Texas construction went into high gear last week, with Corpus Christi leading a group of five cities which turned in close to \$2,000,000 in new permits. The coast city's total was \$892,495, which includes two permits to build two slum clearance projects.

of office Monday as member of the house of representatives. Fitts was chosen in a special election to fill the vacancy caused by resignation of Representative Marvin London of Montague.

A two-car crash near Commerce Jan. 14 had claimed its fifth victim when Jack Stephenson, 17, Wolf City, died in a Commerce hospital Sunday. Four members of the Paul Lowe family were killed in the ac-

Thomas Ulvan Taylor, dean emeritus of the engineering school of the University of Texas since 1936 and a member of the faculty since 1888, was last week awarded an honorary membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers, first Texan ever to receive such an honor.

Elijah Leatherwood, 27, of Argyle, south of Denton, died in a Denton hospital Saturday of lockjaw. Tetanew developed as a result of a minor ajury to his finger.

Texas' sixteen most populous counties last year boosted automotive sales a third above 1938, to total 66,277 passenger cars and 12,376 commercial cars.

Doyle Madding Dabbs, 21, of Bruni, lambs." was killed when the car he was driving turned over near Bruni Sunday.

Judge Mike Reinhardt of Rockwall, of pneumonia.

A jury at Bonham Friday night lene. found J. W. McCoin guilty of the slaying of his wife Oct. 8, 1939, and fixed his punishment at 99 years in

Annual convention of the Texas Press association will be held June 13, 14 and 15 at Miperal Wells, instead of at Galveston, owing to a onflict with another major conven- ciated by the F. F. A. boys. on at Galveston.

A total of 97,000 fish were placed in Lake Brownwood during 1939 by the state game, fish and oyster commission, according to John R. Wood, state game warden at Brownwood.

Raymond Wesley Perkins, 12-year bome, 12 miles south of Greenville Largents Show home, 12 miles south of Greenville, was drowned late Saturday afternoon, when he and another youth plunged through the ice of a frozen pond while hunting.

Mrs. D. O. Gross, 34, died Saturday at Gladewater of burns suffered when she got too near a gas heat-Texas Company oil camp near Glade-

Dr. George C. Butte, former dean I show at Denver last week. of the law school at the University! of Texas and once republican candidate for governor, died Thursday champion Hereford female in strong night, Jan. 18, in Mexico City, following an emergency operation for that were prize winners in their resan intestinal obstruction. He was 62 pective age classes. The sire of the

Fire Tuesday destroyed the Childress junior high school building, with loss estimated at \$100,000. Firemen fought the blaze for five hours, but were unable to control it. Origin of the fire was not determined immediately.

Representative Ross Hardin, Prairie Hill, has entered the railroad commission race against Chairman Lon A. Smith. Hardin, 28, is the twin brother of Senator Doss Hardin of Waco.

The first newspaper ever printed on southern pine newsprint manufactured at the new Lufkin plant rolled off the presses of the Daily News at Lufkin Tuesday. The paper comes from the Southland Paper Mill's first commercial run.

Robert V. Maverick, native San Antonian and a cousin of Mayor Maury Maverick of that city, has been commissioned by former President Herbert Hoover to go to Finland to take charge of Finnish relief activities organized by Hoover. He was engaged in Belgian relief write-up of the Trent Parent-Teachwork under Hoover during the World

overheated, unventilated room earl- Dr. U. H. Zehnpfennig of the Sadier proved fatal Tuesday night in a ler clinic of Merkel was the speak-Colorado City hospital for Frank er, reading a very interesting paper

Tipton, 23. State police closed the 1939 ledger of traffic toll with 1,583 deaths recorded-27 fewer than in 1938. The reduction fell far short of hopes held by traffic experts who early Monday, January 22, 1940. last year estimated a possible 10 per

" Vour Home Jown Newspaper"

and 38 tri-weekly.

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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1940.

On the "Broadway of America"

Earl Fitts of Nocona took his oath SATURDAY, FEB. 3, SET AS DATE FOR LIVE STOCK SHOW

Members Future Farmer Chapter Will Exhibit Some 20 Head 25 Head of Lambs.

The Merkel Future Farmer Chapter has set Saturday, Feb. 3, as the date for their Third Annual Live Stock show. The date of the show this year has been set up about a month earlier than last year because the district show to be held in Abilene has been moved up to Feb. 14-15.

"The animals to be exhibited by the Merkel boys this year will probably not be as fat as they should be," said Chester Collinsworth, vocational agricultural teacher in High school and chapter adviser, "because of the early date of the show. The hogs are late this year and as a whole will be smaller than they usually are at show time. However, a good number of hogs will be shown. Some 20 head of swine will be exhibited, 15 head of steers and some 25 head of

The business men of Merkel plan again this year to give a good list of premiums, but no auction sale in Washington with other Texas will be held this year, it is announccounty judges on a WPA matter, ed, as most of the boys plan on died unexpectedly Saturday morning selling their animals at the West Texas Boys' Live Stock show in Abi-

> In raising funds for the premiums, a committee from the Lions club will solicit business men and individuals for donations to be used as prize money. These donations are strictly voluntary on the part of the subscribers and, regardless of the amount given, will be deeply appre-

Champion Female At Denver Show

Two Texas breeders, W. J. Largent & Son of Merkel and Silver Creek er and her clothes caught fire. The Farms, Fort Worth, won the chamaccident occurred at her home in a pionship and reserve championship don McAninch, Cal McAninch and in the Hereford female classes at the National Western Live Stock

> Blue Bonnet Domino 10th, shown by the Merkel breeders, was the competition with the other females champion is one of the Largents'

herd bulls, Publican Domino 10th. W. J. Largent & Son also won two three fourths.

"Denver had one of the strongest stock shows this year in its history," said Willie Joe Largent upon his return home. "Our next show will be at San Angelo early in March, then to Fort Worth for the big show that we always have there."

Mr. Largent also referred to the many good club shows this winter and he will serve as judge in several. He is to judge the local live stock show here on Saturday, Feb. 3; the big Mason county show in Feb. 8-9, and the Albany show on Feb. 22-23. Both of the latter shows have a registered Hereford show in connection with their club show.

Dr. Urban Zehnpfennig Gives Interesting Talk

By oversight of the editor, a phrase in the opening sentence of the news er association in last week's issue of The Mail was incomplete, the name Fumes which he inhaled in an of the speaker having been omitted. on "Mental Hygiene."

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. We Thursday, January 25, 19

SIX DEGREES IS SEASON'S LOWEST. RECORDED FRIDAY

For eight consecutive days Merkel has been in the grip of a severe cold spell, during which time temperatures below 20 degrees have been recorded each day, and predictions Of Swine, 15 Steers and About from the weather bureau Thursday precluded any hopes of rising tempperatures within the next few days.

Thursday morning-eighth day of the frigid blast-showed a reading of 9 degrees at 8 o'clock, but by noon out timidly.

During Wednesday night a light snow fell, but it drifted against obstructions and did not accumulate on the ground. About two inches of snow had fallen during Sunday night, however, piles of which were still in evidence Thursday.

The eight-day blizzard struck here Wednesday night of last week, forcing the thermometer down to 11 degrees Thursday morning of last week. Coldest mark of the spell was registered last Friday morning, when one local thermometer read as low as 6 degrees. Wednesday morning's reading was 13 degrees.

Monday's snowfall was estimated at about two inches, the resultant precipitation measuring about oneeighth of an inch, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale, and bringing the month's rainfall to five-sixteenths of

J. L. McRee, Prominent Farmer, Passes Away

J. L. McRee, 84, resident of the Union Ridge community for 31 years and one of the most highly respect-Saturday when he suffered a stroke. ves, other judges to be announced 50 years, passed away Aug. 10, last charge.

Funeral services were held from nesday afternoon, with Rev. John Jr. H. Crow, the pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church.

Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery by the side of his wife. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Barrow Undertaking company.

Pallbearers were O. E. Harwell, Denzel Cox, Curtis McAninch, Wel-Kenneth Pee.

