

WWI

Veterans, Ladies To Meet Tuesday

Veterans of World War I and Ladies Auxiliary of Barracks No. 2248 will have their Annual Christmas Party Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Taylor Electric Co-operative building.

A turkey and ham supper and "all the goodies" will be served by the Ladies Auxiliary to all members, their families and guests, said Commander Karl Bonneaux.

All veterans and widows of World War I veterans are invited. A short program and installation of officers will be the order of business.

Gold Star Winner Honored Wed.

Lee Ann Holloway, Taylor County Gold Star Girl, was honored at the District Gold Star Banquet held in the Crystal Ballroom, Cactus Hotel, San Angelo, Wednesday.

Also honored was Robert Clemmer, Gold Star boy, who is presently attending the 4-H National Congress in Chicago, Ill.

Lee Ann and Robert were named Gold Star winners of Taylor County in September. This is the highest award that can be received at the county level and is the only award given by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Both 4-H'ers received the award based on their outstanding record in 4-H projects, leadership, community service and citizenship.

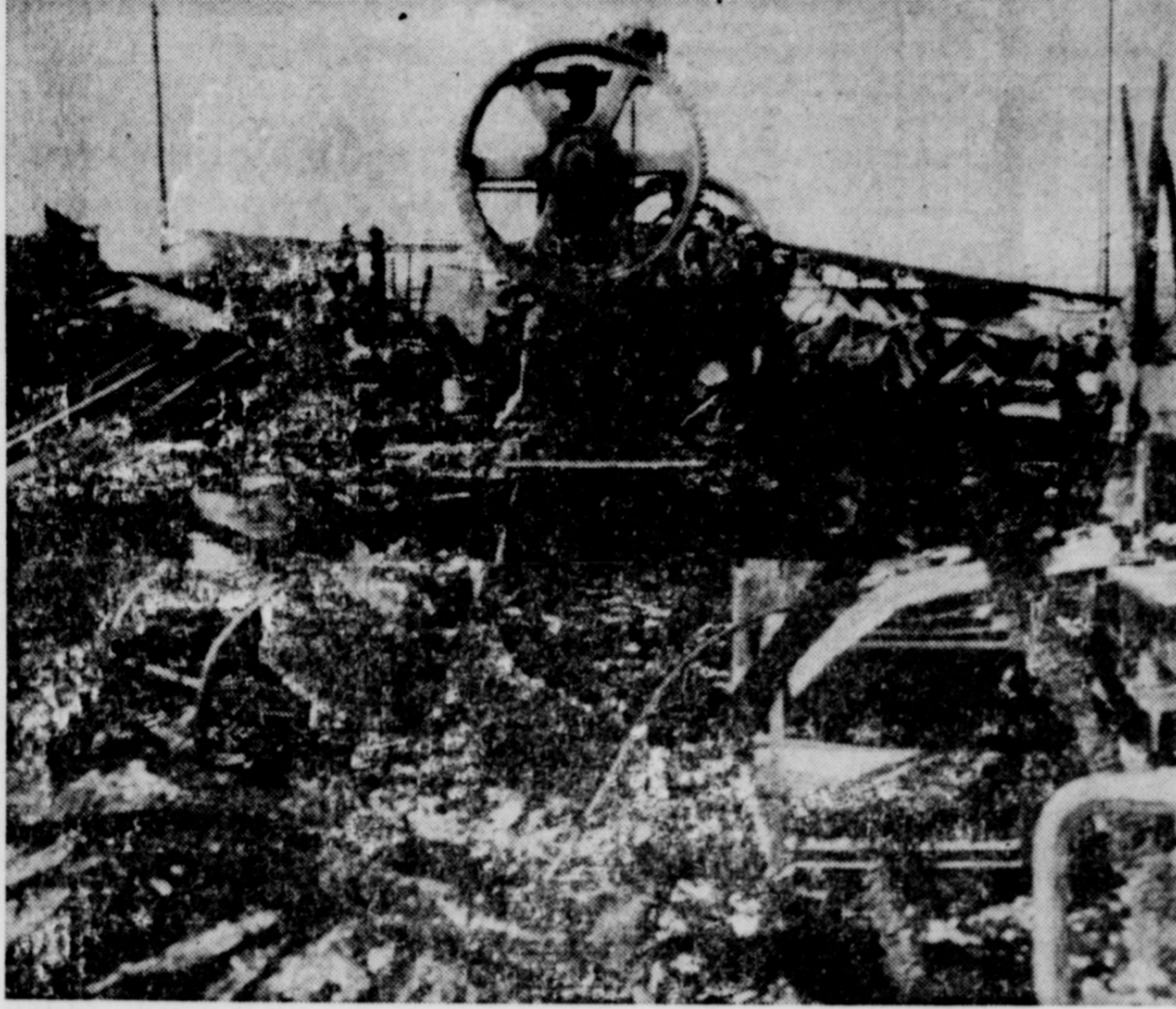
James L. (Curly) Hays, Rural Farm and Ranch Representative of West Texas Utilities, was the principal speaker at the Banquet. WTU sponsors the banquet which honors Gold Star winners from twenty-two counties in District 7.

Miss Holloway is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Holloway, and Clemmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clemmer.

MERKEL 4-H Christmas Party

Merkel 4-H Club's Christmas Party will be Friday, Dec. 4 at the Taylor Electric Co-operative building.

Activities are to begin at 7 p.m. and each member is to "bring a gift - girls bring girls' gifts and boys bring boys gifts." Members are also reminded to bring fruit for the Nursing Home.



STILL STANDING - The Punch Press can be seen amidst the ruins of the fire that burned out Pierce Manufacturing Company this past Thursday. The metal parts manufacturing plant, located one mile east of Merkel, burned to the ground in about three hours. The plant was closed for the holiday and no one was injured in the blaze. (Staff Photo)

MANUFACTURING FIRM DESTROYED BY FIRE

The R. A. Pierce Manufacturing Company, located one mile east of Merkel, was completely destroyed by fire last Thursday morning. The metal parts manufacturing plant burned to the ground in about three hours.

Richard A. Pierce, company head, was in San Antonio, Thursday morning when the fire started from unknown origin and was notified late in the day. Damage estimate has not been set.

Merkel fireman, Bobby Womack said the Merkel Fire Department received a call about 8:15 a.m. Thursday and sent three trucks to the scene. Womack said the fire was extinguished by about 11 a.m.

"Firemen stayed until 4 p.m. in case the fire started again," said Womack.

Womack termed the building a "total loss," and said the structure and everything inside was completely destroyed.

When the roof fell it knocked

the walls down, and everything with it," said Womack.

This week, Pierce and workmen have been on the grounds checking to see if any of the equipment could be "put into working condition again."

Much of the equipment was in the fire that destroyed the company on Treadaway in Abilene over a year ago, was put in work-

See Story ONE, Pg. 5

C-C Directors Meet Tuesday

Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet in regular session Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the Chamber office.

President Johnny Hammond urged all directors to plan to attend this meeting.

"We have several items on the agenda that needs to be discussed," said Hammond, "and we need a 100 per cent attendance if possible."

BASKETBALL

MHS GIRLS TO PLAY IN H-SU TOURNEY

ABILENE - Sixteen area teams will participate in the Twentieth Annual Hardin - Simmons University High School Girls' Invitational Basketball Tournament Dec. 10, 12.

All games will be played in Rose Field House with the opener at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 10. Games will begin Friday, Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. and Saturday, Dec. 12 at 8:30 a.m. The championship game will be played Saturday at 9 p.m.

New entrants in this year's tourney are Noodle - Horn, Bronte, Rotan, Vernon, Coahoma and Moran. Returning teams are Wylie, last year's runner-up to champion Comanche, which is not in this year's competition, Anson, Baird, Hawley, Lueders - Avoca, Jayton, Merkel, Trent, Hamlin and Roby.

Playing Thursday are: Noodle-Horn vs. Anson, 10 a.m.; Baird vs. Hawley, 11:15 a.m.; Lueders-Avoca vs. Bronte, 12:30 p.m.; Jayton vs. Merkel, 1:45 p.m.; Trent vs. Vernon, 5 p.m.; Wylie vs. Hamlin, 6:15 p.m.; Coahoma vs. Roby, 7:30 p.m.; Rotan vs. Moran, 8:45 p.m.

The tournament is conducted each year by the Department of Physical Education, headed by Prof. Otho Polk.

Traffic Safety

Legislative measures to get more problem drivers, especially drunks, off Texas highways were urged at the second annual Governor's Traffic Safety Conference.

Col. Wilson Speir, Department of Public Safety director, said the 12-month minimum suspension law for drunk driving now opens the door to an excessive number of probated sentences. He suggested a 60 to 90-day mandatory suspension without probation.

Christmas Parade Is This Saturday

Santa Claus, Bands, Floats and Taylor County Sheriff's Posse, along with the three Miss Merry Christmas beauties, will highlight Merkel's Annual Christmas Parade Saturday.

Parade time is 2 p.m. and Waymon Adcock is Parade Marshal.

Participants are asked to gather at North Second and Runnels at 1:15 p.m. to get ready for parade formation.

As of Wednesday morning five organizations had checked in to the Chamber office to enter floats. They are Calvary Baptist Church Youth, Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club, Beta Sigma Phi, Taylor County Young Homemakers and Merkel Brownie Troop.

Prizes for floats are \$25 for first place winner; \$15 for second and \$10 for third. Floats will be judged on originality, color and theme, according to Benny Melton, Chamber secretary.

Merkel High School Badger Band and guest band, Jefferson Junior High School Band from Abilene, will be in the parade, and also the Color Guard of the Taylor County Sheriff's Posse.

Miss Merry Christmas winners this year are Patti Copeland, Merkel High School; Audy Eyrd, Junior High, and Danna Russell, Primary. Patti is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Copeland of Tye; Audy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Byrd, and Danna daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Russell.

