

Keeping Up With Texas

Robert Lacy Cash, convicted Dallas slayer, and J. W. Mann and Andrew Nelson, also convicted murderers, Saturday afternoon slugged W. R. (Bud) Crane, state penitentiary agent, and escaped from the prison transfer car near Buffalo, Leon county, as they were being taken to the Huntsville penitentiary from the Dallas county jail.

Three Texas cities—Lubbock, Corpus Christi and Houston—together turned up more than a billion dollars worth of new construction work last week. Permission to build a \$400,000 office building ran Lubbock's total over Houston, the usual leader.

At least 297 Texans died in 1939 from burns. State Fire Insurance Commissioner Marvin Hall reports being trapped in burning dwellings, the most deadly type of accident, killed 82 lives.

Fifteen Texans died violently during the last week-end, 11 in traffic accidents.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lowe, their son, Truett, 23, and their daughter, Mildred, 18, lost their lives in a highway collision near Commerce Sunday night. Three Wolfe City youths in a second automobile were injured, one seriously.

Mrs. Maggie W. Barry, advisor in rural organization work for the Texas Extension service, was presented the 1940 merit award of the Texas Agricultural Workers association at a meeting in Dallas last Friday night.

E. W. Lowmire, former city water department clerk at Big Spring, was given a two-year prison sentence, after his conviction of embezzling municipal funds.

Dale Watson, 22, of Frisco, injured in an auto accident Friday night, Jan. 12, that killed two companions, died Saturday at a Dallas hospital. Killed instantly when their automobile skidded out of control were Hubbard Porter Barnes, 26, and Herbert McClellan, 21, both of Frisco.

Representative Albert Darden of Falls county has announced his candidacy for the nomination for governor and said he would campaign on a platform of increased natural resource taxes as against a sales tax.

L. L. Lanum, about 40, and Mrs. Billie Mae Moorehead, 30, died in a Pecos hospital Monday of injuries suffered in an auto accident early that morning. The accident occurred when Lanum's car and a truck driven by Bill Willis of Fort Worth crashed head-on.

Roy McCloud, 36, Houston battery worker, was killed when an automobile in which he was riding overturned Sunday near East Columbia. Three fishing companions were hurt and carried to a Houston hospital.

An Abilene man, Arthur D. Townley, 39, made his own funeral pyre early Sunday morning when, putting on heavy clothing, he walked into a pasture near his home south of Abilene, saturated the garments with kerosene from a gallon jug and lighted a match. Despondency over ill health was said to have been the cause of his act.

Sentenced to die in the electric chair on Feb. 17, J. W. Rickman, Collin county youth, was taken Tuesday to state prison in custody of officers. Rickman was convicted of killing Motorcycle Officer Marion Taylor in the spring of 1938.

The citizens of Anson voted Tuesday 164 to 38 in favor of issuing \$115,000 in city water revenue bonds. The proceeds will be used to construct a dam for a reservoir on Harmony creek, three to five miles northeast of Anson.

E. B. Germany, state democratic chairman, said Tuesday that Texas Jackson Day observances netted \$18,000 for the national party campaign fund. Texas' quota for 1940 had been set at \$40,000.

Tom Schultz, about 54, Concho county rancher, died of a heart attack at Coleman Wednesday afternoon as he was riding in a funeral procession for George Beakley, 34, husband of Schultz's niece.

Governor W. Lee O'Daniel, who had no poll tax when he was elected in 1938, returned to Fort Worth Wednesday to pay the fee, but parried questions about whether he planned to use it to cast a vote for his re-election this summer.

Mrs. Jerry Sadler, wife of the Texas railroad commissioner, was reported recovering from shock and bruises suffered in an automobile accident in Travis county early this week, the commissioner reported Wednesday.

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LAST RITES HERE SUNDAY FOR OLD TIME RESIDENT

Body of Mrs. W. A. Pope, Who Passed Away at Weatherford, Brought Here For Burial; Two Daughters Survive.

At 3:30 Sunday afternoon, at the Methodist church in Merkel, funeral services were held for Mrs. W. A. Pope, a former resident of Taylor county, Rev. C. A. Bickley of Abilene officiating, assisted by Rev. John H. Crow, pastor of the Merkel Methodist church. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery by the side of her husband, who preceded her in death forty-three years ago.

Flower girls were her granddaughters, Roberta, May Dell and Ouida Pearl Stroud, Mrs. Ralph Wilburn and Mrs. Olan Wilson.

Mrs. W. A. Pope (nee Winnie Augusta Banks) was born at Webberville, Bastrop county, Texas, Aug. 5, 1861, and died Jan. 12, 1940, at Weatherford, Parker county Texas, being 78 years, 5 months and 7 days old.

Deceased came to Taylor county in 1891, living on a farm one mile from Merkel for 31 years, afterward moving to Anson, Jones county, where she resided for 18 years. For almost two years she had been a resident of Weatherford.

She was married to W. R. Pope in 1885, at Austin, where they lived until coming to Taylor county. To this union were born three children—one son, Dewitt, who preceded his mother in death, and who is buried in Rose Hill cemetery; two daughters, who survive, Mrs. J. W. Stroud of Anson and Mrs. G. C. Russell of Weatherford, Texas. Eight grandchildren also survive.

Mrs. Pope was converted at the age of thirteen years and united with the Methodist church and remained a consistent member until her death. Until failing health prevented her from doing so she was a regular attendant at Sunday School and church.

Pallbearers were Dr. M. Armstrong, T. L. Grimes, W. D. Hutcheson, W. M. Elliott, S. M. Hunter and Eli Case.

Out-of-town relatives at the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Olan Wilson and son, Cleon, Glen Rose; J. W. and Jo Ruth Stroud, Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilburn and son, Jerry Don, Trent.

Out-of-town friends: from Anson—Mr. and Mrs. Jess Foy, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Bartlett and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Herndon, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Herndon, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hinkle, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Blankenship and son, Leon, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burton and daughter, Sis, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Story, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Nathe Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mayes, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Brown; Messames Ed Wilson, R. G. Gill, O. B. Cox, J. S. Pressley, R. J. Bartlett; Misses Tennie Brown and Latrelle Bartlett, Messrs. Larue Bartlett and T. L. Holland; from Abilene—Mrs. C. A. Bickley, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cook; from Glen Rose—Mrs. Wilson; from Trent—Mr. and Mrs. Lon Martin.

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

The jury panel in 42nd district court for next week includes the following names:

W. A. McCormick, E. E. Akin, Joe Largent, J. G. Hale, C. A. Mattingly, H. R. Hamm, I. N. Tucker, Paul Carson, Merkel; Dr. Scott Hollis, H. G. Henderson, J. D. Jones, Jno. D. McKenzie, Jim Middleton, L. L. Williams, J. H. Yeldell (colored), J. Fred McKenzie, Bates Thatcher, R. G. Boger, Arthur S. Harker, Peter Joe-ris, W. V. Ramsey, H. H. Earnest, D. D. Westfall, M. G. Goldsmith, W. M. Mullins, J. W. Conley, F. R. Cole, A. A. Heathington, Clyde Oldham, R. O. Mullins, John Guitar, Sr., A. E. Barrow, Bruce E. Oliver, A. J. Lane, J. E. Connally, B. F. Mayes, N. A. Strickland, Aaron D. Suddeth, W. C. Collier, A. R. Archer, Joe Millsap, Abilene; G. S. Billingsley, M. G. Reed, Lavin; E. G. Prichard, W. G. Gossett, H. Heffernan, View; A. D. Besser, C. H. Lackey, Ovalo; Hugo Galle, Tyo; G. B. Middleton, Guion.

GROUP LAUNCHES MOVE TO CURTAIL DRUNKEN DRIVERS

Austin, Jan. 18.—Steps were taken Tuesday by a committee of the Texas Safety association toward curbing the hazard of drunken driving.

The group, which elected former Senator Tom Pollard of Tyler, representative of the Texas Bar association, as chairman, heard experts assert that surveys had shown drivers under influence of liquor had caused as high as 60 per cent of accidents and that conviction was difficult due to indisposition of grand juries and juries to act.

Objectives decided upon included accumulation of statistics from cities and counties having a bearing on the problem; survey of enforcement and prosecution; investigation of the effectiveness of statutes; study of the relation of accidents caused by drinking drivers and pedestrians to enforcement of the liquor control law, and effect of the drivers' license law.

P.-T. A Topic, "Child at Play" Is Exemplified

The Merkel unit of the Parent-Teacher association held their last meeting on Thursday, Jan. 11, with "The Child at Play" as the program topic. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Clesby Patterson, the vice-president, Mrs. Ray Wilson, presided.

The business session included reading of the minutes of the last meeting and the reports of the treasurer and standing committees, after which the meeting was turned over to Miss Mary Lou Ashburn, physical education teacher for girls. Coach Pat Davis presented a demonstration by his physical education class.

Becky Gaither played an accordion solo, "La Cucaracha," followed by the seventh grade chorus under the direction of Misses Himalya Swafford and Mildred Holt.

A game of volley ball between girls' teams from the High school concluded the program.

Classes in Home-Making Complete Interesting Term

The 85 girls enrolled in the home-making classes of Merkel high school have just completed an interesting semester of work in the first and second year food classes. Under the capable direction and supervision of their instructor, Miss Neweta Cleveland, the girls have enjoyed and profited by their class problems.

These problems consisted of three dinners prepared and served; first, for the school board members and school administrators; then for the male faculty members, and then for the women of the faculty. These projects were climaxed by a Christmas buffet supper for each of the four sections.

Working with the state department of home-making, as a part of its program is the Future Home-makers' club, which is affiliated with the state organization. The club meets twice each month, one meeting a day meeting and the other at night. The organization was represented at the area meeting held in San Angelo in November and will be represented at the state meeting in Dallas in May, by one girl from each class.

