

Taylor County's
Only
Legal Weekly
Newspaper

10¢
PER COPY

PRICE 10c PER COPY — PUBLISHED WEEKLY MERKEL, TEXAS, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1966 — EIGHT PAGES 77TH YEAR VOL. NO. 77, NO. 39

MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAMS FOR 1966-67



B TEAM — First row, from left, Christi Lucsa, Terry Doan, Christi Watkins and Glenna Doan; back row, Barbara Higgins, Donna Diltz, Karen Chambers, Sandra Chambers and Melba Seymore. (Staff Photo)

Merkel-Area Cotton Crop Is The Best We've Had in Years



A TEAM — First row, from left, Debbie Black, Mary Lee Noster, Ann Walker, Debbie Seymore, and Pam Walla; back row, Sandy Tate, mgr., Cheryl Herring, Valarie Buntin, Jo Ann Stallo, Connie McCarthy, Alice Whisenhunt, Cathy Derrington, Pat Bunch, Nancy Evans and Joyce Button, mgr. (Staff Photo)

Every Gin Has Cotton on Yards

A round up of Merkel-area cotton production for this year to date seemed to bring out complete agreement by all four gin representatives — "best in years!"

Interviewed concerning the cotton production were Vernon Moore, bookkeeper for Merkel's Farmers' Co-Op Gin, B. L. Hobbs, bookkeeper at Stith Gin, C. W. Edwards, manager of Trent's Planters Co-Op, and Robert Riney, manager of the Noodle Gin.

Says Moore, "Best cotton crop in several years. More cotton ginned per acre yield this year." To date Farmers' Co-Op have ginned 2,661 bales.

"Our production this year is the best we've had in years," said Hobbs, and we're averaging more than a bale to the acre." Stith's production has been 956 bales to date.

With 1,315 bales already ginned, Riney of the Noodle gin says "this has been an unusually good year. Noodle will bale about 2,200 bales this year."

"Actually, this year has been much better than people thought," said Edwards of the Trent gin. "We baled 725 bales to date, and it's much better than last year." All reported that "every gin has cotton on the yards."

Hobbs at Stith said that "this might not be a record year, but it's the best year I can remember."

During the late August and September rains farmers were skeptical concerning the cotton crop. Many were concerned that there "wouldn't be much of a crop." "But they're not thinking that now" ginners agreed.

To date the total number of bales ginned by the four area gins tallies up to 5,657 and "there's more to come."

FROM THE MAYOR

LOCAL CITY SALES TAX OPPOSED AT TML 54TH ANNUAL MEETING

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of two articles that will appear in *The Merkel Mail* concerning your Mayor's coverage of the Texas Municipal League's 54th Annual Conference, held in Fort Worth Nov. 13-15.

Fort Worth was host city for Texas Municipal League Nov. 13-15 when some 3500 city officials, the 54th Annual Conference of the city secretaries, attorneys, and other personnel were in attendance. All of us present gained valuable information from many able speakers and division panel discussions.

The Local City Sales Tax proposed by El Paso was opposed by nearly all cities. Gov. Connally did not, at this time favor the plan in his Monday's speech. At a called meeting several days be-

fore the conference, Merkel City Officials opposed the plan and have by letter notified the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the house, our two state representatives, and our State Senator of our action.

With an eye to the future with anticipation we can not ignore the past. The past was yesterday, it is gone, tomorrow is but a promise, today is our day for action. One needs only to look around at our town and others both large and small to see the streets badly in need of repair, junk, trash, and weeds unsightly scattered over the yard and alley. One thing each individual can do, clean-up and fix - up his home and business house.

The kind of town and the way it looks depends upon what we are willing to pay for it. Services

that 50 years ago or even less no one dreamed about are today's essentials and demands. The cost of operating a city or town has increased in the same or greater proportion as private business. How then are our cities going to meet these responsibilities? The present Ad Valorem tax is not sufficient to care for this extra service now demanded.

In January there will be pre-

(Continued on Page 4)

Chili Supper Tickets on Sale

Erroll Rutledge, Booster Club ticket sales chairman, announced today that "tickets for the Booster Club Chili Supper are now on sale."

The Chili Supper is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 2 at the school cafeteria. Chili and the "trimmings" will be served from 5:30 until 8 p.m.

"Price for the supper is only 50 cents and all you can eat," said Rutledge. "Proceeds from the supper will be used in paying for the club project."

The club project for 1966 - 6

MERKEL OPTIMIST AWARD BANQUET SET

The Merkel Optimist Club will honor thirteen area young people at an Awards Banquet to be held in the Gold Room of the Merkel Restaurant, Monday evening, Nov. 29.

The honorees and their parents will be from Merkel, Trent and Noodle. Also principals and superintendents of each school will be guests.

The young people who will be honored have been chosen by a committee who has based its findings on leadership, participation, achievements, and contribution to their community, said Truman Belcher, chairman of the Optimist Awards Banquet.

"These young people who have done so much in such a short time need to be given recognition," said Belcher, "and we're going to do just that Monday evening, Nov. 29 at 7:30."

Thanksgiving Service Nov. 23

A Thanksgiving Eve Unity Worship Service is to be held at the Trent Church of Christ Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m.

The Rev. Bill Irwin will deliver the Thanksgiving message.

C. H. DeVaney Reelected

Members at the Texas Farm Bureau convention held in Corpus Christi last week reelected C. H. DeVaney of Coahoma as its president for another year.

The approximately 2,000 delegates also voted 5-1 against the provision of the Cotton Research and Promotion Act which allows \$1 per bale checkoffs for cotton research and promotion. The Cotton Research and Promotion Act will be voted on by farmers in a Dec. 5-9 referendum.

JUVENILE OFFICER MEETS WITH GROUP

In speaking to a group of Merkel citizens at the Merkel Restaurant Thursday, Nov. 17, Taylor County Juvenile Officer Jack Landrum reminded the group that "law enforcement will be no better than what the community wants."

"If you don't back your police officers, no one else will," said Landrum to the approximately thirty people who met to discuss the teenage problem in Merkel.

Hosted by the Merkel City Council, the group comprised school officials, law enforcement officials, and interested citizens.

Attending the meeting with Landrum was R. D. McFarland, with the state liquor control board. Landrum presented several suggestions that might be used in eliminating the teenage problems of drinking (or possession of intoxicants) speeding, and disturbing the peace.

One of the suggestions concerned the possibility of establishing a juvenile court. "This might be the answer to your problem," said Landrum. "It has been very successful in several cities, both large and small."

During the question and answer period, several questions were directed to McFarland.

One question directed to him, "What is a juvenile," was answered "a boy between the ages of 10 to 16, and a girl between the ages of 10 through 17."

"And if liquor is involved with any juvenile, then it becomes our problem," said McFarland.

Both men assured the group that "they would do anything they could to help in this matter."

"Your problem is our problem," concluded Landrum, "and we do want to do all we can to keep our juveniles out of court."

Goodfellows Drive To Begin Nov. 29

Merkel merchants and civic leaders are invited to a planning meeting of the Goodfellows, Monday Nov. 29 at 2 p.m. at the Merkel Restaurant.

Truman Belcher, who has worked with the drive (heading it in '65) for several years, said that plans would be made at the meeting for a central location donations, and that a budget for this year would be decided upon.

BILL WHISENHUNT TO HEAD 'COUNCIL'

Bill Whisenhunt, son of Mrs. Betty Whisenhunt, was elected president of the Merkel Elementary School Student Council, at their annual school election Thursday, Nov. 17 and Jammie Holland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Holland, was elected fire chief.

Elected vice president was Cindy McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lon McDonald, and Rodney Sanford, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sanford, was elected assistant fire chief.

The above officers will head the student council for the school year.

