

Keeping Up With Texas

Sweetwater passed its 500th consecutive day of deathless traffic early Saturday morning. It was on Aug. 23, 1939, that the last traffic death within the city limits occurred.

Shipments of live stock from Texas ranches during November totaled 7,948 cars, only 2.8 per cent below November, 1939, the University of Texas bureau of research has announced.

While the mother made futile attempts to save them, a 2-year-old and a 6-week-old child died in the flames of a two-room house and adjoining trailer house at Brownfield Thursday afternoon, Jan. 2. The mother, Mrs. Walter Puryear, was at lunch when the fire started from a wood stove in the house. The father, a truck driver, was reported in Del Rio.

Capt. Eugene C. Tips of Seguin and Sgt. Hector Chessie of Brooks field, San Antonio, were instantly killed Thursday, Jan. 4, when their plane crashed near the Laredo country club.

Alvin Brown was killed by the discharge of a gun in a burning house Thursday, Jan. 2, at Dawson. He had joined several others in fighting the flames when the accident occurred.

Reuben Williams, who recently was named casualty insurance commissioner, was last week appointed by Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel as state life insurance commissioner, succeeding the late Walter Woodward.

William E. House, 88, died Saturday at Wichita Falls, three days after the death of his 80-year-old wife to whom he had been married 61 years. Joint funeral services were held Sunday.

Rev. Ben Crow, 66, a retired Methodist minister, was killed at Waco Monday when his automobile was in collision with another. It was Waco's first traffic fatality of 1941.

National Guard Private Charles M. Ehlinger of Devine died of injuries received in an auto accident near Cross Plains late Saturday night. Five companions were injured but none seriously, when the automobile skidded on a curve, left the highway and turned over.

Announcement was made Saturday that Fort Worth had been selected by the war department for establishment on a 1,200-acre tract site at Lake Worth of a \$10,000,000 assembly plant for bombing planes of the Consolidated Aircraft corporation.

John Newton Montgomery, 50, was killed Tuesday on highway 80 west of Weatherford, when struck by a truck. He had come to Weatherford from Vivian, Okla., and was employed at Camp Wolters near Mineral Wells.

Luther Hall, 46, cement worker, Dallas, was killed instantly Monday afternoon when a truck blew a tire and crashed head-on into a small concrete bridge on highway 77 (to Denton) about four miles north of Dallas.

Z. N. Anderson, 44, Dallas, and an unidentified Mexican were killed, and Jack P. Tuttle, 23, Dallas, was badly injured in a head-on automobile crash 12 miles east of San Angelo early Tuesday night.

Robert Horton, 14, was shot and killed Tuesday at his home in San Antonio, apparently by the accidental discharge of his 30-30 rifle. He was found in the studio of the home on the second floor.

Jesse Franklin Wallace, 18, was crushed to death Tuesday by a falling tree while at work with his father on a farm in the Arcadia community near Center. Heeding a shouted warning from his father when the tree started falling in a direction other than that intended, the youth ran directly under it.

Four navy fliers, H. E. Neff, L. J. Hughes, Frank E. Roche, Jr., and A. M. Perry, who escaped death in a bomber accident near Big Spring Thursday, Jan. 2, when the fifth man to bail out from the bomber, W. F. Perchich, was killed in the jump, were among eleven fliers who perished Saturday night in a flaming naval transport which crashed in a rain-storm southeast of San Diego, Calif.

Construction is expected to begin immediately on the new 32-room addition to the administration building of the Woodmen Circle home, west of Sherman on highway 82.

Big Spring voters Wednesday approved by a 16-1 margin a bond issue of \$25,000 looking toward development of their municipal airport as an item in the national defense program.

Stanley Robert Cook, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Cook of Texon, died in a San Angelo hospital Wednesday night of burns suffered Monday when his clothing caught fire as he played with matches at home.

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MERKEL PTA TO HOLD AFTERNOON SESSION JAN. 15

Meeting Scheduled in Grammar School Auditorium, 4 P. M.; Principal of Abilene High School to Speak.

The January meeting of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association to be held at the Grammar School auditorium on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 15, at 4 p. m., will be devoted to the timely subject of "Economic Security," with H. S. Fatheree, principal of Abilene High school and member of the State P. T. A. executive board, as principal speaker on the subject, "Earning While Learning."

Mr. Fatheree is state P. T. A. chairman of school education in the P. T. A. department of education and is an excellent as well as well-informed speaker. Miss Mamie Ellis is to be leader for the program and as local art teacher in local schools will present an art demonstration of work, as taught in the Merkel fifth, sixth and seventh grades, exhibiting work as it is explained.

Sixth grade room mothers will act as hostesses, and music will be in charge of the music chairman, Miss Billie Gardner. Mrs. Norman Hodge will preside over the business session. All friends and patrons of the schools are invited.

A meeting of the executive committee, composed of all P. T. A. officers and chairmen of all committees, is called by the president, Mrs. Hodge, for 3:30 p. m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, preceding the general association meeting. Discussion of the budget and of the finance committee's suggestions for projects for this school year is the main business on schedule. All officers and chairmen are urged to be present.

Johnny Cox Serves as Luncheon Toastmaster

In the absence of President R. T. Gray, Johnny Cox, superintendent of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., served as toastmaster for the luncheon of the Lions club Tuesday.

For the opening number a verse of "America" was sung, led by Rev. Marvin Boyd, Methodist pastor, who also gave the invocation. Tracy Campbell of Lamesa, a former Merkel Lion, was the only guest.

Reports were heard from the Goodfellows committee on distributing Christmas baskets and from W. O. Boney on the progress of erecting advertising signs directing people to Merkel from View. Toastmaster Cox referred to the Christmas lighting contest, reciting the high praise given Merkel home-owners by the judges who were from out of town.

Plans for annual ladies' night were deferred until next meeting, owing to prevalence of so much sickness in the city.

A two-day celebration is planned by the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., for next week-end, Jan. 17-18, to mark energizing part of the lines, Supt. Cox announced.

Former Merkel Man Buried at Rose Hill

Robert Gray Halstead, 78, former resident of the Merkel section, died unexpectedly Saturday afternoon at his home, 1133 Locust street, Abilene.

Funeral services were held at the Elliott funeral chapel three Sunday afternoon with Ellis Grubbs, Church of Christ minister, officiating, and burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery here.

Mr. Halstead was born in Coryell county July 22, 1862, and had lived in Taylor county 23 years.

Survivors include his wife, three daughters, one son, two brothers, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His wife is a cousin of Mrs. Edith Gilmore.

"Blast Hell Out of Germany."

Washington, Jan. 9.—Senator Carter Glass of Virginia celebrated his eighty-third birthday Saturday by asserting that the United States navy should be sent over to blast hell out of Germany.

TWO ROAD SIGNS POINT TO MERKEL FROM CAMPSITE

Two large road signs will direct soldiers and camp employees, visitors and travelers to Merkel from the View campsite, as result of the efforts of the Merchants Trade Extension association of Merkel, of which W. O. Boney is president. Mr. Boney is acting chairman of the committee attending to the details.

Pointing to Merkel from an advantageous position on the roadside at View is a large sign, 7 by 12 feet, reading: "We welcome you to the best little town in Texas—Friendly Churches, Splendid Schools, True Western Hospitality—Merkel, 13 miles."

A large sign, 11 1/2 by 38 feet, placed on the north side of highway 80, facing the View road at the Ely crossing, will depict a typical cowboy on horseback and a similar wording of the welcome to "Merkel 4 miles."