And we've saved the best for last - Santa Claus will make his appearance following the

bands, floats and Sheriff's Posse. And will be in downtown Merkel for some time after the parade for youngsters to "make their wishes known for Christmas," according to Melton.

Christmas is in the air in Merkel - lights are up, and stores have their holiday decorations displayed, plus the Christmas music that can be heard from Starbuck's.

MERKEL LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION SETS MONDAY MEETING

The Merkel Livestock Association will meet Monday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Ag building at the high school.

Benny Melton, association secretary, said that this meeting was being held to plan Merkel's Annual Livestock Show.

Chester Collinsworth, ag teacher, urged parents of children who plan to enter the show to attend this Monday evening meeting.

"Date for show will be set, rules formulated and judges selected at this meeting," said Collinsworth.

For the past several years Merkel's Livestock Show is held

in January, "and we've always had an exceptionally good turnout of participants," said Collinsworth.

At last year's show, held Jan. 15, Rusty Holloway was named grand champion steer winner and Grant Sandusky showed the reserve champion. Winner of Taylor Electric Cooperative's annual Showmanship Trophy was Carolyn Gilmore.

Merkel and area merchants contribute to this annual event.

"Make a note of this Monday evening meeting and plan to be in attendance," said Collinsworth.

DRUG MEETING SET IN ABILENE FRIDAY

Persons in Merkel and this area are invited to attend a program at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the 42nd District Courtroom to discuss the organization of a "Help Is Possible" program, concerning drug abuse.

District Attorney Ed Paynter area people to attend this "most extends an invitation to all area people to attend this "most important meeting."

"Help Is Possible," (H. I. P.) is an organization dedicated to the prevention of delinquency and drug abuse among teenagers," said Paynter. "The idea for H. I. P. was formed in the minds of a few men who are personally familiar with drug addiction."

H. I. P. in Dallas was formally founded at a meeting in April 4, 1969 and since January, 1969, the

persons active in H. I. P. have spoken to approximately 160,000 youths in high schools and junior high schools and over 20,000 adults as well as reaching an estimated 300,000 homes by television. The philosophy of H. I. P. is to "Tell It Like It Is," from people who have experienced drug addiction.

Mr. E. V. "Bud" Hyde, president of the Dallas H. I. P. program along with Mr. Ira Pittman of Dallas, and formerly of Abilene, will appear on the Friday program and will give a presentation of the Dallas H. I. P. program and answer any questions those attending might have, said Paynter.

"This might be the right program for our area," said Paynter, "and we sincerely trust as many as possible will attend."

Local Goodfellows

Lawrence Hewitt, chairman of 1969 Merkel Goodfellows, has called a meeting of volunteers to be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Asteroid Restaurant Friday, Dec. 4.

"This is an organizational meeting," said Hewitt, "and all volunteers who would like to help in planning and carrying out the Goodfellow campaign this year, are asked to attend."

Mrs. W. R. Cypert was co-chairman with Hewitt in last year's drive.



First Place Winners

The Merkel High School Twirlers brought home a "first" in Ensemble at the UIL Twirling Contest held recently in Sweetwater - this is a second for the twirlers. From left are Suzie Wilson, Debbie Bowen and CleJuan Douglas, all placing first in solo, and Carol Whisenand, Debbie Fincher and Jan Beasley. (Staff Photo)



COUNCIL OFFICERS - Merkel Elementary this week completed election of Student Council Officers and room representatives for the school year. Council officers are, from left, Steven West, president; Rudy Castillo, fire chief, and Stanley West, assistant fire chief. Council vice president is Cherie Aiken. (Staff Photo)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE DATED November 23, 1970 and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas by the Clerk of said Court on said date in a certain suit No. 10,476-B and styled State of Texas and Taylor County vs. Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Abilene, et al and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on November 23, 1970 Seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in January 1971, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Abilene, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Taylor and State of Texas, to wit: Lot 7, Boyce Subdivision of 83' Strip; Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,

11, Block 24, Outlot B, Lots 4, 5, 6, 10, Block 24, Outlot D, W. H. Brown Addition; S 50' of NW 150' x 140' of Block 8, Lots 4, 5, Block 9, N 80' of E 140' of W 300' of Block 12, N 55' of S 150' x W 140' of W 300' of Block 12, S 25' of NW 150' x 140' of W 300' of Block 12, S 95' of W 140' of W 300' of Block 12, E 130' of W 150' of S 145' of Block 17, 100' x 150' of S 1/2 of Block 17, Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Block 27, College Addition; Lots 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, Block B, Lots 5, 6, Block the 1/2 9M L-860 H6, 9Vkg 0796 B, Freeman Addition; All of the above property located in the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas; Lot 15, Lot 12, Block 11, Lot 10, Block 12, Lot 12, Block 13, Lots 26, 27, Block 15, Lot 3, Block 27, Lots 4, 5, Block 27, Sears Park Addition; S 50' of Lot 4, Block 2, Tikker (S-D L1 Fair Park Acres), Lot 8, W. J. Young (West of Meander) Addition; All of the above property being located in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties and costs; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any persons having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, at any time within two years from the date of sale in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED AT Abilene, Texas, this 23 day of Nov. 1970.
GEORGE MAXWELL, Sheriff
Taylor County, Texas
By Tommye Barlow, Deputy
39 3tc



Crossword Puzzle

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12										
13										
14										
15										
16										
17										
18										
19										
20										
21										
22										
23										
24										
25										
26										
27										
28										
29										
30										
31										
32										
33										
34										
35										
36										
37										
38										
39										
40										
41										
42										
43										
44										
45										
46										
47										
48										
49										
50										
51										
52										

ACROSS
1. Agitate
5. Distant
9. Uncle
12. Relieve
13. Fish
14. Epoch
15. Stumble
16. Gifts
18. Stockings
19. Refuse
20. On water
24. Pose
25. Degs
28. Alena
31. Past
32. Chariot
35. Disencumber
36. Harbor
38. Hoarded
40. Beverage
42. Ponder
43. Anchors
45. Bird
49. Beliefs
53. Spirit
54. Vehicle
55. Release
56. Person

DOWN
1. statesman
7. Compass point
58. Italian mountain
59. Examine
21. Discern
22. Bitter wetch
23. Indian state
25. Plant juice
27. Self
28. Turtle
29. Prevaricate
30. Eccentric
33. Bird
34. Article: Ger.
37. Lottery prize
39. Choose
41. Apart
43. Throngs
44. Work
46. Wings
47. Rodents
48. Tie
50. Morsel
51. No: Fr.
52. Resort

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE DATED November 23, 1970 and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in a certain suit No. 10,473-B, and styled State of Texas and Taylor County vs. L. J. Renfro, et al and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on November 23, 1970 Seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in January 1971, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Abilene, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Taylor and State of Texas, to wit: Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Block G, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Block H, Haynes Addition; Lots 5, 6, Block 51, Johnson Addition; NE 100' x 140' of Block 61, Johnson Addition less N 100' x 140' of the W 1/2 of Block 61, and less SE 200' x 140' of Block 61, Johnson Addition; Lots 1, 2, 10, 11, 12, Block A, Lots 1, 2, Block B, Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Block D, Lots 3, 10, 11, 12, Block E, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Block F, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, Block G, Lots 1, 2, 3, Block H, Martin Addition; Lot 9, 10, Block 7, Miller Addition; Lot 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Block 7, Outlot F, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, Block 20, Outlot C; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Block 20, Outlot D, R. A. Miller Addition; Lot 9, 10, 11, 12, Block 6, Outlot A, W. T. Randall Addition; all of the above property being located in the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties and costs; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, at any time within two years from the date of sale in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED AT Abilene, Texas, this 23 day of Nov. 1970.
GEORGE MAXWELL, Sheriff
Taylor County, Texas
By Tommye Barlow, Deputy
39 3tc

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE DATED November 23, 1970 and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Taylor County, Texas by the Clerk of said Court on said date in a certain suit No. 10,475-B, and styled State of Texas and Taylor County vs. Phillip A. Diltz, et al and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on November 23, 1970 Seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in January 1971, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County in the City of Abilene, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Taylor and State of Texas, to wit: Lots 1, 2, 12, Block N, Lots 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, Block P, Lots 1 thru 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, Block Q, Bettles Heights Addition; Lots 9, 11, 12, Block B, Lot 4, Block C, South 1/2 of Lot 3, Block D, Lot's 1, 2, 5, Block F, Lots 3, 4, Block G, Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Block L, Lot 10 and S 1/2 of Lot 11, Block M, S 1/2 of Lot 2, all of Lot 3, Block N, Boyce Addition; Lots 1, 2, 3, 6, Boyce Subdivision of 83' strip; all of the above property being located in the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas.

or upon written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment, interest, penalties and costs; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, at any time within two years from date of sale and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the

judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED AT Abilene, Texas, this 23 day of Nov. 1970.
GEORGE MAXWELL, Sheriff
Taylor County, Texas
By Tommye Barlow, Deputy
39 3tc

CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS



LOOKING AT
THE "NEW
ONES?"

Finance it the easy way — through a loan at this bank. Low interest rates — prompt service — terms to fit your budget.

