

December 19
Elementary girls basketball game at Anson 3:30 p.m.
Eighth grade Christmas party in the cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.
Jaycee basketball practice in the old gym at 7:30 p.m.

December 21
Elementary school pictures all morning.
Christmas parties in the home rooms all afternoon at Elementary School.
School is out for the holidays at 2:30 p.m.
Teen Dance at the Community Center 8 p.m. Admission 50 cents.

December 22
Santa will be at the Chamber of Commerce office all day.
Jaycees will sponsor the Under Privilege Children Shopping Tour 2:00 p.m.
The Men's Downtown Bible Class will meet to sing Christmas Carols at 7:30 p.m.

December 23
NEW LIVE OAK CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Program 7:00 p.m.
METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:55 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00
Training Union 6:30 p.m.
Christmas Program 7:30 p.m.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday School 9:45
Morning Worship 10:35
Sunday night Class 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:45 p.m.
ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School 9:45
Morning Worship 11:00
Young People 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Tree and old time play 7:00 p.m.
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00
Morning Worship 11:00
Training Union 6:45 p.m.
Christmas program 7:30 p.m.

December 24
Santa will be at the Chamber of Commerce office all day.
Auction at 3:00 p.m. and the car will be given away at 4:00 p.m.

James Kelso Funeral Held

James Ira Kelso, 70, a retired farmer, was found dead in his home in the 5th community at 1:30 p.m. December 15. Justice of the Peace Albin Story of Anson ruled death natural causes.

Born Feb. 19, 1892, in Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Mr. Kelso moved to Ellis County, Tex. in 1899, and to the Hodge Community in Jones County in 1904. A year later he moved to the 5th Community where he had lived since.

Funeral was held at 3 p.m. Saturday in Starbuck Funeral Chapel here with James J. Oubright, minister of the Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was in 5th Cemetery.

Mrs. Sharp Dies In Fort Worth

Mrs. O. M. Sharp, 67, died Dec. 12 in a convalescence home. She was the widow of O. M. Sharp, an employee of the West Side State Bank, who died in 1950.

Mrs. Lola Douglas Funeral Held

Services for Mrs. Lola Mae Douglas, 57, of Merkel were held at 3 p.m. December 15 in Calvary Baptist Church here with the Rev. Darrell Johnson, pastor, officiating.



HAPPY PARADERS — Susan Wilson, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woody Wilson, hugs up a stuffed animal in her role as "Santa's Helper" and Debra Martin, 10, gives out with a freckled grin from beneath twin spirals of hair in her role as a "hobo" in Merkel's Christmas Parade Friday.

WILSON'S FLOAT WINS FIRST IN 'HALF-MILE' YULE PARADE

Results in Friday's Christmas parade, sponsored by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, were announced Saturday.

Winners in the large float division were Wilson Food Store, first; Fortnightly Study Club, second, and a float co-sponsored by Bagby Conoco Station and Lone Star Skating Rink, third.

A survey powered by Mark and Mike Hicks and Debbie Fincher placed first in the vehicle decoration competition, Wayne Cypert's decorated bicycle was judged second and Mark Dudley went third as a Cub Scout on a bike.

In the Children on Foot division Diana, Dana and Dallas Dayton's "Sugar Plum Tree" entry was named first place winner; Suzie Wilson, "The Elf," second, and Debbie Martin as a hobo, third.

Bart Whisenand disguised himself as a hobo and brought along his dog to win first in the net division. Club Scout Kevin McMahon and his dog were second and Dee Warren and Randy Doon, dressed as clowns with a rabbit took third.

The Snow Queen float built by the Beta Sigma Phi sorority and the Merkel Chamber of Commerce's "Christmas Around the World" entry also were featured in the parade, but were not entered in the float competition. Also non-competitive was the Merkel High School band.

BOYS WIN CONSOLATION

GIRLS WIN TITLE IN BASKETBALL

Merkel boys missed Jayton 45-37 to win the consolation title at the Anson basketball tourney Saturday night.

Anson missed Avoca 51-49 to win the tournament.

All-Tournament girls are forward Sue Dutton of Winters, Stacy Vinson of Lueders, Maline Seymour and Gretta Griffen of Merkel. Pam Aldridge of Jim Ned, Geneva G. Breath of Anson, and guards, Gill Jones of Lueders, Johnnie Sue Ammons of Roby, Joyce Thomas of Anson, Nancy Young of Jim Ned, Ginger Gardner of Winters and Paula Arwine of Merkel.

Saturday night high scorers were Sanders with 19; Phil Swanson of Avoca, 13; Billy Lucas of Merkel, 11; Gerald Murrell of Jayton, 16; Maline Seymour of Merkel, 21 and Sue Lips of Lueders, 13.

The Bragg's and Bullock float wished everyone a "Merry Christmas."

Santa Claus headed the half-mile long extravaganza and was escorted by Chamber of Commerce President Joe Cypert and Mrs. Cypert and former Mayor Earl Hughes Sr. and Mrs. Hughes.

Judges were Mrs. W. B. Boren, president of the 18th district of Parent-Teacher Assn.; Mrs. Dave Brumbeau, co-publisher of the Merkel Mail, and Abilene Postmaster Clyde Grant.

LIONS SCHEDULE NIGHT FOR LADIES

Members of the Merkel Lions Club decided at their regular Tuesday meeting to hold one of the first ladies' nights scheduled in a number of years.

The event is to help celebrate the Lions Club's 25th Anniversary.

Lion Club President Onis Crawford said a speaker from Lions International Headquarters will help make the anniversary a top-drawer fete.

Committees were named to promote the dinner, tentatively scheduled for January 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the high school auditorium.

Members present also heard Bob Goodwin outline some of the points he had learned in a Civil Defense Program at Abilene. The Abilene program was designed for teachers and civil defense workers.

Goodwin pointed out that if Dyess, a prime target, were bombed, that winds up to 300 miles per hour would develop within six miles of the "ground zero."

"In other words," he said, "you would have more to worry about than just fall-out."

Proper shelter with good decontamination techniques can keep the atomic bomb from being as dreadful as was at first thought, he said.

Committees for the Ladies' Night included: Mrs. Fred Starbuck, Dave Brumbeau, I. Mellinger, Attendance, Herman Carson, Chester Collingsworth, W. Durham; Creators: Nolan Palmer, Ray Wilson, M. Mellinger; Arrangements and Decorations, Mack Fisher, J. W. Harrows, and J. W. Hammond; Tickets, Earl Hughes; Menu, Booth Warren, Ray Wilson, M. E. Welch.

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Sharp Rise in Christmas Buying Noted in Merkel

MERCHANT POLL SHOWS FAITH

As it has been predicted and expected by local and area merchants, the Christmas dollar has been busy during the past week pulling gifts from durable goods to delicacies and goodies under the Yuletide tree.

