

High School Band Concert Sunday

The Annual Christmas Concert will be presented Sunday, Dec. 20 at 2 p.m. by the Merkel High School Band.

Glenn Reed, Band Director, said there is no charge for the performance and the public is invited to attend.

The approximately one hour program of Christmas Music will include "Christmas Festival," "White Christmas," "Winter Wonderland," and "Let It Snow, Let It Snow."

Also a medley of Christmas songs will be played, including popular and religious.

Christmas Edition

The Christmas Edition of the Merkel Mail will be published this next week, and deadline for copy and advertising will be noon Monday, Dec. 21.

The Christmas Edition will carry greetings from Merkel and area merchants and Christmas messages from local ministers.

If you wish extra copies, please call the Merkel Mail office, so that we may put you on our mailing list.

Merkel Mail readers like to know what people are doing at this Christmas time, and if you have visitors or plan to have visitors during the holidays, please give the Mail a call before Dec. 21 - we would like to publish your visitors' names.

Junior High Band To Give Program

On Friday, Dec. 18 the Junior High School Band, under direction of Mr. Glenn Reed, will present a Christmas program to students in the Primary and Elementary buildings at 10 a.m.

The public is invited to attend.

FOR HOMES

LIGHTING CONTEST DEADLINE TUESDAY

A slow drive around the city last evening reveals that Merkel is ready for Christmas - never have we seen so many glittery decorated trees, windows, shrubs and house fronts!

And if you need that extra something to get in the "Christmas spirit," we suggest taking time out to drive around every street in town, and feast your eyes on the beautiful displays.

Benny Melton, Chamber of Commerce secretary, said Wednesday morning that "even though there were more homes, porches and yards decorated this year, there were, so far, fewer entries in the Home Lighting Contest."

If you would like to have your



WELCOMES GUESTS - The Trent High School Twirlers welcomes band parents and guests to their Christmas Band Concert held this past Sunday. They are, from left, Pat Watson, Peggy Watson, Kathy Jones, head twirler, and Gayla Heatly. The performance featured religious and popular Christmas Carols, under direction of Randy Hamilton. (Staff Photo)

TRENT H.S. BAND PRESENTS CONCERT

Trent band parents and guests were entertained this past Sunday afternoon with a Concert, presented by the band members under direction of Mr. Randy L. Hamilton.

Welcoming parents and guests to the festive occasion were Trent High School Twirlers, Pat and Peggy Watson, Kathy Jones, head

twirler, and Gayla Heatly.

Guests were put in the "Christmas mood" with the band's first selection, "Christmas March," by Paul Herfurth.

Other numbers included, "Strong In Thy Strength," "Christmas Carol Suite," and "Green-sleeves."

Glenn Stanberry, student from McMurry College, narrated the Christmas Story, and the band played selections of Christmas carols.

Other popular Christmas numbers played included, "Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Jingle Bells Rhapsody," "Toyland Waltz," "Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire," and "The Chipmunk Song."

Band personnel include Tina Hamner, Teri Hamner, flutes; Cindy Beasley, Wanda Blair, Gayla Heatly, Brenda Griffith, Petty Watson, Marie Warren and Judy Lacky, clarinets.

Also Pat Watson, bass clarinet; and Kathy Jones, alto saxophones.

Also Jeffery Wells, Bill Griffith, Don Heatly, cornets; Jimmy Adams, baritone; Billy Wells, trombone; James Holt, bass, and Mac Sipe, Shirley Brenem, and Kenny Nance, percussion.

COUNTRY MUSICAL SLATED HERE

A Big County Western Musical is set for Saturday, Jan. 9 and is sponsored by the Merkel Lions Club. It will be held at the Merkel High School auditorium and will begin at 8 p.m.

Lions Club president, the Rev. Jim Sinclair, said this week, "We're going all out for a really outstanding Musical and several recording artists will be on hand."

Spearheading arrangements for the Musical and inviting artists to appear, will be J. W. Brewer, better known to Country - Western music fans as the "Big Auctioneer." Brewer has made several appearances in Merkel and area and plays the part of "Min-

nie Pearl." He has made several ballroom and stage shows throughout Texas during the past six months.

"Right now, we have several signed up for the show," said Brewer, "plus a trick fiddling presentation by Gary Sanders."

Wednesday morning Brewer said that he had "added a Magician to the show."

"We will have Winn Wizard, outstanding magician from this area, to present a thirty minute show," said Brewer.

The Magician has performed for shows in Chicago, New York, and other cities throughout the United States, and Brewer said, "We're real glad to be able to schedule him for our Jan. 9 show."

