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POST SCRIPTS By Uncle Ned

Last week, I said something of the "badgers damming up Johnson of Sonora". I was a bit confused between a Badger and a Beaver. Please forgive! The terminology could easily be used here because that's what the Badgers did. They stopped Johnson whether they dammed him up or did what ever badgers do, allowing him only two touchdowns late in the game.

We also made a blunder in a card of thanks for Mrs. Mary Outlaw of the Starr Rest Home. We said for the "personnel" of the rest home it should have been "patients".

Another slip of the "pen" which is almost unforgivable we signed Mayor Fred Starbuck's name as mayor of "Berkel". That should have been Merkel, of course. If there is such a place as "Berkel" I'm sure they would be honored to have Mr. Starbuck as their mayor, but not at the same time while he's mayor of Merkel. Thank you.

Well, football season is over for the Badgers and they played a wonderful season. It was heart-breaking to see them lose to Stinnett but they couldn't have lost to a better team. Those boys were sharp and looked it. We congratulate the Badgers on a fine defensive stand against the Rattlers.

The Badgers started their basketball season Thursday night against Eula in the McMurry High School Tournament. They have a long list of games to be played and need everyone's support.

Next week is "Merry Christmas Week" for the Merkel Mail. You can send greetings to friends in this area for less than postage on a two cent post card. Just say it in an ad in the Merkel Mail.

We are trying to go to press with the first run of the Merry Christmas special Friday evening. We ask your cooperation in calling your ad in to us since it would be almost impossible to contact everyone for this occasion.

We are trying to publish a New Years paper, or the last paper in December as early as possible in order to take a few days off to be with our families. We ask that advertising copy be turned for that week as far in advance as possible that we may get it set up and ready to go to press. Thank you!

Our sincere condolences go to the Brown family this week on the loss of their loved one. May God bless each of you and give you strength through these moments of sorrow.

Mrs. Alice Stidmore was honored on her birthday in the home of Mrs. Darwin Hill in the Golan Community Hall last Friday. Games were played and refreshments were served to the following: Mrs. Claude Smith, S. E. Sipe, Mrs. John Lawlis, P. D. Skidmore, Boyce Vancil, O. S. Hill, Isaac Vancil, Cleve Jeffrey, Mrs. Byron Murfee, T. B. Stevens, Mrs. Darwin Hill and Mrs. Webster.

Hospital Notes

The following patients were admitted to Sadler Clinic-Hospital during the past week:

- Mrs. Jim Chisim
- Mrs. G. N. Robinson, girl
- Mrs. Bessie Wash
- Mr. James C. Hill
- Mr. Pete Neil
- Mrs. L. J. Miller
- Lloyd Williams
- Carl McKeever
- Mrs. R. T. Gray
- Mary Lou Shedd
- Mrs. B. F. Young
- Mr. J. B. Winn
- Bobbie Riney
- Mrs. J. F. Merritt
- Mr. J. B. Price
- Fannelle Boney
- Mrs. Felicitas Duran



NTSC YUCCA BEAUTIES — Judges have picked these twelve North Texas State College co-eds as Yucca Beauties from a field of 49 nominees. Winners, who will be pictured in the 1957 student yearbook, are (seated) Joan Iley, Dallas; Shirley Gatewood, Dallas; and (standing) Augusta (Gussie) Newman, Rockdale; Dorothy Marsh, Orange; Gaye Lynn Wiley, San Antonio; Lynn McClurkin, Denton; Margaret Weber, Dallas; Helen Machart, Denton; Bonny Jo Black, Arlington; Carol Byers, Dallas; Margaret Pope, Clarksville; and Beverly Martin, Dallas.

BADGERS FALL 26-0 IN QUARTER-FINALS FRIDAY

Hopes for the Merkel Badgers winning state were smothered as the Rattlers of Stinnett struck in each quarter to win 26-0.

The game was played in sub-freezing temperature at Childress Friday night before an estimated crowd of 1200.

Sports writers from Amarillo, Wichita, Abilene, Borger and many other newspapers throughout the state were on hand to witness the event. Radio stations from as many towns were on hand to relay a play-by-play broadcast.

Freezing rain covered Childress early Friday morning but had stopped before game time. A high wind swept through the stands at temperatures from 10 to 15 below zero.

Stinnett won the toss and elected to receive. The Rattlers tore big holes through the Merkel line with the expert help of halfback Ralph Hicks who could not be stopped. Hicks scored twice and fullback Dale Keadle scored twice for the four Stinnett touchdowns.

The Badgers couldn't get their ground attack underway. A pass interception hampered their first thrust inside the ten stripe. A penalty for offensive holding set them back again, and another pass interception by Keadle who ran all the way for the last Rattler score, stunned the Badgers into submission.

The high-scoring Badgers battled all the way and tried desper-

ately to erase the "goose egg" as the seconds ebbed away in the final quarter.

Kermitt Rutledge sparked the

Badgers to 94 yards in 16 tries. Sportswriters were amazed at the Badgers and commented that they were the only team who held the Stinnett Rattlers to one touchdown in the first quarter. Stinnett was the only team to score first throughout the entire season against Merkel and was second only to Winters to score in the first period.

