Keeping Up With Texas

Tyler shipping companies estimat ed that 119 full carloads of rosebuds have been shipped from the Tyler area since the shipping season opened in October. The figures do not include less-than-carload and small shipments.

Five members of the Ed Fines family were killed at 9:30 Sunday night when their car and a Santa Fe passenger train collided at a street crossing in Coleman. The dead were identified as Ed Fines, 32; Mrs. Ed Fines, who would have been 32 Monday; Marvene Lane Fines, 16, Sonny Fines, 8, and Janie Fines, 4. Another child was injured.

G. T. Ryan, 24, of Levelland, was fatally injured last Friday when the car in which he was riding left the highway a mile east of Levelland and overturned three times.

David B. Roark, 89-year-old rancher, described as the oldest active member of the Knights of Pythias in point of service, died Sunday at Ranger. He had been a member of the order 58 years.

The Callahan County Hospital board has selected Mrs. Stella Smith manager and Miss Charlene Orme, sup intendent. Both are members of the Griggs hospital at Baird.

T. S. Mitchell, 60, of Rowena, Runnels county, died Sunday at Big Spring of injuries received in a trafaccident which killed John Horn, Rowena. Their automobile

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ford hospital Sunday of injuries re- the board, dated Nov. 3, 1906, show ceived a few hours earlier in a traf- that he was named president pro tem fic accident. An automobile in which in absence of the president, for the Rasco and four other youths were purpose of adopting the original riding and a trailer collided south charter of the school. of Stamford, on the Anson highway.

and one injured seriously in a three- ters. The sons are: O. M. Sharp, way highway crash at Plainview Fort Worth; Roscoe, Parker and Ari Sunday night. The dead: Carl Shep- Sharp, Merkel, and Kenneth Sharp, ard, 23, Plainview; Lawrence Thomas, 26, Plainview, and Miss Alta Nash, Merkel, and Mrs. Inez Hag-Duncan, 20, Lockney.

recently resigned as state banking commissioner, was appointed by Governor W. Lee O'Daniel to the University of Texas board of regents, succeeding Dr. Edward Randall, also of Galveston, resigned.

Mrs. Johnny Miller, about 35, of Big Spring, was killed and Mrs. C. E. Manning, also of Big Spring, was Grover Gilbert Is seriously injured 25 miles west of Big Spring Wednesday night when another car, said to have been driven by two men, crashed into their auto.

Bexar county's third traffic fatality of the year was recorded late Thursday with the death of F. P. Seekatz, 87, of Rio Medina, who was killed when the truck he was riding at its organization meeting at the crashed into a bridge abutment on the new Castroville road.

Attorney General Gerald C. Mann 30 poultrymen of the area. of Dallas announced Wednesday that he would be a candidate for renomination. The announcement silenced W. Pritchett, Stamford, vice-presi- ing school, discussed the relation of widespread reports that he might dent; Brooks Peden, Abilene, secre- the council delegate as between the

run for governor. Lee O'Daniel's pastor, has resigned H. Jeffries, Abilene, and Ben Mon- ond vice-president of district 7, spoke as member of the public welfare board, the governor announced Wednesday after having withheld the

resignation since last November. War army captain and admitted "society burglar" whose loot in four years totaled \$180,000, faced five additional directors from the whole charges of felony theft and burglary | West Texas area. Wednesday as Houston police con-

tinued investigations. In a test case from Dallas county, the fifth court of civil appeals Tuesday declared the state tax remission bill invalid, ruling that the state cannot return to 200 Texas counties | C. Gilbert of Merkel his assistants. some \$40,000,000 in the next five years to be used for a variety of purposes listed under the bill.

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DEATH CLAIMS J. P. SHARP, 78, FORMER MAYOR

Funeral Services at 10:30 Thurs-During Service As Mark of Respect to Pioneer Merchant. members of the city council.

J. P. Sharp, 78, resident of Merkel for 40 years and a former mayor, died at 3:15 Wednesday morning at his home here. He had been critically ill for the past three weeks.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 Thursday morning from the Church of Christ, with Minister E. W. Key officiating, assisted by James F. Cox, of the bonds. president of Abilene Christian college. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery, with Barrow Undertaking FFA Project Show company in charge.

Pallbearers were O. W. Paine, George Woodrum, Joe Stalls, D. A. Lee, G. W. Wilhite and O. J. Adcock.

James Parker Sharp was born May 17, 1861, in Tuscaloosa county, Ala. Shortly after the close of the Civil War he moved to Texas with his parents, who settled first in Limestone county. In 1875 the family moved to Erath county, where he was married Oct. 12, 1884, to Mary Edna Telford. Coming to Merkel in 1900 he was engaged in the general merchandise business for 17 years. During his long residence here he served as mayor one term, 12 years as alderman and was school trustee 20

an active church worker, having been WILL & been t connection with ber of years and also served as deacon. During the last few years he

tempting to throw a belt and was of trustees of Abilene Christian colcaught by it and taken around the | lege. In two years of service as trusband wheel. He was working on an tee, 1906-08, Mr. Sharp proved a oil well two miles east of Brecken- hard-working member of the board and contributed much to the found-Taz L. Rasco, 19, died in a Stam- ing of the school. First minutes of

Surviving are his wife and seven Three young persons were killed children, five sons and two daugh-Clint: the daughters, Mrs. Elsie gard, Clyde. Two brothers, G. M. Fred Branson, of Galveston, who | Sharp, Merkel, and E. G. Sharp, Huckabay, Erath county, and five grandchildren also survive.

As a mark of respect to Mr. Sharp as an early day merchant, all of the stores of the town remain closed during the hour of the funeral serv-

Elected Director Area Association

elected as one of the directors of Johnny Cox of Salt Branch talked the West Texas Poultry association on the duties and responsibilities of Abilene chamber of commerce build- Herman McAllister, Abilene, on the ing Monday night, attended by about importance of efficiency on the part

ed president. Other officers are. J. Rev. M. E. Sadler, Governor W. bert, are C. H. Sentell, Snyder; D. tion, and Mrs. J. M. Hamilton, secroe, Sweetwater.

The directors, with the three of- tion. ficers, compose the executive com-Fred V. Johnson, 45-year-old World Feb. 17, at 7 p. m. at the Wooten hotel, Abilene, to frame a constitution and by-laws and also to select

> A primary purpose of the association will be sponsorship of an annual West Texas Poultry show, probably in December. Pritchett was elected general superintendent of the show, with E. W. Reese of Abilene and G.

> Others from Merkel attending the organization meeting were Jay Greenfield and R. J. Miller.

REFUNDING CITY'S BONDS TO YIELD **SAVING OF \$20,000**

A saving of over \$20,000 in interest to be paid out on the city's bonded indebtedness in the coming 30 years will result from a contract to refund day Morning; Stores Close \$130,000 worth of bonds, recently negotiated by Mayor H. C. West and

> The total amount of the bonds bearing 5 per cent interest, has been refunded over a period of 30 years, during the first 20-year period of which the interest rate has been reing 10 years to 4 1-2 per cent.

> The contract becomes effective as of the first of April, maturity date

Postponed; Re-Set Saturday, Feb. 10

because of Friday night's heavy Jones county. downpour of rain,

The show will be held on Saturday of this week-at the same location, the West company barn.

The business men of Merkel are prizes, it is announced by Chester Collingsworth, chapter adviser and teacher of vocational agriculture in Merkel High school. Division of premium money was listed in last week's announcement of the show.

Judging will begin at 2 p. m., with W. J. Largent judging beef animals and Carl Emminger, of the Soil Conlambs and hogs.

stake prize will be awarded \$5.00 in cash and the beautiful loving cup offered by the Farmers & Merchants National bank of Merkel. Winner of the sweepstake prize is determined by assigning a certain number of points to the places a boy wins with his animals, the boy receiving the largest number of points being the

Any boy winning the trophy two years in succession may keep it as his permanent property.

Accepting the invitation of the Abilene Rotary club to all boys in the area entering animals in the district show at Abilene, members of Merkel chapter who are entering the district will be guests of the Rotary club at their luncheon Friday.

County HD Officers

Many interesting talks featured the home demonstration club officers, ers. held Tuesday in the basement of the

First Methodist church, Abilene. The morning session of the all-day meeting was opened with singsong led by Miss Hattie Tacker, county HD agent, after which talks were made by several officers and club members outlining duties and re-A Merkel man, Grover Gilbert, was sponsibilities of the officers. Mrs. presidents and vice-presidents; Mrs. Pat Cooper of Abilene was elect- of records; Mrs. H. L. Riddle, of Ovalo, who was chairman of the traintary-treasurer. Directors, besides Gil- individual and the council organizaof the work of the state organiza-

For the afternoon session, Mrs. mittee and they will meet Saturday, Jimmy Lewis and Sue Killebrew, of the Abilene recreation department, conducted an hour of games and stunts. This was followed by a talk by Mrs. Maurine Roe of the Abilene Reporter-News on how to be a good

reporter. Caroline Chambers conducted parlimentary quie stressing the necessity of following parliamentary law in carrying on the business of

(Continued on Page Eight)

REA DIRECTORS GUESTS AT LIONS CLUB LUNCHEON

Coordinator Johnny Cox Gives beautiful girl" was reduced to two Honor Students Present.

