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YOUNG OIL FIELD WORKER VICTIM OF AUTO CRASH

Donald Leverich, 23, Former Trent Boy, Dies at Odessa Hospital of Injuries Sustained in Accident on Highway.

Funeral for Donald Richard Leverich, 23-year-old oil field worker who died Thursday about noon in an Odessa hospital as the result of an auto crash near Odessa on Wednesday night, was held Saturday afternoon from the Methodist church here. Rev. John H. Crow, the pastor, was in charge, with burial following in Rose Hill cemetery.

Young Leverich, whose home was in the Noodle Dome community, was returning from a theatre in Odessa to the oil lease at Penwell where he was employed when the crash occurred. He was to have left early Thursday morning to spend Christmas at Trent. His wife, to whom he was married July 7, 1934, had already returned to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McLeod. Mrs. Leverich is the former Joella McLeod.

Survivors besides his wife include two children, Richard, Jr., and Goldea Ann; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Leverich, and one brother, Corwin Leverich, of Odessa. Two uncles, Earl Leverich of Sonora and Will Leverich of Caddo, also survive.

Active pallbearers were: Joe English of Lamesa; Bud Winter, W. R. Springer, Kenneth Mayfield, Alvin Hollinger and Mr. Carter.

Flower girls were: Mrs. Dewey Pound, Mrs. Imanid Fowler, Mrs. Raymond Simmons of Lefors, Misses Vivian Walker, Annazel Seago and Ozella Roberts.

Among those from out-of-town present for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Joe English and children of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mayfield and two children of Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod and family of Palava, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton McLeod of White Flat, Mr. and Mrs. Corwin Leverich of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Blackmon of Lamesa, Mrs. Tom Green, of Hobbs, N. M., Mrs. Edgar Grayson of Monument, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Winter of Lamesa.

Smith Gray

Smith Gray, retired farmer of Caps, died Saturday morning at 1 o'clock at his home, following a short illness. He was 78 years old on Christmas day.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning from the family residence in Caps, the family having awaited the arrival of a son, W. L. Gray, from San Pedro, Calif.

Rev. Mr. Davis, Methodist minister from Clyde, Rev. Roy Browder and the Rev. Clyde Jackson of Caps, Baptist ministers, officiated, and burial was in the Caps cemetery.

Surviving Mr. Gray are his wife, eight children, 18 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. The children are: Mrs. F. R. Fleming of Las Cruces, N. M.; Mrs. E. W. King of Merkel; Roy E. Gray and W. R. Gray of Las Cruces, N. M.; Bass Gray of Paris; Mrs. Clinton Stewart and Mrs. H. A. Brewster of Caps, and W. L. Gray, of San Pedro, Calif.

One brother, Pete Gray, of Central City, Ky., and two sisters, Mrs. Mollie Mullins and Mrs. C. F. Moore of Beardtown, also survive.

The family had lived at Caps for 21 years, having moved from Kentucky, Mr. Gray's native state.

Firm in Decision to Discontinue HD Agent

The commissioners court in session Monday confirmed their previous vote to discontinue appropriation of \$800 for home demonstration work in the county.

A delegation of nearly twenty home demonstration club members appeared before the commission urging a continuation of the extension work in this county, and T. N. Carswell, secretary of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, and Joe Self, Merkel banker, also appeared in interest of continuation of the demonstration work.

Miss Vara Cripp, Taylor county agent, who tendered her resignation through the district court some two weeks ago, has accepted similar work in Presidio county at an increased salary.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

George and Russell Bennett, recently of El Centro, Calif., have bought the Sweetwater Daily Reporter from Millard Cope and associates, effective at once.

Miles D. Lavelle, Tulsa merchant, was stricken with a heart attack Saturday while watching the Amarillo-Kerrville game and died in an ambulance en route to a hospital.

Reports of the Texas racing commission show that in 240 racing days in 1936, \$18,751,174 was bet on the bang-tails, by which the state netted \$469,162 in tax. Licenses added \$16,100.

Seventeen thousand fans saw Amarillo's Golden Sandstorm surge to a 19-6 triumph over the Kerrville Antlers Saturday to win their third consecutive Texas schoolboy football title.

According to government figures for Nov. 1, Nueces county is shown once more to lead Texas counties in cotton ginnings with 83,345 bales. Second in the list was Ellis with 74,802 bales.

Burl Wheeler, who retires Jan. 1 after serving three terms as sheriff of Taylor county, has announced that he would be a candidate for chief of police in the Abilene city election in April.

Pursuant to a policy of rotating command, Midshipman E. A. Grantham of Albany, Texas, became the five stripe, or regimental commander at Annapolis, to continue until Mar. 22.

Mrs. G. W. Chesher, 58, wife of the owner of the Garden theatre at Sudan, was suffocated in an upstairs apartment where they lived when fire destroyed the theatre building and an adjoining drug store.

For the first time in history Texas grapefruit this winter commanded a 35 per cent box premium over California and Florida grapefruit on the New York market. The premium grapefruit was grown near Mission.

The Texas supreme court ruled that theatre bank nights involved the lottery principle and were condemned by the constitution, but it failed to pass on the important question of whether any statute existed to prevent their operation.

A gunman, identified as Wade W. (Gunboat) Smith of Ohio, who attempted to abduct three members of a family at Port Lavaca was shot to death and Sheriff J. D. O'Neill, 63, of Calhoun county was seriously wounded in a pistol battle Wednesday night.

Following a custom of many years, I. Rude, Dallas merchant who remembers what it's like to be cold and hungry when he came to America in 1892 as a poor immigrant boy from Austria, gave away 26,000 articles of clothing to Dallas needy on Christmas day.

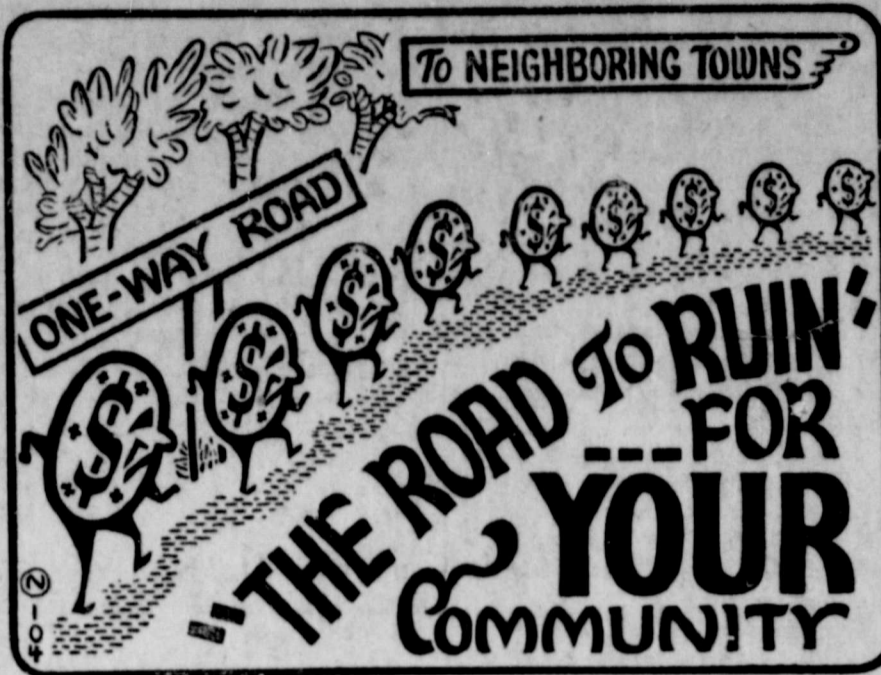
A tragedy that marred the Christmas observance of several hundred children in the Buckner Orphans' home reached also into a Dallas family Thursday, when Charles Glenn Ricks, 19-year-old orphan, fell from a wagon into the path of a car driven by a Dallas business man and was killed.

Carolers Add Cheer To Holiday Spirit

With busy late Christmas shoppers thronging the stores and the festive holiday spirit prevailing generally, a group of Christmas carolers toured the business section between 6 and 8 o'clock on Christmas Eve and later visited some of the shut-ins in the residence section.

Sponsored by the Lions club, with Charlie Jones as committee chairman, the singers riding a truck furnished by the Merkel Motor included: Misses Christine Collins, Vivian Davis, Dorna Lee Shelton, Mary Jo Russell, Mary Jo Garland, Pearl Mathews, the Soseba sisters and Messrs. Yates Brown and Cyrus Pee, with Miss Iris Garrett as accompanist.

Churchill's Daughter Fully Anticipated MAIL THIS COUPON TODAY!



The Dollars You Spend with Your HOME TOWN Enterprises Help Pave the Road to Prosperity for Your Own Community.

VISITORS IN MANY HOMES; ANNUAL FAMILY REUNIONS MARK CHRISTMAS SEASON

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Jackson of Noodle were happy to have their children and friends home over the Christmas holiday for a reunion. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jackson and son, Junior, and Fred Jackson, of Mexia; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Burnett and children, Bobbie Charlene and Donald; Mr. and Mrs. Carter Spradlin and daughter, LaVerta, of Wichita, Kans. Other relatives present were: Mrs. Lula Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Smith and baby, all of Rotan. Friends of the family present from Eldora, Okla., were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sessums and daughters, Doris and Joy June.

