

The Merkel Mail

The Senior Citizens
Schedule for December:
Dec. 3 - Singing
Dec. 12 - Luncheon
Day
Dec. 21 - Game Night
Dec. 28 - Fellowship
Supper

Thursday, December 21, 1978...Merkel, Texas

15 cents



The cities Christmas decorations and ol' St. Nick are brought together by staff photographer Glenn Richards' double exposure.

City rebates up

Strong retail sales figures in November led to the city of Merkel receiving a \$5,488.61 check for their share of the five per cent sales tax.

The payment for the same period last year was \$4,111.44 and payments to date total \$31,720.95 in comparison to \$28,884.18 for the same period last year.

The percent increase year to date equals a nine per cent increase over last years rebates.

The Trent sales tax rebates have fallen more than 27 percent over the receipts from last years' sales.

Trent received \$403.45 last month compared to \$419.99 for the same period last year.

Payments to date total \$1,579.17 compared to \$2,177.93 showing a decrease of 27.22 per cent.

The sales figures slipped a little last month but year to date totals still show a 37 percent increase.

Tye received a check for \$3,698.93 compared to \$3,844.75 for the same period last year. The city has received \$33,622.05 thus far this year compared to \$24,489.97 for the same period last year.

Trash pickup one day late next two weeks

The other position at the city landfill was filled last week with the hiring of Robert Lee Jr. The city received federal funds for the hiring of the operators and now the landfill must be operated at both state and federal health standards.

The dump can only be used between the hours of 8 and 5 Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. until noon on Saturdays.

Both Lee and Williams are working at the dump now but the dump will not start closing it's gates until after Christmas.

City Manager J.A. Sadler said that Merkel Sanitation personnel will alter pick-up schedules next week and will run one day late. The change will be in effect the week of Christmas and New Year's Day.

Sign of the Times opens

The Clark Sign of the Times Furniture store on Edwards in Merkel is the towns newest business with grand opening ceremonies happening last Monday at 2:00.

J.A. Sadler, City Manager, M.Ced the ceremonies as local residents and merchants stopped by to wish the new store well in it's business here in town.

The new business is owned and operated by Iola Clark and Anna White. The store will be open 9-5 Monday through Saturday and closed on Sunday.



The Grand Opening of Clark Sign of the Times was held last Monday. Here Iola Clark and Anna

White listen to remarks by J.A. Sadler. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Passing thoughts

by Cloy A. Richards

Christmas wishes. With Christmas only four days away, people tend to get a little philosophical about the yule and New Years season.

The Mail has decided to pass along it's list of Christmas wishes.

We hope that Merkel, Trent and Tye will continue to grow and prosper. Only through growth can those towns better serve the people that make their lives there.

We hope that the farm community, which is vital to the economic health here will receive fair and reasonable profits for their products. If they do not, small agricultural based communities, like us, will be in a state of economic unrest.

We hope for some positive steps to be taken by the Carter Administration and by businesses and labor officials nationwide to curb the spiraling rate of inflation. If continued unchecked, recession is the next step.

We hope for some positive steps forward in the financial plight of our Senior Citizens. People living on a fixed income have no way to keep up with the cost of living, and rising prices of food, clothing and shelter.

We also hope for that elusive yule-time wish of people world-wide of a total peace world-wide. International problems will never be solved until there is world-wide peace. Many problems that are facing the nations of the world could be solved through international cooperation.

And finally, we hope that the Mail can fulfill the task of providing news for and about Merkel. We feel that is the greatest gift we can give. An informed public as to how your tax money is being spent and how your children are being educated is a knowledgeable public. And there are few greater gifts than that of knowledge.

The staff of the Mail thanks the people for their support and business throughout the year. And next year we will try to do our job better.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Cloy, Melanie and Glenn Richards, Cathy and Lillian Pack, and Suzy Rister. We hope you will continue to read our Mail.

What should Santa bring Merkel

by Glenn Richards

Christmas time is here and all through the town people are making out lists of special friends that will be honored with presents this year. After thinking about it we figured that not many of you included our little town of Merkel in with the rest of your friends to be buying presents for. We asked eight of the city's businessmen and town leaders exactly what they would like to see ride in on Santa's sleigh for Merkel this year. Some were realistic and asked for physical changes for the city and some just wanted to see the new year bring in new attitudes for people to relate to. All of the suggestions would benefit Merkel, some more than others, and still others that seem downright imperative.

See if you agree with these suggestions then try to think of some good New Year's resolutions that could help to improve Merkel in the coming year.

Question: What would you like to see on a Christmas list to Santa from the city of Merkel?

Vernon Wade: A million dollars; or more people interested in improving Merkel. People taking part in more public happenings.

Don Hensley: Demolition of some old buildings and paved alleys.

Blanche Hewitt: The ceiling fixed at City Hall.
Lee Presswood: A new high school, immediately.

Raymond Etheridge: A positive attitude in the schools and community for working together.

Don Hart: New streets and curbing, a community that is happy and congenial, that gets along together and works together on various projects.

Lou David Allen: To fix all the chug holes and keep them fixed.

Leroy Austermann: One more full time policeman.

by: Patricia Spradling
Merkel,

"Christmas Memories"

As I look out my window,
Across lovely country fields,
I see Winter's frost,
Upon my window sills,
The aroma of fresh coffee,
A feeling of reminise,
My mind wanders to the joy of Christmas.
I drag out the boxes with decorations from the past,
Memories flooding my mind, keeping me in their grasp.
I can see Grandma over her wood stove,
Baking pies and cakes, spicing with clove.
She made all her gifts, each one with love,
Then gave them to people she thought alot of.
Christmas Eve, Baby Jesus birth was told,
Never, no never did the story grow old.
We hung up our stockings,
Then sipped hot Cocoa,
Grandma sang carols with us,
By the warmth of the stove.
With bed-time very close at hand,
We took our Christmas Eve sleighride,
Across snow glistened land,
Wrapped in blankets to keep us warm,
Full of anticipation of Christmas mornin.
Grandma content, with the joy in our eyes,
We're up before dawn, opening each surprise.
A plump juicy Turkey,
Prepared Grandma's special way,
With all the trimmings, to add to the festivities of the day.
So many years have passed,
Since those childhood days,
Memories to be treasured,
Ah, those wonderful yesterdays.
As I snap back to reality,
And the world of today,
I start making plans,
To make my Children's Christmas, A memory filled holiday!

Merry Christmas



The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill
Attorney General

AUSTIN—The Christmas gift-buying season inevitably is followed by the post-Christmas gift-returning season, and most consumers expect to be able to return or exchange gifts with little or no trouble beyond, perhaps the inconvenience.

But our Consumer Protection Division attorneys say the fact is that stores are not legally required to refund money, exchange merchandise, or accept returned goods for store credit unless the item is defective or is not as represented.

Most merchants, though, are very agreeable about adjustments since this is a form of customer service which encourages repeat business.

Sometimes certain stores may be unable to cooperate fully with the post-Christmas gift returner, because they operate under more restrictive adjustment policies than other establishments. For that reason, our lawyers strongly recommend that shoppers check on store policy before buying gifts that may need to be returned or exchanged.

There are certain instances in which a store is legally required to make adjustments, however. For example, if a store advertised car coats with sheepskin linings, but you discover the lining is actually acrylic pile, you have the right to return the coat for an adjustment.

Or perhaps you ordered a size 12 dress but the store sent a size 14. Or you specified a green table lamp, but got a blue floor lamp. The store must correct its error or make some satisfactory adjustment.

It's important to remember that if a store has advertised goods for a special sale, there may be a "no return" policy on that particular merchandise. Other items such as swim suits, undergarments, and other intimate apparel may always be sold on an "all sales final" basis for the customer's protection.

