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## Christmas

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Christmas means different things to different people.

Our attitude toward Christmas depends, in a very great measure, upon our environment, our notionalty and where we live upon this troubled earth

To the millions of people of India, China and the Arab world, Christmas has little or no meaning at all. Their religious faith leads them along different pathway of life.

Many millions of primitive people never have heard of Christmas . . . or of Christ.

Since the birth of Christ nearly two thousand years ago, Christianity always has meant different things to different people.

But despite all of the differences and the dissensions. . . the Christian religion has grown in strength and in importance to people of the world. Along the surging pathway of human history, tyrants have tried to crush man's faith in God and in the teachings of Christ.

But instead of destroying Christianity, or man's faith in God, the tyrants themselves perished . . . and long since have been forgotten.

The teachings of Christ are a vital, living force in the hearts and minds of millions of Christian people the world over.

His teachings give meaning to the moral and spiritual values of life, thus pointing the way to a life richer in purpose, in understanding and in happiness.

To untold millions of people past and present, the teachings of Christ continue to give strength to those who falter. . . courage to those who are afraid. . . faith to those who grope in darkness and despair.

The full meaning of Christmas runs too deep in the lives of the people of the Christian world to express itself in toys and tinsel, in the exchange of greetings and gifts, or by spirit of good cheer and merriment.

All of these things have their place at Christmas-

time. But we should not permit ourselves to be blinded by the glitter, the glamor, and the trimmings of the season.

Christ was born on Christmas Day. That is the real reason why millions of people rejoice and celebrate it.

### Baptists Hold Special Services On Foreign Mission

All services of First Baptist Church next Sunday will be devoted to the Foreign Mission theme and an opportunity will be given at each service for special offering to that cause as represented among southern Baptists by the "Lottie Moon offering for World Missions."

World Mission causes have never presented a greater challenge than now and this year southern Baptists are endeavoring to raise and will no doubt succeed the God honoring sum of three million, seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The women of our churches thru the Women's Missionary Union are leading in this noble cause. This money will be used to supplement much needed building space and repairs in churches, hospitals, schools and to fill in the gap when the regular mission fund has been inadequate, according to Rev. C. G. Sewell, pastor.

Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me." If we would celebrate Christmas in a manner that will bring added blessings throughout eternity no better way can be found than to serve Christ by serving others in aiding them thru healing their bodies, teaching their mind and winning their souls to Christ. The pastors message Sunday evening by the choir and a message by Stanley Sewell, pastor's son, Mission volunteer for South American field will conclude the service of the evening. The public is cordially invited to attend all services of the day.

### Trent Methodists Dedicate New Church Sunday

The new Methodist Church building at Trent will be completed this week at a total cost of \$23,000. The building has a total of 4,500 square feet of floor space and is a masonry structure. The Sanctuary will seat 210 persons and has been completely furnished.

The Church will hold official opening services in the new building Sunday, December 23, 1956. Dr. Hubert Thomson, District Superintendent of the Abilene District of the Methodist Church will deliver the opening day sermon at the Morning worship service.

Open house will be held from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. and everyone is invited to visit the Church.

Construction on the building began in July. Mr. Ross Douglass of Sylvester is the contractor.

The Church has a membership of 156 persons. Robert Jack Riley is the Pastor and has served in that capacity since Sept. 1, 1955.

The new structure replaced an old frame building which was constructed in the early 1900's.

### Santa Pays Last Merkel Visit Sat. And Monday

Santa will pay his last visit in Merkel Saturday and Monday afternoons before making the rounds in his reindeer driven sleigh Christmas Eve night then heading for his homeland near the North Pole, according to Onis Crawford, Chamber of Commerce manager.

Santa will be on the streets and visiting in stores, talking to children and passing out candy.

### House Party

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Warren held a week end house party for their brothers and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Slough of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Slough, Eola, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hill of Cross Plains, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Warren of Clyde, Mrs. Mary R. Hines of Brownwood and her son, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hines and son Lonnie, Mrs. Dee McAllister and daughter, Linda of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Slough of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Warren, Jr. and family of San Angelo.

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## An Editorial

Well, what do you know? Christmas is almost here. I believe I just got through paying for last Christmas. It's the same routine every year, we're never ready for it!

Of course, when we were younger, Christmas came around every five year, it seemed. Now, Christmas comes every two or three months. But through our childhood, we have gained many fond memories from Christmas time. We in turn pass those memories on to our children in a never ending cycle. The grown-ups are always glad to see it and are glad to see it pass.

But the significance of Christmas has taken a back seat. Of course, Christmas is always full of good cheer to most of us, but they are physical things. Haven't we the spiritual meaning of Christmas.

December 25th marks the birthday of the Savior of the world, Christ our Lord. This is not an automatic salvation, but only for those who believe in Him, that came to save, forgive, and love the world. To believe in Him is to accept the things He teaches, to love one another, to work out our own harmony one with another. Until this is done, Christmas is only an occasion.

The world cannot be a peace-loving world until the things He teaches us are done, not in part, but in "whole". As long as three people in the world cannot work out their own harmony, we cannot have a lasting peace. As long as three people cannot work out their own harmony in their own nation, we cannot have a lasting peace. As long as three people cannot work out their own harmony in their own state, county or community, we cannot have a lasting peace. As long as three people cannot work out their own harmony within their own church, we cannot have harmony throughout the world. Yet, until this is done, "Peace on earth, GOODWILL toward men . . ." is only a beautiful phrase taken from the Bible.

Christmas is not an occasion. It's real! It's the Will of God that has taken place in a little town of Bethlehem some 1,956 years ago. The will of man has pushed God's will aside and regards it as an occasion. If mankind would strive to do God's will, and not his own, then we could have "Peace on earth, good will toward men," and Christmas would be a memorable occasion commemorating He who saved us from ourselves, Christ, our Lord. The force of this love would overcome all opposition throughout the world and man could live at peace with himself, at peace with his fellowman and peace with the world.



*Season's Greetings*

In the spirit of friendliness, and good cheer, we thank you for your many favors and sincerely wish you a Merry, Merry Christmas! . . .

**MAC'S CITY DRUG**  
F. C. McCue  
Merkel, Texas

## YOUR HEALTH

Fifty areas in Texas have had their public water systems approved during the biennium ending August 31, 1956, according to sanitary engineering records of the Texas State Department of Health.

During the same period, five areas had their water system approvals withdrawn. Approval or disapproval, after adequate inspection of Texas water systems, is just one of dozens of functions carried on by the Sanitary Engineering Division of the Texas State Department of Health.

The prolonged drought in Texas has given new significance to this responsibility as more and more municipalities of Texas seek additional sources of water for their parched citizenry.

It was also disclosed by Dr. Henry A. Holle, commissioner of Health, that at the close of the biennium there were over 800 domestic sewage treatment plants in Texas, all of which come under the scrutiny of the department of health.

Because of the phenomenal growth of Texas cities in the post-war years, it is estimated that from 25 to 30 percent of these facilities are either overloaded or are in need of replacement,

enlargement, or additional treatment units.

The scrutinizing eyes of the sanitary engineers have seen the growth of Texas cities in the past rise to an air stream pollution problem. So far industry, teaming with state forces, has kept pollution of Texas streams to a minimum.

However, should the drought continue during the next biennium, engineers feel that many additional problems will be created involving industrial waste disposal, particularly those industries situated inland.

