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## PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Denson had as their guests during the holidays their two daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Barbee and daughter, Alyene, of Jal, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bradshaw and Ronnie from Delhi, La., and their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lee Denson of Odessa.

Lloyd Gilmore, Mrs. Ennis Reid-enbach, Mrs. Ruby Jinkens, Misses Dorothy and Gerrie Jinkens and Bob-by Jinkens visited over the Christ-mas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jinkens, Jr., and other relatives in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Riley and lit-tle daughter, Deanna, from Beloit, Kans., visited Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Breaux.

Miss Billie Williams spent Christ-mas day with her mother, Mrs. Porter Petty, and family. She also visit-ed with Mrs. Ed Turner and sons, Ikey and Abie. She is employed at Rashitia's Children's shop in Fort Worth and had to return to work on the following day.

Mr. and Mrs. Vee Garner spent Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Petty. Another visit-or was Tom Harvell.

Mr. and Mrs. Euel Ray of Cole-man spent Christmas Day with their son, Kenneth Ray, and family on the Butman ranch.

Pre-Christmas visitors in the Hom-er Patterson home were Mrs. Pat-terson's niece, Mrs. Howard Williams, and her husband, of Pensacola, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Patterson of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson spent the Christmas hol-idays with Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Hinch, of Odessa.

Returning from a Christmas visit with her children, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Coker and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cobb and families of Fort Worth, Mrs. Dora Cobb was accompanied by her grandson, Jerry Don Cobb, who is visiting this week with her.

Holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barbee were three of their children from out-of-town: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Barbee, of Jal, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Ed Black and children of Iraan, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barbee, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Reed and two children, Patsy and Nita, of Andrews, who formerly lived here, were holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Lee.

Guests for Christmas dinner in the Horace Boney home were Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gray of Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sears, Jr., and Car-olyn, from the Sears ranch, and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Boney.

Visitors from Mexico for the Christ-mas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Groene and two daughters, Anne and Dorothy, who spent several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groene.

After a holiday visit with her brother, Mitchell Walker, and fam-ily, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Trimble re-turned Dec. 27 to their home at Bell Gardens, Calif.

Doyle Conley and Willie Joe Clark enrolled Monday at Port Arthur col-lege, Port Arthur.

Mr. and Mrs. George Burris and daughter, Jarron, of Breckenridge, were here to spend Christmas day with her mother, Mrs. J. L. Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCandless were holiday visitors in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Boswell, in Abilene.

Mrs. J. S. Swann, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann and Patsy and Miss Irene Swann spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Carson Miles in San Angelo, where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Sears and daughter, Carolyn, of Snyder. Mrs. Miles and children visited during Christmas week with Mrs. J. S. Swann and Miss Irene Swann.

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## CHAPEL PLANNED AS MEMORIAL TO AREA PIONEERS

At 84th Birthday Party for Sam Butman, Sr., Suggestion Made To Build Memorial to Butman Couple, and Old Settlers.

The Butman ranch headquarters was the scene Sunday, Dec. 22, of the celebration of the 84th birth-day of Sam Butman, Sr., pioneer settler of Mulberry Canyon and now resid-ing in Merkel. A long table was ar-ranged in the old dining room of the ranch house similar to the one at which the ten children had eaten when the family was all at home, and here the children gathered again, bringing bountiful baskets of eats.

The nine children present together with four sons-in-law took their places around the huge table, with the former master of the house seat-ed at the head table. When grace was said and all eyes centered on the heaping table, an expression of grati-tude came from Dad Butman, which was followed by the presenta-tion of a gift to each of the children of a check for one thousand dollars.

Present for the occasion were five daughters and four sons and their families, eight granddaughters and five grandsons and three great-grand-daughters and one great-grandson, also Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Anderson of Merkel.

After the meal, a program was of-fered in honor of Mr. Butman, which consisted of recitations and songs. When Lewis Butman took the floor to express the sentiment of the oc-casion, he voiced a desire to see a memorial built in honor of Father Butman and Mother Butman, who passed away eleven years ago, to-gether with dozens of other old set-tlers of Mulberry Canyon. Following informal discussion, the group voted to go into a business meeting to for-mulate plans for the memorial and Sam Butman, Jr., was nominated as chairman of the meeting.

It was his desire that a memorial chapel be built to serve a broad scope of Christian purposes in keeping with the beautiful lives of service rendered by the pioneers, Sam But-man, Sr., said in expressing his thought on the matter. Mrs. Tom Russom was elected secretary-treas-urer.

A native of Maine, it was in 1882 that Sam Butman set out from Bos-ton for Baird, Texas, and a year later he settled on a 160-acre claim in Mulberry Canyon that served as a nucleus for the some 8,000 acre ranch now intact and occupied by most of the children of the pioneer, plus 4,000 acres of railroad and school land under lease.

He was married to Madge Vaughan on Mar. 19, 1884, in the depot here at Merkel, where her father was the first depot agent and postmaster.

The Butmans observed their gold-er wedding anniversary at their ranch Mar. 19, 1934. They were charter members of the White Church Methodist church, one of the first churches built in this country.

Graveside Rites for Dr. S. W. Johnson

Graveside services will be held at 10 a. m. Friday in Rose Hill cem-etry for Dr. S. W. Johnson, a former dentist of Merkel, who died Dec. 31 in Temple. Rev. E. M. Weathers will officiate.

The body is expected to arrive here on the early morning train Fri-day and will be taken to Barrow Sheppard Funeral home.

Father of Merkel Dentist Succumbs

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## OPEN HOUSE AT YOUTH CENTER SET JAN. 11

So enthusiastic was the response to the first entertainment for Teen-Agers on Dec. 21 at the Community Center building that the youth com-mittee have announced that, after Saturday, Jan. 4, the building will be open to the young people every Saturday night.

It is imperative, however, that only those youths who are from 13 to 18 attend, because the building will just not accommodate the eighth grade, too. From time to time, night-ly will be devoted to that age group but until then the younger boys and girls are asked not to attend.

Beginning Saturday a register will be kept and all participants in the fun nights will be asked to register, giving their names, age and grade in school. Cold drinks and other re-freshments will be sold on regular "Teen" nights, but on specified party nights refreshments will be free.

In order to better acquaint the public with the vast undertaking of the Youth Project and in order to have a shower for the Community Center, open house will be held from 2 until 5, Saturday, Jan. 11. At that time all patrons and business men of Merkel are asked to call, bringing some donation, either a cash con-tribution or some kind of equipment. Coffee will be served to all guests by the youth committee.

