

## Keeping Up With Texas

D. A. Hulcy, executive vice-president of the Lone Star Gas corporation, Monday was elected president of the corporation by the board of directors, to succeed the late L. B. Denning, who died Feb. 6.

The social security board at Washington announced Saturday its approval of a February allotment of \$589,260 to Texas for old age assistance. Approval had been delayed since January for review of the Texas personnel requirements.

District Judge J. D. Moore of Austin held Saturday that the board of control does not have the power to oust Dr. W. J. Johnson, superintendent of the state hospital for the insane at San Antonio, who has been under fire before the board on morals charges.

Douglas Ruthven, 38, Gregg county health inspector, and Roy Baker, oil company employee, both of Kilgore, were killed instantly early Sunday afternoon when the plane in which they were flying in the vicinity of the Kilgore airport fell from an altitude of 200 feet. The plane had been in the air more than 40 minutes.

Mrs. Mildred Franks, 34, and Hawley Garner, 38, both of Plainville, were killed early Sunday morning when the plane in which they were flying crashed into a Northwest highway near Wood Road, Dallas.

Release of warrants representing a \$3 per capita apportionment of the state available school fund was announced by L. A. Wood, state superintendent of education, Tuesday. The allotment completed payment of \$30 on the current \$22 apportionment.

Representative Martin Dies, of Orange, chairman of the house committee investigating un-Americanism, left Tuesday for Washington after a quiet 10 days of rest at Marlin.

James R. Boyd of Austin Tuesday announced his resignation from the legislature, to accept appointment to the law and enforcement division of the Interstate Commerce Bureau of Motor Carriers, with temporary headquarters in Fort Worth.

R. L. Bland of Abilene was chosen president of the Presbyterian men of the synod of Texas Wednesday at the organization's one-day convention at Dallas. Fort Worth was selected for the 1941 meeting.

Richard L. Tucker, a Houston welder, was found dead in his bedroom Wednesday with a bullet in the head and a pistol in his hand. Justice of the Peace Tom Maes returned a suicide verdict.

C. D. Wilson, 21, who lived on a farm with his parents near Eulass, Tarrant county, was killed Wednesday when his automobile was struck by the fast Texas Rocket, Burlington Rock Island passenger train, at a crossing near Irving.

The U. S. submarine Sea Raven, 311 feet long and displacing 1,460 gross tons, will visit Port Houston Feb. 26 to Mar. 2 during its "shakedown" cruise.

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On the "Broadway of America"

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## GLENN ROBERTSON SHOWS LAMBS FOR SWEEPSTAKE CUP

Shows Grand Champion Lamb, Also Takes Four Places in Medium Wool Class; Haynes Boys Exhibit Winning Calves.

By showing the grand champion lamb—a Hampshire—of the fourth annual Merkel F. F. Project show held last Saturday, Glenn Robertson won sweepstakes loving cup presented by the Farmers & Merchants National bank of Merkel. Willard Paine last year received the trophy which has to be won two years in succession for permanent ownership.

Robertson, exhibited the first, second, third and fifth place medium wool lambs to stack up enough points to receive the award. Billy Sandusky showed the reserve champion lamb. All the black face lambs were from J. T. Warren's stock.

Billy Clyde Haynes showed the grand champion calf and his brother, Jack Haynes, exhibited the reserve champion. Both winning animals were owned by John Smallwood of Tuscola, Texas, and managed by Chester Collins, manager of the local F. F. A.

Animals were entered by: J. Largent judge; Carl Eminger of side on service, Abilene; and swine, high low:

first, Billy Sandusky; second, J. D. Rogers; third, J. T. Warren; fourth and fifth, J. T. Warren.

first, Jack Harris; third, J. T. Warren; fourth, J. T. Warren.

first, second, Glenn Robertson; Junior Melton.

first, second, Billy Sandusky; Denzel Melton.

first and second, J. T. Warren; third, Franklin R. V. Clark; fifth Baccus.

gilts: first, Charles Ollie Blanton; second, Coy Bac-Wayne Hughes; sixth, J. T. Warren.

gilts: first, Troy Roland; second, Bonnie Melton.

Hampshire sows: first, Deauward; second, Delma Harris; third, Joe Horton; fourth, Burneal Merritt.

Grand champion barrow was exhibited by Clarence Harrell, who also won first and second place. R. V. Clark placed third. Coy Baccus exhibited the best pen of three fat barrows.

In the heavyweight fat barrows class, Franklin Deavers showed fourth, while Coy Baccus showed 2nd and 4th barrows in the lightweight.

Winners in the county show were to compete Thursday in the West Central Texas Boys Live Stock show.

Trent P.-T. A. Will Observe Founder's Day

nor Robinson of Merkel as the principal speaker, Founder's Day will be observed here Tuesday night by the Trent unit of the Parent-Teacher association.

Mrs. Joe Nalley is to be program leader, with entertainment furnished by the fifth grade. Hostesses are Mrs. John W. Wheeler, Jr., and Mrs. Hale McRee.

## CORONATION OF SCHOOL BEAUTY FRIDAY, FEB. 23

Mildred McLean and Sampie McGehee, both Seniors, were selected as the best all-round girl and boy, respectively, at assembly at Merkel High school Wednesday morning.

Only students with an average of 88 or better and who had taken part in at least one other organization activity besides their school work were eligible for these distinctions.

LaMoine Sherrill and Loudale Gray, also both Seniors, were chosen as most popular boy and girl, respectively.

Nominations in all contests were made from the floor and where more than two nominations were made the two highest were then balloted for.

On Friday evening, Feb. 23, the coronation program of the "most beautiful girl," selected in finals Monday morning, will be featured in the High School gymnasium. Identity of the winner will remain a secret until that time. Bernie Opal Dean, Senior, and Sue Grimes, Sophomore, are the finalists.

## Rites Held Tuesday For T. H. Kell; Had Lived Here 20 Years

T. H. Kell, 77, resident of this section for over 20 years, dropped dead of a heart attack downtown at 11:30 Monday morning. He had just received his quota of supplies through old age assistance allotment from a federal surplus commodities truck and was standing in the crowd around the truck when he was stricken.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 Tuesday afternoon from the First Baptist church, with Rev. R. R. Phillips, pastor of the Corinth Baptist church, Abilene, officiating, assisted by Rev. Cooper Waters, local Baptist pastor, and Rev. R. T. Smith, pastor of the Nazarene church. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery, with Barrow Funeral Home in charge.

Pallbearers were Hurley Toombs, Will Toombs, G. F. Woods, Watt Blair, Bert Melton, R. H. Mathews, Sr.

Serving as flower girls were Mesdames Dorothy Lemens, Clyde Bartlett, Myrtle Schulze, Ernest Hendricks, Forence Berry and Earl Baze.

Thomas Houston Kell was born Jan. 18, 1863, in Viola, Warren county, Tenn. The family moved from Tennessee to Arkansas in 1884 and later to Texas. Mr. Kell came from Lancaster to the Merkel section in 1919 and had been engaged in farming until about six years ago when he retired. He was married in 1884 to Martha Courtney and to this union ten children were born, only three of whom survive: Mrs. R. J. Johnson, Ingleside; Mrs. Dewitt Campbell and Mrs. Tommie Smith.

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## Son of Nolan Couple Dies of Pneumonia

Larry Neal Finch, 15-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman L. Finch of Nolan, died at 6:40 Monday morning at the Sweetwater Hospital of a four day illness of pneumonia.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Nolan cemetery. Attending the funeral from Merkel were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black and Mrs. Cora Robbins.

Survivors include the parents, a twin brother, James Beal Finch, and two sets of grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Finch and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lucas, of Nolan. Mr. and Mrs. M. Elliott of Merkel are great-grandparents.

## Boosters are Coming; Fat Stock Show, Too

It's stock show time again in Fort Worth and, sponsored by the Fort Worth junior chamber of commerce, a group of Fort Worth boosters traveling in chartered buses will visit Merkel at 11:15 Friday morning on an invitational tour to advertise the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show.

A sound equipped bus carrying a fiddle band directed by Tommy Thompson will accompany the party on the 18-town itinerary for the first of the series of five tours.

## FOUNDER'S DAY OBSERVED AT P.-T.A. MEETING

One of Most Enthusiastic Meetings of Year Held Wednesday Afternoon; Tribute also Paid to Founder of Local Unit.

The Merkel Parent-Teacher association met in regular session Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 14, in the Grammar School auditorium with Mrs. Chesby Patterson, president, in the chair, and room mothers of the primer, first and second grades acting as hostesses.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Patterson members stood in silent tribute to the founders of the National Congress of the Parent-Teachers organization and at the same time tribute was paid to Mrs. Connor Robinson, founder of the local unit in 1937 and first president of the Merkel group.