THE OLD RELIABLE
FARMERS AND MERCHANTS
NATIONAL BANK
MERKEL, TEXAS

Westinghouse ... HAS SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR YOU

BE THRIFTY... BE WISE! Christmas Shopping



WESTINGHOUSE
ELECTRIC 30-INCH RANGE
With Self-Clean Oven and No
Turn Speed-Broil® System
Model KFK3BH

- Simplest to cook on, easiest to clean, highest in quality
- Self-clean oven with look-in window cleans faster and easier for as little as 6¢ a cleaning (based on 2¢ per KWH)
- Flavor-seal broiling with exclusive No Turn Speed-Broil
- Rotisserie available as accessory
- Plug-out Corox® surface units and chrome trim pans remove for fast, easy clean-up
- Infinite heat controls give you precise control of 1,001 surface unit heats
- Electric clock with 60-minute timer
- Fluorescent platform light
- Surface signal light
- Oven signal light
- One automatic, one manual appliance receptacle
- Recessed cooking platform
- Interior oven light and peek switch
- Storage drawer
- Teflon-coated griddle (accessory)

REASONABLY PRICED!

SALESMAN ON DUTY AT OUR DISPLAY STORE
AT NORTH 2nd AND EDWARDS — DOWNTOWN

MAKE IT A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY WITH A WESTINGHOUSE APPLIANCE — WASHERS, DRYERS, DISH-WASHERS, RANGES, REFRIGERATORS AND DEEP FREEZES.

TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

DISPLAY ROOMS — DOWNTOWN MERKEL

MAY WE SUGGEST

Subscriptions

TO

THE MERKEL MAIL

For Your Christmas Gifting.

Notice of your gift will be mailed with a Christmas Gift Card and subscription will begin on date you designate. Call or write THE MERKEL MAIL, send name, address and Zip Code.



USE ZIP CODE

HARDY GRO. HOW ABOUT THAT!

They say long dresses pick up germs . . . You should see what short one pick up.

Short skirts do make the men more polite . . . You never see a man get on a bus ahead of one.

SAVE on food bills EVERY DAY

Shop Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Dec. 3, 4, 5 for Store-Wide Savings

Shortening Swifts 3 Lb. Jewel Can **59¢**

KRAFTS SALAD

Miracle Whip QUART **59¢**

CORN Kounty Kist 12 Oz. Can 2 for **29¢**

Lunch Meat Kent 12 Oz. Danish Can **39¢**

KLEENEX 200 Size 2 Pkgs. **45¢**

TISSUE Zee 4 Roll Pkg. 2 Pkgs. **69¢**

FLOUR Gold Medal 5 Lb. Bag **59¢**

INSTANT LIPTONS TEA 4 oz. jar **1.19**

HUNTS 300 SIZE CAN SPINACH 2 for **35¢**

HUNTS MANWICH 300 SIZE Barbecue SAUCE 2 for **69¢**

AJAX REG. SIZE CLEANSER 2 for **19¢**

EL FOOD HALF GAL. ORANGE DRING 1/2 gal. **35¢**



FRESH PORK ROAST Lb. **49¢**

ROUND STEAK Lb. **1.15**

Pork Chops End Cuts Lb. 59¢
Center Cuts Lb. 79¢

FRANKS Armour 12 Oz. Star Pkg. **49¢**

BACON Gooch Blue Ribbon Lb. **59¢**

SAUSAGE Gooch German Style Lb. Pkg. **79¢**

KIMBELLS SOLID PACK OLEO 2 for **39¢**

SEASIDE 300 SIZE BUTTER BEANS 2 for **21¢**

BUTTERMILK Foremost Half Gal. 2 for **93¢**

COTTAGE CHEESE Foremost 24 Oz. Ctn. **49¢**

SPECIAL OF THE WEEK

SCHICK'S LATHER SHAVE Reg. 98¢ Only **49¢**

DEL MONTE TOMATO CATSUP 20 OZ. BOTTLE **29¢**

BEST MAID RED PLUM PRESERVES 18 OZ. JAR **29¢**

HORMELS VIENNAS 2 for **45¢**

NEW KEN-L-RATION DOG FOOD 24 OZ. PKG. **59¢**

CHEER GIANT SIZE **69¢**

LIQUID JOY GIANT SIZE **49¢**



EL CHICO MEXICAN OR ENCHILADA DINNERS Each **49¢**

KEITHS PRE-COOKED FISH STIX Pkg. **29¢**



DELICIOUS APPLES Lb. **19¢**

AVOCADOS Each **10¢**

PURPLE TOP TURNIPS Lb. **10¢**

CABBAGE Lb. **7¢**

RUSSET SPUDS 10 Lb. Bag **49¢**



"Where Customers Send Their Friends"
TWO DELIVERIES DAILY at 10:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.
Phone 938-5713



DOUBLE PREMIUMS ON WEDNESDAY ON PURCHASE OF \$2.50 OR MORE IN MERCHANDISE

SAVE VALUABLE CASH REGISTER TAPES FOR PREMIUMS

WILSON FOOD STORE
SAVE 20¢
with this coupon when you buy the 1 Lb. Can of
YUBAN COFFEE
1 lb. can only **73¢** with this Coupon
Cash Value 1/20¢
Expires Dec. 12, 1970
COUPON GOOD WILSON FOOD STORE ONLY

WILSON FOOD STORE
save 30¢
with this coupon when you buy 10 Oz. Jar of
INSIANT
MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE
at WILSON FOOD STORE
10 OZ. JAR ONLY **\$1.29** WITH COUPON
One Coupon Per Family - Offer Expires Dec. 12

WANT ADS



- Miscellaneous -

FOR MONUMENTS and CEMETERY CURBING
M. A. (Sarg) NOSTER
1404 Herring Dr.
Merkel, Texas
Phone 8-5565

MASONIC MEETING

Stated meeting of Mer-
kel Lodge No. 719 on
2nd Saturday and 4th
Thursday of each month
at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome.
Members urged to attend.

JOHNNIE BARNES, W.M.
ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y.

**TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR WED-
DING INVITATIONS** — See our
excellent selection. Merkel Mail
& Printing, 928-5712.

WANTED — Cooks, waitresses,
and dishwashers. Merkel Res-
taurant, 928-4923. 8 tlc

**WEDDING INVITATIONS, IN-
FORMALS, ANNIVERSARY IN-
VITATIONS** — All may be seen
at the Merkel Mail and Print-
ing, 928-5712.

PILE IS SOFT and lofty — col-
ors retain brilliance in carpets
cleaned with Blue Lustre. Rent
electric shampooer \$1. Bullock
Hardware and gifts. 29 tlc

MELBA'S PASTRY SHOP open
daily 8-6, 135 Kent, 928-4883.
Cakes — all occasions, pies,
cookies, candies, breads, etc.
29 tlc

GARAGE SALE — Small trunk,
cedar chest, hair dryer, pecans,
Presto Cooker and junk. Thurs-
day and Friday, 1/2 mile north
on FM Rd. 126, 928-5651. 40 tlc

DEER HUNTERS WANTED —
By the day. Call 928-5022.
37 tlc

FOUND — Pony came to our
place about a month ago. Call
862-9897 and identify. 40 tlc

GARAGE SALE — Dolls, toys,
clothes and miscellaneous.
Thursday and Friday, 501
Thornton St. 40 tlc

MAKE MOM Happy Christmas,
for sale, beige French Provin-
cial couch, green French Provin-
cial chair and coffee table.
As good as new, will have to
see to appreciate. 1206 North
2nd or call 928-5761. 40 tlc

SEWING AND ALTERATIONS
done in my home, 512 El Paso,
call 928-5303. 38 tlc

BEAUTY BY MARY KAY for a
complimentary Facial Call Del-
phine Watson, 862-2235. 31 tlc

MAY WE SUGGEST that you see
our Wedding Invitations — Good
selections of styles and type,
reasonable too. Merkel Mail &
Printing, 928-5712.

NEED HELP — With your Christ-
mas shopping, call and make
an appointment to see the beau-
tiful selection Celebrity Jewe-
lry has to offer, 928-4944. 39 tlc

WANTED — Shopper for gifts —
we have nice specials on some
new items. Open until 8:30 each
evening at WILSON'S JEWEL-
RY. 38 tlc

- For Rent -

WANTED TO LEASE — Three to
six hundred acres for Quail
hunting. Call Abilene, 672-6448.
40 tlc

FOR RENT — Furnished one bed-
room apartment, upstairs, bills
paid, 928-5901. 40 tlc

FOR RENT — Nice 3 bedroom
house, carpeted, carport, fur-
nace heat, L. H. McAden, 672-
6610. 366 tlc

- For Sale -

FOR SALE — 1 used refrigerator
with double doors. Only \$59.95
at Palmer Motor Co.

FOR SALE — 1962 Oldsmobile,
Dynamic, 4 door sedan. Good
rubber. Car in average condi-
tion. Call 928-5061 after 5 p.m.
37 tlc

FOR SALE — 490 acres 20 miles
south of Merkel, good deer
hunting. For more information
contact Sam Jones at 928-5712
or 928-4906, or contact Doyle
Pouge at Snyder. 30 tlc

FOR SALE — STAMP COL-
LECTION, U.S. Album, General
Album, Singles, Plate Blocks,
Duplicates, Specialty items.
Call Abilene, 677-3041. 40 tlc

FOR SALE — Record player and
15 records. Also a 20 gallon
iron kettle. Call 928-5127 or
come by 601 Marion. 39 tlc

FOR SALE — Practically new
Fairfax vacuum sweeper — A
bargain. Call 928-5672. 40 tlc

FOR SALE — 2 bedroom suites,
1 dinette suite, carpet, vene-
tion blinds, high chair, nice
teenage dresses, suits, for-
mals. 928-5189. 40 tlc

FOR SALE — Washing machine,
TV and miscellaneous. 928-5901.
40 tlc

FOR SALE — Lake Lodge on
beautiful Lake Cisco complete
with dock, combination store
and restaurant, pavillion and 5
"A" Frame cabins. Fully equip-
ped. A real money maker. Call
Gold Key Co., 692-4006, or Paul-
ine Butman, 846-4185, or 692-
2222. 40 tlc

FOR SALE — Good antique
Singer Sewing Machine, good
sewing condition. 912 So. 5th,
928-5675. 40 tlc

FOR SALE — Brand new dog
house and dog basket. 211 Ash
St. or call 928-4902. 40 tlc

TRUCK SALE

49 Used Trucks from 1/2 ton
through Tandem Diesels. Some
with winches, dumps, grain-beds,
etc. 18 New I.H. Trucks, Pickups,
Scouts and Travelalls. We Gotta
Sell Some. Make Offer!

