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## LONE STAR GAS CO. TO ADJUST RATES

The Merkel City Council has approved an ordinance permitting Lone Star Gas Company to make an adjustment in the first step of the local general service rate for residential and commercial users.

The adjustment will increase the first thousand cubic feet of gas used during any monthly billing period from \$1.25 net to \$1.50 net for the first one thousand cubic feet or any portion thereof. All additional gas used will be billed at the existing rate of 75.9 cents per thousand cubic feet with the provision that when no gas is used no minimum bill will be rendered.

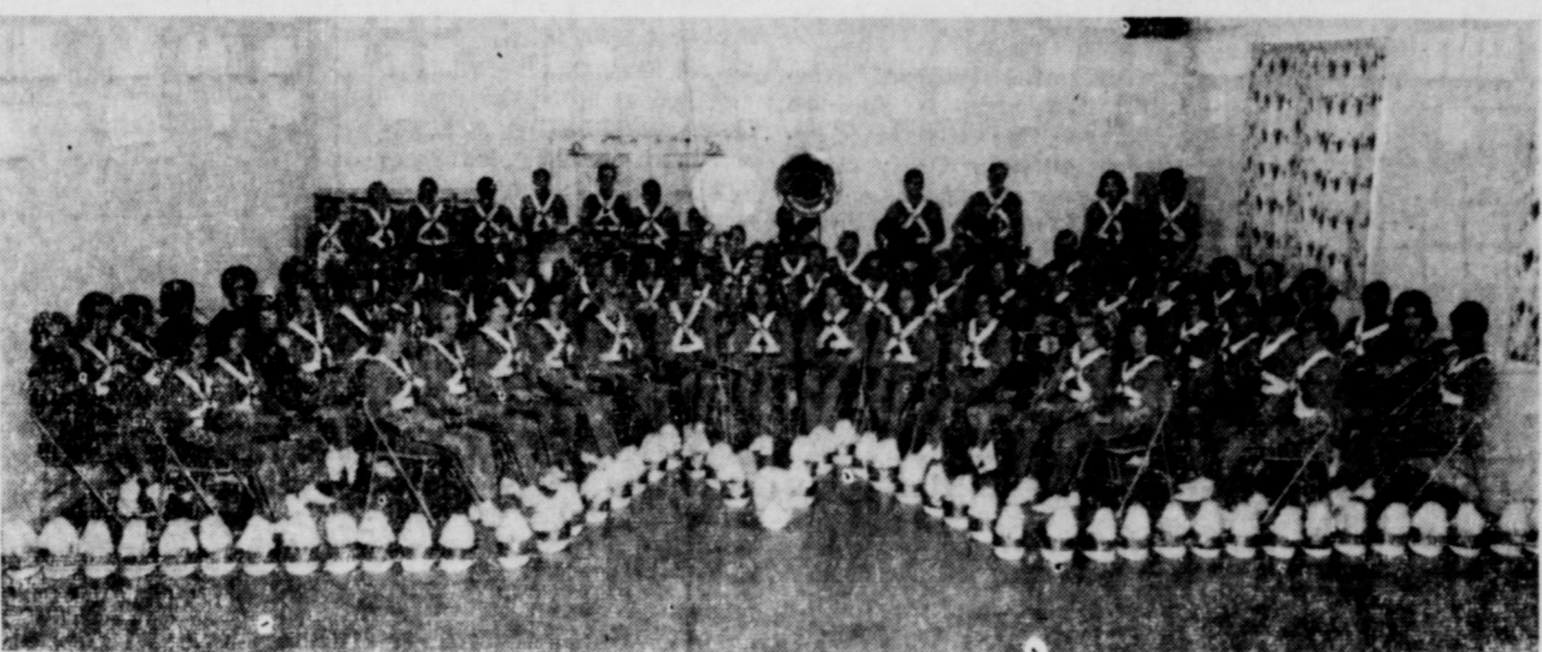
J. D. Holbrook, District Manager, said the adjustment would

increase the average customer's bill 24 cents per month, or \$2.88 yearly. He also said that the added revenue from this increase would be partially offset by the loss of revenue from no consumption minimum bills.

The rate may be changed and amended by either the City or Company furnishing gas in the manner provided by law. Service is subject to the orders of regulatory bodies having jurisdiction, and to the Company's Rules and Regulations currently on file in the Company's office.

Lone Star's last general service rate increase in Merkel occurred in 1960 when the City Council passed an ordinance permitting the company to increase its rates 5.4 cents per thousand cubic feet. This increase was based on a State Railroad Commission order increasing the cost of gas at the city gate.

## Bands to Present Christmas Concert



MERKEL'S 1966 HIGH SCHOOL BAND — Will be seen in 'full uniform' when they present their Christmas Concert Sunday, Dec. 18 at the High School auditorium, under direction

### Program Slated 2 P.M., Dec. 18

The Merkel Public Schools will present their bands in a joint Christmas concert Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Glenn Reed, director of the school bands, will conduct the program.

The program of Christmas music will include the Beginning Band, Junior Band, and High School Band, totaling 162 members.

of Glenn Reed. Also participating in the Concert will be the Beginning Band and the Junior High School Band. (Photo Courtesy Jim Baber)



Up  
The  
Canyon  
By TOM  
RUSSOM

### 4H Club Members Exchange Gifts

That 14 degree weather was quite a change, and was just pretty rough on livestock; however, with no moisture it was "in favor" with livestock and humans also.

Farmers are just winding up things around the farms and getting ready for Christmas.

In checking over my Christmas greetings the other day, I noticed that annual greeting from Judge Bryan Bradbury which has come regularly at this time for the past ten years, has not shown up. But I am sure it will get here.