Both teams looked great. Stinnett operated almost without a flaw while the Badgers were not themselves. Stinnett plays Eastland in Childress Friday night in honor of this editor that Stinnett the Bi-District and it is the opinion will not stumble before winning state.



BARRY SCOTT
badger guard

DUE TO conditions beyond the control of The Merkel Mail, it has been impossible until this time to publish one of our star Badger players photo. He is Barry Scott, and has started in every game played this season. We regret that we could not publish his photo with the championship team.

Quarterback Club To Sponsor Fete For Badgers Jan 21

The Merkel Quarterback Club will sponsor a banquet for the regional Champion Merkel Badgers in the high school cafeteria Monday night, January 21, according to Lester Dorton, president.

Trophies for the outstanding lineman, the outstanding man in the backfield, and the most conscientious player will be presented at this meeting. The names have been cast in a sealed ballot box at the end of each game and will be opened and counted the day of the banquet. Each member of the Quarterback Club who attended the previous week's game were eligible to vote.

Some outstanding sportsmen have been invited to attend. Members of the football team, their families and sweethearts and members of the Quarterback Club and their families are invited. Price is \$2.00 per plate.

The Quarterback club voted to sponsor the basketball games for the Badgers which gets underway in the McMurry tourney in Abilene Thursday night.

Mrs. W. A. McCandless spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harry L. McCandless in Midland and her granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Tull of Odessa.

C. R. Tittle Garage Damaged In Fire Tuesday

C. R. Tittle, county commissioner, was surprised when he returned home Tuesday evening and found his garage damaged by fire.

The fire, apparently started from burning trash, was reported by little Tommy Springer, age 5, at 4:05 p.m., according to Waymon Adeock, fire chief.

The volunteer fire department rushed to the scene and extinguished the fire before it caused too much damage. The quick thinking of little Tommy was credited with saving a good portion of the garage.

A New Way Of Turning In A Fire

Little Tommy Springer (5) in turning in a fire Tuesday at 4:05 P.M. said he didn't know the number of his house but his mother's name was Sug.

Congratulations Tommy for a job well done.

Fire Chief
Waymon Adeock

Mrs. I. M. Brown Dies Sunday; Funeral Tuesday

Mrs. Ida Mae Brown, 54, died at her home in the White Church Community Sunday. She had been residing there for the past ten years.

Mrs. Brown was born June 9, 1902, in Capitan, N. M. and moved to the Bittercreek community southeast of Sweetwater at an early age. She married Willard Brown in 1920.

Funeral services were held in Merkel Tuesday at the First Methodist Church with Rev. Cloy Lyles pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery with Starbuck Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Palbearers were Clarence Stroman, Roy Stroman, Marvin Chitwood, Lerl Lee Farmer, Merle Reagan and Orville Brown. Survivors include her husband; two sons, Jackie Brown of Midland and Glenn Brown of Merkel; four brothers, Albert Eidson of Abilene, William E. Eidson of Welton, Ariz., Ernest Eidson of Blackwell and Floyd Eidson of Goldthwaite; and one sister, Mrs. John Carmen of Anson.

A son, Guy Brown, was killed during World War II.

Merkel Girls Win Double Header From Hamlin

The Merkel Girls won a double header from the Hamlin girls basketball team there Tuesday night, winning the A game 64-43 and the B game 37-20. Miss Leatrice West is girls coach.

Minta McAninch scored 44 points for the A team high scorer while Louise Lakey scored 28 for Hamlin.

Janice Windham was high scorer in the B game with 17 points for Merkel while Kay Millorn scored 13 for the losers.

Badgers' Basketball Season Opens With Eula Thurs. Night

Santa Pays Visit...

Santa Claus paid a visit to the Merkel Mail staff Tuesday afternoon and distributed candy to staff members. He reported that children were more interested in catching a turkey turned loose by the Chamber of Commerce than telling Santa what they wanted for Christmas. The turkeys, six of them, are turned loose each Tuesday with cash certificates attached to their legs. These certificates are redeemable at various merchant's store in town and vary from \$1.00 to \$20. cash prizes.

Santa takes a back seat while this is going on and feels lonely. He makes a visit in Merkel every Tuesday and can be found going in and out of stores, talking on the streets and winding out what the youngsters want for Christmas.

High School Christmas Pageant

Two Merkel High School clubs, the Players and the High School Chorus, presented the traditional Christmas pageant on Monday night in the First Baptist Church. The theme of the program was "The Sweetest Story Ever Told."

During the musical prelude played by Mrs. Edwin Read, violinist Tommy Swinney, Homer Payne and M. H. Ely were ushers. "The Sweetest Story Ever Told" was enacted before a tableau with Linda Winter as Mary, and Marilyn Kelso, Kay Lynn Perry, and Bette Smith as angels. Imogene was narrator, introducing the characters in the life of Uncle John, the man who had forgotten Christmas. With the help of his family and a neighbor girl, he learned to forget his misery and to accept the true meaning of Christmas as shining in the eyes of his wife and two orphans. Portraying these characters were Chera Corder, Aunt Maude; Ann Benson, Carol; Lonnie Harris, Harris, David; Joe Cunningham, Uncle John; Dana Durham, Joy; Elsie Ward, "The Singing Heart"; Barry Scott, "Home at Christmas"; Tommy Swinney, "Goodwill"; Jerry Patterson, "Keeping Christmas"; Twyla Jo Moore, "The Great Gift"; Minta Lou McAninch, "Happiness Complete".