JOHNSTON TRUCK
725-2181 Cross Plains
or Abilene 673-5331
39 tlc

CLASSIFIEDS ARE YOUR BEST BUY

CHILDREN TO HOST 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson will
observe their 50th wedding anni-
versary Sunday, Dec. 6 with
Open House at their home on
Route 3, from 2 until 5 p.m.

Their children and grand-
children will host the occasion. The
couple was married Dec. 4, 1920
in Fort Worth, where Mr. Gib-
son was employed with Bell Hel-
icopter for fifteen years. He was
retired in 1965.

Both are Merkel natives and
have lived in Merkel and Tay-
lor County most of their lives.
Mrs. Gibson has operated a beau-
ty shop in Merkel for twenty-six
years.

Children of the couple are L.
B. Gibson, Albany; David Gib-
son, La Porte, Jerry Gibson,
Merkel and Mrs. Denta Lindsey
of Shidler, Okla.

They are members of the First
Baptist Church.

Services Held For Mrs. Thomas

Funeral services for Mrs. John
Thomas, 90, were held Monday,
Nov. 30, at Merkel United Meth-
odist Church, with the Rev. E. H.
Phillips, Methodist minister at
Big Spring, officiating, assisted
by the Rev. John Curtis, pastor
of the Assembly of God Church.
Burial was in Rose Hill Ceme-
tery.

Mrs. Thomas died Sunday at
her home, after a long illness.

She was born Amanda Francis
Whisenhunt Feb. 9, 1880, in New
Hope, Ark., and moved to Hunt
County at an early age and to
Taylor County in 1889. She mar-
ried Mr. Thomas in 1885 in Tay-
lor County and had lived here
all of her married life. She was
a member of Pioneer Memorial
Methodist Church at Mulberry
Canyon. Mr. Thomas died Nov.
11, 1949.

Survivors are three sons, Frank
of Fort Worth, Claude of Pecos
and Raymond of Merkel; two
daughters, Mrs. Zetta Harris of
Arlington and Mrs. Mona Fae
West of Merkel; one sister, Mrs.
Virgie Davis of El Paso; one
half brother, Bill Whisenhunt of
View; 18 grandchildren; 21 gr-
grandchildren; and seven great-
great-grandchildren.

Services Held For S. J. Lane

Services for Sherman J. Lane,
79, of Abilene were held Satur-
day at Elliott's Chapel of Mem-
ories with Dr. Frank D. Charlton,
pastor of St. Paul United Meth-
odist Church, officiating. Burial
was in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Mr. Lane died Thursday in Hen-
drick Memorial Hospital.
Born Oct. 3, 1891 in Richland
Springs, he married Lillian Watts
in Merkel in 1929 and they moved
to Abilene.

A retired stockfarmer and
building materials contractor, he
was a member of Excel Bible
Class at St. Paul.

Survivors include his wife; two
sisters, Mrs. James Atkinson of
Houston and Mrs. Ed Knight of
Richland Springs; one brother,
Horace Lane of Abilene; and a
number of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Beulah Dye Dies at Age 88

Mrs. Beulah Dye, 88, of Roaring
Springs, a former Merkel resi-
dent, died Saturday, Nov. 23 in
Methodist Hospital in Lubbock
after a short illness.

Funeral services were held Mon-
day at Roaring Springs Church of
Christ, followed by a service
that afternoon at Starbuck Fu-
neral Home Chapel. Burial was in
Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Dye was born May 1,
1882, in Hunt County. She had
been a resident of Roaring
Springs for twenty years. She
was a native of Hunt County and
had lived in Merkel a number
of years prior to moving to Roar-
ing Springs. She was the widow of
the late Jim Dye.

Survivors are five sons, Zack
of Abilene, Ruben and Robert,
both of Merkel, Hamp of Denver
City and Alfred of Roaring
Springs; three daughters, Mrs.
Eliza Kingery of Roaring Springs,
Mrs. Zady Blair of Guymon,
Okla., and Mrs. Clara Smelser of
Big Spring; one sister, Mrs. Van-
nie Hensley of Abilene; 29 grand-
children; 79 great-grandchildren;
and seven great-great-grand-
children.

Recent Visitors

Recent visitors in the home
of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Murphree
was their grandson, James Mc-
Kee, stationed with the U.S. Navy
at Kingsville. He is the son of
Alvin McKee of Abilene.

Also visiting the Murphrees'
was a friend of James', J. Eis-
elen with the U.S. Navy. Both
spent time while on their visit
going deer hunting.

ROUND-UP

By PAT BYRD

THANKSGIVING'S comings and
goings have found a lot of Mer-
kelites being visited and Merkel-
ites doing some visiting.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL COL-
LINS, Wilcox, Ariz., visited the
past several days with Mary Col-
lins, Paul's sister. Also, they vis-
ited a few days in Dallas with
Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Shafer, (Mrs.
Collins' sister). They returned to
Merkel to join Mary and other
members of the Collins family in
Lamesa at the home of Q. A.
Collins. "Too much turkey in too
many places," says Mary.

Visiting the OLLIE FOXES dur-
ing the holidays were Mrs. Fox's
sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs.
B. W. Lane of Lubbock. Also a
Lubbock visitor in the Fox home
were their daughter and hus-
band, the Mitchell Walkers.

The E.C. RAYS had their fam-
ily home for the holidays. They
were Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Rudd,
David and Danny, Mr. and Mrs.
Douglas Pyburn and Larry, and
the Kenneth Rays.

MRS. ODA CLARK returned
home from a trip to Newport
News, Va., in time to entertain
family and friends during the
Thanksgiving holidays. Her trip
to Newport News was a visit with
the Davis Traylors and also son,
Glen, who came over for a visit.
On her return trip to Merkel,
she visited in Mt. Ida, Ark., with
the Charles Fikes and Paul
Whitehouses.

Then, Thanksgiving Day, the
Clarks entertained several from
"here and there." They were son,

Glenn, the Burton McNeills, Jerry
and Randy, all from Abilene,
Mrs. Dolly Blanchard, Debbie,
Mike and Curtis, also Abilene;
Mr. and Mrs. Guy T. Cook, Eddie
and Wesley, Big Spring; the
George Peaches, Steve, Beth
Susan and a friend of Susans,
Maurine Gandra, all from Wich-
ita, Kan., and the Joe Nameths
and children of Abilene.

The SAM JONES and Jana
had Mrs. Tommy Jones of Olym-
pia, Wash., here for Thanksgiv-
ing. It was Sam's sister in laws
first visit here since 1949.

Thanksgiving holiday guests in
the homes of CHARLES MASSEY
and H. L. THAXTON were Mr.
and Mrs. E. F. Suter and grand-
son, Durant, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs.
Johnny Lindsey and sons, Mid-
land; Johnny Suter, Big Spring,
and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lange
and daughters, Austin.

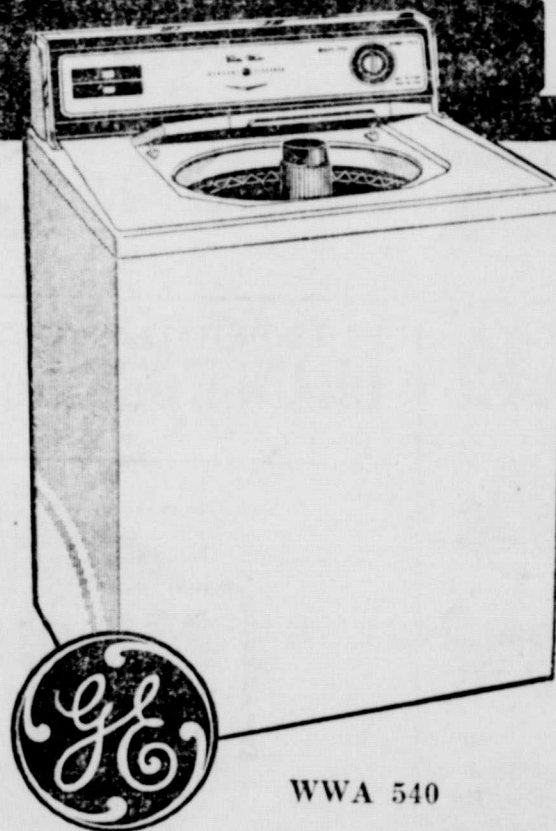
Also Mrs. Jim Kaufman, Aus-
tin; Mrs. Evelyn Schlegel and
Cynthia, Bossier City, La.; Mrs.
Barbara Price and Christine,
Apache Creek, N.M.; Mrs. Pearl
Barnett, Albuquerque, N.M., and
Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Ward, also
of Albuquerque.



MR. AND MRS. DENT GIBSON
... to be honored Sunday

BRIGHTEN HER DAY WITH Gift APPLIANCES

TWO WASH CYCLES LOW PRICE!