The weather picture in our area has not changed, or I mean we haven't received any moisture. Our area is extremely dry with the small grain needing it so badly.

We were over in Sweetwater Saturday to the Hereford Sale. It was a fair sale. We noticed the T. E. Mercer and Roy Largent sale down in Fort Worth last week really rang the bell. A very fine sale. Farmers and ranchers are still in need of good bulls.

The Rhode and Davis Polled cattle sale near Buffalo Gap this week was a big success. Some of the stockmen in our area are going to market with some lambs and calves. Barry Scott sold F. E. Modgling a long load of lambs last week — price unreported.

Joe Seymore had a load of heavy calves on the Farmers and Ranchers Sale Monday of this week. Some of the calves sold up to 25 cents per pound.

Our area here in the Canyon was saddened by the death of Mrs. Sam Swann of Merkel this week. Some of us have known the family all of our lives. We would like to say to Sam and family, we regret the loss so much and we extend our sympathy to you.

And to the Carlton King family we feel you have had a big loss. I have known Carlton all his life.

Allen King entered Hendrick Hospital in Abilene this week. Allen has not been too well the past two weeks.

And right now, we want to extend our Christmas greetings to every one of you and hope that you will have a fine Christmas.

The Merkel 4-H Club held its annual Christmas party, Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Taylor Electric Co-operative building, with the meeting being called to order by president, Kathryn Criswell.

The inspiration was given by Cle Juan Douglas, American Pledge by Jan Beasley and the 4-H pledge, prayer and motto by Robert Boyd.

Gifts were exchanged and each member brought candy or fruit for a basket to be taken to the Nursing home.

Club members were reminded that "cooking classes have begun," and that the livestock show would be held in January.

Adult leaders attending were Mrs. Wilmer Criswell and Mrs. D. Douglas.

### GOODFELLOWS

## 'BIG SISTER' ASKS HELP FOR YOUNGSTERS IN FAMILY

A heart-rending letter from a little 10 year old girl asking help for her "seven little brothers and sisters" came to Goodfellow headquarters this week.

"Dear Goodfellows:

Please excuse the stains on this letter, but I can't help crying when I think of my little brothers and sisters when Christmas morning comes. Also excuse the paper I am writing on as we don't have any writing paper.

Club members were reminded that "cooking classes have begun," and that the livestock show would be held in January.

Adult leaders attending were Mrs. Wilmer Criswell and Mrs. D. Douglas.

I am a big girl of 10 now, so you won't have to worry about a gift for me but, please, if the good people of Merkel are generous (sic) enough and you have plenty for other families, bring

my five little brothers and two sisters a stick of candy at least to put in their stocking because Mommy tells them that Santa probably won't come this year and I would like for them to be surprised. Also if you have any old clothes that would keep us warm, we can use them. I won't ask for toys because I think that would be too much.

Sincerely,  
A Little Girl.

Many such letters are now coming in to the Goodfellows headquarters: some written by children, some by the elderly, and others come from heads of families.

Goodfellow contributors to date are:

Dr. and Mrs. Jarrett Williams	50.00
Cyrus Pee	5.00
Conley Barber Shop	1.00
Woody Wilson	1.00
Irven Thompson	10.00
Merkel Mail	5.00
Bobby DuBose	2.00
Johnny Cox	5.00
West Texas Utilities	15.00
Ben Franklin Store	10.00
Rev. N. S. Daniel Mellingers	5.00
Ralph Newton	10.00
Merkel Optimist Club	25.00
Wilson Food Store	15.00
Starbucks	15.00
E. J. Patterson	10.00
WCS, First Methodist Church	10.00
Ben Hicks	10.00
Oscar Adcock	1.00
Adcock Cleaners	10.00
Farmers and Merchants National Bank	25.00
Mack's Cleaners	2.00
Mrs. Maggie Renfro	.50
Malone Implement	5.00
Clyde Wurst	1.00
Palmer Motors	10.00
Joe's TV Service	5.00
Henry Owen Ford	5.00
Merkel VFW	25.00
Bryan Dunagin	1.00
Merkel Duplicate	
Bridge Club	50.00
Downtown Bible Class	15.00
Ladies Auxiliary VFW	5.00
TOTAL TO DATE	\$369.50
GOAL	\$750.00

### Football Banquet Set Sat., Dec. 17

The Merkel High School Cheer leaders' annual Football Banquet will be held this Saturday, Dec. 17 at the Starlite Restaurant in Abilene beginning at 7:30 p.m.

P. E. (Pete) Shotwell, with the Athletic Department of McMurry College will be principal speaker. Entertainment will be furnished by the Music Department of Abilene Christian College.

The annual banquet honors football players, band members, Merkel School board members, and the school Faculty.

### Annual Christmas Program Dec. 18

Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church has scheduled their annual Christmas Program for Sunday, Dec. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Children of the church will present a Christmas program, followed by an exchange of gifts.

### Merkel Hospital Authority

Members of the Merkel Hospital Authority met recently with representatives of the First South-west Company in Abilene and a market attorney of Dallas for the purpose of reading and endorsing the bill which will be presented to the State Legislature when it convenes in January, 1967.

After the bill was read and approved, the group then prepared a "notice of intent," which appears in this edition of The Merkel Mail.

Hospital Authority chairman, Bill Wood, explained that "according to the original law permitting these hospital districts, a copy of our intentions to present this bill must be published in the local paper thirty days prior to the convening of the Legislature."



NO WORRY HERE — About melting, says Jacky McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lon McDonald, as he depicts "Frosty, the Snowman," at the annual Christmas Parade held in 35 degree weather Dec. 10. Jacky won first place in the children's walking division. (Staff Photo)

### Merkel VFW Post To Host Dist. 8 Meeting Dec. 18

A special meeting of officers and post commanders of District 8 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be held at the Merkel Post 5683 Sunday, Dec. 18 beginning at 2:30 p.m., according to district commander, Harold Spivey.

