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UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

Well, we won't have any space about the weather this week. We do want to tell you what happened down here at Pioneer Church last Saturday night. We had our supper at 6 p.m. on time, and shortly after that the Sale got off to a good start with Don Dudley of Merkel as auctioneer. And Don buckled down, so to speak, and pounded the sale to a victory of \$1,925.00 — an all time high in the 17th year.

Of course, it wouldn't have been such a success without Don and his witty statements or comments. But I believe he was as somber as I ever saw him when he addressed the audience.

Now to Don Dudley — to show you, Don, how much we love and appreciate what you did as auctioneer of our sale, we are going to buy you a new hat. So, thank you Don, you did a fine job, and we will forever be grateful to you.

Don said, "the Lord has been good to us, and let's do something for Him here tonight." And

Your Denation Helps 14 Agencies

- Goodfellows
- Merkel Youth Activities
- Summer Recreation Program
- Merkel Library
- American Red Cross
- American Cancer Society
- West Texas Rehabilitation
- Girl Scouts
- March of Dimes
- U.S.O.
- Boys Ranch
- Girl Scouts
- Hear Fund
- Local Emergencies

COMMUNITY FUND HITS \$2,888.62

The Community Fund Balance in Farmers and Merchants National Bank Wednesday morning had increased to \$2,888.62, with "some contributions yet to come in."

"We're still plugging away, trying to get near our goal of \$6,000.00 said Community Fund chairman, W. J. Roddy. "We know there are still people in Merkel and the area who want to contribute, and we want and need for them to."

Roddy said that persons wishing to contribute may call him at

the Sale got off to a good start. Chow - chow sold for \$1.50 per pint; two Merkel Mail subscriptions, which were contributed by our Merkel Mail editor, sold for \$8.50 per subscription. One subscription went to Dallas to Mrs. Annie Collins Grafford, a former resident and a member of the Collins family who founded the Merkel Hotel, then known as the Collins House.

Tom Russom kicked off a \$50 bid on the Community Quilt and it was like kicking a balloon into the air, with old Don pounding away for bids that hit an all time high of \$127.50 — the highest quilt ever sold in the history of our sales. The quilt went to one of our fine couples, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh King and it had 250 names on it.

We had some things new this year — new contributors and new buyers. Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Allen, with the Abilene Savings and Loan were two of the buyers. Mrs. Allen said, "This is the most wonderful thing we have ever attended."

Joe Seymore, chairman of the Sale, said, "I am well pleased with the outcome of the Sale."

Now to everyone who helped in any way, we as a kind, loving people, and our pastor and wife, the Rev. David Hutchins, offer our thanks. Rev. and Mrs. Hutchins said "We wish it was possible to form a ring with outstretched arms around everyone of you and give you an elephant hug for your kindness and love for us . . . it makes us feel so good."

Cal - Tex Feed Yards was among the larger buyers; also Abilene Grain with Jack LaRue buying for them and Ed Sandusky buying for Cal - Tex Feed Yards.

928-4756, and "some way or other we will make time to pick up your contribution."

"Community Fund cannot be forgotten at this time, when there are so many worthwhile organizations needing financial help," added Roddy. "We have the Goodfellows facing us right here at almost Christmas time and very little will be set aside for this worthwhile organization, if our contributions slow down."

Mrs. Hugh Baker and Mrs. Billy Lucas are co-chairmen for the Mothers' Drive.



IT WAS ALL FUN — At the Football Banquet Saturday evening, hosted by the Merkel High School Cheerleaders. Bob Tate, left, steps aside, but not in time for photographer to get a picture of Football Hero, Johnny Thompson, and Football Sweetheart, Janis Long. Tate presented awards to both Thompson and Miss Long. (Photo Courtesy Jim Baber)

PRIZES FOR BEST FLOATS IN PARADE

Christmas (shopping that is,) has come to Merkel and Santa Claus will make his official entry Saturday, Dec. 7 when the Annual Christmas Parade is held.

Kickoff time for the Parade is 2 p.m., with Waymon Adcock as Parade Marshall, and Billy King, assistant.

"We have had some float entries turned in already," said Adcock, "but we must have a complete list as soon as possible."

First, second and third place prizes will be given for floats entered. Fifty dollars will be awarded the first place winner; twenty five dollars for second, and ten dollars for third place.

"Judging will be done on originality, clearness in depicting float theme and evidence of amount of work done on float," said Adcock.

Chamber of Commerce directors recently voted to put Christmas decorations up "as soon as

possible after Thanksgiving." A Christmas Tree will also be placed in the intersection of Edwards and North Second and will be trimmed and lighted.

A Christmas Poster Contest is again sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce this year. Prizes of \$3, \$2, and \$1 will be given for first, second and third place winners in both elementary and primary grades. Leon Walker, principal of the Merkel Elementary School is poster chairman. Deadline for poster entry is Wednesday, Dec. 18 and judging will be done on Dec. 19.

Merchants in downtown Merkel are already displaying Christmas in their windows and inside their stores. Many of the merchants are offering as an "extra" this year Christmas gifts for customers to come in and register. Stores in the downtown area who are conducting registration promotions are found on page three of this edition.

Cheerleaders Honor MHS Football Team

Team work was the theme for the Merkel High School Football Banquet, hosted by the MHS Cheerleaders Saturday night at the Ramada Inn in Abilene.

"And team work it is," said Coach Bill Tate to the overflowing crowd of school board members, faculty, Badger Band members, gathered there to honor the 1968 Merkel High School Football team.

Master of Ceremonies for the occasion was Mike Dudley. Welcoming the football team and guests were Debbie Black, head cheerleader, and Ann Walker.

"We've had a wonderful year," said Tate, "and remember it was teamwork all the way. It wasn't just Johnny Thompson on our team who made the scores, but every time he made one it was every man out there pulling together. In the game of football, we're getting ready to meet life." Tate encouraged the football team, cheerleaders and band members to "dedicate ourselves to play the game of life and to go out and win it."

Following the banquet, awards and recognitions were made. Mrs. Don Dudley, sponsor of the 1968 Cheerleaders, presented awards to Debbi Black, and Ann Walker,

senior students, and to Dayna McAninch, Glenna Doan and Kathy Whisenhunt.

Johnny Thompson, senior member of the Badger team was named Football Hero and Janis Long, Football Sweetheart.

Tex Barnhart, member of the Badger team, presented gifts of appreciation to coaches Tate, Gearld Williamson, Ronnie Al-

dridge and headcoach Wendell Robinson.

Bob Hammond, 1968 Badger Drum Major, presented Marilee Noster and David Coker as Band Favorites.

Entertainment was furnished by a singing group from McMurry College known as "Poor Richard's Almanac."

CHEERLEADER SAYS 'MIGHTY BIG WORDS'

"We'll be Badgers forever . . ." These were the concluding words spoken by a little girl with a trembling voice, as she stood before a capacity crowd at the Ramada Inn Saturday evening, thanking "all the people of Merkel who had helped so much in making the Cheerleaders' year a successful one."

And that little girl was none other than Debbi Black, head cheerleader for MHS.