The Home-makers' club also had an entertaining as well as inspirational program of work by means of socials, consisting of harvest tea, a Christmas party in addition to several informal parties. Plans are now under way for several entertainments to be held during the spring semester.

The clothing classes have just begun and another interesting and instructional semester of work is anticipated by all members of the home-making department.

One 1940 Turkey Day.

Austin, Jan. 18.—Governor W. Lee O'Daniel Wednesday announced there would be only one Thanksgiving day in Texas this year—the day President Roosevelt proclaims for national observance.

FUN TAKES LEAD AT LIONS' ANNUAL LADIES' NIGHT

Sans Speaker, Program of High Class Entertainment Provided in Series Musical and Vocal Numbers By Local Talent.

Deviating from the customary plan of a guest speaker and other formalities, annual ladies' night of the Merkel Lions club Tuesday night was given over to a spirit of fun, with Lionesses Kadie Zehnpfennig and Wilma Reid as special tail-twisters to enliven the occasion. The guest list numbered seventy-two.

The Lions hall was gayly decorated in a Spanish theme, which was also carried out in table decorations. A four-course dinner was served by a well trained corps of waitresses from Wozy's cafe, followed by an entertainment program of instrumental and vocal numbers.

As master of ceremonies, C. J. Glover, club president, welcomed the guests after a singsong led by Supt. Connor Robinson, when an old favorite, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," was chosen, with Gay West at the piano. The invocation was given by Rev. John H. Crow.

At the conclusion of the dinner the usual roll call of members proceeded, then followed the introduction of the honored guests by their maiden names. Introductions also included presentation of the club's sweetheart, Gay West, and other visitors and the entertainers.

As chairman of the program committee, Chester Collinsworth presented Richard Young, High School band director, in two cornet solos, "Macushla" and "Sweet Sue," accompanied by his wife; Misses Pearl Mathews and Doris Clyde Miller, from the High School Choral club, in a vocal duet, "In Absence" and "Can't You Hear Me Callin', Caroline?" with Mrs. Comer Haynes at the piano, and Will H. Grimes in two violin numbers, "La Golondrina" and "Love's Old Sweet Song," accompanied by Mrs. Yates Brown.

Serving on the program committee with Chester Collinsworth were Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig and Booth Warren; the committee on menu and decorations was headed by R. T. Gray, assisted by Stanley King, Wrenn Durham and Roy Reid, while the attendance committee, responsible for such a large representation of the members and wives present, included Nathan Wood, chairman, Meyer Melinger, Paul Douglass, Clyde Bartlett and Ray Wilson.

Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig, Rev. and Mrs. John H. Crow; Messrs. and Mesdames Clyde Bartlett, W. O. Boney, Frank Breaux, E. Y. Bailey, Milton Case, E. O. Carson, Elmo Collins, C. H. Collinsworth, Paul Douglass, W. M. Elliott, S. D. Gamble, John Grable, R. T. Gray, Dee Grimes, N. T. Hodge, S. M. Hunter, Lynn Shelton, Hoyle Lemens, A. A. McGehee, Ted McGehee, B. Y. O. Patterson, Roy Reid, Connor Robinson, Owen Robertson, A. T. Sheppard, Booth Warren, Henry West, Ray Wilson, Nathan Wood, Richard Young; Mrs. Yates Brown, Mrs. Comer Haynes; Misses Gay West, Pearl Mathews, Doris Clyde Miller; Messrs. Billy Largent, Will H. Grimes, Wrenn Durham, C. J. Glover, F. M. Stimpson and Eddie Breaux.

Deputy Grand Matron Of OES Here Tuesday

Mrs. Clem J. Wilson of Roby, deputy grand matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, will make her official visit to Merkel Chapter No. 212 on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

All members are requested to be present.

Confirm Appointment Of Trent Postmaster

Washington, Jan. 18.—In a list of more than 600 postmasters confirmed by the United States senate Tuesday were some 45 from Texas.

The appointment of John M. Strawa, Trent, was included in the list of Texas postmasterships.

MERCURY DROPS TO 11—COLDEST SPELL OF SEASON

Succeeding Wednesday afternoon's temperature in the comfortable 60's, a blustery, high-pressure norther struck this section around 10 o'clock Wednesday night and by morning the thermometer had dipped to 11 degrees, coldest of the season.

For several hours the mercury stood around that figure, gradually rising during the morning hours. At noon the reading was 18 degrees, according to a local thermometer.

Intermittent flurries of snow were in evidence but the fall was not sufficient to accumulate on the ground or bank up against obstructions.

"Mental Hygiene" Subject Talk by Merkel Medico

Trent, Jan. 18.—Members of the Trent Parent-Teacher association heard a very interesting paper on "Mental Hygiene" at their monthly meeting Tuesday night in the high school auditorium. A talk in keeping with the theme of the meeting, "Good Health," was also made by Miss Harrison, county health nurse.

Mrs. Bud Winter, the president, was in charge, with Mrs. Charlie Seago as program leader. Numbers presented included a play, "The Pool of the Willful Princess," by the sixth and seventh grades; music, by Wilda Lee Bowles; a reading on the health theme, by Louise Wheatley; song, with guitar accompaniment, by Johnnie Ruth James, and a vocal solo, "South of the Border," by J. B. Winn. Miss Christine Collins accompanied Wilda Lee Bowles and J. B. Winn in their numbers.

Hostesses were Mrs. Roy Banner and Mrs. W. P. Hood.

Group from Woodmen Circle Assist at Roby

A group of Woodmen Circle members to the number of twelve went to Roby Monday night for installation ceremonies there.

Included in those going were Mrs. Ed Turner, past guardian of the Merkel Grove, Mesdames Claud Perry, R. H. Mathews, Jr., Karl Bonneau, Charlie Seago, Harry Barnett, E. B. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blair and Misses Clara and Maurine White, together with Mrs. H. R. Poor and Mrs. Bea Reeves of Trent.

Scout Troops Hear Talk on "First Aid"

With all three Girl Scout troops assembled, Dr. Urban H. Zehnpfennig delivered a talk on "First Aid" at the studio of Mrs. G. W. Wilhite on Wednesday afternoon, and he and Miss Vivian Davis inspected the bandaging, as practiced by the Girl Scouts.

DEATH CLAIMS JOE L. SPECK, WAR VETERAN

Well Known Ex-Service Man Succumbs At Veterans Hospital; Body Brought Here; Burial Plans Incomplete.

Joe L. Speck, 48, World War veteran, died at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning at the Veterans hospital, Muskogee, Okla., where he had gone Oct. 26 for treatment. His death was unexpected, according to reports from the hospital authorities, but was indirectly traceable to having been gassed in the war. He served 8 months overseas with the 90th division.

The body was due to arrive here at 1:30 Thursday afternoon via the Texas & Pacific railway, but at noon Thursday funeral arrangements were incomplete.

Joe Speck was married Nov. 11, 1920, to Beatrice McGar in Houston and the family had lived here about 12 years. Besides his wife, four children, two daughters and two sons, survive. They are Betty Jo, Kathryn Ann, Ben and Jim Speck. Other survivors are his mother, Mrs. Kate Speck, Plainview; two sisters, Mrs. Elsie Robertson, Marfa, and Mrs. Cora Custer, Bakersfield, and four brothers: W. O., A. B., Elton and J. D. Speck, all of Plainview.

During his residence here, he had been engaged chiefly in the jewelry and watch repairing business, being especially interested in curios, old coins, souvenirs, etc. He was at all times very active in ex-service men's affairs and took the leadership in all matters affecting them locally.

Operators Planning To Drill Huddleston Test to the Swastika

Butler & Horn No. 1 D. O. Huddleston, in the Noodle creek area, is reported drilling ahead after passing up the Fisher county pay with only a slight showing. Operators plan to drill to the Swastika.

Newest producer in the Noodle Creek area is the Humble Oil & Refining Co. No. 5 Irvin, in the Tannerhill sand, at 2,380 feet, which is about the same depth as the recently completed Butler & Horn No. 1 John C. Thompson, good for 280 barrels daily.

Attends Meeting of Synodical Board

Mrs. Henry C. West, president of the Abilene presbytery, went to Waxahachie last Thursday to attend a two-day meeting of the Synodical board, held at Drane hall, Trinity university. Eleven out of 12 presbyteries in Texas were represented.

One of the prominent speakers present was Miss Anne T. Reid, of New York City, secretary of the foreign board.

Mrs. West was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Sidney Foy, of Baird.

Merkel 30 Years Ago

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 28, 1910.)

BOYS AND GIRLS ARE FLOCKING TO MERKEL BUSINESS COLLEGE.

As predicted, the Roberts Business college continues to enjoy a most encouraging patronage. Today, only 16 days after the opening, a total of forty-eight scholarships have been sold and thirty pupils are in actual attendance. New names are being enrolled daily and President Roberts expects to have sixty in attendance before the middle of next month. The night class has begun, and the work of the entire school is progressing in a manner most pleasing to President Roberts, the students and their parents.

This success realized to date and the management has but begun the advertising campaign. Three solicitors have been placed in the field and liberal contracts for advertising are to be made with the papers of West Texas.

The following have bought scholarships to date: W. E. Alsbrook, J.

T. Warren, (two), Clyde Garrett, Henry R. Hicks, F. J. Smith, J. S. Swann, O. A. Cordell, Dr. W. V. Cranford, L. H. King, Dr. C. M. McCauley, H. L. Easterwood, Sam Butman, Gaiher & Sons, Miss Alpha Garrett, Walker & Comery, I. S. Allen, J. B. Warnick, Grady Collins, Sam Rambolt, Miss Lila Sandlin, Miss Beatrice Diltz, Talley Holloway, Marvin Boney, Merkel Mail, Robert Hicks, J. Westenhover, Dr. M. Armstrong, G. F. West, Miss Gertrude Thornton, Walter Leach, J. R. Cunningham, W. A. Scott, W. C. Ayers, John W. Sherman, Charley May McDuff, Genevieve Berry, H. Turner, Robert Nesbitt, H. L. Armstrong, Charley Bankhead, Tom Douglas, Alvin Clark, J. J. Toombs.

