



It has been quite some time since I have written a column, but it has been relaxing to take a little time out. Sometimes it's a chore to rake up news in and around the community and then wonder if you are going to get to the press on time.

Well, it is real dry here in the Canyon; several thousand acres of wheat dry sown makes farmers listen to the weather report on gifts, toys, clothing and dolls. closer.

Just a very ew livestock moving to market; however, prices are still pretty high.

Small grain has not made any grazing at all, and perhaps will be too late to furnish any if rain doesn't come soon.

Crops are all out in our area. The deer hunting has been one of the biggest failures this year that hunters have ever experienced. Land owners and hunters both say the season openedtwo weeks too soon and the weather was so mild and warm, the deer didn't come down out of the brush. The kill has been very light in our area, and most young deer at that was killed.

Mr. J. B. Sloan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gray of Big Spring were recent visitors and dinner guests in the Tom Russom home

Allen King has been doing fairly well at his ranch home the last few days.

Well, if you are not ready for

#### **\$120 CONTRIBUTED** ON \$750 GOAL Contributions totaling \$120.00 as Merkel High School student Ray

of press time kicked off the 1966 Woodard assisted by Mary John-Goo.'fellow Drive to an optimistic sen, Richard Walker, D. A. Bishop, Dale White and Mamie Pat-

Designed to provide a brighter

Christmas for this city's needy

families, a group of merchants

and civic leaders met recently

and outlined committees to work

-Ray Wilson, heading the gift

committee is assisted by Johnny

Hammond, the Rev. Newton Dan-

iel and Onis Crawford. Mrs. Mary

Mosier is chairman of the Cloth-

ing Committee; Mrs. Derrell Far-

mer. Doll Committee, and Mrs.

A special series of pre - Christ-

mas services are being conducted

by the Calvary Baptist Church of

David E. Hahn the "primary em-

phasis of these services will be

placed upon the true meaning of

Christmas, and this theme will

**PRE-CHRISTMAS** 

SERVICES SLATED

GOODFELLOWS

start.

Mrs. W. R. Cypert.

"With a goal of \$750.00 for this terson. year's drive the \$120.00 is a won-And letters have begun to come derful beginning." said Goodfelin from needy families to the low chairman, Truman Belcher, Chamber of Commerce, requesting "and we truly believe the goal mostly toys and clothing. will be met." Co - chairman is

One letter, written by a youngster, wrote: Dear Goodfellows:

I want some clothes for Christmas and some toys. Mother and daddy need help, too. And another.

Dear Goodfellow: Will you please help me with my children. I have five and would like to get help from you. Thank you, Goodfellows.

Headquarters for the Goodfellows will be the building on North Betty Whisenhunt and Vincent 2nd and Kent. Clothing contribu-Barnett head the clothing collec- tors may contact Mrs. Whisenhunt or Barnett or leave them at the Heading the Toy Committee is Chamber of Commerce.



**CONSERVATION WINNERS** — Jerry Stephan, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stephan and Kathryn Murrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Murrell, share a happy though at being first place winners in their grades in the conservation poster contest held recently. Jerry, a Merkel second grader entered poster entitled

## Christmas Shopping, Buying Started Early -- Continuing **MERCHANTS AGREE BUSINESS BETTER**

Merkel merchants agree that "Christmas shopping (and buying) is better this year than has been in a long time."

In a door-to-door check of businesses in downtown Merkel, busi- time. ness heads were quick with their answer, "busines iss good."

Of the three questions asked business men - What is the shopping trend? Are people buying? and Is business as good this year as the same time last year? almost all answeres agreed:

"People started shopping earlier this year - even as early as the first of November."

"Definitely." "Much better than last year." Mrs. Almeda Bullock of Bullock Hardware commented that "Christmas buying has definitely started and we are very pleased with the results."

"Best ever." was Onis Crawford's comment. Owner of Crawford's Men's Wear, he said that "it began with early layaways and it's getting better all the time.'

"Christmas shopping started in November and has increased greatly since," was Mrs. Dee Grimes' surmise of the Christmas buying. She is owner of Bragg's.

the optimistic buying trend: "Conditions are improved ma-

terially over a year ago People are in better shape financially than they have been in a long

"The improved financial conditions are due primarily to a very satisfactory crop yield this year. good weather conditions and a record harvest, with very little waste or loss."

Merchants agreed that "buyers are a little more selective now."

