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'Mexican Swindle' Stopped by Dorton Finds Victim

A short time ago the Merkel Mail carried a story about Lester Dorton being offered \$300,000 in the old Mexican Confidence Game. Lester turned the offer over to Postmaster Wrenn Durham.

That was the end of that as far as Lester was concerned.

There was a different ending when the offer was made to a Tennessee man. Mrs. S. D. Campbell brought in the Galveston Tribune for Dec. 10 in which the following story appeared:

VICTIM FAINTS AS SWINDLE IS BARED

A Tennessee man collapsed on the spot here Thursday when a local bank informed him the \$300,000 check he wished to cash was "fictitious."

Lord Dollins of Giles City, who was revived, learned he recently was victim of a \$300,000 "indie" in which he lost \$9,800. The fainting scene at the Moody Bank climaxed what postal officials termed apparently another "Mexican trunk swindle."

William Main, postal inspector of Houston, was bound for Galveston at noon to investigate the swindle, the type of which has victimized a number of persons in recent years, officials said.

Postal men quoted the victim

here as saying, after he revived that he some time ago had received a letter in Tennessee from a jailed prisoner in Mexico City who was supposed to own a trunk of money.

The general working of the alleged ruse was that the trunk was in "hock" and the prisoner needed some immediate funds to get it out, not being able to handle the matter himself because of being in jail.

If he would help obtain the trunk, the Tennessee man was promised the \$30,000.

The check was drawn on the "National City Bank of Galveston" — which is fictitious—and was presented by the loser to the local bank for cashing, where he learned it was worthless.

Before going to Mexico City, officials here said, the man had mortgaged his home in Giles City and borrowed from a bank there. At the Mexico City jail he gave the prisoner \$9,800 as security that he would go through with the deal, he said. The prisoner gave the man the \$30,000 check on a Galveston "bank".

But when the man presented the check at the Galveston bank Thursday, the cashier told him there was no such account here.



PRINCIPAL C. A. FARLEY

to direct March

Principal Farley Will Head Drive Of March of Dimes

The Merkel March of Dimes will begin January 2 and continue through January 20.

Principal C. A. Farley is the local director of the drive. More information about the march, with quota and directors of the different communities surrounding Merkel will be announced by Principal Farley next week.

Many activities are being planned, stated the director, to make this year's drive a complete success.

Xmas Program Wed., 7:30 p. m. at Assembly of God

A Christmas program will be held at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, at the Assembly of God Church. Dr. James H. Chaney is the director.

The Junior Department will present songs and poems. The Adult Group will give a Christmas play, portraying the true spirit of Christmas.

The annual Christmas tree with gifts for all the Sunday School children and a treat for every child present, whether a member of the Sunday School or not, will follow.

The Boy Scouts of Troop No. 19 will act as ushers and delivery boys.

CLOSING DAYS

Two of the regular closing days of the year agreed upon by all the merchants are Christmas and New Year's. The stores of Merkel will be closed all day Christmas and New Year's.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SINGING

There will be the annual all-night singing New Year's Eve at Pioneer Church, 12 miles south of Merkel. Tom Russom has received word from quartets from Coleman, Sylvester, Nolan and Sweetwater that they will be present. Doughnuts and coffee will be served at midnight. Everybody welcome.

a slow cold drizzle began to fall Thursday morning, indicating a wet spell. Up to date the rainfall here for 1953 has been only 12 1/2 inches.

HER MOTHER IMPROVED

Mrs. R. L. Adcock, who with her daughter, Miss Frances, returned Wednesday from Menard, reports that her mother, who suffered a paralytic stroke, Friday, was some better.

Oil Activity Gains Momentum Around Merkel

The oil business around Merkel continues to grow and new wells are being drilled and new production is being found.

Pittman & Sellers, et al., No. 1, Hester Estate, two and half miles southeast of Merkel, is setting surface casing.

Howley & Jacobs No. 1, John R. Collins, is drilling below 3,500 feet, four and half miles northwest of Merkel.

North American Oil Co., No. 1, C. L. Irvin, is drilling below 4,000 feet, three miles northwest of town.

Roar & Hooker, et al., are completing another good well on the Roy Largent ranch, four miles north of Merkel.

Edgar Davis, et al., No. 1, Martha J. Swafford, three and 3/4 miles north of town, is about down on their third well for the Swafford farm, as it is now drilling below 4,200 feet.

Location has been made for a well on the J. Hamp Campbell farm three and half miles southwest of Merkel, to start at once.

Bay Petroleum & Hack Drilling Co., has completed their third well on the Bryan B. Duncan farm, two and half miles northwest of Stith. American Trading & Production Co., are now drilling on the A. W. Clemmer place, two and half miles northwest of Stith.

Crown Central Oil Co., are completing in the upper Strawn after getting a good drill stem test at that depth, on the W. S. J. Brown ranch, five miles north of Merkel.

Geochemical Surveys have completed a good well on the A. J. Hill place, one mile north of Comper, which is 12 miles northeast of Merkel.

Red Pollock, et al., has completed a good well on the C. G. Allred farm, 12 miles north of Merkel, and in the Childress Field.

Christmas Pageant Is Very Beautiful And Well Received

One of the highlights of the Christmas festivities each year in the Merkel community is the pageant given by the High School Girls Chorus and Players Club. This year's pageant, "Christmas Joy," was presented on Tuesday night, Dec. 15, in the First Baptist Church, in the school's traditional

engagement. The pageant was very beautiful and was well received.

Mrs. Edwin Read, violinist, and Miss Barbara Nichols, organist, furnished a prelude of best loved melodies. Joe Cunningham heralded the program by singing "Bethlehem."

The chorus sang the favorite Christmas melodies, using "Come All Ye Faithful" as their processional, and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" as their recessional.

The chorus included: Mary Robbins, Peggy Bond, Wanda Bradley, Betty Chancey, Patsy Floyd, Wyoona Foster, Jean Irvin, Marie Kerns, Goldie Leverich, Merilyn Liles, Billie Moore, Jane Tipton, Tessie Warren, Barbara Wilson and Joy Walker.

The story concerned the household of Conrad the cobbler, played by Charley Beard, and Sarah the

wife, played by Sandra Patterson. All day the parents, assisted by their son Michael, played by George Starbuck, made plans to entertain the Great Guest.

While Mr. Roberts (Ralph Bartlett) and Mr. Franks (Richard Chaney) waited in the cobbler's house for their boots, two persons came through the doorway: Little Girl (Gloria West) and the Stranger (Tommy Cutler), who received food and comfort from the good family.

At the close of the day the cobbler realized that the Great Guest had entered his doorway in the form of those who needed help. Joy Walker read the lines which linked the play scenes together.

Making the tableau picture were: Paka Newby, as Mary; Jackie Hogan, Gloria Teaff and Patricia Palmer, angels; Sessions Hammond, the Wiseman; Bobby Mayfield and Jimmy Russell, shepherds; Glenda Petty, Santa Claus.

Lois Black and Dorothy Foster typed programs. Mrs. Dale Goch designed costumes and Mrs. Comer Haynes served as director.

Ushers were Jerry Cunningham, Billy Dye, Johnny Hammond, Jackie McAnich, Wesley Pair, Benny Stallo and Dink Whisenhunt.

Young People Are Planning New Year's Fete

The Young People of the Church of Christ will have a New Year's Party at the Community Center. It will start at 8 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

The program will consist of games, songs and refreshments.

All the young folks of Merkel and the surrounding area are invited.

"We would like to for those who plan to come to contact one of the Young People of the church or me," said Roy E. Gulley, pastor.

ANNOUNCEMENT

In honor of the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Justice, their sons and daughters request the pleasure of your company on Sunday, the 27th of Dec., from three until five o'clock, Merkel, Texas.

Saw Nothing but Fruit Trees Here In Early Morning Light in 1890

The years weigh lightly on the shoulders of W. E. Miller whose birthday is December 25, making him 82 years old.

Mr. Miller came in to renew his subscription to The Merkel Mail and the Abilene Reporter-News. He has been taking The Mail ever since it started and has been a subscriber to The Reporter-News for 15 years.

Mr. Miller is a strong, wiry man, straight as a post. He still has a spring in his walk, his eyesight is pretty good, wears glasses to read with and not otherwise, but his hearing is not so good as it used to be. He looks like a man of 65.

He came to Merkel in 1890. He arrived at night and went to the hotel to stay for the night. The hotel was a box house affair and was located upstairs. It was near the depot where the Oak Street Humble station is now, the one near the present depot.

He got up early the next morning and walked out on the front porch. He saw nothing but trees and they looked good to him. Then he went inside for breakfast and sat down at the table.

"They set a big table of food," recalled Mr. Miller. "Around me were sitting nothing but a bunch of old cowpunchers. Then they began to eat and passed fruit.

"I remarked, 'I guess you people got lots of fruit from the fruit trees outside.' And when I said that the cowpunchers laughed hilariously. I didn't see anything funny and I asked, 'What's the matter?' and they answered, 'Those aren't fruit trees, they're mesquite trees.'"

"And those boys never got over that laugh," stated Mr. Miller. He had come here from Webster Parish, 30 miles east of Shreveport, La., where they had plenty of orchards and he had mistaken the mesquite for fruit trees.

"Then I went to work for a fellow named Old Doc Grounds," con-

tinued Mr. Miller. "I did ridin', seeing after cattle and sheep. I had never done that before. Old Doc claimed all of Mulberry Canyon. I worked for Doc two yearys.

"Then I went to work for Bobby Ferguson. He was a horse man, had horses all over this country. G5 was his brand. I worked for him three years.

"Then I worked for Sam Butman, Sr., worked in the sheep, off and on for a couple of years.

"Then I married Stella Reed in 1895. After that I went to farming for myself. I farmed at Trent for a while and then sold it. Then I went to farming again at Mulberry Canyon and am still at it."

When he came here in 1890 there were many deer, wild turkey, coyotes and prairie dogs.

Mr. Miller has four children living out of seven: Tracy of the home, May Nunnely, Fay Bruno and Troy, all of Denver, and Ralph Miller.

"Reading a paper is a habit," remarked Miller. "I've been reading The Mail and The Reporter-News so long I couldn't do without them."

When asked about exciting adventures he had had, he smiled and said, "Had lots of them but wouldn't care to tell them."

"Glad Tidings" Is Thrilling Song Service

The cantata, "Glad Tidings of Great Joy," thrilled the congregation as the song service filled the First Baptist Church Sunday night. The church choir was led by Director Roland Whitley. Mrs. Tommy Odum was the organist and Mrs. Comer Haynes was the pianist.

Mrs. Odum played Christmas carols as the worshippers entered the church. Rev. S. E. Tullock read the story of the birth of Christ and then Director Whitley took charge of the choir. The cantata text was by Raymond Earl Bellaire and the music by Richard Kountz.

The solos were sung beautifully by Mrs. Mary Whitley, Bill Largent, Denta Marie Gibson and Wanda Bradley.

A beautiful scene was exhibited in front of the pulpit. It showed the three wisemen on camels and the star of Bethlehem, all in white, in front of red carnations and three red camels. Two phylodendrum totum poles were placed on both sides of the rostrum.

City Opens Its Heart With Gifts Of Clothes, Toys, Food for Needy

The response to the call for clothes and toys and non-perishable food for needy children has been good.

The Baptist Brotherhood is sponsoring the call. Two boxes have been placed in front of the Boney Insurance office. They were put there last week and by last Saturday two barrels of toys had been taken to the

church. By Monday night the two boxes were full again.

