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March of Dimes Quota Is Set Here at \$1,500

Merkel's quota for the 1954 March of Dimes is \$1,500, according to Principal C. A. Farley, local director.

This year's goal is 50 per cent higher than last year's made necessary by the increased use of gamma globulin in fighting polio. Last year \$1,000 were raised locally.

The drive in Merkel and surrounding communities will be from January 2 through January 30.

Special events in the local campaign will include a hilarious basketball game, a talent show, Mothers' March on Polio.

During the next year the foundation will spend approximately \$19 million on a gamma globulin program of prevention and \$7.5 million on a vaccine field trial.

This year's drive will help finance experiments in a new vaccine which will be given a mass field trial next summer. Money

also goes to buy gamma globulin, the blood factor thought to give from four to six weeks protection from polio. Shots are administered free by the National Foundation to people exposed to direct contact with polio victims.

Directors in communities surrounding Merkel have been appointed as follows:

Mrs. A. D. Scott and Mrs. Leroy Riney at I. X. L.; Mrs. Price Melton and Mrs. Bill Henager at Blair; Mrs. Jeff Chancey and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds at Union Ridge; Mrs. Buck Leach and Mrs. C. B. Rust at Stith and Warren; Mrs. A. L. Cunningham and Mrs. Matt Ely at Cross Roads;

Mrs. J. Ford Butman and Mrs. John Oliver at Butman; Mrs. Tom Hogan and Mrs. Tommie Patterson at Castle Peak and Mt. Pleasant; and Mrs. J. C. Brown and Mrs. Lawrence Bird at Salt Branch and Mulberry.

HELP NOW!



Join the March of Dimes

THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Economic Picture For Merkel in 1954 Is Optimistic

Here it is Jan. 1, 1954, and the question arises: What are the prospects this year for Merkel and its surrounding area?

First let us ask: How has the past year treated this area?

Let us look first at the agricultural picture of 1953.

The crop, though not all that we hoped it would be, was so much better than anyone anticipated or could think it would be in the summer that we have to admit that it was a pretty good crop after all. Considering the commodity price it was a profitable crop where rains came and produced any crop at all. Where the cotton gins in 1952 were more or less idle in 1953 we found them operating, sometimes all night, in Merkel, two of them, in Stith, Noodle and at Trent, one each.

In the summer, we are forced to admit, on account of the continued drought, much cattle was marketed due to necessity. In late August and September, when the rains came, stocker or replacement cattle were bought. Right now those folks are forced by necessity to sell because the wheat crop has been disappointing due to lack of follow-up rains. Now they must either sell or feed them.

The price on livestock declined materially during the year and worth substantially less than a

year ago, about 33 1-3 to 50 per cent across the board.

In some instances Federal Crop Insurance has helped, especially those who had a virtual crop failure.

Drastic acreage reduction for another year of wheat and cotton is going to have a tendency to make lending agencies more conservative.

The oil picture is good. Many new wells are being drilled as reported in last week's issue of The Mail. Prospects for additional drilling are bright. Numerous producers were added to the production in this area. Equipment has been moved in on the W. J. Largent well, offset to Swafford No. 1, four miles north of town.

Then there are the payrolls that bolster the economy here. The Taylor Electric Coop and the Taylor Refrigeration Coop employ 35 persons with an average payroll monthly of \$11,000. The Hicks Auto Supply has 11 employees with a payroll that helps the picture. The Sadler Hospital has a large staff and a naturally large

payroll. The West Texas Utilities has six employees and the Lone Star Gas Company has employees here.

All these organizations mean more families in Merkel, families that have money to spend in town, that brightens the economy.

The businessmen of the town almost without exception are optimistic about the future.

The dry goods merchants reported 1953 equally as good or better than 1952. The Christmas business was exceptionally good.

Grocers asserted that business had been better, a whole lot better in 1953 than in 1952. They looked for 1954 to be good but that the dollar volume might not be as great as accounted of the lowering in prices.

The auto dealers reported 1953 as a very good year, better than 1952. The local dealers looked for the 1954 volume to be good and one said that he thought it would be better even than 1953.

As a measuring stick for the real picture the bank has the figures as to what is actually happening here.

"The local bank deposits constitute a very dependable barometer as to the health of the local economy," remarked Booth Warren, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. "They show as of Dec. 23, 1953, that there were \$3,463,660.29 on deposit while last year at the same time there were \$3,229,623.60.

"Loans as of Dec. 23 were \$474,609.74, showing material liquidation, which is a good sign of the economic condition."

The statement of the bank reflects \$1,320,000 cash and due from banks and in excess of \$2,000,000 in U. S. bonds and securities, including Commodity Credit Corporation Certificates of Interest and Government Loan Cotton, as secondary reserve.

"Almost without exception farmers in this area are in better shape financially than they were a year ago," stated President Warren. "This is on account of the price of cotton and that he made a profit if he made any cotton at all."

As far as the farmer is concerned he goes into 1954 economically firm but the future will depend upon adequate seasonal rainfall. The picture is one of conservative optimism.

The conclusion, as it was at the beginning of 1953, is that the farmer, the stockman, the oil man, the businessman and the public in general have a right to be hopeful and optimistic about the Merkel economy in 1954.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

TO BUILD ROADS

Three road projects in precinct No. 2, calling for a total expenditure of \$39,670, have been approved by the state CWA board, announced Commissioner A. J. Cannon. The projects cover 14 miles of roads in this precinct. A crew was started to work Wednesday morning at Butman on graveling the school bus route and the other work will start at an early date.

MRS. M. A. MOORE DIES

Mrs. Margaret Ann Moore, who observed her 96th birthday on Nov. 17, died Sunday night at the home of her son, W. C. Moore, five miles north of Tye. Interment was in the Stith Cemetery. She is survived by three sons, W. C., and Jim and John, both of Colorado.

STOP KILLINGS, WARNS JUDGE

Declaring "it is time the people of Taylor County did something to stop murder," Judge M. S. Long empaneled a grand jury Monday for a new term of the 42nd district court. Two Merkel men, R. H. Mathews, Sr., and L. L. Murray, are on the panel.

