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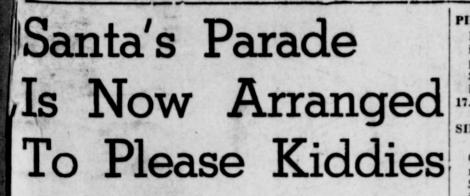
Newspaper

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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1954.

IN THE FRIENDLY TOWN

THE MERKEL MAIL



Plans of the parade for Santa Claus have been completed.

The main feature of course will be Santa Claus and his real live reindeer. They will be here for sure.

They will be here at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10.

And Santa says, "I want all the kiddies to be here to see me and my fine reindeer. I want to see not only the kiddies from Merkel but from all around here. Come on in and I will have a bag of candy for everyone of you."

Santa will have 2,000 bags to give to all the kiddies.

The route of the parade follows: Start at Burton-Lingo's north to stone, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris Second, west to Edwards, north to and Mrs. Aubrey White. Others Third, west to Kent, south to who attended from here were Mrs. Second, east to Edwards, south to Mabel Dorton and Rev. Aubrey F. U. S. 80, west to Kent, north to White. Second and east to a spot between the alley and Edwards. At this of Merkel, will soon have a \$12, spot Santa and his reindeer will stop.

all around here are invited to told the conference. He urged a come in and see Santa and his reindeer and get a bag of candy.

OIL NEWS

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Completed as the second producthe Huddleston (Lower er in Field of Jones County Strawn was Frank Love and Co., and Feldt and Robinson of Wichita Location is six miles north-Noodle.

Is who attended the State

SOLA State Convention in

TE MEET

Methodist Meet Will Be Held Here In 1955 Announced

The District Conference of the Methodist Church will meet in Merkel in 1955. This action was taken at the meeting Monday in Sweetwater where the conference was meeting this year.

Those who attended as delegates from here were: Bob Hicks, Cles- COTTON ALLOTMENT by Patterson, Mrs. L. M. Touch-

"Butman campground southwest 000 temporary all-purpose buildfor next summer encampments.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS The Christmas holidays for

start again on Monday, Jan. 3.

JOE CYPERT FAMILY HUNT NEAR JUNCTION AND BAG TWO BUCKS Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cypert and son

h last week were Supt. Danny, 7, went hunting below ck Fisher and Mrs. Junction last week. They killed two bucks, 5 and 7-point.

PIPELINE BID NOTICE Sealed bids must be in the City Hall, Merkel by 2:30 p. m. Dec.

SINGING AT TRENT The Taylor County Singing Convention will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday at the Trent High School auditorium. Everyone is invited.

SINGING AT TRENT

day December 9 at 7:30 p. m. folks to The Merkel Mail. The public is invited.

JOHN HAMMOND IS HOME

hospital in Dallas last Saturday needy. by the Starbuck ambulance. He is getting along splendidly. He underwent brain surgery.

Taylor County's cotton allot-

acres compared with 19,792 Large Crowds Jefferies, Taylor County Agri-

cultural Stabilization and Conservation office manager. Remember, all the kiddies from ing later to be used as a dining Plans Are Made

> the local schools will begin The First Baptist Church in Thursday, Dec. 23. School will Trent is progressing nicely with Trent is progressing nicely with its plans for the dedication of its Big Pictures

building. It will be held Sunday, Dec. 12. The building indebtedness was paid off Nov. 1. It amounted Of Small Folks to \$3,000. "There will be a full day of ser- In Sunday Paper

vices," announced Rev. Darwin Welsh, pastor. "There will be a morning service, an afternoon ser- local folks and their dolls appearvice and a night service. Lunch ed in the Sunday issue of the Rewill be served at the church at porter-News. noon. We are making big plans There were two-year-old Linda

Wrenn Durham

Should Be Sent To Merkel Mail people who need help for Christ-

mas in anyway: those who need food, clothing, candy, fruit or toys. Those needing this help are reuested to send in their names to

The Merkel Mail. Those who know There will be singing at the of any needy folks are also re-Trent Methodist Church Thurs- quested to send in their names to

> The names will not be printed but will be turned over to the

VFW. The needy of Merkel and its John Hammond is home. He trade territory will be helped. Let was brought to Merkel from the the VFW know the needs of the

Turkey Shoot Is Attracting

The turkey shoot is proving very popular. The place is located one mile west of Blair. It will continue December 5, 12 and 19. The place is located one mile west of Blair. The first Sunday 12 turkeys were won. Last Sunday 10 were won. Dr. Don Warren was high man with two the first Sunday and one the second.

The shoot is sponsored by the VFW and is for the benefit of needy children's Chrismtas fund. Everybody is invited to come out.



All Taxpayers

purchasing habits.

Notice to bidders is now appear-ing for the building of the water pipeline from Merkel to Abilene. Seeled bids must be in the City Expected to Draw Large Crowd Today



HALF INTEREST FOR SALE - A half interest of Largent and Sadler in C-W Prince Domino 21st, highest Register of Merit sire, will be disposed of Friday in the LS Hereford dispersion sale, W. J. Largent owns the other half of the noted bull.

Mrs. B. G. Derstine **Dies Wednesday** Morning in Austin

Funeral service for Mrs. Bessie Graham Derstine, 81, was to be

A large crowd and buyers from every state in the Union are expected at the L S Hereford dispersion sale here today, Friday. It is being held on the Roy R. Largent Ranch northwest of Merkel.

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The sale starts at 10 a. m.

It will be staged in a sales arena built at the ranch several years ago.

Jack Turner, secretary of the American Hereford Association, will be here.

The sale has been widely advertised.

Just a short while ago Roy Largent suffered a heart attack and it is the doctor's orders that he disperse his herd of cattle so he can take care of his health.

"It is with great reluctance that we disperse this herd of cattle," stated Mr. Largent.

Some of the finest Hereford cattle in the nation will be sold.

Most of the animals to be sold have been on the Grenville, N. Mex., ranch of Dr. W. T. Sadler and the Largents, father and sons. Some of the offerings have just been brought home from a brief but highly successful swing through part of the winter circuit.

