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MED NATION'S OUTSTANDING YOUNG MAN

at Annual Banquet of Hous- Odessa Tuesday. n Junior C. C.

iston, Jan. 23 .- Governor Allred, 36, Wednesday night received st annual award of the United ing year.

Whitfield of Des Moines, na- Farwell.) You d president of the Junior Chamresented the distinguished serey to Allred at the annual ban-Ten-thof the Houston chapter of the Where

has been selected not only as The as representative of the finest live past the 100-year mark. Abilen men in character and achieve-

degree Whitfield said. speaker cited Allred's achieve-"big shot" gamblers and other school the purities of the interstate oil compact, day night, Jan. 16, at the home of her Rose of Sweetwater, and reported by Cypert and S. M. Hunter. We hop establishment of the ground- daughter, Mrs. Sam Wester, at Fer- Secretary Arl Sharp, follows: Merkel or an old age pension system. ris, in Eilis county, fourteen years

SPORTrotes of being elected attorney Merkl, accepted the gold key "with at Ovatratitude and a fervent prayer ty of ronial of your great organiza-

ter squ Texas chief executive, who was years. Baskly general for four years, regreat I telegrams of congratulations proved a death trap for Johnnie Ut-

on finance corporation, Govern- hospital. de Tingley of New Mexico and merce," Roosevelt said. "Your day night. ability and leadership have richly Flying Cadet Robt. S. Atkinson, 25,

increased interest and activity in mission early Wednesday. blic affairs."

Continue Program of Beautifying Highway

Continuing their commendable work beautifying a strip of ground adjacent to the railroad right-of-way along the highway and extending west to the section house, members of the football coach since 1926, has been Merkel Home Demonstration club ob- named on the national rules committee served "planting day," as it were, to succeed Ray Morrison, former Wednesday, with Mrs. C. P. Church, Southern Methodist coach, now at club president, in charge.

t to the Butman ranch dur- Oklahoma and Arkansas. morning hours, secured their f plants, took lunch at the one of the picturesque hills, m Butman, Sr., and his dau-Miss Lottie Butman, joining the feast, and then, returnown, went about the serious putting out the shrubs and on their beauty plot.

told, 30 redbuds, 20 yucca plants, dars and a number of cactuses ong strip of ground. Previouscrepe myrtles had been set out, ter it is planned to add a numf smaller flowers and plants. rear of work

ponsor. We ax Collector SNIGAL Rest of Week

son, deputy in the of-My Tax Assessor-Collector in Merkel and West Taylor county. ns for under-age voters.

KEEPING UP

Rangers confiscated 15 slot manguished Service Key is chines in raids on cafes, barber shops J esented to Governor of Tex- and grocery and liquor stores at

> A. E. Harding, democrat, Fort Worth attorney and candidate for governor, has added approval of the Townsend old age pension plan to his platform.

a recess in the murder hearing at Reds.

father is principal of the Slocum high the same breed. school near Palestine.

olators, his leadership in the Mrs. O. L. Kennedy, 88, died Thurs-

A hole dug to plant a pecan sapling Learn good wishes from President ter, 4, Fort Worth, when he stubbed Cage Tournament at basker velt, Vice-President . Garner, his toe and fell headfirst into the de-Jones, chairman of the recon- pression. He died on the way to a

erited recognition of this group of Kelly field student, was critically inhat this award to you may serve to the top of a water tank at the airdome aspire young men and young women as he was taking off on a training charge for admission.

> Awakened at 1 a. m. by a baby's cough, Mrs. O.L. Watson, Fort Worth, roused her husband and their other five children when she found the house on fire. All reached safety before the flames consumed the dwell-

Morley Jennings, Baylor university Woolam. Vanderbilt. Jennings will represent A group of some 18 or 20 members the sixth district including Texas,

his blood-stained and bullet-marked collected under the invalidated AAA. automobile near Snyder Dec. 19, was convicted in district court at Sweetwater on a pending charge of robbery and sentenced to five years in the Thursday, Jan. 16, 1936.

ed at advantageous points Date for Examination For Postmaster is Set

The United States civil service commission, at the request of the posteach end of the strip a rock gar- master general, announces a competis to be built, preliminary work tive examination for postmaster at g already been started with the Merkel. Receipt of applications, which ing of bear grass and cactuses. must be properly executed on Form on ring an extra supply of 10, must be on file with the commise looking for to notify Mrs. Ches- sion at Washington, D. C., by the Mrs. R. A. Burgess. close of business on Feb. 7, next.

president's order of July 12, 1933, and Westminster Abbey, where lie many not under the civil service act and of the nation's famous men. rules. Further information may be secured at the local postoffice.

Wrenn Durham, selected by popular ady Parmelly, will be stationed at vote in an election conducted by Concity hall for the remainder of the gressman Tom L. Blanton, will beek for the convenience of tax-pay- come acting postmaster here on Feb. 1, succeeding Postmaster O. J. Adwill have the tax rolls and may cock, whose term expired Jan. 8, but ssue poll tax receipts and ex- who, according to precedent, will continue to serve out the current month.

STAMFORD MAN WINS BEST MALE AT MERKEL SHOW

Male, D. H. Jefferies of Abilene Champion Female: Both Birds Rhode Islands.

burned when his bathrobe caught fire the Abilen; man also showed the best tion. from a fireplace at his home. His 16-bird display with his exhibit of Always enthusiastic, active and al-

jazz co tstanding young man for 1935. John Gilbert, 102, died Monday at was awarded to Arl Sharp of Merkel due to his originality in providing judgment of our committee, the home of his daughter. Mrs. Ar- on Buff Orpingtons, while the English amusement and provoking fun, never a young man whom others of thur Mackoy, at Waxahachie. He was shall of Ovele won best rolld calculate the control of the daughter, are when cutting a piece of string, a young man whom others of thur Mackoy, at Waxahachie. He was shall of Ovele won best rolld calculate the control of the control of the control of the cutting a piece of string, a young man whom others of the Mackoy, at Waxahachie. He was shall of Ovele won best rolld calculate the control of the control of the cutting a piece of string, and the control of the cutting a piece of string, and the cutting a piece of string and the cutting a piece of string, and the cutting a piece of string and the cutting a piece of string and the cutting a piece of string and the cutting and the c me age group can present to the the third in his immediate family to shall of Ovalo won best solid color cons or entertainments; in addition, of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gleniwinkel,

The state Tuesday obtained judg- Saturday, set a new high in the his- ved as general chairman of the Dec- accident happening Monday. ment of \$7,500 against Sheriff John tory of the association with 330 birds ember stock, poultry show and quilt R. Bigham of Bell county and his entered, there being 100 entries in the display. in his first year as governor, surcties for alleged excess he collected Rhode Island red, biggest class of the Four new members, previously and when it was found luckily that the

Stuart. rnor Allred, who at 23, was a to the day after the death of her hus- Jefferies, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th cock; 3rd Natural Gas company, was a visitor. 4th young pen; Bob. Mayfield, 5th roster. cock; 4th old pen; Sweetwater Poul-

(Continued on Page Two.)

Goodman Jan. 24-25

Starting Friday at 4 p. m. and con-Houston officers assigned as a sui- tinuing through Saturday night, an resigned to accept a place as teacher cide the death leap of Dr. Jeffery C. invitation junior boys' and girls' basyou are to receive the national Michael, 47, wealthy skin specialist ketball tournament is scheduled at nguished service award of the who plunged from the tenth floor of the Goodman school, according to ansed States Junior Chamber of the Medical Arts building there Tues- rouncement by M. O. Woolam, principal of the school and director of the meet. The courts are lighted.

This is the second year in which merica's young business men. I trust jured when his attack plane struck Goodman, and 11 boys' teams and 9 girls' teams are entered. There is no

On Tuesday and Wednesday two one-act plays will be presented on successive nights at Goodman, the winners to meet the following night to Squad. determine Goodman's representatives at the invitation one-act tournament the following week at Goodman. Schools desiring to enter this tournament should contact Principal M. O.