A Christmas reunion in the S. G. Russell home brought together the following children and relatives: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nunnally and son, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dunn and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Redwine and daughter, John Warlick and babies, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Shive and daughter, Mary Lou, from Clovis, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Compton and son, T. D., Jr., Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr., and Jimmy Gordon, Alice Russell from Abilene, and P. A. Diltz, Jr. Afternoon visitors were P. A. Diltz, Sr., Billie and Misses Miriam and Mickey Diltz and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Coats.

All of the Durham children except Mrs. L. D. Foreman came home for Christmas, including Mr. and Mrs. Jack Durham and children from Clovis, N. M., Mrs. Bob Echols of Albany, Neill Durham from Eunice, N. M., and Miss Nell Durham from Abilene. Editor Tom Durham of the Eunice, N. M., Enterprise was unable to come earlier, but arrived Monday night for a visit with his family and friends. Miss Nell Durham left Wednesday for Clovis, N. M., where she has accepted a position with the New Mexico Utilities company.

Coming for a Christmas visit with their mother, Mrs. J. S. Swann, were: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Swann and daughter, Ruth, of Harlingen, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Miles and family of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Sears and daughter of Snyder, Miss Nell Swann from Taylor, Miss Irene Swann from Roswell, N. M., and James Swann of Chicago. Mrs. Swann's brother, Rev. O. W. Dean, and daughter, Miss Madge Dean, are expected from San Saba Friday for a few days visit.

A reunion in the home of Mrs. J. M. Collins brought together Rev. and Mrs. Paul Collins and little son, John, of Cloud Chief, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins and little daughter, Anna, of Pampa; Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Collins of Lamesa, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins and Miss Mary Collins.

A Christmas day gathering in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Elliott included Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Elliott and family of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Elliott and family of Dora, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Springer and family of Divide, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Finch and family of Nolan, Miss Lillie Richardson, J. P. Richardson and Sweetwater, and Mr. and Mrs. Black and daughter, January M. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Town and State, in San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. [unclear] at [unclear].

the home of a brother, Claude Elliott, before coming home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Brown and daughter, Martha Carroll, of Fort Worth, came for a holiday visit with his mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown, spending Christmas day with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Tippett, in San Angelo. Mrs. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown and three children also took Christmas dinner in the Tippett home.

After enjoying a Christmas visit from her two sisters, Mrs. Truman Harlow and husband of Brownwood and Mrs. E. D. Ruse of Troup, and her brother, Charles Harris, of Bakersfield, Calif., Mrs. Homer Patterson joined the latter on his return trip home Monday and will visit in California. Jack Patterson, student at Rice, was also home for the holidays.

Christmas day was spent by Q. Brown and his children who came for a Christmas visit, in the home of a son, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey C. Brown, at Abilene. Children present were: Mr. and Mrs. Baylor B. Brown, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Miller, Eunice, N. M., Miss Viola Brown, Brownfield; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Brewer and daughter, Merkel.

With Charles Lindsay from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, paying a visit to his mother, Mrs. R. P. Lindsay, members of the Jones household were guests for Christmas dinner in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Wheeler, at Abilene. Included besides those mentioned were: Mrs. Silas Jones, Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Robinson of Texarkana, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Old of Abilene.

Mrs. M. R. Pike has returned from an extended visit to New Mexico. Christmas visitors in her home were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Guthrie and son, Allan Kimball, of Big Spring, who were accompanied on their return home by Miss Hallie Pike.

Holiday guests of Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong were their son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Armstrong and daughter, Mary Joe, of Fort Worth; also Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox were with them Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson of San Antonio were up to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. W. L. Johnson, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson came from San Antonio to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mary Fay Johnson, in the home of Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Golladay. (Continued on Page Two)

Holiday Traffic is Effectively Handled

Although the day-before-Christmas crowds probably established an all-day record here, traffic was handled most systematically and without serious mishap, credit for this being largely due to City Marshal D. H. Vaughn and Mayor W. M. Elliott, who have also found busy times each of the general trades days arranged by the merchants of Merkel throughout the fall.

Assisting in directing traffic, Atlas Phillips took on the role of a full-fledged cop, with whistle and everything, and several others assisted the city marshal including Constable W. H. Laney and Howard Laney.

HIGH SPOTS OF BUSINESS AT THE CLOSE OF 1936

High spots of current business are graphically pictured in the following summary of conditions reported in last week's letter from Roger W. Babson, well known economist and statistician:

1. Holiday trade best since 1929.
2. Electric power output at record peak.
3. Cotton mills operating at full capacity.
4. December motor output highest on record.
5. Employment back to 1930 levels.
6. December steel activity highest since 1928.
7. Locomotive orders best in ten years.
8. Home building 500 per cent above March, 1933.
9. Dividend increases heaviest on record.
10. December business best since 1928.

Lion District Governor Here for Ladies' Night

A special treat has been provided for annual ladies' night of the Merkel Lions club, which is next Tuesday night, in the visit of District Governor Ross Covey of Sweetwater, who is to be the principal speaker.

A number of other features have been arranged by the standing program committee of the local club, of which Dee Grimes is chairman, other members being Booth Warren and Yates Brown. This committee has named the following assistants: decorations, Roy Reid, Stanley King, Norman Hodge; stunt, Dr. L. C. Zehnfpennig, Joe P. Self, Dr. Earl Themason; printing, C. J. Glover, R. T. Gray.

Celebrate 29th Wedding Anniversary of Parents

Celebration of the 29th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Toombs was marked with a family dinner on Dec. 18 in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymour, in the I. X. L. community.

Brothers and sisters of the honorees were the special guests, these being J. M. Toombs, Mrs. Ed Gantt and Mrs. Kenneth Pee, with their mother, Mrs. J. R. Toombs, M. E. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry and children and Mr. and Mrs. John Cozart of Jack county. Mr. and Mrs. Wid Mathews, long time friends, were also present.

Record of Births.

- Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allday, Monday, December 28, 1936.
- Twins, a boy and a girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Alton Martin, Trent, Tuesday, December 29, 1936.
- Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds, Nubia, Wednesday, December 30, 1936.
- Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Coats, Wednesday, December 30, 1936.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, December 29, 1916.)

Miss Lura Adkisson and Mrs. Geo. L. Miller visited for a month in Beaumont but returned in time for the Christmas holidays.

MCCARTY-GAITHER NUPTIALS. Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither arrived in Merkel Sunday evening from Sweetwater where they were married that afternoon at four o'clock, the bride having been formerly Miss Gail McCarty. Mr. and Mrs. Gaither will be at home to their friends in the B. C. Gaither residence in South Merkel.

HOWELL-WINTER.

Miss Laura, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell, and Thomas Winter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Winter, were married Sunday afternoon. They will make their home on the Winter farm.

BRABBIN-HAGER.

Miss Hallie Owen and Owen Hager of Cisco were married in the bride's home in Merkel Sunday at ten-thirty a. m., the marriage vows being given by Rev. L. B. Owen. Cupid seems to have been a most diligent fellow in the Brabbin family, this being the third daughter recently wed. Mr. and Mrs. Hager have gone to Cisco already where they will make their home.

NOEL-REIDENBACH.

Christmas eve afternoon at the resi-

TO MOVE OFFICES TO NEW HOME ON NEXT MONDAY

Local Physician Will Occupy Quarters on Second Floor of Two-Story West Building, Recently Purchased.

Shortly after the New Year begins, Dr. W. T. Sadler will have removed his offices to new quarters on the second floor of the two story brick building on Edwards street which he purchased about a month ago from James H. West.

Announcement is made that he expects to be located in his new offices by Monday, Jan. 4. The entire second floor has been rearranged and renovated, with the steps altered for convenience. The plans, when completed, include an emergency hospital.

Dr. L. C. Zehnfpennig, who has been located in offices on the second floor of this building, will continue in his present quarters.

POST OFFICE RECEIPTS.

While final figures could not be computed until the close of business Thursday night, Postmaster Wren Durham has furnished The Mail the figures up to Saturday night, Dec. 26. Receipts for the local office up to that time were \$9,625.30, indicating a slight increase over the 1935 total of \$9,797.63 when final totals are run.

TOTAL GINNINGS.

Exceeding expectations early in the fall, total ginnings for 1936 in the Merkel area, that is, including the six gins here and those at Stith, Blair and Noodle, exceed 10,000 bales, the exact figures, according to tabulation of The Mail, being 10,088 bales. The 1935 crop in this same area was 13,363 bales, and in 1934, 7,928 bales.

YEAR'S RAINFALL.

Showers of last Saturday measured only one-sixteenth of an inch, according to gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale, bringing the year's total rainfall to 32 11-16 inches, nearly an inch more than last year, the 1935 figure having been 31 7-8. Combined total for 1933 and 1934 was only 26 7-8 inches.

Signal Lights Flash Warning to Motorists

The two flashing signal lights placed on the highway by city officials are already in operation and are proving very effective in slowing down traffic along the highway through the city's business section.