These include the champion female of the Pan-American at Dallas, the American Royal at Kansas City, the reserve champion female of the Blue Grass at Lexington; the junior and senior get of sire at Kansas City, first junior bull calf at Dallas, Kansas City. Dick Tarpley, Reporter-News news editor, has been writing a series of stories analyzing Taylor County's expenditures and financipair of fem senior heifer calf at Dallas, Kansas City, and Lexington, and others. These are only part of the 260 head of registered Herefords to be sold today. Roy Largent and his two sons, David and Roy Rust, Jr., and Dr. Sadler are part owners of two outstanding bulls of the Hereford breed. They are C-W Prince Domino 21st, highest Register of Merit sire in the history of the breed, and U Royal Mixer 28th, youngest Register of Merit sire of the breed. Only their half interest in these two bulls will be sold. Roy's brother, W. J., owns the other half of C-W Prince and the Field Land and Cattle Co., of Gunnison, Colo. owns the other half of U Royal Mixer 28th.



Merkel 20 Years Ago

day.

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DEATHS NOTED

AKEN FROM THE 1934 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

A. DERTSINE DIES

S. A. Derstine, 62, pioneer esteemed citizens of West Taylor County, died Tuesday night. Sunday afternon he received injuries when he was struck by an automobile on the highway near his home west of town. He was born in Dixon County, near Dixon, Tenn.

MRS. HARRISON SUCCUMBS Mrs. S. L. Harrison, 74, who had resided in the Blair community for 37 years, died suddenly Tuesday at her farm home two miles east of Blair. She was born in Ala- SET XMAS HOLIDAY bama.

... **BENEFIT GAME RE-SET**

The benefit game between exhigh school football stars and the Noodle All-Stars, which was postponed because of inclement weath- | tween. er Thanksgiving Day, will be played Friday afternoon of this week, beginning at 4 o'clock. Only

10 and 15 cents will be charged.

CENSUS GROUP NAMED

Taylor County's six federal farm ingis enumerators were picked pointed for the purpose by Con gressman Thomas Blanton. Among them was John Shannon of Mer-

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OUTLINE VOTING PLAN day of diphtheria. C. C. Bowies, 68, At the general meeting of farm- | retired physician died Friay at the

ers and landowners held at Abi- home of his daughter, Mrs. O. B. Jene Monday night, C. Metz Heald Tatum, where he had resided for explained the voting procedure the past 21 years.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago TAKEN FROM THE 1914 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Sam R. Curtis, born in Lincoln, Dallas, returned home last week County, Tenn., Jan. 12, 1846, died at Merkel Wednesday morning. H. C. Allen, sheriff of Tom

Winter.

\$2:47

Roy (Bill) Sheppard is return-ing to Merkel this week to accept horse thief. his old position at the Elite Con fectionery. Roy has been in Winters for the past three months.

G. B. Tittle, our genial keeper of the county moneys at Abilene, was here Saturday. The face of this popular fat man in Merkel makes us feel much at home and reminds us of bygone days.

has been visiting her brother, o'clock Wednesday evening in Abi-Luther Swafford and family of lene. Mrs. A. D. McCain Miss Elizabeth Swafford, who -

tem. FOR DOLLAL DAY ONE 1 4 OFF

governing the election to be held Dec. 14 on the question of continufarmer and one of the most highly ing the Bankhead cotton control act in force for another year.

LIGHT SNOW AND RAIN

For Xmas Mailings Postmaster Wrenn Durham be-**BUYS 140 HEAD OF CATTLE** lieves that with a three-cent stamp Taylor County stockmen wishing to effect speedy sale of cattle list. your Christmas cards will win to effect speedy sale of cattle has ed in the government's emergency buying program were invited to buying program were invited to the Texas & a two-cent stamp. To Be Presented

Thursday. About 140 head were plained, "is the best Yuletide insurance you can get. With it your bought at Merkel and Trent Tuesgreetings will be processed and delivered quicker. And they'll be

worshippers."

forwarded, or returned, if it be-Christmas holidays in the public comes necessary. schools here will begin with the "This eliminates any worry close of school Friday afternoon,

open Monday morning, Dec. 31, al- greetings were received. Your own lowing a full week's holiday in bewill help others keep their addrss books up to date. Then, too, Christmas cards sent with three-

A little snow that melted as messages, a custom everyone enrapidly as it fell accompanied a joys.' drizzling rain Thanksgiving morn-Postmaster Wrenn Durham ing, yielding about a quarter of urges everyone to tie their Christan inch additional moisture, acmas cards in two separate bundles. cording to the gauge of Volunteer with each address facing the same Weather Observer Grover Hale. way. Then attach the postal labels Rainfall for the year totaled 121/2 marked "ALL FOR LOCAL DE-LIVERY" and "ALL FOR OUT-OF-TOWN- DELIVERY." These

helpful tags are available at the Dwayne Stanford, 8, died Tuespost office, without cost, and will shorten delivery time greatly. Parcel post, of course, should be mailed even earlier. Postmaster Durham recommends Dec. 5 for out-of-state gifts and Dec. 10 for

those with local addresses. But the sooner the better, he advises.

CEMETERY FUND

Below are those who recently donated to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund. Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may leave contributions at the Farmers and

Taft

V. D. Jones, Clarksville .. \$25.00 Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Winter; sisters, Mesdames H. L. Propst, J. J. Rus-Plainview sell, Walker and Laura Winter;

Mrs. A. D. McCain

and we look for a large throng of their \$1,000 doll which originally al position. In a recent one he was owned by their grandmother, wrote: Mrs. Roy Largent.

There was also shown Debbie Dismuke and her doll. She is the **Makes Suggestions** granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald. ance.

Also among those displaying dolls in Abilene were Wayne and Andria Adcock, children of Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock.

