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**Up  
The  
Canyon**  
By TOM  
RUSSOM

A real slow rain fell across the Canyon all night Monday night — about what farmers and stockmen would call a "million dollar rain," having reference to small grain sown and to the native rangeland. However, it wasn't exactly what the "cotton-boys" ordered for their cotton.

Of course, the deer hunters say cool rainy weather is ideal for deer hunting. We have heard it said so many times that cool weather brings the deer down out of the brush, giving the hunters a chance to take a shot at them, and it must be working out because the deer are on the move and the hunters are killing lots of them.

The report we are receiving from hunters as far away as Midland and Fort Worth is that "the deer here are the larger kind of deer" and that's the kind they want.

As to the livestock market, some of the calves and lambs are going to market. Joe Swinney, Ford Butman and Will Butman were shaping up their lambs to go to San Angelo Sheep Market when the rains came.

Ford Butman had a load of calves on the Abilene sale Monday. Tom Russom and son, Don, have recently bought a choice string of high quality heifer calves from Booth Warren, Merkel banker and rancher. They also took a choice string of heifer calves from Mrs. Lottie Everett. The calves will be run on wheat fields and wintered at the Russom's farm.

Well, well, the question has been asked so many times by various people, where has everyone from the Canyon gone, and it is a question that is a little hard to answer. In most cases, the families have married and moved away.

## Trent Resident Top Buyer

Bob Spence of Trent was one of the top volume buyers in the West Texas Hereford Association's 28th annual sale in Abilene Monday.

The annual sale, held at the Taylor Livestock Center, brought a total of \$20,150 or an average of \$439.29 per animal.

## MERKEL CITIZENS WILL DECIDE ON SALES TAX DEC. 9

A "most important" decision facing the citizens of Merkel will come up for vote Saturday, Dec. 9.

"I know that the Citizens of Merkel will agree that the sales tax election is a most important decision," said Mayor Johnny Cox, "and your city officials assure you that your help and cooperation will be greatly appreciated."

Cox pointed out that city officials fulfilled their obligations when they voted to call an election. "As individuals, each member of the council is free to express his desires."

Members of the council agreed they would not attempt to earmark any of the sales tax funds for specific purposes should it pass, but Cox said that there are many areas which need relief and attention, including streets, sewer improvement, street lighting, water drainage, parks and recreation, and traffic marking and control.

When Cox was asked what he

# Football Awards Banquet This Sunday



**MERKEL BADGERS TO BE HONORED** — Members of the 1967 Badger football team will be honored this Sunday, Dec. 3 when the Booster Club stages its Annual Football Awards Banquet. Besides each player being recognized,

awards will be presented to the outstanding back, outstanding lineman and the most conscientious player for 1967. Head football coach Bob Byerly will introduce each player during the program.

## BANQUET TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW

The 1967 Merkel Badgers and their coaches will be honored Sunday, Dec. 3 at the annual Booster Club Football Awards Banquet.

The dinner will be held at the Merkel School Cafeteria and will begin at 1 p.m. or "following church services."

Dan Allen, president of the Booster Club, announced today that tickets for the Banquet will be available at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Merkel Drug Company, Mansfield Farm and Ranch Supply, Conley Barber Shop and Barnett Barber Shop.

Tickets are \$1.50 each. Merrill Green, head football coach at Cooper High School in Abilene will be guest speaker for the occasion.

Taking top honors at the banquet will be the Merkel Badger football team with head coach, Bob Byerly introducing each player.

Lynn Knight will be master of ceremonies, and will also relate the history of the Badger Booster Club.

Others who will appear on the program will be Billy Patton, minister of the Merkel Church of Christ, asking the invocation, Byerly, and the Rev. David Hahn, asking the benediction.

Booster Club officers, Allen, and vice president, Joe Alves, and secretary, W. R. "Pinky" Cypert, will present awards to the football players.

During the program three Merkel Badgers will be recognized for their contributions for 1967.

Being recognized and presented awards will be the most outstanding back, outstanding lineman, and the most conscientious player.