The first light from the east is on the corner of Lamar and Front street (Burton-Lingo corner), while the other is at the intersection of Front street and Runnels (Porter's Filling station.)

dence of Judge W. W. Wheeler, Mark Reidenbach and Miss Lillie Noel were married. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. S. A. Noel, a resident of Merkel, while the groom is a member of the Reidenbach family of the Mt. Pleasant community, where the young couple will live.

Henry Coit is a social guest in the J. T. Warren home this week.

W. L. Diltz, Jr., now of Waco, is at home from college to be with his parents. He will return this week.

Mesdames Rufus Grisham and J. T. Middleton of Hamlin and Haskell were here visiting their father, J. T. Howard, and family during the holidays.

Miss Martha Jane Swafford of Dallas is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford, for a few days stay.

Something for Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Robertson to enjoy this Christmas was the presence of twin boys born to them on the 15th, the report of which was omitted from last week's issue.

Miss Manie Binter, formerly connected with Parson's Dry Goods Co. has accepted a position with the Rich Mercantile Co.

Speech Recital

(Continued from Page One)
 "Blessed Are They That Mourn."
 Tommy Grimes.
 Innocence, Dorothy Guay Dunne-
 gan.
 Minnie at the Skating Rink, Billie
 McGehee.
 Naughty Zell, Nedra Swafford.
 Fat and Happy, Becky Gaither, Jer-
 zy McGehee.
 The Amateur Gum Chewer, Anna
 Lee Blake.
 A Model Letter to a Friend, Betty
 Jo Reid.
 Jack Tends the Baby, Dwight Swaf-
 ford.
 Pigtail Days, Dora Gaither.
 The Dancing Fool, Sue Grimes.
 Mrs. Santa Claus, Doris Clyde Mil-
 ler.

Amarillo vs Kerrville.

Amarillo, Dec. 23.—As winners,
 20-12, over the Fort Worth Steers in
 the semi-final of the Texas Interschol-
 astic league, the Sandies will meet
 Kerrville, victors over Port Arthur last
 Saturday, 20-7, in the championship
 game here Saturday.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We will appreciate the privilege of
 sending in your subscriptions to the
 leading magazines. On a great many
 of them, if you want to include your
 subscription to The Mail, we are in
 position to make special clubbing of-
 fer. See us before you renew.

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 Mail office.

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Bereavement acknowledgment en-
 graved cards, with envelopes to match,
 50 cents per dozen at Merkel Mail
 office.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Noel Moore and son, Wayne,
 of Fort Worth, will arrive Saturday
 for a holiday visit with her father, J.
 S. Hutson.
 Gordon Murray, student in the
 West Texas State Teachers college,
 Canyon, is home to spend the holi-
 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
 L. L. Murray.
 Mrs. D. B. Graham and granddaugh-
 ter, Connie Lou Horton, have return-
 ed to their home at Randlette, Okla.,
 after an extended visit with her son,
 Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Horton, and other
 relatives.
 Mrs. Palace Barnes from Washing-
 ton, D. C., who has been visiting her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Meeks,
 planned to return home this week.
 Miss Minnie Wilson of Abilene was
 a passing visitor with Miss Dota
 Garoutte Monday afternoon.
 Mrs. Len Sublett will have as holi-
 day guests her sisters, Mrs. Ralph
 Stuart of Lamesa and Mrs. Harry L.
 McCandless of Dallas.
 Mrs. Roy Baird of Loraine spent
 Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. M.
 Meeks.

Record in Auto Industry.
 Detroit, Dec. 22.—Ward's Automob-
 ile reports said that total automobile
 production last week reached 122,960
 units, "the highest for any December
 week in the history of the industry."
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 Mail office.
 Mail Classified Ad for Results.
 Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.



**Merry Christmas
 and Happy New
 Year
 NEILL'S CAFE**

**1936-1937
 OUR
 APPRECIATION
 IS SINCERE!**

Let us thank you for your busi-
 ness favors in the year now clos-
 ing, and express the wish that
 1937 will be the year in which
 your dreams come true.

**Sheppard & Shelton
 Produce — Ice**



May Pleasant memories
 Of the Jolly Old Season
 Linger Long After
 The Holidays Are Over.

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ORCHID BEAUTY SHOP



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MODERN BEAUTY SHOP



CARSON GROCERY

**THE BEST YET!
 That's The Kind of Christmas
 We Hope You Have**

As our greeting, let us express the wish that
 Christmas 1936 will be the sweetest Yuletide that
 has ever come to you. May you and all those who
 are dear to you be richly blessed with the season's
 best, and may the New Year be a period of new
 and greater happiness.

WOOZY'S CAFE

**Hearty Good Wishes For a Very
 MERRY CHRISTMAS**

We hasten to give you the greetings of the season
 and to add the personal wish that this will be the
 happiest Christmas your life has ever held.

**MERKEL CO-OP STATION
 LEON TOOMBS JOE B. TOOMBS**

**HERE IS OUR CHRISTMAS
 MESSAGE TO YOU—**

We hope that the good day of Christmas 1936
 will find you enjoying health, happiness and
 peace. We hope it will bounteously bring to you
 the fullest satisfaction of any Christmas you
 ever experienced.

**YOUR WATKINS DEALER
 W. A. WHITELEY, Sr.**

**Wishing You A
 MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**TO OUR FRIENDS BOTH OLD AND
 NEW WE EXTEND THIS
 SINCERE GREETING**

We wish for you an abundance of all the blessings
 that the spirit of Christmas can bestow, a liberal
 and overflowing measure of happiness, content-
 ment, peace and prosperity.

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Front Street Phone 9

**THE BEST THINGS
 OF CHRISTMAS
 ARE FREE!**

THE CHERRY GREETING . . . THE NEIGH-
 BORLY HANDCLAP . . . THE SMILING FACES
 OF LOVED ONES . . . THE FRIENDLINESS . .
 THE COMRADESHIP.

In this spirit we greet you at this gladsome season,
 and express the hope that Christmas will extend
 in memory all through the days of the New Year.

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 PLYMOUTH DESOTO**

**CHRISTMAS JOY
 MAY IT BE YOURS TO THE
 FULLEST EXTENT!**

It is our hope that Christmas 1936 will bring you
 a bountiful fullness of peace, happiness and all the
 things of your heart's dearest desire.

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 FEED STORE**

Front Street Phone 176

**TO ALL OUR FRIENDS—
 A MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

You have given us pleasure by letting us serve
 you, and at this season we derive added pleasure
 from wishing you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS
 and a NEW YEAR full of HAPPINESS!

DR. CURLEY'S PLACE

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**TO ONE AND ALL!
 HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

As the Yuletide comes again with its message of
 "peace on earth, good will toward men," we are
 moved to give that greeting which is always new,
 yet which is as old and substantial as the very
 spirit of Christmas—MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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PERSONALS

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also visiting Mr. Johnson's mother, Mrs. W. L. Johnson, and other relatives.

Sheriff Burl Wheeler and Mrs. Wheeler of Abilene took dinner Christmas day with her mother, Mrs. W. W. Wheeler. Others present from out of town were Mrs. V. W. Leppard and children of Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell and family spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere at Blair.

Frank McFarland, accompanied by Frank, Jr., went to Medina, Tenn., to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. M. F. McFarland.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter, accompanied by Miss Wanda and Marvin, went to Lubbock for Christmas with their two daughters, Mrs. Don Reeder and Mrs. Glenn Woody, and were joined on their return by Mrs. Reeder and Mrs. M. M. Coleman, who are guests in the Hunter home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bounds entertained as holiday visitors Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Wiggins and family of Odessa and Dr. and Mrs. Van Bailey and family of Lockney. Mrs. Wiggins is a cousin of Mr. Bounds.

Misses Mayme Webb and Dorothy Nell Bradley spent last week-end with Miss Margaret Little in Abilene.

Mrs. M. C. Sadler of Fort Worth arrived Wednesday of last week to visit her daughter, Mrs. D. W. Ashby, at Comper, and son, Frank Cutler, here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter and family of Amherst were holiday visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hunter. Andy Cox of Lubbock, a grandson of the Hunters, also visited them during Christmas week.

Christmas week visitors in the J. T. Warren home were Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Beckett and children of El Paso and Katherine and Dick Coit, of Dallas.

Mrs. Seth Hamilton's two daughters and their husbands were both home for Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Shafer of Dallas and Rev. and Mrs. Paul Collins and little son from Cloud Chief, Okla.

Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt and daughter, Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt, home from Lee Lamas, N. M., for the holidays, spent Christmas with two other daughters, Mrs. E. A. Hargrove and Mrs. H. E. Britain, in Abilene.

Arriving from East Texas on Christmas and Mrs. D. P. ... and family and Mrs. D. C. Turner and daughter of Overton enjoyed Christmas dinner with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reagh. Present dinner also were the other children here: Mr. and Mrs. John Reagh and son, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Reagh and son and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Ketchum and family.

After a visit with Mrs. Hall's mother Mrs. E. D. Coats, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hall and son returned Sunday to their home at Lamesa.

Christmas week guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears were: Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Spears and family of Valera, J. P. Spears of Hamlin and Mrs. C. E. Patterson and two sons of Littlefield.

