

IT'S A BIG XMAS DOLLAR DAY

Santa, Reindeer Thrill Children Who Pack Streets

"Here he comes!" "Here comes Santa!" "And look at his reindeer!" ... Santa and his reindeer first appeared at 5 p. m. ... The High School Band followed playing stirring music befitting the occasion.

Land were kept busy making a way for Santa and his reindeer. While Constable Land turned the cars away from the street ... So bags were thrown to the crowds of eager children whose waiting hands caught the goodies.

Wayman Hicks Accidentally Shot While Sleeping

Wayman Hicks, 23, was shot through the leg by a stray .22 caliber bullet shortly after noon Thursday of last week. Wayman who works night tower, was hit in the right leg, between the knee and the thigh while he was sleeping about 12:15 p. m.

Fire Destroys Home, Furniture Of C. B. Rusts

Fire destroyed the Stith home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust at 1 a. m. Sunday. The house was located about eight miles northeast of Merkel. Cause of the blaze is unknown.

Will Feature Items In Plenty of Time For Many Gifts



DAVID W. RATLIFF

Merkel's 29th Dollar Day comes just in time for Christmas buying. It will be next Tuesday, Dec. 21. Something special has been added. In order to bring the bargains on Christmas week The Merkel Mail is issuing a special bulletin that will reach the public Monday morning.

Trent Baptist Dedication Has Large Throng

The dedication of the Trent First Baptist Church drew a large throng of worshippers. The Sunday School had 170 in attendance compared to 101 the preceding Sunday and 93 last year.

Rain and Hail Fall

Last Saturday at 9 a. m. it sprinkled. At 1:30 p. m. there was a heavy shower and 20 inch of rain fell. The hail measured about 1-8 inch and almost made the ground white.

Come and Go Shower

A come-and-go community shower for the C. B. Rust family will be held Thursday, Dec. 16, from 4 to 6 p. m. in the basement of the First Baptist Church.

Free Xmas Show For All Children At Queen Theatre

N. T. Hodge, owner of the Queen Theatre, is offering his annual free Christmas show next Friday at 10 a. m. for all the children. A wonderful program has been planned to please the taste of all the children, the little ones and the big ones.

Methodist Church To Present Xmas Songs and Pageant

The Methodist Church will put on a Christmas song program and pageant at 7 p. m. Sunday. The whole presentation will portray the birth of Christ. It will last one hour.

Stith Baptist Church to Give Xmas Program

The Stith Baptist Church will hold its annual Christmas program Sunday night, beginning at 6:15 p. m. Everyone is invited.

W. C. Matthews, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Performed the Note Burning Rite

W. C. Matthews, chairman of the board of deacons, performed the note burning rite which aroused him at the pulpit stood the other deacons: W. B. Williams, H. W. Beckham, L. W. Ross, Sr., Orvin Robinson, H. L. Tittle, J. B. Winn, A. J. English, Leonard Quattlebeum and Odell Freeman.

Principal Farley Is Speaker at Abilene Church

C. A. Farley, local elementary school principal, was the speaker for the monthly teachers meeting of the Northside Church of Christ in Abilene last Friday night.

FOR COTTON CONTROLS

Taylor County cotton producers Tuesday voted in favor of marketing quotas and acreage controls on the 1955 cotton crop. The vote was 202 to 68. Taylor County's allotted acreage for 1955 is 36,028 acres, compared with 49,792 acres in 1954. Merkel voted 51 for and 18 against.

Wrenn Durham Gives Advice on Xmas Rush Mail

Postal employees are bracing themselves for what may be the busiest weekend in Yuletide history. Explaining the urgency of their problem, Postmaster Wrenn Durham said: "I have frequently asked that all Christmas mail be posted before December 15. Now that time has past, and I know from previous experience the volume of Christmas mail hasn't reached its peak."

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1934 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

CAROLERS TO SING

Lights were turned on Tuesday night on Merkel's decorated Christmas tree, sponsored by the Lions Club and placed on the corner intersection of Elm and Edwards streets.

FOR BANKHEAD PLAN

By a majority far more than the necessary two-thirds in fact more than 9 to 1, the South's cotton farmers went on record Dec. 14 for compulsory crop control by voting to continue the Bankhead act in 1935.

URGES PRECAUTION

"Christmas fires are largely caused by carelessness in the use of decoration and lighting effects," N. A. Dowell, chief of the Merkel Fire Department stated.

WANT OLD TOYS

Members of the Merkel Fire Department have received only a limited number of toys to re-issue to the unfortunate children of the city, those who would otherwise be left without the remembrance of Santa Claus.

RECORD BIRTHS

Born to: Mr. and Mrs. C. B.

W. O. W. ELECTS

The following new officers will be installed by the W. O. W. Camp the first Tuesday in January: W. L. Blair, council commander; B. B. Reynolds, advisory lieutenant; A. D. Fulton, banker; A. J. Lloyd, clerk; Leon Toombs, escort; Ralph Walker, watchman; Carl Matthews, sentry; Harry Barnett, team captain; W. M. Elliott, manager.

PLAN XMAS CHEER

The churches of the city will join in collecting and distributing blankets, quilts, sheets, pillow cases and hand towels, as well as any other article of household comfort to the more needy on Christmas.

LIONS HELP

On the motion of Dr. W. T. Sadler the Lions Club voted to assume the deficit of the Merkel High School Athletic Association in the purchase of sweaters for 1934 Badgers.

TWILIGHT MUSICAL

Miss Christine Collins and a number of her pupils will sing carols on Sunday afternoon in a twilight service at the Presbyterian Church at 5:30 o'clock.

Two Local Women Are Improving After Auto Crash

Mrs. C. W. Seago, Mrs. H. H. Windham and Mrs. Ross Pratt were injured in a head-on auto crash last Friday about three-quarters of a mile east of Tye on Highway 80.

Burglars Enter Two Stations Here On Highway 80

Burglars entered two service stations here Wednesday night of last week. Deputy Sheriff Pete Petty said the sheriff's office also received a report of gasoline being stolen north of here during the night.