This committee, composed of Mes-sieurs Earl Hughes, Weldon McAn-ineh, Elma McFarland and W. T. Sadler, under the general direction of Mrs. Wrenn Durham and with the help of other members of the Fortnightly Study club, have consent-ed to serve the Lions club lunche-ns. The money earned will be used in buying necessary equipment for the Youth Project.

Donations received the past week are: Games, J. W. Hammond Vari-ety store; glasses and plates, Camp-bell's grocery; labor in installing stoves, Harold Bowles; moving of stoves and piano, Luther Land; games, Mrs. Norman Hodge; glasses Mrs. H. P. Crimm; Bingo prizes, REA committee.

## Another Pioneer of Merkel Area Passes

T. R. Lassiter, 86, resident of Merkel for over 40 years and former Taylor county commissioner, died at 5 p. m. Friday, Dec. 20, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. M. A. Ribble, in Abilene, where he had made his home since the death of another daughter, Miss Mae Lassiter, on July 18, 1945.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Sunday following from the First Baptist church here, of which he had been a member since coming to Merkel in 1904. The pastor, Rev. E. M. Weathers, officiated, assisted by Rev. J. W. Saffle, retired Baptist pastor and an early pastor of the deceased. Burial was in Rose Hill, beside the grave of his wife, who died Mar. 10, 1940. Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home was in charge.

Pallbearers were John Collins, Twyman Collins, J. L. Fisher, W. L. Fugat of Notrees, Comer Haynes and Booth Warren.

Born in Murry, Ky., on Feb. 5, 1860, Mr. Lassiter came to Red River county, Texas, with his parents as a young man. From there he moved to Taylor county in 1904 and was an active farmer and stock raiser until retirement because of ill health three years ago. On Jan. 28, 1886, he was married to the former Susan Agnes Lindsey, and to this union five children were born, two of whom survive: Earl Lassiter, of Merkel, and Mrs. Ribble. Other survivors are eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, one half-sister, Mrs. Tom Miller, of Paducah, Ky., and one half-brother, W. A. Lassiter, of Rogers, Ark.

## Estimate of Total Snowfall 10 Inches

Most severe cold spell of the winter struck Merkel Saturday night and was continuing without let-up at noon Thursday. Four mornings the thermometer was around 20 and on Tuesday morning it dipped to 15 degrees.

A heavy snow, which fell during Monday night and Tuesday, played a return engagement Wednesday night, a conservative estimate placing the total at around 10 inches.

As a result of the extreme weather conditions school was dismissed Thursday, and whether school would be held Friday was dependent on the weather, Supt. R. A. McCollum said.

## FOOTBALL-PEP SQUAD BANQUET HELD DEC. 19

Pastor of University Baptist Church, Abilene, Principal Speaker; "Play Game of Life As You Played Football."

In the final game of the 1946 seas-on—Badgers vs. Turkey—an indoor affair—the Merkel High School Football squad, backed up by the Pep Squad and 34 invited guests, counted a grand total of 130 to 0, the first representing the persons present at the annual Football-Pep Squad banquet held in the Commu-nity Center Thursday night of last week and the latter figure being fully descriptive of the tally of their meaty opponents, entirely eliminated in the skirmish.

The hall was attractively decorat-ed in school colors of purple and gold, and miniature football goals colored purple and gold held the place cards. Two large football goals were arranged on the tables at each end of the hall.

Principal speaker for the occasion was Rev. W. E. King, pastor of the University Baptist church, Abilene, who was introduced by Melba Cook, one of the co-castmistresses. Stat-ing that every one is "a bundle of habits," he urged the football boys to carry the lessons learned on the gridiron into the game of life. He illustrated his talk with facts about boys who played on his high school and college team—how they played the game and then how they played the game of life, summing up his message: "A boy usually plays the game of life the same way he played football."

Food for the traditional banquet was prepared and served by the mothers of Pep Squad members, as-sisted by mothers of the football players. The menu consisted of fruit cocktail, turkey, dressing, gravy, cranberries, pear salad, rolls, angel food squares, ice cream and coffee.

Serving as joint toastmistress with Melba Cook was Ina Ruth Shouse. The program was introduced with the school song, every one joining in, followed by the invocation by Supt. R. A. McCollum, and these musical numbers: piano selections by T. D. Compton; a vocal solo, "Good Old Days," by James Bartlett; a duet, "Turkey Hash," sung by James Bartlett and Jerold Salter; a vocal duet, "Till We Meet Again" and "Moonlight and Roses," by Clara Dwiggins and Sandra Sadler; a solo, "The End of a Perfect Day" and "Painting Purple and Gold," by Joy Nalley, concluding with a quartet number, "Boys of the Old Brigade," sung by Joy Nalley and Clara Dwiggins, Jerold Salter and James Bartlett.

Coach Carroll Benson spoke brief-ly, saying in the course of his re-marks that the boys' fighting spirit this year more than made up for their lack of native football ability. He put forth the challenge that next year's eleven would have to work hard to measure up to this season's championship organization. Mrs. Myrtle Woolley, sponsor of the Pep Squad, also spoke briefly.

Gifts were presented to Dr. W. T. Sadler, the team physician, and to Coach Carroll Benson, respectively, by Co-Captains, Sanford Carr and Hubert Peterson.

After the address by Rev. Mr. King, the program was closed by the audience singing "I Love Each Brick and Stone."

Special guests were: Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Messrs. and Mesdames Chester Collinsworth, Edwin Read, Claude Warren, Earle Watts, Nathan Wood, P. C. Wyhe, R. A. McCollum, J. W. Jennings, T. D. Compton, Arthur McCoy, Carroll Ben-son, Mr. and Mrs. Woolley; Mesdames Lila Yoeham, Ruth Perkins, Comer Haynes; Miss Juddie Tyree; Rev. W. E. King, Messrs. Clyde Bartlett, Russell Clark, C. A. Far-ley.

## Trained Animal Show Comes Tuesday, Jan. 7

Rose and Mack McCall, presenting one of the most outstanding trained animal shows ever brought to the Southwest, will appear at the High School gym at 3 p. m. Tuesday, Jan. 7. Tickets, priced at 10 and 25 cents, will be sold at the Grade School building.

The show includes "Spangle," the world's most versatile trained pony with a thrilling repertoire of tricks, talking, posing and pickouts, and also an unusual dog act, using five white Siberian Samoyedes and one Siberian Husky.