Sears Estate Test Estimated Good for 500 Barrels Per Day

Estimated as high as 500 barrels per day, the Humble Oil & Refining company No. 2 J. C. Sears estate promises opening of the second Swastika sand pool east of the old Noodle Creek field.

The wildcat, two miles south of the first Swastika pool and about the same distance east of the Noodle Creek field discovery area, filled Tuesday and flowed by heads within three hours after a ten-foot section of the sand had been drilled.

Saturation in the Swastika was topped at 3,010 feet and drilled to a total depth of 3,020 feet, the well filling 800 feet in the first hour. Underreaming of casing to cement a plug was delayed Wednesday until the well could be killed.

Two outposts to the new Stith pool, opened in December by the No. 1. F. B. Kelso, have been staked by Danciger Oil & Refineries, Inc., of Fort Worth. Northwest offset is No. 2 Kelso, and the firm's No. 1 H. E. Gale et al to the southeast is the second starter.

The Tex Harvey Oil company (Arthur Harvey of Dallas) No. 1 L. N. McRee, southwest of Trent, has been abandoned without showings other than a gas section near 2,800 feet. It was plugged at 5,210 feet.

Adopt Rules for Boys' Live Stock Exhibition

C. H. Collinsworth, vocational agriculture teacher at Merkel high school, attended a meeting of county agents and vocational, agriculture teachers from six counties held Monday night at the Wooten hotel, Abilene, at which time rules and regulations governing the West Central Texas Boys' Live Stock show, to be held in Abilene Feb. 24-25, were adopted.

Roscoe Blankenship, chairman of the agricultural committee of the Abilene chamber of commerce, sponsor of the 13-county show, presided for the meeting. Knox Parr, county agent and chairman of the live stock committee, directed the round table discussion.

Counties represented were Taylor, Shackelford, Runnels, Fisher, Nolan and Coke.

Supt. Robinson Attends Conference at Austin

Supt. Connor Robinson returned Tuesday night from Austin, where he had attended a school administrators' conference, called by State Superintendent L. A. Woods. The conference, which lasted two days, is an annual affair.

Others going with Supt. Robinson were Ed Williams of Lorraine, Gerald Collinsworth of Rotan, Ira Lauderdale of Westbrook and Roy Coles, Mitchell county superintendent.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Benningfield, Saturday, January 4, 1941.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Alewine, Wednesday, January 8, 1941.

FIRST SECTION OF TAYLOR ELECTRIC TO BE ENERGIZED

Two-Day Celebration Planned; Dates Tentatively Set for Next Week-End, Pending Arrival of Material, Etc.

Wanted—an old smoked kerosene lamp and a corrugated washboard, both of horse-and-buggy days vintage.

Typifying the transition from farm drudgery to modern living, these outmoded articles will be buried deep in the corner of the sub-station lot of Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., as part of the celebration planned to be held in Merkel when the first section of the REA project is energized.

Date for the energization of this portion of the lines has not been definitely set, Supt. Cox stated Thursday morning, but the celebration will probably take place Friday and Saturday of next week, Jan. 17-18, depending upon the arrival of sub-station transformers, which have been delayed.

The first section of project "A" which will be put into service will consist of 200 miles and will include the following communities: Blair, Butman, Divide, Maryneal and Cottonwood to the southwest; Union Ridge and to the Joe Winter farm to the northwest; Salt Branch, Stith and Hodges to the northeast, and Tye, Pleasant Hill, Buffalo Gap, Iberis, Potosi and western Callahan county to the southeast.

"Some few houses still have not been wired," Mr. Cox said. "These must be wired and inspected several days in advance of energization date."

Unless delayed further in getting material, or by bad weather, all of the 400 miles of line will be energized soon after Feb. 1, according to Mr. Cox.

Plans for the celebration next week include a display by electrical dealers of the area in some central building, and representatives from the REA, members of the Taylor county unit and all the people of Merkel and surrounding territory will participate.

Joint Installation To Be Held Jan. 14

Officers of the Merkel Grove of the Woodmen Circle and the local camp of the Woodmen of the World will be installed in a joint ceremony and open house on Tuesday night, Jan. 14, beginning at 7:30, at the Woodman Hall.

Officers of the Woodmen of the World to be installed are: Watt Blair, council commander; A. D. Fulton, advisor; W. H. Barnett, banker; W. M. Elliott, secretary; Lloyd Harris, escort; Joe Riney, watchman; Seth Morgan, sentry; A. P. Peterson, auditor; R. H. Mathews and Audrey Witcher, hold-over auditors.

The following officers of the Woodmen Circle will be installed: Lillie Barnett, guardian; Katie Church, past guardian; Nancy Polley, advisor; Pearl Hollinsworth, secretary; Ruby Barnett, chaplain; Rossie Howell, musician; Alice Wallace, attendant; Bea Reeves, assistant attendant; Lillian Mathews, captain; Maurine White, banker; Verdie Patterson, Irene Barnes, Edith Perry, auditors; Mae Seago and Lucy Bonneau, sentinels; Winnie Turner, correspondent to the Tidings; Ruby Barnett, reporter.

Local Talent Broadcast Over KXOX 6:30 Friday

The following numbers will be presented over KXOX in Sweetwater Friday afternoon from 6:30 to 7 o'clock:

"Ferryboat Serenade" and "On the Streets of Singapore," sung by Gwendolyn Renfro; "The Rosary" and "Only Forever," by Veltie Turner; two piano numbers will be given by Pearl Mathews, "Romance in A" and "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp," by Victor Herbert. Ben Robert Hicks will sing "God Bless America" and "I Am An American." Christine Collins will accompany the vocal numbers.

BADGERS ARE UNDEFEATED IN COUNTY LEAGUE

With victories over Lawn and Trent, Merkel is undefeated in the Taylor county tournament. In the game with Lawn last Friday night, Merkel emerged the winner by a score of 37-22 and on Tuesday night, the team won over Trent, 20-12.

Because of a tournament at Trent, the game scheduled with Bradshaw for Friday night will be played in the gym here this Thursday night. Next game scheduled for the boys is with Ovalo, to be played here next Friday night, Jan. 17.

In the line-up, Coach Benson lists regulars as follows: Hickam, center; Cox, Melton, guards; Barbee, Cade, forwards; Smith, first alternate.

"Economic Security" Program Topic for Trent PTA Meeting

Trent, Jan. 9.—January meeting of the Trent Parent-Teacher association, to be held next Tuesday evening will be sponsored by the men of the organization, with T. B. Friend, school principal, as leader. Entertainment is to be furnished by the 9th and 10th grades.

The topic is "Economic Security," and the program will include talks by Karl Bonneaux of Goodman on "Dignity and Worth of Useful Labor;" T. C. Blankenship, athletic coach, on "Right of Youth to Employment," and by a senior boy on "Community Made Work."

Hostesses for the evening will be Mesdames Ray Freeman, W. P. Hood, A. Williamson and Garnet Bryan.

Tye Man Again Elected Head of Association

J. Walter Hammond of Tye was re-elected president of the Taylor County Agriculture association at the annual meeting of that body held Saturday. Mr. Hammond is also president of the Texas Agriculture association and one of 17 directors of the American Farm Bureau federation.

Other officers of the county association are H. H. Toombs of Merkel, re-elected vice-president, and B. H. Pritchard of Shep, secretary, succeeding E. D. Thomas of Tye.