Mrs. Comer Haynes, pianist and director, joined the musicians accompanying the members of the chorus during the singing of favorite Christmas songs. In the chorus were Lane Anderson, Sue Bond, Annette Boney, Janie Breaux, Shirley Brown, Lois Campbell, Shirley Carey, Kay Chaney, Margaret Chaney, Virginia Criswell, Irene Dishman, Pat Gregory, Carla Hays, Letta Hester, Wanda Hester, Katy Hunter, Jo Ann Jacobs, Jo Ann Johnson, Linda Leach, Linda Loflin, Mary McKeever, Bitsy West, Wanda McLean, Jo Ann Malone, Martha Mattingly, Sue Mewborn, Glenda Owen, Janey Owen, Betty Parker, Janell Pitt, Becky Ray, Betty Reddin, Lois Reece, Janice Rutledge, Sarah Salter, Donna Scott, Lora Scott, Jeanne Smith, Sue Sylvestor, Imogene Thomas, Joelle Thompson, Mary Watson, Patsy Watson, Sherman Bradley, Teddy Byrd, Joe Cunningham, Manly Denton, Skippy Hicks, Jim Horton, Wayne Irvin, Joe Ketcham, Bobbie Malone, Homer Payne, Steve Portuges, Jerry Don Reynolds, Errol Rutledge, Bob Williams, Don Wilson.

Trent Girl Gets Alpha Chi Pledge at H-SU

Twenty-eight Hardin-Simmons University students have been elected to membership in the H-SU chapter of Alpha Chi, national honorary scholastic fraternity.

Selection for membership in the organization is based chiefly on scholarship, Dr. Otto Watts, chapter counsellor, said.

Allen Schmidt, senior from Clearwater, British Columbia, Canada, is president of Alpha Chi. The pledges elected to membership include the following: Bernice Anderson of Dallas, Ray Archibald, Guy Bond, Carole Crownover, Jerry Hunter, Woodfin Mann, Diana McCharen, Billie Rae Rogers, William Roy Scags, Mrs. Naomi Vivian Welch and Ernest J. Williams, all of Abilene. Mrs. Dorothy Biggs, San Angelo; Shirley Carter, Trent; Bibbie Lou Gray Graham, Don Hammer and Kara Herring, both of Holliday; Jane Hill, Tullahoma, Tenn.; Betty Karnes, Wellington; Betty Kay, O'Brien; Sue McCown, Littlefield; Lynn Meeks, Sudan; Paul Neww, Fairfax, Va.; Mary Lou Proctor, Belton; Erna Lee Reynolds, Wortham; Ora Voss, Anson; Glenda Wages, Hobbs, N.M.; Paul West, Coahoma; and Mrs. Alice Carol Young, Vernon.

Lambda Beta Hears Talk On On Polio Vaccine

Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Bonnie Dayton Tuesday night, December 4. Before the regular meeting Mrs. D. R. Richardson, representative of the Taylor County branch of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis, gave a very informative talk on the polio vaccine and Sgt. Yeats showed a film on how the polio vaccine is made and tested.

The sorority decided to wait until after Christmas on the money making project. Since everyone is so busy it was decided to postpone the Game Night. Plans were made for the Christmas Party.

Lucille Litton gave the program on Poetry. Each member contributed by answering roll call with a four line original poem. Refreshments were served to Mary Hargrove, Lucille Litton; Eddis Lee Hardesty, Rojean Hicks, Mary Hogsett, Ann Tipton, Billye South, Jean Goldstein, Jane Wade, Bonnie Dayton, Ruth McKinzie, and Viola Shields.

Mrs. Edna Horton spent the week end with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nutt and children, Pam and Roger of Plainview.

Local Basketball Team To Compete In McMurry Invite Tourney Dec. 14-15

The Merkel High School Badgers will be one of 12 area high school basketball teams of Class B, A, and AA which will compete in McMurry College's sixth, annual high school invitational basketball tournament, to be held here Dec. 14-15 at the McMurry Gymnasium.

P. E. Shotwell, McMurry athletic director who is in charge of the tournament, said that trophies will be awarded to the tournament champion, runner-up, third and fourth place teams and consolation winner.

A 10-man all-tournament team will be selected. Members of the first team mythical squad will receive gold basketballs. Those on the second team will receive silver basketball awards.

A trophy will be awarded to the outstanding player of the tournament, Shotwell said.

Coaches of the 12 high schools participating in the tournament will be honored by the McMurry

The Merkel Badgers open their basketball season against Eula in the McMurry High School Tourney in the McMurry gym Thursday night at 9:00 p.m., according to Don Loyd, coach.

The Badgers start the season with 8 returning lettermen with only two seniors loss from last year. They have been working out all week in preparation for their first game. Practice has been suspended while the Badgers played football going into the Quarter-Finals against Stinnett last Friday night.

