

XMAS DOLLAR DAY VALUES

Community Club Banquet In Trent Is Big Success

The Trent Community Club Christmas banquet held Thursday night of last week was a big success. The crowd was far bigger than had been expected, stated J. G. Wilks, president. About 70 reservations were made but 102 were present.

The speaker of the evening was Bryan Bradbury, prominent attorney of Abilene and city attorney of Merkel. Mr. Bradbury spoke about the serious side of his trip to Europe while Mrs. Bradbury, in an impromptu speech, revealed a few humorous incidents of their travel.

Thursday night's meeting was one of the regular ladies' nights

Isadore Mellinger Appointed Scout Representative

Isadore Mellinger has been appointed institutional representative for the local Scout Troop, Explorer Post and Cub Pack by Horace Boney, president of the Merkel Lions Club.

All three of the local scout units are sponsored by the Lions Club.

As institutional representative, Mr. Mellinger will represent the Lions Club on the district committee in Abilene each month. His vote will be the only official voice that Merkel will have in the business affairs of the Chisholm Trial Council during the year. He will also keep the Lions Club informed of the progress and needs of the local scout units and the plans and policies of the council.

Mr. Mellinger was a member of the Merkel Boy Scout Troop when he was a youngster.

New 1953 Ford To Be Shown Today By Paul Honeycutt

The 1953 Ford—marking the 50th anniversary of the Ford Motor Company—will go on display in 6,400 Ford dealerships across the country Friday, Dec. 12. The new models will be introduced without any increase in present prices. It will be shown here at Paul Honeycutt Motors.

A massive new grille with a center spinner characteristic of recent Ford design and a low, road-hugging look, advance the modern Ford styling. And an outstanding improvement in suspension, termed the "miracle ride" heads a list of mechanical improvements.

To designate the 1953 Ford as the 50th Anniversary car, a medalion has been placed on the top of the steering column in combination with a new half-circle horn ring. Around the Ford crest in the center of the emblem are the words: "50th Anniversary—1903-1953."

Dr. C. B. Gardner Attends State Medical Meeting

Dr. C. B. Gardner attended a meeting of the State Board of Medical Examiners in Fort Worth Sunday. Dr. Gardner is one of the 12 members of the board. The committee signed licenses and took up other routine matters.

Mrs. J. T. Warren Is Still in Hospital And Is Improving

Mrs. J. T. Warren is still at the Sadler Hospital and is improving right along. She suffered a stroke Tuesday of last week.

and was held in the Trent School lunch room. Mr. Wilks presided.

A sumptuous feast was served, consisting of roast turkey, fruit salad, string beans, giblet gravy, hot rolls, butter, mince and apple pie, ice cream and coffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dorton of Merkel were out of town guests.

The program for the evening was under the direction of the program committee: Clifford Trotter, Bill Haynes and Mark Williamson. The decorations for the tables, using the Christmas motif, were arranged by Mrs. Lucille Wilks and Mrs. T. H. Duncan.

Mr. Bradbury gave an intensely interesting talk about his 12,000-mile trip to Europe. He gave a vivid picture of his impression of conditions in Europe, individual, economic and political. He revealed the fight that has been waged against Communism in the different countries.

"England is still suffering painfully," he asserted. "As a whole I found the people in all the countries doing much better than I expected."

In closing Mr. Bradbury emphasized the freedom and liberty that we enjoy. "The greatest issue in the world today is liberty and freedom," he declared.

In her impromptu remarks Mrs. Bradbury told of an incident in France. A French small car was in the center of the street. A big bus came along and could not get by. The driver of the bus got out, lifted up the front end of the car and moved it aside. Following that he lifted up the back end and moved it aside. Then he got back to his bus hopped in and drove around the car.

A committee was appointed by President Wilks to prepare Christmas baskets to be distributed to needy families, composed of F. H. Duncanson, John Hamner and H. H. McCleod.

The Trent Community Club meets monthly. Every other month is ladies' night. The club is composed of lots of ranchmen, farmers and town people as well as businessmen. The club has been in existence six years.

Coach Tommy Ellis' Badger Boys Again Defeat Roscoe Cowboys

Arlan Harris sank a free throw in the second overtime period Tuesday night to give the Merkel Badgers a hard earned 44-43 victory over their ancient rivals, the Roscoe Plowboys. The regulation game had ended in a tie, and after a three-minute overtime, the score was still knotted to require the second overtime.

The Badgers were paced by Kelton Williamson with 15 points followed by Harris with 11. Manuel Herera of Roscoe was high point man for the game with 23 points.

Arlan Harris was outstanding in getting the ball off the back-board for the Badgers.

The Badger "B" team also won a thriller, defeating the Plowboy "B" 26-24 with Billy Dye sinking the winning basket. Bobby Owen was high point man in this game with 8 points.

The Ballinger Bearcats come here for two games Monday night after taking a double-header from the local lads in Ballinger last Friday. The Badgers dropped 10 points behind the Bearcats in this game and rallied strongly but lacked two points in overcoming them. The final score was 39-37. Kelton Williamson was high

YOUR XMAS PROGRAM!

The Merkel Mail urgently requests that all news about Christmas programs be sent in as early as possible.

NO SHOOT! NO DEER!

C. B. Rust and Mark Williamson went deer hunting Saturday in Mason County. Score: Deer —0, armadillo—1, deer-saw, excited-yes, shooting-no.

LONGER XMAS HOURS FOR POST OFFICE

The Merkel Post Office will remain open all day Saturday, Dec. 20. The post office windows will remain open until 6 p. m. all next week.

"Do your Christmas mailing early," said Postmaster Wrenn Durham. "If you are mailing a number of cards or letters face them in the same direction, tie them in bundles and hand them in at the window. Separate the out of town mail from those to be delivered by the local post office. "Have your packages wrapped and packed securely and properly addressed when presented at the post office. In this way you can help in getting all mail delivered by Christmas.

"Buy your stamps now for your Christmas cards. Send them first class if you want them to be sure to be delivered, forwarded or returned," advised the postmaster.

Merkel Band Wins Third Place At Contest

The Merkel High School Band won third division rating at the Interscholastic League Marching Contest held in Sweetwater. Mustang Bowl last Saturday.

There were 37 bands entered and about 2,300 band students participated.

The bands were judged on the basis of 20 points for required maneuvers, 30 for playing, 20 for alignment, 10 for cadence, 10 for inspection and 10 for general effect. From 95 to 100 points rated 1A, from 88 to 94.9 rated division 2, 83 to 87.9 rated division 3.

This is the first time the Merkel Band has entered a marching contest since 1941, stated Band Director W. G. Reed.

"The band members did an exceptional job, considering the fact that they have had so little experience," commented Director Reed.

BOY TO CASADYS

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Casady Dec. 4 at the Sadler Hospital.