"People are waking up the the realization that sooner or later they are going to have to pay for purchases made, and they have become more selective," said Warren.

### **Merkel Badgers** Honored by Lions

Members of the 1966 Merkel Badger Football team and coaches were honored Tuesday, Dec. 6 by the Lions Club at their noon luncheon.

Lion member, the Rev. Newton Daniel welcomed the team and reminded them that "developing good bodies was important, but Merkel Drug Store owner Da- development of good minds and spiritual environment were a very important for a successful life.

The evangelist is the Rev. Don Brown of Conway, Mo. Rev. Merkel. According to the pastor, Brown is among the best - known and most highly respected ministers in the entire Baptist Bible Fellowship. He has preached in various sections of the United States, and has been instrumental

be stressed from night to night."

in establishing new churches hout the states

Christmas, you had better get ready, for it's almost here. Everything looks as if we might have a good Christmas this year. While we were driving by the

W. C. Perkins' place the other day we noticed a very nice new barn or implement shed. Looked pretty fine, W C.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Floyd have certainly improved their farm buildings. They are moving in a new barn and storage building.

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Those who are in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene as of this writing and whom we hope will be coming home soon, are F. T. Hogan, Dub Derstine, and Vestil Hicks all of Merkel, and Curley Edwards of Trent. All have been in the hospital for several days.



Rev. Brown has held meetings in the Sweetwater area, and "local residents will recall hearing his messages."

According to Rev. Hahn one special attraction of the pre- Christmas meeting will be Rev. Brown's story of his visit with a convicted murderer and bank robber, and how he converted him to Christianity, while the convict was in Nebraska State Pentitentiary. This and other actual experiences gained during the many years of Rev. Brown's evangelistic ministry will be related during the course of

the meetings. Rev. Hahn extends "an invitation to the public to attend any or

show. "There is no admission fee."

all of the meetings" with services beginning at 7:30 p.m.

she said.

#### "New But True," and Kathryn's third grade poster was "Soil Means Life." (Staff Photo)

Poster winners were presented

## **BANQUET HONORS** NSERVATIONISTS'

Winners in the Taylor County lish Department of Hardin-Simconservation poster and essay con- mons University was chairman of test were honored Monday eve- the essay judging committee and Durward Grubb, science teacher nig. Dec. 5 at a banquet held in the ballroom of the Windsor Hoin Lincoln Junior High School, tel in Abilene chairman of the poster judging

The event, jointly sponsored by committee. the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District and ribbons by Harry Holt, KRBC-TV Taylor Electric Cooperative of and radio ranch and farm edi-Merkel, honored forty - nine stutor, and Horace Hargrove asdents in the elementary, junior sistant manager of Taylor Elecand senior high schools of Taylor tric Cooperative presented the es-County say ribbons.

The first four place winners and over - all winners in the elementary school poster contest and also the high school essay contest were special guests along with their parents and teachers.

Area students winning in the poster contests were Jerry Stephan first place winner, fourth grade: Kathryn Murrel, first place, third grade: Deborah White, second place, second grade; all of Merkel: and Jerry Turner, a third place winner from Trent first grade.

In the essay contest, Paul Thames, Merkel, placed second in the eighth grade; Linda Mc-Aninch, second, Trent Ninth grade; Katherine Paterson, Merkel, first place in tenth grade; Larry Wilson of Tye and a Merkel High School eleventh grade, placed third, and Charles Talbott of Trent High School, fourth.

chairman of the Middle Clear Fork Soil and Water Conservation District, was master of ceremonies. Guest speaker, Bill Scott, vocational agriculture teacher in Abilene High School, congratulated the students on their interest in conservation and commended the teachers working with them.

vid Gamble, summed up the buying trend as "very good. Much better than last year.'

Meyer Mellinger of Mellinger's commented that "Christmas buying had started out real good and is holding up fine."

Woody Wilson of Wilson's Jewelry and Johnny Hammond of Ben Franklin Store both agreed that "there has been a noticable trend in shopping this past week and business is really picking up."

In answer to another question "What is causing the early buying trend?" merchants agreed that "perhaps people are beginning to realize that choice and quality items are easier to get before the last - minute rush begins."

Booth Warren, president of Farmers and Merchants National Bank had this to say concerning Foods."

Coach Bob Byerly introduced the team.