Here's a complete line up of the Badger Basketball team:

"A" TEAM	
Robert McLeod	No. 11
Carl McKeever	3
Jackie Russell	1
Kermitt Rutledge	6
Manley Denton	8
"B" TEAM	
Chester Collinsworth	5
Jimmy Neill	10
Pat Patterson	22
Jerry McLeod	24
Buddy Tittle	9
Sophomores	
Joe Neill	7
John Thomas	23
David Pursley	25
Riley Seymore	20
Benny Melton	21
Larry Perry	12
Lloyd Shugart	4
Freshmen	
Doug Tolliver	
Butch Palmer	
Russell Elliott	
Mike Farley	
Jerry Phillips	
Larry Seymore	
Dewel Burden	
Eligibles	
Johnny Roach	
Steve Portuges	
Ronnie English	
Others	
Danny Harris	
Walter Grimmett	
Frank Richardson	
Canon Bradley	

MERKEL BADGERS 1956-57

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE
Dec. 13, 14, 15—McMurry Tourney
Dec. 20, 21, 22—Winters Tourney
January 1—Ballinger
Jan. 3, 4, 5—Merkel Tournament
January 8—At Roscoe
Jan. 11—At Stanton
Jan. 18—Roby
Jan. 19—Big Lake at Winters (tentative)
Jan. 22—At Coahoma
Jan. 25—At Rotan
Jan. 26—Colorado City
Jan. 29—Roscoe
Feb. 1—At Roby
Feb. 2—At Knox City
Feb. 5—Stanton
Feb. 8—Knox City
Feb. 12—Coahoma
Feb. 15—Rotan
* Indicates district games.

Mr. and Mrs. Well Orr of Monahans were house guests of their sister, Miss Sallie Orr for the week, also Mrs. Sarah Williams of Abilene was visitor in this home, Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Dunn of Butman were guest of Miss Orr, Saturday.

athletic department with a get-acquainted dinner at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at the McMurry Dining Hall.

Members of Coach Don Lloyd's Merkel Badger squad who will take part in the tournament are Jackie Russell, Eddie Higgins, Carl McKeever, Lloyd Shugart, Chester Collinsworth, Kermitt Rutledge.

Also, Joe Neill, Manley Denton, Buddy Tittle, Jimmy Neill, Robert McLeod, Torky Moreno, Riley Seymore, Lanny Perry, Pat Patterson, John Thomas, Jerry McLeod, and David Pursley.

Another team in the McMurry invitational tournament will be the Noodle High School Mustangs coached by Gerald Jennings.

Members of the Noodle team are Larry Olney, Bobby Sullivan, Morris Chaney, Wayne Dees, Kenneth Vancil, Roy Justice, Rosaid Perkins, Jerry Goode, Billy Sloan, Lonnie Euehert, Glenn Irvin, and Joe Carter.

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Mrs. Raymond Neal of McKeeny was Thanksgiving guest of her aunts, Mrs. Ada Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum and uncles, Mr. Harry and Frank Woodrum.

Miss Sara Hunter from Denver City, spent Thanksgiving Holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. Roy Hunter and sister Sandra.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Estes and children visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. Natt Estes the past week in Rockwood, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Horton of Clyde were Thanksgiving dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Edna Horton and sister, Mrs. Bobby Tolver and son Larry, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley spent the week end with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Etsel Hunter and son Carroll Wayne of Arlington Texas, and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hamilton of Grapevine, Texas.

Out of town guests of the Buster Hortons for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Herod of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Easley of Texoma, Mrs. W. B. Reese, Mr. and Mrs. Joe V. Hester and family, Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. S. J. T. Williams all of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Horton, and son, of Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. J. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Horton, Bill, Jim and Mary Jane Horton.

NOODLE

Several people in our community have flu.

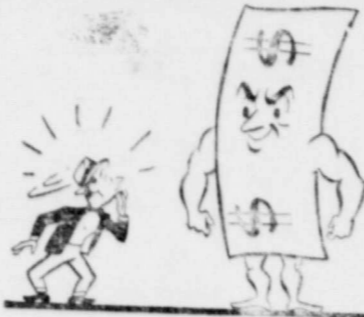
Mr. and Mrs. Darwood of Snyder are the proud parents of a little daughter, grand parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell.

Mr. Earnest Spurgin spent last week end with his family, he works at Post, Texas.

Mr. Gus Maxwell visited his brother Mr. Nath Maxwell and family last week also Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maxwell and boys visited in the Maxwell home.

Mrs. Boyd Tarpley, her daughter and children of Dallas visited in the Mr. and Mrs. G. Y. Hudson home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Blue McCoy and Jake attended church at Hodges Sunday.