The boxes will remain downtown until Christmas even when all the clothes and toys and food will be distributed to the needy families of the area without regard to race or denomination. Everyone is invited to contribute to this city-wide expression of the Christmas spirit.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1933 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

DELIVER OPTION CONTRACTS

First day of delivery of option contracts on the cotton that Taylor County farmers sold to the government started Wednesday with 27 farmers borrowing money on their options. All the farmers pledged support to the 1934 production plan-up campaign. There are 624 contracts at the office of Farm Agent C. Metz Heald.

TO CARRY OUT PROJECTS

County Administrator Lloyd Thomas of the civil works administration, of Abilene, was a visitor in Merkel Wednesday on an inspection trip and gave out the information that all CWA projects already approved would be carried out in full, it being only the direct relief work that is deterred by failure of the State of Texas to market its "bread bonds."

HOME FROM COLLEGE

Merkel's quota of students off at college includes some 20 or more and among those home for the Christmas holidays were students from McMurry, Simmons, Abilene Christian College, Texas Tech, University of Texas, C.I.A. and West Texas State Teachers College.

DEATH CLAIMS FATHER

J. H. Whitehead, 74, pioneer of Nolan County and father of Mrs. Rose Wheeler, died at 6 p. m. Tuesday at the home of another daughter, Mrs. W. T. Altizer, with whom he had made his home. Mrs. Whitehead had lived in Nolan County some 25 years. Mrs. Wheeler and her husband, also Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler, Sheriff Burl Wheeler and Mrs. Wheeler of Abilene, attended the funeral.

MANY FAMILY REUNIONS

The joyous Christmas season was made memorable by many family reunions, some according to

custom and some the first to occur in complete circle for several years. The holidays have also witnessed many visitors in Merkel homes and Merkel folks visiting elsewhere.

33 ENJOY REUNION

Twenty-three seniors of the class of 1933 enjoyed a reunion at the home of Miss Nell Hughes. Various games were enjoyed until the tea hour. The class colors of pink and green were carried out in table covers, sandwiches, olives, mints and tea. Piano numbers were played by Margaret Miller and Sandifer Hollingsworth.

WINS ROPING EVENT

Throwing two calves in 90 seconds, Howard Garner proved the winner in the calf roping event of the Christmas Day Rodeo at Stith. Clyde Foster of Noodle was second. In the wild cow milking event, Garner and Criswell made best time in 25 seconds.

AT BROTHER'S FUNERAL

Mrs. W. L. Burns, accompanied by her husband, niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bert McRee, of Trent, went to Dallas Thursday of last week to attend the funeral of her brother, Dr. J. T. Bernard, who was buried there Friday.

RECORD BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Shage Cummins a girl Dec. 25.

JOINS COURTHOUSE FAMILY

Comer Patterson went to work Tuesday morning in the office of County Tax Collector Grady Parmelly. During the latter part of January he will be stationed here to collect automobile taxes.

DRIZZLE STARTS FALLING

Following an extreme cold snap when the thermometer reached the low of 19 Wednesday morning

George Sand said, "When tempted, yield at once, and save yourself the struggle."

NEWS ABOUT TOWN



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Mrs. Julia Lawson returned last week from San Diego, Calif., where she visited her son, Joe Rex McLean, who is in the Navy.

Pvt. Sammy L. Dooley is on furlough from Camp Caffee, Ark., until January 11, visiting his mother, Mae Dooley, and his grandmother, Mrs. J. P. Davis, of Merkel. He will spend Christmas with all of his aunts, Mrs. J. R. Strickland of Abilene, Mrs. Otis Williams of Merkel and Mrs. Nell Clay of Wolforth and Mrs. J. L. Dewitt of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Higgins, Eddie and Mrs. Ada Higgins visited Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Guy McLain, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Toombs and daughters, Gracie and Jenny, of El Paso are visiting relatives here and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Toombs, in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Felcher Jones visited Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Oscar Howard, in DeLeon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cranfill of Andrews left Monday after a three-day visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Phillips.

Mrs. A. C. Reynolds of Ontario, California, is here visiting her son Harold and family.

Buddy McKeever of Ft. Bliss, El Paso, is home for the holidays, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever.

Mrs. Pearl Harris left Sunday for Pecos, to spend the Christmas holidays with a niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Biggs.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Wood have as Christmas visitors their son Bill of Lubbock.

W. A. Wozencraft and Alvin Wozencraft met Morris Wozencraft of Orange in Waco. They all returned here Sunday with Monroe Wozencraft who is a patient in the Veterans Hospital. Monroe will visit here two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Patterson and son John of Tulsa, Okla., are here spending the Christmas holidays

with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thomas and family of Pecos visited his mother, Mrs. John Thomas, Saturday and Sunday.

Dave Carson is home for the holiday from the Navy at Corpus Christi, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McCoy and son Mark of Bartlesville, Okla., are visiting over the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter and Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy.

Mrs. Arora Johnson left for Ft. Worth Sunday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Dunn.

Mrs. Minnie B. Hicks left Sunday for Sweetwater to spend Christmas with her daughters, Mrs. A. E. Brown and Mrs. A. H. Hutchins.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Walker and family of Burbank, Calif., are spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Myrtle D. Walker, and brother Leon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moore spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Jimmy Crytes, and family in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Winter of Abilene had as visitors Mr. and Mrs. Herb Rettig of Montana.

Mrs. Tommy Hutcheson and son Stevie of Houston are visiting over the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Payne.

Jimmy W. Oliver, S. R. from Navy Training Center of San Diego, Calif., arrived Sunday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver, of Mulberry Canyon.

J. H. CLARKS, JR., ENTERTAIN WITH ANNUAL XMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark, Jr., entertained in their home at 206 Locust Saturday night, assisted by Miss Betty Jane Tittle. The annu-

al affair was a scene of fun, food and laughter.

Christmas dinner with the turkey and all the trimmings was served to Mr. and Mrs. John Minter, Fort Worth; Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Butler, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dudley; Mr. and Mrs. Don Dudley, Mic and Mac; Mr. and Mrs. Clark and Miss Tittle.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Newton and Mrs. Levia Fugat called after dinner and joined the group in singing and gay fun.

ANNUAL YULE LOG PARTY TO BE GAY AFFAIR

The annual Yule Log Party will be held New Year's Eve as usual at the Noodle Hereford Ranch, owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown. Eleven couples have been enjoying the festive affair for about 20 years and plans have been going on to make this year's party as gay as usual.

PLANS TO HELP NEEDY FAMILIES MADE BY GUILD

The Wesleyan Service Guild met in the Methodist parsonage with Mrs. Aubrey F. White Tuesday of last week. Plans were made to help needy families at Christmas time. The devotional was given and refreshments were served.

"CHRISTMAS AROUND WORLD" IS. W. S. C. S. PROGRAM

The W. S. C. S. of the Methodist Church met Monday of last week in the Methodist parsonage with Mrs. Aubrey F. White. "Christmas Around the World," a colored film was the program. The picture told how each country celebrates Christmas.

Christmas carols were sung and refreshments were served.

TILLMAN J. RUTLEDGE ASSIGNED TO AIR FORCE AT FLORIDA

T-Sgt. Tillman J. Rutledge, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Rutledge of Merkel, is assigned to the Air Force ROTC detachment at Florida State University in Tallahassee.

The World as Seen by
Christmas Candle-Light



The gleam of a Christmas candle has greater power to light the human paths of the future than all the giant searchlights of science!

In that light, which first shone in Bethlehem, hearts are warmed toward other hearts. Eyes filled with kindness for fellow men cannot see in this magical candle-glow, the distinctions of race, color, rank, or station. Mankind needs more of this light the whole year long.

May your Christmas be a happy one!



That JOY be with you this happy season — is the sincere wish we extend to all of our many friends! "Merry Christmas" is still the warmest greeting of the season.

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the hinge pins and knock the pins out with a punch or nail, according to advice given by *Family Handyman*. Replace the pins with common nails, as illustrated.

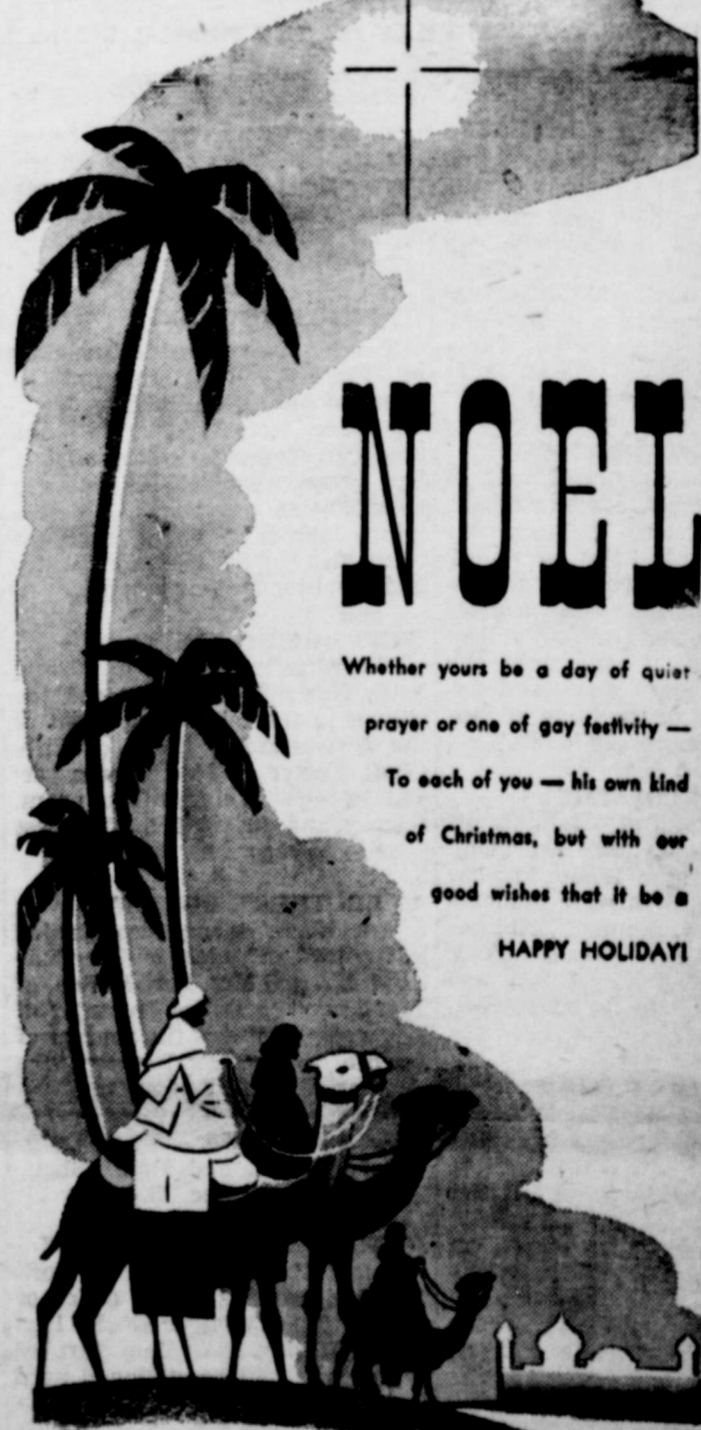
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New Live Oak Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School... 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship... 11 a. m.
 Training Union... 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Worship... 7:30 p. m.

North Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School... 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Class... 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services... 7:30 p. m.

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Merkel First Baptist Church
 Sunday School... 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union... 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship... 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.
 W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 a. m.

