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# The Merkel Mail

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## Up The Canyon

By TOM  
RUSSOM

The weather and deer hunting in the Canyon is something to talk about.

As for the weather it is ideal. There are still residents in the Canyon who get up around 6 in the morning, go outside in the fresh, cold morning air, and hurry back inside for that first cup of coffee. And think to themselves how beautiful the Canyon is in the early morning hours, and especially in the fall.

And the wonderful thing is, the beauty lasts all day long. Leaves are turning all colors, and when one looks out over the hills, and sees colors of reds, browns, purples and dark greens, he wishes he could paint a picture of it all.

Deer hunting is still a lively sport around here. This past week, mostly Abilene area people have been coming in for the hunt. They seem to be killing about as many as they expect to. And the nice part, the season still has "time to go."

Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church's annual Christmas Program is scheduled for Sunday evening, Dec. 17. Since this is an annual affair, members begin planning early. The tree and the program is an event here, and especially when students will be home from college to enjoy it all. Elmer Patterson, manager of the Butman Youth Camp has been in Hendrick Hospital in Abilene for the past two weeks and of this writing is reported somewhat better. Our thoughts are with him and wishing him a speedy recovery.

## Abilene, Anson Approve Tax

Abilene voters Tuesday approved the one per cent city sales tax with a vote of 4,510 for to 1,543 against. Total vote was 6,072.

Anson voters also approved the city sales tax in their Tuesday vote with 218 votes cast for, and 98 against.

## GOODFELLOWS ASK FOR VOLUNTEERS: TIME AND MONEY

"Your Goodfellows organization in Merkel is a family affair," said Mrs. Mary Mosier, this year's Goodfellow chairman. "And from the interest the people in Merkel are taking in so many ways, this is most true."

The organizational meeting held recently "got off to a good start" with various persons in Merkel contributing their time for the drive.

Mrs. W. R. Cybert is Goodfellow co-chairman.

The Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor of the First Methodist Church and Billy Patton, minister of the Church of Christ, will head the financial contribution division. They will be placing Goodfellow contribution jars in downtown stores this week, said Mrs. Mosier.

Mrs. Ray Wilson, and Leon Walker volunteered time to accept clothes donated for the drive. Walker said that those who

wished to contribute good, clean clothing, could leave them at the Elementary School.

Mrs. Wilson will pick up clothing and deliver to the Goodfellow location on Kent Street.

Mrs. W. H. Leamon, chairman of the Doll Committee, asked that persons having dolls to contribute to the drive to contact her. "Help in dressing dolls will also be appreciated," said Mrs. Leamon.

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

Mrs. Mosier explained that persons wishing to help from the Goodfellows this year "must send in their request in writing."

The committees plan to have the store open for needy families on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 21 and 22.

## STATE MEET

### MHS CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM PLACES 6TH

The Merkel High School Cross Country team, consisting of Tony Castillo, Joe Dela Cruz, Kenny Jernigan and Felix Castillo, took 6th place in team standings at the 14th Annual State Cross - Country Meet in Austin Saturday, Dec. 2.

"There were an estimated 200 runners in the Class A division, representing about 30 schools," said coach, Ronnie Toombs. "The Cross - Country distance for high school is 2 miles, and a team is scored by how its first four runners place."

A team may have a maximum of 7 runners and a minimum of four.

Placements and times are as follows:

Felix Castillo, 4th with a time of 10:27.0.

Joe Dela Cruz, 15th with a time of 10:49.0.

Tony Castillo, 26th with a time of 11:08.0.

Kenny Jernigan, 75th with a time of 12:00.0.

The total team score was 120 points, with Karnes City winner in Class A with 32 points.

### Badgers Place 9 On All-District

The Merkel Badgers dominated the all - district team selection this past week, with nine players being placed on the 23 - man squad.

Merkel's halfback, Felix Castillo, the top scorer in Class A, was the only unanimous selection on the team, selected on both offense and defense.

Other two - way Badger selections were center - tackle, Gaylon Doan, and quarterback-linebacker, Roy Davis.

Others are ends, Joe Dela Cruz, Paul Carson and Rodney Mashburn; nose guard, Jimmy Williams; linebackers, Johnny Thompson and fullback Bob Tate.

## City Sales Tax Decision To Be Made Saturday

### POLLS OPEN 7 A.M.; VOTE AT CITY HALL

The fate of Merkel's city sales tax will be decided this Saturday, when voters go to the polls to cast their ballots for or against.

Presiding judge will be Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, and alternate presiding judge, Mrs. Betty Cybert. Clerks will be Mrs. Ruth Cox and Mrs. Ruth Huffman.

Merkel City officials voted in November to hold the Dec. 9 election.

According to Mayor Johnny Cox, "your officials have called the election, and it is now up to the citizens of Merkel to make the final decision when they vote Saturday."

But whether the decision is yes or no, the city officials are calling upon the people of Merkel to vote. Said Cox, "We certainly hope

that there will be a large turnout. A small turnout could have an adverse effect, but a large one will let us know what the people want."

Voters with a valid registration certificate who have been residents of Texas one year, and of Merkel six months may cast ballots from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the City Hall.

Several cities in Texas have scheduled elections on the tax for December, with Abilene's election being held this past Tuesday.

Voting on the sales tax Saturday along with Merkel, will be San Angelo. Other cities scheduled to vote in December are Breckenridge, Dec. 12; Colorado City, Dec. 15; Big Spring, Clyde and Knox City, Dec. 16; Hamlin, Dec. 21, and Sweetwater, Dec. 28.