Suit Would Block AAA Tax Refunding

New York, Jan. 23 .- An action on behalf of the "consumers of the O. T. (Truman) Cannon, until a eral court Tuesday by two New week ago the object of a widespread York attorneys to halt the repayment search instigated by the finding of of \$200,000,000 of processing taxes

> Record of Births. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bird,

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Horton, Wednesday, Jan. 22, 1936.

Jones Reappointed Chairman. Washington. D. C., Jan. 23 .- President Roosevelt Monday reappointed five of the six members of the board of the reconstruction finance corpora-

tion, including Jesse Jones of Texas

as chairman. Bury Kipling in Westminster. London, Jan. 23 .- The body of Rudpard Kipling, Britain's great poet and author, who died Saturday morn-This examination is held under the ing, was to be buried Thursday in

> Bruno Granted 30-Day Stay. Trenton, N. J., Jan. 23 .- A 30-day reprieve postponing execution of Bruno Hauptmann was granted Thursday, Jan. 16, by Governor Harold G. Hoffman, barely 24 hours before Hauptmann was to die in the electric chair for the murder of the Lindbergh baby.

VOTE DR. ZING MOST USEFUL **CLUB MEMBER**

W. Pritchett Shows Champion Ballot by Local Lions Club Fav-Deserved.

Junior Chamber of Commerce | George S. Hamlin, on trial for the whose Rhode Island Red won the cov- Lions club voted this honor to Dr. cording to the gauge of Volunteer jorities-many more than the twoyoung man considered the most hammer slaying of his wife at Am- cted distinction. He also won best Zehnpiennig at their Tuesday lunch- Weather Observer Grover Hale. ading in the nation during the arillo last January, collapsed during parti-color pen with Rhode Island con at Woozy's cafe and in keeping This year's cold wave was coinci- vetoes. Grand champion female bird in the Roy Reid at the time of his installa- January blizzard last year when the show is owned by D. H. Jenchies on tion last July a suitable gift will be thermometer dropped to 7 degrees, \$2,491,000,000 cost, by a 346 to 58 Jimmie Davis, age 3 was critically Abilene, a Rhode Island Red, too, and presented to the winner of this distinct two degrees colder than this year's ballot. The senate's passage vote Mon-

> ert he has served the club as "tail Injured When Knife Second Tize for ten bird display twister" during the past half year; he is among the leaders in all the ser- let the knife slip and the blade stuck The four-day show, which closed ious activities of the club, having ser- in the socket of his right eye, the

nounced at the banquet on ladies' eye was not injured. The complete list of awards in the night, were welcomed into the club: several classes, as judged by H. M. Paul Douglas, Byron Patterson, Joe

J. B. Darnell, connected with the S. C. Rhode Island Reds: D. H. Sweetwater office of the Community

ci Texas to succeed Edward R. Meek, 5th hen; 4th pullet, 2nd old pen; 5th zon jungles, allegedly narrated by one o'clock Thursday morning. who has been inactive for a number of young pen; C. F. Sentell, 3rd old pen, of the wildest members on the club Only the kitchen wall and a win-

Miss Stuart of Abilene

To take the place of Miss Helen of science in the Caldwell schools, sumed her duties on Monday morning Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson, now of to make it a law. as teacher of mathematics and book- Abilene but formerly of Merkel, are keeping. Miss Stuart is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons university where she majored in mathematics.

Miss Patterson, whose home is in Senior class and sponsor for the Pep gest empire.

Her place in the Caldwell school will bring a decided increase in saldeparture for Caldwell.

Attends Conference Of WPA Teachers

A general conference for teachers United States" was instituted in fed- in the emergency educational program of WPA was to be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the high school auditorium in Abilene. C. W. Huser, assistant state director of the emergency educational program, is to be the speaker.

schools for adults in the 12 counties poultry raisers from various parts of of district 13 are expected to attend the Merkel country sold in total 23,281 the meeting.

Miss Mary Pence, one of Merkel's J. A. Duckett recorded the largest

Products of Sewing

Progress administration.

An exhibit of three garments from to over \$2,500.00. each of the 26 sewing rooms in the district will be a feature of the meet-

will center on sewing room problems. Causseaux's property.

MERCURY GOES DOWN TO NINE DEGREES HERE

In contrast to balmy spring weather prevalent during the first half of January, the season's worst blizzard ors Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig for Texas Friday afternoon and night, swooped down on this section of West That Honor, a Distinction Well culminating in a low of 9 degrees Sunday morning.

About daybreak Saturday morning snow had begun to fall, which contin-Grand champion male in Merkel's Most useful Lion during the last ucd through the day, measuring about Sixth Annual Poultry show was exhi- half of 1935-Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig. two inches. The moisture created voted immediate payment of the soldbited by J. W. Pritchett of Stamford, By ballot, members of the Merkel thereby, however, was negligible, ac-liers' bonus Wednesday by huge ma-

with the plan announced by President dent to the day practically with the

His mother extended first aid and

Early Morning Blaze

Fire of undetermined cause, but hen; 2nd, 4th cockerel; 1st, 5th pul- Byers Petty, introduced as a novice which started in a cabinet drawer President Roosevelt Wednesday let; 1st old pen; 2nd young pen; J. W. in the Lions Liars club, set a high containing silverware, caused slight bond payment method, to a cash paynominated T. Whitfield Davidson as Pritchett, 1st, 3rd cockerel; 2nd pul- mark for his successors with a vivid damage to the J. A. Morton cottage ment bill which cleared the house by Coac may always measure up to this federal judge for the northern district let, 1st young pen; E. H. Cordill, 2nd, word picture of a hunt in the Ama- occupied by Carlton Vick, about 7 a six to one margin in the opening

some damage from smoke.

Carlton Vick asked The Mail to ex-Joins Merkel Faculty press his appreciation of the efficient work of the fireboys in extinguishing

Announce Birth of Daughter.

young lady.

King of England Dies.

Sandringham, Eng., Jan. 23 .-Temple, taught in the High school Great Britain's beloved King George here five and one-half years in the died peacefully Monday night just departments of mathematics and book- before midnight. The Prince of Wales, keeping. She was also the head of his 41-year-old bachelor son, automatphysical education, sponsor for the ically became king of the world's lar- son of Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Martin,

Motor Vehicles Net \$92,121.

ary, and, while her many friends here Taylor county during 1955 netted \$92,- Wednesday afternoon from the rejoice in her good fortune along this 121.10 to the county and \$43,887.54 to Church of Christ, conducted by Elder score, they note with reluctance her the state, according to figures of the O. J. Adcock, with interment in Rose motor vehicle account in the annual Hill cemetery. report of L. R. Thompson, county au- Besides the parents, four brothers

OVERPOWERING **VOTE FOR BONUS** IN BOTH HOUSES

Measure Again Up to President Roosevelt, With Almost Certainty That, If Vetoed, Congress will Override.

Washington, Jan. 23, Congress thirds needed to override presidential

The house accepted the senate's baby bond-payment plan, with its ultimate day was 74 to 16. The house vote on original passage of a cash-payment bill was 356 to 59.

Blade Sticks in Eye House—and a possible veto—as soon The measure will go to the White as Speaker Byrns and Vice-President Garner sign it.

Administration leaders have predicted flatly the bill will become law whether or not Mr. Roosevelt signs it. It provides for payment of adjusted service certificates of 3,500,000 World war veterans in \$50 bonds, starting June 15. Veterans preferring to hold the certificates would draw 3 per cent interest annually from June 15, 1937, to June 15, 1945.

The house vote was a mere form-Causes Slight Damage slity. It came on a motion by Chairman Doughton (D-NC) of the ways and means committee to concur in a senate amendment, embracing tife days of the session.

An hour's debate preceded the fidow sill were burned, but there was nal vete after Doughton obtained unanimous consent for the bill's consid-

> Three courses of action now are open to the chief executive. He can ifn the bill, thereby enabling the veterans to begin cashing 650

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Alston of He can veto it, whereupop it would Sweetwater are announcing the birth go back to congress and a two-thirds of a daughter, named Gay, on Jan. 7. vote of each house would be necessary

He can refuse to sign it. In that the maternal grandparents of the case, the bill automatically would be come law at the end of the ten-day

Young Son of Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Martin Dies

Charles Martin, age 2 1-2 years, died at 11 o'clock Tuesday might at their home, death being due to catarrhal fever.

