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# THE MERKEL MAIL

On the Broadway of America

ATTEND THE  
Badger vs. Stinnett  
Game At Childress

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## POST SCRIPTS By Uncle Ned

Folks in our area feel just a little bit slighted. Not only in Merkel but in other places, too. All this came about due to Herb Owens' selection of a first team in 1A Conference All Stars.

At the same time, they don't want to discredit any of the boys Mr. Owens selected, because they're all good boys. We feel that if these boys were so powerful good, "how come their teams didn't win at least District!"

George Johnson of Sonora was all they said he was. He was a fine back and deserved a place on the All-Star team. Sonora lost to Merkel 51 to 13. Johnson scored the 13 points after Kermit Rutledge scored 24 points and kicked three extra points. Mr. Owens hasn't looked at Rutledge's record.

Glenn Amerson of Munday is a fine back. There must have been some better backs playing against them 'cause Munday didn't win District. Neither did any others with the exception of Sonora of the rest of Mr. Owens' selection.

It's a chore to pick from such a fine bunch of candidates and we'll go along with him on that. I wouldn't want the job. We feel that the swamp lands of East Texas has effected his thinking. Surely there greater backs out here than was credited.

Merkel plays a brand of football that's loved out here. The Associated Press has picked Stinnett to win but we think Merkel will have the final say. We say the Badgers by three touchdowns.

Here's how the staticians have compiled their scoring. Kermit Rutledge 198 points; Robert McLeod 150 nipsots; Jackie Russell 102 points; Manley Denton 56 points; Miller, caught two touchdown passes and Niell caught two touchdowns passes.

Men's Bible Class meets every Sunday mornings in the old Texan Theatre building and is open to all denominations. Earl Watts is the teacher and extends a cordial invitation to everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harwell and daughter Peggy Sue of Odessa were Thanksgiving guests at the house of their parents Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell.

## Mrs. Henry West Hosts Study Club

Mrs. Henry West was hostess for the Fortnightly Study Club, Tuesday November 27.

Mrs. David Gamble brought the program discussing "Traffic Safety".

A delicious tea plate was served to the following members Mesdames Clyde Bartlett, Carroll Benson, Mack Fisher, S. D. Gamble, David Gamble, Comer Haynes, Ben Hicks, Earl Hughes, Andy Shouse, Don Warren, Henry West, Ray Wilson, Charles Hogsett, C. G. Sewall, and Miss Christine Collins.

The next meeting will be Dec. 11 in the home of Mrs. W. T. Sadler.

## Hunting Party Honored With Barbecue Supper

A Merkel hunting party was honored with a barbecue supper at the ranch home of Mr. Booth Warren last week. The party made plans for their hunting trip this year to the Marfa area. They were: Booth Warren, Raymond Ferguson, Joe Cypert, Bill Hays, Quannah Dudley, Buster Hester, Craig Humphrey, Bob Roberson, Z. L. Johnson and Ernie Higgins.

Some of the party left Thursday morning with the rest joining them Friday. They will stay six days and be back in time to "see Merkel play in the Semi-Finals".

# BADGERS WIN REGIONAL FROM SONORA 51-13; WILL PLAY STINNETT AT CHILDRESS FRIDAY

## Papers To Help Family In North Africa Talk With Kin in Noodle and Abilene

When Mrs. Bennie Anderson of Noodle phoned the Merkel Mail Tuesday afternoon, she only had faint hopes of talking to her daughter and son-in-law who are stationed in North Africa.

Mrs. Anderson received word that her son-in-law, Ray M. Barrington who is in the Navy stationed in North Africa, had built a short-wave radio transmitter and had tried to contact amateur "Ham" operators in this area to get to talk to her. He contacted an operator in Dallas, but that was too far.

The Merkel Mail contacted the Abilene Reporter-News and they got things going. An operator in Abilene agreed to handle the call and soon a date, time and place will be determined for Mrs. Anderson. Not only will Mrs. Anderson be able to talk to her daughter and son-in-law, but with his parents as well, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Barrington of Abilene.

Mrs. Anderson said this would be her greatest Christmas present ever! They have been away from home over a year.

The Andersons will fly to San Diego Thursday and return next Thursday week. By that time, all the arrangements will be taken care of. Thanks to the Abilene Reporter-News and the "Ham" radio operator!

## Highway Dept. Employees Hold Meeting In Merkel

Employees of the Texas Highway Department will hold their quarterly meeting in the Merkel High School cafeteria Friday, December 14. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. H. H. Grissom, president, of Sweetwater has made all the arrangements. Mrs. Ed Stewart of Abilene will talk on a tour of Russia and the Texas Highway Department Quartet will be there. Some 250 are expected to attend.

## WMU Observe Prayer Week

The new Live Oak Baptist Church is observing the Lottie Moon Christmas Week of Prayer. The W.M.U. held study groups on Monday and Tuesday afternoons and the Mens Brotherhood brought the program at the Wednesday night service. On Thursday and Friday from 2:00 - 3:30 the W.M.U. will again hold study

groups. The week of prayer will be ended on Sunday night with the showing of a film, "Sharing the Word With the World". The public is invited to attend these programs and services.

## Earl Hughes Attends Water Meet In Abilene

Mr. Earl Hughes attended a Water Resources Committee meeting in Abilene Tuesday. He is chairman of the water resources committee for the Merkel Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting was held to discuss the planned legislation for Texas water resources to be presented at the next legislation.

If passed, the legislation is designed to provide funds for loans to build dams throughout the state. A dam of this nature is planned above Breckenridge and will be a great asset to this area, according to reports.

Starting this week, the Queen Theatre will be closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays, according to Bobby Tom Hodge, Mgr.

## 15 YEARS AGO DEC. 7TH

Newspapers, magazines, and other publications are full concerning the big question, "What Happened At Pearl Harbor?" That was 15 years ago Dec. 7.