"Holy Night" Will Be Given Tonight At Baptist Church

"Holy Night" is the title of this year's Christmas pageant to be presented by two high school clubs, Girls' Choral Club and the Speech Club. The public is invited to this one-hour sacred program to be given in the First Baptist Church Friday, December 17, at 7:30 p. m.

Carson Grocery Carries on With Third Generation

Carson Grocery and Meat Market celebrated its 31st anniversary here last week. This marks the third generation of Carsons in the grocery business in Merkel.

GIN DAYS

The Merkel Farmers Coop Gin and the Guitlar Gin will be open only Wednesday of next week, December 22. — Adv.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1914 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Wesley Edwards and B. F. Cox returned Sunday night from a two weeks' stay in Waco, where they attended the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas Masons.

A. C. Boney left Tuesday for Ft. Worth on a business trip but expects to return today.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Eoff will regret exceedingly to learn of their removal from here to Coleman where they will reside in the future.

Miss Sallie Toombs and father, J. R. Toombs, left Monday evening for Paducah where Miss Toombs will teach school the remaining months of this winter. Mr. Toombs will return home in a

short time and can be seen at his usual haunts in the streets of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shelton of Abilene were in Merkel Sunday visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell.

On Thursday afternoon Miss Ruth Merritt entertained the Fidelity Class at her home on Elm Street. It was revealed that Mr. and Mrs. Merritt were announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter Ruth to Jno. Cleveland Baker of Canyon City on Dec. 25.

The city dads receive \$15 every three months from the city. The dads are: J. O. Hamilton, J. L. Harris, J. P. Sharp, G. H. Adams and O. W. Williams.

UNDERGOES SURGERY

Mrs. Sally Ewins had major surgery at the Sadler Hospital December 11.

WIN ESSAY AWARDS

The Merkel High School English Department will again be represented in the publication, "The National Anthology of Essays." Three winning students were selected in this contest involving the states of the Southwest: Paka Newby, Elsie Ward and Payton Scott.

HOME FROM ITALY

T/Sgt. M. L. Toombs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs, Sr., arrived in New York Saturday from Italy after seven months' service. His wife and his grandmother, Mrs. Frase Demere, met him in Ft. Worth Tuesday and they came home Wednesday.

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Murphey of Abilene were Sunday visitors of her sister, Mrs. Geo. T. Moore, and husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Gee and son David of Dallas were here the first of the week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jud Sheppard.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin L. Walters were in Monahans over the week-end visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cross and Kaylene and Mr. and Mrs. Melton Cross and son Mike of Abilene were Sunday visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Renfro of Odessa came over the weekend and visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro.

W. W. Webb returned last Friday from a trip to Pecos last week. He saw lots of cotton and met lots of old friends.

Charles Sylvester and family visited in Baird Sunday with her brothers, Frank and W. T. Payne, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Estel Hunter and little son Carroll Wayne of Corpus Christi were visitors the past week with their parents, Mrs. Winnie Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley, and other relatives and friends in Merkel and Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey of Lubbock, formerly of here, were visitors of his mother, Mrs. Mary Carey and other relatives and friends the past weekend. Mr. Carey stated he made 76 bales of cotton from 68 acres and also raised some very good feed.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott Sunday were his brother, G. W. and wife of California and two sons, Raymond and Alva, of Abilene, cousin, Mrs. Lando Miller, her daughter, husband and two children of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cosel of Houston visited this week with her sister, Mrs. Max Mellinger, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Collins of Lamesa were Sunday visitors of Miss Mary Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dismuke

and children of Ira, were weekend visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald.

MARRIAGE OF MARIE HOLT ANNOUNCED BY PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holt announce the marriage of their daughter Marie to Bennie L. Hobbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs of Grand Prairie. The couple were married by Rev. Murry W. Wilson in the Church of Christ in Bentonville, Ark., Nov. 25.

They will make their home in Grand Prairie where the groom is employed.

DORCAS CLASS ENJOYS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DEC. 9

The Dorcas Class of the First Baptist Church met on Thursday, Dec. 9, at the church for its Christmas social.

Christmas decorations were used in the dining room. Mrs. Stella Mae Russell brought the devotion, Mrs. J. J. McNeice led in prayer and Mrs. W. M. Hays gave thanks.

There were 23 class members and one visitor. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed, after which Christmas gifts were exchanged.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Charlie West.

MRS. J. C. BROWN IS HOSTESS TO STITH H. D. CLUB

Mrs. J. C. Brown was hostess to the Stith Home Demonstration Club Nov. 24. Mrs. M. E. West presided. Mrs. Wesley Mashburn led the club in the song "Wonderful Word of Life." Roll call was answered with "Shopping Hints." Minutes were approved.

Mrs. J. E. Hudson was in charge of the game. The club voted to have their next meeting Dec. 1 to plan for its Christmas Party. The club members presented a Thanksgiving program.

Miss Wainscott showed colored slides of a V-shape kitchen. Mrs. J. E. Hudson won the hostess gift. Refreshments were served to 18 members, nine children and Miss Wainscott.



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**STITH H. D. CLUB PLANS
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Stith Home Demonstration Club had a called Meeting Dec. 1 with Mrs. Bill Childress. Miss Louise Hudson presided. Mrs. Jones led the prayer. Mrs. Hudson and Mrs. J. C. Brown planned the Christmas menu.

Members drew for what each was to bring. The club voted to have the Christmas party Dec. 12 at the Community Center in Merkel. The party will be at 6:30 p. m. Mrs. M. Walters, Mrs. C. B. Rust and Mrs. J. Akins were appointed to arrange the program for the party.

The club voted to go caroling Dec. 23 with everyone meeting at Mrs. Walter's home. Quite a few members planned to go to Anson to the county Christmas party December 9.