Mrs. Hob Robertson as program leader presented the second period choral class of High school, under the direction of Mrs. Comer Haynes, in musical numbers. The girls, attractively gowned in evening dresses, sang three Valentine numbers, and E. W. Key, minister of the Church of Christ, gave a most inspirational talk, stressing "Foundations of the Home and School."

Supt. Connor Robinson also spoke on the January 10th conference of superintendents held in Austin and attended by him. Mr. Robinson reviewed briefly the talks given there by various school men, stressing the theme of the conference, "Democracy."

A Founder's Day acoustic was given by eight women, each representing a letter of the word "Founders." Those taking part were Mesdames Denzel Cox, T. L. Grimes, John Leonard, Ray Wilson, Connor Robinson, Norman Hodge and I. W. Walling and Miss Vernelle Bland.

During the business session which followed this program, the nominating committee consisting of Mrs. Lem Dudley, chairman, Miss Vinnie Heizer, Mrs. Norman Hodge and Mrs. Connor Robinson, was elected. The chairman of the Study group, Mrs. Norman Hodge, announced a meeting of this group next Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 9 a. m. at her home on Oak street. All mothers are invited to this meeting.

The next meeting of the association will be Thursday night, Mar. 14, with Mrs. Clyde Sears as leader of the program on "The Child and Health," and the eighth and ninth grade room mothers as hostesses.

## Injured in Automobile Accident at Abilene

In a car accident at the corner of North Third and Beech street in Abilene late Saturday afternoon Mrs. A. T. Sheppard suffered a broken collarbone and a cut on the head and Mrs. S. D. Gamble, who was driving the car in which she and Mrs. Sheppard were riding, also received a cut on the head.

Mrs. Sheppard was taken to the Hendrick Memorial hospital where she remained until Monday when she was brought home. She is reported getting along nicely. Mrs. Gamble came home Saturday night.

Ernest Hayes was driving the other car involved in the collision. Both automobiles were badly damaged.

## Sixty-Three Attend Fellowship Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Fellowship club of the Methodist church was held Tuesday night at the church, with sixty-three present.

John Grable, president, made a short talk and Mrs. Lynn Shelton gave a reading. Rev. C. A. Bickley, of Abilene, district superintendent, was the principal speaker of the evening.

Following the program, a turkey dinner was served by the ladies of the church.

The benediction was pronounced by the pastor, Rev. John H. Crow.

17 Correct Storm Total. Albany, Ga., Feb. 15.—Red Cross and city officials announced Sunday night that a thorough check showed that 17 persons died when a tornado swept this south Georgia city of 16,000 Saturday.

## MERKEL LIONS TO ENTERTAIN ZONE MEETING

The Merkel Lions club will entertain the quarterly zone meeting of Lions clubs, embracing Abilene, Sweetwater, Merkel and Roscoe, on Tuesday night, Feb. 20. About sixty visitors are expected from out of town.

Dr. L. C. Zehpfennig is chairman of the general committee on arrangements and program, assisted by Supt. Connor Robinson and Byers Petty.

Emmett Landers of Abilene, zone chairman, has called a meeting of officers of all the clubs at 6:30, one hour before the barbecue supper starts. The entertainment program will include numbers by several local artists.

## Mrs. M. C. Sadler, Native Texan, 83, Claimed By Death

Mrs. M. C. Sadler, 83, who came here from Fort Worth a few months ago to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. D. W. Ashby, died at 2:15 Monday afternoon at an apartment in the home of Mrs. Z. F. Turner, where she was staying while under medical care. On Jan. 20 she fell at her daughter's home and fractured her hip and was taken to the Merkel hospital, later being removed to the apartment, and her condition had gradually grown worse.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 Monday afternoon from the First Baptist church, with Rev. Cooper Waters, the pastor, and Rev. Clyde Jackson, Baptist pastor of Caps, officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery, with Barrow Funeral Home in charge.

Pallbearers were Ira Stanley, Clark Mundy, Byers Petty and Grover Blair.

Serving as flower girls were Misses Thelma Mathews, Bess McNiece, Clarice Blair, Clara White, Maurine White, Mrs. W. L. Johnson and Mrs. W. A. McCandless.

Mrs. Sadler was a native Texan, born Mattie Catherine Hellums, in Anderson county, on Aug. 30, 1856. She was married on July 15, 1875, to B. F. Cutler, who died May 23, 1889. By this marriage six children survive, one son, Frank Cutler, Merkel, and five daughters, Mrs. A. M. Brooks, Athens; Mrs. Will Bradshaw, Honey Grove; Mrs. D. W. Ashby, Merkel; Mrs. Maggie Morton, Houston, and Mrs. Jim Livingston, Cleburne. One brother, Marvin Hellums, Waco, 33 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren also survive.

Her second husband, Billy Sadler, to whom she was married Dec. 23, 1910, passed away Oct. 24, 1911. She had lived in Fort Worth for the past 15 years before coming to make her home with her daughter here.

doing nicely after a spell of pneumonia.

Roy Bradley returned Monday from Abilene where he has been attending Simmons college.

A Western Dramatic company has been organized by Mr. Roy Elliott.

Miss Jewel Coggin and Mrs. J. G. Jackson were visitors to Abilene friends this week.

A letter received this week by Dr. Adkisson from Editor J. M. Fryar of the Rising Star X-Ray brings the information that our former citizen is enjoying prosperity and all the other varieties of blessings. A dozen-pounder boy arrived at his home the latter part of last month and the Merkel friends of the parents join in congratulations.

Guy Dillon spent Sunday in Abilene visiting friends.

Mrs. Rudmose has returned to Merkel after an absence of several weeks.

## PLANS MAPPED FOR ELECTION FIVE DIRECTORS

Ballots to be Distributed Tuesday; Merchants Will Select Five New Members of Board By Preferential Ballot.

Following the same plan as last year directors of the Merchants Trade Extension association in their regular meeting Monday night at the Lions hall voted to prepare and distribute preferential ballots to all of the merchants and business and professional men of the city for the election of five new directors to succeed this number who retire automatically this year and are not eligible to succeed themselves for one year.

R. T. Gray, John West and Paul Douglas were appointed as the committee in charge of details, with all directors serving in distribution and collecting the ballots, which will be passed out Tuesday and collected Wednesday. They will be tabulated and the names of the five new directors certified to an adjourned meeting to be held Thursday, Feb. 22. On the Monday following, Feb. 26, the general meeting of merchants will be held at 7:30 at the Lions hall.

Directors whose terms expire this year are: John West, S. D. Gamble, Dr. L. C. Zehpfennig and R. T. Gray. Earl Watts, the fifth director, has removed from Merkel.

Holders of directors are Roy Reid, E. O. Carson, Paul Douglas, W. O. Boney and Harry Bullock.

## Taylor County Cage Tournery Under Way

With eight teams competing the Taylor county basketball tournament got under way Thursday afternoon at the Abilene high school gymnasium.

Meeting in the first game, slated at 5 o'clock, were Lawn and Bradshaw. Tilts on the night card were Elmdale vs. Ovalo, 6 o'clock; Trent vs. Merkel, 7 o'clock; Wylie vs. Tuscola, 8 o'clock.

Semi-final games will be played at 7:30 and 9 o'clock Friday night. The third place playoff and championship are set for Saturday night. Winner of the tournery will represent the county in the district meet at Sweetwater, Feb. 23-24.

## First Lady to Florida.

Miami Beach, Fla., Feb. 15.—Arthur J. Sporbol, Miami Beach realtor, said Saturday that Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt had leased an ocean front residence and would arrive Feb. 18 for a one-month stay.

## Governor-General Dies.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 15.—Lord Tweedsmuir, governor-general of Canada, died Sunday night after a brain operation to relieve a concussion suffered the previous Tuesday in a fall in his bath room.

## Merkel 30 Years Ago

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 15, 1910.)

T. D. Sisk, editor of the Trent Banner, made a business trip to our city the latter part of the week.

The Trent social club extended a very cordial invitation to Merkel society folks to attend a grand ball to be given in honor of Washington's birthday the 22nd. All who accepted the invitation were delighted with Trent hospitality. The young people of Trent certainly know how to do things right.

A letter from our charming friend, Helen Porter, who is now in Kentucky, says she is having a great time but nevertheless she missed her friends in Merkel. We hope she does, for Merkel misses her bright smile and merry ways.

A crowd of young people took advantage of the beautiful weather Sunday afternoon and drove out to Castle Peak. They report a lovely climb.