Noodle Basketball Teams Win Two Games From Trent Last Week

The Noodle basketball teams were victorious Thursday night of last week at Trent.

The Noodle boys took an easy one from the Trent five and doubled them with a score of 46-23. Dieky Pack led the winning team to victory by sinking 15 points Wallace Hill had 12. McWilliams, Scott and Dudley each scored 6 for the losers.

The Noodle girls had to play hard for their victory. They took a starting lead, but Trent's Six kept pulling up on them. Noodle barely edged them out in the last two minutes of play with a score of 32-28.

Dora Eoff tallied 14 points for Noodle. Karie Olney sank 12. High

YOUTH TO SPEAK

David Ray, 17, director of the Abilene Youth for Christ, will be the speaker at the Sunday morning service at the Church of the Nazarene here. The public is welcome.

Merkel Is Aglow With Colored Xmas Lights

The business section of Merkel is all aglow with Christmas lights strung overhead in the streets.

They are varied in colors, including red and orange, green and yellow. The lights are strung all along Edward Street, a few places on Second Street and so the world can see the spirit of Merkel they are also placed overhead on Highway 80.

The men who did the decorating were a committee appointed by Lion President Horace Boney: Lester Dorton, Dee Grimes, David Gamble and Earl Hughes.

The whole downtown section of Merkel reveals the sparkling spirit of Christmas. Some businesses have large Christmas trees on display while inside the stores the wreaths and holly of the season breath a thrilling life of Christmas atmosphere.

Methodist Choir To Give Christmas Program Sunday

At 7 p. m. Sunday night the Methodist Church Choir will give the following program:

"Joy to the World."
"O Come all ye faithful."
Solo, Mrs. Homer Patterson.
"The First Noel."
"O Little Town of Bethlehem."
Violin Solo, Mrs. Edwin Read.
Christmas Reading, Mrs. Sammy Knox.
Christmas Anthem.
Solo, Roy Largent.
"Hark! The Herald Angel Sing."
"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."
"Silent Night."
The public is invited.

Xmas Pageant Will Be Presented Next Thursday

The Noodle High School Choral Club will present its annual Christmas pageant at 7:30 p. m. next Thursday in the auditorium. The pageant is directed by Mrs. Sam McLeod. The public is invited.

RICAMORES HAVE BABY

Capt. and Mrs. Wallace P. Ricamore are the parents of a baby daughter born at the Hendrick Memorial Hospital Monday morning, Dec. 8. The grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner.

Waymon Adcock Is Adult Advisor To Explorer Post

Waymon Adcock, former cubmaster is the new Adult Advisor for the local Boy Scout Explorer Post.

Adcock was recently selected by the post committee to replace Frank Breaux, who resigned the advisorship to assist K. C. Whiteley with the Boy Scout Troop.

Last year Mr. Adcock was cubmaster of the local pack and recently was the finance chairman of the local Boy Scout Fund Drive.

The Explorer Post is composed of young men 14 years of age and over. Any young man who is at least 14 years of age is invited to join this organization.

Sessions Hammond is the senior crew leader.

The Post is planning an overnight camping trip for the Christmas holidays.

IT'S A DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Cox of Midland announce the arrival of a baby daughter, named Karla Sue, Nov. 30. Elwood is the son of Mrs. A. H. Murphy, route 3.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The schools here will start the holidays on Dec. 24 and open Jan. 5, announced Prof. Mack Fisher, superintendent.

Will Be Offered Next Tuesday In Merkel

The seventh Dollar Day in Merkel will be held next Tuesday, Dec. 16, in time for big savings in Christmas shopping.

Merchants are now displaying all their Christmas items, items that will suggest valuable gifts,

Sandra Sadler Has Outstanding National Honor

Miss Sandra Sadler, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, has been named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

The Who's Who list is assembled annually in Tuscaloosa, Ala., by H. P. Randall, and includes the names of outstanding student leaders in colleges and universities all over the nation.

Sandra was chosen for scholarship and activities by a committee of 10 students at Texas Tech, Lubbock, two representing each division. Approximately 80 students were considered this year.

Sandra's grade average 2.17. Minimum grade-point average was 1.65, which was set by the committee. She is a senior, home economics. Offices held: vice president, Las Chaparritas, 1951-52; WICC, 1951-52; president, WICC, 1952-53; executive committee, Board of Student Organizations, 1952-53; AWS representative, 1951. Memberships held: Ten Chamber of Commerce; Board of Student Organizations; Forum; Las Chaparritas; WICC; AWS.

Sandra was among the seven candidates for Sun Princess to represent Tech at the Sun Bowl game in El Paso January 1.

A four-column picture of Sandra, seated at the piano, was printed in a Sunday issue of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, under the heading, "Introducing the Presidents of Texas Tech's Five Women Social Clubs."

Her hobbies are swimming and playing the piano, favoring classical music.

DECORATE POST OFFICE

The third grade Brownie Scout Troop made the decorations and decorated the Christmas tree in the lobby of the post office. The leaders of the troop are Mrs. C. M. Brown and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin.

pleasing gifts for everyone, dad, mother, sister, brother, the grown-ups and the little baby.

Bargains will be found everywhere. Supplies, large supplies, will be found everywhere. The usual grocery bargains will

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1932 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

PROMINENT FARMER DIES

M. C. Graham, age 59, prominent farmer and one of the leading Masons of this section, died at 12:30 Tuesday at his home, four miles west of Merkel. He had been seriously ill for about two weeks, his condition becoming critical last Thursday.

HOLIDAYS TO BEGIN

The Merkel public schools will dismiss Wednesday afternoon, December 21, for the Christmas holidays and will resume Monday morning, Jan. 2, 1933. The holiday period covers 10 days, just as has been the custom heretofore.

TO ENFORCE ORDINANCE

The ordinance prohibiting tent shows, carnivals, rodeos, etc., in the city limits of Merkel will be strictly enforced in future. The ordinance, as it appears on the statute books, prohibits tent shows, carnivals, rodeos, etc., within 600 feet of any school building, church building or private residence within the city limits of the City of Merkel. It was passed Feb. 5, 1923, at which time H. C. West was mayor and the late G. W. Johnson, secretary.

BRINGS SLEET AND SNOW

A week of severe cold weather culminated in sleet and snow Thursday, with indications of a continuance of the cold spell. In Merkel some thermometers read as low as 10 Monday morning. The early hours of Tuesday and Wednesday also registered low figures here, Tuesday's lowest being about 14 and Wednesday's ranging around 20.

READS PLAY

The Shakespeare Club had its

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1912 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Harvey M. Warren, ice, coal and laundryman, is the proud owner of a Ford auto, one of the latest models, a 1913 make. The purchase was made last week through an Abilene firm.

During this week a deal was consummated in which G. E. Comegy's purchased the building now occupied by J. L. Banner and Son from F. J. Ferrier, the deal being a cash consideration. J. L. Banner and Son will move out at the end of the year and Mr. Comegy's will move his stock of goods into the building, while the building vacated by Mr. Comegy's will be occupied by Frank and George Ferrier, proprietors of the Elite.

