



Merry Christmas

Your Home Town Newspaper

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IN THE FRIENDLY TOWN

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Merkel Badgers Win 2 Out of 3

The Merkel Badgers won two out of three games last week end in McMurry College's fourth annual invitational high school basketball tournament and placed a man on the all-tournament team.

The Badgers, coached by Tommy Ellis, romped to an easy 59-31 triumph over Hamlin in the first round.

In Merkel's next game, Robert McLeod dumped in 23 points and grabbed rebounds right and left to lead the Badgers to a 42-37 win over Winters.

In the semifinals, Merkel lost 66-35 to the powerful Avoca Mustangs, who stamped on them to their 4th championship in the 4-year history of the McMurry tournament. Robert McLeod scored 19 points and 11 rebounds for the Badgers, while Jack Miller, Bobby Pangle, and John Walker were named to the all-tournament team.

REV. TULLOCKS HAVE BOY

Rev. and Mrs. Sam E. Tullock announce the birth of a boy at the Sadler Hospital December 20.

Xmas Holidays Bring Students Home From College

Those who were known Monday to be home for the holidays were: From University of Texas — George Starbuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Starbuck; Sessions Hammond, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hammond; Colonel James Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace; Merkel McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy; Will Miller, son of Rev. and Mrs. Aubrey White; Joy Walker, daughter of Johnnie Walker; and from North Texas State College — Bartlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett; and from Hardin-Simmons University — Jack Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller; Bobby Pangle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Pangle; and daughter of Mrs. Pangle.

BULLETIN!

F. M. White, 77, died at his home at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday after a two-month illness. He had lived in Merkel and Trent for 30 years.

SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

Jim Kuykendall suffered a heart attack Sunday night and was rushed to the Sadler Hospital.

TO CLOSE XMAS

The stores of Merkel will be closed Saturday, Christmas Day. The Bank and The Merkel Mail will be closed. This is one of the regular closing days of the year.

Free Movie Today For All Children At Queen Theatre

The free show for the kiddies is today, Friday, at 10 a. m. This party has been arranged for all the boys and girls in this area by N. T. Hodge at the Queen Theatre. The program is packed with cartoons and comedies, one hour and 30 minutes of it. "Come and be the guest of the Queen Theatre," invited Mr. Hodge. "It is my Christmas present to all you children. I promise you a good time and lots of fun. It's my treat. I'll be looking for you all of you."

BAG 8-POINT BUCK

Morris B. Smith and Joe Higgins went deer hunting in Ozona last week. Joe bagged an 8-point buck.

BIRTH TO FORREST BLACKS

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Black are the parents of a girl born at the Sadler Hospital December 19.

XMAS TREE AND TREATS

The Assembly of God planned its annual Christmas tree for Wednesday, Dec. 22, announced Rev. H. S. Earp, pastor. All children present will get a treat.

SANTA TO BE PRESENT

The VFW will have a Christmas tree Thursday, Dec. 23, at the club house. The underprivileged children will be picked up by the members and brought to the house. Santa Claus will be there and present gifts to the children.

ENJOY XMAS DINNER

A delicious Christmas dinner, consisting of turkey and all the trimmings with pecan pie, was enjoyed by the Lions Club Tuesday. The dinner was served by the ladies of the Bible Class of the Calvary Baptist Church. Vice President C. A. Farley presided. Lester Dorton announced that a member of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce would explain the formation of a chamber of commerce at the next meeting.

BOY TO DUDLEY FARRS

A baby boy was born to Cpl. and Mrs. Dudley Farr at Ft. Hood Dec. 14.

DOLLAR DAY NOTE!

The Dollar Day before Christmas was a tremendous success. Big bargains in appropriate gifts were appreciated by the public.

TO ENTERTAIN GRADS

All last year seniors and their dates of Merkel High School will be entertained by their parents at 7:30 p. m. Saturday December 31 at the Community Center.

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 Merchants National Bank. The donors are: Mrs. Bessie Derstine Es... \$10.00 Mrs. L. M. Touchstone... \$7.50

Robert McLeod Is Named as End on All-Area Team

Robert McLeod was named as end on the Reporter-News' Class A All-area football team by Fred Sanner, Mr. Sanner stated: "McLeod, Merkel's giant end who caught six TD tosses, is the only sophomore among the first eleven. By the time Merkel's McLeod reaches senior status, he will probably overshadow the feats of Albany's Knight. Fast and big, the sophomore makes a grand target for an average passer."

Sacred Pageant By High School Is Well Presented

Highlighting the high school Christmas activities was the traditional sacred pageant, "Holy Night," presented by speech and music students on Friday night, Dec. 17, in the First Baptist Church. The story was based upon the legend concerning the little cripple boy who was healed because of the many good deeds of his family on Christmas Eve.

Jo Anna Barbee Is Buried Here At Age of 84

Mrs. J. Anna Barbee, 84, former resident of Merkel, died Wednesday of last week in Los Angeles, California. The body arrived in Merkel Saturday night for funeral services held at 2 p. m. Monday in the Merkel Church of Christ.

FOUND DEAD IN BED

A. C. Balliff, 88, was found dead in bed Monday night. He lived alone. Investigation was being conducted by Justice of the Peace H. F. Long, Sheriff Ed Powell and Merkel City Marshal A. D. Fulton.

HAS MAJOR SURGERY

David Glenewinkle underwent major surgery at the Sadler Hospital December 20. He is doing all right.

DAUGHTER TO BERRYMANS

Mr. and Mrs. Auther Henry Berryman of Fort Worth announced the arrival of a baby daughter, Margaret Courtney, Dec. 10. The grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Armstrong of Fort Worth and Mrs. Marvin Armstrong is the great grandmother.

DAUGHTER TO BEDSIDE

Mrs. Lorinda Campbell is just about the same. She has been critically ill. Her daughter, Mrs. R. E. Freeman, has arrived from Los Angeles, California.

FARMERS' NOTE

Careful planning and increased farm efficiency are the tools Texas farmers must use in 1955 to fill the gaps caused by lower farm income, acreage allotments and adverse weather. A. & M.

GIN DAYS

The Merkel Farmers Coop gin and the Gular Gin will be open only Wednesday of next week, December 29 — Adv.

Water Pipeline Contract Is Let

Pelphrey-Basham, Inc., last Friday night was awarded contract to construct a pipeline and other facilities to supply Merkel with water from Abilene. The contract price was \$235,960.56. Mayor Henry West said pipe for the line would not be available before next March, but work on other phases of the system will proceed now.

