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## **BUSINESS MOVES MARK COMING** OF NEW YEAR

Gaither Building.

and opened for business the first of to a \$75,000 fortune.

grocery business here on the first of Port Arthur. the year, Mack Fowler leased the Gainew location will be made later.

prior to moving to the West building. league.

first of the year are: W. C. Black tak- five year s imprisonment. es over the Philos Radio shop and Rev. J. Frank Norris, paster for building; Jimmy Toombs announces Baptist church. his partnership with Morris Horton the Corner Garage, formerly operated late Judge W. O. Huggins. An- ter spending the holidays at the home Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum. by Emory Smith.

#### New Officers Take Over Posts on First

tendent, M. A. Williams retiring from the office after many years of service; Judge Otis Miller became district attorney of the 104th district Thursday, December 27, 1934. court, and Esco Walter, the new county attorney.

One new member of the com- day, December 29, 1934.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Death climaxed a happy New Year's W. J. Sheppard Buys Stock of party when Miss Evelyn Grace Con- Estimated 300,000 Unemploy-Jones Dry Goods Company; nelly, 21, Texas Christian university American Cafe to Occupy, erturned car while returning to Fort Worth from a dance at Mineral Wells.

James William Kennedy, 55, rod-Having purchased the stock of the man for the city engineering depart-

Mrs. Margaret Theriot, 36, who had eral approval.

locate in Lubbock. Announcement of mous Yates field in Pecos county.

J. T. Dennis will move his grocery neers Saturday at Dallas, 48-0, to win The legislature is expected to work Among questions to be answered are H. F. Darden. store to the Laney building vacated the 1934 Interscholastic League cham- out a more permanent relief program. farm tenure, population, acreage, total The near relatives, who survive, are to visitors until 9 p. m. each night, exby the cafe, a location which the Den- pionship by the largest score in a John Wallace, member of the state value of the farm, acreage and yield her uncles, H. F. and R. S. Darden, cept Saturday. nis store occupied for many years final game in the history of the board of control, estimated that two- of principal field crops and vegetab- Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Annie Darden of Two features are being especially

cation, but have another lease under Falls, was barred temporarily from timated that by May or June new poultry and eggs. The Dandy Bakery will occupy their his licens to having been suspended af- increase due directly to the drouth. working under direction of Ernest E. new home next week, it is announced. ter conviction on a charge of murder | Wallace estimated that 150 counties Wood of Eastland, supervisor for dis-Other business changes for the without malice and his sentence to or more could not possibly provide for trict 8 in Texas. Plans call for com-

moves it to Kent street next door to 26 years of the Fort Worth Baptist the City Dry Cleaners; Patterson's church, has conditionally accepted a plumbing shop will occupy part of this call to the Detroit, Mich., Temple

Record of Births. Giri, to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Webb,

man, residing near Sylvester, Satur- home.

## **MERKEL20 YEARS AGO**

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 1, 1915.)

W. R. Walker and family, owners mas with their daughter, Mrs. Claude of the well known Walker Cottage, Goss. Merkel's foremost hotel for the past ten years, will leave our city to make their future home in Abilene where M. Payne, W. E. Adams, Fred Guitar, Mayfield and family, of Abilene; Mr. ton and children, Glynn and Mary

Tracy Barlow, one of the old timers

Day a glorious present of a baby esteem of all who know him. girl, Clara Louise.

years is the record of H. C. (Dad) Wilson, as he is popularly known. "Dad" is one of the most popular transfer and draymen Merkel has ever known; he is one of the hale and hearty kind of men who reach old age

day for Ringold to spend Christ- Con-Carne.

Among the Merkel people in Abilene Tuesday were Sam Dunning, T. Mr. Walker will take charge of a new Thos. Largent, J. S. Barnes, Claude and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield, Mr. and Ruth, from Borger.

We are authorized to announce to of the Mail, has returned to make his our readers this week the candidacy home in Merkel and to start the New of B. A. (Ben) Walters, who aspires Year with us after an absence of sev- to the position of city marshal of Merkel. Mr. Walters is well known in Merkel and needs no introduction, be-Dr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Miller had ing connected with the Laney and brought into their lives Christmas Walters Meat market and enjoys the

Miss Bertie Diltz of Van Horn visi Only one days vacation in eight ited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. pated in a family reunion during the panied by their granddaughter. Mari-

MOVES MADE IN MERKEL

TODAY. with the Variety Store, two doors Young and daughter, San Angelo; Mr. | Miss Nell Hughes, who was home for south of his old location on Edwards and Mrs. Kendrick Young and daugh- the holidays from Texas Tech, return-St., Ed's Cafe in the brick just west ter, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Fred ed Tuesday to Lubbock. and yet do not grow old. He has seen of the Farmers State bank. The Elite Young and baby, Winters; Jack Mr. and Mrs. Pick Allen had their rvice in our wars and carries scars takes the building vacated by the Young, Abilene, and Roy Young, Win-children at home for the week-end: prove his service and loyalty to cafe. In the old Elite location will be ters. South. He boarded the train Tuesfound a new grocery store under the Mrs. E. N. Brown and Mr. and A.C., from Blackwell and Ewell Alownership of R. A. Martin and W. M. Mrs. Yates Brown and three children, len, wife and children, Jerry Nancy
daughter, Mrs. T. P. Williams,
lene, his first vacation in eight
es from G. F. West Bldg. to the and Mrs. V. P. Tippett in San And Mrs. Charles Gates and litbuilding adjoining Burroughs Daug geloamrs. E. N. Brown semaining for file son of Fluvanna spent the weekstore made vacant by the moving of a visit there. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. dend Mrs. Rev. and Mrs.

## STATE DRAFTS PLAN TO CARRY ADDED RELIEF

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1935.

ables to Be Taken From Rolls February 1; Will Be Cared for By Special State Fund.

Austin, Jan. 3 .- The estimated 300,

Peters that he was going out of the fleating in Port Arthur creek, near proceeds from \$1,500,000 reflef bonds county. Flowing oil for 40 minutes at a placing it in a general relief pot with es, Abilene; Jack Hammond, Buffalo den, Jr. ther building occupied by the Peters rate of 6,227 barrels hourly, or 149, federal funds. The state legislature Gap; Roy Stevenson, Tuscola; Alton Miss Hogan was born in Bosque location will be set elsewhere. store and will move his American 448 harreds daily, the California com- can issue also the remaining \$3,500,- Roberts, Guion; John Shannon, Mer- county on August 18, 1897. Her par- Officers of the Merkel Poultry as-Cafe to that building just as soon as pany's No. 3 Bob Reid became the 000 possible relief bonds. Both sums kel; and T. A. Burford, Ovalo. All ents, F. E. and Molly Hogan, had sociation are: R. A. Ellis, president; Mr. Peters moves out. Mr. Peters will third largest well initially in the fa- would be available for direct relief to have experience in farming. unemployables.

## FARM CENSUS **ENUMERATORS** START WORK

Approximately 1,810 Farms and Plans Call for Completion of The Survey This Month.

Carrying questionnaires containing in the Mt. Pleasant community, died Jones Dry Goods company, W. J. ment, Houston, reported for work as 000 unemployable relief clients to be 100 questions on virtually every im- early in the morning on January 1. Sheppard consolidated the two stores usual, although he may be an heir taken off federal relief rolls in Texas portant ramification of the farm in- Burial was held Tuesday afternoon at Feb. 1 will get state aid under a plan dustry, Taylor county's federal farm Drummond's cemetery, with services the year in the location of the Jones The body of a woman identified as announced here today, subject to fed- census enumerators Wednesday began conducted by Rev. Foy King of Har- continue for four days through Satthe task of enumerating the approxi- din-Simmons university. With the announcement of W. I. been missing 11 days, was found The state proposes to retain the mate 1,810 farms and ranches in the Pallbearers were D. J. Anderson, J. Sears building, next door to the Far-

to be sold for February, instead of . The enumerators are: H. F. May- T. Hogan, Lee Darden and R. S. Dar- ery vacates this building in time for

the opening date of the cafe in its Amarillo's Golden Sandstorms The plan would take care of unem- the census have already been distri- In 1904 she moved to Taylor county | J. W. Richards of Weatherford will smothered the Corpus Christi Buccan- ployables for the next several months, buted to many farmers in the county, where she had resided with her uncle, again judge the show. Admission is thirds of the persons now on relief les, number of trees and yield of prin- the Mt. Pleasant community; Benjam- stressed: a lecture on Friday after-The Merkel Beauty parlor will re- Joe V. Moore, former Amarillo at rolls in Texas would be self-support cipal fruits and nuts, number and in and Albert Hogan of Oklahoma, noon at 3:30 by H. M. Rose of Sweetmain temporarily in their present le- torney, who now lives at Wichita ing except for the grouth. It was es- value of each class of livestock, and and Mrs. Lula Goff of Oklahoma.

the practice of law in Texas courts, crops will reduce relief rolls of the Taylor county enumerators are Ginnings 1934 Crop

Ranches in Taylor County; Miss Josie Hogan

## persons taken off relief rolls Feb. 1. pletion of the survey this month. PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

George W. Cottingham, managing Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt returned! Mrs. Raymond E. Neal arrived in the Cenoco Service Station, and A. editor of the Houston Chronicle, has Thursday morning to Roe, N. M., Saturday from Hugo, Okla., for a holi-A. Davis assumes the management of been appointed editor, succeeding the where she teaches in the schools, af- day visit with her aunts, Mrs. Adah nouncement of the appointment was of her sister, Mrs. H. E. Britain in Messrs. Lige Gamble, Booth Warmade by Jesse H. Jones, president and Abilene. Others present for a family men, George Woodrum and W. S. J.