Fifth grade representatives elected are Mrs. Carroll Benson's room — Terry Reed and Cecelia Wade; and R. E. Bratcher's room — Debbie Fincher and Jimmy Land. Jeannette Tanner and Steve Walker will represent Mrs. Paul Orsborn's room and Ronnie Holmes and Linda Black, Mrs. Mack Fisher's room. Both are sixth grade rooms.

Representing the seventh grades will be Sheila Smith, Debbie Teaff, Larry Hewitt and Jerry Holmes and Wanda Barnes, Suzie Wilson Tommy Anderson, and John Dixon will represent the eighth grade rooms.



"CONVENTION HALL" ACTIVITIES — Visitors to the Merkel Elementary School political rally Wednesday would have seen many similar banners displayed as each grade "urged" the election of their candidate. Here Jerry Holmes, left, and Billy Diltz display a banner urging all to vote for the S.O.S. (Students of the Seventh Grade). (Staff Photo)





boys A and B and girls A
 Jan. 16 — Merkel at Wylie, boys A and B and girls A
 Jan. 23 — Merkel at Baird, boys A and B and girls A
 Jan. 26-28 — Jim Ned Tournament, boys and girls A
 Jan. 30 — Merkel at Jim Ned, boys A and B and girls A
 Feb. 6 — Wylie at Merkel, boys A and B and girls A
 Feb. 13 — Baird at Merkel, boys and girls A and B and girls A.

Eyes Examined Visual Training
 Contact Lenses
DR. ED DRESSEN
 OPTOMETRIST
 Phone OR 4-6331
 504 Cedar St. Abilene, Texas

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Vigor; slang
- Intersect
- In the stern
- Italian river
- Therefore
- Pigeon's cry
- Farm animal
- Post
- Weep
- Get away
- Slide over
- Arranging
- Gush out
- Upon
- Char
- Head cover
- Books of Moses
- Watch secretly
- Pain
- Send forth
- Cubic meter
- Forms a plan
- Limbs
- Snuggle
- Obtained
- Lark or robin
- Chair
- Hail
- Great Lake
- Vases
- Prohibit
- Peruse
- Finish
- Half quart
- and downs
- Pierced by horns
- Knock
- Attempt
- Possesses
- Deed
- Playhouse
- Revised
- Bee house
- Be mistaken
- Gauze fabric
- Live coal
- Hind part
- African antelope
- Become rigid
- Father
- Chatter
- Eggs
- Creek

Answer to Puzzle

DOWN

- Not poetry
- Decree
- Spud
- Reminder of past
- Age
- Sponsorship
- Sounds a bell
- Grows with time
- Suit the needs of
- Playing
- Grows older

THE MERKEL MAIL, MERKEL, TEXAS

Mrs. Stribling Dies at Age 72

Funeral services for Mrs. C. C. Stribling, 72, of Trent, were held Wednesday in the Trent First Baptist Church, with the Rev. A. B. Earnest, pastor of First Baptist Church of Wellington, and the Rev. W. G. Irwin, pastor of the Trent Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Trent Cemetery. Born July 4, 1894 in Bartlett,

Tex., Mrs. Stribling attended school in Trent and Hardin - Simmons University. She married C. C. Stribling in Sweetwater and they lived in Trent.

Survivors include the husband; one son, H. H. (Spud) McLeod of Trent; one daughter, Miss Helen McLeod of San Antonio; one sister, Mrs. Geta Williamson, Trent; one brother, W. J. Beckham of Lamesa; two grandsons, and one granddaughter. She is also survived by marriage by two daughters, Mrs. Neely Tittle of Merkel and Mrs. A. A. Schrimsher of Fort Worth; two sons, D. M. and L. C., both of Arizona; five grandsons; and four granddaughters.

Benny Hobbs. Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Willingham of Albany and Mrs. Hubert Sullivan and Karen of Moodie visited Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Malone and Mr. and Mrs. Dink Whisenunt Sunday afternoon in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Horton of Lawn are announcing the birth of a son, James Mann, born in Coleman Hospital Thursday, Nov. 17. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn are the grandparents.

Visitors attending services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday morning were Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Mundy and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bradley.

Mrs. A. M. Evans is staying with her daughter Mrs. Thelma Dedmon in Abilene. Mrs. Evans hasn't completely recovered from a recent illness.

Mrs. Roy Mashburn spent Saturday night with her mother, Mrs. John Shaw of Hawley.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ledbetter are parents of a baby boy born Monday, Nov. 14 at Hendrick Memorial Hospital. They also have a daughter, Brenda, 2 years old. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ledbetter.

We extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Chappell in the loss of Mrs. Chappell's father, Mr. Harvey Hopkins of Caps. Mr. Chappell is the Stith Gin manager.

Mrs. Earnest Smith and Mrs. Orval Higgins visited Mrs. Orval last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely and children attended a house warming in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy James Barley of Tye Sunday night.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

ELEMENTARY

Nov. 28 — Merkel at Trent, boys and girls A
 Dec. 1-3 — Merkel Tournament, boys and girls A
 Dec. 5 — Trent at Merkel, boys and girls A
 Dec. 12 — Merkel at Hamlin, boys A and B and girls A
 Dec. 19 — Hamlin at Merkel, boys A and B and girls A
 Jan. 5-7 — Anson Tournament, boys and girls A
 Jan. 9 — Jim Ned at Merkel,



On this Thanksgiving day, years after the Pilgrims first gave thanks for the blessings the Lord has bestowed on them in this new land, I'm thankful — for the future!

I'm thankful that my children will grow up in a free land where their opportunity for happiness and success will be measured by their ability and effort. For all our blessings let us give thanks.

No Banking business will be transacted on this Holiday.



THE OLD RELIABLE FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

MERKEL, TEXAS
 Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation



Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

Happy Thanksgiving to every one. If each one of us will just count our blessings we will find we have a lot to be thankful for.

Approximately 55 attended the Thanksgiving dinner at the Stith Community Center Sunday. There were lots and lots of good food. An old time singing was enjoyed in the afternoon. You folks of the community that did not attend missed a good time.

Visitors attending were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bradley of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones of Cross Plains, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Mundy of Ft. Worth, Ray

and Frank Mundy, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Ina Kelso, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kelso, Mrs. Yeager, Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lankford and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berry, Mrs. Burl McCoy and son, all of Abilene; Mrs. Jewel Duniagan, Mrs. Eunice Massey, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, Mrs. Hollis McCoy of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bradley of Stephenville spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Mundy of Fort Worth spent Friday and Saturday night with Miss Louise and Hollis Hudson. They all visited Bob Hudson at Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

Glen Bicknell's tractor ran over him while he was working on the M. E. West place Monday of last week. He received a broken leg and was taken to Hendrick Memorial Hospital by Starbuck ambulance. He is doing very well.

J. R. Baker of Abilene had lunch Thursday with Mr. and Mrs.

ABILENE SAVINGS PRESENTS FOR THE FIRST TIME ANYWHERE UP TO \$15,000 INSURANCE ON YOUR SAVINGS ACCOUNT

This increased savings account insurance by a Federal Agency, plus the stability proven over the year, makes ABILENE SAVINGS the Safest place for Your Savings.

ABILENE SAVINGS ASSOCIATION

West Texas' Largest Savings & Loan



What'd you expect us to put our Overhead Cam Six in?

An ordinary car?

Our revolutionary 165-hp OHC 6 is so revolutionary we had to do something special with it. So we made it standard in all Tempests and Le Mans. You see, it was inspired by those famous overhead cam engines in expensive European sports cars. With a few Pontiac refinements, of course. That's why it'll keep running and running until somebody turns it off. And with a power reserve for expressway passing you'd normally expect from a V-8.

