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## Up The Canyon

By TOM  
RUSSOM

My! Everyone I have talked with reports a wonderful Christmas.

At our house the family awakened early in the morning, got the turkey on to cook and some of us men did our regular morning feeding of cattle. Some went deer hunting and when we got back in home the coffee was perking, dinner almost prepared, and we just had a wonderful dinner and visit with my sister and family from Dallas. So what could be better than cattle feeding, horseback riding, deer hunting, a long with a fine Christmas turkey dinner?

This morning, just after Christmas, everything is fine — a little cloudy and a few deer guns firing.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Newby of Elgin were making short visits across the Canyon during Christmas. They spent most of the time with Mrs. Newby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman. Due to a funeral the Newbys had to leave a little early.

Elmer Patterson had surgery a few days ago. He has returned home and doing real well.

Louis Butman, who spent almost a week in Hendrick Hospital has returned home.

W. H. Ensminger, who spent a few days in the hospital has returned home.

Mrs. Allen King had most of her children home for Christmas. A son in Nebraska and family, were unable to come home, due to some very severe colds.

My sister said during our ice storm they never had any ice at all.

Due to the lack of sunshine weather, wheat and oats are not growing too well.

We had a Christmas greeting from an old time piney wood from deep east Texas the other day, saying "why don't you ever come to East Texas any more?" He and I are former country school boys, when "boys were boys."

Our hello goes to our brother in law out at Big Spring, Mr. J. B. Sloan, who has been in the hospital over two months, but somewhat better this week.

We regret so very much of the death of Odis Griffin. We want to express the entire sympathy of everyone of the Canyon. He was well known here and loved by everyone. We want to say to his wife and sons, our hearts are sad too.

WISHING YOU  
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IN



May your year be filled with good luck and prosperity. Happy New Year!

## "Merry Christmas" Given to 125 Goodfellow Children

Christmas 1967 is now four days in history and this year one hundred and twenty-five children in the Merkel area received an extra special "Merry Christmas," thanks to Goodfellow contributions and volunteer workers.

Beginning the 7th of December Goodfellow contributors and volunteer workers worked much Christmas magic for those Merkelites and families from Trent who might have otherwise passed the 25th of December without enough clothing, little food and no presents to brighten "that day."

"But thank goodness, no one was turned away from Goodfellow Headquarters," said this year's chairman, Mrs. Mary Mosier.

"With a total contribution of \$648.49 as of Tuesday morning, we were able to help thirty-six families," she said. There were a total of one hundred twenty-five children in the 36 families. Fifty-one pair of shoes were purchased this year and many were clothed from clothing contributions.

"Words simply cannot express the volunteer workers' thanks to all who so bountifully contributed

in money, time and clothing this Christmas season," said Mrs. Mosier. "We did not set a goal this year, for we believed that people would contribute if they could."

And they far exceeded any Goodfellow year on record.

"And more is still coming in," said co-chairman, Mrs. W. R. Cypert. "Our total count of \$648.49 was made Tuesday, and we still have jars out that will be collected."

A special "thank you" from Mrs. Mosier and Mrs. Cypert went to all volunteer workers, in-

cluding Mrs. W. H. Leamon, chairman of the doll committee, and her workers, Mrs. Don Ford, Mrs. E. V. Walters, and Mrs. Ray Wilson; Leon Walker, who with the help of Merkel Elementary school students, "contributed more toys this year than ever before," and to Booth Warren, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, and employees for their time in handling deposits and keeping a total check.

Also appreciation was expressed to the Rev. Newton Daniel, pastor of the First Methodist Church and to Billy Patton, min-

ister of the Church of Christ, for heading the Goodfellow jar committee, and to Mrs. Winnie Gypert, Mrs. Minnie Howard, Mrs. Pearl McCartney, and Mrs. Ray Wilson for volunteer help at Goodfellow headquarters.

Latest donations were:

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox \$ 5.00  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson .. 10.00  
Mr. and Mrs. John Reed .. 5.00  
Optimist Club .. 25.00  
Mrs. Jennings Winter .. 5.00  
In Memory of Mrs. D. A. Compton,  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack South 5.00  
Bryan Dunagin .. 1.00

Dorcas SS Class,  
First Baptist Church .... 10.00  
Mrs. Ima Hunter ..... 5.00  
W. D. Gambia, Merkel Drug 15.00  
A. J. Frazier Est. .... 25.00  
Max Mellinger ..... 15.00  
Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hall .. 5.00  
Mr. and Mrs. James T. Russell ..... 10.00  
Mrs. Tommie Smith ..... 1.00  
Anonymous ..... 10.00  
Mrs. Ruth Tipton ..... 5.00  
Mrs. W. C. Perkins ..... 15.00  
Goodfellow Jars ..... 29.33  
Previously Contributed .. \$447.16  
Total Contribution  
to Date ..... \$648.49

## INCREASED RATES IN EFFECT JAN. 7

Increased rates for all classes of mail except parcel post and international mail will go into effect January 7, Postmaster Wrenn Durham reminded postal customers today.

"Even with the new rates of six cents for first class mail and 10 cents for air mail, postal service is still a real bargain," Postmaster Durham declared. "For six cents you can send a letter to any of the 50 states, to any United States territory or possession, to Canada or Mexico, or to an American serviceman stationed anywhere in the world."