Flower girls were Mesdames O. E. Harwell, Denzel Cox, Curtis Mc-Aninch, Weldon McAninch and Kenneth Pee and Miss Bonnie T. Mc-

John Larkin McRee was born Nov. 1, 1855, in Mississippi. His family came to Texas when he was only a youth of 12 years, settling in Milam county. He was married in 1889 to Emma Neill at Lilac, in Milam counfirsts, two seconds, one third and ty, and they moved to the Merkel section in 1908.

> Surviving are three children, two sons and one daughter: Dr. Judson T. McRee, Longview; Hugh McRee, teacher in Texas Technological college, Lubbock, and Miss Mabel Mc-Ree, Merkel. Five grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. H. J. Thompson, Snyder, also survive.

Among relatives and friends from out-of-town here for the funeral were A. H. Neill, Bradshaw, a brother-in-law; Mrs. James Wilson of Abilene and Mrs. John Jameson of Tulsa, Okla.

Butman Farmer Is New Range Officer

W. C. Perkins, Butman farmer and rancher, will assume duties soon as Taylor county's range inspector under the AAA program.

He will succeed W. A. Graham of Guion, who is resigning. He was selected for the post by the county AAA committee.

The change will be effective as gram has been completed. Graham Lang, Douglas Baker, Betty Bucwill remain on duty to finish up the hanan, Marilyn Petty, Joy Frances old program.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Darden, rying capacity, improvements made of the Mount Pleasant community, under the program, and other de- Billie Seymore. inspector is prac-

FAST TRAIN KILLS MERKEL BOY AT **CROSSING HERE**

Irles Curb Met Instant Death Late Saturday Afternoon When Sunshine Special Struck Car He Was Driving.

Irles Curb, 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Curb of the Mt. Pleasant community, was killed inthe mercury had begun to climb to stantly late Saturday afternoon when near 20, with the sunshine peeping the car he was driving was struck by the Sunshine Special, crack westbound Texas & Pacific passenger train which passes through Merkel without stopping unless to receive or discharge passengers.

After having had his car serviced at the White & Palmer Magnolia station, Irles is reported to have driven out of the station and south across the railroad tracks, and it is believed the engine struck the automobile broadside. His body was thrown about 20 feet to the south of the track and the car was demolished, with parts strewn along the track for some dis-

The train crew brought the fast passenger to a stop about three blocks down the track and backed up to the crossing where the accident occurred.

At an inquest held soon after the accident, Justice of the Peace Cobb returned a verdict that death was accidental.

Irles, whose father is a precinct AAA committeeman, was employed by George White on his farm and was on his way to his parents' home The Dodge sedan in which he was riding belonged to his employer.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon from the Methodist church, with Rev. John H. ed farmers of this section, died at Crow, the pastor, officiating, assist-West Company has kindly offered 3:30 Tuesday afternoon at his home. ed by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of their barn south of the railroad for His condition had been critical since Grace Presbyterian church. Burial Wednesday morning at the Veterans worth, I. W. Walling, George Wilhite, W. J. Largent will judge beef cal- His beloved wife, partner for over Barrow Undertaking company in

R. D. Ely, Lee Darden, Allen Ed- al home. the Methodist church at 2:30 Wed- wards, Jack Allen and F. T. Hogan,

> Flower girls were Misses Margie Hogan, Bonnie Lou White, Maurine White, Lucille Gilmore, Leola Reidenbach, Winnie Merle Reidenbach, Joyce Humphries and Bonnie Lois Campbell and Mrs. Jack Hogan.

Surviving, besides his parents, are four brothers, Loyce and Royce, twins in the army service at Camp Jackson, South Carolina; Dwight and Jerry of Merkel, and three sisters, Betty Jane, Doris Jean and Peggy, all of Merkel.

List 137 Pupils On Honor Roll Third Period

Honor roll of the Merkel Public school for the third six-weeks' period, as released by Supt. Connor Robinson this week, includes the names of 137 pupils-84 in Grammar school and 53 in High school.

Becky Gardner, a Junior, with an average of 98, led the entire group of students.

The complete list of pupils on the honor roll follows:

Primer grade-Betty Sue Harris, Norma Jean Hodge, Dudley Farr, Anna Marie Hewett, Connie Beth Harris, Doris Black, Ernest Hendricks, Sandra Sadler, Patricia Swann, Mary Tom Watson, Jesse Newton, Wanda Jean Tipton and Bobbie Nell

First grade-Donald Wayne Douglas, Borden Perkins, Clyde West, Paul Dry Goods company, of the splendid Wheeler, Charles Reddin, Pat Foy. Second grade-Barbara Sue Mc-

Peggy Humphries, Corda Jean Kemp- his family will soon move to same. er, Paul Baccus.

Third grade-Genora Brown, Robert Thomas Hodge, Bobby Glenn Gilsoon as work under the 1939 pro- bert, Geneva Carr, Don Dudley, Grace Tracy property in the southeast part West, Jo Marvrayn Tipton, Oris Duties of the range inspector in-clude inspection of ranges for car-sie McWilliams, Janice Patterson, Robert Sledge, Glenn Westenhover,

Fourth grade-Ann Walker, Peggy ministrator of Simpson, Billy Pat Nash, Beth Ann (Continued on Page Five)

Novel Sport To Introduce Ten Donkeys as Principal Players Basketball Tilt Friday Night

Man Was Killed at Same Crossing on Oak 24 Years Ago

The tragic death of Irles Curb last Saturday night, when the car in which he was riding alone was struck by the westbound Sunshine Special of the Texas & Pacific railway, recalled to J. T. Darsey and other old-timers a similar accident at the same crossing on Oct. 26, 1916.

W. G. Roach was the victim of that crash, receiving serious injuries that resulted in his death less than three hours after the accident. C. D. Robinson sustained a broken leg and injuries to his spine in the same

In the description of the accident from the issue of the Merkel Mail of Oct. 27, it was reported "the accident occurred at 9:01 a. m. Thursday morning when the T. & P. Special struck team and wagon Robinson was driving at Oak street crossing."

American Legion Honor Accorded Joe L. Speck

Funeral services were held at 3:30 last Thursday afternoon from the funeral parlor of Barrow Undertaking company for Joe L. Speck, World War veteran, who died at 7 o'clock

The body reached here on the 1:30 T. & P. train Thursday afternoon, Pallbearers were Ford Smith, Jr., and was taken directly to the funer-

Rev. John H. Crow and Rev. R. A. Walker officiated for the rites and burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery, with American Legion

The following ex-service men were pallbearers: Bert Melton, Stanley King, Clyde Shouse, Parker Sharp, Carl Black and Curly London.

Surviving are his wife, four children, Ben, Jim, Betty Jo and Kathryn Ann; his mother, Mrs. Kate and four brothers.

ter, Mrs. Cora Custer and son, Roy Lee Custer, of Bakersfield, were here brothers of Mrs. Speck, and Mrs. A. L. McGar, of Missouri City, mother of Mrs. Speck.

Coach Will Grimes has Scheduled Game Between Lions Club Aggregation and Faculty Members; To Start 7:30 P. M.

Basketball as a sport can always be depended on for lots of thrills; donkey basketball should double the thrills and provide oceans of fun be-

Local sports fans will be offered the novelty of a donkey basketball game Friday night at the High school gymnasium, sponsored by the basketball boys, the proceeds to go to buy uniforms and much needed equip-

Players will be secondary to the whims of the wily quadrupeds, who may or may not know the object of dropping the ball in the cages. But a matched game between the Lions club (with ringers) and the school faculty is the carded attraction. The game will start at 7:30, preceded by a band concert. Price of admission will be 15 and 25 cents, or 75 cents

for the entire family. Hack Shelton of Roosevelt, Okla., has centracted with Will H. Grimes, basketball coach, to bring ten donkeys here for the affray, rubber-shod for use on the gymnasium floor. That makes five donkeys a piece for the competing teams, the respective quintets to be selected from this line-up:

Lions - Vernon Hester, Horace Boney, George T. Moore, W. G. Richardson, R. T. Gray, J. W. Mansfield, Wrenn Durham, Pete West, Dr. Leo Zehnpfennig, Dr. Urban Zehnpfennig, John Grable and Nathan Wood.

