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## Merkel Woman Killed, Two Injured in Auto Accidents

### MRS. E. H. HARRIS IN FATAL MISHAP NEW YEAR'S DAY

Wife of Midwest Superintendent Lives Only Few Hours After Accident on Bankhead Highway; Burial This Afternoon.

The tragic death of Mrs. E. H. Harris, 46, wife of E. H. Harris, superintendent of the Midwest Exploration Co., and living on the Midwest lease near Merkel, caused universal sorrow throughout this community and many other sections of West Texas, where she was so well known and universally popular.

Mrs. Harris received fatal injuries when her car was wrecked on the Bankhead highway, about two miles west of Merkel, at about 4:30 in the afternoon of New Year's day. She died in the Merkel sanitarium about three hours later, a broken back being assigned as the cause of death.

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT UNKNOWN. Since there were no eye witnesses to the accident, it will probably never be known just how it occurred. Mrs. Harris was alone, having spent the day with Mrs. Haile Lancaster, but had gone to her home to attend to some urgent household duties. She had planned to return to spend the night with Mrs. Lancaster, and it was on the return trip that she received the injuries which resulted in her death. Her car, a big Hudson sedan, was some distance from the road when passing motorists rendered aid, giving every evidence of having turned over one or more times. The top of the car was completely demolished.

In the hospital Mrs. Harris was partly conscious and talked at one time of having lost control of the car, and at another inquired as to who it was that hit her. The men who first rendered aid and brought Mrs. Harris to the hospital here were all from Brock, D. M. West, E. T. Holman, Homer Cornelius and R. Kenin. EFFORT TO LOCATE HUSBAND. News of the accident spread rapidly and friends resorted to every means possible to locate Mr. Harris, who was thought to have been at Big Spring, but left there a day earlier than he had intended. He was located at his home on the Mid-West lease some time after his wife had succumbed to her injuries, and knowing that she was not expecting him and was spending the night with friends, he was preparing to retire when the news reached him of his wife's death.

Mrs. Harris has been a resident of this section for about two years, coming here with her husband when the Midwest first began operations in the Noodle Dome field, and her happy disposition made friends of all with whom she came in contact. The solicitous inquiries as to her condition following the accident attested to the universal esteem and love that was hers from the people of this community.

FUNERAL SERVICES TODAY. Funeral services will be held at the Baptist church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Rev. Ira L. Parrack officiating, and interment will be in the local cemetery. Pallbearers will be Frank McFarland, Wm. Sheppard, Harry Cookston, Dee Grimes, Harry Barnett and R. O. Anderson. Survivors are her husband, E. H. Harris, and one daughter, Mrs. J. W. Schiller of Beuna Park, Calif.; her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hofner of Toledo, Ohio. Mrs. Schiller and her two children are en route from their California home, due to arrive in Merkel early this morning, but the aged mother will be unable to be present at the funeral.

### COTTON TO DATE IS 8,104 BALES

A total of 8,104 bales of cotton had been received in Merkel up to Thursday. J. C. Childress, railroad agent, has shipped 6,628 bales, and Thos. A. Searden, public weigher, has 1,476 bales in the cotton yard.

Estimates as to the number of bales yet to be received vary from 500 to 1,000.

### To Our Correspondents

We are now at the beginning of a new year, and we have plans which we hope will make the Merkel Mail a better paper than it has ever been before. Each of you have extended wonderful co-operation in the past, and we want to invite and urge that you come to see us at our office the first time you are in Merkel. We want to tell you about our plans for the future, so that we can all work together for a better Merkel Mail during the year that is just starting. Don't forget, but call at the office at your earliest convenience.

THE PUBLISHERS

### FIVE WELLS DUE FOR COMPLETION

Five wells in the Noodle-Creek-Tiner-Bickley chain of oil pools are drilling below 2400 feet, all of which are about ready for completion.

It is expected that the first two to be completed will be the Cosden, Herbert and Weaver No. 6 Bickley, two locations south and one west of the Bickley discovery well. The other is the Snowden-McSweeney No. 4 Bickley, one location north of the Cosden No. 6 Bickley.

Other wells drilling below 2400 are the Marland No. 5 Mason; the Phillips No. 2 Pomeroy; the Marland No. 6 Mason.

The Roberts Oil corporation has announced their intention to build a central pumping plant in the middle of the Grayson field to take care of all the company's production in that vicinity.

A number of new locations have been made in the different oil areas and there are unconfirmed reports of activity planned south of the railroad, in the vicinity of Blair.

### Nearly 600 Autos Registered at Merkel; Number Pay Taxes

L. R. Thompson, who has been collecting taxes for the county tax collector, reports that nearly six hundred automobiles have been registered and plates delivered from his office and numbers paid their county and state taxes while he had the rolls.

Mr. Thompson will have additional plates Saturday afternoon. If you are assessed the cigarette tax of \$15.00 and will hand your check for that amount to him sometime Friday, he will take it to Abilene and return with your receipts Saturday afternoon.

Earl Hughes, county tax collector, along with Mr. Thompson, has received many compliments from tax payers in this community for making it possible for them to pay taxes at home.

### Mack Fowler Home Destroyed By Fire

The home of Mack Fowler, located in Southwest Merkel, was practically destroyed by fire Monday night, together with its contents. The house was badly damaged, as was most of the furniture. According to Fire Chief Dowell, it is believed the fire started in the ceiling. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler were away from home at the time.

Both house and furniture were partly covered by insurance.

Charged With Shooting Wife. Fort Worth, Jan. 3.—Cliff Stevens was held in jail on a charge of murder in connection with the fatal shooting of his wife Monday afternoon. The couple had lived together for fifteen years until their separation a few months ago.

Trains Crash; None Hurt. Palestine, Tex., Jan. 3.—Although two International-Great Northern passenger trains met head-on here yesterday no one was injured seriously. The collision occurred on a straight stretch of track and the two engineers were able to bring the trains almost to a standstill before they struck each other.

### MERKEL INVITED TO REJOIN WEST TEXAS C. OF C.

Field Representative Confers With Local Citizens Regarding Membership Drive to Be Conducted at Early Date.

L. B. Campbell of Abilene, field representative of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, was in Merkel Thursday conferring with President L. B. Scott of the Lions club, L. R. Thompson and others relative to the membership drive of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Merkel has for several years maintained several memberships in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, and the object of Mr. Campbell's visit was to lay plans for a continuation of those already members and probably effect an increase. At the invitation of President Scott, he will return at a later date, probably January 22, at which time he will outline the activities of the organization during the past year and give an insight into plans for the new year.

Merkel citizens had the opportunity last month, when the district meeting was held here, to observe the importance of the work which the West Texas Chamber of Commerce is doing. Support of the organization is through memberships in the various towns and citizens composing the West Texas district.

At the annual meeting of the staff, held at Stamford on New Year's day, announcement was made that the annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce would be held at El Paso May 13, 14 and 15. Among the entertainment features the delegates will be allowed to witness the First Cavalry division maneuvers and mimic warfare—the biggest troop movement in years, with distinguished army men from all over the world in attendance.

### Sam Sloan, Killed in Plane Accident, Known in Merkel

Sam Sloan, oil operator of Midland, who was killed when his plane fell at Colorado this week, was well known in Merkel, and had many friends here. Mr. Sloan spent considerable time here and is said to have drilled the first well in the Blair community, on the Jack Lattimer place, last summer. He had been flying his own plane some time.

### PROSPECTS GOOD FOR NEW HOTEL

The hotel committee of the Lions Club, of which R. O. Anderson is chairman, is marking time awaiting the arrival of outside parties who have made the proposition to build and operate a modern hotel in Merkel for a bonus of \$12,500.

Ten thousand dollars of the required amount has already been pledged, and the committee contemplates no difficulty in raising the remaining \$2,500. A letter received from the hotel builder early in the week stated that he would be in Merkel in a few days to further consider the proposition.

The committee believes prospects for the new hotel are brighter than they have been since the movement was launched several months ago.

### Lions to Meet Today in New Location

The Lions club will meet today at noon in the building on Elm street next to McDonald's barber shop. It was announced Thursday by President Scott. This will be the first meeting of the new year, and attractive program has been arranged.

"Flu" Raging in Dallas. Dallas, Jan. 3.—Eleven deaths from influenza and pneumonia occurred in Dallas during the past 24 hours and from 10 to 15 per cent of pupils in high school and almost one-third of those in elementary schools were absent Wednesday, supposedly due to sickness.

### FORMER MERKEL CITIZEN DIES IN PHOENIX, ARIZ.

J. F. Frederickson Succumbs After Brief Illness; Spent Several Days Here in December Visiting With Relatives.

Many Merkel friends will regret to learn of the death of J. F. Frederickson at Phoenix, Ariz., which occurred Tuesday of this week after a brief illness. Until two years ago Mr. Frederickson was a resident of Merkel, leaving here to make his home at Phoenix.