Xmas Program At First Baptist Is Beautiful

The First Baptist Church held its Christmas program Sunday night. "The World's Most Beautiful Story" was presented in song, Scripture and sermon. The choir sang under the direction of Ben Green and thrilled the large congregation. Denta Gibson and Bill Largent were the soloists and rendered their numbers beautifully.

Principal Farley To Help Lead Tour To Holy Land

C. A. Farley, local elementary principal, will serve as the assistant conductor of a tour to the Holy Land and Europe next summer. Principal Farley will work with the Marlin Tours of Sweetwater, serving as assistant to J. T. Marlin, minister of the 4th and Elm St. Church of Christ in Sweetwater, who has been the conductor of two previous tours to the Holy Land and Europe.

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Xmas Pageant And Songs Thrill Methodists Sun.

A good throng of worshippers came to the Methodist Church Sunday night to thrill to the pageant and singing program. The pageant was presented by the children of Christ. Anyone was in good voice. The pageant arrangement was effective and the whole spectacle was very pretty and impressive. There were 21 in the pageant besides those in the choir.

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Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1934 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

BRIGHT OUTLOOK

Edward A. Filene, widely known Boston merchant and economist, Wednesday described the outlook for 1935 as "at the same time very bright and very dubious" and pointed to several "two-way signs."

GORGE CALLAHAN DIES

Funeral services were held Wednesday from the Northside Missionary Baptist Church for George G. Callahan, 76, resident of Taylor County for more than 30 years. He was born in Alabama. His son, H. J. Callahan, lives here.

AT BROTHER'S FUNERAL

J. E. Brooks, accompanied by his children, Mrs. Henry Ellerbe, Donnie, Carlton and Earl Brooks, attended the funeral of his brother, J. H. Brooks, 79, at Grand Saline of Tuesday of last week.

HOME FROM COLLEGE

Many students who are attending college were home for the holidays.

PRESENT PROGRAM

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 19, Miss Mary Pence presented her music appreciation class in a lovely Christmas program at her studio on Lamar Street. The studio was decorated in Christmas colors.

RECORD BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Bow

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

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Merkel's Mayor: Merkel is situated about 100 yards west of the 100th meridian and is ruled over at the present time by His Royal Highness, J. J. Stallings, mayor. He is known here as the second Jim Hogg apologues to recent politician.

Merkel's Prosecutor: Charlie Diuguid Mims, ex-mayor of Merkel, was born and reared in Kentucky, lived awhile in Nacogdoches but spent a few years in Merkel.

Merkel's Manager: The man who looks at you over the top of his glasses and through the bars at the post office is H. C. Williams, appointed postmaster when the country was redeemed. Clutches of Republicans and Democrats.

Our City Marshal: The man with the five-cornered star in his coat is W. N. Hall. He is given as an assistant for care of streets about the city the venerable B. J. Dodd, a friend to everybody and everybody's friend.

Our School System: J. S. Swann wields the gavel. The body of the trustees: J. S. Swann, T. A. Johnson, J. W. Wheeler, J. T. Dennis, N. D. Cobb, W. L. Harkrider and O. J. Adcock.

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A Merry Christmas to each one
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Mrs. J. H. Gruben of Rotan,
Mr. and Mrs. Mack Tucker of
Littlefield are visiting his mother,
Mrs. G. H. Tucker, this week.
Miss Benina McCue returned
last Friday from Pyote.
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett,
and Ralph visited his parents, Mr.
and Mrs. J. Ed Bartlett. J. Ed
Bartlett is much better after his
illness.
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton were
in Weimert Sunday visiting her
sister, Mrs. Eddie Edwards.

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...s Aline McAninch of Raton,
New Mex., is visiting her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch. Miss
McAninch teaches home econom-
ics in the public schools.
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Frazier of
Abilene spent Sunday with his
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter
Frazier.
Mrs. Carl Brabbin of Avondale,
Ariz., is spending the Christmas
holidays with her mother, Mrs. M.
E. Baecus.
Misses Ivanell Bockman and
Faye Hewitt of Abilene visited
Sunday with Miss Bockman's par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bockman.
Pvt. and Mrs. Bill Reid of Camp
Gordon, Ga., are here visiting his
parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Reid.
They will leave next Thursday.
Miss Lanajohn Malone of Lub-
bock spent the weekend with Mr.
and Mrs. Robert Malone.
Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hutcheson
and son Steve of Houston are
here for the holidays with her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Payne.
Van Dave Carson of Corpus
Christi is home for the holidays
with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.
Carson. He is in the Navy.
Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Jones of
Abilene spent Sunday with his
parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Jones.
Mrs. Norma Bond and daughters
spent Sunday in Big Spring with
her daughter, Mrs. Norman D.
English, husband and baby.
Visitors in the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Vestal Hicks Sunday were
Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Hicks and
children of Louisville Ky., Mr.
and Mrs. Marvin Freeman of
Trent, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hutchins
of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon

EDITORIALS

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Tonight the lights of Christmas
go on and all over the world the
glow of their inspiration will radi-
ate peace on earth, good will to-
ward men. They will reflect the
spirit of Christmas, the spirit of
a new religious experience, the
spirit of a better life.

It was almost 2,000 years ago
that Christ was born. He came not
to teach more abundance in life
but a better way of life, an enrich-
ment of the spirit of man, ennob-
ling him and making him worthy of
the finest spiritual experiences.

He taught a way of life that is
ever new, of helping your fellow-
man, of living by the Golden Rule,
of striving to bring peace to all
mankind.

At His birth the world was sore-
ly in need of a new concept of liv-
ing. The Romans were warlike and
lived for the sword and by the
sword, Rome was the conqueror.
Man as an individual was of little
worth, nothing, Rome was the im-
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"3 Hours to Kill"
Is Thrilling Film
At Queen Theatre

"Three Hours to Kill" at the
Queen Theatre, starring Dana An-
drews, Donna Reed and Dianne
Foster, is in color by Technicolor,
Sunday and Monday.
"Three Hours to Kill" is the
story of a gun-slinger falsely ac-
cused of murder, on the eve of his
wedding, and nearly lynched for
it by his own "best friends." The
girl helps him to escape the lynch
rope, but the incident burns deep-
er inside him than do the rope
scars on his neck.
A fugitive, wanted for murder,
he still returns to the frontier
town determined to find the true
killer and to clear his name.

LEGAL NOTICE
ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS'
MEETING
Notice is Hereby Given:
That the annual meeting of the
stockholders of The Farmers and
Merchants National Bank of Mer-
kel, Texas, will be held at the of-
fice 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 be-
fore the meeting.
Respectfully,
BOOTH WARREN
President.
Adv. Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, Jan. 7.

