

PERSONALS

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 daughter.

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 Mayfield.

Mrs. Fannie King has returned from a visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. 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 Brownwood.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bass 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.

Monthly Statement of the CITY OF MERKEL

For November
Showing Receipts for the month of November 1948, and expenses for the month of October, 1948, paid in November.

RECEIPTS	
Tax collection	\$1,110.58
Water revenue	852.52
Sewer revenue	333.85
Sewer main tap	15.00
Meter deposits	35.00
Street paving project	2,133.50
Fines	25.10
Oil production	84.24
Maintainer service	5.00
Miscellaneous	19.96

Total Receipts	\$4,564.55
On hand, Nov. 1, 1948	\$4,826.53
Total	\$9,391.08

DISBURSEMENTS	
Administrative	\$229.52
Water department	405.50
Sewer department	171.96
Sanitary department	322.20
Street department	108.64
Fire department	158.37
Police department	284.29
Lights, city hall	9.55
Street lights	142.00
Signal lights	51.06
Relief office expense	75.99
Int. to F. & M. bank on borrowed money	23.25
F. & M. bank on loan	3,000.00
Street paving project	7,586.84
Miscellaneous	12.41

Total	\$12,621.49
Gen. fund overdrawn, on Dec. 1, 1948	\$ 3,230.38

REFUNDING BOND ACCOUNT	
Bal. on hand, 11-1-1948	\$16,357.97
Tax collection in Nov.	1,332.45

On hand, 12-1-1948	\$17,690.42
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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

Total	\$64,769.48
Paid out—Pump houses, materials and fire plug repairs	163.10

On hand, 12-1-1948	\$64,606.38
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WATERWORKS AND SEWER IMP. BOND TAX ACCOUNT	
On hand, 11-1-1948	\$2,917.96
Tax collection in Nov.	885.30

Total tax money on hand, Dec. 1, 1948	\$3,798.26
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W. M. ELLIOTT,
City Secretary.

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

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

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 774 as compared with 682 on the previous Sunday. The attendance on the same Sunday a year ago was 794.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 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. Reporter.

METHODIST CHURCH.
Church School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11. Youth Fellowship 6:30 p. m. Evening worship 7:00. W.S.C. 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 p. m. 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. Mid-week 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 carpenter's 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 sending in your subscription to 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 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 non-profit 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.

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Delight—Vac. Sealed COFFEE Pound 36c	Paramount Vienna Sausage 2 cans 29c
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	English Walnuts, Almonds Mixed Nuts , lb 49c
	Xmas Mixed CANDY , lb. 23c

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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 said suit are: Birdie Hagens as Plaintiff, and James P. Hagens as Defendant.

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.

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

Plaintiff, and Suzanne Parks as 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 on grounds of cruel treatment.

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MOVIE CALENDAR

QUEEN

Friday - Saturday — Double feature program: Roy Rogers, Andy Devine, Bob Nolan and the Sons of the Pioneers in "Night Time in Nevada" and Pat O'Brien, Anne Jeffreys in "Riff-Raff;" color cartoon and Brick Bradford serial.

Sunday - Monday — Edward G. Robinson, Gail Russell, John Lund, Virginia Bruce in "Night has a Thousand Eyes;" color cartoon and musical.

Tuesday one night only — Lions Minstrel.

Wednesday - Thursday — Irene Dunne, Philip Dorn in "I Remember Mama;" color screen song, "Sing or Swim."

Swim."

"NIGHT HAS A THOUSAND EYES"

The strange and terrifying story of a man with the power to foresee tragedy and how this gift—or curse—eventually destroys him is told in Paramount's mystery drama, "Night Has a Thousand Eyes," which co-stars Edward G. Robinson, Gail Russell and John Lund.

Robinson will be seen as the key performer in a mental wizardry vaudeville act in which he is supported by Virginia Bruce and Jerome Cowan. He and Miss Bruce are about to be married when he discovers, intruding into the nocus-pocus of his act, occasional flashes of prescience, which prove to be accurate.

