

### Contributions Needed To Keep Cemetery Clean and Neat

All those who have loved ones buried in Rose Hill and every citizen of Merkel and resident of this area have cause to be proud of the clean and neat appearance of the city's cemetery, thanks to the voluntary contributions to the Cemetery Maintenance fund the past two years.

In 1949, donations fell short by the expenses of the last two months of supporting the plan, as President A. T. Sheppard of the Merkel Cemetery association called attention to in last week's issue of The Merkel Mail.

The first week of the New Year started off with receipt of \$60.00 in contributions, with these added since:

Mrs. J. E. Tucker, Fort Worth \$ 2.50  
J. A. Horton 10.00  
Total to date \$72.50

### Named Supervisor for Census Operations

Abilene, Jan. 12.—Donald F. Pulver of Dallas, a 15-year veteran with the U. S. Census Bureau, has been named Abilene district supervisor for the forthcoming census, which begins April 1.

His assistant, previously named, is John M. Hembree, 1610 Sanderfer street.

Before coming here, Pulver was an assistant supervisor in the Dallas census office for three years. He is a native of Chattam, N. Y. He is married.

Pulver and Hembree attended a four day training school for district supervisors and their assistants, opening Monday in Dallas, after which they will return to Abilene to begin taking applications for census enumerators and office staff Jan. 16. About 300 persons will be needed. Applications will be taken from both men and women.

It will take about a month to finish census in towns of the area, and about two months in the rural areas, Pulver said. The counting will be done simultaneously in town and rural areas.

Abilene is headquarters for 12 counties. The office will be in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce building.

Counties in the district are Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Erath, Comanche and Hamilton.

### Prime Minister Calls General Election In Britain

London, Jan. 12.—Prime Minister Attlee called a general election Tuesday for Feb. 23.

Britain's 33 million voters will elect a new House of Commons in what promises to be one of the most bitterly fought contests in recent British history. The issue will be between Attlee's labor government, which in nearly five years of rule has espoused socialism, state planning and nationalization of industry, and Winston Churchill's Conservatives, who defend free enterprise. But both upheld "welfare state" schemes.

The election was called at a moment regarded by many as favorable to the Laborites, despite the recent defeats of two labor governments in New Zealand and Australia.

As Attlee made the announcement, he called in 68 ministers of less than cabinet rank to hear the news. Earlier he had told the full cabinet of his plans.

The statement said King George VI would dissolve the present parliament Feb. 3. The present parliament will not meet again.

The parties will nominate their candidates officially Feb. 13.

The new parliament will meet March 1.

Labor fills 390 of the 640 seats in the present house. The Conservatives have 194.

The Labor and Conservative parties are expected to nominate candidates for every one of the 625 seats in the new house.

A new representation law eliminated 15 seats of the old house.

Douglas Stuart, one of Britain's biggest bookmakers, quoted odds making the Labor Party the favorite. A person wishing to bet on the Labor Party has to put up 6 pounds to win 4 pounds if he's right. A person wishing to bet on the Conservatives can put up 4 pounds and, if that party comes through, he will win 5 pounds.

The old house was elected in July, 1945. Attlee took over on July 26, 1945, in the middle of the Potsdam Conference.

If the election is so close that no party wins a majority, Churchill or other leader could be asked to form a coalition government.

### Seventeen Girl Scouts Attend Meeting

There were seventeen Girl Scouts present when the organization met Monday afternoon at the club house. Three leaders, Mrs. June Hogan, Mrs. Clyde Eager and Mrs. P. C. Wylie, were present.

The girls are working hard and looking forward to receiving their first year badges.

### AUSTIN GIRL ON POLIO POSTER FOR 1950

Wanda Wiley en route to New York to Open March of Dimes Campaign; Visits President Truman in Washington.

Austin, Jan. 12.—Smiling, snaggle-toothed Wanda Wiley was on her way to New York Tuesday night to open the 1950 March of Dimes campaign for polio victims.

Her first stop will be in Washington, where she will visit President Truman.

