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## PERSONALS

Mrs. B. C. Tipton has returned to her home in Lawton Okla., after a months' visit in the home of her sister, Mrs. J. H. Clark. She was present for the 50th wedding anniversary of the Clarks.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Doan and sons, Gregg and Garth, spent Christmas eve with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stephens of Wichita Falls visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Stephens, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Clark returned to their home in Girard Kansas, after visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark, and attending their Golden wedding celebration.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Clark and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clark and children and Mr. and Mrs. Joe McDuff and Ann, all of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Junior Clark and children and Mrs. Charles West of Merkel.

The Rev. and Mrs. Clesby Patterson of Lakeview, and son, Buddy, student in West Texas State, Canyon, were holiday visitors in the home of their daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Russell and Rev. Patterson's father, James Patterson.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Patterson and children of Gruver visited his brother and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Patterson and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Lyles and daughters, and Mrs. Vernon Hudson, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Rodden of Abilene were Merkel visitors Sunday.

Mrs. J. Pierce Horton and children, Pierce Jr., and Eva Faye, of Plainview were weekend visitors in the home of her mother, Mrs. E. M. Plackburn.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray were Mr. and Mrs. Horace Steel and sons, Randall and Mike, of Houston, Becky Ray, student in McMurry, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ray and children, Mark and Martha, of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Ray and children, Don, Karen and Michael. Mike Steel appeared recently on the TV program "Romper Room."

Jimmy Brown of Texas Tech, Lubbock, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Edna Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Walden and children, Kathy, Mary and George, were recent visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Walden and Mrs. L. A. Watts, and other relatives here.

Mrs. Zedie Johnson, who spent a month with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Johnson and daughter, Karen, of Ponca City Okla., returned to her home here accompanied by the Johnsons who are visiting during the holidays.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray Christmas day were her mother, Mrs. Jesse Masten of Gainesville, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Wilson, Everly Berry and Gregory, of Big Spring, Mrs. Billy McHorse, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herd, David and Gary, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Breedlove and Greg, all of Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Baylor Amason of Graham visited in the home of his father, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason, Christmas day.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Coats for the Christmas holidays were their sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Coats and daughter of Thompsonville, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Coats and children of Abilene.

The Rev. and Mrs. Mart Hardin and sons, Billy Mart and Robert, spent Christmas week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hagan, of Stuttgart, Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell and daughter, Mrs. Frances Carey, and children, Youlanda and Wayne, spent Christmas day with their son and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harwell and children of Odessa. Larry Harwell, 3 years old, son of the Charles Harwells, was recovering nicely after undergoing surgery on Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Reeves from Arizona visited her parents through the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews of Merkel and her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mathews of Abilene and attended church at the Pioneer Baptist Church.

Mrs. Jeff Anderson and children of Munday and Mr. and Mrs. Clovis McMurray and children of Trent were visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McMurray, Sunday.

## Sweetwater Firm Given Okay On Merkel PHA Job

The main contract for construction of Merkel's 24 low-rent housing units has been officially awarded to Alston Construction Co. of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Mary Hargrove, executive director of Merkel's Public Housing Authority, said a letter authorizing the local board to award the contract was received from C. J. Stenzel, acting director of the Fort Worth regional office.

Alston Construction Co. submitted the low bid of \$227,700 for the complete project which was accepted by the local board subject to approval from the Fort Worth office.

## 20 YEARS AGO IN MERKEL

There were 104 students who made the honor roll of the Merkel Public Schools for the second and sixth periods, according to an announcement by Supt. Conner Robinsons.

Two Badgers, Frazier and Gilbreath, were named on the all-district team at a meeting of the executive committee of 6A at Sweetwater on Tuesday night.

Another Merkel hunter brought back game from deer country. Hob Robertson bagged an 8-point buck in a hunting party last week in Real county.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin left Tuesday for Blue Ridge in Collin County, where they will visit old friends, J. S. Wilson and family. While away Mr. Dunagin expects to conclude negotiations for the purchase of a 163-acre farm southeast of Stith from Mr. Wilson.

Members of the home-making department of the Merkel High School under the direction of Miss Neweta Cleveland, honored members of the school board with a dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 5. The second year foods class ably prepared the three-course dinner and served it.