G. F. HAAS SUCCUMBS

G. F. Haas died at 3 a. m. Wednesday from burns received in a fire which broke out late Monday along a gasoline line leading from a refinery near Longview. Funeral services were held from the home of his cousin, Ansell Coats, Thursday. Interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery. He was 31 years old.

RAINFALL BELOW NORMAL

Last week's rainfall, totalling

1 5-8 inches, according to the gauge of Volunter Weather Observer Grover Hale, brought the figure for the year 1933 to 14 1-8 inches. Normal is 20.22 inches. In 1932 it reached over 47 inches.

BUSINESSES CHANGE

The Jones Dry Goods Company has moved its stock of goods from Big Spring and will re-open here next week in the Jones Building which the company formerly occupied. E. B. Wallace of Big Spring is to be the manager.

Dr. Joe Busby, chiropractor of Abilene, announces that he will be here from 10:30 a. m. to 2 p. m. each day, his office to be in the Hulsey residence on Oak Street.

Reid's Variety Store moved across the street to the building formerly occupied by W. J. Shepard, the latter moving into part of the J. T. Dennis store, occupying the south half of same.

Marvin Smith sold his truck and delivery business to Marshall Stalls while Spencer Bird has assumed the management of the Highway Service Station, formerly operated by B. P. Middleton.

Mayor W. M. Elliott has closed his Busy Bee Cafe on Front Street temporarily.

HOLD FAMILY REUNIONS

Family reunions were held by the family of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr., the Sublett family, the Baker family, the family of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt, the family of Mrs. I. R. Trent.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1913 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Jna. B. Boden, who has been connected with the Star Store for the past few years, has accepted a position with the Parien Dry Good Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stevens and Misses Mary and Amy Gunn motored to Stith Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Coggins visited at Noodle Sunday, going and coming in their car, Mr. Coggins acting as his own chauffeur. Mrs. Coggins says "never, never again." She doesn't believe in joy rides anyway.

Messrs. Ruford and Dukes Mixture Evans of Dallas were here during the holidays, visiting their

parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Evans.

Miss Ada Vantreese left Wednesday for Mart to visit her sister, Mrs. E. H. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer E. Nesbit and baby Jack spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Nesbit's sister, Mrs. Carl Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Cordill are visiting their son, J. S. Cordill, at Big Spring.

Misses Ida Smith, Maude Skillens and Floy Leeman of Trent are visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. Twyman Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Gayland Lassiter of

Postal Receipts Increase \$803.11 Says Postmaster

Postal receipts in Merkel soared over 1952, reported Postmaster Wrenn Durham. It increased \$803.11 as of the end of Dec. 26.

The 1933 receipts were \$21,851.45 while those of 1952 were \$21,048.34, stated the Postmaster Durham.

Watt L. Blair Dies at His Home At Age of 76

Watt L. Blair, 76, a resident of Taylor County 50 years, died at his home here Monday after suffering a heart attack.

Funeral was held at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. R. M. McGinnis of Comanche officiating, assisted by Rev. M. E. Randolph, Starbuck Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Blair and his wife observed their golden wedding anniversary in 1947, when all eight of their children were with them. One daughter, Mrs. R. F. Whisenhunt, has since died.

Mrs. Blair died Oct. 10, 1952, from injuries suffered in an automobile accident in Santa Rosa, California.

Born Feb. 25, 1877, at Centre, Ala., Mr. Blair was married March 14, 1897, at Annonis, Ala., to the former Ogie Gwin. The couple moved to Comanche in 1899 and to Merkel in 1904 making their home at first in what is now Blair community, which was named for him.

In 1905 they moved to Mulberry Canyon and lived there until 1928 when they moved to Merkel.

Survivors include five sons, Doyle Blair of Santa Rosa, Calif., John, Hayden and O. C. Blair, all of Levelland, and Maj. Russell T. Blair, with the U. S. Army in San Antonio; two daughters, Mrs. Roy H. Mathews of Pyote and Mrs. Cramer Reynolds, 24 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; three half brothers and three half sisters. The brothers are Grover Blair, Kyle of Hurlwood and Tom of Fort Worth. The sisters are Mrs. Jack Parker of Odessa, Mrs. Dewey Hutchins and Mrs. Harry Riney.

Lamar County came in last week to spend a portion of their honeymoon here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lassiter.

STORES CLOSE JANUARY 1

The stores of Merkel and the bank will be closed all day Friday, New Year's Day. This is one of the five days of the year that all the stores have agreed to be closed.

Xmas Program Fills Church at Assembly of God

The crowd that came to the Christmas program Wednesday night of last week at the Assembly of God Church filled the auditorium and extra chairs had to be brought in. The evening was well received and was under the general direction of Dr. James H. Chaney.

The Junior Department program was in charge of Mrs. Tom Christ, Sunday School superintendent. The children sang and read poems, stressing the spiritual aspects of Christmas. The youngsters did very well.

The Adult Group play went off very smoothly. They not only developed the spiritual atmosphere of Christmas but also the gay humor of the season was injected by a couple of "tramps," portrayed by Richard Chaney and Tom Christ. The stars of the play were Betty Price and Carroll Earp, as brother and sister, seeking to serve Christ.

The pianist for both programs was Mrs. James H. Chaney. The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 19 acted as ushers and delivery boys.

The church presented Mrs. H. S. Earp with a nice black dress and gave the Earp family a desk for their living room. The Boy Scouts surprised their scoutmaster, Dr. Chaney, with a billfold.

Rev. Earp gave a case of jelly of six assorted flavors to each of the church officials: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Christ, Sunday School and assistant Sunday School superintendents; Mrs. John Wheeler, Junior Department superintendent; Robert Smith, president of the Young People; Dr. Chaney, scoutmaster, and Mrs. Vayden Horton, Sunday School secretary.

ONE DAY, 2 WRECKS

Two car wrecks took place Monday of last week. At 12:15 noon at 4th and Oak the cars of R. Irvin and Miss Jennie Smith crashed. At 6:30 p. m. the autos of Grady Knight and Kenneth Smith hit.