These are all problems of a perpetual nature, varying only have forseen the Buck Rogers aspect of disposing of waste materials of a radioactive nature in our day and age?

Nevertheless, this is still another problem confronting the workers of the sanitary engineering division, and a program of inspection and control of radioactive material in Texas has long been in effect.

Most facets of modern living are taken for granted by Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen, but the cutting and polishing of many of these facets is drudging everyday routine for health department

technicians.

Mosquito control programs, rendering plants and swimming pools must be inspected and supervised, in cooperation with other divisions of the department, the sanitary engineers watch over our shellfish and other food products.

And the visiting tourists from other parts of the United States, sleep safe and clean at night because the tourist courts don't escape inspection either, but must have department of health approval.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TO BE HELD AT STITH

There will be a Christmas program at the Stith Baptist Church on Sunday, December 23, at 7 p. m. The public is invited.

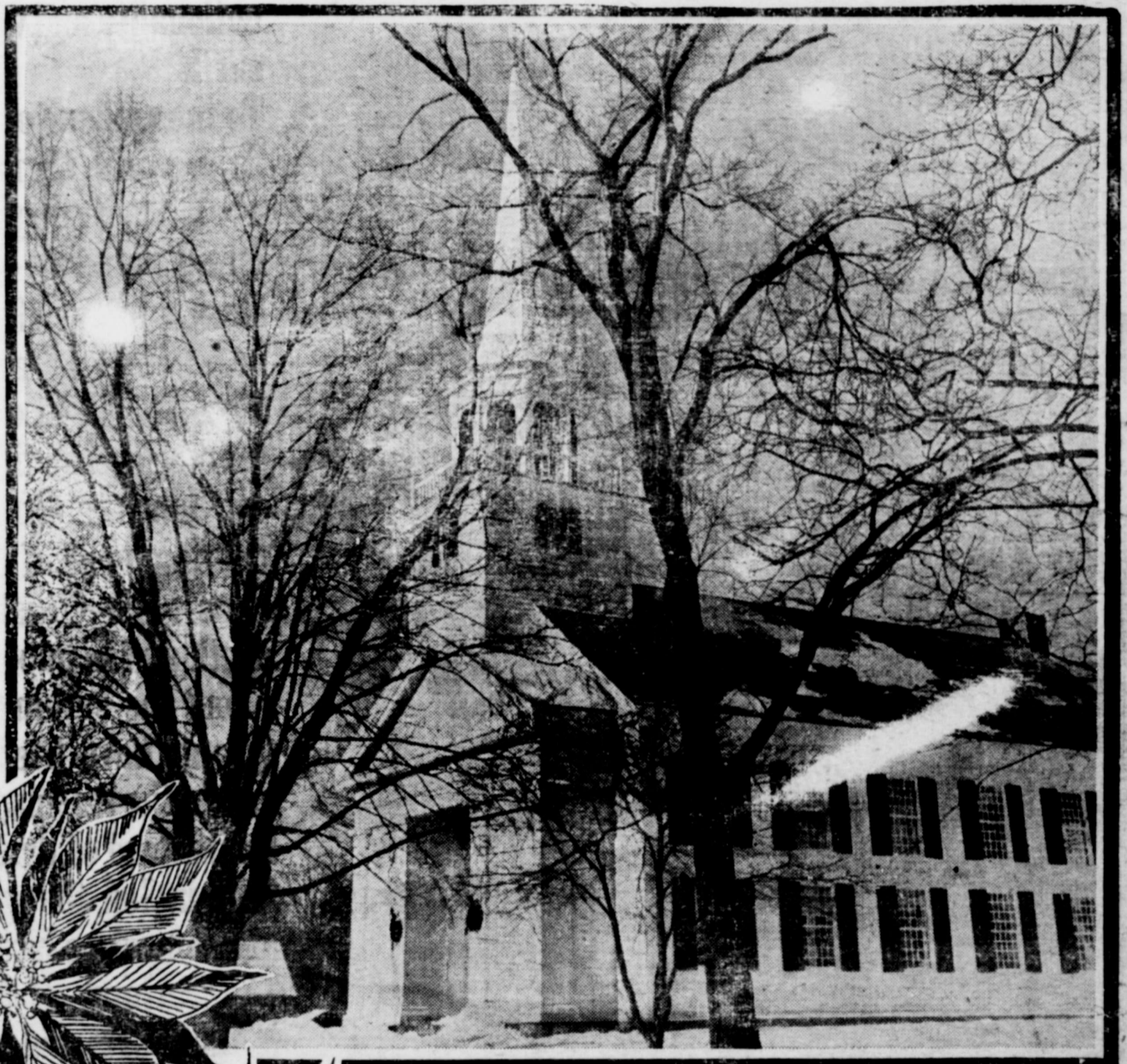
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**RED CROSS AIDING HUNGARIAN REFUGEES**



A Hungarian refugee, one of thousands fleeing to the USA from strife-torn Hungary, is fitted with a coat by a Red Cross worker before leaving Camp Kilmer, N. J. she is Mrs. John Bauswen, of Cleveland, Ohio, who with her husband, are sponsoring this young man. The Red Cross, serving sufferers since the beginnings of the uprising, in distribution of food, medicine, clothing and other necessities in Vienna and Budapest, is launching a campaign for \$5,000,000 in this country to meet costs of the mammoth humanitarian program. By the end of the year the Red Cross will be feeding over 200,000 victims daily in Hungary, besides supplying needed clothing, fuel and medical supplies.

**Six County Agents Honored At Meet**

Six Texas county agricultural agents were among the 103 agents honored by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents at their annual meeting held in Houston, October 21-25. Those honored included Ollie Liner, Hale county; Al Petty, Denton county; Roy L. Peden, Winkler county; E. R. Lawrence, Hamilton county; R. E. Shaver, Comal county and R. E. Nolan, Nueces county. All were present to receive the Association's Distinguished Service Award and were the largest number from any one state to be so recognized. Each has been an employee of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service for 10 years or more and all have made many outstanding contributions to agriculture and

improved rural living during their tenure of service. They are all active in the work of the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association. The national meeting was held in Texas for the first time and was a record breaking session. Harris County Agent Dan. D. Clinton, was chairman of the Convention Committee and received valuable assistance from fellow Texas county agents in staging the outstanding meeting. The Abilene Presbytery will hold the January Session with the Grace Presbyterian Church in Merkel, on January 10, 1957. The church membership extends an invitation to any one of the other churches to visit with us, especially at the 11 o'clock service. Mr. Mike White of Big Springs was guest in the home of his recently.



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And happiness to make your Christmas roval!