Motor vehicles in operation in Funeral services were held at 2:30

and one sister survive.

MERKEL20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 28, 1916.)

4,000 CHICKENS SOLD HERE SATURDAY.

Saturday was a record day for poul-Approximately 110 teachers of try and egg sales in Merkel, when Mrs. R. O. Anderson. pounds of chickens.

teachers expected to attend the con- purchase during the day and paid for ference, but Miss Margaret Turner slightly over 12,000 pounds of chickwas unable to go because of class ens and loaded the first car of poultry work already scheduled for Thursday to be shipped from here during the New Year. Ash Brothers were second in purchases, with a total of 8,281 pounds, and on account of lack of Room are Exhibited storage room for storing poultry were forced to turn down several loads of chickens during the afternoon. Heflin Mrs. Bonnie Griswold, supervisor of Bros. were third and, like Ash Bros., the local WPA sewing room, was in could not handle the business offer-Abilene Thursday attending a school ed them, buying 3,000 pounds of of instructon for sewing room project chickens. The sales on poultry Satsupervisors of district 13, Works urday netted over \$2,300.00 while light sales on eggs brought the amount

up her home in Merkel, the entire Geo. Ralston, who is a guest in the Miss Caroline Chambers, district family having decided to go to the Garvin home, Miss Bessie Touchstone director of woman's work, will be in country home near Noodle. Mr. and and Rev. Garvin. Miss Mary Garvin. charge of the afternoon session, which Mrs. J. E. Pitzer, Jr., will occupy Mrs. who has been in Abilene several days,

Mrs. H. A. Redding of Abilene came in Tuesday afternoon to spend a few days in the home of Mr. and

Mrs. Thos. Hall of Oklahoma has returned to her home, having spent several weeks here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vol Martin.

Lloyd Hairston of Amarillo came in the first of the week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hairston.

Rayford Jennings of El Paso came in Tuesday to visit his sister, Mrs. Wesley Edwards.

Mrs. Roy Savage of Corpus Christi s the guest of Miss Mabel Collins and other friends. Mrs. Savage is remembered by her Merkel friends as Miss Lula Thornton.

The following party motored to Abilene Sunday afternoon to visit Mrs. W. P. Garvin at Alexander's Mrs. P. B. Causseaux has broken sanitarium: Mrs. E. M. Rust, Mrs.

English White Leghorns: R.

ren; Dock Calloway, 3rd cockerel; 1st

pullet; S. G. Russell, 2nd cock; R. M.

Pitt Games: Sweetwater Poultry

farms, 1st, 2nd cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd,

4th. 5th hen; 1st, 2nd cockerel: 1st.

2nd pullet; 1st old pen, 1st young pen.

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Signal Distinction For Rev. C. A. Tucker

Designating Rev. C. A. Tucker, formerly of Merkel and son of our fellow-townsmen, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker, as "This Week's Warwhoop "Chief'." the following comment appeared with his picture in the columns of The Warwhoop, official newspaper of the Haskell High school, in the issue of the Haskell Free Press of Jan. 2, this year:

"We take pleasure in naming Rev. C. A. Tucker, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, as our 'Warwhoop' Chief' this week. Rev. Tucker has been a citizen of Haskell for the past four years and during that time has never missed an opportunity to assist in the civic development of the city. He takes an active interest in the young people's work and their social activities. He is one of the leaders in the Boy Scout work of Haskell and much of the credit for the success of the program is due to his ef-

Lions club and has served on a num- county clerk, he authorized The Mail D. C. Phillips, 5th cockerel; 5th pullet; Merkel Drug Company. ber of the most important committees to announce in this issue. of the organization.

"He was general chairman of the nouncement: Santa Claus parade which was staged To the Voters of Taylor County: here just before Christmas and the I am asking for your vote and insuccess of the entertainment was due fluence strictly on my own merits and cockerel; 1st young pen. to his ability to organize and plan the qualifications for county clerk.

"He has been a leader among dis- Shelby County, Texas. trict and state workers of the Pres- I am an ex-service man. I served byterian church and is well known ov- eight months, enlisting in 1917, at the er West Texas."

Honor Roll

BUTMAN SCHOOL.

of the Butman school, of which Miss student of Abilene Christian college, Ruth Weatherred is principal and attending in 1925. I was manager of Miss Eunice Little, assistant, includes Helpy-Selfy Grocery No. 2 in Abilene the folldowing pupils, who averaged 90 in 1929 and 1930. For the past five

Beginners-G. M. Reeves, Treva Burl Wheeler, sheriff. Martin.

First grade-Betty Jean Johnson, ried and have two children. Louise Lewis.

Second grade-Travis Farmer, J. E. Meeks.

Third grade-Delbert Garner. Fourth grade-Doris Reeves, Ruth Butman, Jack Butman.

Fifth grade-Martha Ruth Denton. Sixth grade-Nell Yvonne Butman, Seventh grade-Geraldine Butman.

BLAIR ITEMS

r planting purposes.

J. W. Moore has gone into extensive farming with his new tractor he purchased the past week.

Rev. Lloyd Mayhew, M. E. pastor, will fill his regular appointment Sunday, Jan. 26. Brother Mayhew is a very able speaker. All are cordially invited to hear him and we covet your co-operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blackburn of Red Spring visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore last week-end. Mr. Blackburn was down on business in behalf of the Blackburn estate at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt and family visited relatives in Merkel Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Patterson and

family have moved to White Church for this year, and we wish for them with their fine family of boys and girls much success in their new home.

The plowing season is now on. Bring your dull Discs to C. P. Stevens and have them rolled.

Miserable with backache?

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Dean Davis Enters Race for Office Of County Clerk



"He is an active member of the years, is a candidate for the office of 2nd, 3rd, 4th pullet; 1st, 3rd, 4th hen; it now. LETO'S is always guaranteed.

Following is Mr. Davis' formal an-

program in advance of the entertain- I was born and reared on a farm two and one-half miles west of Center,

age of 17.

In 1920, I entered North Texas State Teachers college at Denton, working my way through. I have six years experience teaching in the The honor roll for the third month public schools of Texas. I am an exyears, I have been office deputy for

I am thirty-four years of age, mar-

My experience in dealing with the public for the past fifteen years, my college training, my teaching experience, and my five year's experience as office deputy in the sheriff's department in which position I have handled every process that came to tais department, I feel that I am well qualified for your next county clerk: promise, if elected, to give you the ame prompt, courteous and efficient service that you have had in the past.

I want to meet every voter person-Farmers are very busy in this com- ally, if possible, before the July primunity putting their land in shape for mary. After giving my candidacy care. nother crop; and some oats are be- ful consideration, if you feel that I g sown and garden spaces prepared am qualified and worthy of this honor of being your county clerk, I assure you that I will greatly appreciate your vote and influence.

Respectfully, E. D. (Dean) DAVIS.

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(Continued from Fare Jne try farms, 4th hen; H. F. Schulter, 1st hen; 5th old pen; E. W. Reese, 3rd pullet, 3rd young pen.

3rd, 4th, 5th hen; 4th pullet, 3rd young pen; Andrew Barbee, 1st cock, Ferguson, 3rd, 4th, young pen; L. W. 1st, 2nd, 4th cockerel; 1st, 3rd pullet; Bramblett, 5rd old pen; E. Yates 1st young pen; Ray Leverett, 1st hen; Brown, 3rd hen. Sweetwater Poultry farms, 3rd, 5th cockerel, 2nd, 5th pullet; 2nd young

in the sheriff's office the past five Brown, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th cockerel; 1st, and follow directions. Don't delay; do 2nd, 5th hen.

Foultry farms, 1st cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd hen; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th pullet; 1st old pen; Mrs. Hoke Propst, 1st, 2nd

2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th pen; 1st cockerel. Buff Cochins: S. M. Shelley, 1s

Black Giants: Miss Celia Hester, 1st

Light Brown Leghorns E. O. Criswell, 1st cockerel; 1st, 2hd pullet; 1st

son, 1st cock; 1st, 2nd hen; 1st, 2nd cockerel; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th pul-

Sweetwater Poultry farms, 1st hen,

es, 1st cockerel; 1st, 2nd pullet. Partridge Plymouth Rocks: Sweet.