## TO OPEN CAGE SEASON HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

The Merkel High School Badgers will meet the tough Abilene Christian College Demonstration School quintet here Friday night to open the 1946-47 basketball season.

The second stringers will clash at 7:00 and the regulars at 8:00. Ad-mission will be 30 cents and 15 cents.

The veteran Abilene five is rated as one of the outstanding cage teams of West Texas, having already de-feated Eula, Hawley, Anson and Winters thus far in this season.

Although Coach Benson has sev-eral boys back from last year's team which won second place in District 5A West, his Badgers are not given much of a chance of upsetting the powerful Wild Kittens. Benson has indicated that he will probably start James Land at center, Billy Pat Nash and William Shoemaker at for-wards and Robert Hodge and Jimmy Walker at guards.

No other practice games have been slated in preparation for the confer-ence race which gets under way Fri-day night, Jan. 10, with Merkel en-tertaining the Colorado City Wolves.

## Rites Held Wednesday For Arch McWilliams

Trent, Jan. 2.—Funeral services were held from the Church of Christ here Wednesday afternoon for Arch Elliott McWilliams, 40, whose body was found Monday in the Red River bottom near Eldorado, Okla., after crew members of a freight train crossing the Red River bridge had reported seeing a body. He had been working with a construction company at Quanah and was said to have died of exposure after having apparently become lost in the brush of the river bottom.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lena McWilliams, and two children, Jerry and Tillie, all of whom had been making their home in Trent with Mrs. Zilla Bright, mother of Mrs. McWilliams. Three sisters and three brothers also survive.

## Assembly of God Pastor Announces Revival

Rev. H. S. Earp, pastor of the As-sembly of God church, announces that Rev. Edwin Smith of Tyler was to begin a revival Thursday night of this week at the local church. Serv-ices will be held each night at 7:15, with special music every night.

## Pastor Accepts Call To Eastland Church

Minister Claud Smith, who has served the local Church of Christ as pastor for the past 5½ years, accepted a call to the Church of Christ at Eastland to begin duties Jan. 1, and when the weather per-mits he and his wife and daughter, Carol Ann, expect to go to their new home.

The Mail joins with the congrega-tion of the Church of Christ in ex-pressing regret at the departure of this fine preacher and his family.

## CALL ELECTION JAN. 11 TO NAME SEVEN TRUSTEES

Number of Names Already Sub-mitted For Place on Ballot; All Qualified Voters in Dis-trict Eligible To Vote.

An election to name seven trustee for the newly formed ten-school con-solidated district has been called by the board of trustees of the Merkel Independent School district to be held Jan. 11, 1947, in the city hall at Merkel. This action is in keep-ing with the announced plan of the board before the ten district consolidation election last August whereby the board members agreed to resign as soon as all legal matters pertaining to the forming of the new district could be arranged, all these matters having now been completed. Every qualified voter in the Merkel In-dependant School district is eligible to vote.

Names of any qualified voter may be printed on the ballot as a candi-date in either of the following ways:

1. The legally qualified voter may sign a request that his name be placed on the ballot and send this request to County Judge Wiley Caffey, Abilene.

2. A petition bearing the signa-tures of five qualified voters of the Merkel Independent School district, requesting that the name of some other qualified voter be placed on the printed ballot may be sent to County Judge Wiley Caffey, Abilene.

Blank petitions may be obtained from Supt. R. A. McCollum at his office.

All names must be in the office of County Judge Wiley Caffey, Abilene, not later than 3 p. m., Monday, Jan. 6, 1947, if they are to be printed on the ballot.

Up to Tuesday afternoon, names of the following men had been sub-mitted for places on the ballot—and others may be added: Buster Hor-ton, Weldon McAninch, Bob Fowler, Horace Boney, Roy Kelso, J. F. Mil-ler, Grover Gilbert, Calvin Irvin, Tommy Patterson, Earl Hughes, M. H. Ely, Earl Beech, D. W. McLean, Johnny Jacobs, Johnny Hammond and Austin Robertson.

The present board of trustees has asked The Mail to express their appreciation to the community for their co-operation in making the Mer-kel schools more efficient for the good of the children. Nathan Wood is board president; Clyde Bartlett, secretary, and other members are George Woodrum, Ray Wilson, Riggs Sheppard, Earle Watts and Claude Warren.

## Lamesa Preacher to Hold Nazarene Revival

With Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Holder of Lamesa as special workers, a re-vival will begin Wednesday night, Jan. 8, at the Church of the Nazarene, it is announced by Mrs. J. D. Roedler, the pastor. Mrs. Holder will have charge of the singing.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, January 7, 1927.)

### MANY BUSINESS CHANGES FIRST OF THE YEAR.

During the holidays and since the first of the year there have been quite a few changes in business firms and locations; among others we notice that Dr. R. I. Grimes and Dr. Sadler have moved offices to the West building over Bragg Dry Goods Co.; Dr. H. P. Hulsey has moved to the Boney building, occupying the offices formerly occupied by Dr. Gambill, who now has the offices formerly used by Dr. Grimes.

Mr. E. L. Turner, for many years one of Merkel's most popular cafe men, has closed his cafe preparatory to opening same again in a few days in the building next door west, formerly occupied by the J. D. Porter grocery, which business has been dis-continued. Mr. Turner now owns this and will completely remodel it before moving his cafe into the new loca-tion where he will have a nice up-to-date cafe.

Mr. J. F. (Shorty) Holloway in-forms us that he will re-open his cafe about the 15th and that it will be modern and one of the nicest in the city. Mr. Gilbert, who conducted a barber shop in the building with

the Holloway cafe, states that he will soon re-open with new and up-to-date fixtures. The Carson grocery building is being overhauled, painted and papered for the new stock of groceries to be opened soon as the Hokus Pokus grocery.

The Carson grocery stock has been moved into the Daniel building oc-cupied by the Lowe-Brackeen Chevrolet Co., who moved into the new C. T. Derrick building on Front street, next door west of Everybody's garage. The Wood Tire company has been discontinued at present. The Dunning Drug store has been moved to the Crenshaw block, next door west of Oasis Filing station on Front street.

On Dec. 25, 1926, Elder W. G. Cypert happily pronounced the ceremony that united in marriage Mr. Grover Gilbert and Miss Mildred Holloway in the presence of a few good friends. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway while the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Gilbert and both are very popular among their many friends who extend congratulations and good wishes.