Postmaster Durham pointed out that the new rate for post cards will be five cents and for air mail post cards eight cents.

He said the added cent in the letter rate is a 20 per cent increase compared to a 24 per cent boost in the rates for mailing newspapers and magazines and a 34 per cent hike for advertising circulars, "occupant" mail, and other material in the third-class category.

The new rate of six cents per ounce for first class mail applies up to 13 ounces and the new rate of 10 cents per ounce for air mail applies up to 7 ounces. Under the new rate structure all first class mail over 13 ounces and all air mail over 7 ounces will be merged into a single category.

A flat rate of 80 cents will be charged for all mail in this category up to one pound. For all mail weighing more than one pound, the present air parcel post rates will continue to apply, except that the postage on mail and the educational materials category of fourth class mail. Mailers

## Lost or Strayed - A Blue Pillow

If you find that you've been "sitting pretty" or perhaps we should say "softly" these Christmas holidays, why not look around and see if perhaps there's a blue circular designed pillow with fringe around the edge, that accounts for that "soft sitting."

It seems a young lady spent a "lot of time" prior to Christmas making two decorator pillows — one for daddy and one for mamma — but daddy lost his from the front seat of his automobile right after Christmas.

Besides being a Christmas present, this young lady needs both pillows to "prove that she has done her home experiment in Home Economics at high school.

So if you happened to find a blue circular designed pillow, fringed around the edges in green, and can bear to give up that "soft sitting," will you give the Mail a call (928-5712) and at the same time perhaps the young lady will come back in the Merkel Mail and identify herself. We got so busy listening to her plight, that we forgot to ask her name."

using these classes who need information on the new rates should contact the local Post Office, Postmaster Durham said.

## Dynamite Truck Explosion Top News Story for 1967

### HOSPITAL DISTRICT ELECTION SECOND

A dynamite truck exploded on Interstate 20 at approximately 6 o'clock on the morning of May 3, and seriously injured Merkel's Fire Chief, Weymon Adcock and Fireman Chester McWilliams. This was the top story for Merkel in 1967. The two firemen were hospitalized for several months.

Both Adcock and McWilliams survived the blast, but are still under doctor's care.

The explosion ripped a 75 foot wide and 12 foot deep crater in the highway and shattered window glasses throughout Merkel.

Insuranceman Horace Boney estimated damages in Merkel in excess of \$400,000.

As a result of damages done to the area, the Abilene Disaster Unit, and the Red Cross gave aid in cleaning up the town. Volunteers in the Merkel area, including businessmen and housewives, with broom and dust pan in hand, quickly appeared in business places and began sweeping up glass.

Chief of Police, D. B. Bowen in an on the spot interview by a Mail reporter, gave this description concerning the blast:

"I was called and told that a dynamite truck was on fire, and said I would be there in a minute.

"With one boot on, I heard the explosion — I knew what had happened.

Weary with bloodstained clothes, Bowen told how he had found Firechief Adcock walking near the highway underpass near the scene of the explosion. He said Adcock asked him if the exploding truck was on fire, and he told him "There wasn't a piece of that truck left as big as a waste basket."

The same week an Appreciation Fund for Adcock and McWilliams was begun with deposits being made to the Farmers and Merchants National Bank in Merkel.

January

Livestock Shows were top on the agenda for January, with Trent FFA and 4-H Livestock Show, reporting more than \$1,270 in cash, and trophies and Merkel's show drawing a record crowd. Rusty Holloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Holloway showed the grand champion steer and reserve champion, and Joe Dudley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Quannah Dudley, exhibited the grand champion gilt.

Jan. 14 also saw Merkel's 1966 Badgers being honored at the annual Football Awards Banquet. Given special recognition were Gary Doan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy D. Doan, best lineman; best back went to Nick Davis, and the most conscientious player trophy to Ray Davis. Both are sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Davis.

February  
Merkel's Hospital District gets



TRENT STOCK SHOW PARTICIPANT — Mark Williamson Jr., center in front row, will enter his heifer received recently from the Great Southwest Life Foundation in the Trent Junior Livestock Show Saturday, Dec. 30. Shown with Mark are Clovis McElmurray, left, and Earl Senter, foreman for GSLF, and back row, from left, Albert Maberry, Trent Vo-Ag teacher, Mark Williamson Sr., and T. B. Friend, also with Great Southwest Life Foundation. (Photo Courtesy Myra Long)

## TRENT STOCK SHOW SLATED FOR SATURDAY, DEC. 30

"We are planning one of the biggest shows we have ever had," said Trent's Vo-Ag teacher, Albert Maberry, of the upcoming Trent Junior Livestock Show, Saturday, Dec. 30.

The show, beginning at 8 a.m., has 204 entries, "the largest number we ever had," according to Maberry.

Senior superintendent of the show is John Hamner, with Larry Hellums to serve as junior show superintendent.

Judges will be Bill Scott, Abilene High School vocational agriculture teacher, poultry and rabbits; and T. C. Blankenship, Hamlin vocational agriculture teacher, sheep, swine and beef cattle.

Department superintendents include H. H. McLeod and Doug Reddin, senior beef superintendents; Steve Reddin, David Warren, junior beef; Mark William-

son and C. L. McElmurray, senior swine, and Arthur Maberry and Tim Riggan, junior swine.