An extended visit with her son, Gilbert Walton, in Sacramento, Calif., and with other relatives and friends on the West Coast, Mrs. J. C. Walton returned home Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hobbs and family of Dallas paid a holiday visit to her mother, Mrs. S. A. Hobbs. They were accompanied by J. B. Easley, also of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Patton and son, Miller, and daughter, Norma, and grandson, L. M. Scroggins III, spent Christmas with relatives in Lubbock and Slaton.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Wilcox spent Christmas week with Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Rodden in Abilene.

A visitor in the J. T. Dennis home during the holidays is F. H. Dennis of San Antonio, a brother of the Merkel man. Herbert Dennis was up from Corpus Christi for a Christmas visit with his parents and Mr. and Mrs. J. Olin Lusby of Odessa were also here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Walker enjoyed a holiday visit from their daughter, Miss Velma Walker, of Stephenville, and Mr. and Mrs. Conner Patterson were also over from Abilene for a Christmas visit.

Miss Doris Gray West spent the

holidays with her aunt, Mrs. J. C. Randel, in Quanah.

Miss Maimie Ellis, who teaches at Fort Stockton, came home to spend the holidays. Other guests in the R. A. Ellis home were Mr. and Mrs. Owen Ellis of Abilene.

Miss Evelyn Curb returned from Cameron, where she teaches school, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Curb. Mrs. Curb also has as her guest her sister, Miss May Warmack, of Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Pogue and family of Snyder were visitors in the homes of his mother, Mrs. Mary Pogue, and her father, H. H. Toombs, and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Corwin Leverich and little son, Jimmy, who were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stanford, returned Tuesday to their home at Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Shive and daughter, Mary Lou, have returned to their home in Clovis, N. M., after spending Christmas with relatives here and at Abilene.

Miss Billye Derr spent Christmas week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Guy, Sr., in Aquilla.

A. J. Tucker was home from Vernon for a brief Christmas visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker.

George E. Caple returned Sunday night from a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Caple, and other relatives in Waco.

Passing visitors Tuesday with George E. Caple were his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Spencer, of Colorado.

Lester Patterson was home from Aspermont and Jim Patterson from Austin for a visit with his folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird were Christmas visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. West.

Mrs. Adah Hecker and daughter, Miss Helen, and Miss Sadie Woodrum returned Monday night from Hugo, Okla., where they spent Christmas in the home of their niece, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Neal. Mrs. Florence Berry was also a member of the party as far as Detroit, Texas, where she visited her daughter, who has been employed there and who is making her home with her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pangle and family of Royalty and Mrs. H. B. Moreland and children of Ropesville paid a Christmas visit to their mother, Mrs. V. L. Davis.

Mrs. Dora M. Hill spent the week-end in Colorado City with her son, Rellie J. Hill and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eddins of Sweetwater spent Christmas with Mrs. Eddins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitler, Sr. For Christmas dinner Mrs. Guitler had as her guests also Mrs. D. M. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitler, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitler, Jr., returned home Monday afternoon from a week-end visit to El Paso and Juarez. Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray and two daughters, Misses Madeline and Mabel, returned Tuesday from a week-end of Christmas visits. Accompanied by their son, Gordon, who had been visiting here, they went first to visit another son, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Murray, at Lefors, then to the home of Mrs. Murray's sister, Mrs. J. W. McConnell, at Pampa, and her brother, L. L. Stalls at White Deer. Returning, they visited Mr. Murray's brother, C. A. Murray, at Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Austin and son, Louis, of Anson, Clarence Austin of Kermit and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ferguson and baby of Lamesa visited in the W. M. Carey home Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Caray and two daughters and Blanton spent Sunday and Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lofton at Hermleigh. Elvin R. Ingram of Ranger was a guest of Clements and Alice Carey during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McGee and son, J. J., of Fort Worth are spending the week here visiting friends and looking after their farming interests.

Miss Berdelle Adcock, who teaches school at Menard, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bullock and two daughters of Stanton and Doyle Garrett of Waco were here for a Christmas visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

Miss Margaret Miller left Thursday for Fluvanna where she has accepted the position as teacher of public school music. Prior to the holidays Miss Miller had taught in the Sonora public schools.

Visitors with Mrs. J. H. McDonald for Christmas were her daughters: Mrs. H. B. Leeton of Overton and her son, Harold Leeton, of San Antonio, and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Graham and son, Joe Earl, of Kilgore.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hale spent a few days Christmas week in Mineral Wells, having made the trip with his nephew, W. H. Roach, of Big Spring. The latter stopped here for a visit in the Hale home on the return trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hama had the

pleasure of holiday visits from their two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Darsey and daughter, Jane, of Austin, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hill, of Wink.

Present in the W. T. McAninch home for Christmas were: Mrs. J. M. Taylor of Lewisville, Miss Aline McAninch from C. I. A. Denton, Cal McAninch from West Texas State Teachers college, Canyon, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Earthman from San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp and family were joined for Christmas by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sharp of Hobbs, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bourn and son of Winters.

Miss Maurine Tipton was home from Coleman, where she teaches school, to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Tipton. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tipton and children were also over from Sweetwater for the holidays.

Mrs. Earl Brown and daughter, Elizabeth, of Abilene visited with Miss Dota Garoutte Monday afternoon.

Mrs. R. O. Pearson of Haskell was one among Miss Dota Garoutte's Christmas callers.

With Randall McNiece home from A. & M. college, other children who came for a Christmas visit with Mrs. J. J. McNiece were Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Steakley and three children of Oplin. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McNiece and son of Lawn and Miss Edna McNiece, teacher in the Ovalo schools.

Christmas visitors in the J. T. Darsey home were Mr. and Mrs. Guy Darsey and daughter, Jane, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey, Jr., from Austin. Miss Mary Helea Mashburn, student at John Tarleton college, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn.

Miss Minnie Coats, who teaches at Coleman, is home for the holidays with her mother, Mrs. S. A. Coats. Other children making a Christmas visit were Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Coats and two children from Fort Worth and Vernon Coats of Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dunn and Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dowell visited Christmas in Royce City. Returning, they were accompanied by Mrs. Dunn's cousin, Miss Oneta Allen, who is a guest in the Dunn home.

Miss Martha Bird came home from Graham, where she teaches, to spend Christmas in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bird.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray King were home for a few days visit during Christmas week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Dye, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. King.

Miss Alice Bigham, who was guest during the holidays in the S. D. Gamble's home, returned Tuesday to Abilene. David Gamble, student at the University of Texas, also spent the holidays at home.

Miss Billie Gardner, student at the University of Texas, was among members of the college set home for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Jess Sutphen, who teaches at Wichita Falls, spent the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. J. P. Sutphen, and other relatives.

Mrs. F. A. Polley returned Monday from a holiday visit with her mother, Mrs. M. E. Young, at Mesquite.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Brewster and two daughters were Christmas visitors in the J. S. Thomas home.

W. G. Cyfert is spending Christmas week with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cyfert of Fort Arthur.

Miss Marizoe West, who is attending the School of Mines at El Paso, came home for the holidays. Returning Thursday, she was accompanied by her brother, James H. West, Jr.

Miss Duncan Briggs came home from Austin for a visit with her mother, being accompanied by a friend, Bert Bannister, of Austin. Together with Mrs. Briggs, they went to Wauka, Okla., to spend Christmas with a brother of Mrs. Briggs, returning to Austin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. King and daughter of Hobbs, N. M., paid a holiday visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. King.

Mr. and Mrs. Teasley Mashburn and two sons of Little Rock, Ark., are here for a visit with his brothers and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard and daughter, Miss Marian, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard of Dallas spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. S. W. Sheppard.

Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb returned Monday from a Christmas visit with their children at Fort Worth.

Miss Mary Kate Campbell, who teaches in the Amarillo schools, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell.

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MT. PLEASANT NEWS

School re-opened Monday morning after a week of holiday.

A community Christmas tree was held at the Baptist church last Thursday night.

A good bit of moving is being done this week: Mr. and Mrs. Odum and family are moving to Snyder, and the community regrets the loss of these good people.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hogan and family visited in O'Donnell Sunday.

Mrs. Lee Campbell entertained her daughter Monday night with a lovely party.

Mr. and Mrs. Finis Moreland of Lamesa visited Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Whisenant and family Christmas.

The Humphreys families enjoyed a Christmas tree Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Humphreys.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Darden, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Darden, Sr., took dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Darden.

There will be preaching Sunday at the Methodist church. Every one is invited to come.

NECROLOGY

J. A. BRACKEEN.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the Church of Christ for J. A. Brackeen, 84, resident of the Nubia community, who died on Christmas day. C. A. Norred, minister of the Church of Christ at Abilene Christian college, conducted the rites, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

Mr. Brackeen was born in Florence, Ala., on Nov. 26, 1852. He obeyed the gospel at the age of 20 and was married to Miss Nannie Nelms on Dec. 24, 1877. To this union were born ten children, of whom six survive: Mrs. R. E. Gullion, Merkel; Mrs. J. P. Shilling, Mrs. B. F. Godbey, Sugden, Okla.; Carroll Brackeen, Wayne, Okla.; Mrs. Jack Mullaney, Searcy, Ark.; and Mrs. J. M. Bourland, Ryan, Okla. He is also survived by 17 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. His wife preceded him in death on Nov. 26, 1899.