No injuries were suffered in these wrecks but all cars were badly damaged.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING

Final plans for the annual all-night singing New Year's Eve at the Pioneer Church are set, announced Tom Russom. Quartets from Coleman, Sylvester, Nolan and Sweetwater will be present. Doughnuts and coffee will be served at midnight. Everyone is welcome.

ALL BOYS ON XMAS

On Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1953, a boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Neely Tittle at the Sadler Hospital, named Monty Charles. On Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1937, a boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Tittle at the Sadler Hospital, named Gary.

The elder Tittles are brothers. Cullens now lives at Eagle Pass.

Golden Years' Party Brings Golden Hours to Golden Hearts

The Golden Years' Party brought golden hours to the folks with golden light in their hair and eyes. It was all brought about by the Golden Years' Party sponsored by the Fortnightly Study Club.

The affair was held from 2 to 4 p. m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Community Center. The hall was beautifully decorated with the huge Christmas tree. The table was attractively arranged.

Though the party was to start at 2 p. m. many came as early as 1:20 p. m. Everyone enjoyed the affair.

Mrs. Powell Miller read "Cowboy Christmas Ball." Mrs. E. L. Frazier of Mulberry Canyon remarked that she knew "Windy Billy," caller in the story, quite well.

Dr. James H. Chaney delighted the golden year folks, with his jiggling. Others on the program sang solos, trios and quartets. The audience joined in singing "Silent Night."

Christmas cookies and candy canes with hot spiced tea were served to everyone.

The party was so successful that the club promised to make the delightful event an annual affair and

New Year' Eve Party for Young People Is Set

Preparations for the New Year's Eve Party to be held by the Young People of the Church of Christ at the Community Center are about completed, announced Roy E. Gulley, minister. It will start at 8 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

All young folks of Merkel and surrounding area are invited, whether they belong to the church or not. Those who intend to come are asked to contact one of the Young People or Mr. Gulley.

Games will be played. There will be group singing and special numbers from different churches. At midnight the New Year will be brought in by Scripture reading and prayer.

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Hauls Lumber From Fort Worth To Build Home in Wild Country

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark came in and renewed their subscriptions... six of them... one for themselves and five for their children. "I guess we have the record in number of subscribers to The Mail," remarked Mrs. Clark.

Ever since there was The Merkel Mail, they or their family have been taking it. Before they were married their parents took it and ever since their marriage 44 years ago they have continued to subscribe for The Mail.

They were both born and reared here. He is 63, she is 62. They were married on Dec. 15, 1909 by Rev. J. W. Saffle at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. West. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have lived at their present home for 3¹/₂ years.

Mr. Clark's father, H. D. Clark,

came here from Red River County in 1878. There was nothing here but wild country. The Elder Clark hauled lumber from Fort Worth to build his first home at Mulberry Canyon. He was one of the old pioneers who blazed the way for those to follow.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark are a very congenial couple. She remarked, "When Rev. Saffle marries you, you stay married. I remember something about the wedding that Rev. Saffle may have forgotten. I recall that he ate more pumpkin pie!"

Then she smiled sweetly, "You know, we couldn't get along without The Mail; in fact, sometimes we need two as we both want to look at it at the same time when it arrives."

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Gerald West, son of Mrs. James West, is visiting his mother and sister, Gloria, over the holidays. He is a chemical engineer with the Naval Ordnance Test Station at China Lake, California.

Mrs. Jackie Pyle and children of Long Beach, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melton, Jr., of Hutchison, Kans., and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Land and children of Snyder were home for the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melton, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither had as their guests during the Christmas holidays their daughters, Mrs. E. D. McGehee, Mr. McGehee and children David and Trelyn of Del Rio and Mrs. James Garner and Mr. Garner of Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes had their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Musser and son Stevie of Arlington, and Mrs. Grimes' brother, Davis Jones, and wife of Dallas over the Christmas holidays.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro over the holiday were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Renfro of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Tiede of Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Harrison of Monahans.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wood and family of Edna are here over the holidays, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Joyce and Larry spent the Christmas holidays in Dallas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller spent the Christmas holidays in Edgewood with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hooks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust spent the Christmas holidays with her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Kail, at Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Elliott of Dalhart were here Saturday, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Scroggins and daughters of Odessa visited her mother, Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Sr., over the holidays. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boaz of Seagraves and Mrs. Lula Smith of Houston.

Postmaster and Mrs. Wrenn Durham, Penny and Dana spent the Christmas holidays in Brownwood with her mother, Mrs. Earl Clements.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moore had for Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vanzant and Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Moore of Abilene.

Mr. R. T. Gray of Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Gray and daughter Dinah of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sears, Jr., and daughter, Carolyn of Wingate were Christmas Day visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boney and family of Colorado City were Sunday visitors in the home of Mrs. W. O. Boney.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Pillars of Hominy, Okla., are visitors of her aunt, Mrs. Goldia Malone.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hicks and family visited in Lubbock over the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Stratton and sisters, Mrs. Ronald Corn of Roswell, New Mexico, Mrs. Hubert Knight of Amarillo and Mrs. Elbert Herbst of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullock spent the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. S. A. Duckett, in Tulia.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Carson had as guests for the Christmas holidays Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carson and sons of La Junta, Colo., Dave Carson of Corpus Christi and the home folks.

Rev. and Mrs. George Epperson and family spent Thursday and Friday of last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Lewis, in Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Pursley and family of Shreveport, La., spent the Christmas holidays with his brother Gordon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jessop and son Jamie of Eastland visited Christmas with Grandma Bell and Burney Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Griffin and family of Longview visited from Wednesday to Saturday with his brother Odis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge spent the Christmas holidays in Breckenridge with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Glenn.

1/c Robert W. Sledge spent the Christmas weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge. All went to Clyde to visit her sister, Mrs. W. E. Norwood, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox and son J. D. and family of Abilene went to Lubbock Thursday for the Christmas holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Walker and Saturday they visited Ollie's mother, Mrs. J. C. Fox in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Miller of Mineral Wells was a Christmas visitor of his nephew, R. H. Miller and Mrs. Miller. Also other guests during the holiday were his brother, W. O. and wife of Dallas.



