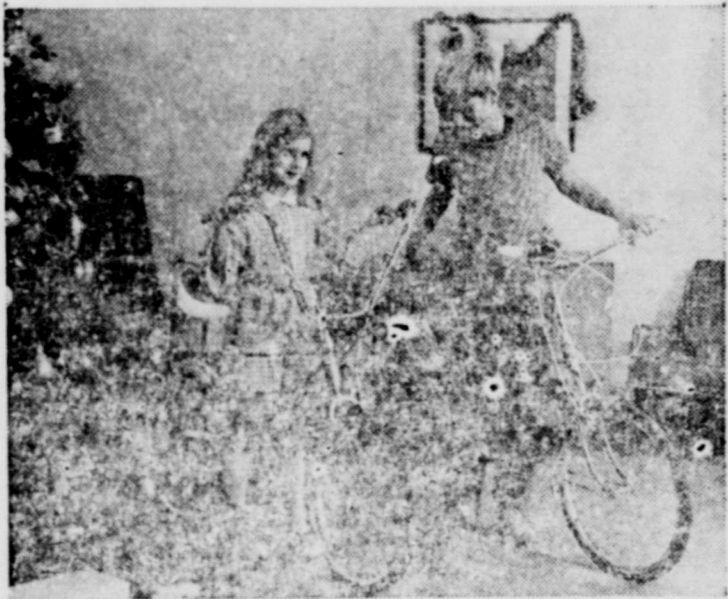


OUR BEST WISHES TO EVERYONE IN THE MERKEL - TRENT AREA FROM

## MEAD'S BAKERY

"MEAD'S FINE BREAD"

### Thank Heaven for Little Girls



THERE'S NOTHING PRETTIER, and nothing makes them happier on Christmas morning than to find a new American-made bike under the Christmas tree; one just like her brother's. Compact, small-wheeled "high-riser" bikes are the big favorites with today's youngsters, and Santa has his pick of hundreds of models and styles, something to please the taste of every boy and girl, and fit the pocket-book of every parent. Bikes are kid stuff, and that's what Christmas is all about.

## Season's Greetings



May your Christmas be as jolly as an old-fashioned sleigh ride!

FROM ALL THE FOLKS AT CAL-TEX FEED YARDS

TRENT, TEXAS

# BEN FRANKLIN Gift SURPRISES

Dazzle Her!... Thrill Him!... Delight the Family!

ELECTRIC BLANKETS .....	\$10.99	POLAROID INSTANT SWINGER OUTFIT .....	\$24.99
TRIPLE ACTION SEWING MACHINE .....	\$9.99	CASSETTE PLAYER & TAPE RECORDER .....	\$29.95
Can Be Operated Automatically, Manually or by Foot Pedal		COLORED CANON TOWELS .....	\$3.29 & \$3.49
MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BILLFOLDS .....	\$3.00	CASES TO MATCH .....	\$1.79
CLAIROL KINDNESS INSTANT HAIR SETTER .....	\$19.88	WE HAVE A FEW \$61.00 MAGNUS ORGANS .....	Only \$39.95
Sets Hair in Minutes - No More Nightly Roll-up Woes		100% FIBER GLASS, 48x84" NO IRON DRAPES .....	\$4.99
THERMAL WEAVE BLANKETS .....	\$4.98		
BEDSPREADS .....	\$6.98 and \$7.98		

J. W. HAMMOND - MERKEL, TEXAS

The SEASON'S BEST

for Merry Christmas

**FEASTING!**

Set a SHINING example in Christmas Cookery by shopping CARSON'S for ALL your favorite foods for the feast. We've extra SPECIALS galore and LOW PRICES throughout our store to give you the Season's very BEST in EXTRA GOOD EATING — at EXTRA GOOD SAVINGS — for some VERY Merry Christmas Feasting!



5 BIG DAYS TO SHOP

DECEMBER - 19 - 20 - 21 - 23 & 24  
THURSDAY THROUGH TUESDAY

**FREE**

\$350.00 IN FOOD

AT CARSON'S SUPER MARKET

Next Drawing Saturday, Dec. 21st for \$50.00 in Food plus 3 Christmas Presents — Drawing \$200. in Food Dec. 24th plus 10 Christmas Presents. Nothing to Buy — You do not have to be present to win.

KEEBLERS ASSORTED  
**COOKIES** ..... 4 for **1.00**

AUNT JEMIMA White or Yellow  
**MEAL** ..... 5-Lb. Bag **39¢**  
KRAFT'S MINIATURE 10-OZ.  
**MARSHMALLOWS** **19¢**  
DROMEDARY PITTED  
**DATES** ..... 8-Oz. Pkg. **29¢**

KRAFT'S MARSHMALLOW  
**CREAM** PT. JAR **19¢**

BORDEN'S 1/2 GAL.  
**HOMO 2 MILK** 2 for **99¢**

BORDEN'S 1/2 GAL.  
**BUTTER MILK** 2 for **93¢**

BORDEN'S  
**WHIPPING CREAM**  
1/2 PT. CTN. **29¢**

IMPERIAL  
POWDERED  
**SUGAR**  
(4 Limit)  
2-LB. BOX **25¢**

BORDEN'S  
**EGG NOG**  
QUART CTN. **49¢**

BAKER'S  
ANGEL FLAKE  
**COCOANUT**  
14-OZ. PKG. **49¢**

HUNTS 300  
**FRUIT Cocktail** 2 for **49¢**

HUNTS 300  
**PEARS** ..... 2 for **55¢**

OCEAN SPRAY Jelly or whole  
**CRANBERRIES** ... 2 for **49¢**

BORDENS 9 OZ. PKG.  
**MINCE Meat** .... Ea. **29¢**

BETTY CROCKER 20-Oz. Stick  
**PIE CRUST** .... Ea. **33¢**

**CRISCO**

3-LB. (1 Limit) CAN

**REYNOLDS**

HEAVY DUTY 25-FT 18-INCH FOIL ROLL

**FOLGERS COOKIES**

COFFEE (1 Can Limit)  
2 LB. CAN 1.35 1 LB. CAN

KING SIZE 6 BOT. CTN.