Officers and directors of the Tay- son, Junior. lor Electric Co-operative, Inc., were guests of the Merkel Lions club at their Tuesday luncheon, on joint in- ing. duced to 4 per cent and the remain- vitation of the City of Merkel, through Mayor H. C. West, the tion, Roy Reid, president, and the pleted. Lions club, C. J. Glover, president. Introduction of the group was made by Mayor West.

Present were Johnny Cox, of Merkel, coordinator; Sam Butman, Jr., of Butman, president; Bryan Bradbury of Abilene, attorney, and the following directors: Mrs. T. H. Russom, Butman; Comer Haynes, Merkel; A. W. McKee, Potosi; Nelson Postponement of the Annual Proj- A. Estes, Elmdale, and O. S. Moore, er chapter, originally scheduled for retary-treasurer, was unable to be

As coordinator, Johnny Cox submitted a comprehensive summary of the work, showing that project "A" had been completed and a letter from these lines. Parts of five counties ing Thursday night.

and further plans were also made Devine. by Bryan Bradbury and Sam Butman, Jr.

Other luncheon guests were Chas. L. Bowman, liquidating agent for the Farmers State bank; Rev. Coop-Hospital Service, Inc., and four erage of 95; Becky Gardner, Junior, years old on Feb. 18. average 98; and Wanda McCoy, Freshman, with an average of 95. Billie Tom Hutcheson, Sophomore, Hawley Methodist church. whose average was 94, was prevented from attending because of illness.

Hold Training School Supt. Connor Robinson as the open- of Andrews. ing number of the program, with Gay West as accompanist. Invocatraining school for Taylor county tion was given by Rev. Cooper Wat-

As a committee on general ar-Lions clubs here on the night of Tues. ciate justice. day, Feb. 20, Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, Supt. Connor Robinson and Byers Petty were named by President Glover.

Grain Crops Revived By Generous Rain

Grain crops were revived and much of the well known West Texas optimof secretary-treasurers and the value ism restored with a beneficent downpour of one and one-half inches of rain during last Friday night most of which soaked into the ground and provided much needed moisture. the year's rainfall had amounted to only five-sixteenths of an inch, thereby increasing the total to 1 13-16 inches so far for 1940.

New Location Made In Noodle Section

The week brings report of a new location in the Noodle area with the rigging up of the J. W. Roberts of the G. Zumwalt survey No. 279.

an offset to be drilled to the Hunter the club members gathered at this He has an attractive and interesting No. 1, southeast of town, and in hospitable home and enjoyed to the proposition. Mrs. C. P. Church of Merkel pre- addition Humble has three wells drill- fullest extent the hours spent in sided for a called session of the coun- ing in the Noodle area, making five fancy work, conversation and the cil. Reports were made from 12 out active operations in Merkel's im- ever fascinating game of "forty-two." mediate vicinity.

BEAUTY CONTEST NARROWS TO TWO CLASS FAVORITES

At chapel Tuesday morning at High school, the contest between classes for selection of "the most Comprehensive Outline of favorites: Bernie Opal Dean, Senior, Work to Date; High School and Sue Grimes, Sophomore. Class beauties eliminated were Clarice Higgins, Freshman, and Louise Patter-

Finals to elect the winner will take place at chapel next Monday morn-

Plans for the selection of the most popular boy, best all-round girl and Merchants Trade Extension associa- best all-round boy have not been com-

Band Presentation On Stage at Queen Monday, Tuesday

On the stage Monday and Tuesday nights the Queen theatre will ofect show of the Merkel Future Farm- Divide. W. C. Church, of Stith, sec- fer patrons a 30-minute presentation by the Merkel High School band last Saturday, was made necessary present, because of other duties in under the direction of Richard Young, in addition to the regular program featuring Gene Autry and Smiley Burnette in "South of the Border," America's No. 1 song hit.

Since the calendar for the month Congressman Clyde L. Garrett, which was printed, Manager Norman Hodge again offering a good list of cash had just been received from Wash- of the Queen announces that two tarian; Miss Vernell Bland, historington, D. C., advised that REA of- changes were made necessary. Instead ian. ficials stated that favorable action of Jane Withers and Joe Brown, Jr., would follow just as soon as funds in "High School," "Golden Boy," resents 201 miles of lines, with 400 Holden and Adolphe Menjou was sub- publicity; Mrs. Denzil Cox, publicasigned members and about 300 pros- stituted for the Wednesday and tions; Mrs. Connor Robinson, hospi-

are included. Authorization had As "Geronimo" was booked as a membership; Mrs. Clyde Ser servation service, Abilene, judging been received to proceed with proj- road show attraction for Friday and health; Mrs. John Leonard, Besides cash prizes in the various ed up. "C" project will be utilized double sature program was cancell- Mrs. Rex Myers, parent education to fill in the gaps later, the speaker ed, but the serial and shorts will be and study group. shown. Starred in the picture are Talks on the progress of the work Preston Foster, Ellen Drew and Andy New Resident Buys

Sister of Merkel Man Succumbs at Hawley

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White, Miss er Waters, new pastor of the First Luna White, their daughter, and J. Baptist church; Noble Forrester of L. White, their son, and Mrs. White San Angelo, representing the Group went to Hawley Wednesday to attend the funeral of the elder White's honor students from the Merkel High sister, Mrs. J. S. French, who died School: Gay West and Mildred Mc- at 6:30 Tuesday night at her home of March. Lean, Seniors, who tied with an av- in Hawley. She would have been 80

> Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the

She is survived by her husband, five children, and two brothers, J. A verse of "America" was led by J. White of Merkel, and Bill White home on Locust street, just complet-

> Ascends Supreme Bench. Washington, Feb. 8. - President

VISITORS AT NEXT P.-T. A. MEETING

Founder's Day to Be Observed Wednesday, Feb. 14, Beginning at 4:10 P. M.; Music By High School Choral Club.

The February meeting of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association, to be held at the Grammar school building on Wednesday, Feb. 14, beginning at 4:10, will be devoted to a Founder's Day observance, with two visiting speakers: Mrs. Clyde Daniel, president of the Abilene City Council, and Mrs. J. C. Stewart of Lawn, district vice-president.

Mrs. Hob Robertson is to be the leader, with music furnished by the High School Choral club under the direction of Mrs. Comer Haynes, music chairman.

Room mothers of the primer, first and second grades are to be hostesses. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Members of the executive committee will meet at the High school on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 13, at 3:45 p. m.

The executive committee includes the officers and all committee chairmen. Officers are: Mrs. Clesby Patterson, president; Mrs. Ray Wilson, vice-president; Miss Billy Gardner, secretary; Miss Helen Reddell, treasurer; Connor Robinson, parliamen-

Committee chairmen are: Miss Julia Martin, program; Mrs. Comer were available. The project rep- with Barbara Stanwyck, William Haynes, music; Mrs. Wrenn Durham, pects in territory that is served by Thursday dates, Feb. 7-8, last show- tality; Mrs. C. B. Gardner, budget and finance; Mrs. T. L. Grimes

Haynes Home on Oak

Negotiations for the purchase of the W. W. Haynes home on Oak street were completed last week-end by F. M. Simpson, rural mail carrier on Route 3, who came here from California during the fall, having exchanged positions with W. S. Slayden. Mr. Simpson will take possession of his new home on the first

On Tuesday of this week Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boney moved into the Elmer Lowe home, which they recently purchased, remodeled and repair-

Also on Tuesday the Clyde Bartlett family moved into their new ed, which was viewed by a large number of interested visitors during open house hours last Sunday afternoon.

The new garage apartment in the Roosevelt's fifth appointee, Frank rear of the E. M. McDonald rock Murphy, took his seat on the house on Locust street is occupied rangements for the zone meeting of supreme court Monday as an asso- by Mr. and Mrs. Worth Lee, who had formerly lived in the Rainbolt home.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 6, 1920.)

WETTEST JANUARY IN 35 | gelatine with whipped cream and YEARS.

month of January totaled 3.02 inches, ed. The members of the club enjoythe heaviest record in 35 years. It ing this meeting of the club with Mrs. represents an excess of 2.12 inches Briggs were: Mesdames Rotan Cyover the normal for the past 35 years. pert, Homer Easterwood, Ross Fer-Prior to Friday night's downpour, There were only 7 clear days all rier, Forrest Gaither, T. L. Grimes,

> last Monday night between John and James West. Chadwick of Merkel and Harry Swoboda of Waco, the former came out winner, therefore retaining his championship. He was also successful over a Northwestern and Western champion-at Abilene Wednesday.