Red Leghorns: Sweetwater Poultry farms, 1st cockerel; 1st, 2nd, 3rd pul-

American White Leghorns: John Clements, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, cock; 1st, 2nd,

Merkel Drug Co.

Poultry Show

Dark Cornish: John S. Hughes, 2nd,

Barred Plymouth Rocks: J. L. White, 1st cock, 4th cockerel; 1st, 2nd pullet; 1st young pen; Sweetwater Black Cochins; W. G. Pritchett, 2nd Poultry farms, 1st, 2nd, 3rd cockerel; trio on Dark Cornish; Marvin Smith, 3rd young pen; Roy Miller, 5th pullet. 3rd trio on Black Cochins; Tiny 4th young pen; Dock Calloway, 1st Brown, 4th trio on Buff Cochins; hen; 5th cockerel; 3rd, 4th pullet; 2nd | Clint Reid, 5th trio on Golden Sea-

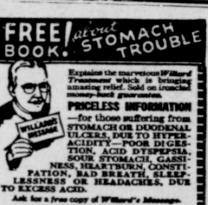
White Wyandottes: J. W. Thoma-

Black Minorcas: T. W. Vantreese, 1st cockerel; 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th pullet;

1st pullet. Buff Plymouth Rocks: C. P. Hodg-

water Poultry farms, 1st cockerel; 1st 2nd, 3rd pullet; 1st young pen.

let; 1st young pen.



Marshall, 1st cock; 1st, 4th hen; 1st, 2nd cockerel; 3rd, 4th, 5th pullet; 1st old pen, 1st young pen; G. H. Smith, 4th, 5th cock; 5th hen; 5th cockerel; 2nd pullet; 2nd old pen; 2nd young

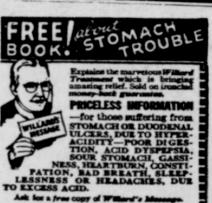
Buff Orpington: Arl Sharp, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th cockerel; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th pullet; 1st, 2nd, 3rd,

E. D. (Dean) Davis, office deputy Partridge Wyandottes: E. Yates of LETO'S PYORRHEA REMEDY

Dark Brown Leghorns: Sweetwater

Buff Minorcas: P. C. Jones, 1st,

cockerel; 1st, 3rd pullet.



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Due to inclement weather our January 18 sale was not held and the entire offering will be combined with this week's consignment and which will be held at the Sales Pavilion a Sweetwater, Texas, Fair Grounds on

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The Staff:

Our Seniors

Alvin Wozencraft.

"Woozy," chief cook and bottle-

washer at Woozy's cafe, studies ec-

onomics and bookkeeping between

hamburgers. He can make speeches,

too, having been an active member of

the M. H. S. Players' club two years.

One year he played on the High School

interscholastic league baseball team.

This is his fifth and last year in Mer-

Ruth Kyle.

Ruth ("Pug") came in from Good-

wants to become a nurse after finish-

ing High school. May the same friend-

ly smile and earnest endeavor that has

line from the United States to Eng-

land for the purpose of delivering

milk there. He has figured it like this.

about six in the morning and reach

er of his inventions. He says that by

Mr. Myers said that by building this

Martin is planning on moving to the

farm, and on that account is the

Miss Martin was out visiting her

uncle not very long ago and was tell-

ing him about her plans. She told him

she was planning to milk and do all

kinds of chores around the house. They

sat and talked so long that it was

nearly dark when they noticed, so

the milking and she consented. She

put on a pair of her uncle's overalls

and did she look funny because her

uncle just weighs two hundred and

fifty and is six foot seven. When she

came out to the barn her uncle gave

her a stool and told her that would

make it easier. Her uncle went on

about doing up the other chores and

when he came back he heard Miss

Martin in the cow stable using her

vocabulary to its full extent. He ran

in expecting to find that the old cow

had kicked her but when he came in

might. She looked up and said it's no

tried but she couldn't make that cow

Well, good-bye, folk, and good luck

for I will see you all next week. We-

are hoping Mr. Myers a great success

and that Miss Martin has better luck

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Getting Up Nights

sit on that stool.

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reason this story happened.

main with her through life.

kel High school, Good luck, Alvin!

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away, I'm going to use thisto the ink! Miss Martin-Oh, o the jazz come in!-Leave this one .- Have you got Mr. Bur-No, he's in that box on the o you like this printing?-Yes, does have pretty curly hair-You d on't say? This glue looks like honey. Um-m, I wish I had some pro-d utter-That makes me think that I'm hungry-what time is it? Ten-thirty!! I feel like it's one-thirty. Where is page 15? Oh, listen to the jazz come in!"

NEW SPONSOR.

characterized her in High school re-The Seniors have as a sponsor to replace Miss Patterson, a teacher from Abilene Miss Stuart has her B. A degree from the Hardin-Simmons uni. things, a man that looks ahead, in versity at Abilene. As a major in short a man of science. Here is his mathematics she should be able to latest in the science field. He heard handle the work very capably. The the other day of a milk shortage they change of teachers in the middle of the were about to have over in England school year came as a jar to some of and it gave him an idea. He told this the pupils but we feel that it won't to Mr. Hutto in hopes that he would take us long to settle down to work. not tell it but of course you girls all We hope your teaching career in know Mr. Hutto. Merkel will be very pleasant, Miss He is planning on building a pipe-

SPORT NEWS.

Merkel cagers met their first defeat He says that milk can be milked here at Ovalo on Jan. 13.

Coach Hutto says that we have plen- there in about the same time next ty of room to improve, so we are tak- morning. That is, by use of the new ing the opportunity to produce a bet- and only Myers Rocker Pump, anothter squad.

Basketball is a fast game and a the time the milk reaches there it will great deal of skill is needed to play. be ice cold from passing through the Learning to pass is more important in deep sea water. basketball than in football.

basketball team lost two very project he expects to put two billion players during the mid-term dollars back into circulation and emdue to ineligibility: Zerk Rob- ploy at least fifty thousand of the letter man, for 2 years, and unemployed. In this way he is hoping Morgan, a player from Noodle. to help our president in his endeavor till have some excellent material to solve such problems. By getting rk with and we are looking for- publicity in such a way he may be to some grand fights.

eek, but they had an excellent

real hustling, then come to our and we will really give you

OR NEWS.

Juniors have a new member in lass. Elna Tucker, a former ekel High, has returned

finance committee so well. This is been't been many basket. to see the basketball Juniors are selling popits and chewing gum at the Miss Martin's uncle asked her to do games. This is to raise the Junior-Senior banquet. rs want everyone to come to thall games and bring your cels and dimes.

Patterson, who has been sponsor during the first of this school term and who rly and patiently lent us hed nt cooperation and guidance its lass enterprise, we, the Senio's say goodbye with best wishes ess and happiness.

he found Miss Martin ahold of the ng our association with her old cow's neck pushing with all her learned to love and admire shall always remember Miss use. Her uncle asked her what was no and the example she has set use. Then she sad she had tried and

COME.

Miss Stuart from Hardin-Simuniversity, who will be Senior or during the next semester, we, niors, extend a hearty welcome. e looking forward to a pleasant ear of work and fun with our ponsor. We are very glad to Miss Stuart with us and hope she will find Merkel High school endly and enjoyable place in I to teach.

ULTY GOSSIP.

sh-Here is the latest on Mr. the most handsome man in all rld, or at least that is what Haynes told me. As you all yr. Myers is a man of future

DORA DOINGS

Yep! It snowed, "blowed" and froze here Saturday, but Sunday was a still sunny day, although very little of the snow melted.

The basketball boys are sponsoring there will be 22 games in three sessions. Season tickets are on sale now, or admission may be had by the session. So come over and help your

E. P. Perry and son, W. T., have been working repairing fences on their ranch in the Elm Grove community. J. C. Rogers continues very sick |. since coming home from the Sweet- 'a water sanitarium last week.