We even offer a 215-hp version that makes a lot of big V-8s seem awfully extravagant. Which is why we say, with a 6 like this who needs an 8? Incidentally, a four-way hazard warning flasher, backup lights, and GM's energy absorbing steering column are some of the safety features also standard in all Tempests and Le Mans. So how can you possibly resist seeing your Pontiac dealer right now? **Pontiac 67/Ride the Wide-Track Winning Streak**

PALMER MOTOR COMPANY
 1208 NO. 1ST MERKEL PH. 928-5113

- FREE - **REPEAT** - FREE -

DUS TO SUCH TREMENDOUS RESPONSE TO OUR

PONY BIKE

DRAWING WE ARE GIVING ANOTHER ONE AWAY ABSOLUTELY FREE - COME IN AND SIGN UP TODAY. NOTHING TO BUY, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.

Last Week's Pony Bike Winner Was Mrs. June Hogan

THANKSGIVING
GREETING TO YOU



CLOSED
THANKSGIVING
DAY

COFFEE

Folger's 1-lb. can **69¢** 2-lb. can **\$1³⁸**

OCEAN SPRAY 300 SIZE

Cranberry Sauce **19¢**

Green Beans Del Monte Whole 303 Can 2 for **49¢**

PEAS Del Monte 303 Can 2 for **39¢**

Snowdrift 3-lb. Can **69¢**

PUMPKIN Del Monte 303 Can 2 for **29¢**

Pineapple DEL MONTE TIDBITS 12-OZ. CAN 2 for **45¢**

PEACHES Pacific Gold No. 2 1/2 Can 2 for **39¢**

FLOUR Light Crust 5-Lb. **59¢**

Save on MEATS CHOICE BEEF RIBS lb. **29¢**

BACON Wilson's Crisprite Lb. **55¢**

CHUCK ROAST Blade Cut Lb. **43¢** 7-Cut Lb. **49¢**

CHICKEN HENS LB. **45¢**

ALL MEAT BOLOGNA LB. **45¢**

TURKEYS Swift's Butterball lb. **49¢**

TURKEYS Norbest 10-12 lb. **39¢**

PRICES GOOD WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23 - FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOV. 25 & 26

Miracle Whip Qt. **49¢**

Mandarin Oranges Del Monte 11-Oz. Can 2 for **45¢**

YAMS WAPCO Squat Can **25¢** **BOLD** GIANT SIZE **59¢**

FOREMOST WHIPPING or SOUR CREAM ctn. **25¢** **KRAFT'S PARKAY OLEO** 2 for **49¢**

PHILADELPHIA CREAM CHEESE 8-oz. pkg. **29¢** **PECANS** 10-oz. pkg. **79¢**

FOREMOST EGG NOG MIX Qt. **49¢**

BAKER'S COCONUT 4-OZ. CAN **19¢**

KRAFT'S MINIATURE MARSHMALLOWS 10-OZ. PKG. **19¢**

BORDEN'S NONESUCH MINCE MEAT 9-OZ. PKG. **29¢**

AUNT JEMIMA MEAL 5-LB. BAG **39¢**

PICK-OF-THE-CROP FROZEN FOODS

MORTON'S MINCE OR PUMPKIN PIES each **35¢**

FOREMOST BIG DIP Half Gal. **49¢**

Crisp FRUITS and VEGETABLES

CRISP FRESH CELERY stalk **12¢**

FRESH GREEN ONIONS or RADISHES 2 FOR **15¢**

RUSSET SPUDS 10-lb. bag **39¢**

COLORADO ROME APPLES lb. **12¢**

CRANBERRIES lb. **29¢**



"Where Customers Send Their Friends"
TWO DELIVERIES DAILY at 10:30 a. m. and 4:30 p m.
Phone 923-5713

DOUBLE PREMIUMS ON WEDNESDAY ON PURCHASE OF \$2.50 OR MORE IN MERCHANDISE
SAVE VALUABLE CASH REGISTER TAPES FOR PREMIUMS

Big SAVINGS

on Things you need

WITH
MERKEL MAIL

WANT ADS

\$1.00 minimum for the first four lines. Excess of 4 lines will be charged at the rate of 5 cents per word. If no results obtained on the first insertion, we will run it free the second time.

Card of Thanks: \$1.50 for the first 50 words, 5c per word for each additional word. TERMS: Cash in advance, unless an account is already established.

NOTICE of typographical or other errors must be given before the second insertion or claims for refunds or extension will not be recognized.

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR MONUMENTS and CEMETERY CURBING
M. A. (Sarg) NOSTER
1404 Herring Dr.
Merkel, Texas
Phone 8-5565

MASONIC MEETING

Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 719 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.

ROY MASHBURN, W. M.
DAN BUTLER, Sec'y.

NEED A NEW WELL DRILL-ED? An old well cleaned out? Call Robert Higgins, 8-5598. Also sell and install Meyers Pumps 51-tfc

"WOULD YOU BELIEVE" 20% Range Kubes as low as \$59.00 ton. Hog feeds as low as \$37.00 ton. All types of bulk feeds delivered to your barn or feeders. Seed wheat as low as \$2.80 bu. Supply limited. Prices subject to change without notice. Pied Piper Mills, Hamlin, Texas. Code 915. Spring 4-1684. 36 8tp

ANTIQUES - Tuffed Victorian velvet bed, king size. Also solid mahogany bed, dresser, sold separately or together. One nice divan in gold, new. Odd chests. Also old trunks. Red House by Side of Road North of Trent. 36 4tc

DEER HUNTING - 450 acres 14 miles southwest of Merkel on FM Road 126. Call Nubia 4167. Mrs. E. C. Ray. 37 4tc

HAVE REGISTERED horned herefords, polled herefords, black angus for sale at all times. See Bob Spence, Trent. 36 4tc

NEW SHIPMENT - Carnival Glass from Kentucky and California. Glass lamps, various colors. Anything in the glassware. Collector's items. Red House by Side of Road, North of Trent. 36 4tc

WANTED - Ironing. Will do mixed bundles or by piece. 567 Haynes, Merkel. 36 2tp

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY SPARE TIME INCOME Refilling and collecting money from NEW TYPE high quality coin operated dispensers in this area. No selling. To qualify you must have car, references, \$600 to \$1900 cash. Seven to twelve hours weekly can net excellent monthly income. More full time. For personal interview write STUCKEY'S DISTRIBUTING COMPANY, P. O. Box 18427, Dallas, Texas 75218. Include telephone number. 33 1tp

The Merkel Mail

PUBLISHER'S STATEMENT
Established 1889

Published weekly at 916 N. Second St., Merkel, Texas
Entered at the Post Office at Merkel, Texas 79526 as second class mail.

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation, which may appear in the columns of the newspaper will be corrected, gladly, upon being brought to the attention of the publisher.

For Classified Rates: See WANT AD Section.
SUBSCRIPTION RATE: \$3.50 Per Year

Member of the Texas Press Association
and West Texas Press Association.