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Continuous research affords new and exciting means of using available materials in improved rations for livestock. At first, tankage alone was used to add protein to hog rations. It did a good job. Then research proved that a combination of proteins



is better than one kind alone. A mixture 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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What America needs is less soiled conversation and more soil conservation.

Quotes of the Month

It's cheaper to warm water with fuel in the tank heater than with corn in a steer.
E. T. Robbins, University of Illinois

For proper nutrition of brood sows, feed good quality alfalfa hay liberally, ground or otherwise. Use at least 15% in mixed rations for sow, or self-feed the hay in a rack.
Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station

A flock of 300 hens will consume 17 tons of water annually. If possible to install, running water in a laying house will save a lot of walking, carrying and plain hard work.
M. A. Seaton, Kansas State College

A phosphorus supplement fed to ewes in amounts to satisfy their requirements would increase their vitality, help maintain their weight during the winter, and increase the percentage lamb crop.
Farm and Home Science, Utah

How good are you kids at knowing the names of the animals used to help you play games?



In baseball, what part of a steer do you wear? Why, the glove has a padding that's made from its hair!



In what game would you say the pig best fits in? Yes, football, that's right—the ball's called a "pigskin"!



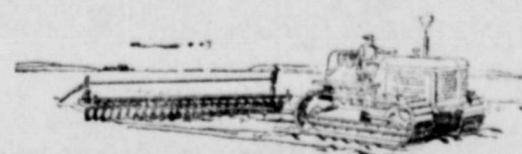
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New Mexico A. & M. Experiment Station

Want to estimate efficiency of calf production in your cow herd? The cow's first calf tells more than her good looks. In a New Mexico study, we took the weaning weights of first calves weaned by three-year-old cows. These weights were compared with the weaning weights of calves raised by these same cows in the next four years. Cows and calves were placed in five groups (according to the weaning weight of first calves). Here's the 5-year record:

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

Full military rites were conducted by Merkel Post 5683, Veterans of Foreign Wars, for Pfc. William Keener, for whom re-burial services were held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday from the chapel of the Barrow-Shepard Funeral home.

Rev. O. B. Tatum officiated for the chapel service, with following personnel of Veterans taking part in the military rites: Active pallbearers, Waymon Adcock, James Earl Stevens, Jr., Lee Roy Martin, Herman Daniel, Tommy O'Rear and Tommy Hamner; R. D. Ely, Merle 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 escort.

Burial took place in the Comper cemetery. Besides his parents, other survivors 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 Merkel.

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 highest.

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Merkel Boasts Total Of 136 Paved Blocks

An accurate count made by Alderman Bob Hicks, who with Alderman Leoil White constituted a two-man special committee on street paving in two recent programs, shows that there are 136 blocks of paved streets within the city limits of Merkel.

This figure embraces Highway 80 for its stretch through the city, the two farm-to-market roads, the original vitrified brick paving and Oak street asphalt, streets that were paved under WPA and the more recent hot-topping in both South and North Merkel.

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 each of you always in our prayer.
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. Johnnie 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, Brandon Wade, Billy Harris, Mac Springer and Willie Robertson.

Wayne McLean presented gifts to Dr. W. T. Sadler, team physician, and Coach Benson, on behalf of the football boys, and as president of the band, Billy Jackson presented a gift to Mrs. Johnnie Allen, band director, Norma Jean Hodge, on behalf of the Pep Squad, presented a gift to the Pep Squad mascot, Lana-John Malone.

Interspersed during the program, the group joined in singing several 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 singing "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.