We wish you a
very MERRY

Christmas

To every member of your family, every
member of the F. & M. National Bank staff,
every officer, every director extend
warm holiday greetings with the wish that
in this Christmas season you find the love,
the joy, the comfort — the peace and
happiness that are implicit in the word
Christmas. That is our Christmas
wish FOR you . . . and WITH you, we join
in a prayer of thanksgiving for the
blessings of freedom that are ours so
that Christmas in this great country
can be all it should be.

THE OLD RELIABLE
Farmers and Merchants National Bank
MERKEL, TEXAS
Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation



Merry Christmas to All

We say Merry Christmas to all our friends and customers . . .

We want you all to know how much we have enjoyed your patronage and
friendship and we take this opportunity to wish you and yours --
a holiday complete with happiness to last forever and ever!

West Company

John R. West

Paul West

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 re-
turn 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: Robert H. Blanton, Defen-
dant. Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMAND-
ED to appear before the Honora-
ble 42nd District Court of Taylor
County at the Courthouse thereof,
in Abilene, Texas, by filing a writ-
ten 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 perman-
ently 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 ac-
cording to requirements of law,
and the mandates hereof, and
make due return as the law di-
rects.

Issued and given under my hand
and the seal of said court at Abi-
lene, Texas, this the 8th day of
December A. D. 1954.
(SEAL)

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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to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said
court, on the 2nd day of Decem-
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bers: 20,211-A on the docket of
said court and styled Alva M.
Stansbury and wife, Johnnie Stans-
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A Trespass to try title suit brought
by Alva M. Stansbury and wife,
Johnnie Stansbury the record own-
ers to clear title to Lot 6, Block U,
Johnston's Sub-division of Lot
One (1), Block No. 209, in Abi-
lene, Taylor Co., Texas, which suit
alleges, 5, 10, and 25 year statu-
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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 partner-
ship agreeably by the provisions

of Revised Statute, Title 105, re-
lating 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 Com-
pany; 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 Abi-
lene, 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 on the 24th day of No-
vember 1954 and terminate on the
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TER STYLED CAUSE:
You are hereby commanded to
appear before the 42nd District
Court of Taylor County, Texas, to
be held at the Courthouse of said
County in the City of Abilene,
Taylor County, Texas, at or before
10 O'clock A. M. of the first Mon-
day (42) days from the date of is-
sue hereof; that is to say, at
or before 10:00 O'clock A. M. of
Monday the 3rd day of January,
and answer the Petition of Plain-

Moody, 1954
5th day of May,
Witness, R. H. Ross,
the District Court of Taylor Cou-
ty, Texas.
Issued and given under my hand
and seal of said Court at office
in the City of Abilene, this the
19th day of November, A. D. 1954.
R. H. Ross
Clerk of the District Court
Taylor County, Texa.
By Irene Crawford,
Deputy
Adv. — Dec. 24, 31, Jan. 7, 14.

ATTEND GAME

Those who attended the Breck-
enridge-Port Neches game Satur-
day as guests of Dr. and Mrs. H. F.
Byrd of Port Neches were: Dr. W.
T. Sadler, Coach Carroll Benson,
Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney and
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at Christmas
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you well . . .

In keeping with the custom of our land, where the
star of peace still beckons to mankind, we pause at CHRISTMAS-
TIME to send greetings to our faithful old friends, to our cherish-
ed new friends and to those whose friendship we hope to gain.

In real sincerity we wish you a most

JOYOUS CHRISTMAS
and a
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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PALMER IS HOST
FOR TEACHERS' CLUB
Future Teachers' Club of Merkel High School had its annual yule party in the Nolan Palmer home. Patricia Palmer, second vice

president, was host. Party rooms were decorated with poinsettias, miniature trees, bells, stars, and colored tinsel. The mantel held burning tapers around a gold angel and golden ornaments with an assortment of gold leaves. Before the picture window was a tall decorated spruce tree.

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Refreshments were served by Gloria Teaff, Glenda Petty, Paka Newby, Britta Kay Denton and Jackie Hogan.

The table was laid with a green cloth, decorated with miniature green and red felt Christmas trees. Appointments were crystal. Guests included Kenneth Collier, Kenneth Moore, Freddie Boone, Gene Hargrave, Terry O'Brien, Payton Scott, Leon Kelso, Gwen Hayar, Betty Chancy, Barbara Morgan, James Simpson, and the sponsor-teacher, Mrs. Ellen McReynolds.

BOBBY DUDLEY HONORED WITH GIFT TEA RECENTLY

A gift tea was given recently honoring Bobby Ann Dudley, bride-elect of Wayne McLean, in the home of Mrs. Mark Williamson.

The lace laid table had a centerpiece of a miniature bride and groom standing under an arch of greenery. The music was played by Mesdames Albert Mayberry, Sam McLeod and Junior Clark.

The hostesses were Mesdames Mark Williamson, Othell O'Kelly, Clifford Estep, Cecil Taylor, Odie Young, Lola Lee O'Kelly, Zed Bright, Geta Williamson, Finnis Cade, Leslie Beasley, Alton Martin, Bobby Hughes, Bruce Horton and Lonnie Halbrooks.

Over 200 guests were invited.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY HOSTED BY MRS. LARGENT

The Martha Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met in the beautiful home of Mrs. W. J. Largent for its annual Christmas party.

Small gifts were exchanged and a delicious luncheon was enjoyed by those present, including two visitors, Mrs. Earl Lassiter and Mrs. Priester of Dallas.

MRS. CARROLL BENSON HOSTS TEACHERS' CHRISTMAS TEA

Mrs. Carroll Benson was hostess to the lady teachers Monday afternoon for a Christmas tea. House was decorated throughout with old fashioned red and green decorations.

The tea table was laid with a Madeira cloth and centered with a burning candle and holly. Misses Lydia Norcross and Ann Benson assisted in the dining room. Twenty-eight guests called.

"CARE OF YOUR LAWN" DISCUSSED BY MRS. FISHER

The Merkel Garden Club held its regular meeting Thursday, Dec. 16, at the Community Center.

Mrs. Dale Litton presided over a short business meeting. Plan for feeding the Lions Club during January, February and March was discussed.

Mrs. Mack Fisher discussed "Care of Your Lawn". The next meeting will be January 6. Mrs. Litton will be hostess.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IS ENJOYED BY UNION RIDGE

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday, Dec. 14, in the lovely home of Mrs. J. C. Walton for its annual Christmas party. Mrs. Beauford Buntin presided. The club opened with singing of Christmas carols. Mrs. Don Riney said the prayer.