Jay Hendrix, a Merkel boy, was seriously injured when struck by an automobile last Saturday afternoon. The accident happened east

of here on the Abilene-Merkel road. On being brought here he was attended by Dr. Adkisson and an examination showed four ribs to be broken.

Don't miss "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" at the Opera House Dec. 19 dramatized by North Ward pupils.

Brown's drill by South Ward pupils Friday afternoon, Dec. 20, at 2:30 o'clock at the Opera House.

Burnt wood boxes from 15 cents to 35 cents, suitable for ties, collars, postcards and don't forget the real live monkey to be given away. McClain's Drug Store.

Births reported for this week: to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sears, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cox, a boy.

ARE MARRIED

At 5:30 Tuesday afternoon Mr. W. L. Williams of Olton and Miss Lona Mae Pruitt were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt, the ceremony being performed by the bride's father.

TO SHOW FOOTBALL FILM

The Queen Theatre's attraction for this Thursday and Friday is a football picture of unusual variety, "70,000 Witnesses," a Paramount release starring Phillips Holmes and Dorothy Jordan with John Mack Brown and Charles Ruggles. The story deals with the solving of a murder mystery, the victim having dropped dead on the football field before "70,444 Witnesses."

TRENT MAN DIES

No other man in our community will be missed more than our beloved friend, Brother C. T. Beckham, who passed away quietly in his home last Wednesday afternoon after a brief illness. Not only the community of Trent and the surrounding area will miss him but our county as well for he was a most useful man and was known far and near, always lending a helping hand to those with whom he came in contact.

HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Celebrating the sixth birthday of her son, Billy Dick, Mrs. John Payne entertain Wednesday afternoon with a party.

Many varieties of butterfly have a fragrance.

W. L. Farmer of El Paso came in over the weekend to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Farmer also visited in the Farmer home.

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EDITORIAL

GLORIOUS SPIRIT

"A glorious spirit of Thanksgiving poured forth—" That's the way the first sentence in our Thanksgiving story began last week. And it is the way a great number of stories should begin.

As Rev. Hugh Hunt so well pointed out in his sermon of Thanksgiving Day at the community-wide service held at the Presbyterian Church, "We should give thanks for ordinary things, for our home, our church, our nation, and so forth. The Pilgrims did this. They gave thanks for their crops and their harvest and freedom."

We like that expression, "We should give thanks for ordinary things." When you stop to think about it life is made up of ordinary things, like eating, sleeping and drinking and friendship and love. Life is made up of the air we breathe. It is made up of seeing and hearing and smelling and feeling. All ordinary things—but oh, how wonderful!

We should be thankful for all of them.

We should be thankful too for the cheerful spirit that many of our friends and acquaintances radiate at all times. Their greeting is always embellished with a smile, a smile that makes us cheerful and happy. When weighed down by some matter of the moment we are lifted up in spirit when these good souls greet us. We should be thankful for this.

Then there are the things that people in general do for us. We are all dependent on one another and we should be thankful for what others do for us. It should be a customary thing to say a simple "Thank you." When we say "Thank you" to our fellowman we are getting nearer to that spirit that will thank God FOR all things and IN all things.

And as our good friend Rev. Hunt tersely pointed out in concluding his Thanksgiving sermon, "In all this is the way of life, the way of thankfulness, the way of sanity and the way of good health, in body and in spirit."

DEFENSE HEAD

Fred Starbuck has resigned as Municipal Coordinator of Civil Defense. He sent his resignation to Mayor Henry West on Nov. 24. Fred has done splendid service in organizing the defense and in getting publicity about it to the public. He has done outstanding work in trying to awaken the people to the need for civil defense.

This has been uphill work. Who would think that anyone would harm us over here? Who would think that there is a country that would be foolish enough to try and drop bombs on our heads? Why civil defense when we are so well

protected by large bodies of water?

But there is a threat, a powerful threat, a threat that could become a reality any moment. That threat is a Russian attack by air, carrying the same deadly weapons that we can carry to them. And when that attack comes the civil defense would have to be ready to roll into action. When it comes it will be too late to prepare, to get ready. It must be done NOW!

That is the message that Fred has labored hard and long to get over to a sleeping public. He has made strenuous effort along this line and has done splendid work. He has worked at this for two years. He feels that it is time for someone else to carry the load and keep on arousing us all to the need, the urgent need, the life-saving need for civil defense. The public owes Fred a big vote of thanks for the splendid work he has done as Municipal Coordinator of Defense.

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL—and the Sage of Figfield adds that great efforts do not always get great publicity.

UNION RIDGE H. D. CLUB TO HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club will meet Friday, December 12, at 2 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Buford Bunton for its Christmas party. At the close of the meeting refreshments will be served and gifts from the Christmas tree will be exchanged.

LOSES WHEEL

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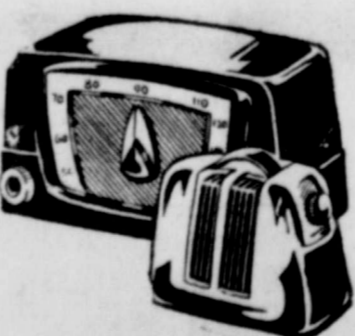
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BRAGG'S

Six Band Members Represent Merkel At Band Clinic

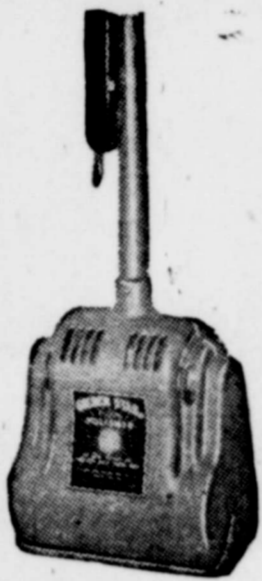
Band Director W. G. Reed is taking six students to represent the Merkel Band at the Regional Band Clinic to be held at McMurry College Saturday. The students are Carolyn and Marolyn Teaff, coronets, George Starbuck, baritone, Delbert Allred, bass, Iris Verner, clarinet, and Bertha Patterson, flute.

The winners at the clinic will participate in an all-state band clinic to be held in Galveston in February.

Floors Have Been Re-Painted

The floors of the Paul Honeycutt Motors have been re-painted.

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DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL
Mrs. Bernard Huff was discharged from the Sadler Hospital Wednesday and left for her home in Ste. Marie, Ill. Mrs. Huff suffered a brain hemorrhage Nov. 19 near Tye. She was brought here and is now feeling very fine.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE A FIRM WITHOUT CHANGE OF NAME TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is given that Larry A. Banowsky, Raymond W. Banowsky and Margaret Banowsky, partners, composing the firm of Banowsky Hardware Company, intend to incorporate said firm without a change of name after the expiration of thirty days from December 3rd, 1952.