Miss Diltz and Talley Holloway have each bought a scholarship for both courses, making a total of forty-eight, as stated above. In other words, a business of \$1,920.00 in 17 days from date of opening.

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(In Advance)

Advertising Rates On Application
TELEPHONE No. 61.

All obituaries, resolutions of respect,
cards of thanks, etc., are classed as
advertising, and will be charged for
at 1 cent per word with a minimum
of 35 cents.

Charlie Russell Asks
Voters For Support in
Race For Constable

To the Voters of Precinct No. 5
Taylor County:

I am announcing my candidacy for
the office of constable, subject to the
action of the July primaries.

I was appointed to this office on
Jan. 1, 1939, by the commissioners
court. I have had several years' ex-
perience in helping to enforce the
law. I was elected constable in
1934. I served as deputy sheriff
during Burl Wheeler's administration
and feel that I am fully acquainted
with the duties of this office. I have
fulfilled the obligations imposed upon
me without favor to any one and
assure you that, if elected, I will dis-
charge my work as I have hereto-
fore.

I have lived in this county 45
years and I believe my past need
no explanation, as most every one
knows me, and, if you think I am
worthy of this place, I will appre-
ciate your support and influence in the
coming election.

Respectfully,
C. K. Russell.

Formally Announces
For Place, Precinct 2
County Commissioner

To the Citizens of Precinct No. 2
Taylor County:

Having been solicited by so many
friends and neighbors to enter the
race for county commissioner, I take
this method of announcing my candi-
dacy for the office of county commis-
sioner, Precinct No. 2, Taylor county.

I have lived in Texas all my life,
came to Merkel Dec. 24, 1906, settled
in the Warren community and engaged
in farming for a time.
Now as to my qualifications for
this office: I did county road work in
Jones county for some time, then was
appointed by the commissioners
court of Jones county to supervise the
construction of a contract graveling
of the road known as the Stith road,
during which time I met with said
commissioners' court twice each
month. I moved to the city of Mer-
kel in 1928. I have been a regular
hand for Precinct 2, Taylor county
for seven years, and know every road
in the precinct. Also know every
road machine, how it should be cared
for and operated. We have approxi-
mately 300 miles of gravel roads. I
know every phase of road work and
how it should be done, and I want to
emphasize that these gravel roads
should be maintained regularly.

I own my home in Merkel, am a tax
paying citizen, and have the inter-
est of our community, and all the pre-
cinct at heart. Now, if you elect
me your commissioner, I will do my
utmost to handle the county's affairs
in a business-like manner, to do jus-
tice to all, and will co-operate fully
with our towns for the best inter-
est of each and every one.

I will appreciate your support and
influence.

Yours sincerely,
W. R. (Bill) Sumpter.

★ FASHION PRE.



Typical of an indispensable dinner
dress that will grace nearly every
occasion is this high-backed black
dress designed by Nettie Rosenstein
and pictured in January Good
Housekeeping.

Heating Habits Are as
Important as Habits of
Eating, Is Warning

Heating habits are as important as
safeguarding the family's health
throughout the winter as eating hab-
its, the gas company warns its cus-
tomers.

"Winter presents a threat to the
whole family's health, using the com-
mon cold as an advance guard to open
the door for pneumonia, influenza and
other serious respiratory ailments,"
the company points out. "Doctors gen-
erally urge plenty of rest, sensibly
eating habits, evenly heated room
and avoidance of draughts as allies in
warding off colds."

An overheated room can present
as serious a health hazard as an un-
heated one, according to the gas com-
pany, which urges its customers to
heat their entire homes only to
comfortable, even temperature.

"Children in school enjoy the even
temperature provided by automatical-
ly controlled heating equipment. They
are more susceptible to colds if they
spend their time out of school in
home where the whole family congre-
gates in one overheated room, running
out into unheated rooms or halls. In-
stead of shutting the family up in
one or two rooms heated to 80 or 82
degrees, let them enjoy the whole
house and keep the temperature
around 72 to 74 degrees," the company
suggests.

Ventilation is another important
factor in heating, particularly when
unvented heating equipment such as an
open flame room heaters is used. Op-
ening a window slightly from the top
will prevent headaches resulting
from stuffy atmosphere and will pre-
vent wall sweating caused by conden-
sation of moisture in the air of the
room, which is increased by water
vapor formed by the combustion of
fuel.

For safety as well as health the
gas company warns its customers
against sleeping in a tightly closed
room where a gas heater is burning.
The heater must take air from the
room atmosphere in order to burn
and unless this is replenished by
fresh air, asphyxiation may be the
result.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

WHILE I have sold lots of feed, still
have 15,000 to 20,000 bundles good
feed, cane, kaffir and maize, for sale.
M. Armstrong.

BABY CHICKS—First hatch Mon-
day, Jan. 22, and each Tuesday and
Friday thereafter; all flocks culled
and blood-tested for B. W. D. and
fowl typhoid. Sharp's Hatchery.

CLEAN-UP SALE.

Used Frigidaires, \$125.00 up.
Used Electric Ranges, \$25.00 up.
Used Electric Washers—all prices.
Coolerators, oil stoves, ice boxes—
cheap.

If you ever expect to own one of
above appliances, it will pay you to
buy now. West Texas Utilities Co.,
Merkel and Abilene.

MY FARM for immediate sale; rea-
sonably priced; cash. Mrs. A. H.
Thornton.

FOR SALE or Trade—Several good
young work mares and mules; also
twenty good young Jersey milk cows
and springer heifers. Pierce Horton.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two furnished room
for light house-keeping; all conveni-
ences. Sally Orr.

FOR RENT Feb. 1—Three or four
room apartment, block north of High
school. Mrs. G. H. Tucker.

FURNISHED two-room apartment
and bedroom. all conveniences. Mrs
A. H. Thornton.

LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS
A stated meeting of Merkel
Lodge No. 710, A. F. and A.
M., will be held Saturday,
Jan. 20, at 7:30 p. m. All member
are urged to be present. Visiting
brethren cordially invited.
H. G. Smith, W. M.
W. C. Black, Secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
POLITICAL

(Subject to action of the Demo-
cratic Primary in July.)
For County Commissioner, Precinct
No. 2:

- H. B. (Hob) ROBERTSON.
 - A. J. CANON (Re-election).
 - W. R. (Bill) SUMPTER.
 - BUSTER HORTON.
 - L. A. (Lem) DUDLEY.
 - W. R. COX.
 - D. J. (Dave) ANDERSON.
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Jones County:
T. A. TUCKER.
- For Constable, Precinct No. 5, Tay-
lor County:
C. K. RUSSELL.

According to a recent survey, the
city of Los Angeles has one motor
car for every 2.8 persons.

Al Smith carried six states in 1928,
Hoover five in 1932, Landon two in
1936.

TELEPHONE THE
MAIL

The Mail will be glad to
receive news of entertainments
or visitors in Merkel homes,
as well as other news items of
a general nature. If you have
company, entertain friends or
return from a trip please tele-
phone 61 or 29.

JUST HOW....

can a Checking
Account serve you?

Whether your income is large or small—whether
you have few or many payments to make each
month, a Checking Account is important and
provides for you the same features of protection that
have resulted in 95% of ALL business transactions
being handled by check.

Pay by Check and you safeguard your funds, save
time, keep credit good, build prestige and
your check stubs and cancelled checks provide com-
plete records and receipts for every payment made.

If you have no Checking Account open
one here this week and make 1940 a
safe, business-like, Pay-by-Check year.

THE OLD RELIABLE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS
NATIONAL BANK

Merkel, Texas

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Guaranteed FLOUR
48 pound sack \$1.39
24 pound sack 74c

MEAL
5 lbs 15c; 10 lbs 25c

LARD
4 lbs 39c; 8 lbs 78c

No. 2 cans
TOMATOES, 3 for 25c
No. 2 cans
GREEN BEANS, 3 for 25c
Shelled or Snapped
B. E. PEAS, 3 for 25c
No. 1 1/2 cans 3 for 25c
FIRE SIDE BEANS 25c
3 lb. box
3-Minute OATS 19c
TOILET TISSUE, 6 rolls 25c

MEATS

T-Bone Steak, lb. 20c
Chuck Steak, lb. 18c
Pork Chops, lb. 15c
Dry Salt Pork, lb. 10c

VEGETABLES

LETTUCE, 3 for 10c
TURNIPS &
TOPS, 3 for 10c
WINESAP APPLES, 3 doz 25c
WINESAP—Large Size
APPLES, doz. 25c
CARROTS, 3 for 10c
TEXAS—Large Size
ORANGES, doz. 15c

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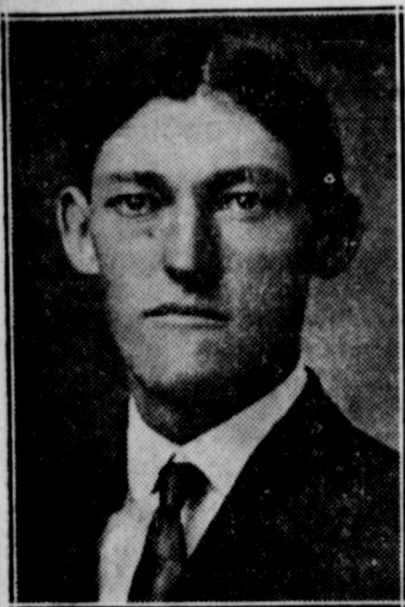
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Seeks Place as Jones County Commissioner



T. A. Tucker of the Comere Community where he has lived for the last 10 years, is announcing this week for the office of county commissioner of Precinct No. 4, Jones county. Mr. Tucker has lived in Jones county 35 years and in Precinct No. 4 for the last 25 years.