SUNSHINE BUTTERED CRACKERS  
**HI-HO** ..... Lb. Box **37¢**

**Frozen Foods**

MORTON'S MINCE or PUMPKIN  
**PIES** ..... Each **29¢**

WHOLE SUN 12-OZ.  
**ORANGE Juice** ... Can **35¢**

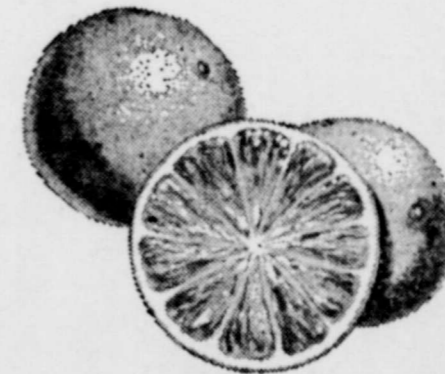
MR. G CRINKLE CUT  
**POTATOES** ... 2 Lbs. **29¢**

ZEE 60 COUNT  
**NAPKINS** ..... Pkg. **10¢**

SILK FACIAL  
**TISSUE** ..... Box **15¢**

HOME LAUNDRY  
**DASH** ..... Box **3.49**

LIQUID KING SIZE  
**IVORY** ..... King Size **63¢**



CALIFORNIA  
NAVEL  
**ORANGS**  
Lb. .... **15¢**

OCEAN SPRAY  
**CRANBERRIES** .. Lb. **39¢**

FRESH  
**CELERY** ..... Lb. **10¢**

WASHINGTON RED DELICIOUS  
Delicious **APPLES** .... Lb. **25¢**

FRESH K. Y.  
Green **BEANS** ..... Lb. **29¢**

GOLDEN  
**BANANAS** ..... Lb. **10¢**

PAPER SHELL TEXAS  
**PECANS** ..... Lb. **49¢**

RUSSET  
**SPUDS** ..... 10-Lb. Bag **49¢**

VALUABLE COUPON

**GOLD MEDAL FLOUR**

WITH COUPON **39¢**

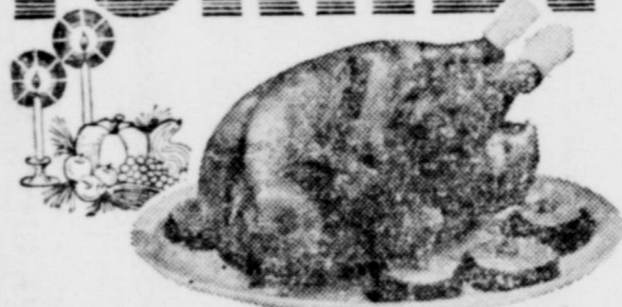
Without Coupon **49¢**

Good Week of Dec. 19-24  
Good at Carson's

VALUABLE COUPON

When You Care to Serve the Best **TURKEY**

GRADE A HENS  
**39¢** 10 LBS. AND UP Lb.



**HAM** HORMEL - DECKER 1/2 OR WHOLE LB. **59¢**

**ROAST BACON** CHOICE BEEF CHUCK LB. **55¢**

**STEAK** HORMEL B. L. POUND **59¢**

**CHICKEN HENS** CHOICE BEEF T-BONE LB. **98¢**

**SAUSAGE** FRESH FROZEN LB. **43¢**

**CHEESE** HORMEL LITTLE SIZZLE PKG. **49¢**

**CHEESE** WISCONSIN CHEDDAR LB. **75¢**



WE GIVE GIFT BOND STAMPS  
DOUBLE ON WEDS.

**CARSON'S SUPER MARKET**

MERKEL TEXAS

FRESH VEGETABLES

FREE DELIVERY MON - WED - FRI

BEST MEATS IN TOWN



“And this will  
be a sign for you:  
you will find a babe  
wrapped in swaddling  
cloths and lying  
in a manger.”

Luke 2:12

MAY EVERY HEART FIND THE HOLY CHILD ANEW AT CHRISTMAS...BEST WISHES FROM:

## GENE STEWART FORD SALES

Reba	Alice	Dean	Gene	June
Hopper	Billy	Bill	Bobby	Charlie



Ho, ho, ho! Here comes Santa,  
loaded down with best  
wishes from your friends at

**BRAGG'S**



**HAPPINESS IS CHRISTMAS** -- Theme for Beta Sigma Phi's float entered in the Merkel Christmas Parade Dec. 7. Taking second place in float entries, the theme depicted children, a Christmas tree and music and toys. The children are Mike Brady, Lisa Shugart, Tim Brady, Christi Brady, Mike Fisher, Marissa Sandusky, and Russell White. (Staff Photo)

**MULBERRY CANYON 4-H NEWS**

By **ROBERT CLEMMER, Reporter**

Mulberry Canyon 4-H Christmas party was held Saturday night with Mark Dudley, president, presiding. Cindy Whisenhunt led the 4-H Pledge and Prayer. Kathy Griffin led the American Pledge to the Flag and Judy Brnovak read a Christmas Inspiration.

Mark Dudley presented a Christmas gift to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Niell, organizational leaders.

Lisa Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Hughes was introduced as a new member.

Lisa and Lesa Swinney will begin their cooking classes under the direction of Mrs. Tom Russom.

Pam Sandusky gave the reading: "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen"

Robert Clemmer gave "The Art of Keeping Christmas"

Teresa Clemmer gave "Christmas Birthdays"

Pam Sandusky read "The Winter"

Beverly Gilmore gave the reading "The Snowman"

Mark Dudley gave "Christmas on Fourth Street" and Kathy Griffin gave "A Child's Point of View"

Mrs. Lottie Everett, a guest, presented the club with a Christmas check.

After decorating a beautiful Christmas tree, gifts were distributed by Lesa Swinney, Cindy Whisenhunt, Beverly Gilmore and Lisa Hughes.

Games were led by Teresa Clemmer assisted by Judy Brnovak.