Robertson as public weighter, and C. Street, 20, Southern Methodist uni- Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hunte r had as Draughon's Business college of Abi- er Hale. K. Russell, elected constable in this versity, and Malcolm Graham, 19, their guests during the holi-days Mr. lene, were guests for Christmas dinprecinct and succeeding N. A. Dow- University of Texas, were killed and and Mrs. Ed Watkins and di unghters, ner in the home of Mrs. Mayfield's another man was injured severely Mrs. Vernie Norris and Mrs. Edith parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith. In the Taylor county court house, when the car in which they were re- Mozely and daughter, Claude Sue, of Mr. and Mrs. John Conner and litvery few changes were not ed. Tom turning to Graham from a New Haskell and Knox City; also their tle daughter, Sarah Frances, Mr. and McGehee moved in as county superin- Year's dance hit a bridge at Perrin. grandson, Filam Cox, of Lubbo ck, who Mrs. Ted Conner of Hamilton and returned home Friday, and a grand- Misses Jessie Neal and Clara Bell daughter, Melba Hunter of Sweet- Burk of Indian Gap visited Mr. and water, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Horton, the Mrs. C. E. Conner Sunday. Miss Burk Gladewater Newspaper Breaks Left Ankle in former a grandson, spent Friday dur- will remain with Mr. and Mrs. Con-Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Geller- ing Christmas week in the Hunter per for an indefinite time.

missioners court was sworn in, Hu- Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Will Spur- their guests Christmas day; Mr. and led by his son and the latter's wife glad to learn,

were: Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Tittle and Mrs. Sam Redwine, all of Abilene. family, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fugat, In the T. D. Compton home during Wichita, Kans.

and Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Bell were her school duties. Mrs. Richardson Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hendricks and fam- formerly lived in Menard. ily from Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mr. James H. West, Jr., is home from Alvin Lay and daughter, Big Spring; El Paso, where he has been the past Cecil Bell, El Paso, and Mrs. Snow year or more, and has entered service Frost and Mrs. Jack Birkhead, East- in the West store, auto accessories de-

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Nichols partici-J. T. Dennis will exchange places ren, Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. Roy henville.

fr. and Mrs. J. H. Counts left Sharp Hotel-de-Hambuyger & Chili- Brown went to Brownwood to be with P. H. Gates. the Roy Largents Christmas day,

reunion were her mother, Mrs. H. M. Brown drove to Dallas for the Ama-

Mrs. M. E. Campbell had the pleasure Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nunnally and son, Gladewater publication. of having 29 members of her family Sam, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dunn and for a Christmas reunion. Present sons, Glynn and Gwynn, and Mr. and

Mr. and Mrs C. R. Tittle and family, the Christmas helidays were their Trent; Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Tittle and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Turfamily, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mayfield ner, and son, Bonnie Ralph, of Ama-

Mrs. Kenneth Mayfield, Blair, and a Mrs. R. L. Adcock was accompanied granddaughter, Mrs. Odie Canon of by Mrs. J. E. Richardson when she went to Menard to take her daughter, Holiday guests of Mrs. M. F. Bell Miss Berdelle Adcock, back to resume

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, accom holidays in the home of Mrs. Nichols' lyn Sue Grimes, were joined in Abiparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Young, lene Sunday by Miss Iva Bragg for a at Winters. Others present were: Mr. visit with Mr. Bragg's mother, who and Mrs. Tom Caudle and two child- was the guest of a daughter in Step-

Eura Kitchen and husband and son,

## MERKEL'S FIFTH ANNUAL POULTRY SHOW TO OPEN ITS DOORS WEDNESDAY

## Claimed by Death

Miss Josie Hogan, who made her home with her uncle, H. F. Darden,

A. Anderson, Craig Humphreys, F. mers State bank, if the Dandy Bak-

passed on before. She was converted E. H. Cordell, vice-president, and Cas-Samples of the farm schedule in to the Baptist faith at the age of 15. tle B. Ellis, secretary and treasurer.

## Approach 8,000 Bales vited. The other big feature of the show

Up to Wednesday night 7,928 bales had been ginned for the season at the five plants in Merkel and those at Stith, Blair and Noodle.

For the 1933 crop the same gins turned out 17,038 bales. In 1932 The Mail reported ginnings from the same plants of 27,266 bales.

## New Low All-Time

Rainfall of only 12 3-4 inches dur- sist farmers and stockmen in seep Explosion of a fire cracker, tossed Rainbolt, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Har- rillo-Corpus Christi football game ing 1934 set probably an all-time rec- ing necessary papers to at. Two new precinct efficer's took over

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The first of the peace and son, Abilene; Mr., and Mrs. Saturday, meeting Dr. Sadler there, ord for this section. In 1933 only 14 loans for crop or livestock prankster, caused total deafness for C. A. Fryar and family, Al bany; How who also joined the party.

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Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mayfeld of len, making a total for the two years Abilene National Farm Loan and Mrs. 1-8 inches was recorded as having fal. Mr. Carothers is also secretary of len, making a total for the two years Abilene National Farm Loan associa posts on the first of the year: who had just taken office that day. H. M. Rainbolt and fancily, Big Anson, joined by J. N. Mayfield, a of 26 7-8 inches, according to records tion. Clyde Shouse, who succeed ed Houston Two university students, Graham Spring, and Sam Rainbelt, I ballas. | brother of Homer's, who is attending of Volunteer Weather Observer Grov. | Mr. Carothers has been authorized

Normal for Merkel is 20-22 inches annually, but in 1932, it will be re- who prefer to apply at Abilene in clocalled, the abnormal amount of over sing their loans. Thus local farmers 47 inches was probably the high rec- and stockmen are saved the necessity. ord for rainfall in this section.

## Now Associate Editor

Sterling Sheppard is now associate Charlie Beatty, of Waco, age 94 editor of the Gladewater Daily Times, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Walden haid as years, "hale and hearty," accompan- a fact his many friends here will be

Brought together by the presence of and Mrs. Bayard Shive and children, than a year. He left the Journal wrenching his ankle. a son, W. A. Tittle from Brownfield, Mary Lou and Bobby, of McCauley, staff to accept his new place with the He was carried to Abilene Thurs-

Continues Four Days; J. W. Richards As Judge; Lecture By H. M. Rose Friday Afternoon; Auction Friday Night.

Merkel's Fifth Annual Poultry show will open next Wednesday and urday. The location will be in the preparations to be made; if not, the

free and the show room will be open

water on "How to Raise Better Poul" fry." The lecture is especially for boys and girls but everybody is in-

s the Auction Sale of surplus stock raised by the exhibitors, which takes place at 7:30 Friday night.

### Credit Ass'n Announces Abilene Representative

V. B. Carothers, with offices at 214 Alexander building, Abilene, has been appointed local representative of the Record for Rainfall Coleman Production Credit association of Coleman, Texas, and is ready to as-

> d to write applications and to help farmers in Taylor county and others of making a trip to the headquarters office of the association to arrange for loans.

## Gin Accident Here

Sam Swann had the misfortune to break his left ankle Wednesday aflen H. Webb, successor to Sid McAd- gin, Compere, Tuesday, January 1, Mrs. Sam Andrews and daughter, of Abilene, were passing guests of the After graduating in journalism ternoon in a fall at the Swann gin Ioma, and Miss Kirkpatrick, of Colo- W. D. Williams household Sunday. from the University of Missouri, Ster- here. He was assisting in replacing rado; Mrs. J. F. Andrews of Ada, In the S. C. Russell home for Christ-ling served as courthouse reporter for a belt, when he fell from a ladder and Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Horton. mas were Mrs. T. F. Compton, Mr. the Dallas Journal for a period more his boot caught in a hole in the floor.

day morning for an X-ray.

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OTHERS TAKE UP THE PEN.

The Epistle to the Hebrews, which in our Bible is attributed to Paul, was almost certainly not written by him. The style is very different from his, and it does not seem likely that he would have addressed a letter particularly to Jews. The best Greek composition in the New Testament is in this letter, and so delicate and persuasive is it that there are those who think they detect a woman's hand. Some have conjectured that Priscilla (Acts 18:1) might have been the writer. In her home Paul had a lodging, and she and Aquila, her husband, were among his very best friends.

The letter is general, but its definite purpose is to convince thoughtful Jews that they will lose nothing by embracing the new faith but, on the contrary, will gain. It says: "You can have all that you cherish most and even more in the Christian faith. Do you love your law? Well you may, but here is the same law written more beautifully. Do you love your temple, your priesthood, your traditions? Everything you have cared for is here, and all the

It is noble in its conception of the basic principle of all heroism

faith. Read this grand roll call in chapter eleven: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted. were slain with the sword: they wand red about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; . . .

... they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. . . .

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let nexus with ience the race that is set before us.