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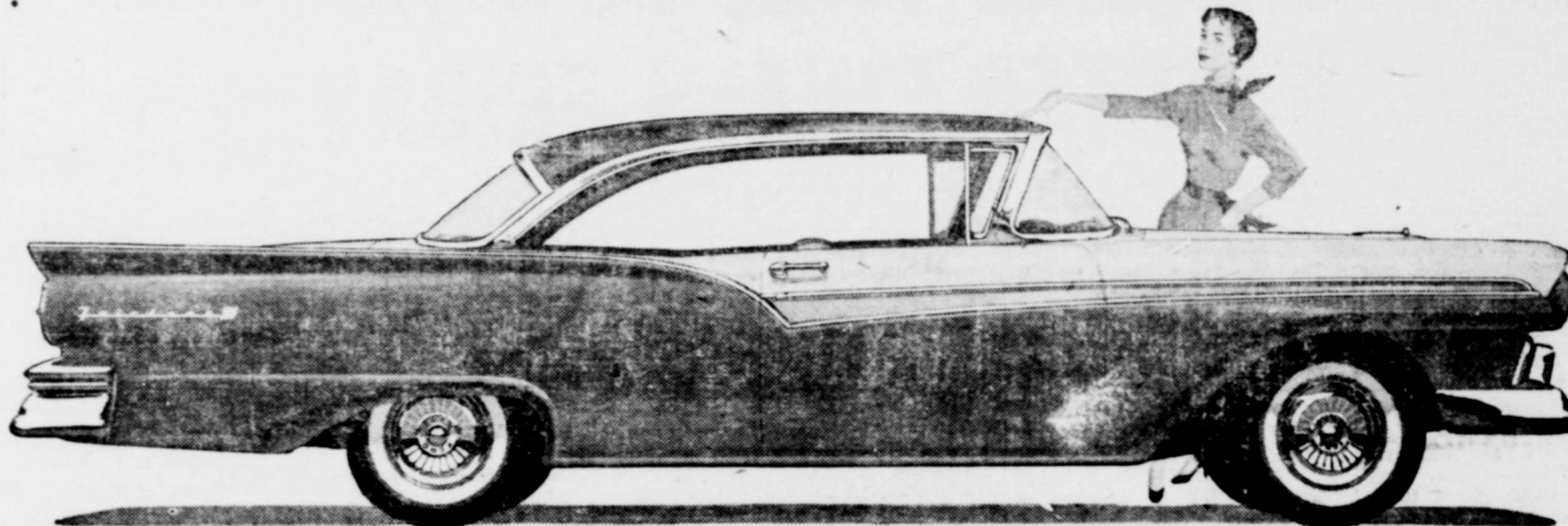


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Quarterback Club Hears Report

The Merkel Quarterback Club heard a scouting report on Stinnett at their regular meeting in the REA Building Monday night. Vice President Norman Winters presided.

Coach Carroll Benson gave a detailed report of each member of the team and some of their plays. According to the report, the Merkel Badgers have a heavier line and a faster backfield. The Badgers meet Stinnett at Childress.

The Club reported that over \$4,000 was taken in on the Sonora game at San Angelo last week. After expense was taken out, each school had more than \$2,000 for their share.

Buses were paid for in the amount of \$106. It was discussed if buses would be needed to go to Childress. The Bus Co. would have to know by noon Thursday.

Tickets to the Badger-Stinnett game are on sale at the high

school and at the Merkel Drug. These tickets will have to go back by noon Thursday.

Allen King, Jr., Returns Home

Allen D. King Jr., arrived home Friday night from Chicago where he had participated as a member of the Texas Technological College Meat Judging team in the 1956 Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest at the International Live Stock Exposition. The boys were gone ten days.

Allen has entered application for graduation in January from Tech, where he has done outstanding work in the Dept. of Agriculture for the past three years.

Coleman O'Brien, formerly conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service, headed the Sweetwater and Merkel S.C.S. work units before resigning to join the Teaching staff at Tech as Assistant professor in Animal Husbandry, coached the meat judging team.



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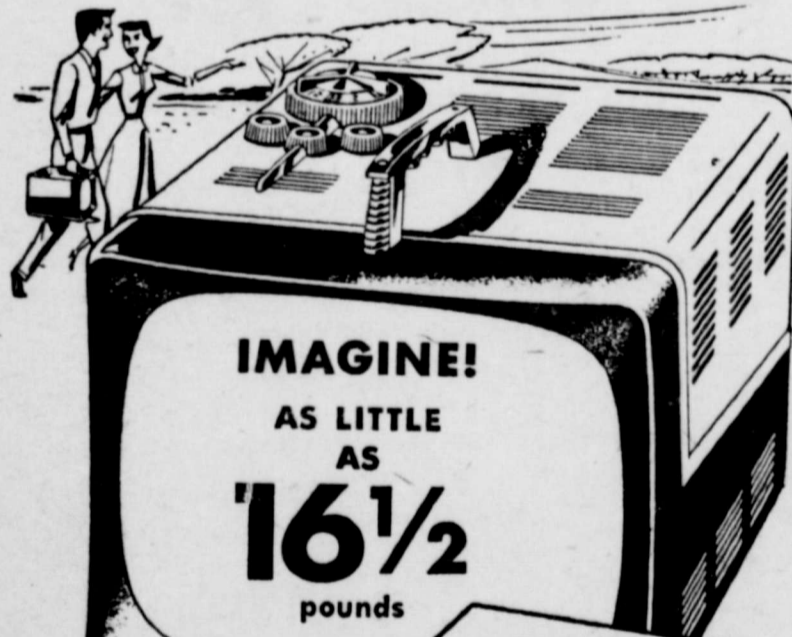
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Mary Outlaw and the Starr Rest Home

CARD OF THANKS
We want to thank the Men's Bible Class (down town at the Theater) and the Ladies Bible Class at the Calvary Baptist Church for contributing money that was spent for trays for the patients.
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Falling Leaves Are Beautiful

"The falling leaves of red and brown" mean happy times for most Texans. Football, Thanksgiving, deer season and relief from hot summer days are on the Texas scene.