"To the faculty," she said, "our thanks go to you for manning the Concession Stand and for your encouragement to us," and to all the teachers who seem-

ed to understand when we needed to leave classes early

"To all the Merkel High fans, our thanks to you for the jobs you gave us and paid us for doing so that our projects could be covered financially."

"And to the MHS students who bought our ribbons, and helped with our cheering.

"And to everyone, everywhere, who helped in any way, and in so many ways encouraging us."

By this time the trembling voice got a little lower and the tremendous crowd quieted to catch the words . . .

"We'll be Badgers forever."

TRENT GORILLAS TO MEET FORT HANCOCK AT CRANE FRIDAY

By CONNIE HARRIS

The Trent Gorillas were not to be knocked out of District race because of a forfeit . . . there has never been a team more deserving of a district title than those mighty Gorillas! As one fan put it, "You can just feel it in the atmosphere."

At the Pep Rally prior to game time, the Gorillas threw confetti and yelled from start to finish. As small as Trent is, it would take a lot of pep teams from a lot of larger schools to drown out the noise coming out of the packed gym.

That will to "make '68 the year of the Gorillas" was there from start to finish and this year's team can look back in years to come and say they were the first in the history to win the district title despite the many complications.

The Gorillas will meet Fort Hancock at Crane Friday, Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m. and are "already aiming for the regional play offs," which is as far as Class B can go.

Jim Ned's Indians (with more height and weight than Trent's Gorillas) didn't stop the Gorillas' scoring attack this past Friday in a win of 34-0.

After a scoreless first quarter the Gorillas scoring attack came in the opening seconds of the second quarter. On a pass interception, Arthur Maberry got the Gorillas into scoring range. Pat Carraker took the pigskin on the six and slipped across for the first TD.

Quarterback Gaylon Brnovak's passing attack proved successful once again as he passed to end Stan Hicks on the 45 and Stan paced over the goal line.

Brnovak came back after the half to pass to Hicks for 2 more

TDs. On the first pass, Hicks caught a "what looked impossible" one-handed pass and chalked up another TD. Gaylon Frazier scored on the conversion for 2 extra points.

The Gorillas' final score came late in the fourth quarter when Tim Riggan scored on a 4 yard run. Brnovak ran over for the extra points.

Making up the outstanding defense were Hicks, Johnny Jones, Steve Reddin, Si Acuna, and Owen O'Kelly.

To the Trent Gorillas, we say GOOD LUCK in your conquest of the bi-district title.

TRENT	JIM NED
16 First Downs 8	
261 Rushing Yardage 146	
135 Passing Yardage 9	
10 of 15 Passes Completed 1 of 5	
2 Passes Intercepted 0	
3 for 31 Punts, Average 5 for 39	
6 for 82 Penalties, Yards 3 for 15	
1 Fumbles Lost 1	



MERKEL POSTER WINNERS — Conservation poster winners of the Merkel Elementary and Primary schools are, first picture, from left, Brad Wade, first grade; Linda Williams, third grade; Steven Williams, second grade,

and Bart Whisenhunt, fourth grade; second picture, from left, Donald Dye, 6th grade; Kathryn Murrell, fifth; Don Clyburn, eighth, and Debbie Fincher, seventh grade. Bart Whisenhunt was announced a winner in the district

judging in Abilene this week. First place winners in the district will be honored at the Awards Banquet at the Windsor Hotel in Abilene Dec. 2. Taylor Electric is sponsoring the banquet. (Staff Photos)

BADGER TRACKS

By WALLY KNIGHT

Last Saturday at Odessa the Merkel High School Twirlers performed group and solo twirling routines and received top honors for their efforts. Receiving a first division rating for their ensemble routine were Donna Diltz, Christy Lucas, Katherine Criswell, Suzie Wilson, Kay Tipton and Jan Beasley. Christy Lucas and Donna Diltz, both juniors, also received a first division rating for their solo twirling routines.

The Badger Basketball teams are undefeated thus far in the season. The boys' B team defeated Rotan last week. Both the boys' and girls varsity teams have won their first two games against

Rotan and Noodle.

The 1968 Football Banquet was held Saturday night at the Ramada Inn at Abilene. A large number of students and faculty attended the fete. Mike Dudley acted as master of ceremonies. The entertainment was provided for by a singing group from McMurry College called Poor Richard's Almanac. Short speeches were made by Mr. Bill Tate, Debi Black and Ann Walker. Several presentations were also made. Johnny Thompson was recognized as Football Hero. Janis Long was recognized as the Football Sweetheart. David Coker and Marylee Noster were recognized as the Band Favorites.

Mrs. Pat Dudley, the cheerleaders' sponsor, presented the cheerleaders with gifts. Mrs. Dudley presented Kathy Windham with a certificate for an athletic letter jacket. Mrs. Dudley explained that this award was the first of its kind and that a letter jacket

would be given to the cheerleader who did not earn a jacket in other activities, such as sports, in the future years.

Presentations of awards were made to the high school football coaches, Mr. Ronny Albridge, Mr. Gerald Williamson, Mr. Bill Tate and Mr. Wendell Robinson.

The banquet was a complete success in every way. A word of thanks to Mrs. Dudley and the Merkel cheerleaders for a job well done.

HAMBY NEWS

By MRS. W. T. WILLIAMS

Mrs. Dave Massey visited her daughter, Mrs. John Hughes, who lives south of Merkel, Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Bowbotham of Midland, visited his brother, Thomas Earl Watts and her sister, Mrs. Carl Brady and family Sunday. They all visited their brother and family. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Watts of Clyde.

Wrapping Christmas presents at the Abilene State School Tuesday were Mmes. J. M. Foster, George Grantham, Denzel McBeath, J. E. Deatherage, J. L. Gist, Charles Smith Jr., B. J. Gist and Walker Williams.

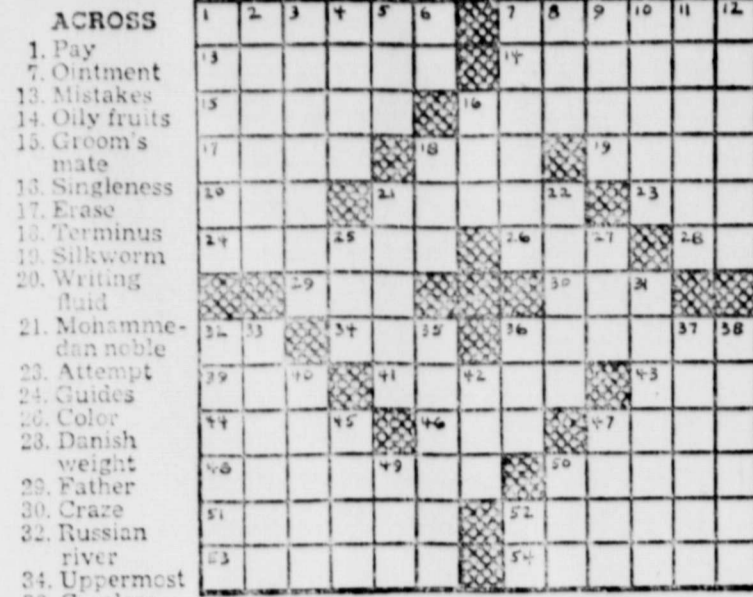
Mr. and Mrs. Alton Whiteaker went to Sweetwater Wednesday to see Mr. Whiteaker's sister and family and while there attended the cattle auction.