S. C. Dixon and Arthur Moore, Booster Club members, will tabulate selections for the awards prior to the Sunday noon banquet.

All Booster Club members and

non-members are urged by Allen to make plans now to attend this annual awards dinner.

"Get your tickets in advance if possible," said Allen, "and let's let our presence tell our young people that we are interested in them."

Planning committee for the banquet includes George T. Moore, Vernon Mansfield, Mrs. Blanch Hewitt and Mrs. Evelyn Martin.

## C-C Board Names

### Livestock Show Representative

The board of directors of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, met in a short session Wednesday morning and named Kathryn Criswell to represent Merkel in the Fort Worth Livestock Show in January.

Kathryn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Criswell, is a sophomore at Merkel High School and is a member of the Merkel Riding Club.

## Cotton Yields

### Are Approved

The Kolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. learned Monday that 1967 county projected yields for cotton have been approved.

In a telephone conversation with the Cotton Division of USDA in Washington, D.C., Charles Bragg of RPCG was informed that official cotton yields were approved by Secretary Freeman and sent to the Federal Register for publication on Friday. The Texas ASC State office was notified by wire and each ASCS county committee will be furnished official county yields as soon as possible.

## GOODFELLOWS ORGANIZE FOR '67; ANNOUNCE STORE ON KENT ST.

Many needy families in the Merkel area will enjoy a Christmas this year, thanks to the organizing of the Merkel Goodfellows with an appeal for volunteer donations.

Mrs. Mary Mosier was elected chairman of this year's Goodfellow Drive, with Mrs. W. R. Cypert, co-chairman.

Mrs. Mosier explained that "a goal will not be set this year as we believe the people in the Merkel area will see the need for contributing to this worthy cause."

Cash contributions may be mailed to Goodfellows, c/o Mrs. Mary Mosier, P. O. Box 535, or Mrs. W. R. Cypert, P. O. Box 218, or the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

The Goodfellow Store location will be the Joyce Building, located at 131 Kent Street (next door to Dr. Kenneth Morrison's office).

Meeting at the Asteroid Restaurant Tuesday afternoon, volunteer workers set Tuesday, Dec. 5, as date to open the store for the collection of clothing and toys.

"We will need all kinds of clothing," said Mrs. Cypert. "There have always been requests for men's, women's and children's clothing, and especially shoes."

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to help maintain the store will be needed. The committee plans to have the store open for needy families on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 21 and 22. "And this is the time we will certainly appreciate volunteer workers," she said.

Waymon Adcock, Parade Marshal, said the parade was scheduled for 10 a.m. and formation would begin at Kent and South Second streets.

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## Merkel Graduate In 'Who Who's'

Robert Shouse of Merkel, Tex., has been named to "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges," from McMurry College in Abilene. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse.

While at McMurry Robert has been a member of Student Government Association and IHR social club.

## CHRISTMAS PARADE TO FEATURE SANTA

The annual Christmas Parade, with Santa Claus riding atop a bright red fire truck will highlight festivities for Merkel Saturday, Dec. 5.

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## TRENT GARDEN CLUB SETS FLOWER SHOW

"Christmas Beautiful" will be the theme of Trent Garden Club's flower show Saturday, Dec. 2.

The flower show, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Trent High School Band Hall, will feature entries in artistic, horticultural and educational divisions.

"There will also be a civic beautification display, a litterbug display and conservation display," said Mrs. Weldon Beasley, publicity chairman. "Westgate Nursery of Abilene, will have a commercial display."

Mrs. Odell Freeman is Flower Show chairman. Mrs. Geta Wil-

liamson, local artist, will have an exhibit of her work, "Beauty of Flowers in Painting, on display for the visitors.

Club president, Mrs. W. L. Brown announced that judges will be entertained with a luncheon.

A Christmas Bazaar, featuring Christmas gifts, decorations, cakes, pies, jellies, jams, preserves, relishes, flower arrangements and needlework, is scheduled.

Flower Show and Bazaar are open to the public. "There will be no admission charge," said Mrs. Brown.