Tickets for the two and one-half hour performance went on sale this week and may be purchased from any of the Lions Club members. Prices are \$1.00 for adults and 75 cents for students.

Members handling tickets include Sinclair, David Gamble, Frank Breaux, Edwin Read, Cyrus Pee, Dave Brumbeau and Ray Wilson.

Also Dr. Don Warren, Booth Warren, the Rev. Newton Daniel, Nolan Palmer, W. R. (Pinky) Cypert, Bill Button, Wren Durham, Police Chief Boyd Baker and Herman Carson.

Proceeds from the Musical will be used by the Lions Club for their "Help the Needy" projects.

Badger Returnees

In listing returnees for the Badger team in last week's Merkel Mail, four players were unintentionally left from the list. They are Ray Young, Delbert Bratcher, Larry Hewitt and Eddie Merrell.

"We have several on the Junior Varsity whom we'll be counting on next year," said head coach, Paul Woodfin, "and we already have the junior varsity set for next year."

The total number of returnees number eight, said Woodfin.



WAYNE THOMPSON
... exemplary performance

Airman Receives Recognition

Truett Wayne Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Truett Thompson of Merkel, was recently selected as the Outstanding PRIDE Airman of Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, for the month of October. He was selected over his contemporaries because of "his exemplary performance, dedication and initiative."

"Working conditions in Southeast Asia are trying and inferior to Stateside," said USAF Commander E. J. Walsh, in a letter this week to Wayne's wife, the former Rosalind Golden. "One's efforts often go unrecognized and the only reward received is the personal satisfaction of knowing you have done your best."

"Your husband is to be commended for this outstanding achievement. His many contributions have greatly enhanced our mission. Wayne has been a credit to the United States Air Force and to his family."

Airman Thompson entered the Air Force in June 1967.

Lunch Program Will Feed More Students

Approximately 50 more Merkel students will be eligible to participate in the free or reduced lunch program after the first of the year.

Recently the Merkel School Board adopted new regulations and standards to comply with the National School Lunch Act which broadens the scope of the lunchroom program involving free lunches or reduced price lunches.

Monday each student was given information and application forms about the program to take home to his parents. Parents who feel that their children will be eligible are requested to fill out the application form and return to the child's school.

Mrs. Velma Rutledge, lunchroom supervisor for the Merkel Independent School District, said that the district has recognized the need for helping meet the nutritional needs of children, and has served a well-balanced nutritious lunch each school day.

"Lunch is served at noon and is planned to provide one-third of the nutrients students need each day," said Mrs. Rutledge. "We always serve meat or meat alternate, two vegetables or one vegetable and one fruit or two fruits, bread, butter, milk and a dessert. The food is wholesome, well prepared and served in an appetizing manner."

Charge for students who can afford to pay is 30 cents for primary students, 35 cents for elementary students and 40 cents for high school students.

Mrs. Rutledge urged parents to encourage their children to eat lunch at school.

"We believe the lunches are wholesome, nutritious and a bargain," said Mrs. Rutledge. "And parents are invited to visit the school and see our lunch program."

Mack Fisher, Merkel School Superintendent, said, "Since some families may find it difficult to pay full price for their children's lunches, we will provide these lunches free or at a reduced price to those children whose families cannot afford to pay the full price."

Children from families whose income is zero dollars to \$1,200 for a family size of one to a family size of eight and maximum income of \$5,100 are eligible to receive lunches free.

Reduced price lunches will be available to children from a family size of one with a minimum income of \$1,200 to a family size of eight with a maximum income of \$5,280.

Fisher said in deciding if children are eligible for either a free or a reduced price that also taken into consideration will be any unusual circumstances such as prolonged illness in the family, unexpected expenses due to fire, flood or any other disaster of this nature, seasonal unemployment and similar emergency situations.

"Parents who feel that their children may be eligible for free or reduced price lunches are urged to apply," Fisher said.

Applications will be reviewed by principals within 20 days. Parents will be notified promptly as to the decision of their application. If the application is approved and the children are eligible to receive a reduced price lunch, the amount the parents will be expected to pay will be included in this notice.

"But," Fisher added, "if the parents feel that he cannot pay this amount, then he may talk with the principal and his application will be reviewed with the parent to determine if different arrangements should be made." Applications will be reviewed

by primary and elementary principal, Leon Walker and high school principal, Edwin Read. If an appeal is made by any parents, the application and appeal must be presented to Fisher.

If an application is rejected, the reason for rejection will be clearly stated in the notice. This notice will also tell the parents how and to whom to appeal the decision.

