

If Banker Booth Warren's predictions are right, cotton farmers in the Merkel area will gross more than \$1,000,000 from this year's cotton harvest...

This is much better production than had been expected, due to the weather conditions which were unfavorable during the last few growing weeks...

There still are hundreds of pickers in the area, but as we get it some farmers are still needing more pickers.

If you have been wondering what the big machinery is doing in the south part of town, it is the paving contractor fixing the streets in the new addition being built by the Merkel Development company...

At the present time there are many persons coming into the Mail office every day looking for places to reside. Many of them, stationed at the air base, are looking for furnished places.

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Trent Has Nice Turnout At Homecoming

The Trent High School homecoming, held Nov. 4 and 5, was a great success. Eighty-seven exes registered at the supper held before the ball game Friday night...

Flowers Planted Around School

Teachers and students of the Merkel Elementary School have been busy the past week with more than the "three R's".

Badgers Play At Throckmorton

Eliminated from the title contest of district 8-A, the Merkel Badgers still have two more games to play, one at Throckmorton this Friday.

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GROUND OBSERVERS NEEDED FOR MERKEL

The United States Air Force in conjunction with the local civil defense organizations is presently establishing ground observer posts in the following towns in this area, Merkel, Tye, and Trent.

The purpose of these posts, which are manned by civilian volunteers, is to spot aircraft that might be trying to enter the boundaries of our country unnoticed.

Volunteers can be either male or female providing they are age 14 or older. Individuals who are interested in becoming part of this program should send their name, address, and telephone number on a card or letter to Director of Civil Defense, Post Office Box 60, Abilene or leave their name and address with Mr. Onis Crawford, coordinator of civil defense in Merkel, at the Chamber of Commerce.

Low Holle, director of civil defense, in Abilene, stated that his office is charged with setting up ground observer posts in Taylor county. A post has already been established in Abilene, and as soon as volunteers can be obtained from Tye, Merkel, and Trent, observer posts will be established in these communities.

DOLLAR DAY NEXT TUESDAY - MANY VALUES ARE OFFERED

Next Tuesday is Dollar Day again. And it'll provide a time when you can buy bargains all over Merkel. Watch the ads in today's Merkel Mail, and then go shopping.

Many of the items offered in this Dollar Day will be valuable items for Christmas giving. Don't fail to read the ads... and shop in Merkel.

MANY OUT-OF-TOWNERS ATTEND HOMECOMING

A check of the registration list of former Merkel students who joined the Merkel Ex-Students association showed many out of town people.

Among those listed from out of town were: Abilene — Major: Connor Robinson, 1017 Vine, superintendent, 1937 through 1942; Mrs. Connor Robinson, 1017 Vine; Mrs. Elsie Barbee, nee Elsie Taylor, 1946, 1350 Green; Bob Campbell, 1952, 536 Beach; Joe Frank Warren, 2242 Russell, 1952; Mrs. Joe Warren, nee Tessie Hester, 2242 Russell, 1954; Mildred Snodgrass, nee Mildred Smith, 2402 Palm; Mrs. Jack Hogan, nee Ruth Smith; route 3, 1938; Harold Teaff, 1642 S. 24, 1945; Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, Abbie Ruth Darsey, 1726 Jeanette, 1920; Mrs. Jim Poneroy, nee Louise Patterson, 1541 S. 21, 1941.

Trent — Mrs. Luther Osborn, nee Euna Belle Urvine, Rt. 1, 1928; Mrs. Other Kelly, nee Patsy Ruth Cox, Rt. 2, 1943.

Quannah — Mrs. Caribel Moore, Caribel Mansfield, 1934; L. V. Moore, 1936.

Houston — Geraldine Sheffield, nee Geraldine Teague, 2219 Saxon Dr., 1941; Jimmie C. Chorice, nee Jimmie D. Perry, 2401 Chamberlain.

Anson — T. C. Melton, 432 Ave. I, 1948; Mrs. T. C. Melton, nee Mary Frances Teaff, 1951; J. E. Boax, Mrs. J. E. Touchstone, Leta Faye Barbee, 1937; Joann Seymour, Rt. 2, 1952.

Odessa — Doyle Conley, 2511 N. Decota, 1946; Mrs. Delores Conley, nee Delores Clemmer, 1952; Mrs. H. B. Heaton, nee Isla McDonald, 1913.

Colorado City — Roy Harrell, 566 E. second; Mrs. Floyd Davis, nee Rose Lamey, 945 Elm.

Big Spring — Bill Sheppard, 1417 Wood, 1929; Lola Sheppard, nee Lola Shelton, 1929.

Lamesa — Lon McDonald, 1948; Mrs. Lon McDonald, nee nee Vada Campbell, 1947.

First 'Exes' Celebration Is Termed Success

Ex-students from dozens of towns came back to Merkel last weekend to help organize the Merkel Ex-Students Association which will promote future homecomings in years to come.

Horace O. Roney, Merkel insurance man, was elected president of the newly formed group. Roney was instrumental in the organization of the first celebration, and he was honored by being named the first president of the Merkel Ex-Students association.

Meyer Mellinger was named secretary and Mrs. Harry Bullock, treasurer. Mrs. Ruth Pangle was named vice president. David Gamble was selected as the reporter.

Onis Crawford, manager of the Chamber of Commerce which helped promote the organizational meeting, said he was pleased with the turnout at the first homecoming, and he predicted that each year the homecoming will get larger and larger as more ex-students are informed of the event.

Students started pouring in to the Community center shortly after noon Friday, and during the afternoon it was reunion time for many of the former students.

More than 300 people were served at the school cafeteria that night, and following the football game with Haskell approximately 500 ex-students gathered at the cafeteria for coffee and doughnuts.

Two of the earliest grads to register were Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, nee Oda Nobles, of Merkel; and Mrs. W. C. Lee, nee May Derstine, 304 Kent, Mrs. Hutcheson was in the class of 1899, and Mrs. Lee was in the class of 1901.

From the class of 1911 was Mrs. Pet Touchstone, nee Pet Sears, 504 Yucca, and Sam Butman, Jr., of Mulberry Canyon.

Other earlier classes represented were class of 1913, Mrs. H. B. Leeton, nee Isla McDonald, Odessa; class 1914, Fred Harrell, 4438 W. Jefferson, Dallas; class of 1917, Mary Tankersley, nee Mary Tucker, 1333 E. Arlington, Fort Worth; Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, nee Abbie Ruth Darsey, 1726 Jeanette, Abilene, class of 1920; Castle B. Ellis, 600 E. Grand, Comanche, class of 1922.

