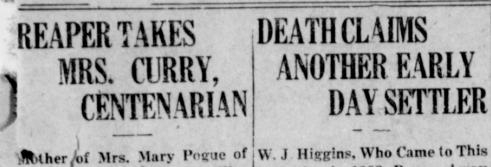
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Pogue, here.

Abilene.



This City Passes Away; Was 102 Years of Age on Last August 19th.

Section in 1888, Passes Away Children Survive.

lebrated her 102 birthday on August day settlers of Taylor county, died at Burns and Miss Edith Roberts, Long- cd her brother, T. C. Weir, and wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Curry, who died Saturday in Elmer, Okla., his home in the Salt Branch com- view; Mr. and Mrs. Ira R. Burns, of Abilene. here she was spending the winter munity Friday afternoon at 3:15 Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Buford R. Sie Hamm and family removed to ith a daughter, Mrs. E. Patton. c'clock. He had returned about two Books, Sweetwater. The grandchildren Baird Monday where Sie is employed ace the death of her husband, E. H. weeks previously from the West Tex- Present were: Ina Mae, Billie, H. J., with the Holmes Drug company. While miles north of Merkel, on Dec. 28, irry, 14 years ago in Stephens coun- as Baptist sanitarium, at Abilene, Hazel, Minor, Jr., and Bobbie Burns, regretting to lose these fine folks, 1935. , she had lived most of the time in where he had gone for treatment, e home of a son, E. S. Curry, in vilene, having also visited at inter- First Baptist church here at 2 o'clock Burns. ils with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Saturday afternoon. Rev. J. R. Grif- Sunday, Dec. 29, found a family re- ghter, Jane, were up from Austin for

Methodist church in Breckenridge, was made in Rose Hill cemetery. Mrs. Sam Redwine and Sammie Doris tives.

conducted by Rev. Will Curry, preiding elder of the Cisco district and second cousin of the deceased. Bur- Fetty, R. E. Harris and Warren Hig- Mrs. Bayard Shive, Mary Lou and pastor here, stopped over Sunday, real was in the Breckenridge cemetery. gins. Because of illness and the inclement

born in Navarro county, May 10, Spring. eather, Mrs. Fogue was unable to attend her mother's funeral, but three of her children, Willard and Misses Alzada and Connie Pogue, went to Surviving Mrs. Curry are seven this section. children, 41 grandchildren, 64 great-

Carl of Hale Center, and L. ther of las.

ridge; Mrs. Patton, Elmer, Okla.; I. K. Curry, Russell, Okla., and Mrs. Nannie E. Brown and E. S. Curry, of All of her children were with her Stone, of De Leon, survive. for the last time last summer when

> F. M. Cordill Celebrates San Angelo, and A. J. Rollins of Hayes. His Ninetieth Birthday Santa Lula. Tenn.

MERKEL. TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1936.

VISITORS IN MANY HOMES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY SEASON

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns celebra- McAninch, came over from Abilene, At Age of 70; Wife and Eight ted their fortieth wedding anniver- where she teaches at North Park. sary and Christmas together with Mrs. S. F. Haynes had as her guest three children, one son-in-law, one on Tuesday before Christmas her daughter-in-law and 11 grandchildren niece, Miss Helen McDonald, of Hous-W. J. Higgins, 70, one of the early present. Those present were: Minor S. ton. On Christmas day she entertain-

Bobbie Joan, Martha Jean and Betty they will carry best wishes of a host Funeral services were held from the June Books, and W. E. and Patty of friends to their new home.

fis and Rev. Willis Taylor were as- union in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Christmas visit with her parents, early to make it possible for as many Funeral services were held at 2 sisted by Rev. C. R. Joyner, local pas- G. Russell including Mr. and Mrs. o'clock Sunday afternoon at the First for in conducting the service. Burial Sam Nunnally and Sam, Jr., Mr. and father, J. T. Darsey, and other rela-

Pallbearers were: H. B. Robertson, and Mr.and Mrs. Bob Dunn and Glynn

1865. He moved to Taylor county in Faying a Christmas visit to their 1888 and was married to Miss Ada mother, Mrs. J. S. Swann, were Mrs. Wheat Nov. 15, 1893. He was a mem. Carson Miles and children of San Auber of the Baptist church and one of gelo, Mrs. Forest Sears of Snyder, Mr. the most highly respected citizens of and Mrs. Henry Jones and children of Tulia, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Swann and Surviving are his wife, eight chil- daughter, Hawingen, Miss Nell dren and 13 grandchildren. Sons are Swann, Tyler, Miss Irene Swann, Ros-Ollie, Dean, Joe and Raymond, Merker, well, N. M., and James Swann, Dal-

Two brothers, C. A. and Joe Higgins, et Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. of Merkel, and a sister, Mrs. Polly Jones and family of Fabens; Mr. and

cille, and Miss Eva Louise Fry, of

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Blackerby of Several relatives assembled at the Slaton were passing guests of Miss for several days during Christmas week Miss Madge Pierce of Goose Thelma Mathews on Christmas day. Thelma Mathews on Christmas day. Mrs. Noel Moore and son, Wayne Merkel schools. home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Cordill Thelma Mathews on Christmas day. Hutson, of Fort Worth spent the

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Darsey and dau-

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm, and Guy's children as possible to be present.

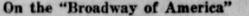
Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the L. B. McClain, Joe Hartley, W. E. and Gwynn, all of Abilene, Mr. and Methodist church at Spur and former Bobbie, McCamey, and Mr. and Mrs. turning from Winters, and preached A native Texan, Mr. Higgins was Warlick Darwin and Darlene, Big at the Sunday afternoon service at Grace Presbyterian church.

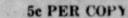
Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bullock and two children of Stanton and Messrs. came for Christmas visits with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett. Other holidays visitors in the Garrett home were Messrs, E. W. Terrell of

Mrs. M. M. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Lee, of Merkel; Mrs. V. H. Horton S. M. Hunter home.

Mrs. J. P. Eubanks and daughter, Lu- the Christmas holidays in the home Navarro county to Jones county in of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. 1908, where they have resided since.

Miss Julia Martin had as her guest for several days during Christmas





50TH WEDDING POSTOFFICE **RESTORED TO** ANNIVERSARY SECOND CLASS CELEBRATED

All the Children of Mr. and Mrs. Increase of Nearly \$1,000 in H. R. Horton, Except One, Present for the Eventful Occasion.

Celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. ceipts in 1935 restored the Merkel Horton, pioneer residents of Jones postoffice to second class rating, county, was held in their home, seven which will become effective July, this

Mr. and Mrs. Horton were married ported for last year by Postmaster O. Dec. 31, 1885, in Clark county, Ala. The celebration was held a few days

All their children and grandchildren necessary amount by over \$350.00. were present, except one son, V. H. Horton, who was in a hospital at Tem. ple recovering from an operation, and five grandchildren, who were unable to attend.

Those present were: Mrs. P. L. Arnold and son, Leroy, of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Horton and children, Barney and Doyle Garrett of Wacos Nell and Lawrence, of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Horton and son, Robert, of Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rooseveit. Ball and children, Teresa, Mary, Al-

onzo and J T., Jr., of Sweetwater; Austin and Maurice Kaderli of Stan- Clyde, of Lockney; Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Horton and daughter, Dorothy Noodle, stand at 13,363 bales, figures Albuquerque, N. M. Daughters are Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Don Reeder, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn and children, Vayden, V., Wanda Blair, however, not being available. Mrs. Annie Shipley of Artesia, N. M., A. Lee were: Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Woody and Miss Wanda Hunter, all Louise and J. C., of Coleman's Mr. and The 1934 crop in this area was 7,928 and Mrs. Myrtle McClain of Merkel. Bland and Miss Mannie Laura Brown, of Lubbock, spent the week-end in the Mrs. Vernon Horton and Mrs. Eva bales. Whitaker of Merkel.

Mrs. L. E. Allen of Denton, spent Mr. and Mrs. Horton moved from

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Clint Maddera, Blair, Friday, Dec. 20, 1935. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Hall Turner, 1935 Receipts Puts Merkel Again in Same Classification As Before Depression.

An increase of \$987.85 in postal reyear, according to department regulations.

otal receipts of \$9,763.41 were re-J. Adcock, as compared with \$8,775.56 in 1934. Since the 3c postage stamp was adopted, the quota required for second class rating for Merkel is \$9,-412.20, the 1933 figure exceeding the

The current term of Postmaster Adcock expires on Jan. 8, this year, but according to fixed procedure the acting postmaster will serve out the current month, that is, until Jan. 31, at which time he will be succeeded by Wrenn Durham, selected by popular vote in an election conducted by Congressman Tom L. Blanton, who made the recommendation through Postmaster General Farley to President

TOTAL GINNINGS. Total ginnings for 1935 in the Merkel area, that is, including the six gins here and those at Stith, Blair and

ANNUAL RAINFALL.

Light rains during the holidays accounted for a quarter inch precipita-(Continued on Page Two.)

Large List of Entries Anticipated in Show

Irs. Curry was born in Murray ounty, Tenn., on August 19, 1833. niversary of Mr. Cordill. n 1846 after a long illness.

Breckenridge for the last rites.

grandchildren and 6 great-great

grandchildren. The children, besides

Mrs. Pogue, are John C. Curry,

Weatherford; O. Curry, Brecken-

th ey gathered at the son's home in Ab.

ile ne for her last birthday party.

Lore than 100 descendants gathered

or a birthday picnic at the Presbyter.

an incampment grounds at Buffalo

tephens county in 1882 or 1883 and rs. Curry lived there until the death Express Appreciation her husband at the age of 93 about ears ago.

nools Reopen After Christmas Holidays

e Merkel public schools re-opened ment: day morning after the Christmas

holidays.

enjoyed a holiday visit with home services to you. 'Thank you' fails to T. Cox. s, having all returned to their re- express our appreciation, but again Mrs. Raymond E. Neal and little Seth Hamilton. tive schools now.

here were 11 children in the family, A bountiful birthday meal was ser- Christmas holidays with their father wo younger than Mrs. Curry. All' ved at noon to the following: Mr. and and grandfather, J. S. Hutson. preceded her in death. Her father, Mrs. E. H. Cordill of Cross Roads; who was sheriff for many years, died F. H. West and son, Lloyd West, of Betty Merle, of Freer are home visit-Cross Roads; Mrs. Clayton Nichels ing her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Char-

Mrs. Curry was married at the age and son, Donnie Vearl, and Mrs. D. I. les Davis. of 18 and all of her children were born Trent of Eskota, Mrs. Perry of Nubia n Tennessee. The family settled in and the honoree and Mrs. Cordill.

R. A. Walker and family have asked

"Words often fail to express our

iring Christmas week those teach- the gift of the car. We feel under Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Cogburn, acwith their home folks, while the and surrounding community and to Ona Fay Cox, were guests during the Donald. eral Merkel teachers who are en- every one who contributed to make holidays of their daughter, Mr. and

we say 'Thank you'."

FINE SERIAL FICTION

A second of the short stories by that master story-teller, Rex Beach, to be published in four installments, begins next week in The Mail-

"The Michigan Kid"

Starting In The Mail Next Week

Mrs. Pearl Watkins and daughter,

Mrs. Trezevant Gaither of San Antonic is paying a holiday visit to her mother, Mrs. W. V. Cranford.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church paid a For Gift of Automobile holiday visit to Mrs. Church's uncle, In expressing their appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Wheeler, in Ada, friends in Merkel and Baird of the Okia., also stopping in Fort Worth gift of a new Ford V-8 Tudor, Rev. for a visit with Mr. Church's sister. Mr. and Mrs. Corvin Leverich and The Mail to print the following state- little son, Jimmy Earl, spent the holidays with relatives in San Angelo.

Mrs. George Coker and son of Fort in-law, and Billy's grandparents, Mr. ays, beginning on Friday, Dec. feelings. That's true in our trying Worth spent the holidays with her and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.

to express our gratitude to you for parents, Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb. whose homes are out of town vis- added obligations to serve the town companied by their granddaughter, with his grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Mc-

ed elsewhere came home to spend this possible, and to those who didn't Mrs. A. V. Henslee, and other rela- turned Saturday to their home at or couldn't, do not hesitate to call if tives. Ona Fay also visited with her Cloud Chief, Okla., after a holiday

ferkel's coterie of college students the occasion presents itself for our other grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W.

daughter, Margaret Rebecca, left with their aunts, Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Yates Brown were Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. B. A. Wall, and sister, a brother, Ben Wall, of Shreveport.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bounds spent a few days during the holidays in Fort Worth and Dallas.

Mrs. E. N. Brown accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Victor Tippett, home to San Angelo for a visit during the ry Mrs. Dye home. holidays.

Joining the J. P. Sharp household for Christmas were two of their children, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bourn from Seymour and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth operation of a month ago. Sharp and daughter from Artesia, N.

A. N. Dowell, who is proprietor of a cafe in Dallas, is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dowell, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor returned Monday to their home at Lewisville after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch. At the same time Miss Aline McAninch returned Christmas with their parents. with Not to resume her studies at C.

ar daugh / s Thelma

Merkel schools. Miss Duncan Briggs was home from

mother.