Also, Othel O'Kelley and Tuffy Stevens, senior poultry and rabbits and Galon Brnovak, Wade Steen, Owen O'Kelley and Ted Simpson, junior poultry and swine.

Frank Brnovak and Dale Simp-

son will serve as senior sheep superintendents, and John Bland and Stan Hicks, junior superintendents.

Members of the finance committee are Mrs. Clovis McElmurray, Mrs. Joyce Williamson, Mrs. Oris Graham, Red Shaffer and John Bland.

## OFFICIALS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT STOCK SHOW

FORT WORTH (Sp.) — With one entry closing date just past, officials of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show are optimistic over the prospects for their 1968 Show, January 26 thru February 4.

Stock Show staff members are now compiling the mountain of entry cards which have flooded the Stock Show office in the days preceding the deadline. Livestock entries in the 72-year-old Fort Worth Stock Show frequently total over 11,000. Although entries for cattle, horses, sheep and swine closed December 15, exhibitors of poultry, rabbits and pigeons have until January 15, 1968, to submit their entries.

Stock Show president and man-

ager, W. R. Watt reports the 1968 Southwestern Exposition is the first fair or exposition to be designated a "Standard of Perfection Show" by the American Polled Hereford Association. The "Standard of Perfection" is a new merit award to be presented to outstanding APHA registered Polled Hereford sires and dams based on the production and show performance of their progeny.

Over \$10,000 in premiums will be distributed to Polled Hereford exhibitors at the '68 Fort Worth Rodeo featuring Rex Allen with the "Men of the West," January 25 through February 4 are available now from the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, P. O. Box 150, Fort Worth, Texas 76101.

## Fifth Sunday Singing Dec. 31

The Taylor Jones Counties' Fifth Sunday Singing Convention is scheduled to meet at the Hannah Baptist Church on Highway 83, eleven miles southeast of Hamlin and six miles northwest of Anson on Sunday, Dec. 31 at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited.

close to the "home stretch" with the Senate passing the Bill 29-0.

Two Merkel students win Taylor Electric Cooperative's trip to Washington, D.C. They were Mike Dudley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dudley, and Mary Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Johnson. The trip was scheduled for June.

March  
Merkel's Industrial Foundation meets to get "foundation out of paper organization stages and into an aggressive, producing factor in the Merkel economy." Foundation president, Herman Carson, led a discussion on "industrial fact-finding."

Herman Carson elected 1967 Chamber of Commerce president. Congressman Omar Burleson dedicated Merkel's new post office facilities the 25th.

April  
Incumbent Mayor Johnny Cox was re-elected mayor for two year term, and W. H. (Bill) Button, and Derrell Farmer were elected councilmen.

In school board elections, the late Odis Griffin and Roscoe W. Shields won places on the Merkel School Board, and Ronnie Freeman and Yates Sipes were elected to the Trent School Board.

Record crowd attends Taylor Electric "Cooperative's" annual membership meet.

May  
Dynamite truck explosion May 3.

Forty Merkel High School seniors  
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### TOP TEN

1. Dynamite Truck Explosion in May.
2. Bond Issue for Hospital District, passes 3-1 in August.
3. City Sales Tax Vote wins by vote of 119 "for" and 63 "against."
4. Merkel's new post office dedication in March, Congressman Omar Burleson was principal speaker.
5. Badgers vie for district crown; loss by one point to Aspermont.
6. Goodfellows go "over the top" in contributions, without drive.
7. W. H. (Bill) Button and Derrell Farmer elected to City Council in April. Incumbent Mayor Johnny Cox wins mayor election.
8. Optimists honor ten area students at Awards Banquet held in December.
9. Record crowd attends Homecoming Events in November.
10. Merkel's Learn to Swim Program signs up 120 in July.



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The book they said nobody would ever dare write, loaded with secrets they said were too closely guarded ever to be unearthed, is America's latest best-seller.

"Bashful Billionaire," the unauthorized biography of that fascinating, mysterious, contradictory and multi-faceted American, Howard Hughes, has rocked publishing circles and made literary history with its meteoric rise to national popularity.

Its author, Albert B. Gerber, a lawyer-writer who became virtual detective to dig up all the buried truths—was personally selected by publisher Lyle Stuart as that special kind of author who has not merely the technical skills of a detective and the story-telling gifts of a first-rate reporter, but the courage to ward off all attempts to buy him off or scare him off.

Just published by Lyle Stuart, Inc., and now at last available in bookstores everywhere, "Bashful Billionaire" daringly tells the incredible story of the elusive and mythical Hughes.

It is the story of the young prodigy who made a fortune in Texas by the age of nineteen; who won an Academy Award by the age of 23 and amazed even Hollywood's hedonistic world with his promotional wizardry in launching such sex goddesses as Jane Russell and Jean Harlow into movie orbits; who broke flying records as pilot of revolutionary planes of his own design, becoming by the age of forty the controlling head of both RKO and TWA; a man who, incapable of standing pat in life's wild poker game, is even now becoming Nevada's No. 1 citizen by buying up huge chunks of real estate that includes a good portion of Las Vegas.