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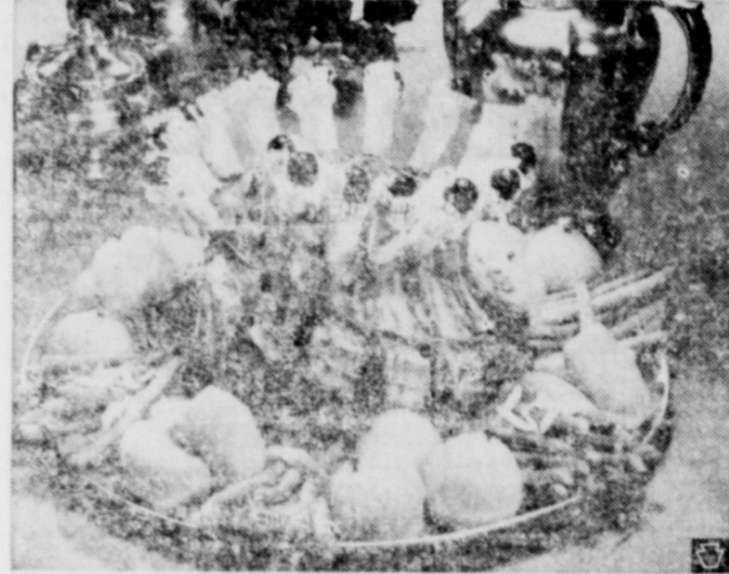
**ACROSS**

1. — Knox
5. Feminine name
8. Entrance
12. Switch-board girl
14. Ireland
15. Races
16. Money
18. Vine fruit
19. In behalf of
20. Psychoanalytic term
21. Consume
22. High hill
23. Interlace yarn
25. Avid
28. — Charta
29. Letter
31. Army officer
33. Depart
34. Soft flat hat
36. Gratified
38. Propagated
39. Pig pen
40. Lizard
43. Father
44. Footlike part
45. One defeated
47. Ship out again

**DOWN**

1. Smithy
2. Musical drama
3. Narrate
4. Snare
5. Possessive pronoun
6. Perform
7. Zeal
8. Jellylike material
9. Sickly
10. Bartering
11. Ever: poet
13. Yes
17. Either
19. Woods
22. Decade
23. Cabbage
24. The way: Chinese religion
26. Elderly
27. Obtain
28. Rug
29. Decline
30. Snake
32. Beam of light
35. Cause
37. Covet
39. Makes a sale
41. Parries
42. Lock of hair
44. Greek letter
45. Lick
46. By mouth
47. Female ruff name
49. Cut grass
52. Engineering degree

**Simply Wonderful Holiday Feast**



A tall and stately crown roast of pork serves as the star of a deceptively easy and elegant holiday dinner which cooks itself while you get on with the business of decorating, shopping and sending Christmas remembrances. It's lovely to look at, too, when you tip the ribs with pitted large black olives and surround the roast with spiced whole peaches, small whole yams and green beans Noel. Serves a large family and those extra guests handsomely. And Kona coffee puts the finishing touch to a simply wonderful holiday feast.

**CROWN ROAST OF PORK**

Have butcher prepare crown roast allowing 2 ribs per person. Set roast in shallow pan. Wrap aluminum foil around bone tips to keep from getting too black. Roast in slow oven (325° F.) until well done. Remove aluminum foil from ends of bone and tip with S & W pitted large ripe black olives.

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**GREEN BEANS NOEL**

2 cans S & W vertical pack green beans      or S & W almonds, blanched and slivered  
1 can S & W pimiento, diced,  
Heat beans in own liquid; drain. Add melted butter and diced pimiento, or almonds. Serves 6 to 8.



Answers to Puzzle

**Westinghouse Dealership Now Located in Tye**

Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. announced this week that Earl Damme, owner and operator of Damme's Repair Shop in Tye, is the Westinghouse dealer for televisions, radios and accessories in the Tye area. The franchise is held by Taylor Electric Cooperative from the Westinghouse Corporation.