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Raymond W. Banowsky
Margaret Banowsky
Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26.

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A hearing upon such application will be held at the City Hall in the City of Merkel, Texas, on the 16 Day of December, A. D. 1952, at 7:30 p. m. at which time and place all persons interested may appear and contest said application.

Adv. Dec. 5, 12.

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BILL SANDUSKY, OPAL DOAN MARRIED THANKSGIVING
 Bill Sandusky and Opal Doan were married Thanksgiving Day at the Baptist Parsonage in Bronck with Rev. Fuller officiating. They will make their home in Merkel.

BETTY ANN MERRITT MARRIES LOY DELTON WARE
 Betty Ann Merritt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Merritt, became the bride of Loy Delton Ware, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ware of Sweetwater, Friday, Dec. 5.

Holloway wore a gray suit and corsage was pink carnations.
 Mrs. Ware is a graduate of Merkel High School and is employed by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. in Abilene. Mr. Ware attended the Sweetwater Schools and served one year with the Marines. He is employed by the Sojourner Drilling Co.
 After a short wedding trip they will make their home in Abilene.

CHRISTMAS PARTY ENJOYED BY MERKEL H. D. CLUB
 The Merkel H. D. Club met in the home of Miss Lottie Butman

for the club's Christmas party with Mrs. Liles presiding. Roll call was answered by each member with "When I first learnt about

Santa."
 A program was put on by the Merkel High School speech class. Each one received gifts from their secret pal. A delicious refreshment plate with coffee was served to

two visitors, Mrs. Stella Cutler, Mrs. Effie Martin and eight members, Mesdames J. ituges, L. P. Liles, J. B. Campbell, Pearl Harris, W. Bryan, Rhet Eidson, M. T. Head and Miss Lottie Butman.

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L.L.L. Sunday School Class Holds Xmas Social Dec. 4

The L.L.L. Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Houston Robertson for their Christmas Social Dec. 4.

A delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served after which a short business meeting was held. Mrs. Teaff, teacher, brought a devotional on faith to the following: Mesdames H. W. Hester, A. Robertson, J. Winters, E. King, A. D. Fulton, T. J. Bird, C. Saterwhite, J. D. James, Irene Pomeroy W. J. Largent, F. Berry, B. Warren, D. Anderson, Bill Fugatt, S. C. Keith, H. Robertson, John Mansfield and J. F. Walker.

MRS. T. G. BRAGG ENTERTAINS KING'S DAUGHTERS CLASS

Mrs. T. G. Bragg entertained the King's Daughters Sunday School Class with a very delightful Christmas party Tuesday afternoon. A special program given by the following high school students was greatly enjoyed: Glenn Clark, Carol Salter, Betty Foster, Glenda Perry, Dena Marie Gibson, Bertha Patterson, Patsy Anderson, Iris Verner and Betty Ray Chaney. Gifts were distributed and a delicious refreshment plate was served to all those present. Mesdames Amy Sears, Abilene, Dora Graham, Dallas, and E. M. McDonald were guests and 19 members attended.

TRENT MFT CLUB SPONSORS FUN NIGHT IN GYMNASIUM

The Trent MFT Club sponsored fun night in the high school gymnasium. Musical and relay contests were directed by the recreation committee. Mesdames Lee Rudd, W. B. Williams, and C. C. Estep. Winning team was L. P. Halbrooke and his helpers.

J. C. Crain is president of the club, which has as its aim the promotion of community and school interest and cooperation.

Those attending fun night were Mr. and Mrs. Zed Bright, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Kegans, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Halbrooke, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Duckerson, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Young, Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee Tittle, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Estep, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Williams, Mesdames Othell Barnhill, Odell Freeman, E. L. Love, C. M. Ambrose, Lois McRee, Theda Hutchison, Wayne Boyd, Lena McWilliams, F. H. Duncan, Dene Seago, and John Crain, G. L. Quattlebaum, Bill Forrester, and Joel Crain.

XMAS THEME DOMINATES MEETING OF GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club met in the home of Miss Christine Collins Thursday, Dec. 4. Twenty members answered roll call with Christmas ideas.

Mrs. Carol Banson displayed brown paper sacks which she had decorated with stencil designs in keeping with the holiday theme. She plans to use those sacks to wrap her Christmas packages.

Mrs. Clesby Patterson told how to make wreaths for doors and windows from a foundation made from coat hangers. Mrs. John Hughes told how to make candle holders from tubes from paper towels and covered with colored pop corn, also Christmas trees and Santa Clauses. Mrs. John Shannon told how to use ivy in decorating Christmas packages.

Plans were made for the Christmas pilgrimage and silver offering at 7 p. m. Dec. 18.

Mrs. Lucile Litton discussed and displayed numerous Christmas decorations. Mrs. Carol Benson gave the December pointers: how to prepare the soil and what shrubs, bulbs and seeds to plant.

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PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Dick S. West and children, Larry and Beeky, arrived from Washington, D. C., Sunday night and will remain until after Christmas with his parents, Mayor and Mrs. Henry West. Dick is with the United Press Association.

Mrs. Sallie McKeever left Monday for Corona, Calif., to visit her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Willard, and family.

Barney Borwig has returned from Los Angeles, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze visited their son, Billy and family in Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott were in Abilene Sunday, visiting in the T. M. Smith home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Owen and family spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Austin with relatives. Mr. Owen saw the Texas - A. & M. game.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton returned last week from a Thanksgiving visit to Denton with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Quillen, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Turner and children and Mr. and Mrs. Ike Dale Turner. The week before that they visited in Del Rio, Eagle Pass and in Old Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald went to church in Idalou Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Campbell attended the Pioneer Park Church in Lubbock Sunday morning.

Mrs. Frank Hall of Trent is visiting her son Ernest and wife in Albuquerque, New Mexico. They all will be here for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Sheppard and daughter of Dallas were Thanksgiving visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stockton of Corpus Christi arrived here today to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cox, and other relatives.

Mrs. Doyle Seifred, son Richard and daughter, Sharon of Atlanta, Ga., are spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Gamble.

Mrs. H. B. Leeton of Odessa spent Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of last week with her mother, Mrs. J. H. McDonald.

Mrs. Ollie Fox went to Lubbock Wednesday of last week and visited her daughter, Mrs. Mitchell Walker, and family. She returned here with them Saturday. They went home Sunday. The children from Abilene also were here over the weekend.

Earl Lassiter was in Fort Worth Sunday.

