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\$50 Reward

WOMAN EXPRESSES GRIEF OVER LOSS OF DOG

By JONNI HILL Merkel Mail Editor

As the saying goes "Man's best Yucca St. friend" - and man destroys him! Several dogs have died in Mer- of their dog:

kel during the past two weeks as a result of poisoning. A \$50 reward over their pet trying to save him, it's not a pretty sight, but it has responsible for these poisonings.

and Mrs. F. T. Bartlett of 112 nesed!

has been posted for information tears in their eyes, a prayer on been witnessed! leading to the arrest and prose- their lips, children crying for why he must die - it's not a headstone, the rock being so big by and watch their pets wither in

The reward is offered by Mr. pretty sight, but it has been wit- that they pulled it for a block

Have you ever seen a pet have Mrs. Bartlett wrote of the loss convulsions, one after another, chewing it's tongue until blood Have you ever seen anyone work ran from the sides of it's mouth - ing - it's not a pretty sight but

cution of the person or persons their pet, not able to understand to carry a big rock to place a people of Merkel will not stand tact with the poison? The next

As Parade Unfolds In Merkel

feet to rest, and then placing it at the head of the grave and knelit has been witnessed!

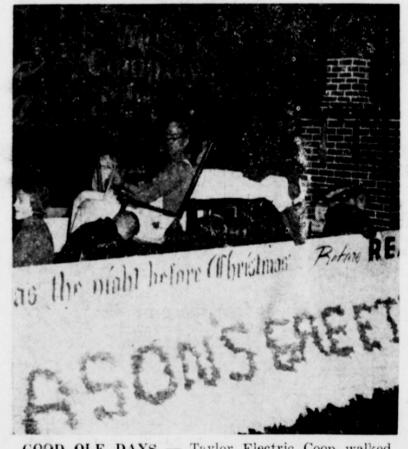
And to the person or persons Have you seen children trying involved in the poisoning - the

with a rope, stopping every few back and at the present time they have taken steps to reveal the identity of the poisoner.

> It's too late to save these dogs. but "think before you poison another pet, can you be sure a small child will not come in con-



PEACE ON EARTH - Brownie Troop 62 took first place in the float division of the Christmas parade last Thursday. Pictured from left to right on the first row are Kathy Cypert, Debbie Fincher, Jacqueline Johnson, Cythanianne Steck and Cecilia Wade; second row, Zana Mansfield, Kay Hollor, Dianne Allen, Connie Ragan, and Judy Shields. Seated behind the candle are Binky Baccus, Diana Datyon and Jeri Mullines.



GOOD OLE DAYS - Taylor Electric Coop walked away with second place with a float depicting the night before Christmas, Pictured from left to right are Becky Barbee, Scotty Childress, Fred McCall, Elsie Barbee and Christ Childress.



THIRD PLACE WINNER - Third place in the float division was claimed by Beta Sigma Phi. Pictured here are Ann Scott and Mike Walker.

Scotts Appointed **Missionaries**

Mr and Mrs Lloyd O. Scott, former students of Hardin - Simmons University, have recently been appointed by Texas Baptists and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

They are now living in Presidio. where Rev. Scott is pastor of the First Baptist Church. They will be serving as missionaries to the Spanish speaking people of Presidio and Ojinaga, Mexico.

Mrs. Scott is the former Barbara McCoy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Floyd McCoy and a native of

Rev. Scott was the pastor of Hebron Missionary Baptist Church as easily as we lost it," was the while attending Hardin - Simmons University.

MERKEL BECOMES

Thursday as the Christmas parade Clause.

were first place, Brownie Troop car. 62: Taylor Electric Co-Op second Bowen second; and Clejuan Douglas third. The judges were Mrs. Duncan Frame, Mrs. Troy Stricklin and Mrs Louise Green, all of

The parade formed at North Second and Runnells St. and slowly made its way down North First, Kent, North Third, Edwards, back to North First and disbanded at North Second and Runnells St.

members of the Brush Stompers Riding Club, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gamble, carrying the United

Community Fund Reaches 85

The Merkel Community Fund Drive has reached 85 per cent toward a goal of \$4,000. Work has been started on an extensive drive to reach the set goal by the first of the year.

Those who have cards out are urged to fill them out and turn them in at the Chamber of Commerce ofice. stated Herman Carson, publicity chairman.

Charlotte Holder Named Sweethart

Charlotte Holder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W C Holder was recently chosen sweetheart of the Noodle FFA Chapter.

She is active in mary school activities, basketball, 4-H work, homemaking, and was elected the most popular girl of Noodle High

Merkel Badgers lost the big

and to shatter dreams of the lay with the coaches.

game with Petersburg 6 to 14 to

Badgers becoming Class A state

The consensus of the members

at the Badger Booster Club Mon-

day night was that Merkel had a

good season and that coaches and

boys had performed like cham-

"We could have won that game

Plans were made for a banquet

champions.

general opinion.

