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\text { Merkel merchants agree that } & \text { the optimistic beving trend: } \\
\text { "Christmas shopping (and buying) } & \text { "Conditions are improved mas } \\
\text { is bette this year than has been } & \text { terially over a year ago People } \\
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& \text { business men - What is the go } \\
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& \text { ing? and Is business as gooc this w } \\
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 an, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert StephMrs. Max Murrell, share a happy though at being first place winners in their grades in the a Merkel second grader entered poster entitled
"New But True," and Kathryn's third grade poster was "Soil Means Life." (Staff Photo)
BANOUET HONORS 'CONSERVATIONISTS'

| Winners in the Taylor County conservation poster and essey con- |  |
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Ing trend as "very good. Much
better than last year."
Meyer Mellinger of Mellinger's
$\qquad$Hismaty
"there has been a noticable trendin shopping this past week and
business is really picking up."
In answer to another question
the Taylor County Young Home-
makers will be Thursciay. Dee. \&What is causing the early buy- makers will be Thurscay. Dee. 8,
ing trend?" merchants agreed that
at $7: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ in the Adult Home-"perhaps people are beginning to making Center. 1902 S . 11 th, Abi-
realize that choice and qualityrealize that choice and quality
items are easier to get before thelast - minute rush begins." he Mrs. Bob ODonald.
Booth Watrs. Kathryn Cawley, Lone StarBooth Warren, president of
Garmers and Merchants National Home Economist will pre-
sent the program on "Christmas

The first four place winners
over all winner in the elem
tary school poster contest a
also the high scchool eonessay con-
test were special guests along with
thesir parents and teachers,
area students winning in poster contests were Jerry Ste
phan ffirt place winner fourth grade; Kathryn Murrel, first
place, third grace: Deborah White. second place, second grade; all of
second place, second grade, all of
Merkel and Jerry पurner, a third
place winner from Trent first

In the essay contest, Paul The latest entries are Kathy
Thames, Merkel, placed second
in the eighth grade; Linda Mc-
Indenam, sponsored by Merkel
Premier Station; Myrtie
Davis,
Aninch, second, Trent Ninth
grade; Katherine Paterson, Mer
grade; Katherine Paterson, Mer-
kel, first place in tenth grade;
Larry Wilson of Tye and a Mer-
kel High School eleventh grade.
placed third, and Charles Tal-
bott of Trent High School, fourth
bott of Trent High School, fourth.
Joe Antilley of Elmdale and
chairman of the Middle Clear Fork
Soil and Water Conservation Dis
trict, was master of cervemonies.
Guest speaker
Guest speaker, Bill Scott, vo-
cational agriculture teacher in
cational agriculture teacher in
Abilene High School, congratulated
the stadents on their interest in

## MERCHANTS AGREE BUSINESS BETTER



Merkel Badgers
Honored by Lions

PARADE TO FEATURE 29 MISS
MERRY CHRISTMAS CANDIDATES
0 FEATURE ..... 29 MISS
ber Shop; Beckie Gladden, Ben
Frarklin Store: Alyce Whisenhunt, P
Ed' Cafe: Jo Ann Lassiter,
Bragg's: Linda Doan, Merkel Res. theParade will be Santa Claus, lead- ing out with plenty of candy for
the "little ones." the "little ones," a children's di-
vision divided into walking, birycles, and groups, and float en-
tries. 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. Paraded route, as announced by
Christmas Parade Marshll, WyChristmas Parade Marshll, Wy-
mon Adcock, will be: mon Adcock, will be:
Parade participants to lineup at
North 2nd and Runnels, Parade North 2nd and Runnels, Parade
will progress south to North 1st,
east on North ist to Lamar, north east on North 1st to Lamar, north
to North 2nd, and west to Edto North 2nd, and west to Ed-
wards. Parade progression will wards. Parade progression will
then go north to North 3rd, west
to Kent, south to North 2nd, east to Kent, south to North 2nd, east
to Edwards, south to North 1st, west to Kent, north to North 2nd west to Kent, north to North 2nd
and west to North 2nd and Rum-

PRE-CHRISTMAS SERVICES SLATED

MERKEL GARDEN CLUB TO GIVE "A JOURNEY INTO CHRISTMAS"