Austin to spend Christmas with her

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt, Jr., and family of Big Spring were Christ. mas visitors with his mother, Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Mrs. S. E. Craddock of Paul's Val-M. Rainbolt, is visiting in the Rainbolt home

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell and family visited Mr. Harwell's mother, Mrs. Dora Wharton, of Wichita Falls during Christmas week.

W. M. Tucker and son, Billy, of Fulbright, were guests the past week of Mr. Tucker's father and mother-

Harold Leeton of Overton spent several days during Christmas week

Rev. and Mrs. Paul M. Collins revisit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins, and her mother, Mrs.

Mrs. J. E. Paylor, of Wichita Falls, Monday for their home in Hugo, accompanied by her two daughters, Okla., after a visit of several weeks were passing visitors here Monday. Mrs. Paylor was a former Merkel res-

ident. Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren, accompanied by James H. West, Jr., and Jack Dawson West witnessed the Sun Miss Dora Wall of Fort Worth, and Bowl game at El Paso on New Year's day.

Mrs. Claude Dye and two children returned Saturday to their home at Pecos after a Christmas visit with her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Patterson. The latter drove through to car-Mrs. Frank Golladay returned home

Wednesday, accompanied by her little who is rapidly recovering from her Nidiver, Johnnie Warren, Eunice

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis, returning and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen. home Christmas day.

Miss Elna Tucker, who has been (Continued on Page Epur)

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1935. Girl. to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roberts, Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1935.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan, Noodle, Friday, Dec. 27, 1935. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hall, year.

Trent, Monday, Dec. 30, 1935. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs, Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1935.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lewis, ley, Okla., a sister-in-law of Mrs. H. Butman ranch, Tuesday, Dec.31, 1935. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. George Grady qualities to look for and the defects Baldwin, Thursday, Jan. 2, 1936.

Announce Birth of Daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Murray, Lefors, and premium list will be off the press have announced the birth of a daugh- Saturday morning and will go in the ter, Janna Dean, on Dec. 24 at Pampa hospital. The baby is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray of this city.

From the unus cinteres manifested in the Sixth Anne try show to be held here Ja 17 and 18, it is indicated the. entries will be much larger than l

H. M. Rose of Sweetwater will judge the show and on Thursday, Jan. 16, at 9:30 a. m. will make a short talk on "Choosing Your Birds for Exhi-

bition." At this time he will discuss the to be avoided in choosing birds for exhibition.

The catalogue containing show rules mail Monday.

By calling by the City hall Saturday those desiring to do so may secure their catalogue two days earlier.

MERKEL20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 7, 1916.)

The following donations have been All Merkel was brought to deep made by individuals for work of graveling and leveling up Oak street. The city will keep with street wagon going all the time and parties residing

along the street and close to Oak street are "kicking-in" to make the work a success. The contributors who

have already offered their help are: A. C. Rose, \$10.00; Jno. Sears, \$10.00; casion has been head in Mrkel lodges. R. O. Anderson, \$5.00; Homer L. in many moons than was solemnized Easterwood, \$5.00; all other dona- the beginning of Christmas week tions should be handed to City Mar- when the Merkel Lodge A. F. & A. shal Walters.

On Sunday, January 2nd, Mrs. H. first degree was given to one can-E. Bullock honored her Sunday School didate the following were speakers of class, "The Protheus," with a dinner. the evening: Thos. Johnson, Rev. The Protheus colors and pennants Hearon and Hon. J. M. Wagstaff, also were used on the table. The guests the Right Worshipful Dist. Dep. present on this occasion were Misses Grand Master W. T. (Tom) St. John granddaughter, Mary Faye Johnson, Geneva and Nina Warnick, Beatrice

Armstrong, Gladys McSpadden, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Lusby of Ozona Gladys Haynes, Leila Hill, Maude were holiday guests of her parents, Martin, Mamie Ellis, Irene Hairston of Merkel, Frion, next door to McDon-

Mrs. J. E. Young of Lampasas, attending school at Vernon, came who spent the Christmas holidays Hill reading home to spend Christmas with her with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gillaland. parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker. R. Bigham, has returned to her home. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tucker and fam- Mr. Ralph Bigham of Peacock Miliily of Plainview also came to spend tary school, San Antonio, and Mr. Fred Bigham, of Presidio, also had Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Lackey had the the pleasure of being in the home for Christmas. sevent.

sorrow when the report of the death of Miss Maude Jenkins, age 25, was given out December 20th.

Miss Jessie Mae Cox of Abilene is the guest of Miss Zora West.

No more auspicious fraternal oc-

M. banquetted 86 members in the lodge rooms. After conferring of a of Abilene.

Firemen of Merkel will be banquetted at Coll' Norse by the ides program art arber Shop-Elm St. Morris, Rev. Merkel, Texas Johnson, so

st Walter Wilso Ferrier an jects as ent" and TTORNEY-AT have be arance Law a **General** Civil F

Pine St.

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DORA DOINGS

Every one had a nice Christmas. We had nice weather most of the Trent, Bill Nalley, of near Houston; week, but it was rather cold Christ- Roy Nalley, Fort Worth, Emma Nalmas day.

day night of last week. It was discov- lene. ered afire about midnight. The gin was a complete loss, but the office and resi. a few days visiting relatives in Cordence was saved.

This community was made sad when Christmas day. the news went out that Ad McKee had dropped dead while cranking his car. Brown were guests Sunday of their He leaves a wife and four children to parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English. mourn his going.

slowly after being sick for two weeks, ville, Little Miss Janie Morris is doing

nicely with pneumonia, with which she has been tussling for several days.

Mrs. Drew Clark and children of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hale, Clovis, N. M., spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. J. T. Perry, and other relatives, Mr. Clark coming for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dudley and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Perry ate dinner on Christmas with their mother, Mrs. H. No new cases of scarlet fever were re. West, in Merkel. There they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dudley and children.

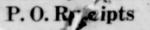
Miss Ollie Huff spent the holidays here with home folks.

Rev. Wyatt Hanks of Vernon visited his mother, Mrs. Mattie Hanks, Sunday and preached an impressive sermon at Slater's chapel Sunday night.

Miss Pollie Oliver of Abilene visitwed her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Oliver, here over the week-end.

Jeff Ensminger of John Tarleton, accompanied by Pol Armstrong, were here for the holidays.

With a happy New Year to every reader of this paper. Adios.



TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rosson and son, Jr., of Taft were guests of relatives during Christmas.