Just as most stores try to cooperate in making adjustments when possible, most consumers are careful to ask for an adjustment only if it is needed. But a few individuals may attempt to return merchandise that is worn or used, that they damaged themselves, or that they purchased months earlier. In such cases, merchants may rightfully refuse to make an adjustment.

If you find you must return merchandise for an adjustment, our Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division recommends the following:

- Take all tags, price labels, and all sales or charge receipts with you.
- Return goods in their original containers.
- Return the goods to the department where they were purchased, or to the adjustment desk if there is one.
- Explain the reasons for the return.
- If you have a problem with an adjustment you think is deserved, try to settle it with the manager of the store. If that doesn't work, consult the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division in Austin, Houston, Dallas, El Paso, Lubbock, McAllen, or San Antonio.

Study Club holds monthly meeting

The beautifully holiday decorated home of Mrs. Carl Haynes was the place of the Fortnightly Study Club's Christmas Time meeting, Dec. 12. Our honored guests for the afternoon were Mrs. J.C. McGee, Mesquite District President, Texas Federation of Women's Clus, of Knox City and Mrs. W.A. King, District Treasurer, of Weiner, Texas.

Mrs. Carl Hughes introduced Mrs. McGee, who gave her talk on Roots and Fruits of Federation using the Mesquite tree, which is the symbol of our District, as illustration of Unity in Diversity, our motto.

Mrs. Andy Shouse, chairman for the Christmas program, played a beautiful piano arrangement of Silent Night. Mary Collins gave a Christmas poem followed by Mrs. Bobby Elliott singing Christmas Candles. Then Mrs. Don Dudley gave two lovely Christmas stories stressing the theme Christmas is Love which can be demonstrated by each one taking an active part in making others happy and forgetting ones personal feelings regardless of the situation. One receives by giving of oneself.

All joined in singing Christmas Carols and to close the program, a medley of carols were sung

by Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Sandusky, Mrs. Cypert, Mrs. Carl Hughes, and Mrs. Shouse, with Mrs. Haynes pianist.

Those attending along with Mrs. McGee and Mrs. King were: Mrs. Floy Hicks, Mrs. Modell Eff, Mrs. Elliot, Mrs. Allen Forbis, Mrs. Johnny Hammond, Mrs. W.R. Cypert, Mary Collins, Mrs. Don Dudley, Mrs. Charles Eager, Mildred Hamm, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Buster Horton, Mrs. Carl Hughes, Mrs. C.B. Knight, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Mrs. Andy Shouse, and Mrs. Ray Wilson.



Guess who's wishing you a wonderful Christmas season? May the festive spirit be yours throughout the holidays and after!

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Helping you to greetings for a holiday well seasoned with every bright wish.

Thanks for sharing our table.



It's that time of the year . . . when we think of friends & wish them all the best! Merry Christmas!

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44-1tc
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44-1tc
I want to express my appreciation for your visits, phone calls, cards and especially your prayers during my illness here at home. May God Bless each of you in my Prayer.
Mae Seago
44-1tp

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Things got a little rough in the Winters-Merkel I.V. game last week. Whoever said it was a noncontact sport? (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Badgers win one

In a double overtime game the Merkel Badger roundballers took a 58-55 victory from the Winters here on the 12th. The game was a Badgers first district game and a good beginning for a long district race ahead.

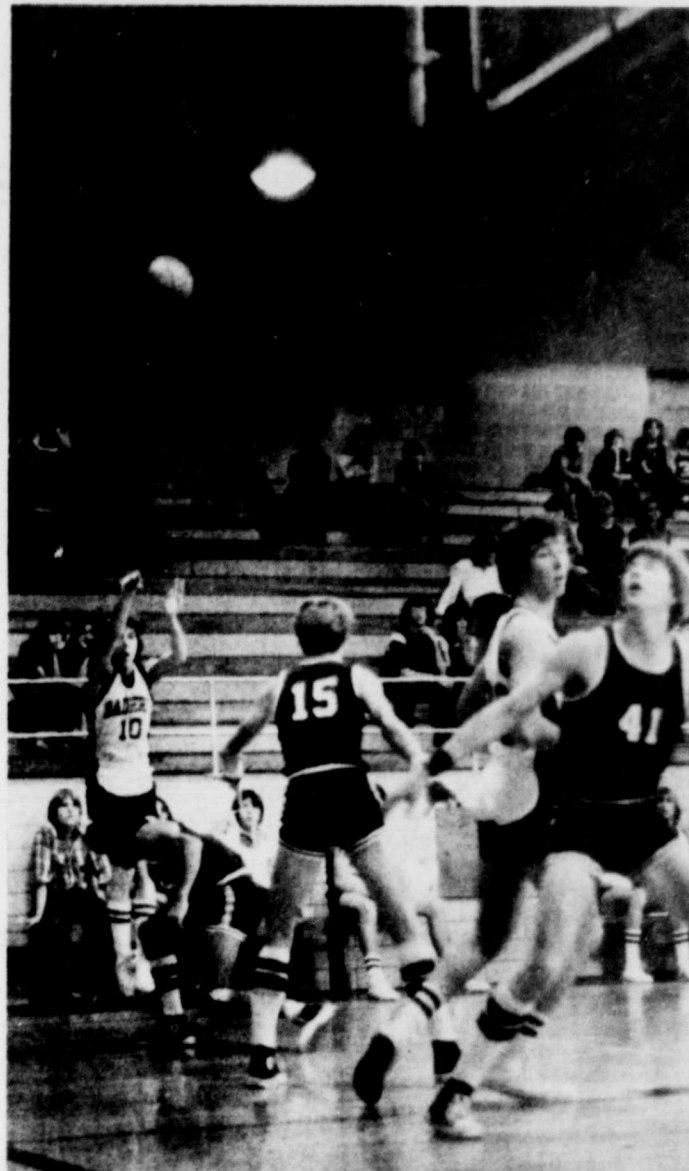
The second of the Badgers 6-2A district games found them on the short end of a lopsided game, 71-32. Ballinger handed the boys the loss with the help from inside shooting from the two post positions. Aikens, a 6'3" post, was high scorer for Ballinger with 21 pts.

"Those big boys were too much for us, we couldn't defend their lay-ups. I expect Ballinger will win our district. They are a strong, big ball club," explained Coach Bartee.

The high scorer for the boys was Mike Sims with 8 pts. The boys were again plagued with poor shooting percentages.

The upcoming Abilene Christian High School Basketball Tournament will be less one team as the Badgers cancelled their appearance there after ACHS cancelled their spot in the Merkel Basketball Tourney.

The Badgers next game will be Dec. 29 against Clydehere starting at 5:00. Only the boys varsity will play for the boys.



Mike Sims shoots a jumper against Winters to help the Badgers win their first district game. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

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Methodist class meets

The Gleaners Sunday School Class of the First United Methodist Church met in the home of its president, Mrs. T.K. Anderson on Wednesday, December 13.

Rev. Forbis offered grace. Mrs. Anderson read the Christmas Story from St. Luke and Mary's Song. Afterward Mrs. Denzel Cox and Mrs. O.R. Douglas led the class in Christmas Carols. A Christmas offering was made to the Methodist Home in Waco.

Santa distributed gifts to the following: Rev. Forbis, Mdmes. Forbis, Anderson, Cox, Douglas, Dewel McLean, Floyd

Davis, Pet Touchstone, Kenneth Pee, Viola Ensminger, W.S.J. Brown, Grimes, Lola Stockbridge, Lottie B. Everett, O.E. Harwell, John Shannon, Mary Click, C.A. Cox, Johnny Cox, and misses Louise Hudson, Mabel McRee and Bessie Reidenbach.