Last Friday evening, Dec. 8, the football boys of Merkel High the Pep Squad girls and special guests once again met at the High School gym for the annual banquet given in honor of the Badgers. One hundred and four persons were present. Decorations and program carried out a Hawaiian theme. A delectable Hawaiian menu was served by the Ladies of the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist Church.

## 40 YEARS AGO IN MERKEL

The First State Bank of Trent has been reorganized with Eli Kogans, president; W. E. Hamner, vice-president; Homer Easterwood, \$30,000 and has deposits of over cashier. It is capitalized with one-third of a million dollars.

W. O. Dial and family have moved back to the Canyon, after an absence of two years.

Dub Diltz has resigned his position as bookkeeper at the Merkel Dry Goods Company and has accepted a position with The Farmers State Bank. Mr. Diltz is one of the coming young business men of Merkel.

Supt. H. A. Burgess spent the weekend in Austin attending the Texas Teachers Association. He reports an attendance far exceeding any enrollments on record. He returned Monday morning.

The Woodrum Hotel is being overhauled. Quite a sum will be expended in the improvements. The entire front will be changed and made into Colonial effect with modern porch. Several rooms will be added to the already spacious building. The Woodrum Sisters have been quite successful in the operation.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchins was a scene of unusual pleasure on Dec. 15th. The occasion being their Golden Wedding Anniversary. The children present were: Mrs. Lizzie Archer and daughter, Elaine of Coleman; Mrs. Stellar Williams and son, Samuel of Stamford; Mr. and Mrs. George Hutchins and daughter and son of Loraine; Mrs. Effie Rider and daughters, Lillian and Florence of Merkel; Rev. and Mrs. Murrell, Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brian; Mrs. Hull of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Clark of Wichita, Kansas, are visiting relatives here and at Sweetwater.

## BADGER TALES

By RUTHA CORDER

This week's column will be devoted to a discussion of various types of punishment that should be administered to students who neglected to attend classes on the last day of school before the holidays.

Some suggest that offenders should each donate four hours labor for the purpose of beautifying the school grounds. This mass donation of labor would take place in the early spring. It would be most beneficial. This plan is favored by a majority of the faculty members, and also Mr. Satterwhite, and Mr. Clark.

This writer is in favor of "non-harassment" on part of the administration. In other words, "student delinquency" should be regarded as a trademark of the age. Those who like this point of view are all the students. The State of Texas might take a point of view rather painful to students and faculty alike.

Offenders could be punished by adding two days more of classes at the end of the year, extending school into the long, hot, summer. This plan is looked upon with favor by the State and all its secret agents in the Merkel School System.

The situation, as it now stands, can be improved by the students themselves. A more conscientious effort by the students to make good attendance a desirable goal to be attained would draw favor from many quarters.

Mr. and Mrs. Baylor Amason and daughter, Linda, of Graham were guests Christmas day of her mother, Mrs. J. K. Ayers.

## Welfare Office To Be Closed On Mon., Thurs.

The County Commissioners Court reached a compromise with Mayor Earl Hughes Monday concerning the Merkel Welfare office and the duties of Mrs. Elma McFarland, Merkel-Abilene-Taylor county Welfare Department case worker.

A recommendation by the Taylor County Welfare Council to close the Merkel office due to lack of case load, was forwarded to the court by Judge Reed Ingalsbe two weeks ago.

As a compromise the court decided to assign Mrs. McFarland to work Monday and Tuesday in the outpatient clinic in Abilene which will begin next week and the rest of the time in Merkel. Commissioner Cypert spoke in behalf of retaining the Merkel office.

## Appreciation Day To Continue Here

Appreciation Day in Merkel, unlike other trades' day promotions in the past, was not designed just to promote Christmas shopping in Merkel. It is a continual program and will be held as usual every Thursday.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Cooley and daughters, Ruth & Rebe visited during the holidays with Mrs. Cooley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ryan, of Paducah and her brother, the Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Ryan, of Clarendon.

## STITH NEWS

The young people and children of the Stith Baptist church presented the play "The Story of Jesus" Sunday night.

Hollis Hudson returned to his home Friday after spending a week in the Sadler Clinic hospital at Merkel.