Mrs. D. L. Butler and children visited with the former's parents, Mr. \$1.50 and Mrs. R. T. Kelley, of Weatherford, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Pace and little daughter, who have been living in South Texas for the past year, have

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clement of Abilene entertained one day during the holidays all of the J. L. Nalley

children except a half-brother who lives in South Texas and a half-sister. Those present were: J. L. Nalley, ley of Texline, Mrs. Garnet Bryant

The Dora gin burned down Thurs- of Trent and Miss Opal Nalley of Abi.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Bryant spent dell, Okla. They returned home on

Mesdames J. B. Winn and Boots John Crain spent several days re-Mrs. W. F. Hardy is improving cently visiting his mother at Green-

> Mrs. Dale Estep of Houston and Clayton Hale of Goose Creek were Christmas guests of their parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson of Levof Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods.

School opened Monday after a week's vacation with all teachers and most of the pupils all back on the job. ported. Prof. Lloyd Hallorook of DeLeon

was a guest Friday in the home of his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Halbrook

A number of parties were given during the holidays complimenting the younger set; Postmaster and Mrs. Strawn entertained on Thursday evening; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tittle, on

Friday evening, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Williamson, on Saturday evening. Miss Marjory Adrian entertained

a number of friends on Monday evening with a "42" party.

A. N. Gordon and his two sons,

Levy and C., with their families, spent

Christmas with his mother, who is 86

years of age. She lives near Stephen-

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kilgore, who

Mrs. Mary Archer had the pleasure

of entertaining on Christmas day all

of her children and a number of

grandchildren. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Archer, Minneap-

olis, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ar-

cher, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Ar-

cher and children, Abilene; Mr. and

Mrs. Lee Falkner and son, Easterly;

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Falkner and dau-

ghter, Fort Worth; Mrs. B. P. Cole,

Hobbs, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin

Murdock and children, Trent; Mrs. A.

N. Davis and her son. O'Neal Archer,

Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Meltin

Wise and children, Abilene, and Mrs.

a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gar-

C. M. Brazil of Mineral Wells was

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor and

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hillger and

son, Jr., and Miss Jannie Armour, of

SHOUSE REUNION. The home of Mr. and Mrs. W.

little daughter, Joe, were Christmas

guests in the J. B. Winn home.

Mrs. W. J. Armour.

A. R. Garza and children, El Paso.

have been living at Ropesville, have

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S. A. Goodwin, a farmer residing Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Halbrook were about five miles north of Trent, died dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. at his home on Sunday, Dec. 22, after Cooper of Hebron.

Messrs. Winfield and Pierce Scott ied in Rose Hill cemetery, Merkel, on ly was solemnized Saturday afternoon of A. C. C. and Rex Scott of the Tuesday, Dec. 24. He is survived by at 4 o'clock at the parsonage of Rev.

iating.

so at Merkel.

married life.

ic to visit him.

THE MERKEL MAIL

ents was Janis Marilyn Hines.

R. Riley, pastor of the local Methodist

and Dorothy Riley, readings, and all

grandchildren joined in singing "Jin-

Mrs. C. E. Shouse and sons, Mardelle,

Charles A. and Bobby Carol, Mr. and

Mrs. C. T. McCormick and family,

McWilliams, Flagstaff, Ariz.

MURDOCK-LAWLER.

Culminating a romance which be-

gan last summer, Miss Joe Lawler and

Eugene Murdock were married Dec.

is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mur-

dock, and has lived here practically all

DENTAL OFFICE IN TRENT.

S. A. GOODWIN DIES SUDDENLY

gle Bells," led by Mrs. Andy Shouse.

Shouse was a colorful scene of a hap- Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Farmer and py wedded life on Christmas day, the family motored over and spent Christgala affair being in the form of a mas day with their brother, Mr. and family reunion and an introduction to Mrs. Roy Doan, and family of Rotan. the beginning of their golden wedding Mr. and Mrs. D. Moore and family anniversary year. They will have been visited with Mr. and Mrs. Richard married 50 years on next Oct. 2. Shar- Melton and family Thursday.

ing honors with her great-grandpar-Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors and daughter, Miss Noma, motored over A program of family talent was and spent several days the past week rendered at the noon hour, followed with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. by a gracious response from Rev. W. Jim Burfeind, of King county.

Miss Zuma Fulton has returned church. Those appearing on the pro- home after an indefinite visit with her gram were: Jim McWilliams, song; brother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears, Mrs. John Payne, Evelyn McCormick of Valera.

Mrs. Carl Doan and children spent Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Horton, of Trent.

At one o'clock a bounteous lunch-Johnnie Latimer entertained his eon was served cafeteria style to the Sunday School class with a Christmas party in his home Monday night. following relatives and guests: Clyde Shouse and son, O. C., Jr., Mr. and

We are sure there have been visitors in and out during the holidays that your correspondent has failed to get; if so, will probably get the news at a later date,

son and V. L. Doan and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Webb Hannah of Mt. Pleasant one day the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Warren and guests of their father, I. N. Brown, and family one day the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell and daughter motored over and spent Christmas with home folks at Bronte. Monroe Horton of the West Texas State Teachers college at Canyon was

24 at the home of the bride's parents visiting in the home of his brother. elland were guests during Christmas in Alba, with Rev. George Fox offic- Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Horton, during the Christmas holidays. He is a mem-The bride is a very charming and ber of the Freshman football squad accomplished young lady, the groom there.

Mr. and Mrs. Lockford Patterson and little son, Willie Lee, spent Christhis life, sttending school here and al- mas week with their parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Wetsel, of Quanah.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell and They will reside here and their son, also Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Swafmany friends wish for them a happy ford and son visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell and Mr. Dr. Earl Thomason of Pampa has day,

pened a first class dental office with We had better be going and avoid modern equipment in one of the Cal the rush to get this into print by Hamner buildings, one door south of wishing every one a happy and prosthe Woods grocery. He invites the pub- perous New Year.

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The marriage of Miss Florene Evan illness of a few hours. He was bur- ans of Sweetwater and Maurice Press-



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SPEARS REUNION.

A happy Christmas was enjoyed in the home of T. H. Spears, as they had all their children except two and all

them.

wife and daughter, Gertrude, from Stith; H. E. Spears, wife and 5 child-

ren, three boys and two girls, Valera; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hodges, two boys and daughter-in-law, C. M. Spears and wife and her sister, Miss Ethel and Mrs. Ed Sherman of Trent Sun- Brancon, all from Shiloh; J. P.

attend.

Spears, wife and two boys from Wink, also Neta Spears from Valera and Mrs. C. E. Patterson, one daughter and two boys from Littlefield.