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Merry Christmas

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A & A Shell
 Jimmy, Mitchell, Bubba, Johnny

Xi Nu Chi holds monthly meeting

Xi Nu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Kathy Leverich for their regular monthly meeting. A short business meeting was held and standing committees made their reports. Pat Neff reported on the Christmas Party. Kathy Leverich was chairman of the program on "Career". Kathy stated there cannot be very much in the modern world which receives more attention than how to use a career. There is career advice for everyone, high school graduates, college graduates, women, men, teenagers, homemakers, and anyone else you

care to name. Most of the career advice you see is directed at succeeding in a career and making the most money possible by participating in it. Certainly, one of the basic and most important reasons for having a career at all is earning money. Refreshments were served to the following members: Betty Allday, Jocille Brady, Louise Dubose, Liz Eager, Connie Harris, Rose Etheridge, Pat Neff, Charlotte Starbuck, Mamie Steck, Ginny Yaddow, Connie Ybarra, and the hostess, Kathy Leverich.

Methodist meet

The United Methodist Women met in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Forbis for the Christmas program. The living room was beautifully decorated for the holiday season. Outstanding was the collection of miniature lighted churches. Mrs. Forbis, president was in charge of the program. Mrs. Robert Malone played the piano while Mrs. Denzil Cox

and Mrs. Andy Shouse led Mrs. Jack Hogan gave a program on "Are You Ready for Christmas?" It was announced that a Moslem from India, now a converted Methodist, will be the speaker for the covered dish luncheon January 29. This is open to the public. A delicious tea plate was served to Rev.

Forbis, Mdmes, Forbis, Malone, Cox, Shouse, Hogan, Cora Reeves, Vach Hudson, Lynwood Harrison, J.S. Pinckley, John Shannon, Oswald Everett, Tom Allday, T.K. Anderson, W.A. Stakbridge, Wilmer, Criswell, Ray Wilson, Raymond Ferguson, Johnny Cox, and Mabel McRee.

WW1 veterans hold meeting

Members of the Merkel Trent Barracks 2248, Veterans of W.W.I and their auxiliary and guests met at the Taylor Electric Building for their Christmas lunch and party. After a bountiful meal of turkey and all the trimmings, all assembled in the main meeting room around the beautiful Christmas tree

where gifts were exchanged. Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Haile and Mrs. Gordon Howell of Abilene. Members were: Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bonneau, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Lyday, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hart-

ley, Mr. and Mrs. E.O. Harwell, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Poland, Mr. G.N. Reynolds, Mrs. Ruth Baze, Mrs. Irene Strawn, Mrs. Maggie Renfro, Mrs. Dewie Fleming, Mrs. Ruth Cox, Mrs. Mary Mosier, Mrs. Jewell Criswell, Mrs. Trula Cox, Mrs. Ora Griggs, and Miss Mabel McRee.



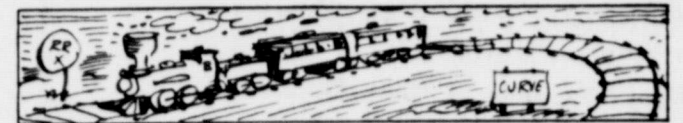
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Five generations of the A.H. McMurray family of Merkel met together recently in a family reunion at the McMurray home here. From left to right are A.H. McMurray, Mrs.

Mildred Snow of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Carlton Stribling of Odessa, Tully Stribling of Odessa and her father's lap, Brandy Stribling of Odessa.

Christmas stories from Merkel 7th graders

The Mole and the Cricket

There was a mole who was always nice to his friends. He would invite them to dinner and ask them to play games and stuff.

There was a cricket who didn't care about anyone. He would laugh if someone got ran over by a car. Every Christmas the mole would get lots of presents and the cricket wouldn't get a single one. So the cricket cried and cried. The mole told him to stop crying and make friends with everyone. So the cricket quit crying and made friends with everyone. The cricket got lots of presents every year from then on.

Steven Davis

Santa Claus and His Busy Schedule

Santa and his reindeers had a very busy schedule. They had to go to Abilene and to New Mexico. Santa did not have much time. He had to hurry. So first he went to Abilene. He gave little kids lots of presents. He even stopped in Westgate and let the little babies see him. Finally he had to leave and he was on his way to New Mexico. All the little kids were unhappy. It was one day before Christmas. The little kids said, "I will not get any presents." Santa arrived that night and gave all the little kids their presents. The next morning the kids were happy. All the little kids saw Santa Claus that Christmas Day.

Renee Smith

This is the age
Of the half read page,
And the quick hash
And the mad dash.
The bright night
With the nerves tight.
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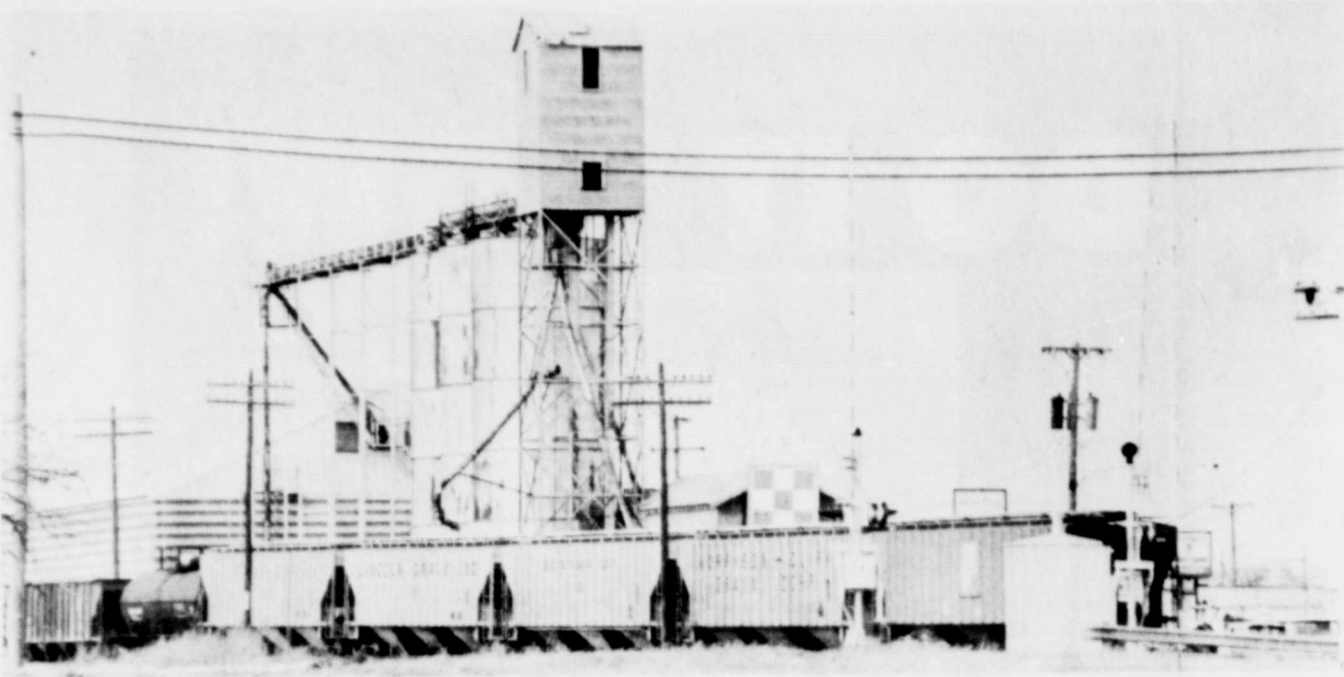
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The abundance of grain brought R.R. cars piling up at the mill during the week (Photo by Glenn Richards)

Blackeyed peas for New Years Day

Prepare blackeyed "beans" for a traditional New Year's feast.