VALUE OF EGGS

Eggs are valued as a food because they are rich in proteins, vitamins and minerals. — A. & M.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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TO: Robert H. Blanton, 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 24th day of January A. D. 1955, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 8th day of December A. D. 1954, in this cause, numbered 20,221-A on the docket of said court and styled Bonnie Blanton, Plaintiff, vs. Robert H. Blanton, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: That plaintiff and defendant were duly and legally married on 13 August 1951, and continued to live together until 28 May 1952, at which time they became permanently separated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment, and for custody and control of the one child born to said marriage, no community property was accumulated during this marriage 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 8th day of December A. D. 1954.

Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By Irene Crawford, Deputy Adv. — Dec. 17, 24, 31, Jan. 7.

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Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.
W. M. U. Mon. 9:30 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.

Men's Downtown Bible Class
Sunday 8:44 a. m.

Merkel First Methodist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School 9:50 a. m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a. m.
M. Y. F. 6:30 p. m.
Evening Service 7:30 p. 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 Calvary Baptist Church
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Service 11:00 a. m.
Evening Bible Class 6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p. m.

Merkel Catholic Church
Sunday Mass 10:30 a. m.
Primitive Baptist Church
Meeting time first Sunday in each month 11 a. m.
Saturday preceding 8 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.

Trent First Baptist Church
Sunday:
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Training Union 6:45 p. m.
Evening Services 7:45 p. m.
Tuesday:
W. M. U. 2:15 p. m. Intermediate G. A.'s Jr. G. A.'s 3:45 p. m.
Prayer Services 7:30 p. m.
"You are a stranger here but once."

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

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

Noodle 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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE
ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS'
MEETING**

Notice is Hereby Given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on Tuesday, January 11th, 1955, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Respectfully,
BOOTH WARREN
President.
Adv. Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, Jan. 7.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A Trespas to try title suit brought by Alva M. Stansbury and wife, Johnnie Stansbury the record owners to clear title to Lot 6, Block U, Johnston's Sub-division of Lot One (1), Block No. 209, in Abilene, Taylor Co., Texas, which suit alleges, 5, 10, and 25 year statutes of limitation by record owners and their predecessors in title as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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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 the 2nd day of December A. D. 1954.

Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By C. Bower, Deputy. Adv. — Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31.

LEGAL NOTICE

WE, the subscribers, have this day entered into a limited partnership agreeably by the provisions

of Revised Statute, Title 105, relating to limited partnership and do hereby certify that the name of the firm under which the said partnership is to be conducted is Beachy-Craft Toy Products Company; that the general nature of the business to be transacted is the buying, selling and developing of ideas and products in the toy and allied products field and the same will be transacted in the City of Abilene, Texas; that the name of the general partner of the said firm is Charles E. Beachy, County of Taylor and City of Abilene, and

the special partner is J. W. King, Jr., of Taylor County, City of Abilene, and State of Texas; that the capital contributed by the said J. W. King, Jr., special partner, is \$3,300.00 in cash; that the period for which said partnership is to commence is the 24th day of November 1954, and that it will terminate on the 1st day of January A. D. 1955.

Charles E. Beachy
General Partner
J. W. King, Jr.
Special Partner.
Adv. — Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31.

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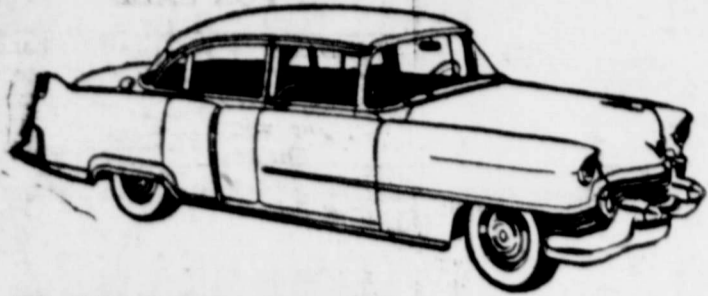
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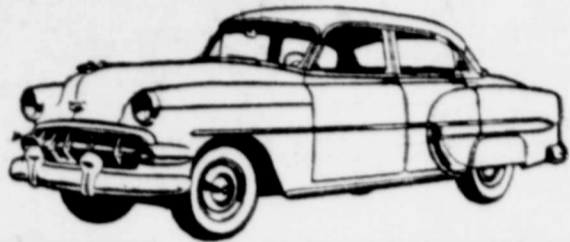
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Raymond Ferguson And Laying Flock Featured in Story

A feature story of Raymond Ferguson, manager of Higginbotham-Bartlett, appeared in Sunday's Reporter-News. It told about his success as a poultryman. A two-column head was over the story and there was a two-column picture of Raymond carrying a basket of eggs, surrounded by his chickens. It stated that he was building one of the outstanding laying flock production records in Taylor County. The story pointed out that he has built up an average laying production of 75 per cent of the birds in his flock. He has about 1,200 White Leghorns producing more than 900 eggs daily.

Shoot Bull's Eye, Win a Big Turkey And Help Needy

Have you shot the bull's eye and won a turkey? The turkey shoot is the place to get one and it is located one mile west of Blair. It starts at 1 p. m. Sunday, December 19. The VFW has sponsored it and is using the money for the benefit of the needy children's Christmas fund. Everyone is invited. You help someone who is needy and you help yourself to a turkey.

ROY THOMAS PROMOTED TO AIRMAN 2ND CLASS AT SEDALIA, MO., BASE

A/3c Roy W. Thomas has been promoted to airman second class at the Sedalia, Mo., Air Base. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thomas.

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HOME FROM OVERSEAS

Mrs. Pick Allen had her grandson, Jerry E. Allen, visiting her this week. He just returned from overseas where he served 36 months in the Air Force. He is now at home in Los Alamos, New Mexico. His parents, P. E. Allen, visited their parents and other relatives here this week.

Names are Wanted Of Those Who Need Help for Xmas

The response for names of people who need help for Christmas in anyway is coming in nicely. The VFW desires their names. The VFW plans to help the needy have a joyous Christmas. The VFW want the names of those who need food, clothing, candy, fruit or toys. These needy may be in Merkel or in the surrounding area. The names should be sent to The Merkel Mail to be turned over to the VFW. The names will not be published. The people needing the help may send in their own names or if you know of anyone who needs help you may send in their names. The VFW will take care of them.

