Conservation District, along with local Middle Clear Fork Soil Conthe state, will be attending the Mrs. Ernest Brady, Mr. and Mrs 20th annual Meeting of Texas Soil Robert Manley, Tom Russom, Hollas, January 11-13.

Designed to allow District Su- Haynes. pervisors from all parts of Texas to get together to discuss mutual problems and to plan their Dis-

Trent Teams Win Noodle **Tournament**

The Trent boys and girls gain. ed the finals of the Noodle Invi -tation basketball tourney here Thursday.

Trent defeated Loraine, 53-35, in one boys semifinals with Noodle and Blackwell earning the right to meet in the other.

Noodle whipped Baird, 59-42, and Blackwell beat Hobbs, 56-44. The Trent girls drubbed Wylie, 51-36, in a semifinal clash with Baird and Blackwell surviving

quarterfinal action. Baird tamed host Noodle, 59-38, and Blackwell edged Hobbs, 56-

There will be no action Friday due to district play. The remaining semifinals are scheduled Saturday morning with the girls finals on tap at 7:30 p.m. and the boys finals slated at 8:45.

Boys high - pointers Thursday night included Ruben Mijares, Hobbs, 22: Gerald Richie, Noodle, 17: Cotton Barnes, Baird, 16: Mike Kinard, Blackwell, 15: Don Jones, Trent, 12: and Stanley Martin, Loraine, 10.

TRENT LORAINE

HOBBS NOODLE

BAIRD

Brazzil Opens New Business

Bill Brazzil has announced the opening of a painting and electrical wiring business at his home at 806 Yucca St.

Electrical Wiring Service," serv. Mr. E. L. Tarpley ices of the new business will in- Mr. Leo Mashburn clude painting, both exterior and Mrs. Joe Douglas interior, and wiring of all kinds. Mr. J. D. Petree Brazzil was formerly labora- Mr. Howard Laney

Mrs. Brazzil is employed by Dismissals: Fletcher Oil & Gas Co. of Abi-

The Brazzils are members of First Baptist Church.

Cemetery Fund

The following persons made Mr. Leo Mashburn contributions to the Merkel Cem- Mrs. Joe Douglas etery Association fund for the Mr. J. D. Petree week ending Jan. 7: Mrs. Jas. H. West

Jennie Keny Mrs. M. G. Bryan

agricultural leaders from across servation District are Mr. and Conservation Districts to be in Dal- land Teaff. James Dominy, H. C. Stanley, Bob Cook and Comer

The 1961 Meeting will be the first held in Dallas, and will have 581.83. its sessions in the new Dallas Metrict programs for the coming morial Auditorium. In addition to the work sessions, outstanding speakers, demonstrations, entertainment, a Soil and Water Show displaying the newest in agricultural equipment and materials, Bank reflects the economic pro- military expenditures in the and a feature-filled program for the ladies, are also on schedule. Since its beginning in 1939, the

> Soil Conservation District Movement has mushroomed until it now takes in 99 percent of the state. More than 185,000 farmers and ranchers, working more than one hundred million acres, participate in the District program. Each District is formed by a vote of local people, and is governed by a five-man Board of Supervisors elected by landowners within the District boundaries. The District is completely self-governing. and has no power to tax or to issue bonds. It is estimated that a complete application of basic of \$123 in cash, exhibiting the conservation practices to all the farms and ranches of Texas would result in an increase of more than one billion dollars in farm income annually.

The local Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District was found-

Mrs. John Shannon Mrs. Alonzo Peterson Mr. J. Ed Brooks 35 Mr. Joe McDuff Mrs. D. B. Barnes Mr. Tom Coats Mrs. H. Fennell Mrs. M. B. Hale Mrs. R. Isom Mrs. W. B. Harris Pam Harrell David Fatheree Mrs. Esequel Dela Cruz Mr. Odie Jones Mrs. J. C. Lilly Mrs. R. L. Williamson Mrs. Derrell Farmer Chera Sublett Mrs. Johnny Jacobs To be known as "Painting & Mrs. Oscar Brewer tory technician at Sadler Hospital, Mrs. Mary Garcia a position he held for the past Mrs. J. N. Lawrence Mrs. Margaret Ervin Mrs. Esequel Dela Cruz Mr. Odie Jones

> Mrs. J. C. Lilly Mrs. R. L. Williamson Mrs. Derrell Farmer Chera Sublett Mrs. Johnny Jacobs Mrs. Oscar Brewer Mr. E. L. Tarpley Mr. Howard Laney Mrs. Mary Garcia Mrs. J. N. Lawrence

Mrs. Margaret Ervin

NORTH TEX. STUDENT INVENTS COACHING ALL

junk yard, all of his wife's com- takes individual players are makcheap optical lenses, a senior edu- work and why. cation major at North Texas has The instrument works, in prinbuilt what he hopes is a "revolu- ciple, much like the periscope of tionary" coaching aid.

E. L. Ash of San Angelo and the lenses. a machine that will eliminate the ity and size by the operator. need for having a coach in the pressbox to relay information to cepted by the coaching world to | na gilts, McElmurray. the staff and the players on the sell it commercially.

