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BY MHS BAND

Christmas Fete To Be Presented

The Merkel High School Annual Band Concert will be this Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m., according to director, Glenn Reed.

"The program will last approximately one hour," said Reed, "and we trust that after hearing the holiday music you will have the Christmas mood."

There is no charge for the concert and the public is invited to attend and bring guests.

Numbers to be presented include "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," "A Christmas Festival," "Three Carols for Christmas," "White Christmas," "Winter Wonderland," and "Silver Bells."

Also, "The Christmas Song," "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus," "Drummer Boy," "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," and "Here Comes Santa Claus."

Christmas Is "In The Air"

Christmas is "in the air." And if you've been downtown you've already heard the Christmas music swinging in the air.

We have Fred Starbuck to thank for helping us get the "Christmas Spirit" with the beautiful strains coming over the loudspeaker.

Next time you're downtown, take time to listen — you'll be sure to hear your favorite Christmas Carol.

NOTICE

Greely Aston, Taylor County Veterans Service Officer, will be in Merkel at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank Friday, Dec. 12.

Calling hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



ATEEDS CONVENTION — Merkel area Farmers Union members attending the state convention held in Abilene this past weekend include, from left, Joe McDuff, Billy Bob Toombs, Taylor county president Pete Morgan Cramer Reynolds and Curtis Clyburn. The three day convention ended Saturday evening with the annual banquet. (Photo Courtesy TCFU)

Home Lighting Deadline Dec. 18

Deadlines for entrants in the Merkel Chamber of Commerce home lighting contest is Dec. 18, according to CC manager, Benny Melton.

First, second and third place prizes in the amounts of \$15, \$10 and \$5 are being given to contest winners.

Persons entering as of Wednesday morning are Sam Jones, Don Dudley and Mrs. Edith Kennedy.

"If you wish to enter call or come by the C-C office, on or before Dec. 18," said Melton.

SAYS BRILEY

BE MORE ALERT IN WINTER TIME

With winter weather coming on, motorists will have to be more watchful.

"More fatal traffic accidents occur during darkness — especially during the evening from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. — than during the daylight hours," said Merkel's Chief of Police, Mike Briley. "This sobering fact should be kept in mind by motorists during winter when the hours of daylight are shorter.

streets may be wet or icy, and fog and frost on windows may cloud a motorist's visibility."

Briley emphasizes the necessity for "better control of the car, reduction of speed and increased alertness."

In a release this week from the State Health Department and National Safety Council, motorists

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Santa to Lead Parade Saturday at 2:30 P.M.

Merkel's Annual Christmas Parade will be this Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday morning Benny Melton, chamber manager, said that very few parade entries had been turned in.

"Not as many float entries as we had hoped for," said Melton. "Perhaps there are individuals or organizations who are planning to enter a float, but just have not called in."

Melton said persons planning on entering a float in the contest "must let him know by noon Friday."

Float entries as of Wednesday morning are Merkel 4-H Club, Beta Sigma Phi, and Young Homemakers.

Prizes being offered by the Chamber of Commerce must be for floats," said Melton. "And judges have been instructed to check for originality, color and theme."

The Merkel Chamber of Commerce is offering prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 for float winners in first, second and third places.

Youngsters will see Santa Claus being "escorted" into town in Merkel's bright red fire truck. Following close behind will be the MHS Badgers Band and winners in the Miss Merry Christmas contest — three of them.

Waymon Adcock, parade marshal said that parade participants would meet at North 2nd "around 2 p.m. for formation." Parade will proceed south to North First, to Lamar, to North Second to Edwards, up to North Second to Kent to North Second and back to Edwards and down to North First.

MAKE WAY FOR SANTA!



Riding in the Christmas Parade will be the "Miss Merry Christmas" contest winners. They are Cindy Wiley, high school; Debbie Fincher, elementary, and Belda Melton, primary.

MERKEL LIVESTOCK SHOW IS JANUARY 10

Merkel's Annual Livestock Show will be held January 10, 1970, according to Livestock secretary, Benny Melton.

Members attending the planning meeting last Thursday at the vo-ag building, set the starting time at 12 noon.

Show judge will be Steve Cochran, Vocational Agriculture teacher at Aspermont.

Adult superintendents are L. J. Gray, swine; Sonny Sandusky, lambs; and Melvin Parker, beef cattle. Junior superintendents chosen from the V.A. class will be named later.

The show will have two classes of swine, four classes of sheep, one class of heifers and two classes of steers.

All entries must be turned in on or before January 7 to Chester Collinsworth, Vo-Ag teacher, or to Melton.

"Entries turned in after Jan. 7 will not be eligible to show," said Melton. "Only students enrolled in school and have not graduated from high school are eligible to present livestock."

