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# PHONE, POWER LINES RESTORED IN AREA

felled by last week's three-day ice damage in Taylor, Nolan and Calstorm were reported to be pretty lahan counties. well cleaned up with service restored to most areas by Sunday. phone Cooperative reported exten-Lester Dorton, general manager sive damage with lines broken and of Taylor Electric Cooperative, service completely disrupted in said it took 10 outside crews and Nolan County. They had other iso-12 local crews working around the lated breaks all over the system. clock four days to restore service he said, but operation is now alto consumers.

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### **Council Seeks** Yule Gifts For **State Patients**

Visions of a Christmas stocking big enough to reach from Wichita Falls to Harlingen is costing Mrs. Frank O. Hamilton of Dallas some

Mrs. Hamilton is chairman of the Volunteer Services Council, dedicated to making life better for almost 26,000 patients and students in 18 state operated hospitals and Leaders Meet special schools.

"It's like thinking of Christmas

Mrs. Hamilton was a volunteer in the state hospitals when at most a project — making a cactus garsmall paper sack of hard candy, a few nuts and perhaps a bit of eral troops have planted their fruit marked Christmas for the patients as different from any other

the chairman said, "because Tex- tree to be used and decorated by manager of Midwest Electric Co- not permitted to continue serving ans do care about their fellow Texans. Still Christmas gifts, treats and parties for 26,000 is pretty and parties for 26,000 is pret staggering to contemplate but its Jake Martin and Mrs. Jack Whi- rado City, talks were made by is not allowed to take rural worse to contemplate disappointing senhunt, with Mrs. Francis Cox three representatives of Texas customers from their competitors, a single one of them—and such a and Mrs. Kenneth Browning as Electric Co-Operatives. little gift can mean so much to a alternates. lonely, otherwise forgotten per-

In recent years, Mrs. Hamilton said, there has been at least one gift for each patient and in most instances it has been possible to add small items such as combs. Troops Entertained bobby pins, cigarettes. Volunteers and hospital personnel wrap and tag the gifts, filling special patient "wishes" where possible.

"Generous warm hearted people-sometimes acting as a group, sometimes as individuals-have made this possible." she said. "We hope and believe they will remember again this year. It doesn't matter which institution receives the contributions. They span the state from Tyler to Big Spring and Christmas looms large at Slumber Party each one."

Gifts such as may be found under any modest family tree are equally welcomed in the hospitals. she suggested. Toiletries, underwear, slippers, sweaters, scarves, tobacco and hose are typically sought after items.

The Volunteer Coordinator at each institution has additional suggestions or inquiries may be directed to the Volunteer Services Council, Box S, Capitol Station, Austin, the chairman said.

She especially urged groups to arrange a Christmas party for a hospital ward, declaring, "It will Whisenhunt and Mrs David Gamgive the members a feeling of ble. are served by them, he said. The tric: McCulloch Electric: Stamford relation between the cooperative Electric; and Midwest, Roby. Christmas they'll never forget."

### Theft Of Yule **Lights Probed**

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Local police officers are investigating the theft of a string of the City's new Chairles are investigating the city of the city's new Chairles are investigating the city of t the City's new Christmas decorations stolen some time Sunday

The lighted decoration fell during the ice storm here last week. It had been placed in the vacant gram in the high school auditorilot across the street from Car-son's Grocery until busy local elec-tricians could hang it back up. Christmas carols and Mrs. Jo Bar-Cost of the aluminum garland was \$100.

### Miller Nominated ACC Class Favorite

Jerry Miller, Abilene Christian College senior from Merkel, has been nominated as class favorite.

Miller, an elementary education major, is the son of Mr. and Mrs.

Ralph Miller. He graduated from Merkel High School in 1957.

At ACC, Miller is president of the senior class and a member of Sub T-16, social club.

Telephone and electric lines counties, reported most of the

John Hardesty of Taylor Telemost back to normal.

The Co-Op, with lines in eight | Merkel Telephone Co. also had extensive damage and many phones are still out of order, according to Roy Peake, manager, All rural lines were broken, he said, and most of Trent and half of the Merkel phones went out.

> Earl Hughes of West Texas Utilities Co. reported very little damage to services due to the ice and no transmission lines down at all in this area.

Total moisture in Merkel for the three-day period was 2.40 inch-

### Girl Scout News

Eight Girl Scout leaders anfor the entire town of Orange or swered roll call at the monthly Pampa, Sherman or Denton," she neighbornood meeting Pampa, Sherman or Denton," she Mrs. David Gamble, chairman, pre-

cactus plants.

They also made plans for "We've come a long way toward held the week of Dec. 12-16. Mrs. giving Christmas back to them," Gamble purchased a Christmas

ovce Doan.

with Mrs. Luke and Mrs. Torrence office, Austin. as hostesses.

Vaughn Doan, Mrs. Ben Rich, Mrs. Dave Gamble and Mrs. Jack Whi-

written articles for publications They formed cooperatives, boron the subject, showed and dis- rowed money to extend the lines cussed her collection of the plants. She is presenting several of her mately 2.3 customers per mile of the right to take service into shot wound Monday according to

and Mrs. Francis Cox met at the they pioneered. But they want to District No. 16. Scout Hut Friday, Dec. 9 for their continue to serve the areas in Legislative representatives pres-small daughter of St. Albans; his Christmas party. The Christmas which they pioneered. tree was first on the list of entertainment for the evening. Later remained for a slumber party.

### Diplomas For Leaders

Three more Brownie and Scout leaders received their diplomas upon completion of the leadership training course last week. They were Mrs. A. D. Dickey, Mrs. Jack

The Brownies and Scouts of Merkel are fortunate in that nearly all of their leaders are taking advantage of all training available to make them the very best lead-

# **Program Slated**

Merkel Parent-Teacher Association will have a Christmas pronett will present "The Littlest Angel."

The public is invited.

### **Bookmobile Circulates** 1,539 Books In County

The Texas State Library Multi-County Demonstration Bookmobile circulated 1,539 books and recordings to patrons in Taylor County during the month of November.

A total of 324 were issued in Merkel and 74 books were checked out by readers at Trent.