Yet Howard Hughes is a man so incredibly shy, that he has been known to hold business transactions in deserted back streets during early morning hours in parked automobiles, and his



Howard Hughes

photograph has purportedly been sold for \$1,000 a print. Even his generous personal philanthropies are so secretly guarded that any member of his staff revealing them would be instantly fired.

How this biography of publicity-shy Hughes was written at all is a fascinating skull-and-dagger story in itself, and it is told in detail in the book. The irresistible force of Hughes met the immovable determination of publisher Stuart and author Gerber. "Bashful Billionaire" is the result: fearless yet honest, unsparring yet fair, a publishing milestone that will excite readers who are avid to learn, at last, what is real and what is fancied about this legendary American with the Midas touch called Howard Hughes.

**SoRelles Arrive  
At New Station**

Warrant Officer and Mrs. Billy SoRelle, with their children, Vickie and Tommy, have arrived at their new duty station in Germany.

The SoRelles left Texas November 29 on the way to New Jersey, where they flew by Jet to Europe. They spent one day in Washington, D.C. sightseeing. While there, they visited the Lincoln Memorial, Pentagon, White House, and Arlington National Cemetery and the grave site of President John F. Kennedy.

WO SoRelle is with the 9th Ord. Co. in Miesau, Germany. The family live in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

After a three year tour in Europe the SoRelles will return to stateside.

Mr. and Mrs. SoRelles' parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartley, Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. E. K. SoRelle of Abilene.

**Services Held  
For Mrs. Partain**

Funeral services for Mrs. Leona Partain, 88, a former Merkel resident, were held Tuesday, Dec. 19 in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Ray Ellis, supply pastor for First Baptist Church officiated, assisted by the Rev. Oscar Fanning of the Wylie Baptist Church. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Partain died Monday, Dec. 18 in Shady Oaks Nursing Home in Abilene following a lengthy illness.

She was born July 19, 1879, and had lived in Abilene four years.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. P. F. Harris of Merkel; one brother, the Rev. Conrad Owen of Orfina, Idaho; several nieces and nephews.

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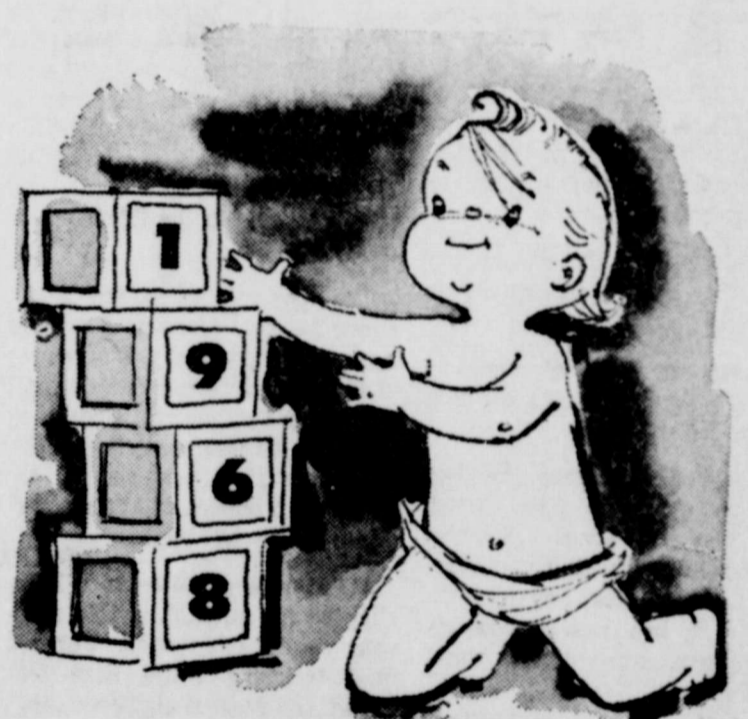
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CARD OF THANKS THE KINDNESS AND SYMPATHY of neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always remain with us as a precious memory. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all those comforting acts. The beautiful floral offerings were especially appreciated. The family of Odie Griffin

## MHS Graduate Is Admitted To Business Sorority

Fifteen Hardin - Simmons University students have been admitted to Epsilon Eta Phi, professional women's business sorority. Miss Beverly Chiodo, instructor in secretarial administration, is the sponsor.

New members include Sue Holloway of Merkel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holloway. Miss Holloway, a 1966 graduate of Merkel High School, is a junior at H-SU, majoring in secretarial science.

## Taking the Long View

Ever notice the earnest, feverish pace of the squirrel this time of year as he gathers up acorns and other storable items for the long winter pull?

It's simply the squirrel's way of saving for a rainy day - of looking ahead. People, too, are known for their squirrelly ways, having learned long ago the wisdom of planning for the future. But unlike squirrels, people don't just hoard; they put their money to work.

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vented provides the opportunity to share in the income, growth and profits of American business. The big plus in the mutual fund concept is diversification. The individual who puts his money into a mutual fund is actually pooling his resources with those of others like himself. Together this money is invested in not just one or two, but in the securities of perhaps 50, or 100 or more different companies. Diversification is a widely recognized, time-tested method of reducing investment risk.



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## "Cures" Persist By Coincidence

Coincidence played a large part in establishing the reputed effectiveness of traditional remedies in medical folklore, points out TODAY'S HEALTH GUIDE, the American Medical Association's manual of health information for the American family.