It will be recalled that Mr. Frederickson was a visitor to Merkel a short time before Christmas, remaining here for several days visiting with relatives and greeting old friends. He was 85 years old, but seemed to be in the best of health, and enjoyed conversing with old friends to the utmost.

Among the older residents, Mr. Frederickson was especially well known and universally popular. He had extensive farming and other interests in the Merkel territory and also at Trent. While on his last visit here he recalled many incidents of interest during his long residence in this section, as well as the hardships he encountered in getting a start, especially while employed as a locomotive engineer and before he branched out into the farming business.

A telegram to one of his sons here conveyed the information that burial would be at Phoenix, probably Friday. In addition to his wife, who was with him at Phoenix, Mr. Frederickson is survived by four sons and three daughters, as follows: P. L. and J. C., Merkel; Ed, El Paso; M. C., Canada; W. S., Phoenix; Mrs. E. A. Ciek, Merkel; Mrs. E. L. Hamilton, South Gate, Calif.; Mrs. L. B. Price, Oklahoma City; and Mrs. E. B. Kesler, Phoenix. Mrs. G. W. Brown and Mrs. J. Greenfield of Merkel are granddaughters.

### HASKELL COUNTY WELL STRIKES PAY

Haskell, Texas, Jan. 3.—Further evidence that an oil pool is due to be developed in Southeastern Haskell County was given early Tuesday morning when Superior Oil Company's No. 2 Reynolds encountered pay in sand at 1,742 feet and flowed over the rig.

The operation was drilled through eleven feet of oil-bearing sand Tuesday and is now bottomed at 1,753 feet with some shale showing. The No. 2 Reynolds is estimated to be good for 125 barrels a day production. It has some gas and the crude tests 36.9 gravity.

### Buffalo Gap School Closed Account Flu

The influenza epidemic has resulted in the closing of the Buffalo Gap school. Officials will meet Monday to decide when the school will be reopened, which will depend on the prevalence of the malady at that time.

The Neill rural school closed Wednesday out of respect to the memory of W. B. Lofland, who died at Abilene Wednesday. He was the father of Zeina Lofland, teacher in the Neill school.

### Second Adams Trial is Set For March 4

Dallas, Jan. 3.—V. Ray Adams accused slayer of Orville L. Matthews, senatorial election bet stakeholder may be tried here a second time beginning March 4.

Judge Pippen today set that date for Adams' second trial. In his first trial a jury was unable to agree as to the guilt of the Bartlett farmer.

In announcing the date, Judge Pippen said: "I may not try it; it may be sent out of the county."

Girl Kills Self. Houston, Jan. 3.—Suddenly rushing into another room after she had been reprimanded, Florence Thurow, 14, snatched a pistol and fired into her heart. Her clothing was ignited.

### KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

James P. Jelly, 79, early Texas ranger, died last week at his El Paso home.

Opening of Rotan schools was deferred for one week on account of the flu epidemic.

A wild cat oil test four miles west of Anson, in Jones county is due to start by March 1.

Sixty-three bales of cotton were consumed when fire destroyed the Planters Gin at Rotan.

The First National Bank of San Saba and the San Saba National Bank were merged Jan. 1.

Waymond Wofford shot and instantly killed his mother at Sherman, thinking she was a burglar.

Mrs. Lena Holland, sister of Attorney General Claude Pollard, was buried at Carthage Saturday.

Dr. Scott Hollis, city-county health officer, estimates that there are 500 cases of influenza in Abilene.

Consolidation of the Union Bank and Trust company of Cleburne and the Cleburne State Bank has been effected.

Freddie Spillers, 16-year-old Caddo youth, was killed when the car in which he was riding overturned near his home.

Raleigh White Drago, 15, was killed by a companion near Marfa when mistaken for a deer by a hunting companion.

Closing the new year, the Sweetwater city commission purchased 260 acres of land near the city to be used as an airport.

A negro bandit at Houston shot a watchman of the Gaylor Oil company and then fled with \$300 in cash and \$800 in checks.

Pat Newman, long a Texas league baseball player, has been signed to serve as coach and scout for the San Antonio Bears.

J. V. Bush has been appointed Howard county agricultural agent. He recently occupied the same position in Martin county.

Chas. S. Putman, Clyde jeweler, died suddenly at the home of a physician, where he had gone a few minutes before for treatment.

R. L. Montgomery, railroad brakeman of Big Spring, lost a hand at Abilene when he fell from a box car while doing some switching.

John W. McFarlane, Anderson county farmer who twice was crowned cotton king of Texas, was found dead at his home Saturday morning.

The Fort Worth Panthers have selected Mineral Wells as their training camp, preparatory to the coming Texas League baseball season.

A. M. Sams, superintendent of the state juvenile training school at Gatesville, drove his car off a culvert near Gatesville and was instantly killed.

Claude D. Teer, secretary of the state highway commission, has been named by Governor Moody a member of the board of control to succeed Dr. H. H. Harrington.

Contract for the construction of a new Callahan county courthouse at Baird has been awarded to Suggs and Dunlap of Abilene. It will cost approximately \$150,000.

Second indictments charging forgery have been returned by a Dallas county grand jury against Ben C. Richards, former Ku Klux Klan leader, and A. A. Crabb, a blacksmith, growing out of an election bet over which Orville L. Matthews was killed by V. Roy Adams, Bartlett farmer.

### Pioneer Resident Taylor County Dead

T. D. Cranfill, Sr., 69, resident of Taylor county for 48 years, died at Abilene Wednesday night at 10:10 o'clock, after an illness of several months.

A native of Arkansas, Mr. Cranfill came to Taylor county 48 years ago and settled first at Buffalo Gap. Shortly after the establishment of Abilene, he moved there, where he had resided since. For several years he had made his home with his son, T. D. Cranfill, Jr. He was one of the earliest brick layers in that city and was a member of the local bricklayers' union.

### MRS. WARREN IS IMPROVING AFTER SERIOUS INJURY

Tongue Badly Cut, Requiring Twelve Stitches, in Automobile Collision Near Mineral Wells; Mr. Warren Bruised.

Mrs. J. T. Warren is in a Mineral Wells hospital suffering from painful injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Mineral Wells last Saturday while she and her husband were on their way to Plano for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Henry C. Coit, who lives near the place. Mr. Warren, who was driving, suffered a deep cut on the lip, bruised chest and legs.

The most painful injury suffered by Mrs. Warren was to her tongue. Collision with the other car forced her head against the windshield of her own car with such force as to imbed her teeth in the tongue to such an extent as to require twelve stitches after being removed to the hospital. She also received a cut in the throat, and deep cuts on the face and broken glass. Her head was thrown against the windshield with such violence as to render her unconscious for some time after the accident.

The scene of the collision was on a bridge considerably narrower than the main highway. A big Lincoln car, with which the Warren car collided, attempted to pass two other cars in front, evidently not seeing the approaching Warren car coming from the opposite direction. Unable to pass the other two cars, the driver applied the brakes with such force that it whirled his car across the road just in time to receive the full force of the Warren car. The Chrysler driven by Mr. Warren was badly wrecked.

INJURIES NOT SERIOUS. Reports from Mrs. Warren today were to the effect that she was doing as well as could be expected and while her injuries are very serious, they are not expected to be serious. Mr. and Mrs. Boo left for Mineral Wells in the morning on learning of the accident and were expected to return here early next week.

The many friends of the Warrens here have been extremely anxious as to the condition of Mrs. Warren since learning of the accident, and that she is improving, will be gratifying news to friends throughout West Texas.

### Alton Davis Killed in Auto Report

Alton Davis, who was severely injured in an auto collision on Tuesday afternoon, was taken to the hospital, where he is reported to be in a critical condition.

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## WORK FIRST, THEN PLAY

The man who is with work content  
 And to his task is truly bent  
 Is sure in time to more or less  
 Be rewarded by success.  
 But he who spends his time at play,  
 Who flivvers about from day to day  
 Has little chance of getting ahead,  
 Leaves no estate when he is dead.  
 The Farmers State Bank advises you  
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 W. L. DILTZ, Cashier      DAVID HENDRICKS

## Seeking Change in Land Sale Methods

Midland, Jan. 3.—Radical changes in the marketing of University of Texas lands with oil possibilities was urged upon the coming Legislature, the Governor and other public officials in resolutions adopted at a meeting of the oil and gas bureau of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce here Monday. Conduct of sales of small tracts at reasonable intervals and at public auction, instead of in wholesale lots by sealed bids was urged. The latter practice, it was asserted, does not stimulate competition nor provide the receipt of the best prices for the same.

It was also urged that the university be empowered to make a geological survey of its lands to determine their oil possibilities. Determination of the lands to be sold and the time of sale should be deposited in the hands of the regents of the university, the resolutions declared. At present it is in the hands of the commissioner of the general land office. The commissioner, the Governor and the regents were urged to prevent the sale of any of these lands before the Legislature has had an opportunity to revise present laws, and the regents commended for their efforts already made in this direction. The need of a more comprehensive and enforceable conservation law to back the railroad commission in its conservation activities was also urged. Chairman Hamilton indicated that such a law was now being studied, but did not indicate at this time the nature of proposed changes.