Refreshments were served from a red covered table centered with a poinsetta arrangement.

Appointments were in gold and crystal.

Others attending were Rocky Bryan, Becky Bryan, Mark Clemmer, Jerry Don Sandusky, Mike Brown and Bart Whisenhunt.

Also Jeff Whisenhunt, Johnny

Gray, Billy Wells, Mrs. Cason, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom, Mrs. Lottie Everett, Mrs. Sam Butman, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sandusky, Mrs. Tom Swinney and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer.

Also Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Whisenhunt, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney, Mrs. Don Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak, Debbie a guest, and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Gray.

**Nursing Home Gets 4-H Gifts**

The Merkel 4-H Club met Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building for its regular monthly meeting.

Gayle Boone led the 4-H Club motto, pledge and prayer and the American Pledge was led by Zana Mansfield.

Dayna McAninch, Christmas



The glad tidings let us sing —  
In honor of the new born King!

**BULLOCK'S HARDWARE & GIFTS**

ALMEDA and WILLIE



Let us rejoice in the message of the season!

FROM THE STAFF AND MANAGEMENT AT  
**TAYLOR TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE**



**Merry Christmas**

*It's the season for walks in the snow... for fires  
burning brightly on the hearth... for  
wishing friends the very best!*

**HIGGINBOTHAM - BARTLETT CO.**

Raymond

Pat



Wishing you and yours  
holiday happiness!

**Oak Street  
Service**

# CHRISTMAS IS TIME YOU SHOULD BE EXTRA SAFE

Christmas presents help you share the joyous holidays but loose wrappings and paper can become a real fire danger, warns safety experts. Christmas morning confusion can have the house in an uproar and a lighted match or cigarette that is carelessly dropped in the wrappings can

have the house in flames. Discard or put away all wrapping papers as soon as presents are opened to avoid tragic possibilities.

The lighted candle also adds a special festive touch to the Christmas season but be extremely careful in placing candles

around the house. Candles placed too near paper decorations, Christmas card displays, or the boughs of the tree can ignite trouble.

Christmas lights help make the holiday season bright. To keep the season joyous make sure to take proper precautions with holiday decorations. Check all lights for frayed wires and short circuits. Discard home-repaired and other dangerous electrical equipment. Also be prudent in your use of holiday bulbs. A few can go a long way toward brightening your holiday and save your electrical circuits unwanted strain.

Also Christmas trees can be the source of much sparkle and add a great deal to the season cheer but they may become safety hazards too. The tree trunk should be sawed at an angle to allow a more rapid in-take of water to keep the tree fresh.

A Merry Christmas is fine, but make it a safe one too. Check to see that there are no fire hazards in your home. Fires, many caused by carelessness, take thousands of lives and cause billions of dollars worth of damage each year. Bright holiday spirits can be dampened rapidly if proper precautions are not taken. Be sure that materials placed



Deck the halls with bough of holly! 'Tis the season to be jolly!

**TAYLOR COUNTY FARM BUREAU**

VEARL SMITH, Agent



*Yuletide greetings to one & all! May your holidays be gay!*

**HARDY GROCERY**

JOYCE, ROYCE and LINDA

around of under your Christmas tree are fireproof and never block an exit with the tree. Have a happy holiday, but have a safe one too.

A Christmas tree adds beauty and spirit to the happy holiday season, but proper care of the evergreen is important to avoid needless tragedy. A tree should be stored in water which is checked every day, especially if it is near a heating system. Two

weeks is the maximum a tree should remain up.

The Christmas season adds a joyous spirit to any home but often a confused one also. Many things such as trees and decorations make the home a little more

difficult to get around than normally. Most families are more active in the home in this festive time of year. Be sure to be

extra careful to avoid home accidents during the holiday season. A safe holiday can lead to many more happy ones.

## Best Wishes



From all of us to all of you - Yuletide joy!

**E. A. Conley  
Barber Shop**



Best wishes from the staff & management of

**MERKEL RESTAURANT AND MOTEL**

TOMMY and PAT				
RUTH	OPAL	TOBY	TOMMIE	DONNIE
LORETTA	TINA	STELLA	LORENE	ANNIE
FRANCES	BRENDA	JULIA	MARGO	JANA
	MODELLE	PET	COOPER	



# SEASON'S BEST

We hope Santa makes everyone's dreams come true! To you and yours, our best wishes for a Merry Christmas, and our thanks for your patronage!

**MAX MURRELL CHEVROLET**

MAX	JOHNNY	DON	F. H.
JIM	LORETTA	JOE	ARCHIE
PAUL	CHICK	RUDY	



MALONE IMPLEMENT

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Hope Your Holiday is a Driving Success

W. B. THOMAS SERVICE STATION

Season's Greetings



We appreciate your patronage.

MACK'S CLEANERS



MERRY CHRISTMAS

May you enjoy yards and yards of Good Health

VERNON MANSFIELD FARM and RANCH SERVICE

### Watch for Gyps At Yule Time

COLLEGE STATION — Gypsies with free prizes, bait advertising and special deals circulate more freely during the holiday season, warns an Extension home economist at Texas A&M University.

A few racketeers knock on doors with a package to deliver to a neighbor who is out at the time, says Mrs. Myers. They ask for the amount due suggesting you collect later from the neighbor, says the home management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. But the neighbor never ordered the item and the money is lost.

Mrs. Myers also warns about bait ads and fictitious prices, common at Christmas. Bargains, usually nonexistent, attempt to draw customers into a store to purchase more expensive good.

Fictitious tags carry inflated "original" prices which are dramatically cut, she says.

Christmas is the season for follow-ups on the cards you dropped in the box at the fair hoping to win a free sewing machine. A letter will wish "Congratulations! Your name has been selected to win first prize —" All you have to do is buy an "inexpensive" cabinet or a five year service policy, Mrs. Myers adds.

Fly-by-night merchants set up shop for the holiday season, selling a variety of goods which guarantee free exchange and a lifetime of service. When you return, the store is closed and the merchant has left town. Deal with an established firm, the Extension specialist advises.