Warts, which come apparently from nowhere and often disappear for no apparent reason, gave undeserved reputations to innumerable remedies which happened to be used just preceding the spontaneous disappearance of a wart. The self-limiting character of many diseases, such as the milder sore throats and colds, also caused simple herbs and other home methods to gain a curative reputation which they did not merit, the health book says.

Here are the facts about some of the common misconceptions regarding health: - There is no medicine which can be taken by mouth to dissolve gallstones. - Heart disease is not necessarily a reason for refusing an operation or for being afraid to take anesthetics.

- Flowers absorb some oxygen, but the principal reason they are removed from the sick room at night is because they keep better in the open air.

• Insulin does not cure diabetes; it substitutes for the insulin which the body is unable to provide for itself.



• Premature baldness in men is not caused by wearing hats; nobody knows what causes it.

• Cancer has not been shown to be contagious. - It is not important to lie on the right side when sleeping to keep from interfering with heart action; the heart actually is in the middle of the chest and not on the left side.

• Persons over 40 need not avoid strenuous exercise if they have been accustomed to it and are in good condition.

• Removing a mole will not result in cancer; cancer is more likely to result from not having it removed if it ought to be. 11/13/67

## Former Residents Visit in Merkel

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thorn and son, Bill, of Albuquerque, N.M., spent Christmas visiting the Rex Martins in Merkel, a niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Levech and a cousin and family, the O. J. Fikes at Stith.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Thorn are former Merkelites, having attended Merkel public schools when living here.

Mrs. Thorn said that since leaving Merkel in 1943 they had visited here several times, "but this was their first visit in nine years."

## Buys Angus Cattle

T. L. Holloway, Merkel, recently purchased seven head of registered Angus cattle from L. C. Jennings of Copperas Cove.

## PERSONALS

Visiting Mrs. Minnie Howard Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Howard of Fort Worth. Also visiting was Jasper Howard of Abilene.

## Now In Vietnam

VIETNAM - Marine Private First Class Richard R. Hernandez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Justo L. Hernandez of 113 Lois St., Merkel, is serving with the Seventh Engineer Battalion in Vietnam.

The mission of the battalion is three-fold. Marines assigned there build and maintain roads, support the infantry units and instruct Marines in the use of mines and booby traps.

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## TOP NEWS

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iors receive diplomas in Commencement exercises. Dr. Elwin Skiles, president of Hardin-Simmons University, was guest speaker. Valedictorian was Elizabeth Ragan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Ragan, and salutatorian, Mamie Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Patterson.

### June

Summer Recreation Program sign-up begins, with Bill Tate, baseball high school coach, as supervisor.

Merkel fireman, Chester McWilliams, injured in the May dynamite truck explosion, was released from Hendrick Memorial Hospital and is at his home in Merkel.

### July

Merkel's Learn to Swim Program signs up 120.

Winners in the four divisions of the Band Parents' Beauty Pageant were Pam Walla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Walla; Debbie Mashburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Mashburn; Kathryn Murrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Murrell, and Dana Salzman, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Salzman.

W. R. "Pinky" Cypert, installed as Optimist president.

Merkel Hospital Board sets Hospital District Election for Sept. 8.

### August

Hospital District Election under discussion, pro and con, during month of August.

Gail Boone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone, was high-point girl in District 7 Dress Revue, held at Starlite Inn in Abilene.

Merkel's "Fun Days," sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, began Aug. 31.

### September

Public school registration began Sept. 1, with Badgers' opening game being with Clyde at Public school registration at Badger Stadium Sept. 8.

Coach Bob Byerly told Booster Club members "Your team is going to win a lot of football games before the year is over."

The Trent Gorillas' opening game was with May at May Sept. 6.

Bond Issue for Hospital passes 3-1. Temporary Hospital Board now permanent board. Bill Wood is president.

September closed out with Badgers beating Clyde, Baird, Knox City and Wylie.

Frazier and Stewart take over Ford agency here.

### October

Leon Walker elected office of Economic Improvement representative for Merkel. He is principal of the Merkel Elementary School.

Record crowd attends Merkel Homecoming events. Tommy Cutler named 1968 homecoming president; Mrs. Wilmer Criswell, was crowned coming home queen and Homer Laney, Mr. Exe.

Booster Club begins membership drive.

Community Fund Drive begins with Bill Button as chairman.

Badgers "round out" October winning games played with Rotan, Robert Lee, Jim Ned and Woodson.

### November

Trent Homecoming draws large crowd.

Merkel City Council sets Dec. 9 election date for City Sales Tax.

Optimist honor ten top students at Awards Banquet. They were Petty Sharp, Arthur Maberry, Jo Ann Lassiter, Paul Carson, John Nichols, Danna Kay Thompson, Rodney Mashburn, Debi Black, Robert Wilson and Karen Sullivan.

Badgers wind up football with a win over Rescoe, and losing the district crown to Aspermont by a score of 28 to 27.

### December

Football Awards Banquet, sponsored by the Badger Booster Club, honors 1967 Badger Football Team. Given special recognition were Ray Davis, best back, Rodney Mashburn, outstanding lineman, and Felix Castillo, most conscientious player.

City Sales Tax carries in Merkel by a vote of 110 "for" and 63 "against."