Showmanship trophy, presented each year by Taylor Electric Cooperative, will be given to livestock owner only.

Melton said Wednesday that a horse show was not planned for this year.



STEVE REDDIN
... condition good

MERKEL GOODFELLOWS TO GO 'ALL OUT' TO HELP NEEDY THIS YEAR

"Goodfellows" meeting this past Friday at the Asteroid Restaurant made "definite plans for helping the needy this Christmas."

Lawrence Hewitt, 1968 Goodfellow chairman, was re-appointed to head this year's drive. Mrs. Mary Mosier and Mrs. Jarrett Williams were named co-chairmen. Mrs. William Cypert was named secretary.

Meeting to plan this year's program and drive for funds besides Hewitt and Mosier, Williams and Cypert were Mrs. Ronny Leverich, president, Beta Sigma Phi; Mrs. Newton Daniel, president Fortnightly Study Club; Mrs. R. M. Ferguson, Garden Club president; Benny Melton, Chamber of Commerce manager and C-C representative; the Rev. James Merrill, pastor of the Merkel United Methodist Church, and Mrs. Dave Brumbeau, editor of Merkel Mail.

"We've already begun having letters requesting help," said Mrs. Cypert. "There is a little money left from last year's donations but not enough to meet even the ones who have requested help as of this date."

A goal for this year's Goodfellows was not set, according to Hewitt. Last year's contributions totaled \$600.00.

"We certainly hope to meet last year's total," said Hewitt. "Go beyond it if possible, and in this way we will be able to help more needy families."

Nineteen families received help last Christmas. Help to needy families comes from the Goodfellows in the form of shoes for children, food, clothing, and toys.

"If there is enough money left in the treasury," Mrs. Mosier and Mrs. Williams asked that people having clothes to give this year to contact them or leave them at Barnett Barber Shop on Kent Street.

"Good clean clothing is always needed," said Mrs. Mosier. "And we do ask that people who donate clothes to check them and make necessary repairs and clean them before bringing to the pickup stations."

Location for this year's Goodfellows will be the street floor of the Merkel Masonic Lodge

Hall on Edwards Street. Building is located just south of Hicks Auto Supply Company.

Mrs. Williams asked for volunteers to help with sorting of clothes and items to display in the store.

"We have always had help with this sorting," said Mrs. Williams, "and we're counting on a number of volunteers this year. Clothes will need to be sorted as to size, and placed on racks."

Persons who wish to contribute money to the Goodfellows may send or bring their donations

marked Goodfellows to Farmers and Merchants National Bank, or contact Hewitt or Mrs. Cypert.

"Contributions may be made in memory of loved ones or friends or may be used in lieu of Christmas Cards," said Hewitt. "This is a wonderful way to remember friends and loved ones at Christmas time, and at the same time do so much for a worthwhile cause."

Goodfellows jars will be placed in Merkel businesses this week by Rev. Merrill.



PLANS '69 "GOODFELLOWS" — Attending the planning meeting Friday for this year's Goodfellows were, from left, Mrs. Newton Daniel, Bennie Melton, Rev. James Merrill, Lawrence Hewitt, chairman; and Mmes.



Ronny Leverich, W. R. Cypert, secretary; R. M. Ferguson and Mary Mosier co-chairman. Mrs. Jarrett Williams is co-chairman with Mrs. Mosier. Goodfellow Drive will "officially" open today, and contributions to

Goodfellows to be brought or mailed to Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Headquarters for clothing and toys will be the Masonic Lodge building on Edwards Street. (Staff Photos)

Shooting Victim In Intensive Care

Steve Reddin, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Reddin is in "good condition," Wednesday morning, after suffering a .16 gauge shotgun wound in the jaw last Wednesday.

The accident occurred, according to Mrs. Reddin, in a hay barn about 200 yards from the Reddin home, while Steve was hunting for a raccoon. His mother said that Steve's foot was up on the hay when he slipped and fell.

Still in Intensive Care at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene, he is reported to be improving.

Steve is a 1969 graduate of Trent High School.

Merkel Accident Rate Down 42%

Accident rate in the city of Merkel is down forty-two per cent over the calendar year, 1968-69, according to Police Chief Mike Briley.

"This is a very good record," said Briley, "and the Police Department appreciates all citizens' voluntary compliance with traffic laws."