Merkel Assembly of God
 Sunday school... 10 a. m.
 Morning Service... 11 a. m.
 C. A.'s (Young People)... 7 p. m.
 Evening Worship... 7:30 p. m.
 Tuesday W. M. C. 2 p. m.
 Wed. Prayer Service... 7:30 p. m.

Merkel Catholic Church
 Sunday Mass... 10:30 a. m.

Merkel Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Bible Study... 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Service... 11:00 a. m.
 Young People's Bible Class... 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services... 7:30 p. m.

Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church
 Sunday School... 10:00 a. m.
 Worship Service... 11 a. m.
 Evening Services... 7:30 p. m.

Noodle Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Bible Class... 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship Service 11:00
 Young People's Service 6:30
 Evening Worship... 7:30 p. m.

Pioneer Memorial Chapel
 Sunday School... 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Service... 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services... 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Evening Prayer Service... 7:30

Tye Baptist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School... 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union... 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Services... 7:30 p. m.

Merkel Calvary Baptist Church
 Sunday School... 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Service... 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Bible Class... 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Worship... 7:30 p. m.

Church of the Nazarene
 Services at the Merkel Church of the Nazarene are as follows:
 Sunday School... 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship... 11:00
 Training Union... 7:00 p. m.
 Evening Services... 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer Service... 7:30 p. m.

Primitive Baptist Church
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Merkel First Methodist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School... 9:50 a. m.
 Morning Worship... 10:50 a. m.
 M. Y. F. 6:30 p. m.

Amity Baptist Church
 Morning Service... 11:15 a. m.
 Sunday School... 10:30 a. m.
 Evening Bible Class... 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Services... 7:30 p. m.

Compre Baptist Church
 Sunday School... 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship, 2nd and 4th Sunday... 11 a. m.

Trent First Baptist Church
 Evening Worship... 7:30 p. m.
 Sunday:
 Sunday School... 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union... 6:45 p. m.
 Evening Services... 7:30 p. m.

Trent Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 Sunday School... 11:00 o'clock
 Bible Class... 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m.
 Evening Services... 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Ladies Bible Class... 4:00 p. m.

Trent Methodist Church
 Sunday School... 10:00 a. m.
 Evening Worship... 7:30 p. m.
 Morning Services... 11:00 a. m.
 M. Y. F. Services... 6:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Prayer Services... 7:30 p. m.

Tye Methodist Church
 Sunday:
 Sunday School... 10 a. m.
 M. Y. F. 7:00 p. m.
 Prayer Meeting... 7:30 p. m.
 Morning Service... 11:00 a. m.

Hebron Baptist Church
 Sunday School... 10:00 a. m.
 Morning Worship... 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union... 7:00 p. m.
 Evening Worship... 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Evening Prayer Services... 7:30 p. m.

Highlights and Sidelights FROM YOUR State CAPITOL

By VERN SANFORD
 Texas Press Association
 There was renewed rustling in the hustings this week as a prospective candidate for governor drew the line against a congressional race.
 Representative Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr., of McAllen declared he would not seek reelection to Congress, and political observers pointed out he was leaving the door open to run for governor.
 Mr. Bentsen apparently eliminated himself from a possible race against Senator Lyndon Johnson when he stated that he and his family "want to live the year round with our Texas friends."
 He is the second Shivers friend to be talked up for governor.
 House Speaker Reuben Senter fit of San Saba, a political ally of the governor during legislative sessions, was already making speeches as a candidate.
 Possibility that John C. White, Commissioner of Agriculture, will be a candidate for Governor appears stronger as 1954 approaches. He is listening attentively to urgings that he run.
 Ralph Yarborough also appears as a likely contender.
 More old folks were getting help



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from the state than ever before.
 In its annual report to the governor, the public welfare department said that 220,930 persons were on the old age assistance list as of Sept. 1, this year, as compared with 219,119 persons on the same date in 1952.
 After 17 years of a strife-torn administration, Dr. George W. Cox resigned as state health officer.
 Dr. Cox, who is 73, said he did not want to continue in a job that is "hampered by lack of funds."
 The resignation is effective March 1.
 Charles H. Tennyson, executive secretary of the Texas State Teachers Association, says the organization has a new high membership of 54,450... Texas' production of commercial vegetables will be seven per cent above last year, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Jack Slade' Kills Again in Western At Queen Theatre
 Mark Stevens now joins a select group of Hollywood screen stars who will be long remembered for their portrayals of strong, silent and ruthless figures of the Old West.
 Stevens will be recalled for his work in "Jack Slade," Allied Artist's sensational hit, that opens Sunday and Monday at the Queen theatre. Slade is a man of mighty impact and, portraying him, Stevens gives a really inspired performance.
 Joseph A. (Jack) Slade, an agent for the old Overland Stage Lines located in Julesburg, Colo., in the 1850s, was the most ruthless killer the west ever produced. As a lawman he never arrested men. He shot them, at least 20 of them, during his short lifetime.

BUTTER AND MILK
 Butter consumption per capita has dropped almost one-half during the past several years while milk consumption has increased almost 10 pounds per person per year during the same period. — A. & M.

JAMES H. CHANEY
 Chiropractor
 211 Oak St. — Merkel
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Recently, a group of scientists and engineers was asked to predict what's next.
 Now that we have electrified farms, factories and homes, is that the end? The answer appears to be no, that the electrical industry is a "giant boy" with its great growth still ahead. Here are some of the predictions.
 Take a personal thing first. Millions of homes will have heat pumps to heat and cool automatically—using electricity for fuel.
 You can expect to cook food someday by electronics—in seconds. Electrical incinerators will consume your waste paper and waste food. Dust will be taken from the air electrically. The day may come when TV screens hang like pictures on the wall, with only a tiny wire to the set.
 Nuclear fuels are on the timetable of the scientists. Energy from the atom will eventually be a major source of power, regardless of whether fossil fuels are seriously depleted. By century's end, most new plants generating electricity will operate with atomic (fission) fuel. Aircraft, battleships and the like will measure fuel consumption in grams.
 Storing heat from the sun is another long-range project of scientists, with billions in savings as the potential result.
 The year 2000 looks big and distant. Actually it is only 47 years away. By then, any puny prognostications made today will have been rewritten many times. But larger. Electricity has always been a field where each new fact generates many more things new. The years should be interesting to watch.

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All Children Are Invited To Free Xmas Show

All plans for the annual Free Christmas Show have been completed, stated N. T. Hodge, owner of the Queen Theatre. Little and big children are invited to come to the Queen Theatre at 10:30 a. m. Thursday, Dec. 24. All children of Merkel and the surrounding area are invited. There will be comedies and cartoons, one hour and 30 minutes of fun.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admission to the Sadler Hospital the past week were: As medical patients — Mrs. Edwin Read, Mrs. Paul Turner, Guy Watts, Sally Carter and Mrs. Mat Reddin.

TO SALT LAKE CITY

Captain Bowman Barlow arrived here Saturday from Fort Knox, Ky., and is spending the Christmas holidays with his wife and daughter Becky. They will go with him next week to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he will be stationed.



PLEASING BACKGROUND — Mrs. Louis Butman is standing at the "step down" from the dining room to the living room of her beautiful new home in Mulberry Canyon. Pegged ranch plank oak is used for flooring and the dining suite is of the same kind of material. The photomural on the wall is a scene from Mt. Lassen National Park, California.

Merkel Votes For Quotas and Controls for 1954

Less than a third of Taylor County's 1953 cotton producers who were eligible to vote Tuesday of last week in the marketing quota and acreage control referendum went to the polls and cast their ballot.

The Taylor County vote was 296 for quotas and controls to 47 against.

If upland cotton producers, nation-wide, approve by two thirds majority marketing quotas and acreage controls, cotton farmers in 1954 will be guaranteed a loan price of 90 per cent of parity (figured on the basis of the price they have to pay for what they buy compared to the price they get for what they have to sell) providing they stay within their allotted acreage.

Secretary of Agriculture Benson has already declared cotton acreage allotments, Taylor County's total allotted acreage for 1954 (as it now stands) is 36,854, compared to 52,233.6 (measured) acreage this year.

Tuesday's balloting in Merkel on controls and quotas for 1954 cotton was For 93, Against 21; on the wheat quota and proposition last August 14 was for 106, Against 20.

Those in charge of the election here were: H. H. McLeod, A. C. Scott, Deverle Teaff.

First Baptists Raise Over \$1,000 For Foreign Work

Last Sunday the First Baptist Church raised \$1,330.91 for the annual Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions.

This announcement was made by Rev. S. E. Tullock at the beginning of the song service last Sunday night. The church had set a goal of \$1,000.

KENNETH PEE HAS THROAT SURGERY AND DOING NICELY — Kenneth Pee, who underwent surgery on his throat, is now home and is doing nicely.

TO SING SUNDAY

The Haskell and Jones Counties singing will be at 2 p. m. Sunday, December 27, at the Swenson Avenue Baptist Church in Stamford. Everyone is welcome.

TULLOCKS IN ST. LOUIS

Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Tullock are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents in St. Louis, Mo., Dr. Adair of Hardin-Simmons University will fill the local pulpit Sunday. Rev. and Mrs. Tullock will return December 30.

A. H. Zollinger Is Buried Monday At Age of 75

Funeral services for A. H. Zollinger, retired farmer of Merkel, was conducted at 9:30 a. m. Monday at the Starbuck Funeral Home chapel.

Rev. S. E. Tullock officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Zollinger died suddenly Saturday afternoon. He was 75 years old.

Mr. Zollinger was born Sept. 3, 1878, at Welcome. In 1925, he married Della Padgett at Dallas, and in 1927 the couple moved to Merkel where they had made their home since that time.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Alvin Zollinger of Big Spring; one daughter, Mrs. Marie Launsberry of Hollywood, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Moeller of Wichita Falls, and Mrs. King of Austin; and two granddaughters.

Mail Volume Here Reaches Record Says Postmaster

"There has been more mailing this year than last year, up to and including Monday," declared Postmaster Wrenn Durham.

The rush Monday was terrific, he said. Probably the peak was reached on that day, was his estimate.

Texas Farm Prices Remain Firm In November

Texas farm prices remained firm in November, halting a downturn which dropped average income 20 per cent under the postwar record high, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

The November price index exactly equalled that of October and was 14 per cent under the November, 1952, level. Prices for livestock and livestock products were up 3 per cent; fruit, 4 per cent; and oil-bearing crops 2 per cent, offsetting declines in potatoes and sweet potatoes (11 per cent) and truck crops (8 per cent).

Cotton production prospects are brighter, and fall rains have improved Texas general agricultural conditions, the Bureau said.

POULTRY, RABBITS TO BE FEATURED AT FORT WORTH SHOW

One of the most popular departments of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, Fort Worth, both in the number of entries and in the number of visitors, is the poultry-turkey-rabbit show. Poultry, including bantams, will be shown the entire length of the exposition, January 29 through February 7, as will turkeys.

Aristides won the first Kentucky Derby in 1875.

"Good Turnout" At First Showing Of 1954 Pontiac

Good crowds came all day Friday and Saturday to see the first showing of the new 1954 Pontiac car. It was a "good turnout," said Nolan Palmer, local dealer.

Balloons and Indian head-dresses were given the kiddies while an ice scraper, dish scraper and coat hanger, all in one instrument, was given the grownups.

"We sold the cars we had and could have sold more if we had them," said Mr. Palmer. "The public acceptance of the new line was wonderful."

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**Morris B. Smiths
Get Big Surprise
On Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Morris B. Smith were delightfully surprised at their home by their many relatives December 11. The occasion was their silver wedding anniversary. Many beautiful gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Smith. About 20 persons were present. Their daughter, Mrs. E. A. Conley, and her daughter Kaye Lynne were here from Winters for the anniversary.