At 'Appreciation Dinner' - Rep. Leon Thurman, Anson, left, greets Sen. Louis Crump of San Saba at Monday night's "Appreciation Dinner" given by nine electric co-ops. The dinner was held at the Sands Hotel. (Reporter-News Photo)

resentatives, and approximately tanker and a borrower, he contin-400 subscribers and friends of ued. The co-ops borrow money nine electric cooperatives in West from the REA to build their lines, Central Texas met Monday evening at the Sands Hotel for an "banker," REA then advises the appreciation dinner sponsored by co-ops just as any bank advises Christmas programs which will be the cooperatives for members of with its borrowers, he said. the Texas Legislature.

manager: and Tom Reavley, gen- co-operative. The next meeting will be Jan. 5 eral counsel, all of the TEC

Girl Scout Troops led by Mrs. \$40 million government funds to serve an area if it is annexed a loan to extend electric power will ask the Legislature to amend senhunt were guests in the home to rural areas. Egan said private the law to allow equal rights in Gerald West concerns declined to extend serv- the rural areas, that is, giving a Mrs. Oliver, who has made an ice to rural areas and farmers citizen the right to choose the Mrs. Oliver, who has made an ice to rural areas and farmers citizen the right to choose the piece in W. Va. and are today serving approxi-

Texas electric cooperatives, he emphasized, had no intention to Scouts led by Mrs. Alvin Smith serve any areas other than those Crump of San Saba of Senatorial York, Penn.

'No Gravy Train' train.'

Electric cooperatives are not | Cooperatives represented were

WALKER

On state senator, nine state rep- and the REA is that between a he REA thereby becoming the Reavley explained that, accord-

Operative, Roby. After the in- an area they now serve if that

the public power companies, even They were Jim Egan, executive if a rural customer desires to Refreshments were served by assistant; J. R. Cobb, general purhase his electricity from the Reavley said the electric co-

operatives will ask the Texas Egan outlined the establishment Legislature in 1961 to amend the of the Rural Electrification Ad- electric cooperative corporation ministration in 1935 which made act to permit co-ops to continue evailable to power companies as by a city. Also, he said, the co-ops business.

He said the co-operatives are Gerald West of St. Albans, W. areas already served by utility word received here. companies.

ent were Max Carricker of Roby, mother, Mrs. Jas H. West of Mer-Ben Barnes of DeLeon, Bill Moore kel; a sister, Gloria, of Merkel; Cobb said electric cooperatives of Ballinger, Renal Rosson of and a grandmother, Mrs. J. J. the girls were served dinner and were concerned with serving Snyder, Truett Latimer of Abi-Russell of Merkel. every remote section of Texas lene, Terry Townsend of Brady, and the 2.3 customers per mile Leon Thurman of Anson, Forrest served by them "is no gravy A Harding of San Angelo and Carl Wheatley.

> government owned. They are owned and operated by the private tric: Lone Wolf, Colorado City; Association fund for the week citizens who belong to them and Comanche Electric; Dickens Electric Dec. 10:

TOP HANDS IN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO

# Receives Award

H. V. O'Brien, military editor of the Reporter-News, has reported on all kinds of award presentations from "best barracks" to the Distinguished Flying Medal.

Last week he received an award himself from the office of the President of the United States. Accompanied by a letter from Col. Robert L. Schulz, military

was the White House Service Certificate. The certificate was awarded under provisions of executive order fo rservices performed in support

of the President during the period Oct. 21, 1954, to March 16, 1956. Signed by the Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker, the award was presented to O'Brien for his service as a member of the White House Army Signal

Agency. O'Brien was a linotype operator for the Merkel Mail for about a year. He also edited the paper on several occasions this past sum-

### Early Yule Mail Urged By R. R.

It is not too soon to mail Christmas cards and packages, the Texas Railroad Association urged

While the railroads in Texas committee for the event. and nation-wide cooperate with Prosiding was Johnnie Ammons, ing to Texas law cooperatives are move millions of Christmas letters 7:30 p.m., Dec. 19. and packages, early dispatch of

tates delivery. Texas railroads are hiring eral hundred extra employees just to handle mail, as are post offices in the state. In addition, such special equipment as conveyor belts at depots, and walkie talkie radios on tractors moving mail in terminals are being installed in the larger cities by the railroads.

Early mailing of gifts, marked 'Do Not Open Until Christmas" elps avoid disappointments of packages delayed until after December 25. officials pointed out.

seeking no preferential law, nor Va., died of a self-inflicted gun-

Funeral for Mr. , West who was The senator present was Louis in his late twenties, was held in

Survivors include his wife and

### CEMETERY FUND

The following persons made con-

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accredited recently by the South- School District, two element ern Association of Colleges and schools; Merkel Independ Secondary Schools under its co- School District, one elemen operative program of elementary school: Spring Branch Inde

education. It put these Texas schools on

### Myrick To Head Col. Robert L. Schulz, military aide to the President, the citation Newly Formed Jaycee Group

Franklin Myrick was named Merkel school. president of the Merkel Jaycees at an organizational meeting Mon-Other officers elected were 250 From NTSC day night at Merkel Country Club. Kent Satterwhite, first vice president; Bobby DuBose, second vice Study Teaching president;; Canon Bradley, secredirector; and George Fatheree, Billy Gilbert and Don Hawitt di Billy Gilbert and Don Hewitt, di-

guest speaker for the meeting.

Eris Ritchie and Archer Marx ter. the Abilene Jaycees, headed by ize the local chapter. Plans for a "Charter Night"

banquet, tentatively set for the month of January, were discussed. Errol Rutledge is chairman of the Students working in schools close The next meeting will be in

### accurately addressed mail facili- More Checks Due **Inder Changed** Social Security

Every person past retirement age (62 for women, 65 for men). who has not yet filed a claim is social security office before January 1, 1961. This is to make certain that no possible benefits are lost for 1960 or 1961 because of failure to file a formal claim, according to R. R. Tuley, Jr., District Manager, Social Security Of. 341 Pay Fines fice, Abilene, Texas.