While it is difficult to single out the faster selling products, it has been encouraging to see consumers buying gifts of better quality this year. Foods, and durable goods such as automobiles, appliances, jewelry and related items are numbers listed as the faster selling items, however, furniture, clothing and drug items such as cameras, etc. are holding their own in the upper bracket as desirable gifts. It has been interesting to watch the lower priced articles such as packaged Christmas goods and toys move out in volume.

To get a better insight on Christmas buying in Merkel, we have interviewed a few merchants to get their first-hand viewpoint on how and where the Christmas dollar is being spent. The results of the interviews have been quite encouraging. Below are a few quotes of local merchants.

H. J. Carson, of the Carson Super Market: "As a whole Christmas business has been good. We particularly notice the trend that shoppers are buying a little more conservative and are selecting goods of better quality."

Mr. Ray Wilson of the Wilson Food Store: "So far our business is up to par this season compared to that of other years. We do notice considerable impulse buying which I think denotes the presence of more Christmas dollars to be spent this year. We do hope the consumer sees fit to keep their purchases on the local level."

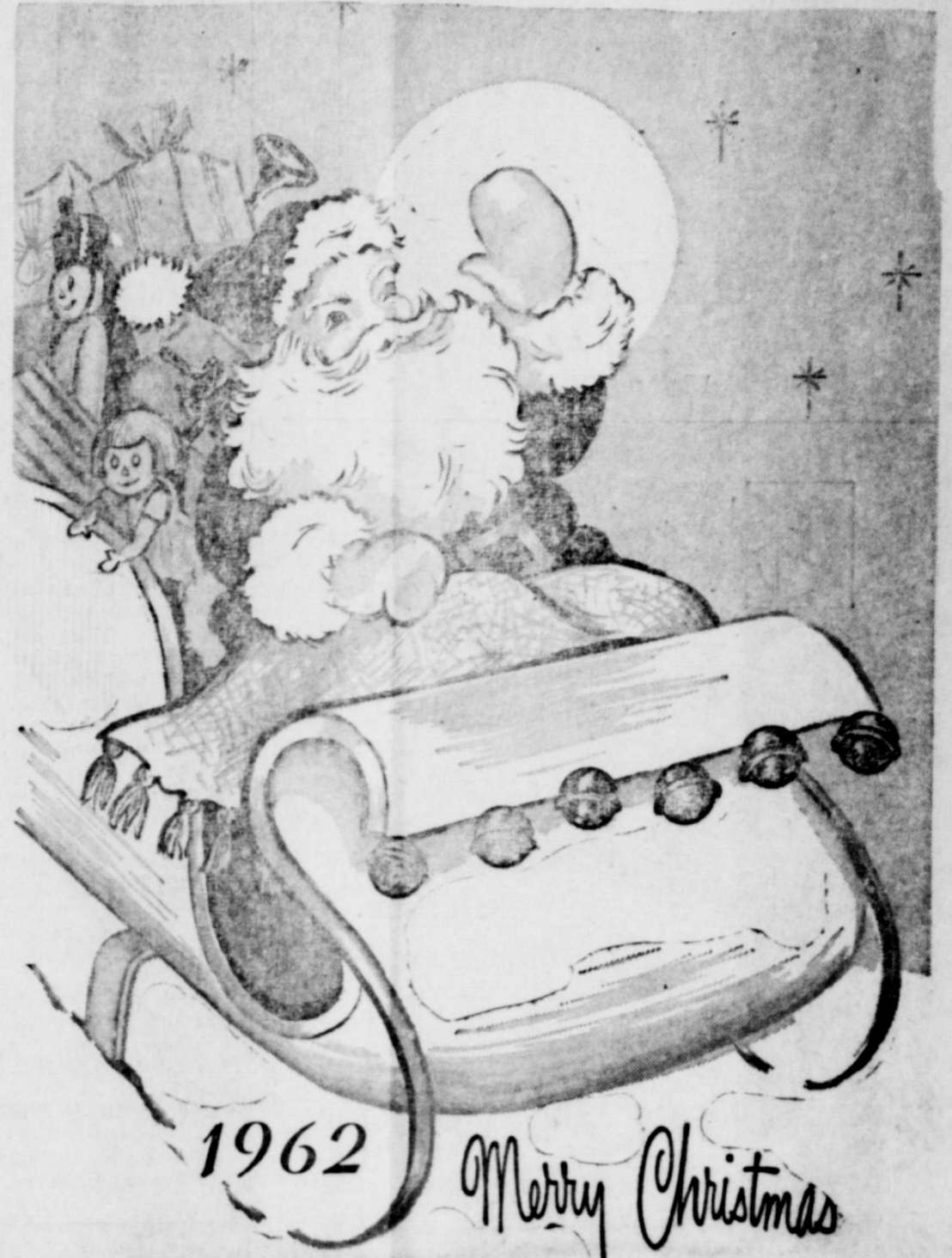
Mr. Earl Hughes, of the West Texas Utilities: "I feel that our business this year has been outstanding compared to previous years. We have had an excellent year in the appliance field."

Mr. Booth Warren, of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank: "The economy of our area is stable, and I think that our people and customers as a whole are in better shape than they have been in a long time."

Mr. Isadore Mellinger of the Mellinger Department Store: "I feel sure that people and customers are buying more at home plus the fact that we have an influx of customers from other towns and cities. There is a definite trend that customers are purchasing the more stable and lasting merchandise. As a whole our business is as good as that of 1961."

Mr. Dave Gombel of the Merkel Drug: "What we have to sell for the Christmas trade is definitely mostly for women. Since men are the buyers for these particular gifts, and for the fact that men put off their buying until the very last day, it is hard to contemplate the actual amount of Christmas purchasing."

The overall picture from the standpoint of Christmas purchasing in Merkel looks good.



We appreciate the good will and friendship that exists between our patrons and ourselves. It is with this relationship in mind that we take pleasure in extending the fullest measure of Yuletide blessings.

TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE MAKES CONSERVATION AWARDS

Winners of the conservation poster and essay contests for 1962 were honored Thursday night at the third annual Conservation Awards Dinner.

The event, co-sponsored by the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District supervisors and Taylor Electric Cooperative, Merkel, was held at the Abilene Garden Club Center.

Dale Hoff, third grade student in Taylor Elementary School, was the all-around poster winner, Jack Mansfield of the 11th grade, Merkel, was the all-around essay winner.

They were included in the 48 winners, 41 of whom were present to receive their ribbons.

The poster contest was concluded before National Education Week in November. The first four place winners in each grade were exhibited in the Abilene Public Library.

The conservation essays were judged this week. All essays in the contest are eligible for the state conservation contest sponsored by the Fort Worth Press. James Dornay, Abilene work unit conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service, said that it is certain that the first four winners from each grade in each school will be submitted for state judging.

