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On the "Broadway of America"

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#### **INVITE PARENTS CUB PACK AGE** BOYS TO MEET

Letters were mailed this week by the local Lions club to parents in the community who have boys of Cub Scout age, 9-11, inviting them to attend a meeting in the Grammar School auditorium next Monday night, Dec. 13, at 7 p. m.

Purpose of this meeting is to try to re-organize the Cub Pack, which was highly successful for about two years, but has not been in operation for about two years now.

All boys between the ages of 9 and 11 are urged to bring their parents to the meeting. The Pack cannot be organized unless the parents take an active part. If the parents won't work, Cubbing won't work.

The Lions club has promised to do all that it can to see the Merkel boys enjoy the benefits of Cubbing.

#### Military Rites Sunday

Re-burial services for Cpl. Willie W. Wood, Jr., son of Mrs. W. W. Wood of Abilene, who was killed in be held at 2 p. m. Sunday from the Colorado City lads. Elliott Funeral home, Abilene, with burial at Potosi. Full military rites will be conducted.

The body is due to arrive in Abilene at 1:10 p. m. Friday.

Entering the Army on May 19, Calif., and Fort Blanding, Fla., goin November, 1944.

N. E. Wood and a nephew of Mrs. B. W. Merritt and Nathan Wood, all of Merkel.

#### P-TA Changes Meeting Time to 4 P. M. Dec. 14

So as not to conflict with the Lions Minstrel show, time of the December meeting of the Merkel Parented from an evening session to 4 p. n Tuesday, Dec. 14, to be held in the Grammar School auditorium. The subject under discussion will

be "A Unit for Development of Emotional Ties."

School feature will be a program by the High School Speech and the

Choral Club classes.

#### **Authorizes Cleaning of** Concrete Water Tank

Following the suggestion of Water Superintendent Mack Buzbee, city council at its meeting Monday night authorized him to proceed with the work of cleaning out the concrete water tank at the pump station, which has not had such attention for several years.

#### **Tops International Show Hereford Sale**

W. J. Largent and Sons's Publican Domino 194th topped the Hereford sale at the International Live Show at Chicago last week, bringing price of \$3,600. The Merkel breeders sold four Herefords for an average of \$2,975, including also the topselling female, which sold for \$3,100. In the breeding classes, they won two 2nd and two 4th places.

#### W. M. Elliott Ordered

Upon the advice of his physician, W. M. Elliott, Merkel's very efficient city secretary and tax assessor-collector, is taking a much needed rest, following a physical check-up Wednesday. He is taking things easy at

#### **Construction Begins On David Gamble Home**

Work on foundations is under way for the new 3-bedroom home of David Gamble, on South Seventh and Oak streets. Construction will be Lueders stone.

J. L. White is building contractor.

Record of Births. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thomas, Thursday, December 2, 1948. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Black, Saturday, December 4, 1948.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Doan, Sunday, December 5, 1948. Girl. to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Henager, Wednesday, December 8, 1948. the National FFA chapter.

#### BADGERS DOWN **NOODLE FIVE BY** SCORE OF 44-33

Play Return Game at Noodle Tuesday Night, Then Take Part in Trent Tournament, Dec. 16, 17 and 18.

pressed to down the Noodle five tively. here Tuesday night, 44 to 33, in the first home game of the season.

The local "round ballers," led by Roger Bailey with 22 points, were forced to rally in the last period to overcome Leon Walker's hard-fighting quintet.

Dean Smith led the local reserves to a 34-24 triumph over Noodle. Smith collected 10 points. Jeff Chancey was next with 8 markers.

Benson's boys will return the game at Noodle on Tuesday night of next week and then take part in the Trent For Cpl. Willie Wood Invitational tournament, Dec. 16-17-18. The Merkel B string will tangle with the Colorado City B string on Thursday night, Dec. 16, at 8 p. m. Immediately following this contest action Jan, 9, 1945, in France, will the local varsity five will meet the

On Friday afternoon of this week Benson's second team will play Sylvester at 3 p. m. in the Noodle Invitational tournament.

The Badgers lost their first game of the season at Hamlin last Thurs-1942, he trained at Camp Roberts, day night by a score of 31-25. The Purple and Gold hoopsters played ing overseas with the 45th Division fairly good ball for three quarters and led the Pipers up until the last day visit to his little friends in Mer-Survivors are his mother; two four minutes of the game. Too many kel and the surrounding communibrothers, Vondel O. and Tracy E. bad passes lost the game. Burl Mc-! ties. Wood, both of Dalias, and three Coy topped the local scorers with nieces. He was a grandson of Mrs. 10 tallies. Donald Douglas garnered nine.

> The Merkel reserves evened the count by downing the Hamlin subs by a score of 26 to 19. Brandion Wade paced the attack with 8 points.

sented by the Senior classes of 1943-44-45-46-48 will make the home games more enjoyable and interesting to the local fans this year.

#### Teacher association has been chang- S. E. Gilmore, Former Resident, Dies Saturday

Samuel E. Gilmore, 41, former res ident of this city, was found dead at 7:10 p. m. Saturday in the Southland hotel, Abilene. He had registered there Friday night about 11:30 and was found by a porter. His death was attributed by a physician to natural causes.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Monday from the Kiker-Warren Funeral home, with Rev. Mack Richardson, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery here.

He was born in Copperas Cove, Texas, Aug. 1, 1907, and moved to Merkel with his parents in 1924. He attended school in Merkel and had made his home here and in Abilene since, except for the time he was in champion of the sale cattle. service in World War II. He spent two years in the Aleutians, going from there to Germany where he was was employed by the Lone Star Gas company.

Survivors are his mother, Mrs. Edith Gilmore, of Corpus Christi; three sisters, Mrs. Paul Stanford, Abilene, Route 2, Mrs. Verner Sublett of Corpus Christi, and Mrs. L. C. Weidensaul, of Chicago, Ill., and two brothers, J. D. Gilmore, Big Spring, and Ray Gilmore, of Campbell, Calif. The sister residing in Chicago and the brother residing in California did not get to come for

#### To Rest for Awhile C. A. Farley Appointed Scout Commissioner there,

C. A. Farley, former Scoutmaster here for five years, was this week appointed to the position of Neighborhood Commissioner for Merkel by the executive board of the Chisholm Trail

Council, Boy Scouts of America. It will be Mr. Farley's job to represent the Council in helping the tocal Boy Scout Troop with its preblems and help re-organize the lapsed Cub Pack and keep it going.

#### **Patricia Beasley Named** Queen at FFA Banquet

One of the highlights of the Abilene district FFA banquet, held Wednesday night at the Abilene high school, was the selection of Patricia Beasley of Trent as queen of the

district. She was selected from a field Brazell of Lubbock, vice-president of ters in Retan on Monday night of burning is another source of fire for the greater part of this time in Billie Winter, Tahoka, and Joe Wint-

#### PAUL BOW RATES ALL-STAR TEAM WEST HALF 6-A

Faul Bow, senior guard on the 1948 Badger football eleven, was selected on the Abilene Reporter-News' All-6A West team.

Wayman Hicks tied for the center position on the second team. Donald Douglas and Bobby DuBose also made the second team at a backfield The Merkel Badgers were hard position and tackle position, respec-

> Wayne McLean and Billy Harris received honorable mention for backfield berths.