"The main objectives of this meeting will be to study the problems of the posts within our district and to derive at a solution," said Spivey.

Post Commanders have been asked to "conduct one good membership drive before the 18th and to report all programs and projects to the Department."

## FARMERS UNION TO BEGIN DRIVE

Taylor County Farmers Union will conduct a membership drive Friday, Dec. 16, according to president, Joe McDuff.

"The purpose of the drive," said McDuff, "is to build Farmers Union in Taylor County. You have a stake in Farmers Union and we need your help. It is a fact that our prices are directly or indirectly set in Washington on everything we produce (including livestock). And these prices are set under the influence of organizations.

"Everyone interested in farm products has the right to see that the programs are written and

**VETERANS NOTICE**  
Greely Aston will be at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Merkel Friday, Dec. 16 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

admitted to suit their own interest, which is the democratic way. To see that we get a square deal, we must have and support an effective organization.

"We are a minority group, and like any minority group in a well organized society, we must use organization to work for us as teachers, doctors, lawyers, labor and others have done successfully. It is up to us to band together in an effective influential organization to see that farm programs work to benefit us."

McDuff extends an invitation for all farmers to "join us and help yourself by helping us."

## LARGE CROWD SEES CHRISTMAS PARADE

The bitter cold that "raced" down over Texas" and enveloped Merkel didn't stop the crowd from gathering on downtown streets to view the annual Christmas Parade Saturday morning. With sidewalks jammed and business houses too, people, young and old, craned to get a glimpse of Santa as he sat atop the shiny red fire truck calling out "Merry Christmas" and throwing out candy to youngsters.

Leading off the parade were Don Dudley and Jarrett Pinckley and following close behind was Santa.

In the children's walking division there was Bart Whisenhunt leading a bird dog that looked as if he'd rather be chasing birds; an over-sized showman who

know he "wouldn't melt and Cindy Whisenhunt leading her prize heifer Hereford. Taking first place prize in this group was Jackie McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lon McDonald, depicting "Frosty, the Snowman."

The Merkel Cub Scouts of Pack 20 won first in the walking division, and Beta Sigma Phi sorority was first place in the float division.

Winners in the Miss Merry Christmas were Nancy Evans, first; Beckie Gadden, second, and Alyce Whisenhunt, third.

Nancy was sponsored by Stuekey's; Beckie, Ben Franklin Store, and Alyce, Edd's Cafe.

Music for the parade was furnished by the Merkel High School Band.



LEADING THE PARADE — Jarrett Pinckley, left, and Don Dudley are shown leading out Merkel's 1966 Christmas Parade Sat. Dec. 10. Santa Claus atop a fire truck followed close behind. (Staff Photo)

### Pre-Christmas Services Cancelled

The pre-Christmas services, scheduled to begin Dec. 14 at Calvary Baptist Church have been cancelled, according to church pastor, the Rev. David Hahn.

"Cancellation is due to the illness of evangelist Don Brown," said Rev. Hahn, "and services will not be conducted as planned."



## LEGAL NOTICE

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 day thereof, in newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of

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which the herein below following is a true copy.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Virginia J. Flowers, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Court of Domestic Relations 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 16th day of January A.D. 1967, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 9th day of March A.D. 1966 in this cause, numbered 2,646 on the docket of said court and styled W. D. Flowers, Plaintiff, vs. Virginia J. Flowers, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married December 1952, and became permanently separated on Oct. 29, 1962. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment 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 the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 30th day of November A.D. 1966.

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk,  
Domestic Relations Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.  
40 4tc

## E. C. King, 49, Dies Dec. 10

Funeral services for Everett Carlton King, 49, were held Sunday, Dec. 11 in the First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Bill Tanner, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. King, a longtime Merkel resident, suffered an apparent heart attack Saturday, Dec. 10, while driving his tractor west of Merkel and was dead on arrival at Sadler Clinic here.

Born Aug. 4, 1917 in Abilene, he moved to Merkel with his parents in 1919. He married Genevieve Cox in Merkel Feb. 18, 1937. He has lived in this area since 1919.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Billy and Ray, both of Merkel; two brothers, Harold of Ruidoso, N. M., and Reabon of Bryan.

## Merkelites' Kin In "Who's Who"

Nancy Vaughn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Holt Vaughn of Rogers, Ark., and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Vaughn of Merkel, has been named to the 1966-67 edition of "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities", according to a Arkansas Polytechnic news release.

A 1962 graduate of Rogers High School, Rogers, Ark., Nancy is a senior education major. She is vice president of the PEMM Club, and has been a member of the AWS Council, Wesley Foundation, SNEA, the varsity basketball squad and the varsity tennis team.

Students recognized by the "Who's Who" organization, are judged on scholarship, participation and leadership and extra-curricular activities, citizenship and service to the school, and his promise of future usefulness.

ving with the 478th Aviation Company.

Spec. Atkinson attended Tarleton State College at Stephenville. His wife, Caroline, lives on Rt. 1, Merkel.

An operations specialist in the company stationed at Camp Radcliff, Spec. Atkinson entered on active duty last January and was stationed at Ft. Rucker, Ala., before his arrival overseas in July of 1966.