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#### PERSONALS

(Continued from Fage One.) Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eppier and the daughter of Stanton sent Synday

Mrs. W. R. Eppler of Gorman, m. ther of Mrs. P. H. Gates, is spending a few weeks with her daughter here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray and their three children, Misses Madeline and Mahel and Gordon, went to Pamturned Thursday of last week. Miss Madeline remaining for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lloyd and famly spent Christmas in the home of his Next Week: An Old Man Sets Out. parents at Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins and daughter, Anne, of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Close of Sul- sionary Baptist church, officiating. Nome of Mrs. M. L. Holden.

over for a brief while, both on route know that they will continue to make and returning from Colorade, to visit their home here. their friend, George Caple.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner were their daughter, Mrs. Ara Brown of San Angelo, you have shown me for the care of Mrs. R. H. Reaves and their daughter, time and care for lots entrusted to me Mrs. D. C. Holden, of Blackwell.

here for a visit with her parents, Mr. me. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor returned Monday to their home at Lewisville ents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch. wish to thank their many friends for tor company. The announcement was y lived here, is visiting Mrs.

Teague, and also her mother, s. A. J. Young, in Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weatherby of the latter a cousin of C Glover, were passing visitors here

Tuesday morning. Holiday visitors with Mrs. H. C. Williams were her daughter, Mrs. E. Q. Warren, of Knox City, and a granddaughter, Miss Josie Mae Pence, also of Knox City.

W. H. Ferguson of Pottaville in Hamilton county is here for an indefmite visit with his brother, Tom Ferguson, and family.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank in Merkel, Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank the second Tuesday in Jannary, 1935, being the 8th day of the pose of electing directors for the enmonth at 4 o'clock p. m. for the pursuing year and such other business as may come before the meeting. W. L. Diltz, Cashier.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

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It will be a happy idea and will please the whole family, especially the housewife, if you start the New Year right by sending your laundry to us. We are prepared to give first class service.

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THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY

#### THE BOOK

itinued from Page One.) of the apostles now began to write James, the brother of Jesus, devotion to the law, of which one might almost say that it was not religious at all, so little did it regard form or ceremony.

Pure religion and undefiled be fore God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

A younger brother of Jesus, named Jude, also wrote a short letter. It was rather an apology for not writing a longer one which he had in mind to write on "our common Christianity."

John, the son of Zebedee, also wrote, in the home of Mr. Epper's sister, though later, three letters, one a re- Charles, of New Mexico visited their markably sweet and beautiful letter addressed to no one in particular. and two short ones. Peter, also wrote two letters and rather fine ones, as might have been expected of this blunt courageous man. But no one employed this method to the extent that Paul did. His letters were copied and lent and read and became a kind of unofficial manual for the adminis- and Mrs. P. F. West Sunday. We are tration of the churches.

#### HAMPTON-WILLIAMS.

At 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, home from Temple, Mrs. Q. A. Collins of Lamesa joined in Mrs. A. D. Williams and Mr. W. R. a Christmas family reunion in the Hampton were united in marriage at ford, Ariz., visited in the home of home of their parents here, Mr. and the home of the bride, Rev. E. C. Mrs. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Dowell, pastor of the Northside Mis- Patterson, last week,

ohor Springs visisted Monday in the Mr. Hampton is a former resident children and Louise Martin of Wolfe of Merkel, and The Mail joins many City are visiting in the A. D. Barnes. Mesers. Mack and Frances Pittillo friends in extending congratulations home. and their families of Waco stopped to this esteemed couple and rejoices to

#### CEMETERY NOTICE.

and a niece of Mrs. Banner's, Mr. and your lots in 1934 and will give my happy and prosperous New Year. this year, 1935, as I best I can. So Mrs. E. E. Beech of Henderson is all who want their lots cared for, see

J. H. Witcher.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. R. M. Robins of Odessa, who their kindness during the illness and death of their loved one.

H. F. Darden. R. S. Darden and Family.

F. T. Hogan and Family. Mae White.

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#### White Church News

Mrs. Mary Strickland Hale of Sweetwater was buried here Sunday had never felt wholly satisfied with afternoon. Mrs. Hale was an old res-Paul's doctrine of faith; he wrote a ident of the Canyon but moved to ter Series promises to be a sensation letter, a strange one for a man of such Sweetwater from Merkel several in the low priced field," Mr. Hughes see the dear old ones taken from us, but she left a life that is a joy for younger ones to look to. We sincerely place it within the reach of millions." sympathize with the family in their

> very quietly here, with a number of homes enjoying family gatherings.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shugart had as priced field." guests through the holidays Mrs. Shugart's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Petty, of Throckmorton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Watkins of Rule and Mrs. Florence Tye and son, Tom Shugart, during Christmas week.

Mrs. P. A. Riggans has been sick having suffered a fall last week.

Nubia and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Orr and son, Burnett, of Elm visited Mr. glad to report Mrs. West as doing well after her operation at the hospital in Temple some six weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. West recently came

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hall of Saf-

Mr. and Mrs. Cranford Martin and

J. R. Bryan and Allen Royals have returned home after several months tay in Alabama.

Mrs. P. R. McLean and children of Wichita Falls spent Christmas with I thank you all for the kindness Mrs. W. H. Brown and Nell Pressley. We are wishing every one a very

### Chevrolet's New Cars On Display Next Week

Chevrolet's two new lines of cars for 1935 will be on display next week The relatives of Miss Josie Hogan in the salesrooms of the Hughes Mo-

Cleanse the Blood

YOUR kidneys are constantly fil-tering impurities from the blood stream. But kidneys get function-ally disturbed—lag in their work— fail to remove the poisonous body

Then you may suffer nagging backache, attacks of dizziness, burning, scanty or too frequent

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"With these two great lines for 1935, Chevrolet is assured of break-The holidays have come and gone ing even the fine records established by last year's car. They will offer an all-round value untouched in the low

> Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

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"CLEOPATRA"

Sunday-Monday Anne Shirley in

"ANNE OF GREEN GABLES"

Tuesday-Wednesday Helen Hays in "WHAT EVERY WOMAN

KNOWS" Thursday Only

Stuart Erwin in "THE PARTY'S OVER"

R. & R. RITZ Friday-Saturday

Tim McCoy in "THE WESTERNER"

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show after 9 p. m.

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## U.S. TAX ON CHECKS Revenue Act of 1934

Section 606 of the Revenue Act of 1984 has amended Section 751 of the Revenue Act of 1932 so as to terminate the U. S. Tax of 2c each on checks on December 31, 1934.

Consequently, we are pleased to advise our customers that no tax will be added to checks paid after January 1,

## Farmers @ Merchants National Bank

Merkel, Texas

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## THE BADGER WEEKLY "WELCOME"

## XMAS HOLIDAYS VS MID-TERM **EXAMINATIONS**

Back to school after a glorious found out there is no Santa Claus.

Now that we are back we had better begin to think and do our school work. For it is only three short weeks until the mid-term "exams," and I'm afraid that a good many of us are going to find "there ain't no Santa Claus."

I'm sure everyone had a joyful Xmas meeting old friends, sweethearts and relatives, going to Grandma's and eating turkey; so let's all get to work FROM TONY'S SCRAP BOOK. and pass these tests. Even Cal is trying to trade his little red wagon, left by jolly St. Nick, for a reference book.

It seems to be the opinion of most of the students that besides the ending of school, the Xmas holidays are the most important event of the year, and the mid-term exams are the worst knees. event outside of the "finals." But if you will keep plugging along, there won't be any trouble.

For the benefit of the new students we will tell you that it is near time for Mr. Burgess's speech of "weeping. as you go on through school you will find it to be true if you try to make your whole school year one big Xmas "THE WORLD OWES ME A holiday without the "good ole mid- LIVING." term exams."

SYMPATHY.

is ill. We sincerely hope that she will soon be able to return to her home.

#### The Badger Weekly

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TRENT NEWS AND

**PERSONALS** 

Dr. O. Watkins, of Longview, and was

and Mrs. Reuben Reeves.

English, in Hermleigh.

business and visiting friends.

and Mrs. J. P. Roberts.

at Cordell, Okla.

parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rosson jeft Mon-

day for Slaton to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hardison and son,

all of Abilene.

day morning at the home of his son, with all the accessories.

#### **Our Seniors**

Billie Bernice Gambill.

Billie is very popular among her friends and classmates. Why shouldn't she be, for she is a good leader in all our organizations. She is the leader of week of holidays-some of us disap- the Pep Squad, president of the Chorpointed, some happy. We find that a al club, and secretary of the Dramatic number of our Freshmen are looking club. She is friendly, generous, dignirather gloomy. The reason is that they fied and amiable. Isn't that a good de- weeks. finition for a friend that is liked by everyone?

Joe Earl Lassiter.

Joe Earl is neat, generous and for those less fortunate than himself. lier and get more sleep this year."-What would "The Badger Weekly" do Lynn, without its joke editor? To Joe Earl we owe the many pleasures we receive from his good and clean jokes published weekly.

Women are meant to be loved, not

to be understood. The human is the only animal that

can be skinned twice. Certain thoughts are prayers. There

are moments when, whatever be the attitude of the body, the soul is on its

Don't part with your illusions. When they are gone you may still exist, but you have ceased to live.

God must have loved the common people. He made so many of them.

To avoid trouble and insure safety, wailing, and gnashing of teeth," and breathe through your nose. It keeps your mouth shut.