The 1960 Amendments to the Social Security Act liberalized the earnings restrictions on benefiiaries, and hundreds of persons this district who were unable to collect retirement checks before 1961 because thy had not "retired." can be paid some checks in 1961. Many of them are also due some checks for 1960, but have not realized it.

Use the coupon below and mail it to Social Security Administration, Box 5168, Abilene, Texas, for accurate information on your rights:

years old. My Social Security Number is

..... I expect to earn ..... in 1961. My wife is years old. I have

children either unmarried and under age 18 or severely disabled since before age 18. How much could I collect from Social Security in 1961 and keep on working?"

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Mailing Address

### Guild Has Yule **Meet At Church**

The Wesleyan Service Guild met in the sanctuary of First Methodist Church Monday evening for a Christmas program. The worship center featured an open Bible and an arrangement of

greenery, pine cones and candles.

Mrs. Robert Malone played organ selections and Betty Jane Tittle led the group in singing Christmas carols. Prayer was by Mrs. Denzel Cox.

Mrs. Junior Clark and Mrs. Andy Shouse presented the program which included reading of the scripture from Matthew and Luke, and a Christmas story written by Mrs. Florence Brown of Albuquer-

After a short business session Mrs. Johnny Cox led the clo

Refreshments were served by

Merkel Elementary School was the accredited list: Public school one of a number of Texas schools systems — Kathy Independent dent School District, Houston, 1 elementary schools: Throckmorton Independent School District, one elementary school; Wellington In dependent School District, three

elementary schools. Individual schools-New Los don elementary school, Pine Tree Elementary school, Greggton Station, Longview.

Leon Walker is principal of the

Some 250 North Texas State Col-Lewis Timberlake of Stamford, Igee students are studying the art national director-at-large, was of teaching in public schools in the North Texas area this semes

of Cisco, and a delegation from They are student teachers, en rolled in the NTSC program their president, Chuck Spicer, the preparation of teachers. Mo were also present to help organ- of them are assigned to schools in Denton, Dallas and Tarrant counties, although a few teach at

more distant points. One of two plans is followed. to the campus have been teaching for half a day all semester. Thos the Post Office Department to Taylor Electric Auditorium at further away spend full-time in the classrooms for either the first or the second nine weeks of the

> Under the guidance of the ch room teacher and a college super visor, the student teachers a in planning and carrying out the regular instruction program. This is part of their work toward earng teaching certificates.

Among those enrolled in this program during the fall semester Selma Russell of Merkel, son invited to get in touch with his of Mr. and Mrs. Selma G. Russell, 1606 S. 3rd, who is teaching physical education at Richardson Junior High School in Richardson.

# For Violation Of Game Laws

Game law violators paid fines and court costs amounting to \$8,-304 for violations during the month of October, according to Capt. E. M. Sprott, director of law enforcement of the Game and Fish Commission.

Of the 341 arrests, 102 paid fines for failure to buy their new fishing license, and 47 thought they could get by hunting without licenses. Season jumpers accounted for 37 arrests.

Wardens also made it hard on persons shooting from automo biles, and wrote tickets for 27 for this offense. Despite heavy ar-rests in recent months of "telephoners," another person was ar-rested for using an electrical device for catching fish.

### **Badgers Nip** Hamlin, 50-49

The Pipers paid here Tuesday night as Merkel's Lester Dorton bucketed a 15-foot field goal with 50 seconds of game time ren ing to give Merkel a narrow 50-40 non-district high school cage vitory over Hamlin's Pied Pipera

Ronny Reeger paced the Badge attack with 19 points, while Brush don led the Pied Pipers with 21.

Hamlin won the girls game, 32
41, as Jeanette Jenkins hit 26 the winners. June Owen of 1 kel was high for the game with Hamlin also captured the Bame, dropping Merkel by 463 Kade had eight fer Hamlin and Johnny Harris hit 10 for Merkel.

## **NEW ARRIVALS**

Mr. nd Mrs. Ike Turner parents of a 6 lb. 12 oz son, 7



### Home Demonstration Notes

BY LORETA ALLEN

Faying County Home Demonstration ager

Christmas fragrance? . . . Or may ation and skill to create many difbe, you need several "fill in" gifts ferent effects. There still is time or the holidays?

Pomander balls, made from spice apples, tied with colorful satin sive gifts. Or they can be used as is paraffin, time and a few simple ribbon, make attractive, inexpenholiday decorations.

These fragrant balls can be made in one easy sitting. Here's

and a red, well-shaped apple. Wash and dry the apple. Then, beginning at the top of the apple, force a row of whole cloves in a circle around the stem. Push the cloves in up to their heads. Follow the same process with row aft- ice cream cartons, tin cans, etc er row of cloves, until the apple Anchor the wick (medium weight is thickly covered. You can use string) by punching a hole in the both star-shaped, headless cloves, bottom of the form. Put the wick and full, knobby ones. After the through the hole and tie a knot. hours. It's then ready to go to the top of the form. Pour melted

or dining room table. able as well as an entertaining ing. If layer candles are desired,

Want to give the house a special | project. You can use your imaginto make them f your own home or for special gifts.

> To make candles all you need lotte Tompkins, extension home management specialist. You can utilize bits of old candles, melt odds and ends of used candles. adding wax crayon, if color is desired. If you need to start with fresh paraffin, you will find it sold in one-pound packages of four

apple is studded with cloves, let Then tie the other end to a penit drain on paper for a couple of | cil or stick that is placed across work, Just hang it in the clothes wax into container and let hardor linen closet, or put it in a de- en. Snip the knot off bottom of corative bowl, or basket for a hall the candle, and fill in around wick with additional melted wax Making candles can be a profit- if it has pulled away during cool-

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You will need extra paraffin for the frosting; one bar should be enough for a small candle. Melt in saucepan, add crayon for color, if desired. After the mixture has cooled slightly, beat with a rotary egg beater until frothy then spread or dab lightly over candle with a spatula.

Sfc. and Mrs. Billy So Relle and children of Lawton, Okla., were weekend visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley atwho died Sunday after suffering a heart attack Mr. and Mrs. Whitman, the former Ethel Mancille, formerly resided in Merkel

surprise them with an-Electric Gift \$\$ Your Electric Appliance Dealer . Electricity costs so little you can afford to use lots of it!