Roll call and minutes read by the secretary, Mrs. Clyde Newton, followed. A Christmas program was given. Miss Mabel McRee brought the devotional, also a poem. Mrs. Don Riney gave several readings on Christmas. Gifts were presented each one from a pretty decorated tree.

The hostess served delicious refreshments to two visitors, Mrs. Lige Harris and Mrs. Cobb Harris of Lubbock, and one new member Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, 14 members and 10 children.

The club will meet in the home of Mrs. W. C. Lee January 7.

Dr. James Naismith invented basketball in the winter of 1891-92. 1730.

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Hospital Notes

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As medical patients — Lewis Farmer, Sue McLean, Mrs. C. C. Gouge, Julie Ann Hays.

PHYLLIS EARL DUNCAN IS HONORED WITH TEA

Phyllis Earl Duncan of Anson, bride-elect of Domal Hill, also of Anson, was honored with a gift tea Saturday afternoon, Dec. 12, in the home of Mrs. Geta Williamson of Trent. Co-hosts were Mesdames C. C. Stribling, Leslie Beasley, Alton Martin, Zed Bright, Carl Edwards, Yates Sipes, Foy Steadman, Othell Jones, Bruce Howell, Frank Carter, Gordon Howell.

The table was laid with an Irish lace cloth; table center was a crystal bowl filled with red rose buds, and white tapers in a crystal candelabra burned during the calling hours.

Mrs. Othel Jones poured punch assisted by Mrs. Foy Steadman, receiving guests, were Mrs. Zed Bright and Mrs. Alton Martin, Mrs. Carl Edwards was at the registry assisted by Delphine Watson.

The bride-elect wore a jacket dress of shell pink wool, navy shoes and bag, pearl neckless and ear rings and white carnation corsage from the hostesses.

The couple will be married Saturday, December 25, at 6 p. m. at the Pleasant Grove Baptist church.

GLEANERS S. S. CLASS ENJOYS COVERED DISH

The Gleaners Sunday School Class of the First Methodist Church met Wednesday, December 15, for its annual covered dish luncheon.

The entertaining room was beautifully decorated for the occasion. After a wonderful turkey dinner and a variety of other food Mrs. Reece Hall gave an inspiring devotional, followed by a prayer.

Miss Lottie Butman gave an interesting talk on customs and beliefs of people in foreign lands at Christmas time. The class president, Mrs. Leon Toombs, presided during the business meeting. Gifts were distributed from a beautiful Christmas tree.

There were 36 present, including the pastor and his wife, Rev. Aubrey F. White. Miss Ima Johnson of Abilene was a visitor.

TRENT FOOTBALL BANQUET IS MEMORABLE AFFAIR

The pep squad of the Trent High School honored the football team and their coach with a banquet Tuesday evening, Dec. 14, in the Rose Room of the Harper Restaurant in Abilene. Members of the pep squad, the football squad, the high school faculty and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Williamson and daughter, Ginger, who was the mascot for the past season of the team.

Jane Williams was mistress of ceremonies, Carolyn McRee gave the welcome address, Ronnie Freeman gave the response, W. B. Williams, superintendent of the school at Trent, gave the invocation.

Medals were presented by Coach Nixon to Bettye Payne, Barbara Washburn and Nancy Jones who were cheer leaders. He also presented a drum major medal to Kay Beasley and the majorette medal to Ginger Williamson.

In showing his appreciation, the coach presented Miss Dorene Moore, pep squad leader, with a pep squad sponsor medal. In recognition of the co-captains of 1954 Gorillas Ronnie Freeman and J. B. Swinney were presented co-captain medals. In behalf of the pep squad Jane Williams presented little Ginger Williamson a beautiful doll as a token of appreciation.

The affair closed with the singing of the school song.

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Merry Christmas

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As gay and bright as your sparkling tree: THAT'S what we hope your CHRISTMAS will be;
Full of laughter and joy without measure; May gladness and health be your treasure
Merry Christmas!!

SADLER CLINIC HOSPITAL

NOEL



To many friends:
Merry Christmas Greetings
We send to you — And, our warmest wishes, too . . . May there be special joys in store — All the wondrous things, You're surely hoping for!

MERKEL CO-OP STATION



Greetings
At Christmas!

Before this year is over, we want to thank our many customers for their continuing faith in us, and wish you all a very Joyous Holiday! . . .

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And, we add our greetings, too — to tell all our many friends — our good wishes for a very pleasant holiday!
In the joyous spirit of the season, we are grateful of the opportunity to again express our appreciation for your friendly patronage....

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Season's Greetings

Max Mellinger



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Hello!

Like Santa — we enjoy making this Christmas brighter with thanks, and good wishes to our many friends: **MERRY**

CHRISTMAS!

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Christmas Cheer

Happy holiday to all! We are grateful for your loyalty in the past and wish you and all your loved ones — *A Very Merry Christmas!*...

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To Our Friends and Customers...

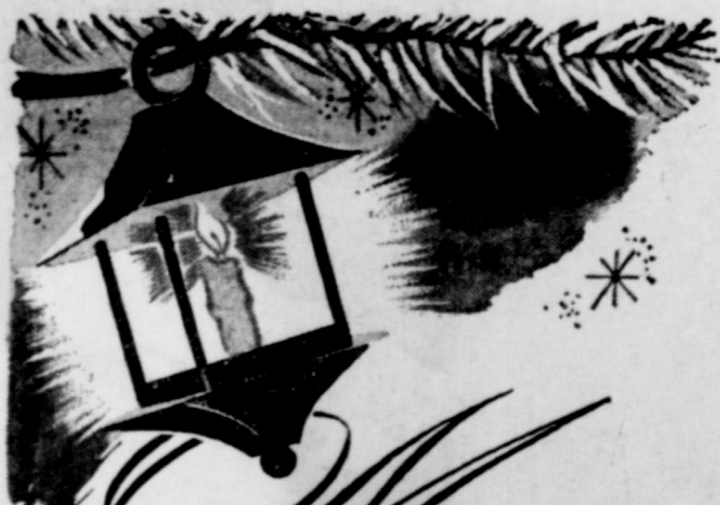
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W. D. WEBBER



Greetings

May the serenity and happiness of the Joyous Christmas Season last you forever! This — is our good wish to our many loyal customers whom we have so enjoyed serving!