## Army Promotion

CAMP RADCLIFF, Vietnam — Dannie O. Atkinson, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duke Atkinson, Clyde, Texas, was promoted to Army specialist fourth class November 17 in Vietnam while ser-

## JOHNNY COX

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## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR AN ACT CREATING THE MERKEL HOSPITAL DISTRICT OVER A PORTION OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS

TO THE RESIDENTS OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS, AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that after due publication hereof the undersigned intend to apply to the Texas Legislature at its regular session in 1967 for the passage of an act authorizing the

creation of a Hospital District over a portion of Taylor County, Texas, under the authority granted by Article IX, Section 9, of the Texas Constitution, the general purposes and nature of such Act being expressed as follows:

"AN ACT authorizing creation of the MERKEL HOSPITAL DISTRICT; providing for an election within the area of the proposed hospital district and making certain findings in connection therewith; providing for the operation and financing of said district, including the procedures it is to follow; providing a severability clause; and declaring an emergency."

DATED this the 14th day of

December, 1966.  
Maxwell Murrell  
W. W. Toombs  
John R. West  
Ben R. Hicks  
Meyer Mellinger  
J. W. Hammond  
M. H. Ely  
W. D. Gamble  
Mark M. Williamson  
Glenn Teaff  
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Johnny Cox  
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# CHRISTMAS


## DOLLAR DAYS

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**MASONIC MEETING**  
Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.

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DAN BUTLER, Sec'y.

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**DEER HUNTING** — 450 acres 14 miles southwest of Merkel on FM Road 126. Call Nubia 4167. Mrs. E. C. Roy. 36 4c

**GARAGE SALE** — Cedar closet, bikes, tricycles, clothes, misc. washpot and stand, and T.V. 205 Taylor Thurs., Fri., and Sat. 4 1 1tp

**REMEMBER** — Tex Herring School of Auction begins Jan. 2, 1967. Call OW 2-1710 in Abilene. 41 fr4

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**FOR RENT** — Three bedroom home. Inquire at Edna's Beauty Shop. 928-5913. 30 tfc

**FOR RENT** — Unfurnished 3 bedroom house. Plumbed for washer, backyard fenced. 928-5236. 41 2tc

**FOR RENT** — Very clean 3 bedroom furnished or unfurnished house North 4th St. 928-5669. 41 2tc

**FOR LEASE** — 103 acres 3 miles N. W. of Noodle. Make offer. Paul Schneider, Box 580, Mineral Wells, Texas. 35 4tp

**FOR LEASE** — Quarter section of land. For interview see P. F. West. Merkel, Rt. 2, c/o Lloyd West. 41 2tc

**FOR RENT** — Three room and bath house. Good storage room. Located southeast corner on North 5th St. Johnnie Warren, 928-5742. 40 2tc

**FOR RENT** — 1 four room house unfurnished. 1 two room apartment nicely furnished. Brooks Paterson, 607 Oak. 40 2tc

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**FOR SALE** — Two bedroom home, glassed in porch, living room and dining room and kitchen. 308 Kent. 39 2 tc

**FOR SALE** — Tricycle and spring type horse good condition. 836-6173. 40 2tc

**FOR SALE** — Christmas cards and stationary — on order. Readers Digest subscription and renewals Christmas rates. Margaret Foster, 815 Brickhaven, 928-5132. 40 2tc

**FOR SALE** — Silver Tone Chord Organ. Like new. \$135.00. 928-6842. 40 2tc

**FOR SALE** — Two evening gowns, sizes 9 and 12. Frances Carey, 1107 South 7th. 40 2tp

**FOR SALE** — Two bedroom and den house has water well. Ph. 6-5056. 38 tfc

**FOR SALE** — Pecans 50c lb. Couch \$3.50, hammers, saws, nails. Lots of merchandise left from big shop. Sharpen saws, axes, hoes. J. D. Bradley Workshop. 41 1tc

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### CARD OF THANKS

WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS our sincere thanks to everyone that helped us in so many ways in the recent loss of our loved one. May God Bless each of you.

The Carlton King Family

### WTCC Is Hosting Dec. 16-17 Meet

West Texas Senators, members of the House of Representatives and businessmen will meet in Midland and Odessa on Dec. 16 and 17 to discuss matters of interest to West Texans and issues facing the 60th session of the Texas Legislature.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring this pre-legislative conference and will have representatives from all sections of the 132-county area encompassed by the WTCC. These representatives will discuss with the legislators problems which are common to West Texas.

The first session will be held at 3:00 p.m. Dec. 16 in the ballroom of the Lincoln Hotel in Odessa and the second session will be held at a breakfast at the Scarborough Hotel in Midland Saturday morning, Dec. 17 at 7:30.

Farming, ranching, oil, industrial, tourist and other business interests will have representatives at both sessions.

### MOTORISTS INVITED BY DPS TO 'JOIN'

AUSTIN — Forty-seven persons in Texas will be the focus of one of the most intensive traffic safety efforts ever to be expanded during the Christmas holiday weekend, according to Department of Public Safety Director Col. Homer Garrison Jr. "The DPS will be concentrating its efforts more than ever in an attempt to make sure that the indicated death toll of 47 persons is not reached," said Garrison. "This year has been the most terrible in Texas history in terms of lives lost and property damage, and we are working with other state agencies and organizations interested in safety in order to hold down this toll as much as possible.

"We are issuing a personal invitation to each motorist, asking every individual to join the battle, and it must be considered a battle, for traffic has claimed more lives than have been lost in all the wars in which we have been engaged."

"Operation Deathwatch" will be conducted from 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, Dec. 26, to focus attention

### MRS. GETA WILLIAMSON NAMED 'QUEEN OF TRENT GARDEN CLUB'

Mrs. Geta Williamson was crowned Queen of the Trent Garden Club Monday, Dec. 12 at their regular club meeting, held in the home of Mrs. Odell Freeman with Mrs. W. L. Brown as co-hostess.