## Homemakers To Meet Dec. 8

The regular monthly meeting of the Taylor County Young Homemakers will be Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Adult Homemaking Center, 1902 S. 11th, Abilene, according to club reporter, Mrs. Bob O'Donald.

Mrs. Kathryn Cawley, Lone Star Gas Co. Home Economist will present the program on "Christmas

## **MERKEL GARDEN CLUB TO GIVE** "A JOURNEY INTO CHRISTMAS"

scene of the "Journey Into Christ-

mas, and the Christmas Bazaar

"A Journey Into Christmas," and a Christmas Bazaar will highlight the Merkel Garden Club's annual flower show to be held Dec. 10.

Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel will be the

## **Miss McNary** Alpha Chi Member

Susan Ellen McNary of Merkel is now a member of the Hardin-Simmons University chapter of Alpha Chi, national scholarship society.

Dr. Billy P. Smith and Dr. O. O. Watts are the sponsors at H-SU. The purpose of the organization is to encourage a high quality of scholarship on the part of all students and membership is open to the upper ten per cent of the junior and senior and graduate clases.

Susan is the daughter of Mr. flower show chairman invites the

Other committee chairmen are will be held at the West Texas Mrs. C. L. Sherrill, schedule; Utilities Co. Mrs. W. T. Sadler staging; Mrs. In the Artistic Division, arrange-H. N. Odum, entries; Mrs. W. L. ments depicting from "Christmas of Long Ago," to "Christmas Goes Brown, classification; Mrs. Joe Hartley, horticulture; Mrs. Erma Modern," an abstract, will be

Black, publicity; Mrs. Earl shown. Hughes, properties; Mrs. Mack Novelty Division will include Fisher, educational; Mrs. Joe Christmas decorations, topiary Hartley, bazaar, and Miss Christrees, wreaths, swag candles and tine Collins and Mrs. C L. Shercandle holders, and decorated rill, judges and hospitality. Christmas packages.

The Education Division will in-**Trent High Grad** clude Christmas decorations from wild plants which can be gathered in and around Merkel. Nov-**On Honor Roll** elty, Horticulture and Educational Division will be exhibited at the PLAINVIEW (Spl.) - Barbara West Texas Utilities Co.

McAninch, daughter of Mr. and The Christmas Bazaar will fea-Mrs. William C. McAninch, Trent, ture articles hand made by memhas been named to the mid - semester Dean's Honor Roll at Waybers of the Garden Club, and will be on sale, according to Mrs. Jarand Baptist College. rett Williams, club president. Miss McAninch, a sophomore,

Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, general was listed with a grade point average of 3.56 out of a possible

# Joe Antilley of Elmdale and

## PARADE TO FEATURE 29 MISS MERRY CHRISTMAS CANDIDATES

Also Christi Lucas, Barnett Bar-An additional seven entries in the Miss Merry Christmas Contest has increased the number to twenty - nine sponsors and candidates. Contestants will ride in the Christmas Parade Saturday morning, Dec. 10.

The latest entries are Kathy Windham, sponsored by Merkel Electric Cooperative. Premier Station; Myrtie Davis, Also Ann Carson, Carson's Su-Norma's Beauty Shop, Nancy Evper Market; Debi Seymore, Lois ans, Stuckey's: Jeanie Anderson, Dairyland; Pat Bigbee, Merkel Mellinger's: Dayna McAninch, Locker Plant, Kathy Derrington, Fisher Service Center; Sue Pinc-Malone Implement; Pam Walla, kley, J. L. Fisher Wholesale Gas Henry - Owen Ford Co.; Joyce and Oil; and Bronwyn Gamble, Button, West Texas Utithities Co., Merkel Auto Parts. and Debi Corder, Wilson Food