Deward Grubb of the Abilene Public School System, one of the poster contest judges, in a few remarks before the poster contest winners were introduced, remarked that "new heights in poster work was reached this year."

E. V. Conson, Vocational Agriculture teacher at Cooper High School, Abilene, speaking of the excellence of the winning essays, commended the teachers and the students for their work. He pointed out that the essays caught the real meaning of the work conservation.

He quoted three different thoughts about conservation brought out in three of the essays.

J. Lynn Knight of Merkel, electrical advisor for the Taylor Electric Cooperative, awarded ribbons to the poster contest winners in the absence of Harry Holt, Abilene radio and TV farm and ranch editor. Holt was ill and unable to attend.

Norman Winter of Merkel, manager for the electric cooperative, made the awards to the essay contest winners.

Taylor County School Supt. Clon Drees was master of ceremonies for the event.

M. B. Morris, assistant superintendent of Abilene Public Schools, introduced special guests.

The Goodwill Conservation Award to E. F. (Pete) Downing of Potosi will be made at a later date. Downing was unable to attend Thursday night's banquet. He was cited by the tire and rubber company as the district's outstanding conservation farmer in 1962.

Merkel P-TA Has Musical

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CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS—Pictured at the third annual Conservation Awards Dinner Thursday night are, left to right, Mack Fisher of Merkel, superintendent of the Merkel Schools; Jack Mansfield of the 11th grade in Merkel; Dale Hoff, third grade student from Taylor Elementary School in Abilene, and his teacher, Miss Roma Allen. Mansfield was the all-around essay winner and Huff the all-around poster winner in the 1962 conservation poster and essay contest sponsored by the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conservation District and Taylor Electric Cooperative. (Photo Courtesy Abilene Reporter-News.)

Local Employees Receive Bonus

Carson Supermarket annual Christmas party was held at the Merkel Country Club Tuesday night, for the employees and their families.

Bonuses amounting to \$1,150.00 were passed out to the employees of the local firm.

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Christmas Joy



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AT CHRISTMAS

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MERKEL DRUG COMPANY

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LEGAL NOTICE

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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: Freddie B. Spearman, Defendant, Greeting:

YOUR ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Court-house 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. 1963, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 25th day of November A.D. 1962 in this cause, numbered 27,690-A on the docket of said court and styled Mary Spearman, Plaintiff, vs. Freddie B. Spearman, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married on the 26th day of September, 1936 and became permanently separated on the 20th day of June 1944. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served 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 27th day of Nov. A.D. 1962.

(Seal)
Attest: E. H. ROSS Clerk,
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.
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L. L. Murray left Wednesday for Beaumont to spend Christmas holidays with his sons and families. He will return in January.

Keene, Texas, a town founded by Seventh Day Adventists in 1880, is said to be the only community in the United States where the post office is open on Sunday.

Sorority Holds Yule Dinner

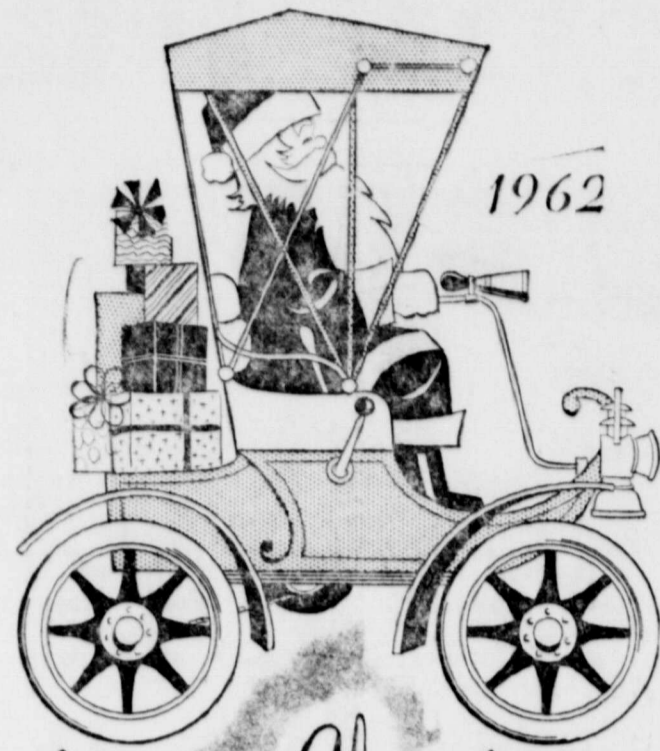
Beta Sigma Phi entertained its members with the annual Christmas dinner at the Country Club, Tuesday, December 11. The members had performed "good deeds" for each other. They also brought a toy to be given to the Abilene State School.

The tables were decorated with red Christmas lights, entwined with English ivy and red berries. The centerpieces were large brandy snifters filled with red Christmas balls.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Suter and daughter Delores, and baby from California visited with Mr. Suter's two sisters, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Thaxton and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Massey and Donna last Wednesday and Thursday.

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Merry Christmas

We extend greetings of the Season and sincere best wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hammond



Merry Christmas

May your Yule stocking be filled with joy, love and peace. To all of our friends we send our greeting for a Merry Yule.

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Gulf Oil Distributor

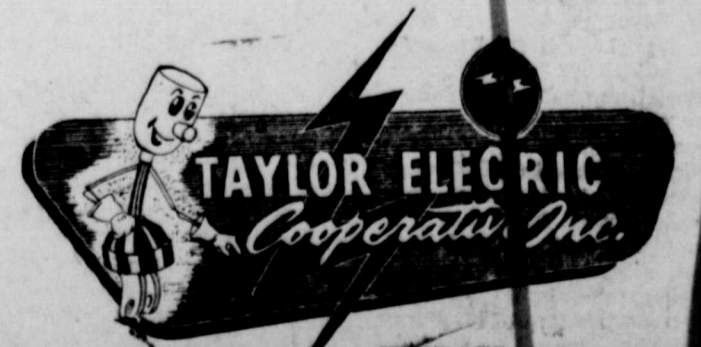
FORD SMITH, JR.



JOYOUS NOEL

The magic of Christmas is in the air . . .

And we sincerely hope that its spirit brightens your whole holiday season . . .



YOUR HEALTH

AUSTIN — It is ironic that the Christmas season, despite the festive atmosphere, is among the most potentially hazardous times of the year. Most often the agents of tragedy are the very things intended to bring pleasure—the gifts, the lights and the gaily decorated tree.

But State Health Department safety experts report most tragedy is avoidable when ordinary discretion is used in selecting presents and decorations.

Almost all young children tend to taste-test their toys. This is why the lead poisoning death rate among children of the United States is about 60 per year. Most manufacturers use safe paint on toys, but some still do not. Safely painted toys or children's furniture can be identified by the legend: "Conforms to American standard Z66-1-1955 for use on surfaces which might be chewed."