Hawley Sweeps Both Divisions At Noodle Meet

Hawley swept both divisions of the Noodle Invitation High School Basketball tournament at Noodle Saturday night as the Hawley boys downed Noodle, 93-78, and the Hawley girls whipped Noodle, 31-30.

Goode paced Noodle with 22. Miss Lucas captured high point honors for Noodle with 35. Loraine defeated McCaulley, 48-43, for consolation honors in the girls bracket. Hamlin edged McCaulley, 54-51, for consolation honors in the boys division. The Lueders boys and Loraine girls were awarded team sportsmanship trophies. Girls making the all-tournament team were Sellers, Hawley; Lawlis, Noodle; Lewis, Hawley; Newton, Hawley; Sheppard, Loraine and Payne, Trent. Making the boys all-tourney team were: Goode, Noodle; Hudson, Hawley; Hall, Loraine; Thorn, Hawley; and Galloway, Aspermont.

Give Old Toys And Make Child Happy on Xmas

The time is getting short to help make Christmas a happy time for everyone. Do you want to help? The High School Shop Class under its sponsor, J. E. Thomas, will help you help some needy child or adult. Here's how: The class will give old clothes and old toys to the needy families. The toys will be repaired by the boys under the expert guidance of their teacher, Mr. Thomas. The old clothes and old toys should be brought to the school here. So, if you have any old clothes or old toys bring them to the school and the boys will do the rest to make someone, who is needy, very happy on Christmas Day.

Hunters Are Asked To Throw Salt on Hides They Ship

Deer hunters are asked to throw a handful of common table salt on the hides they send TB hospital patients to insure against spoilage. The request came from L. M. Rathbone, Austin taxidermist, who is receiving the hides for the patients. The Volunteer Advisory Council for Texas TB Hospitals will pay for the tanning. Mr. Rathbone is handling the hides free of charge. Mrs. Helen Smith of Austin, council chairman, asks that the hides be marked "Charity," addressed to Mr. Rathbone at 2708 South Lamar, Austin, and shipped by motor freight. She says where this procedure is followed all of the major motor freight lines are hauling the hides free of charge.

BEETHOVEN'S 'EMPEROR' WILL BE FEATURED AT SATURDAY'S CONCERT
Karl Leifheit, the orchestra's own able pianist, will be soloist with the San Antonio Symphony and Musical Director Victor Alessandaro at next Saturday's concert in the San Antonio Municipal auditorium. Leifheit will perform the mighty Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 5 in E-flat Major ("Emperor"). The Christmas-flavored orchestral work on the program will be the familiar and popular "Nutcracker Suite" of Tchaikowsky.

Cemetery Streets Get Face Lifting For Christmas

The streets of Rose Hill Cemetery have had a "face lifting." The work was started Monday. Fred Starbuck worked with different groups in organizing a plan to cleanup for Christmas. Commissioner Rufe Tittle loaned a maintainer, drump truck and two men for the project. The city loaned a dump truck, a loader and one man. Ed Sandusky donated the service of a small grader for two days. Everett Williams donated the service of his pickup loader and his own service for one day. Booth Warren donated the labor of two men. Surplus rock has been removed from the streets of the cemetery and the weeds can be cut.

Francis H. Harris Dies Last Friday At Age of 82

Francis Harvey Harris, 82, retired farmer, died at 10:30 a. m. last Friday at his residence. He had been ill for several weeks. Funeral was held at 3 p. m. Saturday at the Starbuck Funeral Home. Officiating were Rev. S. E. Tullock, pastor of the Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. H. S. Earn, pastor of the Assembly of God Church. Burial was in White Church Cemetery, about 15 miles south of Merkel. Mr. Harris was born April 17, 1872, at Comanche and moved to Merkel in 1915. He was married May 17, 1896 to Miryalda Francis Wilhelm who preceded him in death May 4, 1951. Surviving are three sons, Loyd R. and Tommie Harris of Houston and Robert Harris of Merkel; three daughters, Mrs. P. E. Cooper, Mrs. Bonnie Kelly, and Mrs. Esther Luke, and 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Farmers Cash Income About As Much

Texas farmers received about as much cash income from products in the first nine months of 1954 as they did in the same period last year, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported. The difference in the 1953 and 1954 totals was less than a half of 1 per cent. Cotton income was up 32 per cent, followed closely by cottonseed (27 per cent), sheep and lambs (14 per cent) and corn (12 per cent). However, grain sorghums income dropped 25 per cent and other declines were registered by dairy products and eggs (each 20 per cent) and fruit and vegetables (18 per cent). The outlook for principal cash crops is brighter, the Bureau reported. September rail car shipments of Texas livestock were up 17 per cent over August and 117 per cent over September, 1953, indicating heavy marketing because of the prolonged drought. However range and pasture prospects picked up sharply in October and cattle marketing was curtailed sharply during the first part of that month, causing advances in prices at several markets, the Bureau said.

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Health Officers Warns Public of Carbon Monoxide

The cold winds of winter will whip up a new threat to Texans' safety, carbon monoxide, which, Dr. Henry A. Hoile, state health officer, characterizes as being invisible, odorless, and tasteless—but deadly. Many people throughout the state are lighting poorly or faulty ventilated heaters and furnaces in their homes or running their cars in closed garages. Closed houses keep the deadly fumes in. All heating equipment should be vented to a flue. Keep all rooms ventilated. Do not turn the heater higher than it was intended to run. Never leave gas heating appliances burning while you and your family are asleep. Regulate adjustable air-mixing valves so that enough air is supplied to insure complete combustion of the gas. If a person is overcome by carbon monoxide they should first be removed to fresh air. In addition open windows and turn off the gas in the room. If the victim has stopped breathing, administer artificial respiration and if possible an inhalator should be used to administer oxygen. Keep the patient warm and lying down until a doctor comes.