That is not true. You, yes you . . are only a tenant here, and your rent The entire student body of Merkel is due, daily in advance, and is pay-High school regret that Mrs. Burgess able only in good citizenship. Have you paid? If not, why not? If you are interested in yourself I will now infamily in the world:

> The Success Family. The father of Success is Work.

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sight, Enthusiasm and Co-operation. oldest Danghter is

omy, Sincerity and Harmony. The Baby is Opportunity. Get acquainted with the "Old Man", in his sleep. and you will be able to get along pretty well with the rest of the family.

school duties at C. I. A.

## RESUME OF **RESOLUTIONS BY** HIGH STUDENTS

About this time every year the campus is humming with New Year's cause you to grow a bay window?" resolutions. Some few of these resolutions are carried out but usually they are broken after a few days or

As I walked about the campus the other day, I heard several resolutions that were made by some students:

"Oh, hum. I'm sleepy, I haven't slept in so long I'm about dead. I'm going trustworthy with abundant sympathy to resolve that I shall go to bed ear-

> "I've had such a hard time in algebra this first half that I'm going to study and burn some midnight oil so I can pass."-Mary Frances.

> "Betty, let's resolve not to be so silly this coming year."-Mary Helen Lancaster. "I'm not going to Abilene more than

> twice a week this year."-Bud, Oscar and Jack Lowe.

> "I am also going to resolve that I shall have chewing gum for Billie Bernice anytime she asks me for it." Jack Lowe.

> "I have made several resolutions but the main one is to stick to a diet when I go on one."-Sis.

"I am going to resolve that I shall not pay so much attention to the girls, since football season is over."-Cal. "I've resolved not to try to keep

hings from people."-Bussie and Joe. "I'm not going to go with more than four different girls in one week."-Joe.

Truitt Patterson resolves to wash his feet every time he feels like it.

es each activity period.

Edgar Bradley resolves to drink troduce you to the most aristocratic Ovaltine until he gains four hundred Joyner, Margaret Miller, Nell Hugh-

> better or worse during 1935. Rosemary Lassiter and Janet Hay-

es resolve not to write more than one billion notes to each other during the coming year.

January 21

ness, Loyalty, Care, Courtesy, Econ-lace up her own shoes and tie bow Christmas vacation but just kept on knots all by herself.

body every time he doubles up his fist. Christmas gift.

#### **Funny Boners**

Edith Neil: "Cleo, I see that you have obtained a rather large bay window over the holidays."

Cleo Henley: "Yes, I have been eating army food."

Edith Neil: "How would army food Cleo Henley: "Oh! every thing I eat seems to go to the front.'

Lynn Shelton's teacher received the following notice from his mother: "Dear Teacher:

Please excuse Lynn's absence from school for 2 days. He caught a skunk."

On one of Mr. Riddle's observation tests for his biology class he asked this question:

Mr. Riddle: "On a cold icy, and snowy morning what do you see on every hand?"

Billie Bernice: "Gloves."

Oscar Adcock: "Where are you gong in such a rush?" Bussie Boaz: "I am going down to

recipe." Oscar: "A recipe? Why she can't

Miss Patterson's house to get

Bussie: "That's what I know. Joe Cook said she used 2 cups of cement in her biscuits and I said she used 3 cups. So I am going to get her recipe to settle the argument."

Mrs. Hayes: "Janet, why do you make lower grades during January and February than in December?"

Janet: "I guess it's because everything is marked down after Christ-

NEWS BRIEFS.

Merkel High school was extremely glad to have so many visitors Mon-Thelma Matthews resolves to say, day. Many of them were old students "The library doesn't open until the who were back home from college for second bell rings," at least forty tim- the Christmas holidays while others were visitors from other schools. Those here were Billie Gardner, Helen es, David Gamble, William Catts, Lois Mr. Burgess resolves to live either Beasley, Gale Peterson and Jim Pat-

BEST SANTA OF ALL.

Everyone seems to have had a grand Christmas, but it seems that the whole Mr. Irvin resolves to get a perman- Merkel High school student body has had the best gift of all, the new gyr Some of her Sisters are: Cheerful- Miss Patterson resolves to learn to nasium. The gym didn't take a growing until we hardly recognized it Tracy Wood resolves to stop kicking this Monday morning. It isn't completed yet but it is so nearly complete Kit Carson resolves to "sock" some- that it can be counted as a grand

buried Monday afternoon in the Lubbock cemetery, were: J. P. Stevens, Claud Russon and son of Robstown. | home on the Halbrook farm where he ly, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott, Mrs. J. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith, Mr. and Friday from a visit to Hamlin. She good wishes of a host of friends. Mrs. J. R. Gafford, Mrs. L. Z. Titswas accompanied home by Mrs. Joe,

worth and son, Jimmie, Mrs. E. Burks Wash and they in company with Mrs. Mesdames Joe Boone and Boots A. C. Wash visited Mrs. J. B. Leslie Brown spent the Christmas holidays of Shep over the week-end. with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J.

O. L. Bishop is opening up the cafe Mrs. Tom Williamson and Ollie Smith. laneous shower. The house was beauti- Bert McRee, Mr. and Mrs. Andy on the corner after being out several

Miss Sallie Roberts spent last holidays at home. week-end as guest of Mrs. W. H. How-Mr. and Mrs. John Howell of Abilene were here Saturday attending to ted Mr. and Mrs. Ideal Howell at fashion the wedding from the altar to Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Lubbock were Christmas guests of his Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Roberts of Fort Beckham.

Worth and Miss LaNelle Richards of Queen City were recent guests of Mr. in their home on Friday, December 28, from a Christmas tree. with an old fashioned turkey dinner Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tittle visited in The guest list included: Mr. and Mrs. the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Hand W. L. Boyd and three daughters, Misses Mary, Dorothy and Florence, and Rev. and Mrs. Ted Norton and littheir son, W. L. Jr., of Hamlin, Mr. tle daughter of Victoria returned home and Mrs. C. S. Phillips and two dauon the 28th after a pleasant visit in ghters, Wilma Kate and Ivy Low, of the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ad- Big Lake; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smith and two daughters, Willie Jean and Betty Jane, of Lubbock; Mrs. W. R. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wilks spent the holidays visiting relatives and friends Grayson of Bovina; Miss Sallie Freeman of Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rosand Mrs. J. R. Gafford and coe Owen and son, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. W. F. Steadman had as their Tilman Howell, Bob and Pete Howell ts Sunday Mr. and Mrs. A. C. of Joe, N. M., and Bud, John and El-

eltz and daughter, Miss Clancy, lis Howell. ommy, Mrs. Cart Atwell and E. HALBROOK-ALLER arnes, all of Vernon. Miss Mildred Miss Anna Laura Allen and teadman returned home with them Jack Halbrook are announcing from these she and Miss Clancy marriage, which was solem to HALBROOK-ALLEN. Miss Anna Laura Allen and !Mr.

will return to Denton to resume their Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn were Sun- Halbrook has lived here only for the Mrs. O. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Hale day guests in the home of Mr. and last eight months but by her charming McRee and family, Mrs. J. M. Wil-Those attending the funeral of Dr. Mrs. E. O. Evans of Sweetwater. They manner has won many friends. The liamson, Miss Alma Henson, Mrs. J. G. H. Watkins, who died early Sun- enjoyed a bountiful turkey dinner groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hal- P. Roberts, Mrs. E. Strawn, Miss Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods have as ed among us and is a highly respected Winter, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cribley, their guests this week Mr. and Mrs. young man. They will make their Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beasley and fami-Miss Dollie Wash returned last is engaged in farming. They have the R. Gafford, Misses Ima Gene Man-

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.

Mrs. W. J. Mennis of Fort Worth Mr. and Mrs. Louis McRee on Friday was the Christmas guest of Mr. and evening, December 28, with a miscel-Miss Doreen Scott has returned to ful decorated in Christmas motif school at McMurry after spending the and a well planned program whiled the evening delightfully. Miss Estelle Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McRee and lit- Terry sang "Always," with Miss Ima tle son returned Saturday from a Gene Mangum at the piano. A play visit to Norman, Okla. They also visi- was given, representing in mock ten years later, which was decidedly Rhome Beckham, an old time resi- mirthful from beginning to end. A DON'T SLEEP ON LEFT dent of this place, now living in Ore- reading was given by little Miss Margon, was a passing guest of Mrs. C. T. jorie Pearl Beasley, "Lost Faith in Santa Claus," after which she dis-Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell entertained tributed a collection of beautiful gifts brings out poisons and relieves gas

Fruit cake, coffee and mints were ly all night. Merkel Drug Co.

December 13 at Sterling City with served to Mr. and Mrs. Louis McRee, Rev. Mr. Thigpen officiating. Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Terry, Mr. and brook, a pioneer family, has been rear- Virgie Strawn, Mr. and Mrs. Bud gum, Doreen and Jean Scott, and Estelle Terry, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Powell, Abilene, Mrs. R. B. McRee, Mrs.H. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Beasley, as- B. Hornady, Virginia Lee Hornady, sisted by Mrs. Allen Terry, honored Mrs. D. O. Nunn, Mary Louise Nunn, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dennis, Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley, Mr. and Mrs. Shouse, Winters, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wilks, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Strawn, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Beasley and little Miss Patricia Ann Beasley.