In addition to the university land and conservation features the resolutions dealt with proposed corrective measures designed against "land-grabbing." The resolutions were drawn and presented by a committee which was composed of Hamilton, W. F. Scarborough, Leon Goodman, Roy Parks and Elliot Cowden of Midland, Lee Bivins Will O'Brien, Will Herring and J. T. Sneed Jr. of Amarillo, Lou Shields of Coleman, Tom Bryant of Cross Plains, Sam Arnett of Lubbock, James Williamson and H. E. Saunders of Pampa.

ing made by tenants and some farmers moving in.

Cupid shot one arrow this way. Frank Bloxon came out from Maytown and married Miss Maggie Mallon and carried her home with him. This community wishes them a long happy and prosperous life.

Ford Phillips and wife are moving up near Littlefield this week.

We are sorry to report Ernest Ensminger and all sick at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, in Merkel.

Jimmie Bratcher and wife of Abilene spent Xmas day here with his mother, Mrs. E. G. Oliver.

Miss Lola Brinkley and nephew, Barney Duncan, have returned home after the holidays spent at Waco.

Jim York of Del Rio spent Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Brown.

Cotton picking and ginning season is fast coming to a close in this community.

NOTICE—If you suffer with a Rupture ask to see our Trusses. Hamm Drug Company.

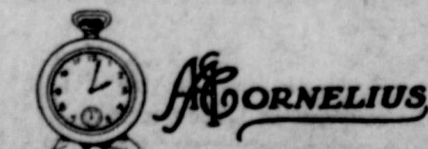
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## Dora Doings

opened again Monday after for holidays. Some of and a large per cent of able to attend.

Christmas tree. The fine, but since then we

have been nursing flu patients, as from one to six in each family are down.

Edgar Elliott and Mr. Ford have been quite ill.

M. D. Burruss and family of Monday spent Christmas here visiting relatives.

New Year and several changes be-

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Overdrafts	1,486.45	Surplus	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,750.00	Undivided Profits	14,344.10
5% Redemption Fund	312.50	Circulation	6,050.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	2,250.00	Borrowed Money	NONE
Bankers Acceptances	\$ 64,127.19	Bills Payable	NONE
Commercial Paper	77,500.00	Rediscounts	NONE
Bills of Exchange (cotton)	39,923.32	DEPOSITS	\$ 600,753.69
U. S. Bonds (owned)	111,300.00		
Cash & Sight Exchange	160,451.58		
<b>CASH AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$ 453,302.09</b>		
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 Geo. L. Paxton      Owen Ellis

## CANYON NEWS

Mrs. M. P. (Jack) Latimer has been on the sick list the past week.

Miss Ruth Jones was hostess at a lively play party Friday night. A large crowd was present and every one reported a very nice time.

A number of young people met at Mrs. Will Butman's for a surprise party Saturday night. Everyone had a most enjoyable time.

There are several cases of the "flu" in the community. John Henry; Raymond and Opal Russom are sick with the "flu", however, neither one has a very serious attack. Will and Ben Butman are also on the sick list this week.

John and Gracie Meeks, from the plains country, spent the week-end with relatives and friends of adjoining communities.

Misses Elna Hale and Novis White aker returned from spending Xmas holidays at home, to resume their work at school. Miss Novis was sick with the "flu" during the holidays.

Jasper McCoy purchased of Pen Butman a three year old steer, for the sum of \$140.00. The steer was of the white-faced stock, but had been under care and feed for about three months, and weighed 1200 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones, Virgil, Jackie, and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Spears called on Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman Sr. and family Monday night.

### METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist church and its pastor wishes every one of you a happy and prosperous New Year. We wish for you a happy and glowing Christian experience every day of the New Year. We desire above everything else to be a help to you in your Christian life and sincerely hope that you have resolved to attend more regularly upon the services of the church and to take advantage of every means of grace. If you haven't made that resolution make it and start right by coming to church and Sunday school next Sunday morning.

We will have communion next Sunday morning. Don't miss this sweet, solemn service, the most spiritual and helpful service of the church. We try to make the evening services interesting and helpful. It lasts only one hour and will be well worth your time. May the first Sunday of the new year find the church houses of this town filled with worshippers. If you do not worship elsewhere or if

you are a stranger in town we would be glad to have you to worship with us and assure you of a warm welcome and a helpful service.

T. C. Willett, pastor.

### A. & M. Botanist Dead

College Station, Texas, Jan. 3.—H. Ness, 68, botanist at Agricultural & Mechanical College of Texas, said

to have been the first student to work his way through the college and a resident of the campus for forty-three years, died at his home here early Sunday morning.

Just received a nice assortment of pipes of all kind—Hamm Drug Co.

Typewriting paper at Merkel Mail office.

# QUEEN

SHOWING THE PICK OF PICTURES

### FRIDAY

FRED HUMES in  
 "The Fearless Rider"

An adventure feature that peps you up. Also the sixth chapter of "THE SCARLET ARROW" and two reel comedy.

### SATURDAY

TIM McCOY in  
 "Beyond the Sierras"

He rides like a demon, fights like one inspired in a picture of the days when California was young—a real romance of the old west.

Also "THE SCARLET ARROW" and comedy "No Sale."

NOTE: If you are not seeing our Monday and Tuesday pictures you are missing the finest and best of the year.

### Monday & Tuesday

LON CHANEY in  
 "While the City Sleeps"

Chaney's finest characterization. Detectives, underworld, and great romance, packed with thrills. This picture will sweep you along at a terrific pace of excitement and entertainment. It packs the power and punch of a machine gun! Also comedy "GROWING PAINS" and International News. 10 CENTS 30 CENTS

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### CHINA NIGHT

Be sure and get complete set of this beautiful China.

### Cameron Pastor is Planning Defense On Heresy Charges

Cameron, Jan. 3.—The Rev. H. G. Kenney, "Modernist" pastor of the First Presbyterian church here, has laid plans for a finish fight if necessary, to retain his place in the ministry, attained through 14 years of service.

In the face of his summons yesterday to appear before the Central Texas Presbytery in Temple January 8 to answer allegations on which heresy charges probably will be predicated, the Rev. Kenney said he did not intend to take his opinions from any man or body of men.

The Rev. Kenney, pastor here for the past three years, picked up the gauntlet thrown down by what he termed a "little clique" of his congregation with a statement that "those who have made the charges will be called on to appear at the trial, which I have no doubt will take place, and there I intend to challenge their competency on both moral and intellectual grounds."

While the nature of the charges was not disclosed, the minister expressed his admiration for Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, noted Modernist, and said that while he was not in complete accord with Dr. Fosdick's views, he probably would go a "great deal further in some things."

### Baptist Workers' Council to Meet

The Workers' Council of Sweetwater Baptist association will convene with the Elmdale Baptist church January 7, with the following program:

10:00 A. M.—Devotional, A. C. Turner.  
 10:30 A. M.—The Unified Budget (fifteen minute speeches): (a) Why The Unified Budget? Henry Littleton; (b) How to Put on The Unified Budget in a Church—Walter Jackson; (c) My Experience With the Unified Budget—Ira Parraek.  
 11:15 A. M.—The Lordship of Christ—C. A. Powell.  
 Lunch

1:00 P. M.—Meetings of Executive and W. M. S., Chas T. Whaley Chairman.  
 2:00 P. M.—Devotional, Lawrence Fitzgerald.  
 2:15 P. M.—How to Reach Every Church in the Association for the Unified Budget, Burt Low.  
 2:30 P. M.—Our Relation and Duty Toward Samons University, Sam Morris.  
 2:45 P. M.—Our Relation and Duty Toward West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, C. M. Caldwell.  
 3:00 P. M.—Inspirational Address, Charlie Bryant.

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 You'll like the plan of Dapper Dan, The clever Cleaning-Dyeing man!

### Girl Sleep Talker Returned to Del Rio

Swanton, Texas, Jan. 3.—A 15-year-old girl, who mumbled words in her sleep, leading officers to believe she knew something about the slaying of an unidentified aged woman near Comstock last February, has been returned to Del Rio.

The girl and a male companion were in the custody of Sheriff Bud Whisler of Del Rio, who expressed the belief that the girl might be able to give information which would lead to solution of the mystery.

Officers say the girl has denied any knowledge of the slaying; but has admitted a woman she had been accompanying disappeared with the girl's cousin.