Fisher said that in September an average of twenty free lunches were served per day.

"We have 700 children on the rolls now, but the average served daily will not be this much," he said.

Fisher said that the school district is reimbursed 30 cents for

each free lunch served with milk and 30 cents for each reduced price lunch served with milk.

He urged parents to respond to the applications forms as soon as possible.

"All applications will be handled privately and all information will be kept strictly confidential," he said. "Children who receive free or reduced price lunches will be treated in the same manner as those who pay the full price for their lunches."

He emphasized that every possible effort will be made to make sure that no one, other than the person or persons reviewing the applications, know which children pay and which children do not pay for their lunches.

TO GOODFELLOWS

REQUESTS EXCEED CONTRIBUTIONS

Requests have begun to come in for help at Christmas time, according to Mrs. W. R. Cypert, co-chairman with Lawrence Hewitt for this year's Goodfellows.

Requests that cover almost everything that helps to make Christmas a happier time for those in need...

One mother writes: "My husband has been out of work for the past six months and we have just about spent all of our money on food. We have six children and they do need warm clothing and some shoes. We are not going to ask for toys, because our children would be just happy to have some clothing."

And another: "We thank God for the few things we have, and we aren't going to ask for much. Just a few toys for our five children - two boys and three girls, all under the age of 12. If you can help us, we will certainly appreciate it."

Mrs. Cypert said that most of the requests had been for food and clothing, with a few asking for toys.

"No request has been unreasonable," she said, "and this makes us want to do more to help people like this."

Goodfellow donations have come in at a slow pace this past week, however, Hewitt said he felt sure that contributions would "pick up

considerably before the deadline for the store to open."

Goodfellow headquarters this year will be the Mellinger building, and persons having good, clean clothing may call either Hewitt or Cypert.

Headquarters will be open Dec. 21 and 22 and Hewitt said that volunteers would be needed to help operate the store for the two days.

"We have had several to call in offering their time," said Hewitt, and for this we are grateful, but we do need more helpers."

Persons who wish to contribute money may contact either Hewitt or Mrs. Cypert or may bring or mail their contributions, marked Goodfellows, to the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Merkel, Texas.

Contributors to date, including last week's names, follow:

Contributions	
Dorcas Sunday School Class	\$10.00
Paul Reed	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barnett	5.00
Mr. Elmer Patterson	10.00
Modelle Eoff	5.00
Merkel Optimists	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baccus	5.00
H. B. Robertson	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Finch	5.00
W. A. Witcher	5.00
TOTAL	\$105.00

TDPS:

DRIVE WITH CAUTION DURING HOLIDAYS

AUSTIN - Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, warned today that traffic crashes in Texas over the Christmas and New Year holiday periods may claim as many as 87 lives.

He said 52 deaths are expected in the 78 hours of Christmas from 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24 to midnight, Sunday, Dec. 27. He also estimated 35 traffic deaths during the New Year holiday from 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31 to midnight Sunday, January 3.

Speir said the Department of

Public Safety will place all available patrolmen on the highways during both holiday periods to enforce the law and aid motorists. He added that many local law enforcement agencies will be joining in this all-out effort to reduce the number of holiday accidents.

The DPS director said a special "Operation Motorcade" would be in effect over both holiday periods, during which periodic tabulations of traffic fatalities will

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Parent-Teacher Meeting

The Merkel Parent Teacher Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17 at the High School Auditorium.

Program will be a presentation by the Junior High School Band, under direction of director, Glenn Reed.

The public is invited.

Last-Stop Christmas Shopping

There are always "problem" people on your gift list. A "little something" isn't enough, or you don't know sizes in wearables or tastes in fragrances, the usual last-minute choices. Don't despair. Browse through the small appliance department and Prestol - you'll find happy ideas galore for a gift of time, beauty, convenience, or just downright fun!

For a working wife a modern pressure cooker in bright avocado or harvest gold finish will give her extra leisure because it cooks all kinds of foods three to ten times faster. Or, consider the new speedy vertical broiler that works like a toaster, cooking both sides of meat at once. Clean, smokeless, portable.

Your groovy teen niece always fusses with her hair - there's a compact set of electric curlers that works in minutes. All curlers heat at once, and a "magic dot" on each says "ready." A grand present for mother will borrow a professional mist hair dryer that conditions and moisturizes then dries hair quickly. And to check the total "look," a brand-new three-way lighted no-glare make-up mirror for wrap-around viewing.