Scouts aided as parade marshals. Deadline has been set for en-

to honor the Badger team.

cut hopes for replaying Albany was any reason for the loss it and players was voted to be held

"Nobody is as disappointed as

the coaches and the boys" he said.

"The boys wanted to win. I think

they did the best they knew how.

When they do that it's (losing) is

that (play the best they know

how) I'm going to back them."

The Christmas spirit bloomed States and Brush Stompers flags. Following was the Taylor Counmade its way through the down- ty Sheriff's car with J. D. Woodtown area featuring floats, bands, and and Henry Martin. A car carhorses, and most important, Santa rying Mayor Horace Boney and Chamber of Commerce President Winners in the float division Don Warren followed the sheriff's

Floats entered in the parade inplace and third place Beta Sigma cluded one carrying the Badger Phi Sorority. Winners of the chil- football team, coaches and cheerdren's division were Dallas Day- leaders, Beat Sigma Phi, Garden ton first; Ann Russell and Danna Club, Brownies, Taylor Electric Co-op, and Bullock Hardware.

> Other special attractions of the parade included the Merkel Badger Band, Troop 304 Girl Scouts, decorated car from Max Murrell's Chevrolet Company, Merkel Motors, and Carson's Super Market. Civil Defense Unit, Cub Scout Pack 20, P. - Po Cafe, fire truck and the Brush Stompers.

In addition to this approximately The parade was led by two 60 children participated in the parade along with the McMurry calione played by Mrs. Larry White, and "The Shadows," a precision drill team under the direction of Mrs. Duncan Frame of the Abilene recreation department.

And of course the main feature of the entire parade was the float carrying Santa Claus. He will make headquarters at the Chamber of Commerce office and will be there Friday and Saturday afternoons of this week.

"It was the largest crowd ever to attend anything in Merkel," stated Mary Hargrove, Chamber of Commerce secretary. "Cars filled every parking lot and were lined up for blocks throughout the downtown area."

Parade chairman was Ray Wilson, assisted by Onis Crawford and Paul Woods. Members of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority assisted the Chamber of Commerce in organizing the parade. Merkel Boy

tering the residential lighting contest. The dealine is Tuesday, December 17 with the judging to be Friday, December 20. There will be two divisions, one for yard decorations and one for window decorations. The judges will be from



GOLDEN WINNER - Bill Holloway, Merkel High School Junior, has been named the 1963 Taylor County 4-H Gold Star boy. Trophies in picture show this is not the first honor Bill's work in agriculture has won.

MERKEL LAD GETS GOLD STAR HONOR

Mrs. Joe Holloway of Merkel, has ers. won the 4-H Gold Star award for 1963 in Taylor County.

Bill is a junior at Merkel High School and is noted for modesty and politeness.

A dinner Wednesday was scheduled at San Angelo for West Texas Utilities Co. and the Extension Service to join in honoring the Gold Star winners in the 22county District 7 area.

Other dinners and awards banquets are planned.

H. C. Stanley, agricultural agent, said Bill is a capable industrious, conscientious club member, popular with other members

Vernon Mansfield, club presi-

Herman Carson, Frank Myrick,

food; Howard Carson, David Gam-

grove, ticket sales; Claud McAd-

en, Woody Wade, decorations; Ar-

dent, appointed the following com-

mittees to work for the banquet.

Coach Bob Byerly said if there The banquet honoring coaches

the coaches fault. When they do ble, Norman Winter, Horace Har-

A standing ovation was given thur Moore, Horace Hargrove,

Merkel's coaches and pledges Lynn Knight, Frank Myrick, Woo-

were made to continue support of dy Wade, arrangements; Onis

Badger sports throught the sea- Crawford, entertainment.

January 9.

Bill majors in feeding and showing beef calves.

"When I finish high school, I plan to enroll in college and major in animal husbandry, with some subjects in range management," said Bill. "I intend to make farming and livestock raising my vocation and I hope to learn all I can about it before I begin.

The Merkel High School junior has concentrated all his spare time in his agricultural work because of the advice of his Uncle Raymond Holloway and Raymond's sons, Leo and Wilburn and daughters Jane and Kay. have shown some championship calves in major shows.

In competition to date, Bill has shown the grand and reserve champion calf at the Merkel Junior Livestock Show, the grand champion of the Taylor County show this year; a first place calf in the heavyweight division of the Taylor County show and a fourth place heavyweight in the Houston show this year; a third place lightweight calf at Dallas

Livestock Judge

He has been a member of the Taylor County 4-H livestock judging team for two years and was a member of the third place

(Continued on Page 1)



Up The Canyon By TOM

RUSSOM

Harvesting has come to a close here at the Canyon. All the feed has been gathered and all the cotton has been stripped and the livestock are in the fields

Some cattle are moving to market and most of the lambs have gone to market.