**Stith HD Club Displays Gifts**

Stiths Home Demonstration Club met recently at the Community Center with Mrs. Vernon Hudson and Mrs. Wade Shaw presenting a program on "Making Something From Nothing." Handmade gift items were on display. Devotion was given by Mrs. Hudson, and opening prayer by Mrs. Ola Payne.

Songs and games were directed by Marie Perry. Roll call was answered with "Something I'm Thankful For."

Guests attending were Mmes. H. H. Windham, Karl Bonneaux, J. M. Hellum, Marvin Douglas, D. R. Butler and Rachel Butler.

Also Mmes. Frank Carter, Ola Payne, Carl Giles, Howard Reddin, Ronnie English, and A. M. Hinds of Tye.

Also Mmes. Jack Boone, M. E. West, Jesse Dillon, J. E. Hudson, and Miss Mabel McRee and nine club members.



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**Holiday Visitors**

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Visiting the Murphrees were Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Cox and five daughters from Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Morgan and Brenda, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Morgan, all of Merkel.

Other grandchildren visiting were Christie and Cindy Wiley, Divide, and Mrs. Barbara Patton and daughter, Thresa, Abilene.

The average monthly disability benefit paid by social security for February '67 was \$98.12.

**BETA SIGMA PHI SEES STYLE SHOW**

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Nov. 21 in the home of Mrs. Lawrence Hewitt for the Pledge Ritual and regular meeting.

Receiving the Ritual was Mrs. Jackie Doan.

Members voted to send a donation to Abilene State School and also to enter a float in Merkel's Annual Christmas Parade.

The program, "The Art of Dress," was presented by Mrs. Dan Allen. A prediction of fashions to come was given by Mrs. Larry White, with a style show following.

**Former Resident Dies at Age 84**

Word was received this week that Mrs. May L. Tucker, 84, died Saturday, Nov. 25 in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. Services were held Wednesday in Garland.

Mrs. Tucker, a former resident of Merkel, moved approximately two years ago to live in Amhurst.

Survivors include three sons, Mack of Littlefield, James of Garland, Charles of San Diego, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Homer Waters, Mrs. Mary L. Wright, both of Arlington.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

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Hosts are Mr. and Mrs. William Gurley Graham, Mrs. Jack (Alpha) Reynolds, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Dora Alice) Jones, Andrews; and Bobby J. Graham and Van Graham, both of Abilene.

The couple was married Dec. 2, 1917 in the home of Mrs. Graham's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Woody of Potosi.

Attendants at the wedding were Dolly and Willie Evans, Ruth and Allene Beall, Lucy Hancock, Zelma Key, Pascal Puttman and Berdie and Ben Holliday, all of Abilene.

They lived in Sidney, Tex., from 1917 until 1923 and moved to Taylor County in 1923. In 1934 they moved to Denton Valley in Calahan County, and to Trent in 1940. After Mr. Graham retired in 1954, they moved to Abilene and have lived there since that time.

They are members of the Southern Hills Church of Christ.

Graham's hobbies are raising horses and chickens and Mrs. Graham enjoys cooking and baby sitting with her grandchildren.

The couple has nine grandchildren.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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**GREETING:**

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

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Barbara Cluck, Defendant.  
Greeting:

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 13th day of January A.D. 1967, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 27th day of November A.D. 1967, in this cause, numbered 3783 on the docket of said court and styled: Dewayne Curtis Cluck, Plaintiff, vs. Barbara Cluck, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married September 6, 1965 and became permanently separated in April, 1967. 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 27th day of November A.D. 1967.  
(Seal)

Attest: R. H. ROSS,  
Domestic Relations Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.  
39 4tc

## TRENT HS FRESHMAN TO PARTICIPATE IN CALF PROGRAM

ROSSER, Tex. — Mark Williamson, Jr., Trent High School freshman, is one of the first students selected to participate in the Great Southwest Life Foundation Calf Program. This program, supported by the Great Southwest Life Insurance Company, Dallas, makes certified Santa Gertrudis calves available to selected vocational agriculture students at the day's beef market price.

On Nov. 29, Mark purchased a five-month-old, 380 pound Santa Gertrudis heifer from the Trinity Valley Ranch herd at Rosser. He will develop the calf as a Future Farmers of America project, showing the animal at local, county and regional livestock exhibitions.