Goodfellows for 1967 organize. Contributions overwhelm volunteer workers.

Mrs. Mary Mosier, 1967 chairman, said contributions "far exceeded any given in past years to her knowledge."

Taylor County Young Homemakers float wins first in Christmas Parade.

## PINCKLEY-GAUTHE VOWS EXCHANGED

Wedding vows were read for Catherine Sue Pinckley and Van Gauthie III Friday, Dec. 22 at the First Baptist Church in Merkel, with the Rev. W. D. Tanner officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley, Sgt. and Mrs. Van Gauthie Jr. of Alamogordo, N.M. are the bridegroom's parents.

Music was by Johnny Hardesty, organist, Raymond Higgins, Ann Riney and Ann Walker, vocalists.

Elizabeth Ragan of York, Neb., was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Myrtle Davis, Jeanie Anderson, Bronwyn Gamble, Jo Ann Lassiter and Dayna McAninch.

They wore red velvet gowns and white fur headpieces. They carried holly and red carnations or white fur muffs.

Randy and Ronny Harvell were ring bearers. Wendy Hogan and Janice Crain flower girls.

The bridegroom's father was best man. Groomsmen were Mack Mansfield, Doug Gladden, Jack Reynolds, Larry English of Wichita Falls and Tim Tanner of Stratford.

Tonja McAninch, Jan Beasley, Jeanette Tanner of Stratford and Vicki Lollar of Tye lighted candles.

Ushers were Rodney Robertson, Joe Higgins, Bill Holloway, Will Miles of Abilene and Ron Preston of Comanche.

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore a satin gown with bodice of reembroidered lace and pearls. A cabbage rose held the chapel train. Her veil was caught to a tiara. She carried orchids and stephanotis.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High School. She attended

Commercial College of Abilene and is employed by Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

The bridegroom is also a Merkel High graduate and attends Hardin-Simmons University. He is pastor of the First Baptist Church at Maryneal.

After a trip to New Mexico the couple will live at 511 Edwards in Merkel.

His parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Guests attended from Danville, Ky., Columbus, Ga., Tucson, Ariz., Dallas, Lubbock and Ackerly.

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## J. C. Riggans Host Christmas Dinner

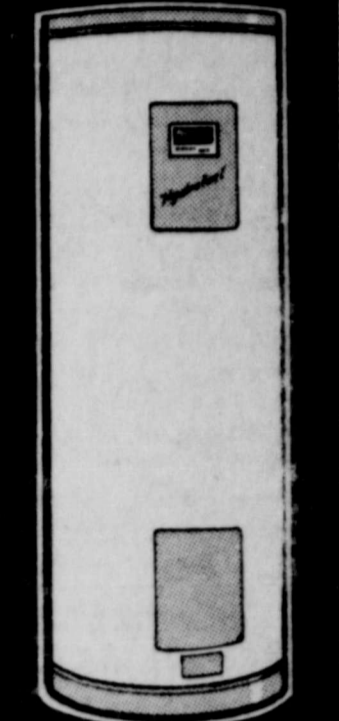
Christmas Eve dinner for the Riggan children was held in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan.

Attending were all six children and their families. They were Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Riggan, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Riggan, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Swinney, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Holmes and Mr. and Mrs. Kerl Satterwhite, all of Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Riggan of Sweetwater.

A grandson and family also attended. They were Mr. and Mrs.

Travis Swinney of Merkel, and a neighbor, Mr. W. A. Lyday, also of Merkel.

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**CONGRESS TO HAVE SHORT VACATION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Congress has finally adjourned after a session of eleven months and six days. There will not be much time between adjournment and the beginning of the second session of the 90th Congress in January.

It had been our hope and desire to have enough time between sessions to visit old friends back home and to make new friends and acquaintances in the counties added to the 17th Congressional District by the last session of the Texas Legislature. It is a disappointment that the time will be so short.

As heretofore constituted, the 17th District was composed of 24 counties. To this has been added seven more to the south; namely Burnet, Lampasas, Llano, McCulloch, Mason, Menard and San Saba.

Under lines now drawn candidates for Congress in 1968 will run in the newly created Districts and when elected will begin representing the new area officially at the beginning of the 91st Congress in 1969.

The 31 counties composing the 17th Congressional District have a population of approximately 440,000. It measures 220 miles north and south and 250 miles east and west. It covers an area of almost 30,000 square miles. In these bounds could be placed the states of Maryland, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Rhode Island, with another 1,000 square miles left over. The area has 68 newspapers, 185 Post Offices, and 13 lakes with over 1,000 surface

acres each. In spite of its size and far reaches, there is a strong community interest and compatibility. Each county shares in all or many of its varied resources. It is really "Big Country."

It is farming country with an annual farm income of in excess of \$195 million.

It is oil country, producing in one recent year more than 63 million barrels, and a total to date of over 1,800,000,000 barrels.

It is cow country, with a cattle population of over 930,000 head. It is sheep and goat country, with an estimated 2,300,000 sheep and goats.

It is cotton country, ginning a quarter of a million bales a year.

It is peanut country, producing some 60 million pounds per year. It is pecan country, the annual production being 800,000 pounds.

It is industrial country, approaching \$100 million per annum in manufactured products.

It is high I.Q. country, with its five senior colleges and three junior colleges.