ELAINE BRUMBEAU Editor
DAVE BRUMBEAU Publisher

WANTED - Custom hay baling, baling and crimping, modern equipment. Howard Blackwell, Ph one 928-53 47. 3p 28 1e
Phone 928-5347. 38 2tp

WANTED - Printer's devil apply at the Merkel Mail. 38 tfe

WANTED - Used Barbee doll clothes. Call Mrs. Brumbeau, 928-5712. 38 tfe

FOR RENT

FOR RENT - Unfurnished apartment, 2 bedroom, bath, 296 Locust. Phone 8-5713. Ray Wilson. 38 tfe

FOR RENT - Two bedroom rock house. Plumbed for washer, fenced yard. Also 3 room furnished house. 402 Ash St. Phone 928-5236. 29 tfe

FOR RENT - One bedroom furnished apartment. Bills paid, \$50. See Mrs. McKeever at Mack's Cleaners, 928-5611 or call 928-5577 after 6. 34 tfe

FOR RENT - Three bedroom home. Inquire at Edna's Beauty Shop. 928-5913. 38 tfe

FOR RENT - One 2 bedroom furnished apartment. One 3 bedroom apartment, furnished or unfurnished apartment. Clean and reasonable. 928-5669. 38 2tc

FOR RENT - Three room and bath house. Good storage room. Located southeast corner on North 5th and El Paso sts. Ph. 928-5742. 37 2tc

FOR RENT - Two bedroom nice rock house furnished. 209 El Paso. Call 8-5777. 37 tfe

FOR RENT OR SALE - 2 bedroom house equipped with electric range, heaters, carpet and air conditioner. Call Andy Shouse, 928-5110. 1010 Trundy. 37 tfe

FOR RENT - 5 rooms, service porch, plumbed for washer, 810 Walnut St. in Merkel. Call E. J. Patterson, Nubia 846-4172. 38 2tp

FOR RENT - Five room house 1/4 mile west Blair store. Plenty good water, garden spot, roping pen and stalls. Elby Frazier, Rt. 1, Sylvester Texas. 38 2tp

FOR SALE

FOR SALE - Used gas heaters, \$1.00 up. Some paint. Saws and filing. J. D. Bradley Workshop. 38 tfe

FOR SALE - Hens at 50c each. Call Ray Orsborn 846-4346. 37 2tc

FOR SALE

Two bedroom, den, living room. South part of town. Financing can be purchased with small down payment.

Three bedroom, two bath house, carpet throughout, own water system, close to town.
CYRUS PEE AGENCY
Phone 928-5613

FOR SALE - 1963 Harley Davidson Sprint, 250 cc. Excellent condition \$325, or best offer. Call 928-5357. 37 2tp

CONSOLE SIDEBOARD PIANO - Will sacrifice to responsible party in this area. Cash or terms. Write Credit Mgr., Tallman Piano Stores, Inc. Salem, Oregon. 38 2tp

FOR SALE - Five room house to be moved. Ph. 928-5633. 38 2tp

FOR SALE - Two bedroom and den house has water well. Ph. 8-5656. 38 tfe

FOR SALE - Coastal Bermuda Hay, Darwin Hill, Noodle 836-6377. 34 6tc

FOR SALE

2 bedroom house on corner. Priced to sell, 311 Marion St.
W. W. TOOMBS, Real Estate
Phone 928-5921

TRUCKS, Trailers, truck and trailer equipment, new IHC trucks, new and used parts, we always have stock 30 to 40 trucks, 15 to 20 semi-trailers. Including vans, pole, grain, oil and water trailers, winch trucks, winches, etc. We trade, try us.

JOHNSON TRUCK & SUPPLY
Phone 928-2181
Orange Plains

FOR SALE - Baby Grand piano. Call 8-5811. See Mrs. Dee Grimes. 37 tfe

CARD OF THANKS

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings, and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful.
Family of Lorinda Campbell

See This! See This!

Handicap Industries at 701 Pine is getting ready to act as a clearing house for home manufactured items, made in the Abilene Area.

Realizing that there are many workers skilled at making such items as ceramics, quilts, paintings, aprons, oven-gloves and potholders, Handicap Ind. will help sell these products . . . many ideal for Christmas gifts . . . for a small commission.

Shoppers - come by Handicap Industries and shop in the designated display areas for home-made products.

HANDICAP INDUSTRIES

701 PINE
Abilene, Texas

YES, I WANT TO GIVE

TO THE
MERKEL COMMUNITY FUND

Knowing the importance of every contribution (large or small) to the agencies the Merkel Community Fund represents, enclosed is my part in helping Merkel's campaign reach its goal.

AMOUNT

Name _____

Address _____

Mail to: Merkel Community Fund
c-o Mrs. Joseph V. Alves
1003 Locust St.
Merkel, Texas 79536

OR CALL 928-5520

LOCAL CITY

Continued from Page One

SENT A RESOLUTION ADVOCATING A NEW BROAD BASED SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR MUNICIPALITIES, whereby the Legislature will be petitioned to provide a 50 - 50 split of any new tax revenues between the State and the Cities.

Under the general title of "Solution of Small Town Problems," West Texas Chamber of Commerce is launching a six - session program in as many West Texas towns in January and February "to keep small towns from drying up on the vine."

1. - Ways in which state agencies can help.

2. - Ways in which the federal government agencies can help.

Many thousands of tourists in

addition to the thousands who will attend the HemisFair in San Antonio will leave many dollars in the towns who have something to attract them. With the united efforts of all Merkel in a movement now in the talking stage a golf course, a country club building already on the ground, a rodeo and riding club facilities, baseball diamond and swimming pool and other attractions could be added all in the same location just outside the City Limits of Merkel. Enthusiasm over our potential possibilities and our need for action should stir all of us into a united effort.

Annual SCF Meet
Slated Dec. 6

Special to the Merkel Mail - Space age developments which are rocketing the Southwest into the leading fed beef production center in the world will be featured at the sixth annual Southwestern Cattle Feeding Conference in Lubbock Dec. 6.

High on the list of subjects which progressive feeders are talking about these days is steam flaking of grain, and this topic will be covered in detail by Dr. William H. Hale of the University of Arizona, recognized as one of the leading authorities in the nation.

Lloyd Bergsma of Fort Worth, director of the division, said headquarters for the conference this year will be the KoKo Inn Motor Hotel. Programs and other information in regard to the 1966 conference can be obtained by writing the TSCRA Cattle Feeders Division, 410 East Weatherford St., Fort Worth, Texas.

Theme of the program is "Interest in Youth"

Gates to the base will be opened to the public with school students as special guests, at 8:30 a.m. The festivities begin at 9:45. The Thunderbird performance begins at 11:30.

School superintendents, principals and students, in the nine counties surrounding the Dyess-Abilene area have been extended personal invitations to the school Day event.

Today the issue of priestly celibacy has become an important subject of open discussion. How many priests spend years attempting to follow the celibacy rule set down hundreds of years ago, and end up miserable and confused because they cannot be honest about their sexuality?

Gabriel Longo was one such priest. He was eminently successful in his Jersey City parish. But through it all he found that he was being untrue to his natural instincts. Finally, he left the priesthood and the Church, convinced that he was one of those Cardinal Bea described at the Ecumenical Council as "called to the priesthood but not to the celibate state."

Today, Longo is married and the father of two. He has written an absorbing autobiography, "Spoiled Priest" which has already gone into three large printings, thanks largely to the demand for the book that followed his recent appearances on national radio and television shows.

In "Spoiled Priest" Longo is compellingly honest. He describes his 15 years in the priesthood and his suffering. He talks with remarkable candor, taste and good humor of the financial benefits of the priesthood. And he writes in a fascinating way about the Confessional and how it affects the priest.

Inspired by the local parish priest who was both his friend and idol, Gabriel Longo at 15 decided to enter the priesthood. He was from a poor family that couldn't afford to educate him, but Longo was assisted by his friend to enter Seton Hall. Permitted to date, the tall and handsome student met temptation, and was frequently pursued by girls. During his seminary years, his sexual drives were sublimated only with great difficulty. He learned that his problem was one faced by many of his classmates. Finally, after years as a priest, he realized with growing despair that he had made a mistake. Celibacy, and therefore the priesthood, was not his calling.

Leaving the priesthood, he floundered in a world for which he was unprepared. A kind of outcast and exile, he solved the problems he sud-

denly faced with the determination of a man caught in an inescapable trap but nevertheless determined to escape.

The engrossing account of this reverent 20th century man working in a faith he believed in but by which he couldn't fully live, will fascinate readers of all faiths—and offend none. For ex-priest Longo, presents the case against priestly celibacy with fairness and respect.