## Devil's Pocket **Area Licensed** To Game Group

A new wildlife management license has been completed by the Game and Fish Commission on approximately 179,327 acres in Newtown County it has been announced by H. D. Dodgen, executive secretary. The license covers tract of land owned by the Kir-Lumber Corporation, and 60 ecros owned by the R. L. White

This property is known as the under limited license lease to the Commission since July 1, 1954. Under the terms of the present contract, the Game and Fish Com-

will assume full responlity for managing all game speexcept fish, on the tract. mary emphasis will be placed n deer and squirrel management.

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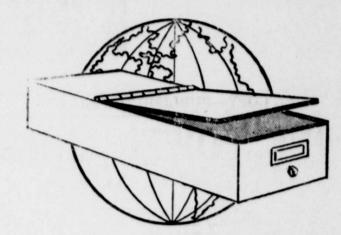
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Office hours 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Closed Tuesdays and Saturdays at noon.

Lumber Corporation also has come that just completed for the Devpleted licenses on its holding in

Public hunting on a permit bas- the Moore area in Sabine County, is is planned on the area when and the Lake Tejas in Tyler Counsurpluses of game species are ty. Hunters selected through impartial drawings have been allow. The executive secretary pointed | ed to hunt on these Kirby owned out that this is the fourth area tracts during recent years as the of this type in the State. Kirby result of agreements similar to 'a Pocket.

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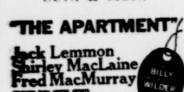


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Another son, Maj. Woodrow Clemmer, who is stationed in Bermuda, will be unable to at-

Mr. Clemmer, who farms 10 miles north of Merkel, was born at Putman in 1855. His wife was born in 1894 in Clyo, Brown Coun-

Married in Weatherford, the couple moved to Merkel from Hamby on Jan. 4, 1921. The Clemmers have 13 grand-

hildren and one great-grandchild.

Queen Victoria's marriage to Prince Albert helped introduce the Christmas tree into England. Research experts with World Book Encyclopedia say Albert rought the custom with him from Germany and set up a tree in Windsor Castle in 1841.

The British call the day after Christmas "Boxing Day," but it has nothing to do with heavyweights. According to World Book Encyclopedia, this is the day when families give money to milkman, postman and others. In earlier days, the custom was to give Christmas boxes of food and other gifts to tradesmen and serv-

The Japanese version of Santa Claus is the ancient god Hoteio- brary. There are only a few sho, who has eyes in back of his shelves - just the area in the head to help him see how chil- range of the camera; and even dren behave, according to World Book Encyclopedia.



# GIVE YOU TEXAS

By BOYCE HOUSE

movie set is its make-believe -

that is, when you are a visitor in

The scene is, let us say, a li-

those shelves don't extend all the

way to the ceiling, in fact there

is no ceiling; and the stairway

goes up to the first landing -

last touches and then a voice -

a series of questions, to which Montgomery replied and the work

On another set, Lucille Ball,

My first two nights in Los Aneles, I spent at the Hollywood-Roosevelt. My room was \$8 a day -quite a sum in 1939! Since the

hotel was a long way from the M-G-M studios, I decided to move to Culver City and be close to my work on "Boom Town" (as technical advisor and writing consul-

The leading hotel in Culver City was the Washington, very at-

tractive and quiet. The manager himself escorted me to inspect the room, which I liked very

This rather took my breath but little further discussion brought out that this was the rate per

to M.G.M so I remained there un-

The third, I had known vas on the staff of the Memphis

Commercial Appeal and he had een a substitute reporter. It was

at night and he and his family

vere window-shopping. I do not

less enthusiastic recention - no

invitation to have lunch sometime or to phone him at the office nor

even a question as to what I was

doing. Living in a big city makes ome people grow cold, suspicious,

ter not far from Los Angeles'

il my work ended four months

"How much is it?" "Twelve dollars."

who then was not very famous.

appeared in a scene with a veteran actor and he kept getting one of his lines transposed. After four

unsuccessful attempts, I left. Really, seeing movie-making is

disillusioning.

was over for the afternoon

Hollywood notes:

a studio

The most striking thing about

special Christmas I have had." from the Bible.

Robert Montgomery was seated Members present were Mmes. in such a library for the shooting of a scene in "Earl of Chicago." A makeup man had applied the Riggan. that of a police inspector — asked

### Bluebonnet Club Has Yule Party

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club met at the church for their annual Christmas party with Mrs. Sam Butman opening he meeting with a prayer.

Roll call was answered with "A Christmas carols were sung by the group. Mrs. Joe McCarthy read the story of "Christ," and Mrs. Ule Ray read the Christmas story

Mrs. Allen King and Mrs. Tom Russom presented "New Ideas On Christmas Gifts." telling what other clubs had made and displayed at the Achievement Day program.

Russom, R. L. Clemmer Jr., But- 725 BUTTERNUT STREET man, Joe Seymore, Ray, King, Frank Bronvak, McCarthy, Murrel

## **Trent Club Hears** Program On Yule

Trangements

Bill Wood of Merkel was guest peaker for the Trent Community Garden Club meeting at the Trent school cafeteria on Dec. 5.

ome At Christmas," Wood dem- Their children are with the grandenstrated methods of making simpie arrangements of "glowing" eauty. He stressed the importance of light in setting off displays. Mrs. Erma Black introduced the

Mrs. Odell Freeman reported on trip sne made to Roswell, N.M. where she attended the program 'Christmas Beautiful" presented by Mrs. Merrit O'England of Mer-

The group discussed the comletion of the club's first civic project - "welcome signs" that have been erected on the highway on both the east and west ides of Trent.

Following the program, Wood udged two divisions of Christmas arrangements made by 16 of the

Winners in the table division were Mrs. Frank Allyn, first; Mrs. John Strawn, second; and Mrs. Othel Barnhill, third.