**JOE LASSITER
PROMOTED TO MAJOR
IN NATIONAL GUARD**

Joe Lassiter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter has been promoted to major in the National Guard 36th Division at Austin, where he is plans and training officer for the division.

Major Lassiter, who handles troop information and education for the division, has 12 years service experience, including 33 and a half months overseas duty.

He attended the Armed Forces Information School at Fort Slocum, N. Y. last May, and is with the State Comptroller's Department in Austin, where he has

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank Dr. Sadler, Dr. Warren and all the hospital staff for their fine services rendered me while I was in the hospital. I thank everyone who gave the beautiful flowers, cards or helped in any way. May God bless each of you is my prayer.
Mrs. W. M. Whisenhunt.

worked since September, 1948. Major Lassiter is married and has two daughters, Jo Ann and Jane.

We are now living in the geological epoch Holocene.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Thursday, Dec. 31, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

A. B. Farham, W. M.
C. B. Rust, Sec'y

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OF EIGHTH GRADERS**

Mrs. Vincent Barnett's eighth grade room elected officers Dec. 18. Those elected were: President, Stella Mae Russell; vice president, Carolyn Rister; secretary, Becky Ray; reporter, Barbara Alexander; parliamentarian, Dora Pippin; policeman, Millie Poe.

BUS SCHEDULE

Eastbound	Westbound
2:20 a. m.	12:10 a. m.
3:36 a. m.	12:15 a. m.
5:22 a. m.	1:21 a. m.
6:32 a. m.	2:39 a. m.
6:47 a. m.	5:54 a. m.
11:40 a. m.	7:52 a. m.
11:45 a. m.	9:09 a. m.
2:37 p. m.	11:40 a. m.
3:01 p. m.	1:01 p. m.
5:00 p. m.	1:25 p. m.
7:57 p. m.	4:19 p. m.
11:52 p. m.	8:17 p. m.
9:01 p. m.	4:57 p. m.
	9:07 p. m.

IN DRAGNET

The Abilene Reporter-News stated Monday that in a dragnet of those charged with possession and sale of beer or whiskey the following were taken in: Francisco Vega, Bert Harris, Nettie Harris, Mary Moreno. Others brought before the Taylor County Court were: Juan Moreno, Samuel Vega, John M. Padilla, Gregario Rivera, Manuel Ibarra, Frank Rivera.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To: Mary McDole, Defendant, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 18th day of January A. D. 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 1st day of November A. D., 1953, in this cause, number 19,435-A on the docket of said court and styled Arthur McDole, Plaintiff, vs. Mary (June) McDole, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on or about Sept. 1, 1926 and were permanently separated about May 15th, 1952. Plaintiff alleges no community property was accumulated during this marriage.

Plaintiff alleges two sons and one daughter were born to this union. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of mental cruelty, and for custody of two minor sons, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 1st day of December A. D. 1953.

Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
Adv. — Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25.

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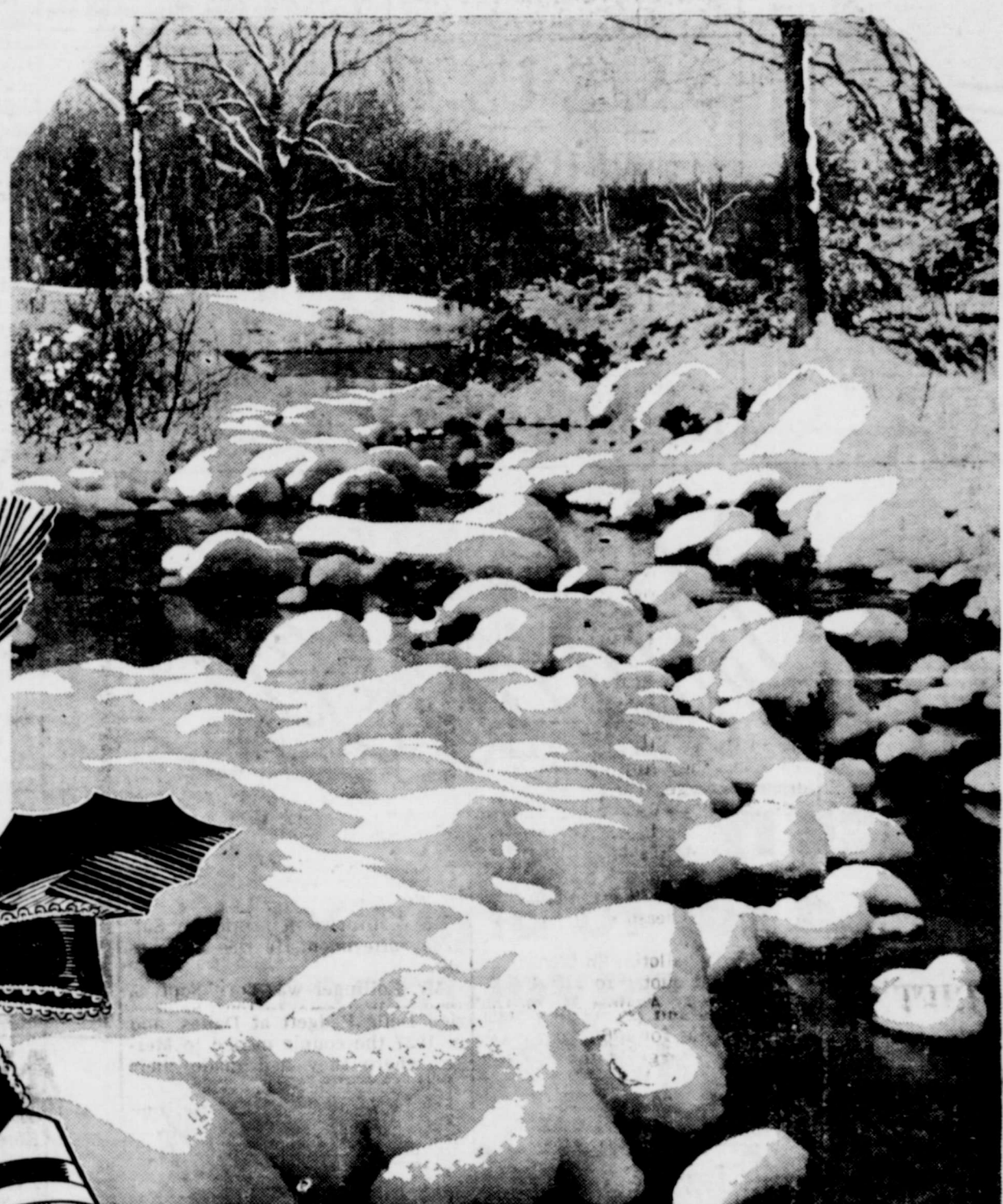
WATER Well drilling and Surface pipe set. L. A. Coats, Phone 237. tf21c.

SEE—Me about your water well drilling needs. B. T. (Tye) Sublett Phone 166. Residence 106 705 Oak St., Merkel. tf12a.

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At this gay, holiday time let us offer you all the best wishes from our staff! May your Christmas be bright with the many blessings of the season . . . Rich in friendship, bright with gifts of happiness and lasting pleasure. And our wish is not just for Christmas, but for every day of the year 'til the next Yuletide!

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THE MERKEL MAIL

GLANERS ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY AT BEAUTIFUL LODGE

The Gleaner Sunday School Class met for its annual Christmas party and covered dish luncheon at Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown's Lodge Dec. 16. It was indeed a lovely setting for the occasion. The lodge was beautifully decorated with greenery and pine cones.

The table centerpiece was a pretty arrangement of green leaves, colored balls and red candies.

After the delicious baked turkey, dressing and a variety of other good food were eaten, the president, Mrs. W. W. Toombs, presided over a short business meeting, during which a donation was made to the Methodist Orphans Home at Waco.

Mrs. Paul Honeycutt at the old fashioned organ accompanied Mrs. Homer Patterson who sang two lovely numbers in an artistic, professional manner. The class sang two numbers, "Silent Night" and "Away in a Manger."

Miss Lottie Butman brought the devotional. The closing prayer was led by Mrs. Hines of Abilene. The party ended by exchanging gifts from a gayly lighted Christmas tree.

Among the guests were the wives of two former pastors, Mrs. Hines and Mrs. Dallas Denison, of Abilene. Mrs. Aubrey F. White was also present. Other visitors were Mrs. Honeycutt, Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Miss Ona Johnson, Abilene, and 36 members were present.

Sift remaining sugar with dry ingredients. Combine beaten egg, milk and melted butter, and add to dry ingredients. Stir only until blended. Fold in sweetened cranberries. Bake in buttered muffin pans in hot oven (425°F.) about 25 minutes. Makes 12 medium-sized muffins.

LET'S EAT THIS FOR ONE DAY

BREAKFAST
Orange Slices
Scrambled Eggs Bacon
Cranberry Muffins Jelly
Milk Coffee

Dinner
Beef Stew with Vegetables
(Potatoes, Carrots, Onions, Peas)
Pear Salad Pickles-Olives
Cornbread
Tapioca Pudding
Coffee.

Supper
Sliced Turkey Sandwiches
Tossed Green Salad with Oil Dressing
Fruit Cake
Milk.

TIMELY TIPS
1. Plan to use cranberries often while they are in season.
2. Four cups of cranberries are

equal to one pound.
3. Cranberry red is gay and bright; cranberry flavor has zip and tang; they add vitamins C and A to your diet.
4. Place cranberry sauce into small enough containers so that it can be eaten within a short time. Cranberry sauce weeps after it has been cut if it stands too long.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Joe Dyches, if living, and if dead, the unknown heirs, devisees, and legal representatives of the said Joe Dyches, deceased, whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiffs herein; and the unknown owners of the hereinafter described undivided portion of land whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiffs herein, except as set forth in plaintiffs' petition, and the unknown heirs, devisees and legal representatives of Mrs. Zella Howe, deceased, whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiffs herein, except as set forth in plaintiffs' petition, and all other persons asserting or claiming any title or interest in and to the hereinafter described undivided 1-4th portion of land, whose names and places of residence are also unknown to the plaintiffs herein, except as set forth in plaintiffs' petition, Defendants Greeting:

YOU ARE HERBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 18th day of January, A. D., 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 20th day of November, A. D. 1953, in this cause, numbered 19,420-A on the docket of said court and styled JOHN D. HOWE AND MELVIN HOWE, Plaintiffs, vs. GEORGE DYCHES, MINNIE RENO, JOE DYCHES, if living, and if dead the unknown heirs, devisees and legal representatives of the said Joe Dyches, deceased, and the unknown owners of the hereinafter described portion of land, and the unknown heirs, devisees and legal representatives of Mrs. Zella Howe, deceased, and all other persons asserting or claiming any title or interest in the hereinafter described undivided 1-4th portion of land, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows:

1. Plaintiffs would show that the hereinafter described property on or about October 1952 was owned as follows:
Melvin L. Howe and John D. Howe owned an undivided three-fourths interest; and,
Mrs. Zella Howe, a widow, owned an undivided one-fourth interest.

2. That said ownership was judicially and finally determined by the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas, in consolidated Causes Nos. 15,879-A and 16,137-A, styled "John Howe and M. L. Howe (who were one and the same persons as the plaintiffs carried above herein) versus Zella Howe, a widow," on the 18th day of March, A. D. 1949, the judgment in said cause being hereby referred to and made a part hereof.