"Spoiled Priest" is published by University Books and is sold in bookstores everywhere. It belongs to that body of stirring and provocative literature which is reshaping our world today. It is fascinating reading and will no doubt become the subject of considerable discussion among many people for a long time to come.

Gabriel Longo

Gabriel Longo

Gabriel Longo

Gabriel Longo

Gabriel Longo

Gabriel Longo

Gabriel Longo

Gabriel Longo

Gabriel Longo

Gabriel Longo

Gabriel Longo

Gabriel Longo

Gabriel Longo

Gabriel Longo

Gabriel Longo

Gabriel Longo

Gabriel Longo

GTGM Society To Meet Nov. 27

The Central Texas Gem and Mineral Society will meet Sunday, Nov. 27 at 2:00 p.m. in the Recreation Building at Fair Park in Abilene.

Joe Bacon of Tuscola will give the second part of a series - Exhibiting in Federation Shows - Competitive Exhibits."

Alva Kolb of Roby will present a short talk on "The Art of Silversmithing." "This subject will interest many members and visitors and will be helpful to all who have had difficulty in finding just the right mounting for their finished gems," said Mrs. Mutt Moore, Abilene publicity chairman.

The Victoria Falls are in South ern Rhodesia.

HMS "Victory," Lord Nelson's ship is in dry dock at Portsmouth, England, and can be inspected daily till sundown.

Announces Examination

LAUGHLIN AFB, Texas - The United States Civil Service Commission announces an examination for career - conditional appointment to the position of Aircraft Sheetmetal Worker, W-8, \$2.49 per hour; and W-10, \$2.80 per hour, for employment at San Antonio, Laredo AFB, and Laughlin AFB.

Interested applicants are requested to contact the Civilian Personnel Offices at Laredo AFB or Laughlin AFB; or the Interagency Board of U. S. Civil Service for South - Central Texas, P. O. Drawer 2709, San Antonio, Tex., 78206.

HOUSE PAINTING
Carpenter Repairs
Tape and Bedding
Sign Painting
See LEE WARD
Phone 928-6864

THANKSGIVING DAY
Greetings
FROM
CRAWFORD'S
MEN'S WEAR
Merkel, Texas

NEED
Forced-Air Heating System?
CALL
ALLISON PLUMBING
308 Rannels 928-5787

LIVING is
BETTER with
The
Fort Worth
Star-Telegram

NOW! REDUCED
MAIL RATES
FOR A LIMITED
TIME YOU CAN
SUBSCRIBE TO THE
Fort Worth
STAR-TELEGRAM
by mail and
SAVE! REAL MONEY
Morning with Sunday \$18.95
Reg. \$25.20
You Save \$6.25
7 days a week one year by mail

Morning Except Sunday \$14.95
Reg. \$18.00
You Save \$3.05
6 days a week one year by mail
Evening Edition available at full rate.

BY MAIL IN TEXAS and BORDERING States Only

Expanded news coverage of the Star-Telegram means a greater STATE newspaper for you than ever before, more sports coverage, too, more than any other Texas newspaper. There's more reading enjoyment for every member of the family . . . that's why LIVING IS BETTER with the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Subscribe now and save.

Fill out and mail to the Star-Telegram today, or See Your Hometown Agent.

FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM
400 W. 7th, Fort Worth, Texas 76102
Sir Attached is check or money order for \$ _____
 Morning With Sunday Morning Without Sunday
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____
STATE _____ ZIP NO. _____

**LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR**

EDITOR'S NOTE — Letters to the editor do not necessarily express the view of the editor nor of this paper. But The Merkel Mail will continue to run letters to the editor as long as some are not liable, in good taste, and they must be signed.

Dear Editor:

It seems that during the last few weeks there has been much concern on the part of the Mayor, City Council, and some citizenry concerning the young people of our city. Letters written to the pastors of our various churches have asked for help in solving this teenage problem.

In their great concern the above interested people seem to have overlooked the fact that when young people ask for help (in an advisory manner) a number of the above interested people do not have time for them.

A number of boys had a sort of meeting about a year ago and decided that if we organized ourselves, we could not only benefit ourselves but also the community as a whole. Our first move was to

contact a member of the City Council and ask for help in setting up our rules and goals and also a name for our club. One representative came to one or two meetings and for that we are grateful. But the only official supervision we ever received was from nightwatchman Albert Chancey whose volunteered time was greatly appreciated.

We have, from our own allowances, lunch money, etc., rented a building in which to meet and work on our cars or do what ever we want to. Each member has a key to the door and can go in at any time of the day or night. Up until this time there have been no wild orgies to the best of my knowledge.

I think our interested people should give this some consideration before they get all worked up about the young people.

Sincerely,
D. A. BISHOP

Tax Man Sam Sez

Every year the Internal Revenue Service calls in thousands of taxpayers for tax audits. A large part of these taxpayers get into a discussion of their tax affairs with Internal Revenue through their failure to keep good records. Keeping good records is not an easy task but it is an important family chore that is profitable. You can prepare a much better tax return and you may save yourself a lot of tax dollars

For
COLDS
take **666**



**SIT DOWN
and**

**WALTZ
THROUGH
WASHDAY**

See your electric appliance dealer or WTU right away.. learn the modern homemaker's laundry-day "waltz." An automatic electric washer and dryer does the family laundry and frees you to do other chores or rest your weary bones.

Get in on the big Waltz Through Washday bargains at your electric appliance dealer or WTU now...

**A BIG, BIG, SAVING FOR
WTU CUSTOMERS**

Free 220 Volt Wiring — if you buy a dryer or combination from a local dealer or WTU.

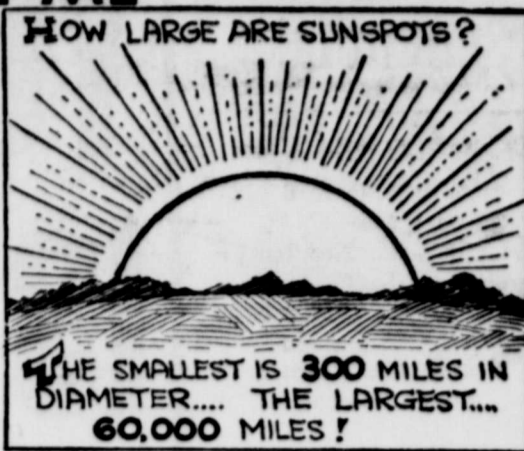
for **FRIGIDAIRE**
Electric appliances
visit WTU



West Texas Utilities
Company

an investor owned company

TELL ME



if you take the trouble to keep a simple set of records. You will find that your records are not only helpful for preparing your tax return, but they may also solve a lot of other problems for you.

Hardy Completes Basic Training

SAN ANTONIO — Airman Willie R. Hardy Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie R. Hardy Sr. of Merkel, has been selected for technical training at Sheppard AFB as a U.S. Air Force transportation specialist.

The airman recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. His new school is part of the Air Training Command which conducts hundreds of specialized courses to provide technically trained personnel for the nation's aerospace force.

Airman Hardy a 1965 graduate of Merkel High School, attended Cisco Junior College.



AIRMAN JERRY D. ROSS, son of Mrs. June O. Ross of 112 Locust St., Merkel, has been assigned to George AFB, Calif., after completing Air Force basic training. Ross is a graduate of Merkel High School and will be trained on the job as a metals repair specialist with the Tactical Air Command. He is presently home on leave before being assigned to his new duties.

MHS Band Gets Division Ratings

A II division rating was earned by the Merkel High School Band in their participation in the Interscholastic Marching Contest Saturday, Nov. 19 at Big Spring.

Receiving a I rating at the meet were the Merkel High School twirlers, with Mrs. Benny Melton as instructor. Solo contest ratings went to Pat Bigbee with a I rating, and Sue Pinckley, Wynona Doan, Jo Ann Lassiter, Pam Wala and Christi Lucas with II ratings.