Was she excited about that? "Oh Yes," was about all 8-year-old Wanda could say.

Wanda, the 1950 poster girl for the March of Dimes, is on her way to do her part for the dimes fund which saved her from possible death when polio snatched from her a carefree life in 1948.

She opens the national dimes appeal Jan. 16.

Apparently unconscious of the braces which encased her legs and the crutches that enabled her to walk, Wanda happily displayed her yellow tiger-lily corsage and new pair of brown gloves.

First to go on the train was a wheel chair which Wanda had hoped to leave at home. Plans had been to get a chair in Washington and New York if it was needed. But a chair just Wanda's size might have been hard to find, so her own is going with her.

Mrs. Lewis Hatch, executive secretary of the Travis County Chapter of the National Foundation who's going with Wanda, plans to keep her busy on the train with color book and crayons and paper dolls to cut out.

One person was unhappy—but not completely so—about Wanda's leaving. Her mother, Mrs. N. E. Wiley, couldn't help crying.

Wanda had fever Monday night, she said. "I can't help but worry about her," Wanda has had a cold.

### Merkel, Clyde Cagers Play Benefit Games For Polio Drive

In a benefit game to help support the Merkel March of Dimes Campaign, the Merkel Badgers will meet the Clyde quintet in the local gym next Monday night, Jan. 16.

All proceeds of the basketball game above actual expenses will go to the March of Dimes, according to Dr. Jim Carter, local chairman.

Two games will be played, the preliminary "B" contest getting underway at 7:00 and the headliner at 8:00.

All Merkel citizens are urged to attend this contest. In addition to seeing two good basketball games, the proceeds will go to a good cause.

### Bank Officers and Directors Re-Elected

The same officers and directors of the Farmers and Merchants National bank of Merkel were re-elected at the annual meeting of stockholders and directors, held on Tuesday night.

Officers are: Booth Warren, president; H. C. West, 1st vice-president; W. S. J. Brown, second vice-president; George T. Moore, cashier, and Mary Collins and Mildred Hamm, assistant cashiers.

Directors are: Sam Butman, Sr., H. C. West, W. S. J. Brown, Dr. W. T. Sadler and Booth Warren.

### Wreck Victim Released From Hospital; Visits Here

M. E. (Buck) Nelson of Levelland, who suffered severe internal injuries in a car accident near Merkel on Oct. 19 and was hospitalized in Sadler Clinic five weeks before being moved to the Veterans Hospital at McKinney, was released last week from there and visited in Merkel this week.

Mr. Nelson was enroute here from Levelland to visit his sister, Mrs. John Oliver, and family when the accident occurred.

### Volume on O. Henry Added to Collection

Waco, Jan. 12.—E. Hudson Long has added another volume to the O. Henry collection his senior class gave to Baylor University in 1931.

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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1950.

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### Fund Drive to Fight Polio Begins Jan. 16

#### Polio Poster Children Form March of Dimes Honor Guard

1950 drive, following nation's worst epidemic, will be led by Wanda Wiley, escorted by poster children of past four years.



1946: Donald Anderson, Ore.



1947: Nancy Drury, Ky.



1950: Wanda Wiley, Texas



1948: Terry Tullos, Miss.



1949: Linda Brown, Texas

MARCH OF DIMES poster children whose plight and progress depict the fight against polio will tour seven cities in the 1950 drive, January 16-31. They will make a concerted appeal for greater contributions to provide effective continuation of patient care, research, and educational programs sponsored since 1938 by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

### Letters Awarded to Nineteen Members Badger Squad

In a special high school assembly program Monday morning, Coach Carroll Benson presented sixteen regular letter awards and three reserve letters to members of the 1949 Badger football squad.