MERKEL FARM MACHINERY



Merry CHRISTMAS

We say Thanks to our Many Loyal Customers And Add our Best Wishes that Your Holiday Be Warm and Glowing



B. & D. Garage



May the joyful blessings of Christmas, continue to grow and grow and grow, 'til you find that they are as tall and bountiful as the largest Yule tree of this Wonderful and Merry Holiday Season...



Farmers Coop. Gin
Morris B. Smith, Manager
Merkel, Texas



Our very best wishes to all for a Merry, merry Christmas!...

And A happy New Year **Mr. and Mrs.**

Partnership is to the 4th day of Nov. 1906

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MAY ALL THE SEASON'S PLEASANT NOTES RING OUT FOR ALL OUR MANY FRIENDS . . .

Joyce's



Bob McDonald Barber shop



May Your Christmas be as bright as holiday candles



Cyrus Pee Insurance



Greetings of the Season.

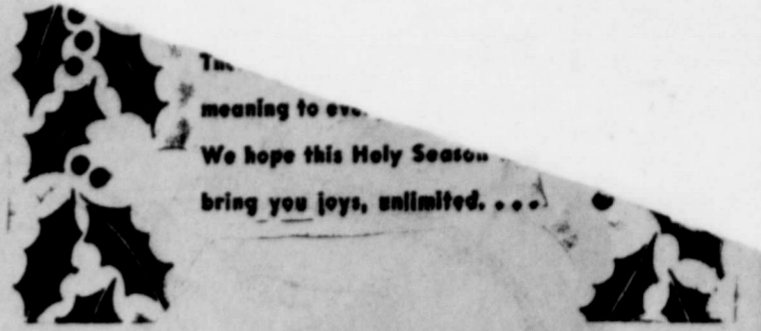
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Season's Greetings

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Perry's Conoco Station



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Fox Repair Shop



Merry Christmas

And greetings of the season! We hope that you and all of our loyal customers enjoy this wonderful Yule to the very utmost!

Humble Service Station

Kenneth Purser



Merry Christmas

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Holiday Greetings

We wish a season of Joy for our many customers and friends.

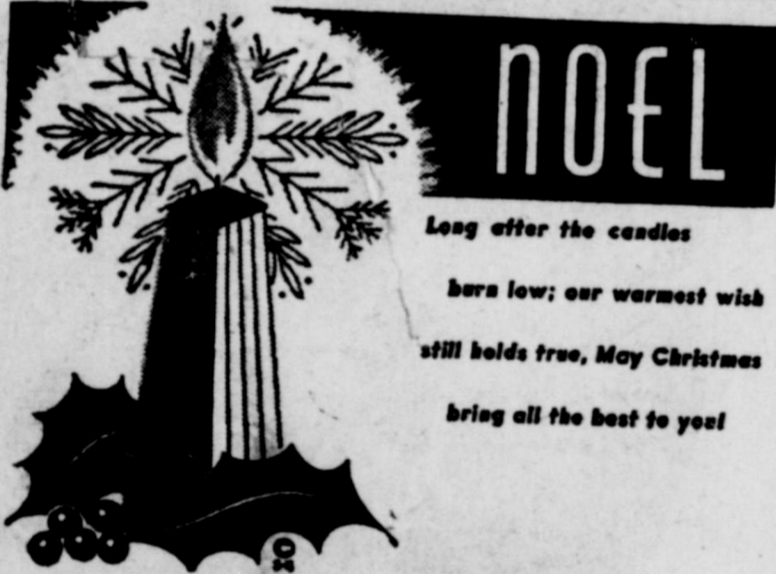
Wood's Grocery and Market



GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

May your Christmas be replete with the rich blessings of the holy season . . .

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NOEL

Long after the candles burn low; our warmest wish still holds true, May Christmas bring all the best to you!

Ann's Beauty Shop Ann Bright - Edna Epperson



BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS

Our wish to you — That your Christmas be ever so joyful!

VILLAGE INN GROCERY



A Happy Christmas to you!

Ben Franklin Store



OUR SONG OF CHRISTMAS

Rings out to wish you many bright notes of harmony and joy this Holiday!

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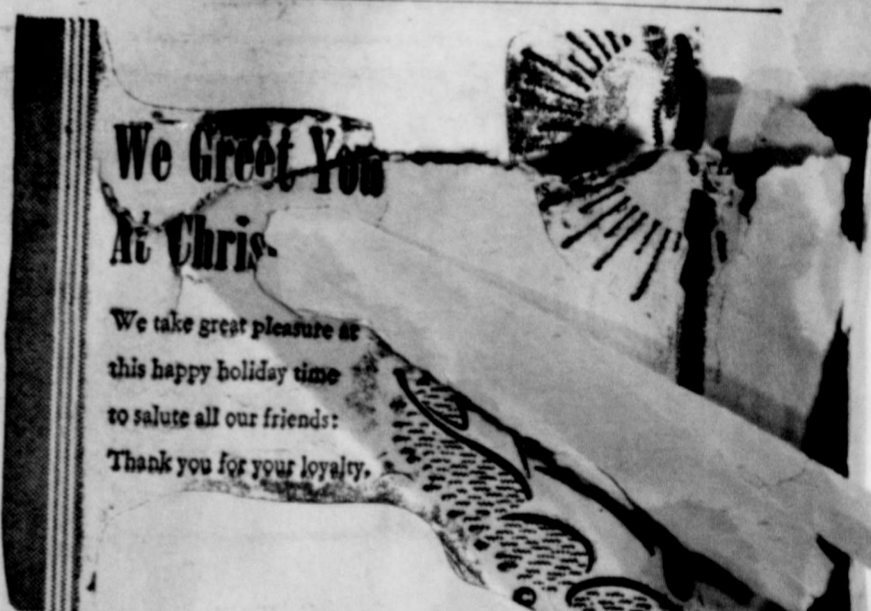
May You Have a Merry Merry Christmas

TRENT GARAGE Armstrong and Son Trent, Texas



Best Wishes for Christmas

Dudley Electric Quannah Dudley



We Greet You At Christmas

We take great pleasure at this happy holiday time to salute all our friends: Thank you for your loyalty.

The Nook Cafe



TO OUR FRIENDS

A part of this lovely season is our memory of the wonderful customers we have served!

Andy Shouse



Season's Greetings

TO ALL OUR MANY FRIENDS . . .

Higgins and Bunch Garage



CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

... and this wish: May every branch on your tree bear the symbols of a happy Christmas celebration.

Fletcher Hopper and Son CONOCO SERVICE STATION

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Our thanks and good wishes ring out to our friends...

The Cheery Christmas Bells ring out our sincere thanks for your wonderful friendship and patronage, and say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!"