H. H. Spears and wife of Albuquerque, N. M., and W. E. Spears, wife and son of Wellington could not come, sickness and other causes preventing, but those attending had a wonderful Christmas, and it was such a joy to the parents of this good looking bunch of children and grandchildren, and all gay and glad. One

Notice is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday the 14th day of January 1936, at 6 o'clock p. m., for the elec tion of directors and the transaction

of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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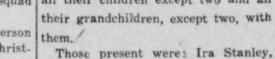
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Mr. and Mrs. Jim McWilliams and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr and children, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hines and daughter, all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse, Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Riley, and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Payne and children, Trent, family of Clyde were the honored Nelson Bailey, Dallas, and Chester

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g the 1935 total to 31 7-8 days. which is more than for 1933 1934 combined. In 1933 total infall here was 14 1-8 inches, in 1934, 12 3-4 inches. Normal for Merke! is 20-22 inches.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

The first of the year rolled around with very few business changes here. Maurine's Beauty shop will move, probably by Saturday to occupy the of Trent, and Hanly Vessels of Toysouth half of the Gaither building. abvale. with the American cafe retaining the north half of their present location,

Bob McDonald will make an announcement later as to the beauty parlor in his shop.

E. L. Wilson, jeweler, has moved com Kent street to the space adjoining Booth's grocery, formerly occupied by the beauty shop owned by Mrs. E. L. Turner, Jr.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

A much more favorable report as of Post. to the condition of Dr. R. I. Grimes was given Wednesday night from the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, where he has been seriously ill since Bec. 21.

A Merkel man, W. E. Lowe, took oath of office Wednesday as a deputy in the office of Sheriff Bur! Wheeler. It will be recalled that Elmer Lowe was a Texas ranger during the Sterling administration and also served as a deputy sheriff in Montgomery county.

CARD OF THANKS.

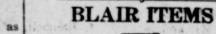
We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the kind expressions of love and sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our dear father and grandfather, also for the beautiful flowers.

May God's richest blessings rest on each and every one. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blackburn

And Children.

CARD OF THANKS. children, 3 1 0

University of Texas, sons of Supt. and his wife and six daughters. Mrs. Scott, were home for the holi-



Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vessels had as their guests Christmas their children Christmas has come and gone; the the bride and a few close friends. and families. Those present were: Mr. old year has been rung out and the and Mrs. R. J. Harris and Jay, Bobby new one rung in. In many ways this in a blue starlight crepe with blue Joe and Billy, of Canyon; Mr. and Christmas was one of the happiest accessories. Mrs. H. A. Holt, of Myra; Mr. and this community has ever seen. There Mrs. Bondy Vessels and Wilma Lucille and Annette, of White Flat; Mr.

and Mrs. R. P. Vessels and Janice, by any outward condition. Mannie Barnes, who entered the

Messrs. W. E. Hamner, E. C. Smith is convalescing nicely at this writing. the class of 1933. There was a Christmas program and T. G. Hamner left Christmas day rendered at the Baptist church Sunfor a hunt in South Texas.

Miss Dollie Wash, who is attending day night that was very appropriate dent of Taylor county. He received his business college in Abilene, returned and impressive, with each part well education in the Merkel High school. there Monday after spending the holi- played.

days with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bright had as family of Sweetwater visited Mr. and guests during the holidays Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield durng Chrstmas Mrs. Skylor Gentry of Paradise, Mr. week.

family.

Mrs. Albert Patterson and son; J. and Mrs. Arch McWilliams of Gra-C., spent Christmas week with her Ree home, with Mrs. Lee Tipton as ham, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ferguson, mother at Dallas.

> Mr. and Mrs. Clint Maddera are the proud parents of a fine baby boy that arrived Dec. 18. He has been christened William, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Campbell and family of Roby visited relatives here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Cox and son of Clint spent the holidays with their father and Sam Provine and sister. Mr. and Mrs. Hurman Doan, and

the interesting guest of Mr. and Mrs. | Harris, S. G. Russell, M. L. Douglas, Hugh Campbell Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hall and family, accompanied by their mother, Mrs. Patton, J. H. Clark, C. E. Shouse, W. Cynthia Hall, of New Mexico, spent R. McBride, Misses Mabel McRee, Christmas with the latter's daughter, Norma Patton, LaVena Harwell. Faye Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melton, and

family. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore of Arizona visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips, the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Moore were accompanied back by Mrs. Bob Phillips, who joined daughter, Jewel, who was attending school here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and family and Mrs. Jessie Wilson and children of Red Spring spent Christmas week in the J. W. Moore and Mrs. Lila Brooks homes.

Kilgore were guests Thursday and Mrs. Claude Doan of Clyde visited Friday of their grandparents, Mr. and her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton, and family recently.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Campbell and

Mr. Smallwood of the Highland Height Methodist church of Sweetwater. The impressive ring cremony was said in the presence of sisters of

The bride was attractively attired

Mrs. Pressly is the youngest daughjust seemed to have been a fine spirit ter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Evans. She in the air that would not be dampened was reared in Sweetwater where her

faher is an employee of the U.S. Gypsum company. She was a graduate Baptist sanitarium several days ago, from the Sweetwater high school in

> Mr. Pressly is the only son of Mrs. Nell Pressly of Merkel, pioneer resi-The couple will make their home in

Mulberry canyon.

UNION RIDGE CLUB. The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday in the J. L. Mc-

co-hostess. Birthday pals were revealed and each received a present from a Christ. ing of the stockholders of the Farmmas tree, Mrs. S. G. Russell, Mrs. S. ers State Bank in Merkel, Merkel, O. Patton, Mrs. O. E. Harwell and Texas, will be held at the office of Miss Alice Russell received birthday said bank the second Tuesday in presents.

Mrs. Kenneth Pee was named tem- the month, for the election of direcporary poultry chairman and Mrs. O. tors. Polls open between 2 p. m. and E. Harwell, expansion chairman. 5 p. m.

Cake, hot chocolate and marshmallows were served to Mesdames D. Cox, M. F. Carey, J. L. McRee, Harwell, S. Mrs. Oscar Pollard of Lubbock was G. Russell, Jr., O. R. Douglas, Lige W. D.Burleson, Dale Burleson, W. A. Harris, Pee, Tipton, W. C. Lee,

> Douglas, Ruby and Alice Carey and Mary Bell Douglas.