Hodges Man Gets Finger Cut Off

Bob McCoy, about 23, of Hodges was in Sadler Clinic Hospital at Merkel Tuesday night after losing a finger in an accident Tuesday morning at the Hodges Co-operative Gin.

McCoy's forefinger on his right hand was cut off in an accident in the press department of the gin. The accident occurred about 9:30 a.m. It was severed at the second joint.

Only two weeks ago McCoy was hospitalized when a cotton hook was accidentally struck through the palm of his right hand. He had just returned to work this week.

Santa Claus To Come to Merkel

Santa Claus is coming to Merkel Wednesday, November 30th. Watch for the Alaskan Huskies Sled Dogs and the Alaskan Sled with wheels Dog Team will be driven by Gee Gee a lady driver, dressed in Parka and fur boots.

Santa Claus will hold a reception for the children before the show. The huskies dogs do a good circus dog act with Gee Gee Trainer.

Billy Powell wizard of the tight wire presents a sensational tight wire act, acting a drunk on the wire then going into a bounding wire act and finishing by turning a complete back somersault on the wire.

Pioneer Singing Reenact second Sunday singing 2:30 p.m., November 13, at the Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church.

HASKELL SPOILS HOMECOMING IN 14-6 TRIUMPH

Two gallant dashes by Fullback John Pitman and Halfback Don Mullins gave the Haskell Indians a 14-6 conquest over the Merkel Badgers Friday night in a district 8-A contest which eliminated Merkel from the title race.

The Haskell victory sends the Indians undefeated as they await their title tilt with the strong Albany Lions.

Bottled up for most of the game, the Badgers put together a touchdown drive in six plays in the third quarter to pull up to 6-7 as Fullback Kermit Rutledge's kick was wide of the goal.

But Mullins put the clincher on when he took a delayed buck for 71 yards to give the Indians their second touchdown in the second play of the fourth quarter.

After battling to a scoreless deadlock in the first quarter Pitman broke loose for a 36-yard touchdown gallop to give the Indians the lead. The Indians set the drive on the 44 following End Robert McLeod's punt. Quarterback Robert Starr picked up 8 yards, and on the next play Pitman scored.

After holding the Indians after the half, the Badgers got possession on a punt on the 36 yard line after Quarterback Pursley had returned the kick 14 yards. In six plays the Badgers went over with McLeod taking a jump pass from Pursley for the last 11 yards.

In the fourth quarter, the Badgers had a chance to get back into the ball game, but their 40-yard drive bogged down on the six inch line on great line play by Tackles Wayne Conner and Oris Gibson who stymied the Merkel drive. The Badgers had four downs to make a yard, but couldn't score. Conner and Gibson saved a TD when they threw Pursley for a six yard loss.

In the first quarter, neither teams showed much scoring punch, and during the first half Merkel showed a net loss of 21 yards and rung up only one first down and that on a pass interference play.

The Badgers had difficulty getting started, and in the early moments of the game they showed little offensive power.

But on the other hand they held the powerful Indians to a standstill in the first quarter. During that time the Badgers covered two Haskell fumbles which helped their cause.

Pursley was having trouble with his passes, missing his target often as the big Haskell linemen drove through to crowd him.

Merkel finally got down to the 32 yard line, but an off sides penalty set them back to the 37, and they failed to make the necessary yardage when Russell's pass to McLeod went flat and Haskell took over.

The Badgers got a bad break midway in the second quarter after Mullins had punted out of bounds on the Merkel 12. Larry Joyce gained two, but Pursley fumbled on the next play and Gibson recovered on the 13. But it was a sharp tackle by the ramming Joyce that sent Mullins reeling for an 8-yard loss back to the 21 where Carl McKeever, Jerry Miller and Tom Swinney helped stop the drive cold on the next two plays.

It didn't help the Badgers much to stop that drive, for Merkel was unable to move, losing 3, making an incomplete pass and being forced to punt out on the Merkel 44 yard line. It was here that Mullins sneaked through for three and Quarterback Robert Starr picked up another five before being stopped by Pursley.

Caught off-guard, Pitman, on a delayed buck, was in the clear before he could say scatt, and he raced 36 yards to score.

Jimmy Byrd picked up the point, and Haskell led, 7-0. The Badgers lost 24 yards on two plays as the charging Indian line moved in swiftly.

The Badgers moved to within one point in the third, but shortly after Mullins intercepted a Pursley pass on the 40 he returned it to the 46, but a roughing penalty set them back to the 29 where Mullins made his long 71-yard gallop on the first play.



TRENT SPEAKER — Henry New, pastor of the Lawn Terrace Baptist church of Mineral Wells, will be the "old time" revival speaker at the Trent First Baptist church Nov. 14 to 20. Laymen will speak Thursday, November 10, Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning. Speakers will be Cecil Taylor, Thursday, Leonard Quattlebaum and Henry Lee Tittle, Friday, W. C. Matthews, Saturday, and Sherman Driggers Sunday morning. Rev. Gene Jergensen is the pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson were in Houston last week attending the T.M.C.A. convention.

HODGES

Mrs. Ford Elefers of Clovis, New Mexico has been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. W. Vantreese and brother Mr. Elvie Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. Audrien Berry and Monte of Littlefield came down for the 50th wedding anniversary of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry. Their celebration was in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lilly of Abilene. While here, Mr. and Mrs. Audrien Berry visited her mother also, Mrs. Ina Kelso.

Mrs. Durwood McCoy is home after having spent a few days in the Hendrick hospital at Abilene. She is doing fine.

Mr. Marion Dodge had the misfortune of getting tangled in his comb. He got a nasty tear in his leg and is now in the hospital at Abilene.

There will be a cemetery working at the Midway tabernacle on Nov. 16th. Please come and bring your lunch. Coffee will be furnished free.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. McCaleb on Sunday were their sons and families Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McCaleb of Ranger and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCaleb and family of Abilene.

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has moved to Anson. The Westbrooks have moved into the house vacated by the Simons.

Mrs. Lilly Watts is in the Sader clinic at Merkel.

Jewel King of Abilene was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vantreese on Sunday.

Mrs. Oma Spraberry of Anson has accepted a job at the Hodges gin.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sloan and family Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Cox, Lana and Jimmy Vick of Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan and Billy of Noodle and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. McGinnis, James and Marilyn of Anson.