The Hamby 4-H Club met in a regular meeting at the schoolhouse Tuesday evening and made plans for a Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Vaughn of Borger visited Clyde Hampton Wednesday. They were returning from a visit to Mrs. Vaughn's sister, Mrs. A. R. Tyson of Atlanta, Ga.

Attending the Home Demonstration Club Council in Abilene last Thursday were Mmes. Deather-

Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
1. Pay
 7. Ointment
 13. Mistakes
 14. Oily fruits
 15. Groom's mate
 16. Singleness
 17. Erase
 18. Terminus
 19. Silkworm
 20. Writing fluid
 21. Monks' noble
 22. Attempt
 23. Guides
 24. Color
 25. Danish weight
 26. Father
 28. Craze
 29. Russian river
 34. Uppermost
 36. Careless
 39. Roman ablyr.
 41. Document addition
 43. Place
- DOWN**
1. Rubbish
 2. Wandering
 3. Frolicked
 4. Was Lorne
 5. Exist
 6. Laces
 7. Deliberate
 8. Chemical suffix
 9. Excavation
 10. Ward off
 11. Cover
 12. Tyne
 16. Lone
 18. Printers' measures
 21. Zeal
 22. Identify
 23. Consume
 27. Barrier
 29. Speaker
 33. Spanish dance
 35. Paris
 36. Thing; law
 37. Theater
 38. Laces
 39. Emphasize
 40. Girl's name
 42. Female deer
 43. God of love
 47. Good
 49. High in pitch
 50. Fish
 52. Article; Fr.



HUNGRY FOR FRUITCAKE — The Merkel High School junior class will begin taking orders this week for fruit cakes for Christmas. Proceeds from the Fruit Cake Sale will go toward junior class expenses and especially the Junior-Senior Banquet that is held in the spring.

played the organ, and entertaining was the Gus Warren Band.

Mrs. Sammie West was honored with a pink and blue shower Tuesday evening at the Community Center.

J. W. Coppedge of Alabama is spending a few days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Coppedge.

Mrs. Alice Williams spent Wednesday night with her niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kash Powers.

Mrs. Lena Wade was honored with a pink and blue shower last Thursday. The party was held at the Baptist Church recreation room.

We were sorry to hear that A. J. Baggett had to re-enter the hospital last Thursday. He is at the West Texas Medical Center in Abilene.

A Musical was held at the school house Friday evening. The Mothers' Club sponsored the event. Mr. Rufus Edmundson of Abilene

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Examples: A complete 48-piece service for 8 (\$48.00 value) for only \$4.32! Or a 72-piece service for 12 (\$72.00 value) for only \$6.48. . . . Build as large a set as you wish.

MERKEL DRUG
"YOUR HEALTH SERVICE STORE"
Merkel, Texas

NEW-ARRIVALS
born at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26 at the Johnson Hospital in Lorraine.
The baby weighed eight pounds, measurements are Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ellis of Merkel.

It's Time To START SOMETHING

Like the motor on a new '69 car, for example. A word from you and we'll start the wheels rolling on a low cost loan.

Talk to us.

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THANKSGIVING SEASON

IS HERE AND I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY THANKS to each and every one who has taken part in making the patients more comfortable and happier; to Dr. Sadler who visits the patients almost every day; to the Ministers who visit the Home each week; to the Church of Merkel and surrounding towns who come into the Nursing Home on Sunday at 3 p.m. to bring their services; to the First Baptist Church for their 9 o'clock Song Service each Sunday; to the Salvation Army of Abilene for the programs and their gifts to the patients; to the wonderful Farmers who grew vegetables and shared them with the Home; to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price, of Baird, Texas, who plant a garden for the Nursing Home each year; and to Mrs. Gibbs of Rowden, a widow who gave the home 10 bushels of pears this year.

OUR THANKS ALSO to the people who gave frozen fruits and vegetables and meats; to the Young Homemakers who have parties each three months for the ones who have had birthdays; to the Merkel Grade School and High School for their kindnesses; to the F.H.A. girls who set out trees and who painted the benches; and to Marlene Peel for her time and supplies for haircuts and permanents. For those unable to pay, for these services, she is most kind and considerate.

MAY GOD BLESS each one who has helped in any way; it is really appreciated and again I say, from the depths of my heart.

Thank You So Much
MARY OUTLAW
STARR NURSING HOME

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING GUIDE



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COME IN AND
REGISTER FOR AN
Early American Electric Clock
TO BE GIVEN AWAY TUESDAY
AFTERNOON, DEC. 24
BULLOCK'S
HARDWARE & GIFTS

PLUS FREE GIFTS GALORE AT STORES DISPLAYED BELOW

Christmas is in the air!
In Merkel, it is!

And wise shoppers are already getting those gifts selected, wrapped and put away before the RUSH!

How do we know?????

Just look at all the attractively wrapped gifts up on shelves in Merkel stores!

Intending to get my shopping all done in one "easy afternoon" year

ole reporter found too many things to see in every store in Merkel.

MERKEL DRUG STORE windows "enticed" me inside, and my! oh my! there's more to see inside — don't stop with the windows! For those shoppers who are looking for UNUSUAL gifts, take a peek at the Leather Covered Glass Decanters from Italy and we just had to count out a bunch of pennies for a pair of everlasting Candles — they burn lighter fluid and come in assorted colors. And there's the Lighted Make-up Mirrors, that "leave no guessing."

Rushing up the street northwards, there were the strains of Silent Night coming from an organ someone was playing at **BEN FRANKLINS**. Just had to stop to listen — and believe it or not — was invited to "play a tune," and play a tune I did. Found out it was a Magnus Chord Organ Ensemble — has 37 ivorytone treble keys, 12 chord buttons and matching music rack — complete with three music books.

At **MELLINGER'S** the first thing that "caught my eye" were all the attractively wrapped packages on display. Some people are real wise and getting that shopping done EARLY. Just arrived for the "lady with an eye to shoes" to drool over were the new spring patents — blacks, beige and black and whites, pretty heels, too. For the men and boys in your life there are some mighty handsome Curlee Suits and Sport coats. And take a look at the colorful piece goods if you are a sewing bug!

At **WILSON'S JEWELER**, the first thing Woody did was stick an Accutron Watch under my nose, he says "for the man in my life." And I'm glad there's only one and he can wear only one watch. But no fooling, those Accutrons are something! Whether you're planning a trip to Mars or not, a watch like that would make a Perfect Christmas Gift. And if you're not completely out of breath now, take a good look at the beautiful artificial feather flower arrangements, costume jewelry, ladies' watches, and Woodcrafts Decorator items.

Too tired to do any more looking and shopping, the "pavement worn" feet turned in at **STARBUCK FURNITURE**, and headed for one of those beautiful Occasional Chairs — Chairs to go with any room decor. Spotting a pretty gold tweed sofa (that made a bed) and just what we needed for that extra company that's coming soon, down payment and "promise to pay" was made with Fred. Take time to see the living room suites, tables of all kinds and ask Fred or Naomi to show

you all the beautiful lamps they recently received.