Gift of \$330,000 to Rice. Houston, Dec. 31.—A Christmas gift of \$330,000 from William M. Rice to Rice Institute in the form of 10,000 shares of stock in the Reed Roller Bit company, was announced. Rice, Houston lumberman and capitalist, is the nephew of the founder of the institute, William Marsh Rice.

Auto Fatalities Decrease. Washington, Dec. 31.—The census bureau reports that automobile fatalities in 131 major cities totaled 9,176, during the first fifty-one weeks of this year, compared with 9,659 for the similar period a year ago.

Noted Editor Dies. New York, Dec. 31.—Arthur Brisbane, 72, the voice of "Today"—the newspaper column known to millions—and said to have been the highest-paid newspaper writer in America, died Christmas morning in his Fifth Avenue apartment of a heart seizure.

CARD OF THANKS. We wish to thank our friends for the sympathy extended and many kindnesses shown us in our recent bereavement, the loss of our dear husband, son and brother, also to express our thanks for the beautiful floral offerings. We shall ever hold your thoughts and help in tender memory. Mrs. Donald Leverich and Children. Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Leverich. Mr. and Mrs. Corwin Leverich.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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BLAIR ITEMS

Parmed inwardly by the welling up of the Christmas spirit of giving and outwardly by a welcome sun that chased away the clouds, the Yule-tide was welcomed by all, and many visitors coming in and going out made manifest one of the happiest Christmases in many years.

College students at home for the holidays for varying lengths of time are: Miss Lucy Moore of Abilene Christian college, Miss Edith Neill of Wayland college and Mr. France's of A. & M. college.

Rev. W. T. Morton, evangelist of Abilene, delivered two eloquent discourses at the Methodist church Sunday, his text being II Cor. 9:15, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."

Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Mayhew and pretty daughter of Abilene and Mrs. W. M. Mayhew and son, Weldon, of Winters, attended services at the M. E. church Sunday, and were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer.

Prof. and Mrs. R. T. Francis entertained relatives from Houston and Abilene Sunday.

Little Billie Harrison has been on the sick list since our last letter.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan and family visited their mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, and other relatives here Christmas day. Mr. Doan and family, accompanied by Mrs. Susie Doan, left for Anson to visit with the latter's sister, Mrs. N. E. Myers, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melton and children spent the day recently with their sister, Miss Mae Melton, of Sweetwater.

Sam Province is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Williams of Merkel.

En route from the Plains to his home at Butman, Estel Farmer was the passing visitor of relatives here.

Rev. Roy Anding of Abilene is to fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday, Jan. 3, and every one is cordially invited to attend these services.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield entertained relatives in their home Christmas day.

Mrs. Chalmers Patterson and two sons of Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears and family of Valera and J. P. Spears of Hamlin spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt and family of Anson were down Sunday looking after their property and mixing with old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell and daughter, Doris, are spending the holidays with relatives at Bronte.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone have just about completed their new home, which is quite an asset to the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Moore of Dallas are the interesting guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Moore, through the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks and son of Butman visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks, through the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hill and son, Boyd, of Burleson, and Mrs. Naomi Webb and daughter of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Monday afternoon.

CARD OF THANKS.

Words cannot express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the kind, sympathetic words and deeds shown us during the affliction and death of our father and grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gullion and Family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Shilling and Family.

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B. P. Newton, vice-president of the Gulf Oil corporation, has just been honored by King Leopold III of Belgium who conferred upon him the decoration "Chevalier de l'ordre de Leopold." Mr. Newton is one of the few Americans so honored since the Order was founded by Leopold I in 1832.

The honor of being knighted into the order is possible only by nomination of the reigning monarch, or upon the recommendation of high governmental officials. This distinction is extended only to those men who have been of valuable military or civic service to the Belgium government.

A citizen of the United States by birth, Mr. Newton is the foreign representative of the Gulf Oil corporation and from his headquarters in Pittsburgh directs the marketing of Gulf Petroleum products outside the limits of this country.

In a statement for publication Colonel J. F. Drake, president of the Gulf Oil corporation, said, "We are proud that the exceptional civic qualifications of Mr. Newton have been recognized and rewarded in such an outstanding and unusual manner by the ruler of Belgium."

Tye Boy Enlists for U. S. Army Service

Sergeant Clifton D. King of the army recruiting station at Abilene has reported the enlistment of Erwin W. Holley, son of James H. Holley, route 1, Tye, who requested assignment in the cavalry, with station at Fort Bliss, Texas.

A limited number of vacancies has been assigned for cavalry and field artillery at Fort Bliss, infantry at Fort Sam Houston, field artillery and infantry at Fort Sill, Okla., and infantry at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

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 12th day of January, 1937, at 6 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Booth Warren, Cashier.

Adding machines rolls 15c, or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For Sale at Merkel Mail office.

DORA DOINGS

We, the people of the Divide, enjoyed a nice Christmas, no one hurt in a car wreck nor injured with fireworks, although two small children fell from a barn loft and broke an arm. Allen Stevenson was one victim and Oleta Clayton, the other.

Floyd Sproul was awarded an oil-burner cook stove at the H. E. Tyrone store Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dillard of Lueders were here for the holidays visiting her mother, Mrs. R. M. McCoy, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Elliott were visiting in San Antonio Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Oliver enjoyed a family reunion with their children: Mr. and Mrs. Travis Swanzy from Temple, Clyde of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oliver, Ira and Albert of Dora. Clifford Wright visited his wife in Sanatorium, Texas, through the holidays.

We resumed school duties here Monday. All of our teachers had spent Christmas with home folks in different parts of the country.

Miss Dorothy Miller of Lubbock

spent the holidays here with her grandfather, Mr. Heller.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank in Merkel, Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank the second Tuesday in January, 1937, being the 12th day of the month, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Polls open between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m.

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- American Poultry Journal, Country Home, Dixie Poultry Journal, The Farm Journal, Gentlewoman Magazine, Good Stories, Home Circle, Home Friends, Household Magazine, Illustrated Mechanics, Mother's Home Life, Needlecraft, Poultry Tribune, Progressive Farmer, Southern Agriculturalist, Successful Farming, Woman's World, Cleveland Review, Everybody's Poultry Mag.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnson of San Angelo were passing guests of Mrs. Johnson's brothers, John and Earl Strawn, and their families Saturday.

Postmaster John Strawn spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen. He was accompanied by his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vessels had as their guests for the holidays their children; V. E. Vessels and two children, Dow and Willie Mae, of Eastland; Mr. and Mrs. Bondy Vessels and daughter, Royalty, H. H. Vessels, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harris and sons of Mulberry canyon, also Mrs. Vessels' sister, Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and children of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Reeder.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams and son, Walter, spent Christmas day in Cuthbert visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Knowles and two children of Lamesa were guests of Mrs. A. R. Payne last week.

Buddie Burks of Buchanan dam spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burks.

Winfield Moore of Lamesa was a passing guest of his sister, Mrs. W. E. Shouse, also visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cooley. He was on his way to visit his daughter near Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cooley and baby returned to their home at Lamesa Monday after spending the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McLeod and family made a business trip to Hermleigh last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond O'Neal spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep, before continuing on to San Angelo to make their home.

Charlie Hutcheson, Jr., Dave Howell and Zed Bright spent the holidays with relatives. They have been employed at Rising Star for several months.

Mrs. Maggie Walker had as her guests three days last week her three daughters from LaFors: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Simmons and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Pounds and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Imon Fowler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Stribling and family, residents here for several years, have moved to Palava where they will be engaged in farming.

Miss Thelma Nalley of Austin is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley and Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Bryan.

Ewell O. Boone and family of Tucuman, N. M., arrived Wednesday to visit with Mrs. C. T. Beckham. The home of Mrs. Beckham was the scene of a family reunion Christmas day, where guests were: Mrs. J. L. Lancaster and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Mabre and daughter, Betty Ann, of San Diego, Calif., also her children: Hubert Beckham, Mrs. C. C. Stribling and family, Mrs. Alex Williamson, Mr. Williamson, and Mark, all of Trent, and Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Beckham and three sons of Lamesa. Again Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Boone entertained the party with a dinner at their home, including Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Tittle, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Trevathan and daughter, Miss Bernice, of Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Yarborough of San Antonio is here for an indefinite visit with her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Reid, and Mr. Reid.

Mrs. E. Howell had as her visitors during Christmas and the holidays her son, Bud Howell, employed at Rising Star; Miss Edna Earl Winter of Abilene, a granddaughter, also her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Smith, of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Smith also visited his mother, Mrs. J. M. Smith, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ideal Howell and children of Fort Worth are spending a few days with Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., and Mrs. Bob Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McRee, Jr., had Mrs. McRee's three brothers and her sister with them during the holidays, the first reunion of these children in fourteen years. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Owen Walden and two children, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bernard and daughter, all of San Antonio, and V. B. Bernard of La Piror.

W. L. Boyd of Hamlin attended to business here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Coke Caraway and children of Fort Worth spent a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McRee.

Mrs. C. C. Denton of Trinidad spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wynn, returning home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith of Lamesa spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop and Ollie Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch McWilliams and baby, Jerry Dwane, of Graham, are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bright. Mrs. McWilliams was formerly Miss Lena Bright.