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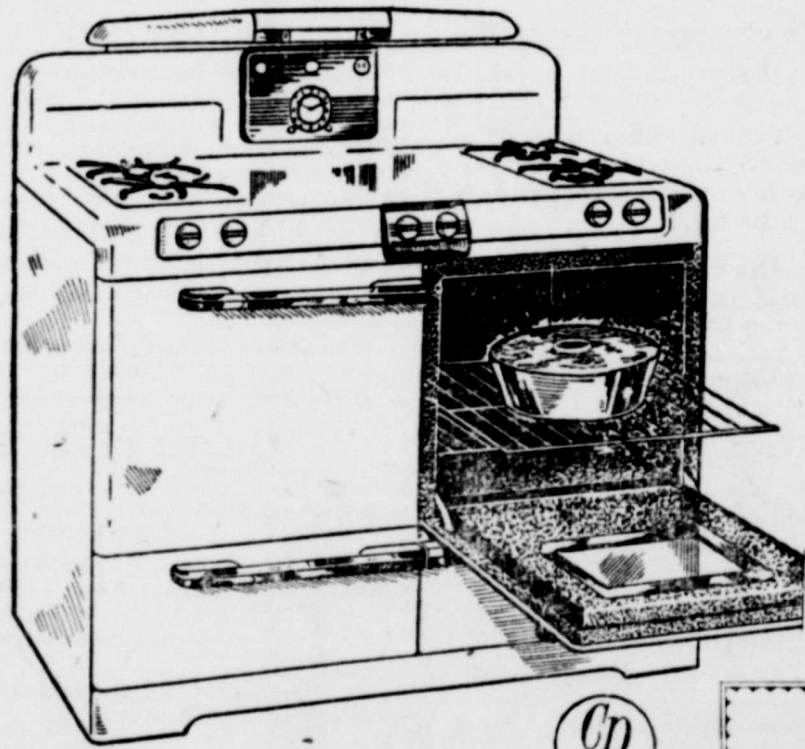
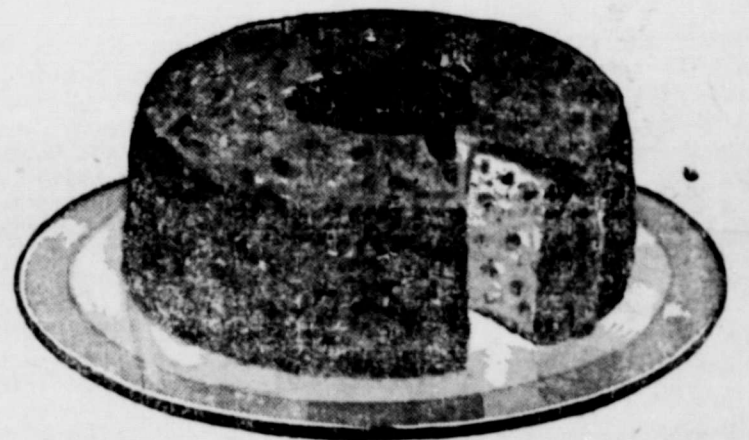
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TENNESSEE FRUIT CAKE

- Sift together 3 cups flour
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon soda
- Slice and combine with dry ingredients, rubbing until each piece is coated with flour 1/2 lb. currants
- 1/2 lb. seeded raisins
- 1/2 lb. seedless raisins
- 1 lb. dates
- 1/2 lb. candied pineapple
- 1/2 lb. candied cherries
- 1/2 lb. blanched almonds
- 1/2 lb. shelled pecans
- 1/4 lb. candied lemon peel
- 1/4 lb. candied orange peel
- 1/4 lb. citron
- Cream 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 molasses
- 1/2 grape juice

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 Tankerley, 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 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 Criswell.

Survivors included her husband; 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 Merlel, 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 rites for her aunt.

Approximately 5,000,000 children in the United States ride school buses every day.

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Around 30 streamers of colored lights were turned on in downtown Merkel Saturday night, following the pre-holiday visit of Santa Claus and further emphasizing the Christmas spirit.

The holiday lighting was made possible by cash subscriptions of the Merkel business men and the labor donated by West Texas Utilities company and REA crews and C. M. McWilliams, fire truck driver.