3 One-Act Plays Tonight by Jrs.

\$1,988 for the three years. The Junior Class of Merkel High School will present its annual group of one-act plays tonight. December 3, at 7:30 o'clock in the Cafeteria-Auditorium. The proabout whether or not your season's ceeds will be used to help finance Oct. 1, 1954. Dec. 21 and the schools will re- return address on the envelope the junior-senior banquet. "Human Desire"

Admission is 50c and 25c. The plays and cast are: A SLICE OF MELON- A Chinese

Packs Passion Pantomime in which a parent atcent stamps may carry written tempts to prove that a successful **At Queen Theatre** parent, may upon the coming of age of his youngest child, wash his

hands of the whole business of parenthood, and pass immediately into Perfect Peace.

Actors are: James Simpson, Tommy Swinney, Homer Payne, Stanley Brown, Clydene Eager, CeVene Neill, Jimmy McAninch, Terry O'Brien. THE NO 'COUNT BOY- The

story of a Negro Boy who has dreams and persuades a girl to leave her fiance and wander over the face of the earth but the boy's mother has other ideas. and of a crime of passion.

Actors are: William Stallo. Sharyn Pair, Leon Kelso, Kay Toombs, Louise Newton, Homer Payne.

THE SHOCK OF HIS LIFE Father's yearly medical checkroad yardmaster. up results in comical misunder

standings with father receiving a HOME FOR HOLIDAYS welcome "shock of his life." Among those who were home Actors are: Larry Joyce, Betty from the University of Texas for the Thanksgiving holidays were:

Colonel Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace: Sessions Hammond, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hammond; George Starbuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Starbuck; Joy Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, Merkel McCoy.

son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy; . The Fortnightly Study Club will Bill White, son of Rev. and Mrs. serve a turkey dinner at 12:30 Aubrey F. White.

noon Sunday, Dec. 12, at the high UNDERGOES SURGERY

Mrs. L. E. Ford, Jr., had major \$5.00 | \$1.25, children 75c) can be secur-\$5.00 ed from any member of the club. surgery at the Sadler Hospital Bulletin for Merchant Dollar Nov. 30. She is doing all right. \$2.50 -Adv.

Largent and her sister Ellen and County's expenditures and financi- heart disease at 3:45 a.m. Wednesday at the home of her daughter. Mary Derstine, in Austin. Purchase of new and used ma-

She fell and broke her hip about chinery and equipment is one of three months ago which affected the major expenditures for county her heart. Starbuck Funeral Home was in

road construction and maintencharge of arrangements and burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. But the four precincts in the Rev. Frank Travis of Abilene of-

county vary considerably in their ficiated. Mrs. Derstine was born in Dick-Whereas Precincts 1, 3 and 4 have spent from \$3,700 to \$16,000 son County, Tenn., March 19, 1873. a year for each of the past three She was married to S. A. Derstine in Burns, Tenn., in 1900 and had years for new and used road mainlived in Merkel since that time extainaners, trucks and other equipment. Commissioner Rufe Tittle of cept for the past six years when Precinct 2 (Northwestern Taylor she made her home in Austin. Her husband died Dec. 4, 1934. County, including Merkel and

Trent) has spent a total of only Besides her daughter she is survived by her son W. J. and grand-Tittle's Road and Bridge Fund son Sammie.

Pallbearers were Curtis McAnhas gone from the lowest cash on inch, Leo Harris, Carl Hughes, hand to the highest among the Vincent Barnett, Stanley King and four precincts from Oct. 1, 1951 to H. W. Lemens.

> FOY EPPERSON ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SIXTH GRADE ROOM Mrs. Johnny Cox's sixth grade

room elected the following officers for the third six weeks: President, Foy Epperson: vice

president, Wanda Swinney; sec Columbia Pictures' "Human Deretary, Jerry Don Doan; reporter, sire," starring Glenn Ford, Gloria Coletta Merle Hull; treasurer, Hi-Grahame and Broderick Craw- jinio Moreno. ford at the Queen Theatre Tues-

day, Wednesday and Thursday is a SIXTH GRADE ROOM raw slice of life that reveals the **ENJOYS FIELD TRIP** jealousy, passion and greed which TO ABILENE FRIDAY

churn in seething emotion beneath Mrs. Johnny Cox's sixth grade the human surface. Based on a room went on a field trip to Abinovel by Emile Zola, "Human Delene Friday. This is an outgrowth sire" is the pitiless story of a woof their study of foods, weather man born to be bad, of a man who and air transportation. Principal hated but couldn't leave her alone, C. A. Farley drove the bus. They went to the Red Cross

In "Human Desire," Ford plays Chapter House, a bakery, municia young locomotive engineer inpal airport, airline, weather bufatuated with the seductive Miss reau, Foremost Dairy, TV and Grahame, a sultry small-town radio station. They had their pictemptress wed to Crawford, a railnic at Fair Park. They had an enjoyable trip.

> LOCAL HICKS RELATIVES AT FAMILY GET-TOGETHER Those from here who attended the family get-together at Lake Tramell, Sweetwater, were: Mrs. H. R. Hicks, Messrs. and Mes dames Bob Hicks, Ben Hicks and family, Vestal Hicks and family, Waymond Hicks and Ben A. Wal-

ters. DOLLAR DAY NOTE

Due to Dollar Day falling on Christmas week, Dec. 21, a spec-al Dollar Day bulletin of bargains for Christmas will be mailed out Monday, Dec. 20. Watch the Day ads.

Merkel Majorettes Lead Xmas Parade

The Merkel High School Band led the Christmas parade in Abilene Monday afternoon.

Leading the band were the Merkel majorettes: Paka Newby (drum major), Imogene Thomas, Patricia Palmer, Jackie Hogan and Johnnie Tipton.

The band members were dressed in their new West Point style uniforms.

Jimmy Walker's Football Team Is Still Unbeaten

Jimmy Walker's football team at Mason is still untied and unbeaten. They will play Hearne there at 7:30 p. m. tonight, Friday.

Jimmy played four years at Merkel and four years at T. U. C. at El Paso. He directed football while in Germany where he served in the Army. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker.