F E Modgling. Bronte rancher and sheep buyer, was in our area this week buying lambs. He bought 1100 head of lambs just on top of the divide. The sellers were Sam and Will Butman and Billie Joe York of Nolan. That was the last of the lambs in our area except a few little bunches over the Canyon.

The deer hunting slowly came to an end last Sunday with the lightest kill in two years. The deer were just hard to kill, many hunters reported.

Mrs F R Demere of Merkel and her daughter, Mrs. Leon Toombs and Leon have returned home from Plainview where they attended the funeral of her brother. John Brandon. Mrs. Demere is the only one left of the Brandon family.

BY MARY OUTLAW

We have no sick patients at this time for which we are thankful

The First Baptist Church young people filled their appointment Sunday morning at nine for song service. We have been having some good singing each Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs Bill Outlaw from Stephenville are visiting in our

We welcome Mrs. Ella Hubbard of Hamlin and Mr. J. T. Greer of Asperment into our home. We hope they will be happy in our home.

Mr. R. C. Howell of Fort Worth visited his mother. Mrs. Emma Howell on the week end. Mrs. J. M. Beasley of Trent visited her mother, Mrs. Ashford on

We are thankful for the contribution of \$125 that was given the home by Mrs Tom Mathews of Peacock. We paid it in on the graveling of our drive way. Mr. Matthews passed away here re-

Louis Cook of the Canyon visited his father over the week end Mrs. B. K. Brookson of Tuscola visited his aunt, Sudie Ward, Mon-

day. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Popham of Austin visited his father Monday. Mr. Frank DeBusk of Sweetwater visited his mother, Zadie, Sun-

day. Mrs. Clay Mylie of San Angelo visited her husband Monday after- and family. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd

Mr. and Mrs. Rodrich of Tuscola visited his mother. The Rev. Ed Clark, pastor of

Trent Student Receives Award

More than 90 outstanding students in Texas Tech's School of home on their farm in the White Agriculture were recognized Tues- Church community and are goday during the thirty sixth annual Pig Roast.

Trent senior, was among those like to see their home to come at who received the \$750 Western 2 p.m. Compress and Storage Co. scholarships.

The Agriculture Club

were recognized and members there's something wrong. Weeks of Wichita Falls was mas- well.

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the Edgement Baptist Church of and grandchildren of Corpus Chris-Abilene filled his appointment on ti visited her parents here, Mr. Sunday. There was a large group and Mrs E. C. Ray and his of singers come to sing. We had a real good service. David Strother brought the devotional

Sweetwater.

dall and Mike. Peggy and fami-

ly could not come. They are liv-

ing in Waterloo, Iowa. Her hus-

band, the Rev. Lucian Rudd, is

pastor of a church and Peggy is

The Noodle FFA extended a spe-

cial invitation to all dads to at-

tend the regular meeting Decem-

ber 5 in the high school auditor-

Dr. Tim Mason, profesor of

Agriculture at Abilene Christian

College, brought a program on

"A Trip Through a Beef Fac-

Mrs. Dave Johnson and boys.

David Wayne and Ray, of Waco,

were guests of her parents, Mr.

and Mrs. R. J. Miller for the

week end

teaching science and math.

Noodle FFA Sets

Night for Dads

Worth visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Frazier last week. Mr and Mrs W V Cross of Noodle visited her mother, Mrs. Kerby on the week end.

Mr and Mrs Brown of Fort

We are very proud of our coffee maker Imogene Williams gave the home and the beautiful pink cups given by Neta Harris, her daughter. It was appreciated.

Mr. W. H. Hardison of Tye was admitted Thursday of last week and had a heart attack on Friday morning. We appreciated the clothing given the home by Mrs. Hardison.

Mrs. Danny Badgy is reliev ing in Mrs. Odonnel's place while she is away with a broken wrist. Mr. Collins of Hawley and daughter visited his wife, Mrs.

Collins Saturday. Mrs. Hallie Horton of the Divide visited her dad, Mr. Blackburn. Saturday

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Editor's Note: Space problems caused this column to be ommitted last week. It is included here for the benefit of Mr. Russom's many readers.