Thomas, Pritchard and Will Parmely of Tye were elected voting delegates to the Texas Agriculture association convention Jan. 14 and 15 in Dallas. H. H. Toombs and D. J. Curb, Merkel, and Fred Perry, Tye, were chosen alternate voting delegates.

Non-voting delegates named were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hamilton, Colony Hill; Wendell Foreman, Elmdale; Co. Agent Knox Parr and Home Agent Hattie Tacker; R. H. Walker, Shep; R. D. Harber, Abilene, Route 3; John Lovett, Wylie; E. A. Mattingly and Mrs. Fred Perry, Tye, and V. B. Carothers, Abilene.

Any members of the association wishing to attend can contact Pritchard, and he will make an effort to arrange transportation.

MERKEL 30 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 6, 1911.)

A LITTLE REMINISCENCE. The resumption of business by G. F. West was the occasion of some reminiscences one day this week when he was in conversation with T. B. Story, another pioneer of our thriving little city.

They drew a picture of Merkel in 1889 and we must confess that our little town made a slim showing. Of course, J. H. Thornton was in business and carried probably the largest stock, probably \$2,000, which was half of the entire amount of merchandise in the little town which claimed a population of about a couple of hundred. Marion Fisher was proprietor of a small drug stock, mostly patent medicines, and the post office. Clark ran a small grocery store, J. L. Vaughn the depot. Revs. S. H.

AVERAGE PRICE \$816 AT LARGENT DISPERSION SALE

Closing Chapter Written Wednesday for Famous Show Herd Founded by Late C. M. Largent; Sire Brings \$11,100.

An average of \$816 was paid by 44 buyers for 109 Herefords in the W. J. Largent & Son dispersion sale Wednesday. Sales totaled \$88,150.

Black and Largent of Granbury, (C. M. Largent, Jr., one of the partners,) paid one of the highest figures for a Hereford in recent years when they bid \$11,100 for the eight-year-old bull, Publican Domino 10th, highest-ranking living Register of Merit sire, selling as lot No. 1.

Hardy Grissom, Abilene cattleman, bought the top female, paying \$3,800 for Marietta Domino 2d, a champion show cow, with a bull calf at side.

The 27 bulls averaged \$991, and 81 females sold for an average of \$757. The first 50 head through the auction ring averaged \$1,240, a total of \$60,600.

Closing chapter of the eventful history of the famous Largent herd of show cattle was epochal, as far as Merkel is concerned. For 34 consecutive years, the herd had been out on the circuit, a record without parallel in American show history. That means that Merkel has been advertised to the world 34 years by the more than 1,000 ribbons won by these cattle during that time, including many championships. The day of the dispersion sale was also epochal to Merkel in that, though the herd was to be closed out, Merkel was still further advertised by the gathering within a few miles of the city of hundreds of well known breeders from nearly all the states of the nation.

Fittingly, the close of the sale found the crowd of more than 2,000 standing in silence in honor of the late C. M. Largent, founder of the herd 40 years ago. Mrs. C. M. Largent was unable to attend the sale because of illness, but was kept informed by a special loud speaker set-up.

At the time the dispersion sale was announced, W. J. Largent, who was associated with his father and later succeeded to the ownership of the original firm, operating as W. J. Largent and Son, stated that because of ill health he had decided to dispose of all the firm's show cattle.

Besides topping the sale with their purchase of Publican Domino 10th, Black and Largent bought liberally of the other animals offered.

Among the buyers in the higher brackets were D. L. Stevens of Merkel and Roy Largent of Merkel, who paid \$2,400 for six-year-old Diana Domino. Another buyer in the thousand dollar class from this area was A. E. Fogle of Tuscola, who paid even \$1,600 for Publican Domino 121st.

Two local ranchers, Bill Brown of the Noodle Hereford ranch and Sam Swann, were listed among the 44 buyers in the sale. The former paid \$650 for Miss Domino 24th, while Swann's

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Dispersion Sale

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bid purchased Noodle Publican D 18th for \$250.

A huge tent with seating capacity of 1,500 was filled with prospective buyers and visitors during the hours of the sale. Some 2,500 lunch boxes had been prepared by A. A. McGehee of the Dandy Bakery, to be served with coffee. Young ladies assisting in serving lunches were Misses Ova and Eva Martin, Peggy Robertson, Mickey Diltz, Ruth Bell and Maureen Moore.

Scores of Merkel friends were active in helping W. J. Largent and Son promote the sale, among them being Chester Collinsworth, vocational agriculture teacher at Merkel High, and the following FFA boys: Jack Hester, Jack Haynes, Billy Haynes, Delma Harris, R. V. Clark, J. D. Sandusky and Clarence Harrell.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

Church Women Call for Much Needed Bedding

The fact has been made known that many families in our community are suffering for lack of bedding, and in answer to this call the women of the First Baptist church are meeting all day, Tuesday, in the basement of the church, collecting and making cover. They are calling for new or used quilts, blankets, quilt tops or anything that might be used in making cover.

They also invite members of other churches to come or help in this urgent effort to relieve suffering in our town and community. There will be a covered dish meal served at noon. Every one is urged to do what he can.

New Business Firm Opens in Merkel

Merkel boasts of a new business enterprise for 1941—a plant for the making of fried pies, fried rolls and doughnuts, located in the building east of the Cotton's cafe.

Lee Vaughn from Brownwood is the owner and operator of this business, and turns out a large amount of his products daily. He states he is pleased with his moving to Merkel, and that his sales are satisfactory, indeed, for a new venture.

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John Deere Day is Observed at Bullock's

Tuesday was annual John Deere day in Merkel, with approximately 150 visitors at Bullock Hardware, local John Deere dealer.

Two picture shows featured the entertainment program for the day, one on "Modern Farming," shown at the Queen theatre in the morning, and the other, "Melody Comes to Town," in the afternoon.

Sandwiches and coffee were served at noon in the tractor department, where demonstrations were held during the day.

Boy Scouts' Founder Dies.

Nairobi, Kenya, Jan. 9.—Lieut. Gen. Lord Baden-Powell, 83, founder of the boy scouts and girl guides and one of the most famous soldiers and military intelligence operatives of modern times, died Wednesday at his home at Nyeri where he had been ill for weeks.

A Christmas Present.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sliger of Athens, Tenn., announce the birth of a daughter on Dec. 24 at the Athens hospital. Mrs. Sliger is the former Evelyn Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson, Route 1. The baby is named Elizabeth Joan.

Boys Scouts Meet.

Twelve members of Merkel Troop 20 of the Boy Scouts were present for Monday night's meeting, and almost every one of them said he would be up for advancement at the end of the month.

Widow of Hobart Dies.

Haledon, N. J., Jan. 9.—Mrs. Garrett A. Hobart, 90, widow of the vice-president of the United States during President McKinley's first administration, died Wednesday.

Independent Store Sales Soar.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Sales of independent merchants in all sections of Texas were up 11 per cent in November over the same period in 1939.

The pecan tree produces two crops—shade and nuts—Sadie Hatfield, extension specialist in landscape gardening, has pointed out. For West Texas the Western Schley and Burckett varieties are good to plant, whole Success and Moore are good varieties of pecan trees for the Gulf coastal and eastern portions of the state, she says.

To keep an air force of 50,000 airplanes in service will require approximately 700,000 men.

During September, 1940, automotive taxes amounting to \$1,912,228 were collected.

In 1937-38, corn production in the United States was five times that of all Latin America.