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.

A demonstration on covering coat racks was given at a recent meeting by Mrs. Odell Eoff, and Mrs. Faye Ueckert discussed the duties of the reporter.

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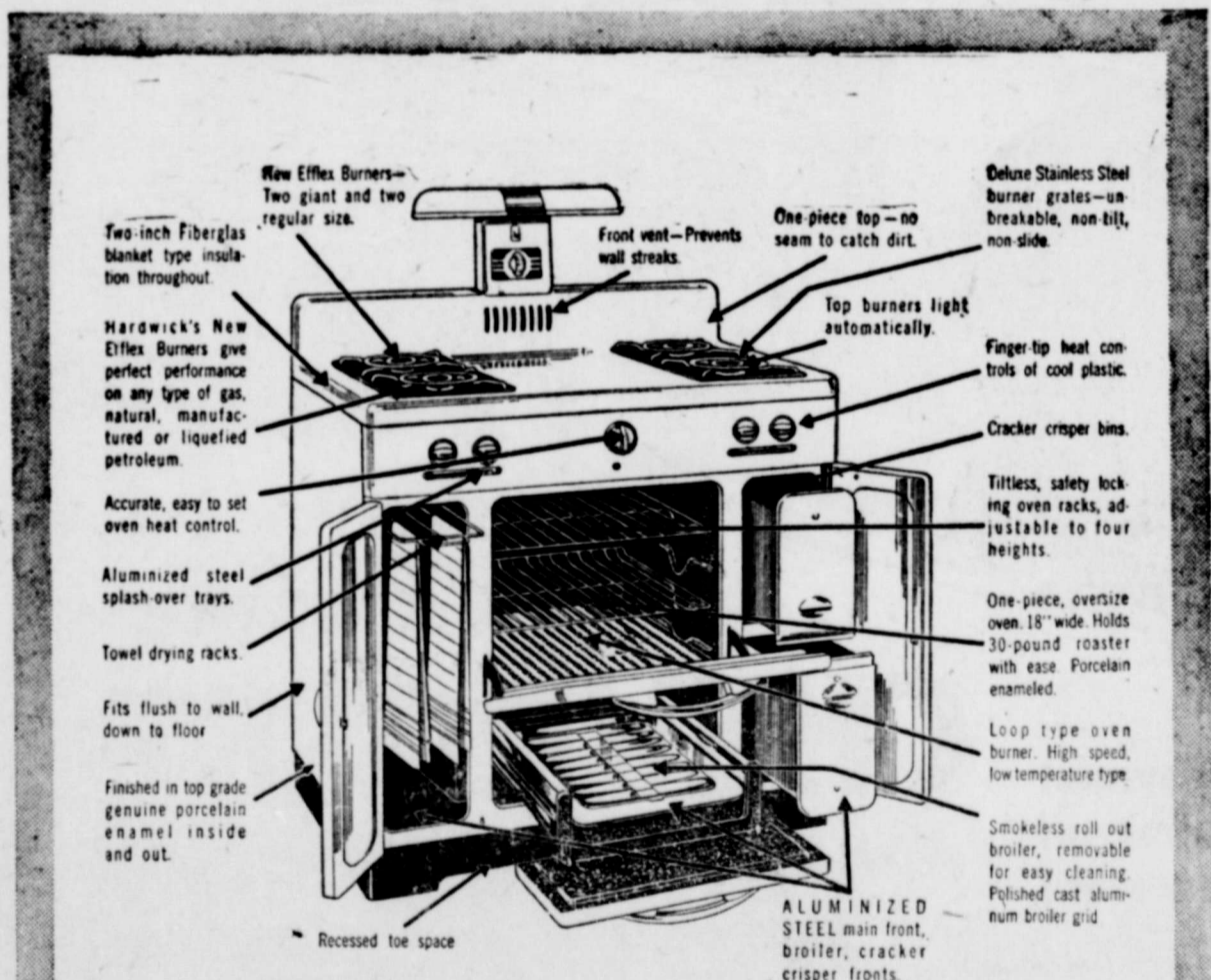
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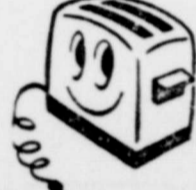
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Carl Baccus, operator of the Dr. A. H. Fortner farm which is co-operating with the district in the North East Noodle Conservation group, has recently constructed about 5 1-2 miles of new terraces. In addition to this, fills and corrections were made 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 terrace 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 temporary cover to prevent washing. This is an intermediate step of providing ground cover and litter toward seeding these structures to permanent