Everyone had a real good Thanksgiving in our community. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymore and children visited their daughter

Knife of Snyder for Thanksgiving. The Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Phillips of Hart visited here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rus-

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gray and her father, J. B. Sloan of Big Spring, visited relatives here. Mrs. Gray's mother was the former Abbie Butman

Mr. and Mrs. Doyal Barnes of Merkel have built a nice country ing to have open house on December 8, which is Sunday next. They Edward Beverly Herndon, wish to invite everyone who would

Deer hunting is slowly coming to a close and there have not been mary deer killed in our area. ed the dinner and awards cere- We don't know whether the boys are too slow on the trigger or the Fifty six scholarship winners deer are just too fast on foot. But

of seven intercollegiate judging Uncle E H Cordill is in the teams were introduced. Garland Sadler Hospital and doing very

Mrs A L Moore has just re-

turned home after attending the Cecil A. Holder Mr and Mrs Horace Steele Serves On Ship

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steele of mate second class. USN, son of The Rays had Thanksgiving din-Mr. and Mrs. Joe N. Holder of ner for three of their children Merkel, is serving aboard the atand their families - Mr. and tack transport USS Lenawee Mrs Kenneth Ray, Don, Karen which returned to San Diego, Caland Michael; Mr. and Mrs. Doug ifornia. November 13 with other Pyburn and Lonnie; and Mr and ships of Amphibious Squadron Mrs Steele and two sons, Ran- One.

The squadron has completed a nine - month tour of duty with the seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific. While with the Seventh Fleet amphibious force Lenawee participated in fleet operations and training exercises. Squadron ships also visited ports in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines and the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong.

WSCS MEMBERS HAVE YULE PROGRAM

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the home of Mrs Jarrett Williams Tuesday morning for their Christmas program. Mrs. Woodrow Adcock of Abilene was guest speaker. To illustrate her lecture and worship service she used color slides which she had made on a visit to the Holy Lands.

Coffee was served to 23 members and guests



By MRS. T. J. AMASON Correspontent

Mr. and Mrs Paul Brewer and Mrs Beulah Callihan from Fort Worth and Mrs. E. G. Grawelle from North Hollywood, Calif, recently visited with Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs W. R. Hinkle, Mrs Ray Wooten and baby of Wichita Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lumsden of Roy, Utah, visited Mrs. Mattie Addison and Chubby Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Benson accompanied by Mrs. Paul West attended the Texas A&M football game at College Station. They were accompanied home by their son, Cadet Bob Benson. Mrs. Alta E Wurst of Oroville,

Calif. was a recent visitor in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde and family.

home of their mothers, Mrs. W. A. Harrison and Mrs. H. N. Weston last week end.

Mrs. Bill Hays visited in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Hays in Dallas.

She also visited in the home of her nephew, the Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Bingham, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Barker and son, Carlton Lee of Colton, Calif. were visitors in the home of his mother, Mrs Etta Thompson recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Meeks of Sweetwater were vistors recently in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore. They also visited in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Moore.

Westley Rakes, student at Texas School for the Blind in Austin, was a holiday visitor in the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Mardie Lewis. Other visitors in her home was a son Billy Wayne Lewis and family of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Buchanan visited in the home of their son. Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Buchanan and family in Wylie last week end. Their granddaughters, Beverly and Debbie returned home with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Alderman and family of Texas City, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Doan and family of Odessa, Mrs. Warren Shaw and family, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. The Rev. and Mrs. Lynward of Jimmie Doan and family, Amaril- tend the funeral of their sister

children of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. James Cobaugh and Kim of Merkel, were visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs Carl Doan and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jacob last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Mauldin of Hooks were visitors in the home of her mother, Mrs. Etta Thompson during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris of Fort Worth visited last week end with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Harris and sister, Mrs. Willie Thomas.

Mrs Lucy Ford also spent the holidays with the Maseys and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Whittaker.

W. L. Johnson of Lubbock was a visitor in the home of his sister, Mrs. Emma Wheatley re-

Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner have returned home from a tour of twelve states. During the trip they visited Mrs. Frank Simpson. former resident of Markel, and their daughter and family, Mr and Mrs. Ricamore in Florida. Dr. Gardner attended special lectures

for doctors in Lenoir City, Tenn. Mr. and Mrs. Orval Brown and son Gary of Sweetwater were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robertson went to Waco last Thursday to at-Rochester were visitors in the lo, Mr. and Mrs Durwood and in law, Mrs Barney A. Garrett.

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Religious Review

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH	Morning Worship 10:3
Marvin H. Clark, paster	Evening Classes 6:0
SUNDAY MORNING	Evening Worship 6:4
Broadcast 9:00	WEDNESDAY
Sunday School 10:00	Bible Classes 8:0
Worship Service 11:00	
SUNDAY EVENING	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Training Union 6:45	W. D. Tanner, pastor
Worship Service 7:30	SUNDAY
WEDNESDAY	Sunday School 9:4
Evening Service 8:00	Sunday School Broadcast 10:1
	Morning Service
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN	and Broadcast 11:0
CHURCH	Training Union 6:3
Sunday Sahaal 10.00	Evening Service 7:3
Sunday School 10:00 Preaching Service 11:00	Youth Council Meeting 8:3
Freaching Service 11.00	TUESDAY
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH	WMU Visitation 9:3
Howard Marcom, pastor	Sunbeams 9:3
	Jr. G.A 9:3
SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Sunday School 9:45	Evening Services 7:3
Freaching 10:55	THURSDAY
Youth Meeting 6:00	Visitation
Evening Worship 7:00	
WEDNESDAY	ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Choir Practice 8:00	John Curtis, pastor
NEW LIVE OAK	SUNDAY
BAPTIST CHURCH	Sunday School 9:
Bill Williams, pastor	Preaching 11:0