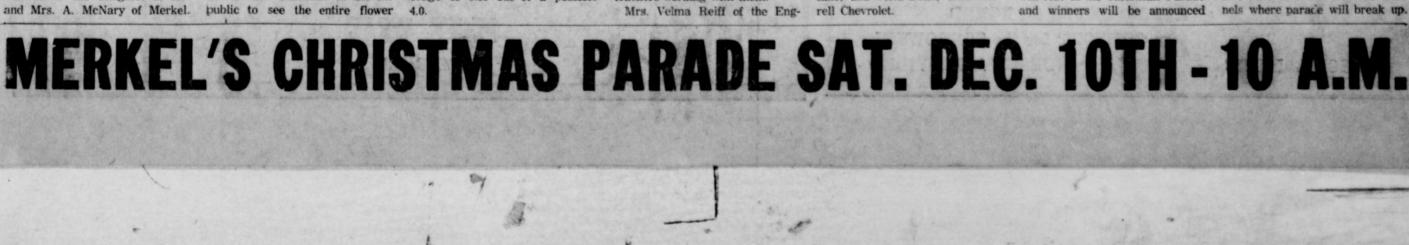
Store Other contestants and their spon-Farade sors are Wynona Doan, Adcock Cleaners: Mary Lee Noster, Bill's Deadline for contestants to en-Flowers: Kathy Whisenhunt, Tayor Telephone Cooperative; Diane Knight, Starbuck Company: Cheryl Herring, Modern Beauty Shop: Donna Diltz, Winter Butane, and Vicki Doan, Max Murwill ride in the Christmas Parade

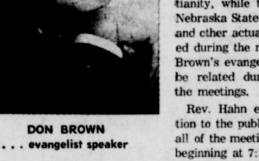
ber Shop: Beckie Gladden, Ben Other features of the Christmas Franklin Store: Alyce Whisenhunt, Parade will be Santa Claus, lead-Ed's Cafe; Jo Ann Lassiter, ing out with plenty of candy for Bragg's: Linda Doan, Merkel Resthe "little ones," a children's ditaurant; Katherine Patterson, vision divided into walking, bi-Farmers and Merchants National cycles, and groups, and float en-Bank: Pat Bunch, White Auto tries. Store, and Ann Walker, Taylor

One prize will be given for the winner in each of the children's divisions, said Mrs. Whisenhunt, and first and second prizes will be awarded in the float entries.

Parade route, as announced by Christmas Parade Marshll, Wymon Adcock, will be:

Parade participants to lineup at North 2nd and Runnels, Parade will progress south to North 1st. east on North 1st to Lamar, north to North 2nd, and west to Edter in the Miss Merry Christmas wards. Parade progression will contest is Thursday, Dec. 8, at then go north to North 3rd, west store closing time, according to to Kent, south to North 2nd, east Mrs. Betty Whisenhunt, parade to Edwards, south to North 1st. planning chairman. Contestants west to Kent, north to North 2nd and west to North 2nd and Run-





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## LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas -GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each

week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty - eight days before the return day thereof, in newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of



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... with the Season's most loved gifts. And all of them are useful day after day. which the herein below following is a true copy. CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Virginia J. Flowers, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the Honorable Court of Domestic Relations 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 16th day of January A.D. 1967, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 9th day of March A.D. 1966 in this cause, numbered 2,646 on the docket of said court and styled W. D. Flowers, Plaintiff. vs. Virginia J. Flowers, Defendant

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to - wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married December 1958, and became permanently separated on Oct. 29, 1962. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served

within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same

according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abiene. Texas, this the 30th day of November A.D. 1966. (Seal)

> Attest: R. H. ROSS Clerk, Domestic Relations Court Taylor County, Texas By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

## Mrs. Page Dies in Ft. Worth

Funeral services for Mrs. Clemmie W. Page, 59, former Merkel resident, were held Tuesday, Dec. 6 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Merkel, with the Rev. David Hahn, pastor, officiating, Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, under direction of Starbuck Funer-

al Home Mrs. Page died in Harris Hospital in Fort Worth Sunday, after a lengthy illness.

Crossword Puzzle 1. Beam 4. Norse dwarf 9. Japanese sash 12. Number 13. Kingly 14. Stroke gently Prophet Entertain Niggard - and crafts Young boy Roof edges Used to be Animal foot Thwack 31. Burst open suddenly goddess 33. Exclude 34. Utilize 35. Soiled 41. Occupations 47. Supplement 23. Part of a 36. Blackbird 44. Keen relish 48. Adores race 24. Wane 37. Plays on 45. Baking 50. High priest chamber 51. Ocean 25. Wing 46. Toward 52. Garb 26. Sorrow 27. Money bag suitable the top 53. Fowl 28. Insect . Method Answer to Puzzle DOWN Greek letter 1. Wander 32. Flaxen cloth One opposed 34. Countless 3. You: archaic 35. Constraint 4. Acts toward 36. Inclined 5. Smells 37. Surfaces strongly a road 6. Monster 38. Time

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9. Musical work 40. On the ocean

11. Roman road 42. Principle

18. At the center 49. Gold: Her.

## O. B. (BUCK) LEACH

day morning, Dec. 2 at his Stith Coop. community home. He became ill

just before his death Tanner, pastor, officiating. Burial direction of Starbuck Funeral Home

Born May 12, 1907 in Russell Merkel area in 1929 and married Edith Baker July 27 1935.