It's a real pleasure for all associated with this firm, to extend to our many, many friends — Our Best Wishes for Luck in '54!

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Happy New Year



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May the New Year multiply your blessings and, also, our opportunities for helpful service to you.

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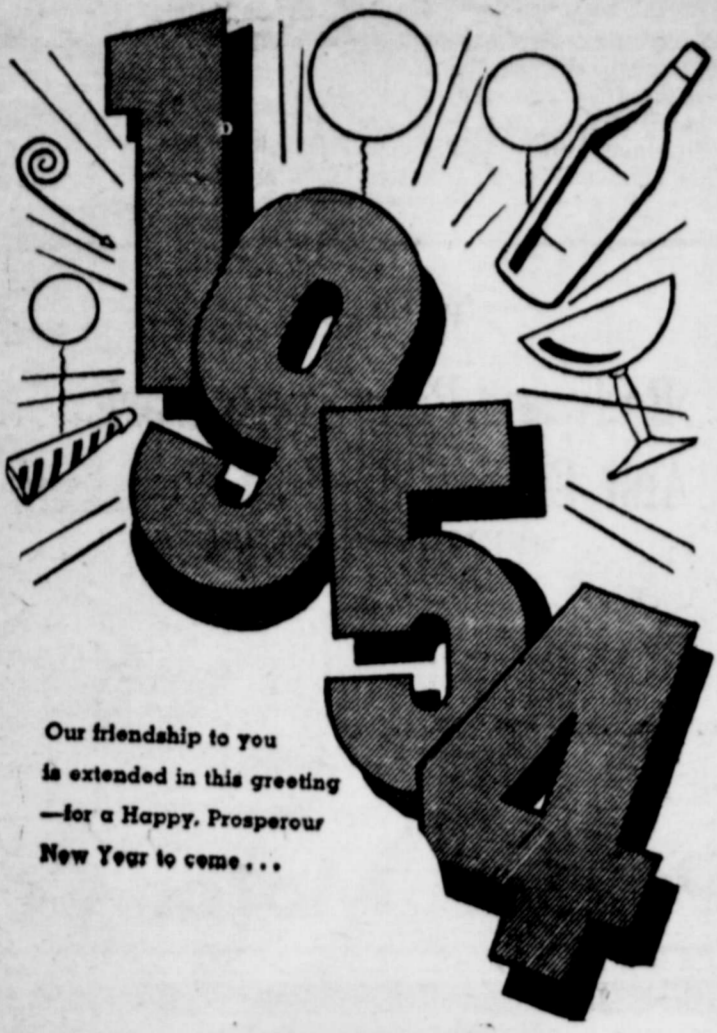
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GRIF BARNETT

CÓNOCO AGENT
Phone 224



We are glad to see the Old Year go, so that we can say Happy New Year to you!

hello. 1954

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TOMMY ODUM, Manager



We are bursting with good wishes for a happy and prosperous 1954...as it unfolds, may your fortune expand and your troubles float away!

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May the bells that ring in the New Year toll happiness for you, forever!

The Nook Cafe



Thanks a million for your patronage, and a million good wishes that you all will enjoy the good fortune of A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Max Mellinger



Higgins Blacksmith and Welding Shop



May we join in your New Year celebration this year, with a crowd of good wishes including health, happiness, prosperity, and peace!

ABILENE SAVINGS ASSOCIATION
1155 NORTH THIRD ABILENE, TEXAS



Dudley Electric
Quannah Dudley

"Here Come Girls" Stars Bob Hope At Queen Theatre

Starring Bob Hope, Tony Martin, Arlene Dahl and Rosemary Clooney, "Here Come the Girls" is a bright and lavish song-and-dance film that charmingly flows along with a gag-a-minute pace that plays Sunday and Monday at the Queen Theatre.

The Edmund Hartmann-Hal-Kanter script places Bob Hope as an awkward chorus boy with a genius for messing up production numbers. After being literally "thrown out" of show business he is suddenly catapulted into the lead of a new review.

The idea behind the insane movie being to set him up as a clay pigeon for "Jack the Slasher," a crazed killer in love with the star of the show, Arlene Dahl. The killer has sworn to assassinate her leading man, who, up till the advent of bumbling Bob, had been Tony Martin.

PROTECT CHICK FLOCK

An outbreak of infectious bronchitis in the chick flock usually means that from 10 to 20 percent of the chicks will be lost. The egg production drop in a laying flock is rapid and income losses are heavy. The disease spreads rapidly and prevention is more effective than known controls. — A. & M.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — Lee Ann Holloway, Marvin Holloway, Tom Largent, Bill Brazzil, Mrs. J. R. Walling.

For surgery — Edna Marie Russell and Craig Litton, tonsillectomy, Mrs. E. M. Tarpley, Mrs. Roy Hewitt.

Riot of Rhythm And Romance At Queen Theatre

"Walking My Baby Back Home" comes Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Queen Theatre. With Donald O'Connor and Janet Leigh cavorting in high and handsome spirit, this riot of rhythm and romance has an abundance of everything that a topflight musical showpiece needs.

The very engaging romance between ex-GI bandleader O'Connor and ex-WAC songbird Janet Leigh is a highly plausible story line on which to build a veritable bonanza of a dozen bouncy song and dance productions.

BUMPER GATE

A time and labor saver is the bumper gate. Plans for Constructing such equipment may be obtained from your local county agent. Ask for plan 206-Bumper Gates. — A. & M.

personals

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Walker of Abilene were Christmas Day visitors of their daughter, Mrs. Floyd Green, and family. Visitors Sunday were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Green, of Dallas and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Honeycutt and family spent the Christmas holidays with his sister, Mrs. J. W. Short, and family in Frost.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Purser and family spent Christmas day with his mother, Mrs. Faye Purser, of Trent and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gruben, of Rotan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith and family spent the Christmas holidays with her mother in Uvalde.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Mathews and sons Roy Kent of Pyote Air Force Base and Col. and Mrs. Frank H. Mathews of College Station visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch had around thirty guests for Christmas dinner including their children and grandchildren and his brother, Jim McAninch.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Oliver and twin daughters of Midland and Jimmy Wayne Oliver, S. R., of U. S. Navy Training Center of San Diego, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whisenhunt and children of North Merkel spent Christmas

with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver, and Patsy.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Nelson of Terrell visited his sister, Mrs. John Oliver, and family recently. Sgt. and Mrs. Leon Toombs, Jr., spent the Christmas holidays with their parents and grandparents, Mrs. H. A. Randall of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs and Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Demere, Sgt. Toombs is stationed at Ft. Bliss in El Paso.

