The Merkel Mail

Thursday, December 1, 1983...Merkel, Texas



Kelly Beights was named to the second team [left] and Amy Irvin named to the first team all-district for volleyball. Also named to the team and not pictured is Angle Greer, named to the second team. [Staff photo]

FFA getting set for stock show

The Merkel Chapter of the Future Farmers of America is again getting ready for the upcoming Merkel Livestock Show to be held Dec. 17. The show is set to start at 9 a. m. The show officers this year are President-Jerry Gibson, Vice President- Robert Harris, Secretary-Treasurer Vicki Hayes, Announcer Jerry Gibson and General Superintendent Benny Melton.

The Steer superintendents in charge of the swine show will be enneth Hayes and Robert Harris.

The The following have been named as sur erintendents; Steers- Terry Wade and Ken

Swine Kenneth Hays, Robert Harris, Bill Whisenhunt, Jerry Gibson, Tommy Hayes, Jay Williams. Clay Hammond, Jay Gibson and Melinda Riney. Lambs- Buzz Peterman, Wo-

ozer Boyd, Chuck Peterman and Jon Bright Jr. Rabbits- Dale Hammond, Da-

vid Glasscock and Dana Brown. Breeding cattle- Ray Pack and Bill Munden, Denise Pack and Linda Munden

The animals will be judged in the following order and in the respective classes;

Rabbits- three classes of Bucks, does, fryers; Steers-with light and heavy classes; Breeding Cattle- will include bulls and two classes of hefiers; Hogsincluding Berks, Chesters, Durocs, Hamps, Polands, Spots, Yorks and Crosses. There will also be a gilt class with two age

The judge for this year's show will be Mr. Roy Shackelford, the

ag teacher at Winters.

showmanship and banners will be given for overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champion.

Rosettes will be given for each breed champion and everyone will get a ribbon.

The chapter would like to thank Mr. Robert Harris for donating the bedding hay. Anyone interested in donating to the stock show should contact Mr. Naron of Mr. Riley at 928-5511 extension 25 during regular school hours.

The Merkel Chapter recently attended the district leadership contest held at Cooper High School in Abilene. The chapter did well in district competition placing 4th in Sr. Chapter Conducting, 4th in Jr. Chapter Conducting, 6th in Sr. Skills, the radio team placed fourth, the Quiz team placed 10th and 2nd in extemperanious speaking.



& The Merkel Girls varsity basketball team is getting ready for play this year

In a Monday practice session. [Staff

Longhorns, parade, Trent...more

by Cloy A. Richards

§ We had a good time on a short vacation this past week and I was having a great time at Kyle Field when the Aggies went up 13-0 on Texas early in the second quarter.

What happened in the next 22 minutes were six, count them, six Longhorn touchdowns. It was almost as devestating as some of the scenes from The Day After.

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce will again be sponsoring the annual Christmas parade Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. down-

Santa will be on hand and categories for floats and bicycles will be judged for

More information is available by calling 928-5712.

The Trent Band Boosters will be holding a bake sale at Home State Bank in Trent Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. until noon.

The Band Boosters will then sponsor a complete turkey dinner at the Trent Community

'Club supper Dec. 5 ay 7 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend (as if the turkey wasn't encouraging enough.)

State Senator Grant Jones has announced he will seek reelection to his state senate seat.

In a news release to us, he said he made his announcement early to dispell rumors he would soon retire.

Jones is the current President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Firemen getting new truck

The Merkel city council purchased a used fire truck, with help from the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department and contracted for a new lateral trench at the Merkel sanitary landfill during their regular meeting Monday night in the Merkel Emergency Medical Service building.

Merkel Volunteer Fire Department chief Waymon Adcock and city manager J. A. Sadler found a used truck from the City of Abilene that has five years

left on it's service life.

The arrangement agreed upon calls for the fire department to pay about \$4,000 for the ruck now, and the city will rebate that cost at the rate of \$500 a month until the truck is paid off. The truck includes 2,000 feet of hose, axes, nozzles, ladders, all that stay with the vehicle Adcock told council the firefighting equipment alone was worth \$4,000.

The truck's ourchase was approved by council and was picked up Tuesday morning.

In another action, council approved a \$4,000 contract with Nobles Contruction of Colorado City to dig a new lateral pit and contour the pit for burial of waste at the Merkel Sanitary

Total cost on the project was \$4,000 which city manager J. A. Sadler was a cheaper bid than could be found locally.

Area cotton show set

The first Rolling Plains Area Cotton show has been set for Dec. 6 and 7 at the Abilene Civic Center. The show, sponsored by Districts 7 and 3 of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is billed as the first of it's kind in the state or nation. Cotton will be highlighted in all of it's phases of production to consumer utilization.

A major feature of the two day event will be the cotton show with possible entries coming from a thirty county area in a line from Wichita Falls to San Angelo. This area covers about two million acres of cotton. The winner of the 1983 show will receive a ton of certified cotton seed valued at \$1,200 courtesy of G & P Seed Company of Amarillo.

Registration and checking in of exhibits and samples will begin at 8 a.m. and continue until noon on December 6. Judging of cotton entries will

run from 1 to 5 p.m. Commercial exhibits will be open to the

public from 2 until 8 p.m.