His formal statement follows: I have decided to make the race for county commissioner of Precinct No. 4 of Jones county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

I have lived in Jones county since 1905, and 25 years of this time has been spent in my precinct and ten years south of Funston. I feel that I am well acquainted with the citizens of Anson and of the entire precinct and know the needs of the same.

While I do not think I need any recommendation to my friends and acquaintances, I am hoping to see personally and become acquainted with all the voters in this precinct. If you do not know me I will appreciate your asking those who do know me as to my private life and my ability to handle the office with efficiency and economy.

I believe in economy, in private and public life, and if elected I promise to spend what money we have where it will do the most good for the benefit of the most people.

I will appreciate your vote and influence.

T. A. Tucker.



Wednesday, Jan. 10, the Merkel F. F. A. chapter went to Abilene to compete in the Abilene Federation contests. The senior officers won first in the senior chapter conducting contest while the junior officers took third place in the junior contest, which was entered for the first time this year.

The senior team, composed of Francois Harris, Jerry Warren, Billy Clyde Haynes, Jack Hester, Elmer Patterson, Burneal Merritt, Forest Glen Barnett, Marvin DuBose, Roy Coats, Booth Higgins, Stewart Kelly and Chester Collinsworth, with the news-writing contestant, Clyde Deavers, Jr., will go back to Abilene, Jan. 17, to compete in the district contests. The winners of the other federations in the district will also be there. The winners of these contests will go to Stephenville next spring to compete in the area contests.

The tentative date for the Merkel boys stock show has been set for Saturday, Feb. 10. There will be several more entries this year than in any year previous, with some eighteen calves, twenty-five pigs and about twenty lambs. These calves are probably the best that have ever been shown in Merkel since the F. F. A. has been having its annual show. Definite plans have not yet been made as to the premiums and classes but these will be announced soon.

HIGHLY PRAISED FOR BRONCHIAL COUGHS!

immensely superior, a tremendous advance over more-ordinary remedies says Doctor.

Spend 45 cents today at any good drug store for a bottle of Buckley's CANADIOL Mixture (triple acting), by far the largest selling cough medicine—for coughs due to colds or bronchial irritations—in all wintry Canada. Take a couple of doses—feel its quick, powerful, pungent action spread thru throat, head and bronchial tubes. It acts quickly—starts at once to loosen up thick, choking phlegm, soothe raw membranes—make breathing easier. Contains no sugar so can be used by diabetics. Buckley's CANADIOL Mixture now on sale and made in America—acts like a flash on coughs due to colds or bronchial irritations. Get Buckley's CANADIOL Mixture today. Over 10 million bottles sold.

MERKEL DRUG COMPANY

Walter Leach Thanks Merkelites for Their Evidence of Friendship

Greeting old friends here and attending to business on the side Tuesday morning was Walter G. Leach of Abilene, who for many years handled one of the tricks at the Texas & Pacific railway depot here and who was urged by Merkel business men and the Lions club to put in his application to return here to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Childress. So that his friends here may know his appreciation of these courtesies and how much he regretted that circumstances prevented him from putting in his "bid," he made the following statement for publication:

"While appreciating deeply the friendship shown me by the business men of Merkel and the interest manifested by the Lions club in their invitation for me to make application

Oldest Printing Press.
Philadelphia, Jan. 18.—The Franklin institute has announced acquisition of what is believed the oldest printing press in existence. The device was made by Adams Ramage in 1793 and was presented to the institution by a Gettysburg publishing company.

for the position of depot agent of the Texas & Pacific railway in Merkel, I regret that circumstances were such that I did not deem it advisable to make a change.

"It would have been like returning home, for I served many years with the railroad here, and there are no people anywhere better than the Merkel people.

"I shall always cherish the splendid testimony of this lasting friendship which the two invitations extended me by groups, one of the business men and the other of the Lions club, so sincerely evidenced."

Best Dressed American.
New York, Jan. 18.—Adolph Menjou was selected Saturday by the International association of Clothing Designers as the best dressed American. Clark Gable was runner-up.

The average retail price of gasoline on Oct. 1, 1939, was 13.52 cents per gallon as compared to 13.38 cents on Sept. 1. Taxes average 5.42 cents a gallon.

C. M. PRESLEY
Jeweler
Watches—Diamonds—Silverware
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Rail Sabotage Studied.
Brownwood, Jan. 18.—Officers investigated the possibility of sabotage after a fire early Sunday destroyed a hundred feet of a Santa Fe railroad trestle south of here shortly before a California-bound passenger train was due.

'Stomach Distress so bad I Could Hardly Work'
Says C. S. Gross: "After taking Adia Tablets the pains are relieved and I eat anything." Try Adia for excess stomach acidity on our money back guarantee. Sold at all Drug Stores.

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Ernest Walter Wilson ATTORNEY-AT-LAW Insurance Law a Specialty General Civil Practice 125 1/2 Pine St. Abilene, Texas	SEMI-WEEKLY FARM NEWS and Merkel Mail Both Papers Now One Year \$1.50

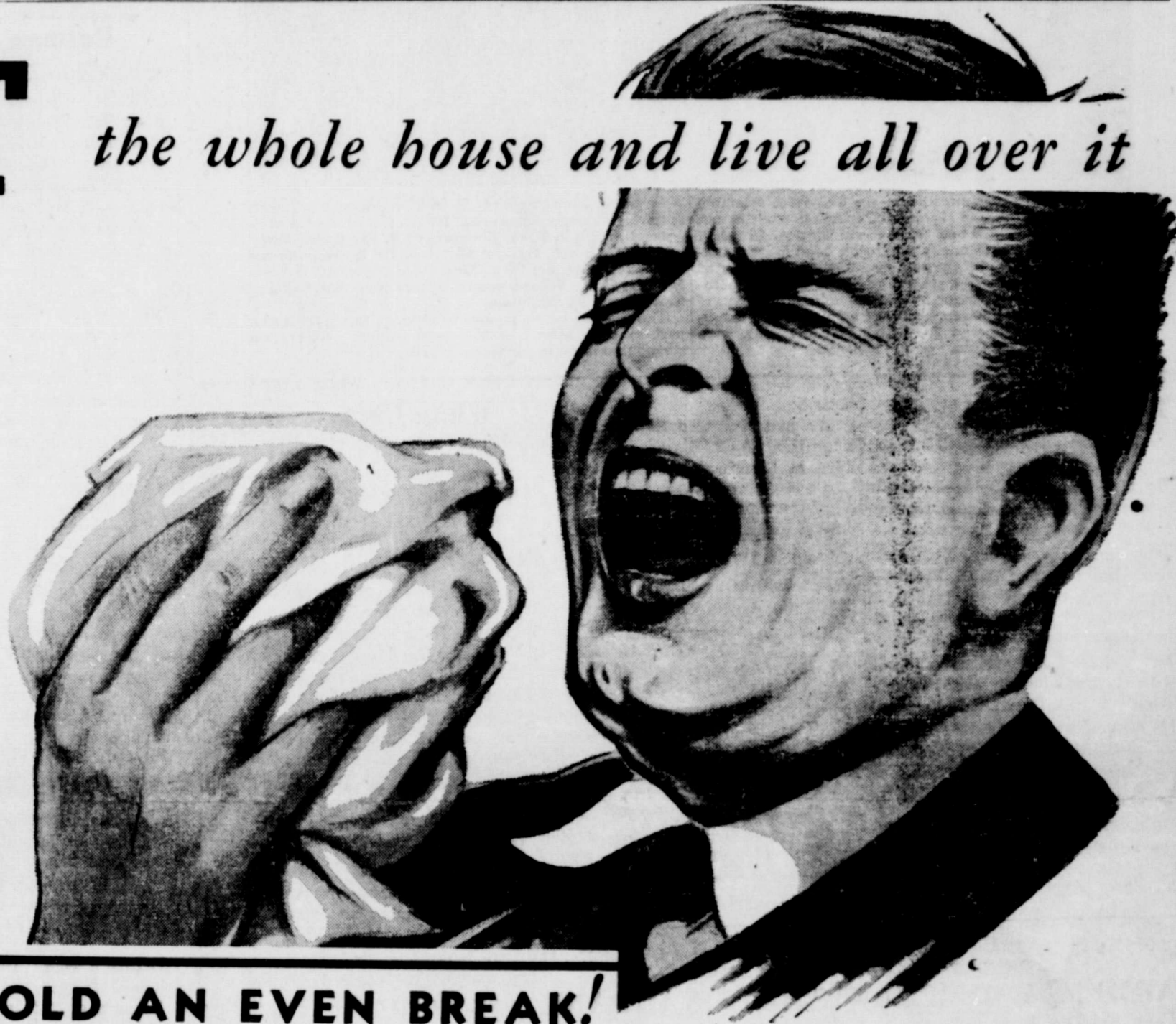
HEAT

the whole house and live all over it

A recent bulletin of the Texas State Department of Health warns against the danger of the common cold, which often leads to pneumonia and other serious winter illnesses.


In 1939 the number of Texans stricken with pneumonia ALONE was equal to one out of every ten homes located on the lines of Lone Star Gas System. Guard against the dangers of sudden changes of temperature by heating your entire home for your health's sake during the short winter season.


Lone Star Gas System




DON'T GIVE A COLD AN EVEN BREAK!


Only a cold—but serious disease may follow. Don't give a cold an even break.



According to government statistics, diseases of the breathing apparatus are responsible for about one death in every four.