Mrs. Dixie Scott had Christmas dinner with her son Percy and family of Trent. This is the first time in 25 years that she had eaten Christmas dinner away from home as all her children could not get together at her home this time.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Paine had all of their children home Christmas day. They were: Wilma Paine, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hutcheson and son Steve of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Paine and children of Snyder and Mrs. Willard Paine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. West, of Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. David Reidenbach and boys of Charleston, South Carolina, and Mr. and Mrs. Galen Metz of San Antonio visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reidenbach, during the holidays. The David Reidenbach's were here for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Love of Trent had all their children and grandchildren together Sunday for a family reunion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Vancil. A delicious dinner of turkey and all the trimmings was served buffet style to about 35.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Castles spent the Christmas holiday with Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Castles of Lubbock.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Yandell during the Christmas holidays were their sons in the service, Pfc. Benton Yandell, Fort Bliss, and Clinton Yandell, M. E. 3-C, El Centra, Calif. The boys left together, December 27, to report back to their respective stations.

Mrs. Harry M. Ellis of Cleveland, Tenn., spent the Christmas holidays with her son, Coach Tommy Ellis, and family.

Mrs. Johnny Armour and children of Plainview are visiting her sister, Mrs. Leon Walker and family.

Mary Jo Garland, head of the extension service at Kerrville, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garland, during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tipton and sons, Sammy and Gary, of Samnorwood are holiday visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tipton.

Visitors over the week with Mr. and Mrs. L. Miller and Mrs. J. Dean were Mrs. Lydia Hayes of Anson, Mrs. Harrison of California, A. R. Preslar and daughter Joy of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dean

of Lauri and Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Hooper and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wallace and son Mikey and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson, Jr., and son Jerry Wayne, all of Arlington, spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Patterson, and Mrs. Elmer Patterson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roane of Maryneal.

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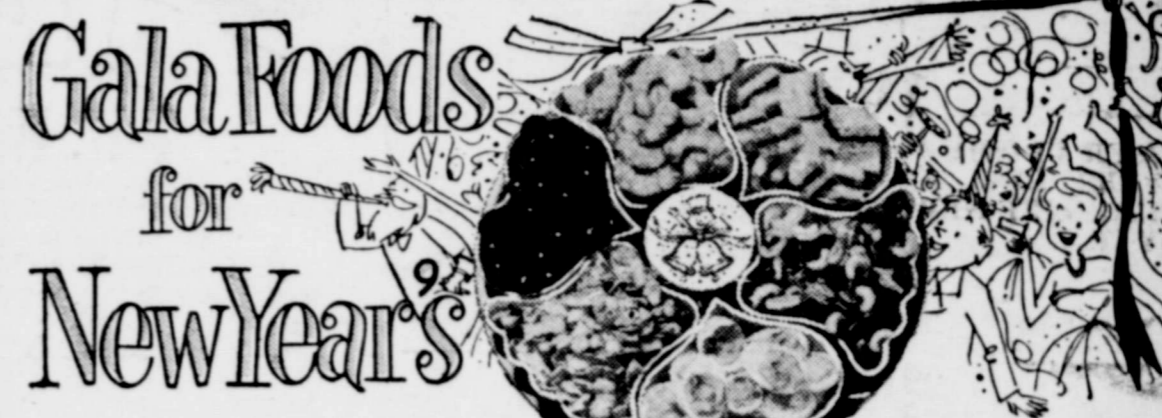
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SOCIETY

'53 SENIOR CLASS REUNION IS HELD LAST SATURDAY
The reunion of the senior Merkel High School class of 1953 was held last Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Dent Gibson. About 35 were present.
All the annuals were looked over and a Mexican supper followed. Then they all sat around and sang and talked about school days. Everyone enjoyed the evening and set Dec. 27, 1954, as the next reunion date.

MRS. LIGE GAMBLE HOSTESS TO GARDEN CLUB
Twenty-four members attended the Garden Club meeting held in the home of Mrs. Lige Gamble on December 3.
Roll call was answered by "What our garden club should mean to this community." Mrs. Joe Hartley spoke on "Garden Roundup Time Is Here."
Mrs. B. H. Jones spoke on "Let's go Shopping for Chrysanthemums." Mrs. Lucy Ford gave the garden

Music, Comedy, Fun On January 5 For March of Dimes
The Western Parson and the Circuit Riders from KRBC-TV in Abilene are scheduled for an appearance in Merkel for the benefit of the March of Dimes on the night of January 5 at the school auditorium, at 8 p. m.
The show will feature music, comedy and fun for all ages... starring Orville Sanders (the Western Parson) and his Circuit Riders.

Eleven Baskets Are Distributed To Needy on Xmas
Eleven baskets of food, clothing and toys were distributed by the Baptist Brotherhood on Christmas Day. Donations were made by everyone and the response was splendid. Boxes were placed on the street for the donations.
Alvin Wozencraft is president of the brotherhood.

BUILDING PLANS
Farm families desiring building and equipment plans should ask their local county extension agents for information on this phase of farm and home management. The agents have a catalogue of the many plans which are available without cost. — A. & M.

THANK YOU CARD
We wish to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who has been so helpful with your many thoughtful deeds and gifts during my illness.
May the Lord bless each one of you.
Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Satterwhite.