It is the home of military installations in Big Spring, Abilene, Mineral Wells and Sweetwater, forming vital links in our national

defense. It is "Good Country," and its potential is as wide-ranged as its area. Its leaders show wisdom and vision in its further development.

—OMAR BURLESON

**BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

- Jan. 4-6 — Anson Tournament
- c-Jan. 8 — Jim Ned boys A & B, girls A here at 6:00 p.m.
- c-Jan. 15 — Wylie boys A & B, girls A here at 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 18-20 — Jim Ned Tournament
- c-Jan. 22 — Baird boys A & B, girls A here at 6:00 p.m.
- c-Jan. 29 — Jim Ned boys A & B, girls A here at 6:00 p.m.
- c-Feb. 5 — Wylie boys A & B, girls A here at 6:00 p.m.
- c-Feb. 12 — Baird boys A & B, girls A here at 6:00 p.m.
- c-Conference game.

**CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS**

**MRS. D. A. COMPTON DIES AT AGE 63**

Funeral services for Mrs. D. A. Compton, 63, former school teacher at Noodle and White Church, were held Wednesday, Dec. 20 in Grace Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. James Sinclair, pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Compton died at her home Monday morning, following a brief illness. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

One daughter died in infancy. Pallbearers were John West, H. C. Reid, Bob Compton, Leo Harris, Ben Hicks and A. McNary.

**Trent HS Grad Given Recognition**

Recently chosen Wayland College junior class favorite was Diana Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Stephens of Trent. Miss Lewis, a 1965 graduate of Trent High School, is on the Wayland College Flying Queens squad, a nationally known women's basketball team.

She is a member of a number of college organizations. They are Athletes for Christ, president of the campus Wesley Club, and a member of the Delta Chi Delta. She is on the social committee for the sorority, is president of her dormitory and a member of the Biology Club.

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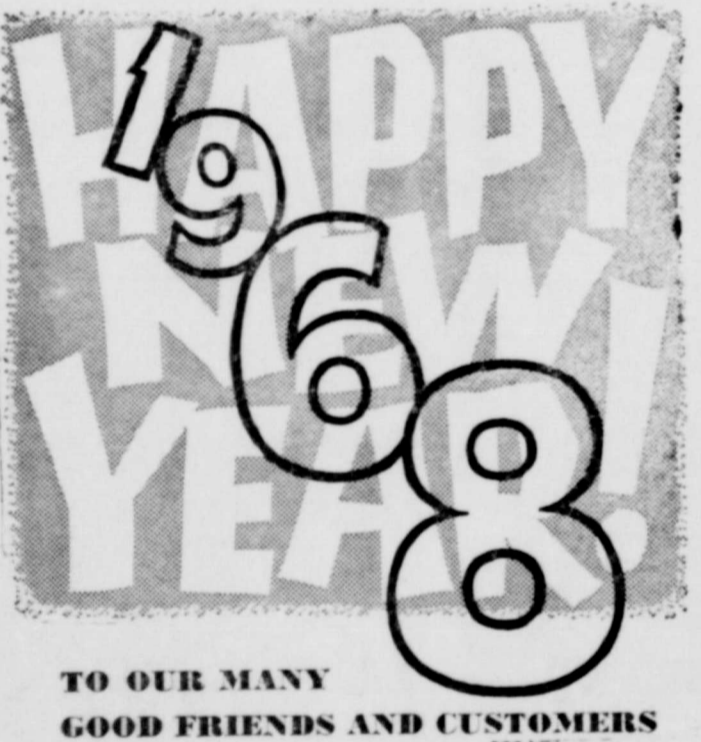
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## ODIS H. GRIFFIN DIES AT AGE 61

Funeral services for Odis H. Griffin, Sr., 61, were held Saturday, Dec. 23, in Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Ray Ellis, supply pastor for the First

Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Griffin, a prominent Merkel merchant and civic leader, died Thursday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene after being in ill health for several months.

Born Oct. 27, 1905 in Grayson County, he moved to Abilene in 1927 as an employe of West Texas Utility Co. In 1946 he went into business for himself as a tractor dealer in Abilene and moved to Merkel in 1947, where he established his tractor business.

He was a Merkel City Councilman from 1954 until 1960, had been a school trustee since 1963 and president of the board since 1964. He had been a Scoutmaster and worked with the Scouts for several years.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Hayden Griffin Jr., his mother, Mrs. E. Q. Griffin of Merkel;

two brothers, Carl Griffin of Abilene, and the Rev. George Griffin of Bowie; several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Herbert McKee, Pete Pett, S. G. Russell, Orville Ely, Kent Satterwhite and Joe Seymore.

Jepling, Joe and Susan, Lubbock; and L. B. Gibson, Roger and James of Colorado City.

Also Messrs. and Mmes. Ernest Meeks and Houston Martin, all of Merkel, and the Rev. and

Mrs. J. E. Meeks, Gale, Ricki, and Jeff, Cleburne, and Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Malone, Marklyn and Miller, Eunice, N.M., and a guest, Miss Cindy Jenkins of Lubbock.

## Mrs. Blackburn Hosts Children Christmas Day

Mrs. E. M. Blackburn was hostess to "most of her family" in her home on Christmas Day.