Little Miss Frances Hamm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hamm, is

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Merkel Breeder Enters Two Polled Herefords In Fat Stock Show

Fort Worth, Feb. 15.—Sam Swann of Merkel has entered two polled Herefords in the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show, to be held in Fort Worth Mar. 8-17, D. G. Talbot, general live stock superintendent, has announced. Swann's entry will be among 5,000 to 6,000 animals entered in the forty-fourth annual show from more than a dozen states. Cash prizes of \$55,000 will be awarded, including \$27,000 in live stock departments, \$20,000 to contestants in the world championship rodeo and \$8,460 in the elite horse show. Finishing touches were under way on plans for the 1940 show as John B. Davis, secretary-manager, announced that new specialty acts will be seen in both the rodeo and the amusement center on the stock show grounds. Fort Worth is expecting more than 300,000 visitors in the city during the 10-day exposition.

Hundreds Approve Band Presentation

Popularity of the Merkel High School band was again attested in the large crowd that filled to overflowing the Queen theatre Monday night where the band under the direction of Richard Young appeared in a 30-minute stage presentation. Another large crowd was present for Tuesday's presentation. Monday night's program included "Ampirita Rocha," march; "God Bless America," (Irving Berlin); "Bucky Gaither in an accordion solo," "The March of the Little Burros," novelty number, "Whistling Farmer Boy," "Battle of the Band," and "Yam," closing march. Entering the amusement world as a rival of the late Julian Eltinge as a woman impersonator, Don Wood, arrayed in all the glory of a Florida girl, rendered "Oh, Johnny" in connection with Tuesday night's concert. Office supplies—Mail office.

"Hard Times" Party at Salt Branch Announced Friday Night, Feb. 16th

A "Hard Times" party will be the opening event in the social life of Salt Branch Home Demonstration club for 1940. Each guest is asked to wear his oldest and most-patched clothes. There will be a contest to determine the most typically "hard times" dressed lady, man and couple. The winners will be selected by votes for a penny. Prizes will be given. There will be other contests and various stunts to make the gloomiest smile and the happiest yell with delight. Special feature will be the auctioning off of sacks containing surprise suppers and a chance to eat with some one new. This is a community party sponsored by the Salt Branch HD club. It will be held in the school building starting at 7 o'clock on Friday, Feb. 16. All ladies and girls are to bring lunches in sacks for the auction sale.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Ted McGehee, for many years associated with his brother in the Dandy bakery here, has entered business for himself, having purchased the Bloomer bakery in Belton. He went down there Monday to assume charge and returned Tuesday to remove his family there. Merkel regrets to lose such a good citizen, but here's best of luck, Ted!  
No damage was done, except the loss of about 5 gallons of asphalt roofing when a barrel of the liquid caught fire Wednesday afternoon from proximity to another barrel, which was being heated in the vacant space in the rear of the West company building. The asphalt belonged to Bob Fowler, contractor, who was doing some repair work on the roof of the Sadler clinic building.  
The U. S. Army Recruiting station at Abilene announces the enlistment of Erwin W. Holley, of Route 1, Tye, on Feb. 8. He was assigned to the field artillery, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Butler, Friday, Feb. 9, 1940.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Poor, Trent, Wednesday, February 14, 1940.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Williams, Route 2, Wednesday, February 14, 1940.

Borrowing is Lucrative.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Persons who borrow on their life insurance policies at fixed rates of interest provide the nation's 26 largest insurance companies with their best-paying single source of income, the securities and exchange commission reported.

Seeks Re-Election



SID H. McADAMS  
In the issue of The Mail last week was carried the announcement of Sid H. McAdams, (above), candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff of Taylor county, subject to the action of the democratic primary in July.

GOODMAN NEWS

Edgar Grayson of Monument, N. M., visited his mother, Mrs. J. H. Grayson, last week-end. He was accompanied home by Grandpa Hardy of Clyde.  
Miss Lamont Cox of Truby, Ed Kelly of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Phillips of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eckert Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Horace Armstrong of Salt Branch spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Armstrong.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jacobs of Merkel and J. W. Campbell of Trent visited in the R. N. Campbell home Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bert James are the proud parents of a baby boy.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Barnes and children and Vas Stone visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Barnes of Eskota Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cade and daughter, Laura Mae, visited Mr. and Mrs. Marion Spradlin of Tye Sunday.  
Grandma Phillips had as her guest Sunday, a nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith, of Abilene.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Armstrong and children visited Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Armstrong of Salt Branch Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cade of Golan visited Sunday in the home of Grandma Cade.  
Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Eckert visited Mr. and Mrs. George Lane Sunday.  
Karl Bonneaux, Jr., Hardin-Simmons university yell leader, underwent an operation for appendicitis at Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, last Friday. He is reported doing nicely.  
Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge and family and Mrs. B. L. James were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rutledge.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jake Barnes visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Othell Barnhill of Eskota.  
Mr. and Mrs. Finis Cade visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Bell, of Merkel.  
Mr. and Mrs. Manson James and daughter are visiting in Fort Worth this week.  
Mrs. John Windham went to Abilene Monday on business.  
J. B. Campbell is home from college in Abilene.  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams and son and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Taylor and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall of Newman Saturday night.  
Claude Smith of Noodle visited at Goodman Tuesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Cox and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Delma McLeod of Merkel Tuesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams gave their son, Billie Roy, a birthday dinner party on Thursday of last week. He was two years old. Those present were Mrs. H. R. Poor, Mrs. Cecil Taylor, Danny Poor, Sylvia June Taylor, Mrs. Fred Hall of Newman, Lula Mae, Norris and Robert Hall, also of Newman.  
Hazel Swinney of Anson spent the week-end with home folks and friends.  
Mr. Miller, father of Mrs. W. R. Swinney, has been real sick.  
Mrs. Charlie Seago visited Karl Bonneaux, Jr., Sunday, at Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis last week.  
Smithie Ogletree of Trent visited Lewis Tiner Sunday.  
Wilner Grayson of Los Angeles, Calif., spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Grayson.  
Helen McLeod of Trent spent Sunday with Charlene James.  
Mrs. J. H. Grayson is better at this writing. She has had the "flu."

Hodges Happenings

Our community is still on the map, but that is about all; the weather has been so bad and there has been so much sickness that we have not stirred about so very much. Mrs. Charlie Cranston is still seriously ill in the hospital at Abilene. We hope she will soon be well again, as she is one of our most loved citizens. Mrs. Garner, Donald Green and scores of others are on the sick list. Miss Elaine Leftner, one of our teachers, missed two days at school last week on account of the "flu," but is back again today. Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Reynolds had as their dinner guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Reynolds and son of Lueders. Mrs. B. L. Newman is able to be up again. Both she and baby are doing fine. The young man has been named Voy Barnett. Our school put on the play, "Under the Western Skies," last Friday night. With admission price of 5 and 10 cents, a total of \$4.85 was taken in. Our school (Marrs) went to White Flat to the tournament Friday and Saturday, Feb. 2 and 3. The girls got beat the first game, but our boys got to play four games. Those from here attending church at Stith Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walsh and three sons, Chas., Jr., Jimmie and Joe Wayne, and Sunday night Mrs. Chas. Walsh and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Walsh and son. Brother Gilpin, M. E. pastor at Stith, preached on "Hen-Pecked Husbands and Foolish Wives" Sunday night, and, should there be any who do not believe he got his subject from the Bible, just read the account of Samson and his wife and several other husband and wife Bible characters that were both foolish and hen-pecked. He took as his text, "If ye abide in me and I abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will and it shall be given unto you." Every one received a blessing from his sermon.

Meter Deposit Fund Releases About \$1,000

A reward for prompt payment of electric bills, a large number of West Texas Utilities customers here are getting their meter deposit back—with interest. R. T. Gray, local manager, announced that the company is refunding the deposit to all customers with a consistent record for payment of bills over a three-year period. This means that a total of about \$1,000, including interest for the past year, is being returned to electric users in Merkel. The deposit will be returned to other customers annually as they qualify as three-year prompt payment users, possibly at the close of each business year. "It is a new policy being tried out this year for the first time," Gray said. "We believe our customers and friends will appreciate it—and maybe they can use the refund, too." The company, he said, will continue to require the deposit where new connections are made until the householder has qualified for the refund.

Boarding Fund for Care Dependent Boys, Girls in Rural Homes

Orphans, neglected or dependent boys and girls must be cared for, protected, and loved just as much as one's own. Perhaps it would be more correct to say the need for a good, wholesome home life is even greater in the case of underprivileged children. The Abilene-Taylor County Child Welfare Unit under the supervision of Miss Marian Porter is set up to help the homeless children in Taylor county. There is a small boarding fund provided monthly out of which families are paid to board and care for the children placed in their homes by the supervisor. Those families who are interested in taking care of boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 14 years in their homes for \$10 or \$12 a month, depending upon the ages of child placed, are asked to apply to Miss Porter, care of the Child Welfare office, at the court house in Abilene, by letter or card, if it is impossible to call by the office in person. In addition to the board paid, the office assumes responsibility for supervision, medical care and clothes. The most desirable homes are those in which there is both a mother and father, a fairly adequate income upon which the family can depend for its own support, and where the home is large enough to accommodate the additional members without crowding the home. Babe Ruth played in 2,502 baseball games in the major leagues for a batting average of .342.