Mantle division-Mrs. Ronnie Freeman, first; Mrs. Odell Freeman, second; and Mrs. Barnhill,

Hostesses were Mrs. Frank Allyn. Mrs. Carl Edwards, Mrs. J. M. Strawn and Mrs W. C. Allison. Mrs. Foy Steadman was a guest

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Mesdames B. H. Jones, Dale Litton, Carroll Benson, L. H. Ree ger and A. B. Allen attended open house in the home of Mrs. Floyd Simms of Winters Sunday. Mrs. Simms is a National Flower Show

Attend Open House

Mrs. Darrell Watkins of Odessa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Reynolds, and Mr. Watkins are in Houston where Mrs. Watkins is undergoing medical treatment at Speaking on "Beauty In The M. D. Anderson Hospital there. parents here.

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Woodmen Circle **Meet For Party** 

Members of the Woodmen Circle met for an "Ole Skule Day" party in the home of Mrs. Carl Bonneaux of Noodle.

Present were Mmes. Alf Walla Charley Seago, Dent Gibson, Clarence Perry, Harry Barnett, Clara Johnson, Bee Edwards, Maurine White, Essie Warren and Ida Mc-Candless.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Carey and children of Big Spring spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Mary

The word Xmas as a form of Christmas originated in the early Christian Church, reports World FOR SALE-Second hand bath- Book Encyclopedia. In Greek, X room fixtures, bathtub, lavatory is the first letter of Christ's name.

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We wish to thank everyone who elped in any way during the me our daughter, Mrs. Darrell Watkins of Odessa, spent in the nospital here. To the blood donors, those who offered blood, visted her in the hospital and in the ome, and the ones who brought lood, we are deeply grateful. May God's richest blessing rest on you.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Reynolds and family.

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TO: Claude Burdine, Defendant,

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse hereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filng a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monay next after the expiration of RUIT Trees, Roses, Shade Trees, forty-two days from the date of of its issuance, it shall be returned the issuance of this citation, same ng by Ray Campbell, Plans being the 26th day of December Home, No Down Payment, Up filed in said court, on the 10th day of August A. D. 1960 in this ruse, numbered 25,188-A on the locket of said court and styled

aude Burdine. Defendant. A brief statement of the nature December A. D. 1960. this suit is as follows, to wit:\* Plaintiff and Defendant were mar- (SEAL ried Nov. 12, 1955, and became permanently separated on or about January 1, 1960, Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment and sks for custody of the minor for finishing and child of plaintiff and defendant as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition or file in this suit. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be return-

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FOR RENT-5-room house. First Merkel city limits. Call Cyrus Pee | Issued and given under my hand 35-tfc and the seal of said court at Abilene. Texas, this the 16th day of November A.D. 1960. (SEAL)

Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk. 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Irene Crawford,

37-38-39-40

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filed in said court, on the 28th

lay of September A. D. 1960, in his cause, numbered 25,349-A on H-SU Team Places Alber: Joseph Martin, Plaintiff, Virginia Ruby Martin, Defend In Track Event

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ene Texas this the 8th day of Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk.

42nd District Court

Taylor County. Texas

By Irene Crawford, 40-41-42-43

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Deputy.

Mrs. John Morgan after an exended visit to her sister. Mrs. H. Intham and other relatives erc left Tuesday for her home

vas the guest of Mrs. Ergeal Meaor of this city last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Roberton of Trenton. Tenn., arrived this

Miss Mary Thompson of Abilene

veek to make Merkel their future ome. For the present they are t home with Mrs. Robertson's nother, Mrs. Beeples. Supt. R. A. Burgess and Prin-

iple R. H. Miller of the Merkel High School, attended the meetng of the State Teachers Assoriation, which convened in Fort Worth last week. They report bout 5,000 teachers attending and a most pleasant meeting. L. C. Murray of Trinidad, Colo., who is here to look after his

farms near Trent, was in Merkel one day this week and dropped in this office to renew for the Mail for another year. The Blair High School begins Dec. 6th. The pupils are going to make this one of the most success-

ful years.

# **INCOME TAX SERVICE**

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MERKEL, TEXAS

# Six Fellowships Offered By Texas Research Group

Repeating a fellowship program begun last summer, six research fellowships in atomic energy for graduate students in Texas colleges and universities will be offered in 1961 by Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation and General Atomic Division of General Dynamics Corporation, it was announced today by C. L. Young, president of West Texas Utilities Company.

West Texas Utilities Company is one of 11 investor-owned electric utility companies operating in Texas who comprise the membership of the Foundation.

The recipients of the six re-search fellowships will work under the direction of General Atomic scientists on the controlled nuclear fusion research program being jointly sponsored by General than 1,000 deer from the Camp Atomic and the Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation at the cording to a joint announcement John Jay Hopkins Laboratory for Pure and Applied Science at San Diego, California.

The students will assist in theoretical and experimental research in controlled thermonuclear energy as part of the world's first and largest privately-financed program aimed at the ultimate use of nuclear fusion for the generation of power and energy. Nuclear fuion is the process responsible for ited to one half day. he tremendous power of the hyrogen bomb and the energy in he sun and stars.

This research may eventually lead to the harnessing of the might of the hydrogen bomb for peaceful purposes, including the eneration of electric power.

The recipients of the six felowships will be selected by a mmittee composed of represenatives from Texas educational in- to the announcement. titutions, General Atomic, and Hardin - Simmons University placed fifth out of nine teams in to the number of applicatinos of antlerless hunting, there were four-mile cross country track which may be filed from any one 126 antlerless and 197 bucks killfed on or about the 4th day of event recently at Texas Univer- college. Preference will be given ed by 3.005 hunters. During 1958.

perimental, mathematical or theoretical physics.

Recipients of the fellowships will be paid a stipend while working at the General Atomic labor-

In announcing that the summer fellowship program was being repeated, C. L. Young declared:

"One of the purposes of the Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation is to aid and foster scientific knowledge in Texas and we feel that these fellowships will serve this purpose by bringing into the state some of the knowledge and experience being developed by scientists at General Atomic

# 1028 Deer Kill **Authorized For** Camp Bullis

Permits will be issued to hunters this year to take a little more Bullis area near San Antonio, acof the Fort Sam Houston headquarters and the Game and Fish Commission. The taking of 720 antlerless deer and 308 bucks is in line with last year, when 3,290 hunters killed 604 deer.