That's correct, this ever-popular New Year's dish is not really a pea—it's a bean, a foods and nutrition specialist, Marilyn Haggard, says.

But, tradition dictates that blackeyed peas are known as peas—and will probably continue to be called peas.

Whether pea or bean, no New Year's day celebration would seem right without them, the specialist points out.

Miss Haggard is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

PREPARATION

When preparing blackeyed peas, soak the peas before cooking to reduce cooking time.

First, boil them in water for two minutes, remove from the heat and soak for one hour.

Season with one teaspoon salt for each cup of dry peas, the specialist continues.

Salt pork and bacon are old standbys for seasoning, but chopped ham or smoked turkey left from the Christmas celebration are great also.

Add peper, Garlic and oregano in small amounts—one fourth teaspoon per pound of dry peas—to enhance flavor.

In the slow cooker, soak the peas overnight, then cook the soaked beans in water on "high" for two to two and one-half hours.

Reduce control setting to "low", add seasonings and meat and cook for eight to 10 hours. For less watery peas, use less water, she recommends. For a change of pace, try barbecue blackeyes.

Cemetery Association says thanks

To The Editor

Dear Sir:

We are most fortunate, in this community, to have people that have pride in the manner in which their Cemetery is maintained. Our friends include local and out of town residents. The support they render include both time and money.

We would like to call attention to two firms that contribute an unusual amount of time toward this program, to-wit: The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, and the Merkel Mail.

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank, as our receiving depository, donates countless hours receiving and recording the donations.

The Merkel Mail donates time and space to publish, at intervals, the list of donors. We recognize that this "space" often would otherwise bring in revenue to the Merkel Mail.

So, to all of the above-mentioned, we thank you and wish for you

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Board of Directors, Merkel Cemetery Assoc. Merkel, Texas.

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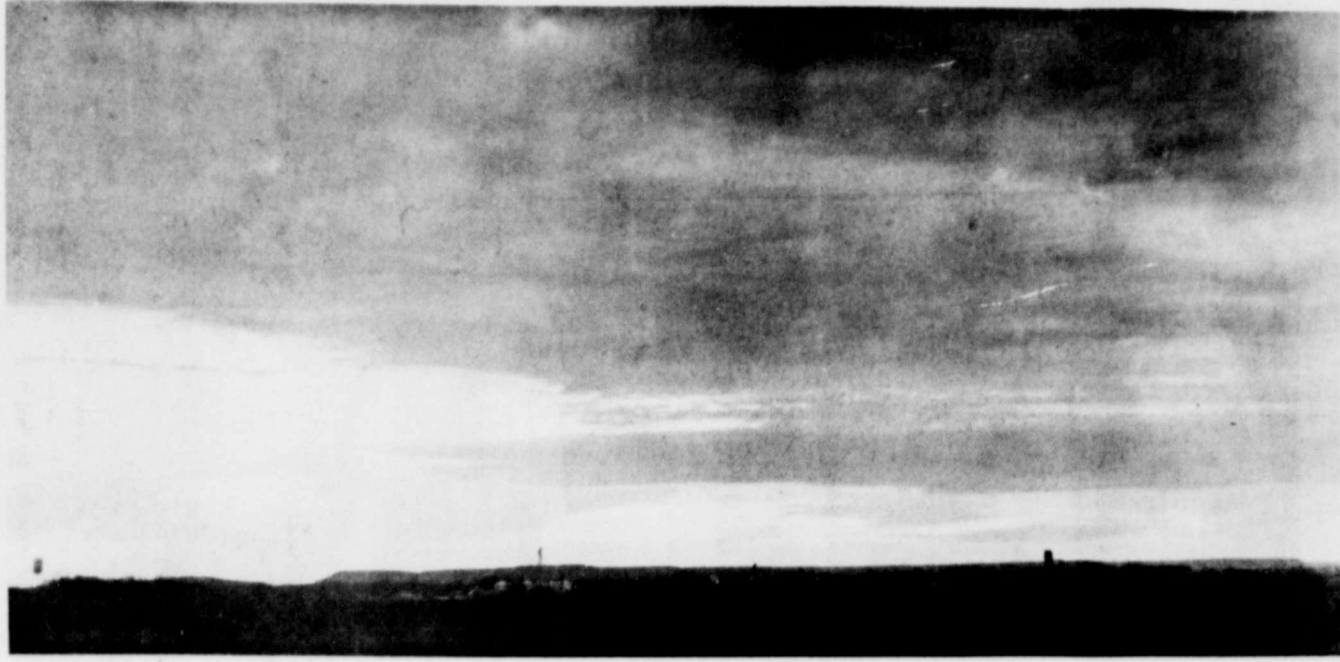
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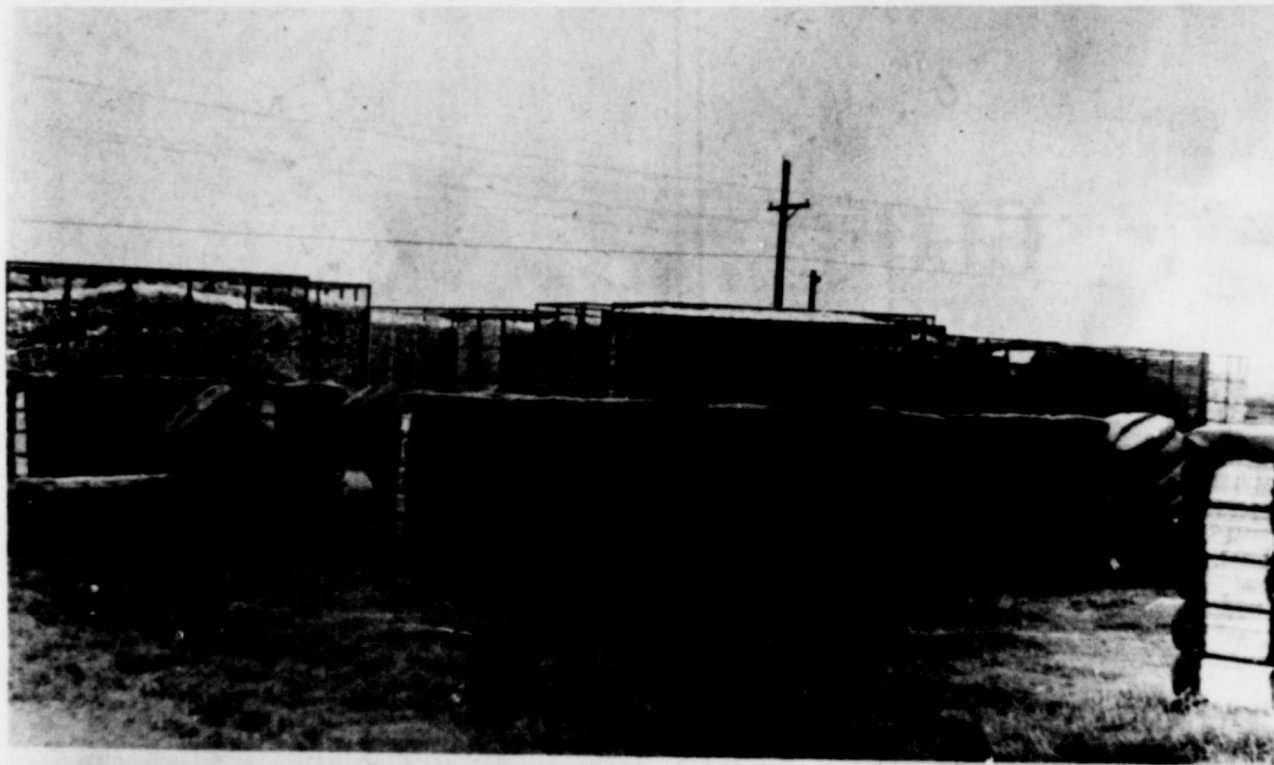
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The sun set over Merkel brightens during the winter months. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)



The cotton keeps rolling in out at the gin. The process will be completed in two or three weeks. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Best grocery buys

Best buys at Texas grocery markets this week include several fresh-produce items and fryer chickens.