Mrs. Floyd Finch spent two weeks in Benton, Arkansas with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Halipayns.

Mrs. Lizzie Williams of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vantreese a few days last week.

Mr. Ed Vantreese visited the Von Roeder seed farm at Snyder on Tuesday.

BLUE BONNET H. D. HOLDS MEETING
The Blue Bonnet home demonstration club met in the Community Center last Tuesday for their regular meeting.

Mrs. Joe Seymore led the prayer, and "America" was sung by the group. Roll call was answered by each telling what they liked best in first entering a home. Mrs. E. G. Toombs gave the council report. Several of the ladies brought lovely Christmas decorations and explained how anyone could use their own idea of simple things that might be around the home.

The next meeting will be November 13 with Mrs. John Ferguson as hostess. The ladies are to bring home made Christmas gifts and ideas on making gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Woodruff of Idabel, Oklahoma, attended homecoming and were guests of Mrs. Elma MacFarland. Mrs. Woodruff is the former Frances Burroughs and graduated in the 1911 class.

Mail Messenger Wanted by P. O.

Sealed bids for carrying the United States Mails between the Post Office at Merkel, Texas and the Texas & Pacific Railway each way as often as required will be received by the Postmaster until Monday, November 14, 1955.

This service will not be let for a stated period, and no written contract with bond is required.

Persons bidding must be not under 18 years of age, and suitable to be entrusted with the care and custody of the mails.

The accepted bidder will be expected to provide for the performance of the service at the compensation stated in the order designating him as mail messenger until his employment is terminated by proper notice or order from this office. The mail messenger may resign at any time by filing with the postmaster a written notice 45 days before the time he intends to cease service. Proposals must be made at per annum rate.

When necessary the mail messenger shall employ at his own expense an assistant to perform the duties during his absence for short periods.

Blank forms for the bids can be obtained at the post office, stated Postmaster Wrenn Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Keltz, of Vernon, Mrs. G. F. Daniels, of Albuquerque, N. M., and their son, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harrison, of Albuquerque, visited Mrs. J. R. Gafford and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell in Trent last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Dickerson and children, of Seminole, spent the weekend visiting friends in Trent and Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gruben, of Rotan, were guests in the home of their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Ken Purser Tuesday.

Mrs. W. M. Elliott had as her guests last weekend her niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. William Sheppard of Big Spring, who came here to attend the homecoming. The Sheppards were in the class of 1929.

Mrs. Joe Hutto of Portales, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Allen and baby daughter, Bridgett Della, of Los Alamos, New Mexico were guests of their grandmother, Mrs. Dick Allen for several days this week.

Jan Lemens of Abilene spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lemens.

Major and Mrs. R. T. Blair and daughters of San Antonio, were guests of her mother, Mrs. Lucy Ford, and attended the homecoming over the weekend. Mrs. Blair's niece, Terry Sue Wozencraft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft, returned home with them for a visit until Thanksgiving.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frase Demere were Mrs. Demere's niece, Nettie Easminger, nee Goree, and her husband, from Portland, Oregon.

IT'S A GRANDSON
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brunson of Abilene announce the birth of a son, Ronald Lee, born October 31. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Preston Henry of Merkel.

Isadore and Meyer Mellinger are attending the Spring Shoe Show in Dallas this week.

Gaston Walker of Midland accompanied by a group from El Paso visited here while en route to the H-SU-TWC football game at Abilene. His parents Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker attended the game with the group Friday night. Gaston is a graduate of TWC of El Paso.

The aircraft carrier USS FORRESTAL will carry a crew of 3,500 officers and enlisted men. The ship is expected to commence fleet operations in early 1956.

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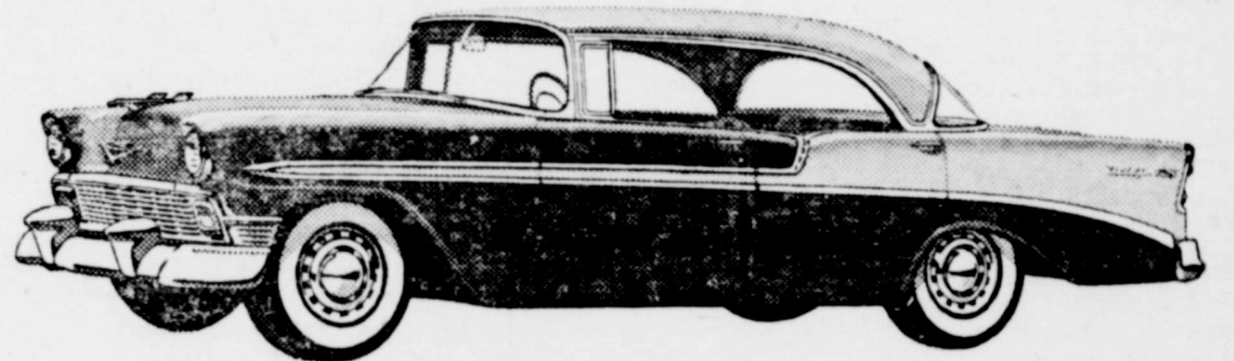
IN MEMORY OF VETERANS OF ALL WARS

Let us pause this day to pledge ourselves to the task of spreading the doctrine of real, vital democracy in the world. Let us pledge ourselves to work and build, as we never worked before, that civilization may rise to new heights of glory that war may be forever outlawed for all times. In memory of men of all nations who have given their lives in two wars within our time, we pledge ourselves to new and determined efforts in a world in which all men shall live together as brothers.

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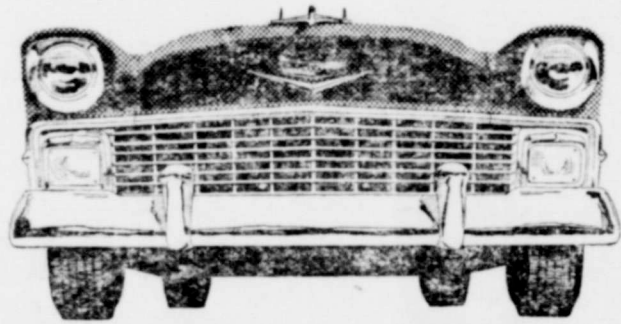
The case of the missing housewife

There's a roast cooking to perfection in the electric range. Ice cream is being made — in the refrigerator. Coffee is percolating. The children's play clothes are being washed clean as new. But there's no one in the kitchen!