Miss Dorothy Strawn spent the

week-end with Miss Gene Scott of Abilene.

Miss Dorene Scott of Abilene spent Friday of last week as guest of Miss Mildred Steadman.

BAILEY-MOODY.

Announcement has been made here of the marriage of Nelson Bailey to Miss Elizabeth Moody of Dallas. Mr. Bailey is the son of Rev. and Mrs. R. O. Bailey of Trent, but formerly of Abilene. He attended McMurry college.

The marriage was performed Dec. 23 at 6:30 o'clock in the manse of the Presbyterian church, Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are spending the holidays as guests of his parents and sister, Mrs. Andy Shouse and Mr. Shouse, also of Trent.

BRIDAL SHOWER.

A committee appointed by the Trent Woodmen Circle acted as hostesses for a shower held at the local W. O. W. hall on Tuesday afternoon, the committee being composed of Mesdames Ed Burks, T. G. Hamner, O. L. Bishop and J. R. Gafford.

Christmas decorations were used and a lovely array of gifts distributed by a mock Santa Claus to honor Mrs. Cullen Tittle, recent bride. Guests registered in a gift book fashioned of the golden slipper, and plate favors were smaller replicas of golden slippers on tiny toothpick stickers.

Preceding the shower, the following program was presented: tap and song number "The Wedding of Jack and Jill," by Johnnie Wheeler; duet, "I Love You Truly," Misses Beatrice and Ruby Cooley; solo, "Honeymoon Hotel," by Cliffa Jean Estep; solo "I'm Alone Because I Love You," Bobbie Ruth McLeod; reading, "If," Mrs. Johnnie Terry; musical selection, Vera Bright and Elsie Bishop.

The guest list read: Mesdames Cecil McRee and Robertus, R. B. McRee, Sr., Asa Steadman, John A. Woodard, Clifford Estep and children, Alton Boone, John Gafford, Earl Stevens, Flora Brown, Ed Burks, Buddie Burks, of Buchanan dam, Austin, Earl Strawn, Johnnie Terry and Johnny Julia, Allen R. Terry, F. H. Duncan, Jr., Earl Duncan, Jack Freeman, Clark Hamner, T. G. Hamner, W. E. Hamner, Tom Williamson, A. C. Wash, J. R. O'Kelley and W. E., Reuben Reeves, A. W. Woods, Caz Lansford and Joy, J. H. Windland, J. E. Bowers, Johnny Wheeler and little Johnny, Pink Vessels and children, Hub Kegans, O. L. Bishop, C. R. Tittle, W. L. Fugat, J. P. Stevens and Frances Louise, Ancil Martin and Amelia Faye of Sweetwater, Andy Shouse; Misses Mildred Steadman, Winnie Brown, Pete Smith, Bobbie Ruth McLeod, Vera Bright, Ima Gene Mangum of Eldorado, Sally Freeman, Maimie Gafford, Ruby Cooley, Beatrice Cooley and Elsie Bishop.

WOODMEN CIRCLE ELECT OFFICERS.

The Woodmen Circle, Grove 668, Trent chapter, held their annual election of officers Friday, Dec. 18.

Sovereign Dorothy Stevens, guardian pro tem, served in the chair for the election of the following officers: past guardian, Lela Lee O'Kelly; guardian, Laura Kegans; advisor, Bessie Wash; banker, Mrs. H. R. Poor; chaplain, Ruby Windland; attendant, Lizzie Billington; assistant attendant, Grace Butler; reporter, Helen McRee; team captain, Beatrice Reeves; musician, Vera Bright; inner sentinel, Grace Hawes; outer sentinel, Agnes Burks; junior supervisor, Gladys Williams; auditors, Dorothy Stevens, chairman, Opal Freeman and Odessa Butler. Hattie Gafford was re-elected secretary, having served in this capacity twenty-four years.

Installation will be held Jan. 6 at the High School auditorium. The public is invited.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ENTERTAINED.

(Omitted Last Week.) Miss Beatrice Cooley entertained

members of the junior Sunday School class of the Methodist church Friday afternoon. Indoor games were directed by the losing side in a contest just closed, after which cake and chocolate were served to Billy Payne, Billy Jo Billington, Troy Kegans, J. K. Cooley, E. J. Rogers, Dicky Rogers, members, and Bobby Gene Billington, Donald and Allan Howell, Edwin Earl Winn of Sylvester, Peggy and Barbara Dean Rogers, visitors.

YOUNG PEOPLE ENTERTAINED.

(Omitted Last Week.) Mr. and Mrs. Alton Boone were hosts for a party Tuesday evening for members of the young people's department of the Methodist church and a few invited guests.

An informal program was rendered including readings by Dorothy Jo Strawn and Elsie Bishop, followed by singing Christmas carols.

Refreshments of fruit cake and hot chocolate were served to twenty-five class members.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT M. E. CHURCH.

(Omitted Last Week.)

Good Old Saint Nick bestowed his blessings in full to the people of the Methodist church and others Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Distributing gifts to scores of children. Santa Claus remembered every child with a bag of nuts, fruit and candy. Every church member had previously drawn names and these gifts were also passed out from the brilliantly lighted tree.

Preceding the presentation of gifts the young people's department, sponsored by Supt. H. R. Poor, Mrs. Earl Strawn and Mrs. Carleton, gave a

program of Christmas carols, a Christmas poem by Betty Jane Tittle, and "History of the Christmas Carol," by Mrs. Louie McRee, assisted by carolers and accompanied by Mrs. Alton Boone, violin, and Mrs. Carleton, piano.

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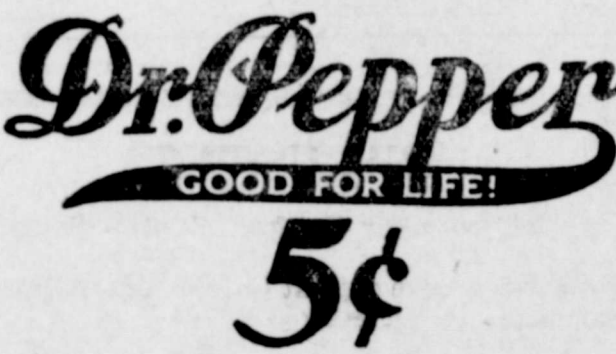
Inasmuch as the extra heavy volume of mail and express incident to Christmas Holidays will have been handled, The TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILWAY will, effective Sunday, December 27, reinstate its passenger train schedules in effect prior to November 8, with minor adjustments.

For full particulars consult your nearest T & P Agent

New Year's Greetings

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast" and the Star which is its symbol scales meridian heights as it sheds its silvery shafts upon the golden dawn of a New Year, thus permeating the world with an optimistic thrill of expectancy as its stands at attention in the light of New Born Opportunity.

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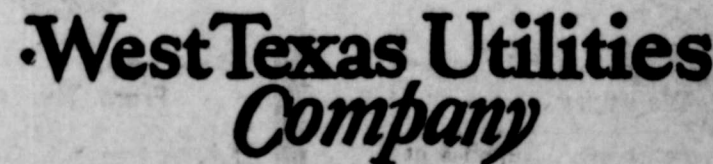
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FOR SALE—Good clean Wheat free of Johnson grass and weeds. \$1.40 per bushel. Mrs. G. L. Davis, Route 3, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—Nor Tex Seed Oats, cleaned and sacked, free of Johnson grass, 75c per bushel. J. T. Warren.

FOR SALE—One 3-year-old mare, 16 hands high; good condition; works anywhere. U. S. Reeder, Merkel, Texas, Route 1.

NEW BICYCLE for sale or will trade for Shetland pony. Houston Tiner, Trent, Texas.

FOR SALE—Several hundred bundles of oats. See Mr. Clack on farm. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Standard double row planter, good condition; thousand bundles good bright cane, 3 miles of town, 3c per bundle; good 4-year-old milk cow to freshen last of January, also cow with month old calf; 30 R. I. Red hens, 3 R. I. Red roosters, good for brood stock; 3 dozen White Leghorn hens and pullets laying now; two Tom Barron strain White Leghorn cockerels. Chesly Patterson.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Yearling Hereford bull, ready for service; choice stock; a bargain if sold at once. Chesly Patterson.

YOUNG MARES for sale. Bob Dye, Route 1, Merkel, Texas.

USED CARS for sale: 1936 Chevrolet coupe, 1936 Plymouth two-door sedan, 1935 V-8 coupe, 1935 Plymouth four-door sedan, 1935 Plymouth two-door sedan, 1933 Plymouth coach, 1933 Plymouth coupe, at bargain prices; also several other cheaper cars. F. E. Church with Barron Motor company.

FOR SALE—1929 Chevrolet sedan, oversize wheels and tires; also strongly built two-wheel trailer, steel body; can be seen at Magnolia Filling station. C. H. Jones.

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Story, Songs, Dances Make "Dimples" Great Triumph for Shirley

Singing, dancing and dimpling her way once more into millions of hearts, Shirley Temple's new Twentieth Century-Fox triumph, "Dimples," opens Saturday eve at the Queen theatre.