### Three Merkel Men on Grand Jury List

The grand jury panel for the January term of 42nd district court, scheduled to open next Monday, contains the names of three Merkel men. The complete panel follows:

W. C. Neill, Fred A. Baker, J. D. Dickerson, Tuscola; E. W. Whittle, Porter, Merkel; H. P. Chambliss, Trent; L. H. Tucker, Ovalo; D. D. Lawn; Ocie Hunt, Bradshaw; W. S. Daniel, W. J. Young, S. Ross Jennings, O. S. Burkett, D. D. Parramore, Fleming James, P. A. Tower, Abilene; Lloyd Bynum, route 2, Abilene.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offers.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

### Former Trent Man in New York Wants to See Texas People

New York, N. Y., Dec. 30

Editor Merkel Mail:  
 Just a few lines from "little old New York" to thank you for the paper which I receive every week; just couldn't be without it. Trent, however, is my old home town; have a father and two brothers living there. No doubt there are quite a few subscribers to your paper in the Trent territory.

I read about the proposed new hotel for Merkel and I hope it will be built.

If any of the folks down there are planning to visit the big city I would be glad if they would write me. I would only be glad to see some Texas people, and I know New York City and could show them around. I am employed as a barber in the Carey super service barber shop, located in the Grand Central terminal. My home address is 236 East Thirty-third New York City.

Wishing the Merkel Mail and readers a prosperous New Year, I remain  
 Yours truly,  
 J. D. Boyd.

Bargains: We have connections with oil companies, oil brokers and investors in real estate. It will pay you to list your holdings with us. Thompson and Boswell

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

### Bleeding Gums Healed

The sight of sore gums is sickening. Reliable dentists often report the successful use of Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy on their very worst cases. If you will get a bottle and use as directed druggists will return money if it fails. Hamm Drug Co. adv.

### Family Reunion in S. G. Russell Home

A holiday family reunion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell, attended by the children and other relatives, was one of the many pleasant events of the holiday season in Merkel. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nunnally, Abilene; Misses Doris and Christine Russell, Abilene, and their friend, Miss Ruby Stokes, also of Abilene; Delma and Robert Compton, brother and nephew of Mrs. Russell respectively.

### BLACKSMITH WORK.

I have bought the Polly Blacksmith Shop and am prepared to do all kinds of Blacksmithing, Horseshoeing, Wood work and Acetylene Welding, with complete equipment. I am now installing a disc roller. I am prepared to give the very best of service and guarantee my work. I respectfully solicit the patronage of those in need of anything in my line.

J. H. MENGES & CO.



THE NEW YEAR

Another year is upon us—a time when all of us are thinking about new resolutions that will improve our condition generally. In this connection, let us suggest getting acquainted with our expert garage and filling station service. If you would have an even temper all the year, we recommend Brunswick Tires. Now is the time to start right, and we invite you to give us a trial.

EXPERT REPAIRING GREASING, ETC.

Everybody's Garage  
 TELEPHONE 72

### A Correction.

Mrs. E. E. Patterson, living southwest of Blair, who received a cut over the eye Christmas eve when the automobile driven by her husband, skidded into a ditch, was not badly hurt. A physician was summoned from Merkel and dressed the wound.

The Mail was in error in stating last week that the automobile turned over and that Mrs. Patterson was treated at the sanitarium here. The many friends of the family will be glad to learn that her injury was slight.

### Boll Worm Conference.

Lamesa, Jan. 3.—A meeting has been called at Midland of all the chamber of commerce secretaries in the so-called pink boll infested area for January 17. The purpose of the meeting is to lay plans for extension advertising and publicity to show that the pink bollworm cannot do material damage and cannot survive the cold winters and climate here.

Adding Machine paper—Typewriter paper and ribbons—Loose leaf ledgers and all kind of office supplies—Hamm Drug Co.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

Try a Classified Ad for Results

## THE FUTURE LOOKS ROSY GO THE WATKINS WAY

Here's a once-in-a-life-time opportunity for you. Own a big, thriving, profitable business of your own as District Dealer. Supply our nationally known household and veterinary products. Millions of America's farm homes for sixty years have demanded the J. R. Watkins food products, toilet articles, health and veterinary preparations, because the name back of each article has stood unalterably for highest quality and lowest prices. This demand has built up a \$10,000,000 organization with twelve great branches and factories strategically located in the United States and Canada and an army of 7,000 dis-

tributors supplying these products to nearly every farm and home.

We have helped these Dealers build big businesses, earn good livings and put away substantial savings each year. The Watkins Opportunity is open to you, too—it means the good things of life for you big earnings, independence, a home, a car, educational advantages for children, provision for comfortable old age—all of these are yours as a Watkins Dealer.

You have heard of men who seek opportunity. Now opportunity seeks the man. Are you the Man?

SEE

W. A. WHITELEY  
 For Vacant Localities

### MAKE HER HAPPY—

Build Her a Home First.  
 For the Best Material, See

CLAY LUMBER COMPANY

# = Gafton =

TRENT, TEXAS  
 Where Everybody Goes—Always a Good Show—Fine Music!

**TODAY, FRIDAY, JAN. 4**  
 Warner Bros. Presents Rin-Tin-Tin  
 King of All Dog Stars in  
**"A Dog of the Regiment"**  
 Also chapter 6, "Eagle of the Night" and News

**SATURDAY**  
 Here Comes the One for Everybody  
**Hoot Gibson in "King of the Rodeo"**  
 The biggest Western ever filmed. Made at the International Rodeo meet recently at Chicago. Also Comedy and News.

**MONDAY—TUESDAY**  
 A Paramount Special—Eric Von Stroheim's  
**"The Wedding March"**  
 A Big Show—Also Comedy

**WEDNESDAY—THURSDAY**  
 Bebe Daniels with Neil Hamilton in  
**"Take Me Home"**  
 Fast moving comedy drama. See it. Also Comedy and News

**COMING SOON**  
 AL JOLSON in "THE JAZZ SINGER," the picture that revolutionized the Motion Picture Industry.

## Announcing—

We have started the 1929 hatchery season don't phone, but bring your eggs.  
 We now have 76,000 capacity.  
 We are the largest and best equipped hatchery in West Texas with 6 years experience.  
 For big husky vigorous chicks, for large hatches and free from incubator worries, hatch with us.

**Abilene Hatchery & Seed Store**  
 Frank W. Irvine, Prop.  
 318 Mesquite St. Phone 7492

**DIAMONDS** **T.C. WILSON** **WATCHES**  
**JEWELER**

TELEPHONE 6  
 118 Chestnut Street  
 ABILENE, TEXAS.

## You'll Enjoy Cooking on the New Hotpoint Range

**IT IS SO EASY TO PREPARE your daily meals on the New Hotpoint Electric Range.** Everything is conveniently arranged to save time, labor and extra steps.

The automatic temperature control and the automatic electric timer really take the place of a cook. All you do is put your food on the stove—Hotpoint does the rest automatically.

Convenient Terms

Investigate this wonderful new way of cooking. You are sure to appreciate the many advantages of the new Hotpoint Electric Range

# West Texas Utility Company

**THE MERKEL MAIL**  
 Published Every Friday Morning  
 J. J. HUTCHISON, Editor

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES**  
 Taylor and Jones counties \$1.50  
 Anywhere else \$2.00  
 (In Advance)

**TELEPHONE No. 61**  
 Entered at the postoffice at Merkel,  
 Texas, as second class mail.

There is every indication of increased operations in the Merkel oil field during the next few weeks.

The new hotel for Merkel is on the way. Ten thousand dollars bonus money already pledged and only \$2,500 more to go.

Evidently Uncle Sam has no complaint as to Christmas business. More than 2,000,000 stamps were sold at the Houston postoffices alone during the holiday season.

Roger Babson, famous business expert and statistician, recommends hard work and close attention to business as the sure way to make 1929 a successful year. He warns the small business man to avoid speculation and to give all his time and best thought to his own business.

We cannot avoid thinking and talking about the big electric sign that is so badly needed at the intersection of Merkel's main street with the Bankhead highway. The electric illumination of many Texas towns during the Christmas season only emphasizes the importance and value of such a sign.

"Warning: Speed limit 65 miles." This is the road sign that greets motorists on the national highway between La Junta and Pueblo, Colo. It may be an attraction to some motorists, but it should be a warning to those who value their own lives to stay off that highway.

With Lindbergh flying the ocean and Commander Byrd in the vicinity of the south pole, Tex Rickard has lost some of the limelight to which he has been accustomed. Tex, however, is figuring a "comeback." He is flirting with Dempsey for another title bout. Jack is the greatest meal ticket Rickard ever had.

The old year records another victory for the gentler sex. Batty Wilson, New York college girl, set a world record for continuous talking by engaging in an unbroken monologue for 42 hours in the talking marathon held in New York City. So far no "mere man" has come forward to challenge the winner's claim to the title.

Brutal crimes that attracted nationwide interest marked the close of both 1927 and 1928. In the former year William Edward Hickman kidnapped and murdered little Marian Parker at Los Angeles, paying the penalty of his crime on the gallows. On the closing day of 1928 Charley Shepherd, negro, alleged murderer and abductor, was burned on a funeral pyre by a mob at Rome, Miss. He was suspected of killing J. D. Duvall, employe of the state prison farm, and abducting his 18-year-old daughter.