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Judge N. D. Cobb, who is now serving his second elective term in office of the peace, Precinct 1, Taylor county, has authorized to announce his candidacy for election to this office at the action of the den July. Judge Cobb has been nearly forty years time he has as mayor and the school board he was both county justice of the peace. As justice he has a satisfactory record rendered to return. CARD OF We wish to express our appreciation for the services shown us by this sad hour of the husband and father beautiful flowers. May God's richest one and all. Mrs. T. H. Kell and Advertise in The M

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# LEGAL NOTICES

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To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Wash Gray and the unknown heirs, assignees, devisees, and legal representatives of Wash Gray, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for two consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court, 104th Judicial District of Taylor County, to be held at the court house thereof, in the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 3rd Monday in March, A. D. 1940, same being the 18th day of March A. D. 1940, then and there to appear and defend the suit filed in said court on the 25th day of January, 1940, in cause numbered 3517-B, wherein the City of Merkel, a municipal corporation, is Plaintiff, and Mrs. Francis Frederickson, a feme sole, Wash Gray, and the unknown heirs, assignees, devisees, and legal representatives of Wash Gray, deceased, are defendants, and said plaintiffs have impleaded the Merkel Independent School District, the State of Texas, and Taylor County, Texas, taxing units in said State, to appear in said cause and for each to file its claim for delinquent taxes against the property, or any part thereof, described in the petition of said plaintiff. The cause of action being alleged as follows:

quent taxes for the years 1931 to 1938 inclusive for the following amounts of interest, penalties and costs, to-wit: \$100.21 and court costs allowed by law.

That certain taxing units have intervened in this suit and filed claims for taxes on all or part of the property described in plaintiffs' petition, as follows:

Name of Intervening Taxing Unit: the Merkel Independent School District, a municipal corporation; amount of taxes, penalties, interest and costs: \$67.22. Said taxes are due upon the following described lands or lots: three acres, being a part of Lot 26, League 147, Grimes County School lands in Taylor County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:

FIRST TRACT: Containing two acres out of a 54 1-10 acre survey made for A. A. Spring, as follows: beginning 114 feet north from the S. W. Cor. of a 14 acre tract made to G. R. West out of the said A. A. Spring survey, at a stake on the W. B. line of said G. R. West tract; thence W. 531 feet to a stake; thence north 184 feet to stake; thence east 531 feet; thence south 164 feet to the place of beginning.

SECOND TRACT: Being a part of the said A. A. Spring survey, and beginning at the N. W. corner of a 1-2 acre tract heretofore conveyed to G. F. West; thence W. with the S. B. line of above 1st tract, 341 feet to corner; thence S. with the W. B. line of said Spring survey; 104 ft. 8 in.; thence east 341 feet to corner; thence north 104 feet 8 inches to the beginning.

THIRD TRACT: Beginning at a on the line between G. R. West and J. Ozeo tract 16 feet north of R. West S. W. corner and Hollis N. W. corner; parallel with the S. B. line of A. Spring survey, 75 feet; thence N. 37 1-2 vrs to a stake; thence east 75 vrs. to a stake; thence R. West W. B. line; with line 37 1-2 vrs. to a stake; containing 1-2 acre. A prior and complete lien and sale of said land for taxes, penalties and all law, and pray for said lien and sale the satisfaction of

to said suit shall take notice of, and plead and answer to, all claims and pleadings now on file and hereafter filed in said cause by all other parties therein.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court in the City of Abilene, Texas, this 30th day of January, 1940.

ROY SKAGGS,  
Clerk of the District Court, Taylor County, Texas.  
By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.  
Issued this the 30th day of January, A. D. 1940.

ROY SKAGGS,  
Clerk of the District Court, Taylor County, Texas.  
By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs, assignees, devisees, and legal representatives of W. Z. Harris, and wife, Mrs. W. Z. Harris, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for two consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of District Court, 104th Judicial District of Taylor County, to be held at the court house thereof, in the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 3rd Monday in March, A. D. 1940, same being the 18th day of March, A. D. 1940, then and there to appear and defend the suit filed in said court on the 25th day of January, 1940, in cause

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numbered 3512-B, wherein the City of Merkel, a municipal corporation, is Plaintiff, and the unknown heirs, assignees, devisees, and legal representatives of W. Z. Harris, and wife, Mrs. W. Z. Harris, deceased, A. C. Bailiff, and wife, Mrs. A. C. Bailiff are defendants, and said plaintiffs have impleaded the Merkel Independent School District, the State of Texas, and Taylor County, Texas, taxing units in said State, to appear in said cause and for each to file its claim for delinquent taxes against the property, or any part thereof, described in the petition of said plaintiff. The cause of action being alleged as follows:

That suit has been brought by the plaintiffs for the collection of delinquent taxes for the years 1926 to 1939, inclusive, and for the following amounts of interest, penalties and costs, to-wit: \$127.17 and court costs allowed by law.

That certain taxing units have intervened in this suit and filed claims for taxes on all or part of the property described in plaintiffs' petition, as follows:

Name of Intervening Taxing Unit: Merkel Independent School District, a municipal corporation; amount of taxes, penalties, interest and costs: \$102.12. Said taxes are due upon the following described lands or lots: all of Lot C of F. J. Smith's subdivision of Block 14, college addition to the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas.

Plaintiffs allege a prior and constitutional lien upon said land for said taxes, interest, penalties and all costs allowed by law, and pray for the foreclosure of said lien and sale of said lands for the satisfaction of the same.

Each party to said suit shall take notice of, and plead and answer to, all claims and pleadings now on file and hereafter filed in said cause by all other parties therein.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court in the City of Abilene, Texas, this the 7th day of February, A. D. 1940.

ROY SKAGGS,  
Clerk of the District Court, Taylor County, Texas.  
By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.  
Issued this the 7th day of February, A. D. 1940.

ROY SKAGGS,  
Clerk of the District Court, Taylor County, Texas.  
By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon I. S. Simpson and the unknown heirs, assignees, devisees, and legal representatives of I. S. Simpson, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for two consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court, 104th Judicial District of Taylor County, to be held at the court house thereof, in the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 3rd Monday in March, A. D. 1940, same being the 18th day of March, A. D. 1940, then and there to appear and defend the suit filed in said court on the 25th day of January, 1940, in cause numbered 3509-B, wherein the City of Merkel, a municipal corporation, is plaintiff, and H. D. Simpson, I. S. Simpson, and the unknown heirs, assignees, devisees, and legal representatives of I. S. Simpson, deceased, Lera Battles, and husband, E. O. Battles, record owners of the hereinafter described property are defendants, and said plaintiffs have impleaded the Merkel Independent School District, the State of Texas, and Taylor County, Texas,

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taxing units in said State, to appear in said cause and for each to file its claim for delinquent taxes against the property, or any part thereof, described in the petition of said plaintiff. The cause of action being alleged as follows:

That suit has been brought by the plaintiffs for the collection of delinquent taxes for the years 1930 to 1938, inclusive, and for the following amounts of interest, penalties and costs, to-wit: \$31.30 and court costs allowed by law.

That certain taxing units have intervened in this suit and filed claims for taxes on all or part of the property described in plaintiffs' petition, as follows:

Name of Intervening Taxing Unit: the Merkel Independent School District, a municipal corporation; amount of taxes, penalties, interest and costs: \$72.32. Said taxes are due upon the following described lands or lots: Lots 7 and 8, block 22, college addition to the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas.

Plaintiffs allege a prior and constitutional lien upon said land for said taxes, interest, penalties and all costs allowed by law, and pray for the foreclosure of said lien and sale of said lands for the satisfaction of the same.

Each party to said suit shall take notice of, and plead and answer to, all claims and pleadings now on file and hereafter filed in said cause by all other parties therein.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court in the City of Abilene, this the 10th day of February, A. D. 1940.

(Seal) ROY SKAGGS,  
Clerk of the District Court, Taylor County, Texas.  
By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.  
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Clerk of the District Court, Taylor County, Texas.  
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## NOODLE NEWS

Mrs. D. C. Herring, who was moved recently from the Merkel hospital to her home, is improving. The nurse is with her day and night. We are hoping she will soon be so she can sit up.

L. M. Howard has been very sick this week, but is improving at this writing.

Mrs. J. S. Touchstone and Mrs. Ruby McCoy and little daughter, Eldora, spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. L. M. Howard.