Feculty - Connor Robinson, Rex Myers, Pat Davis, Chester Collins-

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

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

Dave Hendricks, S. M. Hunter, H. W. Hester, G. W. Harrell, W. C. Carpenter, Merkel; M. K. Conley, F. E. Akins, I. G. Harris, T. J. Bailey, P. J. Little, Veryl Hughes, Alton Hurd (colored), Grady Allen, T. F. Black, H. W. Hardy, C. A. Prescher, G. A. Collins, W. D. Ramick, W. E. Speck, Plainview, and two sisters Gentry, B. T. Chrane, C. A. Christian, W. B. Cogdell, F. E. Baker, A. Two of the brothers, J. D. and W. D. Odell, F. A. Loofbourrow, E. E. O. Speck of Plainview, and one sis- Calloway, Dr. W. C. Neal, I. W. Tate. E. T. Brooks, W. L. Curtis, P. F. Harris, Ed Turner (colored), Geo. W. Scoggins, Lee Baker, R. G. for the funeral, and among other Lee, M. B. Sheppard, G. A. Youngrelatives from out-of-town were love, W. E. Bailey, T. O. Dunlap, W. Eddie McGar of Missouri City, Tex- L. Amason, E. R. Jones, E. W. Curas, and Mike McGar, of Houston, tis, Abilene; A. B. Britton, Ovalo; C. A. Edenborough, J. A. Robinson, Guion; W. D. Cook, W. T. Holder, Wingate; O. J. Albro, C. C. Johnson, Lawn; M. A. Jones, Tuscola.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 30, 1920.)

CITY PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS; VALUES STEAD-

ILY INCREASING. Among the many real estate changes recently taking place here, we note the purchase by E. N. Brown, the genial manager of the Brown when Mr. Frank Sears purchased residence, formerly known as the Propst place. This is indeed a splen-Coy, Leland Mundy, Betty Joyce Mc- | did home, ideally located, and we feel | bank, and which is located right in Gehee, Billy George Reid, Gerald sure will prove to be a profitable pur- the very heart of the residential sec-West, Gaston Walker, Jimmie Floyd, chase by the new owner, who with tion of the city. It is expected that

Another important deal was the purchase by E. Siegel, hustling proprietor of the Economy store, of the of the city, belonging to Mrs. Emory McDonald. This is among the very best homes in the city, nicely and comfortably located on the out edge Siegel has closed out his entire be- from Ralls, Texas.

longings. He states that they permanent fixtures in Merkel and expects to lend every assistance possible toward his share of the upbuilding of the city.

Another important deal was made the beautiful and palatial home of T. A. Johnson, former cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National Mr. Sears and family will move to their new home about February first, or as soon as Mr. Johnson's family move to their new home in Coleman, where he is cashier of the Coleman National bank,

And Henry West, of the G. F. West Company, recently purchased a beautiful and costly home known as of the city, and without doubt will the Burroughs place and with his make a most desirable home for Mr. family has moved to same, after hav-Siegel and his family, the latter be- ing sold his home to Rev. Parrack, ing expected to arrive in Merkel next father of the local pastor of the week from East Texas, where Mr. Baptist church, who has moved here

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The officers of the Merkel F. F. A chapter went to Abilene Wednesday Jan. 17, to compete in the district contest held there. The members of the two teams were Francois Harris, Jerry Warren, Jack Hester, Billy Clyde Haynes, Elmer Patterson, Forest Glenn Barnett, Burneal Merritt, Roy Coats, Marvin DuBose, Booth Higgins, Stewart Kelly and Clyde

Two contests were entered and first places won in both. In the chapter conducting contest the officers go through a typical business meeting gas service in 30 years, Lone Star to travel more than 50 miles, much and parliamentary procedure drill, which is judged on the knowledge of parliamentary points used and on the correctness of questions asked by the judges. In the news-writing contest, a lead is given the entries and they write it up as a typical news story, with emphasis on style, spelling and neatness.

The winners of the district contest will go to Huntsville in the spring to compete in the state contests against the winners of several low simultaneously throughout our other districts in the state. The entire system," said Elmer F. Merkel chapter is making plans for Schmidt, Dallas, operating manager taking a three or four day trip after stopping in Huntsville for the

in 1936. Last year there was keen competition in all divisions of the mals ready for the show and they time comes for the show.

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more flowed through the line.

routed gas from other fields to main-

tain uninterrupted servic . When the

break occurred, he ordered gate val-

ves opened on the south of the sys-

tem near Groesbeck and Elm Mott,

permitting gas from East Texas

fields, which had previously been

flowing south from Waco, to move

from Mexia and Waco to Cleburne.

At the same time gate valves were

opened to permit gas from the West

Texas fields, which also had been

Interconnected System day.

In the midst of the coldest recent day, facing the greatest demand for from Vernon. Though each crew had Gas Company's pipe line from the of the distance over frozen ground Panhandle to Petrolia ripped wide along the pipe line, they located the open, company officials stated. The break shut off the world's greatest gas field in the midst of an all-time peak demand, yet there was no shortage of gas, officials said, because the pipe lines serving the local gas company are part of a thoroughly inter-

"Never in the country's history was the temperature so uniformly of Lone Star Gas. "The gas requirements of the 300,000 homes we serve in Texas and Oklahoma jumped to a The date for the annual F. F. A. | new all-time peak, 25 per cent great-Live Stock show has been set for er than for any other single day in Feb. 3, if the weather permits. This the company's history. But despite will be the third show to be held since the break not a man, woman or child the F. F. A. chapter was organized suffered because of any failure in

"The one thing standing between show and even more is expected this thousands of people and death or sufyear. The boys are getting their ani- fering was Lone Star's interconnected, integrated, thoroughly organized will be in fair condition when the pipe line system. No one-way pipe line could have met this test. If our customers had been relying on a Bills of exchange were used by the single line from a single producing area, homes would have been without gas because of this break. But our Beheading was introduced into 4,700 miles of pipe lines, intercon-England from Normandy by William | necting more than a thousand wells in over 40 separate fields, saved the

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las and points no heast. By this means gas already in the Panhandle "As soon as warning was given of Prevents Gas Shortage the break, two repair crews set out line was held in the line for use of he towns between the break and to locate it, one traveling sou h from ort Worth. The flow of gas over al-Shamrock, Texas, the other north

> Parisians Shiver. Paris, Jan. 25 .- Parisians shiverbreak in less than two hours, had ed Saturday. It was four degrees beit repaired in two more, and gas once low zero Fahrenheit, the coldest day n 23 years. "Meanwhile the dispatcher re-

ed to meet the emergency."

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> Johnny Jones made a non-stop airplane flight across the United States

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QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Showing for the last time Thursday-"Disputed Passage."

Friday and Saturday, Double Features-The Jones Family in "Too Busy to Work" and George O'Brien in "Marshal of Mesa City;" serial and Porky Pig cartoon.

Saturday preview, Monday and Tuesday-Fred MacMurray, Madeleine Carroll in "Honeymoon in Bali;" color cartoon and News included.

Coming, Feb. 19-20-"The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

"Honeymoon in Bali" Slick Screen Comedy

In the subtle art of combining comedy with romance, Fred MacMurray and Madeleine Carroll yield to few screen teams-and they proved it again to the satisfaction of local movie-goers in Paramount's slick new comedy romance, "Honeymoon in Bali," which is to be shown at the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Monday and Tuesday.

Fred and Madeleine, it will be recalled, were teamed for the first time not so long ago in "Cafe Society" in which they scored a triumph. Their latest picture gives them a chance to make the most of the experience they gained working together in the first and they come through in grand style. Fred is at his best as a carefree adventurer just returned from Bali, a fellow who believes that a woman's place is in a man's arms. Madeleine, who has been called the screen's most beautiful woman, is ideally cast Throckmorton, is truly a ranch girl. 7.87 years and the extreme life is as a smart, smug, department store Daughter of Bob Criswell, manager 16 years. executive, a girl who won't sacrifice her independence for love. Allan Jones is co-starred, cast appropriately enough, as an opera singer.