**TEXAS SENATORS IN U. S. CONGRESS**  
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**THOMAS J. RUSK**  
(1846-1856)

Thomas J. Rusk was born of John and Mary Rusk, at Camden, South Carolina, on August 8, 1802. His father, an immigrant from Ireland, was an honest and industrious stonemason, but was poor and unable to give him the advantages of a college education.

At an early age Mr. Rusk developed a love for books which was greatly increased under the influence and encouragement of his mother, a pious woman of good sense, to whom he habitually read, especially from the Holy Bible. Mr. Calhoun, himself in the commencement of a great career, took an interest in the boy, encouraged him with advice and assisted him with the loan of books.

At a suitable age Mr. Rusk commenced reading law under Wm. Brisham, for many years clerk of the Pendleton district court, earning his livelihood at the same time as clerk in a merchant's store. In 1825 or 1826 he moved to Habersham county, Georgia. In 1827, he married Mary E., the daughter of Colonel Cleveland, a leading citizen of that section. He was admitted to the practice of law, but engaged in merchandising until 1833, when he entered the active law practice and soon acquired a high standing among eminent members of the bar.

Mr. Rusk became largely interested in the stock of mining company in the "Gold Region of Georgia," the managers of which afterward absconded to Texas with the property of the company, leaving him and others in poverty and debt. Pursuing them to Texas in the winter of 1834-35, he overtook them to find that the property had been squandered.

When Mr. Rusk went to Texas he did not intend to reside there permanently, but saw in that rising country a field in which he might repair his shattered fortunes. The progress with which Mexican usurpation and oppression was being extended to Texas was alarming, and obviously war would be the only remedy by which the Texans could save themselves from destruction. Viewing the situation with grave concern, Mr. Rusk determined to remain and offer his services and his life to the coming struggle.

The Mexican authorities, in disregard of the provisions of the constitution of 1824, evinced a determination to overthrow the federal form of government and create despotism. Repeated acts of oppression and usurpation had almost completely subjugated every portion of the Republic of Mexico except Texas. Early in September, 1835, Texas was declared by the national executive to be in armed rebellion. Mexican troops were sent into Texas territory under various pretences, and there was no alternative for the Texans but to resort to arms. The Mexican commandant of San Antonio demanded from the town of Gonzales a piece of artillery and cavalry was sent to enforce the demand. This was resisted and, on October 1, 1835, the first battle was fought by Texas and the first victory

gained in the cause of liberty and state sovereignty.

General Rusk had in the meantime raised a company at Nacogdoches which he had drilled into a state of great efficiency and, on the first news of the attempt at disarming, rushed his company to the army in the west, then under command of General Stephen F. Austin. Here, it is said General Rusk and General Austin first became acquainted, and General Rusk, though a stranger, was placed upon General Austin's staff.

On December 10, 1835, having returned to the seat of Government at San Felipe, General Rusk was appointed by the Council to proceed East of the Trinity to procure reinforcements and supplies to aid in the reduction of the city of San Antonio, and, though that city surrendered on the day the appointment was made, yet the men and munitions collected were of great assistance in future operations.

General Rusk, with others, was elected from Nacogdoches as a delegate to the convention to assemble at Washington on the Brazos river on March 1, 1836, for the purpose of determining whether Texas should declare her entire national independence or adhere to the republican principles of the constitution of 1824. The Constitution had been abolished. The war on the part of Mexico was not for or against any particular form of government, but was national—to chastise or exterminate the Texans, who had been denounced as "foreign robbers." The war on the part of Texas was no longer to sustain a party or form of Mexican government, but for self-preservation—for independence. Accordingly, on March 2, 1836, the convention unanimously declared Texas to be a free, sovereign and independent republic, and that its political connection with the Mexican nation had forever ended.

Santa Anna, with his immense hosts, had taken the Alamo and put its brave defenders to the sword. Upon rumors of the approach of the enemy the constitution was hastily thrown together and, on March 16, 1836, the convention adjourned. General Rusk was unanimously elected secretary of war of the government and immediately entered upon the exacting duties of that office.

On April 21, 1836, General Rusk distinguished himself in the victorious Battle of San Jacinto which, in the language of the general himself, saved the country from the yoke of bondage, and "at the close of which the sun of liberty and independence arose in

Texas, never, (it was hoped), to be obscured by the clouds of despotism."

The wound of General Houston having disabled him, General Rusk, then colonel was appointed Commander-in-chief, with the rank of brigadier-general, and took command of the forces. There being no further active operations, General Rusk resigned his position in October, 1836, and resumed his duties as secretary of war. He declined the office of secretary of state, tendered him by President Houston.

In December, 1838, General Rusk was elected chief justice of the supreme court of Texas. He presided at Austin in 1840, at the first term of court at which a quorum attended. After serving a few years he resigned and resumed the practice of law. In 1843, he was elected major general of the militia, but soon resigned.

General Rusk was president of the convention that confirmed the annexation of Texas to the United States. On the annexation of Texas, he and General Houston were unanimously elected as the first two representatives of the state in the United States senate. General Rusk was twice re-elected. During the eleven years of his service in the United States Senate he was rarely absent from his post. With integrity, purity and singleness of purpose, he unselfishly devoted his great talents to his country.

Senator Rusk died on July 29, 1856, at Nacogdoches, Texas.

**JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM**

- Song.
- Prayer.
- Roll call.
- Scripture, Matthew 6:5-15; leader Marie Stanford.
- Lord's prayer.
- Talking—by Mildred Richardson.
- How to Talk—by Duncan Briggs.
- Let Us Speak to Our Friends—by Wilburn Willet.
- Let Us Speak to God—by Kennedy Whiteley.
- Bible study—Cullen Tittle.
- Sentence prayers.
- Song.
- Benediction.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We take this method of thanking those who so kindly and loyally assisted in putting out the flames which partially destroyed our home Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Roundtree  
 Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Eller.

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**SOME GOOD Bargains**

**Used Ford Cars**

We have some of the best bargains in used cars and only ask that you see them for yourself.

We buy, sell or trade new and used FORDS—Make our place your headquarters.

We Save you Money

**MERKEL MOTOR COMPANY**

**PLAY SAFE**

Have the Anti-Freeze in your car tested for strength

We urge those who use Anti-Freeze in their car to drive by occasionally and have same replenished, as it is not guaranteed to not freeze when the strength is low. It is safe when the strength is kept up.

If you have not already guarded against your radiator freezing, let us supply your car with

**TIP-TOP**

We recommend it as the best.

Pay Your Last Year's Account Now

We have opened new books and earnestly urge those who are indebted to us to settle all past due accounts at once.

**WOODRUM'S FILLING STATION**

**BARGAIN DAYS EXTENDED**

To the Subscribers of the

**FT. WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM and the MERKEL MAIL**

The Ft. Worth Star-Telegram has announced an extension of their annual bargain day rates up to and including Jan. 10, and the Merkel Mail is privileged to offer their clubbing rate of

**\$8.00**

For the two papers combined up to and including January 10th

DON'T DELAY, BUT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OFFER BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

MERKEL MAIL WANTS ADS FOR RESULTS

**MOVED**

We are now in our new location

**ONE DOOR SOUTH OF THE BUILDING WHERE WE HAVE SERVED YOU FOR 14 YEARS**

The first of the year we moved into larger quarters, and are now occupying the building just across the alley from our old location, where we have more room and are prepared to serve our customers better than ever before.

**Dry Goods Shoes and Groceries**

In fact, a general merchandise store where your every want can be satisfied.

COME TO SEE US IN OUR NEW LOCATION.

We are anxious to see all of our old customers, as well as new ones, in our changed location. More room, larger stocks and the same courteous service.

**J. T. DENNIS**

—during the past several months the Majestic has shown some real pictures including "Singing Fool" and "Al Jolson in the Singing Fool"—now comes a picture to surpass them all—

Famous Ziegfeld Folies Star  
**FANNY BRICE**  
 The Female "AL JOLSON"  
 in  
**'MY MAN'**  
 The Superb VITAPHONE SINGING and TALKING PICTURE

See and HEAR the famous Ziegfeld Folies star sing—"MY MAN," "Floradora Baby," "Hansel and Gretel," "If You See the Rain," "Rainbow, You Must Have the Rain," and several other songs.

**STARTING MONDAY, JANUARY 7TH**

**MAJESTIC**  
 BILENE

# CLASSIFIED ADS

## FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Old papers, 15 cents per bundle of 100. Apply Merkel Mail.

FOR SALE—Jersey heifers, heavy springers, the good kind. At my place at Noodle. T. C. Jinkens.

FOR SALE—One good work mule at a bargain. Maverick Motor Company.

FOR SALE—1924 Ford Roadster will trade for heifer calves or milk cows. Otis Foster.

FOR SALE—Good milk cow, fresh in case. Mrs. E. B. Wilburn, near Compere School House.