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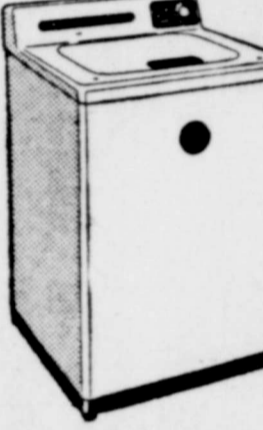
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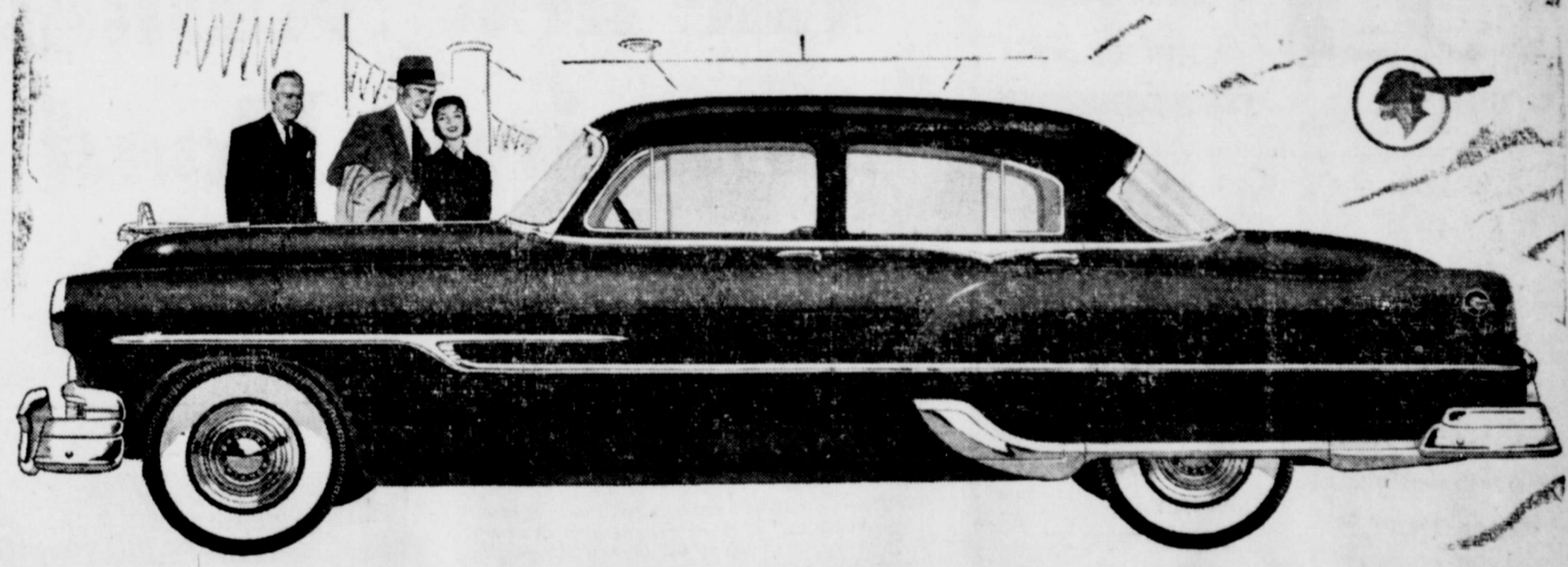


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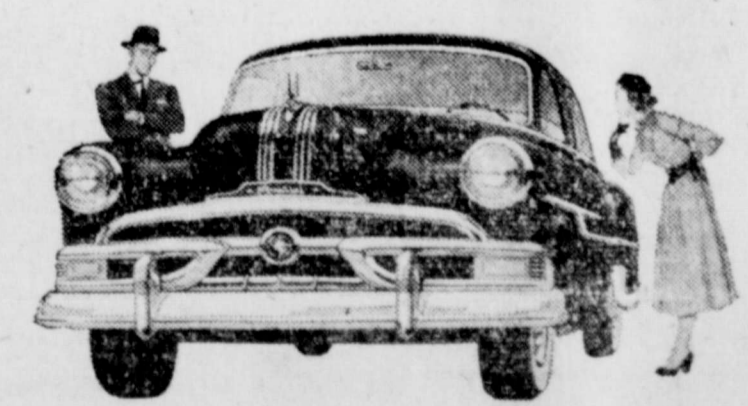
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Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hodge and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Walter of Abilene were in Ruidoso, New Mexico last week. They did some skiing.

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MRS. ARMSTRONG IS HOME

Mrs. M. Armstrong has returned from Fort Worth where she was in a hospital on account of her broken hip. She is feeling fine and walks with crutches, assisted by another person.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. John N. Russell was brought home from the hospital

Monday morning and is improving nicely. She is the wife of Rev. Russell, Presbyterian minister.

IS ILL MONDAY
W. T. Mosley was home Monday on account of illness.

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PERSONAL

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler met Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hodge at Snyder Saturday and all attended the bid-district game between Stamford and Seminole.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Conley with Helen and Peggy Scott spent Sunday in Winters with their son, E. A. Conley, and family.

Mrs. Ross Ferrier was in Fort Worth Sunday, visiting her son, Ross, Jr., and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman O'Brien were in College Station Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clovis J. Harrison of Monahans visited with her sister, Mrs. L. J. Renfro, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hines of Brownwood visited Sunday afternoon in Cross Plains with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hill.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe S. Allen of Kermit are visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Boney. Rev. Allen is the former local Baptist Minister.

Harold Reese and family, Foy Westenhover and family of Abilene had Sunday dinner with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Westenhover.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Farmer have been visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer, and other relatives for the past two weeks. He had a telegram Wednesday to report back to Camp Picket, Va.

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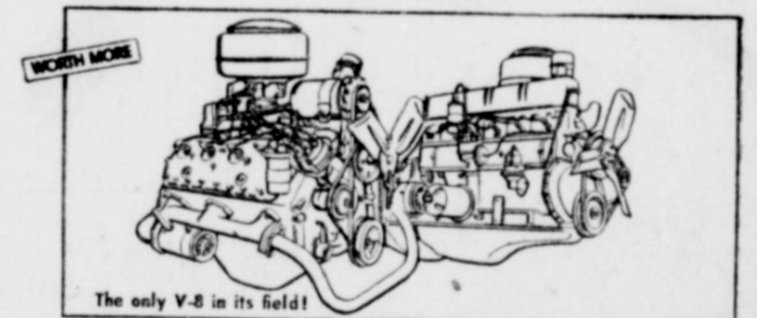
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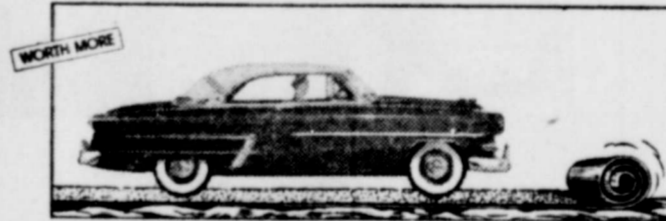
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Archie B. Black
Dies At Home

Archie B. Black, 51, a resident of Jones and Taylor Counties for 20 years died at 8:45 p. m. Tuesday at his home in the Hebron Community after a long illness. He was active until his death and was a retired farmer.