MRS. O. W. REED IS HOSTESS AT THANKSGIVING DINNER Mrs. O. W. Reed was hostess for Thanksgiving dinner in her home Thursday of last week. Those enjoying the occasion were Messrs. and Mesdames A. O. Holder and family of Tulsa, Okla., Allen D. King and family, Jack Reed and Johnnie of Littlefig" Raymond Reed and family Mexico, Frank

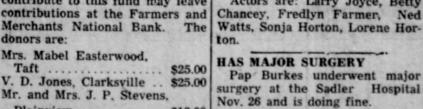
Coomer and Ge and Jimmy Ray

Green County, was in our city Monday morning following a trail of a donors are: Mrs. Gladys Parmelly, wife of Mrs. Mabel Easterwood, LeRoy Parmelly, died Thursday. Surviving are her husband, two children, Clara and Loyd; parents,

\$10.00 Assembly of God Church ... \$10.00 TURKEY DINNER brothers, Lit, Jinks and Hodge Herbert Patterson \$5.00

Commissioner and Mrs. C. R. Tittle \$5.00 Henry Orr and Miss Jessie Jones Lillie Wortham Estate of Carbon were married at 8 V. R. Justice

\$5.00 school cafeteria. Tickets (adults



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amble and itors over the Thanksgiving holiaksgiving day of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. er parents | Harry Barnett.

childre, of F ren of Mertzon were visitors in the land, Mrs. Sidney Foy and son and home of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Ad- daughter of Baird, and Babara cock.

Miss Mary Collins spent Thanksgiving with the J. M. Collins family of Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Barnett and children of McCamey were vis-

Visitors in the home of Mayor sdcock and and Mrs. Henry West Thanksgivorth and Mr. ing through Sunday were: Mrs.

> West of Midland. Mrs. W. R. Nichols and daughter Linda of Johnstown, Pa., are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John West.

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THE MERKEL MAIL Mexico visited last week with her

nother, Mrs. Delie Richie. Postmaster and Mrs. Wrenn Dur ham and daughters Penny and Dana spent Thanksgiving in Brownwood with her mother, Mrs. Earl Clements, who returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Rhea of Jonesburg spent Thanksgiving and Mrs. Elmer Adcock and child- J. D. West and son Jack of Mid- with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Walters. Pvt. Gordon Price of Ft. Bliss was home over Thanksgiving visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Price.

> Mr. and Mrs. Bill Orr and son Billie Ray of Amarillo spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Webber.

> Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller were in Edgewood over Thanksgiving

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STATE SENATOR

DECEMBER 11

Pd. Political Adv.

American Legion, VFW, Texas State Guard.

Native West Texan

rn and raised in West Texas.

Church and Family Man



Mr. Graham is a native of Coryfive miles west of Trent in the

ell County and Mrs. Graham, who White Flat Community. was May Compton before her mar-They had double cause for celeriage, was born in Hunt County. Their children who visited them brating. They marked their 60th year of married life of Thanksgiv-Thursday are a son, J. M. Graham of Sweetwater, and three daugh-And to make the day a completeters, Mrs. Ruby Duncan and Mrs. Nolan Duncan, both of Trent, and

ly happy one they had all four of Mrs. B. T. Vessels, Pecos. their children with them and most of their 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

ing Day.

Besides their immediate family Mr. and Mrs. Graham greeted many other relatives and friends at an open house at the farm home where they have lived 53 years. Both active and alert, Mr. Gra-

ham is 81 and she is 78. They were married Nov. 25, 1894 at Gail and lived in Borden County until 1901 when they moved to their farm in the east edge of Nolan County.

Mr. Graham worked the farm himself until two years ago and still directs its operation. He recalled Thursday that when he first moved to the farm one of his biggest chores was to kill rattlesnakes

visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hooks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Reynolds and family spent the Thanksgiving oliday with her parents. Mr. and



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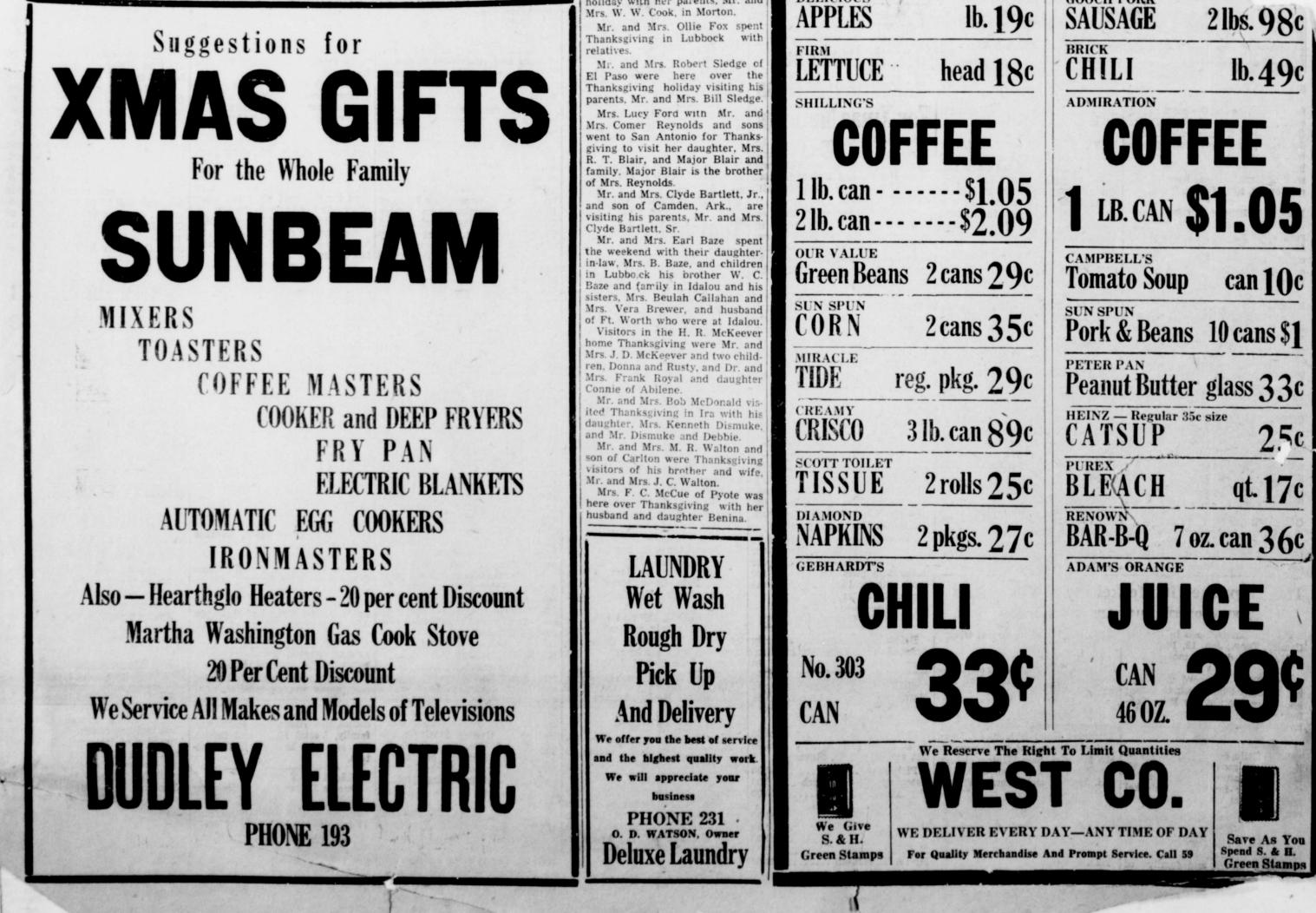