If you do catch cold consult your family doctor before it undermines your health.

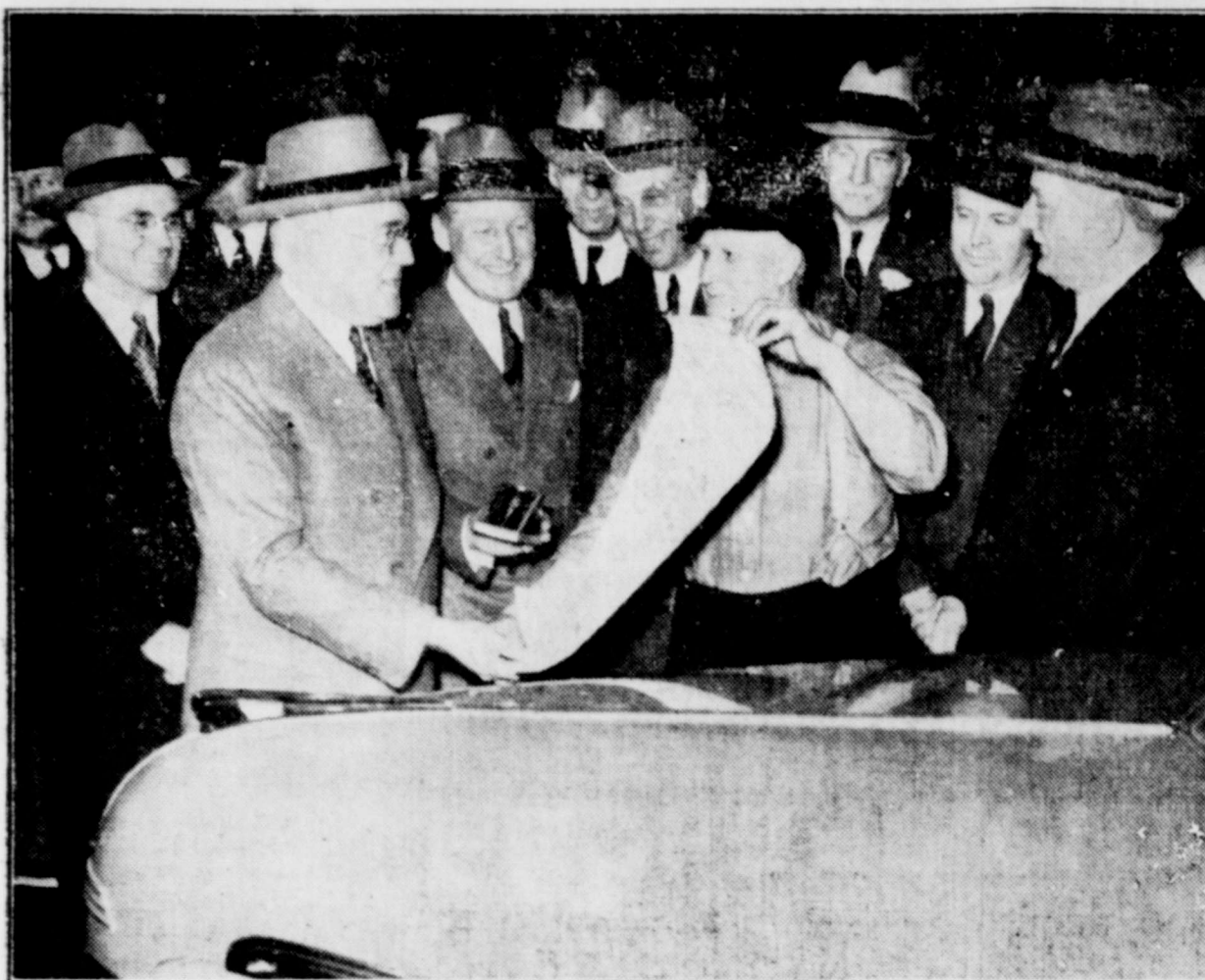
HEAT your ENTIRE HOUSE and provide ADEQUATE VENTILATION for your HEALTH'S SAKE.


The cold germ is responsible for two hundred million illnesses each year.

Your good health and that of your loved ones is your most desirable possession. Don't give a cold an even break.



General Motors Builds 25-Millionth Unit



Brief ceremonies were held in the Chevrolet assembly plant at Flint, January 11, marking completion of this car, the 25-millionth unit built by General Motors. In behalf of the thousands of workers who had a hand in its manufacture, 75 members of the final assembly line crew handed M. E. Coyle, Chevrolet general manager, a commemorative scroll for presentation to W. S. Knudsen, president of General Motors. Veteran Chevrolet employees, and executives of the Buick and AC Spark Plug divisions, were present as special guests.

In photo, left to right: C. E. Wetherald, general manufacturing manager, Chevrolet; Mr. Coyle; H. H. Curtice, general manager Buick Division; A. P. Sloan, Jr., chairman of the board, General Motors; Fred Brown, veteran Chevrolet employee; C. S. Mott, vice president, General Motors; C. E. Wilson, executive vice president, General Motors, and Mr. Knudsen. The car was taken at once to Detroit, to play a major part in the "March of Men and Motors" celebration staged that night in the Masonic Temple.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Burgess Moore of Lubbock was in Trent attending to business the latter part of last week.
Mrs. Boyd Howell of Abilene, the former Sally Freeman of Trent, is here to stay while her husband is in the hospital at Marshall with an injured back.
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts, Jonnie and Sally, spent last Sunday in Clyde visiting in the Dyer and Norwood homes.
Viola Smith spent last week-end with home folks.
W. J. Armour is on the sick list.
Mrs. Joyce Moody was a recent visitor of Mrs. Joe Brown and Winnie.
Bo Terry is here from barber school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowers and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bowers visited the Ivys in Sweetwater Sunday.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

The Woodmen Circle met in regular session Wednesday evening at 2 o'clock with Guardian Agnes Burks presiding.

RADIO PROGRAM.

Last Friday morning at 9:30 radio station KXOX, Sweetwater, presented a radio program from Trent. Heard on the program was Jake Roberts, singing "A Man and His Dream" and "My Prayer." Louise Smith sang "In an Eighteenth Century Drawing Room." Next on the program was Jonnie Roberts playing a piano solo, "Rustic Dance." The last number was "On the Road to Mandalay," sung by Kenneth Burk-

White Church News

We had a real good crowd at Sunday School and League Sunday. Next Sunday will be preaching day.

Paul Thomas of Divide spent the week-end with M. H. and Paul E. Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Frazier of Putnam and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Hill, of Vernon, were Sunday guests of their children here. Mr. and Mrs. John Frazier and family, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown and daughter, Joan, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown were also guests in the Frazier home.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Eggar and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Eggar spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer.

Rev. John Hawkins of Peacock who held our summer revival, visited in our community the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blackburn of Butman visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown, Monday.

W. L. Brown received a message last week that his granddaughter, Mrs. Allie Reed, was seriously ill at Bowie, Texas.

Woodrow Barnes spent the past week visiting relatives in Greenville.

Frank Demere and A. D. Barnes made a business trip to Big Spring the first of the week.

Several from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Dolph Clark at Merkel last Friday. Our entire community sympathizes with the family in their loss.

Joan Brown and Mabel Denton have been quite sick but are better at this writing.

No Difficulty for January.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Senator Connally of Texas early this week telegraphed Governor W. Lee O'Daniel there would be "no difficulty" about federal old age assistance payments to Texas for January, despite a disagreement that has arisen over a joint merit system council for the Texas unemployment compensation commission and the state welfare department.

Accompanying each singer was Christine Collins of Merkel, who teaches voice and piano in the Trent school.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT.

The Trent Senior Girls' basketball team is to hold its annual invitation tournament this week-end. There will be twelve teams participating in this tournament.

BOYS' BASKETBALL GAME.

The Trent Boys' Basketball team played the Hardin-Simmons Freshmen Monday night. The game was played at Hardin-Simmons. The final score was: Hardin-Simmons 15, Trent 10.

SENIOR CLASS PARTY.

The Senior class of Trent High school was honored with a chili supper at the home of Mrs. Alex Williamson last Tuesday night. After the supper the group went to the show at Merkel.

Submits Candidacy To Voters in Race for County Commissioner

To the Voters of Precinct No. 2:
I take this method of announcing my candidacy for county commissioner, Precinct No. 2, Taylor county. I am 47 years old and a World War veteran. I have lived in Precinct 2 for the past 26 years and have ten years' experience in building roads. I feel as though I am capable of handling this office and, if I am elected, I promise you that I'll try to make you the best county commissioner that you have ever had.
Sincerely,
W. R. Cox.

Okays Census Plan.

Washington, Jan. 18.—President Roosevelt has endorsed legislation by Senator Vandenberg, republican, Michigan, which would continue the present method of using the decennial census to determine the apportionment of membership in the house.

Butman News

We enjoyed having Rev. Ted McGehee out to preach Sunday.
Mrs. Roy Spencer and Dale spent last week with Mrs. Ben Butman.
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dewell McLean.
Jack Reid was the Saturday night and Sunday guest of Herbert Green.
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spencer have a new son, named Larry Joe.
Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Butman and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Counts went to Divide to church Sunday night.
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Butman made a business trip to Abilene Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Counts were in Sweetwater Saturday night to see her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Green.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this means of expressing our sincere gratitude to our Merkel friends for their manifold courtesies and words of sympathy during the death of our mother and aunt. For the beautiful floral offerings we are deeply appreciative; for kindnesses shown by Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong and daughter, Mrs. Johnnie Cox, E. W. Morgan and Mrs. Clona McClure we express our thanks.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stroud and Family.
Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Russell and Son.
Mrs. Seth Hamilton.