vegetation in the near future. 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 acre.

W. A. Richburg, copoperator in the South Trent group, has planted about 40 acres to hairy vetch and abuzzi 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.

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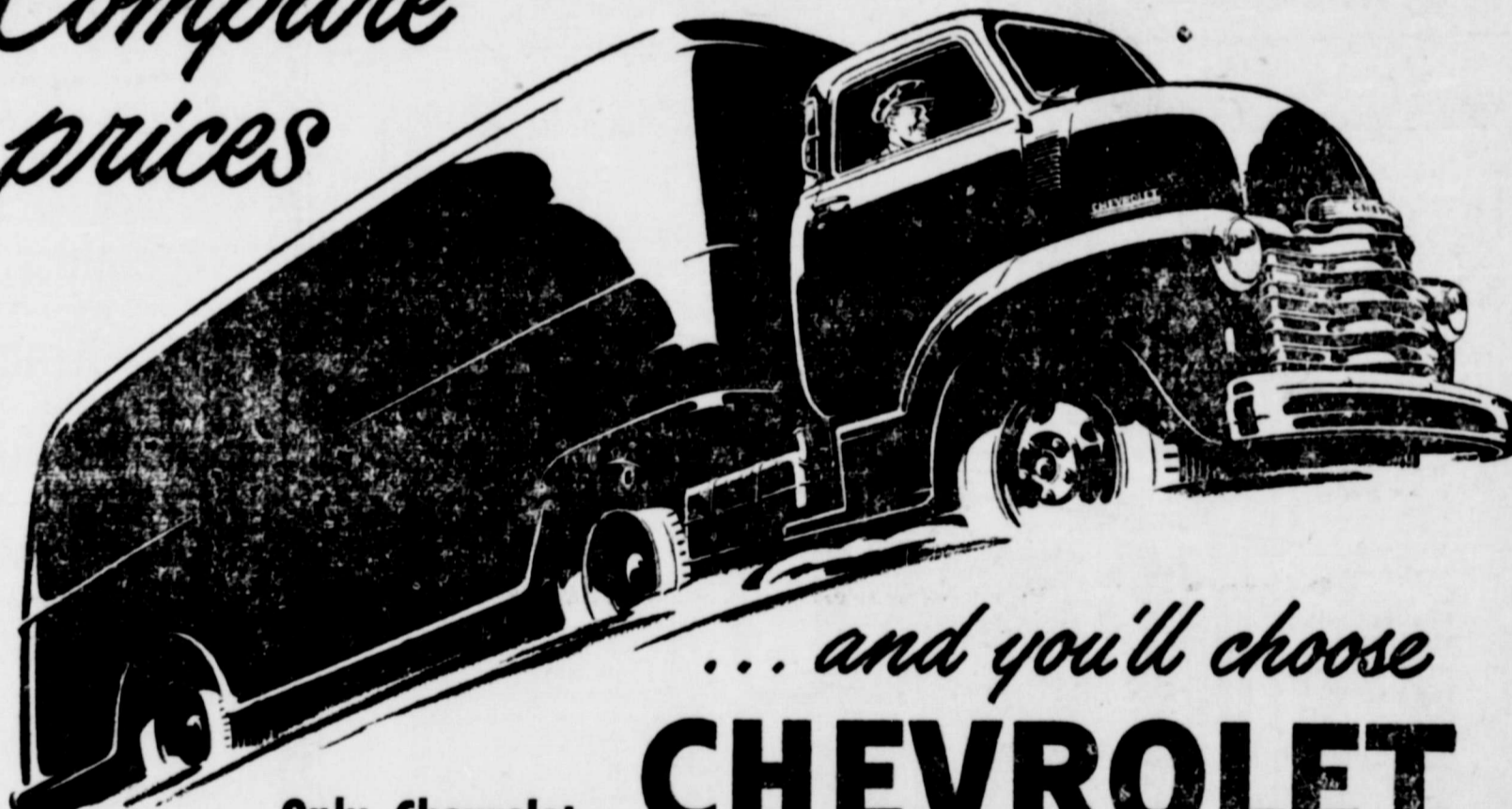
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Earl Addison, Dec. 6. Betty Sue Carter received a tonsillectomy Monday.
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Bridesmaid was Lois Jones of Breckenridge and best man was Arnold Douglas of Fort Worth, cousin of the bride.