Sunday School 10:00

Preaching Service 11:00

Training Union 6:00

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Friday 9 a.m. ed home after visiting her daugh- States, to support our government. ter in Washington.

Bazaar Slated By Trent Club

The Trent Garden Club Bazaar was slated December 7 from 10 a m. until 4 p m. at the Trent School Cafeteria.

Proceeds from the sale will go to state headquarters to finance local club projects

Mrs. Jack Bright, general chairlev. baked goods.

Farm Facts

The 1962 honey crop set a ew record and it was produced by fewer colonies of bees, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reports. There vere some 5,480,000 colonies bout 1% fewer colonies than were on hand in 1961.

Honey production, estimated at 274,814,000 pounds for 1962, was slightly more than the previous record crop in 1961 and 12% more than the 1956-60 average output.

Production per colony averaged 50.1 pounds, compared with 49.7 for 1961 and with an average of 45.5 pounds for the 1956-60 period.

The 10 leading honey-producing states in 1962 (in order of production) were: California, Minnesota, Florida, Texas, Wisconsin, Ohio, New nois. These states accounted for 57% of the crop. California had a good flow

of honey from orange, saf-In Florida an excellent nectar lion gallons a year.



York, Iowa, Indiana, and Illi- flow was produced from citrus and tupelo blossoms. A very good yield was obtained from alfalfa, goldenrod, and basswood in western New York. Domestic consumption of flower, and buckwheat crops. honey averages about 20 mil-

LITTLE BADGER **TRACKS**

EDITORIAL - by Becky White: A strong central government. I think having a strong central government is essential for keeping our country strong and free. As long as we support our Constitution and uphold the laws set up by our government, we Service 7:30 shall continue to be free and

A strong central government gives us the power to overcome the enemies of freedom. It is up Mrs. Elsie Roland has return- to us, the citizens of the United

But, I also believe, it is our responsibility to stand up and fight for what we believe is right. We should tell our leaders what we believe. In our school we have a democratic form of government like that of our Country. This gives us the opportunity to tell our teachers and principal how we feel on certain matters that concern our school.

We are proud of our Student Council, and the leaders of our school urge the students to give their viewpoints.

I believe that in order for us man: Mrs Ronnie Freeman, ar- to realize the functions of our rangements: Mrs. W. R. Scott, government, we must develop our needle work; Mrs. Lesley Beas- minds. That is what we, as students, are striving to do. We real-

ize we are the leaders of tomorrow, and in order to lead our country properly, we must form our personal ideals and goals to benefit our country as well as our-

Conservation essays - Pupils in the seventh and eighth grades have just completed their conservation essays entitled, "Pollution - A Menace to Conservation." In the seventh grade Debra Black's paper was graded as first; Alan Reed was second: Larry Bird was third and Linda Hardy was fourth.

In the eighth grade first place winner was Donald Russom. Jo-Ann Lassiter won second place; Stanley Leamon won third place and Chery Herring won fourth

The first place winners in each grade will be taken to Abilene to be judged with all other first place winners in the Middle Clear Fork Conservation District.

Those winning a first place in the District Contest will be invited to attend a dinner sponsored by the Taylor Electric Cooperative of Merkel. Good luck to Debra Black and Donald Russom in the December 17th. district contest.

in the spirit of Christmas. The room pictures will be taken on December 13th and Christmas par- ber 2nd and then went on to the ties will be held after lunch on Baird Tournament and defined

the students are waiting for (the day we get out for Christmas holi- 28 in the semi - finals after win-

The Eighth Grade will have

Sports - The Merkel Junior

The Merkel Primary and Ele- Badgers and Badgerettes continmentary buildings are decorative ued their winning ways last week. The Junior Badgers took a 35 to 16 from Anson Cubs on Decemthe hosts, Baird junior boys, in the Perhaps that is the day most of finals 40 to 27 to win the tournament. They defeated Wylie 41 to ning from Clyde 28 to 9 in the opening round.

their Christmas Party in the ing came hard last week but they meeting on Thursday, December School Cafeteria on the evening of defeated the Anson Junior Girls 19th.