DIVIDE DOINGS

Weather's cold this (Tuesday) morning; farmers are doing a lot of butchering and sausages are sizzling in the pan.
Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Slim Hankins, Mrs. William Steward, Mrs. Clyde Magee and Mrs. Ruth Jones attended the funeral of Ray Williams in Abilene Monday afternoon.
Miss Olga Elliott, home eco teacher, and class served the Boy Scouts and Scoutmaster H. D. Norris a four-course dinner Monday evening.
W. T. Perry and Miss Willie Joe Riney were married Sunday morning

and will make their home on the ranch twenty miles south of Merkel. A host of friends wish for them a long, happy life.
We are glad to report Miss Winnie Ware, Ira Oliver and R. T. Dunlap all improving nicely after surgery at Sweetwater hospital last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Richardson of Sweetwater were visitors here Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Butman, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Counts and Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Harrison of Butman attended church here Sunday night.

"ONE DOSE" GUARANTEE MADE ON COUGH RELIEF

Amazing Offer by Manufacturer Proves Startling Results Secured.

Mentho-Mulsion, the proven remedy for bad coughs due to colds, is sold under the most iron-clad money-back guarantee ever made. "Take one spoonful of Mentho-Mulsion... If Mentho-Mulsion does not give you the quickest relief you ever had, ask your druggist for your money back."
Mentho-Mulsion is a scientific compound of nine important ingredients that does its work without narcotics or opiates. As soon as you open the bottle you can detect

the soothing vapors that pass through the bronchial passages, and as you swallow your first delightful spoonful you can feel the warmth in your throat and the opening of your nasal passages. No wonder Mentho-Mulsion gives you such fast action.

PROMINENT DRUGGIST.
A prominent druggist says "Most people do not realize the danger of a cough due to a cold or exposure. Such a cough is nature's warning that perhaps your resistance is weakened by cold and your system susceptible to complications."
Mentho-Mulsion is endorsed by your neighbors and guaranteed by Lee-Bailey Drug.

ANNOUNCING . . .

The Abilene Hatchery Seed Store has reorganized and will be known as The Abilene Hatchery, Seed and Feed, located at the same location.
TURKEY INCUBATOR—We have installed a Late Model Electric Operated Petersime Turkey Incubator. This machine is especially built and designed and equipped to hatch Turkeys. We will be glad to serve you with any and all Turkey problems you may have. We will be in position to handle any amount Turkey Eggs for Custom Hatching, as the Machine has a capacity of Sixteen Thousand Turkey Eggs.
BABY CHICK INCUBATOR—We have also installed the latest improved Electric operated SMITH Incubator with a setting capacity of 78,000 eggs—the largest machine in West Texas and with only one or two others in Texas. We have started the machine in operation and will take your eggs at once for custom hatching. We will have Baby Chicks out of the Big Machine Jan. 29. We will be glad for you to come and look the Giant Incubator over.
Abilene Hatchery, Seed & Feed
318 Mesquite Street
Abilene, Texas

Charter No. 7481 Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Of Merkel in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Dec. 30, 1939, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, Under section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes

ASSETS	
1. Loans and discounts (including \$678.93 overdrafts)	\$265,965.36
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	30,450.00
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	21,162.80
4. Other bonds, notes, and debentures	5,912.50
5. Corporate stocks, including stock of Federal Reserve bank	2,100.00
6. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$23,358.53
7. Furniture and fixtures	2,500.00
8. Real estate owned other than bank premises	1.00
12. Total Assets	\$652,450.19
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations	\$529,878.22
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	19,137.65
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	21,858.42
17. Deposits of banks	2,153.70
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	2,805.43
19. Total Deposits	\$575,833.42
24. Total Liabilities	575,833.42
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital Stock:	
(c) Common stock, total par \$50,000.00,	50,000.00
26. Surplus	21,000.00
27. Undivided profits	5,616.77
29. Total Capital Accounts	76,616.77
30. Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	\$652,450.19
MEMORANDA	
31. Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
(a) United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	19,350.00
(b) Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement)	17,500.00
(c) Total	36,850.00
32. Secured liabilities:	
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	21,858.42
(d) Total	21,858.42

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:
I, Booth Warren, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
BOOTH WARREN, Cashier
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of January, 1940
(SEAL)
MARY COLLINS, Notary Public.
CORRECT—Attest:
SAM BUTMAN, Sr.
H. C. WEST.
W. S. J. BROWN,
Directors.

SERIOUS MINDED . . .
... Property Owners

Who realize a tomorrow's uninsured loss may wipe out today's bank account, will be interested in an insurance survey prepared by this agency.

At no cost or obligation.

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MERKEL, TEXAS
FARM LOANS AND ALL KINDS OF INSURANCE
Consult Your Insurance Agent, as you Would Your Doctor or Lawyer

It takes a lot of money to make Texas telephones talk...

STATEMENT
To: Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
COST OF FURNISHING TELEPHONE SERVICE IN TEXAS . . . 1939

WAGES (to 8,500 skilled telephone workers in Texas) . . . \$10,500,000

TAXES (to federal, state, and local governments) . . . \$5,300,000

OTHER EXPENSES (supplies, rents, depreciation, and so on) . . . \$9,700,000

Total \$25,500,000

If your telephone company received only one bill a year—one bill for all the costs of furnishing telephone service in Texas in 1939—what a bill it would be! A bill for more than 25 million dollars! That's a mighty big bill . . . it indicates the size and importance of this company's job in Texas—the job of furnishing you fast, accurate, dependable telephone service. Yet telephone service costs you only a few pennies a day.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY
LONG DISTANCE IS CHEAP AND CHEERING. VISIT OUT-OF-TOWN FRIENDS BY TELEPHONE.

Abilene Hatchery Has Been Re-Organized; To Continue at Same Place

Announcement has been made of the reorganization of the Abilene Hatchery and Seed store, 318 Mesquite street, Abilene, which will hereafter be known as the Abilene Hatchery, Seed and Feed, at the same location.

A new late model electric operated Petersime turkey incubator, especially built, designed and equipped to hatch turkeys, has been installed, also the latest improved electric operated Smith incubator for baby chicks, with a capacity of 78,000 eggs, said to be one of the largest in West Texas.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to each and every one who, with your kind deeds and beautiful floral offerings, brought to us so much consolation in the loss of our loved one.

May God bless each of you.
Mrs. Stanley B. King and Brothers.
H. D. Clark and His Children.

Effective POSTERS



When you are going to advertise a play or any event where posters will be used—The Merkel Mail knows the best design and the best colors to use to do the finest job.

The Merkel Mail
Printers and Publishers

Dave Anderson Enters Commissioner's Race

To the Voters of Precinct No. 2, Taylor County:

I am taking this opportunity of announcing to my friends my candidacy for the office of commissioner of Precinct No. 2, Taylor county.

I am 52 years of age. I am well known throughout Taylor county, having lived my entire life here. I feel like with the experience I have had with road work I am qualified to make you a hand.

If my friends see fit to elect me as your commissioner, I will do my best at all times to give you the best service possible. I assure you that your influence and support will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
D. J. (Dave) Anderson.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Col. P. Church has re-opened for business as the Church Motor company in the old rock building on Front street which he formerly occupied. As DeSoto and Plymouth dealer, he sells new and used cars on commission.

Tomorrow, (Friday, Jan. 19,) which is Robert E. Lee's birthday and a legal holiday, the Farmers & Merchants National bank of Merkel will not be open for business.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bonneaux and son, Karl, Jr., also Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett went to Dallas last Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Bonneaux's brother, James Byrd.

Visitors here last week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Brewer of Odessa, who came to see Mr. Brewer's brother-in-law, Ernest Smith, whose leg was crushed Friday afternoon when buried beneath several tons of dirt while engaged in digging a water reservoir south of Clyde for the J. J. Willis Construction company of Odessa. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer returned home Sunday.

Going to Weatherford Wednesday to attend the funeral of T. C. Elliott were Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford and Mrs. George T. Moore from here, who joined Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott in Abilene. The deceased was an uncle of Mrs. Moore's father and of Mrs. Swafford.

PERSONALS

Misses Jannell Black and Evelyn Ensinger, students at the Southwest Texas State Teachers college at San Marcos, spent the week-end with homefolks.

Mrs. Bill Sheppard of Dallas is the guest this week of her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Urban H. Zehnpenning.

Miss Gay West visited last week with her aunt, Mrs. J. C. Randel, in Quanah, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John West drove up Sunday to bring her home.

Clyde Sears, student at Texas Tech, Lubbock, spent the week-end at home with his mother, Mrs. Clyde Sears.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, joined by Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg and son, Granville, of Chillicothe, and Miss Iva Bragg of Abilene, drove to Stephenville last Sunday to visit Mr. Bragg's mother, Mrs. M. E. Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Toombs and family moved last week to Fluvanna, where Cullen has bought a farm.

Rev. Chas. Tucker, former pastor of Cordell, Okla., and his wife and three children visited last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker. They were en route to the Rio Grande valley, where Rev. Mr. Tucker has accepted a pastorate at Mercedes.

Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft and Miss Grovone Ford have had as their guest this week their cousin, Miss Juanita Jones, of Crowell.

After a visit with her mother, Mrs. May Field, Mrs. P. H. Lassiter of Long Beach Calif. left Monday for Virginia to join her husband there.

Guests Saturday in the W. M. Elliott and D. I. Shelton homes were Mr. and Mrs. Jess Baggett and two daughters, Jessie and Ina Jean, of Fresno, Calif. They were returning from a visit in Fayetteville, Ark., and were accompanied by Mrs. Baggett's cousin, William George McClelland of that city. Mrs. Baggett and Mr. McClelland are cousins of Mrs. Elliott and Mr. Shelton.