The Joneses make dreadful coffee. To give them a superb brew, how about a new automatic coffeemaker with an exclusive flavor selector that adjusts to any of five settings, from mild to strong. An inner filter bas-



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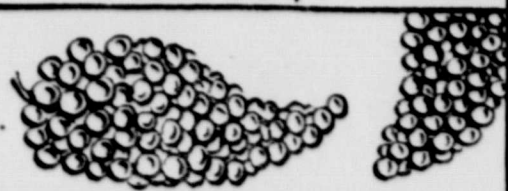
ket insures clean, clear, better-tasting coffee.

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Training Union 6 p.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.

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JAMES SINCLAIR, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00
Morning Worship 11:00
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Kenneth Jones, pastor

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Radio Broadcast 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Radio Broadcast 11:00 a.m.
Youth Choir 5:00 p.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Midweek Service 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH
307 El Paso St.
W. G. Richardson, pastor
SUNDAY
Bible School 10:00
Worship Service 11:00
Evening Service 7:00
WEDNESDAY
Evening Service 7:00

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
James Merrell, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45
Worship Service 10:55
Youth Meeting 6:00
Evening Worship 7:05
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Group 7:30

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
John Curtis, pastor

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45
Preaching 11:00
Evening Preaching 7:30

WEDNESDAY
Mid-Week Evangelistic Service 7:30
Mid-Week Service 7:30 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
5th and Runnels
Herschel Smith, pastor
SUNDAY MORNING
Sunday School 10:00
Worship Service 11:00
SUNDAY EVENING
Training Union 6:30
Worship Service 7:00
WEDNESDAY
Evening Service 7:30

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Billy Patton, pastor
SUNDAY
Bible School 9:45
Morning Worship 10:30
Evening Worship 6:00
WEDNESDAY
Bible Classes 7:30

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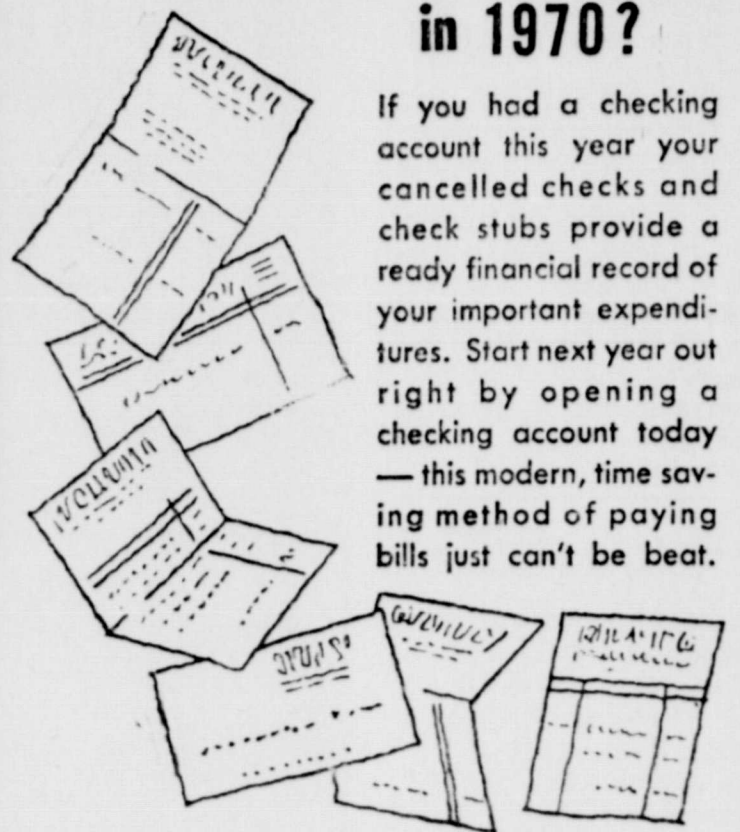
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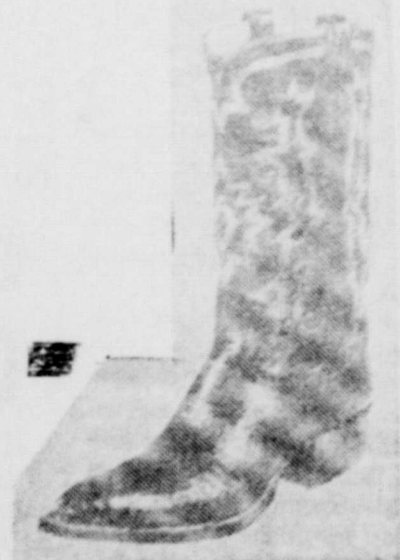