He was an active member of Merkel's First Baptist Church a past master of AF and AM Merkel Lodge No. 710 and held a lifetime masonic membership. He was a member of the board of

Oscar Buck Leach, 59, died Fri- directors of the Rolling Plains

Survivors include his wife; one son, William Richard of the home; Funeral services for Mr. Leach one daughter, Mrs. B. L. Hodges were held Sunday in the First Bap- of San Marcos: two brothers, tist Church, with the Rev. Bill Mack A. of Russell Springs, Ky., and James G. of Orester, Ind; was in Rose Hill Cemetery under seven sisters, Mrs. Cecil Dimett of Greensfork, Ind. Mrs. Harra Elliott of North Pleasureville, Ky., Mrs. Robert Grider of New Cas-Springs, Ky., he moved to the tle, Ind., Mrs. Orvis Robertson of Russell Springs, Ky., Mrs. Donivan Stapp and Mrs. Herbert Webb, both of Pendleton, Ind., and Mrs. Orville Phelps of Westport, Ind.

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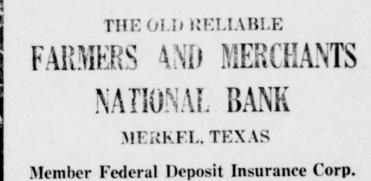
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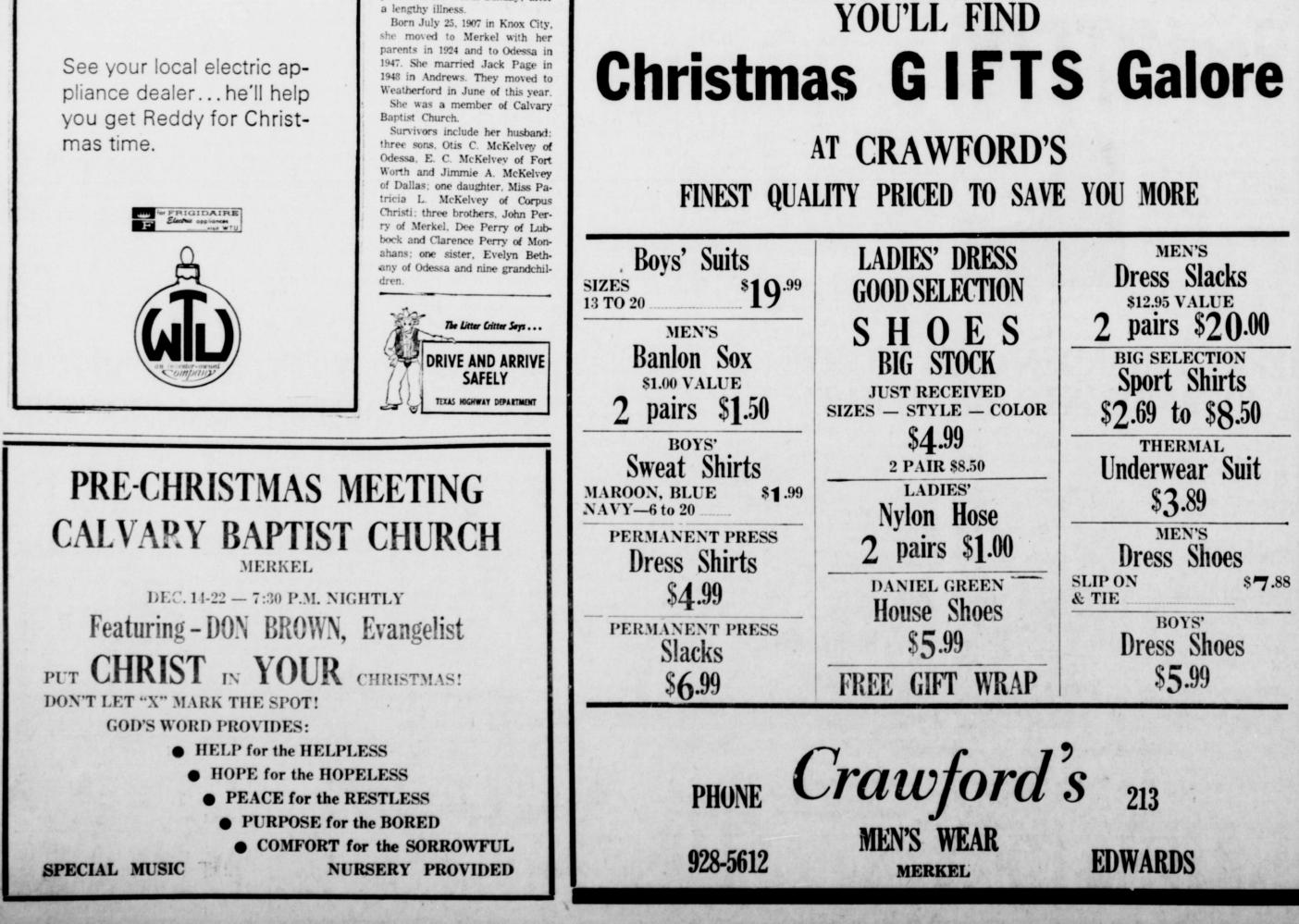
The following made recent doin memory of the Farmer family. nations to the Merkel Cemetery Lottie B. Everitt in memory of Association: Mrs. J. L. Meeks, Mrs. Lorinda Frances Marie Church Bryant Joe Cypert Mrs. Dewey Hutchins Mrs.Walter Frazier M. B Jones Mrs. Doyle Gray in memory of U. S. Reeder J. B. Bell Est. Fred Guitar Jr. Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer Jr. STOP LOOK SEE THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR At West Texas Utilities Sat. Dec. 10 Sponsored by