**OUTSTANDING BADGERS** — Receiving trophies from the Merkel Booster Club's Awards Banquet were, from left, Ray Davis, best back, Rodney Mashburn, outstanding lineman, and Felix Castillo, most conscientious player. The Merkel Badgers were honored guests at the Sunday noon Banquet. (Staff Photo)

## BOOSTER CLUB EVENT HONORS BADGERS

Merrill Green, head coach of Abilene's Cooper High School, told Merkel Badgers, Booster Club members and guests to "Set your standards high, and never lower yours to meet someone else's, but encourage others to rise to your standards."

In speaking to a large crowd of Booster Club members, parents of the Badger team, and guests at the Merkel School Cafeteria Sunday noon, Green emphasized ex-

cellence and loyalty in the football field and in everyday living.

"Excellence is something we all should strive for, be it on the football field or in our everyday life," said Green. "Loyalty is the very essence of life and when we put away our petty difference it is amazing how easy it is to win."

Highlighting the Booster Club sponsored event, was the awarding of trophies to three members of the Badger team. Receiving trophies presented by Booster Club members, were Rodney Mashburn, outstanding lineman; Ray Davis, best back, and Felix Castillo, most conscientious player.

J. Lynn Knight, master of ceremonies, welcomed guests and presented a history of the Booster Club, formerly known as the Quarterback Club.

Bob Byerly, Merkel's head football coach, introduced his coaching staff and the football players. Coaches besides Byerly are Bill Tate, Ronnie Toombs, Mack Davis and Mason Martin.

Billy Patton, minister of Merkel's Church of Christ, asked the invocation, and the Rev. David Hahn, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, the benediction.

## P-TA to Hear Christmas Program

Merkel's Parent - Teacher Association meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 14, with a Christmas Program being given by the third and fourth grades.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the school auditorium.

Mrs. Lynn Knight, program chairman, urged that members and non - members of the P-TA mark the date on their calendars.

## City Employee Receives Citation

AUSTIN — An official State Health Department citation for work proficiency has been awarded to Robert Leo Harris, water superintendent for the Merkel water supply system. The citation reflects the regard in which Harris is held by state water officials.

Signed by the State Health Commissioner and authorities of the Texas Water and Sewage Works Association, the certificate of competency is awarded only to those utility plant operators who have successfully demonstrated their skill and knowledge in modern principles of plant management.

The engineers said the attainment is evidence of Harris' efforts to better prepare himself for the duties of his profession.

Harris, a 1960 graduate of Merkel High School, lives with his wife, the former Connie McCarthy, at 610 Cherry. He has been employed by the City of Merkel seven years, and was promoted to water superintendent in May of this year.

## MERKEL TO SALUTE CHRISTMAS DEC. 9

Santa's official entry into Merkel will be this Saturday at 10 a.m. when the annual Merkel Christmas Parade will "swing" into action. Bill Button, float chairman, said that seven floats will "definitely be entered in the parade, with perhaps others that have not been called in."

Floats to appear in the parade will be presented by Beta Sigma Phi, Taylor County Young Homemakers, Boy Scouts, and by merchants Lon McDonald, Gulf Oil Products, Ben Franklin Store, Carson's Super Market, and West Texas Utilities.

"Floats are welcomed," said Button, "and if civic organizations or merchants plan to enter a float this Saturday, we would appreciate hearing from you, as soon as possible."

As for "Jolly Ole' Saint Nick," he'll be there, riding the new Merkel Fire Truck, and showering youngsters with candy.

And except for busy schedules

elsewhere, Santa will be in Merkel every Saturday, adults and youngsters both will see him on the streets of downtown Merkel and in businesses, read to hear "What I want for Christmas."

The always - welcomed Merkel High School Band, under direction of Glenn Reed, will march in the Saturday parade.

Parade Marshall Waymon Adcock, asked that parade participants meet at North 2nd and Kent streets around 9 a.m. so that preparations could be made prior to the parade time.

Prizes of \$50, \$35 and \$25 will be awarded the three best float entries.

Also scheduled for presentation during the parade will be the Christmas Posters, being entered by students in the Primary and Elementary grades. Prizes of \$5, \$3 and \$1 will be given for the best three entries in each division.



**READY FOR PLAY DAY** — Robert Boyd, president of the Merkel 4-H Club, and Suzy Riney, member of Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club, were among the many young people on hand who participated in the Merkel Riding Club's Play Day events held last Saturday afternoon at the Riding Club Arena. Winners in the events are listed on Page Four. (Staff Photo)

**SAMPLE BALLOT**

INSTRUCTIONS: Place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote.

FOR adoption of a one percent (1%) local sales and use tax within the city.

AGAINST adoption of a one percent (1%) local sales and use tax within the city.

# VOTE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

**THE FIZZLE FAMILY**



By Ft. T. Elmo

**OEO ANNOUNCES JOB OPENING POSITIONS**

Several job openings for Community Action Program (OEO) positions are now open, according to Dr. Walter C. Hofheinz, OEO president.

Persons interested in applying for any of the positions listed, may apply at either Sears Neighborhood Center, Carver Neighborhood Center or CAP office, Room 306 or 307, First State Bank Building. All three are located in Abilene.

The positions are:  
Director of Multiple Purpose Centers. Salary approximately \$800.00 per month. Qualifications should include the equivalent of a

bachelor's degree in administration, social work, education or a related field.

Clerk - Typist. Salary approximately \$1.40 per hour for 40 hour week. General typing ability required, plus knowledge of filing system, record keeping and correspondence control.

Program Coordinator. Salary approximately \$350.00 per month. Requires ability to understand

Federal programs and to interpret them to target area residence.

Neighborhood Center Aide. Salary approximately \$1.40 per hour for 40 hour week. Requires ability to communicate ideas and explain OEO program.

Counselor. Salary minimum of \$600.00 per month. Applicant should have college degree in vocational counseling, sociology or equivalent work experience.