But fall also means shorter days and longer hours of darkness. The sun sets earlier and twilight begins between five and six o'clock. Motorists beware.

Reports made to the Department of Health's Vital Statistics Division show over half of all traffic deaths occur from night accidents, even though less driving is done at night than during daylight hours. About one-third of pedestrian traffic deaths occur between 5 and 8 p.m.

Dusk is considered the most hazardous time of day both for motorists and for pedestrians. There is too much daylight for automobile and street lights to be effective, and there is not enough daylight to see clearly.

The early morning hours of winter present the same hazard, but the fatigue factor is much higher for evening driving. Everyone is fresh and wide awake in the mornings, but may be tired and not so careful at the end of a long day.

For the next six months you have a greater chance than ever of being forced to drive after dark. In addition, rain and other poor road conditions increase during these months.

Pedestrians are mainly responsible for their own safety when darkness falls, because drivers cannot see them easily. They should wear light colored clothing and always walk facing oncoming traffic.

For motorists, the first traffic safety measure should be to reduce your speed at dusk. In Texas, the night speed limit is 55 miles per hour as compared to 60 for the daylight hours. Darkness presents a new set of conditions demanding that you drive more slowly.

The cardinal rule for night driving is never drive so fast that you cannot stop within the area illuminated by your headlights. Always be alert for pedestrians or animals which might dart out into traffic at any time.

Turn your driving—not parking—lights on at the first hint of darkness. You may be able to see, but the other fellow may need your lights to identify you before you actually need them to see the road.

Dim your lights when approaching a car from behind as well as for oncoming traffic. In the city, do not use bright lights except in emergencies.

Never pull out into traffic until you have turned on your lights, and always be alert for vehicles with burned out or dim lights. Check your headlights frequently. Both should be working and properly adjusted.

Human judgement of speed and distance of oncoming traffic diminishes at dusk. Use extra caution at crossings and intersections.

Hybrid Onion Developed By DA

White Granex, a first generation hybrid onion, was developed through the cooperative onion breeding program of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Horticultural Crops Research Branch of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Limited quantities of seed of the new hybrid should be available to farmers through commercial seed stores this fall. No seed are available from either of the developers.

White Granex is similar to Granex in shape and general appearance, except it is white. The bulbs are thick, flat and intermediate in shape. The tendency

to bolting and doubling is about the same as for Eclipse and Granex. It matures about 7 to 10 days later than Granex.

The seed parent of the new hybrid, SL-303, is highly resistant to pink root but the pollen parent, B-1410, is highly susceptible. The resistance of White Granex is intermediate.

In two-year yield tests at five different South Texas locations, Weslaco, Laredo, Winter Haven, Crystal City and College Station, White Granex, produced an average of 11 bags less per acre of U. S. No. 1 onions than Granex, but 105 bags more than Eclipse.

The developers list these advantages for White Granex. It is a good yielder; has medium resistance to pink root and stores well.

Sweet Clover Promises Early Crop In South

Floranna sweetclover, in the area south of an east-west line from College Station to Eagle Pass, will give two to four weeks earlier grazing and will mature that much earlier than Hubam.

E. M. Trew, extension pasture specialist North of this line, he says, Floranna is no earlier than Hubam.

With irrigation in South Texas, the new sweetclover is more desirable than Hubam as a soil improving crop, since more growth is produced by the time it has to be plowed down ahead of the crop to follow. However, Trew explains, there is little difference in the two sweetclovers in total forage production.

Floranna is an annual developed in Florida and the seed and plants are identical with Hubam. The only difference is the earliness of Floranna. Because the seed are exactly alike in appearance, Trew recommends that growers plant only certified seed to make sure Floranna is being planted.

Since Florida does not have a suitable seed producing area, Trew says growers in that state are interested in buying Texas-produced certified seed. Seed production of this new sweetclover offers some possibilities as a cash crop and the production and harvesting practices and processing are the same as for Hubam. See yields, too, are about the same, says Trew.

Certified seed growers in Texas may obtain from the Foundation Seed Section of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station foundation planting seed.

For grazing, Floranna should be seeded at an 8 to 10 pounds an acre rate with small grain. When planted alone, 12 to 15 pounds an acre are drilled. If planted in 36 to 42 inch rows, only 2 to 3 pounds of seed an acre are needed while from 4 to 5 pounds an acre should be planted for 4 to 16 inch rows. Row plantings of sweetclover are off.

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Hens Need Lights For Gaad Laying

Laying flocks need at least 13 hours of good light every day if high egg production is to be maintained. Ben Wormeli, extension poultry husbandman, says research has shown that the effect of light which enters through the hen's eye and is carried to the pituitary gland stimulates the egg producing process and keeps the rate of lay high.

Since the light rays to be effective must hit the eyes of the birds, Wormeli says it is important that lights be placed so that the entire house is well lighted especially over the feeders and waterers.