Edwin Read, high school principal, had charge of the program and introduced Coach Benson, who in turn presented the new purple and gold jackets to the following boys: Sidney Williams, 2 year letterman; Dudley Farr, 2 years; Bobby Campbell, 2 years; Kenneth Eowen, 1 year; Bart Robinson, 1 year; Walton Lively, 1 year; Mac Springer, 2 years; Donald Douglas, 3 years; Brandon Wade, 2 years; Billy Harris, 2 years; Willie Robertson, 2 years; Bob Johnson, 1 year; Gaylon Johnson, 1 year; Joe Dell Gregory, 1 year; Jimmy Smith, 1 year; Doyle Jones, 1 year; Jeff Chancey, reserve; Doyle Black, reserve, and Allen James, reserve.

Principal Edwin Read presented jackets to the coaches, Carroll Benson and Albert Cade.

The two team managers, L. D. Barnes and Billy Greenfield, also received jackets. L. D., who has been an important cog in the locals' grid machinery for several years, stated in his acceptance speech that he would be around many more seasons to help "Big B" with his coaching chores.

### Fun, Talent Combine In Lions Minstrel Billed Jan. 26-27

Full of enthusiasm after a fine rehearsal Tuesday night, Dr. Houston F. Byrd, director of the Merkel Lions Club 1950 minstrel show, said Wednesday that things are shaping up for a bigger and better show this year, although the 1948 version left little to be desired in the realm of black face artistry.

One of the highlights of the new show, to be presented Jan. 26-27, two nights, at the school cafeteria-auditorium, will be Rufe Tittle's version of that famous song, "The Preacher and the Bear."

Singing in the style of the "Ink Spots," two quartets, consisting of some of Merkel's best local talent, will furnish "super" entertainment, too.

A galaxy of fast, fun-provoking end men are warming up to give Interlocutor Lester Dorton a tough run for his money, with a bunch of lively jokes and other stunts. It's going to be something no one in Merkel and the surrounding communities can afford to miss for their own pleasure, to say nothing of the commendable background—proceeds to apply on indebtedness of the Community Center building.

### Expert Suggests State Hospital at Abilene Be Converted

Austin, Jan. 12.—A suggestion that Abilene State Hospital be changed from an epileptic institution to one for mental defectives came before the State Hospitals and Special Schools board here Tuesday.

Mrs. Dudley Terleton of Fort Worth, a member of the board, offered a letter written to her by J. Thomas McIntire, superintendent of the Arizona Children's Colony at Phoenix. He had been retained by the state board last year to make a study of the care of children in special schools at some of the state institutions.

McIntire made the suggestion that the Abilene hospital be abandoned for epileptics and converted to an institution for mental defectives—those who are subnormal mentally, but not totally crazy.

He recommended that a new epileptic institution be built near some medical center, all of one-story construction. The two and three-story buildings at the Abilene Hospital are not suitable for epileptics, McIntire said.

### PMA Sets Deadline for Accepting Grain Loans Jan. 31

Deadline for accepting loans for oats, wheat and grain sorghums has been set for Jan. 31, Ward W. Evans, Production and Marketing Administration representative, said.

A sample from the bin must be taken, mailed to Lubbock for a grade analysis test, returned to Abilene, and the proper loan papers and purchasing agreement signed by that date, Evans said.

When the producer signs the purchase agreement, he obligates the Commodity Credit Corporation to purchase grain at the loan rate based on the type and grade of his grain when it is delivered. However, he is not obligated to put his oats, wheat or grain sorghums in the loan if a higher price can be obtained elsewhere.

### Victoria State Bank Largest in Texas

Victoria, Jan. 12.—A 100 per cent stock dividend declared by stockholders of the Victoria Bank and Trust company Tuesday made its capital structure the largest of any state bank in Texas.

The capital is now \$1 million, with a certified surplus of \$1,500,000. Undivided profits total \$300,000, to make the total capital \$2,800,000. Deposits total \$28 million.

The bank will celebrate its 75th anniversary this year. Ten years ago the bank had a capital of \$250,000, surplus of \$250,000 and deposits of \$6 million.

### Railroad Crossing Flashers Placed in Operation Friday

Highway crossing flashers at the railway intersections on Oak street and the Blair farm-to-market road were placed in operation Tuesday.