Hailed as Shirley's wonder show, and featuring swiny new song hits and brand new dance steps, "Dimples" is heralded as the outstanding hit in the little star's parade of brilliant triumphs.

An exceptional cast, headed by the irrepressible and inimitable Frank Morgan, supports Shirley in the film, with Helen Westley, Robert Kent, Astrid Allwyn, Delma Byron, the Hall Johnson choir and Stepin Fetchit prominently featured.

Replete with laughter, romance and drama, "Dimples" tells the story of a lovable little street minstrel, Shirley, and her incorrigible but irresistibly funny guardian, Frank Morgan.

The film opens with Shirley leading a group of young sidewalk minstrels through songs and dances. As they conclude their performance Morgan pushes through the crowd and starts off the "contributions." This is how he and Shirley eke out a precarious livelihood.

Morgan has a penchant for other people's belongings and his nimble fingers fasten on anything of value with which they come in contact. His peccadillos eventually lead him into trouble but he goes scot free through Shirley's winsome smiles and pleas.

With Shirley mothering and caring for the irresponsible scamp, the film moves through its highly entertaining story, climaxed with Shirley being cast in the starring role in a presentation of "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Those enjoying turkey dinner in the M. L. Douglas home Christmas day were: Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Biggs of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker and family and Mr. and Mrs. Odie Jones and two sons, all of the Warren community.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Barnett entertained the young folks with a party on Wednesday night of last week. A large crowd attended and every one had a most enjoyable time.

A. Z. Johnson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Johnson, entered the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, Monday afternoon for surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McRee and daughter were Friday night's guests of Mr. and Mrs. McRee of Trent.

A great deal of moving is being done in our community: Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Williams and family have moved near Noodle and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Newton and daughter of Lige will reside where the Williams' did live. Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carey moved to their new home near Post. Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch of Merkel will live where the Careys resided. Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Castle Peak will take the Barnett place for the next year. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shouse are moving south of Trent and Denzel Cox will live where the Shouses formerly lived. We regret the loss of these good families, but wish to welcome the new ones moving into our community.

The Union Ridge school children received a week for Christmas holidays, beginning their vacation on Dec. 18 and returning to school on Dec. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Church were Sunday's guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Walsh near Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Douglas and family were Friday's guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eason of Truby.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rogers were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rogers of Clyde.

Mrs. J. W. Taylor, who has been spending several weeks with a daughter in Big Spring, arrived Tuesday to spend part of her time with another daughter, Mrs. O. R. Douglas.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C. Published every week right at Washington, D. C., the capital of the nation and news center of the world, the Pathfinder has a tremendous advantage over all other magazines. That is why we are happy to offer the Pathfinder in combination with the Merkel Mail at the big bargain price of only \$1.60. Leave your order at our office or mail it in promptly. We will gladly show you a sample copy of the Pathfinder if you wish, but the important thing is, don't let this chance slip!

FOR STUDENTS. The Centennial edition of the Texas Almanac is filled with valuable information for students. For sale at the office of the Merkel Mail for 65c per copy.

Has your subscription expired? Come in and renew it next time you are in town. Special club rates on Semi-Weekly Farm News, Pathfinder and several Magazine Offers.

J. D. Daniel Family In Christmas Reunion

With their seven children all at home for the first time in eight years, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Daniel celebrated Christmas at their farm home near Stith, where they have lived for nearly thirty years. A Christmas tree with distribution of gifts in the morning and a family dinner at noon were highlights of the gathering.

Guests were: C. L. Daniel and daughter, Cevene, of Stith; Mrs. Lera Zablouid and children, Jake, Jr., and Frances, of Roswell, N. M.; Jake Zablouid, Sr., of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Daniel and children, Betty Jo and Nancy, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Daniel and daughter, Wanda Glee, Mrs. O. P. Harvey and son, Otis, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Daniel and children, Dolores and Ivy, Jr., all of Abilene; Algie Daniel and daughter, Patsy Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore, of Merkel, and A. M. Boyd of Abilene. Mrs. Moore is a sister and Mr. Boyd is a brother-in-law of Mr. Daniel.

O. P. Harvey and daughter, Doris Lee, of Abilene and Mrs. Algia Daniel were prevented by illness from attending the reunion.

RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday, Dec. 18, in the J. L. McRee home, with the president in charge for a short business session. Members brought gifts for their pals, birthday pals being revealed on the Christmas gifts, and every one had an enjoyable time.

After games were played, cake and fruited jello were served to Mesdames C. G. Russell, Sr., M. F. Carey, W. A. Harris, W. C. Lee, S. O. Patton, Dale Burleson, S. G. Russell, Jr., Lige Harris, J. H. Clark, Clarence Shouse, Lee Tipton, O. R. Douglas, Denzel Cox, J. L. McRee, Misses Mary Bell Douglas, Norma Patton, Mabel McRee, Alice Carey; visitors were Mrs. Andy Shouse of Trent, Mrs. Woodrow Patton, Mrs. J. L. Douglas and Mrs. Dink Moore, of Amarillo.

The next meeting will be held in the W. C. Lee home on the first of January.

SALT BRANCH CLUB ENTERTAINERS.

The home of Mrs. T. C. Allen of Merkel was opened on Thursday night, Dec. 17, to members of the Salt Branch Home Demonstration club, when they entertained their families with a Christmas tree. The rooms were decorated with cedar and mistletoe and games were played and candy served.

After the gifts were distributed from the tree, hot chocolate, coffee and cake were served to the following members and guests: Messrs. and Mesdames Austin Petty, W. E. Petty, Bill Hay, W. U. Beene, T. C. Allen, J. C. Allen, Johnny Cox, Sam Martin, Vernon Hudson, Jack Higgins and H. B. Robertson and children, Glenn and Genevieve.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Darden, Jr., entertained the Methodist Sunday School at Mt. Pleasant with a Christmas tree on Tuesday night, Dec. 22, at their home. Games were played and a good time was enjoyed by all before the presents were presented to Mrs. Otis Odum, Alton, Garth, Junior, Dena Kate and Paul Odum, Margaret Thomas, Earl and Louise Carter, Buddy, Ruth and Jack Smith, Arlie, Doris, Dewey, L. C. Whisenhunt, J. T. Anderson, Irlis, Royce, Loyce and Dwight Curb, Connie and Marie Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Darden, Edwin Vanlandingham; visitors were Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Vanlandingham, Mrs. Guy Vanlandingham and children of Stanton, Mrs. Willie Thomas, Mrs. Raymond Thomas and Miss Leona Harris of White Church and H. F. Darden.

Tenderfoot Completed By Two Girl Scouts

When the Pine Tree troop met on Wednesday afternoon in Mrs. Wilhite's studio, the third law, "A Girl Scout's Duty is to be Useful and to Help Others," was the theme. Each Scout helped another to pass some part of the Tenderfoot work.

Dora Marie Gaither and Louise Patterson completed the Tenderfoot requirements and officially made the promise to the captain. They have the honor of being the first girls in Merkel to be eligible to wear the Girl Scout uniform. Several others will be ready in time for the January investiture.

The Scouts are busy working on a three-act drama, "Saving Texas," to be presented in January. The proceeds will go toward the purchase of Girl Scout equipment.

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Announces Year-End 3 Per Cent Dividend

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel is announcing a dividend of three per cent payable Dec. 31, and in as much as a dividend of like amount was paid June 30 the shareholders of this bank will have received six per cent for the year just ended.

A summary of the year-end statement shows that the surplus account has been increased \$2,500 during the year and the undivided profits account reflects a substantial increase after providing for all contingencies, Cashier Booth Warren states.

Employees of the institution were given a Christmas bonus amounting to 20 per cent of their December salary.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

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 12th day of January, 1937, at 6 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Booth Warren, Cashier.

Bereavement acknowledgment engraved cards, with envelopes to match, 50 cents per dozen at Merkel Mail office.

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Greyhound Makes 7-Year Safety Awards

Driving a bus for seven years over tens of thousands of miles, in all kinds of weather without having a chargeable accident of any kind is the safety record just established by twenty-two Greyhound drivers in the southwestern district.

The names of these twenty-two drivers are: Jim Coke, Fred Robinson, E. A. Brown, W. P. Conring, J. E. Doherty, R. H. Honnoll, D. C. Ellis, W. L. Shepherd, Ford Barnes, James Gibson, August T. House, J. J. Smith, Chas. Cottrell, Clarence Cox, J. P. Friend, Ray Lunte, E. P. Martin,

Frank Mayer, Pat Rowland, E. H. Soutter, Walter F. Warma and F. B. Wells.

The Southwestern Greyhound corporation, through its president, Paul W. Tibbets, is recognizing the wonderful safety records achieved by these twenty-two drivers by presenting each with a bronze plaque, a platinum pin and \$60.00 in cash.