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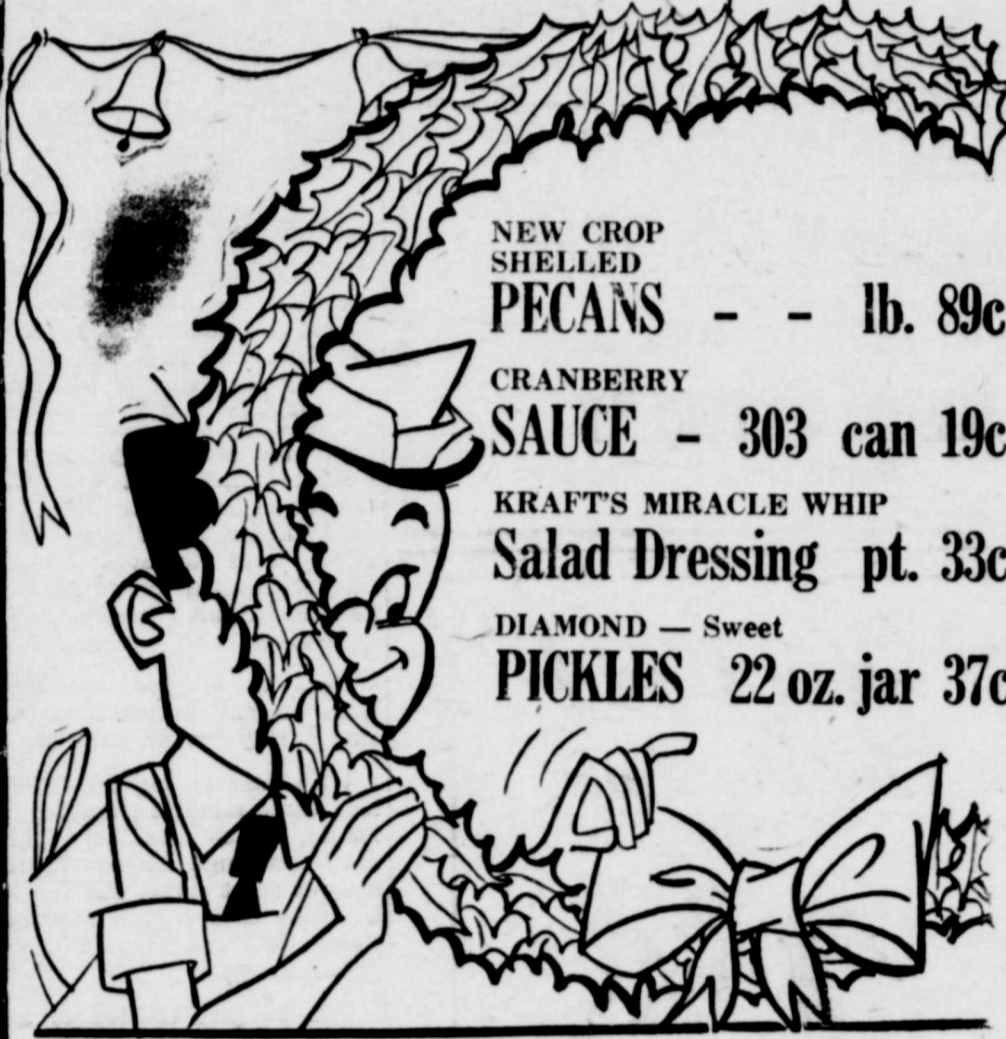
A most hearty  
Christmas wish

Health, happiness, and all things good — that  
is our hope for you. . . . May Life be even  
richer and fuller in the days that lie ahead.

Ira Cross

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OYSTERS - can 41c
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CORN - 2 for 35c
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PEAS - - 2 for 45c
- EGG NOG  
MIX - - - qt. 65c
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MILK - half-gal. 49c
- FOREMOST — Half Pint  
Whipping Cream 35c
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Marshmallows - 25c
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SNOWDRIFT - 3 Lb. Can 79c
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R. O. ANDERSON

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in saluting our valued  
patrons, whose friendship  
we truly treasure:  
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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Badgers Win  
McMurry Hoop  
Tournament

The Merkel Badgers traded their football gear for gym suits last week and before they could familiar themselves with a basketball, they entered the McMurry High School Invitational Basketball Tournament and walked off with top honors.

The Badgers defeated Eula for their first game of the season Thursday afternoon. However, the basketball was not unfamiliar to the team for eight lettermen returned this year, along with All-State Robert McLeod and Kermit Rutledge.

Their second game was Roosevelt and was scheduled at 7:00 p.m. Friday.

Merkel took an early lead and never relinquished it in defeating Roosevelt 70-61. Noodle won a hotly contested 53-46 decision over Jayton.

For the second night in a row Robert McLeod led his Merkel Badger mates in the scoring column, riving up 27 points in the victory over Roosevelt. McLeod's fine rebounding under both baskets also figured heavily in Merkel's favor.

Next to McLeod for Merkel were Kermit Rutledge with 12 and Manley Denton with 10.

With Merkel holding a 61-44 lead three minutes from the final buzzer, Coach Don Loyd put in his second unit. Roosevelt put on a seven-point surge, but the Merkel subs gave a good account of themselves and wound up 13 points ahead.

The Badgers coasted to a 47-35 victory over Santo to win the championship trophy in McMurry College's sixth annual high school invitational basketball tournament Saturday night in the McMurry Gym.

Hawley defeated Noodle, 49-45, in the third-place playoff, and Eula blasted Yllie, 84-50, for the consolation trophy.

Merkel gained the finals with a 62-48 semifinal win over Hawley and Santo defeated Noodle, 52-50, for its place in the championship game.

In the semi-finals of the consolation bracket, Eula whipped Mason, 77-59, and Yllie won over Colorado City, 54-45.

Merkel's Robert McLeod, who averaged a fraction under 30 points per game in four appearances in the tournament, won the outstanding player trophy.

McLeod also made the first-team all-tournament selections, for the third straight year. Calvin Cooley, who led Hawley to victory over Noodle, was the only other repeater on the all-tournament team.

Others winning first-team berths and gold basketball awards were Bill Puryear, Santo; Jerrell Martin, Sula; and Weldon Boyles, Roosevelt.

Second - team all-tournament awards went to Troy Thornton, Santo; Kermit Rutledge, Merkel; Harold Wilde, Eula; and Bobby Sullivan and Harold Hudgins, allinger. Rutledge made the first team last year.

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Tuesday night to remain undefeated in two starts in District 15-B action. They won the boys game, 54-33, and the girls tilt, 76-54.

Charles Bright bumped in 23 to pace. Trent and Bill Milren hit 12 for McCaulley. Rosemary

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Jones had 60 for the Trent girls and Joan Davis paced the losers with 30.

The box: (field goals, free throws, and total points):

TRENT: Duncan (4-2-10); Williams (3-2-8); Christ (1-0-2); C. Bright (9-5-23); Carter (3-1-7); Young (1-0-2); U. Bright (1-0-2). Totals 22-10-54.

McCAULLEY — Milren (5-2-12); Lawlis (1-0-2); Lightfoot (2-0-4); Barnes (2-3-7); Maberry (2-4-8). Totals 12-9-33.

### Needs Funds

The Cemetery Association makes its annual appeal for contributions this time of the year to maintain and beautify the grounds of the Cemetery in Merkel. Merkel is proud of the manner in which the maintenance has been handled and the beautifying of the grounds has certainly been commendable. The

only means of continuing in the manner expected is through individual contributions since there is no fund set aside for this purpose. These contributions may be mailed to the Farmers & Mer-

chants National Bank, Merkel, Texas and made out to the Cemetery Fund. Names and amounts of contributions will be published in the Merkel Mail from time to time.

### FHA Girls Hold Come and Go Tea

Saturday evening, December 15, 1956, at 6:00 p.m., the Merkel FHA chapter had a Christmas come-and-go tea in the home of Miss Dana Durham.

The color theme was red and gold. The tree had red and gold balls with gold ice-cycles. These were two red candles sprinkled with gold glitter burning on the piano. On the mantle five white candles were centered in gold magnolia leaves and pine cones. The table cloth was green edged with gold beads. Four white candles stood behind a gold centerpiece. On the buffet there was a bowl of mistletoe with gold and red balls scattered throughout. An assortment of cookies and sandwiches was served with cranberry punch laddled by Irene Dishman.