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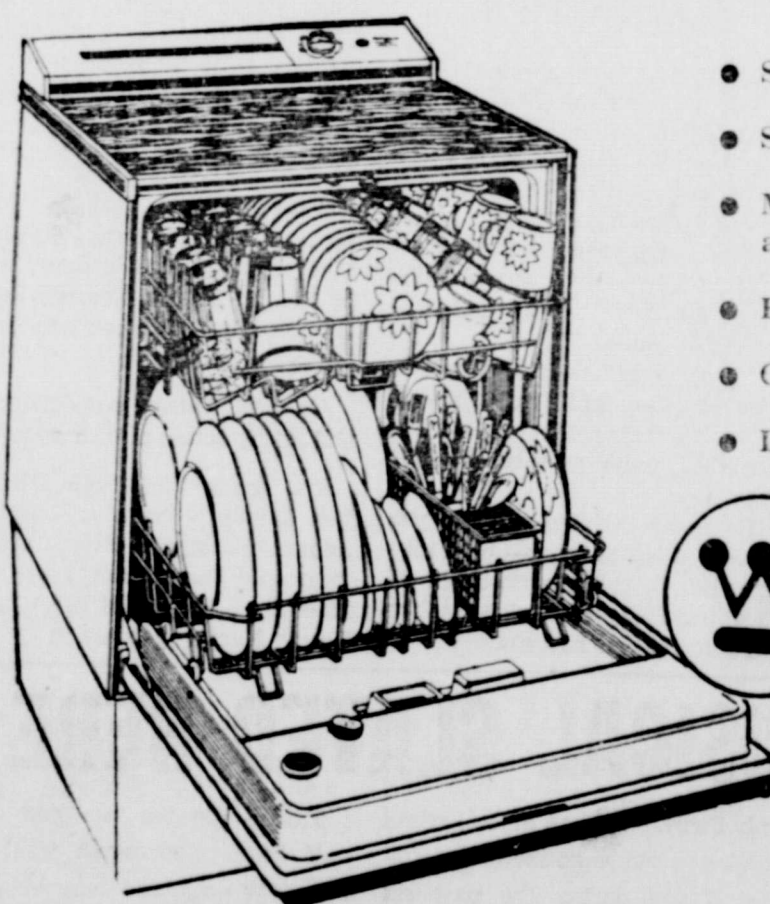
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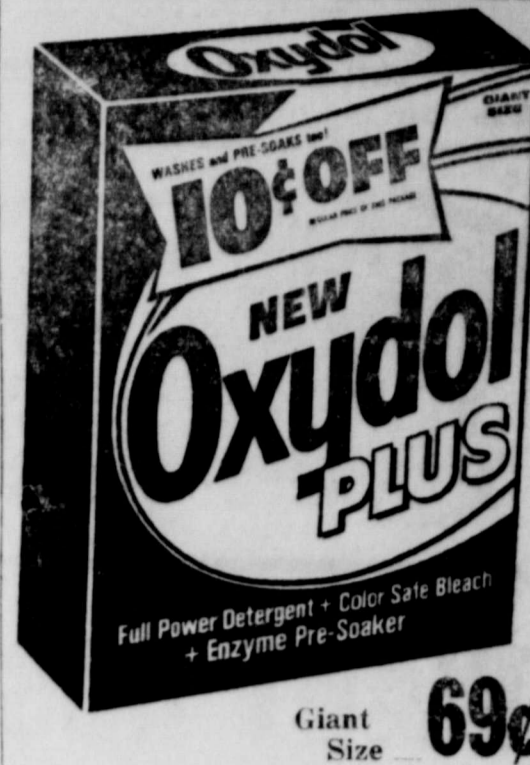
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ROY MASHBURN, Sec'y.

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NEW ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shugart announce the birth of a boy, born Sunday, Dec. 13 at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

The baby weighed nine pounds and was named Markus Christopher.