Mail-order misrepresentations offer fantastic bargains in everything from mink stoles to watches, but the items may be worth only a fraction of the price.

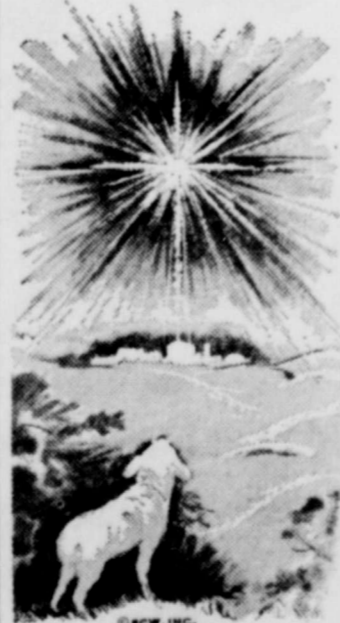
Mrs. Myers cautions that these are only a few of the deals that may upset your budget and disposition and suggest that you be sure before you buy.

### LIBRARY BOOKS

Following are a few of the books in Merkel Library:

- A Christmas Carol — Charles Dickens
- Saturday's Child — Charlie M. Simon
- Tales of Old Time Texas — Frank Dobie
- Texas Folk and Folklore — Mody C. Boatright
- Sow Not in Anger — Jack Hafenberg
- Twice "22" — Ray Bradburys
- The End of Eternity — Isaac Asimov
- Twilight for the Gods — Ernest Gann
- The Wind — Anonymous
- Winnie the Pooh — A. A. Milne
- Grapes of Wrath — John Steinbeck
- The Last Hurrah — Edwin O'Connor
- Ordeal of Three Doctors — Seifert
- Papa You're Crazy — Anya Seton
- The Glass Village — Ellery Queen
- The Man of the Forest — Zane Grey
- Gone With the Wind — Margaret Mitchell
- Hawaii — Michener
- Madame Curie — Eve Curie

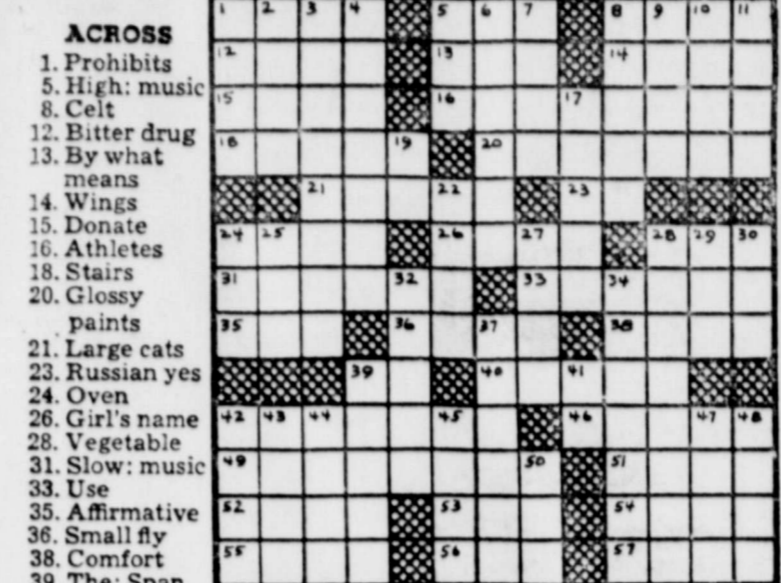
### Peace



MAY IT COME AT CHRISTMAS

West Laundry

### Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
1. Prohibits
  5. High; music
  8. Celt
  12. Bitter drug
  13. By what means
  14. Wings
  15. Donate
  16. Athletes
  18. Stairs
  20. Glossy paints
  21. Large cats
  23. Russian yes
  24. Oven
  26. Girl's name
  28. Vegetable
  31. Slow; music
  33. Use
  35. Affirmative
  36. Small fly
  38. Comfort
  39. The Span.
  40. Confine again
  42. Sandy
  46. Regional bird;
  49. Comics
  51. Airplane
  52. Great Lake
  53. Philippine tree
  54. Metric weight
  55. Char
  56. Snake
  57. Serf
  24. Nickname
  25. Chemical suffix
  27. Head; Fr.
  28. Arrangers
  29. Dawn goddess
  30. Yes
  32. Ice house
  34. Body of nobles
  37. Spheres of action
  39. Goin
  41. Italian river
  42. Top cards
  43. Uncommon
  44. Silkworm
  45. Pop
  47. Persia
  48. Any
  50. Drench
- DOWN**
1. Pouches
  2. Perched
  3. Short stories
  4. Oozing
  5. Exclamations
  6. Bottom
  7. Double
  8. Greek letter
  9. On the sheltered side
  10. Title
  11. Fewer
  17. Mrs.
  19. Therefore
  22. Rare gas
- Answer to Puzzle**
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### LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —  
GREETING:  
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy:

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Robert Doggett, 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 20th day of January A.D. 1969, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 4th day of November A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 4423 on the docket of said court and styled Bobbie Doggett, Plaintiff, vs. Robert Doggett, Defendant.  
A brief statement of the nature of this suit as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were duly and legally married January 19, 1963 and lived together until August 17, 1964, at which

**USE ZIP CODE**

May your holidays be bright with love and laughter!

Barnett Barber Shop



according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the aw directs.  
day of December A.D. 1968.  
(Seal)  
Attest: J. H. ROSS Clerk, Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas  
Mary Williams, Deputy 41 4c



May your holiday be Bright Have a Merry Christmas  
SCOTTY'S SPEEDWASH  
SCOTTY, SYLVIA and Scott



We wish you peace and joy at this time and for always!  
HICKS' AUTO SUPPLY



HERE'S HOPING SANTA'S GOT YOU AT THE HEAD OF HIS HOLIDAY GIFT LIST THIS YEAR  
FROM ALL THE FOLKS AT  
MERKEL DRUG



A hearty "thank you" to all our Patrons...may this Christmas be your merriest ever!  
ADCOCK'S CLEANERS





**GREETINGS**

Here's hoping Christmas will be warm and bright

**BILL'S FLOWERS**

ANN and VERNON WADE

**TELL ME**

WHAT WAS THE ORIGINAL MEANING OF THE WORD "PLATE"?