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
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REETING:

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the return day thereof, in a news-
paper printed in Taylor County,
Texas, the accompanying citation,
of which the herein below follow-
ing is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Glendon Monroe Millican,
Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COM-
MANDED to appear before the
Honorable Domestic Relations
Court of Taylor County at the
Courtroom thereof, in Abilene,
Texas, by filing a written an-
swer 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 5
day of January A.D. 1970, to Plain-
tiff's Petition filed in said court,
on the 20 day of Oct. A.D. 1969,
in this cause numbered 5085 on
the docket of said court and styl-
ed Andrea Kay Millican, Plain-
tiff, vs. Glendon Monroe Millican,
Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature
of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
Plaintiff and Defendant were mar-
ried April 25, 1965, Plaintiff sues
for divorce on the grounds of
harsh and cruel treatment. There
were no children born, and no
community property acquired of
this marriage 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 return-
ed unserved.

The officer executing this writ
shall promptly serve the same ac-

ording to requirements of law
and the mandates hereof, and
make due return as the law di-
rects.

Issued and given under my hand
and the seal of said court at Abi-
lene, Texas, this 18 day of
Nov. A.D. 1969.



(Seal)
Attest: IRENE CRAWFORD
Clerk, Domestic Relations
Court, Taylor County, Texas
By Marie Gill, Deputy.
39 4tc

Services Held For Mrs. Eager

Funeral services for Mrs. Glenn
E. Eager, mother of Charles Eager
of Merkel, were held Monday
at Kiker - Warren Chapel in Abi-
lene, with Dr. James Flamming,
pastor of First Baptist Church in
Abilene officiating.

Graveside services were con-
ducted at Rose Hill Cemetery by
the Rev. James Merrell, pastor
of Merkel's United Methodist
Church.

Mrs. Eager, 68, died Saturday
at Hendrick Memorial Hospital
after a lengthy illness.

Other survivors are her hus-
band; one foster daughter, Mrs.
Truman Newman of Abilene; two
grandchildren and four great-
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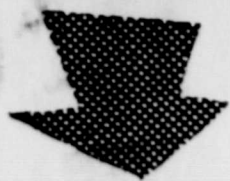
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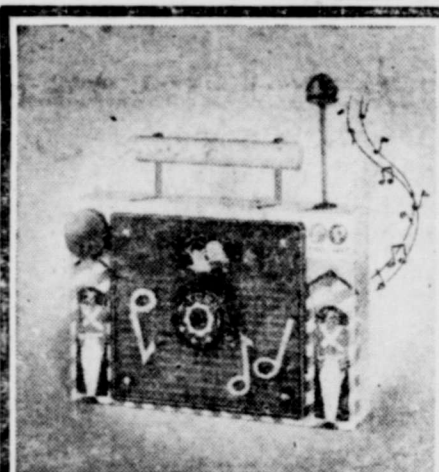


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Roy R. Coats Jr.
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Mrs. Louise Wilkerson

CARD OF THANKS
DURING TIME of our sorrow we learned how much our friends mean to us. Your thoughtfulness and kindnesses will always be remembered by the family of Mr. John T. James.
Mrs. Jim Torrence

TC Farm Bureau Names Directors
Taylor County Farm Bureau directors elected at a recent meeting are Billy Vinson, Abilene, president; Dick Addins, Tuscola, vice president and Bill Standard, Tuscola, secretary treasurer.

Other directors are Loyd Perry, Irwin Davis, Buster Horton, all of Merkel; J. M. Stowe, Trent; Sam Beam, Derrell Dean, and A. C. Braune, all of Abilene; H. W. McKee, Tye, and Tom Vaughn, Tuscola.

Also Bartis Knight, Lawn; J. L. Cary, Tuscola; J. W. Cochran, and Marvin Rutland, both of Ovalo. Berden Manly, Abilene, was elected by the board of directors to fulfill the unexpired term of Robert Riney of Merkel, who resigned.

TC Homemakers To Meet at 7:30

Taylor County Young Homemakers will have their regular meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Merkel High School home-ec room.

Mrs. Murvelle Manis will speak to members and guests on sewing. Members will also plan their annual Christmas party.

H-SU ANNUAL

MERKEL-HAWLEY TO BEGIN TOURNEY

ABILENE - Sixteen West Texas teams will be in Abilene Dec. 12 - 14 to compete in the Nineteenth Annual Hardin - Simmons University High School Girls' Invitational Basketball Tournament.

All games will be played in Rose Field House, with the opener at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, between Merkel and Hawley. Eight games will be played each day with the championship game slated for 9 p.m. Saturday.

No clear-cut favorite has been established for this year's tourney, but several strong teams are entered.

New entrants this year will be Roscoe, New Home, Clyde and Winters.

Returning teams are Merkel, Hawley, Comanche, Jayton, Rebel, Anson, Trent Baird, Luadern, Avoca Hamlin, Wylie and Aspermont.

The tournament is conducted each year by the H-SU Department of Physical Education, headed by Prof. Otho Polk. It is largely a project for physical education majors, who direct all of the action. Assisting Polk are women members of the PE faculty, Miss Billie Shirley, Miss Sue Jennings and Mrs. Barbara Currie.