An avid football fan, Ash once worst seat in the stadium. After it was demonstrated. much tinkering, Ash came up with

Using a tube he picked up at a posing team's defense, what mis pact mirrors and a couple of ing, what series of plays might go. 2. 3. Douglas Barnhart.

a submarine, but it casts a real Lee Ash, son of Mr. and Mrs. image due to the arrangement of

grandson of Mrs. Pearl Ash of The image, cast on a white Merkel, built a working model of screen, may be adjusted for clar-Ash hopes if the machine is ac-

Although many of his friends were skeptical of Ash's device, heard a coach claim he had the they were soon won over when

One of them exclaimed, "If what he calls a "Scan-a-Viewer." had one of those little jewels I With the viewer the coach can sure wouldn't waste my time point out, in color and on a 12-to- looking at football players with 14-inch screen similar to that of all those pretty girls in the Lewis Maberry. a TV set, weaknesses in the op- stands."

Reach All-Time High

kel hit an all-time high on Jan 9, bank. 1961 when they reached \$4.133,-

on Dec. 31, 1960.

The above figure, according to 864,432.

Deposits in The Farmers and gress, stability and sound condi-county were the reasons given Merchants National Bank of Mer- tion of the area served by the for the increase.

over the amount reflected in the 1960, it was revealed that the de- 515 for the seven banks. Comptroller's Call for Statement posits in the county had reached an all-time year end high of \$112,-

Booth Warren, president of F&M | Excellent crop conditions and

WHITE FLAT BOY TOPS IN TRENT STOCK SHOW

Mr and Mrs. C. L. McElmurray of Heavyweight Berks and other feeding under both the 4H and murray. 3. Arthur Maberry. FFA programs, carried off top honors in the eighth annual Trent Community Livestock Show Sat-

In the exceptionally hot swine show, McElmurray won a total grand and reserve champion females of the show, the grand champion barrow of the show, the grand champion boar, several grand and reserve champion barrow classes, plus a dozen first and second place ribbons.

All of McElmurray's swine were of his own breeding.

The champion boar was a Poland China his father bought from W. F. Holloway of Petersburg and is a grandson of Honor Star, a Goodwin. one-time grand champion of the Chicago International. 123 Swine Entries

There were 123 swine entered in all classes of the show. Most of these will compete in the Abilene Fat Stock Show Jan. 21-25, according to Albert Maberry, of the show. Jerry Shafer, 12, son of Mr.

nd Mrs. M. (Red) Shafer, Trent 4-H member, showed an 875 pound Hereford from the Gart- King. Reserve female-Arthur Maman Ranch in Coke County to the grand championship of the fat Robert Williams, 18, Trent FFA

from the Y-6 Ranch at Hamlin named the reserve champion. In the breeding poultry class, Lee Lanning had the champion laying hens and Jerry Barnes the reserve champion. The grand champion rabbit was exhibited by Bob Lawlis and the reserve

boy, had an 825-pound Hereford

champion by Ronnie Lawlis. Billy Feller had the champion and reserve champion tom turkeys and first place turkey hens. Feller showed the grand and reserve champion capons and the first and second place capon trios.

Poultry and livestock were judged by Bill G. Scott. Abilene vocational agriculture teacher, in the Trent FFA show barn.

Showman Awards Showmanship awards included silver buckle furnished by Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., presented by Norman Winter, TEC sales manager, to Gary Douglas, Trent FFA: Rawlston - Purina awards to three runners-up, Al Mayberry, Steve Kiser and Jerry Shafer; cash to Billy Feller, in poultry; to Robert Williams, beef cattle: to Strawnie Seago, swine; to Buddy King, dairy cattle; and Sue King, sheep.

Following is a summary of re-

Berkshire gilts-1. Steve Kiser. 2. and Kiser, 3. Lee Lanning. Duroc gilts - 1. Strawnie Sea-

Other breed gilts - 1. and 2 Dennis Hobbs. 3. Ricky McElmur-

Duroc sows-1. Albert Maberry. 2. Lanning. Champion Duroc female-Ma-

Berry: reserve, Seago. Poland China gilts-1. and 2. McElmurray. 3. Delma Reed. Grand and reserve Poland Chi-

Berkshire gilts-1. Kiser. 2 and Barnhart. Grand champion Berkshire gilt,

Kiser: reserve, Barnhart. Heavyweight Berkshire barrows 1. Al Maberry. 2. McElmurray. Lanning

Lightweight Berks-1. Lanning en. 2. Carolyn Graham. 3. Arthur

the White Flat community and breed barrows-1. and 2. McEl-Lightweight Berks and other reed barrows-1 and 2. Arthur Maberry. 3. Delma Hobbs.

Champion and reserve Berk and other breed barrows, McEl-

Heavyweight Duroc barrows Seago. 2. Eugene Keagans 3. Keith Claborn. Lightweight Duroc barrows Bob Williams. 2. Al Maberry.

Lanning. Champion Duroc barrow, Seago; eserve. Keagans.

Heavyweight Poland China barrows-1. Lanning. 2. Dub Good-1 win. 3. McElmurray. Lightweight Poland China barrows-1 and 2. McElmurray. 3.

Grand champion Poland China Lanning, reserve McElmurray. Grand champion pen of three barrows-Maberry. Reserve champion pen-Lanning.

Beef breeding heifers-1. Loyd Williams. 2. Leroy Shafer. Dairy heifer-1. Arthur Ma-Trent VA teacher and an official berry. 2. Jerry Dickerson. 3. Buddy King.

Dairy cows-1. King. 2. Dicker-Grand champion dairy female-

Hereford steers-1. Jerry Sha-

Shafer. Angus steers — 1. and 2. Bob Williams. 3. Al Maberry.

Grand champion steer-Jerry Shafer. Reserve champion-Loyd and Bob Williams.