Oil men are preparing the ground on D. C. Herring's land to start drilling soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Murdock and little son, Johnny, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Howard Sunday evening.

Mrs. D. C. Herring's daughter, Mrs. John Thompson, of Dallas, is with her mother for a few days, to assist her while she is sick.

## Elected As Member of A. C. C. Dramatic Group

Abilene, Feb. 15.—Mary Jo Garland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garland, of Merkel has been selected for membership in Melpomeneans, dramatic group of Abilene Christian college.

Ten new members, selected from the group taking part in a recent try-out, will be formally initiated in the next few days. They were chosen on a basis of their poise, voice and general adeptness in acting.

This organization sponsors all dramatic offerings presented from the A. C. C. stage which usually includes two major productions each year, frequent one-act plays and miscellaneous programs.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. A. W. Woods, Mrs. Joe Brown and Winnie Brown spent the day last Friday with Mrs. Brown's sister, Mrs. Moody, of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Bob McLeod, with her two children, Ermadene and Robert, left Saturday for Big Spring to join Mr. McLeod, who is connected with a lumber company there.

Home on a ten-days' leave is Eley Smith, Jr., of the U. S. navy. Eley has been stationed at San Diego, Calif. He has been in the radio school there. When he returns to San Diego Friday he will be ordered to sea.

Mrs. J. B. Winn, Mrs. English, Mrs. Agnes Burks, Mrs. Bud Brown, Mrs. Morris Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell, Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Young, Misses Lois Orand and Alice Carey attended the workers' conference Thursday of last week at the First Baptist church in Abilene.

Dorothy Hood spent the week-end in Stamford with her cousin, while her parents and sister visited other relatives in Munday.

OUTSIDERS WIN

The Outsiders of Trent defeated the Highland Outsiders 40-18 in a game played Monday night in Sweetwater. This was one game in a series in the city league. Trent has lost only one game in this league.

JUNIOR CLASS PICNIC

The Junior class of Trent High school went on a picnic to the Wheeler bridge on Sweetwater creek Monday night. The Junior class is composed of Nadine Childers, Willa Dene Strawn, Virginia Chloe McRee, Mildred Nixon, Mildred Swinney, Avis Neal, Billy Tittle, Billie Jo Purser, John Barnes and Wanda Stribbling.

SUPERINTENDENT IS RE-ELECTED

At a meeting last week of the trustees of Trent school, R. L. Fortune, superintendent, was re-elected and given a two-year contract. This is Mr. Fortune's third year here and during this time a new building has been built and the school accredited. There are ten teachers in the school, three bus drivers, one librarian and three recreational directors.

CLASS FAVORITES ELECTED

The senior class of Trent High school, in business meeting last week, elected the class favorites for the current school year, as follows: Dorothy Jo Rutledge and Lewis Tiner, Who's Who.

Dorothy Jo Strawn and Kenneth Purser, most popular. Doris Marie Stevens and Milton Patton, best all round.

Cull Currington, most handsome boy. Dorothy Jo Rutledge, most beautiful girl.

The senior class is to present two stage plays during the next semester, the first early in March, the next in May. Both plays will be staged at neighboring schools, the funds to be used to finance a tour

over South and East Texas. Mrs. Anna McGraw of Abilene is the director.

The class is getting its annual ready, the first yearbook published at Trent. Cull Currington has been selected as editor-manager, with Lee Roy Martin and Lewis Tiner as assistants. The name for the annual will be selected through a contest and the winner of the contest will be presented with an annual.

BLAND-HAMPTON

Coming as a surprise to their friends was the announcement Sunday of the marriage of Ester Bland and Lucille Hampton of this city. The marriage ceremony took place in Haskell Tuesday of last week. The couple are moving to Oklahoma this week and will make their home there.

BLAIR ITEMS

Rev. Charles Williams, Baptist minister of Abilene, delivered two interesting messages last Sunday from the book of Jude, 3rd verse, text, "The Common Church Salvation." Rev. Mr. Williams is an able speaker and his messages are inspiring. Don't miss these services—every second Sunday in each month.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks spent the day Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Knox Beall, of Abilene. Mrs. Meeks remained at the bedside of her granddaughter, Little Beverly June Beall, who is ill at this writing.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Williams of Abilene visited the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williams, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson and daughter, Lona Sue, and Criswell Doan of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cavette of Sweetwater visited with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cavette, last week-end.

Miss Eleta Foster spent the week-end with home folks at Stith.

Mrs. Susie Doan returned home Sunday after a month's stay with her niece, Mrs. Doris Burnett, at Anson. Doan Myers accompanied Mrs. Doan back home.

Miss Hattie Tacker, county HD agent, dined with Prof. and Mrs. J. S. Grant Friday, having met with the home demonstration club at the morning hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears visited with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hump Curb, of Merkel last week-end.

Several from here attended singing at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mrs. A. M. Jackson, Fannie Lou and Billy, returned Sunday from Post, where they spent the week-end with Mrs. Jackson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Anthony.

Mrs. W. H. Wynn of Post is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. A. M. Jackson. Week-end visitors in the Jackson home were Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Underwood of Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell spent the week-end with relatives at Bronte.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan and Mrs. Hurman Doan spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer of Butman.

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W. T. McQuary Begins Campaign for Sheriff



W. T. McQUARY

To the Voters of Taylor County:

I was born in Webster county, Mississippi, however, I have lived in Texas since I was about ten years old. I lived in Falls county for 20 years, and was married there to Miss Minnie L. Lacy. We have seven children, all of whom are now living in Texas. I received my education from public schools of Texas and from Weatherford Junior college. From Falls county I moved with my family to Jones county near Stamford where we lived nine years.

We have lived in Abilene 12 years, nine of which years I have been active in law enforcement. I have served six years in the police department and am now serving my second term as constable. I cordially invite you to make any examination of my record as constable of this precinct, and I am faithfully asking the people of Taylor county to promote me to the office of sheriff.

Most of the people of Abilene know that I am a Christian, and a member of University Baptist church; that I am a loyal supporter of the schools of Abilene; and that my record for enforcing the law is above criticism. Let me sincerely promise that if you place your trust and confidence in me and elect me as your sheriff, I will do my best to continue upholding the law in the future as I have done in the past.

W. T. McQuary.

The above is Mr. McQuary's opening statement to the voters of Taylor county as a candidate for sheriff, subject to action of Democratic primary in July.

Butman News

Mr. and Mrs. Ruble Johnson entertained relatives with a dinner Sunday. We are very sorry we are about to lose the Johnsons.

Mesdames Raymond Demere and John R. Coomer spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Dennis Counts.

Mrs. Ben Butman was on the sick list last week with "flu," but is about well now.

Brother Taggart of Abilene will preach Sunday and we urge every one to be there.

Basic Points To Be Considered When You Build Your Own Home

The more a prospective home-owner knows about building procedure, the greater are his chances of getting full value on his investment. Naturally, it is impossible for the average layman to arrive at an understanding of the smallest details in home construction, but it is possible for him to familiarize himself with the basic steps. With this knowledge he can often discern danger points in time to avert them, and, in the end, get exactly the kind of house he expected. Here are five basic considerations for home-owners-to-be:

(1). Familiarize yourself with the basic fundamentals of construction. Read up on the subject and discuss it with friends who have had experience—friends who have built their own homes, if possible. Knowledge of accepted building practices will enable you to discuss your aims with architect and builder in an intelligent manner. And it will give you a deeper understanding of where your money is going and whether certain "extra" items are worth the expense they incur.

(2). It is also well to gain an understanding of the rudiments of good design and efficient planning, for poor arrangement and unattractiveness can make even the most expensive home a disappointment. Retain a capable architect as counsel to make absolutely sure that your home will be planned right. His assistance will outweigh the fee he charges.

(3). Investigate all financing possibilities before starting to build. Federal Housing Administration mortgage plans make home-ownership possible for even those who have small incomes. Payments may be ex-

tended for as long as 25 years in some cases; down payments vary from 10 per cent to 25 per cent of construction cost. Consult your local banks and building-and-loan associations for additional information and advice on this subject.

(4). Build for the future as well as for the present—use reputable quality materials throughout. Skimping on quality seldom pays any dividends other than trouble later on. The few dollars you "save" at the present time will be expended later in repair bills and impaired efficiency. Your local dealer can give you information concerning approved materials made by responsible manufacturers. They usually keep pace with the latest in safety, comfort, convenience, and economy and you can be guided by their experience.

(5). Sound planning and quality materials depend, in the end, upon the care and thoroughness with which they are used. In this connection it is imperative that you should hire a reliable contractor with a high reputation. Again it is wise to

follow the recommendations of those who have had experience—your friends, your architect, your materials dealer. Consider his qualifications carefully before making your choice.