Mrs. Othell O'Kelly, who announced Mrs. Williamson queen, commended her for her "ceaseless devotion and dedication in the Garden Club, for the contribution

she has made in every facet of the club's program."

"Mrs. Williamson's devotion to the club wherever a project or a job presents itself, has made her indispensable," said Mrs. O'Kelly.

The program opened with the reading of "Amos 'N Andy Explain a Prayer," by Mrs. Erma Black, club president. Carols were

sung by Cindy Beasley, Rebecca and Robbie Freeman, accompanied by Mrs. Albert Maberry at the organ. A skit, "The Nightmare Before Christmas" was read and dedicated to all club members.

Club members and guests were dressed in red, each bringing a corsage to be presented to the "Golden Agers," in Trent.

To add to the festive occasion, Mrs. Fay Steadman presented an arrangement of fresh materials depicting the song, "I'll Be Home for Christmas" as a centerpiece for the serving table. Mrs. Claude Butler exhibited a front door decoration interpreting the song, "All Hail Ye Merry Gentlemen," made of can tops, ivy and decorative bits.

After gifts were exchanged,

Mrs. Black recognized guests attending, including Mrs. William G. Irwin, wife of the new minister of Trent's Baptist Church.

Approximately twenty-five members and guests attended.

A program on the Creativity Award to be presented by Mrs. W. L. Brown, is planned for the regular meeting in January, according to Mrs. Black. The meeting will be held in the Trent Scholo cafeteria and each member is asked to "bring material and container for assemblage."

### SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. SWANN

Mrs. Sam Swann, 71, died Monday morning enroute to Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene after having become ill earlier at her home.

Funeral services for Mrs. Swann were held Tuesday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Tanner, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Agnes Powell Aug. 26, 1885 at Celeste, Tex., she moved to Merkel in 1916 and taught school. She worked in the bank prior to her marriage to Sam Swann Aug. 8, 1919 in Dallas.

She was an active member of the Baptist Church since early childhood. Survivors are the husband; one daughter, Mrs. Roy Dalziel of

Rockford, Ill.; two sisters, Mrs. Clementine Clayton of Kingsville and Mrs. Tom Die of El Paso; two grandsons.

### NOODLE NEWS

By SIMMONS CALLAWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ueckert and family of Monahans were visitors at the Church of Christ Sunday and also visited Mrs. Ueckert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McCain.

Mrs. Andrew Wheeler is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux drove to Brownfield Sunday to visit Mrs. Bonneaux's sister, Mrs. Wilma Stevens.

Mrs. Georgia Best of Coahoma spent a few days with her son and family, Carol Best.

Little Wayne Sloan, Merkel, spent a couple of days last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan.

Mrs. Clayton Dillard visited last Wednesday evening with Mrs. Doc Callaway. Mrs. Callaway received word last week that her grandson, Mike Tarpley, had enlisted in the Army and was sent to Camp Polk, La. His wife, Gayle, will be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pryme in Snyder until she can join her husband. Mrs. Callaway also received word that her son, Lt. Col. Joe Tarpley will leave for Vietnam the last of March, after being TDY at Ft. Bragg, N.C. for 6 weeks. His wife, Martha and children, Ann and Lee will continue living in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Campbell, Abilene, visited Mr. Campbell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jones and Dennis, Hodges, visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell.



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**CREATIVITY AWARD** — Mrs. Charles Sherrill is shown with her entry in the Merkel Garden Club Flower Show, which took first place in the Creativity Division Sat., Dec. 10, held at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. Mrs. Sherrill was also overall winner in the Artistic Division of the show. (Staff Photo)

## GARDEN CLUB NAMES FLOWER SHOW TOPS

Mrs. Charles Sherrill was over all winner in the Artistic Division of the Merkel Garden Club Flower Show, held Saturday, Dec. 10 in the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

She won the Creativity Award and Sweepstakes in the Artistic Division.

Theme for the flower show was "A Journey Into Christmas," and featured arrangements from

"Christmas of Long Ago," to "Christmas Goes Modern" in abstract.

Other winners in the Artistic Division were Mrs. W. L. Brown, Mrs. Mary Click and Mrs. Erma B. Black.

First place winners in the Horticulture Division were Mrs. Mmes Lucy Ford, Charlie Sherrill, Mary Click, Joe Hartley, Jarrett Williams, S. D. Gamble, Ora Griggs, Marie McConnell, John Shannon and Earl Hughes.

In the Novelty Class first place winners were Mrs. Jarrett Williams, with her "Kissing Ball;" Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, "Topiary Tree;" Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, "Wreath;" Mrs. Charlie Sherrill, "Candle Holders;" Mrs. Eunice Massey, "Christmas Packages;" and Mrs. Erma B. Black, "Ornaments."

In the Educational Exhibit held at the West Texas Utilities Co. a veritable fantasy land was evolved from all types of material grown in this area into colorful gift items.



## Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
We have been very good girls—most of the time. Please bring us a real guitar so we can play like on T.V. We need a new baton real bad too and if you want to you can bring us a doll and a baby buggy.

Don't forget to bring Mommie and Daddy something. They have tried to be good.

Thanks,  
Ann and Jan Melton  
P.S. We will leave a coke out for you to drink.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a table and chairs, a set of dishes and a Baby Cheryl that talks.

I have been a good girl all year long or I have tried to be good.

Please leave some toys for my sister and brother. Remember all the other little boys and girls also.

I will leave you some cookies and a glass of milk on the table. Be careful when you come down the chimney.

I love you, Santa.  
Lori DuBose

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl in the first grade. I try to be good. I want little toys to play with, and something to wear too. Don't forget my two sisters and brother, and don't forget children all over the world.