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FOR RENT - One bedroom fur-

#### 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. 710 on XGX 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.

MEED A NEW WELL DRILL-ED? An old well cleaned out? Call Robert Higgins, 55998. Also sell and install Meyers Pumps. 51-tfe

"WOULD YOU BELIEVE" 20% Range Kubes as low as \$58.00 ton. Hog feeds as low as \$57.00 ton. All types of bulk feeds delivered to your barn or feeders. , Paterson, 607 Oak. 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

DEER HUNTING - 450 acres 14 miles southwest of Merkel on FM Road 126. Call Nubia 4167. 36 4tc Mrs. E. C. Ray.

nished apartment. Bills paid, \$50. See Mrs. McKeever at Mack's Cleaners, 928-5611 or call 928-5577 after 6. 34 tfc FOR RENT - One 2 bedroom furnished apartment. One 3 bedroom apartment, furnished

or unfurnished apartment. Clean and reasonable. 928-5669. 38 2tc FOR RENT - Two bedroom nice rock house furnished. 209 El

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al Wells, Texas. 38 4tp FOR RENT - Three room and bath house. Good storage room. Located southeast corner on

North 5th St. Johnnie Warren, 928-5742 40 2tc FOR RENT - 1 four room house

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FOR SALE - Pigs, seven week old Durocs. Phone 928-5206. O. R. Douglas. 39 2tc

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**Girl Scout Group Has Annual Meet** The Annual Meeting of the West Texas Girl Scout Council was held

in Big Spring at the Cosden Club Dec. 1. A large number of adult volunteers, their families and guests attended from the Council's sixteen County jurisdiction. Eldon Mahon, council president, presented membership numeral guards to members of the Girl Scout organization having served for 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years.

Certificates of appreciation and statuettes were presented Council Volunteer workers. Mrs. David Gamble of Merkel received an award for her work with the Girl Scouts.

## **Slides Shown Mulberry 4-H Club**

Myrtie Davis, junior leader of the Mulberry Canvon 4-H Club presented slides and told of her trip to Washington D.C. at the club's recent meeting in the Butman Community Center.

The club meeting was opened with Michael Ray leading the 4-H motto and prayer, Suzie Riney,

the Pledge and Teresa Clemmer the Inspiration. Guests attending were Mr. and

Mrs. J. Lynn Knight, Mrs. Jane Fudge and Mrs. Dewell McLean.