WORD OF GRATITUDE
We wish to express our appreciation to all who helped in any way by expressions of sympathy, sending cards, food and flowers and your presence in the time of our recent sorrow. May God bless each of you.
The Zollinger Family

BIG CHRISTMAS DINNER ENJOYED IN PALMER HOME
A big Christmas dinner was enjoyed in the R. S. Palmer home. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Frick and children of Odessa came Christmas Day, bringing with them a big barbecued turkey with all the trimmings to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Palmer. They all took their dinners on to the R. S. Palmer home.
Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Devaney also brought dinner and spent the day. Mrs. Devaney is the daughter of the R. S. Palmers. Visiting in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bell and children, Mrs. Clona McClure and George Smith, all of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Smith of Hawley.

LT. ZEDIC G. JOHNSON RECEIVES DISCHARGE FROM U. S. ARMY
Lt. Zedic G. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. L. Johnson, who has been serving with the Army Engineers in Korea for the past seven months, arrived home in time for the Christmas holidays. He got his discharge December 31.

AT OHIO STATE
Frances M. Higgins Bennett is attending the autumn quarter at the Ohio State University.

Income Tax Laws Allow Farmers To Reclaim Losses
Texas farmers who suffered a net operating loss in 1953 should investigate provisions of federal income tax laws that make allowances for unprofitable farm operations.
Farmers showing a net loss this year can use the loss to offset income in future years, said C. H. Bates, extension farm management specialist. Also, Mr. Bates explained, any farmer who paid federal taxes on 1952 income and who operated at a loss during 1953 is eligible to claim a refund.
This is done by refiguring tax on 1952 income taking into account this year's deficit. If all 1953 deficiencies are not absorbed, the remaining loss may be carried forward for five years consecutively commencing with 1954.
Whether a farm showed a net loss or gain during the year is determined by the figure derived on tax schedule 1040F, page one, line 10.
"The computation and claiming of a farm loss is not as easy as it first appears," said the specialist, first appears," said the specialist. "Farmers desiring to claim deficits should consult a competent accountant or a representative of the Internal Revenue Service."
Mr. Bates explained farmers should claim the refund when submitting this year's tax return, using form 843. Otherwise, they lose the chance to file losses for the 1952 period when income was subjected to tax.

WINTER COVER CROP
There is still time to plant a winter cover crop. For the sake of the soil give it protection during the winter months. — A. & M.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

LODGE CALLS
NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, January 16, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
A. B. Farham, W. M.
C. B. Rust, Sec'y

BUS SCHEDULE

Eastbond	Westbound
2:20 a. m.	12:10 a. m.
3:36 a. m.	12:15 a. m.
5:22 a. m.	1:21 a. m.
6:32 a. m.	2:39 a. m.
6:47 a. m.	5:54 a. m.
11:40 a. m.	7:52 a. m.
11:45 a. m.	9:09 a. m.
2:37 p. m.	11:40 a. m.
3:01 p. m.	1:01 p. m.
5:00 p. m.	1:25 p. m.
7:57 p. m.	4:19 p. m.
11:52 p. m.	8:17 p. m.
9:01 p. m.	4:57 p. m.
	9:07 p. m.

LEGAL NOTICE
ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING
Notice is Hereby Given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on Tuesday, January 12th, 1954, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
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| 8240U Apartment 4-Burner | \$119.50 | \$99.50 |
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| Armstrong 20,000 BTU 5 Radiant | \$23.95 | \$19.95 |
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|--------------------------|---------------|------------|
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EDITORIAL

NEW YEAR 1954

Today is January 1, 1954. The New Year is here and with it is a new hope, a hope that the world situation will be much better than it was in 1953.

This hope is not a matter of wishful thinking. There are signs, definite signs, that things may be better.

At the beginning of 1953 we were still at war with Korea. Our men were there fighting and dying with other warriors of the United Nations. And we were continuing the fighting while trying at the same time not to spread the war beyond the Korean borders.

Since then, what has happened? The Korean war has stopped. Whether it is ended is a matter to be seen this year. The United Nations however is determined to end it.

When President Eisenhower took over the helm of state he said that he would do everything possible to end the conflict in Korea. All his actions have been bent in that direction and he is making fine progress.

The President is going even further: He is not only trying to end the Korean conflict he is also attempting to bring a softening in the over-all world cold war.

The training of President Eisenhower is being put to good use.

He has been a soldier. He knows that the best defense is a good offense. He has dealt with Russia. He knows that they understand one thing and one thing only, the power of the stronger weapon.

Speaking as a soldier he said at the U. N. that no one can win in an atomic war or a hydrogen war. Devastation on one side will bring catastrophe on the other side. Atomic war, hydrogen war, is not a one-sided affair. It is definitely two-sided. Both sides will lose. And civilization itself may be lost.

An atomic war is not a war of soldiers. It is a war of peoples. No one is safe in an atomic war. Not only the warrior but the civilian will be among the casualties. Not only factories producing war materials will be wiped out but industries making peaceful products will also be destroyed.

An atomic war is a war with no punches pulled. This the President told the U. N. which also includes Russia.

Speaking as a statesman, President Eisenhower told the world what could be done for the betterment of mankind with atomic material. He told the world what the United States was willing to do, to pool atomic material for the good of everyone, for peace purposes, for the healing of the wounds of the world. He asked the world to go along with him, he asked Russia to participate in this humane enterprise.

At this writing Russia has indicated that she wants to talk the matter over. Though the bid to speak may be just a matter of talking the offer to death, at least, as many have said, it is "hopeful." John Foster Dulles, our Secretary of State, is no amateur in world affairs. He realizes that the time for action among the European powers to defend themselves has come. They must unite or they will perish.

He has bluntly told them that we do not intend to "commit suicide with them." What the result of his blunt statement will be is yet to be seen.

By not letting down our guard and with the peaceful purposes of President developing into action we may look for this year of 1954 to be a more peaceful year than was 1953.

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL — and the Sage of Figfield adds that a new year is not only a new chance, it is a challenge.

TO PREVENT CANNIBALISM
 Debeaking is the most satisfactory method of preventing cannibalism among chickens. The job should be done several weeks before pullets commence to lay. — A. & M.