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- Carrots, 3 bunches 10c
- Grapefruit, 6 for 15c
- Oranges, dozen 17c
- Oranges, dozen 25c

COFFEE

- Early Riser, pound 19c
- Mart, pound 25c
- Red & White, pound 32c

Pure Cane

- Sugar, 10 pounds 53c

K. C.

- Baking Powder, 25c size 18c

Blue and White

- Matches, 6 box carton 19c

Standard

- Tomatoes, No. 2 can, 3 for 25c

Red and White

- Grape Jam, 16 oz jar 19c

- 27 ounce jar 29c

Red and White

- Cleanser, 2 cans 9c

- Red and White Soap, 5 bars 19c

Red and White

- Flour, 12 lbs. 59c—48 lbs. \$1.95

Gallon

- Fresh Prunes, per can 33c

Blue and White

- Oats, pkg. 24c

Red and White

- Pineapple, No. 1 can 10c

"CLEAN UP OF HOLIDAY ITEMS"

- Pitted Dates, pound 19c
- Currants, 7 oz. pkg. 10c
- Walnuts, pound 18c
- Marshmallows, lb. 15c
- Xmas Candy, pound 9c
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MOORE-DERRICK.

A marriage uniting two prominent families of this community took place on Christmas morning when Miss Vernie Derrick became the bride of Monta J. Moore. Miss Derrick and Mr. Moore were attended by Miss Ora Derrick, sister of the bride, and Jack Moore, brother of the groom. Rev. C. R. Joyner, using the impressive ring ceremony, performed the ceremony at 9 o'clock in his study.

The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Derrick of Noodle. She is a graduate of Merkel High school and received her bachelor of arts degree from Hardin-Simmons university, Abilene, in 1934. She taught in the Blair school for two years and was a member of the Noodle faculty for the third year. She was most becomingly gowned for her marriage in a medium blue tulle frock with accessories of navy. For traveling, her suit was a black velvet with accessories in black and wore white flowers.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb V. Moore of Blair. He also graduated from Merkel High school and is a senior in Texas Technological college at Lubbock. He is employed in the post office at Lubbock and it is there where they will make their home.

TERRY-TUCKER.

Another Christmas wedding was performed on Christmas afternoon at the Presbyterian manse when Miss Ethelda Tucker became the wife of Harold Terry of Trent. Rev. R. A. Walker officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tucker, long time residents of Merkel. She was a very popular member of the graduating class of 1935 from Merkel High school.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry of Trent. He graduated from the Trent High school in 1935 and is at present engaged in the filling station business in Trent where they will make their home.

FORMER MERKEL TEACHER MARRIES.

Miss Alma Morgan, former teacher in the Merkel public schools, was married to Otis Gatewood, Church of Christ minister at Roby, in a beautiful twilight ceremony on Christmas Day in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Morgan, Sr., 802 Vine street, Abilene.

Immediately following the wedding a reception was held and a white wedding cake was served with refreshments. Among the out-of-town guests listed were the names of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stalls and son, Felix, Mrs. Warren Smith, Mrs. D. B. Morgan, Jr., and son, Lowell, and Mrs. Curtis Morgan, all of Merkel.

LOG-HUNT.

The Sears Lodge was the setting for a gala affair when members of the "Christmas Club" held their annual dinner and log hunt on Wednesday evening of last week. An open fire, huge Christmas tree and other Yuletide decorations gave the lodge a very picturesque appearance where a sumptuous turkey dinner was served in courses.

Jingles, having been prepared on everybody, were read and matched couples for the log hunt which extended over many acres of the ranch. Mrs. Victor Tippet of San Angelo was the successful searcher and, while the log was being burned, jokes were told and popcorn balls and tangerines were enjoyed, after which all returned to the ranch house for the Christmas tree.

Lovely gifts were exchanged by the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Beckett of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent, Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Tippet, San Angelo, Messrs.

and Mesdames Warren Smith, Booth Warren, Lige Gamble, Elmer Lowe, Tom Largent, Johnny Cox, Yates Brown, W. S. J. Brown.

THE JOLLY NEIGHBORS.

The Jolly Neighbors club met on Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, in the home of Mrs. E. Clyde Smith, with Mrs. A. Q. Cooper, mother of Mrs. Smith, as hostess. The rooms were beautifully decorated in keeping with the Christmas season: a most artistic little snow house, with Santa Claus ready to enter the chimney, was banked against the fireplace, which was covered in blue with snow and stars. Poinsettias from the gardens of a friend in South Texas gave added attraction.

At the conclusion of the games of "84", Johnny Cox, president of the club, distributed gifts from a lovely lighted tree. A delicious salad plate with fruit cake and coffee was passed to the following members: Messrs. and Mesdames F. E. Church, Johnny Cox, Fred Hughes, F. Y. Gaither, Yates Brown, W. S. J. Brown, Herbers Patterson, E. Clyde Smith, Miss Pauline Johnson and Mrs. Cooper, with Mrs. John M. Cowden, a guest from Abilene.

The club meets on Jan. 12 with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox.

ALATHEAN CLASS.

The Alathean class of the First Baptist church met in the basement of the church with a Christmas program on Wednesday, Dec. 16, with Mrs. Pick Allen and Mrs. J. D. Porter, co-hostesses.

The meeting was opened with a song, followed by prayer led by Mrs. W. T. Johnson. The Christmas program featured a Santa Claus contest, with the teachers choosing sides and each one trying to knock off Santa Claus' hat. "Sunshine Sisters" were also revealed.

Refreshments were served to the following members and three visitors: Mesdames Charles West, G. M. Sharp, F. A. Polley, Fred Baker, W. T. Johnson, J. M. Meeks, E. M. McDonald, J. T. Warren, F. P. Hamm, C. P. Stevens, J. T. Dennis, E. N. Brown, W. O. Boney, C. M. Largent, E. O. Carson, W. L. Johnson, P. B. Causseaux, R. H. Mathews, J. W. Fields, J. J. McNiece, Zollenger, Whatley, and visitors, Mesdames L. Whatley, J. B. Campbell and C. M. Largent, Jr.

REUNION OF CLASS OF '35.

On Saturday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble, the Senior class of 1935 held their annual reunion, with Mildred West and Billie Bernice Gambill acting as hostesses and Bessie Boaz as host.

Games of "monopoly," bridge, dominoes, "rummy" and other forms of entertainment were enjoyed and refreshments consisting of dainty sandwiches, olives, potato chips and hot spiced tea were served.

A business meeting was called to appoint committees for the next meeting, which is to be held next year in the home of Miss Billie Bernice Gambill.

Those present were: Bessie Boaz, president of the class, Juanez Jones, Mildred West, Robbie Walker, Mabel Butman Scott, Mildred Reese, Harold Keese, Cal McAninch, Hail Derstine, Zerk Robertson, Loretta Cox, Mary Helen Mashburn, Dot Swafford, Aline McAninch, A. C. Sears, Edith Neill, Billie Bernice Gambill, Weldon Hudson, D. C. Johnson, Charlie McCormick, Verner Hester, Thelma Matthews, V. O. Wood, Ben Sublett, Tracy Wood, Marizoe West, Neil Durham, Fran Largent, Veda Helen Bradley, David Gamble, Vivian Davis, Vernon

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Only 483 were present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 567 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 667 were present.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds Home. Preaching 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. You are cordially invited to these services. Strangers warmly welcomed. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Preaching 11 a. m. Sermon by pastor. Special music. Evening worship 7 p. m. Thirty minutes singsong each Sunday evening beginning promptly at 7 p. m. Preaching 7:50. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 7 p. m. John H. Crow, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. BTS at 6:15 p. m. WMU Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

You are cordially invited to attend these services.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Beginning with watch night service, our revival will continue for the next two weeks. Every one is cordially invited to attend. All regular services Sunday as usual. R. T. Smith, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching Saturday night. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 6:45 p. m. Our pastor, Brother Hudson, Anna Lou Church and J. V. Patterson.

CLASS OF '33, M. H. S.

Members of the class of 1933, M. H. S., gathered Monday evening in the home of Miss Frances Marie Church. Games of "42" were enjoyed, after which refreshments were served, and a business meeting held, presided over by the president, Terrell Mashburn. Then farewell was said until next year at the annual reunion. Those present were: Frances Marie Church, Opal Huskey, Nell Hughes, Margaret Miller, Sandifer Hollingsworth, Van Roberts, Ward Berryman, Mardell Shouse, Jim Patterson, Vergil Lee Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Mashburn and Paul Arnold Whiteley.

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E. B. Early, will be with us the second Sunday, Jan. 10.

Our revival closed Sunday night, Dec. 27. Our church was greatly revived, with six additions to our church. A fine young man was converted Sunday night. We are praying for a greater year for the Lord in Merkel.

All are cordially invited to attend our church.

R. C. Reagh, Supt.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. each Sunday by Brother A. J. Rollings. Young people's program 6 p. m. on Sunday. A service of song, prayer and preaching for each Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

The Elders.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

County Commissioner A. J. Canon and Mrs. Canon were hosts to members of the commissioners' court at Ed's cafe for a venison dinner at Monday noon. Mr. Canon brought home a deer from a hunting trip near Junction last week.

Cephas Wozencraft has gone in business for himself as proprietor of the New Merkel Garage. He is prepared to do all kinds of auto repair work, welding, battery recharging and washing and greasing.

Complaint charging Ray Mays, Merkel negro, with murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Alberta Henry, negress, was lodged in justice court at Abilene Monday. The woman died in Hendrick Memorial hospital Saturday night.

Rev. W. J. Green, Primitive Baptist preacher of Gray, Ga., who was a visitor here Wednesday, preached at 11 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hughes.

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