Christmas Concert Set

The Merkel High School Band will present a Christmas Concert Sunday, Dec. 18 at the High School auditorium, according to band instructor, Glenn Reed. The public is invited to the concert.

Cattle Feeding Conference Set

Dynamic changes taking place in the cattle feeding industry today and their effect on the feeding industry of tomorrow will be highlighted in discussions at the sixth annual Southwestern Cattle Feeding Conference in Lubbock, Dec. 5 and 6.

One of the topics sure to be of interest to all will be a panel discussion on "Feed Lot Financing — Next Five Months — Five Years." Moderating the panel of livestock financiers will be E. W. Williams vice president, Citizens National Bank, Lubbock. The panel will include A. J. Kemp, executive vice president, National Finance Credit Corporation; Frank Sibert, vice president, South Omaha Stockyards National Bank; Pat Malone, vice president, First National Bank, Amarillo; and Jack Barton, vice president Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, Hous-

ton. "The comments of this distinguished panel are sure to be a highlight of the Conference," according to Lloyd Bergsma of Fort Worth, director of the Cattle Feeders Division.

Headquarters for this year's Conference will be the KoKo Inn Motor Hotel. The meetings will begin at 2:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 5, and will continue through Dec. 6.



ALL

TYPES

OF

INSURANCE

BONEY

INS. AGENCY

Phone 8-5151

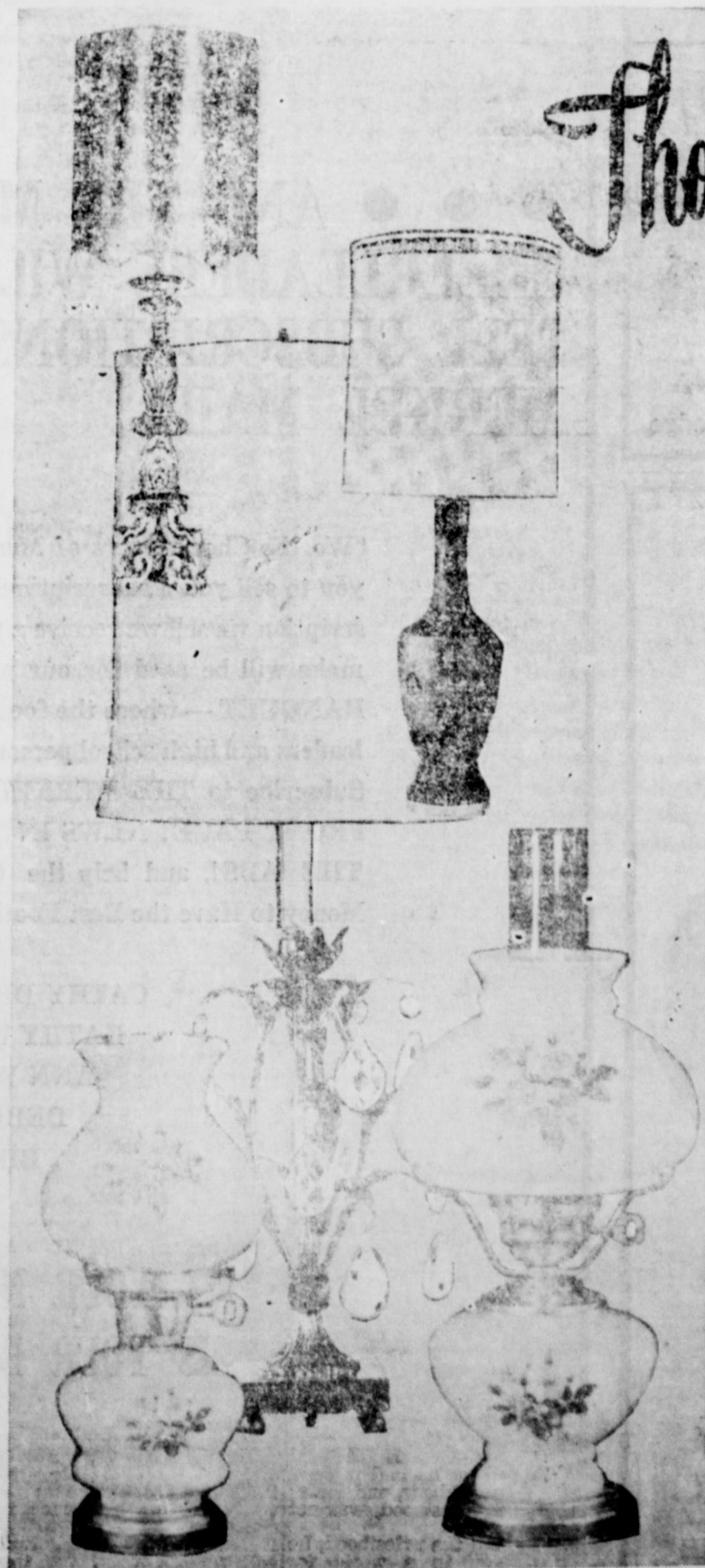
It's Traders' Day!

Everyday is "traders' day" at Handicap Industries at 701 Pine, downtown Abilene. If you have anything of value in your garage or storeroom that you want to get rid of, bring it to Handicap Ind., and swap it in on some of their merchandise. They will trade with you.

Here are a few of the items you could trade for: 4 - drawer filing cabinet \$24.95; 24 ft. heavy duty extension ladder \$24.95; 2" foam rubber 72" wide 10c per sq. ft.; 8 luxurious bar stools \$24.95; baby car seats at 99c. And many, many other items.

**HANDICAP
INDUSTRIES**

701 PINE ST
Abilene



Thornton's
of Abilene

Fantasyland opens Friday, November 25th, 2nd floor 4th & oak!

lamp sale!

**REPRODUCTIONS: HAND
PAINTED: IMPORTED:**

Even Aladdin would be green with envy over these lamp buys! Magnificent reproductions that you can hardly tell from the originals. Hand decorated Bristol Glass and Pearl or gold-plated figures with cut glass prisms. Accents to a decorator's dream! 14" to 35".

Regularly
14.95 to 19.95

888

French Bristol glass with gold, mouchette oven-glass — bronze and black marble with brass bases, Italian wrought-iron and black marble with crystal tear drops to mention just a few, all ready to brighten your home with endless enjoyment. 18" to 35".

Regularly
17.95-24.95

1488

gift shop, 4th & oak only

GET and REDEEM Key Stamps for more of the things you adore at all 3 stores

Religious Review

ATTEND CHURCH SUNDAY!

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Floyd G. Kinser, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00
Worship Service 8:30

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Newton Daniel, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45
Worship Service 10:55
Youth Meeting 6:00
Evening Worship 7:30
WEDNESDAY
Choir Practice 8:00

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Dwight Holland, pastor
SUNDAY
Bible School 9:45
Morning Worship 10:55
Evening Classes 6:00
Evening Worship 6:45
WEDNESDAY
Bible Classes 8:00

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
John Curtis, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45
Preaching 11:00
Evening Preaching 7:00
WEDNESDAY
Mid-Week Evangelistic Service 7:30
Mid-Week Service 7:30 p.m.
Choir Practice 8:30 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
5th and Rannels
David Hahn, pastor
SUNDAY MORNING
Sunday School 10:00
Worship Service 11:00
SUNDAY EVENING
Training Union 5:30
Worship Service 6:30
WEDNESDAY
Evening Service 7:30

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Bill Tanner, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Radio Broadcast 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:50 a.m.
Radio Broadcast 11:00 a.m.
Youth Choir 5:00 p.m.
Training Union 5:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Women's Missionary Society 9:30 a.m.
Sunbeam Band 3:15 p.m.
Junior GA's 3:45 p.m.
Intermediate Royal Ambassadors 3:30 p.m.
Midweek Service 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY
Junior Choir 3:30 p.m.