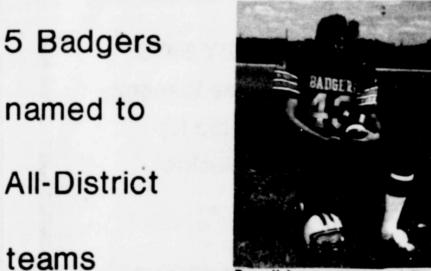
The second day's activities will begin with registration at 9 a.m. in the Civic Center Foyer area. Following registration, four concurrent sessions are set to begin at 10 a.m. The 45 minute sessions will include: "Cotton in the Textile Industry" presented by Bardee Underwood, manager of the Dallas Office of Cotton Incorporated; "High Volume Instrument Classing of Cotton", presented by B. B. Manly, USDA Area Cotton Division Director at Abilene and Murray Williams, Altus. Oklahome cotton producer. Also, 'Cotton in the Food Industry'' presented by Robert Manley, Assistant Director of the Natural Fiber and Food Protein Commission of Texas and "Use of Computers in Agriculture"

presented by Randall Conner of Farmers Seed and Supply Inc. of Winters and Dr. Robert Cohen, Lubbock-based Extension Swine Specialist.

A luncheon and style show at noon will feature the presentation of awards in the various judging categories and a cotton style show featuring Betsy Leatherwood, the 1984 Texas Maid of Cotton. The show's fashions will be provided courtesy of The Hayloft of Haskell.

The afternoon segment will begin at 2 p.m. with concurrent sessions on further areas of cotton research and use.

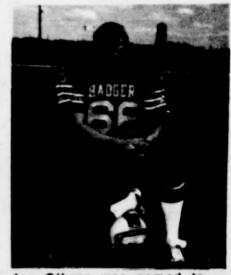
The Cotton show will conclude with an address to be delivered by Nick Hahn of New York. Hahn is president of Cotton Incorporated. He is set to conculde the day's activities with a keynote address focusing on Cotton Incorporated's progress for the future.



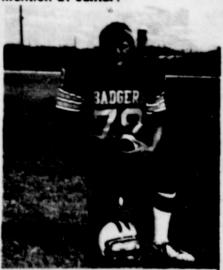
Russell Lucas was named first team all-district at cornerback and the 2nd all-district team at punter and was honorable mention



Billy McKeehan was named all-district honorable mention and tackle.



Jay Gibson was named to defensive lineman and honorable mention at center.



Dusty Farmer was named alldistrict honorable mention at

Family musical set at Paramount

The Abilene Business Women's Association will be holding a family musical at the historic Paramount Theatre Dec. 9 at 8 p.m.

Sean Woodard was named 2nd

team all district linebacker.

New York. The musical will feature area

talent and is being directed by Jim Horne of the Jerome H. Cargill Producing company of

Proceeds from the event are

used for scholarships for area women to advance their edu-

More information is available from Ghronda (Tarpley) Fisher

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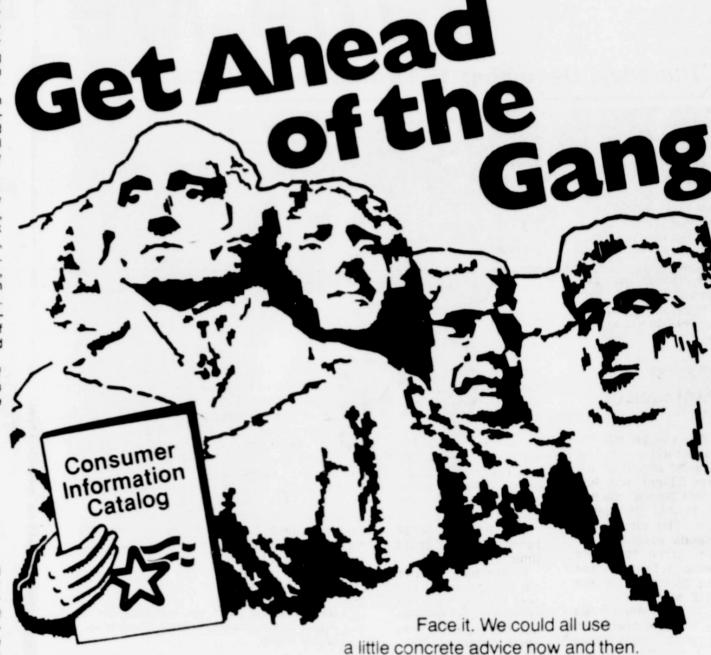
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Is Christmas too commercial?

by Russell McAnally

CHRISTMAS will soon be here as you already know. You may not have stopped long enough to realize what you do nowbetween now and Christmaswill determine what kind of Christmas you will have. Christmas brings so many bad experiences and memories to so many people, it might be better to skip Christmas completely.