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court and styled Billie Morrison, Plaintiff vs. Barney Morrison, Defendant. A brief statement of the nature

Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 29th day of October A. D., 1954, in this cause, numbered 20.152-A on the docket of said

of this suit is as follows, towit:* Plainaiff and defendant were legally married on or about 15th day of September 1946, and lived together until on or about November 1st, 1952, Plantiff shows there were no children born of said marriage. Plaintiff sues for divorce on

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment and asks that property purchased by Plaintiff, being Lot No. 4, of the Helen Reese Subdivision of the Lot No. 5, Block No. 16 in Edgmont a subdivision out of the N. ¼ of Survey No. 64, to the City of Abilene, be set aside as her separate property and estate as is more



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BOULLING NVAN

rry and rs. J. C. Danny (Br Wright and Gale Hope and ters and family, Tom Diltz and Billy, of Hermleigh enjoyed family of Merkel were at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Diltz, for Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merritt and two children were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lane Palmer home on Thanksgiving and family of Anson.

R. B. Horton of Abilene visited Fick, and family of Odessa, Mrs. his mother, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Thanksgiving Day. Mrs. Homer Shanks and Mrs.

Edna Horton spent Thanksgiving pere. dinner with the former's brother

and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kuykendall of Abilene.

Mrs. Corene Horton and Campbell over the Thanksgiving son David and Ruben Horton of Abiweekend, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy lene were guests of Mrs. Hugh Campbell and children of Haskell Campbell Sunday. visited his parents on Thanksgiv-

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller spent the Thanksgiving holiday with of Blair spent Thanksgiving with their children, Rev. and Mrs. Dave her parents Johnson, in Clarksville. Mrs. E. M. McDonald with Mr.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Dean and and Mrs. Comer Haynes visited son Larry of Corpus Christi were her niece, Mrs. Claud Tatum, and Thanksgiving weekend guests of husband of Winters Friday. her mother, Mrs. Dee Grimes. Mrs. Edna Horton and daughter

Mrs. J. T. Warren returned home after a month's visit with her two daughters, Mrs. H. C. Coit family of Plainview. and husband and Mrs. K. S. Beckett and husband of Dallas, her sister, Mrs. H. B. Russell, and husband of Conway, Ark., also her nieces, Alene and Maud Ulmer of Maryana, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Beauford spent Thanksgiving with her brother, R. R. Beauford, and wife in Dallas

The following were present for Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray's Thanksgiving celebration: Rev. and Mrs. Lucian Rudd and son David, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray and children Kenneth Don, Karen and Michael, Marcus Durham of Coleman, Vernon Ray and Becky Ray. plantation.

ANN BOOTH MARRIES Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burleson, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Burleson and little Christ of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Booth, and Faith, of Lubbock, ars. Mina Win- | Charles and children, Elene and Thanksgiving evening in the home Thanksgiving dinner of turkey and of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler. all the trimmings with their par-Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mashburn of

ents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burleson. 1618 South 23rd St., Abilene, are Turkey dinner with all the trimthe parents of the bridegroom. mings was enjoyed in the N. C. Pre-nuptial selections and traditional wedding music was played Day by their daughter, Mrs. H. A. by Mrs. Dwain Jones of Abilene. Rev. Sam Tullock read the dou-Johnny Devaney of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Palmer of Hawley ble ring ceremony before a tiered

altar of jade foliage and jade canand Mrs. Clona McClure of Comtapers, outlined by backets of Mr. and Mrs. George Popham of San Antonio visited her sister, large white mums. Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell, and Mr. Bobby Mayfield, cousin of the

bride, lighted the candles. Carol Sue Dunnagin, former roommate of the bride, was her maid of honor. She wore a navy ing. Also Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Doan blue suit with white accessories. Her corsage was of red roses. Gay-

lon Johnson was best man. Given in marriage by Dr. W. T Sadler, her brother-in-law, the

bride wore a lovely white faille suit with pearl trim. Her hat was of white velvet and her other ac-Sonja Sue spent the weekend with cessories were of velvet. She carried a white orchid encircled with her daughter, Mrs. Bill Nutt, and frenched white carnations on top of a white satin Bible, a gift to the E. L. Bankhead of San Angelo

bride After a reception for relatives of the couple, the bride and groom left for a honeymoon in Old Mexico. They will be at home in

mother, Mrs. Lonnie Smith, and San Diego, Calif., after December brother Harold, his sister, Mrs. M. J. Shaw and two brothers, M. L. The bride is a June graduate of Hardin-Simmons University. The

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Low of San groom is a machinist mate fire-Antonio spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their son, W. D. in San Diego, California. Webber, and wife.