The romantic and comic complications start to mesh when Madeleine, warned that her attitude toward men is all wrong, goes to a fortune teller and learns that a tall, dark man with a knife wound on his right arm will enter her life. Madeleine scoffs, but it isn't very long before she meets Fred MacMurray, tall and dark, back from Bali with a knife wound in his right arm and she falls for him.

America's College Men Now Taking to the Air

When you read these days that America's college youth is taking to the air, it doesn't mean a new aerial strategy on the football gridiron. It's of far greater significance than that, and it is brought home to the nation on the screen for the first time with the Cosmopolitan production for 20th Century-Fox, "20,000 Men A Year." This figure represents the estimate by the Civil Aeronautics Authority (of the federal government) of the number of civilians who will be trained annually in the nation's colleges and universities as pilots and ground men. The chief object of the program is the encouragement and development of aviation in the United States.

"20,000 Men A Year" is based on a story by Frank Wead, well-known author of aviation fiction, and tells, through the eyes of the girls who love them and the men who give them wings, the dramatic tale of this "new brood of eagles" as it occurs in a typical university and CCA airport. Randolph Scott, Preston Foster and Margaret Lindsay are featured in the cast which includes Mary Healy, Robert Shaw, George Ernest, Jane Darwell, Kane Richmond and Maxie Rosenbloom.

"20,000 Men A Year" comes to the Queen theatre for a two-day engagement, next Wednesday and Thurs-

Buys Half Interest In Abilene Hatchery

Announcement has been made of the purchase of one-half interest in the Abilene Hatchery & Seed store by A. G. Gent from F. W. Irvine, formerly sole owner.

The store will hereafter be known as the Abilene Hatchery, Seed and Feed store, continuing in the same location, 318 Mesquite street, with Irvine and Gent as owners and operators.

The hatchery boasts a modern incubator capable of handling 78,-000 eggs every three weeks. Jess Welch of Dublin has been employed to operate the incubator.

Another recent installation at the hatchery and feed store is a turkey incubator built especially to handle turkey and duck eggs.

An invitation is extended by the owners to every man, woman and child in Taylor county to call at their hatchery and look over the new and

enlarged equipment.

First hatch of chicks for the new year will be taken from the incubator

and the same of

Ranch Girl Chosen



Chosen as a ranch girl honor guest at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, Mar. 8-17, Miss Elverna Criswell, 17, of of the Swenson Land and Cattle Company's Throckmorton ranch, Miss Criswell was born on the ranch. She

The merchants who advertise in this paper will give you the best values for your money.

is a blonde who feels at home in a

Increasing Used Car **Activities Reported**

Sales of used cars by Chevrolet dealers are keeping pace with the heavy deliveries of new 1940 models of passenger cars and trucks, it is announced by H. D. Cunningham, assistant zone manager, Dallas. "From every section of the United States and particularly from that area of North Texas included in the Dallas zone of Chevrolet reports of increased and increasing used car activities are being received from Chevrolet dealers," Mr. Cunningham said.

"In line with general improved business conditions in this section, sales of new 1940 model Chevrolet passenger cars and trucks have increased in most unprecedented proportions and this has brought into the used car stocks of Chevrolet dealers a choice of late model passenger cars and trucks representing unusual values in used cars. These trade-ins are quickly and thoroughly renewed in accordance with outlines and suggestions from the Chevrolet Motor division and are offered to the public bearing the Red O. K. tag, a copyrighted feature of Chevrolet and representing cars with an O. K. that counts.

"Facilities of Chevrolet dealers for carrying out the requirements of selling used cars with the Red O. K. tag are checked regularly by factory representatives and the used car buying public have learned that Chevrolet dealers' used cars represent the ultimate in quality for satisfactory service and long life."

Statistics show that the average length of an automobile's life is now

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> W. M. ELLIOTT City and School Tax Collector

Increase in Number Of U. S. Newspapers

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 25 .-The number of newspapers of all tri-weeklies in publication at the classifications in the United States end of 1939, as compared with 13,increased by 86 last year, but there 195 in 1938.

Ayer & Son, Inc., reported. The company's directory of newspapers and periodicals listed 13,281

were 41 fewer daily newspapers The directory listed 10,860 week- Standard Typewriter Kibbons To published during the year, N. W. ly newspapers, 386 published semi- each at Merkel Mail office.

weekly and 38 tri-weekly.

Daily newspaper circulation dropped 1,244,817 under the 1938 figdailies, weeklies, semi-weeklies and ures last year, the directory listing total eigenlation of 39,434,382, in

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YOU WILL GET ALL SEVEN publications, and if you are already a subscriber to ANY of these SEVEN publications, your present subscription will be extended. Mail or bring the coupon below to our office AT ONCE, and you will receive THE SIX BIG MAGA-ZINES, and THIS NEWSPAPER each week. ORDER AT ONCE because we may soon have to withdraw this offer.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Mattie Blankenship was in Trent last week while visiting her of Eskota.

Miss Virgie Hardy of Clyde is the new operator of Bowers Beauty shop. Uncle Dick Armour, who has been

al, is recovering. Earl Stevens has a new 1940 Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jones. Mrs. T. L. Frost is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and and children, Elmer, Jr., and Lula Mrs. P. C. Forrester.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY.

Last Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, members of the Young Married Women's class of the Trent Missionary Baptist Church, met in the home of Mrs. Foy Steadman for its monthly social. A refreshment plate was served to the following: Mesdames Neal O'Rear, Cecil Taylor, Clifford Estep, Richard Scott, Percy Scott, Carl Carey, Elmer Hall, L. W. Ross, Jr., Helen Williams and Roscoe Owens; Mrs. Buena Stribbling and Mrs. Carl Edwards, teachers. Mrs. Earl Duncan assisted Mrs. Steadman with hostess duties.

Next month the class is to meet in the home of Mrs. L. W. Ross, Jr., with Mrs. Elmer Hall assisting the

GIRLS' TOURNAMENT.

Due to the extreme cold weather last week-end, crowds were small at the tournament. Not nearly all the Pressley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. teams expected were present. Highland won the tournament by defeating Blackwell 22 to 20 in an overtime but is reported much better.

PARTY.

Mrs. Tom Williamson was hostess last Tuesday evening to a group of women. Entertainment consisted of written puzzles and games. A refreshment plate was served to the following: Mesdames T. C. Beckham, J. I. Leamon, Stribbling and daughter, Earl Strawn, John Strawn, Louie McRee, H. H. McRee, Leslie Beaslev. A. W. Woods, Alex Williamson, J. P. Roberts, R. L. Reeves and Miss Fern Martin.

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to the best of our knowledge and belief.

A. WILLIAMSON,

E. D. TEUTON. Directors.

T. H. WILLIAMSON.

Form B-76a

5. Corporate stocks

corporations

27. Capital* S. Surplus

(SEAL)

CORRECT-ATTEST:

Old Line Company

White Church News

Rev. J. B. Stewart filled his regular appointment here Sunday at both services, morning and evening, parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Utley preaching to a good crowd, considering the extremely cold weather we have been having.

> The League held their monthly social Friday night with several from the Nubia league attending. Criswell Doan of Abilene spent the

week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver of Lamesa is visiting Mrs. D. C. Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson Bell, of Nubia, attended church here Sunday and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Frazier. They had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Rex

Mrs. Gertie Pea of Merkel spent the night Friday with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown and children. Ruth, Mabel and Eula Dix, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks of Butman Sunday when Mrs. Meeks entertained in honor of her mother, Mrs. Ed Blackburn's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Harrison of Butman attended services here Sun-

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Green of Rotan

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Pressley are expected home this week from Sweetwater, where they are entertaining a new daughter at the home of Mrs. Willis Evans.

Little Don McLean has been sick Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere made a business trip to Sweetwater Satur-

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer were in Abilene Wednesday.

Sugar Rationed in Italy.

Rome, Jan. 25 .- The rationing of sugar, effective Feb. 1, was ordered time. Saturday. Each person will be allowed 500 grams, or one and onetenth pounds, monthly. Coffee recently was ordered restricted to 50 grams (1.7 ounces) a person a month.

Office supplies-Mail office.