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SYNOPSIS-Three weeks after a man sped down the steps. cream colored roadster had been found, "Send Kennedy to me," she ordered. wrecked in the sea at the foot of a cliff, a girl calling herself Anne Cush- he seemed to be well trained. ing appears at the desert town of Marston, Later the marries Barry rary, Here Kennedy came, an infuri-Duane and against her better judg- ating eight minutes late. ment returns East with him to find herself in daily conflict with Barcy's nicely; haven't you?" mother and Cleo Pendleton, heiress "Think so?" He was defiant in an and logical choice of Mrs. Duane. Cleo instant. bribes her chauffeur Kennedy, whom she discovers in secret conversations Mrs. Duane left here within a week with Anne, to separate Anne and Bac- Da, was to disappear completely, and ry. Barry succeeds in interesting John ande. And early this morning they Gage, the real manager of the Duace scarces back to that ranch. Together! mills, in his irrigation projects in the Imbecile!" West, Hurrying to break the good "I've done better than you think. If den in an adjoining doorway, he wat not for any joy ride. You'll probably the hotel with her. Barry interrupts on to Reno," he added significantly. the meeting and takes Anne home, telling her that they will discuss a separation at some future time. NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY: her to meet me.'

"I can't tell you. It-it isn't mine to tell. Can't you understand that, Cleo Pendleton, The small childish Barry? Why won't you believe it?" tace was lit for a second with a sort

He wanted to believe, but that dark of greedy joy. tormenting suspicion was tearing both "Now that they've gone, I'd better of them to pieces.

you don't leave me in any doubt of ey for that. How about letting me

"Barry!" Anne quivered and stiff- this time." ened. "I've told you all that I can Cleo considered it. "I will give you tell." She turned on him in pas- the ten thousand cash and you may sionate appeal. "Don't you trust me turn over the check." cnough-don't you love me enough to believe me when I tell you that nedy bowed politely. "Five thousand and matter what appearances may be, will be plenty. When the job is comthere was nothing, nothing wrong in plete I can come back for the other my going to meet Jim Kennedy?"

She knew the second it came out that the familiar "Jim Kennedy" had well. I will have it for you tomorrow been a mistake. Barry looked shaken, at noon." a man almost persuaded, but at the last words hot supjcion flamed again.

resh from keeping a cheap ren- ged a word or two, and the door clodezvous with this same man. And you sed. Kennedy paused for a second on

"I have told you all that I can." With his hand on the knob he paused, the five grand."

"I have this much more to say. He got it the next day. Inside of an There are some things which can't be hour he had sent in his notice, reoverlooked or forgiven-not between ceived his wages and was on his way man and wife. But I am not going to to the station. have any open break with my wife A few days later Kennedy's eye over somebody's chauffeur, nor have picked up an item in the paper. my mother's name and mine dragged "Mr. and Mrs. Gage will leave next through a tabloid scandal. We'll go on Friday on a trip to the Pacific coast." for the present as we are, and at least | Kennedy's eyes narrowed thoughtmaintain the outward civilities: And fully, Gage had business interests out then if you still refuse to clear this there. It was not likely to be more up satisfactorily, you and I are than just coincidence. "I don't see how through."

She made no attempt to answer flected. him. There was something in her eyes | Cleo saw the same item. She sat up that hurt him savagely. If he stayed suddenly. Nancy and Barry had gone he'd be sweeping her into his arms West. The Gages were going West. and pleading with her. He jerked the ostensibly to the Coast, but Marston door open and went out, without a was on the way. Jim Kennedy, if he backward giance.

stood there sick at heart. Barry ex- thing in it," she thought. "But Barry pected her to stay, but Jim Kennedy knows the Gages, and he had been tryhad said that she must go. Just for a ing for years to get John Gage intersittle, lying back with closed eyes, ested in that old valley. It's queer. I she wondered what would happen if wish I had a decent excuse to follow she defied Jim's orders if she stayed, them." and let John Gage meet her here. Upheaval and ruin, and a slimy haif of heaval and ruin, and a slimy haif of Anne was discovering that not even disgrace. She taughed with a rising the beloved Perch could banish a tornote of hysteria; choked it back and menting devil of jealousy and suspiabruptly pulled herself out of the

She moved quietly around the room, opening drawers and closets, choos- tion. ing articles here and there and dropping them on the bed. Indecision was anything. Anne was glad that Martha

There was a tap on the door. It was Bertha, with a message.

you. He says he's called back to Mar- ful, but it was lonely. Sometimes she ston, and can you be ready to leave wished bitterly that she had never tomorrow morning on the seven-forty- seen Barry Duane. three? He's just 'phoned for reservations."

ne's fingers. "The seven-forty-three," she repeated blankly. Then she rem-shrill greeting and Captian replied, embered the waiting Bertha. "Yes, but Barry merely turned his head, Bertha, of course I can be ready. Here raised his hat and turned back. are some of my things. I've just been | Anne's face stung with angry heat. gathering them together."

looked out to conceal her face from grace.

the maid's too-friendly eyes. fiercely. "I won't lot both of our live

THIRTEENTH INSTALLMENT. lessly up the drive. A watchful foot-

The footman was a new man, but

Cleo waited impatiently in the lib

"Well, you've bungled your work

"I do! You undertook to see that

news to Anne, Barry sights Kennedy the and Duane are starting West on and follows him to a dingy hotel. Hid- the same train it's for appearances, ches Kennedy greet Anne and enter find one or the other of them will go "Why?"

"Oh, Duane horned in while we were talking. At a place where I'd asked

Kennedy looked sharply at Miss

hold myself ready to follow up and "Believe that you can't tell? Oh ye , see that it goes through. I'll need monhave the other five grand now? Cash

"I couldn't think of asking it." Kenfive, and trade it in for the check."

Cleo could have killed him. "Very

The door closed on Kennedy.

In the hall the new footman ap-"Trus Jou! I did trust you. I peared from across corridor and obyou that night when you came ligingly let Kennedy out. They exchanthe steps.

"There's something phoney about You've answered me." He turned that bird," he reflected. "He was abruptly and walked toward the door, of breath. I'll drift, as soon as I get

there could be anything in it." he re-

kept his word, was going West also.

After the door had closed Anne still "I don't suppose there can be any-

cion. Things grew worse instead of better. As a slow week dragged by, each day held less hope of reconcilia-

Ling's bland face never betrayed Larrabee had gone back to Marston.

Martha had closed the little house

at Trail's End only a week before "Mr. Barry sent me up to pack for their return. It was quiet and peace-

She rode Comet often, but always alone. She saw Barry in the distance A filmy garment dropped from An- one day, sitting Captain at a jutting point in the trail. Comet whickered a

She'd rather be ordered out of the Anne went toward the window and house than treated like a child in dis-

She went back to her own loneli "I'll fight for him!" she thought ness, and presently Barry came in

You know we can't go on this way." spectable, isn't it? The best people do

"I agree with you entirely. I am it, Barry." ready, and have been, whenever you want to do your part."

Her eyes closed for a moment. "But

"Most escapades do involve other people," he retorted.

"I've done rash things, I know, but be here next Tuesday." between us. If you can't have that, here." I'm going. I won't stay in your house like this."

He was on his feet now, tramping mpatiently up and down.

"How can you expect me to accept a situation like that blindly?"

He stopped in front of her and caught her arm in a close grip.

verything I have on earth to hear stay, I-" ou say something which would set friends without-"

If he only hadn't said that, about his friends! Anne shivered.

"I have told you all I can." She swayed a little, stiffened and stared at him bitterly.

"As for your friends, they needn't

"Don't you think it is time we came way from Granleigh. Tell them I'm that. Empty silence. to a different understanding, Barry? dead, if you want to. That's quite re-

"You're talking ridiculously! What do you mean?"

"Oh, nothing. I'm not going to com-I have told you that there are things mit suicide. Not because my husband Mrs. Pendleton. Cleo looked contentthat I cannot explain, without-with- refuses to believe that I'm decent." out involving other people. I've prom- She walked slowly toward the door, ised-you shouldn't ask me to break pausing to look back, "I'm goingback to Trail's End. Good-bye."

"You can't go now," he said sharp-

nothing that I am ashamed of. Won't | She stared at him in a shocked sort due to start shortly on a trip West. you believe that? You've got to, Bar- of way, and said "Oh!" half under Winston kept his verbal dynamite, ry. All the rest of our lives depends her breath. "I am sorry," she added on it-just having some-some faith hurriedly. "But you see, I shall not be In his comfortable hotel Kennedy

means to me? Whatever our personal sidered the situation and took reserdifferences may be, they expect a hos-

"Don't you know that I'd give up Her eyes were desperate. "But I can't he shook off his exasperated shadow

this hideous thing right? To have you a jailor, to keep you here against railroad hotel. Kennedy registered as and I had to start all alone!" back as you used to be and to be your will. But if you leave me now, Frederick James, acquired a slight but able to take my wife back among my I'm through. Don't ever try to come convincing cough to account for his back again."

> She put her hand to her throat. "I understand. I shan't come back, Barry. Good-bye."

He heard a door close softly, and Nevertheless she pouted at the

Many miles to the East a number of small things had happened.