Albert A. Maberry, Trent vocational agriculture teacher, will supervise and aid Mark in the development of his calf. Mr. Maberry accompanied him to Trinity Valley Ranch for the selection and purchase of the calf. Also making the trip were Mark Williamson Sr., Mark's father, and Clevis McElmurray, Trent School Board president and farmer-rancher.

"The Foundation officials have spent almost two years developing this state-wide program for vocational agriculture students and teachers," comments D. A. Children, Great Southwest Life Insurance Co., and Foundation president. "We are very pleased that Mark has qualified and been selected to participate in this program."

Student selection is based on scholastic achievement, FFA activities and an interest in the development of the Santa Gertrudis breed.

Mark holds 4-H Achievement Awards in agriculture and swine and the Showmanship Award from the Abilene Kiwanis Club. He won first place in the Soil Conservation Essay contest and first place in the Duroc Barrow show at the West Texas State Fair.

Secretary for the Trent Greenhand FFA Chapter, Mark was salutatorian of his Junior High School graduating class. He participates in the high school football and basketball activities.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Williamson Sr., Box 144, Trent, Texas.

## Future Farmers Pick Sweetheart

Dayna McAninch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted McAninch has been chosen the Merkel Future Farmers of America Sweetheart for 1967 - 68.

Miss McAninch is a junior at Merkel High School and has been an active member of the Merkel 4-H Club for four years. She is now serving the club as secretary. She is also the Sweetheart of the Merkel Riding Club, and an avid horsewoman.

She is a member of the Merkel First Baptist Church.



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ARLINGTON, Tex. — Six Flags Over Texas, the popular historical - theme amusement park located midway between Dallas and Fort Worth, closed out its 1967 season on Sunday, Nov. 26, with an all - time record of 2,037,050 visitors.

It topped last year's record of 1,915,000 visitors and marked the first 2,000,000 - visitors season ever, since the Park opened in 1951.

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## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 30 - Dec. 2 — Trent Tournament boys  
 Dec. 4 — Hawley boys and girls A here at 7:00 p.m.  
 Dec. 7-9 — Merkel Tournament girls  
 Dec. 11 — Hamlin boys and girls A there at 7:00 p.m.  
 Dec. 13 — Anson boys and girls A there at 7:00 p.m.  
 Jan. 4-6 — Anson Tournament  
 c-Jan. 8 — Jim Ned boys A & B, girls A there at 6:00 p.m.  
 c-Jan. 15 — Wylie boys A & B, girls A here at 6:00 p.m.  
 Jan. 18-20 — Jim Ned Tournament  
 c-Jan. 22 — Baird boys A & B, girls A here at 6:00 p.m.  
 c-Jan. 29 — Jim Ned boys A & B, girls A here at 6:00 p.m.  
 c-Feb. 5 — Wylie boys A & B, girls A there at 6:00 p.m.  
 c-Feb. 12 — Baird boys A & B, girls A there at 6:00 p.m.  
 c-Conference game.

# Religious Review

Worship Service ..... 11:00  
 Evening Service ..... 7:00  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Evening Service ..... 7:00

**MISSION BAUTISTA BETHEL**  
 Juan Nix, pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
 Training Union ..... 6 p.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 7 p.m.

**GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 JAMES SINCLAIR, pastor  
**SUNDAY**  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00  
 Worship Service ..... 8:30

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Newton Daniel, pastor  
**SUNDAY**  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45  
 Worship Service ..... 10:55  
 Youth Meeting ..... 6:00  
 Evening Worship ..... 7:00  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Choir Practice ..... 8:00

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 Dwight Holland, pastor  
**SUNDAY**  
 Bible School ..... 9:45  
 Morning Worship ..... 10:55  
 Evening Classes ..... 6:00  
 Evening Worship ..... 6:45  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Bible Classes ..... 8:00


**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
 John Curtis, pastor  
**SUNDAY**  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45  
 Preaching ..... 11:00  
 Evening Preaching ..... 7:00  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Mid-Week Evangelistic Service ..... 7:30  
 Mid-Week Service .. 7:30 p.m.  
 Choir Practice ..... 8:30 p.m.