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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 15th day of January A.D. 1967, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 25th 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.

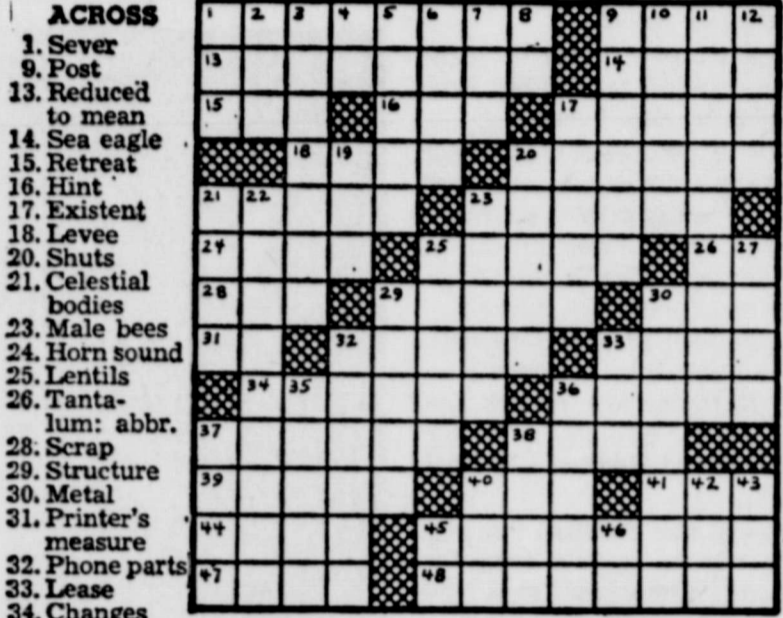
(Seal)  
Attest: R. H. ROSS,  
Domestic Relations Court  
Taylor County, Texas  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.  
39 4tc

**Visits In Bagwell**

Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Cox returned recently from a ten day trip, visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pike of Bagwell, Tex. Mr. Pike is Mrs. Cox's brother.

Mrs. Pike returned home with the Cox's for a visit.

**Crossword Puzzle**



- ACROSS**  
1. Sever  
9. Post  
13. Reduced to mean  
14. Sea eagle  
15. Retreat  
16. Hint  
17. Existent  
18. Levee  
20. Shuts  
21. Celestial bodies  
23. Male bees  
24. Horn sound  
25. Lentils  
26. Tantalum: abbr.  
28. Scrap  
29. Structure  
30. Metal  
31. Printer's measure  
32. Phone parts  
33. Lease  
34. Changes  
36. Joint  
37. Dwellings  
38. Networks  
39. — bear  
40. Biblical name  
41. Anger  
44. Perceives  
45. Neglect  
47. Existence  
48. Declaration  
20. Forces  
21. Foot covering  
22. Storms  
23. Distributes  
25. Nails  
27. Stake  
29. More sensitive  
30. Strain  
32. Debauch  
33. Bone  
35. Body marks  
36. Vital body organ  
37. Church part  
38. Bird  
40. Hail!  
42. Fabulous bird  
43. Increase  
45. Opening  
46. Article: Fr.

**DOWN**  
1. Gloomy  
2. Man's mother  
3. Hanging ornament  
4. Metric measure  
5. Frameworks  
6. Fever  
7. Golf term  
8. Boy's name  
9. Fruits  
10. Ascend  
11. Laying siege  
12. Dregs  
17. Solitary  
19. Annoy

**Answer to Puzzle**

3	0	N	E	L	N	E	S	8	S	S	2
1	0	0	7	3	A	0	S	E	A	S	5
2	7	1	V	R	V	Y	V	7	0	0	4
5	S	E	E	M	3	S	E	0	0	0	1
9	9	N	I	H	5	D	N	E	W	1	6
1	N	E	R	5	T	7	1	0	3	N	3
1	N	I	L	3	W	V	R	3	3	1	0
1	V	L	3	N	V	3	3	3	3	3	0
3	S	E	N	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	1
3	S	5	0	7	3	3	1	0	3	1	0
3	A	1	7	1	3	0	0	3	N	3	0
3	N	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1
3	1	1	W	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

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Mell Peterson  
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**WANTED** — Someone to work parttime, approximately 2 1/2 til 5 p.m., and one day in week later. General office work, typing desired. Please write Drawer A, c/o Merkel Mail, P. O. Box 428, Merkel, Texas 79536. 40 2tc

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## BADGER TALES

By DEBI CORDER



The third six weeks of school is well under way and everyone is looking forward to the Christmas holidays. (You wouldn't believe how much we are looking forward to them). It is always comforting to us poor students to know that soon we will have a long (?) two weeks' vacation from the monotonous routine of school life.

Speech class is always a riot, but Stan's Leamon caused a really extraordinary one the other day. He gave a speech to enliven the seniors enough to want to go to the HemisFair at San Antonio, for their senior trip, instead of

the usual trip to Medina Dude Ranch. We as seniors, believe this would be a "once in a lifetime" affair, and would be willing to earn the money necessary for the various expenses involved in the trip.

Kathy Beard, one of the most intelligent sophomores attending MHS recently put her zipper in on the wrong side of her skirt in her second year homemaker class. We've heard of putting in zippers incorrectly, but never one on the wrong side. Oh well, everybody makes mistakes, and some are really interesting.

If nobody knew that Donna Phillips has a wig, they certainly do now. In seventh period study hall somebody accidentally pulled off her hair. Embarrassment, embarrassment.

Vickie Doan has lost a pair of braces, but she has gained something new. To keep her beautiful teeth straight, she wears (during English and Civics classes) a most odd looking rubber contraption in her mouth.