Of course, we know what happened, the Navy got sunk, but who was to blame? Regardless, "who was to blame", over three thousand lost their lives and we nearly lost the war at the start.

Whoever was to blame could also be blamed to "What Happened in the Philippine Islands." The Japs followed up their bombing of Pearl Harbor with a knock-out blow to our meager forces in the Philippine Islands. I was one of the meager, ones, and I'll never forget that tragic day.

When the Japs came, they caught our planes on the ground and knocked out the rest of our fleet. This was about 12 hours after Pearl Harbor only it was Dec. 8, over there. We lose a day at the 180 Meridian between Honolulu and Manila.

The Japs didn't surprise us, we knew they were coming but all we could do was to sit tight and let them destroy us. In spite of their efforts, a few of us were left. My squadron, The Third Pursuit Squadron, was the first to be hit by the attack. There were two flights of planes, 27 in each flight, making the first attack followed by another formation of the same size. They unloaded on our strip next to the beach.

The bombers were followed by fighter planes who strafed everything on top side. The attack lasted about an hour and a half.

Our squadron was the only thing at the strip near Iba Zambales. We had been assigned there for target practice and to get our newly arrived P-40's in combat condition. Twenty-eight brand new P-40's were sitting ducks for the Zeroes and when they left, we counted 44 dead and scores wounded, and five planes could be flown to another field.

It is my pledge to members of the Third Pursuit Squadron that as long as I live, December 7th will be commemorated in memory of those who died on that day, on the Bataan Death March, and later in Japanese Prison Camps, my buddies!

The Merkel Badgers removed doubt from sportsmen's mind as they unleashed a championship team against the Broncos of Sonora in Regional play and branded them with a 51-13 victory.

They meet the Rattlers of Stinnett in the quarter-final in Childress Friday night. Mayor Fred Starbuck proclaimed Friday "Beat Stinnett Day" in Merkel and ordered stores to close at 3:00 p.m. to attend the Badger-Rattlers game in Childress.

The Badgers 'dammed-up' Sonora's George Johnson, allowing him to score only 13 points and after they scored 32 points.

Robert McLeod and Kermit Rutledge scored four touchdowns each and McLeod passed for another. Rutledge kicked four extra points after missing the first three.

The Badgers kept the Broncos to 11 yards rushing and only one first down in the first half. Merkel scored every time they got the ball.

The Badgers won the toss and chose to receive. Rutledge took the kick and raced to his own 40 before he was stopped. Russell carried for two first downs and set up the first score on the 13. McLeod sneaked over from that point for the tally. Rutledge's kick was wide. Score: 6-0.

Sonora found themselves in a hole and Johnson fumbled in the 37 with Merkel recovering.

Russell and Rutledge took turns carrying the ball and moved it to the 21. On the 4th down, McLeod went wide to the right and Carl McKeever supplied the key block that cleared him for the score. Rutledge's kick was

blocked.

With 2:30 left in the first quarter, Johnson took the kick-off and ran it back to the mid-field stripe. He was smeared for two big losses with Jerry Miller and Lloyd Shugart doing the smearing. The Badgers took over on downs and the first play from scrimmage, McLeod circled wide to the right, was almost trapped, then cut to the left and skipped down the sidelines for a 40-yard touchdown scamper. Rutledge's kick was no good and Merkel was out front 18-0 early in the second period.

Johnson fumbled early in the second period and Merkel recovered on the 42. Rutledge sparked a 58-yard touchdown drive, clomped when he was almost trapped on the three. This time, his kick was true and the scoreboard show

ed Merkel 25, Sonora 0.

Johnson came back fighting. He ran and passed his team to the Merkel 7 yard line before a costly fumble stopped the drive. He completed a pass to end, Preston Love who raced to the 10 and fumbled to the seven when he was hit hard. Manley Denton recovered with 15 seconds left in the first half.

The Broncos came back determined to erase the 'goose egg. Johnson took the kick-off and drove to the Merkel 37, carrying the ball every play. McLeod intercepted a Johnson pass and went all the way for a touchdown. Rutledge's kick was good and Merkel still led 32-0.

Sam Galindo came into the picture and sparked the Broncos to their first score on a 58-yard drive. A 15-yard personal foul against the Badgers set the score on the 1-yard line. Johnson carried the ball over and missed the try for point.

Trailing 32-6, Sonora tried an on-sides kick but Barry Scott scooped it up on the Sonora 46. It only took the Badgers 11 plays to rack up another touchdown. Merkel drew a 15-yard holding penalty then marched 61 yards for the score. Russell carried it over from the one and Rutledge kicked the extra point.

Manley Denton intercepted a Galindo pass on the Badger 34 and returned it to the Bronco's 34 before being hauled down. Rutledge moved the ball to the 1-yard line. McLeod tried to skirt right end but was trapped. Before falling McLeod managed to toss the ball to Denton standing in the end-zone. The kick was blocked.

Barry Scott, doing great all evening, intercepted a Bronco pass and set up the final score.

A penalty for unnecessary roughness put the ball on the 27. Joe Neill, on a draw play, moved for 7 yards. McLeod kept and picked up 7 more. Neill moved to the 11 and Tittle hit over right guard for the score. The kick was blocked and Merkel was 51 and Sonora 6 with just a few minutes remaining in the fourth quarter.

Merkel's kick was short and the Broncos took over on the Badger 43. An unsportsman-like conduct penalty against the Badgers gave the Broncos a scoring opportunity on the 12. Johnson carried it over and kicked the extra point.

The game was closer than the score might have indicated. Johnson was a one-man team and fought hard every minute of the game. But Merkel was the better team and emerged with a 51-12 victory.