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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David Hahn, pastor  
**SUNDAY MORNING**  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00  
 Worship Service ..... 11:00  
**SUNDAY EVENING**  
 Training Union ..... 5:30  
 Worship Service ..... 6:30  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Evening Service ..... 7:30  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Bill Tanner, pastor  
**SUNDAY**  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 Radio Broadcast ... 10:15 a.m.  
 Worship Service ... 10:50 a.m.  
 Radio Broadcast ... 11:00 a.m.  
 Youth Choir ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Training Union ..... 5:30 p.m.  
 Evening Worship ... 7:30 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Women's Missionary Society ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunbeam Band ..... 3:15 p.m.  
 Junior GA's ..... 3:45 p.m.  
 Intermediate Royal Ambassadors ..... 3:30 p.m.  
 Midweek Service .... 7:30 p.m.  
**FRIDAY**  
 Junior Choir ..... 3:30 p.m.

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 W. G. Richardson, pastor  
**SUNDAY**  
 Bible School ..... 10:00

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### TAX MAN SAM SEZ:

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tract. Most folks don't win an argument with a computer when it comes to adding and subtracting.



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Take a tip from the easy-to-make ornaments found in holiday cartons of Coca-Cola. Everyone in the household, artist or not, youngster or oldster, can add something clever to the tree, the table and other trim around the home with these decorative assets. Just snip, fold 'n paste (that's quick!). Stars, snowflakes, icicles and a host of other festive dangles in rich luster colors are included free in a new series of folders containing twenty different decorations.

Ready for a second holiday hint? The hostess who spends much time in the kitchen rises out on the fun. Those cartons of Coke hold the answer to the favorite easy-to-serve refresher for evenings of decoration-making, the impromptu platter party and the open house when friends drop in.

Another timely tip sure to transform any party into the splash of the month is the party punch. Sprite is the keyword here to fill the bowl with good-taste-to-spare with time-to-spare. For a tart tempter to liven up any happening, try "Tingle Bells Punch." Made in a jiffy, it makes music as sweet as jingle bells.

**TINGLE BELLS PUNCH**  
2 quarts cranberry juice  
1 can (6 oz.) frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed  
1/2 cup maraschino cherry juice



6 bottles of Sprite (10 oz. each), well chilled

Combine all ingredients. Serve over ice in punch bowl. Garnish with lemon slice topped with cherry or with lemon slice, orange wedge and cherry alternated on cocktail picks. Makes about 40, 4-oz. servings.

Accompaniment: Stuffed olives and cocktail onions alternated on cocktail picks. An onion sour cream dip served with melba toast rounds.

"Tingle Bells" is one of five great punch ideas tucked in cartons of Sprite. Untuck a few for Christmas and have a tingling holiday!

### U.S. Border Patrol Seeks Applicants

The U.S. Border Patrol of the Immigration and Naturalization Service still has an urgent need for a large number of physically fit young men desiring a career in Federal law enforcement work. This is a career opportunity for those who like action and outdoor work.

Applications are now being ac-

cepted for the civil service examination for Immigration Patrol Inspector which will be held Jan. 27, 1968.

Those wishing to be tested in January must submit their applications before Dec. 8, 1967. Full information is given in Announcement No. WA-7-16, which may be secured from the nearest post office or from any office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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#### Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely attended funeral services Monday for J. Walter Hammond at the First Presbyterian Church in Abilene.

Martha Perry of Irving spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perry, Mrs. Fay Jones and Jana, Merkel, visited Sunday in the Perry home.

Mrs. Earnest Smith visited Mrs. Benny Hobbs Saturday.

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### Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



Cotton harvesting got into full swing last week but there is a lot of cotton yet to be harvested in this area.

Mrs. J. E. Swindell spent last week in Wichita Falls and Seymour.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones

attended the workers conference at the First Baptist Church in Anson Tuesday evening.

Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely, Randon, Neilon and Becky were Mrs. M. H. Ely and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Rister. R. D. Ely of Tye visited in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning spent Thanksgiving with their son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children in Tuscola. Kay and Ray Browning returned home with their grand-

parents and visited through Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Browning attended a singing at Sweetwa-

ter Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. M. H. Ely of Tye and Mrs. Orval Ely attended the wedding of Gayle Bagley and Dennis Ray Gollihar at the Hodges Baptist Church Friday evening, Nov. 17.

The Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Row and children of Bledsoe spent Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones of Gatesville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hale, Shirley and Mike and Butch Sparks of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone and Monica and Charles Hale were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale

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### Full Information Needed Says VA

Some people who get the fast replies from the Veterans Administration may be disappointed according to Jack Coker, Manager of the West VA Regional office.

Coker said that his office receives an average of 500 letters per month that can't be answered fully because the writer failed to include enough identifying information.

Coker explained that VA main-

tains more than 20 million individual case files, thousands with the same name. So that each can be located quickly when needed, a number has been assigned to each file. Once the veteran or other beneficiary of VA benefits is advised of this number he should use it in all future correspondence with VA.

### Visits In Victoria

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson of Merkel spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Victoria visiting their grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jo Campbell and children, Rickey Jo and Pam.

Also visiting in the Campbell home with the Andersons were Mr. and Mrs. James Young and children, David and Jill. Goliad; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Garrett, Mark and Paula, Victoria, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Campbell, Kingsland.



### Greener Than Springtime



Somewhere over the rainbow, That's where the kitchen is these days, awash with color.

This year, the rainbow has landed on nature's pot of gold: gay, springtime green. Appliance and housewares manufacturers have discovered the color's many decorative virtues, its bright go-with-everything adaptability, and the homemaker can take her pick of anything from avocado refrigerators to fern green ice cream scoops.

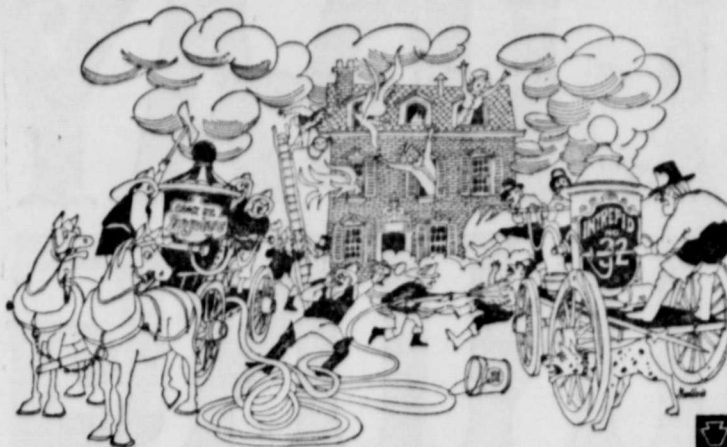
For the woman who is redesigning her kitchen in this new color trend or for the homemaker who wants to give her present kitchen a fashion lift, a particularly happy blending of beautiful greens is now available in the new Verde group of Pyrex ware from Corning Glass Works.

The Verde group includes a full range of the versatile glass equipment that most women find indispensable in the kitchen. There are decorative oval casseroles that go from oven to table, avocado green on the outside, opal white inside, and topped with attractive white covers decorated with a charming floral motif.

Mixing bowl sets, handsomely shaded from forest green to avocado to subtle lemon-green, give a cool touch to even the warmest kitchen and make delightful, colorful containers for serving at the table or for flower arrangements. The same color range is available in sets of round glass-topped casseroles, in graduated sizes, for baking, serving and storage.

And the Pyrex brand Verde oven-refrigerator-freezer set, consisting of four versatile glass-topped dishes for main courses and left-overs, would make even the refrigerator look greener than springtime.

### Firefighters Fought More Than Fires



As dangerous as home fires can be today, consider the plight of the American living about 125 years or so ago. The odds were against them all the way.

Their first problem was the telegraphic fire alarm box on the corner. It was locked. To prevent false alarms, the key to the box was kept in a nearby store.