FRAZIERS HAVE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Frazier, who reside on the Collins ranch south of her husband at that place, also their Merkel, were hosts for a Christmas dinner. At the noon hour a delectable turkey menu was served to the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Frazier and family, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Pressley, all of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Evans and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mer the Rog. ers and dr ters, of

grandson, Clovis Stanley, could not attend, being in the National Automobile college at Nashville, Tenn. They are planning a full house, all children, grandchildren and all in-

laws on April 22, that date being the 66th birthday anniversary of Grandmother Spears. **REUNION OF' ANDERSON**

BROAHERS. For the first time in 26 years the

five Anderson brothers gathered on Thursday, Dec. 26, the assembly taking place in the home of J. S. Ander-

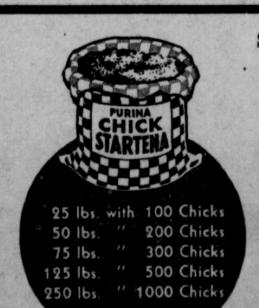
son at Mt. Pleasant where an enjoyable turkey menu was served. W. H. Anderson, Fort Worth, and J. N. Anderson, Tuscola, were joined by their brothers, G. L. and D. J. An-

derson, of this community. The plowing season is now on. Bring your dull Discs to C. P. Stevens and

have them rolled. NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS

MEETING. Notice is hereby given that a meet-January, 1936, being the 14th day of

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day, January 3, 1936. ANNOUNCEMENTS Wants Place as Jones =0 POLITICAL 36 community throws his hat into the (Subject to the action of the Demopolitical ring by announcing the first cratic Primary in July.) week in the New Year for the office FOR SALE For County Commissioner, Precinct of commissioner of precinct No. 4, No. 2: R SALE-My home on Oak street. Jones county, subject to the action of CHAS. (CHARLIE) ORR. s. E. L. Ash. the democratic primaries. For County Commissioner, Precinc FOR SALE-Two work horses. No. 4, Jones county: Hughes Motor Company. E. F. VANTREESE. FOR SALE-Several brood mares, in Demos Get \$7,000 Check Merkel. He has been farming for 18 ited also in Abilene and Albany. foal; also 500 bushels of seed barley. From Houston Woman years northeast of Stith and west of Pierce Horton. Hodges and in the Sandbur commun-DON'T SCRATCH-Get Paracide ity where he owns a farm. Washington, an. 2 .- A "signifi-Aintment, the guaranteed itch remcant" \$7,000 campaign fund contribu-Paracide Ointment is guarantion wsa reported recently by the .o relieve itch, eczema, itching or skin irritations, or money democratic national committee. ily consists of his wife and two grown It said \$6,628.50 of the fund from ided. Large jar 50c at Merkel' its children. Mrs. William L. Clayton of Houston, He will make an active campaign Tex., was a dividend check from the **THROAT**—TONSILITIS!— American Telephone and Telegraph and promises to do his best to see ng equals a good mop and incompany which she had indorsed oveach voter, but if he does not do so relief is afforded by Anathesiahe wants the voter to consider this his er to the committee. the wonderful new sore throat solicitation for his support. A letter to James W. Gerard, comy. Positive relief guaranteed He states that he has always paid mittee treasurer, said: rchase price refunded by Vick his car license in Jones county and "I am taking this method of telling strongly urges all Jones countians to you how much I believe in President do likewise, as every car license paid SALE-Good O. I. C. pigs, pric-Roosevelt's political philosophy and asonable. Tom Russom, Merkel, his far-sightedness. "It is very significant that when Route 4. all the world is in so much turmoil we Constipation should have produced our greatest FOR SALE hat the American." kholders HORSES AND MULES Try a Classified Ad in The Mail. nts Na-ED IMPLEMENTS AND will be TRACTORS Two full lines of cosmeticsank on Marie Tomlin's and Boyer's-While they last SPECIAL 10c Trial anuary WEST COMPANY, INC. Vick Drug Company. size on sale at Merkel Drug Co. he elec isaction WANTED proper-DO Custom Grinding; all kinds d; Mondays only. Vernon Hud-Merkel, Texas, Route 2. THE RED& WHITE STORES NTED TO BUY "plow-up" option ficates, both brown and yellow John J. Toombs, 203 Alexander . Abilene, Texas. SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JAN. 3-4 FOR RENT **RENT**—Modern 5-room home on treet. L. R. Cade. Apples, Delicious, doz. __30c ION RIDGE NEWS Apples, Winesap, each1c and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and ters and Mr. and Mrs. Henry

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> Appointed as State Student Club Adviser

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt, who teach. es home economics in the Spanish-Mr. Vantreese has lived in Jones county since 1906, except for two American high school at Las Lunas, years spent in the Panhandle, first N. M., was home to spend Christmas farming on the Largent ranch north of and in company with her mother vis-

The school where she teaches used as a training school for the state university at Albuquerque, and has one of the best equipped vocational He was born in 1882 in West Tennessee, moving to Texas in 1886, home economics departments in that and to Jones county in 1906. His fam- state. Miss Rainbolt has recently been ap-

pointed state student club adviser by Miss Zepha Bates, vocational home economics superviser of New Mexico.

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ments Cary is home to stay. He ee'n in a CCC camp in New Mexi-

and Mrs. Hugh McRee and of Lubbock spent several days Christmas with his parents, Mrs. J. L. McRee.

of Odessa were Tuesday guests

and Mrs. J. T. Biggs of Mer-

and Mrs. Charles West of and Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Jones of Anson were Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark. and Mrs. Lee Ponder and childcompanied by Audrey Moore, relatives of Winters on Christas E

s. O. R. and M. L. Douglas, Mes nied by Miss LaVerne Faye com ougla, were week-end guests of Mr. Irs. J. H. Douglas of Rockwall. sses Ruby and Alice Carey enned the young folks with a parednesday night.

and Mrs. Arthur Rogers and companied by Mrs. Wade nd son of Merkel, were Satlight guests of relatives at

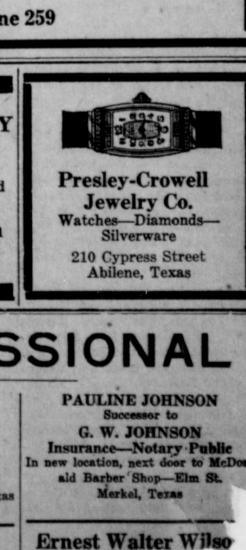
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Yams, 5 pounds17c	3 packages Red and White
Oranges, dozen29c	Maple Syrup, 16 к. с.
Spuds, U. S. No. 1, 10 lbs. 23c	Baking Powder,
Red and White Flav-R-Jell, all flavors, pkg. 5c	Blue and White Salt, 3 packages Pinto
Prunes, large size, 2 lbs. 25c	Beans, 5 poun
Larsen's Veg-All, 2 cans25c	Gallon Apricots, per ca
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SHEPPARD-LINGWILER. The many local friends of Sterling Sheppard will be interested to learn of his marriage on Sunday evening of last week. December 22, to Miss ceremony was read in the home of Methodist church.

maid was Miss Frances Kirkpatrick present. while Harry Roberts acted as grooms. man for Mr. Sheppard.