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and James, of Abilene.

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MARY CLEO WHEELER IS FRANKLIN MASHBURN DEC. 25 MARRIED LAST FRIDAY

Miss Ann Booth, daughter of In a candlelight ceremony in the Church of Christ at Noodle, Mary Franklin Mashburn were married Cleo Wheeler and S/Sgt. Richard Hamilton repeated double vows Friday evening.

> Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wheeler of Noodle. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Crane, N. Y.

Edward Brown, a missionary recently returned from Japan, read the ceremony before a tiered altar of candelabra centered with a delabra holding white cathedral large basket of white gladioli and white pom muns. White satin markers of pom muns and fern marked the family pews.

> Candlelighters were Caroll Cockrell and Bruce Freeman.

Maid of honor was Joyce Wheeler, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Sara Wheeler, sister of the bride, and Loyce Wellborn, commate or the bride.

The best man was Bill Shafer of Abilene

The maid of honor wore a pink affeta bouffant skirt ballerina length dress with a white frenched carnation corsage. Her sister, Sara, were a deep rose ballerina length dress with a white frenched carnation corsage. Loyce Wellborn wore a blue ballerina length dress

with a white frenched carnation corsage

Marsha Tarpley, niece of the bride, was her flower girl. She

wore a full white taffeta ballerina length dress overlaid with pink net. She carried a pink basket full of rose petals. The ring man in the Navy and is stationed bearer was Mike Tarpley, nephew of the bride.

The bride's father gave her in If you work on a farm and are marriage. She wore a white taffeta head with a tiara. She carried a

white Bible topped with red roses. The soloist was Edward Walker

who sang "Because.' The wedding reception was held

in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dixon of Noodle. After a short wedding trip to

San Antonio the couple is now at home at 433 Beech Street in Abilene.

The bride is a graduate of Noodle High School and is now employed in Abilene. The bridegroom is stationed in Abilene in the Army Recruiting Office. He is a medical technician and a staff serFORTNIGHTLY CLUB SEES OVEN COOKED MEAL MADE

Miss Martha Ritter, home econopany, was guest demonstrator at the last meeting of the Fortnight-

ly Study Club. The meeting was held in the homemaking department of the high school with the high school teachers acting as hostesses. Miss Jay Barnett and Miss Jo Anne Logan were guests.

Miss Ritter, who was introduced Mrs. Roger Hamilton of Port by Mrs. Lige Gamble, gave a demonstration of an oven cooked meal. The menu she prepared consisted of individual ham loaves, mashed sweet potatoes with cranberry sauce, green beans with sauted onion and mushrooms, and hot fruit bread. In addition to the meal she demonstrated the making of broiled turkey sandwiches and Brazil nut candy

> The club completed plans for the turkey dinner to be served to the public on December 12.

ported on the state convention of Texas Federated Clubs held in Mineral Wells. Other delegates at-

and Barnett and Mrs. Judd Mc-Reynolds served coffee while the members sampled the delicious food Miss Ritter had prepared. The club adjourned with 23 members and three guests present.

BUTMAN FAMILIES ENJOY THANKSGIVING DINNER

A sumptuous Thanksgiving din ner with all the trimmings for all the Butman families was given in the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney. After dinner pictures were taken, three candles representing past, present, and future were lit and each one joined in with interesting happenings. Gifts received for the Swinney's 30th anniversary were opened. Every one joined in a sing song around the piano

A letter from Uncle Latrobe Vaughan was read in which he said, "Grace and I cannot be there in person but can be there in spir-

Out of town guests were Mrs. James Sloan of Big Spring, Harold Swinney of Cisco and Grandfather Butman, 93, who enjoyed the day.

MISS SUE McLEOD HONORED WITH GIFT TEA

Miss Sue McLeod, bride elect of mist with the Lone Star Gas Com- Lee Tucker, was honored with a gift Tea Saturday, Nov. 20, in the home of Mrs. N. T. Hodge, The Hodge, Mrs. Houston E. Martin, table was covered with a lace cloth | Mrs. W. A. Henager, Mrs. James Salters, Mrs. Leroy Riney, Mrs. Fred Johnson, Mrs. Marvin Free wedding bells adorned the candle holders and Vanda Orchids completed the centerpiece. man, Mrs. V. W. Morton, C. C.

> In the receiving line were Mrs. Max Springer, Miss McLeod, her mother, Mrs. Sam McLeod, and Mrs. N. T. Hodge. Refreshments of cake and punch were served. Three hundred guests were invit ed. Miss McLeod received many beautiful gifts.

The wedding will take place at the church of Christ Thursday, December 2 at 7 p.m.

HUNTING IS FUN BUT -

Hunting is fun but it took a grim Texas toll last year. Nineteen deaths in 1954 came from gunfire either while hunting or while preparing for hunting .-A. & M.

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Mrs. Dorothy Gilmore, Kay Shedd, tonsillectomy. UNION RIDGE H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. W. C. LEE Mrs. Beauford Buntin called the

W. D. Butler, fractured hip.

Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club to order Nov. 19 in the home of Mrs. W. C. Lee. Roll call was answered with "What we are most thankful for." Minutes were approved.

Hospital Notes

Admissions to the Sadler Hos.

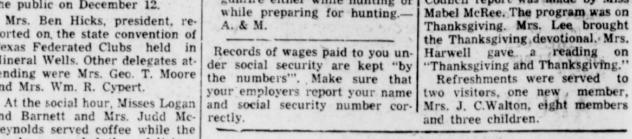
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For surgery - Mrs. E. W. King

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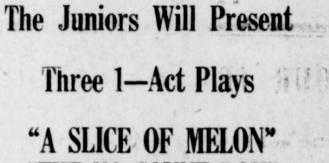
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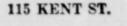


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It's certainly one of the freshest romps that has been screened locally in an age of blue moons Based upon a highly humorous and with Dick Powell, Debbie Rey and provocative situation and unnolds and Anne Francis in the folded to the constant accompanco-starring roles, none of the huiment of rousing laughter, "Susan mor from the sexily saucy situa-Slept Here," which plays at the tions is lost. Songs and dances also enliven the proceedings and Queen Theatre, Sunday and Monday, may well rate as one of the Techincolor photography adds to top fun films of the year. its high rating as entertainment.