12 to 8. They lost their first round game in the Baird Tournament to Clyde 16 to 9. They then went on to defeat Eula 12 to 6 and Moran 21 to 20 to win the Consolation finals of the tournament.

The Badgers and Badgerettes will play host to area Junior teams in a tournament here at Badger Gymnasium on December 12th, 13th and 14th.

P-ST - We are looking forward to the first grade program directed by Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Seymore The Badgerettes found that scor- and Mrs. Holloway at the P-TA

DOLLAR DAY SPECIALS

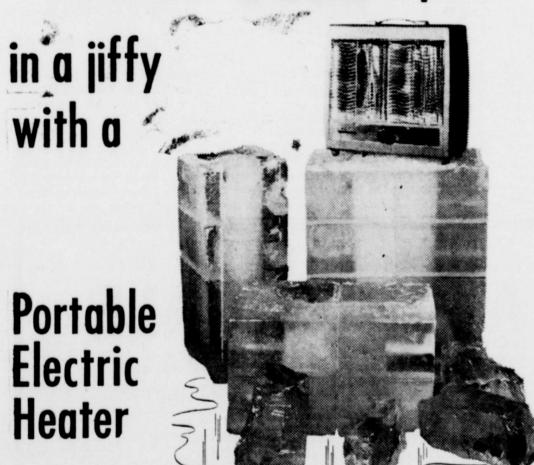
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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus:

fold and a baton. I have been a roller skates and lots of candy good girl. My sister wants a ba- and nuts. ton and a cedar chest.

Love. Debbie and Kathy Tyler

Dear Santa

too. Guess I beter be going.

Yours truly Troy Walters

40 3tc have a gun and holster too.

I have been good. I want a stocking full of fruit and candy. I would like a record player, 3 Dear Santa Claus, play wigs, and a camera, some 40 1tp records and colored film.

Diana Dayton

Dear Santa.

I am a little girl 6 years old. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a baby doll that moves 46 to it's head and a magic milk bot- Dear Santa Clause, tle, cotton maker machine, a doll house. I want a telephone and a bring me a football set, a jungle tootsie roll bank. An etch - a - outfit. My little brother wants a sketch will help me write my let- cavalry set, and a horse. My big

Ann Russell

For Christmas I want a camera, a cotton candy maker, a bebe gun, bow and sharp tip arrows. Dear Santa tempera paints with the colors white, black, purple, blue, red, 12 and a half. I want an unusual yellow, green and brown. And I gift idea? I have a big brother by want a football suit with knee the age of 14 years old and he pads, shoulder pads, a purple wants for Christmas a Be-be gun. jersey with 72 in gold and gold My name is Florendo Tabor and

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Dec. 14, 1963 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the annual meeting of the

stockholders of Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel. We are now taking bookings on Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on the 14th day of Jannext cattle feeds, range cubes, uary, 1964, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. ing your list of good little boys breeder cubes, calf creep pel- for the election of Directors and and girls that you are coming he moved to Merkel with his parlets, special mixed feeds, hull the transaction of such other busito see at Christmas. I have been the meeting.

Respectfully BOOTH WARREN

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CARD OF THANKS

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> Mrs. R. E. Dayton Jr. Capt. Bob Moore

shoes. And I want a record play-I want a cash register and bill- er and records. And I want some

Dana Dayton

Dear Santa

Please bring me "Big Lou" How are you? I am fine. I hope and a boy's bicycle. I will have you can read my writing. I would something for you to eat. A bawllike to have a gun and holster a-matic, Dick Tracy car, a tiset with a rifle with a couple of ger who moves his head and bullets. I would like to have a top walks. It costs \$1.97. I want a record player because we have 2 records. I have been good nearly everyday. I want a molding and garage. Brooks Patterson. 607 P.S. My brother would like to kit, and a bop-a-bear and Big Shot cannon.

Thank you Love. Bill Russell

I hope you will bring me a Barbie doll with her clothes and I hope that you will bring me a spinning wheel with the yarn. And I hope you will bring me a sewing machine with the needles.

Your Friend Inez Traweek

I have been pretty nice. Please sister wants a Barbie Dream House, some clothes for Barbie, and a purse. Please bring Mother and Daddy something nice.

Your friend, Gregg Doan

I am a little girl by the age of

Dear Santa Clause,

I want a cavalry suit, guerilla outfit, combat scope, bow and arrows sharp pointed. Gold and purple football suit and be - be

Dallas Dayton

Dear Santa

My name is Fina. I am 4 years old. I guess you are already makness as may properly come before a good girl. Also my little brother Jay John has been a good boy. Well, Santa, I would like to have a pretty baby doll with red

pajamas and a pretty piano. My little brother would like a bicycle and a truck with horses in it. Santa. I will bake some cookies for you when you come see me. Please don't forget all the little boys and girls every-

where. I love you.