He suggests that clear 60 watt bulbs set six feet above the floor and 14 feet apart be used. A clean 12 inch shallow reflector used with each bulb will help give better light distribution. The use of an automatic timing switch is also suggested for these can be easily set to take care of the changing daylight hours. Too, Wormeli points out, that lights are needed on cloudy days. A light intensity of at least one foot candle power at the hen's eye level is recommended as the minimum requirement for laying hens.

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slackens slightly before starting the use of lights to lengthen the day. Turn on the lights, he says as soon as there is a slight slack in production. Waiting too long may cause a slight molt and a heavy drop in egg output.

The use of artificial lights to keep the hens on the job for 13 hours a day is a necessary management practice for keeping egg production high throughout the year, and profits up, says Wormeli.

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"Willie Wirehands" is the name given to Merkel's newly organized basketball team. The "Wirehands" are sponsored by Taylor Electric Coop and are composed of Merkel Youth interested in Basketball. There is not charge for admission to their games unless it is a benefit game when all proceeds go to one organized charity.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Hopper, Jr., and daughter Cathy of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harris were visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Hopper, Sr., Thursday.
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer and son Fredland spent Thanksgiving day with their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Larence Hewitt and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Farmer, all of Abilene.
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were house guests of his grandmother Mrs. P. F. Harris this week end.

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Merkel's third annual grade school boys and girls' basketball tournament will be played here this Friday and Saturday nights, December 14-15.

Seventh and eighth grade boys and girls from Butterfield, Buffalo Gap, Trent and Merkel will participate.

Four games will be played each night, starting at six o'clock.

Friday night's schedule will pit the Trent girls against the Butterfield girls at 6:00, Trent boys and Butterfield boys at 7:00, Merkel girls versus Buffalo Gap girls at 8:00, and Merkel boys against Buffalo Gap boys at 9:00.

On Saturday night the winners will take winners and losers will play losers.

Trophies will be awarded to first, second and consolation winners of the fourth place teams. Miniature silver basketballs will be given to all-tournament teams.

Admission for each session of four games will be 35 cents for adults and 25 cents for students. Tourney tickets good for both nights may be purchased for 50 cents and 30 cents.

James Simpson who is a student at Texas A&M spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan of Mineral Wells spent the week end with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jammie Doan and family and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rowland and Miss Mary Biera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Biera, were in San Antonio over the week end visiting at Our Lady of the Lake and St. Andrews Convents; run by the Sisters of Divine Providence. On their return two of the Sisters from St. Ann Hospital Abilene came with them.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

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

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Guy Robertson and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; Baylis A. Hays and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; J. R. Headrick and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; J. M. Carroll and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; W. E. Walls and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; H. W. Fuiton and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; A. N. Hamilton and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; Winnie M. Locke and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; Winne M. Locke and husband, if married, whose name is unknown; J. H. Swindell and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; J. H. Swindle and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; Joe A. Wright and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; T. K. Knight and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; Effie Hightower and husband, if married, whose name is unknown; S. H. Hightower and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; Oliver A. Keith and wife, if married, whose name is unknown; the unknown stockholders of Mid-West Improvement Company, a corporation; the unknown stockholders of Mid-West Improvement Company, a defunct corporation; all heirs, legal representatives, assigns or devisees of all the aforementioned defendants. Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 7th day of January A. D. 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 18th day of October A. D. 1956, in this cause, numbered 21,721-A on the docket of said court and styled Lee Roy Martin, Plaintiff, vs. Guy Robertson, et al, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit in trespass to try title to establish the ownership of the following described property, situated in Taylor County, Texas, to-wit:

All of that land out of the Southwest corner of the Northeast quarter of Section No. 36, Block 19, T & P Ry. Co. Survey, and being parts of Blocks 3 and 11 and all of Blocks 1 and 2 of the North Trent Addition to the Town of Trent, more particularly described, as follows:

BEGINNING at a point which is South 77 degrees W. 2640 feet and S. 13 degrees E. 1320 feet from the N. E. Corner of Survey No. 36, T & P Ry. Co. Survey, Block No. 19, for the N. W. and beginning corner of this tract; THENCE S. 13 degrees E. 648 feet; THENCE S. 76 degrees 05' E. 268 feet; THENCE N. 32 degrees 30' E. 601 feet; THENCE N. 57 degrees 30' W. 125 feet; THENCE N. 32 degrees 30' E. 50 feet; THENCE S. 57 degrees 30' E. 122 feet; THENCE in a Northerly direction THENCE S. 77 degrees W. 825 Farm Road, 351 feet; feet to the place of beginning, containing 0.25 acres, more or less.

The Defendants set out herein are claiming the fee simple title to the property and Plaintiff is relying upon the 3 Year, the 5 Year and the 10 Year Statutes of Limitation as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 19th day of November A. D. 1956.

(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.
By Mrs. Jesse R. Swindell, Deputy.

Mrs. G. G. Alexander and daughters Nancy Peggy, and Mrs. Norman Barrett of Barger, spent Thanksgiving with her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Beatrice J. Hayden, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 14th day of January A. D. 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 30th day of November A. D. 1956, in this cause, numbered 9004-B on the docket of said court and styled Raymond B. Hayden, Plaintiff, vs. Beatrice J. Hayden, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about March 8, 1947, became separated about October 26, 1956. There are certain property rights to be adjudicated and no children born of said marriage. Plaintiff sues for Divorce on grounds of mental cruelty as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served

within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 30th day of November A. D. 1956.