## USED CARS WITH AN O. K. THAT COUNTS

Three days' trial. If not satisfied can put car in on any new or used car for price paid.

1926 Ford Roadster (balloon)	\$135.00
1927 Ford Truck, cab stake body	\$200.00
1927 Chevrolet Sedan	\$465.00
1925 Chevrolet Touring	\$200.00
1924 Dodge Sedan	\$250.00
1923 Ford Touring, a good one	\$40.00
1926 Chevrolet coupe, bargain	\$240.00
1925 Dodge Touring	\$175.00

Other bargains in cheap cars as low as \$35.00.

These cars are in good condition ready to go. Other cheap cars.

BRACKEEN-HUGHES CHEVROLET CO.

Home of O. K. Used Cars.

FOR SALE—Second hand gas Stove E. O. Carson.

FOR SALE—First class dump gravel bed for truck; at bargain. See Ben F. Bird, Magnolia Filling Station.

TWELVE 2-year old Monthly Blooming Roses, \$3.00; money back, if not satisfied. Cash with order. A. C. Bengel, Arlington, Texas.

FOR SALE—One five burner Perfection oil stove; worth the money. J.

FOR SALE—Five burner oil stove. Mrs. J. C. Walton.

## LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Ten dollar bill Monday Dec. 31. Reward. Arthur C. Bland, Merkel, Texas, Route 5. Phone 9017F5

LOST—End gate Ford truck, license plate 136909. Reward. J. T. King Tye, Texas. Route 1. Finder please leave at Merkel Motor Co.

## FOR RENT

AFTER JAN. 1st I will have furnished and unfurnished rooms for rent at my home in Noodle. Address Mrs. Lottie Green, 1241 North Fourth. Abilene, Texas. Phone 6419.

FOR RENT—Three upstairs rooms, with all modern conveniences; near school and churches. Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

BED ROOM for rent, \$2.50 per week; E. Richardson at Merkel Lumber Co. also laundry work wanted; two blocks north Guita Gin. Mrs. Parks. Phone 296J.

FURNISHED apartment for rent. Call Mrs. J. R. Dye. Phone 212.

TWO ROOMS to rent; water in house, lights, gas, phone, bath, garage if wanted. B. M. Black.

FOR RENT—Furnished bed room. Mrs. Louisa Looney, one block south of station and three blocks west of Oak street.

## WANTED

WANTED TO TRADE—Team of small mules for horses. J. J. Pribble, Merkel, Texas, Route 3.

WANTED—TO buy four burner oil stove; Perfection preferred. L. M. Howard, Merkel, Route 2.

Wanted—To buy maize heads. \$18.00 per ton. Sam Swann

at Merkel Mail of.

## “Beyond the Sierras,” Big Mystery Play is Queen Attraction

For the first time in his film career Tim McCoy assumed a thrilling mystery role when “Beyond the Sierras” began production at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio. The thrilling drama of Old California, teeming with the colorful romance of the gold fever days, comes to the Queen Theatre on Saturday, as the greatest screen triumph of the famous action star.

McCoy, forsaking his six-shooter for the duelist's sword, dons the flowing robe and mask of a Spanish treading to attend a fiesta at the hacienda of the girl he loves but who, mistaking his true identity hates him as an enemy of her people.

“While the City Sleeps,” Lon Chaney's latest contribution to the screen, showing at the Queen Theatre, Monday and Tuesday, will startle even those Chaney fans who are accustomed to almost any surprise in the work of the “man of a thousand faces.” Not only does he play a role almost the opposite of anything he has ever played in his career, but the story itself is an amazing sequence of thrills and heart throbs; sensational adventure and battle contrasted to delicate and intimate human touches.

## Day Long Distance Telephone Rates to Be Reduced Feb. 1

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 3.—Another reduction in day long distance telephone rates between points 130 to approximately 1500 miles apart will become effective February 1st, it was announced today by E. D. Nims, President of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. The new schedule, which is the third rate reduction in a little over two years, will cut from \$.05 to \$.25 off charges for day station to station calls within the distances specified. Equivalent rate reductions will be made for person to person service. Evening and night rates will be unchanged.

“This reduction, which is country-wide, will mean an annual saving to telephone users of the Nation of more than \$5,000,000, according to estimates of the Bell operating companies based on the public's use of telephone facilities between cities,” Nims said. “In the Southwestern Company's territory consisting of Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, the new schedule means a reduction of more than three quarters of a million dollars a year.”

Approximately \$280,000 a year will be saved to the long distance telephone users of Texas under the new rates it was estimated today by N. H. Moore District Manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

All regular services Sunday beginning with the Sunday school at 10 a. m. If not prevented let's make the attendance of the first Sunday of the New Year the best of any previous year. Preaching at 11 a. m. followed by a communion service. Offering for the Reynolds' Home. Evening service at 7 p. m. Men's meeting Tuesday at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.

Wm Elliott, Supt.  
R. A. Walker, pastor

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## Blair Items

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. D. Chappell, principals of Blair school, returned Saturday from Paris, Texas, after spending the Christmas holidays with relatives at that place.

Our school opened Monday morning with much interest.

Mr. and Mrs. John McKeever and family of Oklahoma are spending an indefinite time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Morris and family of Cross Plains visited his brother Emittie Morris and other relatives of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wilson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and children of Symour, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan and family of Rotan were the house guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Doan, the past week-end.

Bill Addison and sister, Miss Maggie of Valbura, spent Yuletide day with their brother Pat Addison.

Will Bukhaman, who spent the past several months visiting relatives in Tennessee, returned Christmas Eve and is now the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Coville and son; Mr. and Mrs. Marcina Doan, accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Gillian of Merkel spent Xmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Dulin of Sweetwater.

Mrs. R. B. Horton spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Hurmap Doan.

Ranson Meeks and sons, John and Grady of Post City, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and family of Stith, spent Xmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton spent the past week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clauel Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. Zebb Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scoggins Tuesday Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and family spent one day last week with Mrs. John Johnson.

Mrs. Scott and children of Trent spent Thursday with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes.

Mrs. John Neighbors and Mrs. Mollie Wilson are on the sick list.

A large crowd of young people enjoyed a Xmas social in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan spent several days in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell through the holidays.  
Mr. and Mrs. Webb Hannah of Mt. Pleasant spent one day this week with their sister, Mrs. Eula Provine.

## Austin Attorney Dead.

Austin, Jan. 3.—James R. Hamilton Jr., assistant county attorney of Travis county, died Wednesday of peritonitis. He is the son of former District Judge James R. Hamilton whose term expired when J. D. More, former district attorney, took oath as district judge.

## McCamey Officer Stabbed.

San Angelo, Jan. 3.—While C. C. Wren, assistant police chief of McCamey, was in a local hospital Wednesday with a four-inch knife wound under his right lung, Arthur Kelly, a truck line worker, was charged at McCamey with assault with intent to murder.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail

# To the Subscribers of the ABILENE MORNING NEWS and the MERKEL MAIL

If you have not renewed your subscription, you can save money. Read the following clubbing offer of the Merkel Mail, effective during the month of January:

Abilene Morning News, Daily and Sunday, from date of payment until Jan. 1, 1930 \$4.70  
Merkel Mail, one year, 1.50

Total \$6.20

Our Clubbing offer

**\$5.50**

**DON'T DELAY BUT RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION AT ONCE AT THE MERKEL MAIL OFFICE**

## Lone Star Gas Co. Has Made Wonderful Development Record

Shreveport, Louisiana, Jan. 3.—The gas company serving Merkel will be represented in the annual convention of the southwest division, natural gas department, American Gas Association, meeting here January 14 and 15. The part which the Lone Star Gas Company has played in the development of the southwest will be of interest to the delegates.

The Lone Star is the pioneer field company of the southwest.

In 1910 the first line was built from Petrolia field, Clay county, Texas, to Fort Worth, a distance of about 90 miles. This marked the beginning of natural gas development of the southwest which has taken so large a place in the industrial and other phases of progress of this region.

The total population served by the company in 1910 was a little over 79,000. In the 18 years that have elapsed since then Fort Worth alone has increased more than 150 percent in population and the Lone Star company today comprises over 3,200 miles of pipe lines, 20 compressor stations, with a combined capacity of 33,000 horse power serves 200,000 domestic customers and draws supplies from 21 fields with a total open flow capacity well above a billion cubic feet a day.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Rev. W. G. Cypert will preach next Sunday, both morning and evening at the North Side Church of Christ. Subject for the morning hour will be, “Idleness in the Vineyard.” Come be with us. Let us start the new year right by assisting in the evening service.

W. G. Cypert.

## BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.

All regular services Sunday and during the week. Sunday school 10 a. m. Our attendance was remarkably good last Sunday considering the number of people away for Christmas and the number suffering with the “flu.” The Lords Supper will be observed by the church at the 11 o'clock hour. The pastor will speak at 7 p. m. on “New Year's Resolutions.” Come find a welcome in the services.