> The mythical eleven was actually chosen by the coaches of the district and the poll tabulated by the sports department of the Abilene Reporter-News.

The first team: Asa Goodgame, Hamlin, end; Seth Adams, Hamlin, tackle; Wayne Morrow, Rotan, guard; Roy Carter, Rotan, center; Paul Bow, Merkel, guard; August Meynig, Colorado City, tackle; Cecil McIntire, Roscoe, tackle; Buddy McCright, Rotan, end; Harold Shipp, Rotan, back; W. H. Barker, Colorado City, back; Joe Ford, Hamlin, back; Bobby Clark, Rotan, back.

#### Santa's Pre-Holiday Visit Thrills Kiddies

Old Santa Claus, with flowing white locks and beard and a red uniform and riding in a huge red, gold and silver sleigh, drawn by eight Shetland ponies, arrived on schedule Saturday afternoon for his pre-holi-

They were present by the hundreds thrilled to meet him, shake his hand for staging the Lions minstrel Tuesand whisper their wants for Christmas, while at the same time the portly Santa Claus and his helper, team, generously distributed candy long with the beaming smile and cordial greeting.

Forming at the school gym, the parade uptown ran true to form, with the streets lined by eager young faces, some standing, some in cars with their parents and others following the line of march.

As spokesman for the Lions club, sponsors of the Santa Claus visit, Secretary Doyle R. Seifried wishes to express genuine appreciation for and thanks to the High School band under the direction of Mrs. Johnsie Allen and to the Pep Squad and the sponsor, Mrs. Myrtle Woolley, for their splendid cooperation.

#### **Noodle Hereford Ranch Shows Grand Champion**

Top selling bull, Major Mischief 20th, consigned by the Noodle Hereford ranch of Merkel, brought a price of \$850 at the annual Sweetwater Area Hereford Breeders auction sale Friday. The bull was adjudged grand

Forty-seven head of Herefords sold for an average of \$365, with 23 bulls selling for an average of \$415 and at the front when the war ended. He the 24 head of females bringing an average of \$321.

#### Claude Comegys Doing **Nicely After Operation**

Returning from Temple Wednes day morning, R. O. Anderson reported that his brother-in-law. Claude Comegys, is getting along nicely, following an operation at Scott and White sanitarium last Thursday.

Mrs. Comegys and son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Comegys, of Abilene, who were in Temple for the operation, remained until Monday and Mrs. Anderson, a sister, is still

#### Skelly Oil Company **Erects Two Structures**

The Skelly Oil company, with I trict headquarters at Monahans, is the rootball players, after which Joy erecting two structures just east or Trent for convenience of employees in this area. One structure is a 4room residence, with double garage. and the other will be used for a tool house and office.

Etcyl Spurgin, a Merket building contractor, has charge of construc-

#### Represent Merkel at Schoolmaster's Meeting

Supt. R. A. McCollum, Coach Carroll Benson and Principal C. A. Farley represented Merkel at the meetten chapter sweethearts by Alton ing of the West Texas Schoolmas-

#### FOOTBALL SQUAD FETED AT LIONS CLUB LUNCHEON

As Guests of Civic Club, Coach Benson and Gridiron Players Praised for Sportsmanship And High Moral Standards.

Following an annual custom, tribute was paid to Coach Carroll Benson and the Badger football squad at Tuesday's luncheon of the Lions club, when a sumptuous turkey dinner was served the boys.

All except two of the season's squad of 32 were present, and by way of welcome each Lion answered roll call with a roar for the Badgers.

After the cravings of the inner man had been satisfied at the banquet table, Supt. R. A. McCollum of the Merkel Public schools expressed high praise for the fine spirit of sportsmanship of both the team and the student body and in presenting Coach Benson, Club President Edwin Read stamped him as "the best football coach in West Texas."

Response was made by Paul Bow and Jack Boone. "Prospects are much better for

next year than at the start of this back next year, with 23 back out of tend. the entire squad of 32.

Other speakers paying high tribute to the gridiron guests were Henry West, Clesby Patterson and Frank Breaux.

In the course of the business meeting, a big hand was given Manager Norman T. Hodge of the Queen theatre for the use of his playhouse day night.

Football guests included Coach Benson, Manager Billy Greenfield, Waythe Eskimo driving his Shetland man Hicks, Gaston Walker, Paul Bow, Jimmy Floyd, Bobby Campbell, Bobby DuBose, Jack Boone, Roger Bailey, Burl McCoy, Donald Doug las, Wayne McLean, Bradion Wade Billy Harris, Mac Springer, Willie Robertson, Reuben Horton, Walton Lively, Jimmy Smith, Barton Robinson, Odie Jones, Joe Dell Gregory, Kenneth Bowen, Robert Shouse, Merkel McCoy, Doyle Melton, Gaylon Johnson, Bob Johnson, Franklin Mashburn, Johnny Teaff, Jeff Chancey. Two of the lettermen, Sidney Williams and Dudley Farr, were at

sent because of illness. Members of the Civic committee Mesdames Earl Hughes, S. D. Ganible, W. T. Sadler, Elma McFarland L. V. Moore, Pete West and Doyle Seifried, were assisted by six High School girls, Mona Robertson, Sandra Sadler, Wilda Bowles, Sue Mayfield. Jane Hughes and Bobbie Fern Fos

#### Band, Pep Squad Honor Badgers With Banquet Mother of Mrs. N. T.

The Merkel High School band and Pep Squad feted the 1948 Badger football squad with a banquet Friday evening in the beautiful sky room of the Bluebonnet hotel, Sweet-

One hundred and sixty-two per sons, including band members, Pep Squad members, members of the football squad, faculty members and their wives and husbands, school board members and their wives and a few special guests, were present for this annual event.

The theme of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" was cleverly carried out by the speakers and in the decora-

tions and songs. Principal speaker was Rev. T. A. Keenan, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church. He compared football with the game of life along the following lines: personal initiative. team work, rules of the game and referee's judgment is final.

Following the invocation by Supt. R. A. McCollum, welcome was extended by Gerald West, toastmaster, with response by Gaston Walker for 'ontinued on Page rour;

#### **Caution Against Fire** Hazards Emphasized

multiply in the holiday season be cause of temporary wiring for the Christmas trees and decorations, 18 Mansfield.

He placed special emphasis on care in the use of cotton and tinsel in decorating trees. "Faulty wiring for trees is responsible for fire in many cases," he said, "and careless trash

#### CASH PRIZES OF \$10 AND \$5 IN SEASON LIGHTING

Much interest has been manifested and several entries already made in the Christmas lighting contest sponsored' jointly by the Merkel Garden club and the Merkel Lions club.

Prizes of \$10.00 and \$5.00 for first and second place winners in each of the two divisions have been offered, while third place winner in each division will receive honorable men-

The two classes of entries will be for (1) best window and door decorations, and (2) for best yard decorations.

Those desiring to enter the con test may register with Mrs. Jack Miller, Mrs. Bowman Barlow or Mrs. Ben Hicks, deadline for entering being Dec. 22.

#### **High School Students** Present Xmas Pageant

The traditional Christmas pageant presented each year by High School Dec. 10, at the First Baptist church

beginning at 7:30. Sixty members of the speech and music class will take part in the year." Benson said in reporting that pageant entitled "Christmas Bells." out of 17 lettermen, nine would be The public is cordially invited to at-

#### Well Child Clinic Dec. 17, 2-4 P. M.

The December Well Child conference, sponsored by the Merkel Parent-Teacher association, will be held at the office of Mrs. Elma McFarland from 2 to 4 p. m. on Friday, Dec. 17.