This very forward step, which is the joint effort of the Texas & Pacific railway and the Texas State Highway department, will mean a great deal in promoting safety at these two crossings, which have been traffic hazards for many years.

### Former Senator is Named to State Liquor Board

Austin, Jan. 12.—Former State Senator James A. Stanford has been named assistant administrator of the State Liquor Control Board.

As such he will work directly under administrator Coke Stevenson, Jr., in the liquor board's No. 2 executive post. His appointment was announced by Stevenson.

Stanford, an Austin attorney, was a member of the House of Representatives from 1941 through 1944, and of the State Senate from 1945 and through 1948. He was an assistant attorney general from 1931 through 1935.

### ROTAN FURNISHES OPPOSITION FOR CAGERS FRIDAY

Basketballers Open Home Conference Campaign Against Yellowhammers; Reserve Squads Meet in Curtain-Raiser

The local high school basketballers will open their home conference campaign against the Rotan Yellowhammers here this Friday night.

The curtain raiser between the two reserve squads of the two school will start at 7:00 and the main bout will get underway at 8:00.

On next Tuesday night the keen rivalry between the Badgers and the Roscoe Plowboys will be renewed on the Merkel hardwoods. In two preference games, the Badgers have won one game and the Plowboys one.

Coach Carroll Benson's "round ball" boys should take the Yellowhammers fairly easily but the Roscoe game is doped to be a "humdinger."

In their first contest in the defense of their 6A West crown, the local Badgers had their hands full in downing the Colorado City Wolves, 36-29, at Colorado City on Tuesday night. Burl McCoy topped the scoring parade with 18 points. Gregory annexed 7, Douglas 5, Springer 4 and Wade 2.

Billy Harris, with 10 points, led the Merkel second stringers to a 36-31 victory over the Colorado City reserves.

At Clyde last Thursday night the Badgers romped to an easy 64 to 37 triumph over the Clyde Bulldogs. Burl McCoy was as hot as "a Cowboy's pistol," racking up 26 points in his best scoring spree to date. Douglas garnered 16, Gregory 13, and Springer 6. The Clyde "B" string ran over the local subs, 34-17. Bob Johnson and Jeff Chancey each got 6 points to pace the locals' attack.

### Sixth Grade Pupils In Second Health Quiz Program

In the second of a twenty program series of health programs sponsored by the Taylor County Health Unit, four Merkel sixth graders, Janey Owen, Jerry Johnson, Mary Perkins and Charlie Martin, will compete against four pupils from the Elmdale School in a radio quiz program Friday night at 7:15 over station KWKC of Abilene.

This series of quiz programs will be on the air every Friday night until the end of school, with four different pupils from each school participating each time. The program of last Friday night was very favorably received by many Merkel people.

### Friday Last Day To Pay County Taxes Here

A large number of tax-payers visited the city hall Thursday, where a representative of the county tax assessor-collector's office issued receipts for county and state taxes on a two-day visit in Merkel. Friday of this week will be the last date when County and state taxes may be paid here.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, January 17, 1913.)

### LIBERTY HARDWARE NOW TEN YEARS OLD.

The Liberty Hardware company, one of Merkel's leading mercantile firms, is now entering its eleventh year.

Ten years ago the Liberty Hardware company was founded with the following men interested in the firm: H. R. Hicks, Robert Hicks, Andy Brown and Alva Hutchins. Of these, two continue their connection with the firm, H. R. Hicks and Robert Hicks, and about five years ago B. T. Sublett joined the firm.

From the beginning when the firm entered business on Front street in the building now occupied by the McDonald grocery, they have conducted a general hardware and farm implements store and the growth of the concern has been in every way commensurate with the progress of the business life of Merkel. They have occupied their present location for the past eight years.

WEST COMPANY ADDS LINE FEEDS AND SEEDS. Announcement is made in this issue

of The Merkel Mail of the opening of a new feed and seed store by the West Company on Front street, formerly used by the Lions club for their banquet hall and before that occupied by C. E. Conner.