Some plastic toys are so flammable that the slightest contact with a lighted cigarette or match will set off a blaze. Certain types of plastic will burst into flame even at a distance from fire. Others may break razor-sharp, jagged edges.

Most American toy manufacturers use unbreakable, nonflammable plastics, but low-cost imports are not always so safe. It pays to be selective.

Manufacturers have been asked to cease making dolls and stuffed animals with eyes a toddler can pull off and swallow or stuff in his nose or ear. Meanwhile, mothers should remove such eyes and embroider new ones in their place.

Projectile-type toys such as pellet guns, darts, etc., inevitably cause their share of serious injury and deaths. It is mere common sense to accompany these gifts with strict enforcement of safety rules.

As for tree decorations, if the box doesn't say "flame-proof," don't buy it. Use only decorative lighting carrying the Underwriters Laboratory tag of approval. And make it a habit to pull the power cord from the wall outlet when you leave home. This is important because insulation failures

and overheated circuits could develop while you're away. To keep the tree from dry-

ing out so quickly, try standing it in a pan of water throughout the holidays. Be

sure to add water from time to time so the entire stem will be submerged. As an added

precaution, remove the tree immediately after the holiday period. (A weekly feature

of the Health Education Division, Texas State Department of Health.)

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Suggestions for the Christmas Feast

SPECIALS FOR THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND MONDAY—DECEMBER 20, 21, 22, AND 24

SHELLED

PECANS

10-Oz. Pkg. **98¢**

OCEAN SPRAY

CRANBERRY SAUCE

300 Size **19¢**

DOMINO

SUGAR

10-Lb. Bag **98¢**

KRAFT'S SALAD DRESSING

MIRACLE WHIP

Quart **49¢**

DEL MONTE CRUSHED

PINEAPPLE

Flat Can **15¢**

DEL MONTE FRUIT

COCKTAIL

303 Can 2 for **45¢**

WHITE SWAN WHOLE

GREEN BEANS

303 Can **25¢**

BORDEN'S

MINCE MEAT

2 Pkgs. **49¢**

Garden Fresh
Vegetables

EXTRA FANCY WASHINGTON DELICIOUS

APPLES Lb. **15¢**

FRESH

CRANBERRIES Lb. **29¢**

FULL OF JUICE

TANGERINES Lb. **15¢**

CRISP

CARROTS Bag **10¢**

LONG WHITE

SPUDS Lb. **8¢**

YELLOW

ONIONS Lb. **7¢**

BARTLETT

PEARS Lb. **17¢**

CRISP

CELERY Stalk **15¢**

CALIFORNIA NAVEL

ORANGES Lb. **15¢**

LIBBY'S

YAMS Squat Can **29¢**

KRAFT'S — 10½-OZ.

MARSHMALLOWS 19¢

DEL MONTE — NO. 303 CAN

PUMPKIN 2 for **25¢**

DEL MONTE — NO. 303 CAN

PEAS 2 for **39¢**

DROMEDARY — 8-OZ.

DATES Pkg. **25¢**

KRAFT'S

GRAPE JELLEY 18-Oz. Glass **29¢**

ALL SWEET

OLEO 2 for **49¢**

THIS COUPON IS WORTH 20¢ TO YOU!!

SAVE 20¢ WHEN YOU BUY A 6 OUNCE JAR OF INSTANT FOLGER'S COFFEE

Clip this coupon, and present with your purchase of a 6 ounce jar of INSTANT FOLGER'S COFFEE!



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CHOCOLATE COVERED

CHERRY CANDY

Box **39¢**

SWISS MISS FROZEN

PUMPKIN PIE

Each **29¢**

PHILADELPHIA

CREAM CHEESE

8-Oz. Pkg. **35¢**

OAK FARMS

WHIPPING

CREAM ½-Pt. **15¢**

EGG NOG Qt. **49¢**

BUTTER

MILK ½-Gal. **39¢**

COTTAGE

CHEESE 1-Lb. Ctn. **21¢**

Lb. **59¢**

3-Lb. Can **69¢**

5-Lb. Bag **49¢**

KRAFT'S MARSHMALLOW

CREME 2 Pints **35¢**

POWDERED OR BROWN

SUGAR 2 Pkgs. **29¢**

DEL MONTE MANDARIN—11-OZ. CAN

ORANGES 2 for **45¢**

HERSHEY'S — 12-OZ.

DAINTIES Pkg. **39¢**

REYNOLDS ALUMINUM

FOIL 25-Ft. Roll **29¢**

Finest Quality
MEATS

HORMEL RANGE BRAND

BACON 2-Lb. Pkg. **83¢**

HORMEL PURE PORK

SAUSAGE 2-Lb. Bag **69¢**

FRESH PORK

ROAST Lb. **45¢**

CHOICE

LOIN STEAK Lb. **89¢**

WISCONSIN LONGHORN

CHEESE Lb. **49¢**

HORMEL LITTLE SIZZLER

SAUSAGE Pkg. **39¢**

WE HAVE PLenty OF HORMEL 4 TO 9 LB.

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Christmas
Joy

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the gift of joy
this Christmas.

H. O. Eoff's
Conoco
Station

CONOCO STATION
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Phone 190

WILSON'S FOOD STORE

SAVE CASH REGISTER TAPES FOR VALUABLE PREMIUMS

Gleaner Class Has Yule Lunch

The Gleaner Class of the Methodist Church met December 12 in the Fellowship Hall for their annual Christmas luncheon.

The tables were decorated with Holly and candles.

The Rev. Howard Marcom led the prayer. Mrs. Jarrett Williams led singing of Christmas Carols.

Gifts were distributed from a trimmed silver tree.

Mrs. Pat Dudley read the



Here's wishing each of you a Happy New Year.

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Toombs Feed Store

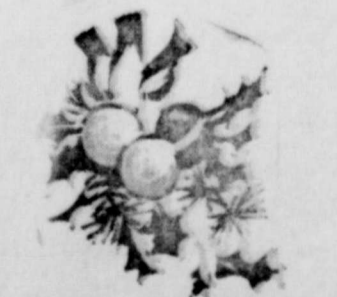
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IT'S CHRISTMAS

We send you a greeting and a wish for a happy Yule season.

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Knight's Gulf Service Station

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Phone 264

Christmas Story "In The Same Country."

Visitors were the Rev. and Mrs. Howard Marcom, Mrs. Georgia Marcom, Pat Dudley and Mr. Bryant.