## RIDING CLUB



## NEWS



## PLAY DAY EVENTS HELD AT ARENA

Winners in the Merkel Riding Club Play Day held Saturday, Dec. 2 are listed in first, second and third places:

**Barrels**  
9 and under — Patricia Boyd and Christy Boone  
10 thru 12 — Galen Boone, Tonja McAninch and Debbie Fincher  
13 thru 15 — Davna McAninch, Kathryn Criswell and (tie) Karlan Gamble and Gail Boone.  
16 thru 19 — Robert Boyd, Jean Read and John Read  
Open — Jarrett Pinckley, Wayman Hicks and Alvin Wozencraft.

**Flag Race**  
10 thru 12 — (tie) Debbie Fin-

## TRENT FLOWER SHOW WINNERS NAMED

Over one hundred entries were exhibited at the Trent Garden Club Flower Show Saturday, Dec. 2, depicting the theme, "Christmas Beautiful."

Held at the Trent school cafeteria, approximately 150 persons viewed exhibits displayed in three divisions — Artistic, Horticulture, and Educational.

Mrs. Rachel Butler received the Award of Distinction, Creativity Award and Sweepstakes Award in the Artistic Division.

Tri - Color Award in the Artistic Division went to Mrs. Othel Barnhill.

Mrs. Ronnie Freeman received an Award of Merit and Sweepstakes Award in the Horticulture Division.

Blue ribbon winners in the Artistic Division were Mmes. Foy Steadman, Erma Black, H. A. Holt, Barnhill, Freeman and Butler.

Horticulture blue ribbon winners were Mmes. Frank Allyn, C. L. McLeod, Lottie Everett, Freeman, Barnhill, Geta Williamson, John Strawn, Lesley Beasley, Carl Edwards, W. L. Brown and Mary Clark.

Exhibits of special interest were "Conservation" by Mrs. Edwards; "Educational Exhibit" by Mrs. Horace Holt and "Civic Projects," by Mrs. Othel O'Kelly. General chairman or the Flow-

cher and Galen Boone, Tonja McAninch and Tim Wozencraft  
13 thru 15 — Karlan Gamble, Gail Boone and Kathryn Criswell  
16 thru 19 — Robert Boyd, John Read and Jean Read  
Open — Jarrett Pinckley, Wayman Hicks and Alvin Wozencraft

**Pole Bending**  
9 and under — Patricia Boyd and Christi Boone  
10 thru 12 — Tonja McAninch, Galen Boone and Tim Wozencraft  
13 thru 15 — Gail Boone, Buster Tarpley and Dayna McAninch  
16 thru 19 — John Read and Robert Boyd  
Open — Jarrett Pinckley, Wayman Hicks and Alvin Wozencraft.

## Services Held For Mrs. Beech

Funeral services for Mrs. Opel Patterson Beech, 59, of Sacramento, Calif., and formerly of Merkel, were held Saturday, Dec. 2 in the Methodist Church with the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mrs. Beech was dead on arrival at Hendrick Memorial Hospital after she, a sister and brother in law were hurled from the rear seat of their auto in a two - car collision on Buffalo Gap Road at Farm Road 707 Thursday, Nov. 30.

Mrs. Beech was born and reared at Merkel and had moved to California 12 years ago.

Survivors include her husband, Earl, of Sacramento, Calif., one son, Don, also of Sacramento; one daughter, Mrs. Patsy Hawley, Sacramento; one brother, Byron Patterson of Greenville; one sister, Mrs. Alma Dye of Greenville; four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were W. R. Cypert, Ray Wilson, Heman Carson, Raymond Ferguson, Joe Cypert and Hollis McCoy.

## Texas Fine Arts Meet Set In '68

Governor John Connally will call a three - day statewide conference on the arts to be held in Austin on March 31, April 1 and 2, 1968, according to Theodore H. Strauss, Dallas, chairman of the new Texas Fine Arts Commission.

Keynote and special panel speakers for the conference will be drawn from the top ranks of our nation's cultural and business leaders," Strauss said.

More than twenty five hundred persons are expected to attend this conference.

## Scout Troop 18

## To Offer Zip Code Directory

Glenn Reed, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 18, announced today that a new Zip Code Directory would soon be offered by his members to every household and business office in Merkel.

The Directory lists the correct Zip Code numbers for every Post Office in the country, almost 40,000.

The Post Office is urging everyone to use the correct Zip Code

number on every piece of mail to speed delivery. Reed explains "It saves transit time and reduces errors."

Purchase of a Zip Code Directory helps the mailer and the Post Office, and it helps the Scouts buy camping equipment. "If you have friends who do a lot of letter writing, this directory makes a wonderful gift that will be used constantly," said Reed.

If you should be missed by the Scout workers, please phone Glenn Reed at 928-5774 and a copy will be delivered to you.