Also, "specials" offer budget buys, says Gwendolyn Clyatt, a consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas-Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

This week's price-quality trends are the following:

POULTRY--Whole and cut-up fryers offer bargains along with chicken livers.

FRESH VEGETABLES--Best buys include dry yellow onions, potatoes, carrots, squash, sweet potatoes and rutabagas.

Also, cabbage and bulk turnips have attractive nice tags.

FRESH FRUITS--More grapefruit and oranges appear at most markets, but prices are moderately higher. Other economical choices are apples, bananas, tangerines and tangelos.

FISH--Serve protein-rich fish for economical and quick meals.

DAIRY--Features include cheeses, low-fat milk, sour cream, half-and-half, yogurt and whipping cream.

GROCERY MARKET AILES--"Specials" are cooking oil, cake mixes, flour, canned tuna fish and various canned fruits and vegetables.

BEEF--Prices are relatively high. Specials include some tender cuts, along with beef chuck steaks and roasts, rib and round steaks, ground beef and liver. Also look for boneless-roast specials. Study newspaper ads and in-store information for best buys.

PORK--Prices are irregular. Watch for specials on Boston butt roasts, chops and quarter-loin cut into chops. Smoked features may include semi-boneless hams, picnics, bacon and frankfurters.

CONSUMER WATCHWORDS: Plan menus, prepare a complete shopping list, and save money.

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GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

Here's an old-fashioned wish that's still right in style...may your holidays be the merriest!

BIG COUNTRY INN

May the blessings of Christmas abide with you

The message of Christmas is one of hope and joy. Let us rejoice in the newborn King.

May your Yule be bright!

Carson's Supermarket



It's not a Tornado! These two halves started as one building, the roof came off while workmen were trying to move the house. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

WTU searching for energy

A research project which could lead to development of an alternative fuel for gas-fired power plant boilers has been initiated by West Texas Utilities Company and the other three operating companies within the Central and South West System.

The project is a gasification experiment, designed to produce a gas from heavy fuels such as oil and coal. The process being tested would remove undesirable sulfur before the gas is used, making it essentially clean.

The program is being carried out at the La Palma Power Station, operated by Central Power and Light Company of Corpus Christi near San Benito in the lower Rio Grande Valley. Participants are the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Foster Wheeler Energy Corp., and the Central and South West Corporation. The EPA funded engineering, fuel and operating supplies and is providing monitoring of environmental effects. Foster Wheeler designed the facility. CSW and its four companies provided for construction of the research unit.

The companies are interested in finding fuels to use in the boiler of their existing natural gas-fired power plants, which still provide most of the CSW System's generation. West Texas Utilities Co. depends entirely on natural gas at its eight major generating stations except that several can be converted to fuel oil when natural gas is curtailed during extremely cold weather.

According to S.B. (Si) Phillips, chairman and chief executive officer of the CSW, the corporation and its operating companies "are fully committed to programs of research and development, especially those that show the highest possibility of resulting in practical and economical sources of energy."

At the moment, Phillips said, the most promising project CSW supports is the gasification program at La Palma. Phillips, now of Dallas, formerly was president of WTU in Abilene.

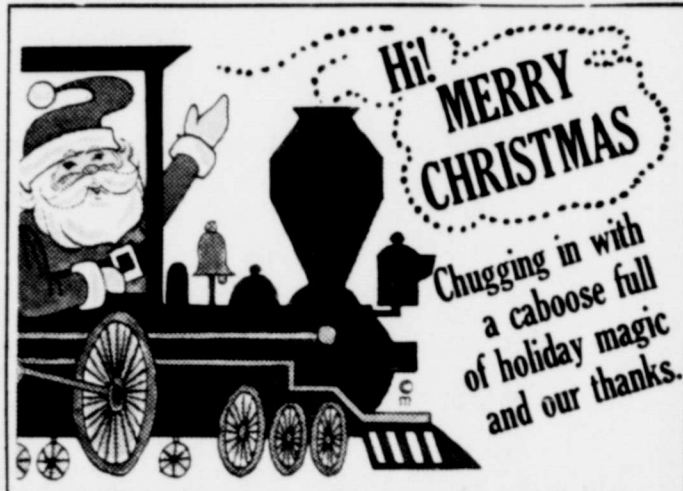


The reception was held in the classroom complete with punch (non-spiked) and wedding cake. (Staff photo by Glenn Richards)

Moto Cross club wins five trophies

The Merkel Moto-Cross Club raced this past week-end in Clyde at the Spring Valley Moto-Cross track. The club fared well in the week-end competition. They took five bikes over to the races and returned with five trophies. The races broke down in this way: 1st Moto, 100 Jr. Class: Roger Dye 2nd, Donald Dye 3rd, Clifford Dye

4th. 2nd Moto: Roger Dye 2nd, Donald Dye 4th, Clifford Dye 6th. Overall 100 Jr.: Roger Dye 1st 4 pts., Donald Dye 4th, 7 pts.; Clifford Dye 6th, 10 pts. 125 Jr. Class, 1st Moto: Steve Castille 7th, Chuck Knight 11th. 2nd Moto: Steve Castille 7th, Chuck Knight 9th. Overall 125 Jr.: Steve Castille 7th, 14 pts., Chuck Knight 10th, 20 pts.



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Here's an old-fashioned greeting from all of us to all our friends!

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Be a "dear" and have a very merry Christmas. Thanks.

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Gregg & Melba Wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Wylie Truck Terminal



Wishing you and those you hold most dear all the old fashioned joys of Christmas! Hearty thanks.

ARROW FORD

Thursday December 21, 1978

Tye Times

THE MERKEL MAIL

News from Tye Elementary

1st Grade Mrs. Evans

Christmas is probably the most celebrated of all of our holidays, and the children are so excited. We have been making Christmas decorations for our room and practicing for the Christmas program. Each child had a part in decorating our tree. We made a gift for Mother, heard many good Christmas stories and

talked about the real meaning of this wonderful holiday. The children have learned many new Christmas songs and have had a lot of fun singing. The students have

been playing a game called "Add 'N' Subtract", which gives them practice in adding and subtracting. I covered the table with butcher paper (size makes no difference). I then drew a series of squares and circles alternately with a magic marker. I placed a numeral in both a circle and a square beginning with one and ending with ten. (The pattern of placing numerals may be varied.) Any number of children may play, but three or four players at a time is more effective. One child stands at the end of the table and slides a wooden object across the numerals. If the object lands in a circle, he adds that numeral; if it lands in a square, he subtracts that numeral. If it lands in the space between the circles and squares, neutral zone, he turns the slide over to the next player. Each child gets three slides before the next player takes his turn, unless the object lands in the neutral zone. Each child must record on paper his numerals with a plus or minus sign as he

proceeds, or he may have a classmate do it for him. After all players have had several turns at sliding the object (the number may vary), the scores are added (and subtracted), then compared. The player who ends up with the highest positive number (plus) wins. This game helps to teach children to deal with both positive and negative concepts.

Reading Mrs. Mitchell

The Reading students at Tye are anxiously preparing for Christmas. Delma Mendez and Kathy Vicars did a good job putting up our tree.

The snowmen by the tree indicate that snow has fallen as they smile at Santa's sleigh with Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer leading the way through the snowstorm.

Everyone will be making a Christmas decoration and hoping theirs will be the best to decorate the tree.