(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. ROSS, District Clerk, 104th District Court Taylor County, Texas.
By Faye Terry, Deputy.

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

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return 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 WILLIAM WALTER STIVERS, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 14th day of January A. D. 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the

28th day of November A. D. 1956, in this cause, numbered 21,801-A on the docket of said court and styled Louella Elizabeth Stivers, Plaintiff, vs. William Walter Stivers, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about November 8, 1952 and became separated on or about October 4, 1954. Plaintiff shows there is no community property to be adjudicated but that there was born one child, to-wit: William Walter Stivers, Jr.; plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of mental cruelty as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and

make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 28th day of November A. D. 1956.

(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.
By Mrs. Jesse R. Swindell, Deputy.

Mr. and Mrs. Newel Lucas and children spent the weekend in Ft. Worth, with his brothers and families.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sam Allen from Cisco Tex., attended Church at Noodle Sunday and was dinner guests in the J. E. Touchstone home and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Benny Anderson. They visited several other friends

and returned home Monday. Mrs. John Beaver has been ill far more than a week now. Mr. Dock Callaway is home and improving after having Surgery at Anson General Hospital in Anson and wants to "thank" his many friends for their visits the beautiful bouquet from the church and the Get well cards.

Sara Wheeler from Alpine spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Mason and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Poplin from Abilene were guests Sunday in the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Ves Justice.

Jeanette Lucas spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas. Jeanette is a freshman at ACC in Abilene.

Mrs. Dock Callaway has been informed of the promotion to Major in the Air Force of her son Capt. Joe T. Tarpley.

Capt. Tarpley is now stationed in Iceland and his wife Martha and baby Ann are living in Montgomery, Ala.

Highway Officer Moves To Pecos

H. K. Henniger, former Abilene Christian College student, began duties as a Texas highway patrolman Saturday in the Pecos district.

He will be stationed at McCamey.

Henniger last week was graduated from the Texas Department of Public Safety school for highway patrolmen at Austin.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Henniger of Winters. His wife is the former Dora Eoff of Noodle.

Remembrance Of The Late O. W. Paine

We all grieve the death of this beloved man which all mankind and foe knew.

His going has grieved this small town of Merkel.

His kindly acts will live long in all the hearts of those who knew him.

Even though he has departed we still feel his presence with us, because of his WONDERFUL CHRISTIAN LIFE he lived so humble before us at all times.

DEAR GOD be with his devoted family, teach their hearts not to grieve for him, but strive to be more like him.

HIS LIFE SO LENT SUNLIGHT TO ALL WHO KNEW HIM.

In HEAVEN we know he is, because he lived such a noble CHRISTIAN LIFE from day to day — so please DEAR GOD be merciful to his beloved wife in her grief of her departed CHRISTIAN HUSBAND.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Beckett of Dallas were the weekend guests of their mother, Mrs. J. T. Warren and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Waymond Adcock and his father O. J. Adcock attended a Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Graves in Lubbock over the week end.

Rev. and Mrs. Dewitt Channer and Mrs. T. H. Odem of Clyde attended revival services at the First Baptist Church on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee Tittle and Mr. and Mrs. Quattlebaum of Trent attended revival services at the First Baptist Church Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Harrison of Pyote were guests of her sister,

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Reastro and his mother, Mrs. W. A. Harrison over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shaver and son of Fort Worth returned home Saturday. They had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon.

Mrs. Cecil Davis and daughter of Vernon, Texas, visited her mother, Mrs. G. F. L. Nash and Aunts, Mrs. Fred Baker, Mrs. Elvy Berry accompanied them was Mrs. Grover Phillips of Thalia, Texas, sister of Mrs. Bager and Mrs. Berry.

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FRYER - - - - Lb. 29c

WILSON — Pure Pork SAUSAGE 1 lb. cello 29c

CRISPRITE BACON - - - - Lb. 39c

Fresh — All Meat GROUND BEEF 4 lbs. \$1.00

Choice — Beef SHORT RIBS 6 pounds \$1.00

Armour Star BACON lb. 49c

Cured HAM HOCKS pkg. 19c

CHOICE BEEF CHUCK ROAST Lb. 39c

FRESH PORK CHOPS 2 Lbs. \$1

BORDEN'S — 1/2 Gal. CHARLOTTE FREEZE

3 for

\$1.00

LIGHTCRUST

FLOUR

25 lb. Pillowcase

\$1.79

DEL MONTE — 2 1/2 Can FRUIT COCKTAIL

3 for

\$1.00

FROZEN FOODS

DONALD DUCK — 6-oz. ORANGE JUICE - - - 2 for 33c

JEAN'S HOT ROLLS - - - - pkg. 39c

BANQUET MEAT PIES - - - - pkg. 23c

KEITH'S GREEN PEAS - - - - pkg. 19c

KEITH'S CUT CORN - - - - pkg. 19c

KEITH'S FISH STICKS - - - - pkg. 29c

NABISCO RITZS
lb. 32c

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