Mrs. Floyd Dennis was called Friday to the bedside of her grandmother, Mrs. G. P. Phillips, at Caps. She wasn't expected to live through the night, but, though very weak, she was still alive at last reports.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliott are having some remodeling on their house this week and some built-in fixtures installed.

man to attend Merkel High school two We are indeed glad to report Miss years ago. She has been in the Choral | Ashford, the fifth grade teacher, imclub one year and the M. H. S. Play- proving at her home in Abilene after being very sick last week. Maxwell ers' club two years. This being her Holder is substituting in teaching for third year in Spanish, she is now reporter for the Las Cucarachas. She

Mrs. Cliff Perry visited over the week-end with her mother, Mrs. H. West, in Merkel. Her sister, Mrs. Luther Bush, of Altus, Okla., was there for a few days. Mrs. J. R. Richardson of Sweetwat-

er was visiting relatives here Friday. Mrs. W. F. Hardy continues to improve very slowly at the Sweetwater

Lowell Egger, who had an appendicitis operation last Saturday, has recovered nicely and has been dismissed from the sanitarum.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Spencer were callers at the Butman ranch in the Canyon Sunday, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Butman, whose baby was real

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

The auction sale of implements, an-Saturday, Jan. 25, 1936, at their barn and Mrs. D. D. Coats. south of the railroad. The extreme of the sale last week.

A. T. Sheppard, who has been confined to his bed since the first of the ted Miss Frances Higgins over the All obituaries, resolutions of respect, week with a serious attack of the week-end. cards of thanks, etc., are classed as "flu," was reported somewhat improv-

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Mrs. Esker Curtis of Breckenridge cold weather caused the postponement spent Friday and Saturday of last ness and pleasure, Mr. Patterson havweek with her mother, Mrs. M. D. Angus.

Miss Earlene Allen of Abilene visi-

After a visit since Christmas with

day from a visit with her daughter, Richard E. Cole and Miss Gola shortly after the first of the year, Dr. Mr. and Mrs. DeVerle Johnson, in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Seth Hamilton.

eral weeks at home with his parents, new subscriber or renewal.

Postmaster and Mrs. O. J. Adcock, left Friday of last week for Kress. He Messrs. Clayton and Charlie Coats had appointments in succession at Kress, Happy and Lakeview.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Jr., left Wednesday night on the Sunshine Special for California, combining busiing shipped two cars of cattle this week to the Pacific coast.

Max Mellinger, accompanied by his son, Meyer, returned Wednesday night from Dallas where they had attended the shoe dealers convention. her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ros- Isadore Mellinger, another son, now son, at Taft, Mrs. S. E. Pomroy has in business at Livingston, met them there and came on to Merkel with Mrs. Amy Sears returned Wednes- them for a visit of a few days.

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Cash								828,537.93
Reinsurance Premiums Paid in Advance								170,082.00
Interest on Investments Accrued but not yet due		F.					1	784,703.30
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Loans Against Cash Value of Policies	,							11.793,360.03
Total Assets								\$45,972,925.57
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It will be my endeavor to see every voter personally before the July primary, but, should I fail to see any individual, I want you to consider this statement to voters as a solicitation of your support and influence.

Respectfully, CLYDE SHOUSE.

Officers Elected by Farmers State Bank

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Farmers State bank held Wednesday-the first meeting of the and who is now serving as a member board since the annual election of directors on Jan. 14-Dr. M. Armstrong was re-elected president. Other officers named are: J. W. Tiner, vicepresident; J. A. Patterson, Jr., vicepresident; Joe P. Self, cashier; Herbert Patterson and V. M. Campbell, assistant cashiers.

Summing up his first year as president of this institution Dr. M. Armand safety of the bank's customers, one first public office. among which he cited being when they procured the services of Joe P. Self, who will be in active management of the affairs of the bank during 1936.

A comparative statement of the of Jan. 21, one black mare, 6 years condition of the bank as of Oct. 1, land Red cockerels from Bob Ellis old, weighs 1050 to 1100 pounds; just 1935, and Dec. 31, 1935, shows that See R. B. Wells, Merkel, Texas. weaned from colt; has some white on deposits increased from \$109,000 to feet. In case found, notify E. B. Bar- \$189,000; loans were reduced from nes, Merkel, A. D. Barnes, Merkel, or \$119,000 to \$59,000. Cash on hand Oct. C. C. Barnes, 410 Jeanette street, Abi- 1 was \$13,000; on Dec. 31, \$160,000. Resources increased from \$188,000 on Oct. 1 to \$257,000 on Dec. 31.

"It is the sole aim of this institution," Dr. Armstrong states, "to better serve and safeguard the interest of its customers and friends."

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W. B. Hale Announces For County Clerk



than a third of a century-35 yearsof the Abilene city commission, has tate. In addition the company owns real nouncement as a candidate for the of- ing, worth about 3 millions. fice of county clerk.

business in Abilene.

When he aspired to be city commissioner of Abilene, it was his first 1935 is approximately the same as for of them, if you want to include your strong said that great improvements candidacy and that post, in which he 1934, and the company is now larger subscription to The Mail, we are in is now serving his second term, is his than at any previous time in its his- position to make special clubbing of-

Report of Southwestern Life Reveals a High

Unusual conditions of the past five surance companies. While few com- at about the same level, panies have increased in size, measwestern Life, the first of the large ditions. Texas companies to publish its annual statement, reveals a high degree of liquidity. The net liability to policyholders is less than 27 millions. The company owns securities valued conservatively at 30 millions. Of this amount 15 millions is represented by U. S. Government bonds, cash, and the highest grade state, county, and municipal obligations, which could be sold W. B. Hale of Abilene, who has been on today's market for a million dollars resident of Taylor county for more more than the amount at which they are carried in the balance sheet. The remaining 15 millions is invested in first mortgage loans on Texas real es. authorized The Mail to publish his an- estate, including its home office build-

Five years ago Southwestern Life Thirty-two years ago he opened a had only about one-ninth as much general mercantile store at Iberis, and invested in bonds, but owned one-third some years later established a grocery more real estate mortgages than it does today.

tory, with a total of 288 millions of fer. See us before you renew.

insurance on the lives of approximate. ly 140,000 Texas citizens. During recent years the amount of the average Degree of Liquidity policy has decreased slightly. The rate of mortality for 1935 among Southwestern Life policyholders was almost the same as for the previous year. years have had a marked effect on Lapses are steadily decreasing and the investment portfolios of life in- loans against policies have remained

Increasing liquidity of assets has ured by total insurance in force, chan- resulted in lower interest earnings, but ges in the character of assets of some | the net return for 1935 was 4 1-2 per companies are apparent. A brief an- cent, which the company considers alysis of the balance sheet of South- highly satisfactory under present con-

RURAL SOCIETY

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. J. C. Higgins on Thursday, Jan. 16, at which time Miss Vara Crippen, Taylor county demonstration agent, discussed "Planning the Food Budget."

Members present were Mesdamer T. C. Allen, Ollie Higgins, W. U. Beene, Bill Hays, J. C. Higgins, W. C. Lee, Sam Martin, J. S. Pinckley, Roy Harrell; Misses Celia Hester, Lena Fay Harrell, Ruth Pinckley.

Next meeting will be with Mrs. H. B. Robertson on Thursday, Jan. 30.

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Oranges, each Apples, Winesap, doz. 19c Grapefruit, doz. 30c Turnips, Rutabaga, lb. 4c Lettuce, 2 heads Spuds, 10 pounds .20c Crackers, 2 lb. box Peanut Butter, pint 17c Del Dixi Pickles, sour or dill, qt. 15c Pure Cane Sugar, cloth bag, 10 lbs. 55c Red and White Meal, 5 pounds 17c Yankee Doodle Macaroni or Spaghetti, pkg. 5c COFFEE .15c Early Riser, pound 25c Mart, pound 29c Red and White, pound Bird Brand Shortening, 4 lb. carton 55c

Red and White Corn Flakes, package __10c Red and White Wheat Cereal, 28 oz. pkg. 19c Red and White Oats, Quick or Regular, pkg. 19c Fresh Walnuts, pound 19c

Gallon .34c Prunes, per can

Blue and White Pineapple, broken slice, No. 2 can

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Red and White 33c Peas, No. 2 can, 2 for Red and White

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Red and White

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SYNOPSIS-Jimmy Rowan was hopelessly in love with Rose Morris, the prettiest girl in Dover, Michigan. Of course, that was years ago, in early school days . . . but it was hopeless for Jimmy because he was just "that Rowan kid," desperately poor, while Rose's family was rich. While Jimmy was working his way through coffege, Rose Morris moved away and the home sold for barely enough to pay the mortgage. . . . Jimmy vowed to himself he'd get rich . . . and find Rose. Easier vowed than done and years passed before Jim Rowan finally landed in the Klondike . . . there to gain wide reputation as a gambler, known as "The Michigan Kid." . .