The Thursday club had a most en-Breckenridge No. 1 J. W. Tiner in joyable meeting with Mrs. John organized the Wisdom Realty com-Briggs on January 27 at three p. m. pany in Eastland and is having Last week mention was made of The day being ideal, a majority of Delicious refreshments of fruited pleasant trip to Canyon.

cake were served, after which a Rainfall in Merkel during the few items of business were transact-Ralph Henson, Lytton Howard, Earl Lassiter, Tom Largent, Geo. Miller, In his wrestling match in this city Ernest Mims, Burl Scott, Carl Scott

Alex Wisdom, now of Eastland, and once a prominent citizen of Merkel, is here representing the Wisdom Realty Co. He has many friends here who are glad to have him pay our city a visit again. Mr. Wisdom splendid success putting same over.

Will Merritt and Jack West returned the first of the week from a

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bowers have returned to Fort Worth after several weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowers.

Webb and Willie Weaver were here Sunday to visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jones.

Arthur Beach passed through Trent Wednesday of last week and stopped by to see his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts went to Ranger Sunday to see Luther Roberts.

Mrs. Carter Dyer spent the weekend with her husband in Coleman. Mrs. Dyer is the former Gladys Roberts.

HONOR BRIDE AT GIFT PARTY. Complimenting Mrs. Carter Dyer,

the former Gladys Roberts, Mrs. Clifford Estep and Mrs. Alex Williamson were hostesses Wednesday for a gift party in the home of Mrs. Alex Wilhiemson. A musical program was vited to attend these services. presented by pupils of Miss Chris-Annie Mae King, of Merkel, Charlene James, Helen McLeod, Dorothy the much surprised Mrs. Dyer.

A sandwich plate with squares of white cake and hot punch was serv- a talk by Aliene Frazier, a talk by ed to Mesdames J. C. Hamner, L. Ruth Denton, a reading, "Cultivat-E. Adrian, Bob Howell, Bry Burk- ing Courtesy," by Mrs. Fay Brown. hart, T. J. Young, J. B. Winn, Bert Miss Gwindolene Sandusky was McRee, J. H. Windland, O. S. Bishop, pianist. E. B. Strawn, Joe Boone, H. H. Mc-Ree, J. M. Strawn, Earl Duncan, two children, formerly of Post, who Foy Steadman, C. C. Stribling, J. B. have been in our midst for some two Cass, C. T. Beckham, L. Z. Titsworth, T. G. Hamner, A. W. Woods, J. R. Gafford, Andy Shouse, T. H. Williamson.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames Garnet Wilks, Pauline Freeman, Dorothy Hood, R. B. Johnson, C. M. Stribling, Gus Brewer, Mary Scott, Ben Howell, Joe Brown, E. D. Bowers, Jack Bowers, Harold Terry, Carey, Doris Hamner, Bob Billington, John A. Woodard, Cloyce Edwards, R. L. Reaves; Misses Opal reeman, Lola Fern Martin and

a Leona Dobbins, Anne Blake, Roberts, Bettye Lou Howell, Brown Mamie Gafford. Virgie Hardy, Ermadene McLeod, Alice Carey.

BASKETBALL GAMES.

The Lawn boys' basketball team defeated Trent boys 14-9 last Monday. The Trent girls beat the Lawn girls, 19-7. The International Harvesters of Sweetwater beat the Trent Independents 32-30.

COUNTY COUNCIL P.-T. A.

The Trent High School study hall was the setting last Thursday for the February meeting of the Taylor County Parent-Teacher council. Election of officers took up a large part of the day.

Mrs. Lee Kincaid of North Park, Abilene, was re-elected president; Mrs. Bud Winter, Trent, vice-president; Mrs. B. R. Oldham, North Park, secretary, and M. Smith of Potosi, treasurer.

Following assembly singing led by Mrs. Bud Winter, president of the Trent P.-T. A., R. L. Fortune superintendent of Trent school, extended a welcome. Voice and piano students of Christine Collins were presented in a program. Very interesting talks were made by C. L. Haugness, Boy Scout Executive of Chisholm Trail, and Mrs. Kate Causseaux, director of education in Taylor county schools. At noon a covered dish luncheon was served.

Those registering were: Mesdames J. L. Beard, W. B. Madera, W. G. Hicks. Tuscola; Leon Copeland, Alton Zimmerlee, Marcus Cumby, G. C. Papason, J. L. Edwards, Carroll Watson, Jack Wright, and J. C. Stewart, Lawn; Mesdames R. C. Suggs, Herman Brewster, G. A. Green and Causseaux, Wylie.

Mesdames J. H. Windham, John Strawn, Thomas Young, Bud Winter, R. H. Winn, W. P. Hood, B. C. Lansford, M. L. Jones, Garnet Bryan, Alex Williamson, Ethel Cass, Karl Bonneaux, J. G. Wilks, A. W. Woods, Clifford Estep, Mary Scott and Joe Boone, Trent.

Mesdames Oldham, Algia Daniel, Jack Hutchins, S. L. Phillips, Lee Kincaid, North Park; Mrs. J. R. Hill, Mrs. Holland Holt, Vivian Fryar and Mr. Haugness, Abilene.

RADIO PROGRAM.

Zed Bright, one of the directors of recreational work in Trent, presented a group of students in a musical program last Thursday over station KXOX, Sweetwater. Those students taking part in this program were: Bonnie Ruth James, guitar; Weldon Rutledge, guitar; Junior Eckhart, harmonica; Elton Bland, harmonica, and Zed Bright, violin.

Also on the program was Buddy

Winters who gave a reading, "My business here. Maybe, it is too late family of Palava spent Sunday with director of this department.

Dick Hanna of Sweetwater was master of ceremonies.

BLAIR ITEMS

Well, the sunshine put an end to the long, intense cold spell; although christened Glenna Sue. most of the nights remain frosty, the days have been more endurable. The fine moisture that fell over the weekend and is still falling at this writing (Monday) has been of great benefit to small grain, and the farm land is in good condition for row

All these assets leave this "ye scribe" in a finer spirit. After several months' absence, there have been a number of requests that "ye scribe" continue the local news. After serving in that capacity for some nineteen years, well, I guess I'll just keep the good work going.

Rev. Charles Williams of View will fill his regular appointment here Sunday, Feb. 11. Every one is in-

The Epworth League of White tine Collins, Misses Loraine and Church rendered an excellent program here at the M. E. church Sunday night, to a well filled house. Jo Strawn and Jonnie Roberts. With Woodrow Barnes as president, Marching to the strains of the wed- Bill Brown as group leader, a talk ding march, little Wilda Lee Bowles was given by Doyal Barnes, a poem as the bride, Robertus McRee as the by Joe Ann Brown, a talk by Claygroom and Carolyn McRee as the ton Doan, two special song numbers flower girl presented the gifts to by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shugart and Mrs. Beryl Brown, with accompaniment on the violin by Mose Brown,

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jackson and

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Mr. and Mrs. Clint Maddera are entertaining a fine baby girl since Feb. 3. The little lady has been

Clayton Reynolds of Detroit, Mich. visited last week-end with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Addison.

Mrs. May Pruitt of New Mexico visited the Campbell brothers and Mrs. Pat Addison recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Sowell and J. W. Sowell have returned home to Arizona after three weeks' stay with the latter's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Latimer, and family. Miss Mary Cummings of Baird was also a guest Sunday in this home.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Cox and son, Jimmy Wayne, of Clint, were passing visitors with their father, Sam Provine, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan, and family Saturday.

Misses Lucy Moore and Sarah Malone of Texas Tech at Lubbock spent the past week-end with home

Odell Latimer spent several days with relatives in Fort Worth the

Miss Madlyn Addison and Glenn Abbott of Abilene spent Sunday with

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the above date. Customers are requested to be governed accordingly.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

Monday, Feb. 12, 1940

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patience, patriotism, and moral courage than animated

his every act as he guided the ship of state through the

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racy has gone farther to justify

belief in the capacity of the com-

mon people for self-government

than the fact that Lincoln's great

heart and brain sprang from poor

unlettered ancestry and were

nourished in the sterile soil of

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West Texas Utilities Company



Gilbert Smith Makes Announcement for Jones County Judge

To the Citizens of Jones County: Qualifications is vitally essential to a public official, therefore; in announcing as a candidate for county judge of Jones county, subject to the democratic primaries, I do so, feeling that my past experience in the administration of your affairs as a public official is a qualification that entitles me to advancement.

I am 37 years of age, married, and we own our own home. Since finishing high school I have made my own living and obtained my college education and law degree by working as a printer. For 12 years I have practiced law in both state and federal courts.

I am not unmindful of the fact that the citizens of Jones county have, heretofore, been kind to me by placing me in charge of the affairs in the county attorney's office of Jones county. For more than five years I have discharged these obligations to the very best of my ability and never at any time have I lost sight of the fact that "A public office is a public trust."