ONE ON SAFETY
 Every citizen of the state should include in their 1954 resolutions at least one on safety. Until safety becomes the number one business of everyone, accidents will continue to take an increasing toll.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Morris and family in Wichita Falls. They returned home with Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Boden who had been there two weeks.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Reagan Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Tura James and family of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Bertis Lang of Abilene and Alberta Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ashley and Ollie McMillon of Willis Point were here over the weekend, visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Walters and Mrs. W. H. Laney.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Patterson and daughters spent Christmas Day in San Angelo with her sister, Mrs. Norris Lineweaver, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Sego had as Christmas holiday visitors their children, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Seago

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Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Garner of Amarillo and Wayne McLean of T.C.U. of Fort Worth spent the holidays with Mrs. J. A. Milliken.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bingham spent the Christmas holidays in Fort Stockton, visiting his nephew, T. W. Neill, Jr., and family.

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personals

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins and daughter Bettie Lou of Corpus Christi are spending the week with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Toombs.

Charles Higgins was in San Antonio for Christmas and returned home Saturday with his son James Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Jr. and Roslyn and George Ronnie of Fort Worth were here for the Christmas weekend with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Sr. Also visiting them were his brother George and wife of Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman O'Brien and family spent Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Black.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Toombs over the holiday were Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Stevens and family of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stevens of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McGehee of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Bailey of Dallas spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. R. O. Bailey, his sister, Mrs. Andy Shouse, and family.

Charles Church of Dublin spent the Christmas holidays with his sister, Mrs. E. B. Wallace, and family. All went to Abilene over the weekend to be with her brother Bonny and family in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dudley had all their family for dinner Christmas, including some from out of town. They were: Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dudley of Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Raines and family of Wichita Falls visited over the weekend with his sister, Mrs. Jim Kuykendall, and Mr. Kuykendall.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest G. Barnett and family of McCamey were here for the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Cadmus Brown and family of Jayton spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Randal and daughter Penny of Vernon were here during Christmas, visiting Mrs. Randal's mother, Mrs. R. B. Johnson, and sister, Mrs. John R. West.

Those visiting in the home of Commissioner and Mrs. Rufe Tittle were: Mr. and Mrs. Orion Tittle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Tittle and boys from Eagle Pass, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tittle and Becky of Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard and sons Rodney and Billy of Big Spring visited Christmas Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hale of Dallas and Wilbur Wilson of Austin spent the holidays with their mother, Mrs. E. L. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dismuke and daughter Debra Sue of Ira visited over the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald and his parents in Sweetwater.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm during the holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. Guy P. Darsey and Jane of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Byers Petty and Bill of Abilene; Mrs. Tom Adams and Angela of Lawton, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hill, Gary and David Bruce of Grand Prairie. Visitors on Saturday were: Sie Hamm of Colorado City, Alan Hamm of Austin and Mrs. Bim Carlock and Tommy of Colorado City.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. P. J. Sharp during the Christmas holidays were: Jimmy Bourn of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Pat Nash of Abilene Mr. and Mrs. Arl Sharp and daughter Margaret and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sharp of El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gregory and their five youngest children visited his brother Charles and family in Hobbs, New Mexico over the Christmas holiday.

Miss Mary Collins spent the Christmas holidays with her brother and family, the J. M. Collinses of Plainview. She also visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins of Lubbock.

and another brother, Q. A. Collins and other relatives and friends in Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Johnson and Evelyn and Billy of Texarkana are visiting his mother, Mrs. J. T. Johnson, and aunt, Miss Deila Kuykendall.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McGuire and daughters of Houston visited over the weekend with her parents City Marshall and Mrs. A. D. Fulton.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Moore of Lamesa spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Miller were in Fort Worth Monday and Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton had as visitors from Fort Worth over the Christmas holidays Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Turner, Jr., and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ike Turner and baby.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dowdy had Christmas dinner with his mother and sister in Abilene. His brothers from Houston and Lamesa were also present.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dickey Denison and family of Houston are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cross had as

Christmas Day visitors their children, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pratt and family of Detroit, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Cross and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cross and Kay of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cross of Hobbs, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lay and children of Fort Worth spent Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock had as Christmas holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. Betterton, son Joe and daughter Evelyn of Midland and on Monday and Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Adcock and family of Mertzon.

Mrs. Artie Jarrell of Abilene spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. E. O. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, Sr., and Jr., and Susie attended a family reunion Christmas Day, held at the home of Mrs. Hadley Reede and family of Friona.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Alexander and children of Borger returned home Monday after spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Spratlan and son Carroll visited their sister, Mrs. W. L. Johnson and family of Weimert Sunday.

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Mr., Mrs. J. F. Cox Celebrate 60th Wedding Year

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cox celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family reunion and open house on Sunday, December 20, at the Community Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox were married by a Methodist minister on Dec. 23, 1893, in Corywell County at the home of Mrs. Cox's sister, Mrs. Cox was the former Mollie Ellen Cain.

They moved from Waco to Hawley and later went into the Robertson Pasture, which is now Golan Community in Jones County, where they lived for 36 years. Here they were active workers in the Methodist Church and Mr. Cox was a trustee of the Golan School for many years.

After retiring Mr. and Mrs. Cox moved to Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox have 10 children, 33 grandchildren and 45 great grandchildren. Children and their families present for the anniversary were:

Chester Cox, Mrs. Bertie Mitchell, Mrs. J. P. Ford of Azle, Mrs. Connie Stockton of Corpus Christi, Mrs. Efford Brown of Trent, Mrs. Manson James of Midkiff, Pratt Cox of McCaulley, One daughter, Mrs. Jewel Clark of South Burlington, Vt., was not present.

At noon a turkey dinner was served and in the afternoon punch and cake were served to about 175 persons. Christmas decorations were used in the building.

HAS MAJOR SURGERY

Mrs. Leon Walker underwent major surgery at the Sadler Hospital December 28.

INJURED IN WRECK

James Earl Stevens suffered face injuries when his car hit a bridge nine miles north and west of here Christmas Eve. He went to sleep and lost control of the car, stated City Marshal A. D. Fulton. He is in the Sadler Hospital. The car was badly damaged.

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Free Xmas Show Packs All Seats At Queen Theatre

The annual free Christmas show at the Queen Theatre last week on Thursday morning drew a packed house. The show was for children but the grown-ups who accompanied them were also welcomed.