Members present were Vera Ensminger, Velma Largent, Lily Prat Brown, Annie Lee Frier, Alzoda Pagan, Connie Pogue, Annie Odum, Iva Bacos, Alma Hill, Ethel Cox, Wanda Cybert, Myrtle Moore, Bernice Toombs, Leola Hay, Lottie Everett, Gail Gaither, Beba Toombs, Lola Stockbridge, Elsie McMurry, Maggie Patterson, May Grimes, Almada Bullock, Hattie Burden, Mamie Howell, Ruth Cox, Mama Dee Dorton, Lize

Lotham, Ruby Grimes, Beulah Stamford, Georgia Anderson, Cleo Douglas, Merle Harwell, Mabel McRee, Ruth Anderson, Ella Grace Williams, Hazel Largent and Mary Chick.

2 Women Win Cash Awards

Sustained superior performance cash awards of \$100 have been won by two women employees, at Dyess.

The recipients were Mrs. Ardelle D. Ozle and Mrs. Jane B. Polen of the 96th Transportation Squadron.

Mrs. Ozle, who is employed as a shipment clerk, also received a \$15 award for her idea on a personal property receipt, which has been adopted by the base and sent to Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force for further consideration.

Mrs. Polen is employed as a passenger traffic clerk. Her award was based on work performance from March 1961 to November 1962.

Awards for sustained superior performance are a part of the recognition given Air Force employees at Dyess for outstanding work and contributions to the service.

Awardees announced this week at Dyess had been recommended by the respective supervisors and considered by an eight-member military-civilian Incentive Awards panel, with Mr. Michael Kozma Jr., presiding.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell of Abilene were guests in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Doan and family Sunday.

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Silent Night

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Mack's Cleaners

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Phone 27

AT VANCE AFB Dyess Officer Addresses 300 AF Student Pilots

Approximately 300 Air Force student pilots at Vance AFB, Okla. were addressed recently by a Dyess AFB officer on the career opportunities available in Tactical Air Command upon graduation.

Lt. Col. Richard C. Ashman, commander, 64th Field Maintenance Sq. at Dyess, spoke to the future pilots on the mission, organization, and weapons system of Tactical Air Command, one of the five combat commands of the Air Force and the parent unit of the 64th Troop Carrier Wing at Dyess.

The Vance AFB briefing was the last of a series of four given by Lieutenant Colonel Ashman throughout the year at Air Training Command flying schools located at Reese AFB, Lubbock, Tex.; Laredo AFB, Laredo, Tex.; and the Vance school. The purpose of the briefing is to acquaint the new Air Force pilot with the Tactical Air Command in order

that he may select his first assignment after graduation with a better knowledge of the potential opportunities available. Similar briefings are given to the students by representatives of other combat commands.

The 64th Troop Carrier Wing briefing team is one of many throughout Tactical Air Command based on a yearly schedule. The 1963 schedule will see the local Dyess team visiting Laredo AFB, Tex., and Laughlin AFB, Del Rio, Tex.

The Rev. and Mrs. Howard Marcom have as their guest for the Christmas holidays, Mrs. Marcom's mother, Mrs. Georgia Marcom, of Levelland.

Sanchal Pierre, a giant Texan cowboy known for his unusually loud voice, could stand on the front porch and bellow orders to the men at work at the cattle pens, a mile away.

Peace at Christmas

1962

May every blessing of this Christmas be yours as you gather with family and friends.

Merkel Ford Sales

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May peace and joy be yours this day.

Irvin Thompson Butane

Phone 224 — Merkel, Texas

NCO Prep School Re-opens Jan. 6

The Non-commissioned Officers School at Dyess will open its first class for 1963 on Sunday, Jan. 6.

Hand-picked airmen first class are the ones who are selected to attend this school, according to the commandant, MSgt. Mandred O. Mills, and promotional chances are enhanced for those who attend and gain diplomas.

Complete recognition and confidence have been placed in this school by the commanders of the 96th Strategic Aerospace Wing, the 64th Troop Carrier Wing and the 310 Strategic Aerospace Wing (SchiWing AFB, Kan.).

The airmen who attend this school are garnering information in military courtesy, formations,

drill, insignia recognition, flag regulations, and other military functions.

In addition to the military aspects, the airmen are given a thorough course in management and correct communication. Also the airmen are subjected to advanced courses in Air Force history, ground safety, security, military law and world affairs.

14 Airmen Finish 20-Hour Course

Fourteen airmen recently completed a five day, 20 hour OJT Trainer Orientation Course offered by the 413C Field Training Detachment (ATC). The course is offered in support of the Base Individual Proficiency Training Program (IPT).

The men who completed the

course were: SSgt. James W. Modisitt, A1C Jackie E. Lewis and A2C Freddy E. McCubbin of the 96th Field Maintenance Sq.; SSgt. Richard L. Rossman of the 42d Munitions Maintenance Sq., and SSgt. Ray F. Groomes, A1C Paul L. Meyer and A1C Bobby E. E. Edney of the 96th Supply Squadron.

SSgt. Arthur I. Goodrich, SSgt. Charles F. Stevenson and A1C Dorotee N. Garza, 96th Headquarters Squadron Section; A1C Richard L. McCabe and A2C Kenneth Williams, 96th Civil Engineering Squadron; SSgt. James S. Rubis Jr., 96th Transportation Squadron, and A1C Joe P. Waier, 96th Combat Defense Squadron.

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Garden Club Members Hold Yule Party

Members of the Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. W. S. J. Brown for their Christmas party.

Christine Collins opened the program with a group of Christmas songs.

Mrs. Mack Fisher, president,

presided over a short business session.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler read a poem, "Portrait" by James Metcalf.

Mrs. Anderson presented some organ music "Yuletide Echoes," and "Oh Holy Night" accompanied by Mrs. Jarrett Williams.

Mrs. Andy Shouse played variations of "Sweet Night" on the piano.

Mrs. Anderson closed the program with "Hallelujah Chorus."

Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Shouse were guests.

Members present were Mrs.