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### RURAL SOCIETY

#### CARR-WEEKS.

In a pretty Christmas Eve ceremony at the Baptist parsonage Perry Louise Weeks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Weeks of Noodle, and Grady Carr, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carr, also of Noodle, were united in marriage. Rev. E. M. Weathers read the vows at 3 p. m.

The bride, who is a 1945 graduate of Avoca high school, was given in marriage by her father. She wore a black sequined dress with black accessories.

Janie Weeks, who served as her sister's bridesmaid, wore an aqua blue dress with black accessories.

The bridegroom attended the Noodle-Horn school and was in service three years. Billie Williams attended him as best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Weeks entertained with a supper to honor the couple after the wedding. They are at home in Fort Worth.

#### GOODMAN CLUB.

The Goodman Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Karl Bonneaux on Friday, Dec. 20, for the Christmas party. Games were directed by Mrs. Bonneaux and after the gifts were distributed delicious refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames T. T. Carey, H. C. Smith, Charles Carter, Frank Carter, J. T. Tiner and L. E. Gade, Margie Carey, Jean Miller, David, Diane and Sallie Marie Carter and Latrelle Bright.

#### BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club will meet Jan. 7 at the clubhouse with the new officers, Mrs. Wade Ensminger president, Mrs. Ford Butman, council member, and Mrs. Dewel McLean, secretary, presiding. All members are requested to be present.

#### Former Resident Dies.

Attending the funeral of J. M. Robertson at Colorado City on Wednesday, Dec. 18, were Mr. and Mrs. David Watkins and Mrs. Charles Davis. Mr. Robertson, who formerly lived at Merkel, was the father of Lon Robertson, also formerly of Merkel but now residing in Colorado City.

#### Birth Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Egger of Galveston are announcing the birth of a daughter, Pamela Sue born at Saint Mary's hospital on Dec. 11. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer of Lawn. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Egger of Nolan. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer, Sr.

### PERSONALS

Spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter, were Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Lassiter of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Peters and daughter, Judy, of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Bradshaw of Mineola were Christmas visitors with her father, T. H. Russom, and her brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hayes had with them for Christmas three of their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Black of Rotan, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Gheen of Houston and Mrs. L. E. Allen, and son, Don, of Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Douglas and children spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglass, at Ruidoso, N. M., and the Paul Douglasses came back with them for a visit "home."

Doyle Garrett, Waco attorney, was a visitor during the holidays with his sisters here, Mrs. R. J. Miller and Mrs. Hob Robertson, and a sister at Sweetwater, Mrs. G. H. Bullock.

Misses Sue and Mildred Bird, who spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bird, returned Friday after Christmas to San Francisco, Calif. They accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Verner Hester, also of San Francisco, who visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hester and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Horton.

Mrs. M. Armstrong and daughter, Mrs. Johnny Cox, visited in Fort Worth during Christmas week with their son and brother, Dr. Frank Armstrong, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones of Dallas spent Christmas day with his mother, Mrs. G. J. Jones, who is spending the winter in the home of a daughter here, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes.

Christmas visitors in the Frank Hamm home were Mr. and Mrs. Guy Darsey and Jane, from Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hill and two sons, Gary and David Bruce, of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm and family of Colorado City and Mr. and Mrs. Byers Petty and Marilyn and Bill, from Abilene.

Witnessing Odessa win the state championship Saturday in Austin were Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Sandra and Sue. Mrs. Sadler was a guest of the Jerry Sadlers, while Sandra and Sue visited with Jane Darsey.

Bobby Mayfield, who spent Christmas week with his aunt, Miss Mary Anne Mayfield on a ranch at Midland, returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. A. R. Johnston and son, Jodie, of Santo, who were holiday visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White, were joined the latter part of the week by Mr. Johnston.

Visiting right after Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Lee were Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Fry and daughter, Eva Rose, from Washington, D. C., and Miss Eva Fry from San Angelo, nephew and niece of Mrs. Lee.

Visitors from Monday to Friday during Christmas week with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard, were their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Sheppard, and Mrs. Sterling Sheppard's mother, Mrs. G. W. Lingwiler, all of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Harper and children of Hamilton were holiday visitors in the homes of her sisters, Mrs. R. J. Miller and Mrs. Hob Robertson.

Dick West, formerly of the reporter staff of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times, spent the holidays with his parents, Mayor and Mrs. H. C. West, and reported from here to Atlanta, Ga., for duty with the

### Death Claims Brother Of Two Merkel Women

W. C. Calvert, 74, a former resident of Merkel and brother of two Merkel women, Mrs. C. K. Russell and Mrs. Lizzie Latham, died in his sleep at his farm home three miles south of Sweetwater some time Sunday.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Tuesday from the First Presbyterian church at Sweetwater, of which Mr. Calvert had served as a deacon more than 20 years, and burial was in a Sweetwater cemetery.

Mr. Calvert came to Merkel with his parents in 1890 and lived here about 15 years, moving from here to Trent where he engaged in farming and later to Sweetwater where he became Nolan county's first agricultural extension agent, a position he filled until he resigned.

Surviving are his wife, two sons, W. D. of Sweetwater and John of Maryneal, and three sisters, Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Latham, Merkel, and Mrs. John Morgan, Dallas.

Attending the funeral from here were Mesdames Russell and Latham, Mr. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson, who were joined by Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan of Dallas.

#### United Press association.

Mrs. S. A. Derstine, who is spending the winter in Austin, and Miss Mary Derstine, supervisor, and Sammy Derstine, who is attending the State school at Austin, were home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Addy and daughter, Patricia, of Chandler, Ariz., and Mrs. William R. Reeves of Riverside, Calif., who spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews, returned home on Friday following Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pratt of Detroit, Texas, were holiday visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren M. White of Houston were out to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell, returning home last Sunday.

On Sunday before Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson met their son, Truett, at Dallas and he spent Christmas week here with them, returning last Monday to his home in Indianapolis, Ind. Because of illness, his wife was unable to accompany him.

Mr. and Mrs. Cayton F. Knox of Norman, Okla., were home to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell. Other guests in the Russell home were Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Dean, of Hollywood, Calif., were holiday visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes.

Mrs. Ross Ferric visited during the holidays with her son, Ross Ferric, Jr., and family, in Fort Worth.

Robert I. Grimes, who has accepted a position with McKessons-Robbins, spent a few days here Christmas week with his sister, Mrs. Pete West, going from here to San Antonio, where he is being transferred from Little Rock, Ark.