## Sixth Graders To Give Play At P-TA Meet

The sixth graders of the local elementary school will present a Christmas play at the P.T.A. meeting to be held next Thursday night, December 13, at 7:30, in the school auditorium.

Rev. Cloy Lyles will bring the devotion, "An Understanding Heart."

The school feature will be presented by the third grade pupils.

## Mrs. Patterson Attends Meet In Nashville

The Department of Christian Education of Children on the Methodist Church has invited all conference Directors of children's work to attend a conference to be held this weekend in Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. Virgil Patterson of Merkel, who is conference Director of children's work of the North West Texas Conference, will attend the meeting.

Mrs. Patterson is also an accredited teacher with the Board of Christian Education. This fall she has taught in training schools in Forst Methodist, Snyder, Clarendon, Sweetwater, Stratford and Tyler Street Methodist in Dallas.

## Girl Scouts To Pick Up Coupons In Merkel Tues.

The Merkel Girl Scouts will make a drive Tuesday to pick up Gladiola coupons from house to house. These coupons are given at grocery stores with Gladiola products, and are only good for the Girl Scouts.

They are compiled in booklets which will be redeemed at \$1.50 per book for the Girl Scouts.

Everyone is urged to help these girls in collecting these coupons by pinning them to the screen of your door.

## Paving Starts On Highway Through Merkel

Paving of the highway 80 through Merkel started Wednesday morning. Curbing has already been completed on the right-of-way through town and half of the road was near completion by Wednesday evening.

The Texas Highway Department had agreed to repave the Main street which was the old Highway 80. The new highway 80 being completed will take a new route through Merkel with a 4-lane by-pass. Paving on the east and west side of Merkel started about a month ago and is near completion.

## Noodle Freshmen To Give Program At P-TA Meet

The Noodle P.T.A. will hold its regular meeting Monday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m. The freshman class sponsored by Gerald Jennings will present a Christmas play at the P.T.A. Lyles will bring a special Christmas devotion.

The room mothers of the 5th and 6th grades, sponsored by Mrs. Barbara Schriener, will serve refreshments.

## COACH OF THE YEAR



CARROLL BENSON  
... coach of the year

If it takes qualifications to get a coach nominated as "Coach of the Year", then our own Carroll Benson certainly should be nominated. He has been head coach in Merkel for 16 years. During that time, the Merkel Badger, have won 119 games and lost only 50. He has guided the Badgers to five District Championships, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1947 and 1956. Three of those years, the Badgers won regional. Benson has turned out a number of All-District players and many have won fame in college. Some of his players are now coaching in high schools throughout Texas. His high morals and love for the sport is a tribute to the school and the community he serves. This newspaper fully endorses Coach Carroll Benson for "Coach of the Year" nomination!

## Area Methodists To Hear Missionary Evangelist From Japan

Rev. and Mrs. Robert McWilliams, who for the past five years have been supported in Japan by the Abilene District of the Methodist Church, will preach at the

## Scout Meet Set For Tuesday Nite

An attempt to reorganize two Boy Scout Troops for Merkel will be made at a meeting scheduled for next Tuesday night, Dec. 11, in the school cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

The Scout Troop was very active in Merkel until it outgrew itself and new leaders were unavailable. The Scout Master had his hands full and could not take care of more than one troop. It was hoped that another leader could relieve the situation. This new Troop would be Troop 20 reactivated.

Boys between 11 and 13 interested in Scout work are urged to attend this meeting with their parents, according to Mr. H. D. Norris, District Scout Executive of the Chisholm Trail Council.

Troop 19 is ready and expects to be reactivated in the near future. It became dormant during the Little League season when its members were playing baseball, according to Dr. James H. Chaney, Scout Master.

## High School Clubs To Give Pageant

Two high school clubs, the High School Chorus and the Players' Club, have selected as their traditional Christmas pageant for this year "The Sweetest Story Ever Told." This program will be given in the First Baptist Church on Monday night, December 10, at 7:30. The public is invited.

eleven o'clock service Sunday in Merkel Methodist Church, according to the Reverend Cloy Lyles, pastor.

Reverend McWilliams was born in Japan and the first 18 years of his life were spent in Japan. His parents were missionaries from Canada, and they are still in the mission work.

Mrs. McWilliams was born in El Paso, Texas and at the present her mother lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The McWilliams have 5 children and 2 of them will be with them Sunday. After the Christmas holidays, the McWilliams will go to Nashville, Tenn., where he will be in school until May. Then about the middle of the summer they plan to be heading back to Japan.

Rev. McWilliams will be at the Tye Methodist Church, Sat. Dec. 15 with the Caps Methodist Church attending. He will be at Trent, Tuesday December 11th. Everyone is invited to come and hear this great missionary Evangelist doing Rural Pioneer Evangelism in Japan.

## FRIDAY IS BEAT STINNETT DAY

PROCLAMATION  
HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!  
THAT WHEREAS, the Merkel High School football team is playing the Stinnett High School football team Friday, December 7, 1956, at Childress, Texas, in the Class A Quarter Finals; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Merkel, and particularly the Quarter-Back Club, on behalf of said team, desire to lend every support possible to the Merkel High School football team on this occasion;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Fred Starbuck, Mayor of the City of Merkel, do hereby proclaim December 7, 1956, as "BEAT STINNETT DAY", and call upon all supporters, and particularly the Quarter-Back Club, to attend if humanly possible, and further request all businesses in the City of Merkel, Texas, to observe said day by closing their places of business at 3:00 p. m. in honor of their team.

FRED STARBUCK  
Mayor, City of Merkel, Texas



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## UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Well we are going in to Dec. and no rain yet. We didn't know we could ever get this far without some rain. It is amusing. Some say showers in a few days and others say no rain this winter and very little next spring.

Well we would be glad to see a shower on the oats.