The days on the calendar are being numbered as we look forward to Santa visiting our home.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Larry Kroft, Respondent:

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 326th District Court, Taylor County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Abilene, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of Robert T. Burton Attorney for, Petitioner, filed in said Court on the 23rd day of January, 1978, against Larry Kroft, Respondent, and said suit being numbered 533-C on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In The Interest of Angela Denise Wagner, a Child", the nature of which suit said child was born the 9 day of September, 1969, in Abilene, Texas.

Tye news from 70 years ago

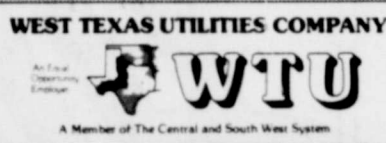
The Methodist have just closed a very successful meeting here. Bro. Calloway was assisted by Bro. G.W. Young of McCaulley. Bro. Young gave the church some good solid food and delivered some very strong and soul-stirring sermons to the unsaved.

Miss Minnie Hinds left on the early morning train for Stanton to visit her sister for the Christmas holidays.

The W.O.W., I.O.O.F. and the Woodmen Circle are to have a Union Christmas picnic here on Tuesday. Everybody is invited to come and bring well filled baskets. We predict a good time, as Tye does not believe in doing things by halves. Come. And if its cold, we will go in doors.

RH. Denton and wife have a fine boy arrival at their home.

Merry Christmas To all of you; From all of us at WTU



Public notice

PUBLIC NOTICE (Ordinance no. 78-7). An Ordinance establishing an official land use plan for the City of Tye, Texas, to serve the public health, safety and general welfare and to provide economic and social advantages resulting from orderly

planned use of land resources, was passed and approved at a regular held city council meeting, December 12, 1978.

This ordinance is on file at the Tye City Hall, 229 North St., Tye, Texas. 44-1tc

TSTI slates registration

Registration for the winter quarter will begin Jan 3, 1979, at TSTI Sweetwater. Most programs will accept new students.

Winter quarter classes begin at 8 a.m. Jan. 4. The final day to register

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Girls maintain perfect record

by Glenn Richards

The Merkel girls are making themselves a name in the girls basketball around the big country, having won their first thirteen games without a loss.

In the Dec. 12 game against Early, the girls blitzed their opponents 83-46. Gina Farmer had 24 pts., Cindy Boone, who Miss Penick feels has improved a great deal since the beginning of the year, had 15 pts. Both Gwen Tarpley and Amy McCoy had 12 pts.

The team averaged 56 percent from the floor. To go along with that, three of the top four scorers shot above 65 percent to boost the offensive attack of the girls. "I felt like we played a bad defensive game, but we has the points to

make up for it," said Coach Penick.

The girls then played Abilene High School and beat them 53-39.

"There's not a whole lot to say about this game, we had 42 turnovers. The Abilene coach felt that they bst from poor shooting, I feel that we won simply because we're a better team," explained Coach Penick. The high scorer for the girls was (you guessed it) Gina Farmer with 20 pts. Gwen Tarpley added another 10 and Norma Frazier pulled down 13 rebounds.

The girls will be participating in the Abilene Christian High School Basketball Tourney this week-end and will play their final pre-district game here against Clyde starting at 5:00 Dec. 29. After that game, they all start counting. And the girls seem to be ready for the real ones.



The Varsity girls 78-79 Basketball team. L to R: 1st Row: Cindy Smith, Gina Farmer, Kay Amerine, 2nd Row: Cindy Boone, Nancy Click, Amy McCoy, 3rd Row: Jackie Casey, Norma Frazier, Becky Watts, Gwen Tarpley. (Staff photo by Cloy A. Richards)

Sad Christmas

The Family that had a Sad Christmas

Once upon a time there lived this family. They were poor. They knew it was time for Christmas. They were so poor they didn't hardly have money to buy food. So the mother and father of the family said to their children, "We will not have a Christmas this year." So someone was standing outside the door and they heard what they had said. He ran to Mr. and Mrs. Claus' house and told them. Santa Claus went over to his workshop and told his elves to make some toys for the family. So when they got busy they built doll houses, dolls, trucks, cars, and so on. The day before Christmas, Santa Claus delivered the presents when they were asleep. When the family got up the next morning, everyone was so happy, but they didn't know where they had come from. They never found out. From that day on Santa Claus made gifts for that family.
Anna Rhone

Christmas on the Ranch

It was a cold winter in December, the day of Christmas Eve. Everyone woke up early, had a good breakfast and went on to do our chores.

It was cold but we did our chores anyway. It was pretty easy to do my chores because the animals all crowded together to keep warm.

We all got in from our chores about the same time. We ate dinner then decorated the tree.

The tree took a while, so it was supper time by the time we got through.

We ate our Christmas Eve supper.

It was a wonderful Christmas Eve and it was filled with joy and love of God from all.

Denise Pack

A Christmas story

Christmas Story

It was about Christmas time. All the elves are working hard trying to get enough toys before Christmas time. While the elves were working, Santa went around and was watching them build and paint toys for Christmas day.

At last it was Christmas Eve. All of the toys were wrapped and had pretty bows on top. So all the elves packed the sleigh for the 12:00 chime. Santa had about 10 minutes to get the reindeers ready to pull the sleigh. Starting from the back he got Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vickson, Commit, Cupit, and Donner and Blitson. By the time he got all the reindeers ready to go, the chimes started, Ding, Ding, Ding, Ding. Santa went to deliver Christmas presents to all the world.
Pam Wheeler

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Trent news from 70 years ago

It is understood that Trent will have three cotton gins this next season. It will take three good gins to cut the cotton.

before the summer business is in full sway. At the present rate, Trent promises to be a live hustling town of one thousand in a year or so and the country surrounding insures good support.

Miss Allie Mae Barwise, who has been the guest of Miss Jewell Coggin for two weeks returned to her home in Fort Worth Monday. Miss Barwise is an elegant young lady and she made many friends while here who regret to see her leave.

Arthur Sears has just returned from Chicago where he marketed several hundred head of fine beef.

President Roosevelt has taken up the budget for Mrs. Morrow, postmistress at Abilene, and has told the postmaster general that he will not remove Gen. Sam Houston's daughter from office to replace her by some man politician. Mrs. Morrow is a regular visitor to the Trent community and we wish her well.

Rumors are to the effect that several important business enterprises are to be established here



JOY TO ALL

We hope Santa's right on schedule, bringing you lots of good things this Yule!

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Trent News

Thursday December 21, 1978

Trent news

First graders at Trent have been busy working on special Christmas gifts for mothers and fathers. We will be wrapping our gifts this week and getting them ready to put under our Christmas trees at home.

Thursday, we listened to the story of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. We enjoyed making Santa pictures, using cotton balls for Santa's beard. Some of us have already received answers to the letters we wrote to Santa Claus last week. Everyone is looking forward to the Christmas party on Wednesday.

The second grade has had a very good time this past week, making Christmas presents, fixing decorations, and enjoying our party. We want to thank Mrs. Nance, Mrs. Carriker, Mrs. Moore, and Mrs. Hobbs and Mrs. Richardson, for bringing refreshments for our party. We are looking forward to our holiday and we have enjoyed reading our letters from Santa Claus which was sponsored by the fourth grade.

The third grade made some bells and Santas using tissue paper. They cut out a square and wrapped it around the pencil eraser, then glued it on the Santa. We also made gifts for our daddys and mothers for Christmas. Ask David about his chickens.

The fourth grade would like for you to meet Simon De La Cruz and Tina Cain.

Simon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel De La Cruz. He enjoys working with numbers. His free time is spent riding his pony, Cocoa. The De La Cruz family moved to Trent from Hodges. Simon wants to be a doctor when he grows up. His family includes 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

Tina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cain. Tina enjoys riding around in her dad's new pickup. She would like to be a mechanic someday and is interested in cars. The Cain family includes three dogs, Ben, Brandy and Baby. Tina finds caring for her 2 little nieces lots of fun.