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Report of Condition of

"HOME STATE BANK"

Of Trent, Taylor County, Texas, at the close of business on Dec. 30, 1939

Published in accordance with calls made by the State Banking Commission-

LIABILITIES

15. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations. 3,306.86

Total Liabilities (not including subordinated obliga-

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

*This bank's capital consists of common stock with total par

Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts _____\$385,599.67

We, H. W. Beckham, as President, and L. E. Adrian, as Cashier of

H. W. BECKHAM, President. L. E. ADRIAN, Cashier.

J. G. Wilks.

Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

d bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of Jan., A. D. 1940

er of Texas and the Federal Reserve Bank of this district.

14. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and

3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions

6. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance,

and cash items in process of collection

20. Total Deposits (items 13 to 18, inclusive) _____\$321,871.11

24. Other liabilities (Itemize) Customers Bonds held for safe-

20, Undivided profits

Total Capital Accounts

Elmer Lowe Announces Temporary Plan Eases For Sheriff's Office



W. E. (Elmer) LOWE

While in Merkel Saturday Elmer Lowe, who still owns a home here and who comes back frequently like Merkel was home, visited The Mail office and authorized his announcement as a candidate for the office of sheriff of Taylor county.

It was in 1905 that Elmer Lowe first came to Taylor county. He had left Dallas county, his home in his Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Martin and youth, to go to Mexico, where he worked five years for the Littlefield visited Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes Land and Cattle company. In the fall of 1905 he returned to Texas and came to Merkel, where he resided until 1907, going from here to Fort Stockton to operate a ranch, also serving as deputy sheriff there until 1913. Returning again to Merkel, he entered the automobile business and from 1913 to 1927 he operated one of the largest automobile sales agencies in this part of the state.

After serving as a member of the Texas ranger force from 1930 to 1932, he spent two years as a special officer for oil companies in the Conroe field, and other South Texas oil fields, working in co-operation with federal officers a great deal of the

He was a deputy sheriff of Taylor county for three years, 1936, '37 and '38, from which post he resigned to become juvenile and probation officer of Taylor county and is now serving in that capacity.

Said Lowe in announcing his candidacy-"My name is Lowe but I hope, with the support of my friends in Taylor county, I will be high, in

Butman News

Messrs. Bennie and Lewis Butman made a business trip to Abilene Saturday.

Herbert Green spent Saturday night with Jack Reid of Divide. Jarrell Lee and Billy Sam But-

man spent the week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reneau, of Trent.

Mrs. W. L. Russell has been sick, but is all right now.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Counts visited Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook Wednesday night.

Rev. A. C. Healer will preach at our church Sunday and we urge everyone who will to come.

Joyce Renfro spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ruble Johnson.

Pupils in the Butman school making an average of 90 for the last month were: first grade, Billie But-1. Loans and discounts (including \$4.98 overdrafts) ______\$105,378.56 man; second grade, Loveta Coffman 2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed 4,700.00 and Jimmie Johnson; sixth grade, 734.00 J. E. Meeks.

1,835.71 Those who were neither absent nor tardy were: Billie Butman, Loveta 269,851.40 Coffman, Novis Smith, Lloyd Smith, 7. Bank premises owned \$1,600.00, furniture & fixtures \$400.00 2,000.00 Foy Smith, Calvin Smith, J. E. 11. Other assets (Itemize) Customers Bonds held for safe-keeping 1,100.00 Meeks and Kenneth Hanley.

> We take orders for egg stamps. The Merkel Mail office.

Bronchial Irritations

MERKEL DRUG COMPANY



Jeweler Watches-Diamonds-Silverware

Problem of Texas WPA

Washington, Jan. 25 .- Jobless Texans can now get WPA jobs for the first time since Nov. 1 provided state shaving and washing the face. welfare workers certified them.

The social security board and a delegation from the Texas County Judges and Commissioners association worked out the temporary plan Saturday.

Some 35,000 unemployed Texans were expected to benefit from the ruling which came after Federal Security Administrator Paul V. Mc-Nutt had persuaded Works Progress administration officials to approve the Texas certification program.

Senator Tom Connally said the plan was designed to serve until the Texas legislature meets and supplies a permanent solution of the problem, which became acute on Nov. 1 when all funds for certification work were exhausted.

Those on relief rolls were unaffected. Persons who managed to stay off WPA rolls previously, however, were not permitted to apply for WPA jobs without proper certification.

Rep. Luther Johnson said the Social Security board had agreed to permit agents of the Texas department of public welfare to act in a supervisory capacity over county paid case workers.

The arrangement is subject to cancellation if it is found that the added duties of state welfare workers interfere with their regular work in handling old age assistance and job insurance.

Harris County Judge Roy Hofheinz, a leader in the Texas committee that proposed the plan, and Judge Homer Bouldin of Albany, president of the state association, said the plan would bring relief to all Texas counties.

Dean of Senate Dies.

Washington, Jan. 25 .- Senator William E. Borah, 74-year-old Idaho statesman, known in the senate as an isolationist in personal as well as international affairs, died last Friday night. Borah entered the senate Mar. 4, 1907.

A New Shaving Wrinkle. Hopkinsville, Ky., Jan. 25.-Lack of water failed to daunt Dudley H Taylor, managing editor of the New Era, when sub-zero weather froze pipes at his home. He used milk for

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Remarkable Quick Action See how different your bronchial passages feel.

WOMAN TELLS ABOUT IT. A well-known druggist's wife recently made the following state-ment: "I took Mentho-Mulsion for a bad cough due to a cold and my cough disappeared so quickly we now keep Mentho-Mulsion at home all the time ready to take at the

first sign of a cold or cough. GUARANTEE. Mentho-Mulsion must give you absolute satisfaction or your entire purchase price will be refunded.

Mentho-Mulsion is endorsed by your neighbors and guaranteed by

Friends of Merkel and Vicinity-

We solicit your patronage when in Abilene on these

Courtesy, the best of food, reasonable prices. Be certain and call on us when in town whether you buy anything or not.

Manager Greyhound Bus Restaurant

ANNOUNCING . . .

The Abilene Hatchery Seed Store has reorganized and will be known as The Abilene Hatchery, Seed and Feed, located at the same location.

BABY CHICK INCUBATOR-We have installed the latest improved Electric operated SMITH Incubator with a setting capacity of 78,000 eggs-the largest machine in West Texas. We have 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

Abilene Hatchery, Seed & Feed 318 Mesquite Street Abilene, Texas



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DRESS UP your home with WALL PAPER. See our 1940 designs-every pattern new. Burton-Lingo Co.

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

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.

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

FOR SALE-Registered white face bull, year-old; several springer cows. Clesby Patterson.

FOR SALE-Extra good milk cow; also some good work horses. West

FOR SALE-Several sets of harness, double row planter and cultivator, single row planter and cultivator; or will trade for live stock, hogs, chickens or what have you; can be seen at my farm on Sweetwater creek. T. B. Douglas, Route 2, Trent, Texas.

FOR SALE-Good work mule, also 500-chick brooder. Woodrow Patton, Route 4, Merkel, Texas.

MY FARM for immediate sale; reasonably priced; cash. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

YOUR INVESTMENT is safe when you make it in one of these Used

1939 Chevrolet Master-85 Coupe, new rubber, 1800 miles, anti-freeze. \$600.00 Special 1938 Chevrolet Master-85 Town Sedan, locally owned, low mileage,

A-1 shape, anti-freeze, good rub-\$515.00 ber. Special -1937 Chevrolet DeLuxe Town Sedan, locally owned, 25,000 miles, A-1

1938 Chevrolet Truck, 11/2-ton, 158anti-freeze. Bargain

GRABLE MOTOR CO. Chevrolet Sales and Service Merkel, Texas

FOR SALE OR RENT - 4-room house and bath; all conveniences; southeast Merkel. F. M. Simpson.

FOR RENT

FOR LEASE-177-acre farm, 100 acres in cultivation, three miles southeast of town; also for rent-90-acre farm, all in cultivation, seven miles south of Merkel. See Fred Huddleston of J. T. Warren.