Guests early in the week of Dr. J. P. Howard were his brother-in-law

It Pays to Advertise.
An advertisement in last week's issue of The Merkel Mail for a lost purse containing around \$4.00 in money brought quick response. The purse was returned to The Mail office Saturday afternoon, and the owner, Mrs. Oscar McLean, Route 4, notified at once.

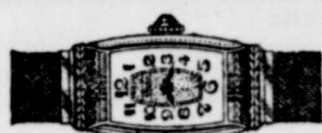
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Adding machine rolls 15c or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For sale at the Merkel Mail.

and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Reagan, of Floydada.

Upon receipt of news that her granddaughter, Charmayne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Polley, was very ill, Mrs. F. A. Polley left Thursday afternoon for Houston.



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SPECIALS

for FRIDAY-SATURDAY

JANUARY 19-20, 1940

WINESAP APPLES, doz.	19c	LETTUCE, 3 head	10c
BANANAS, dozen	15c	CARROTS, 3 bunches	10c
GRAPEFRUIT, dozen	19c	ORANGES, dozen	23c
SPUDS,	10 pounds		19c

SUPREME Salad Wafers, 1 lb. box	17c
ICICLE Cookies, per box	15c
RED & WHITE Prune Juice, 3 cans	25c

Sun Cured Fruit Sale	
Seedless Raisins, 2 lb. bag	17c
Fancy Peach, 2 lb. pkg.	35c
Fancy Apricots, 2 lb. pkg.	42c
Fancy Prunes, 2 lb. pkg.	25c
Bulk Prunes, 3 pounds	19c

RED & WHITE Grape Juice, quart	29c
RED & WHITE Peaches, 3 No. 2 1/2 cans	50c

OUR VALUE Corn, No. 2 can	10c
OUR VALUE Peas, No. 2 can	10c

SUPREME PEANUT BUTTER	PINT 15c
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Hershey's COCOA	1/2 LB. CAN 10c
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GOBLIN Hominy, No. 2 1/2 can	10c
RED & WHITE Meal, 5 lb. bag	18c

RED & WHITE—WHOLE WHEAT Flour, 3 lb. bag	19c
DEL DIXI Sweet Pickles, qt.	25c

SUN SPUN SALAD DRESSING	PINT 20c
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BIRDBRAND SHORTENING	4 lb. Cr. 43c
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Market Specials :-

PORK STEAK, lb.	19c	SLICED BACON, lb.	22c
FRESH LIVER, 2 lbs.	25c	PORK CHOPS, lb.	19c
PORK ROAST, pound	17c		

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POPULAR YOUNG MATRON IS COMPLIMENTED WITH GIFT TEA.

Mrs. T. L. Reid, attractive holiday bride, was named guest of honor Wednesday afternoon when five hostesses, namely Misses Helen Heeter, Thelma Mathews, Bess McNiece and Betty Reid, with Mrs. Dent Gibson, entertained with a gift tea in the home of Miss Betty Reid.

Lovely snapdragons and gladiolas graced the rooms where a short program was opened with all singing "I Love Thee Truly," led by Miss Pearl Mathews, as a toast to the bride. Miss Gay West, reader, next entertained, reading a group of poems by Melba West Foy, from her volume, "The Least of These." Miss Betty Reid presided at the bride's book and Misses Anne Blake and Helen Heeter served a dainty refreshment plate of miniature wedding cakes, olives and coffee, and plate favors were decorated cups of valentine candies.

Those registering were Mesdames T. L. Reid, Roy Reid, R. H. Mathews, Sr., J. J. McNiece, Cyrus Pee, J. N. Hatfield, T. E. Collins, J. A. Milliken, Byron Dingle, Clyde Bartlett, David Gamble, Lige Gamble, A. J. Canon, W. O. Boney, Horace Boney, Yates Brown, Dean Higgins, Buck Leach, Nell Lee, F. Y. Gaither, W. A. Ford, Owen Robertson, Alvin Wozencraft, Bill Fugat, Wilbur Thomas, E. O. Carson, T. H. Beene; Misses Gay West, Johnnie Chadwick, Wanda Dingle, Nadine Clack, Clara B. White, Lou Dale Gray, Billie McGeehee, Frances Largent, Pearl Mathews, Anne Blake, Dorothy Shannon, Christine Collins, Sue Grimes, Dora Gaither, Thelma Grimes, Grovone Ford, Helen Heeter, Bess McNiece, Thelma Mathews, Betty Reid and Mrs. Dent Gibson.

IRVIN-WATTS.

Mrs. L. A. Watts is announcing the marriage of her youngest daughter, Melba, to Calvin G. Irvin, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Irvin of Noodle. The wedding took place Saturday evening, Dec. 18, at 7:30 o'clock in Anson, with Rev. C. Armstrong, Methodist pastor, reading the ceremony at his home. News of their marriage was revealed only last Saturday.

The bride was attractively attired in a grape wool suit, with red fox fur and black accessories. Her corsage was sweetheart roses. Her only attendant was Miss Mary Francis Harris, who wore black alpaca, with black accessories.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Irvin formerly attended Merkel High school and are very popular among the younger social set. They will make their home about four miles north of Merkel.

On their honeymoon they went to Mineral Wells, returning last Sunday night.

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.

The Fortnightly Study club met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. F. C. McFarland, hostess, for the program on "Health and Safety."

Miss Winnie Heizer presented Tommy Grimes, Dorothy Shannon, Louise Patterson, Dora Gaither, Betty La Higgins, Mary Lu Higgins, Mildred Smith, Geraldine Teague, Homer Tye, Doris Clyde Miller and Arlie Joe Barron, pupils of Mrs. Comer Haynes' speech class, in clever and enlightening skits on public safety.

Mrs. Elsie Nash presented the guest speaker, Mrs. Dallas Scarborough of Abilene, president of the County Health association, and Miss Lena Wilson, secretary of the association. Mrs. Scarborough spoke on the subject for which she has given her time and her brilliant personality these 24 years, "The Eradication of Tuberculosis," and the accomplishments of our County Tuberculosis association in this field.

Club members answering roll call were Mesdames Johnny Cox, S. D. Gamble, W. S. J. Brown, Comer Haynes, F. C. McFarland, Elsie Nash, Connor Robinson, W. T. Sadler, J. T. Warren, Owen Robertson, Henry West; Misses Mamie Ellis, Winnie Heizer, Julia Martin and Mildred Holt.

A silent prayer was given in loving remembrance of the late club member, Mrs. Rufus Adcock, who passed away on Jan. 3.

GLEANER CLASS PARTY.

The home of Miss Lottie Butman was the scene of a pretty party when, with Mrs. Mack Buzbee and Mrs. Homer Patterson as co-hostesses, the Gleaner class of the Methodist Sunday School was entertained on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

After the opening song, the devotional reading was given by Mrs. W.

W. Toombs and a prayer by Mrs. John Crow. All were happy to know Miss Amelia Ford, a visitor from the state of Maine, who is a guest in the Butman home. Mrs. R. A. Burgess of Perryton gave an interesting talk, which was greatly enjoyed.

After a short time engaged in games, a refreshment plate of cherry pie, with whipped cream, olives and coffee, with sweet peas as plate favors, was served to Mesdames Ross Ferrier, Fred Latham, Herbert Patterson, John Crow, R. A. Burgess, C. K. Russell, Denzel Cox, W. W. Toombs, Mack Buzbee, John Shannon, W. S. J. Brown, Dollie Henslee, Johnny Cox, Homer Patterson and Roy Baccus; Misses Amelia Ford, Mossy Sears, Ona Johnson, Mabel McRee and Lottie Butman.

BAPTIST W. M. S. ROYAL SERVICE PROGRAM.

The W. M. S. of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon at the church, with Mrs. W. L. Johnson the leader.

The watchword, "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord," (1 Cor. 15:58), was given by Mrs. Chas. West. The hymn for the year, "How Firm a Foundation," was rendered by Mrs. Clyde Bartlett. The theme for the year, "Steadfast Purpose in a Changing World," was introduced by Mrs. G. M. Sharp, and "Learning to Love the Bible" was Mrs. Sam Swann's subject. After prayer by Mrs. J. M. Williamson, the song, "How Firm a Foundation," was sung by the group.

Other subjects were: "The Promise of Redemption," Mrs. J. O. Castles; "The Plan of Propagation," Mrs. J. S. Swann; "A Changed Life," Mrs. E. O. Carson; "The Test of Obedience," Mrs. J. T. Warren; "A Shining Light," Mrs. Lucy Ford; "A Singing Salutation," Mrs. O. B. Tatum; "Facing Danger," Mrs. J. M. Ashby; "As Year Succeeds to Year," Mrs. W. B. Stevens; hymn, "Wonderful Words of Life," and closing prayer.

There were twenty-one present to enjoy this, the first New Year program.

COMRADES' CLASS PARTY.

Members of the Comrades' "Couples" class of the Methodist church were most delightfully entertained on Monday evening when Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox combined host duties in the Collins home. Games of '84" progressed as diversion for the evening and at the refreshment hour delicious sandwiches, cookies and spiced tea were passed to Messrs. and Mesdames John Grable, William Cypert, Milton Case, G. R. Bowers, R. M. Ferguson, Vernon Hudson, Joe Sutphen Largent, Henry Newby, Andy Shouse and Ray Wilson.

FIDELIS MATRONS.

The Fidelis Matrons class of the First Baptist church met Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 10, in the home of Mrs. Owen Robertson, with Mrs. E. Y. Bailey and Mrs. Worth Lee as co-hostesses.

Mrs. O. B. Leach called the meeting to order, and prayer was led by Mrs. Clyde Bartlett. Mrs. W. T. Sadler gave the devotional.