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It is indeed a pleasure to thank all of you -- who are our loyal customers -- for your continued patronage. It has been a real pleasure to serve you! And it is a pleasure now to extend to you -- our warmest wishes for all that's bright and gay IN THIS WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON...

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Noel

Like the ornaments
On your tree — May
Your holiday be
festooned with many
blessings!

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JONES COUNTY



May all the pleasures of
CHRISTMAS last you
through the entire year!

C. B. GARDNER, M. D.



OUR CHRISTMAS PRAYER

In the sanctuary of our hearts we give thanks for the blessings of the past year which have brought us your friendship and patronage ---- And, in the warm spirit of this Holy Day, we pray that health, happiness and friendship be the gifts you most enjoy at Christmas, and after!

Paul Honeycutt Motors

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Merry Christmas
and a Safe
New Year!

Boney Insurance Agency

With Christmas Joy



Gay as the flowers of Christmas,
Humble as the spirit of the Day --
Warm as the glowing Yuletide log,
Are the Greetings we send your way!

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Trent, Texas



To our many friends
at Christmas time...

We wish to express our appreciation of our long association and to say thanks for your continued patronage! May your holiday be merry and...

Manager



May a very merry Christmas season flourish of your home this year.



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



Jake Massey



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDLINESS AND GOOD CHEER, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY FAVORS AND SINCERELY WISH YOU AN OLD-FASHIONED YULETIDE

PATTERSON BROTHERS

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest appreciation to the host of friends and neighbors for their many beautiful gifts given us for our anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Burleson.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all for their kindness and help after our home was destroyed by fire.

C. C. Rust Family

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express to our kind neighbors and thoughtful friends our heartfelt thanks for their many expressions of sympathy. Especially do we thank those who sat up. Also for the beautiful floral offerings, food and other kindnesses we are deeply grateful.

The Barbee Family

PATRICIA FISHER WEDS JERRELL LEE BUTMAN SUN.

Miss Patricia Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Fisher, and Jerrell Lee Butman were married Sunday afternoon, December 19. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Butman.

Rev. M. E. Randolph performed the double ring ceremony in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Reneau of Abilene, uncle and aunt of the bridegroom.

Maid of honor was Miss Molly Beth Douglas. The brother of the bridegroom, Bill Butman, of Perrin Air Force Base was best man. Also attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Fisher, John Shaffer of Perrin Air Force Base, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Reneau, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Butman and daughter Joyce. The couple will live at 501 Orange, Merkel.

personals

Pvt. Eldon Price of Ft. Bliss is home for the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick West and family are visiting his parents, Mayor and Mrs. Henry West. Dick is with the United Press and returns to Washington, D. C., next Tuesday.

Reuben Horton of Abilene visited his mother, Mrs. Edna Horton, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Stevens and family of San Angelo were weekend visitors in the home of the H. B. and Glenn Robertsons.

Mrs. Glenn Robertson and Vickie were Sunday visitors of her mother, Mrs. T. I. Hicks and family. She got to visit with her brother, Victor Hicks, also. He is on leave from San Diego Naval Station.

Miss Viola Golightly of Floydada and friend were weekend guests of the Hob Robertsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bussy and son of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Glen and family of Abilene were also visitors Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Hicks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller are in Austin spending Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. John Davidson, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Outlaw of Lingleville are visiting friends and relatives.

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To
EVERYONE
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ed to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
D. R. Butler, W. M.
Truett Thompson, Sec'y.

NOTICE
Stated Meeting of the Merkel Chapter 212 O. E. S. December 28th 8:00 p. m.
Una Hays, W. M.
Fern Windham, Secretary

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XMAS PROGRAM ENJOYED BY COMPERE AND TRUBY
The Compere and Truby Home Demonstration Clubs met at the Truby Community Center Dec. 13 for a Christmas program with a tree and a gift exchange.

Miss Jimmie Lou Wainscott, the agent, was present and gave a very instructive and interesting demonstration on gift wrapping.

Visitors present were Lana, John Malone who rendered two accordion numbers, Miss Wainscott and Christie Touchstone.

Those attending from the Compere Club were Mesdames Jess Foy, W. M. Kelso, Vernon Stanley, Dewey Ramsey, Betty Chancey, J. E. Touchstone, I. B. Ray, Ab Hunter, Jr., Ben Adkins.

Most of the club members attended the luncheon and Christmas party at Anson December 8.

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That the Spirit of this Holy Day,
as conceived by our Lord, live on forever in eternal
good will, tolerance and the brotherhood of man...

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

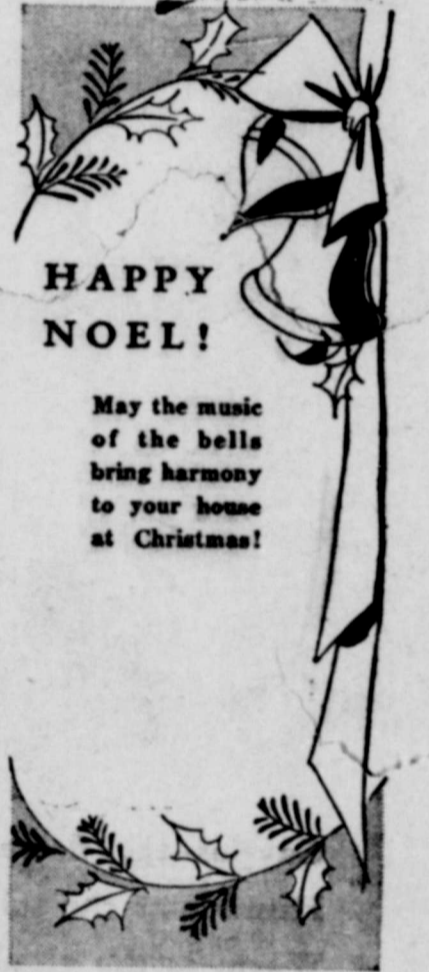
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May the joys of this
Holiday Season
remain with you,
not only at
Christmas, but each
day of the
coming year.

E. Brady Cox, D.D.S.



HAPPY
NOEL!

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

R. O. Anderson



Christmas
Wishes

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



Season's Greetings

We hope that all our many friends
will be stocking up on the wealth of
good wishes sent your way by our
entire staff . . . May your Christmas
be sock-full of happiness
and every good thing in life!

CAMPBELL GROCERY & MARKET



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

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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




WITH FAITH

To our many customers—we extend our hopes that the true spirit of this Holy Day linger on with many blessings.