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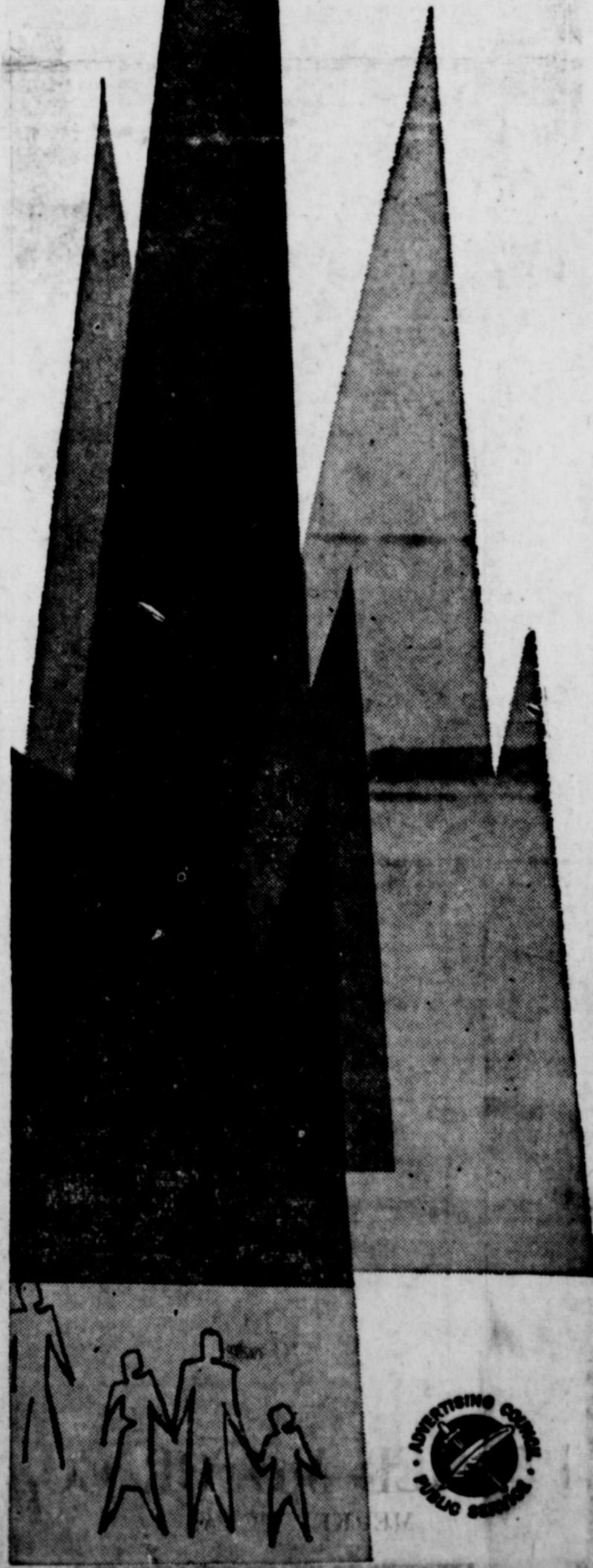
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Does it seem to you sometimes that the world has gotten so crowded and complex that you just don't count at all in the grand scheme of things? It's not uncommon, that feeling. We feel helpless... unable to alter or even really to understand ourselves and the world we live in.

Faith is missing—and because of that, spiritual strength is.

But faith and spiritual strength can be found, nourished. Then they grow within you through regular worship. This week go to your church or synagogue. Start to build a fuller, more meaningful life. Cherish your faith and keep it strong so that it may strengthen you.

# Worship this week



## WORLD WAR I VETS HOLD REGULAR MEET

Veterans of World War I, Merkel - Trent Barracks met recently for a barbecue and regular meeting at the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. building.

Barbecue was furnished by member E. E. McLaurin, with the Ladies' Auxiliary bringing covered dishes.

The occasion was to increase the membership and to encourage renewals, said commander, Karl Bonneaux.

Singing of World War I songs opened the program, with Greely Aston, Taylor County Service officer of Abilene as guest speaker.

Aston presented benefits offered to veterans and their wives by the government. A question and answer period followed his talk.

Approximately 40 members and guests attended the meeting.

The next scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec. 12 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building.

## TAX MAN SAM SEZ:

Most of us assume that the W-2 form that we receive from our employer is correct, and we file our tax returns without checking the amount withheld. The fact that 5 per cent of IRS's taxpayer assistant calls were about missing or incorrect W-2's shows that this is not always true. Obviously a lot of taxpayers have trouble in getting their W-2 form, or don't think their employer gave them a W-2 for the correct amount. It may be worthwhile to take a second look at the W-2 this year to make sure that your employer hasn't reported too much or too little withholding on your W-2.

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

- Dec. 7-9 — Merkel Tournament girls
- Dec. 11 — Hamlin boys and girls A there at 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 18 — 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.



By Jean Kinkead, Women's Consultant,  
The Travelers Insurance Companies  
Fire Safety

On October 9, 1871, the city of Chicago was devastated by fire. Each year, the week in which the anniversary of this tragic event takes place is set aside as Fire Prevention Week, and women in the know all over the country take a good look for all possible fire hazards in their homes.



They begin by checking their ash trays since careless smokers are still the number one fire hazard in the United States accounting for 200,000 of the 550,000 annual dwelling fires. Heavy ash trays with niches that really hold the cigarette are best. Women in the know also make certain that the "No Smoking in Bed" rule is strictly enforced in their households, and they personally conduct an after-the-party check once the smokers have gone home.

Knowing that three major causes of fire are faulty wiring, sooty chimneys and defective heating systems, women in the know make sure an expert checks these areas each fall. They themselves see to it that every fireplace has a screen, that inflammable mixtures are stored in closed containers, and that all matches are kept out of the reach of youngsters.

In addition to doing all that they can to prevent house fires, women in the know keep a fire extinguisher (bearing the "FM label") on each floor of the house and an extra one in the kitchen. They make sure there's a window escape route from each bed room, even investing in featherweight aluminum ladders for upstairs bedroom windows. And they hold family fire drills regularly!

It goes without saying that women in the know check their homeowners' insurance once a year with their Travelers man, taking out additional coverage as home additions and improvements are made.

ing, and will be the Barracks' Christmas Party, said Bonneaux. Officers of the Merkel - Trent Barracks besides Bonneaux, are John Crain, chaplain; Roy Coates, quartermaster; Homer Finch, adjutant, and McLaurin, judge advocate.

## Methodist WSCS Hears of Africa

Guest speaker for the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church Tuesday morning was Jimmy Brown, son of Mrs. Edna Brown. He is employed by Rogers Geophysical of Houston.