Gifts were exchanged by the big-little sisters of the organization.

Approximately fifteen girls attended.

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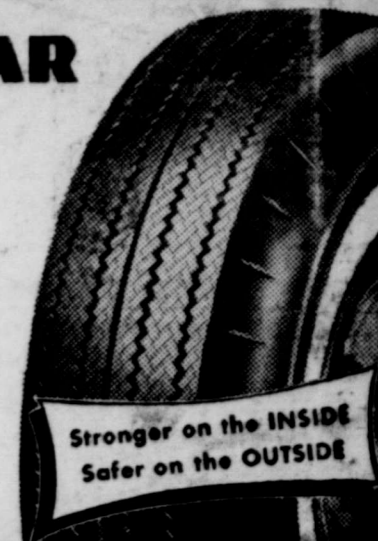
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## SEASON'S GREETINGS

Good friends . . . gifts given and received . . . gay voices ringing out — bells caroling "Merry Christmas" — These are the many things that add up to the true and rich spirit of the holy day — To all our friends, we say "The best of cheer for the holidays."

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According to the Gospel of Matthew

### The Birth of Jesus Christ

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away in Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privately.

But while he thought of these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God be with us.

Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And new her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east, and are come to worship him.

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had priv-

ily called the wise, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshiped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, Arise, and take the child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.

And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.

But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea. And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, the saying, The Voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins: and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan. And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Bring forth therefore fruits for repentance: And think not to say within yourselves, we have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner: but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan until John, to be baptized of him.

But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: all righteousness, then he suffer-

ed him.

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and lo the heavens were opened unto him, and he was the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am pleased.

Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

But he answered and said, it is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them: And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is

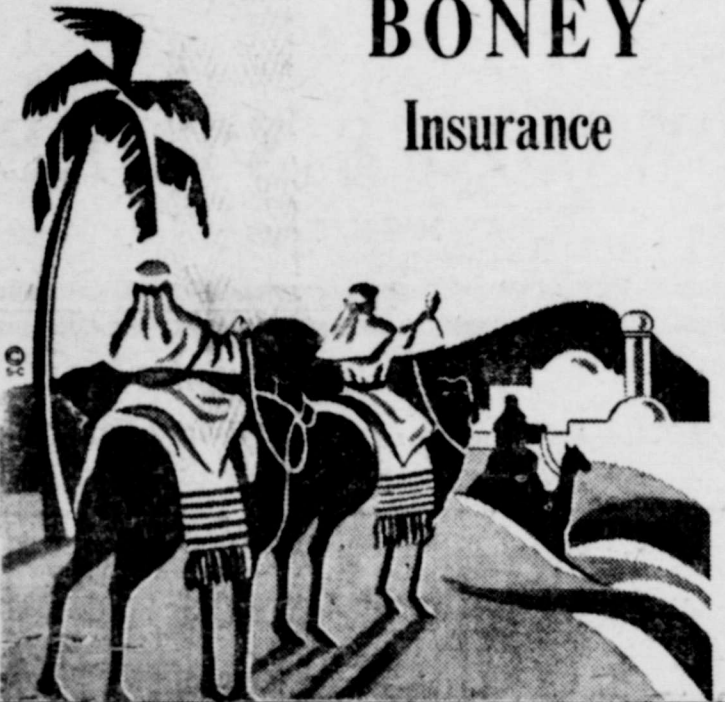
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## Merry Christmas

As the Three Wise Men sought and found, so may all of our friends find the greatest measure of joy in this holy season...

### BONEY Insurance



## Merry Christmas!

And, may the wondrous peace and blessed spirit of this Holy Day find that all your fondest dreams have come true in the bounty of your Christmas gifts... That you all be gifted with health, happiness and much Yuletide Joy!

WILSON'S GRO. and Employees



## BLESSINGS at CHRISTMAS

May this Holiday Season mark a blessed beginning of joy and contentment - not just at this Christmas time, but for always!

### BADGER CHEV.

CHARLES HOGSETT



### Wishing You All The Joys of This Holy Season

May the blessings of this Christmas Season fill your hearts with abiding joy and peace today and every day throughout the year.

### MERKEL DRUG

Merkel, Texas

Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



With good planning, a collection of your favorite recipes, some time, empty boxes, cans and Christmas gifts right out of your own kitchen.

Chocolate Coated  
Popcorn Balls

Mix 1 cup sugar, 1/2 cup water, 1/2 cup white corn syrup, 3 tablespoons butter or margarine and 3 squares chocolate (grated). Cook to hard ball stage (254 degrees F.). Pour over 4 quarts of freshly popped corn and mix quickly. Butter hands and shape into balls. Wrap each ball in different colors of cellophane.

Arrange balls in basket or tray for a neighborly gift.

Magic Fruit Cake

This makes a popular gift because it can be baked in loaf pans, a stem cake pan, or in tiny molds; then wrapped for gifts.

1 pound candied cherries  
1 pound candied pineapple  
1 pound pitted dates  
1 pound shelled pecans (4 cups)  
1 can sweetened condensed milk  
1 4-ounce package dry coconut  
Cut up the fruit, and chop pecans coarsely. Mix together with milk and coconut. Do this with your hands. Pack into pans which have been lined with waxed paper. Bake 1 hour for loaf size cake at 300 degrees F.—a little longer if baked in stem cake pan. Bake about 45 minutes in small molds.

Remove cake from the oven, turn out of pan. Peel off the paper and let cake cool on cake rack.

Wrap cakes in aluminum foil or place in boxes and gift wrap.

Chocolate Truffles

1 1/4 cups semi-sweet chocolate  
Dash salt  
1/2 cup canned sweetened condensed milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla or  
1 1/2 teaspoon rum flavoring  
Melt chocolate in double boiler. Remove from heat. Add salt and condensed milk. Beat with hand or electric beater until smooth and blended. Stir in flavoring.

Pour into buttered 7"x5" loaf pan. Refrigerate 24 hours to melt. Cut in 3/4"x1/2" pieces. Store in tightly covered metal box. Makes about 1 pound, like a succulently fudge.

Brazil-nut Truffles: Add 1/4 cup ground Brazil nuts when vanilla flavoring is added.

Line small square plastic refrigerator dishes with silver plate doilies, silver side out. Arrange layer of truffles in them. Cover tie with red ribbon. Tuck a small piece of greenery under bow.

Sugared Nuts

1 pound shelled mixed nuts  
2 teaspoons butter or margarine

2 egg whites  
1 cup granulated sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

Heat over to 325 degrees F (moderate). Arrange nuts and 2 teaspoons butter in shallow baking pan. Bake, stirring frequently, at 325 degrees F. for 25 minutes, or until golden brown. Cool. Meanwhile, melt 1/4 cup butter in shallow roasting or jelly roll pan, in 325 degree F. oven. Beat egg whites until they form moist peaks. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Fold into egg whites. Stir in nuts.

Spread nut mixture over melted butter. Bake at 325 degrees F. 40 minutes. Cool. Break in pieces. Keeps a week or more in covered box.

Use clean, empty soup cans. Remove labels. Decorate can with colored gum tape. Fill with nuts. To wrap, cut square of colored cellophane for each can. Bring corners above top of can. Tie with festive Christmas ribbon.