We have so many complaints following Christmas like "Well, I am glad that is over with," or "I was so rushed before Christmas, it nearly got me down" and "I just hate Christmas, it is so commercialiized." Some even say "All this is almost enough to make people dread

Let us look at Christmas another way. Christmas would not be such a busy time if we did not wait until the last days to get it all done. Christmas is not the hurry- push or pull, we take itthat is our doing. Christmas is the observance of the birth of our Lord, and Savior Jesus the Christ- the Son of the Living God. And, if we keep that in mind as we rub shoulders with the mass of humanity in the shopping places, we will lose most of our irritations. If you are buying gifts you don't want to buy, for people you do not like, you can not have the spirit of Christmas. We should give gladly what we have to give and not be concerned how the gift is

If you are thinking about how much Christmas is commercialized, as you prepare for Christmas, you are headed in the wrong direction. If Christmas is commercialized, it is because you make it so. The stores have to take advantage of every opportunity to sell and make a profit so they can stay in business. We never know how much time and effort they put out to supply the tings you want and need to make your shopping convenient and meaningful. For those hwo do not want Christmas to be commercialized; we will make special arrangements next Christmas to have all the stores closed with a sign on the doors saying "WE have closed the stores so your Christmas will not be commercialized." How would you like to easier. see that when we went Christmas shopping? The commercial world provides us with shopping opportunities. If we let this ruin our Christmas- that is our fault.

The Christmas Spirit is within us, and nothing from without can disturb this if we are motivated by the spirit of the One who was born some two and years ago, but most important, still lives. If you will stop to think for a moment you will see that we celebrate Christ mas, not because He was born- but because he still lives. Let that fact set the tempo for your Christmas activities.

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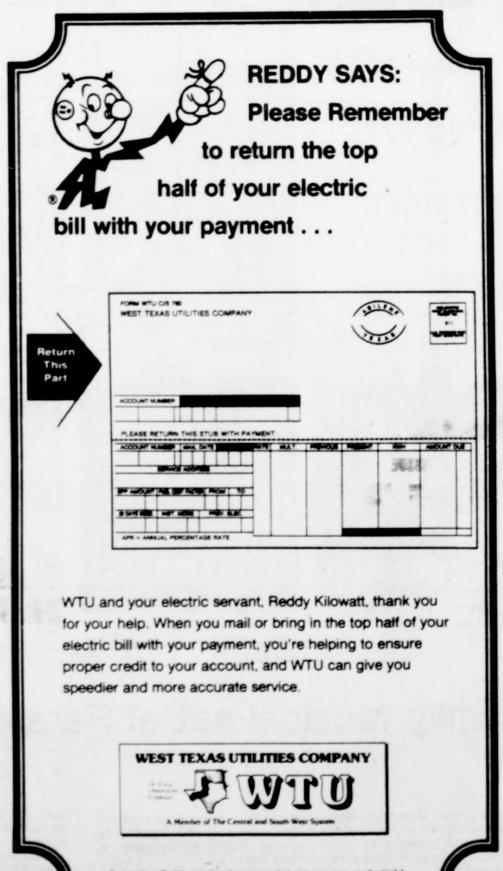
holiday visitor

Mrs. Bonnie Silk of Odessa, visited her mother Mrs. O. J. Reynolds and her brother Bob last weekend.

Fisher's hold reunion here

The family of the late Mack Fisher met in the home of Mrs. Mack Fisher in Merkel for a family reunion Nov. 11 through the

Those who enjoyed a wonderful week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Fisher and son, Wesley of Calimesa, Ca; Carrie and Leon C. Fisher of White Oak; Jodie and Edith Barker and son Jodie Glyn and his wife Judie of Kermit; Mrs. Gertrude Nance of Lexington- her daughter Virginia and her husband Winifred Hawthorne of Temple; Mrs. E. M. Fisher, Ora of Colorado City and her son Dean Fisher of Archer City and grandson Billy Murray of Abilene; Mrs. Louis Fisher, Bessie and daughter Leatrice and her husband Hubert Watson of Abilene; Mrs. Opal Mundine, daughter of the late Wille Fisher of Lex-Ington; two long-time friends Mrs. Gay Barker and her daughter Josie Carter of Colorado City and the hosess Mrs. Linnie Fish-





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Church news

Catholic Church

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church would like to express our sincerest congratulations to Deloris Chavira Lina Rodriguez and Vicki Rodriguez upon receiving their certification as CCD teach-

We are very grateful to them for sacrificing so many weekends this past year in preparing for this certification.

Fathers Frank and Lee Zimmerman attended a seminar on Homiletics at Christ the King Retreat center this week.

"Put on the Lord Jesus Christ". The Transformation occurs not through our own power, but through Christ, if only we will let Him do His work on

Merkel Methodist

Don't forget this Saturday will be our long awaited annual Christmas Bazaar and Spaghetti Dinner starting at 11 a.m. through 2 p.m. The dinner will include spaghetti, 'salad, garlic toast and desserts. Dinner prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

The booths in the gym will be open from 9 until 3. Those booths are the Country Kitchen, Christmas Wonders, Garden Shop, Arts and Crafts, and Trash and Treasures.

We promise good food, and good Christmas items and a good time.

Sunday, it will be a McMurry Sunday for the Methodist Church. Dr. Joe Stamey will perform the service and will do the preaching. Worship service will be at 10:50. Wednesday evening, our Chancel Choir will be singing for the public at Westgate Mail from 6 until 6:45. Also, on this date, we are hosting a Christmas social at the parsonage for young adults, out of High school. To encourage the formation of a new Sunday school class.