Odell Freeman, A. H. McMurray, Johnny Cox, Harold Odum, Buck Leach, Mack Fisher, Herbert Patterson, Charlie Sherril, W. L. Brown, Robert Hicks, Mary Click, Eunice Massey, W. T. Sadler, Jarrett Williams, Dale Litton, Misses Nora Foster, Christine Collins and Mrs. Dee Grimes.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bishop have just returned from California where they have been visiting A. L. Bishop and George Wilcox family.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Roscoe Roberts, George Roberts, James D. Lambert and wife, Nannie Bell Lambert; Jettie Hill, a single woman; Orb Lambert, Lowell Lambert and wife, sther Lambert; Wilma Nash and husband, J. E. Nash; W. D. Lambert and wife, Marie Lambert; George R. Lambert; J. T. Lambert; Bell Lambert, who was the wife of Terrel Lambert; Mildren Thorsen, who was the wife of Leonard Thorsen; J. T. Lambert; and J. D. Lambert, if living, and if deceased, their unknown heirs, devisees, and legal representatives, and all unknown owners and claimants to the hereinafter described land, being 200 acres of land out of the North part of Fractional Section 65, Lunatic Asylum Land, and out of the Northeast Corner of Section 44, Block 1, S. P. Railroad Co. Land, situated in Taylor County, Texas, and said property being 200 acres more or less, and described by metes and bounds in the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, and all persons known and unknown claiming any interest in the above described land which was conveyed by Henry James, et ux to G. T. Lambert, which conveyance was the common source of title of those claiming any interest in said described land. Defendants, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 7th day of January, A.D. 1963, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 16th day of October, A.D. 1961, in this cause, numbered 26,438-A on the docket of said court and styled Ruby Lambert, otherwise known as Ruby V. Lambert, a widow, individually and as guardian and next friend of her minor children, Leonard Joel Lambert and Sandra Lenore Lambert, and also the adult children of said Ruby V. Lambert, namely, Richard T. Lambert; George David Lambert; Ruby Claudette Whitehurst, a single woman; Shirley Ann Hudson and husband, Richard N. Hudson, Plaintiffs, vs. the above named Defendants who are to be cited by publication and also the following named Defendants: Zola Amanda King and husband, Ernest King; G. C. Lambert and wife, Lois Lambert; Leveda Craig, a single woman; Delia O. Lambert, a widow; Maggie Lambert; James R. Lambert and wife, Clara Fay Lambert; George Wiley Lambert and wife, Lucille Lambert; Vivian Fay Roberson and husband, Fred Roberson; Edwin Gier Lambert and wife, Caroline (Carolyn) Lambert; Ercel Pierce and husband, Edward Pierce; Roy Lambert and wife, Lefelia Lambert; W. Dewey Lambert and wife, Gertrud Lambert; W. D. Lambert and wife, Eva Maurine Lambert; Jewel Aileen Hulsey and husband, Ancil M. Hulsey; Elsie Marie Lambert, a single woman; Jack Lambert and wife,

Joyce Lambert; Dorothy Lambert and husband, Robert Lambert; G. C. Lambert and wife, Lois Lambert; Flora Haskins and husband, Claude Haskins; Leonard Thorsen; Geanne (Imogene) Bernhard and husband, Donald Bernhard, and their unknown heirs and devisees and legal representatives and all unknown owners or claimants to the above described land.

A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit in trespass to try land and suit for title by adverse possession of said land, and suit to remove cloud from title to said land, and suit in equity that all Defendants herein be estopped from claiming any interest in said land, and Plaintiffs have made special pleas of limitation and estoppel in equity, 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 20th day of November, A.D. 1962.

Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Irene Crawford, Deputy 38-4t

LEGAL NOTICE

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 TO: Jacob Lester Owens, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd Dist. 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 28th day of January A.D. 1963, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 6th day of November A.D. 1962, in this cause, numbered 27,628-A on the docket of said court and styled Melba Jean Owens, Plaintiff, vs. Jacob Lester Owens, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

Plaintiff and defendant were duly and legally married on or about November 27, 1958, in Knoxville, Tennessee and lived together as husband and wife until on or about February 18, 1960, at which time she became permanently separated from the defendant and has since not lived with him as wife, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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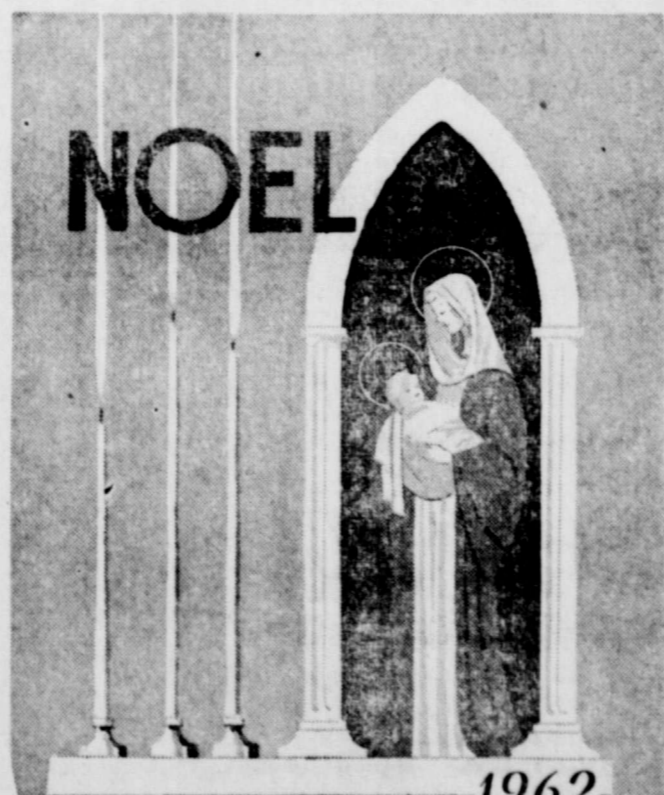
For all of us the New Year is a time for renewing hopes and plans. May yours come true beyond all dreams.

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Peace and joy be with you and your loved ones during this blessed Yule season and all the days to come

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Phone 130



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As we celebrate again the birth of Christ, may His spirit of peace and love renew our faith and bring us joy.

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Today, America's business leaders know more about the Center of the Southwest than they did a year ago.

That's because we have promoted the business and industrial advantages extensively throughout the year.

Our promotional efforts have reached attentive eyes and ears too.

So much so that we are encouraged to continue our area development program in 1963 with added enthusiasm.

So much so that this is, in reality, a Merry Christmas for The Center of the Southwest—the region that faces GROWTH UNLIMITED.



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LEGAL NOTICE

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, 1963, 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.



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Best wishes to our many good friends.

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Your friendship has been a joy. We wish you a Merry Christmas.

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5 Lieutenants Change Bars

Col. Burl W. McLaughlin, Commander, Tactical Air Command's 64th Troop Carrier Wing Dyess, recently announced the

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promotion of five officers to the rank of first lieutenant.

The newly promoted officers are John T. Cox, Ronald J. Duke, Terry D. Norris, Thomas L. Sutton, and Paul J. Zmuda, all of whom are members of C-130 aircraft crews. Promotions were effective Dec. 11.

Mrs. Walter Frazier and Mrs. Goidia Malone went to Houston to attend the funeral of Mrs. Frazier's nephew, Roscoe Blankinship.

The word veto means "I forbid."