Mrs. A. M. Jackson is visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dunagin, Mary and Randy. She is moving to Odessa from Rogers, Ark. Others visiting in the Dunagin home this week were Miss Bess Jackson of New Mexico and Bill Jackson of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson visited her brother Mr. and Mrs. Walton Lenior of Woodson, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lenior of Haskell met them there.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and Mrs. Jesse Swindell honored the young people and the junior class of the Baptist church with a Christmas party in the community center. Refreshments, cookies and soda pop were served.

Mrs. Fritz Hale and Sandra attended the wedding of Mary Ann Bennett and Arvil McFaddin Saturday night in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Onis Bennett, of Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. James Strange visited Sunday with her brother, the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell. They were accompanied on their return to Odessa by Mrs. Strange's mother, Mrs. J. E. Swindell, who spent the Christmas holidays there.

Sam Burns of Abilene visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Dedman of Tye and Mr. and Mrs. Hub Evans visited their mother, Mrs. A. M. Evans, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hale, Shirley and Mike, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Hale, and Sandra, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Young Walker of Anson and Mr. and Mrs. Lem Bockman of Hawley were guests Friday night in the Hale home.

The Stith Home Demonstration club held its annual Christmas party for members and their families at the community center Saturday night, Dec. 19. After supper was served, gifts were exchanged and secret pals revealed.

The Dorcas Sunday School Class of the Stith Baptist Church met in the home of their teacher Mrs. Nora McDonald for their Christmas party. The men were invited as guests. Money for the Lottie Moon Mission offering was given. The supper and social hour was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Fritz Hale and Sandra attended the Christmas program at the Truby Baptist Church, Monday night Dec. 21.

Rev. and Mrs. Hubert Raw and children from Grand Prairie, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berry and children visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berry had all their children home for Christmas Dinner. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Berry and Monte Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lilly, Vicky and Tony, Abilene. Mrs. Berry's brother Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sims of Wichita Falls and Kathy Moore of Thalia. Other visitors were: Barney Berry, Mmes. Truett Jones, Olin Potts and Sharon, Leon Kelso and Mrs. Ina Kelso.

Mrs. A. M. Jackson and Bill Jackson of Odessa were dinner guests Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dunagin, Mary and Randy.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. T. Burns Licksboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burns had dinner with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns Christmas day.

Mrs. A. M. Evans and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Evans and Nancy were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bub Evans, Abilene Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones had all their children and grandchildren home for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones, Cross Plains, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Potts and Sharon Beth, Anson and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones of Shawnee Okla.

The brother and sister of Paul Bradley and their families, met at the Community Center, Sat., night, Dec. 26 and had supper together there were 36 present.

Mrs. Ethel Canida, Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. James Hale, Shirley and Mike of Midland, Linda Carol Miller, Abilene.

Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris, Lonnie and Johnnie Jack and Gayle Bedford were visitors in the John Browning home Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kelso had all their children home for Christmas. They were Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kelso, Tucson, Ariz., Leon and Mable Kelso.

Visitors in the Wilber Loflin home Christmas were: Mr. and Mrs. Lorge and family, Knox City; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Humphrey; Mrs. Lorn Lfolin, Bob Brannon, all from Abilene; Mrs. Tommy De Arman and son from San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Loflin and family Kermit.

Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell and Mrs. J. E. Swindell were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning Sunday.

## Traditional Decorations Offer Hazards, Health Department Says

Mistletoe is fine when cast in its traditional Christmastime role, but brewing a tea of mistletoe berries is not — repeat, is not — part of that role.

The National Clearinghouse for Poison Control Centers has a record of death following the drinking of mistletoe berry tea. It came 10 hours after the victim drank the brew.

There are more than the usual hazards to life and health around the American home during the Christmas season all capable of putting a damper on festivities. Some kill, some seriously sicken the unwary.

## Be A Courteous Driver, Says Safety Expert

AUSTIN — "I cannot think of any activity in which common courtesy plays a more important role than it does in traffic."

This statement was made today by J. O. Musick, general manager of the Texas Safety Association, as he discussed safety in driving during the holidays.

"It never ceases to amaze me," Musick said, "how frequently serious accidents could have been avoided if only the driver had exercised the same degree of courtesy in driving that he uses in other dealings with his fellow man."