Elder Ward the new pastor of Pioneer Church, preached his first sermon at the church Sunday. He came down from the Panhandle to our church and will attend school at McMurry College.

We had a fine turnout at our Community Program Saturday night, and we had a good time and a good program. Melvin McCoy stole the show. Melvin likes to come back home and take part in all of our programs, and we think the world of him and his family.

New officers were elected at our program.

Mrs. Louis Butman was reelected Program Chairman. Mrs. LeRay Hiney was reelected Treasurer, and R. G. Toombs was elected President of the club. Tom Russom had served a year as President.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Duncan of Ft. Worth spent Thanksgiving with the G. D. Scotts and attend the ball game in San Angelo last Friday night.

A number from the Canyon attended the game. That was one time we all enjoyed the good highway from Merkel up the Canyon on out the Sweetwater and Angelo road. It is a short cut across the country to our other towns.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore and son was home over the week end. They are still living in Ft. Worth, where Arthur is working.

E. J. Patterson plans to leave this week for north Texas where he will work for a road building firm.

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corner of this tract; THENCE N. 81 degrees W. along the S.B.L. of Elm Street 100 feet for the NW corner of this tract; THENCE S. 9 degrees W. 215 feet for the SW corner of tract here conveyed; THENCE S. 81 degrees E. 100 feet for the SE corner of this tract; THENCE N. 9 degrees E. 215 feet to the place of beginning; the tract herein conveyed being 100 feet East and West by 215 feet North and South;

TRACT 2: Being a strip of land 50 feet wide East and West by 1816 feet long North and South, and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the N.B.L. of Elm Street, in the City of Merkel, Texas, 800 feet North 81 degrees W. of the W.B.L. of the city cemetery for the SE corner of this 2 9-100 acre strip; THENCE N. 9 degrees E. 1816 feet to the NE corner of this strip or tract; THENCE N. 81 degrees W. 50 feet to the NW corner of this tract; THENCE S. 9 degrees W. 1816 feet to a point in the N.B.L. of Elm Street, for the SW corner of this tract; THENCE S. 81 degrees E. with the N.B.L. of Elm Street to the place of beginning, and containing 2 9-100 acres of land;

TRACT 3: BEGINNING at a point on Elm Street 880 feet East of the NW corner of Block 17, original survey of the City of Merkel, (said NW corner of Block 17 being at the intersection of beginning being 480 feet North of the center of Texas & Pacific Railroad right of way; THENCE South parallel to East line of Block 17, 150 feet for a corner; THENCE East parallel with Elm Street 100 feet for a corner; THENCE North parallel to East line of Block 17, 150 feet for corner; THENCE West, along South line of Elm Street, 100 feet to place of beginning.

Said lease or leases shall be in such form as shall be approved by said City Council, but no

bid shall be considered and no lease will be executed which provides for less than one-eighth (1/8th) of all oil, gas and casing-head gas production as a royalty to the Lessor or providing for a primary term of more than five (5) years.

Bids for such lease or lease will be received and considered by said City Council at its regular meeting to be held on Monday the 3rd day of December, 1956, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall of the City of Merkel, Texas; and bids may be mailed to the City Council at Merkel, Texas, or may be presented in writing to said City Council at said meeting. The City Council reserves the

right to reject all bids if in their judgment the bids submitted do not represent the fair value of such lease or leases; and in making the award of any such lease or leases the City Council will consider both the amount of the cash bonus offered and the amount of the royalty to be paid the Lessor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, hereunto set my hand and the Seal of said City of Merkel, under the authority and pursuant to the directions of the City Council of said City this 31st day of October, 1956.

Flossie W. McKeever  
City Secretary of  
City of Merkel, Texas.

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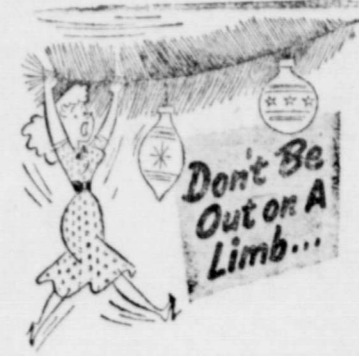
Mrs. Earl Foster's Sister, Mrs. Mrs. Foster for the week.  
C. A. Meredith of Alvarado, Texas, is the house guest of Mr. and

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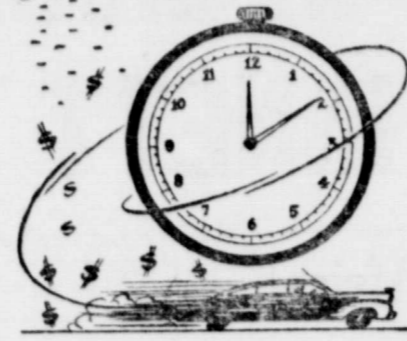
about what  
to give

Local merchants have done a wonderful job this year in providing a wide choice of gifts for everyone. So do your shopping in Merkel for the finest in Christmas giving. And if you have one or two particularly hard-to-shop-for names on your list, perhaps a gift of cash is the answer. This bank will provide new, crisp currency in the denominations you require . . . or, give a bank account with an initial deposit . . . it's an always-good gift.

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To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —

**GREETING:**  
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Guy Robertson and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; Baylis A. Hays and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; J. R. Headrick and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; J. M. Carroll and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; W. E. Walls and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; H. W. Fulton and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; A. N. Hamilton and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; Winnie M. Locke and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; Winne M. Locke and husband, if married, whose name is unknown; J. H. Swindell and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; J. H. Swindle and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; Joe A. Wright and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; T. K. Knight and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; Effie Hightower and husband, if married, whose name is unknown; S. H. Hightower and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; Oliver A. Keith and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; the unknown stockholders of Mid-West Improvement Company, a corporation; the unknown stockholders of Mid-West Improvement Company, a defunct corporation; all heirs, legal representatives, assigns or devisees of all the aforementioned defendants.