After a business hour, games were played and refreshments served to the following:

Mesdames Earl Baze, W. T. Sadler, Sam Swann, E. B. Wallace, Robert Sumpter, L. B. Whitaker, O. B. Leach, C. B. Knight, Clyde Bartlett, Bill Fugat, H. W. Lemens, Max Swafford, George T. Moore, Ruby Jinkens, Lendon Coats and the hostesses.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Out-of-town guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie West on Sunday, Jan. 14, were: Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Coughy of McCamey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tipton and baby, Billie Nell, of Sterling City, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark of the Union Ridge community, Bernard, Woodrow, Junior, Willie Joe and Patsy Jean Clark, Mrs. J. M. Williamson and Mrs. Beulah Tipton.

Mesdames West and Tipton and Charles Tipton enjoyed their birthday together with a turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

SEWING CLUB.

Members of the Sewing club met Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Spencer Bird. Sewing and games were on the entertainment card.

Refreshments were served to the following members and guests: Mesdames Pat Davis, Earl Beech, Byron Patterson, Connor Robinson, Max Swafford, Urban Zehnppfning, Nolan

TEXAS CITRUS DRIVE



J. Frank Grimes, IGA president, and Betty Roberts, housewife, meet the twin citrus-cotton surplus problem with smiles. The former explains that his organization plans a nation-wide campaign between Jan. 19 and Feb. 15 to move 1,000 cars of oranges and grapefruit, packed in cotton bags, into consumption, reducing both the state's citrus surplus and the South's cotton oversupply in the same drive. The millions of bags to be used are cotton products.

RURAL SOCIETY

PERRY-RINEY.

Miss Willie Jo Riney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney of Nubia, and W. T. Perry, young Elm Creek rancher, son of Mrs. Ernie Perry, were married at 10:30 Sunday morning at the home of the bride's parents.

Rev. J. B. Stewart, pastor of the Methodist church, read the rites. The bride was attractively attired in a New Haven frock with wine accessories.

Mrs. Perry attended Merkel High school, where she was a graduate in '39. The groom attended school at Divide and for the past several years has been engaged in the ranch business.

Only a few close friends attended the ceremony. Included in the group were T. G. Pruitt of Abilene, Mildred McLean of Nubia, Olan J. Jones and Alga Ann Elliott, both of Divide, and Mrs. J. B. Stewart.

After a brief honeymoon, the couple will live on the Perry ranch on Elm creek.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. O. R. Douglas on Friday, Jan. 12. Roll call was answered with favorite magazines.

Mrs. Ruth Cox, past president, was presented a basket of lovely gifts. Mrs. Taylor, mother of Mrs. Douglas, was also remembered on her birthday with handkerchiefs from the members.

Jello, wafers and hot chocolate were served to Mesdames Cox, Frank Carr, W. C. Lee, Lee Tipton, Kenneth Pee, Lige Harris, M. L. Douglas, O. E. Harwell, Chester Bond, Weldon McAninch, Miss Mabel McRee and the hostess.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Weldon McAninch on Jan. 26 at 2:30 o'clock.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met on Tuesday, Jan. 16, in regular session in the home of Mrs. Allie Toombs. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Toombs, after which a very interesting program on "Do Something and Be Somebody" was rendered by several of the members.

A delicious refreshment plate was served to the following members: Mesdames Allie Toombs, J. B. Stewart, Jim Perry, Lloyd Matthews, B. H. Riney, James Simpson, Will Butman, Wade Ensminger, Elmer Patterson, Tommie Russom, Ben Butman-Clark Perkins, George Anderson, Houston Martin, Dewel McLean; Miss Rosalie Keith and one visitor, Mrs. Don Riney.

Family Fun Night.

The Woodmen Circle is sponsoring "Family Fun Night" at the Woodman hall, Friday night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody is invited.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. Oscar Jones of Trent entered Merkel hospital Monday for treatment.

J. P. McKay had surgery Monday. Mrs. Allie Green was received Wednesday for X-ray and treatment.

B. Frankfurt of Dallas was given first aid, X-ray and treatment Wednesday. Victim of a car wreck, he was dismissed the same day.

A. R. Booth, well known groceryman, injured several weeks ago when he fell from his windmill, was admitted Wednesday for observation and treatment.

Pamer, Herbert Dunn, Milton Case, Stacy Bird, N. D. Callaway and the hostess.

League Activities

Your guest columnist is here again and I hope you will kindly bear with me for the few words and paragraphs that I have for you.

Several of us leaguers went to Wylie the other night to Union meeting and I think they all had a very nice time. We didn't get to bring the banner back with us but we enjoyed a very good recreational hour, and best of all was the splendid refreshments we were served with. To top the evening off, we had a very inspirational worship program on the theme of prayer.

Every day we receive something from someone in some way or the other and every day we give something to someone. We don't realize this at all times and I am sure that we don't realize fully the supreme gift we receive from God. We live from day to day and never give anything to God. We don't repay Him for the gift He gave to us. We become so absorbed in our thoughts and ideas that we fail to recognize the things that God gives us every day. No gift could be so great as those gifts which He gives to us.

Next Sunday, we are going to have Johnnie Cox as guest speaker for our League and so if you are not too busy about six fifteen next Sunday afternoon, you would be welcome at the Methodist church in Merkel.

Marvin Hunter, Reporter.

Last Rites Held for Mrs. Polly Van Clark

Funeral services were held at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Church of Christ for Mrs. Polly Van Clark, 69, wife of H. D. Clark, who died at 10 o'clock on Wednesday night, Jan. 10. Minister E. W. Key officiated, assisted by John H. Crow, pastor of the Methodist church.

Following the rites at the church, the body was taken overland in a Barrow funeral coach to Colorado City for burial in the family lot in the old White Church cemetery, where her first husband, Willis C. Callaway, is buried.

Pallbearers were S. D. Gamble, V. B. Sublett, Bernard Clark, Weldon Coats, Norman King and Billy Callaway.

Five nieces, Leona and Mozelle Sosebee, Mrs. Wayne Satterwhite, Mrs. Louise McGinnis and Dorothy Barbee, assisted by Mrs. V. B. Sublett, served as flower girls.

All four sons, Earl and Jack Callaway of Corpus Christi, Oliver Callaway of Alice and Nig Callaway of Bartlesville, Okla., were here for the funeral, also Mrs. Oliver Callaway and two sons of Alice, and Norman King of Port Arthur, a grandson. Only daughter is Mrs. Stanley King of Merkel. Her second husband, H. D. Clark, ten grandchildren of her own, seven step-children and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren on her husband's side also survive.

Among other relatives and friends here for the funeral were: Mrs. Otis Allison and son, Charles, and daughter, Rosalie, and Mr. Cooper, her son-in-law, Dallas; Mrs. J. M. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Odum, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Odum, Mrs. Jim Coleman, Big Spring; Mrs. Letha Rogers, Sweetwater; Mrs. Taylor Golden, Lockney; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Callaway, Abilene; Newt Carpenter, Calvert Carpenter and sister, Amherst, and Mrs. Cecil Hawk and family, Anson.

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In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. There were 544 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 406 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 626.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. B. T. U. at 6:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

W. M. S. CIRCLES. The W. M. S. of the First Baptist church will meet Monday, Jan. 22, in Circles, as follows:

Maybelle Taylor Circle will meet with Mrs. Fred Baker, Sr., with Mrs. Lucy Ford leader and Mrs. Lum Gilbreath, Bible teacher.

Blanche Rose Walker Circle will meet with Mrs. V. S. Swann, with Mrs. W. L. Johnson leader and Mrs. J. O. Castles, Bible teacher.

Elkin Lockett Circle will meet with Mrs. G. M. Sharp, with Mrs. Chas. West leader and Mrs. J. L. Winter, Bible teacher.

B. T. U. PROGRAM. To lead each member to enter joyfully into Christian service" is the aim of the B. T. U. program at the First Baptist church Sunday night at 6:30.

Program assignments follow: Introduction, Robert Higgins; scripture reading, Joyce Fulton; discussion 1, Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft; 2, Weldon Davis; 3, Mrs. Brown; 4, Vivian Davis; 5, Nadine Clack; Bible leader, Dot Swafford.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Evening service at 5 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Every one is cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Young people's meeting at 6:15 p. m. Evening worship at 7 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST. Sunday services: Bible classes 9:45, preaching at 10:45, young people's meeting 6:00, preaching at 7 p. m. Wednesday evening Bible study

Bible Lectureships to Start at ACC Feb. 18

Abilene, Jan. 18.—Abilene Christian college's 23rd annual Bible Lectureship will start Feb. 18 and continue through Thursday of that week, announces President James F. Cox.

"The Kingdom of Heaven" will be the general subject for this gathering which yearly attracts people to Abilene from more than a dozen states. Two lectures will be delivered daily by prominent ministers of the Church of Christ.

Two panel discussions are also scheduled daily for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. "Christian Unity" will be the subject for the first two days and "The Eldership" will be the topic under consideration in the two sessions on the final day.

Last February there were over 750 out-of-town visitors on the campus for this event. Speakers who are to deliver this year's lectures will be announced in the next few days. Also, several student programs and affairs will be staged for those attending.

at 7:00 o'clock. You are invited to attend. E. W. Key, Minister.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. R. U. Rister, supply pastor, will fill the pulpit Sunday, morning and night. All other services Sunday and during the week as usual. W. L. Massey, Supt.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Every one is cordially invited to these services. R. T. Smith, Pastor.

NEW LIVE OAK CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10:30 at the New Live Oak Baptist church of Butman. Visitors welcome. Mrs. Dennis Counts, Church Reporter.

WHITE CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Attendance last Sunday was 57, with 350 chapters reported read. Preaching next Sunday 11 a. m. League at 6:45 p. m. Attendance last Sunday night was 70. Subject for next Sunday night, "Money a Cause of Discussion." Everybody is invited to attend Sunday School and League.

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