Grace Presbyterian

Sunday school starts at 10 a.m. church services at 11, Dr. Robert Christian, Minister

Notable Sayings About the Bible: Taken from Halley's Bible Handbook-

Abraham Lincoln: "I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this book." Robert E. Lee;

"In all my perplexities and distresses, the Bible has never failed to give me light and strength."

Lord Tennyson; Bible reading is an education in itself." Daniel Webester; 'If there is anything

in my thoughts or style to commend, the credit is due to my parents for instilling in me an early love of the scriptures. If we abide by the principals taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglectit's insturctions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity.

Andrew Jackson; "That book, sir, is the rock on which our republic stands. Let us take time to read our Bible."

Calvary Baptist

Candle light created a warm atmosphere for the annual Thanksgiving dinner at Calvary Baptist Church. If you remember, the electricity was off for more than one hour last Tuesday night, but no one missed a lick as everyone ate dinner by candle light.

The house lights came back on in time for our Thanksgiving services. The Sunshine choir rehersed by flashlight.

We had a large tunrout and a great time together.

It was nice to have old friends and members visiting from out of town in our services last Sunday as well as other visitors.

We'd like to say a special welcome to our new members. We are thankful for them.

We want to invite you to come and visit with us.

Sunday services are Sunday school at 10 a.m. Morning Worship at 10:50 a. m. Sunday night at 6 p.m. and Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m.

Obituaries

Chester Bryant

Chester Bryant, 70 of La Porte, died at 7 p.m. Nov. 21 at La Porte Care Center following a lengthy illness. Services were held here Nov. 25 at the Starbuck Chapel with the Rev. Kenneth Jones officiating.

He was born Oct. 29, 1913 in Neches. He had moved to Merkel in the early 1920s and was a member of the Church of Christ. He had married Ruby Davis Jan. 18, 1933 in Abilene.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Barbara Vaughn of La Porte, Sue Randall of Tuscola and Billie Lankfort of Kermit; his mother Della Bryant of Merkel; three brothers Byron of Abilene, Park of Tuscola and **Bueford of Houston**; one sister Bobbye Strothers of Houston, 14 grandchildren and 11

great grandchildren. Euna Orsborn

Euna Bell Orsborn of Trent died at 2 p.m. Nov. 24 at her home of a sudden illness. Ser-

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vices were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Trent Methodist Church. The Rev. Tommy Beck, the Rev. James Carroll and the Rev. Gregg Armstrong officiated. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cem-

etery. Born July 20, 1909 in Merkel, she had lived in the area most of her life. She had lived in Trent since 1946 and was a member of the Trent Methodist Chu-

She had married Luther Orsborn Jan 26th 1929 in Sweetwater Survivors include her husband; one nephew and she was preceeded in death by a sister Nola Spratlin. Pallbearers were Layne Wells, Red Schafer, D. H. Jones, Randy Hunt, Bill Hamner and Don

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF

County of Taylor NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN That by virtue of certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, on the 3rd day of November, 1983, by Order of Sale of said 42nd District Court for the sum of eighty three thousand three hundred sixty eight & 24-100 Dollars and co-

sts of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of Interfirst Bank Abilene, N. A. in a certain cause in said Court, No. 37,943-A and styled Interfirst Bank Abilene, N. A. vs. Precision Mud. Inc. S. W. Shaw, Welten J. Smith and Winona Smith, placed in my hands for service, I, John Middieton as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas,

did, on the 28th day of

November, 1983, levy

on certain Real Estaté.

situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land. being in the City of Buffalo Gap, Taylor County, Texas, and

described by reference to the Plat thereof in Volume A-540, of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, recorded April 18, 1879, and being all of Lots Nos. 13, 15, 17, 19 and Nos. 21 and 23, Save and Except the West 8' of the South 25' of Lot 21 and Except the West 8' of Lot 23, previously conveyed to Biagio Faraci, of and To block No. 27, of said

Town of Buffalo Gap, Taylor County, Texas. and levied upos as the property of Precision Mud Inc., S. W. Shew, Welton J. Smith & Winona Smith and that on the first Tuesday in January, 1984, the same being the 3rd 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 Precision Mid Inc., S. W. Shew, Welton J. Smith & Winona Smith I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for ea-

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of said Precision Mud

Inc., S. W. Shew, Wel-

notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceeding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor Co-

unty. Sale will be for cash only. No personal or company checks will be accepted.

Cashier checks may be accepted from Taylor County banks on-Sale will be held at

10 A. M.

Witness my hand, this 28th day of November, 1983.

John W. Middleton Sheriff Taylor County, Texas by Frank Solis Jr. Deputy

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Helpful Information From Experts At National Council
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THE MAGIC OF MATH

A number of parents are asking questions about their children's mathematics education:

 Is my child receiving. the necessary mathematics instruction to be able to cope with the future?

· Is my child reaching his or her highest learning potential?

· How can I help my child enjoy learning

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Filling in-or making up-'magic squares' can help children enjoy mathematics.

Some parents are finding answers by becoming parent members of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Members receive useful periodicals and newsletters and are able to purchase other teaching tools at a substantial discount.