At **BRAGG'S**, Mary took me by the arm and led me to a special spot in the store where all kinds of gifts for all kinds of people were displayed. And Oh! The Van Heusen line for men! Shirts, sweaters (turtle neck and cardigan) and pajamas! Heard some oohs and aahs coming from the back of the store and was just in time to see a completely new line of dresses being "unveiled." They're the Lady Bayard Dresses, and they're all in gay colors!

And what "hits your eye" when you enter **CRAWFORD'S** are the luscious and sumptuous colors of Texsheen Lingerie — gowns, slips, briefs, robes and pajamas — And look to your left as you go on back you'll see Samsonite Luggage and Pop Art Luggage. That Pop Art Luggage is something! There's shirts, shoes, suits and ties for the men too, and plenty of towel sets and bedspreads.

Gift Ideas Galore are all on display at **BULLOCK'S HARDWARE AND GIFTS**, and the more you look the more you "just have to have one of every kind." If you have a kitchen in mind, let Almeda show you the Guild Products for Gracious Living — bun warmers, lazy susans, canister sets, buffet casserole and they come in colors of lemon, mustard and tangerine! There's Towel Bars for dressing tables and Lush Robe Hooks too.

Guess where the last place of "resting" was? Yep! You guess it — **FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**. After doing so much looking and not having very much "resistance" at any place, the Bank is the natural and financial spot to "wind up all affairs."

Found out there that F&M has you in mind too for Christmas ideas. There's the Gift Check for persons who want to make a check for Christmas and don't want to use their personalized ones. These checks say **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and they can be picked up now at F&M. Besides that there's **NEW CRISP CURRENCY** in all denominations with a Christmas Envelope waiting for you . . .

Surely somewhere in all this "shop talk" we've given you some ideas of "what to give for Christmas," and the wonder of it all it's all right here in Merkel! AND **BESIDES THAT ALMOST ALL OF THE STORES ON THE "DRAG" ARE GIVING AWAY A BEAUTIFUL AND PRACTICAL GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS**. All you have to do is go in and register . . . nothing to buy and you don't have to be present to win. But I'm gonna try to be present.

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LADIES' ENTIRE STOCK OF FALL AND WINTER

Suits and Dresses

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A BEAUTIFUL AND PRACTICAL GIFT WILL BE GIVEN EACH WEEK BEGINNING DECEMBER 4

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LADY'S DRESS - Drawing Wednesday, Dec. 11

MAN'S BILLFOLD - Wednesday, Dec. 18

TEXSHEEN ROBE and PAJAMA SET Dec. 23

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ELECTRIC FOOD WARMER

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

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We have **Gifts** for Everyone!

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COME IN TODAY AND SEE AND REGISTER FOR THE BEAUTIFUL GIFT TO BE GIVEN AWAY FRIDAY, DEC. 20

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Santa Says: DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY

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- Dinettes ● Recliners ● Table ● Lamps
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- Miscellaneous -

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MASONIC MEETING
Stated Meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 on 2nd Saturday and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.

BURR HENDRICKS, W. M.
BOY MASHBURN, Sec'y.
EVERYDAY kinds of Cards, also Christmas. Your orders appreciated. Will be out of town week after Thanksgiving, return Dec. 9. Margaret Foster, 928-5139.

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RUMMAGE SALE - Sponsored by Methodist Cleaners' Class. Every Saturday at 917 North 2nd. Clothes, furniture, pillows, miscellaneous. 30 1fr

FOR COMPLETE BEAUTY CARE - Free facial, and a complete line of cosmetics, call Emma Shuggart, 928-5027 or Betty Satterwhite, 928-5665. 12 1fp

- For Rent -

FOR RENT - Furnished garage apartment, 3 rooms and bath. Call Mrs. E. B. Barnes at 928-5236 or see at 402 Ash. 39 2fp

FOR RENT - Two bedroom house on school bus route and FM road. Small rent, phone 928-5887. 38 1fc

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The Commissioner of Internal Revenue gives these statistics on mathematical verification of individual tax returns in his Annual Report Summary for the Fiscal Year 1967:

-65.4 million returns were mathematically verified;
-3.9 million returns required correction;

-2.4 million were taxpayers errors that caused the taxpayer to underpay his tax. IRS collected \$207.5 additional millions from the folks. However,

-1.5 million made errors in favor of the government, and Internal Revenue refunded \$94.3 million to these taxpayers who had cheated themselves out of almost \$100 million through their own bad arithmetic.

This may not prove that most taxpayers would flunk grammar school arithmetic, but it seems to prove Internal Revenue's repeated warning: "Check it again - carefully - before you mail it." That dollar you save will be YOUR OWN.

Subject Was Roses ACT's New Play

ABILENE - "The Subject Was Roses," Frank D. Gilroy's engaging autobiographical play of a young son returning home from war to discover the lovelessness that exists between his parents, opened at ACT this Wednesday as the second dramatic production of 1968 - 69 season.

Winning the Pulitzer Prize for 1965; voted "Best Play of the Year" by N. Y. Drama Critics; a major American playwright presents an honest and touching work, with simplicity, humor and integrity.

Rod Blaydes, the returning son; Virginia Hardy, the mother often overwhelmed with disillusion; and Bill Smith, the father finding love and understanding; give sensitive and realistic acting performances that make the play tender and acid, touched with humor and poignance.

ACT will perform nightly at 8:30 through Saturday, Nov. 30 and December 4 through 7. Tickets are available at the Abilene Community Theatre Box Office, phone 673-3271, or by writing ACT 801 South Meekway St., Abilene, Texas 79605.



SANTA SAYS DO YOUR
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Westenhover Rites Are Held

John Murphy Westenhover, 79, died Wednesday, Nov. 20 at West Texas Medical Hospital in Abilene after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held Friday at Starbuck Funeral Chapel with the Rev. James Sinclair, pastor of the Merkel Presbyterian Church, officiating and Bill Patton, minister of the Merkel Church of Christ, assisting. Interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Aug. 19, 1889 in Mansfield, Mr. Westenhover moved to Merkel in 1901. He served in the Army in World War I. He was a member of the Merkel Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include one brother, C. E. Westenhover, Merkel; two nieces, Mrs. Isla Leaton of Odessa, and Mrs. Bell Kimbrough of Merkel; several grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

William A. Stutts Dies at Age 68

Funeral services for William Albert Stutts, 68, of Merkel, were held Friday, Nov. 22 in an Abilene Funeral Home, with the Rev. M. E. Randolph, Baptist minister, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Stutts died Wednesday in Hendrick Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born Sept. 12, 1900 in Huntsville, he moved to Merkel in 1950, where he owned and operated the Stutts Cafe. He married Velma Modrall at Big Spring June 15, 1961.

Survivors include the wife; two daughters, Mrs. Truett Goss of Artesia, N.W., and Mrs. James Henderson Jr., of Abilene; three sons, Gary of the home, W. J. of Tomball, and Joe Ross of Houston; three sisters, Mrs. Spencer Falls and Mrs. Frank Wilbourn, both of Huntsville, and Mrs. B. L. Baldwin of Houston; five brothers, George of Austin, E. G., H. J. and Newman, all of Texas City, and Orion of Houston; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



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ROBERT BOYD
4-H Horse Club president

4-H Horse Club Officers Elected

Members of the Taylor County 4-H Horse Club met November 23 for their yearly organizational meeting.