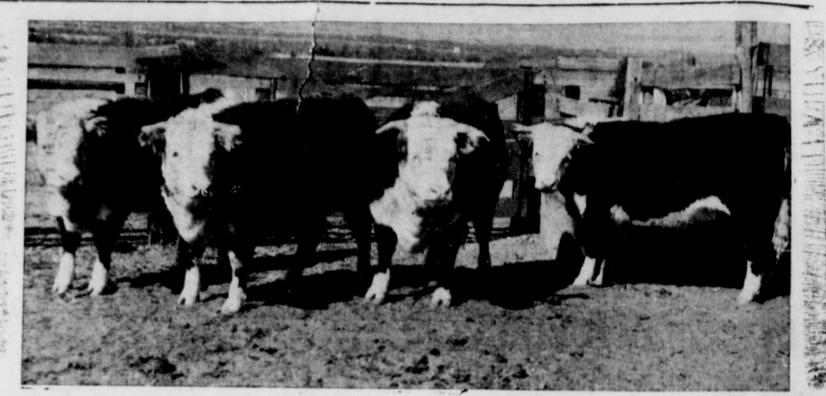


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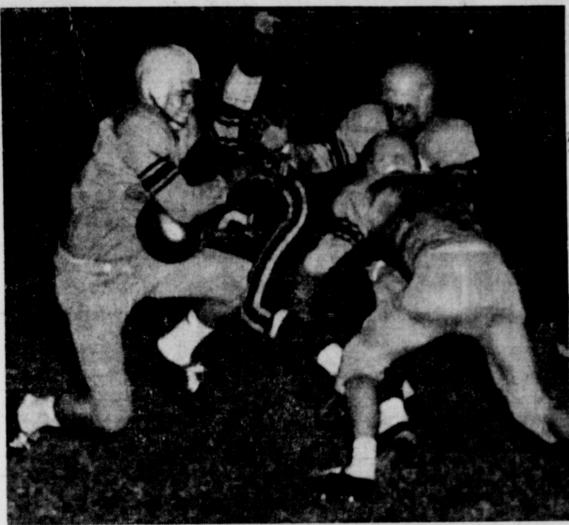
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INDIAN WAR DANCE — It took three M erkel Badgers to stop the war dance of Haskell Fullback John Pittman in their District 8-A game. Pittman gained eight yards to the Merkel 22 on the play in the first quarter with Badgers Robert McLeod, Philip, Pursley and an unidentified teammate crunching him to earth.

EDITORIALS **GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY**

The growth of a town can be measured in its institutions that become stable and sturdy and expand. This takes time.

One yardstick by which Merkel can measure its growth is the

golden anniversary that the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel has just observed. It was 50 years ago, Dec. 1, that it opened its doors for service to Merkel and its surrounding area and to points

farther removed. Its beginning was not phenominal and its growth was not phenominal. It grew steadily and surely,

just as the town grew, putting roots deep down into the ground that could weather the vicissitudes of the times.

Its initial capital was \$25,000. In 1920 it increased to \$50,000 and in 1949 it went to \$75,000. This was no phenominal, flash-in-the-pan jump. It was steady, it was slow, it vas sure. It was a healthy man

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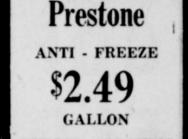
This has made for the splendid growth of the bank, the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, the Merkel Bank.

Merkel is proud of its bank. Merkel heartily congratulates the bank on its golden anniversary

and wishes it greater growth and prosperity as Merkel progresses.

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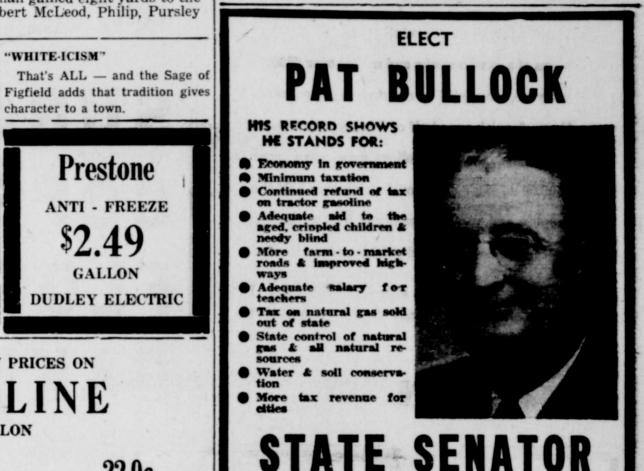
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festation of the economy of Merkel and its area. It reflected the Ethel steady growth of Merkel and its Again, there is another reflection to be observed. In 1905 the first statement of the condition of the bank showed deposits of \$38, 403.72. In October 1919 they stood at \$576,496. They reached \$1,607,-273.31 in December of the same year. By 1944 they went over \$2,-000,000, exceeded \$3,000,000 in 1946 and topped \$4,000,000 in It is no accident that the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel has reached its golden anniversary. The J. T. Warren family has carefully directed the destiny of the bank with the able assistance of its other officers and The elder J. T. Warren was president of the bank until his death on Sept. 6, 1940. Then the younger 853 Walnut St. Booth Warren, his son, took over The service the bank has rendered has been in the spirit of West Texas' grandest tradition, that of NOTICE! serving in a friendly fashion in a personalized manner. People are people to them, friends, patrons, not just borrowers. Booth Warren, affectionately known as "country banker and windshield farmer - stockman," greets his friends in a "hail-fellowwell-met" manner. There is an engaging smile on his face and an attitude of putting everyone at his **TYPEWRITERS** ADDING MACHINES CASH REGISTERS Sales, Rentals and Service **Cox Typewriter** * Exchange