The new footman had left after less than a week of service, a circumstance which vaguely disturbed the colorless edly at her own image in a long mirror and decided to contrive a call on Mrs. John Gage.

At the Gage offices Winston called to make a personal report and found ly. "The Gages are coming. They will that Gage had been called away. A chairs. In the privacy of a stateroom stored in his own cautious head.

was studying plump time-tables and In spite of all that had passed he discovering possibilites. He also discould scarcely credit his ears. . covered that at odd moments he was that you understand what this visit frequency. Being resourceful he convations for New Orleans, where he had no intention of going. Then by "I'm sorry, Barry. Truly I am." car and plane and modest day coach and zig-zagged his way to Marston.

aimless presence, and a battered old

He might have been interested if he had known of Gage's absence from "Good-bye," he said curtly. He was town. This time Paula had been left cruel with anger and savagely hurt, behind in their huge hotel apartment.

matter so much now. Marston is a long light footsteps that died. Silence after thought of having to go to some dole ful ranch in a rough mountain valley. She had just received a telegram from John, too, saying that he would have to join her at Chicago, but had made

all arrangements for her by wire. Paula was feeling just a little sorry for herself. Miss Cleo Pendleton could not have chosen a better moment to ask for Mrs. John Gage.

A few days later, when Gage boarded his own car in Chicago, hs first glimpse was of a head of snug shining gold, very much at home in one of his secretary admitted that Mr. Gage was he jerked an expressive thumb and said "How come?"

"You don't mind, John, do you? She is a friend of this Mrs. Duane's and she told me that Mrs. Duane had been asking her to come out and visit them. I thought it would be nice to have "I suppose," he said in a tight voice, seeing the same face with suspicious somebody along, and she's frightfully

"Oh, yes . . yes, honey, it's all right. Old Ambrose's girl, is she? How did she know we were headed for Duane's

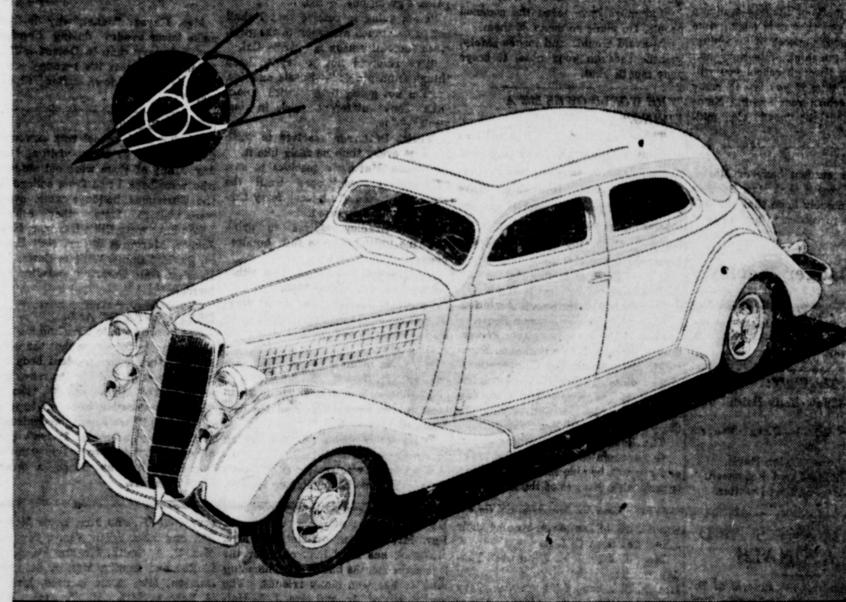
"Why, I don't know. She just seemed to know it. You're not angry, are "Don't trouble to apologize. I'm not The Junction's best hostelry was the you? I did want somebody with me,

> "There, there!" He smoothed a roseleaf cheek and kissed her. (Continued Next Week.)

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FOR RENT-January 1, store building on Front street, now occupied by ancaster Radio shop. W. O. Boney.

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#### LEGAL NOTICE.

SHERIFF'S SALE. The State of Texas, County of Taylor:

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued latter's mother, Mrs. J. W. Taylor. It of the Honorable District Court of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rogers and cember, 1934, by Belle Wellborn, Clerk Rogers' parents of Clyde. of said District Court, for the sum of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Hobdy and and costs of suit, under a Judgment Mr. Hobdy's mother of O'Donnell. and styled The City of Merkel, a Pub- ton. lic Municipal Corporation, vs J. M. Miss Cora Margarette Johnson of

lows, to-wit: Being lot No. ,24 and the camp early Wednesday morning. north 1-2 of lot 25 in Block 5 Miller Addition to the Town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of J. M. Craig, and that on the first Tuesday in Febwuary, 1935, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of J. M. Craig.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 31st day of December, 1934.

Burl Wheeler. Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas. By E. D. Davis, Deputy.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas. County of Taylor:

Notice is hereby given that by vire of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Taylor County, on the 29th day of December, 1934, by Belle Wellborn, Clerk of said District Court, for the sum of Four Hundred Forty Nine & 49 100 Dolars and cost of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of The City of Merkel, a public municipal corporation, in a certain cause in said court, No. 1952-B ad styled The City of Merkel, a Pub-E Municipal Corporation, vs H. F. Groene, placed in my hands for serof Taylor County, Texas, did on the 31st day of December, 1934, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: First Tract: Being all Cat, certain lot, tract or parcel of texas electron in Merkel, Taylor County

feet of lot 18 in block 18 of the T. & Addition in the Town of Merkel, Taylor County Texas; Second Tract: Being all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situated in Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, and being lots Nos. 1 and 2. in block 11. T. & P. Addition in the town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of H. F. Groene and that on the first Tuesday in February, 1935, the same being the 5th House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the FOR SALE at once at a bargain hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by vir-1928 four door Dodge sedan. Clarence tue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said H. F. Groene.

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#### UNION RIDGE NEWS

(Omitted Last Week.)

Mr. and Mrs. James Harris and litthe Miss Joan of Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris and two children of near Big Spring were holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris.

Sunday afternoon and supper guests. of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cheek of Wink, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Weed and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Weed, all of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Hobdy and Truett Hobdy of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell and children spent the holidays visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Dora Wharton, of Wichita Falls.

Miss Blanche Carey of Sweetwater and Clements Carey of a CCC camp in New Mexico were home to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas and sons spent Christmas visiting relatives near Lubbock. They were accompanied as far as Big Spring by the

Taylor County, on the 29th day of De- two sons were Tuesday guests of Mr.

Sixty Nine and 41 100 Dollars Truett Hobdy spent Christmas with

in favor of The City of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and a public municipal corporation, in a four daughters were Wednesday night certain cause in said Court No. 1958-B guests of Mrs. W. A. Douglas in Stan-

Craig, placed in my hands for service, Blackwell spent the holidays with her Burl Wheeler, as Sheriff parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Johnson. of Taylor County, Texas, did on the Misses Ruby and Alice Carey enter-31st day of December, 1934, levy on tained the young folks with a party certain Real Estate, situated in Tay- Tuesday night in honor of their brolor County, Texas, described as fol- ther, Clements Carey, who left for

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## **BLAKE'S DRY** CLEANERS

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the Merkel showing.

car is body lines which are distinc- of the engine itself. tively modern and a definite depart. Key to the changes made in out- the crankcase and valve chamber.

included. Two important improve- bumper. ments have been made in the Ford V-8 ed a new type of body, the touring se- stainless steel beading are combined A new clutch of simplified design, each at Merkel Mail office.

Exhibited in Texas Thursday, Dec- The new car marks the present cul- Interiors are roomier, with wider ember 27, for the first time, the 1935 mination of developments begun by seats, front and rear. Span of the Fords were placed on display here St. Ford three years ago at the time of front seats has been increased up to 2 Cent Federal Tax on arday by the Merkel Motor company, the announcement of the V-8 engine. 5 1-2 inches, providing room without W. W. Haynes, manager, and Ford In the three years intervening, Ford crowding for three persons, in bodies salesmen here attended the Dallas pre- has been engaged in the development with full-width seats. The driver's view in Dallas Thursday, returning of a combination of engineering im- seat in all closed cars is adjustable. here to make final preparations for provements aimed at providing a degree of riding comfort and ease of con- Addition of a new system of direc Most striking feature of the new trol comparable with the performance ted-flow crankcase ventilation, which

ure from any previous Ford design. ward design is found in the relocation The new car also embodies a com- of the front spring and engine. This floating connecting rod bearings simibination of major engineering devel- has permitted moving the body for- lar to those used in high-speed racing opments aimed at increased riding ward so that passengers ride between car and arplane engines. comfort, which has been called the the axles, and the development of rear! provements in chassis design to pro- ing lines. The car is approximately ments include: vide increased ease of control also are eight inches longer from bumper to

engine. In addition, Ford has develop- ing vertical louvres with horizontal trol.

Safety glass is standard equipment, ment. The radiator ornament is fixed ing and gear-changing speeds and not only in windshields, but also in in position, the radiator filter can be- with much softer action.

Engine improvements include: exhausts water vapor and gases from

Use of aircraft type copper-lead

A new cast alloy iron camshaft. Additional major chassis improve-

Newly designed, internal expanding mechanical type brakes, intend-Bodies are materially wider. Slant- ed to give more effective braking con-

New, stronger, more rigid frame, heavier front and rear radius rods, wider rear wheel tread and a stength-

## Bank Checks Removed

The federal tax of two cents on bank checks was discontinued on January first, having been in effect for something like 18 months.