HOSPITAL NOT

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:
As medical patients — Mrs. S. H. Estep, W. E. Whisenant, Betty Barbee, Venita Quattlebaum, Carol Harp, Jeff Russell.

REV. SAM TULLOCK BAGS 8-POINT BUCK ON HUNT LAST WEEK

Rev. Sam E. Tullock, Dr. Don Warren and David Gamble went hunting last week near Kfle. Rev. Tullock bagged a 8-point buck.

SERVE 250 PERSONS

About 250 persons were served Sunday with turkey dinner by the Fortnightly Study Club. The money will be used to buy lunch tickets for underprivileged children in school here.

IS IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. W. T. Walker of Merkel is ill and in the hospital at Roswell, New Mexico.

AUNT DIES

Mrs. Robert E. Tarpley of Garland, about 45, died at Dallas Monday. She was the niece of Mrs. Bill Teaff.

MRS. LORINDA CAMPBELL IS SERIOUSLY ILL, DAUGHTER IS CALLED

Mrs. Lorinda Campbell was seriously ill this week. Her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Freeman and Mr. Freeman of Los Angeles, Calif., was called to her bedside.

"A HAND, NOT A HANDOUT"

CINCINNATI—Al Liederman of the Long Island Press, New York, is one of top award winners in annual Disabled American Veterans cartoon award for his "A Hand, Not a Handout" which emphasizes the DAV five point rehabilitation program for our nation's war handicapped.

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Graveside Service To Be Held Today For J. F. Mays

J. F. Mays, 81, retired Merkel farmer, died at 11:30 a. m. Tuesday in Oplin at the home of his nephew, A. L. McGinnis. He had been at Oplin about a week.

Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Friday in the Midway Cemetery. James Fulbright, Church of Christ minister, will officiate.

Mr. Mays was born Dec. 22, 1873, in Alabama, and had been a resident of the Hodges community since 1901.

He is survived by one brother, W. S. Mays of Merkel; six nephews, A. W. McGinnis of Oplin, W. O. McGinnis of Anson, Winifred Mays of Virginia, Don Mays of Paducah and Elwood Mays of Kansas and Wayne Mays of Dublin; one niece, Mrs. Clayton Dillard of Merkel.

JACK MILLER, MEMBER OF H.-S.U. BAND, PLAYS FOR BOB HOPE

Jack Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, went with the Hardin-Simmons band to Dallas to the bank opening and the band played for Bob Hope. Jack is a student of the university and a member of the band.

HAS MAJOR SURGERY
Comer Patterson underwent major surgery at the Sadler Hospital December 13.

personals

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Oliver and twins of Robert Lee and Buck Nelson of New Mexico visited in the John Oliver's home the past weekend.

R. B. Horton of Abilene and daughter Sonja Sue were dinner guests Sunday of his mother, Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Mrs. A. L. Farmer has returned home after two weeks' visit with her son Estel Farmer and family of El Paso.

A/2C Billy Greenfield is home on a 30-day leave. He has been stationed at the Int. Air Base in Portland, Ore. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Greenfield.

Mrs. C. B. Rust visited her mother, Mrs. M. W. Kail, in Odesa Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett and T. J. Bird were in Pecos Saturday where Mrs. Bartlett visited her aunt, Mrs. Marvin Cowan. The average of two bales of cotton to the acre were raised there.

Edward Seago and family of Midland and Grimes Seago of Big Spring spent last weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago.

Mrs. W. T. Harlow of Brownwood visited her sister, Mrs. Homer Patterson, and other relatives Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Russell of Santa Monica, Calif., were visitors in the G. D. McConnell home this week. Mrs. Russell is the aunt of Mrs. McConnell.

DORA EOFF TO WED

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Eoff of Noodle announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Dora, to H. K. Henniger, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Henniger of Winters.

The wedding will take place on the evening of Dec. 27 at the Noodle Church of Christ.

Mr. Henniger is a sophomore at Abilene Christian College and the bride-elect is a freshman at the college.

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB MEETS AT HOME OF MRS. HUGHES

The Fortnightly Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Earl Hughes with Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Judd McReynolds acting as hostesses.

Mrs. Norman Winter presented two groups of her music students in both gay and serious Christmas carols. Mrs. Mack Fisher gave a humorous reading entitled "Those Jangling Christmas Bells."

Miss Eudora Hawkins of Abilene presented a beautiful color film called "The Holy Night." Reports were heard from two committees, finance and projects. The club voted to buy lunch tickets for needy children.

After the group sang carols, Mrs. Ben Hicks, president, poured punch from the beautifully decorated dining table to 22 members and one guest, Miss Hawkins.

**MRS. MAC SPRINGER, MARIE
LEVERICH ARE HOSTESSES**
Mrs. Mac Springer and Marie Leverich were hostesses to the Beta Sigma Phi sorority in the party room at the Community Center Tuesday night.

Plans were made to place the doll on display in front of Max Mellinger's store Saturday afternoon until 7 p. m. when it will be given away.

The sorority will meet in the home of Joy Barnett Dec. 20 for the annual Christmas party.

SENIOR 4-H ELECTS JUNIOR FOODS LEADER, SECRETARY

The Senior 4-H Club met Dec. 10. The meeting was called to order by President Peggy Greenfield. The members said the club motto and prayer. The roll call was answered with "Something I can make to give as a gift."

The president read the minutes since the secretary resigned. Announcements were followed by new business. Wanda McLean was elected junior foods leader. Annette Boney was elected secretary. Beth Cawyer, 4-H leader, gave a demonstration on orange hard sauce.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness and kindness, and especially do we thank those who sent flowers, and Bill Wood's effort to see that they arrived on time.

Mrs. Jack Ryan, Mrs. Pearl Ash, Eris Ash and family.

MRS. DEE GRIMES HOSTESS TO MERKEL GARDEN CLUB

Mrs. Dee Grimes was hostess to the Merkel Garden Club Thursday December 2, at the Community Center.

Mrs. Jackie Doan and Miss Christine Collins were in charge of the program on Christmas decorations. Each club member displayed Christmas ideas.