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Hunting this year will be limited to Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, except for the Christmas holidays. There will be 180 hunters per day, with each hunter lim-The hunters will include about

1,500 military personnel, plus 300 ivilian hunters. Authorized hunting will be limited to Fort Sam personnel holding a current 'hunter safety certificate" and a current Game Commission license. Sponsored hunters also must hold the hunter safety certificate.

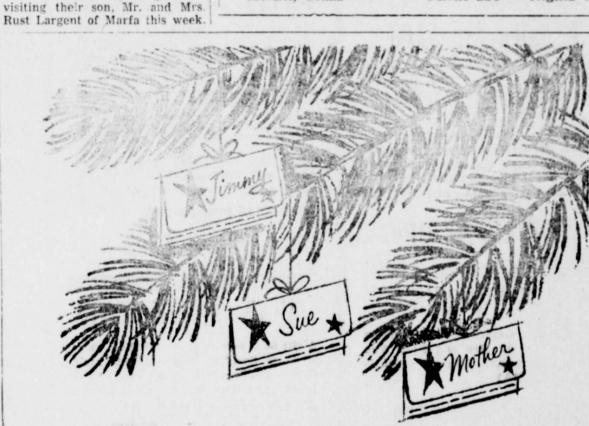
There will be a strict enforcement of hunting laws, according

The hunting will be permitted he Texas Atomic Energy Research on 28,500 acres. In 1956, before foundation. The students will be legal authority existed to hunt antselected, if possible, from differ- lerless deer, 1,672 hunters took ent colleges, but there is no limit 117 bucks. In 1957, the first year to the number of applications 3,290 hunters killed 604 deer, of H-SU trackman, Jim Horton, of standing and with aptitude in ex- which 213 were bucks.

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## Henager-Strother Marriage Plans Told

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Henager of Noodle are announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Freda Jo, to William David Strother, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Strother, also of Noodle. The prospective bridegroom is employed by Safeway Stores, Inc. of Abilene.

The couple will exchange vows Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2:45 p.m. in Calvary Baptist Church, Merkel. The Rev. Cecil Wagner, pastor, will officiate.

### IF THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

feed their livestock through this

The ice storm was very severe livestock and damaged lots of de trees around homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore and T. Perry reported much dame done to trees around their mes and pastures.

Allen King said his sheep came rough the storm in good shape e to good pasturage, which also ade his feed bill light.

We saw some results of the ice orm on the Divide the other day. amage to phone lines and light oles was heavy. The entire counup there was without electri-

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two inches here, which will be a big help to small grain and pastre land. Crops had all been gathered before the bad weather.

Reported on the sick list this Well, this has been some spell week are Allen King and daughour area. Feed wagons are still ter, Sue, Mrs. O. W. Reed and ing as stockmen have really had Dewell McLean. He hope for them a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Pyburn of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray Sunday Grover Blair is able to get

around on the camp ground some

Booth Russom of Seminole visited his mother, Mrs. Jess Russom

People of the Canyon will meet at the Pioneer Church Sunday evening at 7:30 for a community Christmas program and tree.

Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Churchill and their son, LeRoy Churchill, visited their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alexander and Moisture amounted to around Randy, over the weekend.

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# **VETERANS**

Q-My GI insurance premium is due and I have misplaced the premium notice the VA sent me. In sending in my payment, I know should include the policy number, but just what does that mean? Does VA want only the number, or the number and the letters which precede it?

A-In sending any premium payment without a premium-due notice, always give your name in full, your address, and your policy number, with the letter or letters preceding. The letters are important in enabling VA to give you credit for your payment. If you have more than one policy you will have an insurance file number and should include that.

tion deadline for taking advantage of educational benefits under the Korean GI Bill will be up in March of 1961. Does that deadline mean I must actually be taking courses then, or is it just a date

A-You must actually be at March, 1961, would thus mean that you should arrange to start at the school of your choice at the beginning of the spring se-

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could not. I am going to have to move and want to know if I should inform both the post office and VA.

A-VA checks can now be forwarded, yes. When you are ready to move, inform both your local post office and the VA of your change of address. Give both your old and your new address.

Q-I understand children of some deceased peacetime veterans may now be eligible for schooling under the War Orphans Education Act, as a result of a new law. What determines the eligibility of the child of a deceased veteran who served in peacetime?

A-The peacetime veteran parnt's death must have been caused by the actual performance of military duties or by extra-hazardous service, and eligible children must generally be between 18 and 23 years of age.

### Heatley Family Meet On Thanksgiving Day

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Heatley of Sweetwater had 12 of their 13 children together Thanksgiving Day in the home of a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. L McElmurray of Trent.

Children present were Mr. and sie), Abilene: Mr. and Mrs. Duane Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hobbs (Nel-Heatley and family, Mr. and

Mrs. Yates Sipes (Ruby Fay) and children, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Heatley, Sweetwater; and Johnny, Sherry and Jerry of the

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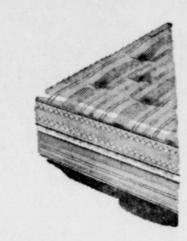
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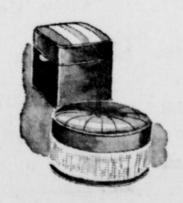
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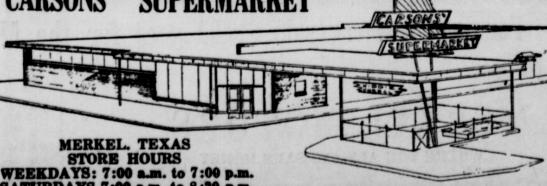
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### **BADGER TALES**

By Ruthie Corder

Regardless of the idea that most people hold of science being boring, there is a difference of opinion. If in doubt you should attend

bers have dropped out and one has moved since the club was formed and there are now several openings for new members if you are interested. If you are, why don't you notify Mr. Longnecker or Don Williams and talk it over with

Speaking of the Science Club, a meeting of Merkel's new Science | Carol Sue McAninch's project is Club. Everyone present always to build an aquarium. When Mr. seem to be expecting something Longnecker stated the fact that exciting to happen in just the she would need a little help you next minute. Two or three mem- should have seen some of those

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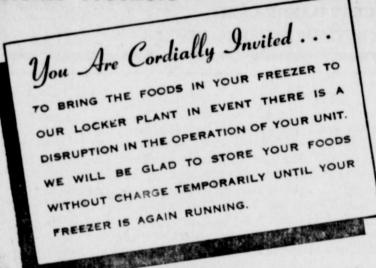
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# Small Birth Defect Victim Is A 'Prop' As Mother Lectures

Mich., a pretty blue-eyed brunette "going on five," poses today with perfect self-command as her schoolteacher mother lectures on the heartbreaking topic of birth defects.