Shredded coconut  
Chocolate sprinkles  
Heat oven to 325 degrees F. (moderate). Rub butter with spoon in bowl until creamy; add sugar slowly, while rubbing. Stir vanilla, salt; then oats, flour. With fingers, shape teaspoonfuls of dough into rounds, balls, crescents triangles, and bars. Bake doilies. Arrange rows of cookies in box—one kind to a row. On ungreased cookie sheets at 325 degrees F. 25 to 30 minutes, or until golden around edges. double boiler; add milk; beat smooth with hand or electric beater. Drop cookies one by one, rounded side down on chocolate; lift out with tongs or 2 forks; then leave plain, or dip in nuts, coconut, or sprinkles. Set on racks. Makes 4 dozen.

Use bottom of candy box. Line with aluminum foil or cellophane wrap open box in cellophane, with fold on bottom so top makes window. Tie two narrow ribbons around box, with a bow at both ends.

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upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Dorcas Class Has  
Christmas Fete

The Dorcas Class held their Christmas dinner December 13, C. G. Sewell brought the devotion. Nineteen members were present and three visitors.



May the sanctuary  
of Christmas bring new

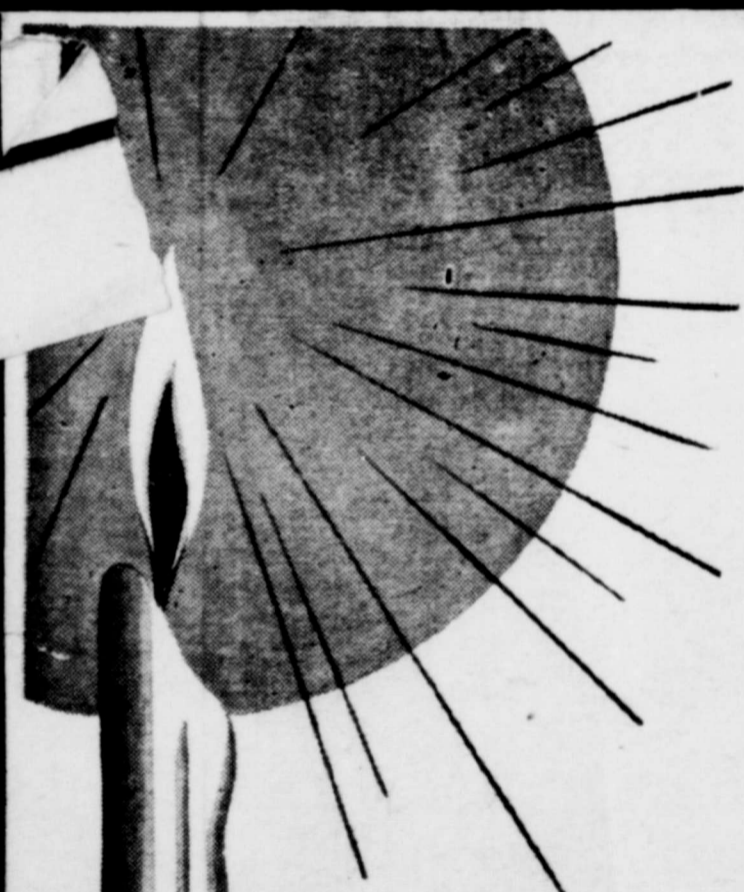
peace of mind to all!

WOOD'S STORE

Merkel, Texas

We put aside all thoughts of day-by-day business, and extend to our many loyal patrons, our wishes that the Holy Spirit of Christmas and its blessings, enfold you and your family Now and For All time . . .

BRAGG'S DEPT. STORE

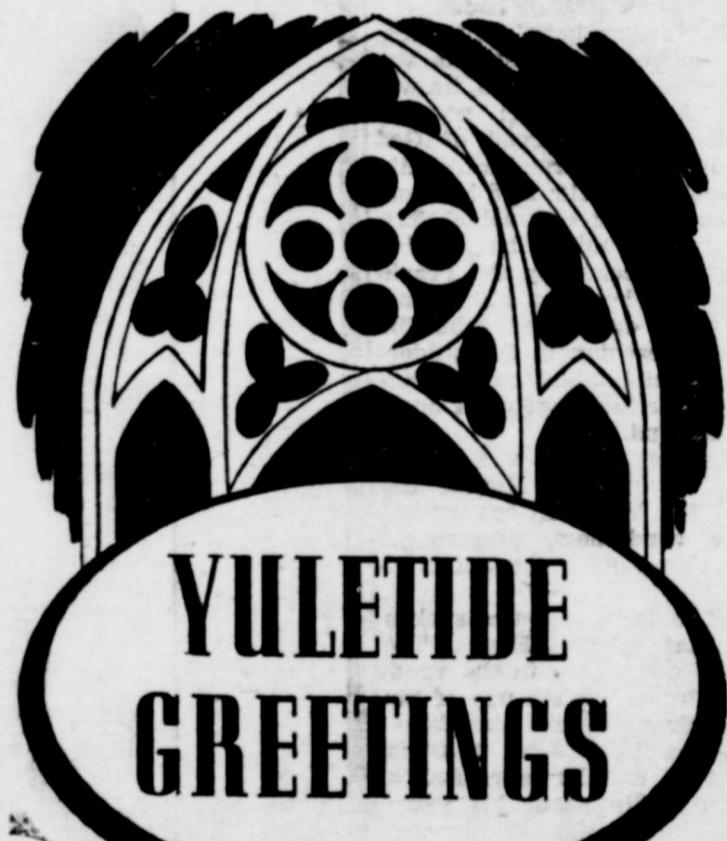


Season's  
Greetings

To the best friends a business firm could possibly have — our many loyal customers — we say Thank you for your patronage and our best wishes to all of you For A Happy Holiday Season!

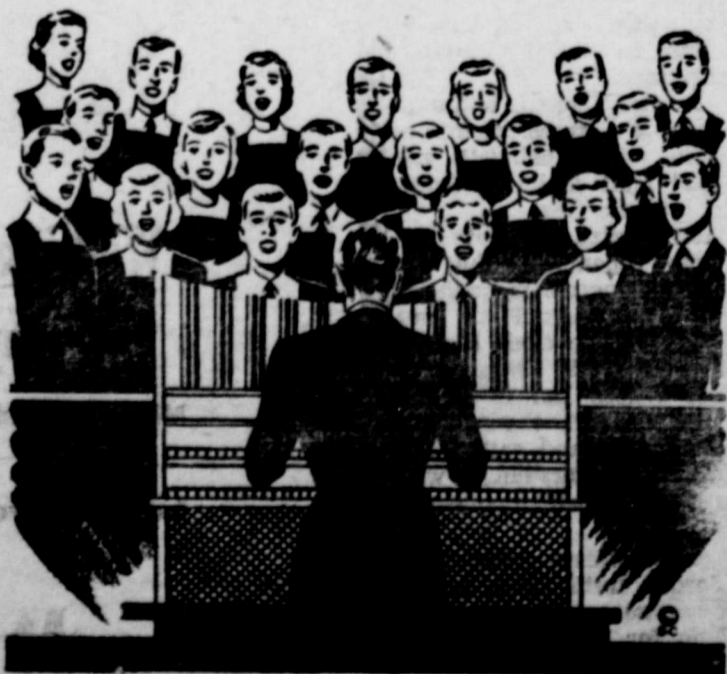
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CHRISTMAS



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HIGGINBOTHAM-BARTLETT CO.