Not only did the deposits set When the seven Taylor County an all-time record for the county,

banks responded to a call for a but the loans skyrocketed to more Deposits were up \$182,019.13 statement of condition on Dec. 31, than 50 million dollars \$51,886,-

J. G. Wilkes of the Home State Bank, Trent, in commenting on the gain in deposits made by the the gain in deposits made by the Local Residents the year, said average crop conditions prevail in the Trent area. Cotton, however, produced about a half a bale to the acre. He attributes some of the gain to the To Inauguration fact crops were harvested during the final quarter of the year.

Bobby Sayles, of the First State had a mighty good cotton crop," in explaining the increase in deposits the cattle market has strengthenyear. Also, Sayles said, oil lease money is still coming in and there is a renewed interest in oil development in the Tuscola area.

Area Schools Receive Grants

The Federal Office of Educathe Tye Independent School District and Wylie Common School District for the 1961 fiscal year, Taylor County Supt. Clive Pierce said Thursday.

The information on the entitlement was received in a letter from Cong. Omar Burleson. Pierce said the money was be-

ing given for maintenance and operation of the schools due to Force personnel

The Tye district is to receive \$6,612 - \$4,215 of which is certified for immediate payment, and until 3 p.m. Jan. 25, 1961. fer. 2. Loyd Williams. 3. Leroy Wylie is to receive \$1,566, with \$998 certified for immediate payment.

Burleson said Pierce would be advised of the entitlements by the federal office within the next few

In taking Baylor to the cham-

pionship Patterson brushed past

in the 46 years of Southwest Con-

A former track star himself.

Patterson has the knack of getting

more out of an athlete than most

small but he had a half-dozen

steady point-makers. He alwys has

been noted for his ability to de-

Patterson won over five other

top coaches as he gained 40 first

place votes, 17 seconds, 14 thirds,

14 fourths, three fifths and one

Second was Jess Neely, veteran

able to battle for the Southwest

Patterson was reared in Merkel

sixth for a total of 427 points.

velop relay teams.

next witht 259.

EX-MERKELITE NAMED

Jack Patterson, son of Homer | first time in naming its coach of Patterson of Merkel, was named the year but Patterson's feat was Senior College Coach of the Year so outstanding he just had to have Texas by the Texas Sports the honor. Writers Association.

A coach at Baylor University, Patterson brought Baylor its first the University of Texas, which Southwest Conference track and won or tied for the title 31 times field championship in history.

The Sports Writers Association ference track and field. deviated from football for the

Football Banquet Saturday Night

The Merkel Badger football team will be honored at a banquet in the Paradise Room of the Sands Hotel in Abilene Saturday night, Jan. 14.

Attending the annual affair Rice coach, who developed a team will be high school students, teachers and board members. High school cheerleaders, under

Conference football championship direction of Miss Joy Morton, are into the Sugar Bowl. Neely polled in charge of the arrangements. 347 points. as to the conference basketball

Queen Slates Family Night

Starting Jan. 26 every Thursday ing to an announcement by Dalton | coach of the University of Hou-Kirby, manager.

On the special night each week champion for the fifth straight an entire family will be admitted year, wound up sixth with 207. for \$1 and free prizes will be giv-

Free admission tickets will be school. He is married to the foravailable at Carson Supermarket mer Lois Whitely, also a native of Champion, Al Maberry. Re- beginning Jan. 19, Kirby said. Merkel.

among the "chosen" to receive in-Washington Jan. 20. Among those who received them

at that bank at both the Oct. 3 are Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith Sr. and Dec. 31 calls. He added that the Lester Dortons, A. Sheppards, ed some in the last quarter of the Jack Souths, Fred Garys and Earl Lassiter.

The invitation which was eight and one-half by eleven inches in size, read as follows: "The Inaugural Committee requests the honor of your presence to attend and participate in the Inauguration of John Fitzgerald Kennedy as President of the United States of America and Lyndon Baines Johnson as Vice President of the United States of America on Friday the twentieth of January one tion in Washington has announced thousand nine hundred and sixtentative entitlement of \$8.178 for ty-one in the City of Washington."

Mail Messenger Post Office

Charles A. Smith, mail messen-

the office of the Distribution & Traffic Manager, Post Office Department, Box 2258, Fort Worth,

care and custody of the mail. Bids must be stated at the rate per year for which the bidder is willing to provide the service including vehicle, from the Merkel Post Office to T&P Railway and back. as often as required. The service will not be let for a stated period and no bond is required.

Postmastetr Wrenn Durham renuested that anyone interested please call at the Post Office for further information and forms for bidding.

New residents in Merkel are Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Buchanan who are living in a new home they the Abilene Jaycees in a basketbuilt on the south edge of town. ball game at 8 p.m. Thursday, They formerly lived in Abilene. Jan. 19 in Merkel High gym. Buchanan is a retired carnenter and farmer. He and his ect, the first sponsored by the wife have two married children, local group, are on sale this week any other coach. His saud was Hollis of Wylie, and Mrs. Ray- and may be obtained from any mond Petree of Caps .They have Jaycee. six grandchildren.

The new residents are members of the First Baptist Church.

Merkel Bank Deposits MRS. OLEVIA FUGAT.

Hardin-Simmons University, died din pastor of the Merkel church at 4:10 p.m. Sunday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital, Abilene, after tery here directed by Starb an illness of only a few hours. She Funeral Home. was admitted to the hospital about 8 p.m. Saturday.

Funeral was held at 2:30 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church here. Officiating were Merkel vicinity until shortly the Rev. Levi Price of Monahans, the Rev. Maple Avery, pastor of

Get Invitations

Several Merkel residents were Bank of Tuscola, declared "we vitations to the inauguration in

John Hardestys, F. T. Hogans,

Needed By Local

ger on the route from the Merkel the enrollment of students with federally employed parents, either under Civil Service or Air are now being taken for the job.