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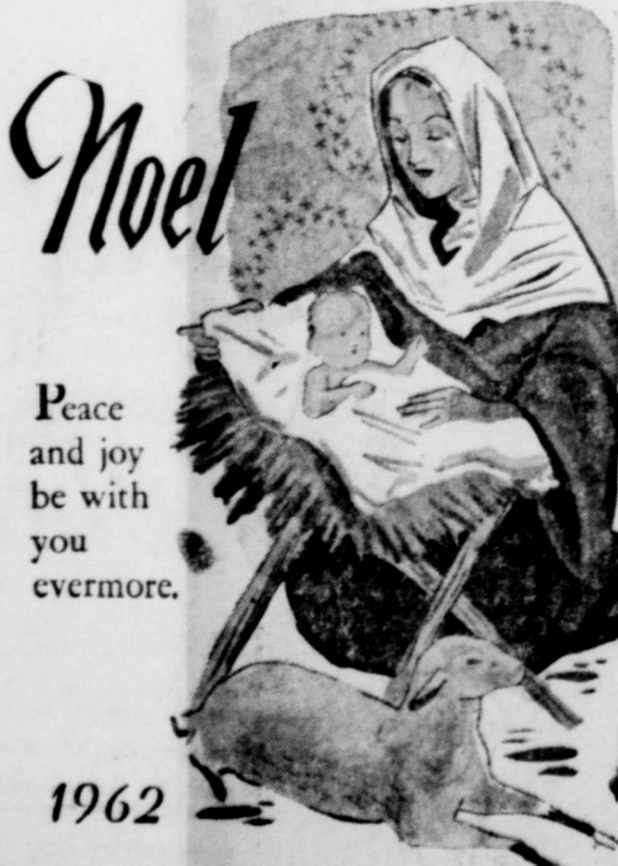


Merry Christmas

To wish each of you all the joys and blessings of Christmas.

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Phone 228



Peace and joy be with you evermore.

1962

Bragg's Department Store

213 Edwards
Phone 31

SAC Bases Emphasize Use Of Seat Belts

HQ SAC (SACPS) - Throughout the Strategic Air Command, bases are emphasizing the importance of installing seat belts in private autos.

One such campaign began Oct. 1 at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., and safety officials there say 33 per cent of the 1,000 cars at the base are seat-belt equipped.

Commander's office officers report more seat belts have been installed than have been installed, as they anticipate that the inspection teams will catch upon. Squadron and base hobby teams are doing the work of change.

Safety officials at Vandenberg report the drive to reach in 100 per cent of the privately owned cars registered on base being equipped with the safety equipment.

To make certain the belts are used once they are installed, safety officials at the California

base are publicizing recent accidents in which safety belts or their absence figured:

Driving on an access road, a transportation driver lost control of his vehicle when its wheels dug into a soft shoulder, and the vehicle whipped around. A driver slid from behind the steering wheel, his seat belt, if extended, would have prevented this. The vehicle continued off the road some 232 feet, rolling over twice. The driver, although mangled around in the cab, escaped with lacerations and bruises.

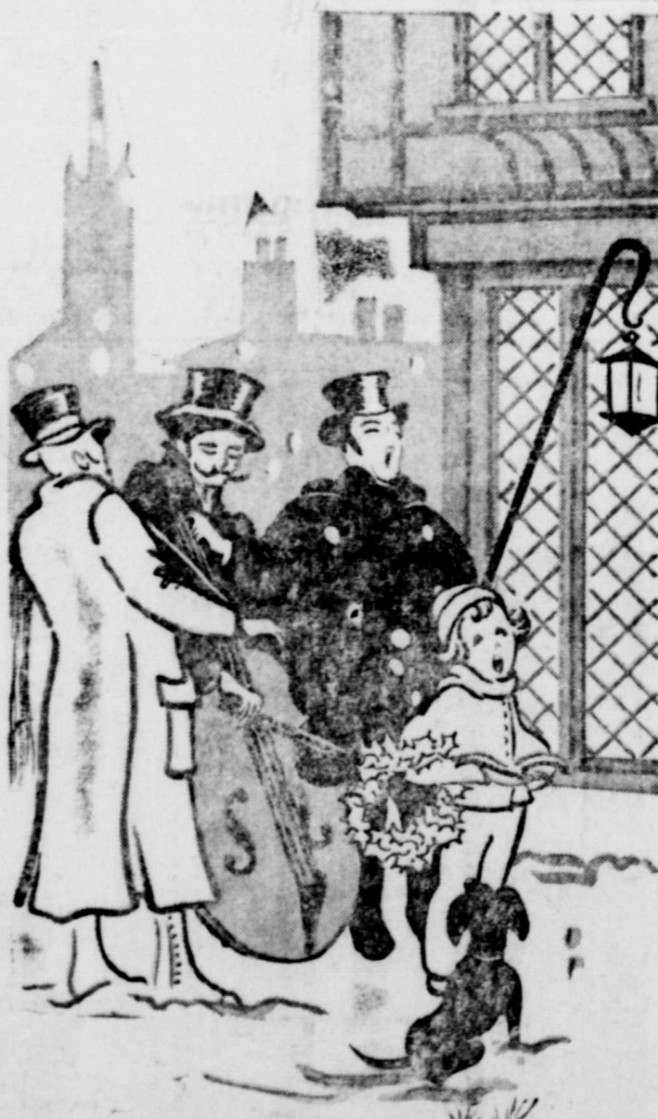
A Vandenberg airman was killed recently when his car left the road at a high rate of speed on a road and over-egg, throwing the driver out of the car, killing him instantly. A seat belt, properly worn, probably could have saved him, safety officials said.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

to all of our many friends.

1962

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fisher

CODSEN SERVICE STATIONS

South American Yule Customs Studied by Club

Members of the South American Club met in the home of Mrs. David Gamble Tuesday, December 11, for a study of the Christmas Customs of South America.

session in which plans were made to enter a float in the Merkel Christmas Parade. Mrs. Paul West was welcomed as a guest. Mrs. Ray Wilson, program chairman, introduced Mrs. W. T. Sadler, who read a poem, "The Yucca Tree," and told of the custom of presenting flowers to guests in Germany.

During roll call members presented the Christmas Customs of their chosen South American countries.

Mmes. W. R. Cypert, Mack Fisher and Homer Patterson served holiday refreshments of fruit cake, red velvet cake, olives, cheese balls, nuts and coffee to the following members and guests: Mmes. Johnny Cox, Robert Curtis, W. R. Cypert, Roy Dalziel, Don Dudley, Mack Fisher, David Gámble, Bob Goodson, Comer Haynes, Ben R. Hicks, Howard Marcom, Homer Patterson, W. T. Sadler, Andy Shouse, Paul West, Ray Wilson and Miss Christine Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Pick Payne and Mrs. Bess Jackson visited Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Ward at Anson Sunday afternoon.