JESUS NAME UNITED PENTACOSTAL CHURCH
Travis Starnes, pastor
SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY
Youth Service 7:30 p.m.
THURSDAY
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

MISSION BAPTISTA BETHEL
Juan Nix, pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Training Union 6 p.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.

TESS Class Installs Officers

A recent luncheon for the T.E.L. Sunday School class of First Baptist Church was held in the home of Mrs. Jennings Winter, with Mrs. E. R. Clack as co hostess.

Mrs. Clyde Bartlett installed officers for the new year, and Mary Sue Doan gave a devotional on Thanksgiving.

Ten members and three visitors were present.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

HIGH SCHOOL

Nov. 29 — Roby, there B girls, A girls, A boys, 5:30
Dec. 1, 2, 3 — Jim Ned Tournament, A girls, A boys
Dec. 6 — Hawley, there, A girls, A boys, 7:00
Dec. 8, 9, 10 — H-SU Tournament, A girls, Haskell Tournament, A boys
Dec. 13 — Anson, There, B boys, A girls, A boys, 5:30
Dec. 16 — open
Dec. 20 — Hawley, Here A girls, A boys, 7:00
Jan. 3 — open
Jan. 5, 6, 7 — Trent Tournament, A girls, A boys
The following are district games for both A boys and girls, at 7:00
Jan. 10 — Rosecoe, there
Jan. 13 — Aspermont, there
Jan. 17 — Rotan, here
Jan. 20 — Jim Ned, there
Jan. 24 — Wylie, here
Jan. 27 — Rosecoe, here
Jan. 31 — Aspermont, here
Feb. 3 — Rotan, there
Feb. 7 — Jim Ned, here
Feb. 10 — Wylie, here

The Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910.

Mack's Cleaners
Your Dry Cleaner Is Your Clothes Best Friend
Clothing Dry Cleaned lasts longer and looks new longer.



Holiday Forecast:

Gay and Glamorous
The best part of a busy pre-holiday schedule . . . the hour you spend with us, while we care for your grooming to insure a lovelier you through Christmas. Make your Christmas appointment now.

HOLIDAY SPECIAL
Thanksgiving thru Christmas
\$7.50 Cold Wave only \$6.00
THE GLAMOUR BAR
Phone 928-6842
OPERATORS
Marlene Peel and Ann Shouse Rutledge

YOUR NEWSPAPER IS YOUR BEST SANTA!



● ● ● AND THE MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS WILL BE 'HELPING SANTA' SELL SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE MERKEL MAIL!

"We, the Cheerleaders of Merkel High School, will be calling on you to sell you a subscription to the Merkel Mail. For every subscription we sell we receive a nice commission. And the money we make will be used for our projects — mainly the FOOTBALL BANQUET — where the football boys, the band members, cheerleaders and high school personnel are special guests. Subscribe to THE MERKEL MAIL and get NEWS ON THE FRONT PAGE! NEWS IN THE ARTICLES! and NEWS IN THE ADS!, and help the CHEERLEADERS Earn Enough Money to Have the Best Football Banquet ever!"

CATHY DERRINGTON (Head Cheerleader),
KATHY WHISENHUNT,
ANN WALKER
DEBBIE BLACK
BECKI GLADEN

YOUR NEWSPAPER IS YOUR BEST SANTA!

THE MERKEL MAIL

SPORT COATS

\$19.95 up



LONG-WEARING SUITS \$49.95 up



LAYAWAY FOR CHRISTMAS — FREE GIFT WRAPPING

CRAWFORD'S
MEN'S WEAR

213 EDWARDS

PHONE 928-5612

AREA STUDENTS WIN IN POSTER CONTEST

The four top winning students in each grade in the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District's poster contest will be guests at a banquet in the Ballroom of the Windsor Hotel Monday evening, Dec. 5. Hosting the awards banquet will

be the Taylor Electric Cooperative Inc of Merkel, of which Norman Winter is manager

Also attending the banquet will be the students' parents, their teachers and the principals of schools of which the winning students represent.

Area students winning in the district contest are Jerry Stephan Merkel; fourth grade whose first place poster was entitled "New But True;" Kathryn Murrell, Merkel, first place in third grade division, with a conservation poster on "Soil Means Life;" Deborah White, Merkel, 2nd place, second grade, "Keep a Cover on the Land."

Area winners in the first grade are Jerry Turner, Trent, 3rd place, "Save Soil, Contour Plowing," and Vickie Reddin, Merkel, 4th place, "We Need Good Crops."

Winning posters have been on display in the basement of the Abilene Public Library in Abilene.

The posters were judged by a committee consisting of Durward Grubb, science teacher in Lincoln Junior High School, Abilene; Arneal Scott, work unit conservationist and Robert Manly, Hamby farmer and secretary of the Middle Clear Fork Board of Supervisors.

MERKEL PAGEANT

By THE MAIL STAFF

Convention Hall could never be livelier than it was at the Merkel Elementary Political Rally, held Wednesday morning, Nov. 16 in the school auditorium. In fact, candidates and campaign managers of our two popular parties might well "take a few lessons" from the participants who promised everything from easier lessons to flowers that bloom in the spring as they recited their campaign speeches from the "convention platform."

For instance, little Miss Cindy McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lon McDonald, practically had the vice presidency for the Student Council wrapped up when she stepped up to the microphone and said "I could spend my time and yours telling you how pretty I am, how nice I am and what good grades I make — most of the time, but I'm not going to do that. I'm going to tell you what a fine group of students you are. And if I had to make a choice

of any school to attend, it would be Merkel Elementary School. It's the best anywhere."

Good going, Cindy. Perhaps you'll be president of the U.S. one of these days, if at that time women can be presidents of the U.S.

To keep the rally on a live wire basis, candidates and their managers borrowed a "shot" from the GOP and Demo Convention halls — they had a host of "delegates" waving banners, carrying signs, beating drums and bursting with songs and yells

Upon entering the hall visitors were urged to "Never Fear, Jeanette is Here," "Let's Go Western," "Keep MAD In," "SSS Is on the Go," and many other bantering signs that concerned the election of a student council president, vice president, fire chief and assistant fire chief.

JOHNNY COX

Bookkeeping
Income Tax Service
Wills - Notary
114 Edwards 928-6943

SUBSCRIBE and SAVE MONEY

The Abilene Reporter-News

FALL BARGAIN RATES

BY MAIL ANYWHERE IN TEXAS

One Year NOW ONLY \$16⁹⁵
Daily and Sunday
7 Issue a Week

One Year NOW ONLY \$14⁹⁵
Daily Only
6 Issues a Week

See your home town agent today or mail direct to the Reporter-News.

The Abilene Reporter-News
Gentlemen: Yes mail me the Reporter-News for a year at Bargain Rates.
() Morning & Sunday 7 days a week..... \$16.95
() Morning only 6 days a week..... \$14.95
8 pages of Sunday comics in color with the Saturday morning edition

Name
Address
City

HEY BOYS and GIRLS LOOKIE AT THE PARAMOUNT



Show Chaperoned

BIG KIDDIE SHOW

9:30 TIL NOON THIS SATURDAY SPONSORED BY

FOREMOST

ADMISSION: 2 Tops from any 1/2 Gallon Foremost or Tennessee Milk, Foremost Ice Cream or Cottage Cheese.

VALUABLE PRIZES

AUCTION FROM STAGE
SAVE YOUR FOREMOST TOP

Door and Bid Chips Will Be Given Out To Boys and Girls Who Want To Bid. Tops Will Be Collected



THE FOREMOST CLOWN WILL BE AT THE SHOW

EVENT CHAPERONED

Trent Services For Mrs. West

Mrs. G. F. West, 91, longtime resident of the Merkel - Trent area, died Tuesday, Nov. 15 in her home in Abilene, after a short illness.