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Matching this spectacular advance in performance is the greatest array of new features Chevrolet has ever announced—and the most outstanding appearance ever achieved in any car of comparable price!

The new four-wheel brakes not only assure positive safety, but are exceedingly quiet in operation. The new heavier, finer quality transmission and rear axle gears contribute to longer life and greater stamina. The new two-beam headlamps with foot control dimming device were never before available in Chevrolet's price class. The new AC gasoline pump with filter assures constant fuel supply no matter how steep the hill. And so on throughout the entire chassis, you will find feature after feature previously demanded in the finest of automobiles and now offered on the Outstanding Chevrolet in keeping with Chevrolet's policy of constant progress!

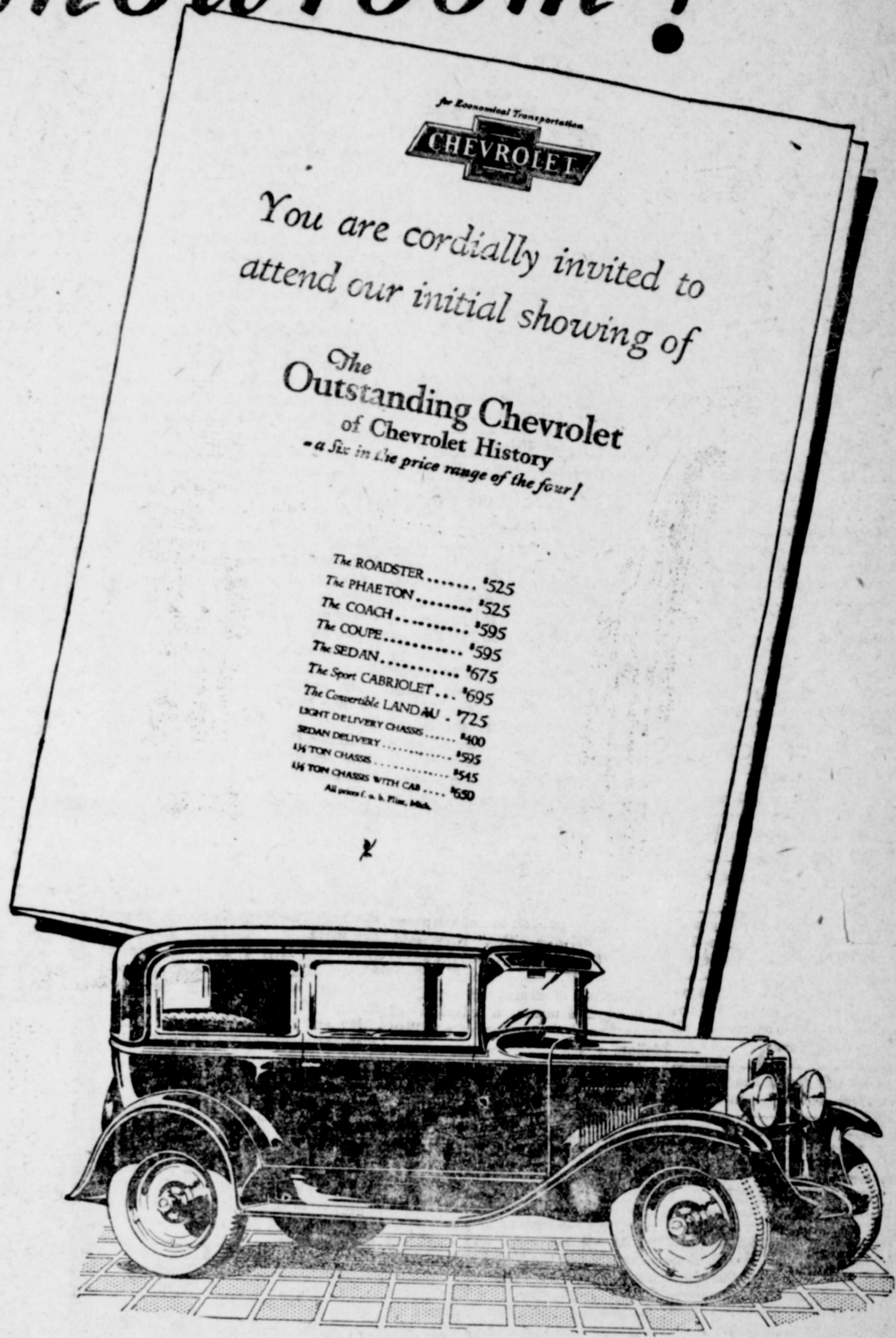
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But, however impressed you may be by the mechanical superiority of the Outstanding Chevrolet, your admiration will reach even greater heights when you study the car's distinctive beauty.

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### SENIOR NEWS.

Folks, there's just one thing about it, the seniors are always there with the goods! This was proved by the supreme test last Tuesday night. As you know, old Santa only visits the good little boys and girls; and every senior's sock was crammed full! (Here's hoping we do not have to lend the underclassmen our toys to play with).

'Tis only natural that such an intellectual group as the senior class would be anxious for school to start again. With a charming smile, Mr. Clyde Chancy remarked: "It gives me such pleasure and my joy is so excessive to think that I shall again have the privilege of darkening the door of dear old M. H. S. that I can hardly restrain myself." ("Gentle-reader, that is entirely too polite for that kid. Cupid must have been at work again)."

### SAY, DIDJA' HEAR—

—That ole M. H. S. is back in action again after the Yuletide vacation of eleven days?—That several of the "studes" suffered from attacks of the "flu" during the vacation?—That William Sheppard says he knows where Santa Claus—he made 75 in a physics quiz and he is hoping Santa happens back in time for the mid-term exam.—That the pupils are beginning to make resolutions like: I will make 90 in all my exams; I will be exempt next term, etc., for the New Year?—That all the school heard with great sorrow of the accident in which one of its most industrious pupils, Alton Davis, was injured?—That the seniors are so dumb that they think the Juniors are dumber than they?—That the whole school enjoyed the visit of two former teachers, Miss Martha Bird, former English teacher who now holds a similar position at Graham, Texas and Miss Mamie Ellis, a former grade teacher, who now has a position at Van Horn?—That Ruskin Smith wants the first perpetual motion machine without vibration for his good Ford Touring, which must be seen in action to be appreciated?—That Raymond Earthman, the senior class reporter, is still puzzling his head over the fact that from Christmas until New Year's Day is only six days, while there are 359 days from New Year's day until Christmas?—That in class pep we believe that the classes rank thus: First, Juniors; second, Freshmen; third, Sophs; fourth, Seniors. We are sure the Seniors will object, so look for a return challenge in next week's Badger Weekly.—That school favorites are soon to be selected and we believe that the annual staff will put on a dandy contest?—That for the next two weeks or so there will be plenty of burning of midnight oil for those awful mid-term examinations?—That we wish that the school would make a resolution (and not break it, either) to abolish examinations?

### FRESHMAN NEWS.

We are all back from our vacation and are feeling fine. I am sure that "Santa" was good to everyone. (Hope so). The Fish all hate to start back to school now because they all had such a good time during the holidays, but it won't take them long to get out

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Lorene Blackburn at the piano. Sterling Sheppard and Reba McLeod entertained themselves by playing with a rubber ball, while Harold Leeton went outside and rode a bicycle.

A refreshment plate of sandwiches, olives, cakes, and hot chocolate was served to the following:

Misses Missie Dye, Louise Booth, Nadine Tippett, Ella Lee Rogers, Lorene Blackburn, Opal Dillingham, Harold Leeton, Milton Case, Sterling Sheppard, Orion Tittle, J. D. Ashby, J. E. Boaz, and Keneth Mayfield.

### RESOLUTIONS OF THE SOPHOMORE CLASS.

1. Byron Patterson thinks he has been perfect, therefore has no resolutions to make.
2. Harold Boney resolves to study less and make better grades.
3. Benny Sheppard resolves not to chew chewing gum in Mrs. Young's classes more than five times a week.
4. Harold Leeton resolves to go with Trent girls only.
5. Elvis Richardson resolves not to make any more resolutions for fear of telling a fib.
6. Miss Sloan resolves that she will be an old maid for the next four years, since she didn't have any luck during leap year.

Reporter.

### MRS. TITTLE HOSTESS.

Mrs. C. R. Tittle was hostess on Tuesday evening at a 7 o'clock dinner at her home in south Merkel honoring her son, Orion Tittle. The Christmas theme was followed in the decorations of the dining room.

After dinner games of bridge and dominoes were enjoyed.

Those present were: Lola Shelton, Vera T. Beasley, Elizabeth Harkrider, Inice Brown, Mattilou Largent, Arline Willett, Reba McLeod, Missie Dye, Norma Shannon, Nadine Tippett, Louise Booth, Hazel Leslie, William Sheppard, Harold Leeton, Clyde Mayfield, Joe Largent, Kenneth Mayfield, Milton Case, Sterling Sheppard, Paul Causseaux, Max Swafford and Orion Tittle.