Bill Vernon, son of Mrs. Bud Lincum, and a sophomore at Southwestern university, Georgetown, was home during the Christmas holidays visiting his mother and other relatives here.

Their many friends will regret the removal of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter to Abilene, where Mr. Sumpter is to be the county jailer under the new sheriff, H. T. Fleming.

Edwin J. Renfro left Tuesday night for Silver Springs, Md., where he will attend a six-months' training course at the National Institute

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Another year has ended . . . another year is starting. It's time to look back . . . it's a time to look ahead. It's an opportunity for our bank to pause and extend congratulations to the residents of Merkel for progress shown here the past year . . . progress reflected in the increased figures on our year end statement of condition. To the community as a whole and each of you as individuals, we say "Thank you" for the part you have played in local development . . . and we pledge a continuation of the dependable service that has justified your confidence in this bank in the past. Looking ahead—1947 should be a good year with excellent prospects and many opportunities in this territory. We hope it will be a year of happiness, prosperity, and good health for you and your family . . . our many wishes are summed up best with the old greeting—

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE OLD RELIABLE

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of Cleaners and Dyers. He was accompanied as far as Washington, D. C., by his mother, Mrs. L. J. Renfro. During the past six years, when he has been associated with his father in the City Dry Cleaners here, Edwin has applied himself thoroughly and will be in position for the advanced training.

supply. He shipped from Camp Lawton, Wash.

#### Hospital Notes

Clarence Hudson underwent surgery at Sadler Clinic on Dec. 26. Little Judy Blair, daughter of Captain and Mrs. R. T. Blair, received a tonsillectomy Dec. 26.

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### With Our Boys

Pfc. Billy Bob Douglas has returned to base at Dallas after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas and other relatives and friends here and at Odessa.

Scaman 2-C Jimmy McKeever is home on 13-day leave from his base at San Diego, Calif., visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever.

Pvt. R. G. Palmer, who is attending technicians' school at Keesler Field, Miss., was home on a 10-day holiday furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Palmer.

After a 20-day leave from Inyokern, Calif., Seaman 1-C Dorman Clark, who visited with his mother during the holidays, was due to return Jan. 2 to his base.

Pfc. James Burnell Teaff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Teaff, who left the States Nov. 8, arrived Dec. 4 at Shemya, Aleutian Islands, where he is serving with the QM Detachment

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Now that the Holiday season is over, let us pause to reflect on the value of these and other pleasant holidays to civilization. Holidays—you know—were originally, and still remain, days to be set apart for exemption from hard labor.

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### Statement of Condition Farmers & Merchants National Bank MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of Business December 31, 1946

| RESOURCES                        |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Loans                            | \$320,925.21   |
| Overdrafts                       | 744.87         |
| Stock in Federal Reserve Bank    | 3,000.00       |
| Furniture and Fixtures           | 1,000.00       |
| AVAILABLE CASH AND QUICK ASSETS: |                |
| Bills of Exchange                | \$ 12,318.89   |
| CCC Certificates of Interest     | 678.48         |
| United States Bonds and Warrants | 187,000.00     |
| Other Bonds and Warrants         | 10,370.42      |
| Cash and Due from Banks          | 2,634,833.72   |
|                                  | \$2,845,201.51 |
| Total                            | \$3,170,869.59 |

| LIABILITIES                      |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Capital Stock                    | \$ 50,000.00   |
| Surplus                          | 50,000.00      |
| Undivided Profits                | 18,157.53      |
| Dividend (Payable Dec. 31, 1946) | 2,500.00       |
| DEPOSITS                         | 3,050,212.06   |
| Total                            | \$3,170,869.59 |

The above statement is correct.

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Oil heater, like new, \$27.50. Kitchen cabinet, very nice, \$20.00. Drop leaf table and 4 chairs, \$16.50. White extension table, \$9.50. Buffet, good, \$22.50. Three good rocking chairs. 5-tube RCA radio, \$12.50. Folding ironing boards, new and strong, only \$2.25. See us for upholstery.

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**DECENT SIZE** fruit trees; peaches, plums, 65 cents; apples, cherries, 75 cents; apricots, 99 cents; pears, \$1.50; pecans, \$3.00; shrubs, evergreens; also fine OIC pigs, bread gilts, fat hogs. Shanks Nursery and Hog Farm, Clyde, Texas. "Largest Apple Orchard in Texas."

**FOR SALE**—Farmall regular tractor, motor in first class shape, new rubber all around; also small International feed mill. W. T. Curb.

**FOR SALE**—Butane plants and appliances; 150 gallon plants installed, \$198.50; includes filling of gas first time, five openings. Nolan Palmer.

**FOR SALE**—Farmall (reg) tractor, also equipment. O. N. McLean, Merkel.

### FOR RENT

**FOR RENT**—2-room furnished apartment. Mrs. A. H. Thornton. Phone 76.

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**NOTICE**—Will pay top prices for scrap iron, junk car batteries, junk car radiators, aluminum, brass or any metal. If you do not have a way to bring it in, call 286 and my truck will pick it up. Bowles Plumbing Shop.

**WANT** to buy a Butane bottle. Dee Moore, Route 3, Merkel.

**WANTED**—Wet wash, rough dry and finished work, first house north of steam laundry. Mrs. C. A. Derrick and Mrs. Bud Linescum.

**SEE** Lendon A. Coats for water well drilling. Phone 281W.

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**WATER WELL DRILLING**—I have 2 machines; all work guaranteed. B. T. Sublett, Box 206, Merkel.

**AGENT** for Abilene Reporter-News, Dallas Morning News. Bert Melton, office on Kent street. Phone 282.

### LODGE CALLS

**NOTICE MASONS**  
Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., Saturday, January 4, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present. Visiting brethren cordially invited.  
O. B. Leach, W. M.  
Andy Shouse, Sec'y.

### LEGAL NOTICE

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: Domicio Formento, Greeting:  
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 10th day of February, A. D. 1946, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 26th day of December, 1946. The file number of said suit being No. 15,130-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Alma Formento as Plaintiff, and Domicio Formento as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about December 4, 1942, in Watertown, New York, and lived together until on or about May 1,

## In The Churches

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Due to the severe cold spell that arrived Saturday night, total attendance at the Sunday Schools in Merkel was only 455, as compared with 619 on the same Sunday a year ago.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Offering for Reynolds home. Morning sermon at 11, followed by holy communion. Children meet at 6:30 p. m. Evening service at 7 o'clock. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening.