Recently returned from four years in Africa, Brown spoke to members and guests on the life in the parts of Africa he had visited.

"The African people are different in stature and characteristics in various parts of the country," he said.

He also described some of the work being done by European countries and of the aid of the United States to the Somaliland.

Brown pointed out that the tribal system "is still prevalent in parts of Africa, although the government is trying to do away with it. There is still much tribal fighting, especially over the rustling of cows."

"Bush children do not get any formal education," said Brown, "and in cities children usually get approximately 6 years of schooling."

He displayed several carved animals, pictures of Comalis in native dress and ostrich eggs.

Special guests at the meeting were the fifth and sixth grades students and teachers from McCulley School.

During the business session, member Mrs. J. Lynn Knight read a letter from the Red Cross expressing appreciation for the WSCS members help in making ditty bags for soldiers in Vietnam.

## LEGAL NOTICE

NO. 6275  
R. L. YOUNG INSURANCE VS. WOODROW GIBSON IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS

### NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, by virtue of an execution issued out of the County Court at Law, Taylor County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 17th day of October, 1967, in favor of the said R. L. Young Insurance and against the said Woodrow Gibson, No. 6275 on the docket of said Court, I did, on the 20th day of November, 1967, at 10:20 o'clock A.M., levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, and belonging to the said Woodrow Gibson, to-wit:

Lot No. Sixteen (16), Block No. Two (2), J. B. Collins Subdivision of part of Block No. 25, North Park Addition to the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas;

and on the 2nd day of January, 1968, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., on said day, at the Courthouse door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Woodrow Gibson in and to said property.

Dated at Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, this 20th day of November, 1967.

—JOHN W. THOMAS  
Constable, Taylor County, Texas 40 31c

## Visits in Merkel

Visiting Mrs. Lela McEver this past week, was her grandson, Quinton Earl Dowdy, recently returned from Vietnam.

Dowdy, a three year veteran with the First Infantry, Second Battalion, U.S. Army, in South Vietnam, left for Salt Lake City, Utah, where he will enter a college there.

## ARC TO SPONSOR 'VOICES FROM HOME'

Taped Christmas letters known as "Voices From Home" sponsored by the local chapter of American Red Cross began Thursday, Nov. 30.

The program is designed for families of men in the Armed Forces who are stationed at overseas installations.

In order to participate, servicemen's families should contact the local Red Cross at OR 7-2622 in Abilene for an appointment. This program will last until Dec. 18 on any afternoon Monday through Friday until 5 o'clock.

Student volunteers from the local high schools and colleges are scheduled to assist in operating the tape recorder and the Polaroid Camera. An informal snap is made of the family and is sent along with the tape to the serviceman overseas.

"We think this is a very valuable service toward building the morale of our overseas servicemen as well as that of their families. It also gives our students a direct way of serving others on both a local and world - wide front," commented Judge Reed Ingalsbe, Chapter Chairman.

## A Bumper Crop Of Food Fantasies

Naturally, the interest of all of us in food gives rise to numerous food superstitions and misconceptions, says TODAY'S HEALTH GUIDE, the American Medical Association's manual of health information for the American family.

Some tabulations list more than 200 common modern-day misconceptions about food.

Here are a few of the more common fallacies. They're all erroneous—

If a few vitamins are good, more must be better. (Not correct.)

Never give milk to a patient with fever. (The milk won't affect the fever at all.)

Parsnips should be eaten often to cleanse the kidneys. (They don't.)

Beets build blood. (They don't.)

Pork is indigestible. (It is no more indigestible than other meats.)

Sour foods, such as lemon juice or sauerkraut, can cure diabetes. (They can't.)

For treatment of arthritis, grape juice, honey, dried pomegranates, carrot juice and tomatoes are helpful. (They're not.)

Cooked cereals heat the blood. (They don't.)

Warm bread may cause a stroke. (It won't.)

Putting cream in coffee makes the coffee more harmful. (No.)

Ice water causes heart trouble. (It doesn't.)

Raw vegetable juice contains life-giving properties, but cooked foods are "dead." (Not so.)

Oysters, oysters and raw eggs increase sexual potency. (They don't.)

Wine makes blood. (It doesn't.)

White sugar is not good for the health. (Not true.)

White bread is poisonous. (It isn't.)

If the expectant mother holds her weight down, the size of the baby will be reduced. (Not a fact.)

Enriched candy is good for reducing. (It isn't.)

Calories don't count. (They do.)

Melba toast has no calories. (It has.)

Never eat rabbits because they are all disease carriers. (No.)

Yogurt and brewer's yeast are dietary requirements. (They aren't.) 11/27/67

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**Stith News**

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



The wheat is looking good; cotton will soon be harvested, and farmers need just a few more dry days.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Browning of Lefors spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Browning, The Rev. O. B. Tatum of Star Nursing Home, Merkel, spent Saturday with the Brownings.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Burton of Abilene, were visiting in the Stith Community Thursday.

Guests in the home of Ethel Canida Friday and Saturday were her nephew, James Hale, and also Mike and Richard Michalis of Midland. They went deer hunting Saturday on the Tom Russom Ranch. James and Rich-

ard also visited in the Fritz Hale home Saturday night.

The Women's Missionary Unions of the Hawley, Stith and Noodle churches will meet in the Noodle Baptist Church Thursday for an all-day Mission Program. There will be a guest speaker in the morning, and a covered dish luncheon will be served at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely and Becky visited Mrs. Stella Cutler in Merkel Sunday.

Cowan Hudson, brother of Mrs. C. J. Fikes, died in San Angelo Saturday. Funeral services were held Monday in Johnson Funeral Home in San Angelo. Burial was in the San Angelo Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Fikes attended the funeral.