"Few persons will barge ahead of their neighbor in going through a door, still fewer will bowl their guests out of the way in order to get to a comfortable chair. Yet, these same kinds of discourtesies and more are common on our streets and highways."

The safety expert cited the following six courteous driving actions that "... will do much to increase the degree of safety for every motorist."

1. Give proper signals before making a turn or changing lanes of traffic. Don't be secretive about what you intend to do, because sudden, unexpected moves can easily lead to rumpiled fenders or worse.

2. Just as you need to signal before turning, so, too, you should warn the car behind you before stopping. Tap your brakes several times before stopping, the flashing tail-light will alert others.

3. When in doubt ... yield. Don't worry about who has the right-of-way, if there is any question of it, let the other fellow go first. Remember, it is easier to prevent an accident than to report one.

4. Yield, also, for pedestrians. They may be wrong, but they don't deserve to die for their mistakes. Too, just as often as not the pedestrian will have the right-of-way, if you doubt this just ask one of your lawyer friends.

5. Dim your lights. All of us have experienced the aggravation of meeting an oncoming car (or having one behind us) in which the driver refused to dim his lights. This is not only discourteous, but extremely dangerous.

6. Be especially patient when in heavy traffic. Weaving in and out and tooting your horn only jangles the nerves of other motorists. You may get by with such action for awhile, but it is inevitable that sooner or later you will lose all the time you ever saved, in a single accident.

"Most discourteous acts are violations of the law," Musick pointed out, "but just as importantly, it is a moral law that we are responsible for his safety as well as our own."

"Don't spoil your holiday by accident."



## New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Breaux of Midland announce the birth of a daughter, Dauthea Diane, weighing 6½ pounds on Saturday, Dec. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breaux of Merkel are the paternal grandparents. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones of McCombs.

The couple has another daughter, one who is a year and one-half old.

## C-C Members Urged To Vote For Directors

Merkel Chamber of Commerce members are urged to mark and return ballots they have received for the election of three new directors.

A list of six names selected by the nominating committee appear on the ballot. They are Almeda Bullock, C. A. Farley, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, John Shannon, Bill Wood and Paul Woods.

Members are to indicate their choice and return the ballot to the Chamber of Commerce office as soon as possible.

## Mrs. West Hosts Willing Workers

The Willing Workers Sunday School class of the Grace Presbyterian Church met in the home of Mrs. James West Tuesday, Dec. 15, for a program and business session.

Mrs. J. R. Walling opened with prayer. Mrs. Henry West gave the devotional, after which the class sang "Silent Night."

Readings and scripture quotations were given by different members of the class.

Mrs. W. M. Elliott, president, presided at the business session. Minutes were read by Mrs. J. M. Spurgin, secretary.

The meeting was closed with the hymn "Pass Me Not" and the Lord's prayer repeated in unison.

Refreshments were served to one visitor, Mrs. Henry West, and members, Mrs. J. R. Walling, Mrs. Jim West, Mrs. W. M. Elliott, Mrs. J. M. Spurgin and Miss Johnny Warren.

## Check SS Numbers Of Employees

Persons in work — employment by social security are reminded that the social security tax rate will be increased beginning with 1960. R. R. Tuley, Jr., district manager of the Abilene social security office, announced today.

When employed people get their first pay envelopes or pay checks in January, they will find 3 per cent instead of 2 1/2 per cent deducted for social security tax purposes. When self-employed persons file their 1960 tax returns early in 1961, they must pay 4 1/2 per cent instead of 3 3/4 per cent social security tax. This increase will not apply to self-employment returns on 1959 earnings which must be filed on or before April 15, 1960. The above increases in social security tax rates apply to wages or self-employment income for 1960 through 1962.

The increased social security taxes which become effective as of January 1, 1960, were enacted by Congress to assure the continuing self-supporting nature of the old-age and survivors trust fund and the disability trust fund in which the social security taxes of employees, their employers, and the self-employed are deposited.

Before amending the law to provide for the increased tax rates, Congress appointed an advisory council on social security financing to investigate the trust funds. This council was made up of representatives from business, education, Government, and leading insurance companies. They recently reported "It is our judgment, based on the best available cost estimates, that the contribution (social security tax) schedule enacted into law in the 1958 session of Congress, makes adequate provision for financing the program on a sound actuarial basis."