D. S. Neel, Pastor.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday: Bible School at 9:45 a. m.; preaching 10:50 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m.

Minister E. S. Hughes of Ackerley will be present and fill the pulpit Sunday.

Reporter.

### NAZARENE CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11. NYPS at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 7. Prayer meeting at 7 p. m. Wednesday.

Mrs. J. D. Roedler, Pastor.

### ASSEMBLY OF GOD.

Sunday School at 3 p. m. Preaching services at 4 p. m. and 8 p. m. Services every Thursday night.

H. S. Earp, Pastor.

### METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. MYF and juniors meet at 6 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7 p. m. Wednesday.

L. M. Brown, Pastor.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Morning sermon at 11:00. Training Union at 6:00. Evening sermon at 7:00.

Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.

Merle Weathers, Pastor

### FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

B. W. Wallis, Pastor.

### NEW LIVE OAK CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. each Sunday. Preaching each second and fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

John A. Martin, Pastor

### PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS.

Regular meeting fourth Sunday in January, beginning Friday night, Jan. 24, Saturday 11 a. m. and night and Sunday, 11 a. m., at the band house. All members are invited to be present, as we are preparing to assemble a church here at this time. Elder B. R. Howze of Big Spring and other visiting preachers will be with us.

Reporter.

## Reunions in Many Homes Make Happy Holiday Season

For the first time in five years all of the children of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray were home for Christmas: Lt. Com. Gordon Murray, U. S. Navy, Newport, R. I. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Murray and children, Midland, Capt. and Mrs. James Ben-shoff, Rome, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Johnston, Tampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook had all their children home for Christmas the first time in four years. Taking Christmas dinner in the Cook home were S-Sgt. and Mrs. John W. Cook and little daughter, Linda Beth, from Biloxi, Miss. Miss Pauline Cook from Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Healer and two sons, Marion and James, Merkel, and Betty Joyce Cook, S-Sgt. James S. Worlds from Camp Hood and Alvin Johnson Jennings, Thomas and Zeldia Fay Stevens all came up from Ranger, and Miss Pauline Cook returned with them. Also a visitor was L. V. Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Imes and children, formerly of North Hollywood, Calif., are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Largent and daughter, Lou Ann, who were here most of December, have gone to their new home in Elizabethtown, N. C. Their son, Tommy, was also home from San Marcos Military academy for Christmas. Other guests in the Largent home were Mr. and Mrs. Imes, parents of Mr. Imes, and Mr. and Mrs. Clint Garrett and two sons, all of Tulsa, Okla., and Mrs. J. C. Howerton of Alamo.

Charles Church of Marfa was home to spend the Christmas holidays with his sister, Mrs. E. B. Wallace. Also Pvt. Oscar Bonnie Church and wife, of San Antonio, were present at the same time. This was Charles' first Christmas to be home in four years with his folks, having spent two Christmases overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins and as guests during Christmas week, her sister, Mrs. Floy Massey, of Denton, and family. The visitors included three married children of Mrs. Massey and their families: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ed Massey and baby, of Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Wick Massey and son and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Derden and daughter, Suzanne, of Texas City. Another guest was Hoyt Starr of Denton. For New Year's, guests in the Collins home were Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Wright, of Glendale, Calif., an uncle of Mrs. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Smith had in their home for Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and son, Ulysses, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hendricks and sons, Ernest, Jr., and D. C., Mrs. George Woods and children, G. F., Minnie, Perry Lee and Joy Ann, and a great-granddaughter, Vita Ann. Visitors later in the day were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and family, Jimmy, Kenneth, Wesley and Audie, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith and son, Claude Thomas.

Guests for Christmas dinner in the J. I. Ford home were Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bird and two daughters, Sue and Mildred, from San Francisco, Calif., and son, T. J., Jr.; Mrs. Lucy Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft, Capt. and Mrs. R. T. Blair and Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ford

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and Jimmy, Odessa, A. B. Ford, of Stith, a brother of J. I. Ford, and Richard Dixon, a guest from Odessa.

Spending Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Benningfield and daughter, Shirley, were Mrs. S. S. Benningfield and son, George, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Benningfield and three children, Vera, Billy and Leroy, all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Mize and three children, Mary Ruth, George and Luby Jean, all of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Benningfield and daughter, Mary Sue, of Seagraves; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rich and three children, Maxine, Buddy and Baby Sue, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Grady O. Carr, Fort Worth; Mrs. Johnny Mitchell and two sons, Richard and Kenneth, of Phoenix, Ariz. and Mrs. Annie Scott of Merkel. Visitors for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Daniels and children, Jewel, Wanda, Helen and Don Warren, Mrs. Fannie Buchanan and daughter, Reta, and Mrs. Louise Garcia and daughter, Jessie Marie, of Benavides.

Home to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch, were Misses Bonnie McAninch of Fort Worth, Wilma McAninch of Dallas and Aline McAninch, who teaches at Raton, N. M. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Earthman of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor of Blue Ridge.

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| Delicious Apples, lb. .... 12 1/2c | 48's Lettuce, head .... 12c |
| Texas Oranges, lb. .... 7 1/2c     | Carrots, 2 for .... 15c     |
| Cabbage, lb. .... 6c               | Yamboree Yams, lb. .... 9c  |

## Red & White COFFEE 1 Pound ..... 43c

|                                  |                                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| NO. 1— IDAHO—                    | CAMPBELL'S—                     |
| Russetts, 5 lb. .... 23c         | Tomato Soup, No. 1 can .... 10c |
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| Cane Syrup, No. 5 can .... 69c   | Apple Sauce, No. 2 can .... 25c |
| GERBERS—                         | IRELAND—                        |
| Baby Good, 3 cans .... 23c       | Chili, No. 2 can .... 48c       |
| DUFF'S— GINGER—                  | GOLD BAR—                       |
| Bread Mix, 14 oz. .... 25c       | Catsup, 14 ounce .... 25c       |
| MOTT'S—                          | TEXAS—                          |
| Apple Juice, qt. .... 33c        | Honey, 2 pounds .... 89c        |
| R and W— TOMATO—                 |                                 |
| Juice, No. 2 can 15c; 46 oz. 35c |                                 |