The 5th grade is ready for Christmas! We've completed our parent's gifts, decorated our tree, worked our Christmas "Metric Mouse" learning center and written Santa.

We'd like to share four more of our Christmas poems.

Santa
Santa is as quiet as a mouse. As he roams all through the house.

Billy Brazelton

Christmas Vacation
Christmas is such fun, We play and run,

And watch cartoons in the afternoon. And then we go to bed.
Dan Renfro

Christmas Holidays
Christmas is my best holiday. Because my cousins come to play. They come on a special day. We have lots of fun. We play all together. We don't mind the snow. And we don't mind the weather.
Jana King

Christmas Day
Christmas Day is a lot of fun. But sometimes we forget and say, "Christmas is the day we get presents", instead of saying: "Christmas is the day Christ was born."
Kim Wai's

Agricultural figures in

Taylor County farmers and ranchers received \$35,296,000 in marketings and government payments during 1977, the Texas Department of Agriculture has announced.

The total included \$7,730,000 in cash receipts from all crops and \$26,427,000 from livestock and livestock products. Government payments made up \$1,139,000 of the total.

Across the state, agriculture added \$7.1 billion to the economy last year, Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service surveys showed, with receipts from all crops almost balancing those from livestock and livestock products. Livestock receipts totaled \$3.5 billion, followed by \$3.3 billion for crop receipts. Government payments made up \$206 million of the total, including over \$120 million through drought and flood assistance programs.

"With improved livestock prices this year, particularly cattle, we are optimistic that 1978 cash receipts will be higher," commented Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown. "These figures only tell half of the story, however. In any discussion including agricultural statistics, the true picture is only presented when you can balance the cash receipts against the actual production costs."

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Bedford, Benish wed

Miss Rhonda Gayle Bedford became the bride of Kevin Alan Benish in an afternoon ceremony Saturday, Nov. 25 at the First Baptist Church in Prairie Grove, Ark. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bedford of Prairie Grove and Mr. and Mrs. John Benish of Farmington, Ark.

The father of the bride performed the ceremony assisted by the bride's uncle, Lonnie Harris of Dallas, Tex. Vicki Hutchison and Tom Stearns presented a program of music and Ronny and Connie Bedford lit the candles.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of silk organza and rose pattern lace designed with a high neckline and sheer lace sleeves fitted at her wrists. The full skirt of lace fell into a chapel train. Her tiered veil of illusion was attached to a cap of matching lace and she carried a white Bible which belonged to her maternal grandmother topped by a bouquet of burgundy and pink roses accented with baby's breath.

Karla Bedford was her sister's maid of honor and Becky Layman and Elaine Cann of Prairie Grove, were bridesmaids. They wore dresses of burgundy organza with high V-neck-

lines and ruffled capes of sheer organza. Ruffles at the hemlines extended up the sides of the skirts and they carried bouquets of burgundy and pink flowers. Cari Bedford of Springdale, the bride's cousin, was flower girl and wore a long dress of pink organza with a sheer cape. Laura Beth Edwards of Prairie Grove presided at the guest book.

Tulley Hair of Farmington was best man. David Clevinger of Keith Benish, brother of the bridegroom, were groomsmen and Danny Long, Rock Spencer and Gray Steele were ushers. Brian Benish, the bridegroom's nephew, was ringbearer.

A reception was held at the church following the ceremony. Serving refreshments were Beth Davis of Fayetteville, Ark., Laura Beth Edwards and Connie Bedford of Prairie Grove. Among the out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holmes of Dallas, Tex. and Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Harris of Midland, Tex., the bride's grandparents.

The couple is making their home at Farmington following a wedding trip to New Orleans, La.

Rhonda is the daughter of the former Gayle Harris of Merkel. Maternal great grandfather is John Browning of Merkel.

Dear Santa...

Dear Santa,
I want a baby This and That and I want a carriage and a Barbie Fashion Face. And bring my baby sister a Winnie the Pooh Bear.
Love,
Bridget Acuna

Dear Santa,
Please bring us each a Fire Truck we can ride on, a Fuzzy Pumper Play Dough Barber Shop and lots and lots of play dough! We have been very good all year.
Love,
Partick Harrison, age 3
Jason Harrison age 2

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good little girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a doll bed, dishes, high chair, and a table and chairs set and a doll.
I have a brother named Tim. He's been good also, he wants a super bowl football game.
Thank you Santa Claus
I love You,
Deanna Kellogg, age 5

Dear Santa,
I hope the weather up there is just right, and I wish I could speak to you in person. But it is so far to travel. It's a long way from Texas to the North Pole.
This year I don't expect as much because prizes are going up and the population of the world is growing and that means each year you spend more money. So I shouldn't expect much, other people in the world need things that I want more than I need them.
Well that is about all I wanted to say, so this letter will end soon.
I love you alot!
Merry Christmas
Your friend,
Sandra Kotrlak

Dear Santa,
I wood like to have a lunch box and a Starwars dolls Please. And I wood like a football and a radio controle r2ds robot to.
Yours Truly
John P. [redacted]

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Donnie and Marie dolls, some shoes for my big doll, a sew perfect sewing machine, a Dancereña doll, a Whoopsie Doll and an Alphonse computer. My new baby brother, Randy needs a rocking horse and a busy box.
I love you,
Robynn Dudley
P.S. My daddy has not been good.

Dear Santa,
I want a Madams Alexander doll. I hope you have a Merry

Dear Santa,
I want a baby This and That and I want a carriage and a Barbie Fashion Face. And bring my baby sister a Winnie the Pooh Bear.
Love,
Bridget Acuna

Dear Santa,
I want a baby This and That and I want a carriage and a Barbie Fashion Face. And bring my baby sister a Winnie the Pooh Bear.
Love,
Bridget Acuna

Gregory gets award

Sue Gregory of Abilene, who is serving as Budget Specialist for the Purchased Social Services unit, has been named as one of the September Employees of the Month. In her job she is responsible for all fiscal monitoring and reporting of the purchase of service contracts which include day care services (plus VR expenditures), services to the aged, blind and disabled, family planning services, MH-MR agreements and protective services. She also fulfills numerous other continuing duties pertinent to contract services. Beyond the basic functions of her job, however, she has displayed ingenuity in devising methods of simplifying the fiscal monitoring process, and has further exercised her imagination in detecting flaws in purchase of

Christmas.
Love,
Laura Baker

Dear Santa,
I love you for the lovely toys each year. This year I wold like Sindy Doll and her furniture.
Love,
Melinda Baker

Beene baby

Mr. and Mrs. James Beene, of Lovington, N.M., proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, born Dec. 12. She weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

She has one brother, Chuck.
James is the brother of Cathy Pack of Merkel.

Jones baby

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones Jr. of Dyess AFB announce the birth of a son, Samuel R. Jones III on December 13 at 11:24 p.m.
The maternal grandparents and the God parents are Mr. and Ms. Mrs.

Don Scieiber of New Berlin, Wisconsin.
The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waddell of Alexandria, Virginia.

4-H party

Mulberry Canyon 4-H had their Christmas Party for December meeting with 10 members and their parents present. The new member, Dusty Whisenhunt and mother, were present. Special guest attending were: Lottie Everett, Mary Russom, Golda Malone, and Joe Swinney.
The next meeting will be Jan 8th with Sheila Swinney and Cindy Hutchins responsible. All visitors are welcome.

Raines engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Raines announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Debra Jane to Lester Laron Constable, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Constable.
The wedding is planned for January 6 in the Calvary Baptist Church in Merkel, Texas.