Some are also using creative mathematics activities at home. One idea is to make up some "magic squares." In a magic square, every row, column and diagonal has the same sum. Use a calculator if you

To learn more about joining the Council, or to get the answer to this magsquare, write to the NCTM/Parents, 1906 Association Drive, Reston, VA 22091, or call (703)



Kuykendall buried, remembered

Ruby Kuykendall, formerly of Merkel, died at 8:25 a.m. Saturday at Burmont Nursing Center in Abilene of a lengthy illness. Graveside services were at 10:30 p.m. Sunday at Royse

She was born July 8, 1891 in Lawrence. She had moved to Merkel in 1942. She is survived by a niece Peggy Taylor of Dallas. She had married James Kuykendall Nov. 5, 1912 in Royse City. He had died Dec. 25,

by Annie Walker The Kuykendall Family:

The family moved to Merkel at the beginning of the Camp Barkley days.

There was no place for the people to live that came here to work.

Jim and Ruby were the kind of people you could not say no to. Earl and Ova Lassiter did not plan to rent an apartment, but they did, when Ruby went there. Jim worked in one of the local meat markets. If Jim was there, the meat had to be good. He was always a good carpenter as they moved to four different houses in Merkel. Jim's work can still

Ruby was an interior decorator. Each time they moved into a house, it was repaired into an outstanding home.

Jimmy, the only son, worked in the local bank. He always had a smile and a cheerful greeting for everyone. Ruby was a beautiful woman, a perfect seamstress and a devout Chris-

She worked in the alteration room at one of the leading stores in Abilene. She also sewed for local people. Ruby enjoyed helping people. If a family was involved with a church wedding or any other activity, they would go to Ruby for advice, she knew how to plan for any event.

She attended the First Baptist Church and was very active until her health failed her after she was past 80 years old.

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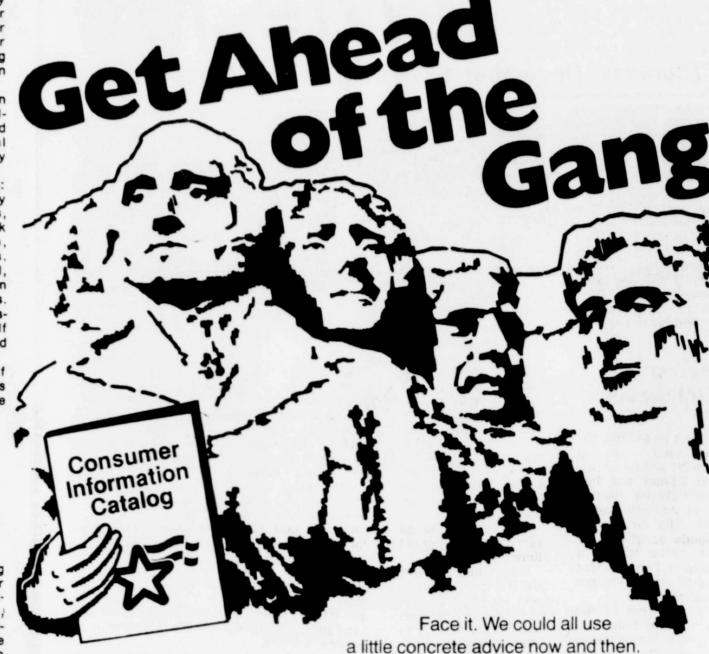
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Is Christmas too commercial?

by Russell McAnally

CHRISTMAS will soon be here as you already know. You may not have stopped long enough to realize what you do nowbetween now and Christmaswill determine what kind of Christmas you will have. Christmas brings so many bad experiences and memories to so many people, it might be better to skip Christmas completely.

We have so many complaints following Christmas like "Well, I am glad that is over with," or "I was so rushed before Christmas, it nearly got me down" and "I just hate Christmas, it is so commercialized." Some even say "All this is almost enough to make people dread Christmas."

Let us look at Christmas another way. Christmas would not be such a busy time if we did not wait until the last days to get it all done. Christmas is not the hurry- push or pull, we take itthat is our doing. Christmas is

the observance of the birth of our Lord, and Savior Jesus the Christ-the Son of the Living God. And, if we keep that in mind as we rub shoulders with the mass of humanity in the shopping places, we will lose most of our irritations. If you are buying gifts you don't want to buy, for people you do not like, you can not have the spirit of Christmas. We should give gladly what we have to give and not be concerned how the gift is

If you are thinking about how much Christmas is commercialized, as you prepare for Christmas, you are headed in the wrong direction. If Christmas is commercialized, it is because you make it so. The stores have to take advantage of every opportunity to sell and make a profit so they can stay in business. We never know how much time and effort they put out to supply the tings you want

and need to make your shopping convenient and meaningful. For those hwo do not want Christmas to be commercialized, we will make special arrangements next Christmas to have all the stores closed with a sign on the doors saying "WE have closed the stores so your Christmas will not be commercialized." How would you like to see that when we went Christmas shopping? The commercial world provides us with shopping opportunities. If we let this ruin our Christmas-that is our fault.

The Christmas Spirit is within us, and nothing from without can disturb this if we are motivated by the spirit of the One who was born some two thousand years ago, but most important, still lives. If you will stop to think for a moment you will see that we celebrate Christ mas, not because He was born-but because he still lives. Let that fact set the tempo for your Christmas activities.