The clinic is open at these hours for all children both of school and pre-school age.

#### Queen Waives Tuesday Showing for Minstrel

Giving right of way to the Lions club minstrel, to be staged at the Queen theatre Tuesday night, Manager Norman T. Hodge announces that "Night Has a Thousand Eyes," starring Edward G. Robinson, Gail Russell and John Lund, will be shown two days only, Sunday and Monday,

#### Reserve Champion, Chicago International

Roy Largent and Sons showed the reserve champion in the Hereford division of the Chicago International Live Stock show last week. Their winnings also included one 2nd, one 3rd and one 5th place, with no entry below 10th.

#### Hodge Seriously Ill

Mrs. Norman T. Hodge, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Ralph Daughrell, who is seriously ill.

Mr. Hodge went down Thursday and will return probably Friday.

#### LIONS MINSTREL TOPS CALENDAR TUESDAY, DEC. 14

With Galaxy of Inimitable End Men, City's Best Solois's, Dance Specialties and Skyts Look for Best of Amusement.

From the days of the late George Primrose and Lew Dockstader, the negro minstrel has been one of the most popular vehicles of entertain-

Next Tuesday night at the Queen theatre, Merkel Lions will demonstrate what a good minstrel should be like in their 1948 version of the black face show. The curtain rises

at 8 o'clock. Price of tickets is: Adults, \$1.00. children, 50 cents, including tax. The minstrel is presented as a benefit for the Community Center building fund, and a full house is expected.

In the big first part, Rev. fom Keenan, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, is interlocutor, with a students will be given Friday night, galaxy of local burnt cork artists including: Mr. T-Bone, Rufe Tittle; Mr. January Smith, Clesby Patterson; Mr. Cleveland, Herman Carson; Mr. Evans, Dr. H. F. Byrd; Mr. Field, Lester Dorton; Mr. Barlow, Edwin Read; Mr. Allen, Seifried; Molasses Jones, Fred Starbuck, and Mr. Dunn, Horace Boney.

Soloists to take part will be Harry Barnett, Clesby Patterson, Deck Compton, Buster Horton, Cyrus Pee, Dr. H. F. Byrd, Doyle Seifried and Roy Largent. Mrs. Sam McLeod is to be piano accompanist, and a large

chorus of trained voices will assist. One of the high class specialties will be a buck and wing, done by T-Bone Tittle and Buck Leach.

Oleo skits that will rank high in the all-time history of minstrels include: "It Must Be Love," featuring Deck Compton and Cyrus Pee, "Prison a-la-Mode." boasting cast of four; Milton Case, Dr. Jim Carter, Joe Patterson and Buster

Numbered in the chorus are: Bob Hicks, Harry Barnett, Bill Largent, Howard Carson, Milton Case, Roy Largent, Jim Carter, Pete West, Frank Breaux, Wrenn Durham, Joe Patterson, Buster Horton, Hoyt Byrd, Carroll Benson, Chester Collinsworth, Homer Newby, Cyrus Pee, Deck Compton and Buck Leach.

A dress rehearcal has been scheduled for Monday night at the Community Center building, by Dr. H. F. Byrd, who is assistant to the director. Riggs Shepperd,

#### A. T. Suskey Accepts Call to Goree Church

Rev. A. T. Suskey, who has served the Calvary Baptist church as pastor for almost two years, preached his farewell sermon last Sunday night, having accepted a call to the Friend-ship Eaptist church at Goree.

Twice Rev. Mr. Suskey had tried to resign, but when the congregation erty and daughter, Linda Ann, of again declined to accent his resigna-Abilene, left Monday to be with their tion he decided to make the change, mother, Mrs. T. A. Clarida, of Ter- as he felt it was the Master's call. Early this week he and his wife

and little daughter, Margaret Aline,

moved to their new home.

#### MERKEL 20 YEAPS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, December 7, 1928.)

TERRELL WINTER DIES AT NOODLE.

Was Pioneer Resident of This Section, Having Lived Here For Nearly 40 Years.

Another Merkel pioneer was called to his reward with the death last Sunday of Terrell Winter. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon by Rev. W. K. Horn, assisted by Rev. Ira L. Parrack, Rev. Houston Scott and Rev. J. J. Gentry. The Masonic fraternity had charge of the services at the grave in the local cemetery. Caution against fire hazards, which The large crowd of sorrowing friends who followed the body to its last resting place testified to the esteem in which Terrell Winter was held. urged by City Fire Marshal John A resident of this section since 1889, he had endeared himself to all with

> whom he came in contact. Mr. Winter was 77 years old at the time of his death. He had lived farming and ranching. He was mar- er, of Noodle Don

ried in 1876 to Miss Susan Isabel Williams and to this union thirteen children were born, twelve of whom are still living, six boys and six girls, all of whom were present when their father died, also five brothers and three sisters.

Joining the Baptist church when 25 years old, Mr. Winter had since that time been a conscientious Christian, devoted to all activities of the church. rom the Baptist church conducted In church and in the Masonic Order of which he had long been a member, he was an active worker so

as his health permitted. Surviving children are Marion and Roy, Lubbock; Tom, Joe and Bill of Merkel; John, Abilene; daughters. Mrs. E. L. Eason and W. A. Phillips, Abilene; Mrs. J. E. White, Mrs. Otto Bicknell and Mrs. Waldo Cox, Merkel; Mrs. C. L. Lawlis, Sylvester. Surviving sisters are Mrs. Phoebe Green, Merkel; Mrs. M. J. McReanel, Sweetwater; Mrs. S. A. Walling, Orange; the brothers are at the home place near Noodle where G. W. Winter, Anson; Marvin Winthe died for 39 years, being engaged er, Childress; Sam Winter, Merkel;

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#### PERSUNAIS

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Barbee and son, Andy, have moved to Noodle after a year's residence in Midland. W. A. Campbell spent last weekend in Midland, visiting with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. S. Smith, of Sweetwater, formerly of Merkel, have gone to South Texas to visit their son, Sammy and wife and little

Miss Mary Anna Mayfield, who came from Midland to be with her sister, Mrs. Joe Ramsey, while she was in Sadler hospital, visited with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Helen May-

Mrs. Fannie King has returned from a visit with her son, Mr. and Mis. Clarence King, and her sister, Mrs. Ludie Cantrell, in Fort Worth. Mrs. G. H. Tucker went to Bangs

last week to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. A. E. McKay. The funeral service was held at Brown-

Visiting all day Thanksgiving in the home of Mrs. S. G. Russell, Sr., were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shive and Bill from Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nunnally from Abilene, S. G. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. James Russell and Lynn and Ralph Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Riley Huie, Wichita

Falls, and J. F. Huie, of Anson, visited Sunday in the L. C. Murray home. St. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Boss of Snyder, who visited with his cousin, Seth Morgan, now in a hospital in Abilene, and Mrs. Morgan, and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Allen, close friends, returned home Wednesday.