PLATE FORMERLY MEANT "SILVER" AND DENOTED THE MATERIAL FROM WHICH A DISH WAS MADE... NOT THE SHAPE!

WHICH IS THE SMALLEST OF ALL ANIMALS?

THE AMEBA! A ONE-CELLED CREATURE THAT RESEMBLES JELLY. IT IS THE TINIEST AND SIMPLEST OF ANY ANIMAL! USUALLY, IT CRAWLS ALONG THE UNDERSIDE OF A WATER-LILY LEAF!

HAVE ORANGE SEEDS COMMERCIAL VALUE?

YES! PROCESSORS EXTRACT OLEO-MARGARINE VEGETABLE FATS FOR COOKING AND A DYE THAT WILL FIX ANY KNOWN COLOR IN ARTIFICIAL SILK!

HOW CAN ONE TELL THAT THE EARTH IS REVOLVING?

BY OBSERVING "SUNRISE"! ACTUALLY, IT IS THE EASTERN HORIZON THAT IS TIPPING DOWNWARD AS THE EARTH TURNS! THE SUN ONLY SEEMS TO BE MOVING UPWARD!



We're wrapping up best wishes for all our good friends at this holiday season!

**BEN FRANKLIN STORE**  
JOHNNY HAMMOND



**CRAWFORD'S**

ONIS, TINA, ROBERT, JIM and MINGNON

**AN EDITORIAL**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL**

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring -- not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there. What a world of memories those lines hold for us. And what a brightness of love and joy shine in the faces of little children when they hear this poem by Clement Moore, "A Visit From St. Nicholas."

Children live in a world of fantasies and make-believe, and as much as we try, adults cannot intrude.

How many children, through the ages, after hearing this beautiful Christmas poem, have gone to bed reluctantly and wide-eyed, listening for the hoof-beats upon their roof.

Do you remember when you were a child and vowed to stay awake and perhaps if you were lucky, could catch a glimpse of Santa and maybe his eight tiny reindeer?

Time will not stand still, and little children grow up, become adults, and each year a new generation of children are still fascinated by "Twas the Night Before Christmas." And they believe with childlike faith, that they too, will be able to see Santa and hear the hoof-beats on that glorious Christmas Eve.

Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if we as adults, could keep some of that childlike faith. What a better world we could build.

This Christmas Season, may your faith be renewed, and may we all realize the true meaning of Christmas.

To all of our readers and friends we wish you a very Merry Christmas.



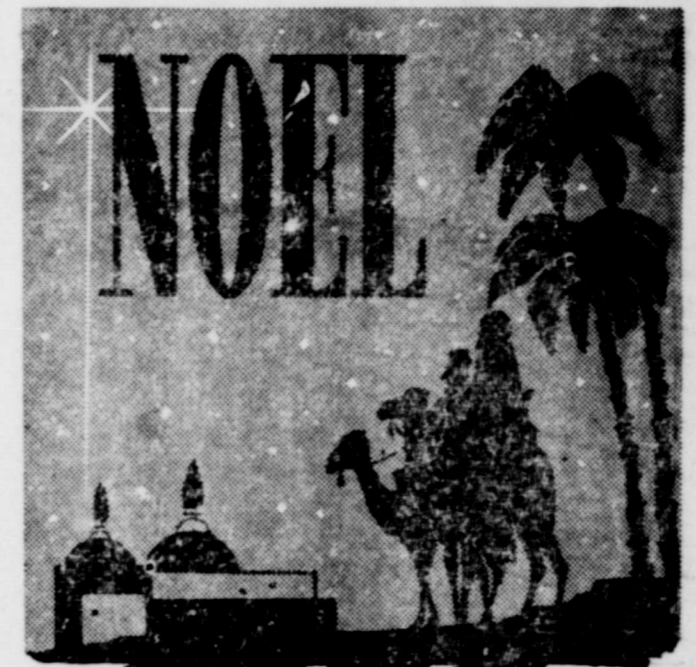
**Ready for the unexpected?**  
Next time an emergency arises, you'll be ready—if you start buying U.S. Savings Bonds now. Now 4.15% interest rate!



**U.S. Savings Bonds**

How are you fixed for the future?  
Look into U.S. Savings Bonds as a smart place to put your money. And now, Savings Bonds pay 4.15% interest!

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Born is the King of Israel! Let us rejoice in the message of Christmas!

**JOHNNY COX**  
BOOKKEEPING — INCOME TAX NOTARY

**MERRY Christmas**

*We join St. Nick in wishing you and all your loved ones a truly joyous Yuletide.*

**JOHNSON'S GROCERY & CAFE**

**The Great Truth**  
By Kenneth Jones

The Christmas season is always filled with much activity and planning. It is sad, but true, that much of the real meaning of Christmas is hidden beneath all our hurry and worry and buying and wrapping and mailing and fretting and cooking and eating and going and coming and visiting and traveling. We get "caught up" in the many things of Christmas that we sometimes lose sight of its spiritual significance.

"... God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself..." II Cor. 5:19.

Yes, this is the Great Truth of Christmas! God was in the child and His mission was to reconcile the world unto Himself. We dare not forget this, and we must dare to give much emphasis to it during this holiday season. These same verses reveal another great truth to us.

"... and (He) hath given to US the ministry of reconciliation..." II Cor. 5:19.

Though there are many things that claim our attention at Christmas time, let us not forget the ONE thing we MUST do: Let us keep the true meaning of Christmas in our hearts.

**Joy**

An old-fashioned wish for health, wealth, happiness!

**WILSON JEWELER**

**O Holy Night**

COME, LET US ADORE HIM!