Admission price will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for students.

Services Held For W. L. Bird

Funeral services for W. L. (Fate) Bird, who died Sunday, Dec. 7 in a Veterans Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz., were held Wednesday at Kiker - Warren Funeral Chapel in Abilene, with the Rev. Melvin Bird, pastor of Nolan Baptist Church and the Rev. H. B. Terry, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Midway Cemetery in Jones County.

Mr. Bird was born Nov. 23, 1907 in Merkel and had lived in Merkel and Abilene most of his life.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Winfred of Phoenix; two grandchildren; two brothers, Russell of Westbrook and Lawrence of Merkel; four sisters, Mrs. Ruth Freeman of Abilene, Mrs. Ethel Arwine of Levelland, Mrs. Selpha Barker and Mrs. Nora Lee Robbins of Kansas City, Kan.; several nieces and nephews.

The librarians, under the supervision of Mrs. Windsor went to Austin Thursday to take a tour through the many libraries on the University of Texas campus. Those taking the trip were Vivkie Biera, Larry Riney, Betty Ascencio, Pat Moore, Billy Black and Donna Phillips.

Tuesday this week the FHA girls went to the Abilene State School to give their annual Christmas Party to some of the kids. FHA sponsor Mrs. Beam accompanied the girls.

ACT testing begins Saturday morning and there'll be some MHS seniors who will be working pretty hard. ACT test is the entrance exam for college. (I - think - Geroldene - is getting - kinda concerned about the test). Of course, those who are smart have no need to worry. Just kidding Geroldene.

Say - have your Christmas shopping done yet? It's actually only 11 more days left.

Mrs. Torrence's Mother Dies at 80

John T. James, 80, father of Mrs. Jim Torrence of Merkel, died Tuesday, Dec. 2 in the Masonic Home for Aged Masons in Arlington, after a brief illness. Services were held Friday from the Spill Memorial Chapel in Winters with the Rev. Kenneth Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Merkel, officiating.

Survivors besides Mrs. Torrence, include two sons; three daughters; a brother; two sisters; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

ONE
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were advised to:

Pull into traffic more cautiously than in day time.

Pass with care, making sure you have enough passing room.

Never trust your judgment in estimating speed of an approaching car by its headlights.

Stay well behind the car ahead of you and watch for his signals.

Watch for encroaching drivers who may be out of their lanes.

Alert other drivers with flares or lights if your car becomes stalled, and get it off the road.

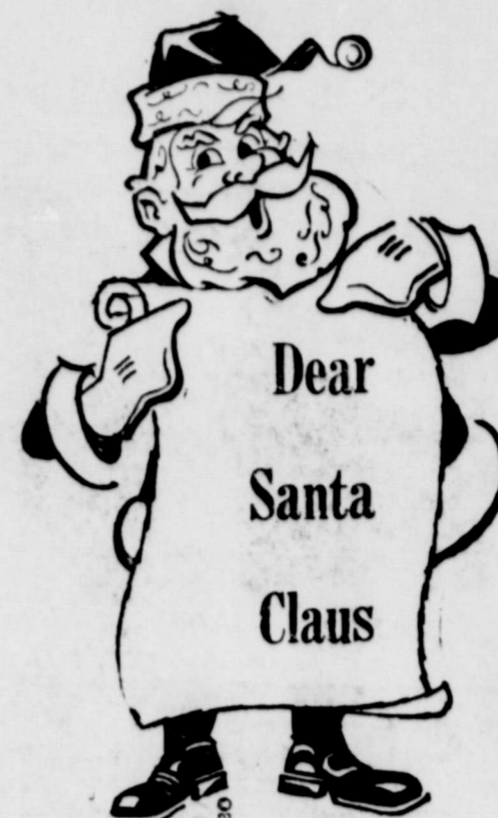
Put on directional signals well in advance of turning.

Make adjustments for bad weather, which further reduces your vision.

Keep your windshield and windows clean, inside and out.

If an approaching driver fails to dim his lights, don't keep your bright lights on also.

"By observing the above rules of the road, you will have much better chance of not becoming a traffic statistic," says Briley.



Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus

Just about this time of year, "letters to Santa Claus" begin appearing in The Merkel Mail. And boys and girls, we at the Merkel Mail are more than happy to help Santa out with his gift giving. We know how busy he must be right now, what with so many letters to open - names to remember - and gifts to get - we just must help where we can. So, if you haven't written him a letter yet - get it in the Mail real quick and he'll still have time to get your very special letter.

Dear Santa:

I love you and here is what I want. Soft baby doll and swings and a guitar and a pair of skates.