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#### Monthly Statement CITY OF MERKEL

For November of November 1948, and expenses for

RECEIPTS	
Tax collection	\$1,110.5
Water revenue	852.5
Sewer revenue	333.8
Sewer main tap	
Meter deposits	35.0
Street paving project	2,133.5
Fines	25.1
Oil production	84.2
Maintainer service	5.0
Miscellaneous	19.9
Total Receipts	\$4,564.5
On board No. 1 1040	

,	Total Receipts	\$4,564.55
-	On hand, Nov. 1, 1948	\$4,826.53
1	Total	\$9,391.08
1	DISBURSEMENTS	
1	Administrative	\$229.52
1	Water department	405.50
1	Sewer department	171.96
1	Sanitary department	322.20
1	Street department	
1	Fire department	158.37
	Police department	284.26
ı	Lights, city hall	
I	Street lights	142.00
ł	Signal lights	51.06
1	Relief office expense	75.99
١	Int. to F. & M. bank on	
ı	borrowed money	23.25
i	F. & M. bank on loan	3,000.00
1	Street paving project	7,586.84

	Miscellaneous	12.41
	Total	\$12,621.46
	Gen. fund overdrawn, on Dec. 1, 1948	\$ 3.230.38
1	REFUNDING BOND ACC	
1	Bal. on hand, 11-1-1948	\$16,357.97
	Tax collection in Nov	1,332.45

On hand, 12-1-1948 \$17,690.42 WATERWORKS AND SEWER IMPROVEMENT BOND

Bal. on hand, 11-1-1948 \_\_ \$64,754.04 Trinity Valley Iron and Steel .Co. for materials returned 15.44

\$64.769.48 Paid out-Pump houses, materials and fire plug repairs \_\_\_\_ 163.10 On hand, 12-1-1948 \_\_\_\_\_ \$64,606.38

WATERWORKS AND SEWER IMP. BOND TAX ACCOUNT. On hand, 11-1-1948 Tax collection in Nov. Total tax money on hand,

Dec. 1, 1948 W. M. ELLIOTT, City Secretary.

Built in 1610, the Palace of the Governors, in Santa Fe. N. M., the oldest public building in United States.

Adding machine rolls, 15 cents each, at Merkel Mail office.

#### In The Churches

Showing Receipts for the month | SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE Attendance at the seven reporting the month of October, 1948, paid in Sunday Schools last Sunday was 774 as compared with 682 on the presame Sunday a year ago was 794.

> PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preachng services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Tom Keenan, Pastor.

> FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Dr. Arthur Travis will fill the pulpit at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Training Union at 6:00 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.

METHODIST CHURCH. Church School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11. Youth Fellowship 6:30 p. m. Evening worship 7:00. WSCS Mondays, 3 p. m. Mid-week prayer Wednesdays, 7:00 p. m. R. L. Butler, Pastor

CHURCH OF CHRIST. Bible School 9:45 a. m. Sunday. Worship 10:50 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Young People's meeting 6:00 p. m. Midweek service Wednesday 7:00

Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

NAZARENE CHURCH. Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. YPS at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7 p. m. Wednesday,

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Midweek prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

Reporter.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Services Thursday 7:30 p. m. H. S. Earp, Pastor.

Letter to Santa Claus. Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a bow and arrow, climbing tractor and a carpenters' set. Bring my little sister, Sarah, a doll and tricycle. Be good to all the boys and girls. Thank you, Santa. Robert Leo Harris.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS. We will appreciate the privilege of the leading magazines. On a great many of them, if you want to include your subscription to The Mail, we are in position to make special clubbing offer. See us before you renew.

#### Jester to Get Medal From Mayor of Vienna

Miss Iris Gabriel, founder and director of the "American Silent Guest Plan," which is now in progress in Texas to benefit hungry children, has vious Sunday. The attendance on the informed Governor Beauford Jester she will visit Austin on Dec. 14.

Miss Gabriel will bring a medal to present to Governor Jester, sent by the mayor of Vienna in recognition of this State's help in the Silent Guest program last year. The medal will be the Viennese children's way of saying "thank you" for the food they received.

A similar campaign was launched again this year, on Thanksgiving Day. The Silent Guest drive, which will last until Christmas, has a goal of \$1,000,000 to be given to the nonprofit United Nations Appeal for Children to help 230,000,000 undernourished and sick children throughout the world.

The plan asks that Texans set an extra plate at their tables during the holiday season, from now until Christmas, to entertain a silent guest

-a hungry child who needs our help. Then, the price of that meal, for as long a period as the individual Texan can afford, may be sent by check or money order to the Silent Guest communities, in care of the! Governor's Office, Austin.

Oklahoma contains more than 30 tribes of Indians, who make up about one-fifth of the Indian population of the United States.

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R. O. Anderson

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# Legal Notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: James P. Hagens, Greeting:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M., of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 3rd day of January, A. D. 1949, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 18th day of November, 1948. The file number of said suit being No. 16,030-A.

The names of the parties in soid suit are: Birdie Hagens as Plain- 1948. tiff, and James P. Hagens as De-

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on April 17, 1948, and lived together until about the 1st day of September, 1948.

There were no children born to the marriage of plaintiff and defendant and there is no community property to be adjudicated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 18th day of November, A. D., 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 18th day of November, A. D., 1948.

J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

#### CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Suzanne Parks, Greeting:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 3rd day of January, A. D., 1949, at or before 10 o'clock A. M:, before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 18th day of Nov., 1948. The file number of said suit being No. 16,031-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Paris B. Parks, Jr., as

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#### Plaintiff, and Suzanne Parks

Defendant. The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on February 26, 1944, and lived together until November, 1947.

No children were born to plaintiff and defendant and there is no community property to be adjudicated. Plaintiff sues for divorce grounds of cruel treatment.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 18th day of November, A. D., 1948.

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ture of tankage, soybean meal, linseed meal and, in some areas, cottonseed meal, produces better quality pork even faster. This improvement in rations makes for more efficient and economical use of proteins. But what about vitamins and minerals? Here, too, many advancements in techniques of supplying these nutrients have been made. Dehydrated alfalfa, milk solids, vitamin oils, and some synthetic sources provide essential vitamins and other factors. Mineral balance is necessary, too. Salt, the universal need, supplies sodium and chlorine. Steamed bone meal supplies calcium and phosphorus, and other major minerals. With these, alert research men now are combining other known essential elements, such as cobalt, manganese, iron, iodine, copper, and magnesium, to turn slow gainers into fast gainers.

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#### First Calves Forecast Production by Marvin Koger,

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Groups	Average First Calf Weight From 3-Year-Old Cows	Average Calf Weights From Same Cows for Next 4 Years
Group 1	321 pounds	404 pounds
Group 2	349 pounds	417 pounds
Group 3	383 pounds	430 pounds
Group 4	409 pounds	443 pounds
Group 5	441 pounds	456 pounds

Considering only the two extremes, Group One and Croup Five, it was shown that breeding stock picked from Group One could be expected to produce, for the next four years, calves that had a yearly average weaning weight of only 404 pounds. But those picked from Group Five should produce calves with a yearly average weaning weight of 456 pounds, 52 pounds more than Group One.

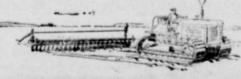
These figures show that later calves are apt to be a repeat performance of the cow's first calf. Cows doing poorly their first calving year continued to produce the lightest group of calves. They were poor risks. Culling cows with light, scrubby first calves would be well repaid in greater profit through more efficient production.