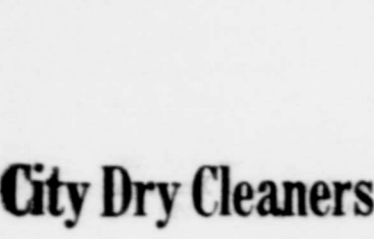
3. That on or about October 1952 Mrs. Zella Howe died and no will has been probated as of the date of the filing of this petition and no administration has been taken out and the plaintiffs do not know the present owners of the undivided one-fourth interest owned by Mrs. Zella Howe at the time of her death, but the plaintiffs would show that the defendant George Dyches is a brother of Mrs. Zella Howe, deceased, and now occupies the hereinafter described property, and on information and belief plaintiffs understand that Minnie Reno is a sister of Mrs. Zella Howe, deceased.

4. The plaintiffs would show, therefore, that they are now the owners of an undivided three-fourths interest in the hereinafter described property and the defendants are the owners of an undivided one-fourth interest in said property and that the plaintiffs and defendants are, therefore, the joint owners of said property in fee simple, and together are the sole owners of the hereinafter described real estate.

5. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, shall make due return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 1st day of December, A. D. 1953.
Attest: J. NEIL DANIEL,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
Ad.—Dec. 4, 11, 18, 27.



Again, balls herald
the Yuletide Season:
Again, we wish our
many friends a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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CHRISTMAS WISHES

May you enjoy a rich
bounty of Christmas
spirit, joy, gladness
and happiness!

W. O. RAINWATER

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1 cup cranberries
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1 cup milk
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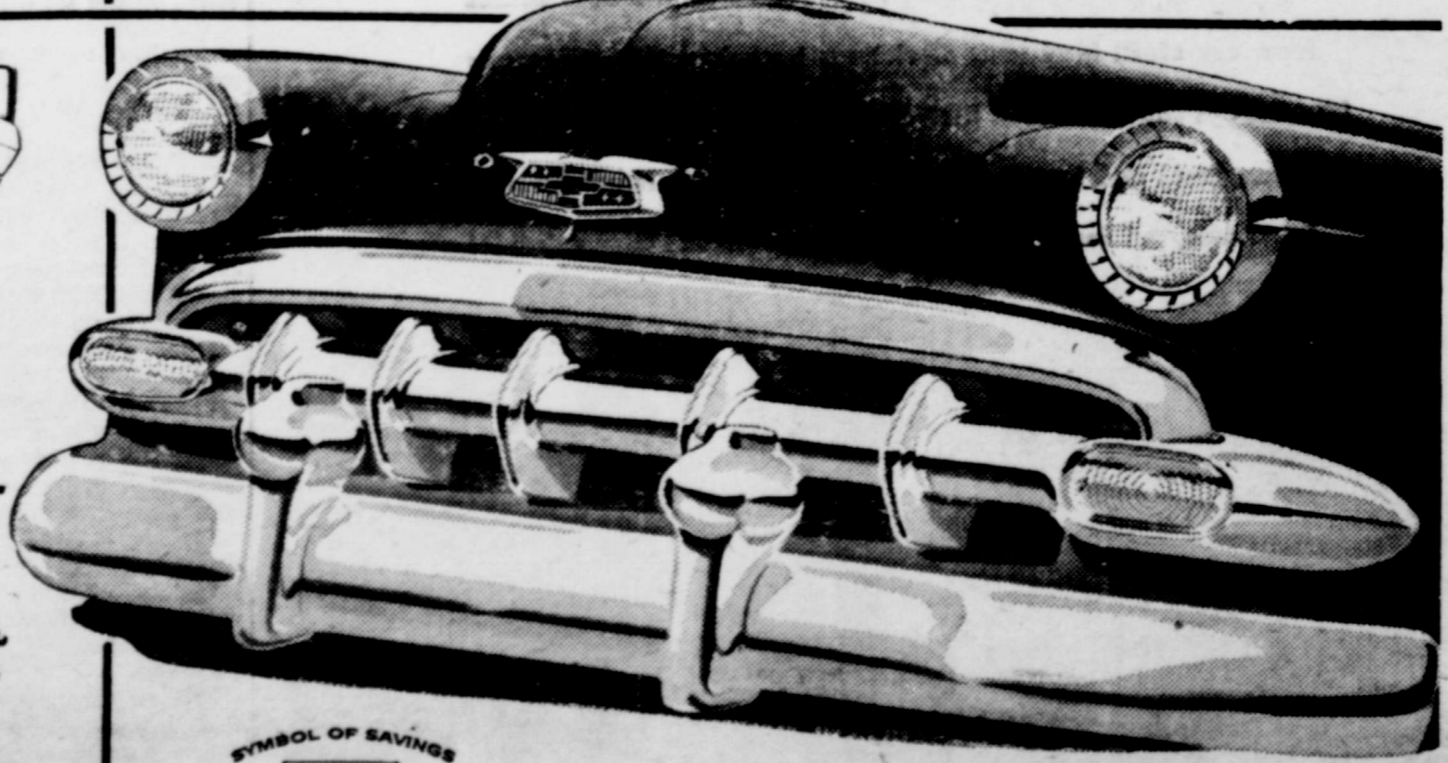
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To my friends — serving you has been a real pleasure — "Merry Christmas, everyone!"

Your Commissioner

RUFÉ TITTLE

A VERY Merry Christmas



With all the gay trimmings or an old-fashioned Yuletide — that is bright with glowing candles and rich with golden carols — is our hearty thanks for your friendship: May you all enjoy the Best Christmas ever....

Max Mellinger

FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY

May your Christmas be full of fun and frolic!



White Auto Store



Merry Christmas

WOOZY'S CAFE



We hope you will derive as much pleasure from our greeting to you, as we do in extending it — **MAY THE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS BE YOURS!**

Toombs Insurance and Real Estate

L. T. Toombs

Billy Joe Toombs



"How did Santa Claus know my number?"

Santa is one person who knows every telephone number! And while we're passing around Christmas Greetings, may we wish you a

Merry Christmas from all of us at your telephone company!

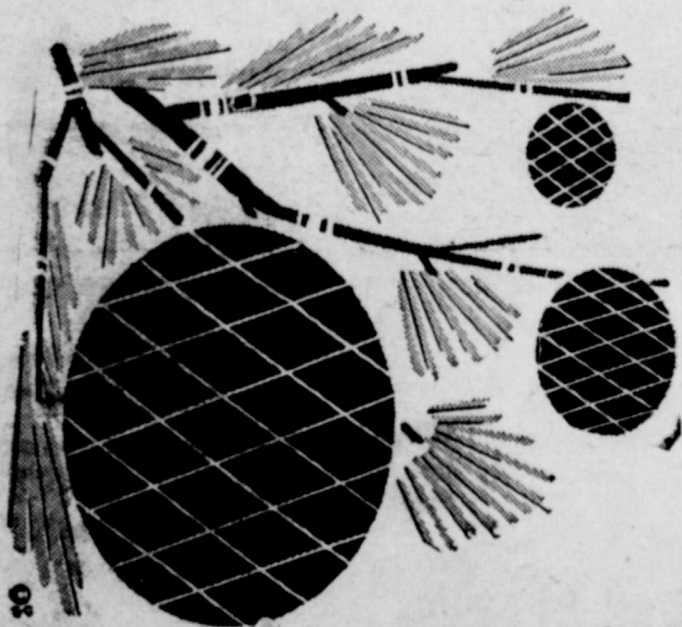
MERKEL TELEPHONE CO.

TOMMY ODUM, Manager



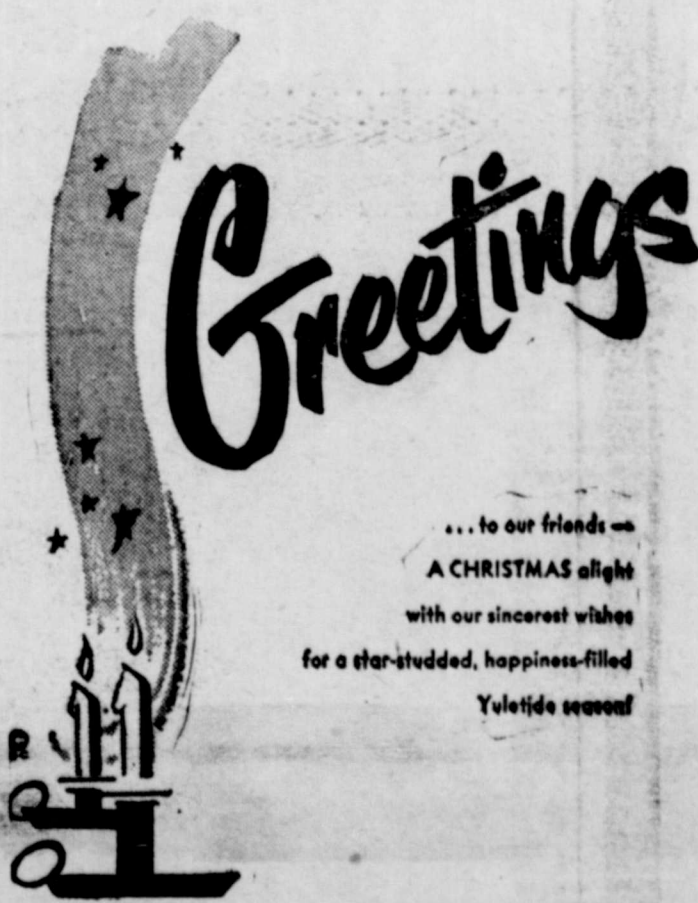
Our package of Christmas greetings to our friends, is wrapped in appreciation of your loyal patronage!

Merkel Cafe



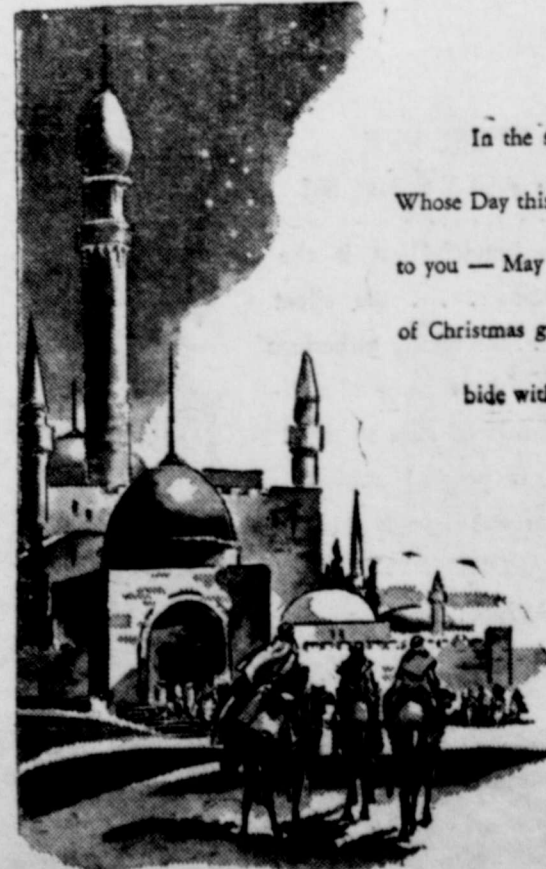
The fragrance of pine cones could scarcely be sweeter or more stirring than our deep gratitude for your continued patronage and unflinching loyalty. May we wish you one and all a Merry Christmas.

Badger Chevrolet Co.
Miller Implement Co.