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 7th day of January A. D. 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18th day of October A. D. 1956, in this cause, numbered 21,721-A on the docket of said court and styled Lee Roy Martin, Plaintiff, vs. Guy Robertson, et al, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit in trespass to try title to establish the ownership of the following described property, situated in Taylor County, Texas, to-wit:

All of that land out of the Southwest corner of the Northeast quarter of Section No. 36, Block 19, T & P Ry. Co. Survey, and being parts of Blocks 3 and 11 and all of Blocks 1 and 2 of the North Trent Addition to the Town of Trent, more particularly described, as follows:

**BEGINNING** at a point which is South 77 degrees W. 2640 feet and S. 13 degrees E. 1320 feet from the N. E. Corner of Survey No. 36, T & P Ry. Co. Survey, Block No. 19, for the N. W. and beginning corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 13 degrees E. 648 feet;  
THENCE S. 76 degrees 05' E. 268 feet;  
THENCE N. 32 degrees 30' E. 601 feet;  
THENCE N. 57 degrees 30' W. 125 feet;  
THENCE N. 32 degrees 30' E. 50 feet;  
THENCE S. 57 degrees 30' E. 122 feet;  
THENCE in a Northerly direction THENCE S. 77 degrees W. 825 Farm Road, 351 feet;  
feet to the place of beginning, containing 9.25 acres, more or less.

The Defendants set out herein claiming the fee simple title to the property and Plaintiff is relying upon the 3 Year, the 5 Year and the 10 Year Statutes of Limitation as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 19th day of November A. D. 1956.  
(SEAL)  
Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk,  
42nd District Court  
Taylor County, Texas.  
By Mrs. Jesse R. Swindell, Deputy.

**Merkel Couple Observes Golden Wedding**

Three of the four children of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray, 205 Marvin St., Merkel were in their parents home Saturday to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. A number of friends and relatives called during the open house which was held from 2 to 4 p.m. Mrs. Joe Stalls was the only guest present who had attended the wedding fifty years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurray were married Nov. 29, 1906 in the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Stalls in Deport, Texas by the Rev. Buck Joiner, pastor of the Deport Presbyterian Church. They moved from Lamar County to Taylor County in 1923 and have made their home in Merkel since that time.

Children who were home for the occasion were Mr. H. Dean Murray, Pampa, Texas; Mrs. Marvin Johnston, Pampa, Texas; Mrs. James J. Benschoff, Little Rock, Arkansas. Grandchildren present were Jim Murray of Pampa, Texas; Misses Jenna and Wanda Murray students at Texas Tech at Lubbock; Jamie and Lisa Benschoff of Little Rock, Ark.

Their other son who was not present, Commander James G. Murray and family of Portsmouth, Virginia, returned to their home earlier this month after a visit with his parents.

Mrs. Twyman Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney and family visited Saturday and Sunday in Hobbs New Mexico with former residents of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Carey and Family.

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HUNT'S — 46-Oz. Can  
**TOMATO JUICE** - **25c**



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**BACON** - - - - - Lb. **49c**

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**PORK ROAST** - - - Lb. **39c**

T-BONE  
**STEAK** - - - - - Lb. **69c**

TENDER  
**CHUCK ROAST** - - - Lb. **39c**

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**CHEESE** - - - - - Lb. **49c**

DEL-MONTE CAN  
**TUNA** **29c**

HUNT'S No. 2 1/2 Can  
**PEACHES**  
3 for **\$1**

LIBBY'S CRUSHED  
**PINEAPPLE**  
Flat can **15c**

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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Beatrice J. Hayden, Defendant, Greeting:

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by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 14th day of January A. D. 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 30th day of November A. D. 1956, in this cause, numbered 9004-B on the docket of said court and styled Raymond B. Hayden, Plaintiff, vs. Beatrice J. Hayden, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about March 8, 1947, became separated about October 26, 1956. There are certain property rights to be adjudicated and no children born of said marriage. Plaintiff sues for Divorce on grounds of mental cruelty as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 30th day of November A. D. 1956.

(SEAL)  
Attest: R. H. Ross, District Clerk, 104th District Court Taylor County, Texas.  
By Faye Terry, Deputy.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —  
**GREETING:**

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return thereof, in a newspaper printed in TAYLOR County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO WILLIAM WALTER STIVERS, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 14th day of January A. D. 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the

29th day of November A. D. 1956, in this cause, numbered 21,801-A on the docket of said court and styled Louella Elizabeth Stivers, Plaintiff, vs. William Walter Stivers, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about November 8, 1952 and became separated on or about October 4, 1954. Plaintiff shows there is no community property to be adjudicated but that there was born one child, to-wit: William Walter Stivers, Jr.; plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of mental cruelty as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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(SEAL)  
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.  
By Mrs. Jesse R. Swindell, Deputy.

**Hospital Notes**

The following were admitted to Sadler Clinic-Hospital during the past week:

- Strawnie Seago
- Mr. R. H. Buchanan
- Mrs. Homer Patterson
- Mrs. Vaughn Doan, boy
- Mrs. Jack Benningfield
- Mrs. Z. M. Sumpter
- Mrs. Ella Ray
- Tommy Young
- Bill Horton
- Mr. L. M. Coward
- Mrs. L. L. Story
- Gayla Williams
- Mrs. J. D. Gentry, boy
- Mrs. W. C. Kelly
- Mrs. C. E. Phillips
- Mrs. J. A. Bryan
- Mr. Rufus Parks
- Mrs. R. T. Gray
- Mrs. Rufus Parks
- Charles Carter
- Mr. L. A. Sargent

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Russom of Eunice, New Mexico, are proud to announce the arrival of a son, Waylan Mark, November 30, 1956. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McLean of Merkel and paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Russom Rt. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Carwell of Hobbs visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Scott and family this week end.