One clue solves the case — electricity. It works automatically — Mother doesn't have to stay in her kitchen. Right now, she's attending a P.T.A. meeting. And when she gets home, the dinner will be ready, the laundry done.

Another clue — electric servants work for low wages — costs only a few cents a day for the average family. Isn't it by far the biggest bargain in your family budget? The men and women in your electric service company are constantly working to keep it that way.

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Just look it over—the lower, longer hood... the wider grille that spans the full front end... the big bold parking lights. From the side, you see the sweeping new speedline chrome styling and high-set taillights. Colorful new contemporary interiors add the final touch! Body by Fisher, of course.



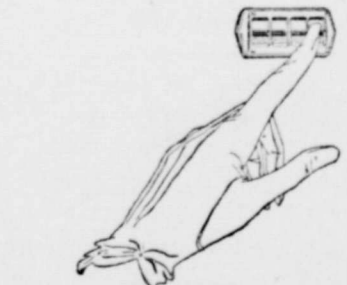
12-volt Electrical System
Packs twice the punch of ordinary 6-volt systems... spins the engine up to one-third faster. You get surer starting in all weather. And you have a greater electrical reserve supply.

A new 6 with 140 H.P.
The new "Blue-Flame" 6 brings you this higher horsepower plus a higher compression ratio (8 to 1) and oil-hushed hydraulic valve lifters.

THE HOT ONE'S EVEN HOTTER
It's the Pikes Peak Record Breaker!
The '56 Chevrolet proved its surer, safer driving control by breaking the Pikes Peak record!



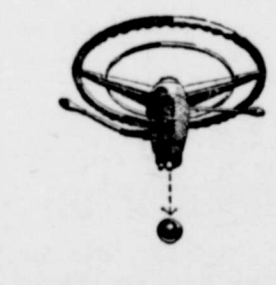
V8 Horsepower Zooms to 205
That's what the new "Super Turbo-Fire V8" pours out (an extra-cost option). You can see why we say the hot one's even hotter!



Everything in Automatic Power Features
Power Steering, Power Brakes, power-positioned front seat, power window controls. All are available as extra-cost options.



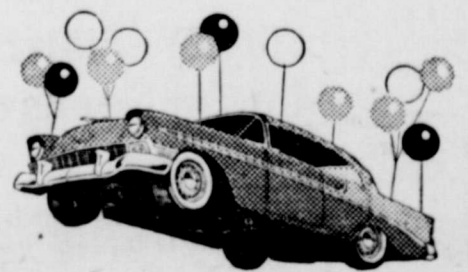
Hideaway Gas Cap
Chevrolet's left-side taillight holds a stylish secret. Hinged at the bottom, it swings down to uncover the gas cap. Closed up, the cap's concealed—and there's nothing in sight but the taillight!



Steering made easy
Ball bearings reduce friction and steering effort in Chevrolet's Ball-Race steering.



Anti-Dive braking
Anti-Dive braking, an exclusive Chevrolet development, means more level stopping—even when you hit the brakes hard!



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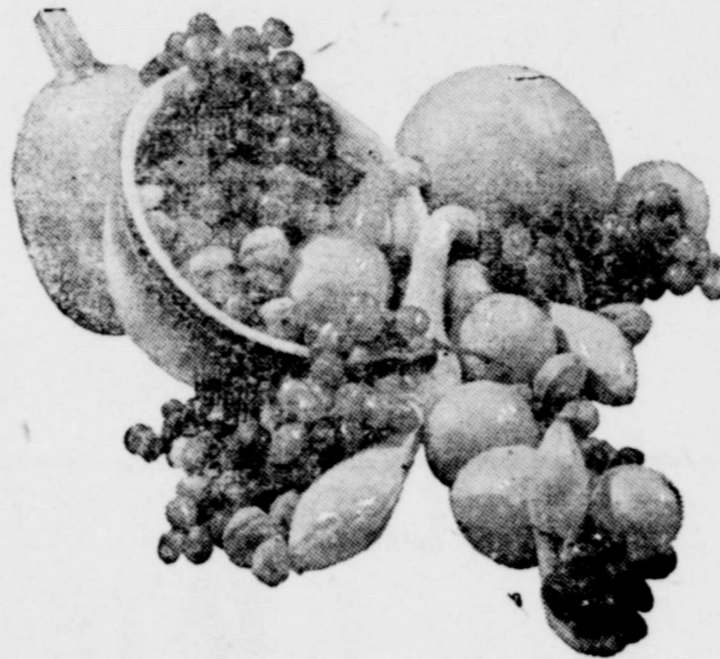
CRANBERRY SAUCE

2 for 45c

KIMBELL'S

STRAWBERRY JELLY

Qt. Jar 43c



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303 can 33c

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TIDE Giant Size 69c

TEXAS **ORANGES**

bag 35c

RED DELICIOUS APPLES

lb. 12½c

CRISP CARROTS

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lb. 5c

RUTABAGA TURNIPS

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Gebhardt's **TAMALES**

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35c

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can

39c

STOKELY'S BROCCOLI

pkg. 25c

STOKELY'S SPINACH

pkg. 19c

STOKELY'S STRAWBERRIES

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STOKELY'S BREADED SHRIMP

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STOKELY'S Chicken or Beef Pot PIES each 25c

STOKELY'S TURNIP GREENS

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Winter time is beginning to appear. The weather has been ideal for harvesting of crops. The crops are nearly all out. We made a real good crop in the Canyon this year. The stockmen are cutting their herds down this year so the pasture will be better and perhaps will get a better calf and lamb crop.

W. T. and Loyd Perry had a load of lambs on the San Angelo market this week. They were well pleased with their sale.

Tom Russom and Allen King were in San Angelo Saturday. Russom had a load of lambs on the market. There were 2700 sheep on the San Angelo market Saturday, which was a very light run, good mouth ewes was selling for \$8 per head.

Some of the winter peas are beginning to die from the dry weather. This dry weather is a set back to winter cover crops.

The trip to Ohio for Mrs. B. B. Reynolds to be at the bed side of her son B. B. Jr. was just too much for her she is now in the hospital. We hope she will be better soon.

The date has been set for the Lord's acre Program at Pioneer Church. The date is Nov. 19 on Saturday night. The church has had the program for 4 years, we set a side an acre, or a hog or bring in money for our church. The first year we had the program it brought in \$700. That was our best year.

E. C. Ray suffered the loss of

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part of a finger. He got his finger caught in a mowing machine while working on it. His finger has been very painful to him. We hope he will soon be able to go back to work.