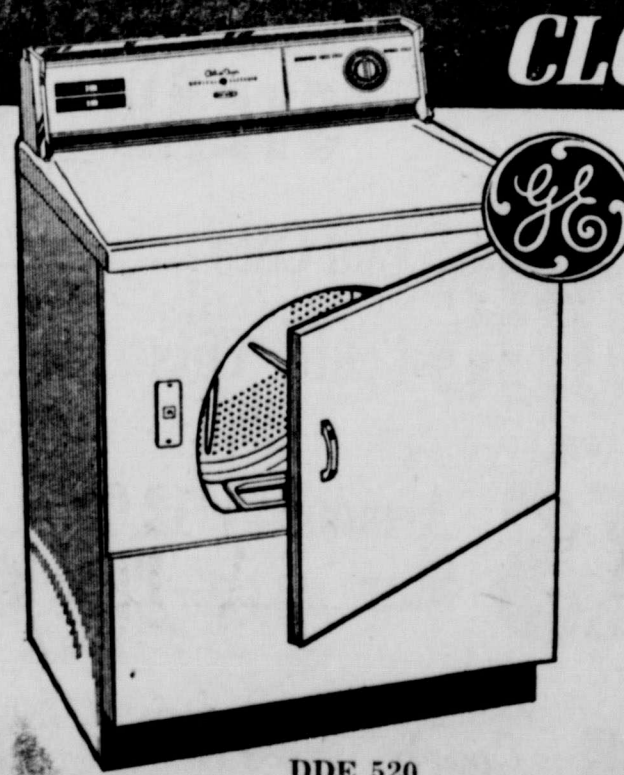


FULLY AUTOMATIC WASHER

- Two Cycles for Proper Fabric Care.
- Family Size Capacity.
- Unbalanced Load Control.
- Famous GE Activator for Thorough But Gentle Cleaning.
- Porcelain Enamel Lid, Top, Wash Basket and Tub.
- Choice of Wash Times from 2 to 12 minutes.
- Positive Water Fill.

\$199

DRY AND WEAR CARE FOR PERMANENT PRESS CLOTHING!



HIGH SPEED DRYER

- Permanent Press Cycle
- 3 Heat Selections
- Separate Start Switch
- Convenient Lint Trap
- Porcelain Enamel Top & Clothes Drum
- Air Fluff Selection

\$149

See Our Display of GE
PORTABLE DISHWASHERS

PALMER MOTOR COMPANY

MERKEL, TEXAS

NEED

A New Water Well Drilled?
Also Install Meyers
Subs & Jacuzzi Jets
Call
ROBERT HIGGINS
928-5998

Member 1970 TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

The Merkel Mail

PUBLISHER'S STATEMENT
Established 1889

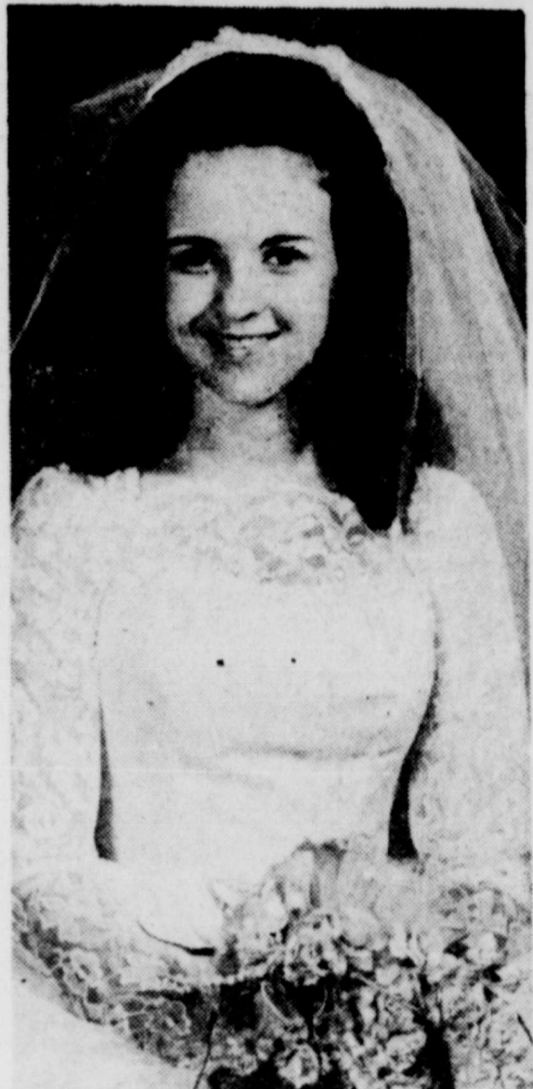
Published weekly at 916 N. Second St., Merkel, Texas
Entered at the Post Office at Merkel, Texas, 79536 as second class mail.

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of
any person, firm or corporation, which may appear in the columns of
the newspaper will be corrected, gladly, upon being brought to the
attention of the publisher.

For Classified Rates: See WANT AD Section
SUBSCRIPTION RATE: \$3.50 Per Year Taylor and adjoining counties.
\$4.00 Per Year outside of Taylor and adjoining counties

Member of the Texas Press Association
and West Texas Press Association.

ELAINE BRUMBEAU Editor
DAVE BRUMBEAU Publisher



MRS. RANDY DOAN
... formerly Rhonda Middleton

MIDDLETON-DOAN VOWS EXCHANGED

Rhonda June Middleton and Alton Randy Doan were married Saturday at University Baptist Church.

Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil H. Middleton, Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Alton D. Doan, all of Abilene.

The Rev. John DeFoere officiated. Mrs. Wade Sanders was organist. Mr. and Mrs. Troy Abell vocalists.

Roxanne Middleton was her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Brenda Poe and Mrs. Deris Hutcheson. They wore Paris pink crepe pant dresses. Their flowers were pink rosebuds.

Rhene Middleton, sister of the bride, was flower girl. Her brother, Russell Middleton, and Pam Anderson, lighted candles.

The bridegroom's father was best man. Groomsmen were Gary Stutts of Merkel and the bride-

groom's brother in law, Deris Hutcheson.

Ushers were Dennis James, Steve Dean and Finley Barnett, all of Merkel.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a gown of handclipped chantilly lace with sequined sabbina neckline. A molded bodice topped bouffant skirt of tiered lace. She carried a white orchid with white carnations and pink rosebuds.

The bride is a graduate of Abilene High School and was formerly employed by Pathology Consultants Lab.

The bridegroom, a graduate of Merkel High School, is attending Dallas Institute for Mortuary Science and is employed by Camp Funeral Home in Dallas.

The couple will live at 1428 N. Fitzhugh in Dallas. His parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at their home.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR'S NOTE — Letters to the editor do not necessarily express the view of the editor nor of this paper. But The Merkel Mail will continue to run letters to the editor as long as same are not liable, in good taste, and they must be signed.

Seniors-Just Wait

Dear Editor,
Each year the Seniors of Merkel High School seem to have this motto. "I can't wait until

I can leave Merkel and go to college. I am not coming home until Thanksgiving at least." About one-half of the Seniors can be heard saying this to many people.

Seniors, just wait. Your time is coming to go away from Merkel and face college life. It is not as glamorous as you have thought. You live in a small room in a dorm and study, study, study. After a week or so, you will realize what a good town Merkel is. It looks beautiful each time you return. Don't ever run Merkel down until you have had your turn being away from it.

Sincerely,
KATHY MANSFIELD

Holiday Hairdos Brighten the Day

Along about Tuesday evening and Wednesday women patients at the Starr Nursing Home are all "spruced up" with pretty hairdos, thanks to the generous time given by two Merkel High School girls.

Mary Outlaw, Starr Nursing Home operator, said this week that patients look forward to this time when Mary Boyd and Glenda Tuckey give their time shampooing and setting the ladies' hair.

"We are all so appreciative for their time given and say a big thank you to them," said Mrs. Outlaw.

NEW-ARRIVALS ONE

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Higgins of Olathe, Kan., announce the arrival of a baby boy born Oct. 14, weighing seven pounds, four ounces. The baby, named Kelly Shane, has one brother, Kenny Shea.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Toliver and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Higgins.

Over 400 million persons suffer from trachoma. For 5c the United Nations Children's Fund can provide antibiotic ointment to save one of them from blindness.

(Continued from Page 1)
ing condition for use at the Merkel location.

Pierce moved to the location east of Merkel approximately one year ago, after a fire destroyed his plant on South Treadaway in Abilene June 21, 1969.

In an interview with Pierce Wednesday morning, he said that as far as the future was concerned "it appears right now we will be back in business."

"We plan to rebuild right here on the same location," said Pierce. "Lots of people have been working real hard and much has already been accomplished in cleaning up."

EVERYONE IS INVITED...COME TO OUR

Winter Wonderland of VALUES

10 BIG SAVING DAYS Start THURSDAY

McKesson AXON THROAT SPRAY
ANTISEPTIC
NOW ONLY \$1.09
REG. \$1.89
7 1/2 GM.

SHADOW-FREE MIRROR
LIGHTE MAKE-UP MIRROR
ONLY \$9.98
REG. \$14.95
U.L. Approved

SYLVANIA FLASH CUBES
12 FLASHES TO A PACKAGE
ONLY \$1.39
REG. \$1.80

McKesson ASPIRIN TWINS
2 BOTTLES 100 EACH
NOW 69c
REG. 89c EA.
A BIG BUY IN A SPECIAL PACKAGE

PAPERMATE SLIM SET
SPECIAL OFFER
ONLY \$2.95
REG. \$3.95

COMBINATION HI-INTENSITY LAMP
TV LAMP DESK LAMP NITE LIGHT
SPECIAL OFFER!
NOW ONLY \$5.98
REG. PRICE \$9.95

SK-1 CLAIROL UNDERARM SHAVERS
SPECIAL GIFT OFFER!
ONLY \$9.29
REG. \$13.99

FALL & WINTER SHADES ONE SIZE FITS-ALL PANTY HOSE
\$4.00 VALUE 2 PAIR FOR ONLY \$2.49
INCLUDES GIFT WRAP AND CARD

8 TRACK PORTABLE BATTERY OPERATED TAPE DECK
ADAPTABLE TO A.C. OR CIGARETTE LIGHTER
SALE \$29.95
REG. \$39.95

ELECTRIC SCISSORS
NOW ONLY \$5.99
REG. \$9.95

AMITY TRIFOLD
SPECIAL HOLIDAY GIFT OFFER!
NOW ONLY \$3.99
REG. \$6.00

SOLID STATE CHASSIS POWERFUL POCKET RADIO
ONLY \$6.99
REG. \$9.95
COMPLETE WITH CARRYING STRAP

GILLETTE SOFT & DRI 5 OZ. ONLY 79c
REG. \$1.35

SPECIAL 1 YEAR GUARANTEE 100% WETPROOF-U.I. 3 HEAT HEAT PAD
NOW ONLY \$2.95
REG. \$4.95

K-20 KINDNESS INSTANT HAIRSETTER by CLAIROL
SPECIAL \$15.88
REG. \$26.99

MAALOX
ONE GALLON AUTOMATIC - STEAM VAPORIZER
SPECIAL OFFER LOW-LOW PRICE ONLY \$3.29
REG. \$4.95

McKesson SOOTHE SKIN LOTION
USED IN MOST LEADING HOSPITALS
ONLY 58c
REG. 89c 8 OZ.