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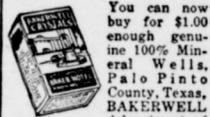
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**QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR**

Friday-Saturday—Double Feature: Bonita Granville, Frankie Thomas in "Nancy Drew and the Hidden Staircase;" Three Mesquiteers in "The Kansas Terrors;" serial and short.  
Saturday preview, Monday-Tuesday—Charles Laughton, Thomas Mitchell, Maureen O'Hara in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." (Not recommended for children).  
Wednesday - Thursday — George Raft, Jane Bryan, Humphrey Bogart in "Invisible Stripes;" also "The Monroe Doctrine" in technicolor.  
Next week—"Four Wives."

**Chilling Thrills in New "Nancy Drew" Series**

Weird and eerie is the latest adventure of Nancy Drew, as related with spine-tingling effect in "Nancy Drew and the Hidden Staircase," the fourth picture in the Warner Bros. series featuring Bonita Granville as the intrepid girl detective, which will show at the Queen theatre Friday and Saturday.

Nancy and her boy friend, Ted Nickerson, again played by Frankie Thomas, have their courage sorely tested, for not only do they have to face, successively, the alternatives of being slowly but surely drowned, but the settings in which they face these dangers are themselves calculated to strike a chill into the heart of the bravest person.

Nancy and Ted have been trying to get evidence against a murderer and this villainous fellow traps them in a secret tunnel (between two houses.) He enters with the intention of killing them but they succeed in making him unconscious.

Angsters are not out of their minds as they find that the tunnel can be opened only from the inside. They break a hole through the roof of the tunnel and water in the tunnel kills them with death by suffocation.

**Ult Hunchback**

Difficult role ever played by the hero of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," depicted in RKO's spectacular version of the classic, coming to the Queen Saturday and Sunday.  
The play's greatest appeal lies in the new facets of the character which are revealed through his versatile achievements as depicted in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," "The Life of Henry VIII," "The Hunchback of Wimpole Street," "The Hunchback of Red Cap" and "Mutiny on the Bounty," his latest interpretation is hailed as his finest work.

As Quasimodo, the heroic bell-ringer of Notre Dame, Laughton breathes life and pathos into the extremely difficult part, evoking heart-tugging sympathy for the pitiable outcast. Despite the actor's shocking make-up, his superb artistry makes the immortal Quasimodo human and deeply appealing.

Nineteen-year-old Maureen O'Hara, a brilliant newcomer uncovered by Laughton, is seen as Esmeralda, the fiery gypsy girl whose persecution by the King's High Justice causes the hunchback to defend her at the sacrifice of his own life.

Laid in fifteenth century Paris, historic sections of which have been reproduced on a mammoth scale, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" features a cast of thousands, headed by Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Thomas Mitchell, Edmond O'Brien, Alan Marshal and Walter Hampden. William Dieterle directed.

**George Raft Again In Gangster Role**

Starring George Raft, Jane Bryan and William Holden, "Invisible Stripes," will be presented at the Queen theatre next Wednesday and Thursday.

Stripes," will be presented at the Queen theatre next Wednesday and Thursday.

The story is of a man just released from Sing Sing who is determined to lead an honest life, but the obstacles he encounters as a parolee make it next to impossible.

George Raft, who reneged on his announcement that he would never play a gangster again, plays the title role, but explained his action by saying, "the unusual aspects of such a role convinced me that this was just not another gangster part but one in which there is justification."

The suave actor, who won fame years ago in "Scarface," has come a long way since that auspicious film debut.



Friday, Feb. 9, some twenty boys of the Merkel F. F. A. chapter, with the adviser, Chester Collinsworth, accepted the invitation of the Abilene Rotary club to lunch at the Hilton. All boys of the several Taylor county F. F. A. and 4-H clubs who were going to have entries in the Taylor County Live Stock show were invited. Each boy was invited by a member of the Rotary club to be his guest at the luncheon, where the boys were introduced by clubs and chapters. Several talks were made by members of the Rotary club.

The Merkel chapter plans to enter some animals in the show to be held in Abilene on Feb. 14, 15 and 16. Among these animals will be calves, sheep, hogs and several pens of poultry.

Glenn Robertson, who was a heavy winner with his Hampshire sheep in the Merkel show, plans to take several of his best lambs to the San Angelo show, which will be held after the show at Abilene. As yet no other boy has made plans to exhibit animals in the show at San Angelo.

**PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Reid and Miss Betty Reid drove to Post Sunday to visit their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Reid. They were accompanied by Miss Gay West.

Miss Willie Mae Christopher, professor of English in McMurry college, Abilene, was a week-end guest in the home of Supt. and Mrs. Connor Robinson.

Miss Frances Higgins Thursday entered the three-year-course of training in the school of nursing at Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene.

Director Richard Young of the Merkel High School band drove to Lubbock last Saturday to meet his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Young, who were en route to California.

Miss Lucille Justice, who holds a secretarial position with the C. I. T. corporation at Midland, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice.

Mrs. E. B. Surface of Abilene, mother of Mrs. Connor Robinson, spent Thursday in the Robinson home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church of Stith and Rev. R. L. Gilpin, Tye pastor, were among the Methodists from this county who attended two conferences on Methodism and its work held at Amarillo early in the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Sheppard came from Dallas Sunday night to be with his mother, Mrs. A. T. Sheppard, who was injured in an automobile accident at Abilene Saturday afternoon. Sterling returned home Tuesday, Mrs. Sheppard remaining for several days.

**CARD OF THANKS.**  
We are deeply grateful to every one who by their kind deeds and words of sympathy and lovely floral gifts brought us consolation in the loss of our dear husband and father. May God bless you all.  
Mrs. J. P. Sharp and family.

**World Day of Prayer Is Observed Here**

World Day of Prayer was observed Friday, Feb. 9, at a special prayer service in the Grace Presbyterian church under the guidance of the Woman's Missionary society. The observance was held in 50 countries by Christian men and women of all denominations, and is an annual Prayer Day, the first Friday in Lent being the day set aside each year for that purpose.

The local program was a prayer service in midafternoon, the church left open for prayer previous to that time. In a candlelight setting, a world globe placed in the center of the platform was surrounded by four particular candles, representing the four prayer projects of the universal World Day of Prayer: the migrant children, union college nurses and students of the Orient, the American Indian, and Libraries for Oriental children. Pictures representing these four projects were tied to the world by "prayer" lines—above which was the program theme: "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." Isaiah 30:15.

With Mrs. Connor Robinson as leader, the following program was given: call to Worship in Song—"Invocation"—duet by Misses Pearl Matthews and Doris Clyde Miller, accompanied by Miss Gay West; Call to Prayer in unison; "World Day of Prayer Origin, Universally and as a Presbyterian church," Mrs. Robinson; Scripture, Isaiah 40:28-31, Mrs. Delma Compton and the leader; prayer; prayer for missionaries, Mrs. Henry West; "And the Spirit of Jesus Lives On," Rev. R. A.

Walker; offering for four projects, (named above); prayer thoughts given by Mesdames John West, R. A.

Walker, Geo. West, Sr., Henry West, W. M. Elliott and Connor Robinson. Silent prayer closed the service.

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PREPARED Spaghetti ..... 3 cans 25c	RED & WHITE Salmon No. 1 tall can 25c
TUNA Fish ..... 2 cans 25c	RED & WHITE Salmon Flat can 19c
Pure Cane SUGAR 10 LB. CLOTH BAG ..... <b>50c</b>	RED, PITTED CHERRIES 2 No. 2 cans ..... <b>25c</b>
CUT, GREEN BEANS No. 2 can 9c	GRAPEFRUIT JUICE, No. 2 can ..... 4 for 25c
OUR VALUE CORN No. 2 can 10c	3-MINUTE OATS ..... Lge Pkg. 19c
BLACKEYED PEAS ..... 2 cans 19c	BULK PRUNES, large size ..... 2 lbs. 25c
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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).  
W. T. McQUARY.  
For County Judge, Jones County:  
GILBERT SMITH.  
For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5:  
N. D. COBB (Re-election).

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MERY EULA SEARS, LOCAL ARTIST, MAKES HEADLINES IN TWO STATES LAST WEEK.

(From Pen, Chisel and Brush, by W. M. Darling in New Orleans Times-Picayune.)

Effects in aquatint by Mary Eula Sears, Merkel, Tex., who apparently is a new acquisition by the Louisiana Society of Etchers, stand by themselves in the purely decorative class at the group's first formal exhibition at Delgado Museum.

WINS STATE HONOR.

(From Abilene Reporter-News.) Native West Texan, Mary Eula Sears of Merkel is representing this section of the state in the first annual Texas Artist's General exhibition, now hanging in Houston.