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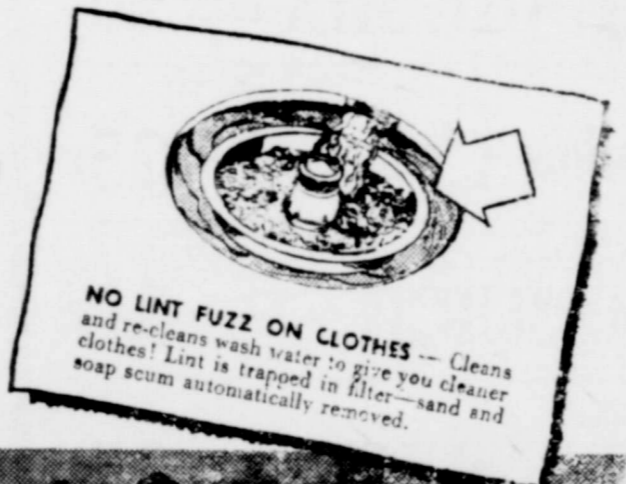


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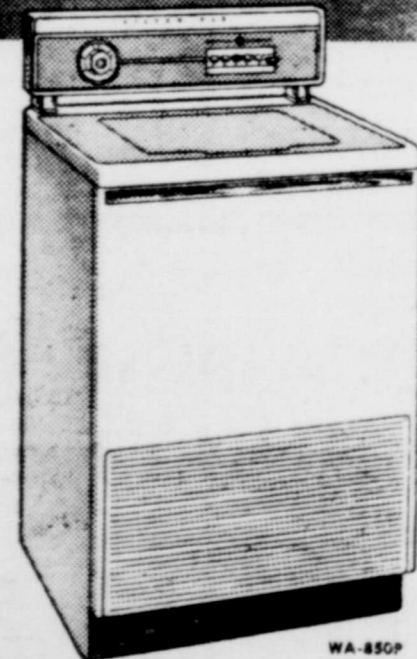
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**FOR SALE** — Good lots, 810 Walnut Street, S. D. Campbell. 38-1tc

**FOR SALE** — Nice baking hears on foot, 75c each. Mrs. Craig Humphrey, Rt. 1. 3-tp

**FOR SALE** — A piano in good condition, cheap. Call Mrs. Mae Martin at 2-2745, Trent or see her after 5:30 any afternoon.

**FOR SALE:** My place in Bettis Heights. If interested. Notify me at Box 511, Pyote, Texas. 36-2tc

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**LOST** Nov. 15, Red Dashound. One year old. Please return to Dean Smith, 1209 So. 2nd. 37-3tp

**LOST** — A set of keys with a metal phone plug connected to a chain. If found, please return to the Merkel Mail office.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
felt thanks and appreciation to We wish to express our heart-felt thanks to Mrs. George T. Moore's Class of the First Baptist Church for the lovely gifts to the personnel of the rest home and for their nice program recently. May God bless each of you, from each of us.  
Mary Outlaw and the Starr Rest Home

The Kong's Daughters Class of the First Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. Tom Coates with Mrs. Coates as hostess and Mrs. C. K. Russell as co-hostess. Twelve members present and one guest, Mrs. Lizzie Latham. The Christmas theme was carried out in the program also Santa's competent helpers each received a gift after which a delectable plate was served topping everything off with a large platter of snowy white popcorn balls representing snow balls. Dismissing the meeting with the class benediction: "The Lord watched between me and thee while we are absent one from another".

**NOTICE MASONS**

Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A.F. & A. S. Thurs., Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.  
J. F. Butman, W. M.  
C. B. Rust, Secretary.

**ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING**

Notice is Hereby Given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on the 8th day of January 1957, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.  
Farmers & Merchants Nat'l. Bank  
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**Girl Scout Leader Attends Training Course**

An advanced Training Course for Troop Leaders for Girl Scouts was held Tuesday, Dec. 4, from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the Y.M.C.A. Building in Abilene. The course was conducted by Miss Ola Beth Hester, Taylor Co. District Director and Mrs. H. Les Tucker Volunteer Trainer of the Trent Texas Area Council. Programs for Scouts were discussed, and films on Scout troop organization and government were shown. A round-table discussion on troop problems was held by women present from many towns and schools. Those attending from Merkel were Mrs. Bob Hooks, Mrs. Alvin Smith, Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Mrs. Waymon Adcock, and Mrs. David Gamble.

**Fireman Sponsor Willie Wirehands**

The Merkel Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor the newly formed basketball team, the Willie Wirehands and will have a game in the new high school gym Saturday night when they meet the Sonics of Abilene Air Force Base. The team was organized a few weeks ago and have made a good showing so far. Proceeds for these games will go to the fire department to be used to buy a foam discharged for their fire truck. Prices of admission are 15c and 25c, according to Waymon Adcock, fire marshal. This game will be between two outstanding teams and will be well worth anyone's time to see. Mr. Adcock stated that the firemen are repairing toys to be distributed to the needy in this area and needs more toys at this time.

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**Starr Rest Home**

We had a very nice Thanksgiving with Turkey and all the trimmings. The "Ford Smiths" came and fiddled for the old folks Nov. 29. They enjoyed them very much. We looking forward for them to visit us again.

We want to thank the class of Mrs. George T. Moore's for bringing a nice program Nov. 22 and for the nice gifts they brought the home.

Mrs. Jessie Reagan is very nice to come by and play the Piano for Mr. Reagan and the patients. Grandmother Cade had as visitors last week: Mrs. C. E. Cade, Mrs. Neeley Pradlin, Mrs. May, Abilene, Mrs. R. C. Gilbert of Trent.