John McKinney, brother of Mrs. Harvey Allred and Mrs. Clyde Allred, passed away Monday in Morton, Tex. Funeral services were held Wednesday in the Lawrence Funeral Chapel in Anson. Burial was in Comore Cemetery.

The WMU of the Stith Baptist Church presented a Mission Program at the Sunday services. Ira Stanley sang a special song.

**John McKinney Dies At Age 46**

John William McKinney, 46, of the Hodges Community, died November 27, in the Cochran Memorial Hospital at Morton, Texas. He had been a patient there since Nov. 21. Before entering the hospital he had visited often with Dr. and Mrs. W. B. McSpadden of Morton.

He died unexpectedly of an apparent heart attack. He had had no previous heart trouble.

Funeral was held at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 29, at the Lawrence Funeral Home Chapel in Anson, with burial in the Comore Cemetery southwest of Anson.

Born in Jones County at Comere Community Oct. 10, 1921, he grew up in the county and entered the Army in 1942. He served until 1946. A large portion of his time was spent in North Africa. He returned to Jones County following his discharge and began farming and did so until his death.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Sara McKinney, a patient at the Anson Care Home; three sisters, Mrs. Harvey Allred and Mrs. Clyde Allred of Merkel, and

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Mrs. O. R. Ashford of Cisco.

Funeral services were held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mildred Herrell last week. He was 86 years young.

**Star Nursing Home News**

By MARY OUTLAW

There has been an epidemic of virus in the Nursing Home. The patients were real sick for several hours, but all are reported better at this time.

We welcome Mrs. Brooks Patterson to our home. We want to express our sympathy to her and her family over the loss of her daughter, Mrs. Onal Beech, who was killed in a car wreck while visiting her mother. We trust that her daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Dye, will soon be out of the hospital.

The Rev. Bob McLendon, pastor of the Noodle Baptist Church, filled his appointment here Sunday. There was a large crowd to come and help sing, which made a good service.

We wish to thank Hettie and Warren Price of Baird for the nice mustard greens and turnips they gave to the home's deep freeze.

We do appreciate the nice group from Merkel's First Baptist Church who come and sing each Sunday at 9 a.m. Jackie Reynolds is in charge.

We wish to thank Lupe Ascencio for bringing Mrs. Carolyn Davis her Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. Hubbard was honored with a surprise birthday party in the

home of his daughter, Mrs. Mildred Herrell last week. He was 86 years young.

We are enjoying our great-granddaughter, Pamela Jo Hair, who flew from Flint, Mich., two weeks ago with her mother, Brenda. You will remember her as Brenda Doan. They will visit in our home until sometime in February.

Mrs. Rosia Baird is a patient in St. Ann Hospital in Abilene. We hope she will soon be back with us.

We would like to express our sympathy to Mrs. Maggie Higgins over the death of her son in law, Cowen Hudson of San Angelo. Mr. Hudson died Saturday of an apparent heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cole of Abilene visited in our home Sunday. We wish to thank Mary Law

for the fruit jars she brought the home.

We are glad to welcome back Mrs. Arlene Gibson, our evening supervisor. She was a patient in Hendrick Hospital for several days.

Our thanks to Sarah Hays for bringing the cake from her sister and brother in law's 50th wedding celebration. We do appreciate Mrs. Hays' kindness toward all our patients. She comes and sings to our patients real often, and she has a beautiful voice.

**In Space Program**

COCOA BEACH, Fla. — Major Lucas G. Bryant Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius G. Bryant Sr. of 115 N. 11th St., Fort Pierce, Fla., supported the recent unmanned Apollo Space flight aboard the U.S. Air Force's new "droop snoot" EC-135N transport.

His wife, Jo, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown of Merkel, Texas.

Major Bryant is a pilot with the first aircrews to receive accelerated training in the modified C-135 Stratolifter, a sophisticated Apollo - Range instrumentation aircraft (ARIA). It will be an integral part of the tracking and communications network for the Apollo Lunar Landing Project and other National Aeronautics and Space Administration and Department of Defense space program.

Major Bryant was chosen for the assignment in the program as a member of AFSC.

The major, a graduate of Miami Senior High School, received a BEE degree in 1952 from Georgia Institute of Technology and was commissioned there upon completion of the Reserve Officers Training Corps program. He earned a MBA degree in 1966 from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. Major Bryant is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