The cost of the 2e tax on checks to the tax-payer nationally has been announced at \$101,000,000

## Joint Installation of Officers.

The W. O. W. and the Woodmen Circle will have a joint installation of officers on Friday night, January 4,

If you have any visitors. Phone 29

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 78

## Specials at THE RED & WHITE STORES JRDAY, JAN. 4-5

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Red and White RICE, 2 pound box \_\_\_\_\_\_17c

Blue and White SALT, 2 boxes \_\_\_\_\_\_8c

PEACHES, 2 pounds \_\_\_\_\_\_28c

BUTTER, 16 oz. jar \_\_\_\_\_\_17c

Red and White LYE, 3 cans

Red Heart DOG FOOD, can

Idaho Rural SPUDS, 10 pounds \_\_\_\_\_\_18c

CRACKERS, 2 pound box \_\_\_\_\_\_19c

BANQUET BACON, pound 25c

CHILI, pound

CHEESE, pound



McCOLLUM-WHEELER.

A wedding of wide social interest was solemnized New Year's morning at 8 o'clock when Miss Alva Wheeler became the bride of Mr. R. A. McCol- F. C. McFarland, Warren Smith, Hen-

Baskets of yellow chrysanthemums ssohn's wedding march, played by Mrs. Yates Brown, who also softly played "Melody of Love" throughout the reading of the ceremony. Only relatives and a few close friends were

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wheeler of this city. She was wearing a fur-trim traveling suit of pea green tweed, with harmonizing accessories in black, She wore a corsage of Talisman roses and sweet Elyssium.

Mrs. McCollum is a former student of C. I. A., Denton, Sul Ross State Teachers college, Alpine, and Hardin-Simmons university, Abilene, and for the past five years has been employed in the public schools of Roscoe.

Mr. McCollum is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McCollum of Clyde, After receiving his degree from Abilene Christian college, Abilene, he served six years as coach for the Roscoe High school. For the past two years he has been employed as superintendent of the Texline schools.

The couple left immediately after will make their home.

Being loved and esteemed by all Bud Gambill. who know them, both Mr. and Mrs. McCellum have a host of friends hepand in surrounding cities who Wish them much happiness and success in their new life together.

Out-of-town guests for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McCollum, Clyde; Pyeatt and Celyna McCollum, Abilene; Mr. and Wrs. Johnny Wheeler, Jr., and daughter, Johnny, Trent, Rev. and Mrs Parrack, Chillicothe.

bride's mother in Victoria, with Rev. Durhais.

A. J. Carson officiating. The home was decorated with holly, ferns and palms and the improvised little Miss Louise Crouch.

ter January 1 here.

Crouch, of Lubbock, grandfather of Ray Wilson and W. A. Whiteley, Jr. the bride; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rittenhouse of Huntsville; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Griffith of Norheim; Mr. and Bloomington.

this capacity he is much liked and res- motif. and social life, he is one of our most assisted by her mother, Mrs. Tom Dye residence on Locust street.

HOLIDAY-GET-TOGETHER. The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. and Mrs. Day of Abilene. Jones on Oak street was the scene of probably the largest Yuletide gathering of the holidays. Miss Christine was brilliantly done in silver and red

climaxing in a silver Christmas tree. In the game rooms tables were appointed for pool, Anagrams, "42" and bridge; guests chose their favorite diversion. Mrs. Anne Brown entertained with delightful piano music and vocal soloists were Mrs. Ernest Old and Paul West and Delma Comp-

At the refreshment hour delicious rkey salad, red and green rosettes, date and black coffee were served. An old-fashiond "sing-song" was then joyed, all the singing guests parti-

cipating, which lasted until a late

Invitations for this delightful Christmas party went to Messrs, and Mesdames Ernest Old, L. B. Scott and James Wheeler, Abilene, W. S. J. Brown, Yates Brown, Holland Teaff, W. L. Diltz, Lige Gamble, Ted Nichols, C. B. Gardner, Dee Grimes, Forrest Gaither, R. I. Grimes, Earl Lassiter, Twyman Collins, W. J. Largent, ry West, John West, George White, W. T. Sadler, Comer Haynes, Elmer and fern formed the background for Lowe, C. K. Russell, Ollie Dye, Ross the ring ceremony, which was read Ferrier, Alfred Costephens, Tom Walker, Vennie Heizer, Mrs. F. C. Harbors, Messrs. Paul West, C. J. Glover, Delma Compton.

CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The home of Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Gambill was epened Thursday evening of last week when their daughter, Miss Billie Bernice, entertained the younger set. The house was colorful in Christmas decoration and delightful informality marked the evening's entertainment. Many delightful indoor games were played, "Table tennis," "Beano," but dancing was chief diversion for the evening.

Delicious hot chocolate and cake were served at the refreshment hour leads to the City of No Good. to Misses Lois Beasley of Ropesville, who is Miss Gambill's house guest for Mary Helen Mashburn, Mary Helen Lancaster, Mildred Richardson, Duncan Briggs, Billy Gardner, Elma Mae Jown, Husk Lane, Gamble, Mary Frances Cook, Sarah Sheppard, Lois White ey, Messrs. Joe Cook, Bussie Boaz, Neil Durham, Robthe ceremony for Texline, where they ert Jr. Grimes, Oscar Adcock, Jack West, Jock Lowe, Waymond Richards,

LODGE PARTYE.

Another informal gathering on Thursday evening was held on the Sears ranch at the Lodge in a Christmas setting to compliment house guests of Mrs. R. O. Pearson, who were Miss Laura Pearson, Colorado, Miss Dorothy Davis, Sweetwater, and Christmas tree. Dainty refreshments ting for the party.

CLASS RE-UNION.

colors, pink and green were combined was passed. The bride wore an ensemble of navy with mistletoe for house decorations. The following club members re- mate, Sis Camble and L. V. Moore, blue with small hat and accessories to Indoor games were played. At the ceived invitation to this charming match. Her corsage was of bride's refreshment hour delectable pink and party: Mesdames John Lusby, R. O. roses and lilies of the valley. She green sandwiches were served with hot Pearson, C. B. Gardner, W. T. Sadwas attended by her cousin, Miss Syl- chocolate to Misses Eleanor Mae Ho- ler, Briggs Irvin, Asa Sheppard, C. number of his friends at the home of via Rittenhouse, of Huntsville, who gan, Opal Huskey, Maurine White, H. Jones, Lige Gamble, Henry West, his grandmother, Mrs. Marvin Smith, were a gown of lighter blue and a Frances Marie Church, Nell Hughes, R. A. Burgess, W. L. Diltz, F. C. Me- on his fifth birthday. His birthday corsage of pink rosebuds. Raymond Duncan Briggs, Mildred Richardson, Farland, Fred Hughes, W. S. J. being Christmas day, the house was Weaver attended the groom as best Florene Rider, Margaret Miller, Mes- Brown, R. I. Grimes, Tom Largent, decorated accordingly. The gifts were srs. Gordon Murray, Albert Cade, Misses Stell Ledger, Evelyn Curb, presented by Miss Mickey Diltz from Mr. and Mrs. Duke left immediate- Sandifer Hollingsworth, Virgil Lee Dota Garoutte, Julia Martin. He'en the Christmas tree. Games were enjoyly after the ceremony for a short Perkins, Van Roberts, Meyer Mellin- Patterson, Christine Collins, Johnnie ed and then the children passed into wedding trip and will be at home af- ger, Terrell Mashburn, Mordell Shouse, Sears. Ward Berryman, Messrs, and Mes-Out-of-town guests included T. W. dames Clyde Foster, Clarence Church.

DELAYED SOCIETY.

Mrs. Frank J. Balusek of Bay City, tertained members of the Bridge Club Caribel Moore had games, contests Nell Snow, Frances Fay, Loretta Patand Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Crouch of Thursday afternoon before Christ- and other forms of entertainment ton, Peggy Dye, Patricia Ann Beas-Ralph Duke has been a highly ef- viting in its Yuletide decorations. partners. High school days, college Clain, Billy Diltz, John Robert Walkficient member of the Merkel Public Tables were appointed for contract days, the Christmas holidays and oth- er, Wayne Patton, Emory Eakman schools for a number of years; in bridge with dainty tallies in holiday er subjects were discussed during the Diltz and the host, Marvin Estes Jon-

pected. Active in all civic, religious At the tea hour Mrs. Farrow was popular young men. Merkel society Largent, in serving chicken salad. welcomes Mrs. Duke and The Mail cheese squares, coffee, and plate fajoins a host of friends in extending vors were corsages fashioned of sincerest congratulations. Mr. and candy. Guests going over were Mes-Mrs. Duke are at home in the Claude dames Sadler, Duffer, Mayfield, White, Boaz, Higgins, Largent, Zehnpfennig, Misses Nell Durham, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Christine Collins

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB PARTY. Mrs. Henry West most graciously Collins was co-hostess with Mrs. Jon- entertained members of the Fortes, entertaining informally on Thurs- nightly Study club with a Christmas day evening. The entertaining suite party on Tuesday afternoon. A sub-

ALL OCCASIONS

MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP-

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Last Sunday was the last Sunday Sunday School 10 a. m. It's the and at church you have lost that one present and promptly on time. by Rev. I. L. Parrack of Chillicothe in Largent, Fred Hughes, Olin Lusby, forever; it will never come back to the home of the bride's parents. The Bob Dennis, Booth Warren, Kirby you again, But next Sunday you may a communion service. Offering for couple entered to strains of Mendel. Beckett, Misses Iva Bragg, Abilene. have another opportunity. Will you Reynolds home. Preaching at 7 p. m. Jess Sutphen, Peggy Barnett, Vera let it also pass? If so, it will be gone and prayer meeting Wednesday evenforever. Come 9:45 a. m.