RECORDING TAPE
3 ROLLS 3' x 150'
77c
REG. 85c ea.

UNION CARBIDE BATTERIES
POWER TO SPARE
4's SPECIAL 69c
REG. 99c

AXON DECONGESTANT CAPS
10's ONLY 77c
REG. \$1.29

McKesson COLD SORE LOTION
ANTISEPTIC
NOW ONLY 39c
REG. 69c

ORAL OR RECTAL THERMOMETER
SPECIAL ONLY 69c
REG. PRICE \$1.29

AXON COLD TABLETS
DECONGESTANT WITH COUGH SUPPRESSOR
24's 69c 50's \$1.19
REG. \$1.19 REG. \$1.98

McKesson VITAMIN C TWINS
2 bottles 100 mg. 2.38 Value
2 bottles 250 mg. 2.49 Value
2 bottles 500 mg. 2.49 Value

ACTS ON COUGH REFLEX CENTERS McKesson AXON COUGH MEDICINE
CHILDREN 4 OZ.
SPECIAL OFFER ONLY 77c
REG. \$1.29

100's SUPER HI POTENCY VITAMIN / MINERAL CAPS
\$3.95
REG. \$7.89

6.75 oz. Tube CREST TOOTHPASTE
87c
REG. \$1.05

100's EXCEDRIN TABLETS
THE EXTRA-STRENGTH PAIN RELIEVER
ONLY \$1.19
REG. PRICE \$1.59

McKesson MOUTH SPRAY
SPEARMINT or PEPPERMINT
NOW ONLY 59c
REG. PRICE 98c
FRESHENS BREATH INSTANTLY

RELIABLE P. HANDY PRESCRIPTION IS MY MIDDLE NAME.

PRESCRIPTIONS... THE HEART OF OUR BUSINESS

LIBRARY NOTES

By MRS. G. D. McCONNELL

It's that time of year — not exactly a place, a time or thing — but a combination of them all. As Fred told his Uncle Scrooge in Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," — "Christmas is a good time, uncle — a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time — the only time I know of in the long calendar of the year when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely."

Here in the Library we have the "Modern Treasury of Christmas Plays," by Brings, and Dickens' "Christmas Carol" is included.

We have this thin, beautiful volume "The Spirit of Christmas," by Henry Van Dyke, and quote — "If you keep it for a day (Christmas) why not always." Then

there's Horace J. Gardner's "Let's Celebrate Christmas," containing legends, carols, poetry, and stories, and a few recipes. The first chapter has the Greatest Christmas Story Ever Told, from Luke 2:1-20.

We must not forget "The Southern Christmas Book," by Harnett T. Kane. It is the full story from earliest times to the present, of people, customs, conviviality, carols — all the ones we love, and because of the important place feasting occupies in the Christmas festivities of all countries, some more tried and true recipes. How about having some Washington Pie, Lady Baltimore Cake, or even Cracklin' Bread?

Still early enough to use "New Ideas for Christmas Decorations," by Nora Fields, and to read this charming book, "The Kitchen Madonna," by Ruman Godden.

WIG SHOWING

Monday, Dec. 7-9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Durwood Nevills Will Be In Our Shop to Display the Latest Styles in Wigs.

We Invite All of Our Customers and Friends to Come By for the Wig Showing.

NORMA'S BEAUTY SHOP

139 EDWARDS MERKEL 928-5311

MERKEL DRUG

MERKEL, TEXAS

LEGAL NOTICE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 42nd Dist. Court of Taylor County, of the 12th day of November 1970, by of said for the sum of \$51,230.76 Dollars and costs of suit, under a, in favor of Bank of Commerce in a certain cause in said Court, No. 32735-A and styled Bank of Commerce vs. Raven Oil Co. Inc. et al, placed in my hands for service, I George Maxwell, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 19th day of Nov. 1970, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows to-wit:

A Lease dated May 19, 1964, by and between J. Harold Walsh, to wit: Lessors, and Jim B. Curry as Lessee, covering the North 1/2 of the George Hancock Survey No. 406, Taylor County Texas, recorded in Vol. 735, page 237, Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, covering all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, being the North 1/2 of the George Hancock Survey No. 406, Abstract No. 100, in Taylor County, Texas, being described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at the NW corner of the said George Hancock Survey, and running E 1963 varas to the NE corner of the said Survey and SW corner of Jessie Webb Survey.

THENCE South 928 varas to the center of the East boundary line of the said Hancock Survey;

THENCE West along a line of fence running East and West through the center of said Hancock Survey 1964 varas to the West line of said Survey;

THENCE North 999 varas to the place of beginning and con-

taining 327 acres of land, more or less, all of my right, title and interest therein.

B. Oil and Gas Lease from C. M. and Hal Sayles to Gene Golts, dated Jan. 13, 1955, recorded in Vol. 765, page 23, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, and covering

The West 420 acres of Section 1, Block 5, T&P Railway Co. Lands, Taylor County, Texas.

C. All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, being all of Lot 39, Block L, Section 1, of the NORTH INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT to Abilene, as shown by replat of said NORTH INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT recorded in Volume 97, page 100, Deed Records of Jones County, Texas.

All as is more fully described in the Deed of Trust and being the same lien being described in a certain DT of record in Vol. 432, page 429, of the Deed of Trust Records of Taylor County, Texas, and Vol. 131, page 565, of the Deed of Trust Records of Jones County, Texas, they being renewal and extensions of a Deed of Trust in Vol. 425, page 588, of the Deed of Trust Records of Taylor County, Texas, and Vol. 130, page 630, of the Deed of Trust Records of Jones County, Texas, reference to which record is herewith made for all purposes and levied upon as the property of Raven Oil Co. Inc. et al and that on the first Tuesday in Jan. 1971, the same being the 5th 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 Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for each, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Bank of Commerce.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once each 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 23 day of November, 1970.

GEORGE MAXWELL, Sheriff Taylor County, Texas

By R. P. Blackley, Deputy. 39 4tc

**WANT ADS
GET RESULTS!**

EYES EXAMINED VISUAL TRAINING

CONTACT LENSES

DR. ED DRESSEN

OPTOMETRIST

Phone 677-6331

504 Cedar St.

Abilene, Texas

Special Limited Time Offer!

**FREE
Installation
EXTENSION
PHONES**

A Wonderful Gift Idea!

Come in and select your own extension phone now, or call today for full "Gift Service" details. No Installation Charge.

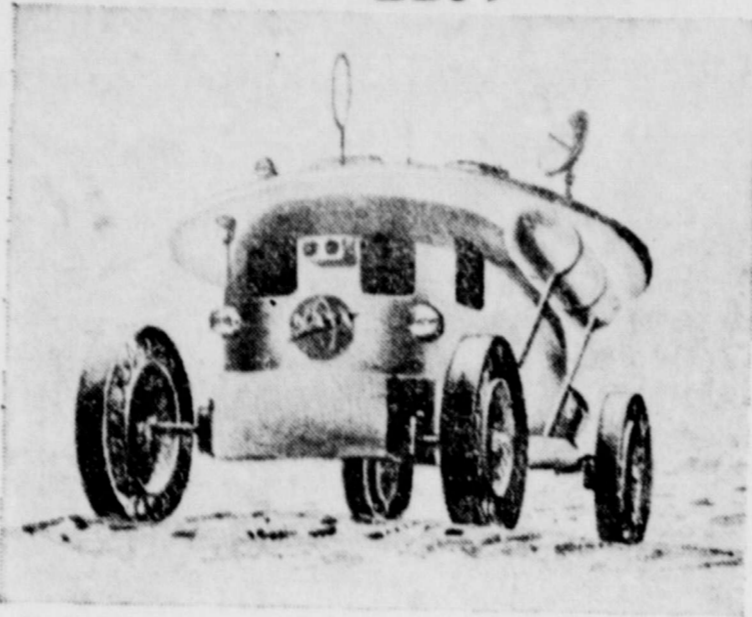
This offer good through December 31, 1970.

Excludes PBX and multi-line extensions.



Merkel Telephone Company

Moon Buggy, U.S.A.



When Apollo 14 astronauts Shepard, Roosa and Mitchell land on the moon early in 1971 they'll have to depend on old fashioned foot power for their exploration. Although Russia has put an unmanned vehicle on the moon, futuristic man-driven moon buggies like this Bendix Molab, depicted in the Grosset All-Color Guide "Rockets and Missiles," by John W. R. Taylor, are slated to be utilized by United States astronauts in later space flights. The liberally illustrated book, one of a series of twenty reference guides on various subjects, traces rocket use back 1,000 years. The author reports on the role lunar scooters like this Molab, which has flexible wheels to provide stability without risk of excessive "bouncing", will play in future moon trips.