Mrs. Tex Choice of Houston, the former Jimmie Dell Perry, came for Merkel's homecoming. Jimmie Dell was raised in the Canyon. She visited relatives including an aunt, Mrs. A. R. Toombs of Merkel.

Mrs. Frank Brnovak is about to overcome her broken ankle. She enjoyed a trip to Fort Worth this week end.

Saturday night the M.Y.F. of Pioneer church enjoyed a weiner roast and social in the beautiful new dining hall of the Madge Butman youth camp. Mrs. R. G. Toombs and Mrs. Ford Butman are sponsors of the group.

The snow that fell Monday night was light but it will make bundle feed stack well, stacking bundle feed will get under way now.

Perforations Made South of Merkel

Operator was testing after acidizing at The Texas Co. No. 1 L. & H. Toombs, NCT-1, Section 5, Block 9, SP Survey, wildcat seven miles south of Merkel. Completion is being made from perforations at 4,560-80 feet. The test had swabbed one barrel of oil ½ hour.

A wildcat was abandoned at 2,400 feet one mile northwest of Merkel. It was Urgen & Frazier, et al. of Abilene No. 1 J. T. Russell, Section 17, Block 18, T&P Survey.

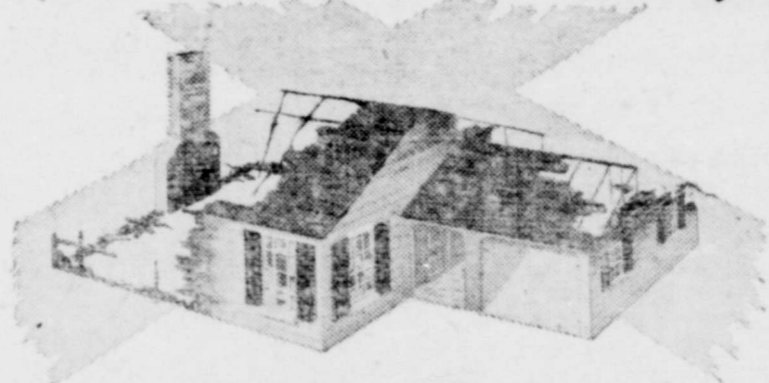
Merkel, Northwest (Dothan Sand) field 1 1/2 miles northwest of Merkel has gained its second producer. It is Foree Drilling Co. of Dallas No. 1 B. L. Bond, Block 15, Grimes CSL Survey 148.

No. 1 Bond had a daily potential of 65 barrels of 42.6 gravity oil, plus seven percent water. It is pumping from 20 perforations at 2,288-93 feet. Casing is set at 2,360 feet.

The well is a north offset to Foree-Thomas No. 1 Alsbrook, the discovery and lone producer.

Mrs. Norma Bond and daughters were guests of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Norman English and daughters, in Big Spring Sunday.

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Merkel Student H. U. Engineer

Doyle Leon Jones of Route 2 Merkel, has enrolled at the University of Houston as a senior student majoring in petroleum engineering according to R. A. Vittulli, registrar.

A coeducational institution, the University of Houston offers courses on both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

It is composed of ten different colleges — Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Law, Nursing, Optometry, Pharmacy, Technology, Junior College and a School of Architecture.

The campus of the University comprises 275 wooded acres in the midst of the thriving metropolitan area of Houston. All permanent buildings are of a uniform and modern design and are air conditioned.

The 20 year growth of the institute inters of enrollment shows a development from 900 students in 1934 to some 14,000 for the Fall Semester of 1955.

Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the University is a member of the Association of Texas Colleges.

General A. D. Bruce is president of the University.

Merkel B Loses Clyde Contest

The Merkel B team, playing on a windy, cold gridiron, were defeated by Clyde Monday night, 27-6, in a contest that saw Clyde finally overpower the lighter Badgers in the late stages of the game.

Earlier in the season the Badgers defeated the Clyde B. team, but this Clyde team was spotted with men from their regular A team, and they looked a lot different.

Joe Neill, the light Badger back, got loose for a couple of long runs, one setting up a touchdown, and the other putting the Badgers within scoring distance which they didn't make.

Manly Denton made several nice gains, and the Merkel line showed up well against the bigger Clyde boys.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stickbridge spent the weekend with their mother, Mrs. Glenn, of Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Moore have returned home after a week's visit with the Horner's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Holly, of Victoria, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nutt and children, Palama Ann and Roger Allen, of Platview, returned home after spending several days with the latter's mother, Mrs. Edna Horton who recently underwent surgery at the Sadler Clinic-Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tipton and family returned to Brisene Sunday. They were here for McMurry's homecoming and attended the McMurry-Howard Payne football game.

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB MEETS TUESDAY

Members of the Fortnightly Study Club were privileged to hear an outstanding program on Tuesday afternoon, in the lovely home of Mrs. Henry West on 204 Yucca Street.

Miss Bitsy West, granddaughter of the hostess, served speed tea, sandwiches, and cookies as the guests arrived.

Reverend Sam Tullock sang "Balm in Gilead" and "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho."

Mrs. Clyde Bartlett read "God's Trombones" by James Weldon Johnson.

Plans were made for serving a turkey dinner on Sunday, November 13, at 12:30 p.m. to help finance a traffic light at Fifth and Ash Street. Tickets will be sold prior to the dinner and also at school cafeteria on Sunday.

Mrs. Earl Lassiter and Mrs. W. W. Frye were guests of the club.

Members attending were Mesdames John Hardesty, Wren Durham, Clyde Bartlett, Carroll Benson, Johnny Cox, W. R. Cypert, Mack Fisher, David Gamble, S. D. Gamble, Comer Haynes, Ben R. Hicks, Earl Hughes, Dale Litton, George T. Moore, Elma Farland, W. T. Sadler, Andy Shouse, Don Warren, Henry West, Ray Wilson, and Miss Christine Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Eason of Fort Worth, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bowen over the weekend.

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McLeod, cooperating with the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District, planted 64 acres of Blue Panic in the spring of 1954. 35 acres of the 1954 planting have been harvested for seed this year. Spud says that he will realize twenty-five and possibly thirty dollars per acre on seed alone. This is in addition to the benefit which he will receive from the extensive root system of a perennial grass and the resi-

dues of the entire crop left on the surface as soil cover against water and wind erosion. Conditioning the soil in order to obtain maximum production is the primary aim of McLeod.