Persons bidding must not be under 18 years of age and must be suitable to be entrusted with the

Buchanans Are New

Merkel Residents

Mrs. Olevia Tabitha Fugat, 62, the University Baptist Church in assistant resident counselor at Abilene, and the Rev. Mart Har-Burial was in Rose Hill Cer

Borr Aug. 25, 1898, at Ne in Jones County, Mrs. Fugat m ried William Lee Fugat Feb. 2 er his death on March 7, 1953. when she moved to Abilene.

She was housemother at the Hendrick Nurses Dorm before coming assistant resident cou or at H-SU's Behrens Hall. Mrs. Fugat was a member of

University Baptist Church in A Survivors include three b ers, G. B. Tittle of Abilene, W. Tittle of Brownfield and C. R.

Tittle of Merkel; a niece wh she reared, Mrs. Kemp Hinch of Odessa; and several other n and nephews.

Officials Meet

Chuck Spicer, president of the Abilene Jaycees, and Bud Gray. state director, met with the Me kel Jaycees Friday night at kel Country Club.

Plans were made for the charter banquet to be held Feb. 3. Also discussed was the basketball game to be played with the Abilene Jaycees on Jan. 19 in the Merkel High gym.

Franklin Myrick, president, said all men between ages 21-35 are urged to attend the next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13 at Merkel Country Club. Men who are not in this age group may become associate members, My rick said, and are invited to

Johnson Rites

former Merkel resident who d Dec. 24 in a San Antonio pital, was held Dec. 26 in

Antonio. Mr. Johnson, a resident of San Antonio for 30 years, was a ber of the McKinley Ave. odist Church, member of Texas Lodge 8-AF&AM San Antonio Consistory, Scottish Rite Bodie and Alzafar Shrine.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter. Mrs. Mary Fave Farmer, Kermit; his mother, Mrs. Aurra Johnson, Fort Worth; a broth-Howard Johnson, Wayne, Mich., and a sister. Mrs. Mary Alice Dunn of Fort Worth.

Jaycees Slate **Basketball Game**

The Merkel Jaycees will meet

Tickets to the fund raising proj-

The Abilene group have a sur-

prise planned for the halftime

GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL

held in Snyder on Thursday, Jan- urer. uary 12, at the First Methodist Hal Bradley, who coached Tex- Church, with delegates and board Dorothy Miller, Snyder; Mrs. B. B. members from the entire 13-coun- Lee, Lamesa; Hez Hawley, Jr., championship, was third with 340 ty council area to attend.

points and Claude Girstrap, coach David Slaughter, who coached at 10 a.m. to open the day's ac- Jones, Jr., Abilene. tivities, and the full council meet-Sul Ross College to a 7-3 record Queen Theater in Merkel, accord- points and Dave Williams, golf council meeting will include re- Payne, Sweetwater; Mrs. Doro and a report on the recent St. and H. L. Davis, Rotan. Louis national Girl Scout convenand is a graduate of Merkel High tion.

Spring, vice-president; Mrs. L. E. and Glasscock.

Annual meeting of the West Gray, Jr., Abilene, secretary; Jay down to the wire and which got Texas Girl Scout Council will be Craddock, Colorado City, treas-

Other board members are Mrs. Sweetwater; Ed Jay, Sweetwater; points and Claude Girstrap, coach of Arlington State football, was cil president, will be in charge. Ralph Krieger, Abilene; Jack The board of directors will meet Holden, Abilene; and Morgan

District chairmen are Dr. J. C. night will be family night at the in football, was next with 234 ing opens with lunch at 12. The Shipman, Abilene; Mrs. Elmer ports from board members and Miller, Snyder; Mrs. Bill Early, ston, whose team was NCAA functional committee chairmen, Big Spring; Mrs. W. D. Pratt, Le awards, installation of officers, mesa; John Russell, Colorado City;

> Counties in the council area are Taylor, Jones, Fisher, Scurry, Council officers besides Am- Nolan, Mitchell, Howard, Borden, mons are Dan Conley of Big Dawson, Martin, Coke, Sterling,

DOLLAR DAY SPECIALS!



Home Demonstration Notes

BY LORETA ALLEN

Faying County Home Demonstration Agent

Proper care will keep those | plant. Drainage is important, too. Christmas plants looking lovely If the pot is wrapped in metal longer . . . Here are some pointers. foil, it may be necessary to cut Avoid drowning or water-logg- a small hole in the bottom of the ing plants by watering too often foil cover.

.. On the other hand, remember | A potted cyclamen will bloom that indoor atmosphere dries for several months if kept at a lowed to dry out completely. plants quickly. Follow directions temperature of 65 to 68 degrees for watering given with each where it can get morning light.

JACKPOT WINNERS and LOSERS THIS WEEK

Tuesday—Loser—Leola Shields	\$100.00
Wednesday-Loser-Mrs. Frank Bronovak	\$100.00
Thursday-Loser-J. E. Whidden	\$100.00
Friday-Loser-Willard R. Brown	\$100.00
Saturday-Loser-Jimmy Walker	\$100.00
Monday-Loser-Kenneth Collier	\$100.00

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INSURE AND BE SURE

Never allow soil to dry out completely while the plant is blooming. When it starts to lose leaves. allow the soil to become drier than in the growing season - but not powder dry. Some moisture must be present to keep the corm from drying up completely. Store in a cool dark place to carry it over a second season.