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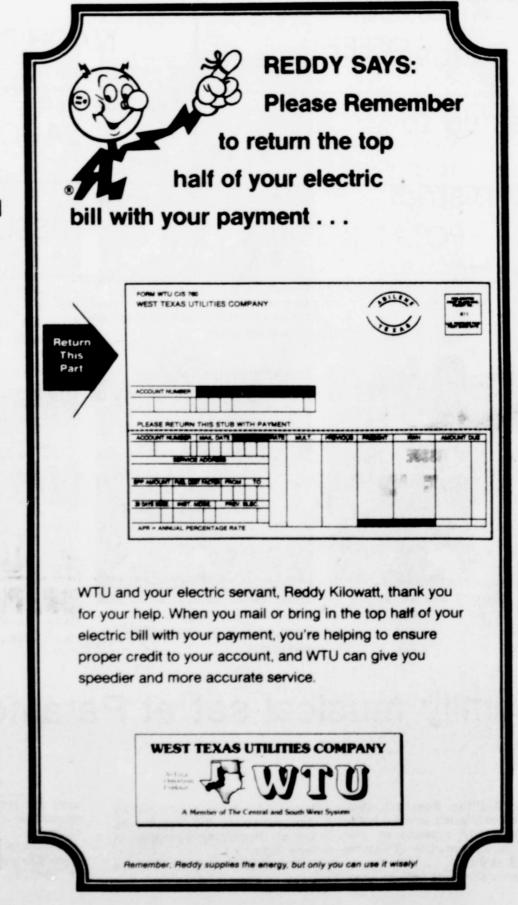
holiday visitor

Mrs. Bonnie Silk of Odessa, visited her mother Mrs. O. J. Reynolds and her brother Bob last weekend.

Fisher's hold reunion here

The family of the late Mack Fisher met in the home of Mrs. Mack Fisher in Merkel for a family reunion Nov. 11 through the 13th

Those who enjoyed a wonderful week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Fisher and son, Wesley of Calimesa, Ca; Carrie and Leon C. Fisher of White Oak; Jodie and Edith Barker and son Jodie Glyn and his wife Judie of Kermit; Mrs. Gertrude Nance of Lexington- her daughter Virginia and her husband Winifred Hawthorne of Temple; Mrs. E. M. Fisher, Ora of Colorado City and her son Dean Fisher of Archer City and grandson Billy Murray of Abilene; Mrs. Louis Fisher, Bessie and daughter Leatrice and her husband Hubert Watson of Abilene; Mrs. Opal Mundine, daughter of the late Wille Fisher of Lex-Ington; two long-time friends Mrs. Gay Barker and her daughter Josie Carter of Colorado City and the hostees Mrs. Linnie Fish-





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Church news

Catholic Church

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We are very grateful to them for sacrificing so many weekends this past year in preparing for this certification.

Fathers Frank and Lee Zimmerman attended a seminar on Homiletics at Christ the King Retreat center this week.

"Put on the Lord Jesus Christ". The Transformation occurs not through our own power, but through Christ, if only we will let Him do His work on

Merkel Methodist

Don't forget this Saturday will be our long awaited annual Christmas Bazaar and Spaghetti Dinner starting at 11 a.m. through 2 p.m. The dinner will include spaghetti, 'salad, garlic toast and desserts. Dinner prices are \$3 for adults and

\$1.50 for children. The booths in the gym will be open from 9 until 3. Those booths are the Country Kitchen, Christmas Wonders, Garden Shop, Arts and Crafts, and Trash and Treasures.

We promise good food, and good Christmas items and a good

Sunday, it will be a McMurry Sunday for the Methodist Church. Dr. Joe Stamey will perform the service and will do the preaching. Worship service will be at 10:50. Wednesday evening, our Chancel Choir will be singing for the public at Westgate Mall from 6 until 6:45. Also, on this date, we are hosting a Christmas social at the parsonage for young adults, out of High school. To encourage the formation of a new Sunday school class.

Grace

Presbyterian Sunday school starts

at 10 a.m. church services at 11, Dr. Robert Christian, Minister Notable Sayings A-

bout the Bible; Taken from Halley's Bible Handbook-Abraham Lincoln:

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"In all my perplexities and distresses, the Bible has never failed to give me light and strength." Lord Tennyson;

Bible reading is an education in itself." Daniel Webester; "If there is anything in my thoughts or style to commend, the credit is due to my parents for instilling in me an early love of the scriptures. If we abide by the principals taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglectit's insturctions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound

Andrew Jackson; "That book, sir, is the rock on which our republic stands. Let us

take time to read our

obscurity.

Bible."

Calvary Baptist

Candle light created a warm atmosphere for the annual Thanksgiving dinner at Calvary Baptist Church. If you remember, the electricity was off for more than one hour last Tuesday night, but no one missed a lick as everyone ate dinner by candle light.

The house lights came back on in time for our Thanksgiving services. The Sunshine choir rehersed by flashlight.

We had a large tunrout and a great time together.

It was nice to have old friends and members visiting from out of town in our services last Sunday as well as other visitors.

We'd like to say a special welcome to our new members. We are thankful for them.

We want to invite you to come and visit with us.

Sunday services are Sunday school at 10 a.m. Morning Worship at 10:50 a. m. Sunday night at 6 p.m. and Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m.