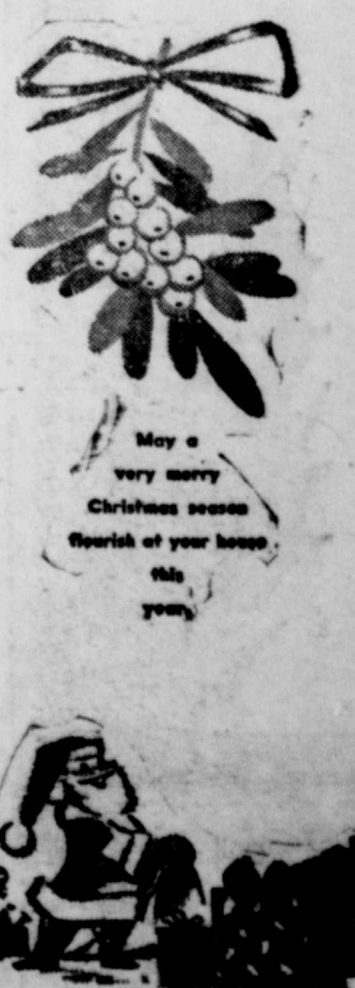
... to our friends — **A CHRISTMAS** alight with our sincerest wishes for a star-studded, happiness-filled Yuletide season!

MERKEL FARM MACHINERY CO.



In the spirit of Him Whose Day this is — we say to you — May the blessings of Christmas guide you and bide with you, always!

CITY DRUG



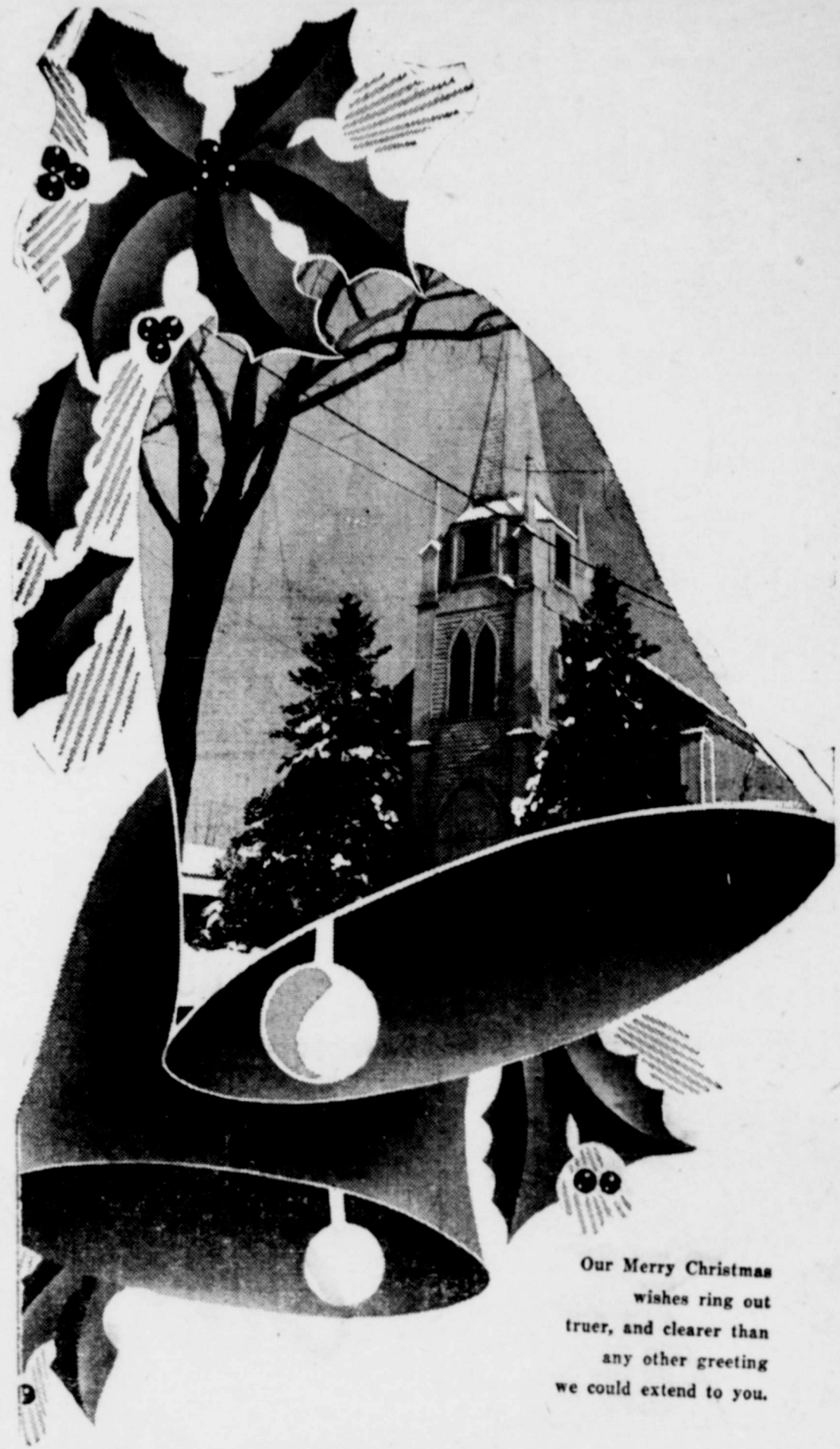
Dowdy & Toombs



Merry Christmas

When Santa unloads his gift-laden pack
at your home, we know that you'll find
our many good wishes tucked into your every happy treasure!
Tho' we can't personally greet each of you at this time — we
extend to all of our friends this warm-hearted wish that your
Christmas Holiday will bless you with all of life's good things!

MERKEL DRUG CO.
Your Health Service Store
S.D. GAMBLE Phone 105 W.D. GAMBLE



Our Merry Christmas
wishes ring out
truer, and clearer than
any other greeting
we could extend to you.

BRAGG'S



A FRIENDLY MESSAGE FROM GOOD OLD SAINT NICK!

Christmas is many things beautiful! It is the
excitement of happy children . . . the silent
reverence of folks at prayer . . . the family gatherings
. . . the carolers singing . . . the feeling of well-
being . . . peace and good-will of man to man!
Above all — Christmas is people! And to
you, dear folks who are our friends and
customers: HAVE A WONDERFUL
CHRISTMAS!

MERKEL CO-OP STATION



IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

. . . we take pleasure at this holy time
in putting aside business to send our
many friends the heartiest and most
sincere wishes for the rich joys of
the CHRISTMAS SEASON . . .

C. F. CURB
GULF PRODUCTS



May you be surrounded by those you love . . . enjoying the full warmth and spirit of Christmas: OUR WISH TO YOU!



The merriest of Merry Christmases to our many loyal customers!

Wood's Grocery and Market



Merry Christmas May you have a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!



good wishes

Higgins and Bunch Garage



Good Health . . . Good Fortune! A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Joyce's



WARMEST YULETIDE WISHES!

Bob Fowler



SEASON'S GREETINGS TO OUR CUSTOMERS



Merkel Ice Co.

Merry Christmas

With heartfelt appreciation for your kind patronage, this year, as always — we are happy to send you our Greetings of the season with our sincere wishes for your health, wealth and happiness For the Holiday and long, thereafter!

PATTERSON BROTHERS PLUMBERS

W. J. Patterson



THANKS, FRIENDS—AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Andy Shouse



From our entire staff: A Very Merry Christmas!

Highway Service Station

CLAUDE and C. T. SMITH



Jolly good wishes for the most happy Yuletide Season you've ever had!

Julia Lawson Rest Home



From all of us to all of you, we extend friendliest GREETINGS!

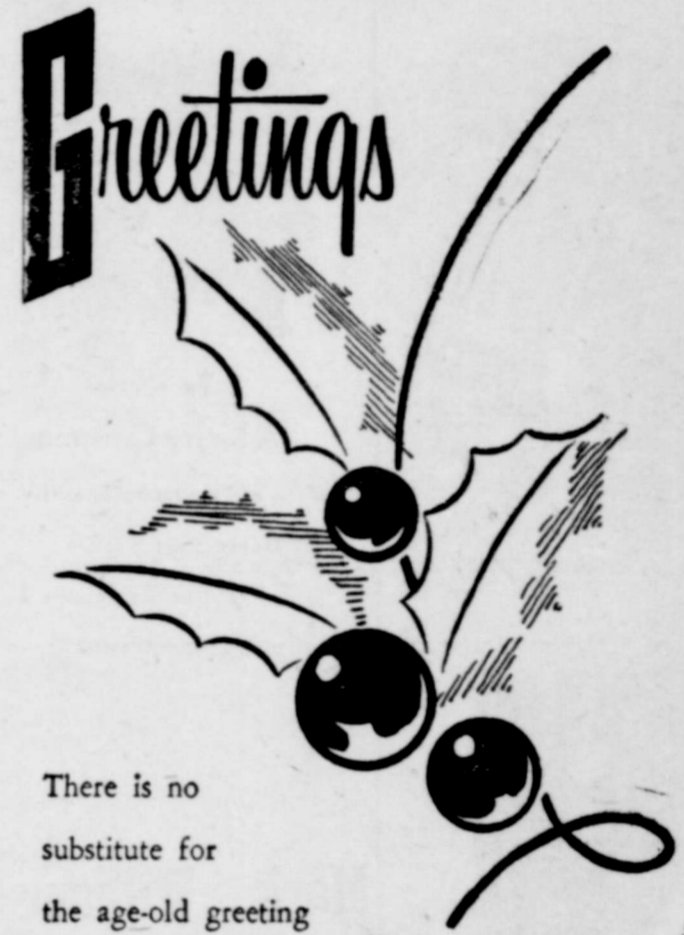
N & N Appliance Service



Best wishes for a gay Christmas!



Cyrus Pee Insurance



There is no substitute for the age-old greeting we extend to our many friends —

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

L. A. COATS



A Joyous Holiday Season To all!



TO OUR FRIENDS: May it be a Season of Gladness for you and for those you love.

Ann's Beauty Shop



Like the ornaments that adorn your tree, may your holiday celebration be festooned with fun and gaiety.



Mrs. G.D. McConnell "Your Watkins Dealer"



GOOD WILL to all men!



Merry Christmas! may your Happiness Train be loaded with all of life's best!

MACK'S CLEANERS



Christmas cheer is in the air— May its joys stay with you always!

Carriker Food Trent, Texas

Ferrier Service Station

Merry Christmas

To the many greetings that come your way at Christmas time, we take this opportunity to add ours, with a note of thanks for your continuing friendship and patronage — we say, A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR MANY FRIENDS!

STAR HDW. AND FURNITURE CO. Trent, Texas



The Charm of CHRISTMAS lies in the thought that we live in the memory of our friends.

Woodrum Service Station



"Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." Mark 11:9

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Fox Repair Shop



May the joys of this Holiday Season remain with you, not only at Christmas, but each day of the coming year.

Bowen's Service Station

COSDEN PRODUCTS



MERRY CHRISTMAS, one and all

The Merkel Florist

EDNA McGEE



HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

The Nook Cafe



We Wish You A Very Merry Christmas.

Humble Service Station

Kenneth Purser



Dudley Electric

Quannah Dudley



To All — A Merry Christmas and a memorable one! Thanks to our friends for their good will during the past year.

Mark Williamson

Service Station

Panhandle Products Trent, Texas



And A happy New Year

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Lee

Camp Fair



And A Happy New Year

Lester's Jewelers Abilene



Irl Walker STATION AND GROCERY



Merry Christmas and Joy to our friends this Holiday Season!

R. O. Anderson



Jake Massey



May the Joy and Peace of Christmas be with you throughout the year.

TRENT GARAGE

Armstrong and Sons Trent, Texas



Merkel Radio and Electric



Our compliments of the season to you —



H. W. Lemens Gas and Electrical Appliances and Butane Gasoline



We wish our many friends volumes of good cheer and contentment in this happiest of Seasons.