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: Jack Allen Gee, 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 21 day of Dec. A.D. 1970, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 30 day of Oct. A.D. 1970, in this cause, numbered 5835 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Wanda Diane Gee. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: 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 the 3 day of Nov. A.D. 1970.

(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Gill, Deputy.

37 4tc

Basketball Schedule

December

- 8 - Noodle, here, boys and girls
- 10, 11, 12 - Colorado City Tournament, boys: Hardin - Simmons, Girls
- 15 - Coahoma, here A&B boys, A girls
- 18 - Colorado City, here, A&B boys
- 23, 29, 30 - Stamford Tournament, boys
- 31, Jan. 1, 2 - Hawley Tournament, girls

January

- 5 - Coahoma, there, A&B boys
- 7, 8, 9 - Merkel B Team Tournament
- 8 - Rotan, there, A&B boys, A girls
- 12 - Anson, here, A&B boys, A girls
- 14 & 16 - Winters B Team Tournament

Merkel Independent School District

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

COVERING RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For the Period of September 1, 1969-August 31, 1970

RECEIPTS:	
Local Sources	\$184,334.00
County Sources	31.00
State Sources	230,968.00
Federal Sources	11,044.00
Loans	7,200.00
Sale of Property	410.00
Incoming transfers	3,460.00
Interfund transfers	5,015.00
Time deposits held in bank	500.00
Opening cash balance	121,447.00
Total funds	\$664,409.00

DISBURSEMENTS:	
Budgetary	\$409,009.00
Retirement of current loans	3,616.00
Accounts receivable from CAF	2,428.00
Interfund transfers	5,015.00
Investments purchased	500.00
Prior year payables liquidated	2,303.00
Time deposits	500.00
Cash balance, not including encumbrances	141,038.00
Total	\$564,409.00

Signed: MACK FISHER
Superintendent of Merkel Schools

Stith
News
By MRS.
FRITZ HALE



The Rev. M. F. Conley of Kilgore brought the message at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday morning, Nov. 20. Visitors attending were Mrs. Conley, the Rev. and Mrs. Skiles Watson of Freeport, Mrs. Clara Dwiggin, Abilene, and Mrs. Margaret Craig, Graham.

Those having Thanksgiving Dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley were the Rev. and Mrs. Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Alanzo Peterson, Merkel, and the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Row, Don Katie and David of Bledsoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Conley of Albuquerque, N.M. and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davis, Abilene, were visitors in the Bradley home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald spent Thanksgiving Day with their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stephenson and Melissa in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Malone, Monica and Haley of Taylor, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malone, the Ding Whisenhunt family and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Hale and the Bobby Malone family visited in Lubbock, Saturday at the Methodist Hospital with Mrs. Jean Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns and Mamie Hardin spent the holidays in Midland with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and Kathy. They also visited the Doug Stephenson family and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baird and children in Odessa. Mr. Harris came for them Wednesday and brought them home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn

and Don, Marsha and David, visited the Mason Barkers at Hodges Thanksgiving Day. Marsha was in a piano recital at the Curtis Head Music Company in Abilene Sunday. Don attended a show at the Abilene Civic Center Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and the Paul Bradleys visited Sunday at the Anson Care Home with Mrs. Nora McDonald and Mrs. Tom Busby.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jack Bedford and children at Oklahoma City, Okla., spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Browning. The Billy

Ray Browning family also visited in the Browning home.
Mrs. A. M. Evans and Mrs. Thelma Dedmon of Abilene attended services at the Hope Church of Christ Sunday morning. Ethel Canida, Abilene, and Mike Hale of Midland visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Thanksgiving Day.

Things In Hell the Church Needs

Some say that you can find good in anything, and most of the time this is true, it is also true of HELL. There will be many "good" people in Hell simply because they did not measure up to the standard of Christ (IIThes. 1:7-9)

Jesus tells of a beggar and a rich man who died. The rich man "lifted up his eyes in Hell (Hades in Revised) and was tormented in the flames." Hell is a real place and this was a "certain" rich man rather than a parable. Luke 16:19-31.

1 Here we learn that in Hell people WILL PRAY. In life the rich man had no time for religion or God and he "just didn't have time to pray" (as some folks put it). But now he pleads for mercy from God, though he had shown no favor to Lazarus A RELIGION THAT WILL NOT DO TO LIVE BY — WILL BE INADEQUATE TO DIE BY.

2 Here he had INTEREST IN OTHERS who are lost. In life his concern was for only himself and that did not include salvation. In Hell it seems everyone will be interested in saving their own families from the lake of fire. Too many "religious" people have no time for others and company in Hell will be little comfort for our indifference.

3. Here there will be A RESPECT FOR GOD'S WORD. But here the rich man wanted something else and God did not provide it. WE MUST EITHER GO GOD'S WAY OR NOT GO TO HEAVEN AT ALL.

4 The rich man finally realized that LIFE IN SIN will result in death in the eternal fire. He could not buy or beg a single drop of cool water in exchange for his possessions. You can't live like a goat and die like a sheep.

In Hell people will know the difference between right and wrong, even though they ignore it now. Hell may some day teach things. BUT IT WILL BE TOO LATE TO DO ANY GOOD.

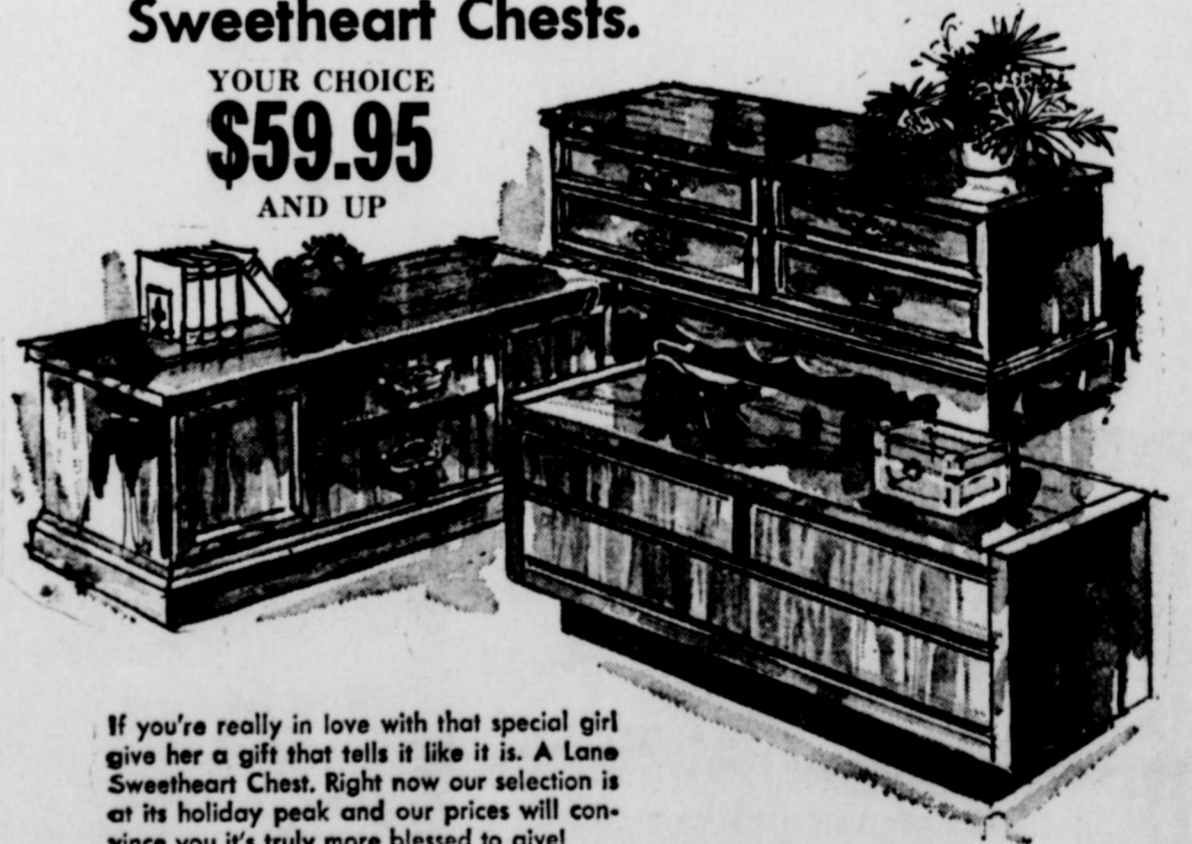
**BILLY PATTON, Minister
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

"COME VISIT WITH US"

Christmas gifts from Lane®

Pick from early american, contemporary, or spanish designed Sweetheart Chests.

YOUR CHOICE
\$59.95
AND UP



If you're really in love with that special girl give her a gift that tells it like it is. A Lane Sweetheart Chest. Right now our selection is at its holiday peak and our prices will convince you it's truly more blessed to give!

* fine veneers and select hardwood solids

STARBUCK FURNITURE

MERKEL, TEXAS

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: Diane L. Oden, 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 18th day of January, A. D. 1971, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 24th day of April A.D. 1970, in this cause, numbered 5464 on the docket of said court and styled Michael David Oden, Plaintiff, vs Diane L. Oden, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married May 3, 1969, and became permanently separated about Nov., 1969. Plaintiff sues for divorce as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 30th day of November A.D. 1970.

(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, Domestic Relations
Court, Taylor County, Texas
40 4/c

Crawford's

GIFTS UNLIMITED

FOR THE FAMILY--WHERE YOU FILL EVERY STOCKING AND SURROUND THE TREE WITH GIFTS OF DISTINCTION FOR EVERYBODY'S LIKING--CHOOSE GIFTS UNLIMITED FROM CRAWFORD'S Carefully Selected Array of Finest Quality!