Obituaries

Chester Bryant

Chester Bryant, 70 of La Porte, died at 7 p.m. Nov. 21 at La Porte Care Center following a lengthy illness. Services were held here Nov. 25 at the Starbuck Chapel with the Rev. Kenneth Jones officiating.

He was born Oct. 29, 1913 in Neches. He had moved to Merkel in the early 1920s and was a member of the Church of Christ. He had married Ruby Davis Jan. 18, 1933 in Abi-

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Barbara Vaughn of La Porte, Sue Randall of Tuscola and Billie Lankfort of Kermit; his mother Della Bryant of Merkel; three brothers Byron of Abilene, Park of Tuscola and **Bueford of Houston**; one sister Bobbye Strothers of Houston, 14 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Euna Orsborn Euna Bell Orsborn of Trent died at 2 p.m. Nov. 24 at her home of

a sudden illness. Ser-

vices were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Trent Methodist Church. The Rev. Tommy Beck, the Rev. James Carroll and the Rev. Gregg Armstrong officiated. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cem-

etery. Born July 20, 1909 in Merkel, she had lived in the area most of her life. She had lived in Trent since 1946 and

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She had married Luther Orsborn Jan 26th 1929 in Sweetwater. Survivors include her husband; one nephew and she was preceeded in death by a sister Nola Spratlin.. Pallbearers were Layne Wells, Red Schafer, D. H. Jones, Randy Hunt, Bill Hamner and Don Orr.

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ative mathematics activities at home. One idea is to make up some "magic squares." In a magic square, every row, column and diagonal has the same sum. Use a calculator if you

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She was born July 8, 1891 in Lawrence. She had moved to Merkel in 1942. She is survived by a niece Peggy Taylor of Dallas. She had married James Kuykendall Nov. 5, 1912 in Royse City. He had died Dec. 25,

by Annie Walker The Kuykendall Family:

The family moved to Merkel at the beginning of the Camp Barkley days.

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Ruby was an interior decorator. Each time they moved into a house, it was repaired into an outstanding home.

Jimmy, the only son, worked in the local bank. He always had a smile and a cheerful greeting for everyone. Ruby was a beautiful woman, a perfect seamstress and a devout Chris-

She worked in the alteration room at one of the leading stores in Abilene. She also sewed for local people. Ruby enjoyed helping people. If a family was involved with a church wedding or any other activity, they would go to Ruby for advice, she knew how to plan for any event.

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Garage Sale: Children's clothes, chevy pick-up grill guard, misc. 8:30 a.m. Saturday, 807 Locust. 39-1tc

For your concern, prayers & cards, while I was receiving treatment in San Antonio and Hendricks, may I say thank you. Bobbye Mansfield

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Especially to Brother Jones and the First Baptist Church in Merkel, The Merkel Fire Department and the Merkel EMS. May God bless each of you! Delores & Donald

> Cloyd Tammye Cloyd

We want to thank all our friends and relatives for helping us celebrate our 50th go-Iden wedding anniversary. It was a wonderful day. We thank you again.

Fred and Clara Johnson

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Attest: Rilla Mahoney Clerk, 104th District Court Taylor County, Texas By Kristi Mc-Ginnes, Deputy.

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STARBUCK FUNERAL HOME

Starr Nursing home news

by Stephanie Mitchell

We had a real nice Thanksgiving thanks to a lot of people. The garden club made some beautiful tray favors and door decorations. Mrs. Roberts 5th grade class made some napkin holders. The First Baptist Church also made some tray favors. The trays looked so pretty, it made Thanksgiving dinner much nicer

Buddy Smith and his fiddlin' friends came and played for us on the 17th and as usual, everyone had a great time. Our people enjoy them so much we hope they keep coming.

We had our Bingo night on the 2nd Thursday of the month and we sure want to thank all of the volunteers that helped. We have a small problem though, the people that came to help forgot to sign the register and so we

are unable to find all of the names of the volunteers, but we thank all of you anyway.

Beverly Archer and the Clowns for Christ have decided to come each month to bring balloons for the monthly birthday party. Last month they really brightened up the party.

Christmas is fast approaching and this year we are planning on an outing for the volunteers.

We plan to take them out to see the decorations at the mall. shopping and afterwards out to dinner at Grandy's. Star will be having a Craft-N-Bake Sale Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. in front of Ben Franklin's to try and raise money for the trip.

We hope to raise enough money to buy every resident a gift, and buy dinner for the ones that are able to go. We hope you attend and purchase an item. Your support will be appreciated greatly. Anyone interested in helping or donating items for sale should contact Stephanie Mitchell at 928-5673.

Starr wishes to send a get well wish to Clyde Shouse who is in the hospital. We hope he will be back with us very soon and will be feeling stronger.

In closing, we'd like to say thanks to all of you that are helping with our volunteer program. We are finally getting a good volunteer program rolling and it's making a difference, in a lot of people's lives. Thanks for caring and please, don't

Josh Mashburn, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Ronnie Hardy of Merkel is 10 years old

and recently downed his first buck, an 8

point 17" X 14" rack in Mulberry

Canyon. He was told it was the largest

buck bagged this season.