VILLAGE INN



Season's Cheer Best Wishes for Your Holiday

Bob McDonald Barber shop

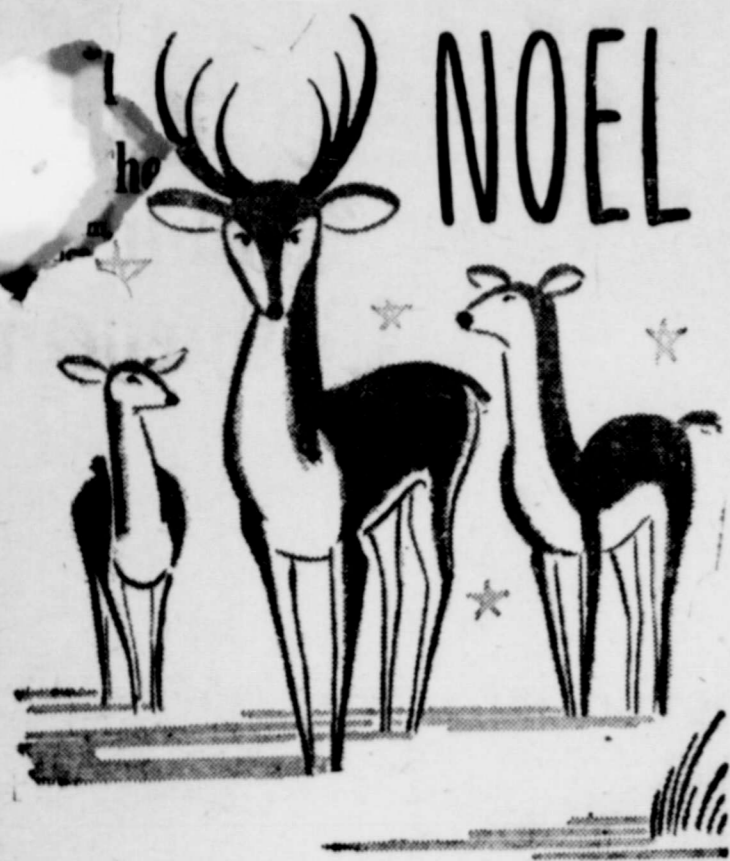


good wishes to our host of friends...



Ben Franklin Store

Fletcher Hopper And Son Conoco Service Station



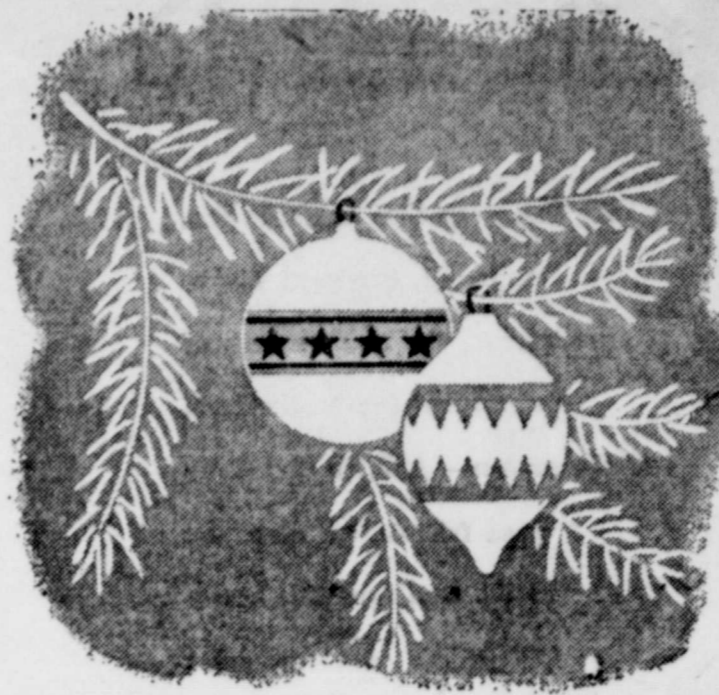
GRIF BARNETT

CONOCO AGENT
Phone 224



HOLIDAY GREETINGS
In the spirit of friendliness and good cheer of the Christmas Season — we thank you for the many favors, and wish you all an old-fashioned Yule abounding with cheer and happiness.

O-K Grocery & Market



Christmas Cheer

At this time of the year, it is most fitting that we take time to express the appreciation of our entire staff for your good will —
A HAPPY HOLIDAY TO ALL!

Adcock Cleaners



May the shining decorations of Christmas adorning your home — reflect all the happiness we wish you at this time!

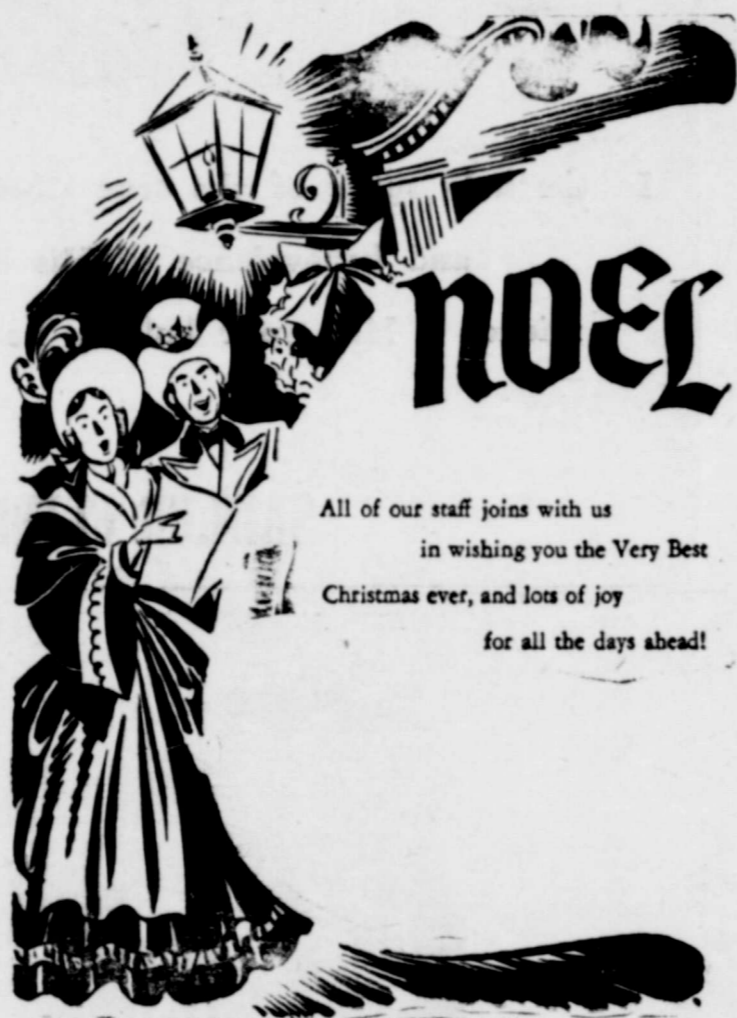
Service Station and Neta Courts



The twinkle of tree ornaments, the glow of warm hearths and the bright sparkle of holiday greenery — all reflect our gay, friendly wishes for your Happy Holiday!

Farmers Coop. Gin

Morris B. Smith, Manager
Merkel, Texas



All of our staff joins with us in wishing you the Very Best Christmas ever, and lots of joy for all the days ahead!

J. L. White, Contractor



WE EXTEND OUR HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO OUR FRIENDS

Always at Christmas time, there comes that extra-special pleasure of extending to our many friends, the greetings of the season. It is with the thought of your good will and friendship that we wish you the fullest measure of Yuletide cheer and happiness at this time . . .



HAPPY NOEL!

May the music of the bells bring harmony to your house at Christmas!

H. & H. Laundry



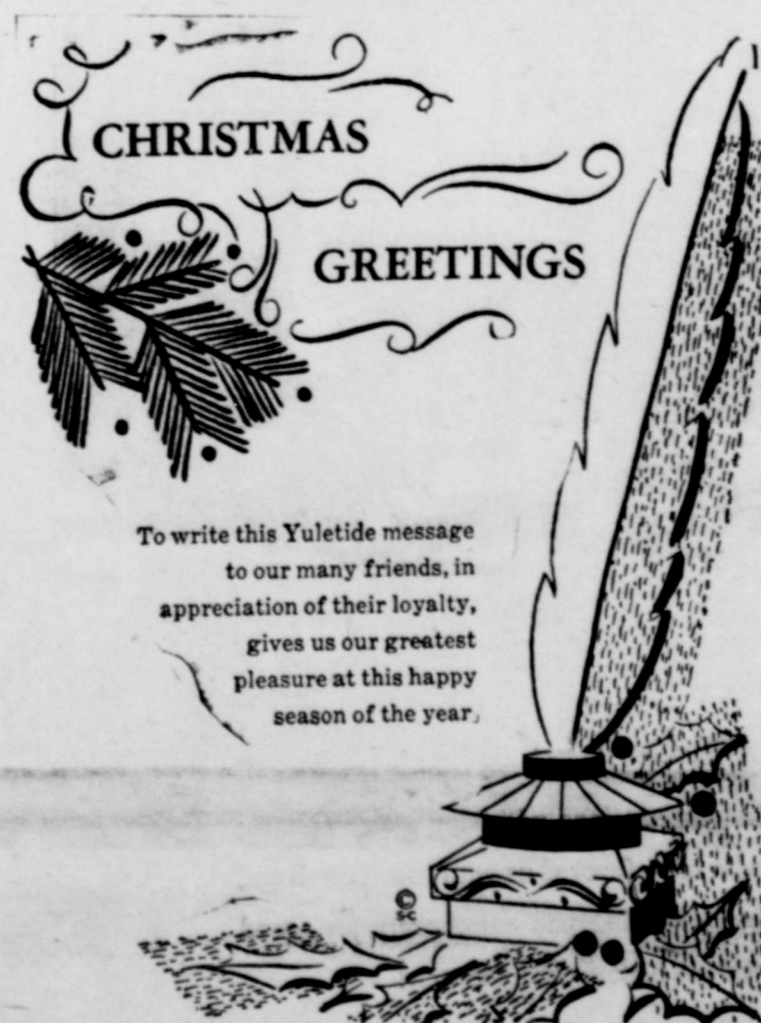
Higgins Blacksmith and Welding Shop



IT'S THE SEASON FOR GREETINGS...

And here's ours: A wish as sincere and friendly as can be — a hope for a Merry Christmas to everyone we know!

B. & D. Garage



To write this Yuletide message to our many friends, in appreciation of their loyalty, gives us our greatest pleasure at this happy season of the year.