Funeral services, arranged by Starbuck Funeral Home were held at 4 p. m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church here. Rev. James Andrew of the Hebron Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. Hammar of Stith, conducted the final rites. Burial was in the Stith Cemetery.

Mr. Black was born Feb. 5, 1901, in Spadera, Ark. He was married to the former Nora Inez Murry of Spiro, Okla., Feb. 28, 1920. He was saved into the Baptist Church of Stith in 1951.

Besides his wife he is survived by five sons, Edd, James, Bertie, Bill of Abilene, Don of Merkel; four daughters, Mrs. Bonnie Berry of Merkel, Mrs. Joan Minze of Ft. Stockton, Gloria of Abilene, Mary of Merkel; three brothers, Forest of Merkel, Arthur of Oklahoma, Roy of Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Rosie Lee of Barstow, Mrs. Janie White of Bakersfield, Calif., Beulah Reinard of Oklahoma and 15 grandchildren.

Mrs. Lou Ervin
Claimed by Death

Mrs. Lou Ervin, 87, died at 3 p. m. Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Tom Campbell, at Hamlin. She had been in ill health several years.

Funeral was held Monday at 3 p. m. at the Merkel Baptist Church, with the burial at White Church Cemetery, south of Merkel, under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Rev. A. S. Watson officiated. He is of the Pumphrey Baptist Church. Assisting was Rev. James W. Andrews of the Hebron Baptist Church.

Mrs. Ervin was born in Oklahoma, and moved to Abilene at about the age of 10. She had lived in Taylor, Nolan and Jones Counties, continuously since then.

Survivors are one sister, Mrs. H. H. Knebel of Grand Prairie; four sons, Jim Burfield of Aspermont, Fred Burfield of Gorman, Pete Burfield of Merkel and Albert Burfield of Fort Worth; four daughters, Mrs. J. B. Blocker of Christoval, Mrs. Campbell of Hamlin, Mrs. Lillie Birchell and Mrs. Alma Birchell, both of Carlsbad, N. M.; 20 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Edd's Cafe
Will Be Open

Edd's Cafe will open again Saturday. Mrs. J. C. Walton invites old customers and new customers to come in. The cafe has been closed during the summer.

PVT. ERNEST H. HENDRICKS
HONORED WITH PARTY

A party was given for Pvt. Ernest H. Hendricks Friday night at the Community Center and was enjoyed by a host of friends. Pvt. Hendricks left Sunday night for Camp Kilmer, N. J., to await overseas orders.

The hosts were Mr. & Mrs. Price Floyd & Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Hendricks

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
TO THOSE INDEBTED TO, OR HOLDING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ORDWAY M. KIRKEBY, DECEASED:
The undersigned having qualified as executrix with will annexed of the Estate of Ordway M. Kirkeby, Deceased, late of Taylor County, Texas, on the 20th day of November, A.D. 1952, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to her within the time prescribed by law, by mailing same to her in care of Bryan Bradbury, Attorney, Box 244, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

(Signed) Katherine H. Kirkeby
KATHERINE H. KIRKEBY, Executrix of the Estate of Ordway M. Kirkeby, Deceased.
Adv. Dec. 12, 19, 26, Jan. 2

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JOHNNY WRITES SANTA

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a football and a train. I want a gun and a basketball, a bat and a car that you pedal with your feet, a bicycle. Sometimes I have been good and sometimes I have been bad. I am eight years old. That is what I want for Christmas.

Yours truly,
Johnny Swinney

Parents Invited
To Visit School

Next Thursday and Friday afternoons, Dec. 8-19, parents of elementary school children are invited to visit school to see some of the work done by their children since Oct. 24 and to confer with the teachers concerning the progress of the children.

Letters and report cards were sent to all parents during this week.

On both dates classes in the elementary school will be dismissed for the day at the regular noon dismissal time. Bus pupils may stay on the playground under the supervision of a substitute teacher until the buses run at 3:30. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria as usual.

Mothers and fathers are urged to visit school any time between 12:30 and 3:30 p. m.

"We hope that all the parents will avail themselves of this, another good opportunity of talking things over with their child's teacher. We believe that the children benefit greatly from the visit of the parents," said Principal C. A. Farley.

900 Persons See
New 1953 Pontiac

The showing of the new 1953 Pontiac here last Saturday was very successful, announced Nolan Palmer, local dealer. Between 800 and 900 persons viewed the new model. Since only one model was shown here we took several orders for the new car," said Mr. Palmer. "Lester Dorton of the Taylor Electric Coop. was the first purchaser of a 1953 Pontiac."

Mrs. C. B. Knight was awarded the GE-toaster that was offered by the Palmer Motor Co.

P.T.A. TO MEET

The P.T.A. will meet at 3:15 p. m. Dec. 17 at the cafeteria. Mrs. Clyde Bartlett will bring the Christmas program, "Lead Kindly Light." There will be a school feature by the second grade. Mrs. Ellen McReynolds will report on the state convention. The P.T.A. executive committee meeting will be held at 3:30 p. m. Dec. 15 at the elementary building.

ESTHER CLASS ENJOYS
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The Esther Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Clyde Bartlett for a Christmas social Saturday night. Games were 42. Refreshments of prune cake, cream and coffee were served to about 25 members.

The class had a big Thanksgiving social in the basement of the church.

Bushels of Laughs

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We wish to thank the friendly people of Merkel and Tye for their kindness and many favors to us during Mrs. Huff's illness at the Sadler Hospital. The people here and the surrounding territory are fortunate indeed to have such a fine hospital, another of the finest of the fine things in Texas. We will always kindly remember all you good folks.
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Huff

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — Roscoe Owens, Burley Bond, Mrs. Johnny Jacobs, Mrs. Fred Starbuck, Gene Rister, E. O. Carson, Mark Hubert, Carolyn Campbell, Linda Purser, Steenie Beth O'Kelley, Sue Holloway, Ruth Cade and Mrs. Oscar Brewer.

Has Major Surgery

Mrs. O. B. Moore underwent major surgery at the Sadler Hospital Monday. She is getting along fine.

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NOTICE MASONS
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W. R. Cypert, W. M.
C. B. Rust, Sec'y.

LOST AND FOUND
LOST — Flint Rock with branch Impression. REWARD. Merkel Mail. It32c

WANTED
LET ME dress your Christmas Chickens for you. Hens 25c, Fryers 15c. Mrs. A. B. Gregory, Last House east of Griffin's Mattress factory.