All kinds of feed and seed are carried and in keeping with the reputation of the firm in its long and successful life in Merkel, it is announced that faculty will be featured as well as carrying a complete line in this department of their store.

BEAUTY SHOPPE IN NEW HOME The removal of the Marinello Beauty Shoppe into the eastern half of the Bob McDonald Barber shop is a noticeable improvement to the business section of Elm street.

The Shoppe, of which Miss Mollie Shannon is proprietor, has a large comfortably furnished waiting room, made especially inviting with a color scheme in orchid and Nile green.

The attractiveness of the place, the completeness of all modern equipment, plenty of soft water and Miss Shannon's gracious hospitality assure Merkel ladies expert efficiency in beauty treatment.

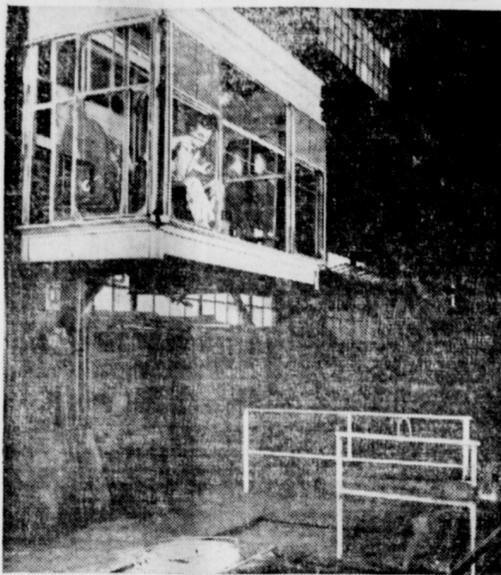
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This safety measure allows an operator to concentrate on his work without the physical punishment that formerly was a necessary part of this job.

Electrical control switches on either side are arranged so the operator can move the enclosure up or down. Sliding panels permit an adjustment for ventilation. Controls were placed at the sides to permit full front vision.

London, Jan. 12.—Britain is thinking of closing down her big naval base in Bermuda to save money, it is reported here Wednesday.

**Taylor Derives He'll Quit.**

New York, Jan. 12.—Myron C. Taylor, personal representative of President Truman to the Vatican, denied Tuesday reports that he might resign his post.



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**Food Price Index Climbs.**  
New York, Jan. 12.—The Dun & Bradstreet wholesale food price index this week climbed three cents to \$5.76 compared with a week ago, and was

5.3 per cent below the year-ago level of \$6.08.  
The index represents the total cost at wholesale of one pound each of 31 foods in general use.

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**Earle Watts Announces Opening of Grocery Store Friday**

With the opening of Watts Food Store at 1402 N. 1st street, announced for Friday of this week, Earle Watts, one of Merkel's progressive young business men, re-enters the grocery business.

He has leased the building formerly occupied by the Benton grocery, which he has remodeled. Entirely new stock has been provided, with modern market equipment installed to furnish complete market service.

**PERSONALS**

Mrs. Virgil Patterson attended the Conference Council of Children's Workers held at the Asbury Methodist church, Lubbock, Jan. 5-6.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Smith and two sons, James and Harold, and daughter, Mrs. Howard Mayes, spent Christmas week in East Texas, visiting her father who is very ill and other relatives; Mr. Smith visited with a brother and friends in Bogata.

Mrs. John Meeks spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week at Sweetwater visiting in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Meeks.

As guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Mathews, of Fyote, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox attended the New Year's Eve party at the Officers club of the Fyote Air base. Last week-end, Mr. and Mrs. Fox had as their guests, their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Walker, Dale and Betsy, of Lubbock.

Mrs. Hazel Pargament, teacher in the fourth grade of the Merkel Grammar school, resumed her duties Monday, after an absence since Dec. 10, when she underwent surgery at the Sweetwater Municipal hospital. She was able to return home Dec. 19 and had recuperated sufficiently for her doctor to dismiss her Saturday.