Carols were sung and holiday tid-bits were served to 15 members and one guest.

Thursday, Dec. 16 will be the next meeting.

MR. AND MRS. W. F. BUTMAN ATTEND 50TH MASONIC FETE

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Butman attended the 50th anniversary of Hylton's Masonic Lodge Thursday night of last week. A barbecue was served and the Jones Brothers of Nolan furnished the music.

Austin Jordan of Blackwell was master of ceremonies. L. T. Youngblood, president of the First National Bank of Bronte spoke of the early day history of Hylton and of the lodge.

The charter was granted Dec. 8, 1905, with 21 charter members. The first worshipful master was F. J. Richardson. Other officers were: Hugh Magness, SW; J. F. Beakley, J. W.; J. L. Ross, Sec.; W. A. Lackey, Treas.; W. H. Bartlett, Tyler; W. C. Barton, SD; J. Cave, JD; W. F. Stout, SS; W. E. Duncan, JS.

Lodges represented at the anniversary were from Sterling City, Bronte, Winters, Wingate, Sweetwater, Rotan, Snyder, Blackwell and Merkel.

FORMER MERKELITE, MRS. O. R. GOLIGHTLY, DIES IN FLOYDADA

Mrs. O. R. Golightly, 77, of Floydada died Monday after an illness of six months. She came to Merkel in 1902 and was married here in 1903. She and her husband left here in 1900. The funeral was held Wednesday.

She is survived by four sons, one daughter, three brothers, Austin, Houston and Hobson Robertson and a sister, Mrs. Alta Ingram, all of Merkel, and three other sisters.

MRS. ED ASH'S RELATIVE DIES SATURDAY IN HARRISON, ARK.

Mrs. Ed Ash received word from Harrison, Ark., Saturday from her daughter, Floy Ash Ryan, that her husband, Jack Ryan, 46, had died suddenly of a heart attack. The funeral was held Dec. 14th in Waverly, Ia.

He was married in 1942 to Floy Ash while stationed at Camp Barkley. He served overseas 23 months where he was promoted to captain.

HOLLYWOOD STARS VISIT DUDLEY FAMILY EARLY SUNDAY MORNING

Miss Carolina Cotton, Hollywood western star, and Maxine, another Hollywood star, visited Mr. and Mrs. Quannah Dudley at 2 a. m. Sunday. They brought over merchandise that the local folks bought to help the crippled children.

ALFRED DANIEL MOORE ARRIVES IN U. S. AND EXPECTED HOME

Alfred Daniel Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moore, arrived in San Francisco, Calif., Sunday. He was stationed with the Air Corps in Korea for two and a half years. He is expected home on leave this week for 30 days.

ESTER HERNANDEZ, DIES

Ester Hernandez, born February 1954, died at 4:30 a. m. and was buried at 4 p. m. Sunday in Rose Hill Cemetery after a graveside service conducted by Rev. Sam E. Tullock. She was the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Justo Hernandez. Starbuck Funeral Home was in charge of the service.

CLASSIFIED AD SECTION

NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Saturday, January 18, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

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FOR SALE — Extra large 3-bedroom G. I. built home. 404 Yucca St. See after 4:30 p. m. 3140p.

FOR SALE — Christmas Trees 50c to \$1.00. Egg Crates will hold 30 dozens 75c each. Also one deep freeze. Will trade. Hearn Hatchery. 1140p.

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Eastbound	Westbound
3:44 a. m.	12:10 a. m.
6:32 a. m.	12:15 a. m.
6:47 a. m.	2:54 a. m.
11:30 a. m.	5:54 a. m.
2:57 p. m.	9:09 a. m.
5:05 p. m.	11:40 a. m.
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10:51 p. m.	7:25 p. m.



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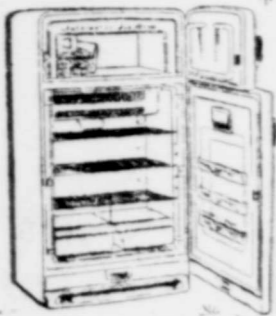
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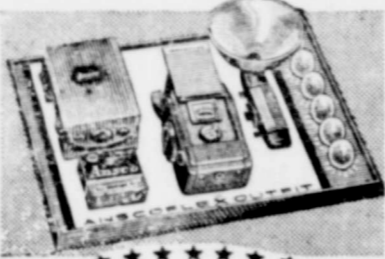
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convening here early next month. Legislators — all 181 of them — are busy looking for places in which to live. Some will rent homes. Others will be satisfied if they can find apartments or rooms.

Major problem of the solons will be, as usual, how to go about getting the money for demanded state services.

More financing will be asked for various purposes, including highways, welfare programs and education.

Inauguration Plans

Also in preparation is the inauguration ceremony, celebrating the taking of office by Governor Allan Shivers and Lieutenant Governor Ben Ramsey.

While both are returning to the offices they have held, the occasion will take on the same air of festivity that always has marked such observances.

Stricter Inspections

Former Senator G. C. Morris of Greenville says the Legislature will be asked to strengthen the state's automobile inspection law.

Morris is executive secretary of the Highway Safety Council of Texas. His organization which sponsored the original law, will ask that "steering mechanism" be included in the law. Inspection now is limited to warning devices, lights, horns and brakes.

Democratic Harmony

Maybe there is going to be a little more harmony in the Democratic Party.

Gov. Allan Shivers expressed that possibility in a press conference here.

He said that the trend of a party meeting in New Orleans seemed to indicate a feeling on the part of Democratic leaders to yield somewhat in their attitude toward southern conservatives.

"It should be looked on in that light," the Governor said.

Legislators At Work

Texas legislators, with \$15 per pay boost, will spend little time in getting back to work in January.

Committee appointments and election of a speaker of the House are expected to present no problems.

Lieutenant Governor Ben Ramsey is planning to name the Senate committees by Jan. 11, when members convene.

Rep. Jim T. Lindsley of Texarkana is unopposed for speaker of the house and the first day's business will see him elected. He's also expected to have committee appointments ready early.