**FRED and NAOMI STARBUCK**

**Christmas Joy**

May Christmas "unlock" Much Happiness

**CYRUS PEE INSURANCE**

**CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS**

PEACE ON EARTH, GOODWILL TO MEN

**Marie's Beauty Korner**

May your holidays be the merriest ever and may they be prosperous!

**DuBOSE TEXACO SERVICE**

**Joy to All**

May all your dreams come true!

**IRVEN THOMPSON**

# GOBBLER'S REWARD CASSEROLE RELIEF FOR THE HOLIDAY COOK

Sit down and relax! After the holiday rush of cooking and shopping, isn't that what you'd like to do most? But it's children's friends visiting from not always possible with the children's friends visiting from school or relatives coming for the weekend.

What you need for the holidays is a turkey break — an all in one dish that's elegant enough to serve your husband's boss and simple enough to require

little preparation. And that's Gobbler's Reward Casserole, a sumptuous dish full of two traditional holiday favorites — turkey and sweet Florida oranges.

Turkey has been our traditional holiday food for well over 300 years, and during the past few decades there's been a tremendous growth in the annual production of this fine bird. Another old American food is the Florida orange whose original plantings go back to the late 16th century. Oranges have long been

a traditional food at both Thanksgiving and Christmas, since the early pick of the crop comes to market in November.

## Gobbler's Reward Casserole

- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1/2 cup Florida orange juice
- 1 cup (1/2 pint) sour cream
- 1/4 cup cherry
- 2 cups cooked parboiled rice
- 2 Florida oranges, peeled and sliced
- 4 cu. chopped cooked turkey
- 1/2 cup slivered almonds

In medium saucepan melt butter, stir in flour until smooth. Slowly add milk a little at a time until smooth and thickened. Do not boil. Add garlic, orange juice and sour cream. Remove from heat. Stir in sherry. Reserve.

Arrange rice in 6-cup casserole; cover with layer of orange slices; add turkey. Pour sauce over all. Garnish with remaining orange slices. Sprinkle with almonds. Bake in 350 degree oven 25 to 30 minutes.

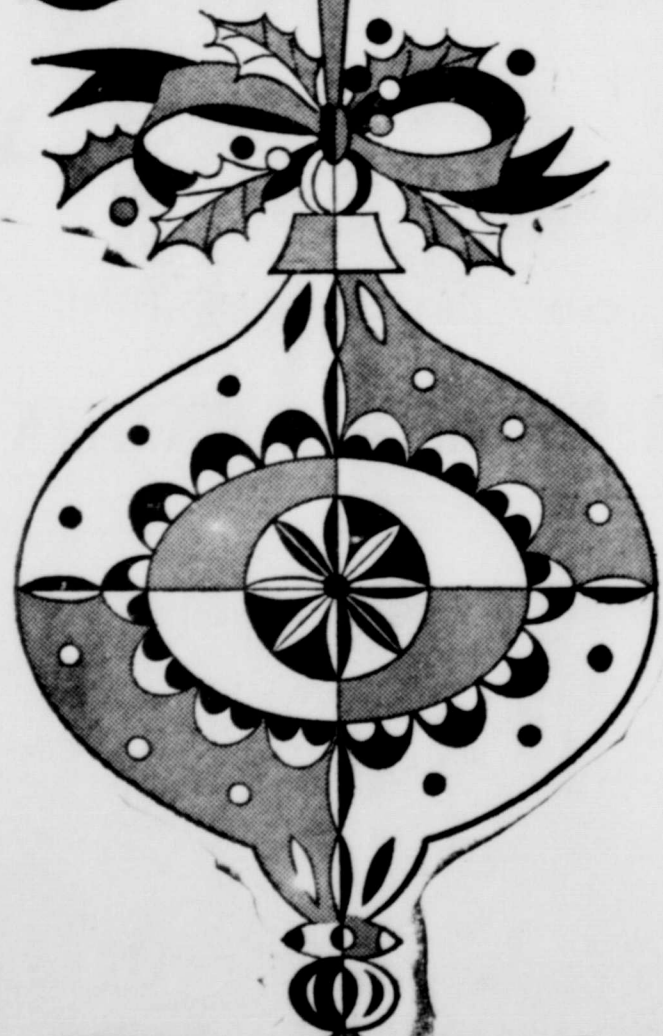
Yield: 6 servings.



*A wreath of best wishes to all our wonderful friends and patrons -- may your Christmas be merry!*

**MENA WINTER BUTANE**

# SEASON'S GREETINGS



**It's time to wish all our friends the merriest and the most prosperous Christmas ever!**

**MERKEL ELEVATOR**  
JACK, JEAN and GAINES

## DON'T TRAVEL BLIND!



**YOU'RE HEADED FOR TROUBLE IF YOU DON'T CLEAR ICE FROM YOUR WINDSHIELD AND WINDOWS BEFORE YOU START!**

INSURANCE INFORMATION INSTITUTE 226

## Plenty of Food Creates Yule Joy

What could mean more during December than a good supply of food?

Turkeys and broilers are available in big volume now, according to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. You'll also find more than adequate offerings of fresh oranges and grapefruit, dried prunes, canned tomatoes and tomato products, onions and dry beans.

All are on the December plentiful list compiled by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Orange production this season is forecast at 41 per cent above average — and grapefruit production is estimated to be 26 per cent more than normal. The Texas early and midseason crop is expected to be the largest in 20 years. Shipments of both oranges and grapefruit are on the upswing, according to market news offices of USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service.

Volume of canned tomatoes and tomato products on hand should exceed market requirements, due to a record-high production of tomatoes for processing. The late-summer onion crop is the second largest on record. And dry bean output is about 14 per cent over last year.

Keep plentiful foods in mind while doing your holiday shopping.

A person receiving a transplanted kidney from a relative donor has a 75 to 80 per cent chance of living one year and a 50 to 65 per cent chance of living two years or more.

## Winter Driving

"You wouldn't drive blindfolded — so don't take chances driving with ice covering the windshield and windows of your car."

The above advice comes from the Insurance Information Institute in Dallas.

And with the weather we have just experienced, it is "good advice."