The remaining 29 acres of the 1954 planting was used entirely for grazing. A late freeze last spring prevented concentrated grazing until May 4. At that time fifty one head of cattle were placed on the grass and allowed to stay for forty-three days. After a reasonable recovery of growth, McLeod allowed seventy-eight head to stay on the Panic for two weeks. After the rain in September, the seventy-eight head were returned and left for three weeks. This totals up to better than two head of cattle per acre for eleven weeks during the growing season.

McLeod likes the grass so well in a crop rotation that he increased his acreage to a total of 102 acres this year and says that a day seldom passes that he doesn't get a call from someone wanting to buy seed.

McLeod, further believes that Blue Panic grass for grazing provides an excellent opportunity to deter range land without having to sell all of your livestock. Practically all of his range has been deferred this year.

"Man can go broke by having too many cattle, but seldom is man hurt by having too much grass." — R. E. Dickson.

Additional farmers planting peas are T. J. Neil of Butman, 50 acres and J. G. Wilks of Trent, 67 acres.

ited with her sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Woodcraft, Mrs. Belle Kimbrough, and Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Wood, her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald. She attended the homecoming activities, she graduated with the class of 1913.

Mrs. Emmett Howard of Gainesville, and Mrs. Jack Lanier of McKinney are visiting their sister Mrs. E. B. Washburn and their mother, Mrs. A. C. Tarvin, in Barnhart. Mrs. Tarvin has been ill.

The aircraft carrier USS FORRESTAL's keel was laid at Newport News, Virginia, July 14, 1952. The ship will be recommissioned on October 1, 1955.

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MRS. W. M. LOFLIN
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Walters had as guests over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. Grover Regan of Jonesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Bud Lilly of Abilene. All their children were home. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Berry and Monty of Brownfield and a grandson Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berry and children of Big Spring. Some of the out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sims of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Davis and Lovana from Vernon, Mrs. Jessie

Moore and children of Theita, Mr. Marvin Berry and son of Winer, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Sifers and children of Clovis, N. M., and many others.

Mr. Pick Payne was injured at the gin Friday. He is in the Sadler hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West attended the funeral of Mrs. West's cousin, Miss Myrtle Holland in Whitewright, Texas. They were met in Fort Worth by Edgar Bradley who also attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Kelso had as guest Sunday their two daughters, Mary Frances and Mr. and Mrs. Simmie Alred and son from Abilene.

A.M.S. Charles Mashburn will

leave Corpus Christi the 28th of Nov. to go to Newfoundland.

Mr. Albert Miller is here visiting his mother and sister, Mrs. M. E. West.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Euteneier and son have been here visiting her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw, and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mashburn and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Mashburn had as guest over the week-end Mrs. Earl Brinlee and children of Midland, Mrs. Robert Gilmore and children of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Caster and children of Abilene.

Antlerless Deer Hunt Is Planned

Harvest of between three and five thousand antlerless deer in six Hill Country counties may be authorized on the basis of plans now underway, said the Executive Secretary of the Game and Fish Commission.

Slightly more than three thousand head of antlerless deer were taken last fall when this method of reducing deer overpopulation was given emergency status in Mason, Llano and Gillespie counties.

This year the special harvest has been approved in those three counties. Commission action has paved the way for the antlerless hunts in Medina, Kerr, and Blanco counties, subject to final approval of county commissioners' courts.

These special harvests are dictated by sound game management policies in the face of overpopulation of deer on drought-stricken, overgrazed ranges," said the Executive Secretary. "Removing surplus deer in these counties this fall will be another step toward balancing the herds and will mean a higher survival rate next winter. We know that this action improves the vigor of individual animals and generally improves deer hunting in the long run."

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Texas, and possibly the nation, have a new political group — the "moderates."

Sen. Lyndon Johnson started it when he commented that he was neither a liberal nor a conservative, but that he was a "moderate."

Since then the term has cropped up with increasing frequency in comments by leading figures over the state.

Governor Shivers has announced that he plans to tour into other states to urge selection of a "moderate" Democratic candidate for President.

With a Johnson-for-president move gaining momentum, Shivers commented, when asked if Senator Johnson fitted the middle-of-the-road pattern, that he seemed "more moderate than extreme."

The Governor emphasized that he will not be working for any specific candidate on his tour. He also has no view he said, of trying to form a "coalition" of Southerners, as has been suggested.

"I hope to get into the West, the Middle West and possibly the East," he said.

Creeping Harmony
Harmony in the Texas Democratic Party moved slowly. Speaker Sam Rayburn, leader of the liberals, has demanded a state delegation pledged to support the party nominee.

Governor Shivers, conservative leader, has opposed an advance pledge to support "any nominee."

Rayburn, however, has spoken approvingly of Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey, recently named national committeeman with the hope of bringing the two factions together.

Meanwhile the conservative Democratic State Executive Committee has launched a drive to get 3,500,000 persons to pay poll taxes or secure exemptions, for a

big turnout next year. It expressed hope for 30,000 delegates at the convention set for May 26 in Dallas.

Rival liberalists have charged that the State Committee has "frozen" hotel space in Dallas with the design of keeping the liberals away.

Committee Clears Shepperd
In a closed session, a Texas Bar Association grievance committee voted to take no action on remarks Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd made about the Court of Criminal Appeals and Judge Lloyd W. Davidson.

Shepperd frequently has expressed himself as being opposed to closed sessions. He went to the meeting with a marked rule book containing passages on open and closed sessions of grievance committees, and requested that the hearing be open. The committee overrode the request.

News-men sent by their respective newspapers to report the committee meeting, were told to leave the room before the committee convened. No previous announcement of the session's being closed was made.

The hearing resulted after the election of Judge Davidson brought an about face in 104 indictments in turbulent Duval County. Shepperd commented that Davidson had expressed an opinion on the cases before they were presented to the court.

Following their four-hour session, the grievance committee said they had considered the matter and found that "no action should be taken. The matter is closed."

Highways Become Laboratories
Research to determine specific causes of injuries in passenger automobile accidents begins on Texas rural highways this week.

Sponsoring the cooperative program are the Texas Highway Patrol, Texas State Department of Health, and Cornell University Medical College.

Purpose of the project is to discover exactly what kills persons in traffic accidents. The inquiry may lead to a major revolution of car design.

CLERK IS NEEDED
Anyone interested in making application for temporary substitute clerk should file application with Postmaster Wren Durham. Veterans are given preference.