The success or failure of any public official must, in a large degree, be judged by what is done and not what is said; therefore, I point with pride to my record as county attorney of Jones county, with assurance that if elected county judge, my undivided attention shall continue to be given to the duties and responsibilities of the office and my best efforts exended in the service of all the people of the time.

FOR of the principal reasons why the county attorney's office southeast nportance is because of the 90-acre fa he young men who are en miles so ers; that is, young per-Huddleston or his or her first time laws of this state and and bedroom exclusively under the Mrs. 4. Thornif your county attorney,

son wer 'r future is either made and Mr e \$5.00 ul citizen, or he becomes young Texans satisfactorily passed And we are called home above,

It is a well established precedent in Texas, that due to the close associaedge of the duties and responsibilities of a county judge.

Your county judge is the chief executive of the affairs and business of the county; he is chairman of the commissioners' court who are your directors in operating the biggest business we have in this county. In choosing a man to manage your personal business and administer to your personal affairs, you select a man qualified; this same rule should be kept in mind when you select your county judge.

Due to the many changes of our state laws, the duties and interpretation of the various phases of the laws, such as court procedure, probate and guardianship matters, taxation questions, relief matters, property rights, expenditures of public money and many others. I invite you to investigate the records of my office, especially the economical manner in which I have disposed of such a great number of cases and in gathering criminal evidence.

For any consideration and support, you, the voters of Jones county, can give me in the forthcoming primary I shall be very grateful. If you see fit to elect me as the next county judge of Jones county, I assure you I shall serve you to the best of my ability, and with no hesitancy I pledge you the following: economy in county government; a fair and courteous consideration of your problems; an equitable administration of your court and a very co-operative spirit with other public officials.

During the coming months, with the late winter and spring terms of court coming on, it will be difficult for me to spend the time away from my office to contact each of you personally, therefore I hope you will consider this message as a personal solicitation for your vote and influence.

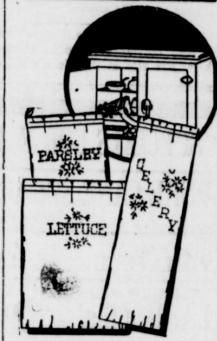
May I again thank the people of Jones county for the confidence and the co-operation shown me in the capacity in which I now serve and earnestly solicit your consideration in the coming primary.

Respectfully, GILBERT SMITH.

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Recruiting Activities **Curtailed for Texas**

With the establishment of a new FURNISHI es in the custody of of- all-time high monthly Marine Corps recruiting record for the state during the month of January by the district his point in their young recruiting office in Dallas, recruiting activities have been vastly cur-NTED om this experience the tailed. During that month, according e \$5.00 offender is either made to Postmaster Wrenn Durham, 144 Shouse at these young offenders, I admitted into the ranks of the Unit- Then my Mother whom I love. WILL & been too lenient, but I have ed States Marine corps. These young make and to help them and to remen are representative of every Then them to society, rather than to cross section of Texas; from the Panbring the wrath of the law down handle to the Rio Grande valley and from the Big Bend country all the

Of the 5,000 new men accepted for tion of the offices, the county at- enlistment in the Marines within the torney's office is the logical position past five months from all over the in which to gain a thorough knowl- United States, approximately 10 per cent of that number were accepted from Texas.

> This unprecedented response of Texans to flock to the banners of the U. S. Marine corps was largely

due to the fact that recruiting activities in the corps were functioning with unlimited enlistment quotas during those five months.

However, effective Feb. 3, the policy of setting a limited monthly enlistment quota for each recruiting district will be re-established. Insofar as pertains to Texas, the enlistment quota for the current month will be only 11 men, according to Captain J. D. O'Leary, officer in charge of Marine corps recruiting in this state, Incident to the curtailment of recruiting, all offices in Texas at which applications for enlistment were formerly accepted have been closed, except the district office in the Allen building at Dallas. Applications may be made by letter or in person at that office from now on.

A BOUQUET TO MOTHER. Take this bouquet, Darling Mother, It is meant for only you. I must send it while you're living, And not wait till life is through. God in heaven knows I love you, Love you with all my heart,

And it makes me sad, Dear Mother,

I think the dear wise Master, In His love supremely true, Picked you out from all the others, With your eyes of sparkling blue.

He knew that your children Needed very special care, So He gave you to us, Mother, To help our sorrows bear.

When we must be apart.

You have always been a blessing To those who knew you best, You must always work for others, In your heart you take no rest.

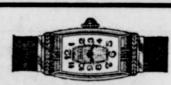
You are good and wise, Dear Mother, You have labored here below, Getting joy in helping others, And your love for Jesus show.

You have taught us of a Savior, Who was crucified for all, Who would strengthen and uphold us, And would never let us fall.

I am thankful for that, Mother; What would life have meant to me, Had I never known the Savior, Or the way to Calvary?

Now, when all this life is ended. First, I'll meet my blessed Savior,

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List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

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

Dan Reidenbach, J. P. Sharp, W H. Pence, R. M. Beasley, Robert Riney, Elsie Roland, W. T. Bird, Merkel; A. H. Person, L. F. Signor, Geo. D. Kiker, A. L. Tutt, G. H. Mc-Donald, Ray Breaus, S. G. Hodges, Ernie Ramey, T. J. Hardy, E. B. Atwood, W. N. Foster, M. G. Scott, E. F. Downing, H. L. Whittle, J. F. Young, C. F. Briggs, J. E. Taylor, Martin Koonsman, J. K. Groseclose, Roy C. Fuller, C. R. Frazier, W. J. McMinn, T. A. Fuqua, T. L. Green, W. E. Taylor, W. E. Harber, W. R. Owens, Lloyd B. Thomas, H. G. Reeves, M. Justice, Abilene; Giles White, N. C. Robbins, T. J. Pinkston, Tuscola; J. W. Smith, Tye; A. A. Foster, Guion; W. S. Thompson, J. M. Yates, Ovalo; Lee Little, Winters; J. F. Abernathy, L. C. Keyes, Trent; J. T. Toney, Buffalo Gap; H. L. Sanders, Winters.

Weaver Springs News

Everybody seems to be all smiles over the good rains, and that these nice sunshiny days remind us of spring just around the corner, (may-

Seems as if nearly everybody in our community is trying to be sick. Johnny Frazier's family are on the sick list, also Jack Noel's family. The writer herself has about got over a spell of the "flu," so she can surely sympathize with the others and here's hoping a speedy recovery to all.

Mrs. John Coomer spent the day Sunday in the home of her brother, Frase Demered and wife.

Raymond Demere made a flying urday.

W. C. Demere returned Friday to his home in Abilene after spending several days at the bedside of his mother, Mrs. P. R. Demere, who passed away Monday, Jan. 29.

Grand Jury Expects to End Work Thursday

Members of the grand jury in 42nd district court, who were reconvened Monday morning, were expecting to complete their investigations Thursday, Henry Roberts, foreman, told Judge M. S. Long.

Sixteen bills had been returned up to Wednesday night by the inquisitorial body, 13 of which were brought in Monday and three more added on Wednesday.

Rufe Tittle Enters Commissioner's Race

The Mail is authorized this week to announce the name of C. R. (Rufe) Tittle as a candidate for the office of county commissioner of Precinct No. 2, Taylor county.

For a number of years Rufe Tittle was a resident of Merkel, having moved to Trent in 1932.

In a statement to The Mail, Mr. Tittle said: "I was practically raised in this section, having lived here the United States in December. 39 years, most of which time I have been engaged in farming, and I believe my experience as a dirt farmer would be of great assistance to one serving the public of this precinct as your commissioner.

"Realizing that the office of commissioner is one of the most important posts in the county government, I feel like I am capable of handling the duties of this office to the complete satisfaction of the people and I ask those who do not know me to investigate my qualifications to serve you in this capacity. I earnestly solicit your support and influence in the coming primaries."

Cake Walk-Bingo Games. Be sure to come to the Cake Walk and "Bingo" party Friday night, Feb. 9, 7:15, at the White Church school house. Those Seniors attending the Merkel High school are sponsoring this party. Come one, come all. Prices, 5 cents to walk; 5 cents each "bingo" game.

L. B. Denning, 62, founder in 1909 of the Lone Star Gas company and its president since 1915, died at his home in Dallas Tuesday night.

Scouting Beckons All Boys



When the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its 30th birthday on Thursday, February 8, all of the 1,330,000 Scouts, Cubs and Scout leaders will re-dedicate themselves to the service motive which has characterized the Movement for three decades. Scouting offers adventure, fun and achievement-attractive to all boys-through the democratic life of the Scout Troop and Patrol, as essential ingredients in its character-influencing program for the boys of America. Drawing on the rich experience of the Movement, local and national Secut leaders anticipate the opportunity to serve more boys annually.

* FASHION PREVIEW *



Everyone, whether a stay-athome or traveler, needs an all. round coat for every season. A suggestion by the February Good Housekeeping is this oatmeal tweed in soft beige. The back is loose and flared and the sleeves full length. Completing its charm is a flattering sailor collar of lynx-dyed fox.