I love you,  
Douthea Breaux

## H-SU to Observe 75th Anniversary

ABILENE (Spl.) — Secretary of State Dean Rusk will speak at Hardin - Simmons University on Friday, Jan. 27 in conjunction with the school's 75th Anniversary.

Rep. Omar Burleson of Anson, who once attended H-SU, will introduce the nation's top diplomat at a special convocation to be held at 10 a.m.

Dr. W. O. Beasley, coordinator of university relations and chairman for arrangements for Rusk's visit to the H-SU campus, said Rusk confirmed the date this week.

The secretary of state will be the recipient of an honorary doctorate during the convocation.

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

### HIGH SCHOOL

Dec. 8, 9, 10 — H-SU Tournament, A girls, Haskell Tournament, A boys

Dec. 16 — open  
Dec. 20 — Hawley, Here A girls, A boys, 7:00

Jan. 3 — open  
Jan. 5, 6, 7 — Trent Tournament, A girls, A boys

The following are district games for both A boys and girls, at 7:00  
Jan. 10, — Rosecoe, there  
Jan. 13 — Aspermont, there  
Jan. 17 — Rotan, here  
Jan. 20, — Jim Ned, there  
Jan. 24 — Wylie, here  
Jan. 27 — Roscoe, here  
Jan. 31 — Aspermont, here  
Feb. 3 — Rotan, there  
Feb. 7 — Jim Ned, here  
Feb. 10 — Wylie, there

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

### ELEMENTARY

Dec. 19 — Hamlin at Merkel, boys A and B and girls A

Jan. 5-7 — Anson Tournament, boys and girls A

Jan. 9 — Jim Ned at Merkel, boys A and B and girls A

Jan. 16 — Merkel at Wylie, boys A and B and girls A

Jan. 23 — Merkel at Baird, boys A and B and girls A

Jan. 26-28 — Jim Ned Tournament, boys and girls A

Jan. 30 — Merkel at Jim Ned, boys A and B and girls A

## FFA Initiates Twenty Members

The Merkel Chapter of the Future Farmers of America met in the Ag room Thursday night, Dec. 9, for the initiation of Greenhands, which numbered 20.

The chapter has also elected its FFA Sweetheart for this year. She is Miss Joyce Button.

The Chapter was served cold drinks, pop corn, and hot dogs after the meeting adjourned.

## CLACK CHILDREN TO HONOR PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Clack, Merkel, will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary Sunday, Dec. 18.

Guests will call at the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howard and Karen Locust St., Merkel, from 2 until 5 p.m.

Joining Mr. and Mrs. Howard as hosts for the open house honoring their parents, will be Mr. and Mrs. Morris C. Clack of Abilene.

The house party will also include the Clacks' five grandchildren, Lynda, Judy and Karen Clack, and Larry and Suzanne Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Clack were married in Silo, Okla., and moved to Texas in 1924.

Mr. Clack farmed until 1938, then the family moved to town where he worked as a carpenter for several years. He also worked for the public schools in Abilene and also at Hardin - Simmons University. At present he is employed by the Merkel Independent School system.



MR. AND MRS. E. R. CLACK ... to observe 50th anniversary

Both are members of the Merkel First Baptist Church, where Mr. Clark is a deacon.

## MERKEL PAGEANT

More and more people in and around Merkel are finding that nothing quite matches the delight of outside Christmas decorations. And more and more people are enjoying them.

Just take a drive around the residential section of Merkel, if you have not already done so.

A tour down (or up) Sunset Street will really "put you in the mood for the Christmas season." With a little inquiry into the why and wherefores of the beautiful street lighting a rather interesting item was "uncovered."

Seen some two weeks ago busily stringing lights up and down the street, was Bill Button, manager of West Texas Utilities. Then a letter of instructions was received by each resident of the street. It read, in part:

"I have talked to nearly all of you in regards to just when we will all turn on our lights . . . I am listing some suggestions . . . Please keep in mind they are only suggestions; I wouldn't want you to think I was trying to be a president or sumpin' . . . Christmas week let's let them the lights stay on all night. Ol Reddy Kilowatt would love this!"

They're beautiful, Bill, and truly all the work is worth it, when you see the many people who drive down the street at night.

Why not drive by the Starbuck home on Oak Street and see the house blazoned with Christmas lights that say "Merry Christmas," or, the Glenn Reed's home on Ash, where there's too many "Christmas twinkles" in the hedge to count them.

Have you ever seen Merkel decorated like this before?

John Law's scheme for exploiting the resources of French Louisiana was known as the Mississippi Bubble.



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## Now Recovering From Surgery

Mrs. D. W. Ashley of Balch Springs Tex., and an early - day resident of Merkel, is recovering from surgery in a Dallas hospital Nov. 13. Mrs. Ashby writes that after surgery and an attack of pneumonia, she is "doing fair."

### Sweets to the Sweet



Photo by Carnation Co.

If you would like to give a Christmas or hostess gift that will be appreciated for its taste as well as its thoughtfulness, stir up a batch of Coconut Fudge Drops. Made creamy smooth with Carnation's evaporated milk, the fudge is prepared with just five minutes' cooking time. Economical evaporated milk has many other uses too. It makes soups and stews creamier and meat loaves juicier. And it whips just like cream for use in chiffon desserts and whipped salads but costs much less and has fewer calories.