JOE LEE

R. M. FERGUSON, Mgr.



# UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Thanks for what little moisture we got this week, tho it might not help too much, but we think

it will help plowing some. We haven't checked close but it didn't put out much water. The attendance at Pioneer church were down Sunday. Some sickness and cold weather too will account for the drop in attendance.

Joe Suggart is home for a few days from the navy, he plans to leave the 16th for his post of duty. Allen King is getting in to the registered Jersey cow business at his ranch. He reports one cow with her first calf and he put two more calves on her making three calves. She is raising, we plan to look over his herd soon.

It was reported that the ice was still heavy on the trees in the Nolan area Sunday.

Sunday Dec. 9 was the date for the Annual Xmas gathering for the Butman family at the old ranch house. Nine of the ten Butman children were present to get together with their families. A very nice day was reported.

We still think the oates would make grazing if we could get rain in the next few days, however that "IF", gets big when we talk about it raining.

We lost another good mother of the canyon this week. She was Mrs. Willard Brown. May sympathy of our community be with her family.

The live stock trading is very slow at this time, and perhaps won't get much better before Spring.

One stockman said it can't get any worse, it's got to get better.

Louis Bit sold a long load of lambs to a Bronte buyer this week.

itors will be held on Pioneer Palace with the first National Bank of Fort Worth as the host

A new feature of the junior show will be a breeding beef heifer division. Junior dairy show judging is scheduled for Jan. 31. "Auction of champions" will take place Feb. 1. Poultry judging and grass judging contests for 4-H Club members and Future Farmers will be held Feb. 2. The Jaycees will present a plaque and a Western hat as showmanship awards in the junior steer, heifer, dairy calf, pig and lamb shows.

## Rural Youth To Have Joint Show

Thousands of Future Farmers, 4-H Club members and Future Homemakers are expected from all parts of Texas and from other states on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show. The day have been designated in honor of these organizations.

Steers, lambs and pigs of the junior show will be judged on FFA, 4-H and FHA day.

On Jan. 27, the Sunday School breakfast for junior show exhib-

## Letter To The Editor:

To The Editor:  
Tucumcari, N. M.  
December, 1956

The Merkel Mail,  
During these weeks of my convalescence I have enjoyed The Merkel Mail tremendously. I spent my entire life at Merkel until three years ago when we moved away most of my family and friends are still there, Mrs. Buster Hester, Mrs. Leroy Riney and Mrs. Quannah Dudley being my sisters so you see my heart is still there.

I want to send these news items for our many friends there.

Our son "Gary" who was very active in sports at Merkel until moving away, but has kept up his sports here at Tucumcari, he has played here for three years on the Tucumcari "Rattler" squad. The squad made district

## Annual Home Demonstration

Seventy-seven women registered at the annual Jones County Home Demonstration Council Christmas party, held in Anson December 11. A delicious covered dish luncheon was enjoyed at noon, after which a short session of Council was held. New officers for the coming year were installed and new year books were distributed.

Willow Creek and Pleasant Valley clubs presented a Christmas program and gifts were exchanged. A large box of gifts were collected for the patients in Abilene State Hospital.

Miss Jimmie Lou Wainscott of Farwell, a former agent, was a guest.

## Christmas Joy

ALL of us here extend to you, our loyal friends and customers, best wishes for a happy and Holy Christmas.

May the glory of this great day enter into your hearts and uplift your thoughts to

Him whose birth we honor.

## DUDLEY ELEC.

Quannah, Dudley  
Owner



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

## PUG'S NURSERY

902 Rose



From Santa's peck to you — our many friends and customers, a bounty of good wishes for all the many joys of the gay, HOLIDAY SEASON . . .

## B & D Garage

Phone 275

STACY BIRD

WRIGHT DISHMAN



MAY YOUR HOLIDAY BE A VERY, VERY, MERRY ONE . . .

May all Christmas Joys dance through your holiday and make it the best ever!

## Burton-Lingo Co.

CLYDE & EUGENE



As the Christmas Story again unfolds its sacred

message unto all men the world over, telling of peace, good will and the blessings

of Christianity; We add our fervent prayer that your many prayers during this

Holy Season be realized in happiness and joy for Christmas, and time to come!

## The Merkel Mail Staff:

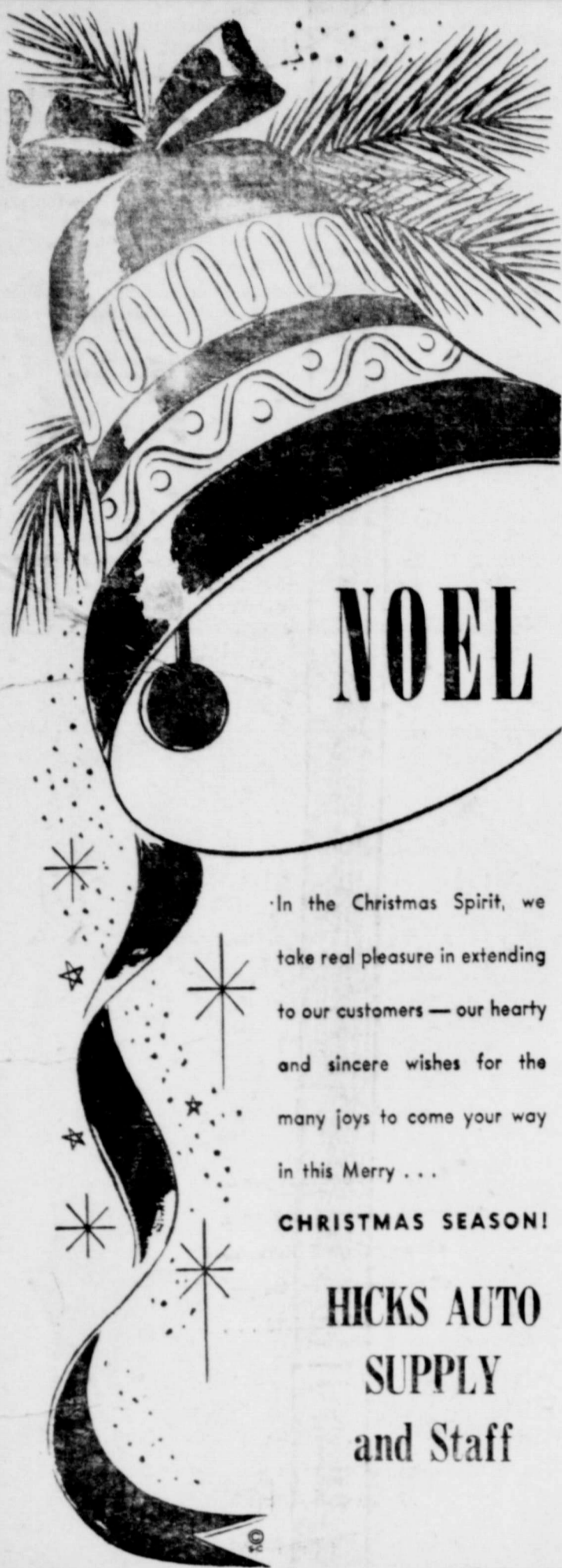
ROBERT E. GARDNER

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In the Christmas Spirit, we take real pleasure in extending to our customers — our hearty and sincere wishes for the many joys to come your way in this Merry . . .

CHRISTMAS SEASON!

HICKS AUTO  
SUPPLY  
and Staff



Everybody in this firm, wishes each and every one a Wonderfully Merry Christmas!