African violets need a sunny window during the middle of winter but can be put in the shade about the last of February. Let the soil get dry before watering. and then use water several degrees

warmer than room temperature. Primroses need abundant light in winter and do hest at about 65 degrees. Too much watering rots them but they should not be al-

The Jerusalem cherry and ornamental pepper like cool temperatures high humidity and elenty of sunshine. Smoke or gas the room will cause leaves to

Poinsettias will stay attractive or most of January if kept at emperatures around 65 degrees then plant outdoors.

Many people notice leaf spots on ligustrum, evenymous, grade is on one year old leaves that fall from the shrub. Several different fungi or molds may cause

If the value of the shrub is high enough to justify the cost, a preventive spray program is effective in reducing the damage by leaf spots. Use 2 tablespoons of cantan or 2 tablespoons of zineb and captan may be more effective. Zineb or captan may be used with safety during any part of the year. It is more important to have plants protected during times of above average rainfall or high hu-

With bacterial leaf spots, it may be necessary to spray with a fixed or insoluble copper such as Copper A Compound or Tri-basic Copper Sulfate. Bordeaux mixture may also be used. Use fixed copper or Bordeaux with care since they may damage leaves to some extent. The use of a spreadersticker and avoiding hot weather will tend to lesesen the spray dam-

Leaf spots may occur during the growing season. Continued premature loss of leaves may weaken a shrub so that it is more susceptible to other troubles. A good spray program plus proper fertilization and watering will help improve the health of shrubs. Avoid wetting foliage while water. ing as this tends to spread leaf

5 Generations Present At Hail **Family Reunion**

Six of the children of Mrs Frank Hail of Trent and the late Mr. Hale met in her home Saturday. Dec. 24 for a dinner and Christmas tree.

Representing five generations present were Mrs. S. E. Pomroy of Merkel, who was 92 in July, Mrs. Frank Hail. Mrs. Cecil Taylor. Mrs. Weldon Beasley and Cindy Beasley, all of Trent

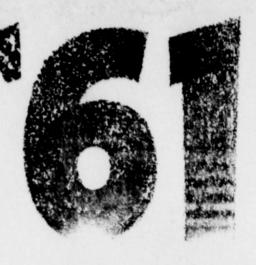
Others present were Ernest Hail of Magdalena, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. J C. Davis, Jo Ann, Brenda, Jimmy, Jerry and Ernie of Odessa; Bobby and Ralph Hail, also of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fields, Alton Joe and Larry of Kress; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pate, and Mr. and Mrs. I. J Hail and Joy, all of Abilene: Cecil Taylor and Weldon Baesley of Trent; Mrs. Ruth York, Merkel, and Jack Pomroy of Kermit.



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AND WHAT IS YOUR GUESS?

The New Year is here! IT'S 1961 . . . and as usual at the beginning of a year, the "experts" forecast and everybody guesses about what the year will bring. One thing is sure—it will be an interesting year. Our guess is that there will be a general pick up in business activity; that contrary to election promises there will not be all-out government spending; that inflation will not develop as foreseen; that the line will be held on prices and wages enabling business in this country to compete favorably for local and foreign markets; that individuals will continue to save more and build reserves. That's our guess for 1961-at least it's our hope! And what's your guess?

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

Close of Business December 31, 1960

RESOURCES

Loans \$	750,905.95
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	6,000.00
Banking House	75,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	42,500.00
AVAILABLE CASH AND QUICK ASSETS:	
U. S. Government Securities \$1,446,859.38	

767,250.88 Municipal Bonds and Warrants 1,174,181.89 Cash and Due from Banks . 3,388,292.15 Total Resources \$4,262,698.10 LIABILITIES

Capital Stock 100,000.00 Surplus 100,000.00 Undivided Profits and Reserves -101,135.40 Dividend (10% payable Dec. 31, 1960) __ 10,000.00 DEPOSITS \$3,951,562.70 Total Liabilities . \$4,262,698.10

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HAM Shank End Lb. 47c

HORMEL

HAM Center Slice Lb. 89c

TIDE Gt. 65c

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est Decembers that we have had a fresh born baby lamb hits the for many years, stockmen are ground on some of the cold nights Local Car Dealer really looking for some warm weather, so as to let the livestock be a strong baby to stand it.

soming through one of the cold- ing out their ewes and boy, when



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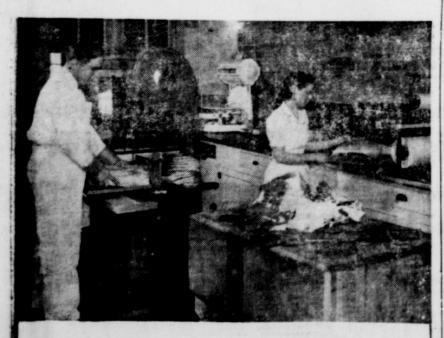
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we have been having, he has to

One stockman said this kind of weather was hard on goats also, whether the hair is long or short. Small grain just hasn't grown

any at all, due to the weather. Too, grain was sown so late. Some few farmers are sowing oats now. r were before the rain

Reports of up to 21/2 inches of ed new Ramblers during Decemrain fell across the Canyon, With ber, Nolan Palmer, the firm's uch underground moisture we should have fine pasture in the pring and on into the summer.