With love,
Janay (Crain)

Dear Santa:

I want a bicycle, a barn and a diesel truck with cattle. I want me a pickup and a trailer, with sheep and chickens, pigs and other farm animals. I also want some clothes. I love you.

Todd (Robertson)

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a swiny, And a record player. And a doll buggy. And Santa Claus I have been good.

I love you,
Suzie (Byrd)

NEW ARRIVALS
Mr. and Mrs. Doug M. Toliver announce the arrival of a baby girl, born Nov. 30. Named Aren Cr'e, the baby weighed seven pounds and eleven ounces at birth.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Toliver and Mrs. Norma Bond, all of Merkel.

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CANYON NEWS

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Demere were Mr. Howard Demere of St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Reed of Farwell, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Fagan of Houston, Mrs. John Lindsey of Wichita Falls, and Mrs. O. W. Reed, Mrs. Allen D. King, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Seymore and daughter, Stacy Sue, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs and Mrs. Fraser Demere, all of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh R. King had an enjoyable week visiting relatives in Little Rock and Mountain Home, Arkansas.

Plans for the Annual Christmas Program at Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church are "in the making." Mrs. Tom Russom reported Tuesday morning that the program would be held Sunday evening, Dec. 21 at the church. More information on this program will be given next week.

Mrs. Tennie Sims Dies in Comanche

Mrs. Tennie Sims of Comanche, and mother of J. C. Sims of Merkel, died Sunday, Dec. 7 in a Gorman Hospital. She was 67. Services were held Tuesday in the Comanche Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in the Board Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Sims was born March 10, 1902 in Comanche and had lived all her life in the county. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Larry Purser To Vietnam

Sp. 4 Larry W. Purser, 18, son of Mrs. Frank Sneed of Fort Worth, left for duty in Vietnam Dec. 3 after a furlough here.

He received basic training at Fort Bliss, on to Engineering School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and has been in Germany for the past ten months.

ROUND-UP

By PAT BYRD



Think... Time A-Fleeee-in'

Mrs. Ola Winn of Trent had all her children and grandchildren home for the Thanksgiving holidays. They were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Winn and family of Shiner, Mr. and Mrs. Harold McGehee of Garden City, Mr. and Mrs. Gary McGehee of San Angelo, and the Jim Winns of Wink.

end with Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hail.

Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Riggan, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Satterwhite and Kim, had Thanksgiving dinner with the Murrel Riggans and family.

Mrs. Ford is back home after a three week visit with the R. T. Blairs in Arlington. R. T. flew Santa in from the North Pole to Thornton's last Friday morning. They also visited with the Cramer Reynolds and the Alvin Wozencrafts.

Mark Bunch, student in Mrs. Mack Seymore's first grade room, observed Children's Book Week in a grand manner by attending the Abilene Public Library's presentation of Fritz and Emilie Toepferwein, author and illustrator of Texas and Southwestern Children's books. Mr. Toepferwein showed Mark an 1876 cap pistol, which was a model in his book, "Little Deputy." He also explained his method of hand printing and book binding. Mark was accompanied to the Abilene Library by his mother, Mrs. Clyde Bunch.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coats Jr. and son of Austin were here to attend the funeral of their uncle, Roy Coats. They spent the week-

NOTICE

Parents and teachers will hold their first meeting of the year when the Merkel Parent Teachers Association meets at the high school auditorium this evening at 7:30.

Students from the third and fourth grades will present a Christmas program and officers for the year will be announced.

School administrators Mack Fisher and Leon Walker, urge all parents to "make plans to attend this important meeting."

SHOPPING AND CHECKING ACCOUNTS ARE PARTNERS!



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| CASES TO MATCH | \$1.39 pr. |
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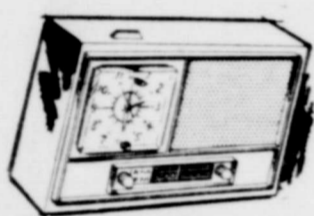
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MERKEL DRUG

In spite of all the talk about the generation gap, childhood pleasures of every era are much the same. "Kids" in every walk of life and in every age, through every page of history, have preferred candy to cauliflower, comics to classics, sports to reports, and CHRISTMAS to just about anything!

And merchants in Merkel are so much aware of the likes of "Kids" they are ready now for the area Christmas shoppers.

Take a swing through Downtown Merkel. You'll find windows are gaily decorated — showing the prettiest for Christmas.

STOPPING OFF AT BRAGGS—you'll find gift suggestions galore! And all in view. There's the Van Heusen shirts and p.j.s for men and boys — luggage — something to be enjoyed for all. Wander on back where the Butte Knit, Alice Kay Knit, and Stage 7 Knit dresses are. And on your way, you'll see a colorful array of towels, bath mat sets — ooooh those bath mats — soft and squasy and lush colors . . .