Robert Boyd, vice president, called the meeting to order in the absence of president Bill Dan Snow, for the purpose of electing officers.

Officers elected are Boyd, president; Kathryn Criswell, vice president; Dayna McAninch, secretary - treasurer, and Johnny Wheeler, reporter.

Dexter Sagobiel, assistant County Agent, discussed plans for the coming year. The club will sponsor activities such as educational films, judging field trips, trail rides and horse shows.

Adult leaders attending were Mrs. Riney, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Pointer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT COVERING RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

Merkel Independent School District

For the Period of September 1, 1967
To August 31, 1968

RECEIPTS:	
Local Sources	\$182,862.46
County Sources	29.67
State Sources	221,264.13
Federal Sources	2,557.00
Sale of Property and Net Insurance Recovery	477.75
Total Cash Receipts	\$407,191.01
Balances from Preceding Year	118,920.00
Total Funds Available	\$526,111.01

EXPENDITURES:	
1. Administrative	\$ 29,133.60
2. Instructional	252,447.90
3. Pupil Transportation	19,269.41
4. Operation of Plant	25,463.64
5. Maintenance of Plant	9,470.40
6. Fixed Charges	6,070.03
7. Food Service	2,526.65
8. Student Body Activities	7,466.51
9. Capital Outlay	7,026.55
10. Debt Service	36,501.95
11. Media Center	654.63
12. Accounts Payable	834.82
Total Disbursements	\$396,866.09

Balances on August 31, 1968 budgeted for 1968-69 operational costs **129,244.92**
\$526,111.01

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Wedding Plans

RICH-BOYD

The engagement of Nancy Lorraine Rich to Felix Reed Boyd has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben E. Rich of Merkel.

The bride-elect is a senior at Merkel High School.

Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd, is also a senior at Merkel High School. He is engaged in farming and ranching with his father.

The wedding date has been set for December 27 at the First Baptist Church in Merkel.

INGRAM-BUTMAN

Mrs. Grace Ingram of Merkel announces the engagement of her daughter, Linda Joyce, to Mr. Robert Wayne Butman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Butman, Rt. 2, Merkel.

The bride-elect is a 1967 graduate of Merkel High School and is presently employed by the Sweetwater Manufacturing Company.

Butman attended Merkel High School and is employed by Sojourner Drilling Company of Abilene.

Wedding date is set for December 7.

TRUTH AND FICTION MIXED IN "CHRISTY"

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Newton Daniel, wife of Merkel's United Methodist Church pastor is reviewing this week the book, "Christy," by Catherine Marshall, for Merkel and area readers.

A splendid heart-warming novel — this is a true story, with a little fiction thrown in, of nineteen-year-old Christy Rudd Huddleston, who leaves her comfortable home in Ashville, N. C., to go to Cutter Gap, Tenn. to teach in a one-room school in 1912.

Christy is confronted with many problems. How could she teach 67 squirming children, many who

had never been to school before?

You will love Miss Alice Henderson, the Quaker Missionary, David Grantland, the young minister and Dr. Neil McNeil, the lone physician, as well as Little Burl Allen, who said, "Teacher, I've come to see you and to swap howdys."

Some of these mountaineers you will want to shoot. There is life and death and joy and sorrow; so much and so little do do with.

Christy endures much, but her life is enriched. She falls in love and wants to spend her life in the Great Smokies.

MRS. N. S. DANINEL

LORD'S ACRE SALE NETS OVER \$1,900

The Lord's Acre Sale held at Pioneer Church in Mulberry Canyon Saturday, Nov. 23, netted \$1,925.00, the highest in the history of the annual event.

The Sale, which began seventeen years ago, is held annually in November usually on Saturday before Thanksgiving, and people from all points in Texas attend.

Joe Seymore, this year's chairman, said, "This has been the most successful sale we have had, with a lot of people contributing, and a lot more buying."

Don Dudley of Merkel was auctioneer for the sale, and the quilt which is made by the ladies of the Mulberry Canyon Community, sold for \$127.50.

Proceeds from the sale are used for church expenses, said Tom Russom, member of the Lord's Acre Sale planning committee.

Club Members Tell Of Thanksgiving

The Merkel Garden Club met Nov. 21 at the Merkel Elementary Library with a program presented on "Planting the Seed of Thanksgiving."

Mrs. W. L. Brown, program chairman, introduced speakers, Mrs. Oda Clark, Mrs. Ollie Dye and Mrs. Mary Click who spoke on Thanksgiving. Mrs. Click also presented a reading on Christmas legends from the Lone Star Gardner.

Attending were Miss Christine Collins and Mmes. Click, Clark, Johnny Cox, Mack Fisher, Raymond Ferguson, Dee Grimes and Ora Griggs.

Also Mmes. Ina Hunter, G. D. McConnell, G. D. Peachey, W. T. Sadler, Charlie Sherrill and Jarrett Williams.

Club president, Mrs. Peachey, presided at the business meeting, and hostesses were Mmes. Fisher, Grimes and Miss Collins.

Library Displays

Something new is being displayed this week and through Christmas at the Merkel Library.

An oil painting by Mrs. Newton Daniel, depicting a scene of fishermen in silhouette against the sky is on display and Mrs. W. L. Brown, member of the Merkel Garden Club has given the Library an attractive arrangement for the holidays.

WANT ADS GET RESULTS!

OEO's Public Hearing Dec. 2

The Southwest Regional Office, Office of Economic Opportunity will hold a public hearing on Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Coca-Cola Bottling Company auditorium in Abilene concerning designation of a Community Action Agency for Taylor County, according to Richard Osborn, executive director.

"Citizens of Taylor County are invited to attend and to comment on the proposed designation which will identify the agency to serve as the local anti-poverty coordinator in Taylor County," Osborn said.

Present plans are to designate the existing CAA as the Aaylor County Community Action Agency, said Osborn.

WSCS to Meet Tuesday, Dec. 3

The next scheduled meeting of the Womens Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church is Tuesday, Dec. 3, according to president, Mrs. Ray Wilson.

Mrs. Vernon Hudson will be program leader for the meeting.



MIKE DUDLEY
... teen center president

Teen Center Meets To Elect Officers

Members of the Youth Activity Program took "time out" from a fun-filled Friday evening for the elections of officers.

Officers elected are: Mike Dudley, president; Randy Doan, vice president; Beth Peachey, secretary; and Alan Reed treasurer.

Also JaNell Lassiter, program chairman; Bob Hammond and Mike Warren, maintenance co-chairmen; Mignon Crawford, sponsor; Vickie Robertson, reporter and Steve Doan, sergeant at arms.

Counting votes were adult counselors Mrs. G. R. Peachey, Mrs. Clyde Bunch and Herman Carson.

Activities are planned at the Community "Teen Center" for this Friday and Saturday night.



Thanksgiving Theme Presented For Merkel 4-H Club Meeting

The Merkel 4-H Club met Thursday, Nov. 7 for its regular monthly meeting, and observed Thanksgiving with a special program.