Kathy doesn't mind being one Mother and daughter are dedicated to the proposition that since 250,000 infants are born yearly with significant birth defects—and 34,000 babies annually are stillborn or die within the first month because of birth defects-the more widely the subject is discussed, the healthier for the nation.

The National Foundation, which financed the development of both the Salk and Sabin polio vaccines, is now supporting research and patient care for birth defects and arthritis through the New March

Kathy has ample reason for her devotion to the cause em-braced by her mother and her-self. The child was born with the forbidding birth defects of an open spine and excess fluid on the brain. When only weeks old, Kathy underwent major surgery three times.

Doctors told the parents: "Enjoy the baby while you can. She may not be with you for

mother, Mrs. William W. Houle, a Michigan grade school teacher, want to shed light on this often "Taps of the work of the work



Mrs. Houle and daughter Kathy lecture to audience of children and adults.

on our lecture tours to adults, The Houle-Kathy lecture we describe in detail such birth "circuit" includes parent-teach-

defects as an open spine and er groups, and associations of excess fluid on the brain. These school principals. The audience

a Michigan grade school teacher, want to shed light on this often "taboo" subject.

"Tens of thousands of mothers are mistakenly ashamed of having given birth to a malformed infant," Mrs. Houle says. "Tragically, many parents hide these innocent children away from public view—instead of seeking medical advice and therapy.

"When Kathy and I set out the United States today.

"Then, we tell parents that they rarely need fear having a second defective child because birth defects are not always hereditary. But when Kathy and I talk to groups of small fry, we concentrate on persuading the youngsters not to shun handicapped children which with thoughtless cruelty they often do. And not to be afraid of them."

for bookings.

Kathy, described by her doctors as "strong and healthy today" despite a bladder involvment due to the spinal defect, ways hereditary. But when crutches and leg braces. She has all the traits of any normal child of her age and is devoted to her two collies, to her adorting brother Douglas, seven, and to her dolls, in that eccentric order.

boys rush to her aid.

Monday night the Junior Class had their Christmas party. Everyone had a wonderful time according to Carolyn Anderson - and the most outstanding thing of the night was Eugene getting stuck with tooth picks.

Another basketball tournament is coming up for this weekend it looks like quite a few things are going to be happening before school is out for the holidays—
tests, a play, basketball and the homemaking girls are working almost every study hall trying to catch up on their suits—Maxine

din-Simmons auditorium. Jack
Haynes was presented as a sologier at St. Ann's Hospital Dec. 7.
She is reported doing nicely.

About a Soldier."

Thank you nice people for the school is out for the holidays -Patterson was going to try to finish hers by Friday.

Because of a mix-up in dates the banquet date has been changed to January 14th. That should give everyone plenty of time to get ready for it. Even some of those girls that always have such a hard time getting their hair fix-

The Seniors will have their Christmas party Monday night at the Country Club. The class voted on bringing toys instead of gifts

### 20 YEARS AGO

The following pupils of Christine Collins will present a program of popular numbers over Station KXOK, Sweetwater, on Friday evening from 6:30 to 7 o'clock: Betty Lou Higgins will sing two numbers: "You Got Me This Way" and "We Three." Maurine Moore will sing an Indian song, "Cherokee," and Joyce Cox will sing the "Sunrise Serenade," Ben Robert Hicks will give a group of three: "Ferryboat Serenade," "The Call of the Canyon," and "The World is Mine Tonight," after which Louise Patterson will conclude the program with "Only Forever," and "For You."

The committee on arrangement chose the Thanksgiving motif for decorations and games for the Players club meeting on Thursday night, Nov. 28. The twelve members serving on this committee

### were Venita Allen, Jeanette Neff, Jean Paine, Doris Clyde Miller, Louise Patterson, Betty Higgins, Dora Gaither, Joe Horton, Delmer Harris, LaMoine Sherrill. Bonnie McAninch, Wanda Douglas, Sampie McGehee, president, presided

Neff were chosen reporters and Joe Winter, stage manager. Tuesday morning the Merkel Badger band appeared in a formal concert on the stage of the Har- recovery.

# Starr Rest Home

By MARY OUTLAW

Everyone is fair at this writing only Mrs. Van and Granny Masfor the business hour, during sey. They were unable to go to which Eva Brown and Jeanette church Sunday. We hope they will soon be feeling better.

Mrs. Hughes is back at work again. Her mother is much improved. We wish for her a speedy

who was one of Aunt Pearl's dearest friends. When Aunt Pearl lived at Morgan Mill this lady did all the nice things a person dees for an old person who has no one to look after her, anyway she did evreything for her to help even taking her to church each Sunday. After her funeral the other day, this lady came to me and told me she wanted to thank me for being so nice to Aunt Pearl in her last days and for putting her away so nice. You would have thought she was her Aunt Pearl instead of mine, but I am glad everyone loved Aunt Pearl and to me she will always be the most precious memory next to

Paul Wheeler of Abilene came and brought us a beautiful blue Christmas tree. He brings us one each Christmas. We will decorate it this week and have our Christmas tree Christmas Eve. Paul's dad, "Uncle Ben," was a patient in the Rest Home a good while and passed away here. Paul will always be considered one of our best friends. We certainly appreciated his kindness.