T. Burns and daughters of Jacksboro visited Mrs. Jim Burns last week.



Let's be merry and celebrate the New Year with joy and the hope for peace between ourselves and all mankind.
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THE MEN'S Downtown Bible Class will meet to sing Christmas Carols Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited. 41-tfc

NOTICE — I am now buying cotton. See me before you sell. W. B. Toombs. Toombs Feed Store. 40-2tp

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MASONIC MEETING
Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.
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Christmas
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OR SALE — Broad breasted brown turkeys. Phone 9011-J-1. Orin Higgins. 39-3tc

OR RENT — 3 Bedroom house. Sixth and Ash Streets. Phone 270 or 9014-J1 41-2t

OR SALE — Turkeys, dressed or undressed. Phone 9292-1. Trent. 40-2tp

ARM FOR RENT — In Stith area, renter required to live on premises. See W. I. Burdette, Rt. 3, Merkel. Phone 9043-R-1. 41-1tp

CARD OF THANKS
OUR HEARTFELT THANKS all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.
The Ernest Douglas family

Mr. and Mrs. George Bishop celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary while on a recent visit to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Bright from Lubbock visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Wilburn, over the weekend.

OR RENT — Furnished Apt. E. O. Carson. 37-tfc

HOUSE FOR RENT — See Cyrus Pee. 39-tfc

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OR SALE — One lot. See at 508 Yucca. Phone 221. Mrs. John Mansfield. 38-3tp

OR SALE — Large rock home with garage apartment located at 112 Oak St. Call 159 or 129. Nolan Palmer.

STITH NEWS

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Mrs. Paul Bradley, Mrs. Te Hudson and Mrs. Wesley Mashburn attended the district Home Demonstration Club party in Hamlin Friday.

The Stith Home Demonstration Club held its annual Christmas party for their families Saturday night, December 15, at the community center. Secret pal were revealed. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Orval El and children, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Olyburn, Patsy, Debra, Marsha and Don Plank, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Lecher Jones and Mrs. Wesley Mashburn. Visitors were Margaret Gilmore and Mrs. F. S. Hale.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Jim Kelso.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Newton and children of Monahan visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Sunday afternoon. They attended the funeral of her father, Curtis Newton at Seymour Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hale

Shirley and Mike, and Mr. and Mrs. Mutt Duncan of Abilene were visitors in the Hale home Sunday.

The Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Moore and Fay attended the funeral of her mother at Belton Thursday.

Mrs. Mammie Hardin of Midland is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns. Mrs. Hardin and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Harris and Kathy moved recently to Midland from Amarillo.

Sandra Hale and Bobby Malone attended the Rotan and Albany football game in Abilene Friday night.

Mrs. Ardian Berry and Mrs.

Monte Berry of Amhurst attended the funeral of Jim Kelso at Starbuck Funeral Home Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. T. M. Graham of Nacogdoches spent last week with her sister, Mrs. A. M. Evans.

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138 Edwards
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BEST WISHES

Have a merry Christmas.

Naomi and Fred Starbuck

Trio Receives Cash Awards

Individual cash awards of \$150 for sustained superior performance of jobs have been granted for three civilian employees at Dyess.

The trio receiving this recognition are Miss Pearl E. Martin, digital computer systems operator with Base Supply; Mr. Earnest Langford and Mr. Shelby B. Blackman, air conditioning and refrigeration servicers with

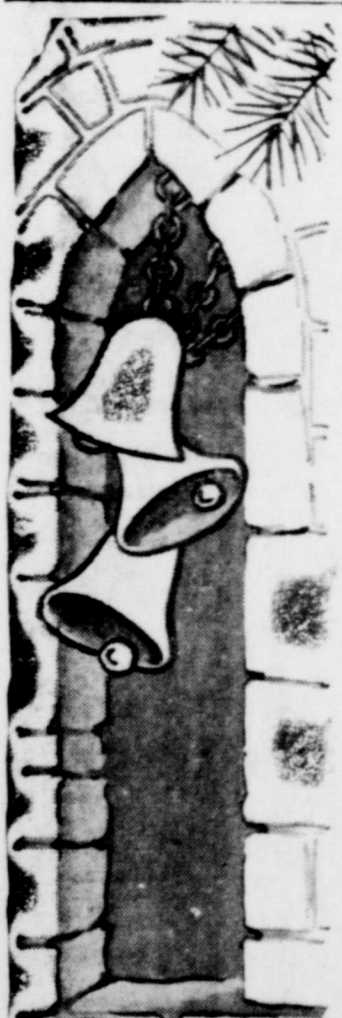


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the Civil Engineering Squadron. Approval for the awards came

from Col. Richard R. Mitchell, 96th Combat Support Group and base commander, after recom-

mendations by the respective supervisors and the Base Incentive Awards Committee.

Because there had been no mention in the contract, of a cornerstone for the Texas State

Capitol, Gus Wilke, the contractor, paid for it out of his own pocket.

THE MERKEL MAIL, Merkel, Texas, Thursday, December 26, 1962, Page Eight



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DOLE CRUSHED — NO. 2 CAN **PINEAPPLE** ... 2 for 53c

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TALL CANS **PET MILK** ... 5 Cans 69c

JUMBO STICK CANDY **PEPPERMINT** ... 29c

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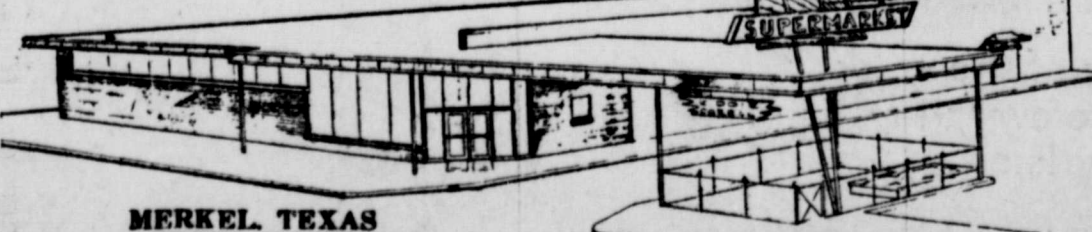
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SATURDAYS: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
TRADE WITH US AND BANK THE DIFFERENCE




- Santa says 'GIVE FOOT'

CHRISTMAS TREE

Diamond Bulk Lb. 39¢

Coffee 3 lbs. 1.79 Lb. 59¢

Creamy (One Limit) 3-Lb. Can 63¢

Gem 16-Oz. 19¢

Ripe Can 19¢

Pillsbury 25 lbs. 1.79 10-Lb. 79¢

GARDEN FRESH VEGETABLES

SUNKIST **ORANGES** Lb. 13¢

FRESH LETTUCE Lb. 19¢

RED DELICIOUS APPLES Lb. 19¢

FRESH CELERY Lb. 19¢

FRESH CRANBERRIES Lb. 19¢

LONGHORN SPUDS 10-Lb. Bag 49¢

PRICE GOOD THRU THURSDAY MONDAY DECEMBER 26, 21, 21