ACROSS THE STREET IS BULLOCK'S — and Monday morning there was much oohing and aaaahing (me too) as box after box of beautiful, useful and colorful gifts were "unveiled." Just arrived were beautiful, genuine hand cut Imperial crystal, jug buckets — all equipped to be used as ice buckets, pitchers and even casseroles. And place mats, you've never seen the likes of — golds and greens in new shapes — and all hand wipeable, too. Actually, there's a gift to suit any taste or pocketbook — paper weights — Bible racks.

BACK ACROSS TO CRAWFORDS — where a shipment of purses had just arrived — those drawstring kind that are so popular with the jet set right now —

blacks, tans, whites. And the "man in your life" wasn't left out this year, for a shipment of suits had just been put on display — all the latest colors too — imagine greens and blue blues! Sweaters, blouses and dresses of all shapes and sizes are right there to see

STARBUCKS and lamps — lamps — lamps. That's what you will see when you open the door. Big lamps, little lamps, fat ones, skinny ones, tree lamps and pole lamps — how could you ever decide when there's so many to see. A beautiful Motorola color TV was going full blast and besides, time to take a rest. Looking around from a cozy reclining rocker, could see clock radios, Hoover sweaters, tables, all kinds and sizes.

WILSON JEWELER, Next on my way south. Pearls "is the thing" this year and there they were, strands and strands of them. Other costume jewelry too. But the Accutron watches are something else. Who wouldn't love to find one of those under the Christmas tree? China, silverware and maple accessories are all there for the seeing.

MELLINGER'S beautifully wrapped packages just must have some of those lush linens in them — pastel sheets, yellows, golds and greens in towels, and oh, those bedspreads. And there's sweaters, all colors, for the "she" in your life. Men too — sport coats, suits, pants and boots! Mellingers is loaded for every member of the family.

BEN FRANKLIN and think of toys! Little girls — dolls — easy bake oven (really bakes too) and boys — cars, trucks, tractors. Mechanical toys and space toys for girls and boys — and dads, too.

MERKEL DRUG has everything from "back scratchers" to decorative canister sets. Be sure and see those scratchers — use one, while you're roaming around looking at hair dryers, make up mirrors (with lights) candy, perfume, cologne, bath powder.

GO INSIDE ADCOCKS — No searching for gifts there — they're all displayed within reach. How about a holder or ring for your

favorite scarves? — golds, silvers, colorful and useful. Need something for Him? Then you'll see pants by Hubbard, shirts by Eldorado, and there's jump suits for "both sides of the family."

Now if you happen to have something in mind that's really big, do not forget Merkel has appliances — there's **PALMER MOTOR COMPANY's** General Electric, **WEST TEXAS UTILITIES**, Frigidaire,

and **TAYLOR ELECTRIC'S** Westinghouse.

And if you still haven't found what you want, remember **FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK** have gift certificates and brand new, crisp money you can give.

Just remember — give Merkel a chance to serve you — before you start looking somewhere else.

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TOYS

FOR CHRISTMAS

YOUR TOY HEADQUARTERS

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Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ MALE



home Sunday.
The Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Row, Katie and David of Bledsoe, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley, Ona Cannon of Rockie, Okla., spent one night last week with Mr. and Mrs. Bradley.

Monday morning and a pretty day, after having snow Saturday.

Benny and Rodney Hobbs visited over the weekend in Grand Prairie with the T. B. and Gaston Hobbs families. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holt visited in the Hebbs'

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Davis of Abilene were injured recently in a car accident. They are out of the hospital and improving. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley visited them at their home Sunday.

Roy and Rodney Mashburn are lucky hunters of the community. They have each killed two deer and will be hunting wild turkey the rest of the season.

Mrs. Ruby Rainbolt, sister of Bryan Dunagin of Merkel and Fred Dunagin of Stith, was dead on arrival at a Big Spring hospital Sunday. She was the former

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Oyster's gem
6. Lathing
13. Indian queen
14. Aerial
15. Moving upward
17. Mistake
18. Those in power
19. Vision
21. Before
22. Water
24. Rock ridge
24. —Durocher
25. Insects
26. Exists
27. French "the"
29. Not urban
31. Morals
34. European country
37. Garret
39. Musical note
40. Greek letter
41. Armed conflicts
43. Macaw
45. Baglike parts
47. Conjunctive
48. Improve
50. Little piece
51. Worthy of imitation
53. Lively
55. Ships
57. Difficult problem
58. Beauty lover
59. European native
16. Nothing
20. 60 minutes
23. Flutters
25. Foundation
26. Deed
30. Groove
32. Most solid
33. Asian country
35. Aroused
36. Severe
38. Fold
41. Fergo
42. So. Amer. mountains
44. Girl's name
46. Degrade
48. Toward
49. Sheltered side
49. Submerges briefly
52. Tree
54. Cut grass
56. Military rank: abbr.