Frank and Ethel came and sang Sunday at 10 o'clock. Nearly all the patients were able to come

sympathy cards you sent us. They | to the lobby. Thank you Mrs were appreciated. I want to tell Lawrence Hewitt for helping them you a little story of a nice lady sing. It was a good service and we do appreciate the Carr's for they have been coming in to our Rest Home almost four years, every Sunday unless sickness kept them away.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Spears of Brady and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spears of Lubbock spent Sunday with their dad, Uncle Tom Spears. Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Reed of Abilene visited his father, Uncle Bob Reed Sunday.

Mrs. Ashford celebrated her 85th birthday Dec. 9th. We wish for her many more.

Rev. M. D. Windham, pastor of the Hehron Church, filled his appointment Sunday, Dec. 11. Those that came to help sing were Mrs. Windham, Charlotte Alexander, Ronnie Alexander and Mrs. R. D. Ely. We enjoyed the service very

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the pieces in all the papers about ▲ feller can tell from the signs the outlook fer business in 1961. t Chrristmas is about to git These fellers that tell us in adagain. The postmaster in vance how things is going to be York, fer instant, reports fer another year always start back in December so's people will loosbeing forwarded there to en up on their pocketbooks during ta Claus. I would suggest he the Christmas shopping season. As rward 'em along to Washington. fur back as I can recollect ain't ta Claus has been making that none of them ever predicted a bad legal residence now fer the year, even back when we was having a panic and them that didn't have no belt to tighten was holdtion is reporting finding cedar ing their pants up with a plow mps on their propity where a line from the barn, Fer instant, e used to be. That's a shore all of 'em this year is predicting m their city cousins is busy get- business will be so good in 1961 we won't have nothing to com-And another sign that Christ- plain about. I think business will is just around the corner is be real good in 1961, but not that

# JACKPOT WINNERS and LOSERS THIS WEEK

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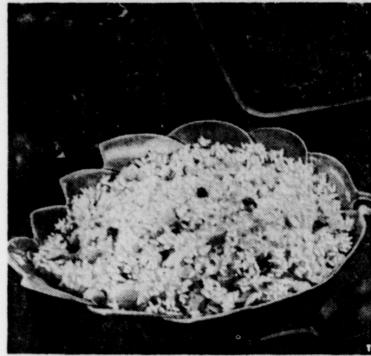
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3 cups chopped celery cup blanched almonds, chopped

1/2 teaspoon salt

Combine condensed soup and add grated cheese in a saucepan. Cook, stirring constantly, until cheese is melted. To serve, pour sauce over rice mixture. Sprinkle with freshly ground pepper to taste and mix well.

This dressing requires no extra cooking. It is excellent served with roast leg of yeal. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

good. It ain't never been that "M" night program at the First good, and we've had some bumper Baptist Church in Samford Mon-

I see by the papers where the from the local church were Mrs. new administration is strong in J. B. Harris, Pat McDonald, Marfavor of Federal aid to education. tha Perry, Sandra Hale and Lon-I'm stronger fer education, too, Mister Editor, on account of gitting | The Home Demonstration Club so little of it myself. I went to a will have their family night one-room school and we didn't Christmas party at the community have many advantages. About the only advantage we had over these modern schools was we could always git just one more in that room. Today they got so many gymnasiums and things that they just can't git one more in the visitor Saturday. classroom.

But the thing that worries me about Federal aid to education is the interest. The Federal guv. A Christmas program will be ernment can't git the money no presented at the Baptist Church place except from us folks back here Sunday night. home, and experience has showed that about half of all they git from us rubs off in Washington afore it gits back to us. I figger that 100 per cent interest is a little high, even fer education. I wish they was some way we could handle this proposition and save that 100 per cent interest.

On account of this not being very modern thinking, I better quit now afore somebody takes me off the

> Yours truly, gabby

Stith News

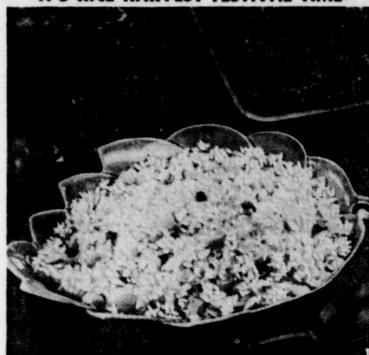
By MRS. FRITZ HALE

The weather has been bad the past week. I do not have much

rain, as much as 21/2 inches. It will benefit small grain and pas-

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry returned home Monday after a week's visit in Wichita Falls and

Thirty-eight members from the Stith Baptist Church attended the



For a fresh approach to roast or steaks, delicious stuffings or dressings

rice, they can be prepared quickly top of the range!

Choice for the fall menu is a Celery and Rice Dressing flaked with almonds and pimiento. The cooked rice is simply mixed with the other ingredients. Then, just before serving, it is tossed with a quick and flavorsome sauce of canned cream of chicken soup blended with sharp

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2 tablespoons chopped pimiento 1/2 teasp Fresh ground pepper to taste

1 101/2 ounce can condensed cream of chicken soup 1 cup grated sharp cheese

day, Dec. 5. Those on program

center Saturday night, Dec. 17.

The Rev. Bob Carter, pastor of

the Baptist Church, visited in the

Stith community Saturday after-

Alvin Byrd of Tye was a Stith

Barney Berry visited his broth-

Sam and T. Burns of Abilene

visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns Sunday.

The older Women's Sunday

School class and the Men's class

er, Ollie Berry of Sweetwater

nie and Johnie Harris.

Tuesday.

Cut celery into 1/2 inch pieces. Cook in boiling salted water until tender but slightly crisp. Drain. Toss together celery, rice, almonds and pimiento.

of the Baptist Church will meet for a party at the community cen-ter Thursday night. An offering will be taken for "Lottle Moon Missions." Refreshments will be

Mrs. Don Doan and children, Dian, Steve and Kevin, accompanied by Mrs. Criswell Doan, all of Stamford, were visitors in the home of their in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan Friday.

Don Amason of Mineral Wells visited his grandmother, Mrs. J. K. Ayers Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. King have returned home after attending funeral service for Mrs. King's brother, C. G. Steele of Paris, who died Saturday, Dec. 3, after suffering a heart attack Nov. 24. Mrs. King had been at his bedside since the attack.

Don Amason of Mineral Wells was a guest in the home of his grandfather, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason Wednesday.

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