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Overdrafts	756.95	Surplus	25,000.00
Real Estate On Hand	1.00	Undivided Profits	6,023.40
Furniture and Fixtures	1,500.00	Dividend	2,000.00
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	2,200.00		
Gov. Loans on Cotton	\$332,777.49		
Bonds and Warrants	59,597.23		
Cash and Sight Exchange	137,056.76		
Bills of Exchange	8,742.76		
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Burns Boys Surprise Parents with Visit
Friends here have learned in letters from Mrs. W. L. Burns of Woodville of a very happy surprise given Mrs. Burns and her husband on Sunday morning, Dec. 29, when two of their sons and families arrived for a visit.
Minor Burns and family reached their parents' home in time for breakfast, being joined later by R. L. Burns and family of Port Arthur. The children brought dinner already prepared.
A twin tablet consisting of aspirin and soda is being manufactured for drug counter sale.
Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Issue 122,059 Pension Checks for January
Austin, Jan. 9.—A total of 122,059 old age pension checks have been ordered for January, the department of public welfare announced Tuesday, with an average payment of \$13.93 and a total of \$1,699,751.
This is compared with 121,123 checks during December for an average of \$13.77 per check.
With 802 names removed from the rolls last month—639 through deaths—the net increase over last month was 936.
Has your subscription expired? Come in and renew it next time you are in town. Special club rate on Pathfinder and several Magazine Offers.

Group Celebrates New Year's Eve Fifth Time
While the event is chronicled a trifle late, The Mail has learned of an annual New Year's Eve watch party, which is now its fifth year and which bids fair to go into a traditional event.
Four are in the group celebrating the occasion: City Marshal D. H. Vaughn, Nightwatchman J. E. Tucker, Paul West and Cotton Owens, who were joined the past New Year's Eve by Mrs. Vaughn and daughter, Gwendolyn, Mrs. Owens, Miss Vera Richie and Dorothy Lee.
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| Lily White Flour 48 lbs. 98c | New Red Spuds Lb. 4c |
| Acorn Cream of Corn Meal 20 lbs. 49c | Fresh Turnip Tops 5c |
| K. B. Oats 5 lbs. 25c | Fresh Pepper Lb. 5c |
| Jewel Shortening 8 lbs. 75c | Yams Peck 25c |
| Spry 3 lbs. 49c | Onions 3 lbs. 10c |
| 1 Gal. Jar Salad Cooking Oil 75c | Print Bag Egg Mash 100 lb. \$2.00 |
| Corn Flakes 3 for 25c | Crackers 2 lbs. 15c |
| Quick Quaker Oats 3 lbs. 20c | Full Quart Peanut Butter 25c |
| No. 2 Can Blackberries Can 10c | Graham Crackers 2 lbs. 19c |
| Crystal White Soap 7 bars 25c | Campbell's Soups, any flavor 10c |
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Large Group of Texans To Attend Inauguration Of President Roosevelt

Dallas, Jan. 9.—Texas will be well represented at the inauguration of President Roosevelt and Vice-President Wallace in Washington on Jan. 20. Burris C. Jackson of Hillsboro, chairman of the Texas Inaugural committee, announced here today.

Jackson said that a large party of prominent Texans representing every section of the state headed by Myron G. Blalock of Marshall, democratic national committeeman, Clara Driscoll of Corpus Christi, democratic national committeewoman, E. B. Germany of Dallas, chairman of the democratic state committee, and others would leave in a special train for the national capital on Jan. 16 over the Texas & Pacific railway. The party will concentrate at Dallas and Longview. The official route will be T. & P. Ry.—Missouri-Pacific Ry. and Pennsylvania Lines to Washington; B. & O.—Frisco-Katy returning.

The Texas group will be accompanied by the famous Cowboy Band of Hardin-Simmons university at Abilene and will participate in the ceremonies. A special Texas gathering in Washington is being planned, Jackson said.

The Texas Inaugural committee is inviting every city in Texas to be represented in the official Texas group at the inauguration. Reservations from a number of different towns have already been made. Reservations can be made with Frank Jensen, 1408 Main St., Dallas.

BLAIR ITEMS

Elder W. W. Brown of Abilene delivered an interesting discourse at the Baptist church Sunday morning. His text was from John 3:3, "Ye must be born again." Mr. Brown is a very able speaker.

Among those attending services at the Baptist church Sunday were Columbus Riggan of White Church, Houston Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook and Miss Mildred Wilkerson of Butman.

Grandmother Curb, Mrs. Betty Sue Berryman of Merkel and Miss Ina Mae Berryman and Samuel Ray Baker of Abilene were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore.

V. L. Doan, who had his foot badly crushed when riding a disc plow on his farm Tuesday, is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds and two daughters, Hugh Campbell and Mrs. R. B. Horton and baby made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

The New Year's program rendered at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon by the local and Butman talent was excellently rendered. Those on program were Prof. Jack Chapman, congregational song leader, with Miss Ruth Chapman at the piano; Jim Campbell, opening prayer; Misses Clara Doan, Billie Jean Melton, Gwendolyn Sandusky, Desmond Doan, Blair; Misses Louise Cook, Dorris Reeves, Lula Bell, Patterson, Ruth Denton, Ruth Butman, Pauline Cook, Betty Joyce Cook and Edward Farmer, Butman. Miss Louise Cook was sponsor for the Butman program. The closing prayer was given by Artist Cook.

Miss Bess James of East Texas was the house guest of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jackson, last week-end.

The first successful flying machine was patented by the Wright brothers on May 22, 1906.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rosson of Taft and Mrs. Ed Maze of Fort Worth.

Miss Norma Nell Black of Brownwood visited Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Friend over the past week-end.

Mrs. Hattie Boozer and daughter, Marie, of Sweetwater, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts recently had as guests in their home, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Roberts and son, Jerry, also Arthur Roberts, all from Mineral Wells.

Nancy Mae Dyer spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. Carter Dyer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Swinney spent the week-end in Athens visiting relatives. They were joined by Katie Bob and Hazel Swinney of Albany, who made the trip with them.

Thelma Titsworth, who is working in a beauty shop at San Angelo, spent the past week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Titsworth.

V. J. Jones of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts Monday. Mr. Jones is a brother of Mrs. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Jordan have moved to Trent and are staying at Mrs. Ben Howell's. Mr. Jordan is a nephew of J. B. Winn.

The Senior class has a new member, Allene Johnson, who only recently moved to Trent from Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bowers of Fort Worth were New Year's guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers.

TRENT WINS TOURNAMENT.

The Trent girls' basketball team won their invitation tournament by defeating Eula 35-26 in the finals.

Returns of the entire tournament are: Trent, first; Eula, second; Noodle, third; Sylvester, fourth. McCaulley was first place consolation winner, with May winning runner-up consolation.

Individual awards went to Wanda Stribbling, Trent; Rose McCane, Noodle; Boone, Eula; Cook, McCaulley; Terrell, Sylvester; Jordan, Blackwell.

The Trent girls are entering a tournament at May Friday and Saturday, this week-end.

SENIOR BOYS' TOURNAMENT.

First round of play in the Trent senior boys' invitation basketball tournament, to be held Friday and Saturday, Jan. 10-11, begins Friday night with the following scheduled games:

Trent A vs. Sylvester, 6 p. m.
Merkel vs. Eula, 7 p. m.
Blackwell vs. Trent B, 8 p. m.
Roscoe vs. Noodle, 9 p. m.

Two other teams, Bradshaw and Avoca, will enter play early Saturday morning. Tournament games will extend throughout Saturday, with finals Saturday night, it is announced by T. C. Blankenship, in charge of arrangements.