"Calla Lilies," an unusually large aqua tint etching, is Miss Sears' entry. Only eleven prints were accepted for the show. Of the 600 items submitted by 322 artists, only 98 pieces of work from 98 artists were accepted by the one-man jury.

Exhibited at Houston through Feb. 19, the show will be moved to San Antonio's Witte museum, where it will be open to the public from Feb. 25 to March 10. It will be shown in Dallas from March 17 to 30.

Member of the Creative Sketch club of Abilene, Miss Sears was presented in a one-man show at the Abilene Museum of Fine Arts, last fall.

PRE-VALENTINE DINNER OF MU CHAPTER.

President of the Texas Federation of Women's clubs, Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins of Eastland was guest speaker at the annual pre-Valentine dinner of Mu chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma society on Tuesday evening at the Hilton hotel, Abilene.

The dinner was held in the blue room at the Hilton hotel, where a Valentine motif was emphasized in decorations of the table. Centerpiece was a low brass bowl filled with white stock, French pussywillow and red ranunculus.

Hostesses were Thelma Andrews, Mrs. S. P. Henagan, Mrs. Robert S. Walker, Mrs. Comer Haynes of Merkel and Mrs. Jasper Gentry of Anson.

Hybernia Grace of Anson, club president, headed a receiving line made up of the officers.

Five members from Merkel, Mrs. Comer Haynes and Misses Julia Martin, Vinnie Heizer, Mamie Ellis and Alzada Pogue, with one visitor, Mrs. Connor Robinson, were among those present.

KING'S DAUGHTERS.

Mrs. D. M. Hill entertained members of the King's Daughters Sunday School class on Tuesday afternoon of last week.

Mrs. P. T. Allday, who is visiting here from Silverton, gave a most interesting devotional, and prayer was led by Mrs. E. C. Richards. Vocal solos were sung by Mrs. Brooks Patterson and Mrs. Hill, and Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth gave a piano solo.

QUEEN THEATRE "Showing the Pick of the Pictures for Less" FRIDAY-SATURDAY Two Shows for the Price of One No. 1—Bonita Granville, Frankie Thomas in "Nancy Drew and the Hidden Staircase" No. 2—Three Mesquiteers in "The Kansas Terrors" Serial and Short Saturday Preview 11:30 p. m., Mon.-Tues. Charles Laughton, Thomas Mitchell, Maureen O'Hara "THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME" Not Recommended for Children \$\$\$ WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY \$\$\$ George Raft, Jane Bryan, Humphrey Bogart "INVISIBLE STRIPES" Also "The Monroe Doctrine" (In Technicolor) Next Week — "THREE WIVES"

greetings to Mrs. Allday, an ex-member of the class.

Those present were Mesdames A. W. Black, H. C. Williams, E. C. Richards, P. T. Allday, Gertrude Pea, N. D. Cobb, Brooks Patterson, Lee Cox, Pearl Hollingsworth, C. S. Curb, Marvin Armstrong, Jim Tucker, L. C. Patton and the hostess.

JUNIOR STUDY CLUB.

The Junior Study club met Feb. 1, in the home of Mrs. W. T. Sadler, with Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr., hostess. Roll call was answered with famous English novelists.

Miss Mildred Hamm gave the "History of English Novel" and Miss Agnes Clark, "History of American Novel."

Those present were Mesdames Pat Davis, Chester Collinsworth, R. M. Ferguson, Norman Hodge, Pete West, David Gamble, Elmo Collins, Andy Shouse, Byron Patterson, L. C. Zehnpfennig, Urban Zehnpfennig, George T. Moore, W. T. Sadler; Misses Mary Collins, Agnes Clark, Mildred Hamm, Ruby Jinks, Helen Reddell and Imogene Schulze and Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr.

ALATHEAN CLASS.

The Alathean class of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. F. A. Baker, Sr., for their business and social meeting on Wednesday afternoon of last week, Feb. 7. The class was called to order by the president, Mrs. Chas. West. Mrs. J. M. Williamson led the prayer and Mrs. J. O. Castles brought the devotional. After the business meeting was over, Mrs. J. J. McNiece led in prayer.

With the hostess in charge, a social hour was enjoyed and a refreshment plate of fruit cocktail, salad, wafers, olives and hot coffee was served to one visitor, Mrs. O. B. Leach, and these twenty members: Mesdames W. O. Boney, Pick Allen, J. T. Warren, J. O. Castles, J. M. Meeks, O. B. Tatum, W. C. Burleson, B. C. Tipton, A. H. Zollinger, J. Ben Campbell, W. L. Johnson, J. M. Williamson, Chas. West, J. J. McNiece, E. M. McDonald, J. M. Ashby, W. A. McCandless, W. F. Patterson, E. O. Carson and the hostess.

"42" PARTY.

The Girl Scouts met at the home of Mrs. George W. Wilhite on Friday evening, Feb. 9, for an enjoyable "42" party. There were 23 present. Members of the Sequoia troop gave the party as part of their badge requirement. A Valentine theme was carried out. Cake and hot tea were served to Evelyn Sears, Dorothy Nell Haynes, Joyce Humphreys, Peggy Joyce Toombs, Marje Joe Fulton, Nedra Swafford, Janet Teaff, Betty Jo Speck, Dorothy Nell Groene and Johnnie McDonald; Don Hutcheson, Dwight Swafford, Ben Speck, Joseph Winter, R. V. Clark, Robert Lee, H. F. Henington, Moody Lee Coffman, Waymon Rutledge and G. W. Wilhite and the leaders, Miss Lottie Butman, Mrs. Connor Robinson and Mrs. Wilhite.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

The Willing Workers class of Grace Presbyterian church met in the home of Mrs. S. A. Derstine on Wednesday afternoon, when a spiritual and patriotic program was rendered.

After the opening song, "How I Love Jesus," prayer was led by Mrs. George West, the class teacher. A Scripture lesson and talk on "God the Higher Power" was given by Mrs. J. W. McConnell. Many interesting topics on the church and the Bible were given by class members, followed by a song, "Down at the Cross." Very interesting talks on the lives of Washington and Lincoln

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were heard, with the closing song, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," followed by the Lord's prayer in unison.

A refreshment plate of jello, whipped cream, cake and coffee, with plate favors of candy hearts pierced with arrows, was served to Mesdames George West, J. E. Tucker, W. M. Elliott, S. G. Russell, R. A. Walker, J. W. McConnell, Misses Mary and Jennie Keny, one visitor, Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth, and the hostess, Mrs. Derstine, her daughter, Miss Mary, and grandson, Sammie Derstine.

Those present were Mesdames A. W. Black, H. C. Williams, E. C. Richards, P. T. Allday, Gertrude Pea, N. D. Cobb, Brooks Patterson, Lee Cox, Pearl Hollingsworth, C. S. Curb, Marvin Armstrong, Jim Tucker, L. C. Patton and the hostess.

DINNER PARTY.

Complimenting M. and Mrs. W. H. Eyssen of Abilene, who were recently married, Mrs. Amy Sears and Miss Mary Eula Sears were hostesses on Wednesday evening for dinner guests, including Miss Claire Tate of Abilene, Miss Christine Collins, Jack Morris and C. J. Glover.

SEWING CLUB.

The Sewing club met Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. John Grable, at which time the resignation of Mrs. Earl Watts was read and accepted. A Valentine theme was carried out in party details and in the salad plate served to the following guests and members: Mesdames Horace Boney, John R. Walling, Stacy Bird, Spencer Bird, J. E. Boaz, Jr., E. Y. Bailey, Milton Case, Herbert Dunn, L. V. Moore, Nolan Palmer, Byron Patterson, Connor Robinson, Owen Robertson, W. L. Lee, Max Swafford and N. D. Callaway. The next meeting will be with Mrs. L. V. Moore on Feb. 29.

VALENTINE PARTY.

Misses Annie May and Loraine King were hostesses for a Valentine party given Wednesday evening in their home. Games were played and names drawn for Valentines.

Refreshments of punch and heart-shaped cookies were served, with candy hearts and Valentines as plate favors. Guests were Dorothy Jo Strawn, Willadean Strawn, Jake Roberts, Anne Blake, Leo Uecker, Helga Beasley, Virginia Chloe McRee, Donald Rutledge, Clarice Higgins, Robert Campbell, Nancie Hogan, J. B. Campbell, Dorothy Rutledge, Helen McLeod, Kenneth Burkhardt and the hostesses.

BAPTIST W. M. U.

The Elkin Lockett Circle of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. W. F. Patterson. Prayer was led by Mrs. J. M. Meeks and the Bible lesson brought by Mrs. J. L. Winters. Business meeting was in charge of the Circle leader, Mrs. Chas. West, and closing prayer by Mrs. J. J. McNiece.