Robert Boyd, president, called the meeting to order; the American Pledge was led by Annetta Stephan and Gaylon Boone led the 4-H Motto, Pledge and Prayer.

Betsy Johnson, chairman of the Thanksgiving program, introduced each member of the pageant who presented the history of Thanksgiving.

Boyd, Andy Stephan, Dayna McMansfield, Betsy Johnson and Gail Aninch, Patricia Boyd, Kathy Boone were participating members in the program.

4-H girls were urged to sign up for the cooking classes, led by Mrs. Robert Stephan, adult leader. Girls are to meet throughout the months during the coming months to learn the basic and advanced fundamentals of cooking.

Miss Anna Botart, assistant

County Home Demonstration Agent, met with members to discuss the year's plans. She presented each member with the 1969 Taylor County 4-H Club yearbook.

Members were also reminded of the 4-H Christmas party and were also reminded to bring food for the Nursing Home.

Following refreshments served by Mrs. Calvin Wade, Paul Tucker led the group in games.



2ND LT. JOHANN LAURANCE
... receives commission

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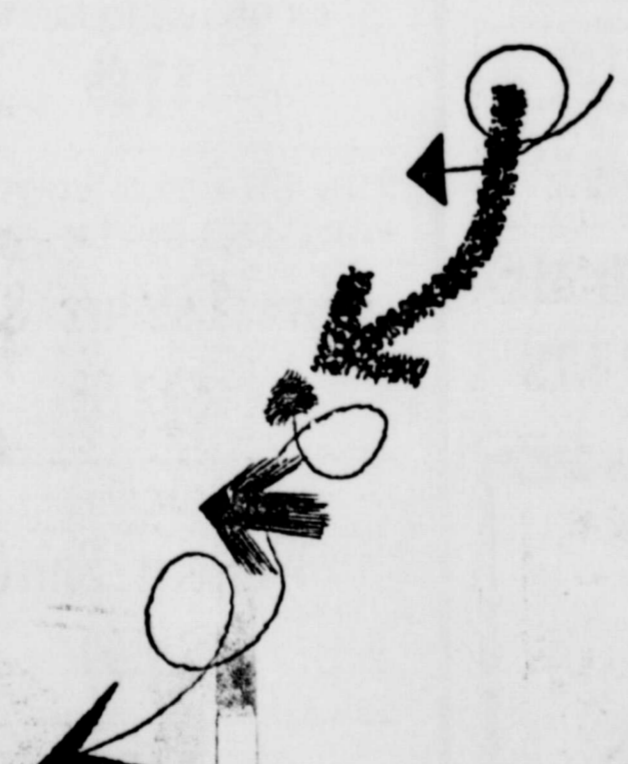
SAN ANTONIO — John G. Laurance, son of Mrs. Clara K. Cantrell, 709 S. Second, Merkel, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School (ATS) at Lackland AFB, Tex.

Laurance selected for OTS through competitive examination, is being assigned to Sheppard AFB, Tex., for training as a budget officer.

A graduate of Highland Park (Ill.) High School, the lieutenant received his BS degree in accounting from Indiana University.

His wife, Wanda, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Vinson of 801 N. Sixth St., Merkel.

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Fess Parker to Be At Fat Stock Show

FORT WORTH (SpL) — W. R. Watt, president - manager of the Southwestern Exposition and

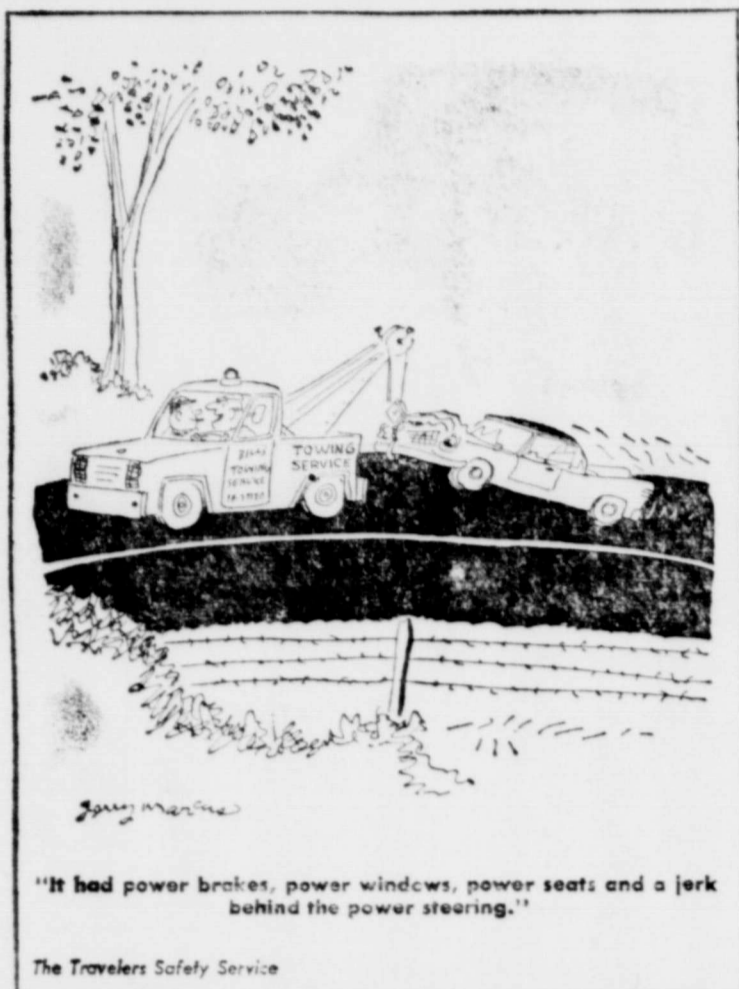
Fat Stock Show announced that Fess Parker, star of television's "Daniel Boone" series, will guest star at Fort Worth's 1969 Stock Show Rodeo. Parker will appear at all 20 performances of the rodeo January 24 through February 2. "Fess has an act that appeals

to all the family." Watt said, "and with his Daniel Boone series on NBC-TV into its fifth year, we believe he'll be a great entertainer." Appearing with Fess Parker will be the New Establishment musical group.

Tall Texan Parker was born in Fort Worth and grew up in San Angelo where he was a high school football and basketball star. He is a star and co-producer of the "Daniel Boone" series, author of screenplays, composer and recording artist whose sales hit 500,000 with "Wingale" and over a million with "Davy Crockett."

In addition to Fess Parker the 1969 Fort Worth Rodeo will offer a number of outstanding specialty acts and the always popular rodeo action its customers enjoy. Tickets for the 1969 Fort Worth Stock Show Rodeo are now available by mail from Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, P. O. Box 150, Fort Worth, Texas 76101.

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Spiced Raisin Rice

2-1/2 cups water
3/4 cup raisins
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind

1/4 teaspoon turmeric
2 tablespoons butter
2 cups packaged enriched pre-cooked rice
2 tablespoons sugar

Combine water, raisins, salt, cinnamon, lemon rind, turmeric, and butter in saucepan. Bring to a boil. Stir in rice. Remove from heat; cover and let stand 5 minutes. Sprinkle sugar over rice; toss with a fork to mix. Makes about 4 cups or 6 servings.