Gets Most Plane Shipments. Washington, Feb. 8 .- France got |. \$20,050,539 of the \$23,893,811 worth of airplanes and parts shipped out of

Butman News

Our heart goes out to the Demere family in the illness and death of their mother. May God bless them. Brother Healer of Sweetwater last tory of the show. Sunday.

Mrs. Ferry from Divide was down to church Sunday.

Brother Healer was dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ben But-

Mesdames Artist Cook, Ruble Johnson, Dennis Counts and Ben Butman met at Mrs. Clovis Harrison's to quilt the friendship quilt for Brother and Mrs. Joe P. Self, Jr., last Thursday.

Mrs. Will Butman has had a very sore foot, but it is much better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruble Johnson and Mrs. Dennis Counts made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

There will be a preacher from Abilene to preach at the New Live Oak church Sunday and we urge everybody to come.

Miss Mildred Wilkins was ill last week, but we are happy to say she is all right now.

Carbon paper, 81/2 x11, two sheets for 5 cents; 25 cents per dozen. At Merkel Mail office.

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 telephone 61 or 29.

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Many New Features at WCT Live Stock Show

Abilene, Feb. 8 .- Final preparations are being made here this week for the West Central Texas Live Stock show, Feb. 14-15, where F. F. A. and 44H club boys of Jones, Shackelford, Stonewall, Runnels, Coleman, Callahan, Coke, Nolan, Fisher, Haskell, Scurry, Mitchell and Taylor counties will show their top calves, lambs, swine, and capons in competition for approximately \$1,000 in premiums.

An outstanding educational feature of the show will be the grading of the calves and lambs for slaughter quality, just as they should be graded at any terminal market. The animals will be placed first, second, third, etc., and will then be graded as prime, choice, or good slaughter animals. Ribbons will be awarded for both placement and grade, but no grade ribbons will be given for those grading below good.

Judges for the various departments will be: calves, W. L. Stangel, head of the animal husbandry department of Texas Technological college; lambs, W. R. Nesbit, Live Stock specialist of the Texas Extension service; hogs, J. M. Bird of Stamford, former member of the senior Live Stock judging team of Texas A. & M., and coach of many winning judging teams in 4-H club work; capons, Willie Griffith, Abilene, former member of the senior poultry judging team of Texas A. & M.

All exhibits will be shown in the Hereford barns built last year for the West Texas Fair, and judging will be in the Sears' Live Stock judging arena at the West Texas Fair grounds. Both the barns and arena can be heated if necessary.

Auction sale of the champion and reserve champion animals of the show will be held in the judging arena Thursday afternoon at 1:30. Judging of the Taylor county division will be Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, while area exhibits will be judged Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

With some late entries still coming in, officials of the exposition are expecting the largest number and A nice crowd enjoyed hearing highest quality exhibits in the his-

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Church Shows Growth.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 8 .- A final statistical report of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, showed an increase of 46,184 members for 1939.

where. For sale at the Merkel Mail. rian congregation in the nation.

Noted Pastor Dies.

Seattle, Feb. 8 .- The Rev. Dr. Mark Allison Matthews, 72, noted Presbyterian pastor and vice crusader, died of pneumonia in the Adding machine rolls 15c or two Seattle general hospital Monday. He for 25c; regular retail price every- was pastor of the largest Presbyte-

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sonably priced; cash. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

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 Mrs. H. Thornton.

WANTED

Danny ANTED-Prospects for cars; will and M e \$5.00 cash for prospects where Tom Lineberry, of Midland. Mr. le of over \$200 is made. O. C. daug Shouse at Merkel Motor Co.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to action of the Demoeratic 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.

C. R. (Rufe) TITTLE. For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4.

Jones County: T. A. TUCKER.

For Constable, Precinct No. 5, Taylor County:

C. K. RUSSELL.

P. F. WEST. For Sheriff, Taylor County:

W. E. (Elmer) LOWE. SID H. McADAMS (Re-election).

For County Judge, Jones County: GILBERT SMITH.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Will Bradshaw of Honey Grove, Texas, and Mrs. Maggie Morton of Houston arrived last week to attend the bedside of their mother, Mrs. M. C. Sadler, who is critically ill. Mrs. D. W. Ashby has remained in Merkel with her mother since her first illness 18 days ago.

Mayor Henry C. West went to Dallas Monday to attend the funeral of a cousin, L. E. Hamilton, who was veteran employee of the Dallas

Nolan Palmer is expected to return the latter part of the week from an all-expense paid trip for Magnolia station operators throughout this section, whose sales of Magnolia products for the last quarter of 1939 exceeded those for the same eriod in 1938. He joined the group at Fort Worth Sunday night.

Earl Watts removed with his family to Wink last week-end, where he has accepted a position as manager of the Wilson "M" system store.

Miss Fannie Boaz is visiting with friends in Floydada this week.

Mrs. W. B. Barrett, Jr., of Abi lene visited in the home of Miss Opal Palmer the past week before going to Dallas to live.

Visitors in the S. O. Patton home over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Tennyson and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reavill and son of Pomona, Calif. Mrs. Tennyson and Mrs. Reavill are nieces of Mr. Patton. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Burleson and son of Corsicana and Mrs. Wynona Scroggins of Abilene were also weekend visitors in the Patton home.

Miss Betty Fay Gunter returned Tuesday of last week from Clovis, N. M., where she had been visiting her grandmother. She accompanied fer. See us before you renew. Mrs. R. L. Gilpin of Tye.

Mrs. S. M. Hunter and Mrs. Herbert Patterson are in Mineral Wells since Friday of last week.

Miss Mary Anna Mayfield spent the week-end with her cousin, Mrs

Mrs. Esker Curtis of Breckenridge is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Sally Angus.

T. B. Strickland of Wynne Wood, Okla., arrived Friday of last week to Angeles, Calif., to visit another daughter, Mrs. Sylvester Frost, and liam Sheppard.

QUEEN THEATRE **CALENDAR**

Last times Thursday - "Golden Boy," with Barbara Stanwyck, William Holden and Adolphe Menjou.

Friday-Saturday-Big road show attraction, "Geronimo," starring Preston Foster, Ellen Drew and Andy Devine; serial and shorts included.

Saturday preview, Monday- Tuesday-Gene Autry, Smiley Burnette, "South of the Border," America's No. 1 song hit; on the stage Monday and Tuesday nights, Merkel High School band in a 30-minute presentation.

Wednesday - Thursday - Weaver Brothers and Elviry in "Jeepers Creepers."

The first recorded almanac was written in 1380 by John Somers of Oxford, England.

There is one truck for every seven families in the United States.

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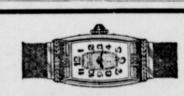
Bellows were first used about 569 B. C. Their invention is ascribed to Anacharis, the Scythian.

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McAdams Announces for Re-election to Office

While visiting in Merkel Tuesday afternoon Sheriff Sid H. McAdams called at The Mail office and authorized his announcement as a candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff f Taylor county, su'to the u, aon of democratic pi maries.

statement follows: to, the Voters and Citizens of Tay-

I want to thank the people for their votes and their confidence in the past. I am today asking your support and influence for re-election to the office of sheriff. It has been a pleasure to serve you in this capacity. I have probably made some mistakes, but not intentionally. I have tried to give you a fair and friendly administration. If re-elected I shall continue to do the same. I again solicit you help.

Sid H. McAdams.

Note from C. E. Conner.

To My Friends in Merkel: Since I had a stroke, I am unable to write to you personally, so I wish truck is going to a railroad station to extend greetings to all of you in

Sincerely,

Clint Conner. Hamilton, Texas, Feb. 6, 1940.

Hospital Notes.

G. W. Hughes was re-admitted to the Merkel hospital last Friday for

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

Leads Trent Revival



M. Lloyd Smith of Abilene (above) began a revival meeting at the Trent Church of Christ on Wednesday. The meeting will continue until Sunday,

Adding machine rolls at The Merkel Mail office.

P. F. West Asks Voters For Support in Race for Constable, Precinct 5

To the Voters of Precinct No. 5:

As a resident of Taylor county for more than 45 years, I am submitting my name to the voters in the comin July primaries as a candidate for constable—the first time that I have ever offered for public office. I raised my family here, have been engaged in farming practically all of this time and believe that I am known to most of you.

I earnestly solicit your consideration and support and want you to know that, if elected, I will do my best to serve you efficiently and well. Should you honor me with this office, it is my intention to move to Merkel, make my home here and give my full attention to the duties of the office.

Sincerely,

P. F. West.

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DIVIDE DOINGS

We received one and a quarter mach rain Friday, which sure made the fields muddy, but roads were

Cleon Perry came home from ter an operation Sunday. She is do-

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Buchanan and

with "flu."