Mrs. Ann Bolling of Snyder and sister, Miss Louise Wade, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Edna Horton.

Mrs. Mae Horton, of Wichita Falls, accompanied by Jerry Wallen, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, in the Hugh Campbell home.

**To Exhibit Herefords In Fort Worth Show Jan. 27-Feb. 5**

Residents of the Merkel area since 1917, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Vanlandingham, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday in their home. The 50th wedding date was Jan. 4 but the observance was deferred until Sunday, Jan. 8.

The couple was married in Grant county, near Little Rock, Arkansas, on Jan. 4, 1900, but left immediately after the ceremony for Abilene where he was employed by the Compress company. Abilene was their home until moving to Merkel in 1917.

Eight children were born to the couple but only one, Edwin Vanlandingham, of Houston, survives. He was unable to be present at the celebration.

A wedding cake with miniature bride and groom centered the dining table where a sumptuous dinner was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Anderson and Patsy, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pursley and children, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas and Beth and Mrs. J. A. Milliken and the honorees.

**H. M. Vanlandingham Honored on 50th Wedding Date**

Fort Worth, Jan. 12.—W. J. Largent & Son of Merkel will exhibit nine Herefords at the 1950 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show to be held Jan. 27 through Feb. 5 in Fort Worth.

An all-time high in entries for all divisions is indicated for this year's show which will award the largest amount of prizes, totalling \$112,000, ever offered.

The rodeo will present 400 cowboys and the wildest of stock in its 19 performances. Producer will be Verne Elliott, widely-known as "Mr. Rodeo." In addition to the regular events, there will be brilliant horse show events and six special acts featuring both the spectacular and the comical.

Coffee grounds make a good sweeping compound for the cement basement floor.

**"Eight Best Habits"**



REV. W. C. HINDS.

"Eight Best Habits" will be the theme of the Sunday morning sermon, by Pastor W. C. Hinds of the Methodist church. At the evening hour, 7 p. m., his theme will be "Christian Security."

**Hubbard to Retire**

Denton, Jan. 12.—President L. H. Hubbard of Texas State College for Women, holds a record of longevity among Texas college presidents now in office. He has served TSCW as president for 24 years. His resignation becomes effective Sept. 1.

Small amounts of leafy alfalfa hay of good color, added to the ration, will protect growing and fattening cattle from vitamin A deficiency.

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**Taylor Co. Herefords Entered in Houston Livestock Show**

Houston, Jan. 12.—Herefords will be on parade at the 1950 Houston Fat Stock Show and Livestock Exposition. Among these will be a large number from Taylor county.

Latest entries received this past week from Taylor county include J. M. Smallwood of Lawn who has entered 16 head of his Hereford show cattle and 11 head of Herefords have been entered from the Hardy Grissom Hereford ranch of Abilene. Previous Hereford entries had been made by Roy R. Largent and Sons and W. J. Largent of Merkel and the Fulwiller Hereford ranch of Abilene.

The county entries are helping swell the grand total entrants for the 1950 Houston Fat Stock Show and Livestock Exposition to 10,000, a figure early estimated in the season by show officials. With entry lists still not complete on poultry, rabbits and Quarter Horses, final date on these being January 15, the final figure for the 1950 Houston Show will undoubtedly surpass all previous records.

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... of Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Dec. 31, 1949, published in response to call made by the Comptroller of the Currency, under section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

**ASSETS**

1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$ 980,927.65
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,687,737.49
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	29,109.46
5. Corporate stocks (including \$4500.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	4,500.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$695.26 overdrafts)	866,734.10
7. Furniture and Fixtures	2,500.00
<b>12. TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$3,571,508.70</b>

**LIABILITIES**

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$3,087,944.27
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	8,123.03
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	296,611.92
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	7,696.02
<b>19. TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$3,399,475.24</b>
<b>24. TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$3,399,475.24</b>

**CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**

25. Capital Stock: (c). Common stock, total par	75,000.00
26. Surplus	75,000.00
27. Undivided profits	22,023.46
<b>29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$ 172,023.46</b>
<b>30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$3,571,508.70</b>

**MEMORANDA**

31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes \$ 79,000.00

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:  
I, Geo. T. Moore, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
GEO. T. MOORE, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of January, 1950.  
(Seal) C. E. TIPTON, Notary Public.