Fina Ribera P.S. Santa, I do not have a chimney but mommy will let you in through the front door.

Dear Santa,

My name is Rosmary Duran. I am 6 years old. I have changed my mind. I want a chatty doll and a doll stroller. I hope it is not too late to change my mind. I'm still trying to be very very good. Say hello to Rudolph for me. Your friend

Rosemary Duran P.S. I saw yo at the parade. I liked it very much.

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Leon Toombs

A good crowd turned out for the ing at Baggett's Beauty Shop. open house of Mr. and Mrs. Doyal She invites her friends and pa- Barnes. They have just completed trons to visit her. Location is a beautiful home on the farm where Doyal was raised. Their Phone 8-5385 for appointments. home is beautiful and we are 39 It glad to have the Barnes family come back to the Canyon. They have mary friends here.

The Mulberry Canyon 4-H Club was well represented Monday night at the Taylor County 4-H Christ-We wish to express our heart- mas party in Abilene. Those atfelt appreciation to all those who tending were Robert and Mark Clemmer, Katy Neill, Susie Riney, Bitsy Johnson, Mike and Mark Dudley, Mike Ray and Donald Russom.

> They reported a very fine party. We express sympathy to the Jess Anderson family in the loss of their son, J. O. Anderson.

> Mrs. Irene Hurd of Abilene and a friend of the Canyon was enjoying open house at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Barnes, Sunday.

> We have had showers across the Canyon this week.



READY FOR SANTA - These youngsters shared in the excitement of Christmas as they marched in the Christmas parade Thursday. First place in the children's division was shared by Dallas Dayton, 6, and his Angelic dog. Dallas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dayton. Dressed as Santa's elves and sharing second place are Ann Russell, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Russell and Danna Bowen, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bowen. Clejuan Douglas, 9, took third place as Santa's helper. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Douglas.

Funeral Held J. T. Anderson

Funeral services were held Tuesday in the First Baptist Church for Jesse Tom Anderson. pants and football socks and my brothers name is Felipe Ta- 44, longtime resident of Merkel. He died Monday in Sadler Clinic Hospital after a critical illness of

five weeks. The Rev. Bill Tanner, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated at the services, assisted by Howard Keys of the North Side Church of Christ in Abilene.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck

Funeral Home. Born in Goliad Sept. 28, 1919, ents, Mr. and Mrs. J S Ander son, in 1920. He married Margaret Thomas Sept. 17, 1938 in Merkel. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in July of 1943 and served until January and participated in five

major engagements. He was a longtime member of the Merkel Volunteer Fire Department and the First Baptist Church. He was employed by Civil Service at Dyess Air Force Base

prior to his critical illness. Survivors include his wife; one son, Tommy of the home; two daughters, Carolyn, a student at Hardin - Simmons University and Jeannie of the home; his parents, two sisters, Mrs. Gordon Pursley of Merkel and Mrs. Douglas Chancey of Santa Maria, Calif.

Paullbearers were fellow members of the fire department.

Lunchroom Menu UP THE CANYON

MONDAY: Baked Spiced Ham Pineapple Glaze Orange Sweet Potatoes Biscuits

Ginger Bread Green Beans Butter Milk

Tuesday:

Salmon Croquette Macaroni and Tomatoes Loaf Corn Bread Lemon Pudding English Peas Catsup

Wednesday: Oven Fried Chicken Gravy Mashed Potatoes Combination Salad

Butter Peaches

Thursday:

bun

Bar-B-Que on Round Loaf Bread Red Beans Cabbage Salad Fruit Cobbler

Milk Friday: Hamburgers, with onions, lettuce, pickles, tomatoes on a

Potatoe Chips Flying Saucer Cookies EASTERN STAR HOLDS

SATURDAY MEETING Members and their families of the Eastern Star Chapter of Merkel held a covered dish supper

Continued from Page One winning team at the Granite Hills Ranch invitational meet at Llano last year, where he was sixth high individual.

From his feeding projects, he has netted \$800 in cash and owns three head of commercial beef cattle.

He has won several trophies for his 4-H Club work, but the one he said he cherished the most is the Dorothea Griffin Memorial trophy, presented by the noted woman Hereford breeder of Lawn as a memorial to her father, the late G. O. Creswell, for showmanship at the Abilene Fat Stock

Show in January. Bill's sister, Sue, is also a calf feeder. Between them they have five calves in the feed lot on their parent's farm five miles north of Merkel.

Five donations were recorded to the Merkel Cemetery Fund for the week of December 1.