The bride elect attended school in Abilene, and the prospective bride-groom is a 1973 graduate of Merkel High School and employed at Furrs in Abilene.

Fisher dies at 74, lived here 28 years

A 74 year old Merkel man was found dead Tuesday night on a farm 15 miles southwest of Merkel after suffering an apparent heart attack while hunting.
Gaines Allen Fisher, 74, of Merkel was pronounced dead of natural causes at 9:20 p.m. by Justice of the Peace Henry Guenther.
Services were at 3 p.m. Thursday in Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Joe Davis, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.
Born Aug. 12, 1904, in Gatesville, he moved to

Buffalo Gap in 1935 and to Merkel in 1950, where he owned and operated Happy-Snappy Laundry for many years. He retired in 1973. He married Ava Marie Glassgow Dec. 23, 1922, in Colorado City. He was a member and deacon of Calvary Baptist Church.
Survivors include his wife; two sons, Foye Gene of Enid, Okla., and Billy of Merkel; two daughters, Mrs. Ralph (Louise) Prentice of Abilene and Mrs. Mack (Patricia) Bigbee of Merkel; two sisters, Mrs. Julius Martin of Jasper, Ark., and Mrs. Travis Wilson of George West; 12 grandchildren;

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 and wife, Anna F. Dupin,
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 or either of them,
 their respective heirs,
 devisees, executors and
 administrators, Defendants.
 Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District 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 5th day of February A.D. 1979, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 19th day of December A.D. 1978, in this cause, numbered 36,062-A on the docket of said court and styled Leslie C. Strange, Individually and As Trustee, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas F. Dupin, and wife, Anna F. Dupin, if living, and if such Defendants be Deceased, or either of them, their respective heirs, devisees, executors, and administrators Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

Trespass to try title on the following described property: Lot 10, Block 21, Section 8, ELMWOOD WEST ADDITION to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas 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

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 Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 19th day of December

A.D. 1978.
 Attest: Irene Crawford
 Clerk,
 42nd District Court
 Taylor County, Texas.
 By Carolyn Feten
 Deputy.
 44-4tc

Letter to the editor;

Dear Editor:

They say Dog is mans best friend. I would like to echo this with a loud Amen. I had this little friend...

He never argued with me.
 He never griped about anything I did.
 He never complained about where I went or when.
 But just try to go without him. He loved to ride in our pickup truck. Just roll down the window and let him hang his head out and enjoy the breeze. I do believe those were his happiest times.

When I was happy, he was happy. When I was sad, he was sad. When I was sad, he would come and sit by my side and look at me with those sad eyes. He would seem to say, "Don't worry Les, tomorrow will be a better day."

When I was happy, he would run and play. An old tennis ball was his favorite toy. He would throw it and bounce it against the ground, it would bounce high. He would catch it and go again.

Smart? Yes he was smart. Poodles seem to be smarter than most other breeds of dogs. "Tex", that is his name. He is a silver gray poodle, 12 years old. He doesn't hear too well, but sharp of eye. I love this little friend very much.

We were visiting in Merkel last December 26th. He went outside about 10:30 p.m. and disappeared. I have talked with a lot of you folks and I do thank you very much. May I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And to my little friend, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Dillon

visiting

Airman 1st Class Patrick Dillon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dillon, 1205 S. 10th, arrived home for the holidays December 17th from Lowry Air Force base, Denver, Colorado. Airman Dillon will be visiting his family until the 5th of January. This is his first visit home since June 1st.

We love you, Tex.
 So, my friends, if you care about mans' best friend, if you know or have any idea where Tex may be, please write or call.

Thank You,
 Les Polston
 800 Avenue C
 Childress, Tex. 79201
 817-937-3019.

School Board meets

The Merkel School Board met in a regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday night and topics discussed included school finance issues. The board heard an architects report concerning construction of the new facilities and procedure for bond sales to finance construction costs.

The board also discussed bids for the demolition of the burned out high school and appointed a text book committee. Dr. Raymond Etheridge, superintendent of the Merkel Independent School District gave a report to board members and adjournment followed.

BARNETT'S BARBER SHOP
 Due To Previous Commitments During Jan. I won't be able to be at the Barber Shop on 6th, until noon on 13th, and 27th. But I will be there on Thurs. and Fri. evening from 5:30 until 7:00 on the week-end of 6th and 13th.
 Thanks,
 Ronny

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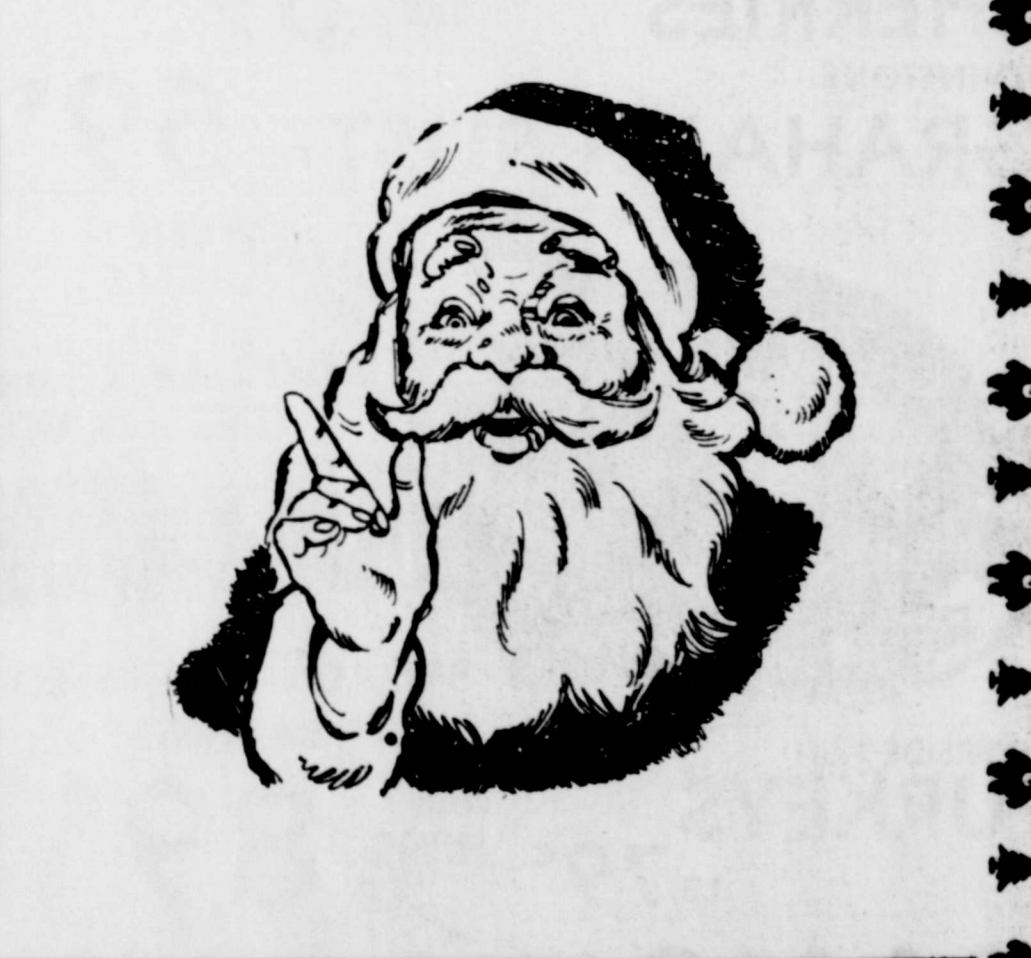
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LIQUID DETERGENT

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FOREMOST - BORDEN - GANDY
CREAM 49¢
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MILK 1.79
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GAL JUG

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