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NORMA'S BEAUTY SHOP



PEACE AT CHRISTMAS

With reverence we come to this blessed season, with a prayer for your happiness!

CITY DRUG

We have much pleasure from greeting to you—as we do in extending it: **A MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

NELL'S BEAUTY SHOP

TURKEY DINNER

Through Xmas Week

WE WELCOME YOU

VILLAGE CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spence

Trent, Texas



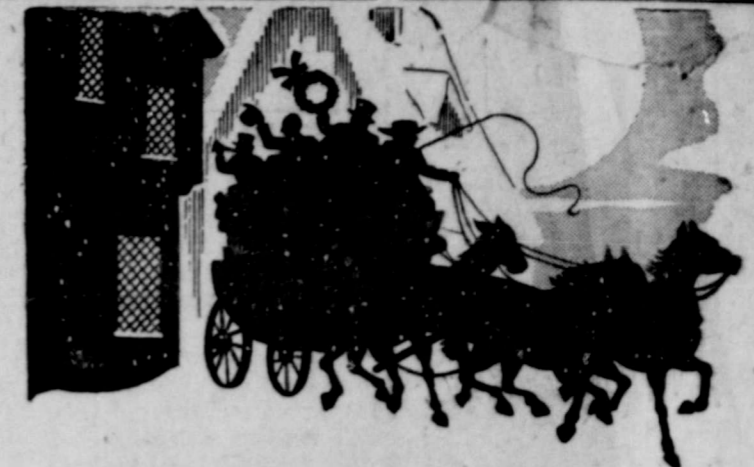
With grateful hearts, we sing out to our many friends and customers, "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

MERKEL CAFE



A Good Old-Fashioned Christmas to You and Yours

TOOMBS & MOORE



CHRISTMAS CHEER RIDES WITH OUR GOOD WISHES! PO PO CAFE



FROM US TO YOU ON CHRISTMAS

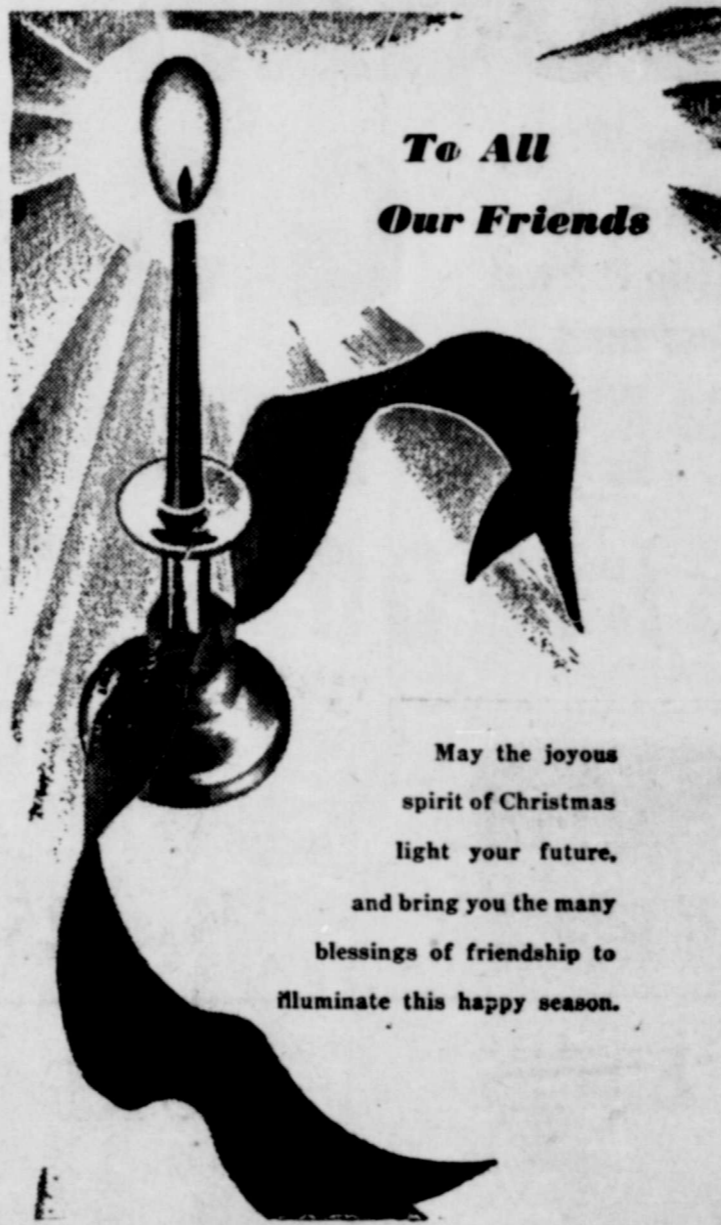
May all the joys of the season be delivered to you at this happy time!



to our friends, at **Christmas**

a JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON!

WHITE AUTO STORE



To All Our Friends

May the joyous spirit of Christmas light your future, and bring you the many blessings of friendship to illuminate this happy season.

Merritt Plumbing



Greetings

OUR VERY BEST WISHES TO YOU FOR A HAPPY AND REWARDING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY!

J. L. WHITE, Contractor



Bill's Garden Shop



... with Christmas-Spirited Wishes

Toombs Real Estate & Insurance
BILLY JOE TOOMBS L. T. TOOMBS



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oh boy! it's christmas again!

Yes, it's Christmas: Wondrous time of the year — May it bring, all that's good — in health, and luck, and cheer!

TRUETT PERRY
OAK ST. SERVICE STATION



Greetings

May the spirit of Christmas bless you, always! . . .

Woozy's Cafe



Merry Christmas

Higgins Blacksmith

We Wish You A Very Merry Christmas.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Once again we pause from business details to honor our many fine customers and friends. Gratefully we say: Thanks, and merry Christmas.

GRIFF BARNETT
CONOCO AGENT
PHONE 224

Merry Christmas

STORE HOURS
WEEK DAY
7:00 to 6:30
SATURDAY
7:00 to 9:30

SPECIALS

THURSDAY
and FRIDAY
DECEMBER
23 and 24

...drawn on the back of the
...of them caused a
...run.
There was no Santa Claus. Gifts were passed around the circle and each one kept the gift they had when the music stopped.
Mrs. J. L. Farr, chairman of the recreation committee, had charge of the party. She was assisted by Mrs. Kenneth Drummond, Mrs. Edgar Holly and Mrs. Riley Miller.
The women who attended from the Merkel area were Mrs. Allen D. King, Blue Bonnet; Miss Loreta Allen, county home demonstration agent; Miss Beth Caywer, assistant county home demonstration agent.