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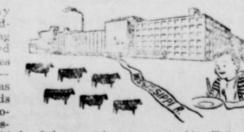


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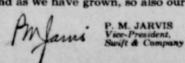
This little tractor is good when used for its proper purposes. But it is not built to pull such a heavy plow.

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#### Full Military Rites For Pfc. W. M. Keener

Full military rites were conducted \$2.50 from the chapel of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Rev. O. B. Tatum officiated for Tommy Hamner; R. D. Ely, Merle Merkel. Scott, Virgil Purser and Lester Dorton as honorary pallbearers; J. P. Click and Lewis Farmer, color bearers; Alton Newton, Robert Higgins and Vincent Barnett, color guard; Rev. R. L. Butler, chaplain.

The body arrived here at 1:30 p. m. Thursday from Fort Worth, accompanied by Sgt. Tom Tucker as each of you always is our prayer.

Burial took place in the Compere

cemetery. Besides his plarents other sur-The son of Mr. and Mrs F. L. Keener, Route 3, Private Keener died Jan. 18, 1945, in a hospital in France. He went overseas shortly before Christmas, 1942, with the 36th Division. He was awarded the following decorations, Purple Heart, Sil-

ver Star and Oak Leaf Cluster. vivors are a daughter, Wanda Joyce Keener, of Seminole; three brothers, Roy, Tom and Woodrow Keener, and three sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Jones of Vesta Calif. and Mrs. Jewel Young and Mrs. R. N. Washburn, both of

Although August is the peak travel month for motorists, December is the peak month for traffic accidents.

The Atlantic coastal region has the lowest divorce rate in the country; the mountain division has the

#### Merkel Boasts Total

An accurate count made by Alderby Merkel Post 5683, Veterans of man Bob Hicks, who with Alderman Dr. W. T. Sadler, team physician, Foreign Wars, for Pfc. William Lecil White constituted a two-man Keener, for whom re-burial services special committee on street paving in football boys, and as president of Taylor and Jones Counties 32.00 were held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday two recent programs, shows that the band, Billy Jackson presented a there are 136 blocks of paved streets within the city limits of Merkel.

This figure embraces Highway 80 the chapel service, with following for its stretch through the city, the personnel of Veterans taking part in two farm-to-market roads, the origithe military rites: Active pallbear- nal vitrified brick paving and Oak ers, Waymon Adcock, James Earl street asphalt, streets that were pav-Stevens, Jr., Lee Roy Martin, Her- ed under WPA and the more recent man Daniel, Tommy O'Rear and hot-topping in both South and North

CARD OF THANKS. We wish to express our thanks and deep appreciation to all who were so helpful and sympathetic during our great sorrow in the death of our

beloved son and brother. May God's richest blessings follow Mrs. Edith Gilmore and Children.

#### Banquet (Continued from Page One)

Lansford led the group in singing the

theme song. Norma Jean Hodge, one of the Pep Squad leaders, presented Mrs. Myrtle Woolley, Pep Squad sponsor, a gift. In response, Mrs. Woolley praised the girls for their hard work and paid special tribute to Mr. Bill Allen, Mrs. Comer Haynes, Mrs. Johnsie Allen and women of the High School

faculty. In paying tribute to the 1948 football squad Coach Carroll Benson stated that this aggregation made more improvement during the season than any club he has ever coached. He presented the 17 boys who lettered: Wayman Hicks, Gaston Walker, Paul Bow, Jimmy Floyd, Bobby Campbell, Bobby DuBose, Jack Boone, Sidney Williams, Roger Bail-

ey, Burl McCoy, Dudley Farr, "Donald Douglas, Wayne McLean, Bran-Of 136 Paved Blocks dion Wade, Billy Harris, Mac Springer and Willie Robertson.

> Wayne McLean presented gifts to and Coach Benson, on behalf of the gift to Mrs. Johnsie Allen, band director, Norma Jean Hodge, on behalf of the Pep Squad, presented a gift to the Pep Squad mascot, Lana-

Interspersed during the program, the group joined in singing severa! songs: Jean Minter and Vonceil Rust led for "Shine on Harvest Moon;" Larose Perry, for "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles;" Jane Hughes and Mona Robertson, for "The Band Played On;" Jean Minter and Vonceil Rust, for "Moonlight Bay," and Sue Mayfield and Wilda Bowles, for "A White Christmas."

The program was concluded by inging "Hurrah for the Purple and Gold," led by Wilda Bowles, Sue Mayfield and Norma Jean Hodge.

Mrs. Comer Haynes was accompanist for all musical numbers.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to each and every one who were so kind and helpful during the sickness and death of our dearly beloved wife, mother and sister, also for the lovely flowers and every kind word spoken to comfort us in our bereavement.

May God's richest blessings rest upon all of you.

W. Roundtree and Family.

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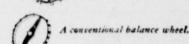
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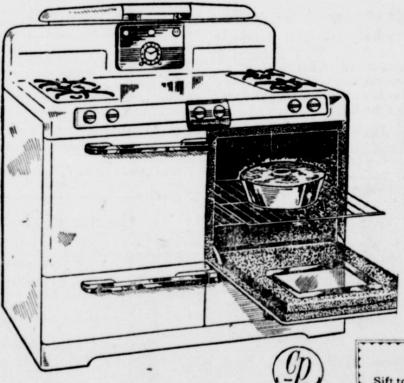
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1/2 lb. blanched almonds 1/2 lb. shelled pecans 1/4 lb. candied lemon peel lb. candied orange peel 1 cup butter or margarine

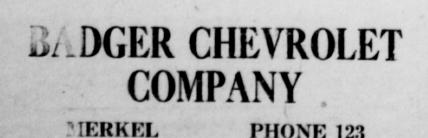
Add, creaming thoroughly . . . . . 1 cup sugar Add, mixing well . . . . . . 6 eggs Stir in fruit mixture alternately with . . 1/2 cup honey or molasse

Mix well. Turn into pans lined with heavy greased brown paper. Have the brown paper extended one inch along the tops of the pans. Bake in a slow gas oven (250° F.) for 5 hours. Makes 7 lbs.

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#### Visitors in the Dave Anderson Home Sunday

Visitors in the Dave Anderson home Sunday of last week were Mrs. Anderson's brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Jones and son, Donald Ray, also their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Marshall, and son, Carl Gene, a sister of Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Odker Pool, and Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pool, a nephew of Mrs. Anderson, all of Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Tankerlsey, daughter of the Odker Pools, of Knox City. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frazier and son, Gene, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Anderson, Mrs. C. R. Roland of Mt. Pleasant and two little granddaughters of the Odker Pools, Ladana and Joyce, of California.

The afternoon was spent talking of olden days and looking at pictures that were taken over 40 years ago.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police was organized in 1873, when it was known as the North West Mounted Police.

#### Last Rites Held for Mrs. W. Roundtree, 69

Funeral services for Mrs. W. Roundtree, 69, long time resident of the Noodle community, who died at 6:30 p. m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, were pre-holiday visit of Santa Claus and held at 2 p. m. Thursday from the Noodle Baptist church.

Rev. Clyde Campbell, first, pastor of the church, officiated, assisted by Rev. W. K. Horn and Rev. L. D. Crumpler, both former pastors. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery here, under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Pallbearers were T. P. Weeks. Grady Bishop, Carl Jackson, Fred Jackson, Hollis Irvin and Albert

Survivors included her husbard; one daughter, Mrs. Vertis Eller; two brothers, M. R. Hail of Abilene and Melvin Hail, Lamesa, and four sisters, Mrs. Ida Morgan, Greenville, Mrs. Jennings Winter, of Merkel, and Mrs. Tom Boyd and Mrs. W. H. Derstine, both of Lamesa.