Present were Mesdames Odie Clark, J. M. Meeks, A. H. Zollinger, J. J. McNiece, J. L. Winters, J. M. Williamson, Chas. West and W. F. Patterson.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle met Monday afternoon with Mrs. J. O. Castles, with seven members present. Mrs. Cooper Waters led the prayer, after which Mrs. Castles taught an interesting Bible lesson. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. W. B. Stevens.

Members present were Mesdames J. S. Swann, Sam Swann, A. D. Fulton, Cooper Waters, J. O. Castles, W. L. Johnson and W. B. Stevens. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Sam Swann.

The May Belle Taylor Circle met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. John Walker. Mrs. Lum Gilbreath conducted an interesting Bible study and plans were discussed for enlarging the Circle.

Those present were Mesdames John Walker, Lum Gilbreath, Clyde Bartlett and Owen Robertson.

T. H. Kell

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both of Merkel. Eleven grandchildren, a brother, G. A. Kell, Red Oak, and a sister, Mrs. Betty Sparks, Hamilton, also survive.

His first wife died in 1917 and is buried in Red Oak in Ellis county. In the spring of 1919, he was married to Mrs. Dora F. Skurlock, who survives. Other survivors are four step-children: Mrs. Gordon Alexander and Mrs. Clarence Horton, both of Abilene, Mrs. Robert Dye, Merkel, and A. V. Skurlock, Merkel, and twelve step-grandchildren.

Mr. Kell was a member of the Lancaster, Texas, I. O. O. F. lodge, to which he had belonged for 38 years. Among out-of-town relatives and friends here for the funeral were A. D. Light, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Light, Mrs. Lizzie Ratliff, Mrs. Ruby Living Salier, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Light and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Light and family, all of Llano.

One daughter, Mrs. Johnson of Ingleside, and his brother and sister were unable to come for the funeral.

RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

Mrs. Harris was hostess Friday afternoon to the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club when Miss Hattie Tacker, county HD agent, presented a very interesting program on storage space for kitchens.

Miss Mabel McRee gave report on the all-day meeting in Abilene Tuesday of last week. Mrs. W. C. Lee was nominated to represent the club at council from which three voting delegates will be elected for the meeting of district 7 in April.

The following committees were appointed: program, Mrs. W. C. Lee, chairman, Mrs. O. E. Harwell, Mrs. O. R. Douglas; finance, Mrs. Denzel Cox, chairman, Mrs. Leo Harris, Mrs. Weldon McAninch; recreation, Mrs. Frank Carr, chairman, and Miss Mabel McRee.

Miss Tacker made suggestions concerning more space and more convenient arrangement in the kitchen. Leaflets were passed and members told things they had done toward this end.

Mrs. Leo Harris and Mrs. Don Riney were welcomed as new members. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Kenneth Pee on Feb. 23 at 2:30 o'clock.

A plate of Valentine motif was served to Mrs. Vernon Simpson, Mrs. Gertie Pee, Miss Tacker, guests, and the following members: Mesdames Pierce Horton, Clem Watts, O. E. Harwell, Frank Carr, Leo Harris, H. D. Clark, Chester Bond, W. C. Lee, Lee Tipton, Don Riney, Weldon McAninch, Miss Mabel McRee and the hostess.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet club met Tuesday, Feb. 13, in the home of Mrs. Will Butman. After a singsong Mrs. Butman gave an interesting report on the training school held at Abilene on Feb. 6, which was attended by the following members: Mesdames Will Butman, W. H. Ensminger and Ben Butman and Loueen Butman.

Talks on child training and co-operation were given by Mrs. Elmer Harrison, Mrs. George Anderson, Mrs. Jim Perry and Mrs. Tom Russom.

A refreshment plate was served to Mesdames W. C. Perkins, W. H. Ensminger, Ben Butman, Carl Keith, Allie Toombs, Houston Martin, George Anderson, Lloyd Perry, Jim Perry, Elmer Patterson, J. B. Stewart, Tom Russom, Will Butman and Dewel McLean, and Loueen Butman, and four visitors: Mrs. Sam Butman, Mrs. A. D. Scott, Mrs. Homer Newby and Jerry Butman.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Jim Perry on Feb. 27.

COMPERE CLUB.

The Compere Home Demonstration club met Friday, Feb. 9, in the home of Mrs. T. A. Tucker. In the absence of the president, Mrs. I. B. Ray, Mrs. A. J. Newman presided.

After roll call and reading of the minutes, a council report was given by Mrs. Dewey Ramsey, chairman of the Jones county council. A paper on telephone etiquette was given by Mrs. Tucker.

Plans and methods were discussed by members and the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. W. J. Spurgin on Feb. 23.

BLAIR 4-H CLUB.

The Blair 4-H club girls met on Friday, Feb. 9, with Miss Tacker, county agent, and Mrs. J. S. Grant, sponsor, present. The president called the meeting to order and minutes were read and approved. Miss Tacker talked to members about baby chicks and also distributed a little book on baby chicks. Songs were sung and at the conclusion of the meeting Miss Tacker took pictures of the group.

Those present were Mrs. Grant, Miss Tacker, Annie Clara Doan, Betty Alice Patterson, Willie Dean Patterson, Delwee Melton, Jackie Melton, Mary E. Melton, Mary Sue Grant, Jimmie Nell Horton, Dorothy Patterson, Billie Jo Wilson, Lila May Lowery, Otilia Doan, Vern Opal Moore, Bonnie Patterson and Billye Jean Melton.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. B. B. McCartney of Tye entered Merkel hospital on Tuesday for major surgery.

On Saturday Mrs. Ada Heeter was a patient for X-ray and treatment. John Ensminger was also a patient for X-ray and treatment on Monday.

Three babies were born at the hospital the past week. Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Butler are parents of a girl born Feb. 9; Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Poor, Trent, parents of a boy born Wednesday, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Williams, Route 2, parents of a girl born Wednesday.

Order your chicks now, so you can get them when you want them. Of course, you want the chicks that live and grow—hatched at Dunn's Hatchery, DeLeon, Texas. John Dunn.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 577 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 538 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 646.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Training Service 6:45 p. m. Evening sermon 7:30. Cooper Waters, Pastor. W. J. Largent, Sunday School Superintendent. Will H. Grimes, B. T. U. Director.

BAPTIST W. M. U.

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church will meet Monday, Feb. 19, at the church for their Royal Service program. The May Belle Taylor Circle has charge of this program. All the ladies of the church are urged to come.

The program follows: "The Missionary Heart," Mrs. Clyde Bartlett. "The Call to Witness," Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft. "Victories in Witnessing," Mrs. Buck Leach. "Early Witnesses," Mrs. Erwin Bailey. "The Witnesses of Goodwill Centers," Mrs. Max Swafford. "Enlarging Service," Mrs. Worth Lee.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Evening service at 5 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock. Every one is cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

METHODIST

Sunday School at 11 o'clock as usual Sunday evening Wednesday evening 7:30. John H. ...

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Saturday night at 7:30. Sunday Preaching 11 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30.

NUBIA L.

The Nubia League program last Sunday of talks by Donald Gladys Johnson about

ELI CASE & SON "Quality Merchandise—Bigger Values—Prompt" Large Yellow Fruit Bananas 2 doz. 25c Texas - Full of Juice ORANGES 2 doz. 25c Extra Fancy Medium Size APPLES Doz. 19c Seedless 1/2 Bushel 49c Grapefruit Doz. 19c SEED POTATOES and ONION SETS SUGAR Pure Cane in Cloth Bag 10 lbs. 53c Shortening 4-lb. ctn. 39c MILK 7 cans 25c PICKLES Sour or Dill Qt. Jar 12 1/2c SEVEN STEAK Lb. 19c PORK CHOP S Lb. 16c SUGAR CURED SLICED BACON Lb. 15c Salt Pork Bacon Lb. 10c Oleomargarine 2 lbs. 25c CURED HAM End Cuts 25c Half or Whole 21c Iceberg LETTUCE head 5c Jumbo CELERY stalk 15c CARROTS, 3 bun. 10c Texas Fresh Dug New POTATOES, 3 lbs. 19c Kiln Dried YAMS Lb. 4c No. 1 SPUDS 10 lbs. 19c Maxwell House COFFEE 3-lb. can 75c Early June Variety English Peas, 2 No. 2 cans 25c MACARONI or SPAGHETTI 3 boxes 10c K. B. — With Dinner Plate ROLLED OATS Pkg. 25c SALTINE CRACKERS 2-lb. box 15c Peanut Butter Qt. Jar 25c Cocoa, Mother's, 2 lb. can 19c Pure Pork SAUSAGE 2 lbs. 25c Rib or Brisket Beef Roast Lb. 15c