Mr. Smedley had as visitors last week, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smedley, Davenport, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Barney Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price Baird, Texas; Mr. N. A. Smedley Big Springs; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smedley of Davenport, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Smedley, Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. Truman Patterson and family of Lindsey, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Butler of Abilene visited Mr. Guley Sunday.

Uncle Ben Wheeler had as guests last week Mrs. Rosie Wheeler and Son; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Grayson Hobbs, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wheeler.

Mrs. Jimmy Marchard visited Mrs. Fannie Adams Sunday. Mr. Pilgreens Children visited him Sunday. Bill of Carlsbad, New Mexico, Wesley of Tye and his daughters Pearl Morris and Gladys Watson of Tye.

It was very nice of Mr. J. M. Crawford of Haskell to come and visit the rest home and bring candy for all the patients.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pannell and children of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Autrey of Kilgore visited their mother Mrs. Pannell.

Wiley and Mary Outlaw spent four days in Del Rio last week. While there they saw Pat McCormick of Big Spring fight in the Bull fight in Acuna, Mexico. Mrs. Ruth Smith L.V.N. and Mrs. Edna Horton L.V.N. both from Sadler Clinic Supervisor the Rest home on the absence of the Outlaws.

We are sorry that Tommie Smith our evening nurse is absent on account of an injured back. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Our oven to our stove burned up and couldn't very well cook cakes for Thanksgiving but Thanks to Mrs. Gene Williams who brought us a nice spice and pecan cake. We enjoyed it very much.

We are proud owners of a nice cafe style stove bought from Frank Breaux.

We want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy for the nice frozen peas and deer steak that was given to the Rest Home.

The "Inspectors" came and visited us Friday. They complimented us on our refrigeration and

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our diet we had planned that day. You know they always come when you least expect them but it is nice to welcome them for they are really nice people.

Mrs. Stewart and family visited in West Texas on the week end. Mrs. Stewart is one of our day nurses.

We always welcome Frank and Ethel Carr who come and sing each Sunday morning for us.

We enjoyed having the church of Christ Minister Rev. Burns of Trent Sunday we invite he and his wife back again.

Mrs. Birdie Pippin who works in our laundry was called East for the funeral of her sister-in-law Mrs. Meeks during the week end. Lillian Floyd worked in her place during her absence.

Mrs. Pearl Wiggins spent two days visiting in Erath Co. this week.

J. W. Cole and Edna Lyle of Abilene visited the Rest Home Tuesday.

Mrs. Louella Campbell is working in Tommie Smith's place while she is absent. We enjoy having her. She says it is a pleasure to work here.

Mrs. W. K. Carr of San Angelo visited her mother Mrs. Sarra Carr.

Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Sewell and Lana Kay have as their guests Rev. Sewell's sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. West of Midland, Texas.

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Sunday School workers program was held at the First Baptist Church Monday night, December 3, at 7 o'clock. An interesting program was rendered. Those who were on the program are: Mr. Perry Davis, Mrs. Onis Crawford, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mr. Homer Finch, Mrs. Cramer Reynolds, Mrs. Newt Logan, Mrs. Herman Carson, and Mrs. Josie Shanks.

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# 1956 STATE CHAMPS ? 1956



JIMMIE NEIL  
end . . .



DAVID PURSLEY  
tackle . . .



EDWIN MEWBORN  
guard . . .



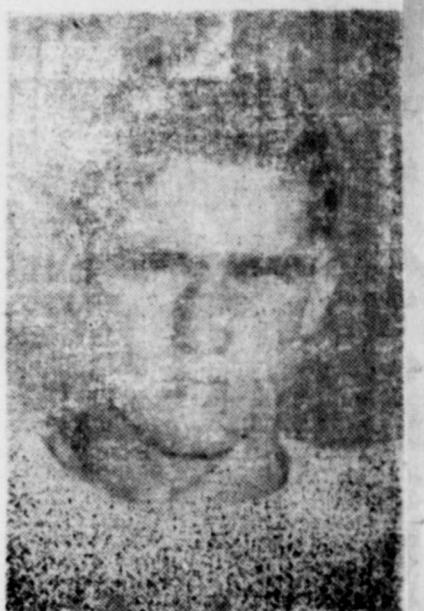
CHESTER COLLINGSWORTH  
center . . .



CARL MCKEEVER  
guard . . .



CHARLES JACOBS  
tackle . . .



JERRY MILLER  
end . . .

## MERKEL



ROBERT McLEOD  
quarterback . . .

## BADGERS

### MERKEL BADGER LINEUP

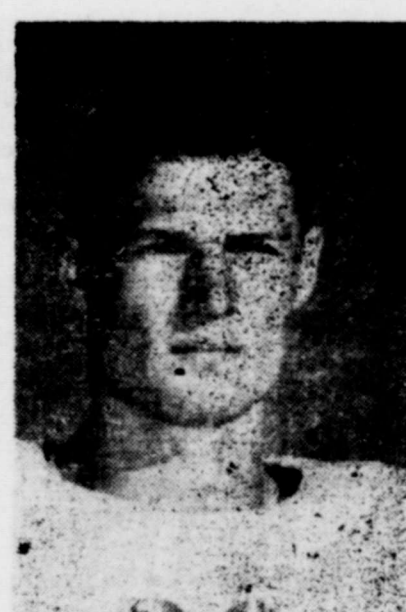
Name	Pos.	Wt.	No.
Chester Collingsworth	C	166	91
Robert McLeod	QB	200	98
Kermit Rutledge	TB	158	90
Jackie Russell	FB	147	88
Manley Denton	WB	176	92
Jerry Miller	E	166	86
Jimmy Neill	E	150	85
David Pursley	T	195	95
Charles Jacobs	T	175	61
Edwin Mewborn	Guard	175	96
Carl McKeever	G	162	94



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fullback . . .



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EDWIN E. REED  
high school principal . . .



CARROLL BENSON  
coach . . .