Among relatives and friends from out-of-town, who came for the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hail, Mrs. Winnie Guest, Mrs. Wharton, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Derstine, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hail, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. Hail Derstine, Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Harlin Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hail, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Norris Hail, of Odessa; Mrs. Jack Pate, Shamrock; Mrs. Dora Boyd, Sweetwater; Mrs. Vera Nobles, Mr. and Mrs. Burnes Eakin, Hamlin; Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Murdock, Big Spring; Mrs. Lela Wright, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Roundtree, Boone, Colo.; Mrs. A. H. Benton, Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Laney and family, Mrs. Minnie Roundtree and family, Dallas.

#### Sister Dies Monday.

Mrs. A. F. Morgan, 66, of Greenville, sister of Mrs. Roundtree, who was unable to attend her funeral because of illness, passed away at 6 a. m. Monday, following an operation, Funeral services were held at Greenville Tuesday, and a number of relatives from here attended the rites. Leaving Monday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Derstine, of Lamesa, were Mr. Roundtree and his sister, Mrs. A. H. Benton, of Greenville, and also Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Winter, Mrs. Eller went by bus Monday night to be present for final

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#### Noodle 4-H Club Girls Plan Holiday Parties

Plans are under way for Christmas parties for both the junior and senior girls 4-H clubs at Noodle, according to an announcement from Ella Dora Eoff, president of the junior group.

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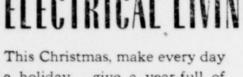
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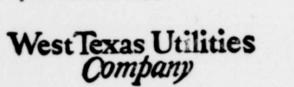


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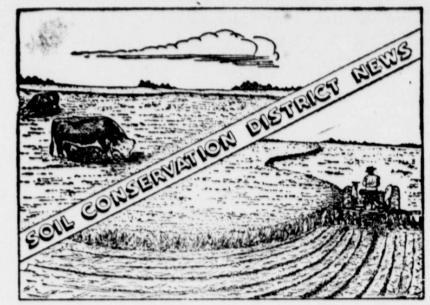
CHRISTMAS THRIFT SALE!



WHITE RUTO STORE

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Carl Baccus, operator of the Dr. | vegetation in the near future. A. H. Fortner farm which is cooperating with the district in the North East Noodle Conservation group, has recently constructed about 5 1-2 miles of new terraces. In addition to this, fills and corrections were made on about 1 1-2 miles of old terraces. The lower cultivated portion of this farm is affected by about 250 acres of outside water. This outside water has been causing considerable washing, resulting in tremendous soil losses. In developing the coordinated conservation plan for the farm it was decided to divert this outside water from the field to one side and one end by means of a diversion ter-

race and waterway.

These structures were designed by technicians of the Soil Conservation Service assisting the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation district. The diversion terrace design required a channel capacity of about 75 sq. ft., with a bottom width of 20 feet and a maximum depth from top of ridge to floor of channel of 3 feet. The waterway design required a width of 100 feet with maximum depth of about 14 inches. Both of these structures have been installed by county machinery. Mr. Baccus has sown the diversion channel and ridge and waterway to wheat to provide temorary cover to prevent washing. This is an intermediate step of providing ground cover and litter toward seeding these structures to permanent

R. T. Bennett, of the Warren group, has recently sown 10 acres to hairy vetch and wheat as a winter cover and grazing crop. This was seeded broadcast at the rate of 10 lbs. vetch and 20 lbs. of wheat per

W. A. Richburg, coperator in the South Trent group, has planted about 40 acres to hairy vetch and abruzzi rye as a winter cover on some sandy loam soil which is susceptible to wind erosion. This was planted at the rate of 10 pounds vetch and 20 pounds of rye per acre. About 200 pounds of super phosphate was applied per acre.

Terrace lines have recently been run for these district cooperators: J. H. Clark, 7 miles of lines in the North Merkel group, H. R. McLaren 2 1-2 miles in Sinclair group, and A. V. Lee 4 miles in Boyd Chapel

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TRADE your old car in on this 1946 Chevrolet 4-door sedan. "We know Chevrolet-You know us." Badge: Chevrolet Co.

FOR SALE-Savage "16" over and under shotgun, excellent condition. A. B. Rose, 812 Rose Street.

FOR SALE reasonable; good sturdy, solid, oak five-piece breakfast room suite, see at 501 Oak. L. F. Dorton.

A FEW MORE shoats and pigs for sale. L. E. Bell, Route 1, Trent.

CROSLEY home radios; any size; one of these will make a nice gift. "We know Chevrolet-You know us." Badger Chevrolet Co.

1939 Pontiac coupe, good condition. Palmer Motor Co.

FOR SALE at a bargain, five 6:00-16 white sidewall Firestone tires; slightly used. Seymore's Texaco Station.

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LOOKS LIKE NEW- 1947 Chevrolet club coupe. "We know Chevrolet-You know us." Badger Chevrolet Co.

BUNDLED CANE, seven cents. Patterson Grain.

1940 Mercury 4-door. Palmer Motor Company.

FOR SALE- Good 1940 Ford, "We know Chevrolet-You know us." Badger Chevrolet Co.

FOR SALE-Plenty of Fireworks, beginning Saturday, through Christmas; end of Oak street. Gaston Walker.

FOR SALE- Permanent type antifreeze: Propylene Glycol, \$3.95 gallon. White Auto Store.

LOOKING FOR a good Ford? We have a 1942 tudor sedan. "We know Chevrolet-You know us." Badger Chevrolet Co.

Good Texas red rustproof oats. Patterson Grain.

1934 Ford coupe. Palmer Motor Co. \$5.00 trade-in on your old battery; why take chances on unknown brand batteries when guaranteed Firestone batteries cost so little? Seymore's Texaco Station.

FOR SALE- One washing machine \$40.00; porcelain 100-lb, refrigerator, \$35.00; Hotpoint electric range, \$50.00; Electrolux vacuum cleaner, practically new, with all attachments, \$55.00; also bedroom suite. Mrs. Frank McHaney, 4 blocks west of high school, one block south.

1939 Chevrolet pickup; reconditioned. "We know Chevrolet-You know us." Badger Chevrolet Co.

New New gas range, AGA approved, \$99.50.

New gas heaters, clay back, 20,000 BTU, \$13.95. White bathroom heaters, heavy, 10,

000 BTU, \$5.95. Brown S-radiant heaters, 16.000

BTU, \$9.95. Hot water heater, 20-gal., automatic,

\$25.00. 18x30 sink, \$7.50.

Kitchen cabinet, very nice, \$17.50. 9x12 rugs, beautiful patterns, \$6.95. 5-pc. unfinished suite, table and 4

chairs, \$20.00. 6 ft. unfinished corner cabinet, \$15.00 5-pc. dinette suite, maple finish, \$35,00.

Leatherette, red, yellow, brown, Spanish, maroon, oyster, 54-in., yd. \$3.00.

Drapery and upholstering cloth, in beautiful patterns, 50-in., yd. \$1.50. Judd drapery fixtures, 5 in. ring and

bracket, 25c. White ext. curtain rods, each 30c. Pin-on drapery hooks, package 10c.