The donators were: W. G. Richardson H E Spears, Brady W. W. Toombs

Frances Marie Church Bryant. Denton A J Armstrong, in memory of

Laura Armstrong. MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL

JRC ELECTS OFFICERS Officers have been elected for the Merkel High School Junior

Red Cross. They include: Linda Rutledge, president: Linda Luke, vice president; Gloria Moore, secretary; at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Judy Agnew, reporter Diane

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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: Kenneth Ray Bell, Defend-

ant. Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the Honorable Court of Domestic Relations of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of 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 13th day of January A. D. 1964, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 11th day of October A.D. 1963, in this cause, numbered 605 on the docket of said court and styled Wanda Loyce Bell, Plaintiff, vs. Kenneth Ray Bell. Defendant.

of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

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live together until on or about October 7, 1963. No children were born to said marriage, and no community property was acquired. Plaintiff requests the Court to restore to her the name of Smith which was her maiden name. as is more fully shown by Plain

tiff'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 shail promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law di-

this the 2nd day of December A. Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk

Issued and given under my

hand and the seal of said court

of the Domestic Relations Court, Taylor County, Texas, By Millie Scott, Deputy.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS To any sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas -

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Linda Ann Lockemy Evanson. Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations 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 6th day of January A.D. 1964, to Plainon the 26th day of August A.D. tiff's Petition filed in said court 1963, in this cause, numbered 481 styled Anton E. Evanson, Plaintiff, vs. Linda Ann Lockemy Evanson. Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Married September, 1957, separated August 20, 1962, because of harsh and cruel treatment, as is

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Cranberry Bran Muffins

34 cup sifted flour 21/2 teaspoons double-acting 14 teaspoon salt

1 egg, well beaten

11/2 cups 40% bran flakes 12 cup chopped uncooked cranberries

3 tablespoons shortening,

4 cup milk*

melted

FRITZ HALF

night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones.

Mrs. Paul Bradley attended "M"

Snyder included Mr. and Mrs.

Rhonda and Buster, Mr. and Mrs.

and Mrs. W. M. Loflin and chil-

Claudia Mashburn of Abilene

night, December 2 at Stamford.

*Sour milk may be substituted for sweet milk; add 1/2 teaspoon crease baking powder to 2 teaspoons. ted flour, add baking powder, salt, and sugar, and Combine egg and milk. Add to flour mixture, add shortening, and then mix only enough to dampen flour. Fold in each two-thirds full. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) 15 to 20 minutes.

more fully show by Plaintiff's Pe-

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 20th day of November A.D. 1963.

Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County, Texas. By Marie Gill, Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS within the State of Texas GREETING

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published onch 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: Heirs and unknown heirs of Zollie Hartwell Tyrone, deceased, Defendants, Greeting: YOUR ARE HEREBY COM-

MANDED 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 2nd day of December A.D. 1963, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 4th day of October A.D. 1963, in this cause, numbered 28,-644-A on the docket of said court and styled LeClair Operating Company, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. heirs and unknown heirs of Zollie Hartwell Tyrone, deceased, Defen-

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit Plaintiff sues Defendant for \$3. 000.00 and foreclosure of lien on an undivided 35-128th interest in an oil and gas lease covering a 3 acre tract of land out of the J. C. Thompson Survey No. 4°3, Taylor County, Texas; 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 30 e of its issuance, it shall be return-

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 17th day of October A.D. 1963.

> Attest: R.H. ROSS Clerk, 42nd District Court, By Irene Crawford, Deputy

visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn and Rodney last week.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Moore and Fay were supper guests Sunday night of Mr. and Mrs. John Browning

Mamie Hardin and Kathy Harris of Midland spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns and Mr. and Mrs F. J. McDonald, Pat and George.

W. I. Burton was taken to Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene Wednesday. Those on the sick list over the week end were Mrs Paul Bradley and Pick Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hudson made a trip to Ardmore, Okla., last week.

Mrs. E H Thompson of Merkel is visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clyburn and children this week.

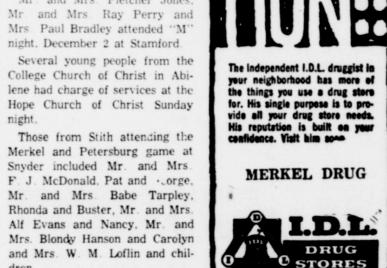
Mrs Ed Reeves of Abilene and F. J. McDonald and George visited Mrs. Nora McDonald Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vantresse and Jewel and Mrs. Tena Sloan of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs E L. Berry Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Berry visited Thursday in Anson with Mr. and Mrs T. E. Butler. Mrs. J. F. McDonald and Pat

spent the week end in Midland with Mr and Mrs Billy Harris and Kathy and Mamie Hardin.

Mr and Mrs Clovis Harrison of Pyote were visitors in the home of his mother, Mrs. W. A. Harison the past week end.

Mrs. Mossie Hatfield visited in the home of her sister, Mrs. L. N. Touchstone and Mrs. Clyde Sears last week end.





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