The bride is the very lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lingwiler of Dallas and is a graduate of St. Mary's college, select school for home girls at Dallas. She was attractively gowned for her wedding in green with accessories of black and shoulder bouquet of orchids.

Sterling is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Sheppard, Following graduation here, he attended Southern Methodist university before attaining his degree from the University of Mis. souri. He is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. For the past two years he has been associated with the Dallas Evening Journal as a member of the news staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard will make their home in Dallas.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AT SEARS LODGE.

As is their custom, a group of friends of the W. S. J. Browns held their Christmas celebration in the lodge at the Sears ranch ten miles north of Merkel on Monday evening, and when you read this announce-December 23. A huge Christmas tree furnished inspiration for a Yuletide and outside of the lodge.

served in courses and merriment Mary Helen Lancaster, Bettye Grimes. Horton and the hostess. reigned during the reading of "Jingle Messrs. Oscar Adcock, Bussie Boaz, "42" and other games were the div. Rhymes" which were supposedly de- Robert Grimes, Jr., Joe Cook, Milton 'ersion of the evening. scriptive of the persons whose places Shannon, Alton Bicknell and the host. A plate consisting of fruit salad, they marked. Seasonal games and

the distribution of lovely gifts from the tree furnished diversion for the evening hours.

Miss Jane Ferguson was a charming hostess to one of the first of the The guest list included Mesdames Christmas parties, entertaining on and Messrs. W. S. J. Brown, V. P. Friday evening, December 20. Holi-

hour.

Brownwood, C. B. Gardner, C. H. evidence and table appointments dren home for Christmas: Mr. and Sunday. They were accompanied home P. D. D. Mundel, Tom Largent, stressed the Christmas motif. Various Mrs. C. O. Lackey and children, Wil- by Mrs. Jinkens' niece, Miss Mildred

THE MERKEL MAIL

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morning, Dec, 25, at 10 o'clock.

In announcing my candidacy for commissioner of precinct No. 2, I do without ill will toward any one, but with a friendly feeling for all. I have lived in precinct 2 for 23 years. If elected I expect to live in Merkel throughout my term. I will not ask for the office more than two terms.

I will pay each man employed the eme price for the same kind of work, with no special favors to a few, but, indiase and unprejuiced. I will serve all to the best interest of all. I promise al. I will live worthy of

the confidence you place in me to the utmost. Will you please give me your influence and vote? Thanks. Chas. (Charlie) Orr.

NOODLE NEWS

School reopened Monday after

Frof. and Mrs. F. T. Bell and little son, Ronald Lee, spent the holidays

W. C. Thompson and family of Las Cruces, N. M., spent the past week here, the guests of relatives.

N. H. Eoff and wife went to Sweetwater for the Christmas holidays. While there, they were guests of Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Martin and two

ther John Reynolds Sunday evening, children of Trent spent the week-end Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Vick of Mer-

Mrs. Ruth Whitehurst of San An-

The following spent last Thursday in the A. C. Sosebee home: W. C.

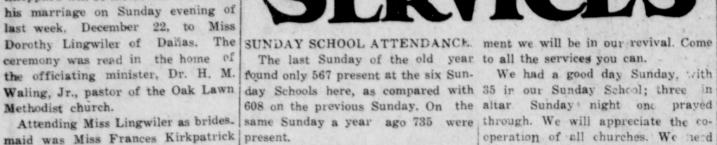
Thompson and family, Las Cruces, N. M.; Mrs. Ruth Scott and daughter, Dot, of Stamford; Moody Cantrell, Waco; Glenn Cantrell and family of Stamford; Joe B. Sosebee and family,

Melvin Jinkens and E. W. Herring. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Herring went to Robstown last Saturday where Mrs. Herring underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. E. V. Satterwhite ' and little daughter, Glenice, returned Saturday from Franklin county where they had been visiting her mother.

C. B. Jinkens and family visited





your prayers. Come help us to see PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. an old time revival. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preach-

ing at 11 a. m. followed by a commun-

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

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NAZARENE CHURCH.

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SUBLETT DINNER.

lies enjoyed a "get-to-gether" in the

form of a Christmas dinner in the

SUNDAY SCHOOL BANQUET.

Miss Emma Joyner's Sunday School

last week for a banquet held in the

basement of the First Baptist church.

A Christmas program, consisting of

poem by Mary Helen Mashburn,

Gifts were exchanged from a Christ-

CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Members of Mrs. Bill Haynes' and

The members of the Sublett fami-

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preach-

Wednesday evening.

ion service. Offering for Reynolds

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's day, The evening service, at 5:30, will preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by be devotedly principally to a program Brother A. J. Rollins, young people's of songs arranged by the special mus. program 6 p. m.

c committee appointed recently for For the Wednesday evening ser- ten days holiday. the afternoon service which takes the vice at 7 o'clock, we will have one of place of the regular evening worship the young preachers from A. C. C. You are cordially invited to all of with relatives at DeLeon.

these services.

The Elders.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

The pulpit of the Northside Baptist church was filled by Brother Johnny Eoff's mother and sisters, Lovel Sunday morning and by Broday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 7:15 Brother Reynolds will preach here ev- with Mr. and Mrs. Burnell Crow. ery second Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. We invite all to come to these kel attended church here Sunday. services.

Brother Bill Dowell will conduct tonic is the guest of her parents, Mr. ng 11 a. m. NYPS at 6:30 p. m. the Sunday services. Subject for Sun- and Mrs. D. C. Callaway. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Mid-week pray- day morning "Why Do Christian Peoer meeting each Wednesday at 7 p. m. ple Suffer?" Come one and all. All regular services as usual.

decoration in profusion both indoors licious refreshments of hot punch and Mrs. L. C. Rea, Mr. and Mrs. Charles cakes were served to Misses Elma Smith, Miss Mildred Sanders, Tommie A sumptuous turkey dinner was Mac Gamble, Clara Frances Largent, Allday, Jr., Charlesyse Smith, Pierce

angel food cake, sandwiches, olives and coffee was served.