FOR RENT
FOR RENT — Bed room, private entrance, bath, south exposure. H. F. Greene, 1203 No. 3rd. It39p

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FOR RENT — 3-room furnished apartment with private bath. See Mrs. Bert Melton, 1412 So. 5th. It38c

FOR RENT — 4 room house 1 1/2 miles east of town. 2 room furnished apartment, modern, private bath. Couple. T. T. Earhman, 211 Ash St. It31p

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I HAVE a nice selection of plants for yard or cemetery planting, also roses. Mrs. B. T. Sublett, 705 Oak St. It39c

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We have several other nice homes priced right we will be glad to show you. We will be glad to help you spend your Christmas in your own home
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FOR SALE — Trade or rent — Home 30. It36c

FOR SALE — 320 acres — West 1/4 Section 46 Blk. 18, T&P E.; Lands in Jones County, Texas. Located about 1 1/2 miles East Noodle, 235 acres in cultivation, 85 acre pasture, well improved, this good farm will be sold for cash to settle the estate of John M. and Anna E. Cook. Not leased for oil and gas at this time. No royalty has been heretofore sold. One-half the royalty, non participating, will be reserved by the heirs, purchaser to have exclusive authority to execute oil and gas leases.

Sealed bids will be received by and should be handed or mailed to Booth Warren, President, Farmers & Merchants National Bank, Merkel, Texas, until 12:00 o'clock noon on Saturday, December 20, 1952. The place will be sold to the highest bidder but the right is reserved, by the heirs, to reject all bids should no satisfactory offer be received. Jim B. Cook, Agent for the Heirs. 3t38p

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SEE — Me about your water well drilling needs. B. T. (Tye) Sublett Phone 166, Residence 106 705 Oak St., Merkel. It12a

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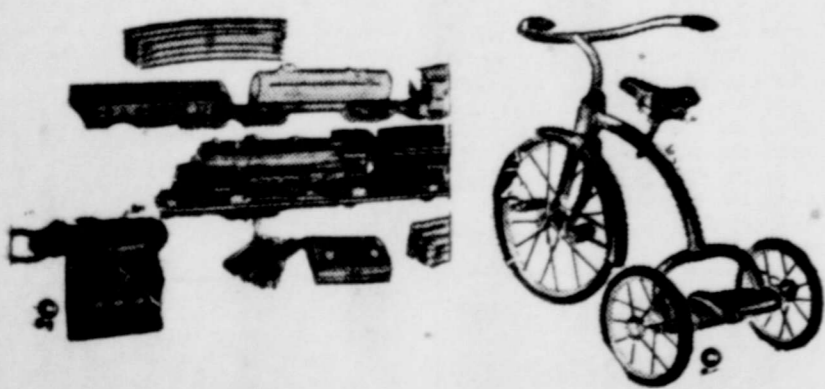
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PERSONAL

Captain and Mrs. James C. Harvey of Enid, Okla., spent the Thanksgiving holidays in the home of Miss Saly Orr, also in the home of F. A. Sanders, her grandfather.

Mrs. Jessie Wilson and son Jessie Earl and wife of Seymour visited her sister, Mrs. Edna Horton, and family last weekend.

Richard D. Yarbough and buddy, Ralph Ferguson, who is in the Navy and stationed at San Diego, Calif., visited friends in Merkel last week.

Mrs. Jack Ryan of Harrison, Ar., visited her mother, Mrs. Pearl Ash of Merkel and her brother, Kris Ash, and family in Anson.

SINGING AT PIONEER

There will be singing at the Pioneer Church at 2 p.m. Sunday. A large crowd is expected and everyone is welcome.

Former Merkelite's Husband Advancer To Administrator

The following story was taken from The Baird Star. Mrs. Joe Lawhon, wife of the man mentioned, is the former Lula Mae Clark of Merkel. The story:

At a meeting of the Directors of the Callahan County Hospital, held Nov. 20, Joe Lawhon of Abilene was appointed Hospital Administrator, effective Dec. 1.

Mr. Lawhon comes highly recommended in this field of work. He received his X-Ray technician training at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston. For the past year he has been associated with Dr. W. V. Ramsey in Abilene.

Bennie Rogers Is Discharged From U. S. Army

Bennie Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rogers, R. 2, was discharged from the Army a week ago last Saturday after serving 18 months in Germany.

CAROLYN SUE WRITES SANTA

Dear Santa: I am nine years old and would like a doll and bicycle. I would also like a cow-girl suit. Would you bring me this?
Carolyn Sue
House No. 810.

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There are none reserved. Our entire stock of Ladies' New Fall Purses, including Suedes, Velvets, and smooth materials must be cleared. Take your choice on DOLLAR DAY AT ONLY—

\$1.98
(tax included)

CLOSE - OUT

A big table of Fall Piece Goods to close out. All are wanted fabrics and would make an ideal gift. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY—

1-2 Price

Chenille BED SPREADS

These are double-bed size and beautifully designed with a lot of Chenille work. See these for ideal Gifts. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY—

\$2.98

Men's Socks

He always needs Socks! Get him a good supply of either Sport or Dress Socks in beautiful new designs. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY—

3 prs. for \$1.00

36-Inch Outing

A yard wide and a heavy weight. Your choice of solid colors and fancies. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY—

29c yard

Comal Ginghams

A big shipment of attractive new Spring colors have just arrived. 36 inches wide, sanforized, and mercerized. You know the quality of this item. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY—

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Ladies' Half Slips

This is an excellent value and another ideal gift-item. I lot of half-slips to close out. Several styles to choose from, and all sizes. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY—

\$1.49

Ladies' Panties

I lot of ladies' Panties to close out. All sizes and all the wanted styles. Another ideal gift item. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY—

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ALL sizes — the best styles — a nice selection. Another wanted item for Christmas. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY—

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READY - TO - WEAR SPECIALS FALL DRESSES

Why not dress up in a new Dress for Christmas. Right at the Holidays you can buy any Dress in stock —Martha Mannings, Marcy Lees, Toni Todds, Vicky Vaughns, and other famous brands — at a close-out price. All sizes and styles are available, but shop early for best selections. FOR DOLLAR DAY ONLY—

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LOT II

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MEN'S

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Men's Felt Hats

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Men's Jackets

Need a Jacket for the cold days ahead? This would be another ideal Gift for Him. Your choice of our large Jacket stock on DOLLAR DAY FOR ONLY—

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NOTICE OF INTENTION OF THE CITY OF ABILENE TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR OIL AND GAS LEASE

The City of Abilene, a municipal corporation, having determined that it is advisable to lease its mineral interest in the herein after described property, hereby gives notice of its intention to lease for oil and gas exploration all of its interest in the following tracts of land situated in Jones County, Texas, and being described as follows:

TRACT NO. 1: All of the Richmond Champion Survey No. 15, Abstract No. 158, Patent No. 115, Vol. 16, described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at a stone on the bank of the Elm Fork of the Brazos River, the original Northeast corner of this Survey and the Southeast corner of Survey No. 14; THENCE west 2051 varas for the northwest corner of this tract; THENCE south 486 varas for

the southwest corner of this tract; THENCE east parallel with the SB line of Survey No. 14 a distance of 1772 varas for the Southeast corner of this tract; THENCE down the river with its meanderings to the place of beginning, containing 160 acres more or less. TRACT NO. 2: 130 acres, more or less, out of Survey No. 16, Section No. 16, Patent No. 76, Vol. 10, Jones County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:

TRACT NO. 3: 202 acres, more or less, being the East 200 acres of the Louis Laurant Survey No. 17, Abstract No. 232, Jones County, Texas, and two acres off of the northeast part of the Louis Laurant Survey, Number 18, Jones County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at a stake and stone mound in the North Boundary Line of the Louis Laurant Survey No. 17, 121.21 varas east of the E. B. L. of the Abilene Nugent Road, the northeast corner of a 14 acre tract; THENCE east with a fence on the N. B. L. of said Louis Laurant Survey No. 17, 1647.18 varas to Elm Creek the Northeast corner of said Louis Laurant Survey No. 17;

TRACT NO. 4: 130 acres, more or less, being the East 200 acres of the Louis Laurant Survey No. 17, Abstract No. 232, Jones County, Texas, and two acres off of the northeast part of the Louis Laurant Survey, Number 18, Jones County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at a stake and stone mound in the North Boundary Line of the Louis Laurant Survey No. 17, 121.21 varas east of the E. B. L. of the Abilene Nugent Road, the northeast corner of a 14 acre tract; THENCE east with a fence on the N. B. L. of said Louis Laurant Survey No. 17, 1647.18 varas to Elm Creek the Northeast corner of said Louis Laurant Survey No. 17;

TRACT NO. 5: 130 acres, more or less, being the East 200 acres of the Louis Laurant Survey No. 17, Abstract No. 232, Jones County, Texas, and two acres off of the northeast part of the Louis Laurant Survey, Number 18, Jones County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at a stake and stone mound in the North Boundary Line of the Louis Laurant Survey No. 17, 121.21 varas east of the E. B. L. of the Abilene Nugent Road, the northeast corner of a 14 acre tract; THENCE east with a fence on the N. B. L. of said Louis Laurant Survey No. 17, 1647.18 varas to Elm Creek the Northeast corner of said Louis Laurant Survey No. 17;

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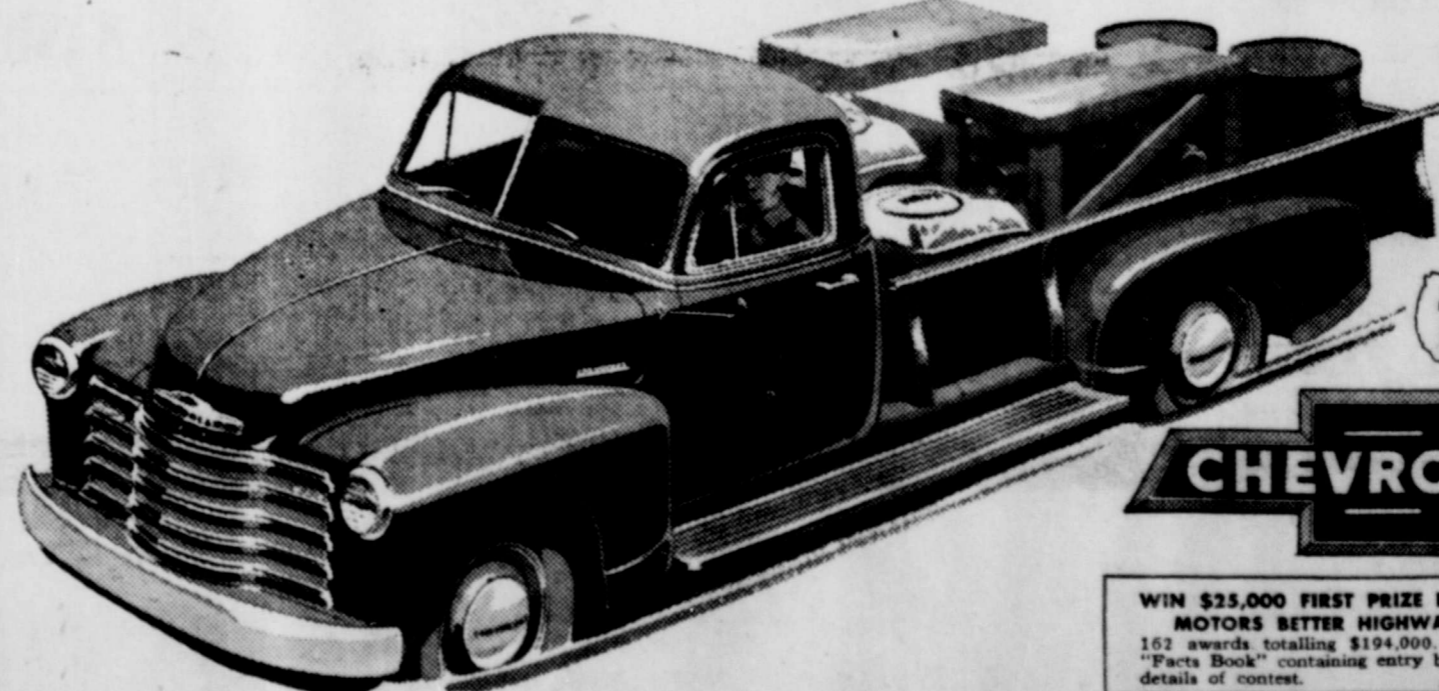
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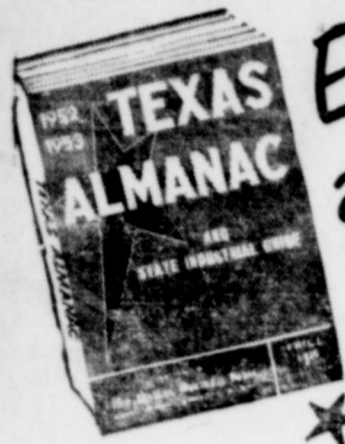


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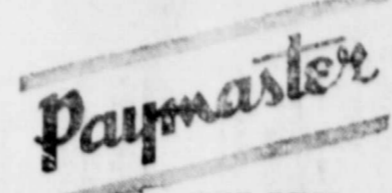
About one mile north of the recently opened White Flat field, Roark, Hooker & A. G. Hill, Abilene, spotted No. 1 L. W. Ross, et al, as a 5,700-foot test. It is to be 4,030 feet from the south and 330 feet from the east lines of John Clark Survey.

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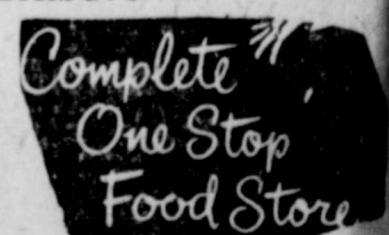
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