ADCOCK CLEANERS

WAYMON ADCOCK, Owner

CHURCHES

**Merkel First Baptist Church**  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a. m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a. m.  
Training Union . . . . . 6:30 p. m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 7:30 p. m.  
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.

**Merkel Church of Christ**  
Morning Service . . . . . 10:45 a. m.  
Young People's Bible Class . . . . . 9:30 p. m.  
Evening Services . . . . . 7:30 p. m.

**Merkel First Methodist Church**  
Sunday:  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:50 a. m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 10:50 a. m.  
M. Y. F. . . . . 6:30 p. m.  
Evening Service . . . . . 7:30 p. m.

**Hebron Baptist Church**  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a. m.  
Training Union . . . . . 7:00 p. m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 7:30 p. m.

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

**Merkel Grace Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a. m.  
Worship Service . . . . . 11 a. m.

**Merkel Assembly of God**  
Sunday school . . . . . 10 a. m.  
Morning Service . . . . . 11 a. m.  
C. A.'s (Young People) . . . . . 7 p. m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 7:30 p. m.  
Tuesday W. M. C. . . . . 2 p. m.  
Wed. Prayer Service . . . . . 7:30 p. m.

**Merkel Calvary Baptist Church**  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a. m.  
Morning Service . . . . . 11:00 a. m.  
Evening Bible Class . . . . . 6:30 p. m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 7:00 p. m.

**OUR MOTHER OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
South 5th & Trundy  
SUNDAY  
The Guadaloupeno Society 10:00 a.m. (First Sunday of every Month)  
Mass: 11:00 a.m. (Weekly)  
Confessions: (Weekly)  
Before the 11:00 a.m. Mass.  
Tuesday: Ad Altare Dei Club 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday: Legion of Mary 7:30 p.m.  
Friday: Confessions 7:00 pm  
Friday: Rosary Service 7:30 p.m.

**Trent Methodist Church**  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a. m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 7:30 p. m.  
Morning Services . . . . . 11:00 a. m.  
M. Y. F. Services . . . . . 6:30 p. m.

**Trent First Baptist Church**  
Sunday:  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a. m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a. m.  
Training Union . . . . . 6:45 p. m.  
Evening Services . . . . . 7:45 p. m.

**Pioneer Memorial Chapel**  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a. m.  
Morning Service . . . . . 11:00 a. m.  
Evening Services . . . . . 7:30 p. m.  
Wednesday:  
Evening Prayer Service . . . . . 7:30

**Tye Methodist Church**  
Sunday:  
Sunday School . . . . . 10 a. m.  
M. Y. F. . . . . 7:00 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting . . . . . 7:30 p. m.  
Morning Service . . . . . 11:00 a. m.

**Noodle Church of Christ**  
Sunday:  
Bible Class . . . . . 10:00 a. m.  
Morning Worship Service 11:00  
Young People's Service 6:30  
Evening Worship . . . . . 7:30 p. m.

**Noodle Baptist Church**  
Sunday:  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a. m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a. m.  
Young People's Class 6:30 p. m.  
Evening Services . . . . . 7:30 p. m.

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

**New Live Oak Baptist Church**  
Sunday:  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a. m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11 a. m.  
Training Union . . . . . 6:45 p. m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 7:30 p. m.

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

**Tye Baptist Church**  
Sunday:  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a. m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a. m.  
Training Union . . . . . 6:45 p. m.  
Evening Services . . . . . 7:30 p. m.

Merkel Man's Rites Held Sunday

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Eubank Chapel at Wills Point, Tex., for Ben A. Walters, 81, who died at 7:55 a.m. Friday at Sadler Hospital.

Burial was in Wills Point Cemetery. Local arrangements were under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mr. Walters was former Merkel city marshal, having first come here in 1909.

Born Feb. 4, 1875, in Monroe, N. C., he moved to Wills Point in 1892, and married the former Susie Emma Laney of Wills Point in Sept., 1895.

A merchant at Wills Point for several years, he moved to Merkel in 1909. He held the office of city marshal until 1915 and moved back to Wills Point in 1917. He returned to Merkel in 1947.

Mrs. Walters died in March, 1955.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Robert Hicks of Merkel; two brothers, Bufford Walters of Dallas, and A. P. Walters of Scottsdale, Ariz.; one grandchild, Ben Robert Hicks of Merkel; and two great-grandchildren.

Dr. W. F. Armstrong of Fort Worth is visiting his mother, Mrs. M. Armstrong for the week and his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox. He was accompanied by his aunt, Mrs. Jim Coker also of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Graner of Farwell have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Garner.



"JOY TO THE WORLD" . . . rings out the familiar carol. We join most sincerely in wishing you contentment and good cheer during this Holy Holiday Season and throughout the year.

STARBUCK CO.  
Merkel, Texas



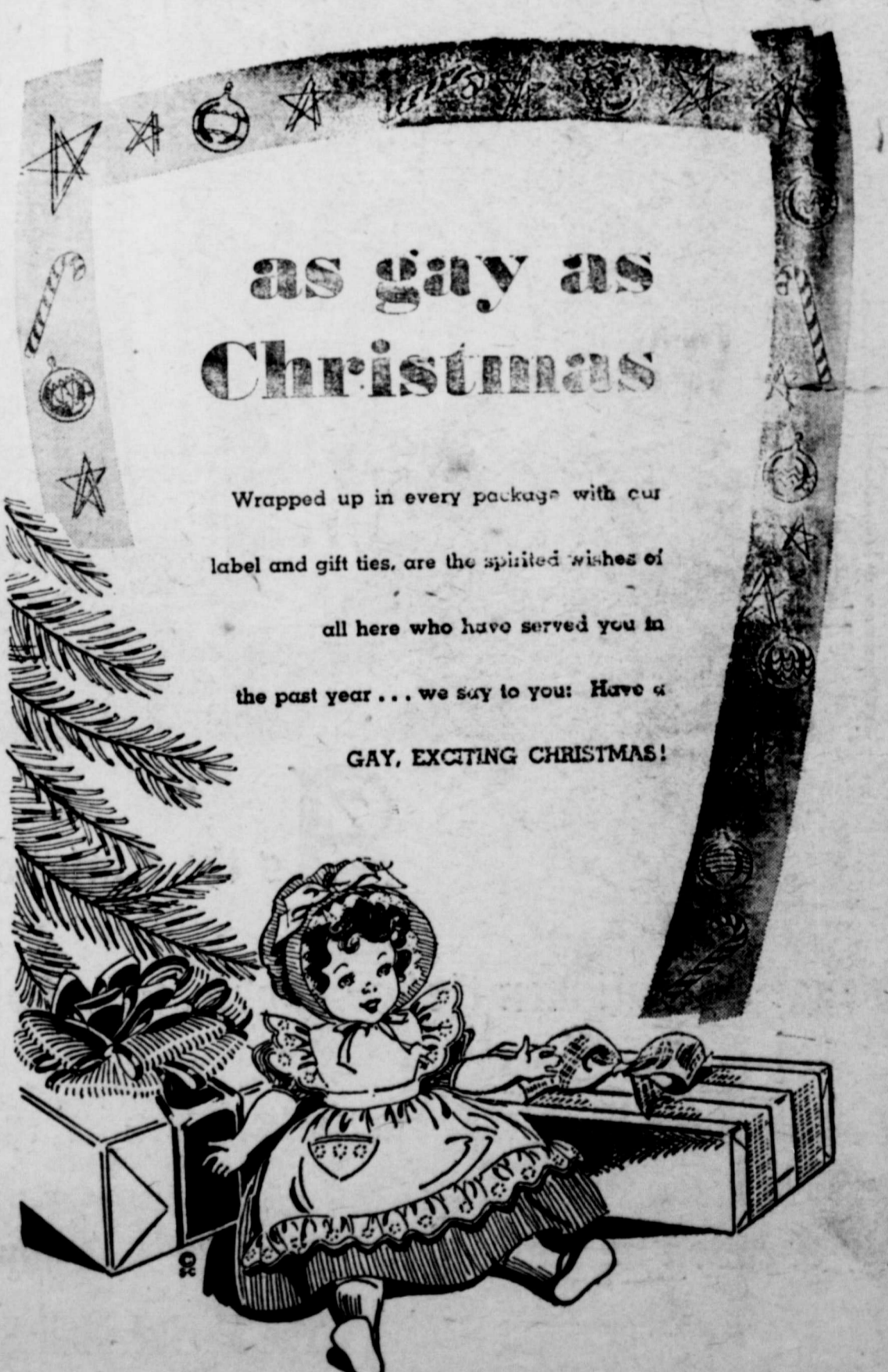
Merriest Christmas...