Super Stock Tie Shirt

to pair off nicely with skirts, vests, pants, culottes.

white 7.99

Other Styles in Red — Gold — Black —

Brown — Navy — Autumn Red — Short

Sleeve — Long Sleeve

from 6.99

Just In Time to

Thrill That
Little Lady
for
Christmas!

SIZES 3X TO 12

from 5.99

Gift Wrap
One for Her



30 Day Charge

Master Charge



By TEXSHEEN

Tunic Pajama 8.00

Matching Duster 8.00

Baby Doll Pajama ... 6.00

Cuddlylon Robes 14.00

100% Nylon Brief ... 1.06

SERENE PILLOW

filled with Fortrell

Polyester Fiberfill

KITTEN SOFT
MACHINE WASHES AND DRIES
NON-ALLERGENIC

8.99

FOR THE OUTDOOR MAN
CIRCULAR KNIT

Thermal Underwear

Each **2.39**

Western Cut Slacks

SOLIDS AND STRIPES

from 10.99

Use Our

Lay-Away

Dress Shirts
Sport Shirts
The Practical Gift



from 4.99

BIG SELECTION OF
Western Shirts

IN SOLID COLORS — PLAIDS
AND STRIPES

from 5.99

LADIES

Slacks and Slack Suits

DOUBLE KNIT

Slacks from 10.99

Suits from 19.99



Empress

TABLE CLOTH

PERMANENT PRESS—NO IRON
MACHINE WASHABLE

60x90 **12.99**

FREE GIFT

WRAPPING

Mens and Boys Socks

By JERKS
Jerk Them Up — They Stay Up
Over the Calf
BLACK — WHITE — GOLD
GREEN — BLUE — TAN

from **1.00**

Mens Briefs and
Under Shirts

By JOCKEY and HANES

3 for **3.39**



HE WILL BE HAPPY AND
HAPPY ON CHRISTMAS IN A
Jacket or Windbreaker
from 6.99

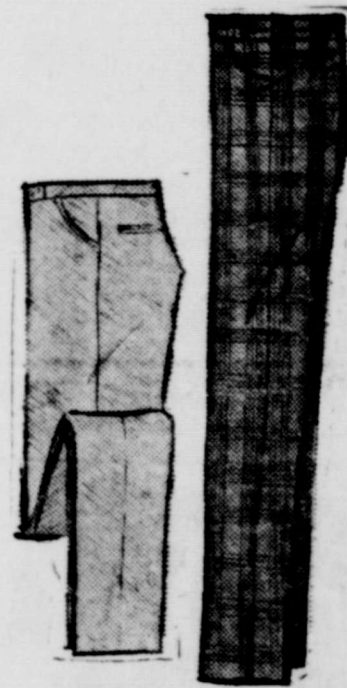
Slacks of Style
and
Quality

10.00

Trim-cut
twill
slacks.

Slacks,
glen plaid
pattern.

11.00



INSULATED BOOTS

FULL GRAIN COWHIDE
FEATHERLITE INSULATION
WEARS LONGER — LOOKS BETTER

19.99

DRESS SHOES

By JARMAN

from **15.99**

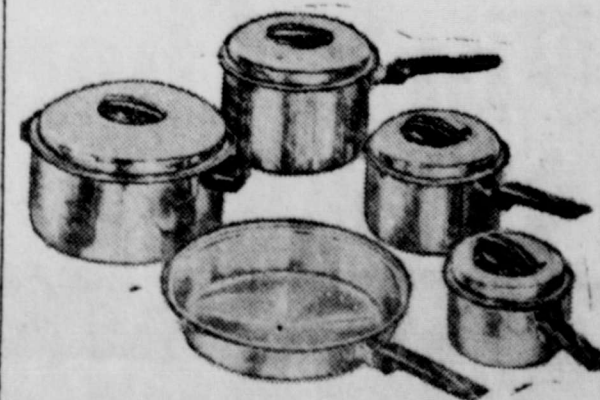
WARM AND COMFORTABLE

Rambler

HOUSE SHOES

By JERKS

3.50



Wearever Aluminum
COOKWARE

7 Piece Set **19.99**

FREE
GIFT WRAPPING

Carlessness
KILLS



OUT OF DARKNESS INTO OBLIVION
It is night and the road is clear; you are pouring on the speed. You overdrive your headlights. Suddenly your headlights pick up the side of a train going over a crossing. You can't stop when you see the train. Consider the horror. The horrible pain of fear for the seconds it takes you to slide from the darkness into oblivion.

CLASSIFIEDS
GET RESULTS

SERVICE
Our Specialty

J. L. FISHER
FINA SERVICE
TWO LOCATIONS
INTERSTATE 20 &
WEST HIGHWAY 80
* * *

MERKEL
AUTO PARTS
921 N. 2nd
WE WELCOME
YOUR BUSINESS

Buy ALL YOU LIKE



You'll Like the LOW PRICES

CANNON BATH

TOWELS

JUMBO SIZE — ASSORTED

Reg. \$1.98
Only

1.29

STOCK UP ON THIS PRICE

DEL MONTE

CATSUP

26 Oz. Bottle

29¢

WITH \$5.00 OR MORE IN TRADE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

FORMICA FLOOR **SHINE** 22 OZ. JAR

79¢

WINDOW REG. 49c CLEANER

WINDEX 20 OZ. BOTTLE

29¢

ALL-SWEET

OLEO 2 Lbs.

49¢

PRICES GOOD THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY DECEMBER 3 - 4 - 5

Frozen Foods

ORE IDA TATER HEAT & EAT **TOTS** 2 Lbs. **39¢**

PATIO MEXICAN STYLE **DINNER** Each **39¢**

WHOLE SUN 6 OZ. **ORANGE Juice** 2 Cans **29¢**

SPRY

All Vegetable No. 3 Can

67¢

FLOUR

Gold Medal 5 Lb. Bag

53¢

MILK

Pet Non Fat 99 2 Tall Cans

25¢

BORDEN

Home Treat Mellorine 1/2 Gal. Ctn.

33¢

CARSON SUPER COUPON

SAVE 40c

with this coupon when you buy the Lb. Can of

YUBAN COFFEE

Lb. Can Only \$1.29 with this Coupon

Cash value 1/20¢ COUPON GOOD DEC. 3 TO DEC. 11th ONLY



BEHOLD

LEMON OIL

FURNITURE POLISH

12 OZ. CAN **69¢**

GLADE

7 Oz. Can

39¢



BORDEN

HOMO 2 MILK

1/2 GALLON

2 for **99¢**

ARMOUR TEXAS BRAND

CHILI No Beans

15 Oz. Can **53¢**

PUREX

BLEACH

1/2 Gal. Bottle **29¢**

SUNSHINE

HI-HO

Crackers 1/2 Gal. BcX **39¢**

VEL

BEAUTY BAR BATH

2 for **39¢**



With Coupon in Rep.-News

Only

29¢

BORDENS 1/2 GAL.

Butter **MILK**

2 for **93¢**

AUSTEX 300 SPAGHETT AND

MEAT BALLS 2 for **53¢**

BIG BOX 4 OZ.

DREAM WHIP BcX **43¢**

BORDENS 8 1/2 OZ. WHIPPED INSTANT

POTATOES Box **33¢**

DEL MONTE 1 1/2 CAN TIBLETS

PINEAPPLE 2 for **49¢**

DEL MONTE 303 W.K.

Golden **CORN** 2 for **43¢**

DEL MONTE 303

Garden **PEAS** 2 for **43¢**

DEL MONTE 303

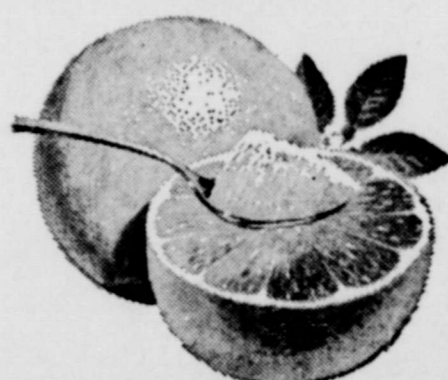
SPINACH 2 for **39¢**

DEL MONTE 303 NEW

POTATOES 2 for **29¢**

TEXAS RUBY RED **GRAPE-FRUIT**

Pound **9¢**



SAVE 15c on

AJAX DETERGENT WITH COUPON Giant Box Only

49¢

Without Coupon 64c

Good at CARSON SUPER MARKET Coupon Good to Dec. 11th

CHOICE BEEF CLUB

STEAK

Pound **98¢**

BACON

ARMOUR STAR POUND

59¢

FRANKS

ARMOUR STAR 12 OZ. PKG.

47¢

Pork Chops

FRESH END CUTS LB.

59¢

STEAK

CHOICE BEEF SIRLOIN LB.

\$1.09

BOLOGNA

HORMEL ALL MEAT LB.

63¢

FRESH COUNTRY BUTTER

LB.

85¢

BEEF

GOOCH BLUE RIBBON STEAK FINGERS PKG.

69¢



WE GIVE GIFT BOND STAMPS

DOUBLE ON WEDS.



TOP JOB

15 Fl. Oz. Bottle

25¢

GIANT SIZE

DOWNY

BOTTLE **63¢**

BLACK HASS **AVOCADOS**

Each **15¢**

MEXICO SWEET **ORANGES**

4 Lb. Bag **39¢**

FRESH Green **BEANS**

Lb. **23¢**

PURPLE TOP **TURNIPS**

Lb. **10¢**

RUSSET **SPUDS**

10 Lb. Bag **39¢**

CARSON'S

SUPER

MERKEL, TEXAS

FRESH VEGETABLES



MARKET

FREE DELIVERY MON - WED - FRI

BEST MEATS IN TOWN