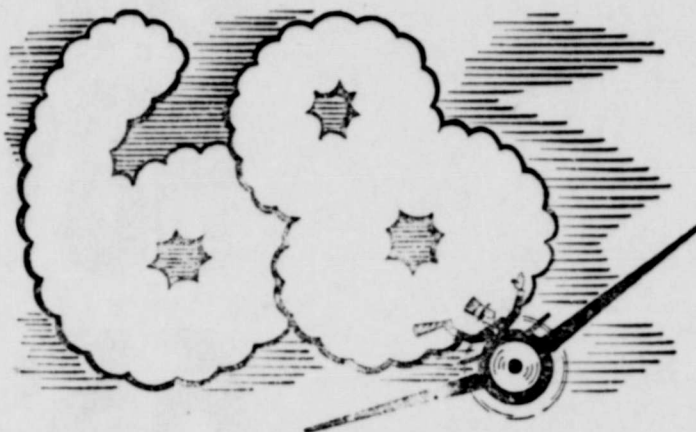
Those present were Messrs. and Mmes. Pierce Horton, and son, J. P., and Chuck Humphries, Melinda and Tommy, all of Plainview; W. L. Brown, Merkel, Royce

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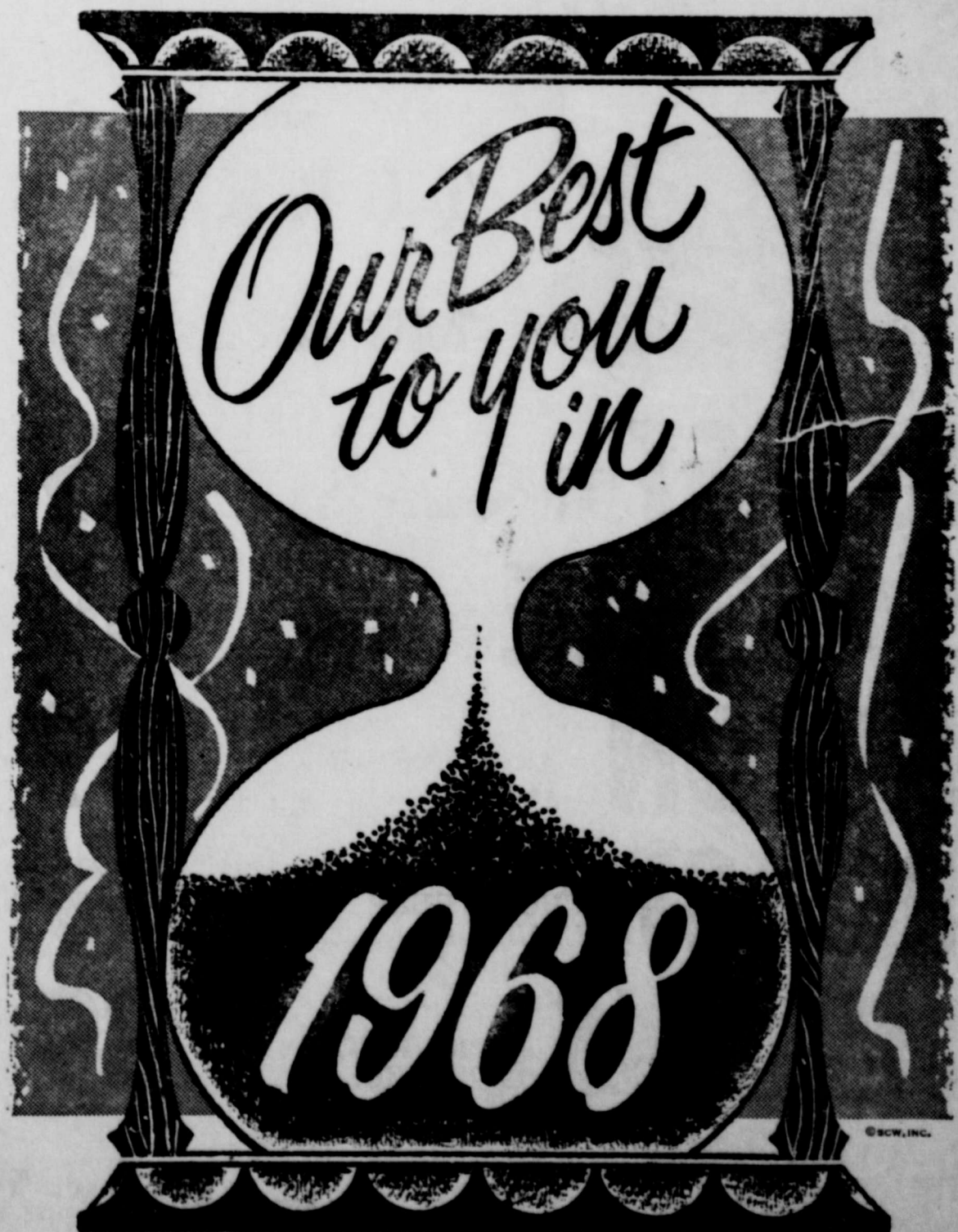
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RUSSET SPUDS 10-Lb. Bag 69¢

NEW YEAR'S TREAT DRY SALT JOWLS Pound 15¢

HORMEL ALL MEAT BOLOGNA 2 Lbs. 89¢



DOUBLE ON WEDS.

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