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Attends Funeral of Grandmother, Age 90, Held At Nolanville

Mrs. C. V. Shelton returned Sunday night from Nolanville, in Bell county, where she attended the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. J. M. Middleton, 90 years of age, who died at her home Friday, Jan. 3.

Mrs. Middleton was born in Missouri Feb. 14, 1850, and came to Texas with her parents when a little girl. They settled near Austin and later moved to Bell county. She had lived at her home place for more than 60 years. Ill for only a week, she died of double pneumonia. Surviving her are 5 children, 23 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Shelton accompanied Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Middleton of Lamesa to the funeral.

Seven Pupils Listed on Honor Roll at Compere

The "A" honor roll of the Compere school for the third month is as follows:

First grade—Robert Ray Johnson, Alice Nell Spurgin.

Fourth grade—Richard Kenneth Horton, Willie Lee Spurgin.

Sixth grade—Mary June Palmer, R. G. Palmer.

Seventh grade—Edna Joe Horton. Mrs. M. K. Milner is teacher of the Compere school.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

Mineral Wells Hotel Okays Square Dance

Mineral Wells, Jan. 9.—The Baker hotel of Mineral Wells started something last spring. It looks like the square dance fad, launched without any particular intention on the part of the Baker management, has caught on and become an established feature at this resort city. The fad was born when the hotel engaged some experienced square dancers to appear on the roof one night. Guests were interested in the oldtime dances. The square dances also drew the careful attention of the jitterbug contingent. It wasn't long before the youngsters were trying out at answering the calls of the fellow who presided over the fiddle band that provided the music. The result has been that square dancing is almost as popular here as modern stepping and the local square dance team has won prizes and honors everywhere.

Now, visitors here will tell you, swing and jazz and all the other

terms that apply to cacophony, have had to move over and make room for the lilt of the oldtime tunes to which the square dancers cut their capers. According to what the Baker's officials hear, other large hotels are trying out square dancing with the local experience duplicated. Maybe grandpa and grandma had something,

at that, that measured up to the "hotcha" of today. It seems as, any way. The youngsters here have become square-dance experts.

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The Myers', who were living in the Boaz home when it was completely destroyed by fire Christmas morning, have started housekeeping again in the first house west of the Lige Gamble home...

The four classes of Merkel High school each gave most useful gifts to the Myers'. Mr. Myers, as is well known, is High School principal.

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

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

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

A. A. Baker, R. B. Wells, A. A. McGehee, Merkel; O. M. Frydenberg, C. B. Bynum, W. D. Adamson, Jesse H. Turner, E. L. Holly, W. O. Landers, F. A. Short, C. W. Dunn, C. B. Oates, E. L. Gentry, D. F. McKinney, O. E. Divan, B. L. Ellis, John S. Bishop, E. L. Hutchison, Dr. E. B. Surface, W. P. Preston, J. E. Grisom, Henry Darden, W. M. O'Bar, L. M. Truitt, J. E. Harris, Guy Scruggs, Joe Pechacek, Glenn Eager, C. L. Hailey, J. D. Coffman, A. A. Cornelius, O. B. Woodrum, W. E. Gorman, E. B. Whitley, R. G. B. Fain, C. F. Huskin, O. B. Chambers, Keith Elliott, F. H. Monroe, Abilene; V. B. Wood, J. A. Yates, Winters; Robert McCall, T. G. Deffebach, Tuscola; W. M. Nolte, Tye; W. I. Dunn, Winkate; W. C. Rossom, Lawn; C. A. Edenborough, C. E. Harrison, W. J. Harrington, Guion; H. B. McCoy, Ovalo.

Workers on projects of the Works Project administration have canned 43,333,000 quarts and dried 1,680,000 pounds of food for distribution to the needy during four and one-half years of the WPA's operation.

QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday - "Foreign Correspondent," with Joel McCrea and Laraine Day; added, color cartoon and serial.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night - Bette Davis in "The Letter," with Herbert Marshall, James Stephenson; also Popeye cartoon and News.

Tuesday only - Albert Paige, Virginia Dale in "Dancing on a Dime;" added, "Bring Himself Back Alive," cartoon and selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday - James Stewart, Rosalind Russell in "No Time for Comedy;" special added attraction, "March of the Marines," in technicolor.

"Foreign Correspondent" A highly colorful and dramatic event in motion pictures takes place Friday and Saturday at the Queen theatre where Walter Wanger's latest film production, "Foreign Correspondent," will be shown.

The final scene in "Foreign Correspondent," showing a huge Clipper plane shot down from the air and the sea disaster which follows, has never before been equalled in pictures for the brilliance of its photography, the smashing impact of its drama and the daring of its realism.

Bette Davis in "The Letter"

That fascinating, tantalizing and dangerous Bette Davis, is back on the screen, following up her recent dazzling success, "All This, And Heaven Too," with "The Letter," W. Somerset Maugham's greatest drama of a woman's heart.

It is becoming axiomatic that each of Bette Davis' performances should top the one which preceded it. It happened with "Dark Victory," "The Old Maid," "All This and Heaven, Too," and according to all advance reports, she rides to even greater glory in her newest vehicle, "The Letter."

"The Letter" tells a strange story. It tells of a beloved and sheltered woman who murders a man, murders him in cold blood, pumping his body full of bullets until her husband's gun is empty. Why did she do it? Well, she tells her husband and her lawyer that she did it to defend her honor. But it seems there was a letter... a letter in her handwriting addressed to the murdered man, and now in the possession of his widow, an Eurasian woman. If that letter were to show up in court, there could be no other verdict than "guilty."

But down in the Chinese quarter of Singapore, there is a mysterious transaction under cover of night, and on the day of the trial, there is no sign of the letter.

These are the ingredients of the drama. Bette Davis is the central figure about which it revolves. Herbert Marshall is the husband, James Stephenson the lawyer who sacrifices his deep personal integrity to save the life of his friend's wife. Gale Sondergaard is the Eurasian woman. To tell more of the story would lessen its tremendous impact as it unfolds upon the screen in all its dramatic intensity.

"No Time for Comedy" Audiences will have their first opportunity to see "No Time for Comedy," the laugh hit of the new film season, when the James Stewart-Rosalind Russell co-starring picture comes to the Queen Wednesday and Thursday.

Based on S. N. Behrman's Broadway hit of last year, "No Time for Comedy" tells the highly hilarious story of what happens to a playwright famous for his comedies when he falls under the influence of a blonde who specializes in inspiring artists to give the world a message. Among the things that happen are a rousing fight between the playwright's wife and the blonde, a near romance between the playwright's discarded wife and the blonde's discarded husband, and a flop that turns out to be a big success.

James Stewart is an engaging

scamp as the errant writer, Rosalind Russell is his knowing wife, Genevieve Tobin, the blonde menace and Charlie Ruggles her millionaire husband. Allen Joslyn has a high comedy role as a harried stage director; Clarence Kolb plays a yes-man producer, and dusky Louise Beavers plays the theatrical maid who sees all and tells all. William Keighley directed from the script by the Epstein brothers.

Population of Nation Gains 8.8 Per Cent

Washington, Jan. 9.—Final returns from the 1940 census Tuesday put the total population of the United States and all its territories and possessions at 150,621,231, an increase of 8.8 per cent over the 138,439,069 counted in 1930.

The 1940 final figure for the continental United States was 131,669,275, or 7.2 per cent more than the 122,775,046 of 1930.

Singing at Warren. There will be singing at the Warren school house Friday night, Jan. 10, beginning at 7:30. Every one is invited to attend.