Danny Elkins is out of school this week with "flu." Ira Oliver returned home Sunday

from Dallas with a new car. The new house on the Rev. Story Sweetwater hospital last Friday af- place is going up fast. It will be a

children are confined to their home at the gym on Tuesday night, Feb. shower and Mrs. Jones on her birth- Moore gave a shower honoring Mrs. 13: Merchants vs. Faculty.

air over KXOX for a thirty-minute first and Mrs. Jones, second. After refreshments were served.

and friends surprised Mrs. Carl punch were served. Mrs. Wheeler modern home in every way when Moore and Mrs. Ruth Jones with a party at the church Monday after- tertaining reading. There will be a donkey ball game noon-Mrs. Moore with a stork

day. About thirty-five registered. A Odell Anderson and Mrs. Pyle Satur-Our school went to Sweetwater number of games and contests were day afternoon. Twelve ladies were Sunday afternoon and were on the enjoyed, with Mrs. Moore winning present. After games were played, the gifts were passed around and The Methodist Missionary society admired, refreshments of cookies and finished off the program with an en-

Mrs. Cliff Perry and Mrs. D. O.

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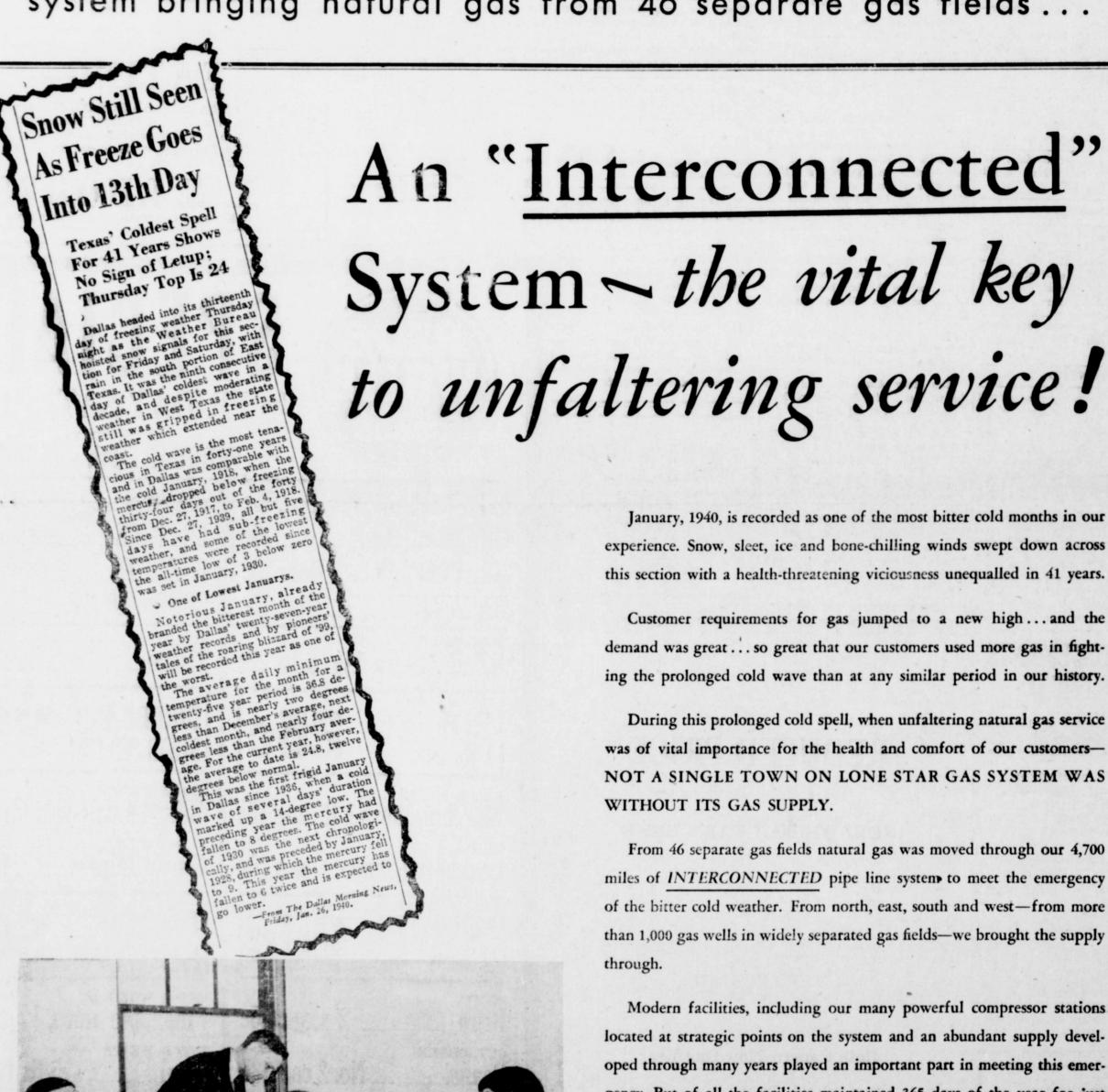
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GOODMAN NEWS

Grandma Cade has been ill the past reek but is improving now.

in

of-

Mrs. Houston Tiner has been confined to her bed the past week with the "flu."

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Washburn and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Freeman at White Flat Sunday.

Miss Geraldine Teague of Merkel was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Walling.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McLeod of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Pomroy and children of Crane are visiting Mrs. W. E. Pomroy and Mrs. P. M. Eck-

Mr. and Mrs. Altas Phillips were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winter at Truby. H. P. Washburn and family spent

Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kilgore in Merkel. Mr. and Mrs. Odell Pomroy of

Crane, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barnes of Blair, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Barnes and family and Mrs. P. M. Eckert and sons, Erwin and Junior, visited Mrs. W. E. Pomroy Sunday.

Misses Eunice and Rayolene Smith of Snyder were week-end visitors in the Ernest McCreight home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Eoff and son and Ina Faye Henderson were Noodle visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Phillips of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Phillips Sunday and Monday.

The Goodman Grocery, formerly operated by Claude Smith, has been sold to Atwell Henderson, who will have his brother, Tommy, associated with him. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith and son have moved to Noodle where they are operating the Smith

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Williams of Post visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams Wednesday.

Mrs. Finis Cade and Mrs. Jackson were shopping in Merkel Tues-

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Poor and son, Danny, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Taylor and end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy closing month of 1938. Consumer buy-

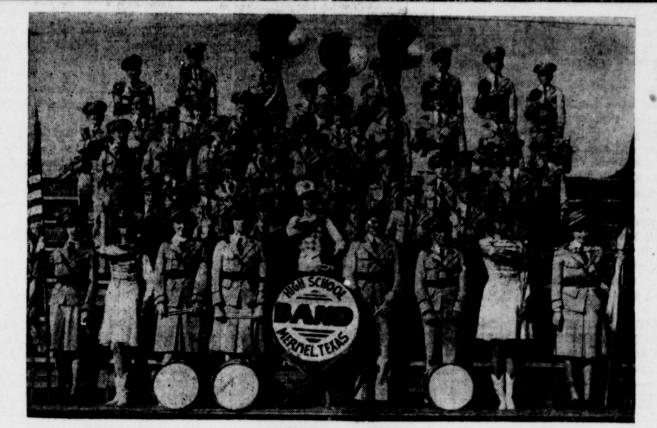
week-end in the M. B. Bell home at in the first two weeks of January.

her bed with the "flu." We hope she sustained in December, as heavy will soon be up again.

Wednesday with Mrs. Bright in

My Name is.....

High School Band on Queen Stage Monday-Tuesday



In addition to the regular program (Monday and Tuesday nights, the Merkel High School band will give a 30-minute presentation on the stage of the Queen theatre.

The band, under the direction of Richard Young, was heard in concert early in December and received most favorably.

Feature picture for Saturday night preview, Sunday and Monday, is America's No. 1 song hit, "South of the Border," with Gene Autry and Smiley Burnette.

Federal Reserve Bank **Gives Best Business** Review for Two Years

Dallas, Feb. 8 .- One of the brightest business reviews in two years a year ago by a wide margin. was issued for the eleventh federal reserve district by the Dallas federal reserve bank.

and industry in the district expand- severe moisture deficiency. Extremeed further during December and that ly low temperatures in the third week store business in a decade, sales the first two weeks of 1940 averaged 5 per cent above a year ago.

The bank's summary of business cludes Texas, said in part:

ing at department stores was excep-Mr. and Mrs. Finis Cade spent the tionally heavy during December and

Mrs. J. H. Grayson is confined to through wholesale channels was well consumer buying necessitated sub-

stantial declines in the preceding two

"Petroleum production rose to a level near the all-time peak recorded in August 1937 and refinery op-

"The outlook for the agricultural and live stock industries showed an improvement in December and the Based on conditions at the end of first half of January, as widespread 1939, the review reported that trade rains or snow partially relieved the after the best Christmas department of January, however, damaged grain and truck crops and caused a shrinkage in live stock.