| light the | mas, and the Christmas Bazaar will be held at the West Texas | she said. <br> Other committee chair |
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| annual flower show to be held | Utilities Co. | Mrs. C. L. Sherrill, sch |
| c. 10. | In the Artistic Division, arrange- | Mrs. W. T. Sadler staging; Mrs. |
| ners and Merchants N | ments depicting from "Christmas | H. N. Odum, entries; Mrs. W. L |
| Bank of Merkel will be | of Long Ago," to "Christmas Goes | Brown, classification; Mrs. Joe |
|  | Modern," an abstract, will be | Hartley, horticulture; Mrs. Erma |
|  |  | Black, publicity; Mrs. E |
|  | Novelty Division will include | Hughes, properties; Mrs. Mack |
|  | Christmas decorations, topiary | Fisher, educational; Mrs. Joe |
| mber | trees, wreaths, swag candles and candle holders, and decorated | , ba |
| Susan Ellen McNary of Merkel | Christmas packages. |  |
| is now a member of the Hard | Th |  |
| Simmons University chapter | clude Christmas decorations | rent high urad |
| Alpha Chi, national scholarship | wild plants which can be gath- |  |
| society. Dr. Billy P. Smith and Dr. 0. | ered in and around Merkel. Novelty, Horticulture and Educational | On Honor |
| o. Watts are the sponsors at H - | Division will be exhibited at the | Plainview (Spl.) - Barbara |
| SU. The purpose of the organiza- | West Texas Utilities Co. | McAninch, daughter of Mr. and |
| urage a high quali- | The Christmas Bazaar will fea- | William C. McAninch, Trent, |
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| nd membership | the Garden Club |  |
| per ten per cent of | be on sale, according to | and Bapust |
| or and senior and gradu- | rett williams, club preside | Miss McAninch, a sophomore, |
| ate clases. | Mrs. |  |
| Susan is the |  |  |
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 and most highly respected mini-
sters in the entire Baptist Bible
Fellowship. He has preached in Fellowship. He has preached in
various sections of the United various sections of the United
States, and has been instrumental
in establishing new churches in establishing new churches
-troushout the states.
Rev. Brown has hel. meetings
in the Sweetwater area, and "lo-
cal residents will recall hearing cal residents will recall hearing
his messages."
According to Rev. Hahn one special attraction of the pre- Chris
mas meeting will be Rev. Brown
story of his visit with a convict story of his visit with a convicter
murderer and bank robber, an
how he converted him to Chris
tianity, while the tianity, while the convict was in
Nebraska State Pentitentiary. This
and cther actual experiences gained during the many years of Rev.
Brown's evangelistic ministry will
be related be related during the course of
the meetings. Rev. Hahn extends "an invita-
tion to the public to attend any or
all of the meetings" with services

## merkel's christmas parade sat. dec. IOTH-10 a.m.


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$\qquad$ Born July 25, 1907 in Knox City,
she moved to Merkel with her parents in 1924 and to Odessa in
194. She married Jack Page in
1948 in Andrews. They moved to 1948 in Andrews. They moved to
Weatherford in June of this year.
She was a member of Calvary She was a member of Calvary
Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband:
three sons, Otis C. McKelvey of
Odessa. E. C. McKelvey of Fort three sons, Otis C. McKelvey of
Odessa, E. C. McKelvey of Fort
Worth and Jimmie A. McKelvey of Dallas: one daughter, Miss Pa-
tricia L. McKelvey of Corpus tricia L. McKelvey of Corpus
Christi; three brothers, John Per-
ry of Merkel, Dee Perry of Lubbock and Clarencee Perryy of Mo-
ahans; one sister, Evelyn Bethahans; one sister. Evelyn Beth.
any of Odessa and nine grandchil-



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SAFELY

## PRE-CHRISTMAS MEETING CALVAPY BAPTIST CHURCH

MERKEL
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Featuring-DON BROWN, Evangelist
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- COMFORT for the SORROWFUL


0. B. (BUCK) LEACH DIES AT AGE 59

Mrs. Page Dies in Ft. Werth


The following made recent do-
nations to the Merkel Cemetery
Association:
Frances Marie Church Bryant
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Joe Cypert
Mrs. Dewey Hutchins
Mrs. Dewey Hutchins
Mrs. Walter Frazier
M. B Jones
Mrs. Doyle Gray in memory of
M. B Jones
Mrs. Doyle Gray in memory of
U. S. Reeder

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| J. B. Bell Est. |


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| Fred Guitar Jr. |
| Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer Jr. |

$\frac{\text { Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer Jr. }}{\mid \text { STOP LOOK SEE }}$
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At West Texas Utilities
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in memory of the Farmer family.
Lottie B. Everitt in memory of Mrs. J. L. Meeks, Mrs. Lorinda
Campbell, Mrs. J. W. Reynolds. Campbell, Mrs. J. W. Reynolds.
Miss Mabel McRee in memory Miss Mabel McRee in memory
of Mrs. J. L. Meeks. Mrs. Mary J. Carey Jarrett E. Williams.

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## BADGER TALES

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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

 guests attended from the Coun-
cil's sixteen County jurisdiction. Eldon Mahon, council president.
presented membership numeral presented membership numeral
guards to members of the Girl Scout organization having serve
for $5,10,15,20$ and 25 years.


Myrtie Davis, junior leader of
the Mulberry Canyon 4.H Club
presented slides and told of her presented slides and told of her
trip to Washington D. at the trip to Washington D.C. at
club's reeent meeting in the
man Community Center. man Community Center.
The club meeting was opened
with Michael Ray leading the 4-H
motto and prayer, Suzie Riney.

## Ghoruton's

 pant legs. White only. 5-6, 13-14.