## NOTICE

There will be an all-night singing at the Pioneer church Thursday night, Dec. 31. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. The public is invited.

The Taylor County Singing Convention will be held at the View Baptist Church Sunday, Jan. 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Misses Linda Leach and Ann Benson, students in Texas Tech, Lubbock, are holiday visitors in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Leach and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Benson.

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**NOTICE MASONS**  
Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710. A.F. & A.M. Saturday, Jan. 9 8:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.  
Henry Martin, W. M.  
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**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the friends of Merkel for their kind expressions of sympathy during our sorrow at the passing of our Mother. May God bless you.  
The Children of Mrs. J. M. Meeks.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We want to thank each and everyone who were so nice to us during Christmas. The cards, presents and caroling at our door made Christmas very happy for us. May God bless each and every one is our wish.  
O. B. Tatum and wife.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Partnership between Bert Chapman and B. F. Gilchrist was dissolved on the 1st day of November, 1959. All debts due to the said Partnership are to be paid and those due the same discharged at Bert Chapman Oil Company, 104 Santos Street, in the city of Abilene, Texas, where the business will be continued by the said Bert Chapman under the firm name of Bert Chapman Oil Company.  
Done at Abilene, Texas, November 25, 1959.  
(SIGNED)  
Bert Chapman  
B. F. Gilchrist

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Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge have returned home after spending Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Nannie Glenn, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Collins, all of Breckenridge.

**Dr. James H. Chaney**

**Dr. Eleanor Weldon**

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Merkel, Texas

**Annual Stockholders' Meeting**

Notice is Hereby Given:

That the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office said Bank on Tuesday, the 12th day of January 1960, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Johnny Roach, who is stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, and Bill Pollock of St. Louis, Mo., stationed at the Air Base in Amarillo, were holiday guests in the home of their mother and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Darling.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Satterwhite and children of Winters and Mr. and Mrs. Kent Satterwhite visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Satterwhite, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer and daughter, Lena Fae, and Gerald Wishert of Snyder visited Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell and other relatives here Sunday.

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**Wayne Show Calf Feed — Dog Food and Hog Feed**

BOOKING WAYNE RANGE CUBES  
AUTHORIZED BUTLER BUILDING DEALER

# SPECIALS

FOR NEW YEARS TIME

HAPPY NEW YEAR  
CLOSED  
Friday January 1st.

SPECIALS FOR WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, DEC. 30-31 — and SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