Missing-Last Sunday, some fam- You are cordialy invited to all of with us on the street at 2:30 Saturday ilies from church.

Stolen-Several hours from the Lord's day by a number of people of different ages dressed in their Sunday clothes.

Strayed-Half a score of lambs, of "No Sunday School."

Mislaid-A quantity of silver and copper coins on the counter of a public house, the owner being in state of great excitement.

Wanted-Several young When last seen, were walking in pairs up Sabbath Breakers' lane, which

Lost-A lad, carefully reared, not the holidays, Betty Lou Grimes, ising. Supposed to have gone with one or two older companions to Prodigal

Preaching at 11 a. m. This is com- evening at 7 o'clock. munion day, and we invite you to be We invite you to attend any or all with us in this holy service, and on services. the first Sunday of the New Year, 1935. Young people's meeting 6:15. Preaching 7 p. m. Women's meeting Monday 2:30 p. m. Boys' and girls' meeting Wednesday 7 p. m. P. H. Gates, Pastor.

Tom Bullock of Sweetwater. De- dued lighting effect from Yuletide lightful indoor games were played candles and colored lights on the next year. and gifts distributed from a huge Christmas tree made a beautiful set-

W. H. Crouch, was married to and Mrs. John Olan Lusby, Mr. and concealed in walnut shells were pass- ing members: Sarah Sheppard, Lois salph L. Duke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. E. O. Pearson, Misses Evelyn ed and each member responded with Whiteley, Billie Gardner, Bessylea J. A. Duke, of Deleon, at 9 c'clock Curb, Doris Durham, Johnnie Sears, two good reasons "why she must keep Church, Frances Adcock, Caribel Christmas morning at the home of the Messrs. Herbert Dennis and Wrenn this resolution." A Shakespearean Moore, Wanda Hunter, Helen Joyner, contest was highly enjoyed and a Bi- Vivian Lasater, Gertrude Stanley. ble contest was then introduced. Miss Walderine Huskey, Clara B. White. Dota Garoutte was awarded a pretty Marybel Douglas, David Gamble, Jack Another gala occasion for ex-stu- pair of book-ends for naming correct- West, Neil Durham, Tommy Jones, altar was defined by ferns and floor dents was held Thursday evening in ly the greatest number of quotations. Kenneth Cribley, Howard Carson, baskets of poinsettias. The bridal must the home of Jim Patterson, compli- At tea time a dainty salad with wa- Jack Patterson, J. R. Higgins, Clovis sic was played by the bride's niece, menting Seniors of '33. Their class fers and Fritos, fruit cake and coffee Stanley, Milton Shannon, and three

SENIORS OF THIRTY-FOUR.

entertaining hours. David Gamble, es.

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of the year 1934. If you lost the op- first Sunday of the New Year, Start on, let's give our Sunday School and portunity of being in Sunday School the year right by being one of those Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by

these services.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching Wednesday night. 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. B. Y. P. U. 6:15 elieved to have gone in the direction p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening, W. M. U. at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, Y. W. A. at 4:30 Monday

> SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, exalt His holy name and hold his stan-Attendance at the six reporting dard high. "Be ye perfect" is the people. Sunday Schools here for the last Sun-standard left for us. During 1934 day in 1934 was 735, as compared some brought reproach upon the cause

> > CHURCH OF CHRIST.

a, m., subject, "The Call of Calam- in him." Again, "If any man have not hostess. Any person assisting in the recov- ity." Young people 6 p. m. Junior the Spirit of Christ, he is none of ery of the above shall in nowise lose young people 6:45 p. m. Preaching 7 His." Some are leading the prodigal his reward.—Taken from "Heart p. m., subject, "The Friend of life, and when they land in the hog Caesar." Mid-week service Wednesday pen, like the prodigal of the Bible,

Flavil R. Yeakley. Minister.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

up again. There is a tendency in the winter World Club Monday 4 p. m. Prayer to stay at home and not attend church and Sunday School, especially on the

> the class president, appointed a committee to get the Seniors together

Delicious pecan pie and coffee on plate carrying out the colors, orchid Miss Jewel Crouch, daughter of were served to the honorees and Mr. New Year's resolutions cleverly and yellow, were served to the followvisitors: J. R. Graham, an old class-

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Marvin Estes Jones entertained a the dining room where the tables were decorated with "Mother Goose Rhymes" animals as centers and minia-The Seniors of '34 enjoyed a re- ture animals as place cards.

urion Saturday night in the home of | The cake was cut and served with Mrs. Lige Gamble. The committee, hot chocolate to the following guests: Mrs. G. C. Farrow of Abilene en- Lois Whiteley, Billie Gardner and Mickey Diltz, Marjorie Anne Walker, mas. The apartment was most in- planned, using tallies to get one's ley, Jerry Boots Smith, Wayne Mc-

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We had a great time in the Lord last Sunday and 29 of us enjoyed a watch night program at the church Monday night. I am asking our friends to be back 7:30 p. m., Sunday School 10 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting J. L. Mayhall, Pastor. NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. What shall we do with Jesus during 1935? As for me, I am going to

ding church. Excuses are easily made,

but they will not stand at the ... ig-

N. Y. P. S. a real boost next Sunday.

their insanity will flee and they will

Next Sunday will be one of the

part of some people. We frequently great days in the history of hear folks say, "We do not have cloth- church. Be sure and be at the 11 ing sufficient to go to church," but as o'clock service. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Preaching every long as they have clothes to go to Saturday night, Sunday 11 a. m. and town and elsewhere that they want 6:30 p. m. Sunday afternoon at 2:30 to go, we see no reason for not a ten- Brother Bill Dowell will be ordained to the ministry, after which we will take the Lord's supper and then we will go to the water's edge and, like our Saviour did, baptize those who Dear Nazarene, ask yourself this question, "What would our church be, have believed. We want to wish you if every member attended just like all a happy, Christian life during me?" Are you doing your best? Come 1935.

We welcome you to our services. Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

### RURAL SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS PARTY.

On Saturday night, December 22, Genevieve Cox entertained a number Preaching Sunday 11 a. m. and of her friends with a Christmas party. After games were played refresh ments of Christmas candy were served to the following:

D. C. Johnson, Mutt Doan, Mabel Maddox, Dora Mae Meeks, Elwina Doan, Anna Addison, Nell Hughes, J. L. Meeks, Sildon Snow of Amarillo, LaVerne Hughes, Lucy Moore, William Hughes, Jack Moore, Edith Akins, Harold Cox, Lou Ella Hughes, Elwood Cox, Hollis Shuck, Bill Williams, John Malone, Emmett Price, with 636 for the last Sunday in 1933. of Christ by an insane craving for ter, Robert Malone, Wesley Rister Attendance on the previous Sunday things of the world. Jesus said, "Love John and Clyde Campbell, Mabel and not the things of the world, neither Alma Cox, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks, the things that are in the world, for Mrs. Bob Malone, Mr. and Mrs. Roy he that loveth the things of the Cox and daughter, Ona Fay, of Fort Bible study 10 a. m. Preaching 11 world, the love of the Father is not Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cox and the

> ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stocholders return, saying "I have sinned." They of The Farmers and Merchants Nashall be forgiven, but like the prodigal tional Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be their influence in the eyes of the held at the office of said bank on world is gone and is difficult to build Tuesday the 8th day of January, 1933, at six o'clock p. m., for the election of The Lord wishes His church to be directors and the transaction of without spot or blemish or any such such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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48 lb. sacks \_ Queen of West \$1.85 48 lb. sacks Light Crust

\$2.10 48 lb. sacks Elveijo \$1.55 48 lb. sacks

FRUITS **PEACHES** 45c **APRICOTS** 

55c

GALLON

Marshmallows Receipt brand 1 LB. 20c

Salmons Syrup

2 FOR 25c Fancy pinks .... Pure Ribbon Cane With a good flavor .

**Graham Crackers** National Excel 21c **GAL. 55c** Crackers Excel Saltines

**Prunes** Coffee

They are delicious
Healthful and sanitary

5
Box Maxwell House 3 pound can

19c

Fresh Spinach, Collards, Green Onions, Fresh Tomatoes, Squash, New Potatoes, Lettuce, Celery, Little Joe Sweet Potatoes, Bell Peppers, Cauliflower, Rutabaga Turnips and Cabbage.

Bananas 15c

FOR 35c Large bunches

Beets Carrots CHROMIUM

Nice for canning Large Bunches Fresh South Texas

2 Borax Washing Powder

Strawberries

5 Crystal White Soap 1 Super Suds Powder 2 Palmolive Soap

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