On his way out at Nome, Rowan came upon a meeting of Michigan fifty-fifty with me I had a hunch that folks scheduled so he attended. There he came upon Hiram Morris, old, worn heard of 'Michigan's luck'?" and hungry. Morris, with his daughan hires as helper and goes out to the Rose he learns of the father's struggle. NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

THIRD INSTALLMENT. then closed them.

hand upon his arm. "Poor Don and he did his own cooking-a thing owned below old Hiram's. Quixote! Won't you think better any man abhors. Although he and Hirof it and go out to God's country? am began to prospect the claim, it was You've earned it, Jim, and you'll find Jim who did most of the actual work. your opportunity there. Father is His flabby muscles rebelled, at first; enthusiastic, he really believes in this blisters grew upon his white palms; claim, but I know it's no good, and, they burst, then turned into callouses, besides we're unlucky. Everything has Slowly, painfully he hardened himself. gone badly since we lost our money It was an ordeal, but as his body grew back there in Dover. He's a feeble old strong so did his determination to win man and disappointment has made the love of Rose Morris.

side. I love him. He gave me every-

thing when he had it to give. I'm the he'd fall. We can get along, Jim."

"I was offered a job waiting on table at the Bonanza-"

in a dance hall."

smiled faintly.

Jim's hands twitched, but his face in Dawson and left there looking for one more chance—ne big chance to win or lose, make or break. I play hunches, and when you father offered to go my number was due. Have you ever

"Yes, of course. Aladdin's lamp, ter Rose, is prospecting a claim. Row- too, but I never expect to have either." "Who knows? I have a feeling claim, ordering supplies sent. From that your trouble are over and that der. your father is really going to land in the pay. Let's hope so, anyhow. you get them."

Rowan opened his lips to speak, It was in this manner that Jim Rowan became a miner, a pick-and-shovel anza crowd sent an outfit over and "You see?" The girl laid her man. He put up a cabin for himself began work on some property they

him almost childish. All he has left is Every day he had to fight the desthat conviction that some day he'll ire to voice his love, but the better he "land in the pay.' There are hun- came to know Rose, the more fearful he became that somehow the grave "And what would you do?" Row- of The Michigan Kid would be distur-

Wearily Rose shrugged. "What I skeleton it concealed-grass was slow have always done-remain at his in growing over it-hence he showed his devotion only in the things he did.

Autumn came and Jim put into staff he leans upon and without me effect a plan he had worked out. He "salted" the pannings from their ground just enough to make a show- In a tone that instantly brought him ing, this being necessary to his to his feet she told him that her fathscheme; then he interested a pur-The man uttered an exclamation. chaser in buying the claim. He in-Roughly he said, "I'd sooner see you structed the man to offer twenty ried to the larger cabin, Hiram was thousand dollars for it, supposing, burning up with fever; he coughed al-"I could even get married-" Rose of course, that Mr. Morris would leap most continuously; he was in pain. at the chance to sell.

But this was the first gold the go for a doctor. was impassive as he said: "No. I'm old man had ever found and those going to stick. I made a few dollars few yellow flakes strengthened his Bonanza camp," he told the girl, "besenile conviction that the property cause I won't be able to get back bewas rich. He refused the offer. He fore morning." refused again and again, even when in town and said he had struck regular | pay'." 'Michigan's' luck." This caused quite a flurry of excitement and reluctant- There's a medicine case somewhere ly Jim was forced to call off his bid-

than he had expected; a forty- laid a hand upon Rose's shoulder-it feels fine. Merkel Drug Co. I believe in hoping for things until thousand-dollar offer for a wild-cat claim on Friday Creek centered interest there, and promptly the Bon-

This outfit was in charge of a young fellow by the name of Hayward, and once he had become acquainted with Rose he took such an interest in Friday Creek that he spent all of his

This Hayward was a fine-looking upstanding youth and he undoubtedly had a way with him. But his way with women was more agreeable than his way with men: towards Jim Rowan, for instance, he displayed the same air of contemptuous superiority that he reserved for his employees.

Rose liked him, however-perhaps bed and that she would behold the that was the real reason why Jim did

not. In any event, the two men were so was the first time he had ever touchdifferent in character that a clash was ed her except by inadvertence and

Jim had made it a practice never to go into town for fear of recognition, hence it was Hiram who made the weekly trips for mail and for the necessary purchases. One day while he was in town it began to snow and turned to rain and sleet. The old man returned about dark, quite wet and chilly. He was a long while getting warmed through and later in the evening he complained of feeling badly and went to bed.

Jim was awakened during the night by a knock on his door. It was Rose. er was ill and that she was frightened. Throwing on his clothes, he hur-Jim announced at once that he would

"I'll send somebody up from the

Rose turned eyes dark with appre-Jim's man raised the bid to forty hension upon him. "He's very ill, isn't thousand dollars. He did more than he? He woke me up muttering. Hear refuse; he boasted about the offer him? It's all about 'landing in the

"I'm afraid he's a pretty sick man.

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there was such sympathy, such comfort in his gesture that tears wet her

dear, I don't know what I'd do with- they turned and stared curiously

Young Hayward was in Nome, but Jim got one of the Bonanza men to go to Rose's assistance and also he bor- ter. He had been drinking som rowed a horse for himself. It was not losing considerably. There was many miles to town, but it was a pleasant curl to his lips. wretched night and he was glad when the animal wallowed out of the icy mud and he felt the plank pavements | mug to drink when Hayward under its feet. The first doctor he found was ill; another had been called to Fort Davis; the third was engaged on a confinement case, but promised to accompany Jim in perhaps two hours. There was nothing to do but wait.

Jim was wet and cold. He stabled his horse, returned to the main street, and entered the first saloon he came to. It was late; there was nobody at the bar, but some of the games were still running and there were a few figures at the lunch counter in the rear. Thither Jim made his way in search of a cup of coffee.

There was a stage at the end of he place where, in the earlier hours

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of the night, a vaudeville sh given, and at the piano were ed several weary women of the hall type. One of them saw Jim "Oh, Jim!" she cried. "You're a spoke to her companions, when

Young Hayward rose from the table and approached the lunchish

Jim had hitched himself up of the high stools; he had rail it away from his lips and called

white-aproned waiter, saying: ar "Here! Give this fellow a meal." At the same tme he cras twenty-dollar gold piece up

"Thanks," said Jim. "I'm

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Women should take only liquid laxatives

Many believe any laxative they might take only makes constipation worse. And that isn't true. Do what doctors do to relieve this condition. They use a liquid



quantity tomorrow; less each to until bowels need no help at laxative, and keep reducing dose until the bowels need no

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ne Michigan Kid"

Continued From Page 6.) layward cried. "And give him | credulity.

ed the speaker coldly, as if ind a mask, but he appeared o notice of the tone Hayward Still in an even voice he

of you. I've seen the time I'd ; again Hayward took his

here, Rowan. I've been want- Church presiding.

nat so?" Hayward's disagree- later. ething

Well? You can't arrest a man for highly appreciated. rying."

man Morris is honest, but I think he's march. in partners with a damned crook."

The men eyed each other. Very Grove Reporter.) quietly Jim said: "So! You're just spoiling for trouble, aren't you?" "With you, yes."

"I'm sorry, but I can't oblige you tonight."

"Ha! Nor any other night. I've discovered something else about you, Ro. wan, You haven't got the guts of a guinea pig!" Hayward had not lowered his voice during this colloquy. Those people in the rear of the room had heard most of what he said, and they were looking on now in mingled curiosity and apprehension. The dancehall girl who had pointed out Jim whispered excitedly to her companions.