**MARYLAND CLUB COFFEE**

Lb. - - - - **59¢**

PET DRY INSTANT—8-Qt. Size

**MILK 69¢**

SWIFT'S JEWEL

**SHORTENING**

3 Lb. Can **59¢**

GLADIOLA—5 Lb. Bag

**MEAL 29¢**

KRAFT'S VELVEETA

**CHEESE**

2 Lb. Box

**79¢**

SWEET HEINZ—2-Oz. Jar

**PICKLES 35¢**

★ *Finest Quality* **MEATS** ★

BIG TOP—12-Oz. Glass

**PEANUT BUTTER - - - - 39¢**

SNYDER'S—14-Oz. Bottles

**CATSUP 2 FOR 25¢**

**HAM HOCKS - - Lb. 19¢**

DEL MONTE—303 Can

**PEAS - - - - 2 for 29¢**

LONGHORN

**CHEESE - Lb. 49¢**

HORMEL

**VENNAS - - 2 for 45¢**

A MUST FOR NEW YEAR'S DINNER  
**SALT JOWL - - - - 2 Lb. 25¢**  
**DRY BLACK EYE PEAS Lb. 10¢**

PURE PORK HOMEMADE

**SAUSAGE - - - Lb. 49¢**

Garden Fresh **VEGETABLES**

CRISP

**LETTUCE - - - - Lb. 13¢**

KRAFT PEACH OR APRICOT—20-Oz. Glass

**PRESERVES 39¢**

DELICIOUS

**APPLES - - - - Lb. 16¢**

KIMBELL'S

**OLEO 2 Lbs 35¢**

YELLOW

**ONIONS - - - - Lb. 7¢**

KIMBELL'S—300 Size

**BLACK EYE PEAS 2 For 25¢**

RUSSET

**SPUDS - - 10 Lb. Bag 45¢**

HORMEL—No. 2 Can

**CHILI No. 2 Can - 65¢**

RED EMPEROR

**GRAPES - - - - Lb. 15¢**

HORMEL

**SPAM Can - - - - 45¢**

FRESH

**PORK LIVER - Lb. 29¢**

5 TO 20 LBS.

**TURKEYS - - - Lb. 49¢**

ARMOUR'S MATCHLESS

**BACON Lb. 33¢**

**Frozen Foods**

DONALD DUCK—6-Oz. Can

**ORANGE JUICE - - 2 for 39¢**

KRAFT'S PHILADELPHIA—3-Oz. Pkg.

**CREAM CHEESE 10¢**

BIRD'S EYE—6-Oz. Can

**PUNCH - - - 2 for 39¢**

...WHEN YOU MAKE IT  
**one for the road**  
MAKE IT  
**INSTANT MAXWELL HOUSE**  
6 oz. jar **79¢**