Quality Bird Should Be Put On Market

Quality birds sold in top market condition are the turkeys which please the consumers, says F. B. Beanblossom, poultry marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The number of turkeys to be marketed this fall is not much different from last fall. Retail prices aren't likely to differ much either, says Beanblossom. But, he adds, the competition with turkey marketing agencies in other states for sales in the consuming centers is a concern of Texas producers.

Turkeys which are well feathered, meaty and have a good distribution of fat under the skin are always in the greatest market demand. Raising turkeys to market before they are properly finished depresses the whole marketing process, explains Beanblossom.

According to the specialist, the ideal market bird is fully feathered on the back, breast, tail and underneath the wings. Few undeveloped feathers in these areas means the bird will pick well. Housewives won't be annoyed by having to pull pin feathers. A good covering of fat under the skin makes the bird easier to process but most important, says Beanblossom, a well-finished bird has eye appeal for the consumer.

Producers can determine the correct marketing date by making careful observations of the entire flock and by handling a few individual birds from time to time. The degree of fatness can be checked by looking at the skin covering the breast, particularly in front of the high area, says Beanblossom.

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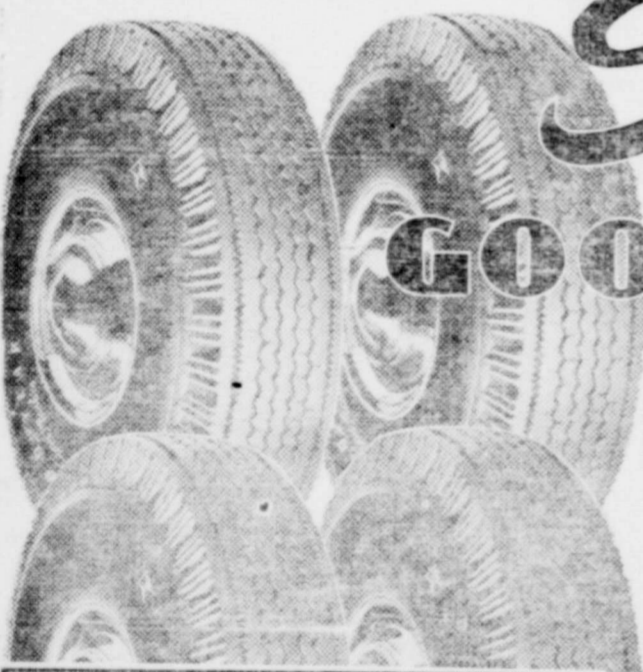
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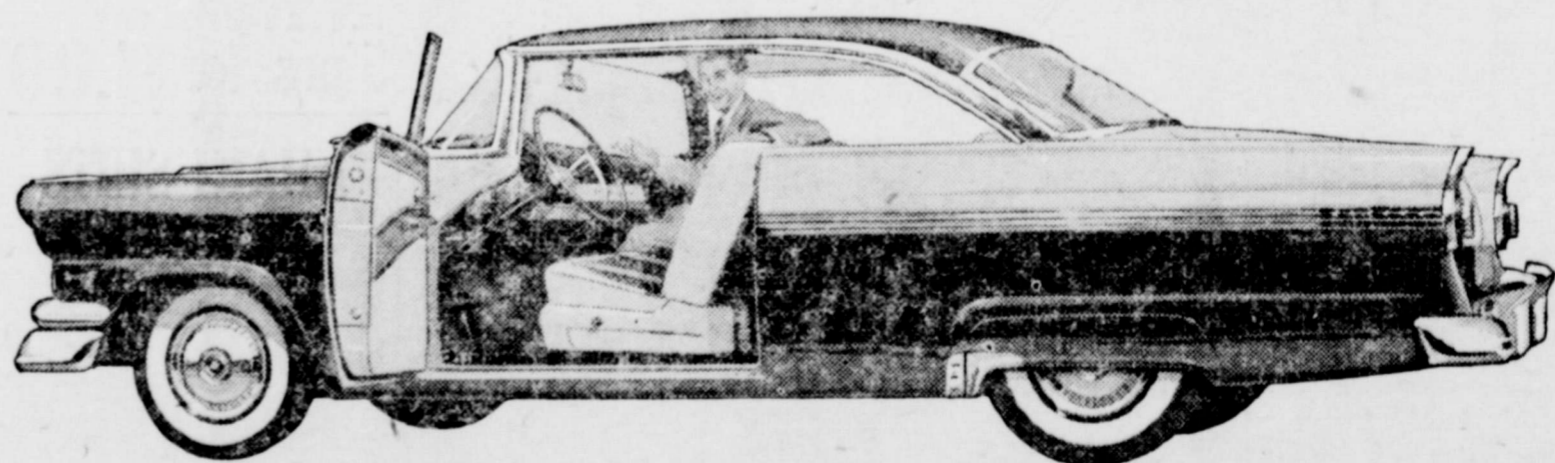
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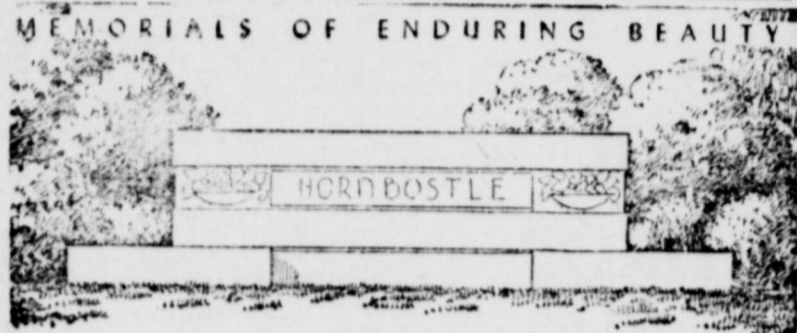
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T.E.L. CLASS MEETS WITH MRS. THOMPSON
The T.E.L. class of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. E. H. Thompson with Miss Selena Teaff as co-hostess. Mrs. Bird, the president, was in charge.
Mrs. Earl Lassiter brought the devotional.
The class voted to have a monthly meeting in alphabetical order.
Plans were made for the Christmas party to meet at the church December 7 with a luncheon.
The Lottie Moon offering to be taken was stressed.
A refreshment plate of pumpkin pie, cake and coffee was served.
Mrs. W. M. Hays spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. L. L. Moss, of Dallas, Texas.
C. E. Bayles of Cross Plains, Texas, has returned home after a week's visit with his sister, Mrs. W. A. McCandless.
Mr. and Mrs. James Hook and son, Eddie, of San Angelo, Texas, spent the weekend with their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hook and family.