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

FOUR-ROOM HOUSE to rent; also

WANTED

TO THE PUBLIC-We are now equipped for first class repair work on cars, tractors, washing machines, motors, etc. Give us a trial. Irl Walker and Odell Crow, West Side Wrecking Yard. All work guaranteed.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST-Bundle of laundry in bushel basket was placed in wrong car downtown Wednesday afternoon. Return to Beech's Laundry will be greatly appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to action of the Demotratic Primary in July.) for County Commissioner, Precinct

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, Taylor County:

C. K. RUSSELL. For Sheriff, Taylor County: W. E. (Elmer) LOWE.

American Food Service Baffles Spanish Refugee



"You Americans make things so hard," says Conchita Genoves, Spanish refugee at Texas State College for Women, as she sits down to eat and is confused at finding meat and vegetables on the same plate. In Spain only one item of food is served at a time. One does not have to think-"will I eat this first or that?" An exchange student recently enrolled at TSCW, Conchita was forced to flee Spain last February with her mother and two brothers, who are now in Mexico. Her father is still a political prisoner in Spain.

Honor Roll

(Continued from Page One) Myers, Jimmie Walker, Lon McDon- Newspaper Schedules ald, Jimmie Harris, Bobby Roland, Billie Joyce Ford, Billie Morris Baze, Stanley Stanford, Peggy Joyce Hamp-

Ann Groene, Mary Ruth Hutcheson, years ago-will be carried by news-Joan Brown, Mary Faye Johnson, La papers, F. A. Berend, Pontiac adver-Fern Stanford, Rosa Alice McLean, Geraldine Jinkens, Lola Mae Roland, Lloyd Rutledge.

Sixth grade-Becky Gaither, Doris Dudley, Jean Curb, Betty Gilbert, Reba Rae Kingsbury, Dorothy Nell Lee, Juanita Garvin, Valerie Leonard, Virgil Sears, John Robert Walk-

Seventh grade-Patsy Simpson Bonnie Jaynes, Dorothy Jinkens, shape. Special 4---- \$435.00 Carlene Hughes, Frances Walker.

Eighth grade-Jack Haynes, Don inch w. b., 5 new tires, low mileage, Hutcheson, George Mack Owens, of their flexibility and the oppor-\$595.00 Wanda Dingle, Ruth Butman, Mary tunity of localizing copy by inserting 1938 Chevrolet Pick-up, %-ton, 12,- Alice Hester, Mary Jo Hutchins, Pa- dealers' signatures," Berend said. 000 actual mileage, practically new. tricia Leonard, Wanda McCoy, Sue \$550.00 Morgan, Irlene Walker.

Ninth grade-Iva Ruth McWilliams, Jack Melton, Nina Osborn, Delma Harris, Billy Tom Hutcheson, Ruth Bell, Sue Grimes, La Verne Douglas.

Tenth grade-Becky Gardner, Dora Gaither, Mary Lou Higgins, Betty of age, was received at the hospital Lou Higgins, John Mack Grant, Mary Monday with a fractured hip, sus-Lou Hughes, Alene Cox, Mildred tained in a fall at the home of her Smith, Louise Cook, Madlyn Brown, daughter, Mrs. D. W. Ashby. Mildred Sue McCormick, Frances Peterson, Ova Martin, Douglas Mc-Coy, Nell Butman, Lyla Hobbs, Doris result of a fall on the snow-covered Clyde Miller, Mary Derington, Tommye Grimes.

Eleventh grade-Mildred McLean, gent, Betty Reid, Mildred Browning, Thursday morning. Lou Dale Gray, Willodean Thornton, Vivian Turner, Anne Blake, Frances company, the 6666 Ranch of the S.

Select Throckmorton Girl as One of Seven **Honor Guests at Show**

Fort Worth, Jan. 25 .- A rough seven ranch girl honor guests at the good intentions, faith and loyalty. Southwestern Exposition and Fat However, they substituted shoddy Stock Show in Fort Worth, Mar. materials and when the bridge was

Miss Criswell is a typical ranch strain put upon it. girl who was born on the famous Many A Family-S. M. S. ranch of which her father, has found too late that they failed Bob Criswell, is manager. She won to build a bridge to span the chasm the cutting-horse contest at the of Bitter Disappointment. However, Throckmorton rodeo in 1939 over all there is a safe bridge which any male riders, including some of the family can provide that offers safe. outstanding wagon and ranch bosses and thrifty protection. It is that part of West Texas. Her appearance at of the family budget called INSURthe world championship rodeo in Fort ANCE. Worth will be on "Sport," a red-roan Ideal Security Life cutting horse, broken and trained by Insurance Company

The Throckmorton girl is a true blonde with blue eyes and golden hair. She is five feet and seven inches in height. Riding is her favorite pastime, but music, swimming, volley ball promptly, and without delay or worand roller skating take a part of her ry for policy holders. We now have spare time. She is a high school grad- more than \$18,000.00 Cash Reserve uate and hopes to study physical education in university next fall.

She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. -Safety, Security and Satisfaction-Bob Criswell. She represents an area that includes some of the largest and oldest ranches in West Texas, among them the Matador Land and Cattle

Pontiac Earmarks Bulk Advertising Budget for

Bulk of Pontiac Motor Division's January-February advertising schedule-biggest since the model year Fifth grade—Bobbie Brown, George opening was shifted to autumn six tising manager, announces. More than 2,000 newspapers in 1,500 cities will be used.

> On the heels of a record-breaking last quarter and a 1939 sales total 59.4 per cent over 1938, Pontiac has increased its advertising budget 48 per cent for the first two months. Newspapers will get 61 per cent of the 1940 January-February total compared to 47 per cent in the same period last year.

"We are making newspapers the backbone of the campaign because

Hospital Notes. Mrs. Ira Marshall was admitted to Merkel hospital last Friday for

observation. Junior Eckert of Goodman had a tonsillectomy Saturday.

Mrs. M. C. Sadler, who is 83 years

Mrs. May Fields was received the same day with a fractured hip as the sidewalk alongside of the Farmers State bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Coats are Gay West, Winona Kelso, Billy Lar- parents of a boy born at the hospital

bargain in gas and oil ranges; will Hester, Irene Derington, Euvalda B. Burnett estate, the Pitchfork exchange. City Furniture. Joe Gar- Fox, Evadean Terry, Bernie Opal ranch, the Waggoner and Swenson

Miss Criswell was elected at the last Reunion and Rodeo at Seymour.

WE HAVE ALL HEARDof the bridge builders: Procrastination, Indifference, Neglect & Company, who were employed to bridge riding beauty-That's the way ranch the chasm of Bitter Disappointbosses describe Elverna Criswell of ment. These builders were under Throckmorton, who will be one of the contract to use such materials as

completed it collapsed with the first

Insurance Company—
has been built by the careful selection of risks, prompt payment of
death claims, and courtesy. This week

we paid our one hundredth claim. Each of these claims has been paid which is your protection. The bridge we have built offers you:

at a cost you can pay. W. H. LITTLEFIELD Secretary-Treasurer

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mrs. Cyrus Pee left early in the week for Dallas and Fort Worth to visit the spring markets in the interest of the Bragg Dry Goods company.

Nolan Palmer of the firm of White and Palmer, Magnolia Service station owners, will enjoy an all-expense paid trip to Monterrey, Mexico, in February, as the result of a sales contest covering the last four months of 1939, in which these dealers exceeded their sales of Magnolia products during the same period in 1938.

The fireboys answered a call last Friday afternoon to the John West home on Oak street to extinguish a grass fire, which started while an effort was being made to thaw out frozen water pipes.

New printer-operator in The Mail office this week succeeding L. B. Whitaker, who is negotiating with parties in Corpus Christi for other employment and has tendered his resignation here, is Leon Cruse, formerly employed with the Gatesville

Local Agent H. C. Adams of the Texas & Pacific railway, distributed cards through the business part of town this week for use of those who wish to assist in "The March of Dimes" for the fight against infantile paralysis. The coin holders are addressed to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, White House, Washington, D. C. Enclosures may be in checks, money orders, bills or coins.

The many friends here of Austin

Fitts will regret to learn that his condition was reported unchanged Wednesday night. He has been critically ill at his home in Abilene for the past ten days of a heart involve-

Offer Cash Prizes of \$105 in Poster Contest

Austin, Jan. 25 .- Thousands of Texas school children will compete this year in a fire prevention poster poster from each grade. contest for \$105 in cash prizes. Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commissioner, has announced.