## Red and White CAKE FLOUR Box ..... 39c

## MEAT MARKET DEPARTMENT

|                                       |                              |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Beef Seven Roast, lb. .... 35c        | Dry Salt Bacon, lb. .... 36c |
| Star Picnics, lb. .... 45c            | Pork Chops, lb. .... 49c     |
| Star Bulk Sausage, lb. .... 42c       | Loaf Cheese, lb. .... 58c    |
| <b>PORK SHOULDER ROAST, pound 42c</b> |                              |

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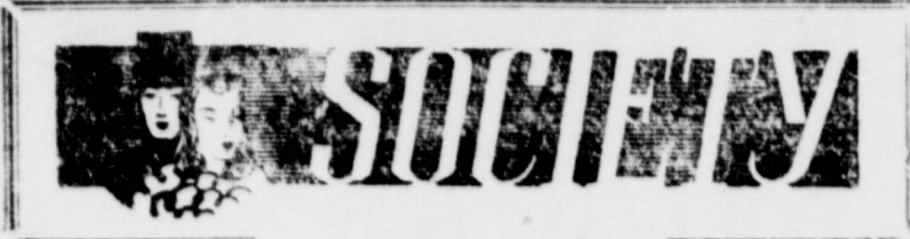
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**WEDDING BELLS AND CHRISTMAS BELLS "RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW" CLIMAXING MOST FESTIVE HOLIDAY IN MANY LONG YEARS FOR MERKEL.**

Miss Jo Finley Knox, Vincent Barnett Marry in Pretty Home Wedding Dec. 22.

The home of Mrs. F. B. Knox, 782 Grand avenue, Abilene, was the scene of a pretty home wedding Dec. 22 when their daughter, Jo Finley, became the bride of Vincent Barnett. The vows were taken before an archway decorated with beautiful cut flowers with a picture window in the background. Rev. D. S. Neel, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, read the ceremony at high noon using the double ring rites.

Ramona Wright, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. C. F. Knox, sister-in-law of the bride, sang "I Love You Truly" and "I Love Thee" as pre-nuptial solos and Mrs. Knox played a medley of love songs during the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and her sister, Ima Elizabeth Knox, was her only attendant. Griffin Barnett served his brother as best man.

Mrs. Barnett is a graduate of Abilene high school and McMurry college where she was a member of Alpha Theta Nu Literary club and the Chanters. She is a very popular member of the faculty of the grammar school in which capacity she has made many friends during her two years residence here. She was very beautiful in a gaborine dressmaker suit for her wedding. Her shoulder corsage was an orchid.

Mr. Barnett is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett. Following graduation from Merkel High school he served five years in the Army with three years in the European theater of operations. He is now associated with his brother in the wholesale oil business and is respected as one of Merkel's splendid young business men.

A reception at the Knox home followed the ceremony. Mildred Ann Knox, cousin of the bride, presided at the bride's book. Miss Geneva Knox, also a cousin, served the three-tiered wedding cake from the lace-laid table and Miss Verna Deane Knox, also a cousin, poured coffee to relatives and close friends of the couple.

**TWILIGHT CEREMONY UNITES GENEVIEVE ROBERTSON AND CALVIN C. STEVENS.**

Miss Genevieve Robertson became the lovely bride of Calvin C. Stevens in a twilight ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 28. The home of the bride's parents was beautifully decorated for the occasion and Rev. Marvin E. Burgess, pastor of the Westella Baptist church, read the double ring ceremony at six o'clock.

Pre-nuptial music was furnished by Mrs. Comer Haynes, who accompanied June and Joy Nalley as they sang "Always" and "A Perfect Day" and played "I Love You Truly" during the ceremony. Attendants were Miss Reba Rae Kingsbury as maid of honor and Tom B. Jeffrey of Golan served as best man.

The bride is the talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robertson, well known family of the Salt Branch

community. She was a very popular graduate of Merkel High school and is attending Hardin-Simmons university. She was modishly attired in winter white for her wedding with corsage of fuchsia nerine. Miss Kingsbury also wore white with similar corsage of fuchsia nerine.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stevens of Golan. He is a graduate of the high school at Noodle and he served 26 months in the Navy after attending Hardin-Simmons university one year. The couple will live at 640 Grape and continue their studies in Hardin-Simmons university following a short wedding trip to San Antonio.

**ANNUAL LOG HUNT.**

Thirteen failed to produce evil spirits, bad luck or to dampen the gay Christmas spirit of the eleven couples, guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, in their thirteenth annual Yule log party in the lodge at their Noodle-Hereford ranch on Thursday night, Dec. 19, 1946.

With mesquite logs as fuel, flames from the crackling fire roared up the chimney of the huge fireplace to spread warmth and good cheer as guests and hosts gathered around the long table in the center of the lodge. All were of the opinion that this year the tree and table decorations were even more beautiful and unique than had been on any previous occasion.

A huge popcorn ball served as centerpiece, flanked on either side by numerous "Old Faithful" tall white candles, which after being lighted erupted in variegated colors. Candles in the shape of snowballs served as place cards for the women, while those for the men were similar except made in the shape of a hat. Nandina berries, mistletoe, cedar and holly were strewn about the table, where tiny reindeer paused as if munching on the berries of each Nandina sprig.

A giant-sized baby beef tom turkey accompanied by all the usual culinary delights was served in beautiful pottery in the traditional Christmas red and green colors.

After the dinner was completed the hunt for the Yule log was on. Flashlights were seen in various directions in the pasture as the coveted prize was sought. The host, Bill Brown, and Mrs. Tom Largent were the lucky couple and received a box of candy as a reward for finding the log, decorated and hidden by Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler.

After spending some time around a large bonfire, many of the group went on an inspection tour of the new barn nearing completion before returning to the lodge. This barn, when completed, will be the largest and most modern of any for show cattle in all West Texas.

While waiting for Santa Claus to distribute presents, various games were played. In the game of darts, some made good scores, others even missed the board. Mrs. Vick Tippett was high scorer. Writing of jingles using in the first sentence the middle name of the ladies present demonstrated the poetic ability of some of the writers. Dee Grimes and Mrs. Roy Largent were first to complete their jingle, and Tom Largent and Mrs. Dee Grimes were declared to have written the best jingle. Colored picture slides of "The Nativity" were shown, with Mr. and Mrs. Yates Brown singing duets of Christmas

carols. Roy Largent sang "Silent Night."