FOR A *happier, safer holiday*



3 MINUTE—1-Lb. Bag  
**Popcorn 2 for 39¢**

KING SIZE—Box  
**TIDE 1.19**

KRAFT COOKING

**OIL - - - - Qt. 49¢**

LIGHT CRUST - 5 Lb. Box

**FLOUR 39¢**

OAK FARM -- WHIPPING

**CREAM**

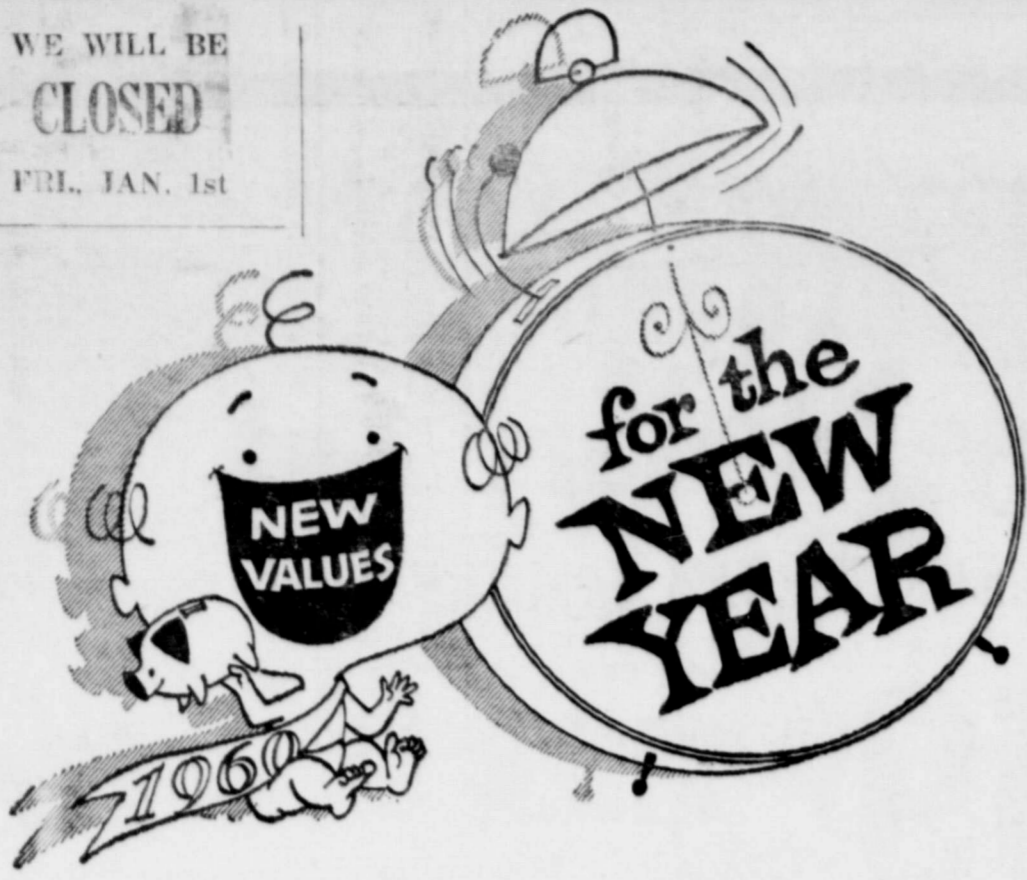
Half pint **19¢**

REFRIGERATED — PARKING LOT IN REAR — FREE PREMIUMS — CONVENIENT LOCATION

**WILSON'S FOOD STORE**  
Phone 173 - Two Deliveries Daily at 10 a.m. & 4 p.m.

DON'T FORGET  
TO SAVE YOUR  
CASH REGISTER  
TAPES FOR  
PREMIUMS

WE WILL BE  
**CLOSED**  
FRI. JAN. 1st



**APPRECIATION DAY**  
SPECIAL TIME SALE

DONALD DUCK  
**ORANGE JUICE**

6 oz.  
Can For **9¢**

TIME FROM 1:30 TO 5:30 P.M.

PRICES GOOD

Wednesday Eve. - Thurs. - Sat.  
December 30-31 — Jan. 2nd

ONCE AGAIN — WE HAVE THE  
**LUCKY CALENDAR**

EACH MONDAY WE DRAW A NUMBER, THEN POST IT IN STORE. EACH CALENDAR IS NUMBERED. SO IF YOUR NUMBER IS POSTED YOU WILL WIN THE PRIZE OF THE WEEK. YOU WILL HAVE TIL SATURDAY AT 8:30 P.M. TO CLAIM THE PRIZE SO BE SURE YOU KNOW YOUR CALENDAR NUMBER AND CHECK EACH WEEK IF YOUR NUMBER IS POSTED. WE WILL DRAW EACH WEEK THIS YEAR.

SAVE CARSON'S CASH REGISTER TAPES FOR VALUABLE PRIZES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR — THEY ARE ALL WAYS GOOD!

SALAD OIL  
**WESSON OIL**  
Quart Jar **43¢**

HEINZ CANDIED  
**KRINK-I-CHIP**  
Pickles Jar **23¢**

LOG CABIN  
**MAPLE**  
Syrup 21-oz. Jar **49¢**

For A NEW YEARS TREAT

EAT  
SALT  
**JOWELS**  
2 Pounds

**25¢**

BLACKEYE  
**PEAS**  
2 Lbs.

**25¢**

GOOD LUCK FOR YEAR



INSTANT COFFEE  
**FOLGERS**  
6 oz. Jar **73¢**

**SOUP**

CAMPBELL'S  
**TOMATO**

Can

**10¢**

**Mrs. TUCKER**

SHORTENING  
PURE VEGETABLE  
3 lb. Can

**59¢**

**COFFEE**

Maxwell House  
Pound Limit

**55¢**

**PEACHES**

Gold Coast  
2 1/2 Spiced Can

**19¢**

**CATSUP**

SNIDER'S  
14 oz. bot. 2 for

**29¢**

CREAM CHEESE  
**PHILADELPHIA**

30-Oz. Pkg.