Under new regulations, legislators receive \$25 a day for the first 120 days, and nothing thereafter. Heretofore they were paid \$10 a day for the first 120 days and \$5 a day for regular session overtime. The new rule should speed up 1955 action.

Special sessions, under the new law, must end in 30 days, with \$25 a day applicable.

Highway Plans

A \$2.5 million highway program for Texas has been okayed by a special committee appointed at the request of Gov. Shivers.

Money and Water

Financial and drought problems will be the major matters facing the legislature next year.

State departments are clamoring for funds — a \$41 million increase in appropriations.

A majority of the lawmakers are expected to go along with Gov. Shivers on the money problem.

"Suddenly" Film Is Shocking Story At Queen Theatre

"Suddenly" is as shocking and explosive as an attempt on the life of the President of the United States, which is what the new Frank Sinatra starrer at the Queen Theatre Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday is about.

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EDITORIALS

THE DEDICATION

The Trent First Baptist Church was dedicated last Sunday, marking a new milestone in the history of the church and the history of Trent.

It is a going forward, a step ahead, progress.

The history of the church is the history of the area. It marks growth, it marks culture, it marks an interest in things that are not material but inspired by the earnestness of the spirit.

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Dec. 29, 1950. It read in part: "A dream of many years is now coming true for the people of the Trent Baptist Church. A beautiful new church is almost complete and services are now being held in the new church.

"The dream is coming true because this group had the faith that God is able to do all things. The church is now looking forward to a great spiritual revival in the future.

"The church at Trent was organized about 50 years ago in the first school house that Trent built. The group worshipped in the school house for about five years and then built a church a block south of the present site. Rev. Creighton Rister was the pastor who led in the organization.

"In 1920 more Sunday School rooms were added to the building and later a small annex was moved to the back of the property for added rooms.

"Only one or two of the charter members of the church are now alive."

It was in 1950, when Rev. Kenneth Kerrick was pastor that plans were drawn and the ground was broken on May 13, 1950. The pastor resigned on May 23 and the church was pastorless for a short period when Rev. Riley Fugitt was called. Rev. Gilbert Callaway followed him and left in August 1953.

Rev. Darwin Welsh, the present pastor, came in August 1953.

The history now comes down to the present time.

In the past year a new piano has been purchased for the auditorium and new modern light fixtures put in the auditorium. Improvements have been made in the building and the grounds.

Then, on Nov. 1 a final debt of \$3,000 was paid leaving the church debt free.

And last Sunday was the climax. The church, the new church with the old dreams, was dedicated.

The old charter members, the people who created the dreams, have gone on. But their dreams live on, they live on in their faith in what they were erecting, they live on beauty of the new building... they live on in the hearts of those who came after them, stronger hearts, bolder hearts, more faithful hearts because those who went before had the courage to dream.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The gorgeous electric lights of many colors hang like a canopy above the up-town streets. The store windows are brilliant with festive decorations and inviting displays of holiday wears. There too the lights are of varied colors, adding a note of gaiety to the streets.

Downtown the homes reflect the spirit of the season. The windows are aglow with evergreen trees and lights radiate from them with tiny colors adding a festive note.

The lights, the many lights, the colorful lights all tell us Christmas is near.

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NEWS
 County Home Demonstration Agent
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 By LORETA ALLE

The women in Taylor County have really been making candles. Just to let you know something about how many I'll tell you they have used 498 pounds of candle wax. They have made plain ones, odd shaped ones, frosted ones and most any kind you would think of.

The plain white frosted ones with glitter has been the most popular. Potosi Club has made up 121 pounds so this Christmas should be a candle lighted one in Taylor County.

The state board of the Texas Home Demonstration Association held its fall board meeting in Abilene this week. There were women from all over Texas attending. This was the first time that this part of the state had been privileged to have a board meeting.

Mrs. John Golightly of Hico is president, Mrs. R. C. Woods of Port Lavaca is vice president at large, Mrs. Bob Potter of Roscoe is secretary and Mrs. Carl Herfurth of Garland is treasurer.

There are 12 districts and each one has a vice president that attended. Mrs. C. E. Barfield from Kerr County is the vice president of this district.

This was a business meeting and they planned for the spring district meetings and the state meeting. District 7 meeting will be in

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A LITTLE GIRL'S WORLD — Three-year-old Debbie Dismuke of Ira, who looks like a doll herself, is shown with some little girl treasures which were at the West Texas Doll Show. Notice the tiny furniture with which the

dolls are equipped. Debbie is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dismuke. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald.

Menard April 19.

Timely Tips

1. You will enjoy making and serving these fruit bars now and on through the Christmas holiday season.

2. They are excellent to serve with hot spiced tea or apple juice when company drops in. They fit nicely into lunch boxes, too, and are worth considering for a gift.

Dried Fruit Bars

1 cup sifted flour
 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/4 cup melted butter or margarine

1 cup sugar
 2 eggs, well beaten
 1 cup chopped nuts
 1 cup chopped dried fruit — your choice of dates, apricots, prunes or 1-3 cup raisins with 2-3 cup chopped evaporated apples.

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Mix in other ingredients in the order given. Line a shallow baking pan (9"x13") with waxed paper and spread the batter mixture on it. Bake at 350 deg. F. (moderate oven) 25 to 30 minutes.

Several minutes after removing from oven, cut into bars about 1"x3". Turn out on rack, peel off paper. Roll warm bars in confectioners' sugar.

A SAFE CHRISTMAS

Now is the time when everyone is beginning to look for that tree to put up and decorate for Christmas. These trees create a fire hazard in the home and precautions should be taken.

Keep decorative lights clear of the tree. Lights can still be decorative without touching the branches. These little lights can set fire to those dry brittle branches mighty easily.

A good idea is to use colored decorations with a flood light on each side of the tree. It's just as pretty and a lot safer.