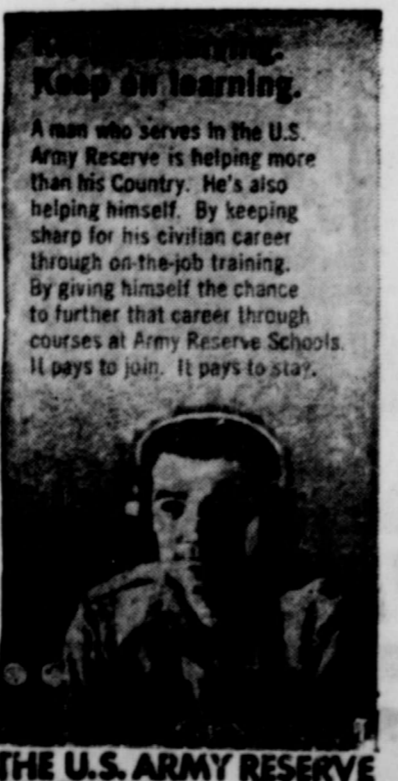
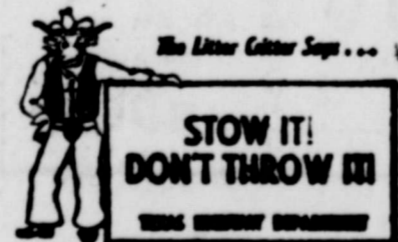
Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Hardy Fitzgerald, Merkel, and paternal grandparents, Mrs. Odessa Shugart, Merkel, and Howard Shugart, El Paso.

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be made and given the widest possible dissemination in order to focus public attention on the added dangers involved in holiday travel.

"We urge each individual driver to join in these efforts and help us prove the estimate of 87 fatalities too high. Many holiday accidents can and will be prevented if Texans will adopt 'Drive Friendly' as their personal slogan while behind the wheel." Speir added.



WORLD WAR I VETS MEET FOR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Merkel - Trent Barracks and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of World War I met for a Christmas Party and installation of officers Tuesday at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building.

Guests introduced by Commander Karl Bonneaux were Ed Kendall, commander of the Abilene Barracks No. 1667, and Mrs. Kendall, president of the Abilene Barracks Ladies Auxiliary, and Albert Haile, past District 17 Commander and Mrs. Haile, past District 17 president of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Also Commander Hugh Huckaby and Mrs. Huckaby of Rotan Barracks No. 1577, George McBeth, past 17th District Chaplain and Mrs. McBeth, Rotan Barracks.

McBeth, guest speaker for the occasion, spoke on "being thankful for the good things in life."

Mr. Haile installed 1971 officers for the Veterans and Mrs. Haile, officers for the Ladies Auxiliary.

Forty-five members and guests were served a turkey dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kidd of Sylvester were visitors and both are new members and another visitor, Mrs. Golda Malone of Merkel.

Plans were made to go to Big Spring Veterans Hospital for the Annual Christmas Party, given each year by the Merkel and Abilene Barracks, along with the Ladies Auxiliary. Gifts and \$1 bills will be distributed to all the veterans in the hospital. Cookies and fruit punch will be served to all able to attend the party. Gifts will be distributed to veterans not able to leave their rooms, said Bonneaux.

Couple to Note Anniversary

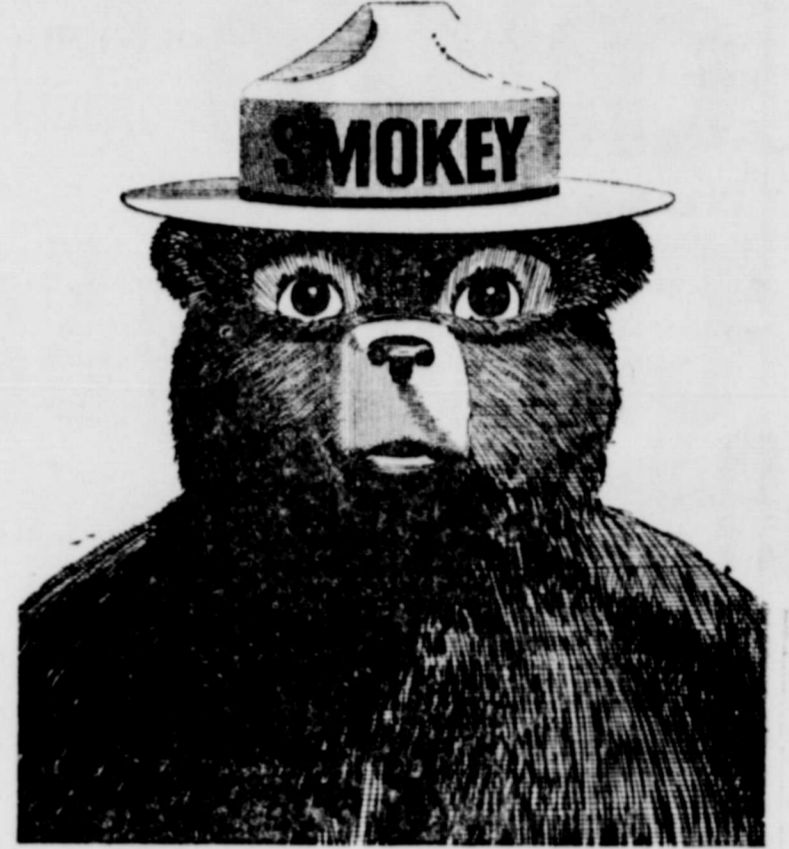
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Douglas will be honored Sunday, December 20 at their home at 306 Rose Street, on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Hosting the celebration will be their children; C. J. Douglas, Gene Douglas and Mrs. L. S. Tipton.