At the Mitchell County Hereord sale the past week we heard fellow say that the wheat was rowing so fast in the Panhandle hat the owners were almost giv-

Gerald Derrick and Joe Horton f Merkel are sending cattle to more about it.

hinking of putting some heifers food at his place in a few days. fternoon. They reported a ver-

Merkel received word of the birth Praze Demere of Merkel, great randmother, said the child has een named Fraze Demere, for is great grandfather, the late

We received word here this week that the Rev. Elria Phillips, Methodist pastor in the Lubbock district, is in Methodist hospital, Lubbock, where he will undergo surgery. Rev. Phillips was the first pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church here.

BADGER TALES

By Ruthie Corder

In case you were wondering why most of the sad faces were walking around this week it was because of mid-term exams. Thank goodness we only worry about them once a year.

Show Monday? One of those good looking blondes was Merkel's own cutie-Maxine Patterson - sweet the exchanging of gifts with heart for the Merkel F.F.A. chap- Charles Eager and Horace Harter Maxine was really a success— grove representing Santa Claus

Del Davis is back in school again -this time with Rex Allen's autograph. He thinks that he could be completely happy, now-if he just had Brigette Bardot's.

This makes twice that the same football jacket has made a big hit at Merkel. Most of the girls like them-surprise! They really are nice jackets, though, and they look good on the boys, too.

Only about three more days until the banquet. Everybody ready? Don't ask a cheer leader she might scream.

I think that I shall never see A 'C" as lovely as a "B."

A "B" whose rounded form is pressed upon the records of the

Fools like me can make a "C," But only sucks can make a "B." -Selected

Mrs. Harrison **Hosts Reunion**

Mrs. W. A. Harrison hosted a eunion in her home at 206 Locust St. during the holidays. Present were Mr. and Mrs. J.

W. Harrison, Pamela and Shelia of Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swinney and Johnny of Trent; Mrs. Elmer Harrison, Kay, Terri and Chris, Mrs. Donald Rutledge and Donna Lee, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rodgers, Lynda, Kathi and Mac, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Newton, Cindy and Kurt, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Harrison, Monahans, Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Rodgers, Vicky and Christy, Anson; Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Rodgers, and the Rev. Lynward Harrison,

Dr. Eleanor Weldon Chiropractor 707 Yucca Phone 58

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To Give Bonds To **Eight Customers**

Eight customers of Palmer Motor Co. will receive U. S. Savings Bonds with a total maturity value of \$200.00 because they purchaswner, announced today. Palmer Motor Co. is located at 1208 N. 1st. Merkel.

The bonds will be sent to them tomatically by American Motors

Under AM's Progress Sharing rooram Rambler buyers receive onds as national Rambler sales crease between December 1 and 1. the December buyers will readditional bonds, Palme

If the minimum increase

he greatest I've seen in my man started by George Romney, pres ident of American Motors, to give a further lift to rising Rambler sales volume by sharing nearly all of the economies of the in with the customer.

Total Rambler sales in December climbed to 34.971, a 13.8 per cent gain over 1959. Sales of Palmer Motor Co. were up 42 per

"Rambler prices already are substantially below those of competitive cars and with the bonus olan in effect buyers will realize dditional savings," Palmer said.

Lambda Betas

Members of Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and their husbands met for their annual Christmas dinner at the Merkel Did you watch the Harry Holt Country Club on Dec. 20. Thirtyseven were present.

Highlight of the evening was

1954

1958

WSCS Honors **Guild Members**

The Woman's Society of Christian Service honored members of the Weselyn Service Guild in the home of Mrs. W. S. J. Brown Monday evening

Mrs. Ray Wilson, president of W S. C. S., was in charge of the

The group sang the hymn "The Kingdom Is Coming" accompanied Mrs. Jarrett Williams at the n and Mrs. Brown at the piano Mrs. W. R. Cypert gave the devotional from the Book of Psalms.

Mrs. Wilson read an article taken from the "Methodist Women" nagazine which gave the date of the organization of the Service Guild, its growth and service to

Mrs. J. A. Cooley showed a film, he Busy Life," depicting the life an average family with its busy hedule It showed how one busy man applied time to service, not aly to her immediate family, but others also.

Refreshments were served to 19 nhers of the two societies.

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MERKEL

1208 N. 1ST ST

Seymore, left Tuesday to return wards; Raymond Smith, first alto Chowchilla, Calif., after an ex-ternate. Other members of the tended holiday visit here.

Dillard Dunn is now in charge Hatcheson, H. F. Hennington, Orof the market department of vill Ely and Billy Joe White. West Company's Red & White atre Mr. Dunn will move his fam- 689.150. ily here at an early date from Southland.

James Swann came from Chicago to spend Christmas day with grain annually to Rome in the ports for alien children under 14 his mother, Mrs. J. S. Swann and days of the Roman empire. accompanied a sister, Mrs. Carson Miles to San Angelo, before going to Dallas and Wichita Falls. With victories over Lawn and

Taylor County tournament. In the game with Lawn Friday night, Merkel emerged the winner by score of 37-22 and on Tuesday ed a position in the offices of J. night, the team won over Trent Frank Clark in the Clinic Build. 20.12. In the line-up Coach Carroll Benson lists regulars as follows: Mr. and Mrs Odie Latimer and Elbert Hickman, center; James son, Jimmy Lee, accompanied by Cox, Buster Jack Melton, guards: Mrs. Latimer's niece Mavilene Glen Barbee, Donald Cade, for-

An average of \$815 was paid Vaughn, who is now assisting the W. J. Largent & Son disper-

Egypt exported 150,000 tons of

Trent, Merkel is undefeated in the between the ages of five and 14. to serious penalties.

Page Five Aliens Reminded To Report Their Addresses In Jan.

J. W. Holland, District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, San Antonio, has gain reminded all aliens to report their addresses during Jansquad are Tag Shouse, Billy Tom uary.