MACK FISHER  
superintendent . . .

Eddie Higgins	C	146
Skippy Hicks	C	132
Riley Seymore	QB	151
Larry Seymore	QB	126
Joe Neill	TB	142
Buddy Tittle	FB	137
Lloyd Shugart	WB	141
Tokio Moreno	WB	153
Johnny Thomas	FB	129
Wayne Adcock	WB	105
Russell Elliott	WB	102
Steve Portuges	B	128
Jerry McLeod	E	160
Ronnie Toombs	E	150
John Thomas	E	155
Douglas Toliver	E	145
Dewel Burden	E	110
J. R. Mashburn	T	148
Pat Patterson	T	146
Butch Palmer	T	180
Jimmie Hargrove	T	175
Barry Scott	T	185
Gus Jackson	G	143
Benny Milton	G	162
Doug Shugart	G	132

**PAUL OSBOURN CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS**  
Mrs. Paul Osbourn's class met on Nov. 28 to elect class officers. They are: President, Paul Portuges; Vice-President, Tim Martin; Secretary, Malinee Seymore; Reporter, Sherry Martin. No other business was brought up and the meeting was adjourned.

**T-P Compliments Merkel Youth On Behavior**

Merkel Badgers and Boosters who made the trip to Big Spring for the Bi-District game with Sundown, were complimented by Mr. R. T. Stanley, Road Foreman of Engines, for the Texas and Pacific Railway, who made the trip with them. Mr. Stanley said "that in all of his experience, of handling trains for groups on such occasions, he had never seen more well behaved, or mannerly young people; who conducted themselves in lady-like and gentlemanly fashion at all times, not doing one penny worth of damage to equipment or facilities". He also said, "that he did not mean they were not a lively group, and They Did Have Fun."  
Mrs. Harrison Malone and Eugene of New Mexico are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Huston Martin and Mr. Mark Malone and other relatives and friends for the week end.

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**WTU Hosts 4-H Club Members To Demonstration**

More than 200 4-H Club boys and girls, adult leaders, county agents and home demonstration

agents from 22 West Texas Counties will be in San Angelo December 8 for an Electrical Demonstration Day to be held at the San Angelo High School Annex. The school is being sponsored by Texas Agriculture Extension Service and West Texas Utilities Company. H. H. Batjer of San Angelo, WTU District Manager,

will serve as host for the utilities company. J. L. (Curly) Hays, WTU Farm and Ranch Advisor, will open the program at 9:30 with introductions and group assignments, following the registration of delegates. The boys and girls will be divided into two groups. At 10:15 the two groups of boys will see electrical demonstrations by W. L. Ulich, Agriculture Engineer, Extension Service of Texas A&M College; and Bob Jaska, Research Associate of the Agriculture Department of Texas A&M. At 11:00 the speakers will change groups.

The two groups of girls will attend demonstrations on home lighting given by Carl Piel of San Angelo, WTU Lighting Advisor for the company; Miss Margaret Jones, WTU Home Economist will give a demonstration on cooking with small appliances. At noon the group will be the guests of West Texas Utilities Company for lunch to be served in the school cafeteria. Following the lunch, Dan J. Castles, WTU Public Service Department, will present a program on adequate wiring in homes. The afternoon session will be held in the auditorium where four electrical demonstrations will be presented by 4-H Club teams.

Assisting with the day's program will be R. E. Kennedy, Manager of WTU's Public Service Department; Bill Sayles, of the Industrial Section of the Public Service Department; and Don Purdy, WTU Merchandis Sales Department. Attending the school from each county will be two representative boys and two representative girls, the county agent and county home demonstration agent, who

have been invited to attend by V. G. Young, District Extension Agent, and Miss Thelma Casey, District Home Demonstration Agent, both of San Angelo. Reservations have been made from the following counties which comprise District 7 of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service: Banderita, Blanco, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Gillespie, Irion, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Llano, McCulloch, Mason, Menard, Nolan, Real, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, Sterling, Taylor and Tom Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson have returned from a ten day visit with their son and grandchildren and daughter-in-law who reside in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Truett Patterson is a mechanical engineer for General Motors in the Testing and Designing Division. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have three children, Mary, 9, Jane, 6, and Mark, 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Davis and daughter, Shirley, of Abilene, were Thanksgiving dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hendrick.

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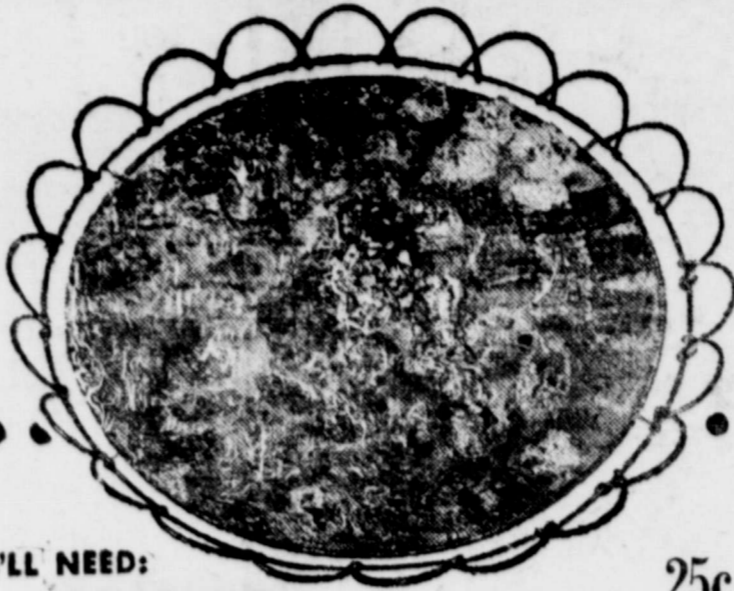
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