DOWN
1. Grassland
2. Serious
3. Herb
4. Thing: law
5. Hawaiian wreaths
6. Small sword
7. Not out
8. Let it stand
9. European nation: abbr.
10. Unwinds
11. Sleeping sound
12. Gross weight deductions
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Answer to Puzzle

Ruby Dunagin and was reared in the Stith Community. Funeral services were held in Big Spring Tuesday. Bill Dunagin of Stith is a nephew and also Horace Har-grove of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children visited Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mason Barker of Hodge. Mrs. Jerry Roy, Mrs. Alford Barker and children were also visiting in the Barker home.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Thompson visited recently with the Curtis Clyburns. Jack Kuch, stepfather of Curtis Clyburn, had eye surgery in Texas Medical Center in Abilene last week — he is doing well at this writing.

Mrs. Roy Mashburn, Mrs. Wade Shaw and Mrs. John Shaw attended a Stanley Party Monday in the home of Roxie Meeks in Abilene.

World War I Vets Note Christmas

World War I vets of the Merkel Trent Barracks No. 2248 and the Ladies Auxiliary met Dec. 9 at the Taylor Electric Cooperative building for their Christmas dinner and program.

Gifts were exchanged and a turkey and dressing dinner (with all the trimmings) was served. Karl Bonneaux is commander and Mrs. Bonneaux is president of the Auxiliary.

School Menu

THURSDAY
Beef Cheese Pizza, Green lima beans, cabbage, carrot, raisin salad, sliced bread, butter, apple wedges, milk.

FRIDAY
Hamburgers, buttered oven baked potatoes, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, buttered beans, walk to school cookies, raisin cup, milk.

MONDAY
Burritos, chili sauce, blackeyed peas, vegetable salad, corn meal rolls, butter, peach halves, milk.

TUESDAY
Steakettes with gravy, catsup, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, butter, apricot cobbler, milk.

WEDNESDAY
Corn dogs, mustard, potato salad, pinto beans, hot rolls, butter, oatmeal cake, peanut butter, white syrup milk.

Among the first troops to land in Japan when Commodore M. C. Perry arrived at Yedo (Tokyo) Bay on July 8, 1853 were 100 United States Marines.

Turkey Shoot This Saturday

The Divide Junior Class will sponsor a Turkey Shoot at the Divide School Saturday, Dec. 13. The .22 rifle shoot is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. A prize of \$10 will be given for the "high point" target.

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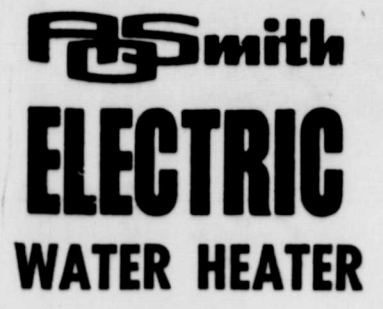
Women... The Adventure of Being a Wife

Often a woman will be heard to bewail the monotony of her life. She feels trapped, she's frustrated, she talents are withering on the vine. And she says, I'm ONLY a wife... ONLY A WIFE? Here you are, caught up in the most marvelous adventure a woman can experience, and you don't know it, the place GOD has given the woman. No job, no hobby, no activity on earth can compare with the drama and exhilaration of living with a man, loving him, doing your best to understand his infinitely complex mechanism and helping to make it hum and sing and soar the way it was designed to do. It is easy? Of course not! It takes skill, selfishness, all that your head and heart can muster... but it can be done.

- SUGGESTIONS:**
1. Study your man, as if he were a strange and rare and fascinating creature... which indeed he is! Study him ceaselessly, because he will be constantly changing. Take pride in his strengths and achievements, but analyze his weakness, too. When you encounter his uncertainties and inadequacies, here is where you can REALLY love him, REALLY help him, REALLY be a wife.
- (These thoughts have been selected and will be continued next week.)