"After reaching the highest level of record at the middle of December, conditions in the district, which in- total loans and investments at weekly reporting member banks declined "The level of (business) activity moderately in the subsequent four daughter, Sylvia June, were week- in December was higher than in the weeks, but on Jan. 10, 1940, they were still \$26,000,000 greater than a year earlier."

The review added that nearly all phases of business and industry in "Distribution of commodities the district showed improvement

Mr. and Mrs. Zed Bright visited stantial fill-in orders by retailers. thing, want to buy or sell anything, "Construction activity increased let the folks know it through The sharply in December, following sub- Mail want ad column. They read it.

Demos Pick Chicago. Washington, Feb. 8 .- The democrats chose Chicago, a center of prothird term activity, as their 1940 erations in Texas exceeded those of convention city Monday and left it to National Chairman James A. Farley to set the date, presumably after he learns when the republicans will

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Revival Meeting Under Leadership of M. Lloyd

Trent, Feb. 8 .-- M. Lloyd Smith of Abilene began a revival meeting of benefit during later life. at the Trent Church of Christ on Wednesday, Feb. 7. The meeting

Abilene Christian college and for a number of years did evangelistic work in the northwestern portion of the United States.

The services will be held each evening at 7:15. The public is invited to attend all services.

On both Sundays during the meeting there will be preaching by Mr. Smith at 11 in the morning and at 7:15 in the evening.

Merkel Girl Pledges Member of Cadettes

Abilene, Feb. 8 .- Mary Love Tipton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tipton of Merkel, has been pledged for membership in the Cadettes, social club of Abilene Christian col-

Announcement of the pledges was made during the past week, Formal

initiation ceremonies will be staged later in the spring.

Principal purpose of the organi-Smith Begins at Trent zation is for social associations while attending college and the establishment of friendships which will be

Main activities of the club include one major banquet each semester will continue until Saturday, Feb. 18. and frequent informal gatherings Evangelist Smith is a graduate of and outings besides the regular weekly meetings.

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FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB. Robinson on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Bud Winter was program leader, presenting Mrs. Landon Hill, a former resident of Merkel, who gave wery interesting review of "A Peculiar Treasure," by Edna Ferber.

The president, Mrs. Johnny Cox, presided for the business meeting Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle and during which the members voted to the National Institute will be made Rev. Cooper Waters, the pastor, give a "Silver Tea," on Feb. 24, and a Golden Jubilee celebration. Mrs. at this time Mrs. Nora Everton of Kidwell urged that the officers and the Hardin-Simmons speech depart- team captained by Mrs. Lillian ment will read a modern play, "Twi- Mathews start preparing to make light." All of the ladies of the town this inspiring and educational trip. are invited.

One guest, Miss Mary Eula Sears, and the following members were present: Mesdames J. T. Warren, George Wilhite, Bud Winter, Connor

Miss Lottie Butman was host Fri- made a beautiful talk. day afternoon to the Merkel Home prayer. Roll call was answered with ews, Ruby Barnett, Alice Wallace ports were heard from committee B. White and Norma Patton. chairmen, and suggestions were heard for financing the budget.

Mrs. Buck Leach lectured on helps available in five current magazines terior decorating, dressmaking and leader. planning, intelligent shopping, and a better understanding of world aftion to know the real facts.

of Mrs. Bob McDonald.

T. C. Humphreys, Bob Sumpter, sionaries." Alonzo Peterson, Bill Sumpter, Harry Barnett, Bill Toombs, Stanley dy, Holt Vaughn and Tom McAninch, and the hostess, Miss Butman.

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Mrs. Katie Kidwell, district mana-The meeting of the Fortnightly ger of Abilene, informed the Grove Study club was highlighted with a that the regional meeting which was book review by Mrs. Landon Hill of scheduled to be held in Galveston Abilene in the home of Mrs. Connor this spring had been cancelled, the reason being that so many of the members could not attend the regional meetings in 1940 and also the National Institute at Omaha, Nebr.,

The year 1941 will be the 50th anniversary of the founding of the

Sallie Mathews and the A. D. Barnes home "get-well" cards.

The guardian appointed a committee with Miss Norma Patton as Robinson, W. T. Sadler, Comer chairman and Mrs. E. B. Wallace Haynes, H. C. West, S. D. Gamble, and Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth as her Johnny Cox; Misses Mamie Ellis, assistants to see about a piano. The Mildred Holt, Julia Martin and Vin- gift basket was presented to one of the old members as a token of love from the Grove to Mrs. P. T. All-HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB. day of Silverton. In response she

Those attending this meeting were Demonstration club when a very in- Mrs. Allday, Mrs. Riddle and Mrs. teresting program was heard on mag- Kidwell of Abilene, Mesdames Lilazine helps. Mrs. Grover Gilbert, lie Barnett, Pearl Hollingsworth, the president, led members in re- Irene Barnes, Katie Church, Winnie peating the club pledge, motto and Turner, Opal Dingle, Lillian Math-"A Magazine I Find Helpful." Re- and Bea Reeves and Misses Clara

> WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Missionary society to homemakers willing to take ad- of Grace Presbyterian church met vantage of them, these helps includ- in regular session Monday, Feb. 5, ing gardening and landscaping, in- with Mrs. W. M. Elliott as program

The following program was givbetter foods and equipment besides en: devotional, Ex. 3:7-12, Mrs. W. M. Elliott; devotional on "Stewardfairs from the reading of articles ship," II Cor. 9:7, Gen. 1-1, Malachi written by those who are in a posi- 3:10, Mrs. Connor Robinson; "Community-Campus Co-operation," Mrs. On Feb. 16, Mrs. Holt Vaughn R. A. Walker; "Inter-Racial Underwill entertain the club in the home standing," (Phillip C. Jones), Mrs. D. A. Compton; "The Hospital Goes Hot cocoa and cookies were served to the Village," (Dr. Evelyn Leach, Andy Shouse, Paul Blacka- "The Land and Life of Africa," by, E. B. Wallace, Bob McDonald, Mrs. Henry West; "Love Lives On," John Hughes, C. P. Church, Roy H. (Edith Towne), Mrs. D. A. Comp-Mathews, J. W. Bryan, Walter Teaff, ton; silent prayer for "Our Mis-

During the business meeting which followed, officers were elected for Toombs, Ted McGehee, Clark Mun- the year 1940-'41, to assume office the first of March, as follows: president, Mrs. Connor Robinson; vicepresident and secretary of Stewardship, Mrs. D. A. Compton; secretary-Members of Merkel Grove No. 563, treasurer, Mrs. W. M. Elliott; sec-Woodmen Circle, met in regular ses- retary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. Consion last Thursday, with the guard- nor Robinson; secretary of Literaian, Mrs. Lillie Barnett, presiding. ture, Mrs. John West; secretary

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of Missionary Education, Mrs. Ralph Walker; secretary, Social Education and Action, Mrs. Jim West; Over-

Walker. Following a discussion of the year's budget, the society adjourned with the Mizpah. BAPTIST W. M. U. The First Baptist W. M. U. met

seas Hospital Sewing, Mrs. R. A.

meeting. Mrs. Lum Gilbreath led in prayer and Mrs. J. O. Castles brought the devotional. The president, Mrs. T. E. Collins, brought some wonderful thoughts for W. M. U. members. Mrs. W. B. Stevens was elected

Monday, Feb. 5, for their business

secretary and treasurer, Mrs. A. R. Booth having resigned from the office on account of illness. At the conclusion of the business meeting, closed with prayer.

NEEDLE AND THIMBLE CLUB. The Needle and Thimble club will meet with Mrs. John Grable Wednes-The Grove voted to send Mrs. day afternoon, Feb. 14, from 3 to 5.

RURAL SOCIETY

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR GRAND-MOTHER BURROWS.

Mrs. C. B. Lucas proved to be a very gracious hostess on Tuesday, Jan. 30, for a birthday party given in appreciation of a long and useful life of a pioneer mother, "Grandmother Burrows," mother of Mrs. R. I. Jackson. "Grandmother Burrows' was 90 years old.

Games directed by Mrs. O. W. Johnson were played and an old-fashioned "sing-song" was led by Mrs. Newell

Fudge cake and cocoa were served to the honoree and the following guests: Mesdames R. I. Jackson, Otis Burnett, P. D. Boddy, Fred Jackson, E. C. Capers, Geo. Cooper, Chas. Bristow, T. E. Goode, J. R. Murdock, E. M. Tarpley, W. Roundtree, Sam Allen, L. M. Howard, L. R. Cade, O. W. Sosebee, Wayne Satterwhite, Geo. Reynolds, M. D. Lucas, J. S. Touchstone, Jim Spurgin, Lon Loven, Baylor Amason, T. J. Amason, O. L. Justice, A. H. Langford, O. W. Johnson, Weldon Lucas, Ben Adkins, T. K. Marshall, Newell Lucas, Bill Caldwell, Louie Herring and the hos-

GIFT PARTY.