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FOR SALE—A bargain in 1935 Chevrolet coupe; also 1934 International pickup; both A-1 condition. J. J. Barron.

FOR SALE—Model T Ford truck. W. E. Petty, Merkel, Texas, Route 3.

PLENTY OF TEXAS Red Rust Proof Oats, in 10 to 100 bushel lots, for 40 cents per bushel. John S. Hughes.

FOR SALE—Four white sidewall Corduroy tires; 6.00x16 size; fifteen month road hazard insurance; \$45 with tubes complete; your old tires in exchange. West's Auto Supply Store.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment, on Oak street. Mrs. Pick Allen.

FOR RENT—Small house. Mrs. Grover Hale.

FURNISHED APARTMENT for rent; hot and cold water; garage. Mrs. G. R. Holloway.

FOR RENT OR SALE—Building corner Elm and Edwards streets; can give possession immediately; building formerly occupied by Barrow Furniture Company. Write E. G. Neely, 4311 Hall street, Dallas. See E. M. McDonald for key.

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RENTAL EXCHANGE—Have opened office at Lee-Bailey Drug store. If you have houses, apartments or rooms to rent, list them with me; reasonable charge. Cyrus Pee.

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LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS
A stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., will be held Saturday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
J. F. Walker, W. M.
W. C. Black, Secretary.

NEWMAN NEWS

There will be an old-fashioned party at the school house Friday night, Jan. 10. Everyone is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith, of Sylvester, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Reeves and son, John L. Jones of Merkel and Othell W. Reeves of Lubbock visited in the Reeves home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowler visited in the Boyd home Sunday.

Alice Boen and sons, Mrs. Leon Dickerson and son and Othell Reeves made a short visit with relatives in Merkel Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Fate Parker are the proud parents of a new baby boy.

Mrs. Slim Derrington and children of Brownfield are visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. Powell.

Edith Horky and son are visiting in Rotan.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Jones, Mrs. Lea Dickerson and Alice Boen made a business trip to Sweetwater Friday.

Has your subscription expired? Come in and renew it next time you are in town. Special club rate on Pathfinder and several Magazine Offers.

Budget Calls for Ten Billions for Defense

Washington, Jan. 9. — President Roosevelt sent congress a \$17,485,000,000 budget Wednesday, a record for peace-time, and served notice that he would ask still further funds to throw America's great industrial machine into the battle against the Axis powers.

During the fiscal year which begins next June, he proposed that \$10,811,324,000 be spent for the United States armaments program. That figure and the budget's total, as well, are to be further increased by the cost of war supplies sent to England under his lease-lend plan.

By comparison, the budget for the current fiscal year ending next June, as revealed Wednesday, calls for total expenditures of \$13,202,370,970, with \$6,463,923,000 for defense. In the year which closed last June, expenditures totaled \$8,998,189,706, of which the defense item was \$1,579,905,425.

Miss Juanita Etter, Edgar Balch Wed

A marriage at Baird on Wednesday evening, Jan. 1, united Edgar Balch, bookkeeper for the local office of the West Texas Utilities company, and Miss Juanita Etter, daughter of C. D. Etter, of Brownwood. The ceremony was performed by the justice of the peace there.

Mr. Balch, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Balch, of Tyler, has been connected with the West Texas Utilities for the past three years, having only recently been transferred to Merkel. The bride has until her marriage been employed by Woolworth's, Abilene.

The couple are at home at the McGehee garage apartment, recently constructed.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

Notice is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday, the 14th day of January, 1941, at 7 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
Booth Warren, Cashier.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

The wholesale and retail departments of the Merkel Co-Op station are both now located at the station on the highway just west of the W. O. Boney building, former home of the Chevrolet agency. Station No. 1 across from the telephone office has been discontinued and the building is to be moved from the lot. Both Emmett Ayers and Joe B. Toombs will continue with the combined Merkel Co-Op.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. James and family are new residents of Merkel, having moved here from Malakoff. They have rented the Earl Beech cottage in the south part of town.

Ralph Russell was given first aid at Sadler Clinic late Saturday for a head injury sustained when a brace and bit fell from the hands of a REA lineman and struck him as he was standing on the ground. The butt of the brace struck him.

Word comes that Gerald Derrick is now located at Front Royal, Va., where he is breaking horses at a government camp. He had his pick of a herd for his roping horse. There are five thousand horses at the camp and he handles five per day.

Guests in the E. O. Carson home for Sunday dinner to help celebrate Mr. Carson's 56th birthday were Mrs. Artie Jarrell, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Barfield and son, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Parker and Howard Carson, all of Abilene, besides members of the immediate family.

Grand Jury Returns 12 Indictments Tuesday

After it had returned a dozen indictments against 10 defendants, members of the 42nd district grand jury, impaneled Monday morning by Judge Milburn S. Long, were excused Tuesday afternoon, subject to call.

B. L. Ellis, Abilene banker, was grand jury foreman, and Wendell Foreman of Elmdale, secretary. Other members are Z. D. Hailey, I. P. Rogers, J. L. Hollis, R. E. Bradbury and W. W. Harber, all of Abilene; J. W. Teaff, Jr., Merkel; John A. Woodard, Jr., Trent; Ben Smith, Bradshaw; L. B. Strother, Ovalo and Walter Latta, Ovalo.

Services for Arthur Duncan Held at Trent

Arthur Duncan, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Duncan, died at the family home a mile west of Trent Wednesday morning at 4. Death resulted from a hemorrhage.

Funeral services were held at the Trent Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 3, with the burial at the Trent cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Knight mortuary of Abilene.

He is survived by his parents; four sisters and six brothers, Mrs. E. D. Redding of Conroe; Mrs. Grace Redding, Zelma Ruth Duncan, Clarence, Johnnie and W. L. Duncan, Jr., all of Trent; Mrs. Stella Mae Smith, Palace; Nolan Duncan, Sweetwater; Truman Duncan, California, and George Duncan, Ralls.

Hospital Notes.

The following patients were admitted to the Sadler Clinic during the past week: Milton Rylee, Jan. 4, treatment; Mrs. J. R. Reese, X-ray and treatment, on the 6th; Mrs. E. A. Parham, Route 2, treatment, on the 6th; R. W. Brownawell, Sweetwater, treatment, on the 7th.

Mrs. C. W. Boston of Marritt, Ark., admitted Tuesday with a fractured wrist sustained in an auto accident at Trent, and Mrs. Royce Jordan, of Trent, who sustained lacerations in the same accident, were dismissed the same day.

Mrs. Roy Harrell, who underwent major surgery on Jan. 3, is doing nicely.

Condition of George W. Boyce continues critical.

Out-of-Town Guests Visit in West Home

Out-of-town guests for the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie West were: Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Jones, Charles, Freda and Melna Ann of Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Coughy and Richard Standard of McCamey; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark, Bernard, Woodrow, Junior, Willie Joe and Patsy Jean of Union Ridge. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Coughy, cousins of Mr. West, spent several days after the holidays in the West home.

Navy Hospitals Asked.
Washington, Jan. 9. — Secretary Knox requested congress Wednesday to authorize the navy to build small service hospitals at a total cost of \$265,900 at Corpus Christi, Texas, and five other naval bases.

CCC To Enroll 77,397.
Washington, Jan. 9. — The Civilian Conservation Corps said Saturday it would begin enrollment on Jan. 2 of 77,397 juniors and 4,601 war veterans to fill vacancies in 1,500 camps. State CCC directors are now receiving applications.