Cards with which to make the and Naturalization Service Manager Hodge at the Queen The- sion sale. Wednesday Sales totaled throughout the country. The reports must be submitted to one those offices.

> Parents or guardians submit reyears of age.

Mr. Holland urges all aliens to dah, or Enlightened, who wsa first of three meetings scheduled Cancer takes more lives than report before the end of January, born about 560 B.C. It was the at the Butman Methodist Camp any other disease among children as wilful failure to do so may lead predominant religion of India un- south of Merkel.

School Census **Continues Here**

Leon Walker, elementary school School District who have a child who will start to school next September, to contact him.

Walker is conducting the annual census, which started on Jan. 1, for the school district.

The census, required by law Mrs. Blanche Amason. reports are available at Post Of each year to enumerate all chil-Store, taking the place of Holt by 44 buyers for 109 Herefords in fices and offices of the Immigra- dren of the school district whose birth dates fall either after Sept. 1. 1943, or before Sept. 1, 1955, enables the Merkel schools to determine pupil and teacher placement for the 1961-62 school year.

> hatta Gautama, known as Budtil about the 10th Century A.D.

Mrs. King Hosts **Circle Meeting**

Blanche Rose Walker Circle of principal, requests that all par- First Baptist Church met in the ents in the Merkel Independent home of Mrs. E. W. King Tuesday, Jan. 10, with Mrs. Vaughn Doan,

chairman, presiding. Mrs. King was in charge of the program. Opening prayer was by

Mrs. Doan. Mrs. Cordelia Sherer brought the devotional.

The closing prayer was led by Refreshments of ice box cookies and coffee were served.

Meetings Slated At Butman Camp

A Pastor's Retreat will be the

26-27 Albert Cockrell will be the pastor in charge.

The Older Youth from St. Paul Methodist Church in Abilene will gather at supper time on Jan. 27 and remain all the next day, Jan.

The Women's Society of Christian Service will meet at the camp on Feb. 3-4 with Mrs. Ray Johnson of Abilene the sponsor.

R. B. Horton of Abilene was a Sunday visitor in the home of his mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ama-



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This Season's popular patterns and

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Pillow cases to match these sheets ONLY

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za". Double bed size.

BROWN DOMESTIC Wide width and smooth quality

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PRICE

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Consists of every Ladies' long and short-

ength Coat in stock. ONE-THIRD OFF

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GROUP V

Consists of every Girls' Coat in stock.

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CARD OF THANKS We are taking this method of xpressing our thanks and deep ppreciation for the flowers sent. the ones who prepared and served food, visits made, and those who helped in numerous ways durthe illness and loss of our band and father. These deeds \$1 a shot. will be long remembered and

Mrs. L. B. English and children.

CARD OF THANKS The kindness and sympathy of

our friends and neighbors in our ecert sorrow the loss of our grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Fox, will always remain with us as a precous memory. We wish to thank Mrs. Julia Lawson for her care and all who sent flowers and you all is our sincere prayer.

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ck W. McAninch were united marriage Dec. 29 in the First attending the University of Texas fethodist Church, The Rev. Alvis Modical School in Galveston, coley, pastor, performed the The couple will reside at 4102 uble ring ceremony.

Ave. O, Galveston. The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Sylvester S. S. Schuette of Moscow, Idaho, Mr. bride included a coffee Dec. 27 nd Mrs. Weldon McAninch of in Merkel, are parents of the bride maand a gift too Doc. 28 in the home

Kent Satterwhite and Lynn of Mrs. W. H. Bullock. Knight seated guests. Wedding music was presented by Mrs. No: man Winter, organist, and Mrs. Iomer Patterson, soloist.

Weldon McAninch escorted the ride to the altar. Her gown of white satin was fashioned with a calloped neckline and long eeves of lace.

A seed pearl headdress held her ngertip veil of French illusion. fer flowers were white featherd carnations centered with white rehid. Strings of pearls cascaded rom the bouquet. The bride was graduated from

Moscow High School and attended the University of Idaho. The bridegroom, a graduate of Merkel High School, received a

bachelor of science degree from Texas Technological College and

DEAR MISTER EDITOR

I recollect a story in the pa pers way back yonder 30 year ago about a hunting trip Wil Rogers took to Africa. The Saturday Evening Post was paying him a \$1 a word fer sending back account ever week of his expercabled him to quit shooting so

o what it's corting us taxpavers

price of talk in the Sanate. this last time and a copy of all their speeches weighed 112 rounds, filled 7,920 nages used 12 million words. The feller writing this piece was comparing it with a standard size Pible that weighs two pounds and 10 ounces, has 1,149 pages, and less than 8 million works. If that was the end, things

wouldn't be so bad, but all of it had to be printed in the Congressional Record at \$85 a page. This feller went on to show that each Senator on the average talked enough to fill 78 pages. and one distinguished Senator used 300 pages. Gitting it down to dollars and cents, it cost the taxpayers \$26,265 just to put this one Senator's speeches in print. Putting the speeches of all of 'em in print for the last session cost the folks back home \$672 000.

I brung this item to the attention of the fellers at the country store Saturday night. Ed Doolittle claimed Senators was pikers alongside them diplomats in the State Department. He said he was reading a piece the other day where Russia owes us ten billion eight hundred million dolars and our striped pants boys offered to cross off the ten bilion and settle for the eight hundred million. But up to now Russia is offering only three hundred million. Clem Webster allowed as how we better take it quick or they'd probably start charging us 6 per cent interest on the ten billion they don't aim to pay us.