"Funny what a fool a man can take of himself," Jim told the young foreman. "Some day you'll realize how badly up against it a fellow can get without knowing it."

"Bah! You rat! There's only one way to treat a-" Hayward raised his open hand to slap this object of contempt, but the blow did not descend; he did not finish his sentence, for suddenly his face was deluged by the blinding, scalding contents of Jim's coffee cup. With an exclamation he reeled backward, almost into the his of the women at the piano. He dashed the liquid from his face; with his sleeve he wiped his eyes, cleared them; he gathered himself to rush upon the figure still sitting motionless upon the high stool. But one of the girls flung herself upon him, twined her arms about him, and in a voice highpitched, vibrant with warning, she

"Don't touch him, Hayward! He'll

kill you! God, man, that's 'The Michigan Kid'."

Hayward's struggle died suddenly. It came still-born. Into his purple face and eggs for a friend of crept a look of astonishment, then in-

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Woodmen Circle Meets

ask you something. It's about The officers, assisted by the drill day evening. 'er for old-man Morris' claim. team, exemplified the degrees of the Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Forrester were O'Kelley. orde to Mrs. Maggie Renfro, who is guests on Tucsday of their daughter, n't believe you're capable of our newest member, and the ballot Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Tittle, of Abilene. right now. If I were you was spread for the application of Mrs. E. C. Smith and Bry Burkhart have I, I'd go home and go to bed." | Car! Bonneaux, who is to be initiated opened a first class grocery in the old points.

ou what I think; I think and adviser, Mrs. Irene Barnes, as- Mr. Burkhart has been manager of phony. I think you tried to sisted in the installation of Trent the Acme Lumber company until re- R. M. Beasley. something over-tried to grab efficers. The fraternal spirit existing cently. Mr. Smith has been in the pea-

"I'll tell you something else; old- bers the Grove closed with a penny store.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Funeral rites for Mrs. Maybell sympathy to the bereaved ones. Landers, age 28, who died at the home after an illness of six weeks, were held from the Methodist church on Thurs-In Regular Session day of last week, with Rev. W. W. Riley officiating. Interment was in Trent cemetery. She is survived by Merkel Grove No. 563, Supreme two small sons, her father, Chess Free-He lifted his cup for a sec- Forest Woodmen Circle, met in its man and five brothers and one sister.

regular session on Thursday after- Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ivy and two ncon. Jan. 16, with Guardian Kate sons of Sweetwater were guests of

A. W. Woods stand on the corner, le became more pronounced. The drill captain, Mrs. Mae Seago, and invite the public to visit them. between these two groves is to be nut business here for years; hence, these two men need no introduction. After several good talks by mem- We congratulate them on their nice

> Miss Imogene Mangum has accepted (Report furnished by Mrs. Lila Rea, a position in Eldorado as music teach-

Little Miss Ann Murdock attended adding machine rolls at Merkel the party honoring Billy George Reed of Merkel on Monday.

Hurtell O'Kelley has received the news that his grandmother, Mrs. Fan-

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nie Smith, died in Covington, Tenn., List of Petit Jurors on Tuesday, Jan. 14. Grandma Smith had visited here a number of times and had made many friends, who extend

lowing names:

F. Mashburn, W. S. J. Brown, F. B.

Huddleston, L. M. Melton, J. L. Wil-

son, W. D. Rister, G. C. Bryant, Mer-

kel; Frank Dearing, Ralph Hunter,

Drew K. Fuller, Francisco Perales,

M. V. Smith, Mark V. Chinn, B. E.

V. A. Childers, Wingate; C. A. Dick-

New R & R Texas

Mr. and Mrs. H. Jones spent the of her brother, Clarence Freeman, week-end visiting the latter's father at Novice. They were accompanied home by Miss Ruby Campbell and her niece, Fay Campbell, for a visit of a

> Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone of Memphis returned home Monday after C. W. Clark, V. W. Cutler, Gorden spending the week-end visiting Mrs. Winter, E. R. Middleton, R. C. Hillin,

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hendrix of John Sayles, L. M. Abbott, E. P. Reswell, N. M., were recent guests of Walshe, J. K. Merideth, C. T. Mer-M. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers on Mon-Mr. and Mrs. Hurtell O'Kelley. Mrs. shon, H. E. Meyer, J. M. Virden, Ros-Hendrix was formerly Miss Frances coe Hays, R. L. Bland, H. A. Newby,

> Hosea Winn and son, Edwin Earl, Lovett, C. C. Holderness, J. L. George, HIS OWN COMPANY returned Sunday from a trip of sev- Homer J. Hodge, W. L. Burt, J. I., eral days in Dallas and other eastern Edmondson, Abilene; E. L. Walker,

Rev. and Mrs. F. T. Johnson of inson. C. J. Sandell, Tuscola; B. W. Rochester visited Tuesday of last Riddle, L. O. Gaines, Ovalo; Arnold week with Mrs. A. R. Payne, also Mrs. Galle J. C. Frederickson, J. W. Thom-

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300	1.40	.80	.60	1.80	1.20	.60				
400	1.75	1.00	.75	2.20	1.45	.75				
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MISS PATTERSON COM-PLIMENTED.

Miss Helen Patterson, who left Sunday for Caldwell, Texas, for the winter months, was the honoree at a levely party given by Mrs. Claude Young of Abilene and Mrs. W. T. Sadler in the home of Mrs. Sadler tract bridge furnished diversion for the evening and following the game pink and orchid sweet peas. hour dainty salads, sweets and coffee were served.

Miss Patterson was remembered with a lovely "going-away-bag" by the hostesses and Wrenn Durham was re. warded for his high score with a lacquered cabinet of china ash trays.

The guests present were: Misses Patterson, Evelyn Curb, Christine Collins, Mrs. David Wright of Abilene; Messrs. and Mesdames L. C. Zehnpfennig, R. O. Pearson, Jr., Lige Gamble, Claude Young; Dr. Sadler, Messrs. George White, Wrenn Durham, C. J. Glover and Lon Keahy of home Breckenridge.

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.

The Fortnightly Study club met in regular session on Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. W. S. J. Brown. The health program arranged by Mrs. C. B. Gardner proved to be one of the most interesting and helpful programs of the year. Dr. Gardner read a very interesting paper on "History and Research of Cancer," stressing the importance of education on the disease. Dr. W. T. Sadler talked on "Modern Methods of Treatment and the Importance of Early Diagnosis,' showing slides of cancer in its different forms and stages and stressing the importance of yearly physical examination.

The next meeting will be on Monday evening, Jan. 27, in the home of Mrs. R. A. Burgess. The program will be on "Peace."

> GARRETT-PIPKIN. (Waco News- Tribune.)

Miss Pauline Pipkin and Barney A. Garrett were united Wednesday at 10 a. m. in the home of the bride's North Fiftee street. The ceremons served to Misses Hollis Perry, Betty net because of the recent death of the bride's father, W. P. Pipkin, prominent druggist of Waco. Dr. Gaston Hartsfield, former pastor of Ausformed the ceremony with Dr. J. M. Jane Ferguson, Dorma Lee Shelton, pard, Leland Mundy, Marjorie Walk-Dawson, pastor of the First Baptist church, assisting.

The bride wore blue matelasse crepe with dubonnet accessories and carried an arm bouquet of Priscilla roses. For something old she wore her mother's engagement ring. Attendants were er. Miss Cobby de Stivers and Doyle Garrett, brother of the bridegroom. Robert Hopkins of the Baylor music faculty sang a group of prenuptial songs with Miss Ethel Standefer at the piano. The couple departed immediately after the ceremony for New Orleans and Florida. They will be at home at 1314 North Fifteenth street went sleigh riding and on returning

took her A. B. degree from Baylor snow ice cream was enjoyed. university and her bachelor of science degree from Philadelphia Ccollege of Abilene, and the following club mem-Pharmacy and Science, where she was bers were present: Misses Dorma Lee a member of Lambda Kappa Sigma Shelton, Jane Ferguson, Mary Helen sorority. She was for several years, Mashburn, Mary Frances Cook, Franbefore her father's death, actively as- ccs Higgins, Phyllis Smith, Mildred sociated with him in operation of his Sosebee, Leta Faye Barbee, Fannelle drug business. She is an accomplished Gray, Sis Gamble, Bettye Grimes, De musician, having graduated in piano La Vergne Teague, Hollis Perry. with F. Arthur Johnson, former Wacoan, and from the Baylor school of music with Severin Frank. She studand is member of a string trio which day School class in the parlors of the has made two trips abroad. Active in local and state musical circles, she has been president of the Ersemble club. She toured Europe in 1930 with John H. Crow led in prayer. Miss her mother, and spent the summer of Janet Hayes gave a reading and piano 1931 in Ireland, Scotland, England numbers were given by Miss Vernelle and Switzerland.