The children and their families join their parents in inviting all relatives and friends to call between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m.

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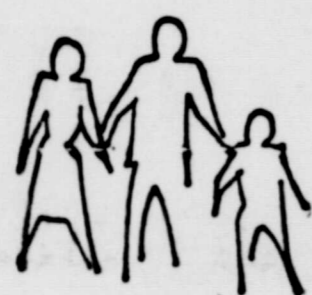
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Worship this week



Beneficial Launches Christmas Record To Aid Senior Musicians

NEW YORK, N. Y. — Just released is "Joyous Christmas, Volume 4," a festive album of traditional Christmas songs featuring Columbia recording stars: Leonard Bernstein conducting the New York Philharmonic and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Johnny Cash, John Davidson, Doris Day, Nelson Eddy and Johnny Mathis.

Appearing on the album also is the Senior Concert Orchestra, conducted by David Mendoza, playing newly recorded arrangements of favorite holiday music and the Beneficial Singers singing "Joyous Christmas" especially written for these albums by Johnny Marks, famous composer of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." Joyous Christmas, Volume 4 introduces Bess Arlene, a coloratura soprano in her recording debut. This stereo record is sponsored by the Beneficial Finance System for the benefit of the Senior Musicians Fund.

Miss Arlene sings "Rejoice Greatly" from Handel's "The Messiah," accompanied by the Senior Concert Orchestra. Currently appearing with the National Company of the Metropolitan Opera, Miss Arlene has also appeared in concert with the Orchestra. The Senior Concert Orchestra presents concerts made possible by grants from the Beneficial Corporation. As Chairman DeWitt J. Paul said on receiving an outstanding service award from



Bess Arlene

the Senior Musicians: "Beneficial and other corporations realize the importance of sustaining the vitality of our cultural environment. It is fitting in a democratic society that the business community, representing thousands of individual stockholders, takes on this role."

Recordings, concerts and continuing interest in young, talented artists are all part of the activities of the Senior Musicians, demonstrating that age is no barrier to artistic excellence. Their new album "Joyous Christmas, Volume 4" is now available for \$1.25 donation to the Senior Musicians at the nearly 1,800 offices of the Beneficial Finance System. (NP Features)



GOLD STAR HONOREE — Lee Ann Holloway was presented a ring at the Taylor County Home Demonstration Association's Christmas Party this past Friday. Mrs. Guy McCarty Sr., right, made presentation of ring, and \$100 to the 4-H Gold Star Girl at the event held at the Lawn Community Center. At left is Mrs. Elgie Ham, Lawn HD president. (Photo Courtesy The Abilene Reporter-News)

Howard Baird Services Held

James Howard Baird, 64, died Monday, Dec. 14 in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene after an illness of one year.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Assembly of God Church in Merkel with the Rev. John Curtis, pastor, and the Rev. H. S. Earp of Abilene, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Baird was born in March,

1906, in Albertville, Ala., and moved with his parents to the Mt. Pleasant Community south of Merkel in 1913. He moved to the 5th Community in 1920 and married Estelle Bockman Nov. 3, 1928 at Eola. They moved to Merkel in 1941. He was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors are his wife; four sons, James M. of Merkel, Billie M. and Robert C., both of Abi-

lene, and Gary L. of Cleveland, Okla.; one daughter, Mrs. Jim (Linda) Emmerson of Hawthorne, Calif.; three brothers, Homer and Lonnie, both of Merkel, and Albert of Fort Worth; two sisters, Mrs. Inogene Williams of Merkel and Mrs. Eunice Isenberg of Canton; 12 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Nephews were pallbearers.

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guest speaker.
Mrs. Jacobson spoke to the twenty members and guests on her years of service as a missionary in Africa. Her topic was "Peace I Give to You."

Calvary Ladies Hear Missionary

Ladies of the Calvary Baptist had a Christmas Luncheon at the Merkel Restaurant December 14 with Mrs. Alta Jacobson, Foreign Language professor at Hardin - Simmons University as



W. C. Burluson Dies at Age 89

Funeral services for William C. Burluson were held Wednesday, Dec. 16 at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor, and the Rev. Tom Eiler of Hawley Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Burluson died Monday in Starr Nursing Home after a lengthy illness.