Then there was the fire department.

According to the Federated Insurance Companies of Owatonna, Minnesota, the first half of the 19th century was the heyday of volunteer fire brigades. The system was a colorful one, and remarkably effective. But it did have a few weaknesses.

In their struggle to be the first and the best at every fire, firefighters as well as the "crackers-and-cheese boys" who ran alongside every truck, were sometimes harder to control than the fires they fought.

Two brigades in New York, for example, were suspended after a free-for-all over the use of a fire hydrant. Two others got the same treatment when they fought over which would go first on a narrow street. They never did make it to the fire.

Occasionally a water hose was sliced or a tire flattened, and one or two firemen rushing into a building to rescue a victim were knocked out by other volunteers with similar intentions.

The incidents made for good stories at the lavish Firemen's Ball, but in 1833 the city fathers of Cincinnati decided this type of rivalry was not the most effective way to fight fires. They established the first permanent, paid fire department, and most other major cities followed suit during the next 20 years.

The idea of paying firemen had been tried on a small scale by Boston almost 200 years before, when bucket brigades

proved ineffective against devastating fires. But most American cities relied on their volunteer firemen. In 1736 Benjamin Franklin took the first step toward the glorious days of the fire brigades when he organized Philadelphia volunteers into a trained group, giving each man a specific assignment at the scene of the fire.

Prime consideration of the volunteer firefighter was always the honor and reputation of his company. But he had another incentive — also thanks to Ben Franklin in his capacity as founder of the first American fire insurance company. Like the English firm on which it was modeled, Franklin's "Philadelphia Contribution for the Insurance of Houses from Loss by Fire" placed a distinctive metal "fire mark" on the buildings it insured.

Firemen soon learned that preventing total loss of a marked building meant rewards from the insurance company.

Today's firefighters are professionally trained. Their equipment is a far cry from the old hand-pumped water tubs used as late as the 1860's. And they aren't afraid of sabotage from another engine company at the scene of the fire.

But there's one part of the volunteer fire brigade's operation that might be viewed with a little more nostalgia. Jobs for the crackers-and-cheese boys included keeping a plentiful supply of liquid on hand for the hard-working volunteers.

Water? Nope. Whiskey, gin and brandy.

### CONG. BURLERSON MAKES BRIEF VISIT

ABILENE, Nov. 27 — Congressman Omar Burlerson, 17th District U.S. Representative, made a brief visit to the District over the Thanksgiving holidays. He was an honor guest at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene Friday for the annual School Day at the TAC and SAC installations.

When asked about this session

of Congress Burlerson said, "There is little hope for an early adjournment and Congress is likely to be in session until Christmas, especially if we are to consider the President's 10 per cent surtax request, which is again being discussed."

Burlerson sounded a bit encouraged by developments in Vietnam. He felt we are making significant gains since the bombing has been stepped up by American and South Vietnamese forces.

Congressman Burlerson returned to Washington Saturday, following the short recess of the Congress for the Thanksgiving weekend.

### Homemaking Test Slated Dec. 5

Senior class girls in the Merkel High School will be among more

than a half million others in approximately 15,000 high schools across the country who will participate Tuesday, December 5, in a written knowledge and attitude test touching on all phases of homemaking.

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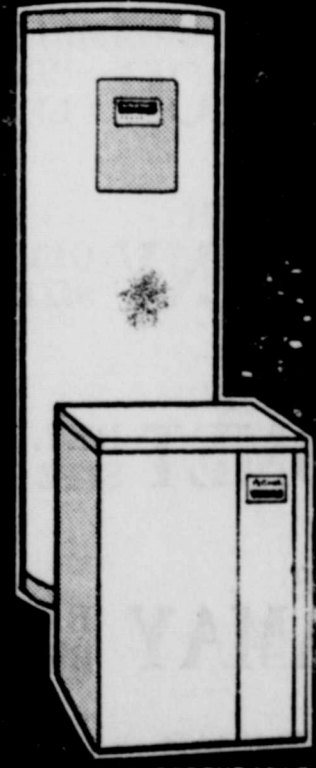
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