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"Let the Chips Fall," Pride
"Born to Love You," Newman
"Milwaukee Here I Come," Jones
"She Wears My Ring," Price
"Your Squaw is On the Warpath," Lynn

Remembrances

Mayor Johnny Cox, Merkel area representative for the Taylor County American Cancer Society announced today that persons wishing to send bereavement remembrances in the form of donations may do so by bringing a contribution to his office at 114 Edwards St. Or if mailing a check, his address is P. O. Box 183, Merkel, Texas 75368.

"Quite often people wish to make a donation to the American Cancer Society in remembrance of a loved one," said Cox, "and when this is done, memorial cards are mailed to the bereaved family."



SANTA SAYS DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY... IN MERKEL

GOLDEN TOUCH OF HOSPITALITY

BY JANE ASHLEY

Refreshing Pineapple Pie

Great for Fall is this angel food type pie cooked on top of the stove and turned into a no-bake crumb crust. It is best served on the day it is prepared.

Pineapple Pie

1 no-bake (9-inch) crumb crust
2 tablespoons corn starch
1/2 cup sugar
Dash salt
1 cup water
1 (8-ounce) can crushed pineapple, drained
3 egg whites
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Combine corn starch, sugar and salt in small saucepan. Gradually add water, stirring until smooth. Stirring constantly, bring to boil over medium heat and boil 1 minute. Cover with plastic film or waxed paper laid directly on surface of pudding. Cool. Stir in pineapple. Beat egg whites until stiff peaks form when beater is raised. Gently fold in cooled pineapple mixture. Pile into prepared crust. Sprinkle with chopped nuts. Chill. Makes one 9-inch pie.

COLLEGE AND BEYOND

A major concern of modern parents is getting their children to college. And once enrolled, the college student's major interest is preparing for a career, attaining it, and succeeding in it.

Two new books from Barnes & Noble help make both problems easier to solve. Written for parents, *Guiding Your Child Toward College* by Charles A. Bucher, Helmut W. Joel and Gertrude A. Joel, educators and guidance experts with years of collective experience in the field, details the indispensable steps to this goal. It outlines what parents must do in the child's earliest years to develop skills and attitudes toward learning, what high school subjects and extracurricular activities should be chosen, planning with guidance counselors, making applications and selecting the college best suited to the individual.

Once in college, the student faces the major decisions of career. In *Careers for College Graduates* noted manpower specialist Clarence E. Peterson summarizes and describes over 70 occupations, the educational requirements of each one, practical advice on job-hunting techniques, including resumes and interviews, and where further, more detailed information may be obtained. It is virtually an encyclopedic reference book that will guide and serve the student through undergraduate and graduate years. *Guiding Your Child Toward College* (\$1.50) and *Careers for College Graduates* (\$2.25) will be invaluable books at home and in the college dormitory.

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE



There were approximately 80 people attending the Homecoming held at the Stith Community Center Sunday.

After dinner was served, the Rev. Jessie Conley, Missionary to East Africa, gave a talk on his work. We were glad to have all the visitors from Merkel, Anson, Fort Worth, Rising Star, Abilene, Hedges, Noodle and Kilgore with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Browning and children of Tuscola visited Mr. and Mrs. John Browning Sunday evening.

Mrs. Doug Stephenson and Melissa of Midland visited Mrs. Stephenson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McDonald and George Sunday.

Mrs. Babe Tarpley returned home Monday after spending eight days with her mother, Mrs. Gaston Gregory. Mrs. Gregory had throat surgery, and is doing fine. Mrs. Clyde Maxwell and children of Anson visited Mrs. Tarpley Thursday.

Mrs. F. J. McDonald is visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Stephenson and Melissa in Midland this week.

Mrs. Mamie Hardin of Midland

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visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns Sunday.

Visitors attending services at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday were the Rev. M. F. Conley, Kilgore; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Foster, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Monroe and family, Nolan; Mrs. Simmons and Janeth, Sweetwater, and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Mundy and Clark Mundy of Fort Worth. J. B. Browning and Ira Stanley were on the sick list Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Derwood McCoy

attended services at the Hope Church of Christ Sunday night.

Mrs. Sony Hardin and children of Lawn visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mashburn Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hudson, Rising Star, and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Mundy and Clark Mundy, all of Fort Worth, visited Miss Louise and Bob and Hollis Hudson Sunday.

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THE FIZZLE FAMILY



By H. T. Elmo

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Goal-To-Go Menu For Busy Hostess

Energy-packed and enthusiastic fans enjoy a great variety of games in the fall months of brisk and glowing weather.

Whatever the game—whoever wins—the true winner either before or after game time can be the hostess.

Is this easy? No—and yes! But just follow simple easy rules and make the goal every time. A go-ahead snack is nearly always the answer—a simple menu adds the impetus. The final touch is the help-yourself plan.

Hearty rolled meat or cheese sandwiches that fit snugly into a heated brown-and-serve bun, served up with a zesty mustard-horseradish sauce, give just the right casual touch. Surround with several relish cups of such things as cucumber slices, pepper relish, olives, chili sauce, small button mushrooms, chopped onion, carrot curls and green-in pickles.

The sauce gets an extra tasty touch, a new sensation of vitality and vigor from the spring-time freshness of a cup of Sprite. Also, it's a natural to serve right along with the snack, either direct from icy cold bottle or in glasses with crushed ice.

A variety of fresh whole fruits provides dessert.

Here's how to go about making the rolled sandwiches. Select sliced meat such as ham, turkey, salami or bologna, and cheese slices.

Roll slices around items like cold slices, sauerkraut, potato salad, pineapple spears, asparagus spears, egg salad, cocktail franks, slices of avocado and cucumber strips. Fasten with wooden picks.

Spread some of the pieces of meat first with cranberry sauce,



creamed blue cheese, deviled ham or sweet relish.
Place rolls in shallow casserole, add the sauce, cover and heat until just warmed through. Serve in club buns. These rolls may be made the day before, covered and refrigerated until 20 to 30 minutes before serving time. Add sauce just before heating.

HORSERADISH SAUCE
2 chicken bouillon cubes
1 cup hot water
1 cup Sprite
4 tablespoons margarine or butter
4 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon white pepper

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
4 tablespoons well drained horseradish
1 tablespoon prepared mustard
Dissolve bouillon cubes in hot water. Add Sprite. Set aside. Melt margarine or butter over low heat, stirring until smooth and bubbly. Remove from heat, gradually stir in bouillon and Sprite. Bring to boil, stirring constantly; boil 1 minute. Blend in seasonings. Serve over sandwich rolls.
Variations: For a tasty cheese sauce, omit horseradish and mustard and add 2 cups grated sharp cheese. Or, for chili sauce, add 1/2 to 1 cup of thick chili sauce.

TRIO FOR COLLECTORS

There's something of the collector in everybody. Paper clips do for some, medieval castles for others... but the true joy of searching out the objects of one's desires depends on a knowledge of the subject.