BECKY RAY ENTERTAINS MYF IN PARENTS HOME
Becky Ray entertained the Pioneer MYF in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray. The spacious yard of the old Butman Ranch house was lighted by flood lights.
Weiners and marshmallows were toasted on the camp fire. Hot dogs, potato chips, pickles, Christmas candies and cold drinks furnished a delightful outdoor meal. Mrs. Ray brought out a pretty cake with "Betty" written on it with pecans that seemed to attract attention.
After refreshments Rebecca invited those present into the living room where they enjoyed games for the rest of the evening. They were 24 present. Jo Ann Scott of Arizona was a visitor.

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

"I Saw Paris" Is Great Love Story At Queen Theatre
Set against the beauty and glamor of post-war Paris and the French Riviera, where much of the picture was filmed on location, "The Last Time I Saw Paris," M-G-M Technicolor picture, emerges on the Queen screen Friday and Saturday as a love story filled with tenderness and compassion.
With an impressive group of stars, headed by Elizabeth Taylor, Van Johnson, Walter Pidgeon and Donna Reed.



THE MERKEL FLORIST
Edna McGee and George

ANGELUS
MARSHMALLOWS bag - - - - 19c

WILLIAMS
XMAS MIX CANDY Bag - - - - - 19c

WOLF CHILI No. 2 CAN CAN 39¢	PARKAY OLEO Pound 25¢
CAL-TROP FRESH DATES Pound 29¢	CHOCOLATE COVERED CHERRIES BOX 53¢
DOMINO SUGAR POWDER or BROWN - - 2 boxes 23c	
SALAD DRESSING MIRACLE WHIP - - - - - pint 29c	

SUGAR 85¢
EGGS 39¢
PEACHES 25¢
CRISCO 79¢

DOMINO 10 pounds - - - - - 85¢
FRESH COUNTRY Dozen - - - - - 39¢
OUR VALUE No. 2 1/2 FREESTONE Can - - - - - 25¢
3 Pound Can - - - - - 79¢

MISSION - 303 PEAS - - - - - 2 for 29c
OUR DARLING - 303 CORN - - - - - 2 for 33c
ADAMS - 46 OZ. ORANGE JUICE - - - - - 25c

FRUIT CAKE MIX - - - - - lb. 53c
DEL MONTE Crushed No. 2 PINE APPLE - - 2 for 49c
BAKERS - 4 OZ. COCOANUT WITH COUPON CAN - 13c
SUNSHINE CANDIES - - - - - cello 10c
SUNSHINE HIHO - - - - - lb. 32c
PEPPERMINT STICK CANDY - - - lb. 29c
ROASTED PEANUTS - - - - - bag 29c
PREMIUM CRACKERS - - - - - lb. 23c

QUEEN THEATRE
MOVIES ARE BETTER THAN EVER!

Box Office Opens 6:15 — Show Starts 6:30

KIDDIES' FREE SHOW FRIDAY, DEC. 24, 10:30 a. m.
Cartoon Fun Show and Comedy Jamboree
One Hour 30 Minutes of your favorite Cartoons and Comedies!
FREE!...FREE!...FREE!

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 — 25
MATINEES 2 p. m. both afternoons Friday, Saturday.
A Blue Ribbon Attraction! Girl in Paris! Never such a powerful love story... with all its joy, heartaches and passion! Actually filmed in the luxury Spots of Paris!
ELIZABETH TAYLOR — VAN JOHNSON
"THE LAST TIME I SAW PARIS"
Color by **TECHNICOLOR**
WALTER PIDGEON — DONNA REED
Added 2 Reel Short and Color Cartoon
Fri., and Sat., 2:25 — 4:45 — 7:00 — 9:20 p. m.

FRIDAY — MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 — 27
...knew he came to kill her husband... and she hoped he still wanted her!
DANA ANDREWS — DONNA REED
"THREE HOURS TO KILL"
Color by **TECHNICOLOR**
Also Color Cartoon — Latest World News and Short Features Sunday 2:45 — 4:35 — Monday 7:00 — 8:50

TUES., WED., THURS., DECEMBER 28 — 29 — 30
Here it is... the part of the city they call the Jungle... where the traffickers in evil ply their trade and silken cats prowl for victims.
GARY MERRILL — JAN STERLING
"THE HUMAN JUNGLE"
with **REGIS TOOMEY — CHUCK CONNORS**
Also Sport and Color Cartoon
FEATURES 6:55 — 8:40 P. M.
Make your plans to attend our gala New Year's Eve Midnight Show.

PET MILK 2 cans 23c	CHARMIN NAPKINS 2 boxes 25c
BREEZE PRIZE SOAP Giant 59c Large 29c	SURF LARGE 29c

Choice MEATS

WILSON 12 to 14 CERTIFIED HAM 1/2 or whole lb. **49¢**

WILSON — Ready to Eat Canned HAMS - - - - - 4 lbs. **\$4.79**

FRESH COUNTRY DRESSED FAT HENS - - - - - lb. **45c**

FRESH PORK ROAST - - - - - lb. **43c**

FRESH SPARE RIBS - - - - - lb. **45c**

CHOICE BEEF CHUCK ROAST - - - - - lb. **39c**

No. 1 DENISON HENS lb. 59c
TURKEYS Toms - - - - - lb. **49c**

FLAVOR JELLO - - - - - box 5c

Stock Your Pantry Now!

GOLD MEDAL 25 Lbs. ENRICHED FLOUR \$1.89

SOFTASILK box 43c

Betty Crocker MIXES

BISquick box 43c
Pie Crust Mix... 2 for 37c
White Cake..... 3 for
Yellow Cake.....
Devils Food..... 89¢
Honey Spice.....
Ginger Bread.... 2 for 49c
Angel Food..... box 53c
Marble Cake... box 29c
Chocolate Fudge BROWNIE MIX BOX **33c**

FRESH VEGETABLES

CRISP FRESH LETTUCE - - - - - lb. **9c**

FRESH CELERY - - - - - stalk **19c**

CALIFORNIA ORANGES - - - - - lb. **12c**

COLOVA LARGE AVOCADOS - - - each **19c**

FRESH TOMATOES - - - crtn. **15c**

GOLDEN BANANAS - - 2 lbs **25c**

IDAHO SPUDS - - - - - lb. **5c**

We Reserve the right to Limit Quantities and to refuse to sell to dealers.

Carson Grocery Market
213 EDWARDS ST. — PHOENIX

Free Delivery

ON \$3.00 OR MORE
MON., WED. and FRI. at 4:00