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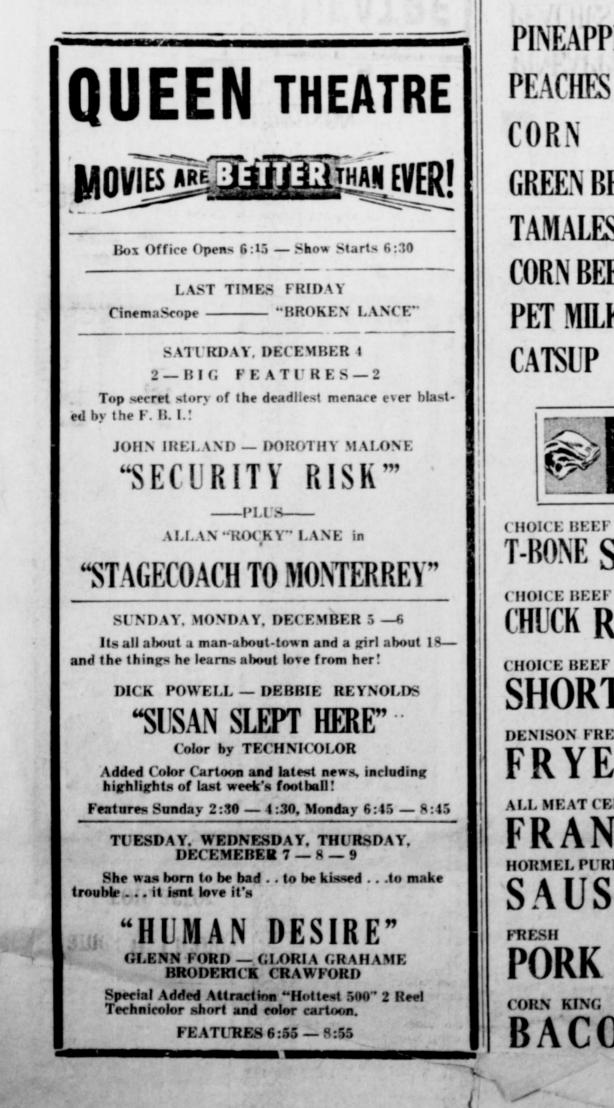
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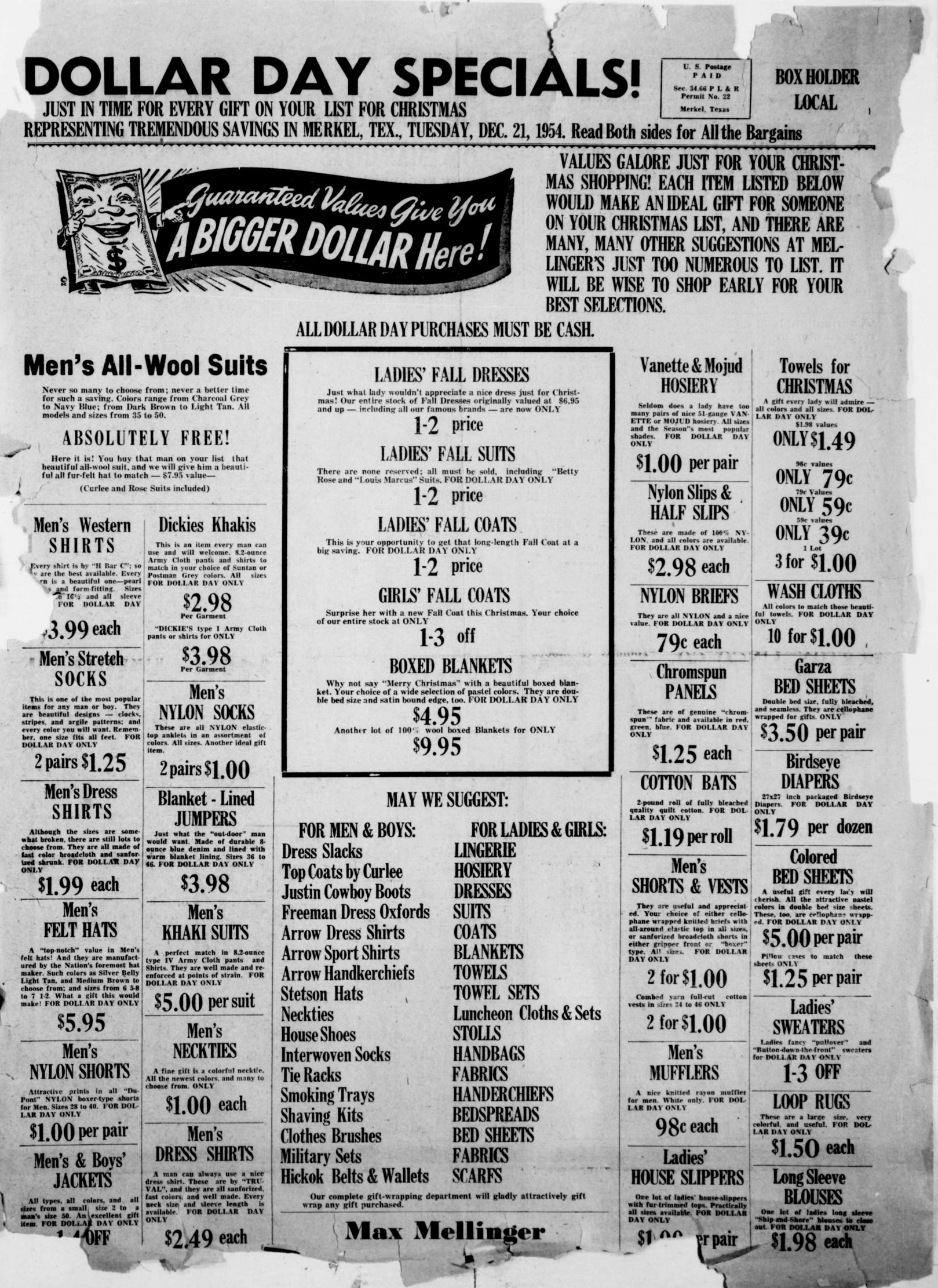
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