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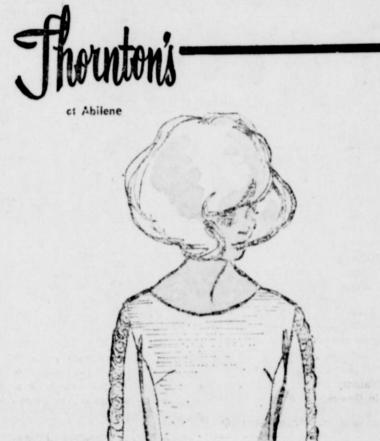




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top quality hay? Newman Stutts, ranch manager, explains: "We plowed down 300 lbs. of 0-20-0 and 50 lbs. of actual nitrogen to start with. The field was

Angus cows.

SANTA'S LETTERS Santa Claus' mail pack is begining to "overflow" with all the

letters he is receiving about this time from all "good little boys and girls."

In fact his pack is so full he has "called on" the Merkel Mail. to help him out

Almost all of the letters that

have come to Santa via Merkel

Mail have remembered to include

Here's one that's thinking of

I am a girl. I am in the first

grade. I woud like a new bike.

Baby Magic, Barbie Doll that

changes color, a twister game, a

kaboom game (editor's note:

what's that?), creepy people mak-

er and anything you think I might

like to play with. I have been

will have a happy Christmas.

KIM SATTERWHITE

kery good (I think).

Love,

others in their requests.

Daddy

Dear Santa.

#### MAKES OUALITY HAY The W. H. Cothrum Ranch of taken off, we top - dressed with Sisterdale won a champion ribbon another 50 lbs. of nitrogen. Since at the State Hav Show at Houston it was dry, 40 acres of the SX-11 recently. Their sample came from was irrigated. We baled four cuta field of Sudax Brand, SX - 11, tings during the year and then and was the top entry in the shor- grazed it the rest of the fall. This crop gives us good tonghum - sudangrass division. nages of palatable hay. The quali-What does it take to produce ty speaks for itself."

the judges at Houston, it also meets the approv-

al of the ultimate judges - the Cothram Ranch

SORGHUM-SUDAN

Following is the judges' score, based on chemical analysis and physical score of the Cothrum Ranch entry Per Cent ..... 9.7 Crude protein disced and harrowed down to a Digestible protein ...... 6.0 fine seed bed. We seeded 65 lbs. of seed per acre. The first cut- Total chemical score ......91.2

### VIA MERKEL MAIL

**INCLUDE 'OTHERS'** (Kim, we'll be sure and remind,

Santa about those boxes.) Could the writer of the next let-

ter happen to be "thinking ahead." Dear Santa.

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 DISTRIBUT-ING COMPANY, P. O. Box 18427, Dallas, Texas 75218. Include telephone number. 38 1tp

BE gentle, be kind to that expensive carpet, clean it with Blue Lustre. Rent electric shampooer \$1. Bullock Hardware, 928-5310 39 1tc

HELP WANTED - Construction worker needed immediately. Contact R. L. Bland or Wayne Jackson, Noodle Dome Road-40 1tp Cal Tex Feed Yard.

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Peel, 401 Marion, 928-6842. 40 1tc

FOR SALE - Tricycle and spring type horse good condition. 836-6178. 40 2tc

FOR SALE - Christmas cards and stationary - on order. Readers Digest subscription and renewals Christmas rates. Margaret Foster. 815 Brickhaven. 928-5139. 40 2tc

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FOR SALE - Two evening gowns, sizes 9 and 12. Frances Carey, 1107 South 7th. 40 2tp FOR SALE - Good bundle feed, 6 cents per bundle. Phone 928-39 2tc

8-5056 Hay. Darwin Hill, Noodle 836-6377 34 6tc

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CARD OF THANKS WE WISH TO EXPRESS our deep appreciation for the mary acts of kindness shown us upon the passing of our loved one. Edith Leach. Dick, Linda and Benny

CARD OF THANKS We would like to thank the members of the Merkel VFW Post

5683 for the kindness shown to us during my illness. Jess Moreno.

## **Relatives Visit On Thanksgiving**

A Thanksgiving Day celebration was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ray with approximately twenty friends and relatives attending.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Steele, Randall and Sheri of Houston; the Rev. and Mrs. Lucia Rudd, David and Danny, Odessa: Mr. and Mrs Doug Plyburn and Lannie, Odessa: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray and Michael, Merkel: Karen and Billie Riley, Novice: Mrs. Kenneth Don Ray, Merkel, James Sloan and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gray, all of Big Spring.