The contest will be open to all pupils in public schools, and eight awards will be made in each of three divisions -- high school, intermediate and primary.

Posters must be original and may be on any phase of fire prevention of general interest, Hall said. All work submitted must reach the office of the fire insurance division in Austin on or before May 1, and no school may submit more than one

More than 1200 posters, many showing a marked degree of originality, were submitted last year.

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HONEY GRAHAM Crackers, 1 lb. box 17c

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RED & WHITE Milk, 4 small or 2 large 15c Tomatoes, No. 2, 3 cans 25c

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Oats, Large Pkg.,

RUTABAGAS, Lb. CARROTS, 3 bunches10c ORANGES, Doz. 15c GRAPEFRUIT, dozen19c SPUDS, 10 lbs. _____ 19c RED & WHITE Flav-R-Jell, 3 pkgs. 13c 4 lb. Crt.

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RED & WHITE Pineapple, 3 No. 1 cans 25c Pineapple Juice, ½ gal. 25c

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LADY GODIVA Free Wash Cloth Soap, 6 bars _____ 25c RED & WHITE

6 BARS Laundry

RED & WHITE FANCY Corn, No. 2 can, ... 2 for 25c Peas, No. 2 can, 2 for .. 35c

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Church Reporter.

day and during the week as usual.

NAZARENE CHURCH. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meet-

ing Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Every one is cerdially invited to

NEW LIVE OAK CHURCH.

A. C. Healer of Sweetwater will fill

the pulpit at 11 o'clock. Visitors al-

Roby Pastor Accepts

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Rev.

Mrs. Dennis Counts,

Call to Local Church

Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the

Baptist church at Roby for the past

year, has accepted a call to the First

Baptist church of Merkel and will

move here next week. Prior to his

Roby pastorate, he had served as pas-

Rev. Mr. Waters is a graduate of

Baylor university and has completed

three years at the Baptist seminary

at Fort Worth. He is married and

The pastorate of the First Baptist

November when Rev. Jones Weathers

resigned to accept a call to East-

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Watts to Calvin Irvin on Dec. 18, dames Andy Shouse, F. Y. Gaither, but announced only last week, fur- Johnny Cox, Spencer Bird, Raynished inspiration for a pretty party mond Ferguson; Messrs. Herbert in the home of Mrs. Nolan Palmer | Patterson and C. J. Glover. on Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Lee Tipton, Mrs. Earl Watts and Mrs. Palmer combined hostess duties and entertained with a gift tea in

lovely cut flowers, a beautiful back- an enjoyable evening in the Pete ground for the formal gowns worn White home. by members of the house party. Mrs. Delicious refreshments of punch Alvin Wozencraft presided at the and cookies were served to Misses guest book and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Dora Gaither, Becky Gardner, Betty reader, gave the program, giving ap- Reid, Helen Heeter, Tommye Grimes, propriate "Toasts to the Bride" by Tink Adams, Ernestine Haynes of James Whitcomb Riley.

Calvin Irvin, Clyde Irvin, Hollis Ir- Sampie McGehee, Ben Robert Hicks, vin. Zedic Johnson, Charles Tipton, Don Wood, David Gibson, Forest Neil O'Rear, B. M. Tipton, Sr., Char- | Glenn Barnett, Cheatham McFarland hie Mundy, S. R. Dwiggins, Pick Al- and Tilman Kingsberry and the hoslen. W. M. O'Briant, W. A. Ford, tesses. Lendon Coats, Charles Tipton, E. S. Dwiggins, Stacy Bird, Pinky Cypert, Ray Wilson, Herbert Dunn, Spencer Cypert, Milton Case, George West, ternoon. The meeting was opened Jr., J. H. McDonald, Dee Grimes, with prayer by Mrs. Clark, and Mrs. Harriet Grimes, Pete West, Earl Winters taught a very interesting Beech, Earl Dwiggins, L. V. Moore, Bible lesson. encraft, Nathan Wood, Earl Teague, two children, Odeane and Glenn. John R. Walling; Misses Ruby Jinkens, Cleo Reece, Hazel Coats, Mary Frances Harris, Ethel King, Vivian Davis, Grovene Ford and Frances Baker, Sr., in regular Bible study. Higgins.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB. The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Friday, Jan. 19, in the home of Mrs. Paul Blackaby, with a program completely dedicated to the kitchen and its needs-particularly that of storage space.

Hattie Tacker, was present, and the Bible lesson. was answered with "Storage Space I Need in My Kitchen." After reports by flower, program, and budget committee chairmen, Mrs. Hughes, the council member, gave a most interesting report of the county council meeting, and told of plans for a school to be held in Abilene for all Demonstration Club officers in Taylor county. Miss Tacker talked on well arranged kitchens and passed folders illustrating them, and members present each contributed suggestions for kitchen conveniences.

A sandwich plate with coffee and wafers was served to visitors, Mrs. Fred Baker, Jr., Misses Amelia Ford and Pauline Blackaby, new members, ford. Mesdames T. C. Humphreys, Holt Vaughn and Tom McAninch, and old members, Mesdames Grover Gilbert, Clyde Shouse, Andy Shouse, John Hughes, C. P. Church, Roy H. Mathews, E. B. Wallace, Byron Dingle, Harry Barnett, Bob Sumpter, Bill Sumpter, Bob McDonald, Walter Teafi, Fred Baker, Sr., Buck Leach, Miss Lottie Butman, and the hostess, Mrs. Blackaby.

The next meeting will be with Miss farm south of town. Lottie Butman on Feb. 2, with roll call to be answered with "A Magazine I Find Helpful, and Why."

JOLLY NEIGHBORS CLUB. graciously entertained members of 50th birthday. the Jolly Neighbors club on Friday

| Teague, Mrs. Robert Hicks, Miss The marriage of Miss Melbalea Christine Collins; Messrs. and Mes-

> ENJOYABLE PARTY IN PETE WHITE HOME.

On Friday evening Misses Bonnie White and Betty Lu Higgins were The rooms were decorated with hostesses for a group of friends for

Abilene, Maydell Kingsberry, Wan-A dainty sandwich plate, angel food da Dingle, Mary Ellen Key, Rosalie squares and mints were served with Grienes of Abilene, Mary Lu and hot punch at the refreshment hour. Clarice Higgins, Dorothy Shannon; Guests calling were Mesdames Messrs, Jerry Warren, Billy Largent,

W. M. U. CIRCLES.

The Elkin Lockett Circle of the Bird, Alvin Wozencraft, Horace Bon- First Baptist church met in the home ey, Leo Harris, Jack Stanford, Joe of Mrs. G. M. Sharp on Monday af-

George T. Moore, Byron Patterson, The following were present: Mes-Max Swafford, T. G. Bragg, F. Y. dames Winters, McNiece, William-Gaither, Pete White, Myrtle Woz- son, Zollinger, Sharp, Clark and her

> The Maybelle Taylor Circle met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Fred Mrs. Lucy Ford was the leader and Mrs. Lum Gilbreath taught the Bible

Present were Mesdames Owen Robertson, Buck Leach, Clyde Bartlett, Lucy Ford, Lum Gilbreath, Clyde Deavers and Fred Baker.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle met Monday afternoon with Mrs. J.

son, J. S. Swann, J. M. Ashby, W. A. McCandless and S. R. Dwiggins. Next meeting will be with Mrs.

E. O. Carson.

RURAL SOCIETY

ORSBORN-MALONE. On Saturday, Jan. 20, Mr. Ray

Orsborn and Miss Neva Malone drove to Weatherford, where they were united in matrimony by Rev. Hollis Shook, pastor of the North Methodist Weatherford circuit. Those attending the wedding were Mrs. Hollis Shook, wife of the pastor, and Mrs. W. M. Cummings, of Weather-

Miss Malone is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Malone, well known farmer and stockman of Merkel. Mr. Orsborn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Orsborn, also a farmer of this section.