Services were held Wednesday in the Trent Church of Christ with Phil Spears, minister, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born Mary Tennie Griffin April 20, 1875 in Comanche, she married G. F. West there Dec. 29, 1898. They moved to Trent in 1907. Mr. West died Oct. 13, 1950, and Mrs. West moved to Abilene in 1956.

Survivors are one son, J. H. of Trent; four grandchildren; nine great-g grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

First steam railroad was in 1830 between Baltimore and Ohio.

Thanksgiving

FOR THE PAST



HOPEFULNESS

FOR THE FUTURE

Since the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock set apart a day after their first harvest, Thanksgiving has been an American institution. As a day of feasting and pleasure, it has no equal on our calendar. But Thanksgiving has a deeper meaning to us too. It is the day which we have specifically set aside to give thanks to the Almighty for the benefits received during the past year, and on which we express the hopefulness that the next year will bring us our needs and that "peace will reign on earth."

FREE WIN A VACATION TRIP FOR 2 TO ACAPULCO FOR CHRISTMAS

A Christmas present from D&W... Winner to be announced Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 1966. (All you have to do is register — No purchase necessary — You do not have to be present to win)

7 GREAT PRIZES

ALL YOU DO IS REGISTER

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1st Prize — Week in Acapulco, Mexico for 2 | 5th Prize — Recliner Chair |
| 2nd Prize — RCA Victor Stereo | 6th Prize — RCA Tape Recorder |
| 3rd Prize — G.E. Color T.V. | 7th Prize — RCA Radio |
| 4th Prize — Serta Perfect Sleeper Queen Size Mattress and Box Springs | |

FLY BY AMERICAN AIRLINE JET, ALL EXPENSES PAID

MORE PEOPLE OWN RCA VICTOR THAN ANY OTHER TV

This Contemporary consolette brings you color so real you'll think you are there. Performance-proved New Vista* chassis with 25,000-volt picture power. Natural color pictures on RCA glare-proof Hi-Lite Color Tube. Super-powerful New Vista VHF and Solid State UHF tuners.



5,000 S&H GREEN STAMPS \$18.05 PER MONTH \$499.⁹⁷ Exch.



in Abilene at
102 Elm Street



Our BEST to YOU for THANKSGIVING FEASTING



PRICES GOOD
WEDNESDAY
DOUBLE GIFT
BOND STAMPS
AND
FRIDAY - SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 23, 25, 26

WE WILL BE
CLOSED
THURSDAY
THANKSGIVING

REGISTER EACH TIME YOU ARE IN OUR
STORE FOR THE
MONEY TREE
Plus 20 MORE FREE GIFTS.
ALL GOOD FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.
DRAWING DEC. 3RD, 5:00 P.M. — NOTHING
TO BUY. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE
PRESENT TO WIN!

BORDEN'S
EGG NOG Qt. 49c

NABISCO PREMIUM
CRACKERS lb. 33c

SCHILLINGS
VANILLA 2-oz. 39c

DREAM
WHIP 4-oz. box 39c

CAMPBELL'S CHICKEN
NOODLE SOUP 2 for 29c

KUNER'S 303
PUMPKIN 2 for 29c

KUNER'S 303
GREEN BEANS .. 2 for 39c

KUNER'S 303
GARDEN PEAS ... 2 for 39c

KUNER'S 303
W. K. CORN ... 2 for 35c

METZGER'S BIG M
HOMO MILK 1/2-GAL. CTN. 2 for **83¢**

OCEAN SPRAY
CRANBERRY
SAUCE
2 300 CANS **49¢**

FOLGERS

COFFEE
(1 Limit)
POUND CAN **69¢**

DATES

DROMEDARY
POUND PKG. **43¢**

Mrs TUCKER

ALL VEGETABLE
(1 Limit)
3-LB. CAN **59¢**

FLOUR

GLADIOLA
GET GINGER DOLL
10-LB. BAG **98¢**

Miracle Whip

KRAFT'S
QT. **49¢**

METZGER'S
Whipping CREAM 1/2 Pt. 23c

METZGER'S 1/2 GAL.
BUTTERMILK 2 for 83c

KRAFT MARSHMALLOW
CREAM pint 2 for 35c

KRAFT MINIATURE
MARSHMALLOWS .. 10-oz. 19c

DEL MONTE 2 1/2 (2 Limit)
PEACHES 2 for 49c

DEL MONTE MANDARIN
ORANGES can 23c



JOHNSTON'S ASSORTED
FRUIT PIES Jumbo each **59¢**

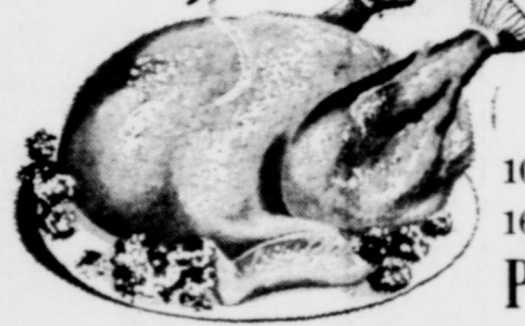
HERSHEY'S
DAINTIES
2 6-OZ. or 1 12-OZ. PKG. **35¢**

IMPERIAL
POWDER
SUGAR
2 BOXES FOR **25¢**

AUNT JEMIMA
MEAL
5-LB. BAG **39¢**

HAIR
SPRAY
JUMBO CAN **89c**

The Finest **TURKEY** for your feast!



10 TO
16 LBS.
POUND

HENS

GRADE A

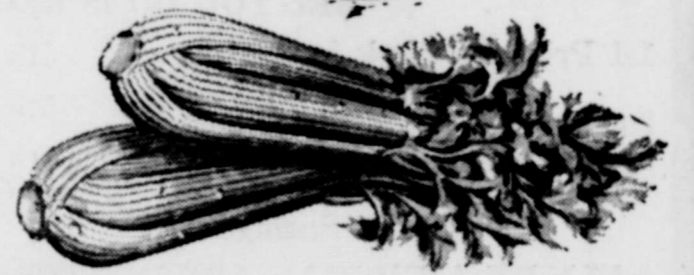
39¢

PARKAY
Soft Pack
OLEO
lb. 39c

WHOLE SUN 12-OZ.
ORANGE JUICE 12 oz. 33c

MEADS
HOT ROLLS 24 in pkg. 25c

SHELLED
HALVES
PECANS LB. **1 19**



BACON
HAMS
STEAK
ROAST

HORMEL
DAIRY BRAND
POUND **59¢**

DECKER
NO. 1 HALF
OR WHOLE
POUND **53¢**

CHOICE BEEF
ROUND LB. **89¢**

FRESH
PORK LB. **45¢**

HUNT'S 2 1/2
FRUIT COCKTAIL 2 for 59c

DEL MONTE FRESH CUCUMBER
PICKLES pint 25c

POP'S RITE
POP CORN 4 lbs. 49c

VEL GIANT LIQUID **49¢**

FAB GIANT BOX **59¢**

FRESH
CELERY stalk 10c

GOLDEN
BANANAS lb. 9c

FRESH
CRANBERRIES lb. 29c

FLORIDA
TANGERINES lb. 19c

YELLOW NO. 1
ONIONS 2 lbs. 15c

RUSSET
SPUDS 20-lb. bag 69c

CHOICE BEEF
STEAK T-BONE or SIRLOIN LB. **85¢**

LEE'S TASTY
SAUSAGE 2 pounds \$1.19

WISCONSIN
CHEESE lb. 65c



DOUBLE
ON
WEDS.

CARSONS
SUPER MARKET



MERKEL, TEXAS FREE DELIVERY MON - WED - FRI
FRESH VEGETABLES BEST MEATS IN TOWN