PERSONALS

(Continued from Page One) Tippett of San Angelo, Fry Largent day house decorations were much in pleasure of having three of their chil, her brother, Everett Pool, at Divide son; Mr. and Mrs. Irving Lackey, McCoy.

we, Warren Smith, Yates and Booth Warren. SLATON VISITOR IS

COMPLIMENTED. Miss Thelma Mathews entertained on Tuesday evening, December 24, in honor of her house guest, Miss Frances Pickens of Slaton. The entertaining rooms were colorfully decorated in holiday attire, providing a pretty setting for game tables appointed for progressive "42" and "bunco". At the culmination of the games, the hostess was assisted by her sister, Miss Pearl Mathews, in serving delicious hot last. chocolate, cookies and plate favors of stick candy to Misses Pickens, Doris W. J. Hayes, Imogene, Janet, Joyce, Diltz, Florene Rider, Mary Nell Mor- D. C. and Mrs. L. E. Allen, Denton; gan, Louise Click, Alice Russell, Viv- G. A. Sublett, Mrs. L. C. Sublett, Mr. ian Davis, Katherine Mashburn, and Mrs. B. T. Sublett, Ben, Jack and Messrs. Carl Mathews, Bernard Clark, Jim, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett and Terrell Mashburn, Harold Morgan, Vernelle, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter,

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Woodrow Barnes, Leo Harris.

Little Miss Sandra Sadler was feted tie Blair, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Orsborn, on her third birthday by her mother, Katherine, Lena Fae and Nina, Mr. Mrs. W. T. Sadler, and her grand- and Mrs. Otto Bicknell, Mary Jo, Bobmother, Mrs. Lula Sadler, on this bie Nell and Peggy, Mrs. M. M. Cole-Wednesday afternoon, January first. man, Lubbock. The house was gayly decorated with Christmas and New Year motif where manw delightful children's games had been arranged by the hostess. Favors for each little guest were balloons and classes were guests Monday night of following a happy hour of play, delectable Santa Clauses molded of ice cream were served with the birthday cake.

The guest list and those who called: piano selections by Margaret Miller, a quartette by Clara Frances Lar-Mrs. Bob Mayfield and Sue, Mrs. A. gent, Helen and Pauline Joyner and R. Booth and Ann, Helen Haynes, Lora Pearl Haynes, Dot Swafford, Thelma Mathews, and short talks Mrs. Sam Swann and Patricia, Mrs. about "College Life", was enjoyed by Milton Case and Creta Key, Genora Misses Sarah Sheppard, Nadine Clack, and E. Y. Brown, Tommie Allday, Billie Gardner, Mary Helen Mash-Charles M. Largent III. Gerald West, burn, Helen, Pauline and Emma Joy-Joy Fraices West, Marjorie Ann ner, Sis Gamble, Thelma Mathews, Walker Jean Acton Jowers, Marilyn Dot Swafford, Jessie Margaret Berry, Petty, Mary Lee Jensen, Shirley Jen- Margaret Miller, Clara Frances Larsen, Roland Peters, Jr., Sweetwater, gent, Mrs. Caribel Moore and Mrs. Mr. W. V. Ramsey and Jack, Abi-Bill Haynes. Mrs. R. J. Webster and Jimmy, "de, Mrs. Lula Sadler, Montalba, mas tree.

Boaz, Jr., Mrs. C. H.

RISTMAS DANCE. of the younger set had a made a gay setting ing members and guests: Mrs. J. M. Company.

card games were played during the evening and at the refreshment hour Roscoe, and Mrs. Oscar Pollard and two children, Lubbock. a dainty sandwich plate with hot choc.

Guests in the S. A. Coats home durolate was passed to Misses Fannell ing the holidays were: Mrs. A. Yates Gray, Phyllis Smith, De La Vergne Teague, Bettye Lou Grimes, Messrs. Sylvan Mellinger, Doyle Gray, Wayman Adcock, Robert Grimes, Jr., Mur-

and two children. Fort Worth. The latter also visited with her parents,

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tucker. visit here, being accompanied by Mrs.

home of Mrs. S. M. Hunter Sunday Mattingly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hodges, of Levelland. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs.

their holiday guests her parents, Mr. holidays here. the guests of her parand Mrs. B. C. Hodges of Levelland; ents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee. her sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mat- They were accompanied home by her tingly and children, of Stanton, and a brother, Cleo, who has been sick for son, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Worthan and sometime and expects to take treat. children, of Shallow Water. Wanda and Marvin, Mr. and Mrs.

A. D. Guy, Jr., of Aquilla, will Don Reeder, Mr. and Mrs. Glen make his home here with his sister, Mrs. Waldo Cox Sunday. Woody, T. H. Christopher, Mrs. Hat-Miss Billye Derr, and attend Gail's Business college in Abilene. here for a visit with her son and ring. daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler.

> Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tucker and son, and Mrs. George Cooper. Harold Beal, of Slaton, and Miss Goldie Hooker of Abilene were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. DeVerle Johnson came from Fort Worth to spend Christmas day with her mother, Mrs. Amy Sears. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eyssen and son, Timmie, of Abilene were also here for "Showing the Pick of the Pictures"

Mrs. W. T. Sadler accompanied Mrs. Claude Young for a visit to Leonard and, returning, saw the championship football game at Dallas Saturday.

Misses Mabel Murray and Frances Owens visited with Miss Betty Jane Diltz in Ballinger during Christmas, returning Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz who spent the day here. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McCollum of Texline were visitors during the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wheeler,

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Saturday evening, December 21, Only one bottle LETO'S PYOR-Mrs. Pierce Horton was hostess to RHEA REMEDY is needed to convinmembers of the Eastern Star, carry- ce anyone. No matter how bad your e Christmas party in the ing out the Christmas motif in party case, get a bottle, use as directed, Durham on Tuesday colors. Small gifts from the Christ- and if you are not satisfied druggists ber 24. Holiday lights mas tree were passed to the follow- will return your money. Merkel Drug . roved Williamson, Mrs. Aurra Johnson, Mrs.

P B. Causseaux, Mrs. Tom Allday, The Try a Classified Ad for Results

We are glad to report E. L. Eason able to be up after an illness of several days. W. J. James and family returned

and five children, Brownfield; Mr. Friday from Hill county where they and Mrs. L. R. Stanley and family, had been spending the holidays with Compere; Jinks Winter, Miss Minnie relatives. They were accompanied on Lee Coats, Coleman; Mrs. Ansel Coats the trip by Mr. James' mother, brother and sister. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cook of El Paso

visited in our school Monday. Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mattingly and Cook will be remembered as Miss Thelfamily of Slaton made a Christmas ma Suber, one of our high school teachers the past term.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Cantrell and children returned Saturday to their Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Worthan had as home at Stamford after spending the

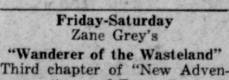
> ment from a Stamford physician. E. L. Eason was a dinner guest of

Odell Herring and little son, D. C., of Amherst, spent the holidays with Mrs. Lula Sadler of Montaloa is his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Her-

> Hester Brewer and family of White Flat are visitors in the home of Mr.



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