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TO: Rudolph Kohl, Defendant.
Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Domestic Relations Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer

at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 30 day of December A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 14 day of November A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 4442 on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Adoption of Eike Barbara Kohl and Astrid Gertrud Kohl.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: In Re: Adoption as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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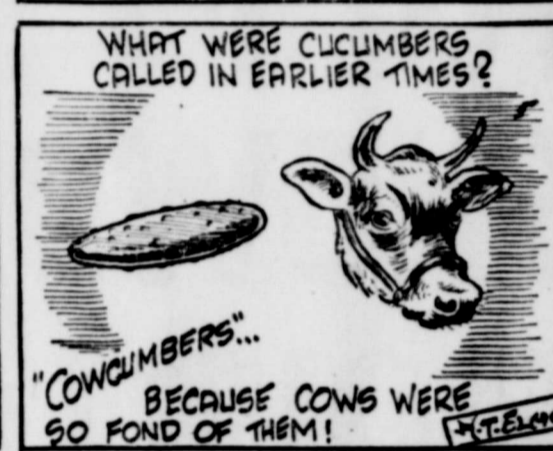
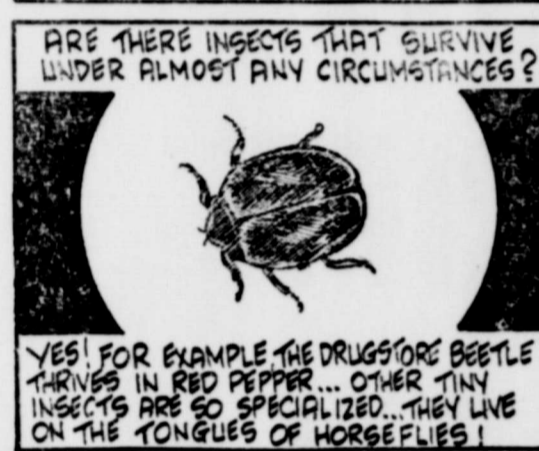
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My Marie Gill, Deputy.

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Snappy Apple Punch

2 cans (46 oz. each) regular or low-calorie red Hawaiian Punch, chilled
1 quart apple juice, chilled
2 apples, cut into 1/2-inch thick slices
lime juice
whole cloves
Combine the Hawaiian Punch and apple juice. Brush apple slices with lime juice to keep them from discoloring; press whole cloves into slices to make funny faces. Carefully float faces in punch. Makes about 4 quarts.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Jimmy Leroy Tollett, Defendant, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 16th day of December A.D. 1968, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 29th day of October A.D. 1968, in this cause, numbered 32,001-A on the docket of said court and styled In Re: Jimmy Susan Lynette Tollett.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: An adoption proceeding, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 29th day of October A.D. 1968.

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

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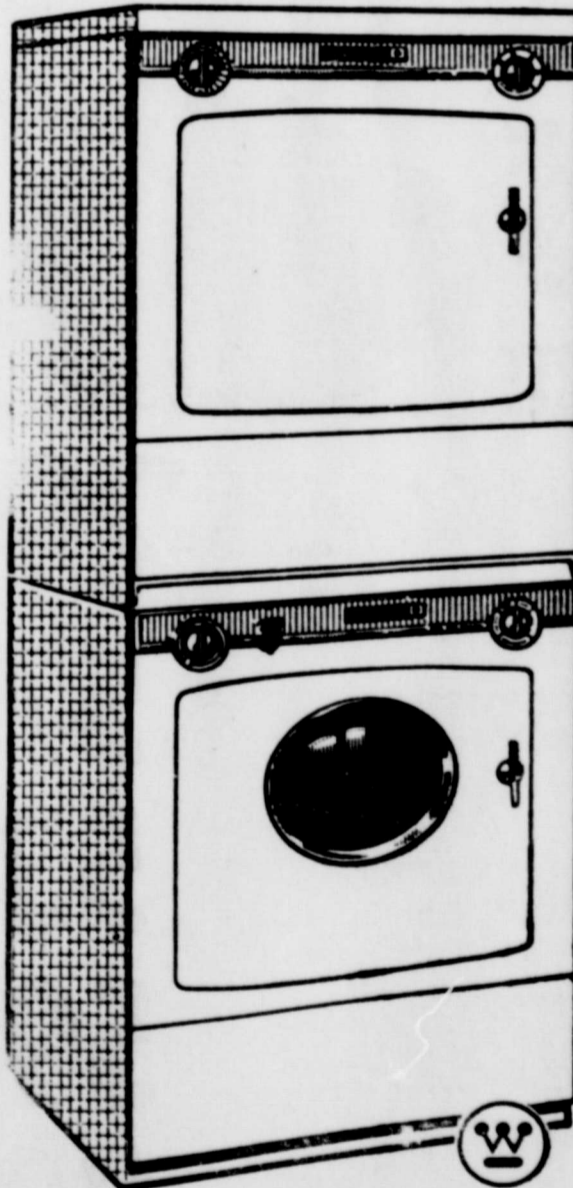
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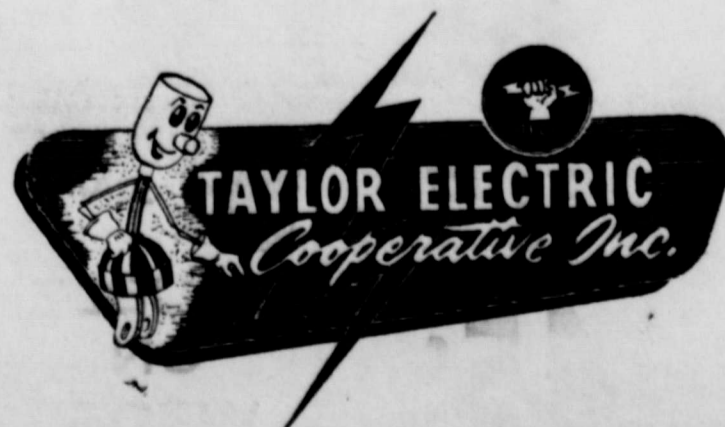
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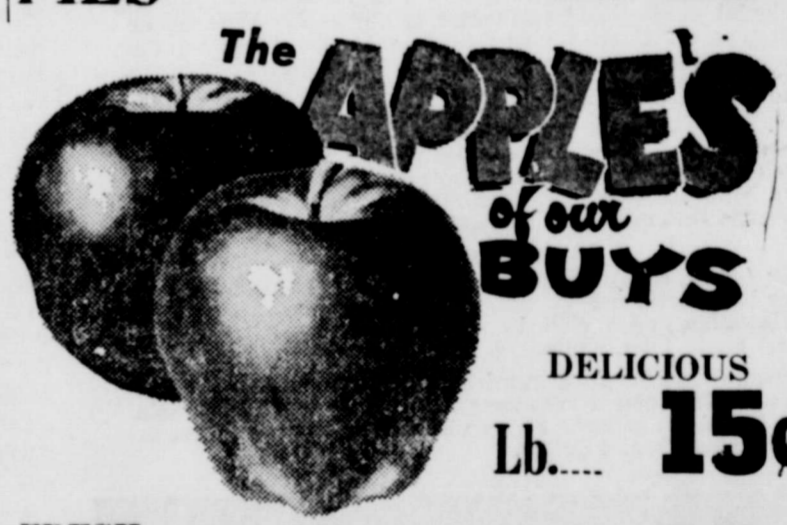


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