LIVE IN ABILENE — Mr. and Mrs. Homer A. Freeman Jr. are both employed in Abilene and live at 611 Beech St. They were married at Weathersbee Chapel in Rotan on Oct. 22. Mrs. Freeman is the former Altie Louise O'Briant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis O'Briant of Rotan. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer A. Freeman of Merkel.



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MRS. JENNIA GRAHAM OBSERVES BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Jenia Graham, pioneer Merkitite, was pleasantly surprised Sunday when her three daughters and a large group of other relatives and friends visited her. It was her 78th birthday.
Her daughters and husbands who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hallmark, Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Huddleston, son Forrest, Anson; and Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Dabney, Dallas.
Others who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Dean Howe and

family of Clyde, Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Gray Cook and daughter, Ioma, Bronte, and Levi Brazleton, Trent.

Mrs. Will Campbell of Abilene was a visitor of Mrs. Hughes Campbell Sunday afternoon.

The Navy's newest aircraft carrier, USS FORRESTAL is named after the nation's first Secretary of Defense and former Secretary of the Navy, James Vincent Forrestal.

FALL FLOWER SHOW SET FOR NOV. 12-13

A fall flower show sponsored by the Merkel Garden club has been set for Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13.
The show will be at the Community Center and is open to the public November 12 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and November 13 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
There will be no admission charge.

The general chairman of the show is Mrs. Dale Little and the following members will be serving on committees:

Schedule — Mrs. Dale Little, Mrs. Bent Jones, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, and Mrs. Jack Miller.

Properties — Mrs. Alma Collins, Mrs. Mack Fisher, Mrs. John West.

Publicity — Mrs. Sammy Doan and Mrs. Bryan Dunigan.

Classifications — Mrs. J. W. Bryan and Mrs. Reese Hale.

Hospitality — Mrs. Christine Collins, Mrs. Lige Gamble, Mrs. Mary Grimes, Mrs. Herbert Patterson, Mrs. D. W. Vaughn, Mrs. Henry West.

Entries — Mrs. Lou Petty, Mrs. John Hughes.

Arrangements — Mrs. Bent Jones.

Tables — Mrs. A. H. McElmurray, Mrs. Bob Hodges and Mrs. Lucy Ford.

Horticulture — Mrs. Tye Sublett, Mrs. Carroll Benson, Miss Norah Foster.

Educational — Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. Clyde Bartlett.

Mrs. Jack Miller, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Mrs. John Shannon are in charge of the bazaar. The purpose of the bazaar is to raise money for the cemetery fence fund. Any donations would be appreciated and should be turned in to Mrs. Jack Miller by Friday.

The theme of the show is "We Thank Thee Father" and the arrangement section will depict works pertaining to this theme.

Miss Mabel McRee was hostess to a meeting of the Union Ridge home demonstration club. The lesson presented was on how to "Eat and Grow Slim." Low calorie recipes were stressed in talks given by Mrs. O. E. Harwell. Refreshments were served to eight members and 6 children.

An all-day quilting party was held by the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club in the home of Mrs. J. H. Clark with a covered dish luncheon at noon.

In the afternoon the club held a meeting and program "Our Good Names" by Mrs. Carol Best and Mrs. Kenneth Pee. Refreshments were served to six members and two children.

The club adjourned to meet in the home of Mrs. Clyde Newton at 7 p.m. for a get-together and supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Castle Ellis of Comanche, Texas, were in Merkel for the homecoming.

CARNIVAL AT STITH IS BIG SUCCESS

The Stith H.D. Club Halloween carnival was tabbed a success by the ladies. The carnival was held October 29th at the Church Tabernacle at Stith. The program started at 6:30 with food booths, and games as well as some side shows.

We would like to say thanks to all the merchants and the Stith Gin who were so nice to help us out with our carnival.

The spook parade was the high light of the evening. First place of \$3.00 went to Lola Loflin, second place of \$2.00 went to Laurall Loflin and third place of \$1.00 to Loyd Mashburn of Robert Lee, Texas.

Plenty of fun was reported by all along with lots of visiting with our friends and neighbors.

The club wants to thank Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith for all the fine music played during the evening.

UNION RIDGE H. D. IS ENTERTAINED

MISS MABEL McREE WAS HOSTESS TO A MEETING OF THE UNION RIDGE HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB. THE LESSON PRESENTED WAS ON HOW TO "EAT AND GROW SLIM." LOW CALORIE RECIPES WERE STRESSED IN TALKS GIVEN BY MRS. O. E. HARWELL. REFRESHMENTS WERE SERVED TO EIGHT MEMBERS AND 6 CHILDREN.

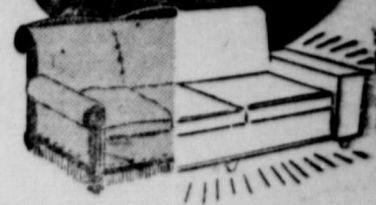
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THE CLUB ADJOURNED TO MEET IN THE HOME OF MRS. CLYDE NEWTON AT 7 P.M. FOR A GET-TOGETHER AND SUPPER.

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Nutritional experts reveal vitamin losses in cooked foods plus faulty diet may be seriously undermining your energy, strength, and resistance, making you feel on edge—affecting your appetite—spoiling your sleep—because your body is vitamin and iron starved.

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- 1 quart of pasteurized milk
- 1/2 lb. of lean beef
- 4 oz. of fresh orange juice
- 1 lb. of butter
- 1/2 lb. of lean bacon
- 1/4 lb. of butter
- 1 lb. of lean pork
- 1/2 lb. of veal chops
- 1/2 lb. of green string beans

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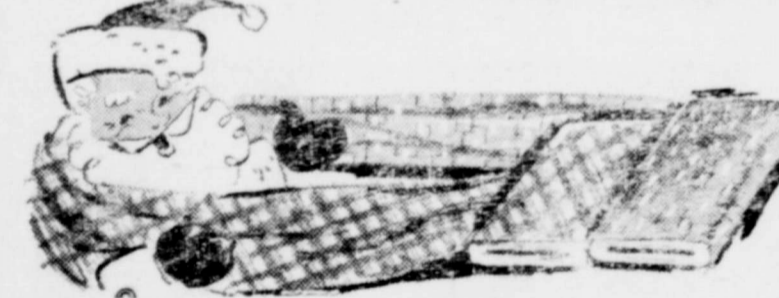
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