When the Nubia League had their monthly social on Thursday night, Feb. 1. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Perry were given a kitchen shower, at which they received many beautiful and useful gifts.

A series of interesting games was kept going throughout the evening by Mrs. J. B. Stewart, Joe Seymore and Mildren McLean.

After the lovely gifts had been presented to the bride, refreshments of home-made candy and apples were served to Mr. and Mrs. Perry, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Don Riney, Mrs. B. H. Riney and Mrs. Maye Cargill; Misses Mary Jo Hutchins, Eva Brown, Mildred Mc- pay expenses of council chairman and Lean, Elva Hughes, Olga Ann Elliott, Nina Joyce Riney, Annie C. Cargill, Lorene Whisenhunt, Bernie Opal Dean, Becky and Betty Sey- ported that the council had \$179.69 more and Louise Richie; Messrs. on hand, \$121.00 of which consti-Mickey McLean, Donald Latimer, Wade Ensminger, D. J. Richie, Olan J. Jones, Clayton Reynolds, Walter Riney, Joe Seymore, Jack Whisenhunt, Wayne Richie and Leroy Riney.

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

Plans for a sack supper and "hard times" party, to be given Friday night, Feb. 16, at the school house were made by the Salt Branch Home ed parliamentarian for the council Demonstration club, which met in the for the coming year. home of Mrs. H. B. Robertson on Thursday afternoon of last week.

for the club were discussed and de- and Lorene Butman, of the Blueboncided upon. Capsule pals were drawn | net club; Mrs. O. B. Leach, Mrs. and the club present was given to G. C. Gilbert, Mrs. C. P. Church, Mrs. W. U. Beene. Mrs. J. A. Horton gave the council report. Mrs. H. B. Robertson was elected reporter, kel; Mrs. J. H. Clark, Mrs. Lige Mrs. Laroy Hester having resigned. Harris, Mrs. Kenneth Pee and Miss in the home of Mrs. Johnny Cox.

Refreshments were passed to Mesdames Roy Harrell, J. A. Horton, Buster Horton, Ada Higgins, W. U. Beene, Martin Barker, Ollie Higgins, Vernon Hudson, Joe C. Higgins, J. S. Pinckley, Misses Lena Fay Harrell, Ruth Pinckley, Mrs. Willie Hays, and visitors, Mrs. Angus Garvin and Miss Bersha Mae Thompson.

BRIDAL SHOWER.

Mesdames Dewey Sandusky, Robert Malone, Mack Buzbee and Carlton King were co-hostesses on Thursday, Jan. 25, for a pretty shower honoring Mrs. Ray Orsborn, a recent bride, the former Miss Neva Malone, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Malone of the Blair community. She is a young lady of the finest character, a graduate of Merkel High school and very active in religious and social affairs.

n a treasure hunt which led to the refrigerator where the treasure was

New Baptist Pastor



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JOHN MATTHEWS

Baptists to Begin Ten Day Revival Sunday

The First Baptist church here will begin a ten day revival meeting next Sunday, Feb. 11. Rev. Cooper Waters, the new local pastor, will do the preaching, and the song services will be conducted by John Matthews of Fort Worth.

Mr. Matthews is an exceptionally good soloist and a spiritual leader of congregational singing.

Services will be held daily at 10

Training School

(Continued from Page One) of 14 clubs in the county.

Mrs. D. E. Varnell, chairman of the finance committee, of Elmdale, gave a report. The council voted to sponsor the following: concessions at the fair; some entertainment for 4-H club girls; pay rally day expenses and miscellaneous expense; market chairman to the short course held at College Station in July.

Mrs. H. R. Clemmer, Elmdale, retutes funds from concessions at fairs in Dallas, Sweetwater and Abilene. At the next council meeting, the

presidents of each club will present a nominee from the club to be considered as a delegate to the district meeting, three of these to be chosen by the council as the official repsentatives of Taylor county. Mrs. Johnny Cox of Salt Branch was nam-

Among those attending the training school were Mrs. Will Butman, Ways and means of raising money Mrs. W. H. Ensminger, Mrs. Butman Mrs. E. B. Wallace, Mrs. Paul Blackaby and Mrs. John S. Hughes, Mer-The next meeting will be Feb. 15 Mabel McRee, Union Ridge, and Mrs. Buster Horton and Mrs. Johnny Cox of Salt Branch.

> Record of Births. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. James, on the Phillips lease, Monday, February, 5, 1940.

> found. After an array of lovely gifts was opened and admired, a refreshment plate of hot chocolate, sandwiches and cake was served to Mesdames Ray Orsborn, Mark Malone, E. J. Orsborn, Bob Malone, Luther Orsborn, John Hughes, John Malone, Jim Campbell, Charlie Peterson, Lee Cox, Ed Sandusky; Misses Fae Orsborn, Nina Orsborn, Gwindolene Sandusky, little Jo Ann Malone, Charles Peterson, Elma Lee San-

Those sending gifts were Mesdames E. E. Akin, A. H. Murphy, A. M. At the social hour the bride went Jackson, Lewis Spratlin, Misses Louella Hughes and Mabel Maddox, and a number of others sent gifts later.

Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening There were 538 present at the six at 7:30. reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 509 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 634.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Training Service 6:45 p. m. Evening sermon 7:30. Teachers' meeting and church conference Wednesday evening at 7:30. Cooper Waters, Pastor.

W. J. Largent, Sunday School Superintendent.

BAPTIST W. M. U. W. M. U. of the First Baptist church will meet Monday, Feb. 12, in Circles. May Belle Taylor will meet with Mrs. J. F. Walker; Mrs. Lucy Ford, leader, and Mrs. Lum Gilbreath, Bible leader.

Blanche Rose Walker will meet with Mrs. E. O. Carson; Mrs. W. L. Johnson, leader, and Mrs. J. O. Castles, Bible teacher.

Elkin Lockett will meet with Mrs. W. F. Patterson; Mrs. Chas West, leader, and Mrs. J. L. Winters, Bible teacher.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m. Evening worship at 7:15. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. . John H. Crow, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday School 10 a. m. As the pastor will be at Baird, there will be the Devil?" "We will show why your no preaching service, morning nor prayer wasn't answered," the preachnight. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock.

these services. Strangers welcome. 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.

NAZARENE CHURCH. 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meet- according to the pastor, Rev. J. B. ing Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock Every one is cerdially invited to these services.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Saturday night preaching service at 7:30. Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

R. U. Rister, Pastor.

Church Reporter.

NEW LIVE OAK CHURCH. Sunday School at 10:30 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m. at the New Live Oak Baptist church of Butman. Mrs. Dennis Counts,

Observance Planned World Day of Prayer

Observing interdenominational and international World Day of Prayer, the Grace Presbyterian church will be open for prayer Friday afternoon, Feb. 9, with special service at 3 o'clock, under the leadership of the Woman's Missionary society.

The observance is being held by all Christian women in more than 50 countries, to pray for peace and for the spread of the kingdom of God on the earth.

Mrs. Connor Robinson is in charge of the local program in which the public is invited to take part.

Will Begin Church Loyalty Campaign

Rev. R. L. Gilpin, pastor of the Stith Methodist church, announces the beginning of a Church Loyalty campaign, running through February and March and culminating in special Easter services.

Sermon subjects for Sunday, Feb. 11, are announced as follows: 11 a. m., "Divine Healing-Is It God or er states. Evening worship, 7:30, "Hen-Pecked Husbands and Foolish Every one is cordially invited to Wives." Special seats will be reserved for all hen-pecked husbands.

To Announce Date Series of Sermons

On account of unfavorable weather conditions, the series of sermons on "Christian Living," which Rev. J. W. Hawkins, pastor of the Methodist church at Peacock, was to have delivered at White Church beginning Monday night of this week, was post-Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching poned. Later date will be announced

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1/2 bu. 49c — Doz. 19c

Med. Size, Doz. 19c

Texas Oranges 2 doz. 25c

SPUDS. Colorado Rurals, 10 lbs. CARROTS, 3 bunches each 5c New Potatoes 3 lbs 19c Lettuce

Turnips Lb. 4c Beets Per bunch 5c Tomatoes ... VACUUM PACK

Lb. 10c Celery Jumbo stalk 15c COFFEE, Bright & Early, 1-lb. can 22c

Laundry Soap 7 Giant Bars

Palmolive Soap 25c | 3 bars 19c

SYRUP, Ribbon Cane or Sorghum, Gal. 58c SHORTENING, 4 lb. carton

MATCHES, 2 boxes

MILK 7 cans ... SUGAR

ure Cane Cloth Bag 53c Pure Cane in 10 lbs.

Green Beans Corn Spinach

Tomatoes Hominy Pork & Beans Vegetable

Soup

MARKET SPECIALS 25c SAUSAGE, 2 lbs. PORK STEAK, lb. **Beef Roast** OLEO 15c 2 lbs. Swift's Half or Whole or End Cuts CURED HAM, Ib.

Salt Pork 7c | Lb.

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