In the spirit of Christmas that is reflected in gift-happy little children . . . In the spirit of peace and plenty that is the essence of these Holy Days — we say to you: our many friends . . .

Ad 22 Form 15 A HAPPY, HAPPY HOLIDAY!

MERKEL TELEPHONE CO.

MERKEL, TEXAS



as gay as Christmas

Wrapped up in every package with our label and gift ties, are the spirited wishes of all here who have served you in the past year . . . we say to you: Have a GAY, EXCITING CHRISTMAS!

MAX MELLINGER  
Merkel, Texas



ALL of us here extend to you, our loyal friends and customers, best wishes for a happy and Holy Christmas.

**MERKEL FARM MACHINERY**  
O. H. Griffin, Owner



We extend our gratitude to our loyal customers whom we have so enjoyed serving - May Christmas bring you many blessings!

**Merritt Plumbing**  
Merkel, Texas



**Christmas Blessings To All...**

All of our staff joins with us in wishing you The Many Blessings of Christmas Happiness...

**THE NOOK CAFE**



**Greetings**

One of the memorable joys of Christmas is the pungent aroma of pine needles... Another is the privilege of wishing happiness to our friends.

**CYRUS PEE, Insurance**

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FOR RENT - 3 room apartment, furnished, south of High School, Mr. E. B. Barnes, phone 51 W. 39-3t

REMODELED 5-Room House in Trent, the old English Home, two blocks from Peoples Ser. Sta. 39-3tc

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HOUSE FOR RENT - 3 rooms, bath and service porch. Mrs. C. K. Russell, Rt. 1 38-3tc

FOR RENT - Remodeled 5 room house in Trent. The old English Home, Two Blocks from Peoples Service Station. 3-tc

FOR RENT - One hundred and sixty acres of land. Mrs. R. L. Reeves. 40-3t

FOR RENT - Apartment, furnished, see Mrs. Sallie Moore, 601 Oak. 41-3tp

FOR RENT - New furnished apartment, 301 Oak, Mrs. Ina Hunter, Phone, 63-W. 41-7t

**FOR SALE**

TURKEYS FOR SALE: Small, medium, and large. On foot or dressed. They are fresh, and ready to cook. Call Mrs. Karl Bonneau at Noodle 6371 at the R.E.A. Locker Plant. 36-6tp

FOR SALE - One Maytag washer, one pet water pump. eSe Joe Douglas, 306 Rose. Phons 149. 38-2tp

FOR SALE - Good lots, 810 Walnut Street, S. D. Campbell. 38-1tc

FOR SALE - Nice baking hens on foot. 75c each. Mrs. Craig Humphrey, Rt. 1. 3-tp

FOR SALE - A piano in good condition, cheap. Call Mrs. Mae Martin at 2-2745, Trent or see her after 5:30 any afternoon.

FOR SALE: My place in Bettis Heights. If interested, Notify me at Box 511, Pyote, Texas. 36-2tc

FOR SALE - House to be moved plus lot to move it on, \$2,000.00. Easy terms. See H. J. Carson 39-1tc

FOR SALE: One 1954 John Deere Tractor (60) and equipment. One 1947 John Deere B Tractor and equipment. Both on butane. One 1955 International 10 disc one way, 10 inch spacing. One 2 wheel stock trailer. One feed mill with fell. Mrs. Leo Harris, 902 Rose St. 41-2tp

LOST - A set of keys with a metal phone plug connected to a chain. If found, please return to the Merkel Mail office.

FOR SALE: 200 acre stock farm, \$75 an acre. Also small ranch with 1 section lease. Both on highway. Sheep proof fences. Call Louis Butman, Nubia 4185 for appointment. 1-tc

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**Noodle Ties Loraine**

Noodle and Loraine split a bas ketball doubleheader here Tuesday night.

Noodle won the boys game, 78-with55, with Bobby Sullivan hitting 29 for the winners and Colde-way 24 for Loraine.

Lorraine gained revenge in the girls game, 62-37. High for the winners was Bannannan with 32 while Shirlene Lucas scored 17 for Noodle.

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**NOTICE MASONS**  
A. S. Thurs. Dec. 27 at Stated meeting of Mer kel Lodge No. 710, A.F. & M. 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

J. F. Butman, W. M.  
C. B. Rust, Secretary.

**NOTICE O.E.S.**  
Stated meeting, Dec. 25, 7:30 p.m.  
Sallie Gant, W. M.  
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**ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING**

Notice is Hereby Given:

That the annual meeting of the stockholders of Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on the 8th day of January 1957, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.  
**Farmers & Merchants Nat'l. Bank**  
Merkel, Texas

**Merkel Girls Lose Tourney**

The Merkel girls lost the consolation title to Balmorhea 49-35 last Friday. The tourney was held in Roby Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Roby girls won the tourney championship by beating Coahoma 46-28 to climax the three day Roby Invitational Tournament. Judy Cooper lead the Roby squad with 16 points and Patty Harris placed 13 points for the loser.

Merkel's Minta McAnnich was high scorer for the losers 18 points and Corina Carrillo was high scorer for the winning team with 24 points.

Minta was only Merkel girl placed on the all-tournament first team.

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**Holiday Luncheon T. E. L. Class Has**

The T.E.L. Class of the First Baptist Church held their Banquet Christmas Dinner at the church December 12. Christmas schemes were carried out through out all details. President, Mrs. J. T. Bird, presided. Mrs. A. R. Booth lead the opening prayer. A devotional was presented by Mrs. C. G. Sewell and she also sang a solo, accompanied by Mrs. Josie Shanks.

These high school girls sang Christmas songs: Imogene Thomas Margaret Chancey, Linda McLean, Jocille Thompson, Janice Rutledge Sarah Salter, Lois Reece, Janelle Pitt, and Betty Reddin. Readings were given by Elsie Ward, Sarah Salter, Twyla-Jor Moore, and Katy Hunter.

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served to sixteen members and three guests.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. King over the week end is a cousin of Mrs. King, O. K. Barnett and wife of Red Wood Grandmother, Mrs. P. F. Harris, City, California.

**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: 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:**

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**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 29th 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...

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 29th day of November A. D. 1956.  
(SEAL)  
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.  
By Mrs. Jesse R. Swindell, Deputy.

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