The Institute continues: "On frosty days, be sure to clear any ice that may have collected on the windshield or windows of your automobile, so that

you will have a clear vision of the road when you step behind the wheel.

"Winter driving is fraught with enough hazards — what with icy roads and snow and sleet often to contend with. Don't add to the danger.

"It could spell the difference between your life or death."

## TEEN CENTER REPORT

By VICKIE ROBERTSON

Randy Doan, vice president of the Teen Center Program, called the Dec. 9 meeting to order and presided at the business session.

Mike Warren read amendments with additions, to be presented to the Lions Club, Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Members discussed plans for the Dec. 20 Christmas party.

Attending were Doan, Warren, Beth Peachey, Mingron Crawford, Vickie Robertson, Bob Hammond and adult sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leo Harris.

## Chosen Favorite

PLAINVIEW — Diana Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Stephens, Trent, recently was chosen by student ballot as the woman favorite on the Wayland College campus.

Miss Lewis, 1965 graduate of Trent High School, is a senior at Wayland where she is majoring in biology. She is a member of Delta Chi Delta and Athletics for Christ.



**May Santa bring you the gifts of good cheer, good health**

**MODERN BEAUTY SHOP**  
PARILEE GIBSON & FRANCES HUDMAN



wishing you the Season's joy!

**HOME STATE BANK**  
TRENT, TEXAS



Christmas Blessings on You & Yours

**WINDHAM FINA STATION**  
BUDDY and ORENE



**May the holiday season abound with all the good things in life for you, our patrons. It's been a pleasure to serve you!**

**CYPERT TAX SERVICE**



**The season for merriment is here...hope you enjoy it!**

**BONEY INSURANCE AGENCY**

BENNIE and BONEY

## A Happy Yuletide



May it abound with good cheer!

Merkel Telephone Co.



LET US LOOK TO BETHLEHEM ANEW!

Merritt Plumbing



Let us pause and listen anew to the message of Christmas... love for all.

FARMERS UNION INSURANCE  
CONNIE MACK SEYMORE

## CEMETERY FUND

The following have made recent contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Fund:

W. B. Toombs in memory of W. B. Toombs  
Mrs. Thomas J. Blakemore  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carson in memory of Weldon Holmes, W. B. Toombs and George T. Moore

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Carson in memory of Weldon Holmes, W. B. Toombs and George T. Moore

Officers, Directors and Staff of the Citizens National Bank in Abilene in memory of George T. Moore

Sallie Gant in memory of George T. Moore

Mrs. Gertrude Thomas

Mr. and Mrs. Ike D. Turner

Mrs. Ed Young

Mrs. George T. Moore in memory of W. B. Toombs

Mabel McRhee in memory of W. B. Toombs

Susan Windham

W. B. Thomas in memory of George T. Moore

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Murphy in memory of George T. Moore and W. B. Toombs

Bobby Thompson and other officers and directors of the Mercantile National Bank at Dallas, in memory of George T. Moore

Margery B. Ray in memory of W. B. Toombs and George T. Moore

Mrs. A. R. Toombs in memory of George T. Moore and W. B. Toombs

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Dye in memory of George T. Moore

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown in memory of Willie B. Toombs

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown in memory of George T. Moore

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney in memory of George T. Moore

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Melton in memory of George T. Moore

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Teaff in memory of W. B. Toombs and George T. Moore

Mr. and Mrs. Irene Thompson in memory of W. B. Toombs and George T. Moore

Joe Holloway

Minnie Coats, Ted and Hazel Pargament in memory of George T. Moore and C. R. Tittle

Mrs. C. V. Shelton

Wiley J. Massey

T. W. Lang

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley in memory of George T. Moore and

Cecil Rutherford Sr.

L. D. Sumner

W. C. Newton

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hogan in memory of Ford Smith Sr.

Charles Tipton

L. B. Howard

Mr. and Mrs. June Hogan in memory of Ford Smith Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Campbell in memory of Ford Smith Sr.

H. J. Bryan

Mrs. Winnie Warren Coit in memory of Roy Largent, Mrs. T. G. Bragg, Mrs. Eunice West and George T. Moore

Louise Weston

Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Bird in memory of Ford Smith Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze in memory of Ford Smith Sr.

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THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS

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Thursday, Dec. 19, 1968

H. A. Vick

Vivian Wilson and W. A. Wilson in memory of Allison Kay Zitterkoph and Cecilia Diane Zitterkoph

Louise Weston

Mrs. Charles A. Massey

W. T. McAninch Estate

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McAninch

B. R. Hughes

Mrs. A. L. Robertson



Merry Christmas

May we wish you much happiness as you gather with your loved ones during the festive days that lie ahead. And may the magic spirit of Christmas brighten your life throughout the New Year that lies ahead.