BILLY PATTON, Minister
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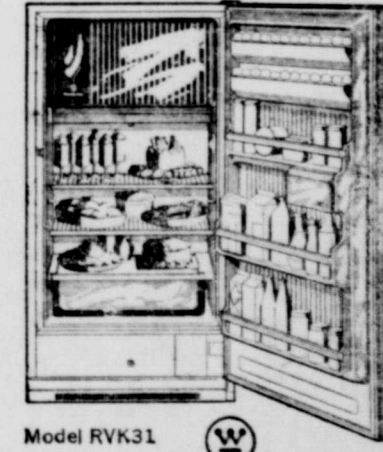
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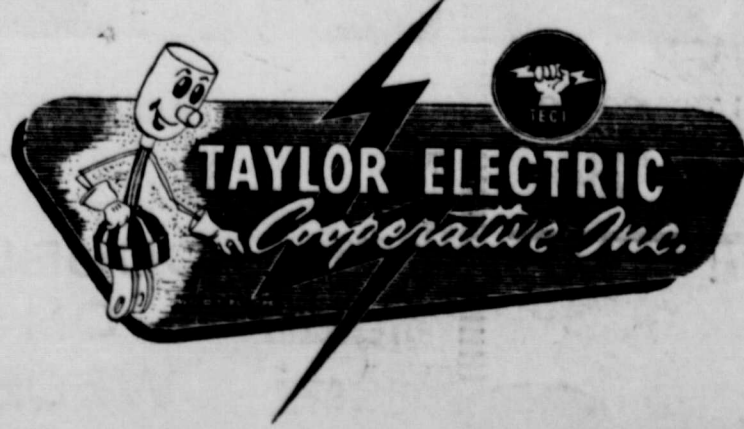


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5 LB. BAG **43¢**
WITH \$5.00 OR MORE IN TRADE EXCLUSIVE OF CIGARETTES

CHOICE BEEF CHUCK ROAST
Pound **59¢**

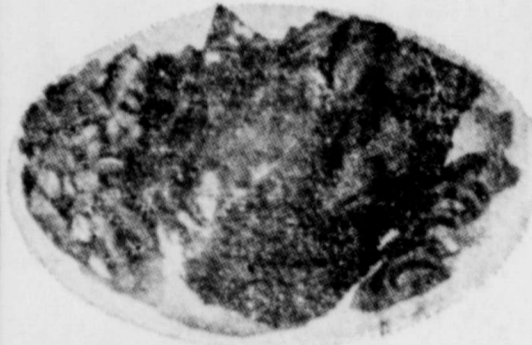
STEAK CHOICE BEEF T-BONE LB. **99¢**

BACON DECKERS NO. 1 POUND **75¢**

SHORT RIBS CHOICE BEEF 2 Lbs. **89¢**

FRANKS PICNICS DECKERS NO. 1 12 OZ. PKG. **53¢**

SAUSAGE DECKERS NO. 1 WHOLE LB. **45¢**
GOOCH GERMAN STYLE PKG. **69¢**



AUNT JEMIMA MEAL
5 LB. BAG **49¢**

STEWART NEW CROP PECANS
SOFT SHELL POUND **49¢**

BORDENS COTTAGE CHEESE
12 OZ. CTN. **29¢**

KRAFTS SINGLE SLICED CHEESE
12 OZ. PKG. **59¢**

BORDENS HOMO 2 MILK
1/2 GAL. **99¢**
2 for **99¢**

BORDENS BUTTER MILK
1/2 GAL. **93¢**
2 for **93¢**

RANCH STYLE 300 BEANS 6 for **1.00**

OUR DARLING C. S. 303 CORN 5 for **1.00**

MILE HIGH 303 CUT Green BEANS 6 for **1.00**

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LIBBYS 46 OZ. JUICE TOMATO 3 for **1.00**

HUNTS 14 OZ. CATSUP 5 for **1.00**

OLEO ALL-SWEET 2 Lbs. **49¢**

SCOTCH PINE OR PINE CHRISTMAS TREES All Sizes

Frozen Foods

WHOLE SUN ORANGE JUICE 12 Oz. Can **33¢**

PATIO DINNER Beef Enchiladas ea. **39¢**

MR. G. CRINKLE CUT Potatoes 2 lb. bag **29¢**

MARYLAND CLUB COFFEE
(1 CAN LIMIT) **1.39**
2 LB. CAN

CRISCO CREAMY (1 Limit) 3 LB CAN **69¢**

Miracle Whip KRAFTS (1 Limit) WHIP QT. **49¢**

COKE KING SIZE 6 BOTTLE CTN. plus dep. **39¢**

PEACHES HUNTS 2 1/2 CAN 3 for **79¢**

SHAMPOO - Family Size Reg. \$1.75

HEAD & SHOULDERS Only **99¢**

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LIBBYS SALMON TALL CAN PINK **69¢**



FRESH LETTUCE Lb. **19¢**

PATIO BEEF ENCHILADAS NO. 2 CAN **49¢**

CHIQUITA BANANAS Lb. **10¢**

ROME BEAUTY RED APPLES Lb. **12¢**

COMET CLENSER Jumbo Giant Can **19¢**

LIGHT CRUST FLOUR 5 LB. BAG **49¢**

EMPEROR RED GRAPES Lb. **19¢**

SUNKIST ORANGES Lb. **15¢**

BEKO RUSSET SPUDS 20 Lb. Bag **83¢**

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