Zeke Grubb was in favor of making diplomats git a year's dvarce training working with a balky mule. Zeke claims after a feller learns how to handle a stubborn, balky mule he'd be just right to take on Russia. I think that's good advice, Mister Editor. Incidental, I've even heard that experience with mules is mighty good training fer gitting along with wimmen. But I ain't endorsing it fer publication on account of my old lady might see this piece.

Yours truly, Gabby

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BSP Members Hear Program

The Lambda Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in Taylor addition to the monthly support. Flectric auditorium Dec. 6 with Mrs. Mansfield was hostess for Mrs. Vernon Mansfield, president, the evening. re-nuptial compliments to the

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presiding. Mrs. Newt Logan presented the program, "Carols at Christmas," a story of how the writing of carols began, written by Joy Eloise Belden. She played recordings of the more popular carols.

During the business session members voted to send a Christmas gift to their "adopted" boy at the Abilene State School in



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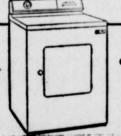
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Plants Alive

If you received a plant for or a friend's collection, it will need attention to keep its healthy condition.

Poinsettia-Keep the plant out of crofts while in bloom and void temperature changes. Water daily, never let soil dry too much, the soil. Give sun and 60 to 70 degree temperatures When blooms

50 to 65 degrees. Enjoy it in the living room by day, but place lips, Wilburn, E. O. Carson, Emma in a cool spot at night. Azaleas Wheatley, Higgins, Hays, Sherer, are thirsty plants so water daily Stephens, Josie Shanks, Dent Gibone-half teaspoon vinegar to a quart of water and soak the soil

is in bloom. Grown in a cool sun- Baptist Church visited Mr and

Potted Mums-Keep soil moist Reddin, who is a shut-in. as long as they bloom. At that time cut off faded flowers. In lan Hill, is reported seriously ill

from as the soil surface becomes bales of cotton this fall. routh and keep the leaves clean, children of Fort Worth.

piece of cardboard over pane all of Merkel. or by removing plants. Return to Mr. and Mrs. Denton were the window in the morning. Too much recipients of a new Rambler stawork? Not for a gift that brings tion wagon Christmas. continuing pleasure to you - because it grows.

House Plants

House plants can add a beautiful focal point to your home. With a little knowledge of water, soil and light requirements you may grow something that is beautiful to behold. Over watering is one of the

chief evils done to indoor plants. A general rule is to thoroughly water and then let the soil dry. Do not water so that water stands on top. Charcoal, broken brick or clay pots mixed through the soil or put in the bottom will keep the soil from souring in case of overwatering. Soil should be loose so that

the roots get air. Four parts top soil, two parts sand, two parts peat moss or leaf mold, one and one-half parts fertilizer, one-half cup bone meal to each peck of mixture.

Light is essential to plant growth. Geraniums need direct light; African violets thrive in shade; and Devils ivy, rubber plants and fiddle plants need light. Dust should be washed from the leaves because the plants manufacture food in the leaves.

It is possible that you will have to experiment with your focal point plant but III bet be glad you made the effort. F. C H.

J. M. Tucker and Vernon Horton of Plainview were Merkel visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hightower and Junior of Spur, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Callaway of Snyder, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Traweek and family of Crowell were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Traweek and children.

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The Darcas Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church held their regular monthly business Christmas, find out how to care meeting in the home of Mrs. for it. If it arrived from a florist Lige Harris with Mrs. W. A. Mc-Candless as co-hostess.

- Harris Home

Mrs. Harris, president, opened neeting. Prayer was by Mrs. B. Wilburn

Mrs. Cordelia Sherer brought the devtoional taken from the 103rd Psalm.

The social secretary, Mrs. Lon stephens, read the minutes for he month of November. Reports on the general and flower fund was brought by Mrs. Ada Higgins, mmittee chairman. Closing prayer was by Mrs. W

M. Hays. Refreshments of cake, coffee old drinks and candy were serv-Mmes. Pick Allen, Howard Phil son and P. F. Harris.

Stith Nowe

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

tom: keep soil moist when plant Sunday School class of the Stith ny window, it may bloom for Mrs. Dewey Reddin Thursday night and took flowers to Mr.

Mr. McGee, father of Mrs. Hu-

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley spent get several hours of good light the holidays in the home of their each week: feed during active daughter, Mrs. Cleo Lyles and

All plants need some fresh air | Holiday visitors in the home of dail. Open a window where sun Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West were comes in, but place the plant Mr. and Mrs. Willard West of way from direct draft or put Dallas, Edgar Bradley of Hico, Mr shield in front of window. At and Mrs Manley Denton of Okla night shield plants from excessive | homa, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wincold near the window by placing ter and Frostie and Miles West,

Mrs. Mary Craig of Graham visited her niece, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry the past week.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. J. E Swindell in the loss of her brother, Jim Reneau and grandson, who were killed in a

eral service Dec. 24 at Beaumont. and Mrs. E. L. Berry. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thackerson were recent guests in the home of her sister at Imperial.

car wreck Thursday, Dec. 22. Mrs. of Abilene and a niece, Mrs. Lou Swindell and son, the Rev. and Alnutt of North Dakota were hol-Mrs. Jesse Swindell attended fun- iday visitors in the home of Mr.

Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Owens and Micke of Crowell visited in the Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lilly and chil- home of Mrs Owen's brother, Mr. dren, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry and Mrs. Dick Traweek Sunday.

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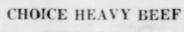


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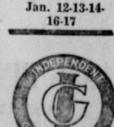
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