#### COCONUT FUDGE DROPS (Makes about 2 pounds)

2 tablespoons butter  
1/2 cup (small can) undiluted velvety evaporated milk  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 cups miniature marshmallows (about 4 ounces)

1 1/2 cups (1 1/2 six-ounce packages) semi-sweet chocolate pieces  
1 teaspoon each: grated orange peel, vanilla  
1 cup flaked coconut  
1/2 cup dark seedless raisins

Combine butter, evaporated milk, sugar and salt in saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil. Cook 5 minutes, stirring constantly. (Start timing when mixture starts to "bubble" around edges of pan). Remove from heat. Stir in marshmallows, chocolate pieces, orange peel and vanilla. Stir vigorously 1 minute (until marshmallows melt and blend). Stir in coconut and raisins. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto a buttered cookie sheet. Cool.

## DISCUSSING SEARCH FOR PEACE



ROME, Italy—Edward M. Lindsey (right) President of Lions International, explains the world wide service organization's "Search for Peace" project to Pope Paul VI in a 25-minute private audience held in Vatican City.

The Pope, who himself is very active in promoting World Peace, had words of high praise for the 800,000 Lions around the world for their efforts in getting Youth interested in thinking and writing about peace.

Youth between the ages of 14 to 22 in 135 countries of the Free World are urged by Lions International to write an essay on the theme: "Peace is Attainable" for a \$25,000 first prize, offered by Lions International.

Mrs. Lindsey is in center (left) and the Right Reverend Monsignor Paul Marcincus, who translated for the Holy Father during the meeting held in the papal private chambers, is center (right).

tary of the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance passed and approved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Merkel at a regular session held on the 5th day of December, 1966, as it appears of record in the Minutes of said Board of Aldermen in Book 5, page 312.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID CITY, this the 5th day of December, A.D. 1966.  
FLOSSIE W. McKEEVER  
Secretary, City of Merkel, Texas  
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named Thomas Doris Laney Jr. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eager, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Laney.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Hays announce the birth of a daughter, Jill Lynn, Dec. 9, weighing 7 pounds, two ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Cade of 1414 Antique Lane, Nassau Bay Village, Houston, are announcing the birth of a son, Richard Lance, born Nov. 25.

The young son weighed nine pounds, five ounces and is doing fine, according to the father.

Cade, a former Merkelite from the Noodle Community, is vice president of the Nassau Bay National Bank.

Mrs. Cade is the former Alma Ruth Kennedy of Seagraves.

## New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Laney of Carrollton, Tex. announces the birth of a son, born Nov. 27 and

## LEGAL NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND DETERMINING THE GENERAL SERVICE RATE TO BE CHARGED FOR SALES OF NATURAL GAS TO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF MERKEL, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH RATE MAY BE CHANGED, ADJUSTED AND AMENDED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

SECTION 1. Effective with the first gas bills rendered on or after the 27th day of December, 1966, the general service rate for sales of natural gas rendered to residential and commercial consumers within the city limits of Merkel by Lone Star Gas Company, a Texas corporation, its successors and assigns, is hereby fixed and determined as follows:

First 1,000 cu. ft. or fraction thereof \$1.67 gross; \$1.50 net.  
all over 1,000 cu. ft. at \$8.433 gross per MCF; \$7.59 net per MCF.

No gas bill will be rendered to any residential or commercial consumer served under the above rate not consuming any gas during any monthly billing period.

### ADJUSTMENTS

The amount of each net monthly bill computed at the above stated rates shall be subject to the following adjustments: Plus 1/2 of 1 per cent of the amount computed at the above stated rates for each whole point by which the average of the 12 most recent monthly values for the "All Item Consumer Price" Index compiled by the United States Department of Labor on a 1957 - 1959 base, or adjusted thereto, exceeds 112; plus or minus the amount of any increase or decrease, respectively, in the present authorized intra-company city gate charge as fixed by the Railroad Commission of the State of Texas or other regulatory body having jurisdiction for gas delivered to Lone Star Gas Company's distribution system for sale to residential and commercial consumers in the City of Merkel; plus an amount equivalent to the proportionate part of any new tax, or increased rate of tax, or governmental imposition or charge (except state, county, city and special district ad valorem taxes and any taxes on net income) levied or assessed against the Company or on its gas business, as the result of any new or amended law, ordinance or contract, after January 1, 1966.

Each gross monthly bill shall be adjusted proportionately. Company at its option may forego the application of any adjustment if such adjustment would result in an increase in the monthly bill; however, failure of Company to apply any adjustment shall not constitute a waiver of Company's right, from time to time or at any time, to make any adjustment in whole or in part, in any subsequent current monthly bill that may be applicable to such bill under the provisions of the foregoing adjustments.

Net rate shall apply to all bills paid within ten days from monthly billing date.

The above rate is applicable to each residential and commercial consumer per month or for any part of a month for which gas is used at the same location.

SECTION 2. The rate set forth in Section 1 may be changed and amended by either the City or Company furnishing gas in the manner provided by law. Service hereunder is subject to the orders of regulatory bodies having jurisdiction, and to the Company's Rules and Regulations currently on file in the Company's office.

SECTION 3. The fact that there is an imperative public need for an ordinance fixing and determining the rate for gas and gas service furnished to residential and commercial consumers creates an emergency and the reading and

passage of this ordinance at three separate meetings is hereby suspended and this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the date of its passage at a single meeting and the approval thereof by the Mayor.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 5th day of December, A. D. 1966.

(Seal)  
ATTEST:  
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Flossie W. McKeever  
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**Stith News**

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

We are having cold weather. Cotton harvesting is almost over. Just a few bales per day being brought to the gin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sims, Thalia and Mrs. Minola Davis of Vernon attended the funeral of Buck Leach at the First Baptist Church in Merkel Sunday, Dec. 3. They spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry.

Walter Vantress had surgery in a San Antonio hospital. He seems a little better the last report but a very sick man.

Bob Hudson was taken back to Hendrick Memorial Hospital last week. He is some better.