Miss Payton was attired in a dark brown silk crepe dress with cocoa brown accessories and carried a 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 Company in Fort Worth.

The bridegroom attended school at 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."

The next meeting will be held on 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 attend.

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 pre-holiday 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

story for which Mrs. Helen Barlow played a musical background. Mrs. Barlow then gave a resume of "Plants for Christmas" and Mrs. J. W. Bryan gave an instructive talk on "Outdoor Christmas Decorations." Mrs. Buck Leach gave a story on the origin of the outdoor decoration entitled "The Community Decorates for Christmas."

A perfect Christmas dinner table, replete with matching China, silver, crystal, linens and floral center was displayed and at the tea hour Mrs. Shannon served delicious Christmas cookies and hot spiced tea to Mesdames Urban Shannon, Paul West, Jim Carter, Stacy Bird, club guests, and the following members: Mesdames 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 met in her home, Wednesday, Nov. 24. Members present were Mesdames Geo. T. Moore, J. E. Boaz, Houston Byrd, L. V. Moore, Doyle Seifried, David Gamble, Grif Barnett, Lester Dorton, Hoyle Lemens, Pete West, H. O. Boney and Mrs. Norman King of Lubbock.

The next meeting will be a Christmas banquet in the Community Center, Friday, Dec. 10, at 7:30.

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

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 served.

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

and Mrs. Mrs. J. W. Hammond, (Spain), hot tamales and fritos were served. The group went in two trailers, driven by Mrs. J. W. Hammond and Mrs. Denzel Cox.

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 of 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. Tipton, (Central America), bananas were the treat; in Hawaii, the Howard Laney home, pineapple juice was served; milk and crackers were 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 furnished hot chocolate and cookies, and at the last stop, the home of Mr.

frey, Ollie Skidmore, S. L. Hooper, Les Payne, T. E. Sipe, John Lavless, T. B. Stevens, A. D. Hill, Orvil Hill, Ben Douglas, Willard Rogers, A. L. Cade, Bruno Ueckert, A. M. Pharm, Derwood Lanston, G. O. Bryson and John B. Fair.

Those who attended the party were: Dink Whisenhunt, Delma Sue McLeod, Jimmy Russell, Jacky McAninch, Jo Ann Moore, Kitty Sue Bryant, Garth McLeod, Shirley Shoemaker, 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, Faylene Reynolds, Pauline Harriss, Patsy Floyd, Billie June Bryant, Eddie Breaux, Corky Cox, Charles Coghburn, Dale Dudley, George Starbuck, Johnnie Reynolds, Bobby Pangle, Bobby Mayfield, Creta Key Case, Peggy Joy Greenfield and June Laney.

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 and Claude Smith of Merkel, L. D. Vancil, Charles Jeffrey, Clive Jef-

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.

We take orders for egg stamps. The Merkel Mail office.

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.

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