Lemon oil furniture polish, 30c. THE SWAP SHOP. "Where Everybody Trades."

WELL CARED FOR 1942 Chevrolet truck. "We know Chevrolet-You know us." Badger Chevrolet Co.

FOR SALE-Lot on Oak street, fronting 60 feet by 140; also modern 4-room house and bath. Frank McHaney, block south of Lem Dudley home.

1946 Ford station wagon, A-1 condition; fully equipped. Palmer Motor Co.

FOR SALE-1937 Ford coupe, \$200. Lee Keyes, Route 1, Trent, Texas

GOOD 1938 Plymouth sedan. "We know Chevrolet-You know us." Badger Chevrolet Co.

1948 Fleetline Chevrolet, fully equipped, like new. Palmer Motor Co.

FOR SALE-Used Simmons Innerspring mattress, also Westinghouse sweeper, slightly used. Mrs. Dee

FOR SALE or trade-'42 Hudson four door, '37 Buick four door, '37 Chevrolet two door. G. D. McConnell. Phone 9049F2.

Tu-Tone paint, sun visor, 1946 Chevrolet club coupe. "We know Chevrolet-You know us." Badger Chevhave weevil killer. Patterson Grain.

General Electric washing machines for sale at big discount. West Co.

FOR SALE - International truck chassis. See Supt. R. A. McCollum of the Merkel Public schools.

BARGAIN - 1938 Ford tudor. "We know Chevrolet-You know us. Badger Chevrolet Co.

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HERE IT IS! - 1937 Chevrolet 4-door sedan. "We know Chevrolet -You know us." Badger Chevrolet

FOR SALE - 1941 Plymouth 4-door in excellent mechanical condition; new paint job. Sam Butman.

FOR SALE - 8 and 9-ft. GE and Philco refrigerators for immediate delivery. Palmer Tire and Appliance Co.

FOR SALE - Good 1941 Ford tudor. "We know Chevrolet-You know us." Badger Chevrolet Co.

4-disc International breaking plow. One John Deere thribble disc, with second set of blades.

Two 1946 model H Farmall tractors, with skip row cultivators and 4-row toolbar.

One 1947 B model John Deere, with equipment. One 1948 Medel H Farmall. One 1946 AC combine

Southland Car Batteries \$12.85 exchange 24 months \_\_\_\_ 18 months \$10.95 exchange 12 months \$ 9.95 exchange **Dudley Radio Service** 

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FOR SALE - Long wheel base International truck chassis. Robert F. Dennis.

1937 Plymouth sedan, cheap. "We know Chevrolet-You know us.' Badger Chevrolet Co.

PLENTY of seed wheat, Black Hull, Wichita and Early Black bull Toombs and Moore Feed Store.

FOR MONUMENTS, see J. T. Coats Phone 131 or write P. O. Box 314. FOR SALE OR TRADE-'36 Dodge

pick-up; also large circulator heat-

er. Fox Repair Shop. FOR SALE- 1939 Ford tudor. "We know Chevrolet-You know us.'

Badger Chevrolet Co. FOR SALE-Two-story brick build-

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FOR SALE - 1,000 gallon - skid tank-with liquid and vapor outlets. Watts Butane.

FOR SALE-Farmall "14" tractor. with Moline thribble disc and equipment; also bundled feed. Otis Spratlen, Route 4, Merkel.

Weevils in your wheat and milo? We SPECIAL Guaranteed Supertone White House paint, \$3.95 per gallon. Palmer Tire and Appliance

#### LOST AND FOUND

LOST - Small black female puppy; reward. James Simpson, 412 Locust street. Phone 57W.

LOST - Big soldering iron, between Blair and Merkel. Please notify S. B. Scott.

LOST-Ladies' 7-jewel Bulova watch, rose gold. Reward. Mrs. P. D. Skidmore, Route 2, Trent.

#### FOR RENT

FOR RENT-In Noodle, furnished house, all conveniences; just right for two. Mrs. John C. Thompson. Phone 9036F11.

#### WANTED

WE BUY steel, cast, brass, copper, lead, scrap metal of all kinds, junk batteries. Patterson Grain.

WANTED - Layaway customers; Christmas is coming; use our layaway plan. Wilson Jewelry.

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NOTICE MASONS Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., Saturday, Dec. 11, lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially

> Carl B. Edington, W. M. W. R. Cypert, Sec'y.

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Hospital Notes.

Mrs. June Hogan entered Sadler hospital last Thursday for surgery. Clyde Foster underwent surgery on Wednesday. Mrs. E. L. Pate was admitted last Thursday for minor surgery. Patients received during the week for treatment were: E. V. Satterwhite, Dec. 2; Mary Jane Horton, Dec. 4; Frances Keith, Dec. 5; Roy

Earl Addison, Dec. 6. Betty Sue Carter received a tonsillectomy Yanday.

THANKS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS. We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the nice contributions received at our bake sale Saturday, Dec. 4. Thanks to each and every one for your donations and purchases of our cakes and pies. The Stith WSCS.



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# -:-Society -:-

GLENN BARBEE, FORT WORTH story for which Mrs. Helen Barlow GIRL ARE WED.

Worth and the bridegroom is the son for Christmas." of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee, Sc., long-time residents of the Noodle community.

of the bride.

white orchid atop a Bible. She carried her grandmother's handkerchief for the traditional something old. The bride graduated from Fort Worth schools and has been employed by Montgomery Ward and Com pany in Fort Worth.

The bridegroom attended school at 1 Noodle and graduated from Merkel High school in 1939. He attended A. and M. college for two years and was in the Marines for three years during the war, serving two years overseas in the South Pacific.

After a honeymoon trip in Colorado the couple is at home on a ranch near Delhi, Colo.

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.

The Fortnightly Study club met Tuesday afternoon in the Community Center, with Mrs. Earl Hughes as hostess and Mrs. Weston West as program chairman.

Mrs. Edwin Read, the president. introduced R. C. Hunter, representing the Taylor County Tuberculosis association, who gave a short talk on "T-B in the United States," and showed a film, "Let My People Live", which was the story of tuberculosis in the negro race.

Miss Eudora Hawkins, talented home economics director of the West Texas Utilities company, brought an interesting and informative discussion on "Safe Driving" and concluded the program with an impressive film on "The Hazards of Reckless Driving."

Jan. 4, when Joe Humphrey, of Abilene, president of the Texas State Teachers association, will be guest speaker. The subject for the program is "Major Needs of American Education." The public is invited to at-

MERKEL GARDEN CLUB.

Mrs. Carroll Benson, assisted by Mrs. John Shannon, entertained the members of Merkel Garden club on Thursday afternoon of last week in the home of Mrs. Benson with a preholiday party. The rooms were most artistically decorated with Yule arrangements, poinsettias and symbolic berries as a setting for a program on "Christmas Flowers," introduced by Mrs. Clesby Patterson.