**BADGER TALES** 



Tuesday afternoon the Future

Homemakers of America had their

monthly meeting in the school

auditorium. A Christmas program

was given by a representative of

Lone Star Gas Company, Mrs.

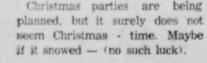
Maureen Dunaway. She presented

some ideas for Christmas gifts,

which we could make ourselves.

Linda Doan was kinda surpris-

ed last Monday at the beginning of band period. When Mr. Reed raised his little white baton to start playing, everybody started singing "Happy Birthday to Doanie." . .



The Annual Merkel Christmas Parade will be at ten o'clock this coming Saturday morning. The famous Merkel High School Badger Band will participate and there will also be a Miss Merry Christmas Contest. Everyone is invited and you do not have to pay a single cent to observe all this.

Incidentally, everyone is invited to the football banquet, which will be next Saturday, Dec. 17.

My name is Brad Shugart. I am just a little mischiefous (sic) at times, but Santa, I'll try to be better each day if you'll come to see me.

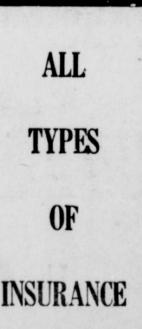
Santa, I'm in Mrs. Barnett's room at school. Please come to see all the other boys and girls. Oh Yea! By the way, come to see my teacher too.

Santa, I want a BB gun and a battery go cart.

I'll leave you some cake and milk on the table. Love.

Brad Shugart

Santa, would you please not Notice to all "good little boys leave the boxes to my toys this and girls": Santa "appreciates wear. My Daddy fussed last year the Merkel Mail helping him out. because he had to carry them out So mail your letters to Santa to the trash. Please remember all Claus, c-o P. O. Box 428, Merkel, the other boys and girls so they Texas, 79536.





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## Services Held For Mrs. Simpson

Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 4 in the Kiker - Warren Funeral Chapel in Abilene for Mrs. Maude Virginia Simpson 75, who died Thursday at Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness. Burial was in Rose Hill



Cemetery at Merkel. Born Jan. 23, 1890 in Bell County, she married Dan Simpson in Merkel.

She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Mary Barny of Overland Park, Kan., Mrs. Loessa Allison of Abilene, and Mrs. Bea McArthur of Lubbock; one son, I. a. D. Simpson of Prairieville, La.: A one sister, Mrs. Minnie Odell of Merkel; six grandchildren and two great - grandchildren.

The United States gained the sovereignty of the canal strip at (Panama by the Hay - Bunau-Varilla Treaty of Nov. 18, 1903. We extend



Mr. and Mrs. Will Hendon, Mr. and Mrs. James Blackburn and Alouize of Hawley visited the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Swindell and son last week.

Mr and Mrs. Fred Browning of Lefors, Texas, spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. John Browning.

We extend our deepest sympa- Church in Abilene. Mr. and Mrs.

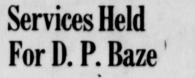
thy to the Buck Leach family. Mrs. Winnie Hale, Goodwin, Nelda, Blay and Bettie Hale of Crosbyton visited Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hale Sunday.

Dave Tarpley was honored with a birthday supper Thursday night in the home of his daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Maxwell of Anson. Others attending were Mrs. Dave Tarpley, Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley, Ghronda and Buster, Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Hicks and children.

Major and Mrs. Billy E. Tarpley and children were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Baba Tarpley Tuesday night. Major Tarpley was on his way back to England.

Mr. and Mrs. John Browning attended a singing Sunday afternoon at the Highland Baptist Church in Abilana Mr. and Mrs.

Browning were supper guests in 1 the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children in Tuscola.



Funeral services for D. P. Baze, 98, who died Friday, Dec. 2 in an Abilene Nursing home, were held Saturday in the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Bill Tanner, pastor of Merkel's First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Jan. 22, 1868 in St. Joseph, Mo., he moved to Hico, Texas in 1940, and to Merkel in 1954. He married Cordie Bryant in 1916 She died in 1920. Survivors include a half-sister,

Mrs. Mae Swanzy of Stephenville; three nephews, Earl of Merkel, W. C. of Idalou and Lloyd of Phoenix, Ariz., and four nieces, Mrs. Beulah Callahan and Mrs. Vera Brewer, both of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Glenn Rice and Mrs. Mamie Gravelle, both of Newhall, Calif.

YO!/'LL SEE THINGS "Out of This World" At The CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Sat., Dec. 10