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- LETTUCE Head 5c
- CELERY Bunch 10c
- FRESH STRAWBERRIES Pint Box 19c
- SPUDS 10 lbs. 19c
- CARROTS 3 bunches 10c
- ORANGES Doz. 15c

- SUPREME GRAHAM Crackers 1 lb. box 17c
- RED & WHITE Coffee 1 lb. can 25c
- RED & WHITE Fruit Cocktail 2 cans 25c
- RED & WHITE Corn, No. 2 can 2 for 25c
- RED & WHITE Potted Meat 4 cans 15c
- HERSHEY'S Cocoa 1/2 lb. can 10c
- TURNIP Greens No. 2 can 10c
- MUSTARD Greens No. 2 can 10c
- PARD Dog Food 3 cans 25c
- RED & WHITE Grape Juice Qt. 29c
- OUR VALUE Tomatoes 3 No. 2 cans 25c

- PURE CANE Sugar 10 lb. cloth bag 49c
- RED & WHITE Meal 5 lb. bag 18c
- LARGE Oxydol Pkg. 19c
- BULK Prunes 2 lbs. 25c
- SPAGHETTI or Macaroni Pkg. 5c
- SUPREME Peanut Butter Pint 15c
- DEL DIXI Pickles (sour or dill) Qt. 15c
- SUN SPUN Salad Dressing Qt. 29c
- BLU - KROSS Toilet Tissue 1 Roll Free With 3 for 25c
- NILE Salmon No. 1 can 15c
- RED & WHITE Laundry Soap 7 bars 25c

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CLUB PROGRAM ON LOCAL HISTORY.

The Fortnightly Study club held its regular meeting in the home of Mrs. Elma McFarland on Tuesday afternoon with the president presiding.

Mrs. Connor Robinson led a fifteen minute parliamentary drill. Mrs. Haynes read an interesting article on criticism. The program subject was "Local History," led by Mrs. Lige Gamble. Each club member answered roll call with a short talk on "Our Town."

Mrs. Gamble read the following letter from the files of the Merkel Mail, April 24, 1914, written by an old timer, John Elliott:

"To the Merkel Mail:
"I have been thinking of the good old days of twenty years ago, of my home and friends of days gone by, when Merkel was a wide place in the road.

"At that time old Brother Vaughn was superintendent of the Gould system from Tebo to Trent when during the rainy season local freight ran as high as a car a week. Marion French, the genial postmaster, sold a dollar's worth of stamps sometimes in one day and 'Ball Head' Joe McMillen, the druggist sold hair renewer, and on Saturday in the summer time would get some ice and sell cold soda pop. George Boyce sold corn, feed and eggs and his good wife sold that good Jersey butter.

"Pirk Browning would tell us of the big tobacco deals and pretty women and good whiskey in Old Kentucky, while Sam Dunkin skinned us on a bill of lumber and Jim Barnes would tell us how he hunted possums in Louisiana and sold us lumber at cost. At that time we were sure the H. B. \$2.50 shoe was the best in the world because Tom Warren guaranteed every pair and the Solid Comfort was the chief of plows, for George West said so. Bill Sheppard sold us porter-house steak at 6 cents a pound, but, of course, it was none of our business where he got it.

"I remember well when Merkel went out of the saloon business, when that good old man, Jake Brooks, piled up his stock of booze and made a bonfire out of it and my old friend, Dad Huffman, wiped the tears from his cheeks and Jack Haley danced the war dance and on Sunday we went to church to hear Brother Baker preach the gospel. During those times W. W. Wheeler was superintendent of the Sunday School and extraordinary justice of the peace and when he issued his referendum and recall the evil-doers had to dig up or hunt for green pasture and, last but not least, that grand old man, J. C. Calvert, stood at the masthead and guided the rudder of the religious Merkel Mail and guided its destiny, which from that day to this has ever stood for the best interest of the people of Merkel and the Merkel country."

Club members present were Mesdames Len Sublett, Johnny Cox, Elma McFarland, Connor Robinson, Lige Gamble, W. T. Sadler, Comer Haynes, Elsie Nash, W. B. Petty,

Ellen Duncan; Misses Mamie Ellis, Vennie Heizer, Mildred Holt and Alzada Pogue. Two guests were present, Grandmother Sheppard and Mrs. Frank Hamm.

JUNIOR STUDY CLUB HEARS GUEST SPEAKER.

Misses Hettie Logan Clay and Ruth West combined hostess duties last week, using the home of Miss Billie Gardner in entertaining members of the Junior Study club.

A most interesting program was given on "Luxuries With Which to Appear at the Table." Mrs. Raymond Ferguson discussed "Linen and Silverware." After this Mrs. E. A. Piller of Abilene, who is associated with Presley Jewelry company, and an authority on finer China and glassware, was introduced as guest speaker for the afternoon.

Club guests were Mrs. Rex Reddell of Anson, Mrs. W. D. Ruffin of Abilene and Mrs. Miller. Mrs. C. B. Gardner was also a guest along with the following club members: Mesdames J. E. Boaz, Jr., Carroll Benson, Andy Shouse, Raymond Ferguson, L. C. Zehnpfennig, David Gamble, Wrenn Durham, Elmo Collins, Pete West; Misses Laverne Dunbar, Billie Gardner, Frances Cleveland, Mildred Hamm, Imogene Schulze, Ruth West, Hettie Logan Clay.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Grace Presbyterian church met Monday afternoon, with Mrs. John West leader of the program on the work of the National Missions stations in Mexico, Alaska, Chile and America.

For the devotional on "Faith" Scriptures were given by the leader from Matthew, Luke and Romans.

"Christianity and Democracy," by Dr. Cavert, was discussed by Mrs. Connor Robinson. Work in Mexico, "A Day's Call" by M. E. Ewing, was given by Mrs. R. A. Walker. Work in Alaska, "They Waited Half a Century," was given by Mrs. W. M. Elliott, and the work in Chile, "Escuela Popular, at its 16th Century" by Cora Smith, was discussed by Mrs. Delma Compton. "The Church and International Peace," discussed by the leader, and prayer, led by Mrs. Robinson closed the program.

A business session followed the program. Mrs. Robinson will be the next leader of the program on Africa.

Chevrolet Agency to Occupy Boney Building

The W. O. Boney building, on Front street, formerly used by the Grable Motor company, has been leased to W. R. Yazell of Carlton, who plans to occupy the building about Jan. 15.

Mr. Yazell has secured the Chevrolet agency in Merkel.

If you have any visitors, Phone 29 or 61.

RURAL SOCIETY

BRIDAL SHOWER.

Mrs. Wayne Satterwhite, Mrs. Norman Sloan and Miss Jewell Chaney were co-hostesses for a bridal shower honoring Mrs. Cline Satterwhite, nee Geraldine Sloan, on Thursday, Jan. 2.

A blue and white color scheme was carried out in the white cake, topped by a miniature bride and groom, on a lace-laid table, blue and white candles and blue wedding bells as plate favors.

After playing games and presenting the gifts, refreshments of chicken salad and pimento cheese sandwiches, potato chips, mints, cookies and hot chocolate were served to Mesdames Cline Satterwhite, J. M. Sloan, E. V. Satterwhite, H. R. Chancey, O. L. Justice, Albert Chancey, R. I. Jackson, Chester Lucas, Henry Martin, Lyle Cade, Clyde Chancey, Waldo Cox, Earnest Dixon, Kyle Blair, Troy Sloan, R. J. Dixon, O. W. Sosebee, A. W. Clemmer, Grover Blair, J. R. Lassiter, Big Spring, Earnest Tarpley, Jeff Chancey, Odelle Vick, Norman Bicknell; Misses Cleo Reece, Sybil Dixon and Dorothy Jackson.