**9¢**

Supreme  
CREAM  
**COOKIES**

2 Lb. Bag **49¢**

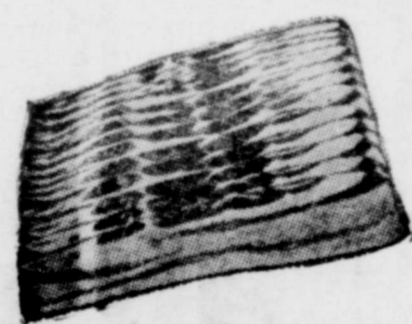
OLEO  
**PARKAY**  
Pound **19¢**

BAKER'S  
**GERMAN**  
CHOCOLATE BAR **23¢**  
HIP-O-LITE  
**MARSHMALLOW**  
CREAM **19¢**  
16-Oz. JAR



Finest Quality  
**MEATS**

HORMEL  
Dairy Brand



**BACON**  
Lb. - **45¢**

HORMEL DAIRY BRAND  
**BOLOGNA** Lb. - **49¢**

CHOICE HEAVY BEEF  
POT or  
CHUCK **ROAST** Lb. **49¢**

CHOICE HEAVY BEEF  
SIRLOIN STEAK ----- Lb. 87¢  
CHOICE HEAVY BEEF  
SHORT RIBS ----- 4 Lbs. \$1.00

HORMEL  
SUMMER SAUSAGE ----- Lb. 59¢  
GOOCH'S RANCH PACK

**WEINERS** 3 Lbs. **89¢**

NICE LEAN  
Pork **ROAST** Lb. **39¢**

FRESH LEAN  
Pork **CHOPS** Lb. **45¢**

GLADIOLA  
**FLOUR**  
5 Lb. Bag **39¢**

SALAD DRESSING  
**MIRACLE WHIP**  
Quart Jar **43¢**

QUICK, CONVENIENT  
**Frozen Foods**

KUNER'S FRESH  
**BLACKEYE PEAS** - - - Pkg. **19¢**

PATIO  
**MEXICAN DINNER** - - - Pkg. **59¢**

PATIO  
**TAMALES** - - - - 12 in Pkg. **39¢**

PATIO  
**TORTILLAS** - - - - Pkg. **15¢**

BIRDSEYE  
**BEEF DINNER** - - - Pkg. **63¢**

DEL MONTE 303  
**Golden CORN** - - - - 2 for **33¢**

DEL MONTE 303  
**Sweet PEAS** - - - - 2 for **33¢**

DEL MONTE 46-oz.  
**TOMATO JUICE** - - - - Can **25¢**

BAMA PRESERVES  
**PEACH**  
18 oz. JAR **25¢**

KUNER'S SNAPPED  
**BLACKEYE**  
**PEAS** 2 for **25¢**

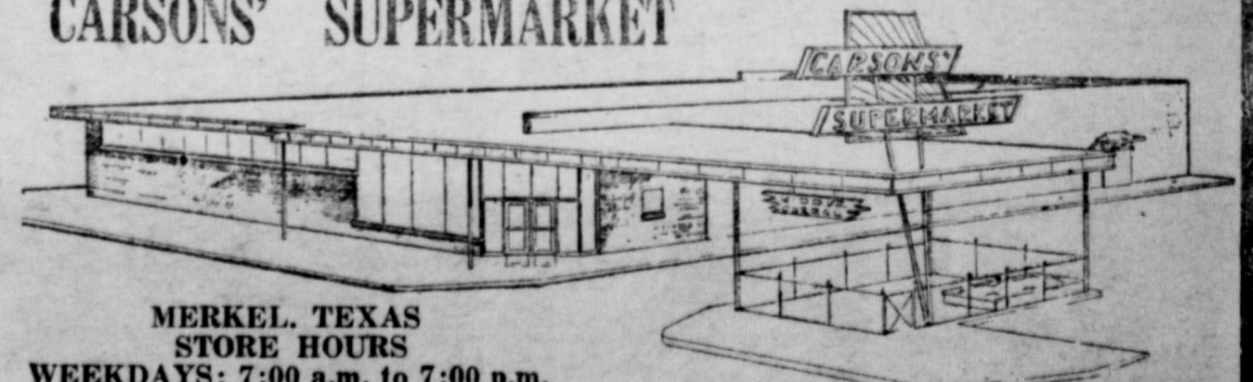
**DREFT**  
Giant Box **59¢**

**TIDE**  
Large  
2 for **53¢**

**IVORY**  
Liquid Giant **53¢**

**Mr. CLEAN**  
Feg. JAR **29¢**

CARSON'S SUPERMARKET



MERKEL, TEXAS  
STORE HOURS  
WEEKDAYS: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
SATURDAYS 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

TRADE WITH US AND BANK THE DIFFERENCE

Garden Fresh  
**Vegetables**



RED DELICIOUS  
**APPLES**  
Jumbo Lb. **17¢**

FRESH  
**TURNIPS & TOPS** 2 bn. **25¢**

TEXAS  
**ORANGES** - - - - Lb. **9¢**

FRESH  
CELLO CARROTS ----- Lb. **9¢**

DEAGO  
PEARS ----- Lb. **15¢**

WHITE  
GRAPEFRUIT ----- 2 Lbs. **15¢**

COLORADO  
**RED SPUDS** - - - - Lb. **4¢**