After the ceremony, the couple left for a brief honeymoon in the eastern part of the state. Returning the first part of the week, they will be at home on the R. E. Windham

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks honored their mother, Mrs. E. M. Black-Mr. and Mrs. John Grable most on Sunday, Jan. 20, celebrating her

was served with coffee to Mrs. Earl Gosden of Drasco, Sammie Doan of Meeks, and son, Junior.

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Coming Feb. 19-20--"The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

First Dime Card to FDR Honors Double Birthday



"To celebrate your birthday and mine," wrote Ginger Lucas when she mailed the first birthday greeting card to President Roosevelt in Texas' 1940 March of Dimes. Ginger, attending Hockaday Junior College, in Dallas, will be 17 and the President will be 58 on Tuesday, January 30, when nation-wide celebrations in his honor will wage battle against infantile paralysis. The greeting cards, each to be filled with ten dimes, are being distributed throughout the state. Fifty percent of the contributions mailed to the White House will be returned to local chapters for direct assistance to Texas children crippled by the disease, with the balance going for national research and preventive measures.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Moore and Mr and Mrs. L. V. Moore and daughter, Jo Ann, returned Sunday from Lubbock where the Ira Moores had visited their daughter and son-in-lay, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Jr. Mrs. L. V. Moore and daughter had spent the week in Slaton with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jarman.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliott, formerly of Bryan, spent the week-end The demonstration agent, Miss S. Swann. Mrs. J. O. Castles brought with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott, returning Sunday to Dalopened the meeting by leading mem- Those present were Mesdames E. las where Roy has been transferred bers in singing several songs. Roll O. Carson, J. O. Castles, W. L. John- from Bryan. He is now in the engineering department of the Federated Hardware Mutual Insurance com-

> Miss Thelma Mathews spent the week-end with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mathews, in Abilene.

Mrs. Jackson Parker and daughter. Jean, were here from Andrews to spend the week-end with her mother. Mrs. J. S. Blair.

Miss Mary Eula Sears accompanied a group of friends from Abilene for a visit in Fort Worth and Dallas last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Owens went to Dallas Tuesday, driving home the following day in a Deluxe Ford tud-

Mrs. Max Mellinger left for Fort Worth Sunday to join Mr. Mellinger for the spring show of the National Fashion Exhibitors, Inc. They also went on to Dallas for the spring market season.

Mrs. Herbert Patterson has been in Mineral Wells since the early part of last week.

The historian Herodotus recorded that the ancient Egyptians made cloth from the mineral, asbestos.

It is estimated that 19 per cent o all drivers involved in fatal acciburn, with a sumptuous turkey dinner dents in the United States are guilty intendent of publicity and world out-

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Martin, evening of last week. Table appoint- John Meeks and son, J. L., Mr. and Dorris and G. M. Reeves, Mr. and by Mrs. Traweek. ments for games of "84" were in Mrs. Tommy Patterson and baby, Mrs. Bill Brown, Ruth, Mabel and Valentine motif and at the refresh- Jerry Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Knox Dix Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Mrs. W. H. Ensminger, Mrs. B. H. ment hour a most delicious salad Beall, Jerry and Beverly June Beall, Horton and daughter, Dorothy Lee, Riney, Mrs. Elmer Patterson, and course with individual cherry pies of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. Vernon Horton honored her daughter, Yvonne, with a party Sunday afternoon celebrating her fourth birthday.

taken, the honoree opened her pres- lege at A. C. C., Abilene, lost a numents and then cake and cocoa were ber of textbooks, some clothing, all served to Margaret Ann Bristow, bedding, pictures, and other articles Milton LaJan, Ella Fay, Jeanette, as a result of a fire last Thursday Jo Nell and LaRue Lucas, Jo Ann in the apartment occupied by him and and Harold Dean Sloan, Buddie and his room-mate. June Riney, Mackie Spurgin, Keith Tarpley and Jeff Ely Chancey.

Also present were her Grandmother Horton, Mesdames Ernest Lucas, Chester Lucas, Troy Sloan, Ernest when they absented the room. Spurgin; Messrs. and Mesdames E. M. Tarpley, Charlie Bristow, Bob Riney, and Bonnie LaRue Black, Juana Ely and the hosts, Mr. and

Mrs. Vernon Horton. Those sending gifts were Sammie erstine, Eudale Hodges, Opal Pal-Derstine, Eudale Hodges, Opal I mer and her aunt, Eva Horton.

Named Assistant Home Management Director

Dallas, Jan. 25.-Miss Vinnie Dee Farm Security Administration in o'clock. Taylor county, it was announced today by Regional Director C. M.

Miss Michie graduated in home Texas high schools, most recently at 7 o'clock. Odessa. She succeeds Mrs. Alesa Every one is cordially invited to Kincannon, who was only recently these services. Strangers welcome. promoted to home management supervisor for Taylor county.

Mrs. Kincannon and Miss Michie are to aid in the rehabilitation of low-income farm and ranch families of the county by aiding and educating the farm women in improved home-making methods and use of farm-grown products in the home. Their work supplements the loans furnished by the FSA and the service in advising and educating lowincome farmers in good farming practices given by FSA farm super-

Nubia WMS Selects Department Heads

Department superintendents were elected Tuesday by the Woman's Missionary society of Nubia, with Mrs. E. E. Traweek of Abilene, district secretary, directing the election. Mrs. Traweek also led the devotional.

Mrs. Clyde Latimer was chosen study superintendent, and Mrs. J. B. Stewart her assistant. Others elected were Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., superintendent of Christian relations; Mrs. Walter Hunter, superintendent of children; Mrs. Don Riney, superlook; Mrs. A. R. Toombs, spiritual life director.

A pledge service was conducted

Others attending the meeting were two visitors, Mrs. W. J. Matthews of Abilene and Mrs. Sandusky.

Merkel Student Loses Belongings in Fire

A reporter for The Mail, in talking with Nathan Wood, was told that After pictures of the guests were his son, Billy, who is attending col-

The origin of the fire was unsolved. The supposition was that the blaze originated from the gas stove which was left burning by the boys

Billy kept most of his clothes in a closet in the bath room. The fire having been discovered and put out before reaching that portion of the building kept him from suffering the loss of all wearing apparel.

The main part of the apartment was completely gutted by the fire.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. Cold weather for the third successive Sunday cut down the attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here. Last Sunday only 431 were present; on the previous Sunday, 544. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 570.

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.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The W. M. S. of the First Baptist church will meet Monday, Jan. 29, at the church, for a social at 3 p. m., with Mrs. W. A. McCandless as social chairman. Mrs. Sam Swann will bring the devotional. There will be song and Scripture reading by the Sunbeams. Let all the ladies come to this program.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

"Life Manifested in China" is a very interesting program to be given has a daughter only about a year by the B. Y. P. U. of the First Bap- old. tist church Sunday evening. In order "to bind us closer in thought and church has been vacant since last deed, to our Christian friends in China, and to extend our witness there," let everyone come and enjoy the following program:

Introduction, by Morris Clack; L. B. Gibson will give "The Challenge of Changing China;" "Hats Off to more federal money for social securthe B. Y. P. U.'s" by Thelma Mathews, and concluding with Dot Swafford giving the answer to "Will Southern Baptist Continue in China Despite the War?"

-Reporter.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Young Michie, of Royse City, Rockwall people's meeting at 6:30 p. m. Evencounty, has been named assistant ing worship at 7:15 o'clock. Prayer home management supervisor for the meeting Wednesday evening at 7

John H. Crow, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. As the economics from Texas State College pastor will be at Baird, there will be for Women, Denton, and has taught no preaching service, morning nor home economics for several years in night. Prayer meeting Wednesday at

R. A. Walker, Pastor. CHURCH OF CHRIST.

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

You are invited to attend. E. W. Key, Minister.

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and night. All other services Sun-

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PINEAPPLE, 2 cans, APPLE BUTTER, qt. jar... 19c A-1 CRACKERS, 1-lb. box 9c

WHEAT or RICE, Pkg. MARKET SPECIALS Pure Pork Sausage, 2 lbs. 25c PORK STEAK, Lb.

SLICED BACON, Lb. 19c Pork Chops **OLEO** 15c | 2 lbs. PORK ROAST, Lb.

BACON Salt Pork

Beef Roast Rib or Brisket 11c Lb.