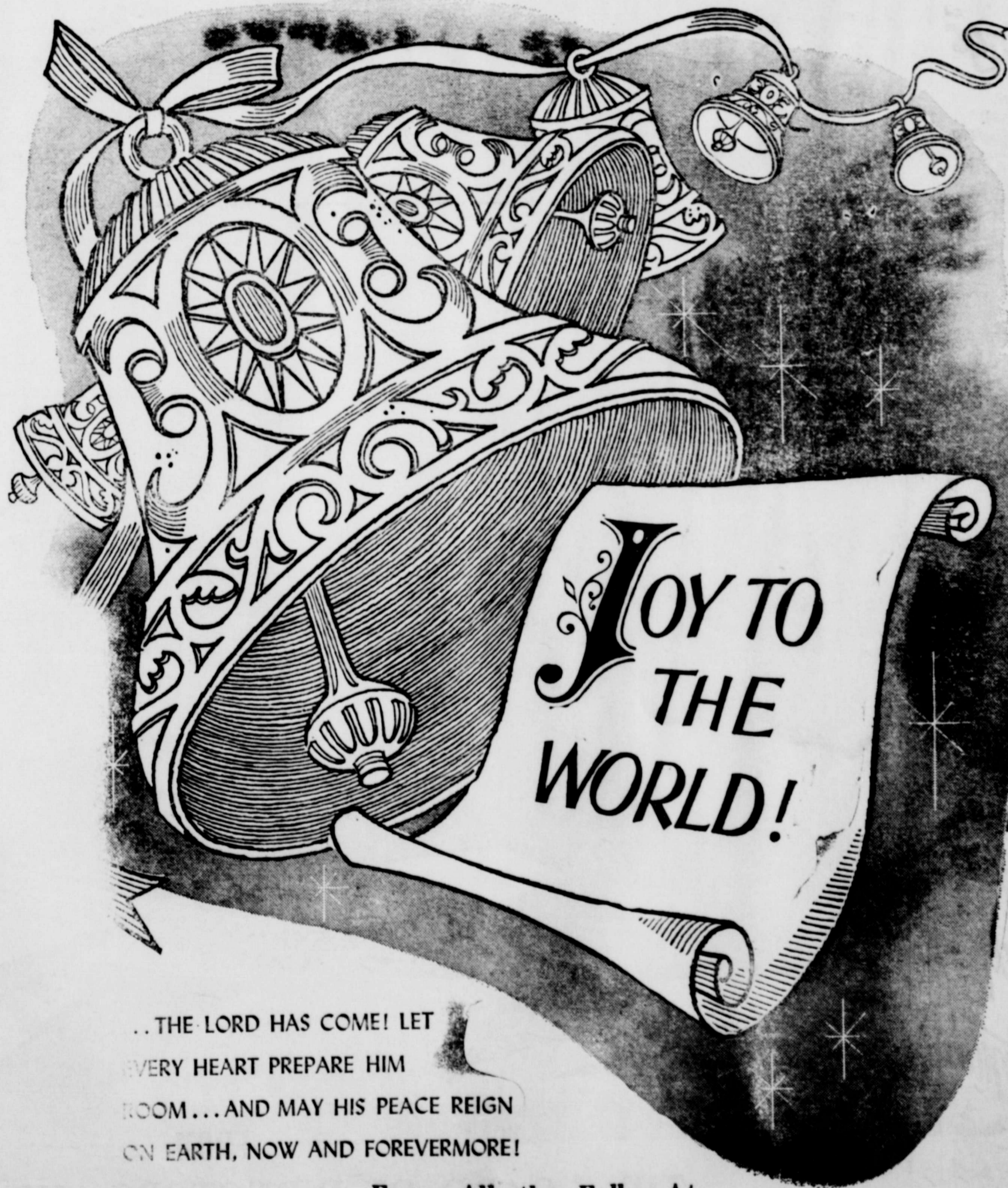
We Will Not Be Open For Business  
Christmas Day, December 25th

THE OLD RELIABLE  
FARMERS AND MERCHANTS  
NATIONAL BANK  
MERKEL, TEXAS  
Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.



May your holiday stocking overflow with good cheer & good things!

MELLINGER'S



... THE LORD HAS COME! LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM... AND MAY HIS PEACE REIGN ON EARTH, NOW AND FOREVERMORE!

From All the Folks At  
MERKEL AUTO PARTS  
AND  
FISHER FINA STATIONS

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TO: Johnnie Lee Ellis, Defendant, Greeting:

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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 Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 2nd day of December A.D. 1968.  
(Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,  
Domestic Relations Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.  
40 41c

## Bananas Make Christmas Baking Delicious Treat

**DOUBLE PURPOSE BAKING**  
When it comes to holiday baking, that old saying "One for the money and two for the show" should be your guideline. Smart cooks will realize the benefits

that come from buying enough ingredients for one baked treat that does double duty when it comes to serving.

One recipe that performs this feat easily is **Banana Holiday Quick Bread**. As good a delicious dessert as a bread, this tempter can be served up as a fruit cake for holiday dinner dessert or lie ready and waiting in the freezer to be brought out, warmed and served with steaming mugs of coffee to holiday

guests. This cake stays deliciously moist all through the holiday season because of the luscious golden bananas tucked inside. For a double treat for you and your guests, try it.

**Banana Holiday Quick Bread**  
1-3 cup shortening  
2-3 cup sugar  
2 eggs, slightly beaten  
1 3/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour

baking powder  
2 3/4 teaspoons double-acting  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 cup mashed ripe bananas (2-3)  
1/2 cup coarsely chopped nuts  
1 cup mixed candied fruits and peels  
1/4 cup raisins

Beat shortening until creamy and glossy (2 minutes at medium speed on electric mixer). Gradually add sugar, beating until light and fluffy after each addition.

Add eggs and beat until thick and pale lemon in color. Sift dry ingredients; add alternately with bananas; blend thoroughly after each addition. Grease bottom only of loaf pan (9 by 5 by 3 inches). Turn batter into pan. Bake in moderate oven (350 degree F.) for 60 to 70 minutes or until cake tester inserted in center comes out clean and dry. Let bread partially cool in pan. 20 to 30 minutes before turning onto rack. Makes 1 loaf.

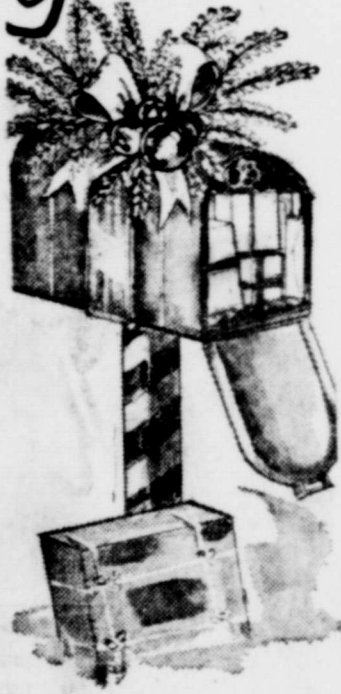


It's nice to have so many friends -

# Merry Christmas

TO ALL  
OF YOU

Greetings



DALE & FANNIE'S  
Shamrock  
Cafe

A  
Very  
Merry  
Christmas

from our family  
to your family

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