NOW GET BACK OUTTHERE AND HIT SOME BOD' TRAINER No PRISONERS)

> The shouting is over, the bands have left the field, but one group of individuals work never ends. That is the trainers and managers. One of these forgotten heroes is Johnny Starbuck.

been downhill since.

§ Everyone knows Johnny is a supersalesman. I once threatened to bar-b-q him if he didn't quit "questioning" my calls and he offered me a "great deal" on a case of barbecue sauce. Rumor has it that Coach Mitts had to "ground" Johnny from water boy duties during time-outs at the football games. You guessed it, ol' Johnny was selling the

§ The one thing Johnny doesn't have to try to sell and that's himself. He's already won the respect and admiration of anyone who has ever known him. by Dale Hammond



§ I first encountered Johnny back when I was umpiring Little League and it has

Gatorade to our battered warriors.

Mall. Producers and homeowners are encouraged to exhibit their pecans at the Plaques will be presented to the winner in LET US TAKE CARE OF ALL YOUR

set at Westgate the in-shell, shelling and native categories. This show is sponsored by Westgate nursery and the extension Hor-

ticulture Committee. More information is available from County Extension Agent Joe

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Governor Mark White **REPORTS**

AUSTIN-Over the last two years, 151 significant layoffs in the grams work. out jobs.

families to support and bills to pay. Unfortunately, they have little or no chance of ever returning to the jobs for which they were trained. Economic and technological changes have made their jobs

our state, particularly in pockets

in the next nine months under the work to meet the statewide goal there is not enough federal job Job Training Partnership Act, a of removing 10,211 from the wel-training money to help all 662,700 federally-funded employment and fare rolls and placing them in per- Texans who found themselves in come, elderly, and those whose jobs are permanently eliminated during economic hard times.

to decide which projects to fund Southeast Texas. and the overall management responsibility to see that these pro-

gas, steel, petrochemical and ship- The Job Training Partnership Steelworkers of America will rebuilding industries have left Act also gives the private sector an ceive \$300,000 to assist 600 62,000 hard working Texans with important "partnership" role, workers laid off by Armco's Program Chairman Since the act took effect in Oc- Houston Works plant. Houston Becky Rodgers introtober, I have certified 34 locally- Community College and the duced Shirley McBride appointed private industrial coun- Texas Employment Commission cils to work with local elected of- will receive \$1.1 million to retrain ficials in designing and adminis- another 650 unemployed industering job training and employ- trial workers in the Houston area. ment programs in different service In Beaumont-Port Arthur, the areas in Texas.

along the Texas-Mexico border level Texans for available jobs. My Ohmstede Machine Works. where the jobless rate exceeds 25 office is providing general guide- I will announce the start-up of Texas will receive \$115 million how best to put this money to ing weeks but, unfortunately, manent jobs.

I have approved spending tember. another \$2.2 million in federal job For the first time in the history to provide counseling, job search, problems. Improving our educaof federal jobs programs, Con-training and placement services tional system and attracting new gress has given states the authority for displaced industrial workers in businesses to Texas will mean jobs

The Southwestern Steel Divi- century.

sion of Armco Inc. and the United

non-profit Programs for Human Out of Texas' \$115 million share Services has been awarded Unemployment remains unac- of federal job training funds, \$79 \$760,000 in job training funds to ceptably high in many parts of million will be divided among the provide similar services to workers 34 service areas to train poverty- laid off from Texaco, Ideco and

lines, but the local private in- projects to help the jobless in dustrial councils will decide on other parts of our state in comunemployment lines in Sep-

Job retraining is only one part training funds for three projects of the solution to our economic for our children into the next

Garden club meets

the devotional about The Merkel Garden Thanksgiving. Memb-Club met Nov. 17 at ers of the club par-Starr Nursing Home ticipated in making for their regular meettray decorations for ing. A short business the residents' Thankmeeting was conductsgiving dinner. ed by Mrs. Peachey. Members present included Peggy Black, Mary Click, Lottle Everett, Inez Detrick, and Alice King, Shirley Linnie Fisher, Billie

and Inez are volunteer Hartley, Lamoine Huworkers at Starr Nurghes, Estelle Humphsing Home. They took reys, Alice King, Shithe time to make door rley McBride, Olga arrangements for re-Peachey, Becky Rodsidents to enjoy during gers, Mary Cleo Sadthe Thanksgiving holer, Leota Sherill and lidays. Alice brought Murel Thompson.

81 Study Club news

The 81 Study Club held it's annual Thanksgiving celebration Nov. 28 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in

Food was served to the following members and their guests; Goldia Malone, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Shipman, Anna Talent, James and JoAnn Talent, Betty Stautzenberger, Gilbert Stautzenberger, Mandy Stautzenberger, Randy Stautzenberger, Catherine & Rufis

Winn, Cleo Reese, Paula Forehand and Grace Holt.

Each member brought a covered dish and the food was gr-

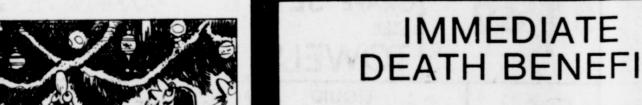
The next meeting is called Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. at the Big Country Inn. A meeting will also be held at 4 p.m. Dec. 12 in the home of Grace Holt. Gifts will be exchanged and holiday refreshments will be



December 5-December 11.

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