Don't ever use lighted candles. Remember, always turn out the lights on the tree when leaving the house or going to bed. Don't let Christmas wrappings accumulate under the tree when the packages have been opened. These can easily catch fire. You can do a lot to keep your Christmas tree green, fresh and safe by placing the end of the tree in a large can or some other container filled with wet sand.

Even though your Christmas tree is already lighted, it might be wise to check these suggestions to insure a safe as well as merry Christmas.

As a final reminder get the tree out of the house as soon after Christmas as possible.

If you are looking for a pretty as well as good punch to serve during the holiday season, you

might like to try this one.

Hot Spiced Cranberry Punch
 3 pints cranberry juice
 (made from 1 pound cranberries and water)

2 cups water
 1 cup sugar
 1 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
 1 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 12 whole cloves
 1-3 cup lemon juice
 1/2 cup orange juice

Combine cranberry juice, water and sugar. Stir to dissolve sugar. Heat to boiling, tie spices in a bag. Add. Simmer 20 minutes, remove spice bag. Just before serving add fruit juices. Serve steaming hot. Serves 18.

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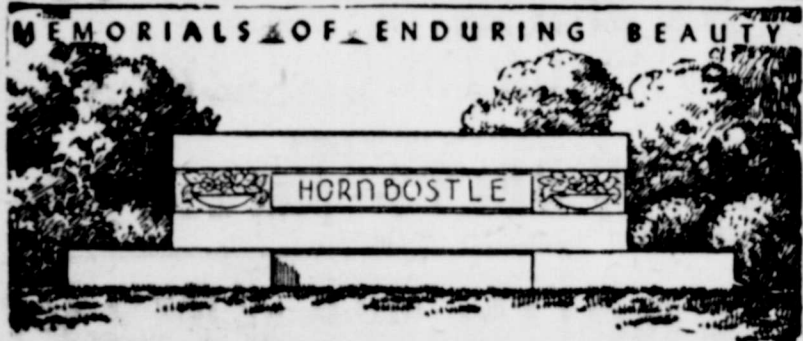
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Allen D. King, Jr., placed 4th in the Jersey cow division.

Sweetwater Wins Grade Tournament Here Saturday

Sweetwater won the annual Merkel Grade School basketball tournament here Saturday night, beating Merkel in the finals, 32-26.

Manley Denton hit 20 of Merkel's points for individual honors.

Wylie won the consolation crown over Hamlin, 19-6 and Stamford

clipped McCaulley, 36-18 for third place.
The all-tournament team included Manley, Moser of Sweetwater, McElya of McCaulley, Vernon Allen of Wylie and Richey of Hamlin.

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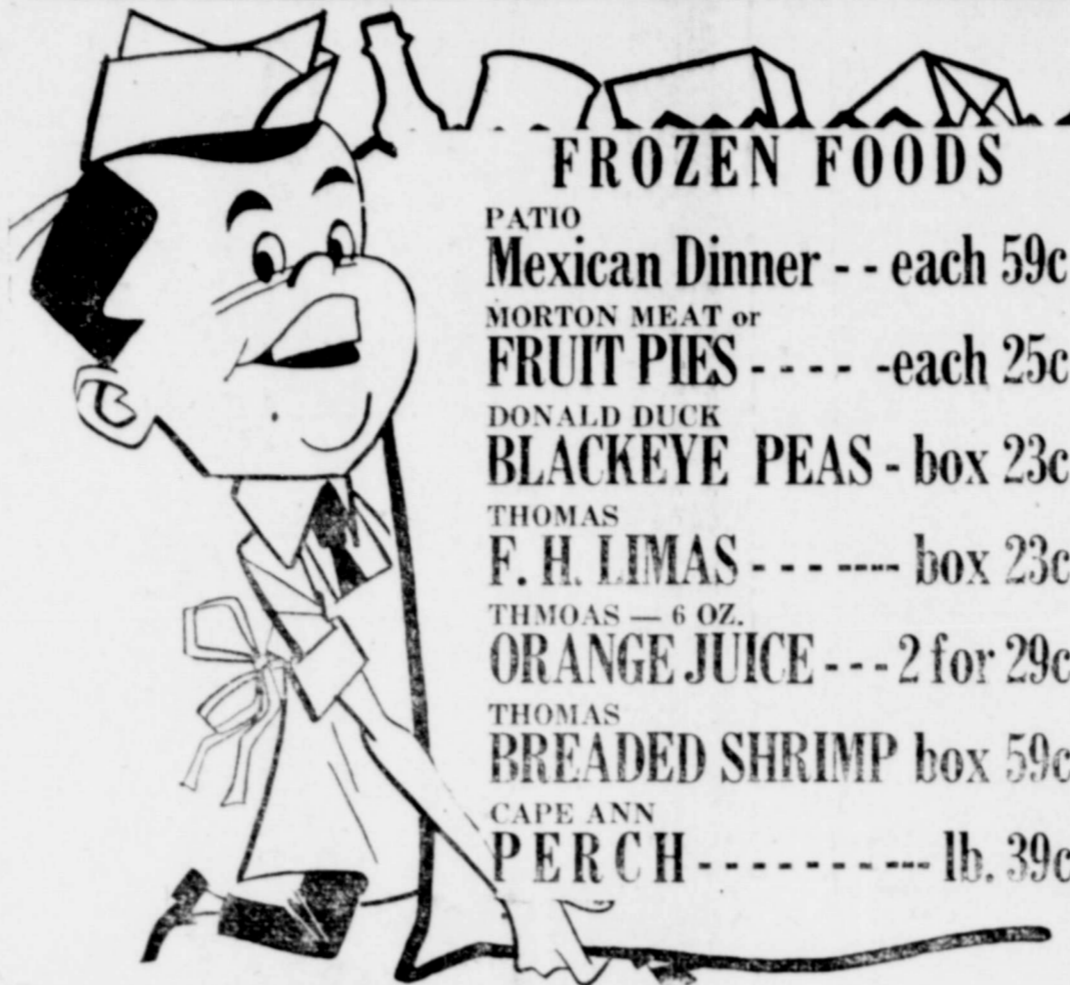
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