A few were on hand before the show started at 10:30 a. m. There were one hour and 30 minutes of comedies and cartoons. N. T. Hodge, the genial host, even showed some of the films over again as the children sat and waited for them.

They all enjoyed the free show immensely and in their hearts voted Mr. Hodge a "big thank you."

AT GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott went Saturday to Cisco and attended the golden wedding of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton. There were 30 relatives present at the turkey dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Shelton lived here 40 years ago. They were married in Merkel.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Among the students who are home from college for the holidays are: Bertha Patterson, Carolyn and Marilyn Teaff of McMurry; Jerry Gibson and Bruce Knight of Texas Tech; Eddie Breux and Derrel Kelso of Abilene Christian and Wayne McLean of Texas Christian.

D. R. THOMPSON IS ILL

D. R. Thompson of Lubbock is ill. He is 97 years old and the father of Mrs. Ollie Fox, who saw him last week.

Coach Ellis' Badgers Beat Winters 52 to 32

Merkel Badgers defeated Winters cagers 52 to 32 on Dec. 22 here. At the end of the first quarter the score stood 13 to 7, at the half 28 to 14 and at the end of the third quarter 42 to 21. The Badgers always in the lead.

Robert McLeod was high man with 17 points. Jerry Cunningham 14 and Dink Whisehunt 11.

The "B" team was defeated by Winters 24 to 41. Terry O'Brien and Kermit Rutledge were high with 7 points each.

Albany plays here on Jan. 5. Roscoe comes here on the 8th. Roscoe has a good team and is a favorite for district championship. This will be a most important game.

LAST ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR POST-KOREA VETS

The spring school terms, starting early in 1954, mark the last enrollment opportunity under the Korean GI Bill for thousands of post-Korea veterans, Robert W. Sisson, manager of the eVeterans Administration in Lubbock announced.

The reason, VA explained, is that the law's cut-off date of Aug. 20, 1954, (exactly eight months Sisson, manager of the Veterans' separated from service before Aug. 20, 1952. If they want GI training, they begin by the 1954 deadline in order to continue afterwards.

RONNIE FREEMAN ENTERS STEER IN FAT STOCK SHOW

Ronnie Freeman of Trent has entered an Aberdeen-Angus steer in the junior division of the 1954 Houston Fat Stock Show, to be held February 3 through 14.

CANCEL LOG PARTY

The Yule Log Party that was to be held New Year's Eve at the Noodle Hereford Ranch, owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, has been cancelled this year due to a number of the folks who attend are ill or out of town. This is the first time in 20 years that the group of 11 couples has not met.



By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association

An air of expectancy is beginning to form as the time for decisions in the governor's race draw near.

Gov. Allan Shivers declared he would announce his future political plans "some time after the first of the year," but he added, "I can't say how long after."

Gov. Shivers said he knew nothing of the plans of House Speaker Reuben Senterfitt, Attorney Gen-

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eral John Ben Shepperd, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White, Congressman Lyd M. Bentsen, Jr., of McAllen, and Houston Mayor Roy Hofheinz, all of whom have been mentioned as candidates for governor.

A series of local organization meetings will be held by Texas Young Democrats during January. They will elect delegates to a state convention to be held in Mineral Wells February 26-27.

Gov. Shivers may soon face the question of whether to take a special session of the Legislature to again tackle the problem of raising teacher salaries.

An allowable reduction of 370,000 barrels daily in five months has cost the state more than \$7 million in taxes.

Concerning the outlook for 1954, Commissioner Olin Culberson asked refiners to help avoid a "worse situation" in gasoline than already exists.

He said that gasoline stocks may be "dangerously high" by April unless corrective steps are taken now. He asked refiners to take the lead in reducing the surplus.

Only 15 per cent of Texas motorists have complied with the state automobile inspection law. Just three and a half months remain before the April 15 deadline, the Department of Public Safety announced.

February draft calls for Texans will be the smallest in 18 months, according to State Selective Service officials.

NEWS' ODDITIES

Joan Brown, 21, was granted a divorce in a Chicago court after she testified that her husband, Clem, 27, kept a whistling tea kettle on the fire continuously because it was "his symphony and he wanted it to play" and, that when she removed the kettle from the stove, he struck her.

Mrs. Mary Vacula, of Deer Lake, Pa., who for 27 years went deer hunting on the opening day of the State's season and never shot a deer, stayed home on opening day this year, spotted a five-point buck from her back porch and bagged it. Her husband, Steve, who went deep in the forest with five companions, got none.

Mrs. Kate Schlossberg, 65, filed a \$15,000 suit against three charitable organizations, charging that a horse stepped on her in a Chicago hotel during a bazaar sponsored by the groups at which the horse was to be auctioned off.

In Phoenix, Ariz., Mrs. John G. Henry explained why she hasn't appreciated the wedding cake, maternal clothing, jewelry and other presents which she has received from an anonymous sender: "Gifts are always nice, but everything so far has come collect."

Millie Hudson, a 35-year-old Londoner, called off her "offer"

to be a "husband sitter" for wife who want a night out after she had a number of telephone calls from bachelors who "got the wrong idea altogether."

In Cape Town, Keith Canning announced that he will be married next Saturday to Miss Gaynor Matherapike, whom he met last October when Gaynor saw him practicing cricket pitching, asked him if she could bat a few and Canning "blowed easy balls to her until she asked for a faster one... and I sent down a really fast one," which hit her in the face and broke her jaw.

Chuck may be just a parrot, but he's like many a human—he can't wait for that morning cup of coffee.

The Nathan Rowells of Jacksonville, Tenn., own Chuck, a "double yellow-head" parrot. Every morning Chuck wings into the room of Mrs. Rowell's mother, Mrs. Will Long, walks the floor and fusses until she gets up. Then he goes to the back of a breakfast chair to wait for that coffee. He sits it with cream and lots of sugar. Chuck will sleep only in the room of the Rowells' 15-year-old son, Bill, but Mrs. Long is the only person who can touch him without getting nipped.

Among Chuck's food favorites are bread, nuts, soft drinks, sunflower seeds and loops from a shag rug.

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