Boney Insurance Agency

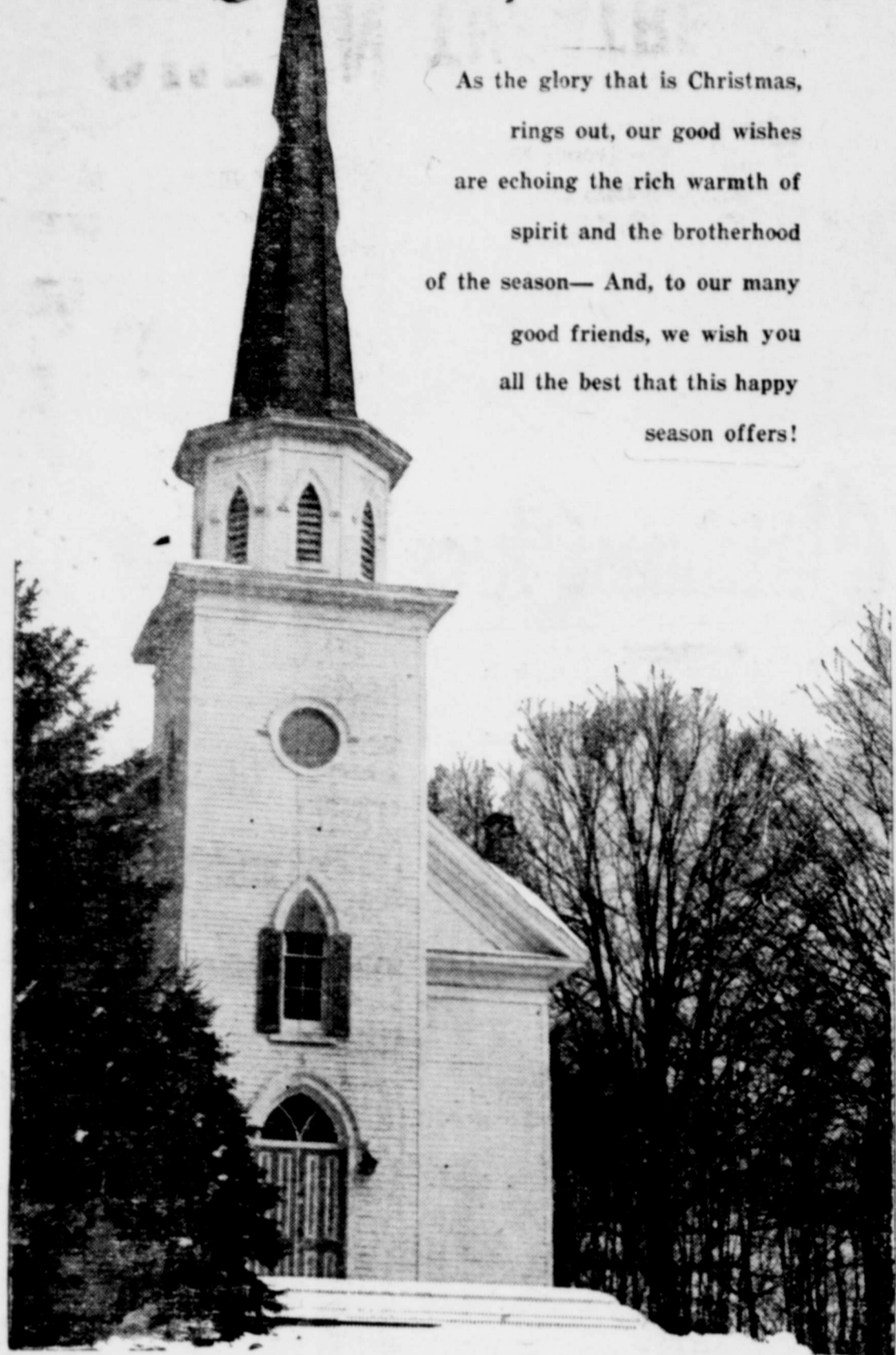


FROM US TO YOU ON CHRISTMAS
May all the joys of the season be delivered to you at this happy time!

Buck's Shoe Shop
A. E. MOORE, Prop.

Joy to the world

As the glory that is Christmas,
rings out, our good wishes
are echoing the rich warmth of
spirit and the brotherhood
of the season— And, to our many
good friends, we wish you
all the best that this happy
season offers!



Mina Winter Butane Gas Co.



“O Little
Town of
Bethlehem”

In the holy spirit of the true Christmas, with the warmth
and benevolence of His Day — we say to all our many
friends — May your holiday be rich with many blessings!

SADLER CLINIC HOSPITAL



Christmas
Dishes

Again this Christmas we rejoice as we recall
the many grand associations with our many friends;
To all of you who have favored us with your patronage,
it is our fondest wish that you enjoy every joy, good
health and happiness of this cheery season!

QUEEN THEATRE



Not because of custom only, but from
our hearts — we extend our best wishes
to you for a wondrous, joyful Holiday!

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EDITORIAL

CHRISTMAS 1953

Over 19 centuries ago the
Prince of Peace was born, bringing
tidings of good will to all men.

Over 19 centuries ago Jesus
came into the world and taught
the brotherhood of man.

He appealed to the hearts of
men, to let the best that was in
them blossom and bring forth
flowers of fragrant beauty, beauty
of love, beauty of neighborliness,
beauty of brotherhood.

Century after century since then
man has wallowed in a mire of
jealousy, of suspicion and of hate.
The evidence of love, as far as the
world has been concerned, has
been one of weakness, feminism
and a lack of male fortitude.

Russia is a good example at the
present time of this fact. Russia
knows only one thing, that is the
power of might. It shows this in-
side Russia as well as in its deal-
ings with those outside of Russia.

Right now there is a mighty bat-
tle going on inside Russia for the
leadership of the Communist
Party. At present Malenkov seems

to have inherited the crown of
Stalin. But the noise that comes
out of Russia seems to indicate
that the crown may topple at any
time and a new iron man may
arise in Russia.

In her dealings with the outside
world Russia has shown very plain-
ly that she respects only one thing,
and that is power. Show Russia
that you are strong and she under-
stands what you are talking about.
Show her signs of neighborliness,
friendliness and love and she at
once takes it for granted that you
are weak. And . . . she takes ad-
vantage of the situation.

Wars and rumors of wars have
been the stepping stones of his-
tory. It is not necessary to go back
to medieval and ancient times to
emphasize this thesis. Only in re-
cent times, within our own span of
life, we have seen the Spanish-Am-
erican War, World War I, World
War II and the Korean conflict and
the realistic cold war of the pres-
ent moment.

And now we have the atomic
bomb and the hydrogen bomb to
add to the weapons of destruction,
weapons that can really wipe out
civilization and perhaps man him-
self.

Where will it all lead to?

One thing is certain: Man cannot
live by wars alone, by weapons
alone.

Marshalling equipment of des-
truction against other weapons of
destruction does not solve the
problem. The spears of war give
way to gun powder. Gun powder
gives way to bomb busters. Bomb
busters give way to atom bombs
and atom bombs give way to hy-
drogen bombs. And still the wars
go on. Powerful weapons do not
stop wars. What is the remedy?

Man needs a resurrection of the
spirit, of that love and neighbor-
liness and brotherhood that was
taught by the Prince of Peace al-
most 2,000 years ago.

It is well to rejoice on this
Christmas Day. It is well to recall
the coming of the Prince of
Peace. It is well to take to heart
again His message of good will to
all men and to remember His
preaching of love and to apply it
and spread its good tidings to all
the world.

Either we do or we perish. The
Prince of Peace must prevail or
man is lost in a world of his own
Machiavelian creation. Man must
rise higher than his mechanistic
inventions. He must soar with his
soul to realms of brotherhood and
love and peace.

In this way and in this way only
is the dream of Christmas made
into a reality, saving all the world
from utter destruction.

To all of you, we wish a Merry
Christmas.

"WHITE-ICISM"

That's ALL — and the Sage of
Figfield adds, "May your Merry
Christmas be also happy and
safe."

ance"
Has Love
Queen Theatre

Technicolor romantic adventure
film, "Second Chance," which
opens at the Queen Theatre as a
Howard Hughes presentation, an
auspicious one.

Boasting an above-average love
story for women fans and a
superabundance of suspense for
the men, this film should find
favor with all fans, no matter what
their entertainment tastes may
be.

Robert Mitchell, Linda Darnell,
Jack Palance make their initi-
ating appearance in RKO's



Best Wishes
for Christmas

C. B. GARDNER, M. D.



In the glowing spirit of Christmas we
take pleasure of extending holiday greet-
ings to our old and new friends.

And A Happy New Year

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"Merry
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From the Red River to the
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and neighbors at your
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wish you and yours a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.

West Texas Utilities
Company

and Happy
New Year!"

SEASON'S

GREETINGS

from

Your Cooperative

Friends

TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

TAYLOR REFRIGERATION CO-OP

MERKEL, TEXAS



Merry
Christmas

To every one — everywhere — we offer
this age-old wish . . . That the magic
peace, contentment and happiness of the
Yuletide linger on and bring
joy to you and yours for all time to come.

BURTON-LINGO CO.

CLYDE BARTLETT

J. D. GENTRY

Large Crowds See New '54 Chevrolet At Badger Display

Large crowds came to see the new 1954 Chevrolet Friday and Saturday, stated Jack Miller. About 500 came to look at the new models Friday and a good crowd continued to come Saturday.

Bottles of perfume were given to the ladies, yardsticks to the men and toys to the kids.

"The crowds and the product acceptance were beyond our expectation," stated Mr. Miller. "The peo-

ple were here when we opened up early Friday and they kept coming till late at night."

MR. AND MRS. JACK MILLER HOSTS AT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Badger Chevrolet Company and the Miller Implement Company held their annual Christmas party Monday night at the Badger show room. A chicken supper and all the trimmings were served at 7 p. m., to 57 employees and their families with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller as hosts.

At 8 p. m. there was a Christmas tree with outside folks invited. At 8:30 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Miller showed colored movie films of their trip to the West Indies.

Christmas checks for the employees, Christmas presents for all children and wives, and Christmas baskets for each family were distributed.

Wishing
Everyone
a
Merry
Christmas

Merkel Hotel

Mrs. Goldie Farmer, Mgr.

Winter Cagers Blow Strongly And Win 49-45

The Winters' wind blew too strongly for the Badgers and the Winters' cagers whipped by 49 to 45 last Friday at Winters.

At the half Winters led 31 to 23. Jerry Cunningham played an outstanding game and was high for the Badgers with 17 points.

In the "B" game Winters won 36 to 29. Bill Horton was high man for the Badgers with 15 points.

Tuesday night the Badgers were to play Winters here.

On January 5 the Badgers will play their first conference game against Albany there.

NOTICE INCOME TAX PAYERS

Every Citizen of the U. S. including minors regardless of how many Dependents is required to file a return if your GROSS income is \$600.00 or more.

I have necessary Forms and if you need my help and your books are closed for the year suggest you call early.

R. O. ANDERSON

QUEEN THEATRE

MOVIES ARE BETTER THAN EVER!

BOX OFFICE OPENING TIME 6:30
SHOW STARTS 6:45

Last Time Wednesday "VEILS OF BAGDAD"
Don't forget the kiddies FREE SHOW Thursday at 10:30 a. m.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 25
Thunder in his Heart! Lighting in his Holsters!

RANDOLPH SCOTT — PHYLLIS KIRK

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In Color

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COFFEE WHITESWAN ONE POUND 79¢

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OLEO
Lb. 29c

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OUR DARLING GOLDEN
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PEAS 2 for 29c

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GREEN BEANS 2 for 43c

SALAD DRESSING
MIRACLE WHIP pt. 32c

SERRA MISSION 2 1/2 CAN
PEACHES 25c

SERRA MISSION 2 1/2 CAN
APRICOT 25c

DEL MONTE 2 1/2 CAN
PEARS 39c

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SUNSHINE
CRACKERS lb. 23c

SUNSHINE
CANDIES cello 19c

PATIO
CHILI
No. 2 39c

HONEY BOY
SALMON
can 32c

PET
MILK
2 cans 25c

CHOICE MEATS

CORN KING
BACON lb. 63c

CHOICE BEEF T-BONE HEAVY
LOIN STEAK lb. 63c

Choice Beef Heavy
CHUCK ROAST lb. 39c

Choice Beef Heavy
CLUB STEAK lb. 49c

Choice Beef
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