Mrs. Nora McDonald, Mrs. Fletcher Jones, Mrs. Paul Bradley and Mrs. Ira Stanley attended the W.M.U. meeting on Lottie Moon Missions Thursday at Hodges Baptist Church. Lunch was served at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald spent the weekend with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stephenson and Milisa Ann. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris and Kathy and Mrs. Mamie Hardin, all in Midland.

The Rev. James Williams was

a guest for dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones. Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Hale visited Mrs. Cliff Hill and Mrs. Ada Newton at Anson Thursday. Dennis George of Wichita Falls was a visitor in the Hale home Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely and children visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Grady Bond of Rising Star last weekend. They spent Saturday night in San Antonio with his sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Troy Vassor.

Visitors attending services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday morning were Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Benthall and Mrs. Jessie Dillon.

Mrs. Fred Shotwell honored her mother Mrs. Powers with a birthday dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bauchhofer and girls of Graham spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry.

Glen Bicknell is doing fine with his broken leg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson moved Tuesday to their new home in Cross Plains. We are sorry they have moved from our community but hope they will be happy in their new home. The HD Club gave Mrs. Hudson a going away gift Saturday night.

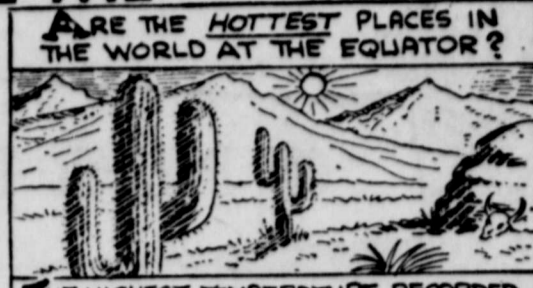
Mr. and Mrs. John Browning visited Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Butler of Anson Tuesday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children.

Blondy Hanson suffered a heart attack Monday and was taken to the Hendrick Hospital in Abilene. He is improving.

**TELL ME**



**WHO WAS THE EMPEROR THAT FIDDLER WHILE ROME BURNED?**  
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**GOVERNOR-WATCHER**—Ronnie Martinez, 3, of Austin observes Governor John Connally as he signs a proclamation of Christmas Seal Days in Texas until December 25. Ronnie took the visit with the Governor in a matter-of-fact way. He's learned to adapt rapidly to change. Ronnie and his baby sister, Lisa, are children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Martinez. They are presently living with their paternal grandparents while their mother is recovering from TB at the Austin-Travis County Tuberculosis Hospital. Ronnie and Lisa surely hope their mother will get home for Christmas.

**LITTLE BADGER TRACKS**

By MES REPORTERS

Little Badger Tracks reporters for fifth and sixth grade rooms this year are: Ruth Hahn, Mr. Bratcher's fifth grade; Marsha Thompson, Mrs. Benson's fifth grade; Dennis James, Mrs. Fisher's sixth grade, and Pam Mashburn, Mrs. Orsborn's sixth grade.

Christmas is getting in full swing in Mrs. Benson's room 3. A cheery snow man greets you at the door. There is a strong smell of paint from gifts being made, toys from wooden scraps, antiquing cans, etc. A Christmas play, "The Lost Reindeer," is being practiced daily. Bulletin boards are featuring "Merry Christmas." Mrs. Carolyn McAninch substituted for Mrs. Benson Monday and Tuesday.

Pupils in Mr. Bratcher's room

saw films about Paraguay and Brazil. They learned that people of these countries are not nearly as advanced as we in the United States. From these films they also learned how people in Paraguay and Brazil live and work. The class is getting ready for

Christmas by decorating, drawing and coloring. Everyone is in a Christmas mood in room 4. Names have been drawn for the Christmas party December 21.

Mrs. Orsborn's honor roll for the second six weeks included Dianne Allen, Mary Beth Boyd, Patsy Button, Don Clyburn, Becky Holloway, and Zana Mansfield. The eighth grade classes will have a Christmas party Tuesday, Dec. 20, at the cafeteria. Presents will be exchanged. Plenty of games and fun will be the order of the evening.

Mr. Petty's eighth grade class had a candy sale in room 9 Dec. 6 in order to contribute to the United Fund.

Mrs. Winter's eighth grade class had a candy sale to help the United Fund Drive Wednesday, Dec. 14. The candy sold fast and was obviously enjoyed.

Mr. Davis' seventh grade room won the Display - of - the - Month award banner with a very attractive showcase display called "Christmas in Bugsville."

After the United States purchased the Danish West Indies in 1917, the name was changed to Virgin Islands.

**Mohr Appointed District Deputy Grand Master**

Louis O. Mohr of Abilene has been named District Deputy Grand Master of Masons for Masonic District No. 75, which includes ten Masonic Lodges in

Taylor and Jones counties.

Mohr is a Past Master of the John Sayles Lodge 1408 in Abilene and is active in other Masonic organizations.

The appointment was made by the newly-elected Grand Master of Masons in Texas, J. D. Tomme Jr., of Fort Worth as the 131st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas was concluded in Waco Dec. 8.



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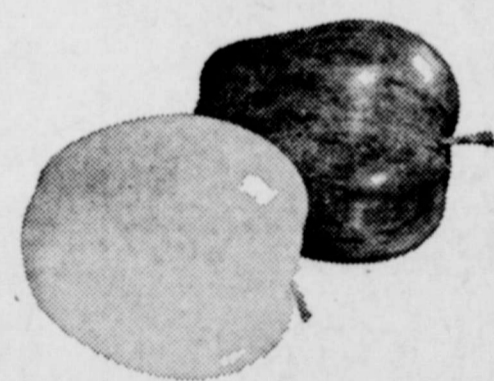
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