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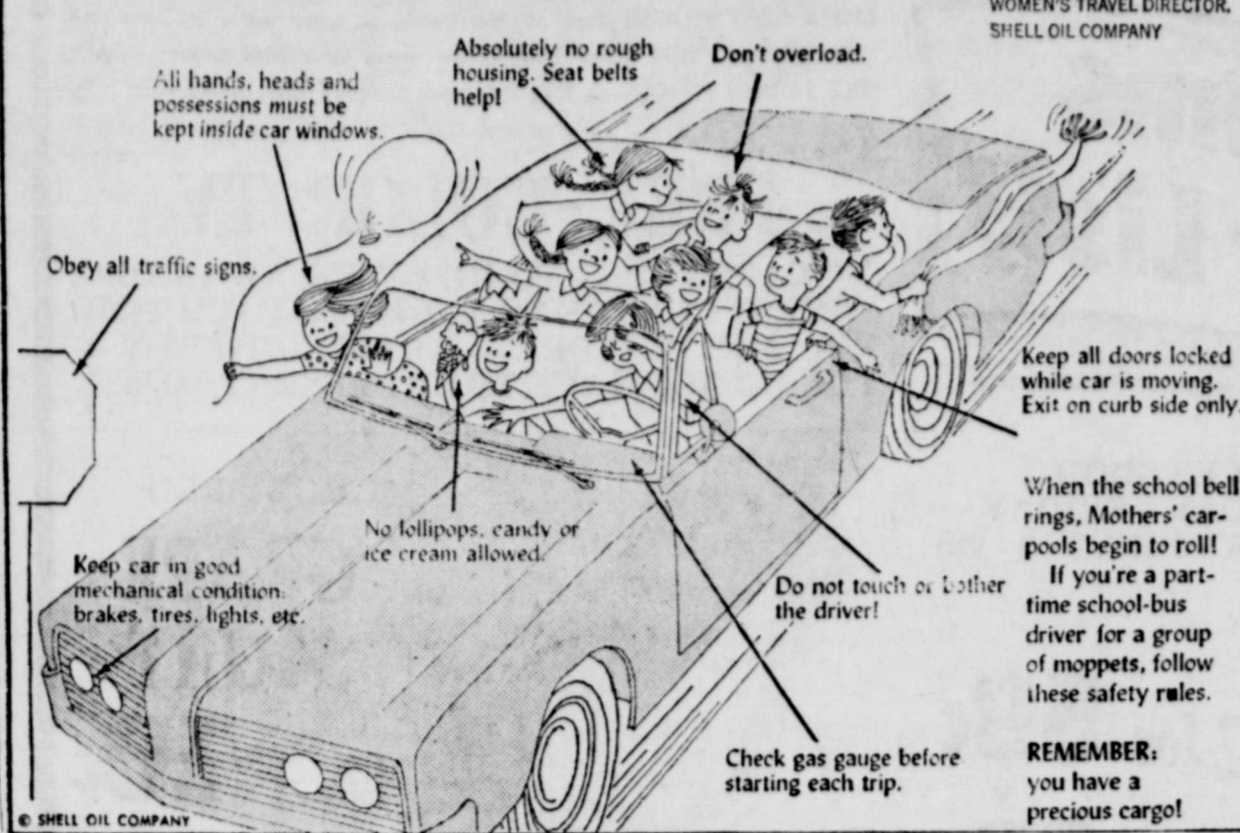
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**STUDY CLUB HEARS MUSICAL PROGRAM**

Miss Christine Collins was hostess for the Fortnightly Study Club meeting on Nov. 28. Musical entertainment was given by Mrs. Jack Hogan, soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Andy Shouse.

A musical trio composed of Mrs. Don Oakes, Mrs. Ben Hicks and Mrs. Shouse presented several selections. Their accompanist was Mrs. Comer Haynes. "Music at Home" was presented by Mrs. Shouse.

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Guest speakers were Dr. Travis Smith and Dr. Mack Bowyer. Dr. O. E. Harper asked the invocation.

Mrs. Hammond is employed by Dr. George Thurman; Mrs. Horton at Dyess AFB Hospital, and Mrs. Hodgkin employed by Dr. L. J. Webster.

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Members of the Merkel Elementary School Annual Staff for 1967 are Kerry Thames and Mark Dudley, co - editors; Terry Reed, business manager; Ronnie Holmes art editor, and Don Clyburn, activities. Other members of the staff are Ruth Hahn, Steve Gentry and Sheila Wade. Mrs. Mack Fisher is advisor.

Mrs. Dixon's '71 class held a meeting on Nov. 12, 1967. Officers elected were: president, Joe Bigbee; vice president, Dianne Allen; secretary, Mary Beth Boyce, and reporter, Dora Ascencio. Zana Mansfield and David Bowen were chosen Student Council members. Red Cross representatives are Pam Mashburn and Ronnie Holmes. The candy sale held Wednesday brought in enough money to more than meet our share of the United Fund Drive.

Mr. Bratcher's room saw a film called "Arizona and Its Resources." It was about the resources such as coal, sulphur, zinc, and salt and how they are mined in Arizona. The salt is mined in a cave mine, and is taken out by little railroad cars. This film also tells about how the soil of Arizona has been made useful for crops and trees. The soil was treated carefully with fertilizers and other soil treatments. Trees have been planted, also crops such as cotton and tobacco. The land that these crops are growing on was once eroded and not good for grow.



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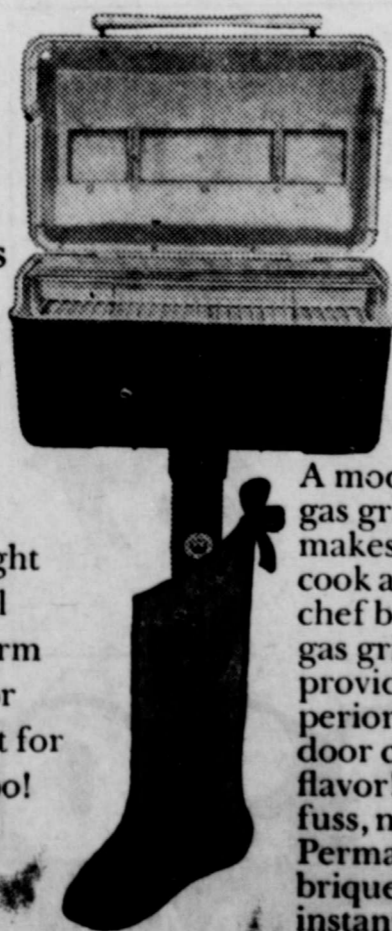
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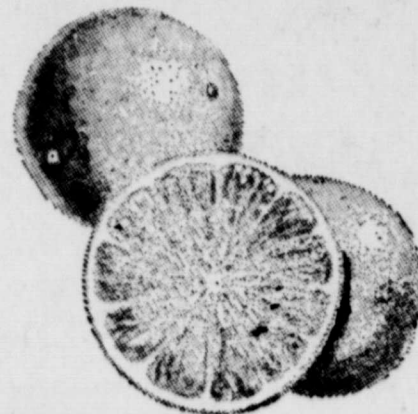
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