Others sending gifts were Mesdames Houston Scott, Abilene, John Thompson, Claude Smith, Edwin Reed, Ed Martin, H. B. Henley, Claude Jinks, George Cooper, Fred Jackson and Grandma Burrows.

SHOWER FOR NEWLYWEDS.

A shower for Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Higgins of Merkel was given Friday afternoon of last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Garvin with Betty Russell and Christine Garvin hostesses. Games were played and refreshments were served to the following:

The honoree and Mesdames R. H. Hord of Winters, Minnie Higgins, Vernon Jones, Dean Higgins, Bill Hayes, Ollie Higgins, Paxton Hayes, W. C. Lee, W. M. Hays, W. U. Beene, L. G. Hass, J. D. Jaynes, Ted Hamm, Johnny Cox, Ida Armstrong, J. Ben Campbell, Angus Garvin; Misses Ideen Ely, Vera Ely, Eldwin Dwin, Higgins, Carrol Hays, Betty Russell and Christine Garvin.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames J. D. Jones, Mary Risinger, Joe Risinger, Vernon Hudson, Carl Baucus, Jim Smith, M. M. Madison of Sweetwater, and Mrs. W. H. Laney and family; Messrs. and Mesdames Charlie Higgins, Warren Higgins, Bill Collins, J. A. Horton, Buster Horton, Ben Stallo and H. Stallo and Misses Nora Foster and Lola Higgins of Abilene.

MT. PLEASANT WSCS.

The Mt. Pleasant Society of Christian Service met in the home of Mrs. Virgil Patterson on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 1. The meeting was called to order by the president and opening prayer was given by Mrs. Stewart. Roll call was answered with a New Year's resolution. Date was set to quilt the quilt at Mrs. Pat Arnold's home on Thursday, Jan. 16.

Those on program were Mesdames W. B. Hill, Morris Smith and R. S. Darden, Jr. Closing prayer was led by Mrs. Hill.

Refreshments were served to nine ladies and four children.

Noodle School News

The Noodle girls' basketball team entered the Trent tournament last week, and emerged with the third place trophy.

In the first round Noodle defeated Trent B team 37-8. In the second round, Noodle met and defeated Blackwell 32-20 in what was called the best game of the meet. In the semi-finals the team was beaten by Eula, 32-23. In the play-off, they won over Sylvester 38-27.

Rose McCain won a gold basketball as one of the outstanding players of the tournament. She made 18 points in the Noodle-Blackwell game.

Tuesday night the basketball girls and boys played Lueders for their first conference game. The girls tied with a 27-27 score. According to the league rules, a game with a tied score can not be played off the same night. The game will be played off at the Noodle gym at a later date.

The boys got beat by a few points.

Burial Services for Infant Held at Anson

Burial of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Parham, Route 1, took place at Anson Tuesday afternoon. The child was born Monday night and lived only a few hours.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Parham, Route 1, are the paternal grandparents, and Mr. and Mrs. Y. B. Mayfield, Route 4, the maternal grandparents.

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

Services Here Every Second, Fourth Sunday

Rev. J. Basil Ramsey, new pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, preached his first sermons last Sunday. He will go the coming Sunday to Tuscola, which church he serves jointly with the Merkel and Tye pastorates.

After this month, the Merkel church will have preaching services the second and fourth Sundays, with communion each second Sunday. Tuscola will have the first Sunday, while on the third Sunday Rev. Mr. Ramsey will preach in the morning at Tye and at Merkel at night.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pence and daughters, Wanda Ruth and Alma Jane, of Sweetwater, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pence and other Merkel relatives.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church were their daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Willingham, and daughter, Helen Carolyn, of Clayton, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Sheppard returned Tuesday morning to Dallas after a week-end visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard. Miss Marie Smallwood of the Smallwood ranch, Runnels county, is the guest this week of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Campbell and sons, Warren and Ted Allen, of San Angelo, were guests this week of his mother, Mrs. J. F. Campbell, and other relatives.

E. L. Bankhead of Sweetwater was the guest this week of his sister, Mrs. O. J. Adcock, and family.

Harry M. McCandless of Plainview was an overnight guest Monday of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCandless.

Jack Kemper was home to spend the week-end with his wife and children. He had been gone for five months with race horses in Mexico and recently has moved to Phoenix, Ariz., where he will be located for two months.

Miss CeVene Daniel has accepted a position in the offices of J. Frank Clark in the Clinic building, Abilene.

Here for a week-end visit in the T. G. Bragg home were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg and son, Granville, of Chillicothe, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marr, of Stephenville. Returning home, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg were accompanied by Mrs. Bragg's mother, Mrs. Della Campbell, after an extended visit here with her sisters, Misses Mossy and Eula Sears, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Latimer and son, Jimmy Lee, accompanied by Mrs. Latimer's niece, Mavilene Seymour, left Tuesday to return to Chowchilla, Calif., after an extended holiday visit here.

Roy Propst, a former Merkel boy now one of the directors of the Ideal Security Life Insurance company, Anson, was here on business last week, also visiting with old friends.

Woodrow Clark, who is working for the Walco Engineering and Construction Company, has been transferred to Eden, Texas.

Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird arrived Sunday to be with her mother, Mrs. Henry West, who was seriously ill. Condition of Mrs. West was reported much improved Thursday morning.

John W. Wheeler left Wednesday for Phoenix, Ariz., and will probably be away some time.

In New York City public schools 142,218 students are learning foreign languages. French leads with 60,000. The average increase in the sale of electric light bulbs in the United States is 10 per cent a year.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 481 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 473 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 406.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union 6. During January the evening service, 7 p. m., will honor the young people. Teachers' and officers' meeting and prayer meeting 7 Wednesday evening.

Cooper Waters, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning worship service 11 a. m. Intermediate League 6:15 p. m. Senior-Y. P. League 6:15 p. m. Evening service, 7 p. m. Woman's Society of Christian Service Mondays at 2:30. Mid-Week service Wednesdays at 7:15 p. m. Stewards meet second Tuesday night in each month.

Marvin Boyd, Pastor.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Intermediate Epworth League met Sunday night, Jan. 5, the first meeting in 1941. Verses of the 119th Psalm were read in turn by Mary Faye Johnson and Frank Simpson. Seven out of the fourteen on roll were present.

Miss Lela Patterson, the sponsor, read a paper on "What Will We Be and Be Doing in Ten Years from Now?"

Program for next Sunday has not been completed. New members are welcome.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday services: Bible classes 9:45, preaching at 10:45, young people's meeting at 6:15. Preaching at 7 p. m. Wednesday evening Bible study at 7 o'clock.

You are invited to attend.

Lee Starnes, Minister.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. NYPS at 6:30 Sunday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Everyone is cordially invited to these services.

G. O. Crow, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching Saturday night at 7 o'clock. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

M. C. Miller, Pastor.

NUBIA M. E. CHURCH.

Sunday School and League met at regular hours last Sunday, with good attendance. Officers and teachers suggested that each and every one resolve to meet in the House of the Lord at least once a week and to make better use of the literature, which is available for us.

Sunday, Jan. 12, is regular church day. Brother Stewart and wife will be present with spiritual messages; so let's see what we as individuals can do toward having a large congregation. There will be League and church Sunday evening, beginning at 7:30. We invite all visitors to come.

Reporter.

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