The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett of Merkel. He received his LL. B. degree from the University of Texas, where he was a member of Delta Theta fraternity. Rea, F. E. Church, Mack Buzbee, S. department with service in Mexico during the World war. He has practiced law in Waco since 1921, and is now associated with Nat Harris, Miss Mabel Grey Howell and his brother, Doyle, in a law office.

SWAFFORD-HARPER.

(Greenville Evening Banner.) Miss Bennye Ferol Harper and Max E. Swafford of Merkel were quietly dent. Mrs. Watt Blair gave an interunited in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben A talk on planning each day's menu

day afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Marshall Masters, pastor of the Central Christian church, performed the sacred ring service.

Owing to the bereavement in the amily from the recent death of the groom's father, the ceremony was quietly solemnized in the presence of few close friends and members of the immediate family.

For the occasion the bride wore a navy blue suit featuring a stitched lapel collar of white moire and a white moire blouse. Her hat was a last Friday evening. Games of con- close fitting model of navy straw with here to 298 last Sunday. On the pre- at 5:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting Weda veil, and she wore a corsage of

> most popular brides of the winter ing a cold spell. season, and was named honoree at a series of pre-nuptial social affairs. She received her education in the public schools of this city, and was graduated from the Greenville high school, She was a member of prominent social and Bible clubs.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Thomis Swafford of Merkel. He was gradnated from the Merkel high school and the Radio school of Abilene. He is proprietor of a radio shop in Merkel, where he and his bride will make their

For her going-away ensemble, the bride chose a gray tailored suit with a blue linen sport blouse. Her accessories were gray.

After a brief wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Swafford will go to Merkel. Out-of-town guests for the ceremony included Miss Eldora Hill of Sweetwater, Fred Guitar of Merkel and Mrs. G. P. Hill of Texarkana.

HICK PARTY.

Members of the "Three 'F' Club" were hostesses for a cleverly planned affair on last Thursday evening in the home of Miss De La Verge Teague, when they entertained with a "Hick Party" and named their Boy Friends" as guests.

The house was beautifully decorated with lovely cut flowers. Guests were attired in appropriate costumes and games for the evening were in keeping with the gay spirit of the party. Dancing was also a feature of the entertainment.

At the culmination of the stunts. 'Higk" refreshments of red beans, combread sticks, coffee, cookies, allmother, Mrs. W. P. Pipkin, 1314 day suckers and chewing gum were Lou Grimes, Sis Gamble, De La Joy Lansford, Trent; Janice Patter- and enthusiastic program was given. Vergne Teague, Leta Faye Barbee, Fannelle Gray, Mildred Sosebee, Phyllis Smith, Frances Higgins, Mary Frances Cook, Mary Helen Mashburn, Juanita Holbert, New Orleans; Messrs. Pete Morgan, Waymon Adcock, Oscar Adcock, Doyle Gray, sy Swann, Jo Tpton, Joyce McGehee Robert Grimes, Jr., Norman King, Murphy Dye, Loyd Robertson, Paul Riney, Joe Cook and Sylvan Melling-

CLUB MEETING.

Members of the "Three 'F' Club" had their regular club meeting last Saturday afternoon in the home of Sis Gamble. Games of "Piggy" were played following a business meeting and a dainty salad plate with hot chocolate was served. The guests then were served hot coffee, before retiring Born and reared in Waco, the bride to the home of Fannelle Gray, where

One visitor, Miss Earlene Allen of

GLEANER CLASS PARTY.

Mesdames Verner Sublett, W. J. ied cello in Philadelphia with Alixe Hayes and C. P. Church were co-host. Brown, has appeared frequently on esses Tuesday afternoon when enterlocal programs as pianist and cellist, taining mmbers of the Gleaner Sun-Methodist church.

Mrs. R. A. Burgess opened the program with a devotional and Mrs. Sublett and Mrs. T. T. Earthman.

At the refreshment hour, dainty toested cheese sandwiches, hot chocolate and angel food cake were served to Mesdames Eli Case, W. H. Orr, M. Hunter, Herbert Patterson, Len Sublett, John Crow, D. H. Vaughn, Earl Mashburn, T. T. Earthman, R. A. Burgess, Misses Janet Hayes, Vernelle Sublett and the hostesses.

MERKEL HOME DEMONSTRA-TION CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon in the

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The season's coldest weather cut attendance at the six Sunday Schools vious Sunday 609 were present, while year ago the same Sunday saw 779 Mrs. Swafford has been one of the present. The latter date was also dur-

METHODIST CHURCH.

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he Methodist church. John H. Crow, Pastor.

and following a correct dist was given by Miss Vara Crippen, county demonstration agent.

Refreshments were served to Meslames Mack Buzbee, Lake Renfro, Bob McDonald, Watt Blair, Clyde Shouse, E. B. Wallace, C. P. Church, J. Ben Campbell, Harry Barnett, Ghester Hutcheson, F. A. Polley, one new member, Miss Blanche Carry, on Miss Clara White. Visitors were Mrs. Charles Gates and Miss Crippen.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Or Monday afternoon Jan. 20, Mrs. H. C. Reid entertained in honor of the fourth birthday of her son, Billy George. The house was beautifully decorated with nursery designs. Kindergarten games were followed by a lot of fun created at the finding of prizes in the "Crackerjacks," used as party favors.

Opening of the gifts by Billy George brought glee to all. The children gathred about the table graced by a beautiful angel food cake with pink and white decorations, and Billy manfully blew out the four candles. Punch was served with the cake in nursery dish-

The guest list included: Albert Lee Hester, Abilene; Ann Murdock, son, Genora and Y. E. Brown, Lon Nash, Topper Largent, Billy Shepand Billy Reid, the honoree.

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NAZARENE CHURCH.

The pastor has been at Eastland this week, but expects to return Thursday or Friday and will hold regular services Sunday. Services durng the week also, as usual.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST. Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's day, preaching 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. by Brother A. J. Rollins, young people's orogram 6:15 p. m.

For the Wednesday evening serrice at 7:15 o'clock, we will have one I the young preachers from A. C. C. You are cordially invited to all of hese services.

The Elders.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching every Saturday evening 7:15, Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Bible School Sunday 10 a. m. Young people's meeting Sunday 6:45 p. m Brother John Reynolds will preach next Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Ev-

ie Largent, Clesby Patterson, Bill Sledge and the hostess.

WILLING WORKERS.

Mrs. Fannie McConnell entertained he Willing Workers class of the Presbyterian church on Wednesday afternoon of last week when an interesting

The devotional was read by Mrs. J. McDonald, Gerald and Gloria West, E. Tucker. The theme of the lesson Dick Sears, Robert Sledge, Billy was "Pressing on With Higher Aims" as a New Year's resolution.

Delicious refreshments were served er, Peggy Dye, Jim Reid, Jean Jowers, by the hostess, assisted by her friend, Daisy Risinger, Patricia Douglas, Pat- Mrs. Bob Popham, to the following guests: Mesdames R. A. Walker, class president; J. M. Baker, A. A. Baker, Grown-ups attending were: Mr. and J. E. Tucker, S. G. Russell, L. L. Mur. Mrs. J. Ben Campbell and Mr. and ray, J. R. Walling, W. M. Elliott, S. Mrs. W. C. Reid, grandparents; Mes- A. Derstine, T. M. Smith; Miss Mary dames Murdock, C. Lansford, Trent; Keny and the hostesses, Mrs. Popham

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