### PARTY GIVEN BY VERA T. BEASLY.

On last Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock a party was given at the home of Miss Verna T. Beasly. Some of the guests played bridge, while others played a very exciting game of "Old Maid." Later in the evening the young ladies and gentlemen were entertained by Miss Nadine Tippett and

## Court Order Stops Selling Leases on University Lands

Austin, Texas, Jan. 3.—State Land Commissioner J. T. Robison and J. H. Walker, chief clerk of the state land department, are destrained under a temporary injunction granted Tuesday by Judge George Calhoun, Fifty-third district court of Travis County, from selling leases on any of the university oil and gas lands in Andrews, Ward and Winkler Counties which had been advertised for sale on Jan. 2. The original 103,000 acres had been cut down to 50,000 acres by Mr. Robison.

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## Three are Killed in Texas Plane Crash

Graham, Texas, Jan. 3.—Rowdy Kirk, 22, pilot and Joe Morrison, 22, passenger were killed and Miss Bettie Clyce, daughter of Dr. Thomas S. Clyce, president of Austin College, Sherman, was fatally injured when the plane in which they were riding crashed near here.

The ship which had been taking up passengers, went into a nose dive and fell in the edge of the water in Deep Canyon, south of Graham.

Mr. Kirk and Mr. Morrison were dead when removed from the wreckage. Miss Clyce was brought to a hospital, where she died later. She was a guest of Miss Lucille Morrison of Graham.

Mr. Morrison was the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Morrison of Graham. Mr. Kirk's home was in Wichita Falls.



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DINNER PARTY.

Miss Mona Margaret Jones entertained guests at dinner on Thursday evening in honor of her cousin, Robert Lindsey of Fayetteville, Ark. The Yuletide decorations throughout the house were climaxed in a center tree for the table carrying gifts as favors for the guests. A delectable four course dinner was served and seasonal contests interspersed the service. A beautiful program of musical numbers followed the dinner; solos were given by Misses Boog Sears, Mona Margaret Jones and Wylie Caffey of Abilene. The guest list for this lovely affair included Misses Melba West, Boog Sears, Evelyn Curt and Mona Margaret Jones; Messrs. Robert Lindsey, Fayetteville, Ark., Shine Bounds, Abilene, Wylie Caffey, Abilene and Atwood Robinson.

IDLEWISE.

Mrs. Warren Smith entertained members of the Idlewise club with a New Year party on last Tuesday afternoon. All party favors were in compliment to the season. Games of auction bridge progressed until tea time when the hostess served a most delectable refreshment of sweets and chocolate to Misses Alva Wheeler, Winnie Heizer, Boog Sears, Mary Eula Sears, Lucy Tracey, Mesdames Bob Mayfield, Tom Largent, Roy Largent, R. I. Grimes, W. S. J. Brown, Harry Cookston, Geo. White.

Salt Branch News

Jessie Laundermilk of Abilene preached Sunday morning. Miss Marie Pinckley entertained at Denton, where she will spend the North Texas State Teachers' conference. Miss V. ... relatives in this community last week. Miss ... a number of young folks with a party Wednesday night. Eluin Rainer of Floydada, Mr. Eluard and L. D. Golightly of Plainview were the guests of their grandmother, Mrs. W. B. Robertson and other relatives during Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Abernathy entertained with a party Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lee have returned from a visit with relatives at Mexia and Ft. Worth. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McMurry were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays Sunday. Mrs. Henry Hester had a minor operation Friday. Miss Martha Brooks spent Christmas with her parents at Edmond, Oklahoma. The P. T. A. met Friday night and an interesting program was given by the school children.

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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Miss Loyce Dry of Clarksville, Texas, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry, for the holidays. Robert Lindsey, from the University of Arkansas, was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones during the holidays. C. I. A. students who returned this week after a holiday with home folks were Inice Brown, Mary Hughes, Doris and Tommy Durham. Roy Propst will again attend State University, Austin. Perry Shannon and Sterling Shepard returned to S. M. U., Dallas, for the winter term of school. Misses Mildred Hamlin, Rubyjo Higgins, and Lola Dennis returned to Simmons, Abilene, this week. Joe Largent returned to Kemper Military College for the winter term of school. Tolbert Procter left this week for Texas Tech to resume his studies. Dr. H. A. Brown and wife of Canyon, who were holiday guests in the home of W. L. Diltz Jr., returned to their home the first of the week. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Diltz are sisters. Miss Flora Frances Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, has returned to her studies at T. C. U. after spending the holidays at home. Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis had as holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. J. A. ... Miss Ruth Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wells of Merkel, who is a sophomore and business office assistant at the New Mexico State Teachers college, spent Christmas in El Paso. Miss Elaine Baker of Rotan, a student at Texas Tech, was the holiday guest of her friend, Miss Aileen Willett. Pastor Parrack of the Baptist church is slightly indisposed this week suffering from a mild attack of the "flu." Misses Mary and Ima Parrack returned the first of the week to Simmons where Miss Mary is a last term Senior. Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hicks and son, William, were last week-end guests in the L. A. Watts home. Mrs. Hicks is Mr. Watt's sister. Miss Inace Brown returned to her school duties at C. I. A. Wednesday after a holiday visit with her parents. Miss Lola Dennis has returned to Simmons University after a holiday visit with her parents. Misses Mary and Ouida Campbell, who have been spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell, left for Canyon Thursday morning, where they are attending the West Texas State Teachers college. Judge and Mrs. N. B. Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cobb and little Billy May were guests last Sunday of Judge Cobb's sisters, Mrs. Ed Riddle and Mrs. A. Garnett in Hamlin. They enjoyed a re-union dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Riddle. Two daughters and their husbands joined the J. H. McDonald family for the Christmas holidays, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lenton of Eldorado, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. E. Kimbrough of Ft. Worth, Texas. Chasten McDonald of Ft. Worth Texas, was the guest during the holidays of his uncles, Messrs. E. M. and J. H. McDonald. E. L. Gordon, former resident of Merkel, who has been here for the past two months attending to business matters, has returned to his home at Devine. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Boswell visited in Abilene Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sims, long time residents of Merkel, are moving to Wink for a stay of several months. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Riddle and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Turner have moved to McAllen, in the Rio Grande valley. Miss Ruth Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wells of Merkel, who is a sophomore and business office assistant at the New Mexico State Teachers college, spent Christmas in El Paso. Miss Elaine Baker of Rotan, a student at Texas Tech, was the holiday guest of her friend, Miss Aileen Willett. Pastor Parrack of the Baptist church is slightly indisposed this week suffering from a mild attack of the "flu." Misses Mary and Ima Parrack returned the first of the week to Simmons where Miss Mary is a last term Senior. Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hicks and son, William, were last week-end guests

Gripping Sea Story At Merkel Theatre Monday and Tuesday

In "Waterfront," the new First National picture co-featuring Dorothy Mackaill and Jack Mulhall, which comes to the Merkel theatre on Monday and Tuesday, Miss Mackaill plays the role of the daughter of a tugboat captain who is tired of the sea and wants to settle down on land for the rest of his life. The daughter loves the sea and would spend her life sailing it. She falls in love with an oiler on a trans-Pacific steamship only to find out that he has a hankering for the land. It comes near breaking up their romance, but a way out is found by the high-spirited oiler, capitolly played by Mulhall.

Hollywood's newest sensation in the person of Alice White, comes to the Merkel theatre Wednesday and Thursday in "Show Girl" in which First National Pictures is featuring her. It is the first of four Alice White pictures. She was given this promotion because of her excellent performances in a number of productions during the past two years. "Show Girl" is an Alfred Santell production

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Baylor Students Die in Hotel Fire
Dallas, Jan. 3.—The badly charred bodies of Sam R. Scott, 23, of San Antonio, and James H. Martin, 28, of Itasca, were taken from the ruins of the Junius hotel which was destroyed by fire at an early hour Wednesday morning. Both were students at the Baylor Medical College and lived at the small hotel. Wanted—To buy maize heads. \$18.00 per ton. Sam Swann

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As we look over the days and weeks and months of the year that has gone we recollect with pleasure and satisfaction the dealings we have had with our patrons. Each year adds to our experience in our line and although we have always kept up-to-date in every respect, yet we profit from this experience and appropriate it as a means of serving better in the future. We thank you most sincerely, each and every one for your business, great or small. Believe us, friends, when we say that our interest goes beyond the mere exchange of merchandise and service for money. We have an abiding interest in those who enable us to do business and express the sincere wish that each day of 1929 will bring you happiness.
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THE "FLU" IS RAGING—Our new method of cleaning and pressing your clothes "disinfects" as they are being cleaned, with no extra charge.
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Beginning last Monday your laundry is being handled in our new plant. In our announcement ad we will furnish the public with full details of our new plant. Watch for it. You will want to know about this new plant that is being built to better serve our customers—the people of Abilene and nearby cities.
"Let the Laundry Do It"
Abilene Laundry Co.
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