Born Dec. 2, 1881 in Tupelo, Miss. he moved to Grayson County with his parents in 1892. He married Sallie Stanley in 1904 in Sherman. They moved to Jones County in 1928 where he farmed until the death of Mrs. Burluson in March, 1965. He retired in 1966 and moved to Merkel.

Survivors are four sons, Lois of Tucson, Ariz., Dale of Paradise, Kan., Joe of Hawley and Gene of Sweeney; one daughter, Mrs. Pauline McArthur of Snyder; one sister, Mrs. Medie Harmon of Sherman; three half brothers and two half sisters; 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Robert Higgins, Benny Rogers, Woodrow Rogers, Vernon Stanler, Howard Carson and Ed Sandusky.

Merkelites' Kin In Baton Corps

Lannie Pyburn, seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Pyburn of Odessa, is a member of the Starettes Baton Corps, which marched in the Kermit Christmas Parade Dec. 10. The Starettes will march in the Odessa Rodeo Parade Jan. 2.

The young Starette is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray of Mulberry Canyon and Mr. and Mrs. George Pyburn of Roby.

Doctrine and Christianity - No. 2

God has the authority (right to command and expect obedience) over every human being for 3 basic reasons:

- 1 God has the power to create all things including human beings. God's power by which he created man and woman and the laws that sustain us gives him the right to command us — Romans 9:20, 21. If you do not have that power, you do not have the right to make spiritual laws for man to follow.
- 2 God paid the price, through his Son, for your sins. If you do not have that power, you do not have the right to make spiritual laws for man to follow. (The only way you can pay for your sin is in an eternal hell.)
- 3 God revealed the COMPLETE TRUTH — all facts related to man's needs.

If you do not have that power, you do not have the right to make spiritual laws for man to follow. Many people have worked up "books" that have been put on the level with God's word. By that I mean they write their own books for religion which does not have DIVINE inspiration or revelation and they are without power to create man or pay for their sins, (thus those books belong to what is said in Revelation 22:18, 19.

Jesus Christ, as the Son of God, was and is the heir to that authority, thus he said, "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of The Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to OBSERVE ALL THAT I HAVE COMMANDED you; . . ."

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Howell, a 1948 graduate of Jal, N.M. for four years and this is his second state championship, having won state in 1967. The Panthers won district with a 2-16 win over Eunice, defeated Lordsburg 40-0 in regional and went all the way to win state with a 40-13 win over Kirtland Central.

Howell and his wife, Rachel, live in Jal, where Mrs. Howell is Physical Ed teacher in the public schools and cheerleader sponsor. Their son, Gordon, is a sophomore at Jal High School.

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Approximately 40 attended the Stith HD Club Christmas Party at the Stith Community Center Saturday evening. The party was for the club members and their families. After a turkey supper, Paul Bradley read the Christmas Story. Then, Ole' Santa appeared and handed out gifts from under the Christmas tree. A very enjoyable evening was reported.

Attending the County Christmas Party at the Lions Buiding in Anson Thursday were Mmes. Paul Bradley, Paul Hudman, Roy Mashburn, Wade Shaw and Roger Burfield.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley visited Sunday with Mmes. A. M. Evans, Thelma Dedmon and Mattie Jones at the Shady Oaks Rest Home in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children of Tuscola spent Sunday with the John Brownings. Ross Merritt attended services Sunday at the Stith Baptist Church.

Dorcas Christmas Love Feast Held

The Dorcas Sunday School Class met December 10 at the First Baptist Church for their Christmas Love Feast. A large attendance was present.

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A member of the H-SU Choir is Bill Jones, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones of Merkel.

The program will consist of some relatively new and unknown carols, a new chorus and a standard anthem. Also featured will be a folk trio and a madrigal group.

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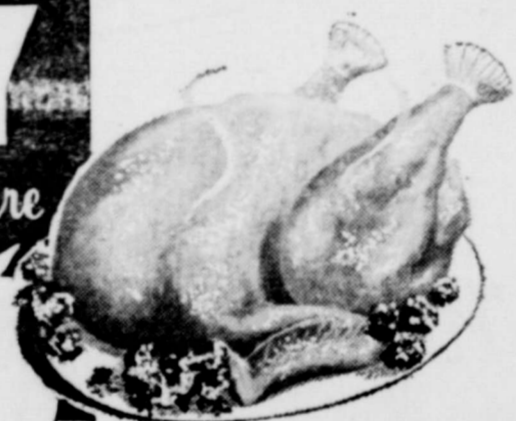
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