A check of signatures in the guest book revealed those enjoying the hospitality of the hosts to be Messrs. and Mesdames E. Yates Brown, of Midland, Vick Tippett, San Angelo, Booth Warren, Tom Largent, S. D. Gamble, Roy Largent, Dee Grimes Johnny Cox, Willie Joe Largent, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY RHYMED.**

'Twas the week B4 Christmas And the wind in the north, The King's Daughters donned head rags And all sallied forth.

By the time we arrived all tired and fagged, We found the door open at Dear Mrs. Bragg's. Assisting the hostess and on the job Were the 3 musketeers, Coats, Cox and Cobb.

Our able president, Mrs. Charley Russell,

Tells us what to do and, oh, how we hustle; The spirit of Christmas was in the air, Helpful and thoughtful was Mrs. Collins' prayer.

Mr. Pinekey read of Jesus from II even sent down.

Appropriate songs led by Mrs. Leroy Brown.

A Christmas story by Mrs. Walter Best we could remember, this was the thought:

Better to love than to have, Though our love seems small; That giving oneself Is the best gift of all.

After being served, we talked one and all, Then to the dining room to find Santa Claus; Seventeen members and visitors four, So happy to have you, please come some more.

—Substitute Reporter.

**COBB-JOHNSON.**

Miss Dorothy Johnson became the bride of Mr. Paul Cobb on Friday, Dec. 22, at 11:30 a. m. in the Eastwood Baptist church in Houston.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mrs. R. C. Ervin of Merkel, attended East Texas State college and has resided in Houston for the past several years.

Mr. Cobb, the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Cobb of Commerce, attended East Texas State college and served 55 months with the Seventh Division in the American and Asiatic-Pacific theaters. He is now connected with the Anderson Clayton Exchange, at Houston.

After a wedding trip to Galveston the couple is at home at 4313 Rust street, Houston.

**TEEN-AGE PARTY.**

The Fortnightly Study club were hostesses to approximately 190 youths at the inaugural Teen-Age party. The Christmas Fun festival was held at the Community Center building on Saturday night, Dec. 21.

Wreaths, colored balloons and Christmas candles gave a festive note to the occasion. Bingo, darts, dominoes, flinch and other games and music and folk dancing furnished the entertainment. At the refresh-

ment hour, punch and cookies were served from a Christmas decorated table.

Committees in charge of arrangements were General supervisor, Mrs. Wrenn Durham; Bingo, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. Pete West; music, Mrs. W. T. Sadler; other games, Mrs. N. T. Hodge, Mrs. Elma McFarland; refreshments, Mrs. Weldon McAninch, Mrs. Carroll Benson and Mrs. Paul West.

**WEDDING DATE NAMED.**

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Herring of Stamford announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth, to James W. Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox of Noodle, formerly of Sylvester.

The wedding ceremony will be performed at the First Baptist church in Stamford on Jan. 17 at 7 p. m. Friends and acquaintances of the couple are invited to attend. No formal invitations will be mailed.

The prospective bridegroom is a student in Hardin-Simmons university, Abilene, and his fiancée was formerly a student there.

**BRADLEY-RISTER.**

The marriage of Miss Atza Rister, daughter of Mrs. C. C. Rister of Hawley, and J. D. Bradley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bradley, took place Saturday, Dec. 21, at the home of the bride's mother, with Rev. W. T. Hamor of Abilene officiating.

The bride, who attended school at Hawley, wore a gray suit with black accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. Norma Westbrook, niece of the bride, was bridesmaid. She wore a pink taffeta dress with blue accessories.

The bridegroom attended Stith and Merkel schools and was in service 18 months, with nine months overseas duty. He is employed at his father's shop here, Dan Royall was best man.

The couple is at home in the J. J. White apartment on Oak street.

**MERKEL HD CLUB.**

The Merkel Home Demonstration club will meet for their first 1947 meeting Friday, Jan. 17, at 2:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Don Riney. All members are urged by Mrs. Riney, club president, to be present so each one's year book can be filled out.

**EASTERN STAR.**

The December meeting of Merkel Chapter No. 212, Order of the Eastern Star, was held Tuesday evening, Dec. 24, in the Masonic hall, with the following present: Messrs. and Mes-

dames H. G. Smith, Arnold Armstrong, Bill Dunagin and Fred Price of Anson; Mesdames Aurra Johnson, C. O. Harris and H. C. Reid, Miss Frances Castles.

Mrs. Johnson read several interesting letters and Christmas cards

from grand officers and others and H. G. Smith gave an interesting talk.

If you have lost or found anything, want to buy or sell anything, let the folks know it through The Mail want ad column. They read it.

## FARMERS and RANCHMEN .. NOTICE

The deadline for making 1946 Income Estimate is Jan. 15, 1947. However, if you make your annual report for 1946 by Jan. 15, 1947, no estimate is required.

### R. O. ANDERSON

## THANKS AND GOOD WISHES

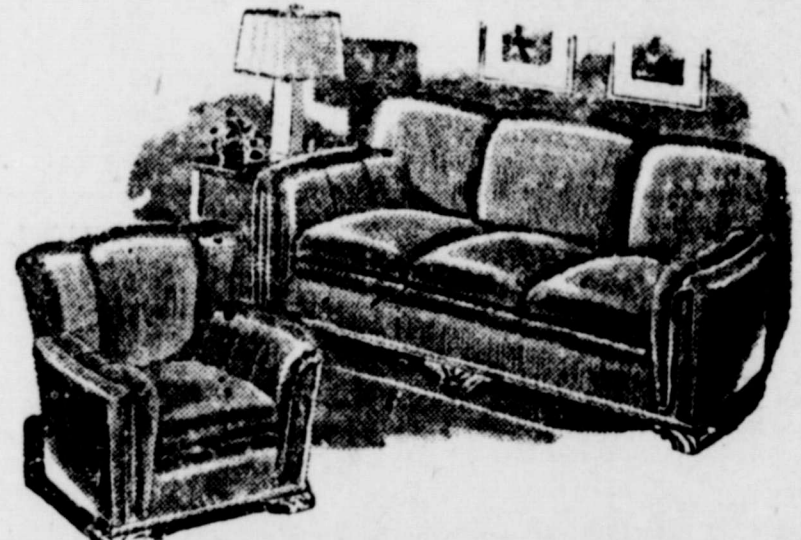
With the closing of the old year, we wish to take this opportunity to thank our friends and patrons for their loyal support during the past season and to bespeak their continued patronage when the next season rolls around. Assuring you of our appreciation of your friendship and wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year—

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