Mrs. Ben Hicks talked on "Little Known Facts About the Christmas Flower" and closed with a Christmas

played a musical background. M1s. In a pretty ceremony read Nov. Barlow then gave a resume of 27, at 8 p. m. by Rev. Mr. Walkup, "Plants for Christmas" and Mrs. pastor of the Methodist church at his J. W. Bryan gave an instructive talk home in Fort Worth, Mary Alice on "Outdoor Christmas Decorations." Payton became the bride of Glenn Mrs. Buck Leach gave a story on Barbee. She is the daughter of Mr. the origin of the outdoor decoration and Mrs. S. L. Bodiford of Fort entitled "The Community Decorates

A perfect Christmas dinner table, replete with matching China, silver. crystal, linens and floral center was Bridesmaid was Lois Jones of displayed and at the tea hour Mrs. Breckenridge and best man was Ar- Shannon served delicious Christmas nold Douglas of Fort Worth, cousin | cookies and hot spiced tea to Mesdames Urban Shannon, Paul West, Miss Payton was attired in a dark Jim Carter, Stacy Bird, club guests brown silk crepe dress with cocoa and the following members: Mesbrown accessories and carried a dames Lu Petty, Bowman Barlow, Eli Case, Clesby Patterson, Bill Brown, Robert Hicks, Geo. T. Moore, Buck Leach, Ben Hicks, Jack Miller, Dan M. Dean, Herbert Patterson, Raymond Ferguson, J. W. Bryan, Glover Wright, John Shannon, Homer Patterson and Carroll Benson and Miss Christine Collins.

SEWING CLUB.

Mrs. Vernon Mansfield was hostess for the Sewing club when it Byrd, L. V. Moore, Doyle Seifried, served; milk and crackers were David Gamble, Grif Barnett, Lester Dorton, Hoyle Lemens, Pete West, H. O. Boney and Mrs. Norman King of

The next meeting will be a Christter, Friday, Dec. 10, at 7:30.

The club will not meet again until Jan. 12, in the home of Mrs. Geo. T.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Robert Leo Harris celebrated his seventh birthday with a party on Nov. 23. After games were played, many nice gifts were opened and Hersheys and Dr. Peppers were serv-

Little guests present were Danny Cypert, Kay and Irene Dishman, Sherry, Joan and Jerry Halbert, Mike Farley, Don McCollum, Jimmie Douglas, Bitsy West, Bobbie and

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CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY.

Little Miss Becky Bowman Barlow was all of two years old on Thursday Dec. 2, and in celebration of the occasion her mother, Mrs. Bowman Barlow, planned a family party with a few friends included.

After the excitement of opening gifts, the birthday cake was cut and served with ice cream to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullock, Mr. and Mrs. George Woodrum, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Woodrum, Joe Wayne and Penny, Mrs. William Hughes, Bobby and David, Mrs. Fred Starbuck, Mrs. Adah Heeter, Miss Sadie Woodrum, C. J. Glover and Frank and Harry Woodrum.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ENJOYS HAYRIDE.

A hayride which took them to seven different homes representing different countries was enjoyed by members of the Banner Sunday School class of the Methodist church on Thursday night, Dec. 2.

First stop was at the home Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Sandusky, (Mexico), where they were served chili; on from there to China, the Virgil Patterson home, where they partook of popcorn balls and peanuts; at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Tipmet in her home, Wednesday, Nov. ton, (Central America), bananas were 24. Members present were Mesdames the treat; in Hawaii, the Howard Geo. T. Moore, J. E. Boaz, Houston | Laney home, pineapple juice was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Price Floyd, which was Switzerland; from there on their return to America, Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox fur-

(Spain), hot tamales and fritos were served.

driven by Mrs. J. W. Hammond and Mrs. Denzel Cox.

Those who attended the party were: Dink Whisenhunt, Delma Sue Mc-Leod, Jimmy Russell, Jacky McAninch, Jo Ann Moore, Kitty Sue Bryant, Garth McLeod, Shirley Shoe maker, Louie Whitaker, Helen Daniel, Ouida Barbee, Martha Beene, Johnny Wayne Hammond, Jane Lindsey, Sessions Hammond, Barbara Wilson, Tommie Cutler, Sandra Patterson, Bertha Patterson, Jane Tipton, Ruby Lee Harris, Johnnie Tipton, Elmer L. Sandusky, Fayrene Reynolds, Pauline Harriss. Patsy Floyd, Billie June Bryant, Eddie Breaux, Corky Cox, Charles Cogburn, Dale Dudley, George Starbuck, Johnnie Reynolds, Bobby Pangle, Bobby Mayfield, Creta Key Case, Peggy Joy Greenfield and June

#### RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE CLUB. The Christmas party of the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club will be held Friday, Dec. 10, at 2 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Deverl Teaff.

MRS. MILTON CROSS HONORED AT GIFT PARTY.

Mrs. Milton Cross, the former Dixie Ann Byrom, was honored with a gift party in the home of Mrs. B. T. Murfee in Golan. Co-hostess was Mrs. P. D. Skidmore.

Other members of the house party were Mesdames V. P. Byrom, George Byrom and Boyce Vancil.

Guests were Mesdames Bud Toombs nished hot chocolate and cookies, and and Claude Smith of Merkel, !. D. mas banquet in the Community Cen- at the last stop, the home of Mr. Vancil, Charles Jeffrey, Clive Jef-

Dickie Elliott, Jimmie, Jerry and and Mrs. Mrs. J. W. Hammond, frey, Ollie Skidmore, S. L. Hooper Les Payne, T. E. Sipe, John Lawless, T. B. Stevens, A. D. Hill, Orvil The group went in two trailers, Hill, Ben Douglas, Willard Rogers, A. L. Cade, Bruno Ueckert, A. M. Pharm, Derwood Lanston, G.O. Bryom and John B. Fair.

#### Daughter Visits in S. O. Patton Home

Mrs. Daisy Molder of Anton, Texas, who was called to Granbury for the funeral of her brother-in-law, Charlie Hickey, last Tuesday, was accompanied by two sons, Milton Molder and Buster Molder and wife.

They came back through Merkel Friday and Mrs. Molder remained for a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Patton.

Christmas Tree at Nubia.

Every one is invited to the Community Christmas tree at Nubia Methodist church, Sunday night, Dec. 19. Gifts not to exceed 25 cents will be exchanged. Children will draw names separate to grown people.

During 1946, Americans ate an average of 382 eggs per person.

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Hunt's TOMATO

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KARO-White ½ gal. 49c

COFFEE

Pound 49c

20 oz. jar 12c

SALAD WAFERS

CAKE FLOUR

Box .... 39c

CRACKERS, 1 lb. 23c

Tip Top-Chocolate

1 Pound Jar

SOFTASILK White Swan

WELCH'S

GRAPE JELLY ..... 19c

Pure Cane **SUGAR** 

PORK & BEANS, No. 303 10c 5 lb. sack 43c

SAVE FOR CREAMING VEGETABLES - USE PET MILK

PEAS, No. 303 can 12c Birch Bark-White-SWEET CORN, No. 2 can 17c White Swan

Heart's Delight TOMATO Juice, 46 oz. can 25c KIMBELL'S

FLOUR 25 lb. bag \$1.59



PICNIC HAMS, lb. 49c Sliced BACON, lb. 69c Skinless WIENERS, pound ...... 39c SAUSAGE, pound ...... 49c GROUND BEEF, lb. 49c

Don't Be Caught "Short! -PLACE YOUR ORDERS IN NOW- MIRACLE WHIP **SALAD** 

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DRESSING Pint Jar ...... 33c

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Twenty Years of Terror-For a Man Who Could See Into Tomorrow! EDWARD G. ROBINSON -:- GAIL RUSSELL

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