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**"No War in Prospect" Senator Declares in New Year Statement**

Washington, Jan. 12.—"No War in Prospect" is the substance of a New Year statement furnished the International News Service by Sen. Tom Connally, of Texas, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee. The Texan's summary of world affairs follows:

As I view the foreign situation, there is no likelihood of a world war within the foreseeable future. I believe that international relations have greatly improved and are still improving, so far as conditions in Europe are concerned.

Of course, there will always be international incidents from time to time which will require adjustment. The United Nations is the proper forum for the settlement of most of these questions.

One of the chief functions of the United Nations is that it furnishes an international forum of free speech and discussions.

International differences can be brought out into the open where all the world may see and listen. A world public opinion is thereby generated.

It is probable that the Marshall Plan appropriations for next year will be reduced below the figures for the present year, perhaps as much as a billion dollars.

European nations must exert themselves to the utmost on their own account in rehabilitating their economy and their industrial and business affairs. They must not rely upon the United States carrying such a heavy burden as is involved in the Marshall Plan.

My own view with regard to the United Nations is that there must be amendments to the charter with regard to the veto.

While the veto as to the use of armed force or going to war will be retained there is no reason why the veto should be available in the settlement of international disputes by peaceful means.

Such settlements would be brought about by mutual agreement between parties affected.

This is quite different from the veto on the use of armed force or a declaration of war which would not alone affect the parties to the dispute, but might involve the whole world in a global war.

I feel optimistic about the progress of world affairs and the lessening danger of war.

Careful laundering and frequent dry cleaning help give woolen garments that new look.

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U. S. Treasury Department

**Representative Asks President to Cut Oil Imports**

Washington, Jan. 12.—Rep. Patman (D-Tex) said Tuesday he will ask President Truman to reduce the heavy flow of crude oil into this country from abroad.

Patman said, "Heavy imports are threatening the very life of our domestic oil industry."

"My first concern is in regard to the national defense. We must have a healthy and adequate industry to meet all demands in the event of an emergency. You can't have oil fields shut down and get them going again overnight."

The economic status of small independent operators being forced drastically to curtail their production, Patman said, also is cause for worry.

The Texan said in an interview that he plans to take the problem up with the next week or two.

Before he goes to the White House he said he wants to obtain complete and up-to-date data on all petroleum imports from the Near East and Venezuela and also on recent cutbacks in domestic production in Texas and other states.

When a field shuts down there is loss not only through deterioration of

equipment and oil sands themselves, but through departure of skilled workers into other lines of business, he said.

Patman said the President probably has executive authority already to order oil imports reduced to a small percentage of domestic production. If such is the case Patman said he will urge immediate action.

On another front, Texas Senators Connally and Lyndon B. Johnson, Democrats, said they would oppose any move by the administration to do away with the 27 per cent income tax depletion allowance for oil and gas producers.

There has been some talk that Mr. Truman might ask Congress to reduce, if not eliminate, the allowance feature in order to get more revenue.

**Mme. Chiang Leaves.**

New York, Jan. 12.—Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, wife of the Chinese generalissimo, left Tuesday by plane for San Francisco on the first leg of a flight to join her husband in Formosa.

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**Texans to Receive Large Share of GI Dividend**

Washington, Jan. 12.—Almost half the forthcoming \$2,800,000,000 GI life insurance dividend is likely to go to war veterans in seven states.

Veterans Administration records showed Friday that of 15,283,000 veterans of World War II living last Nov. 30, about 7,094,000 were in New York, Pennsylvania, California, Illinois, Ohio, Texas and Michigan.

**Making Gas Service Dependable Requires Endless Preparations**

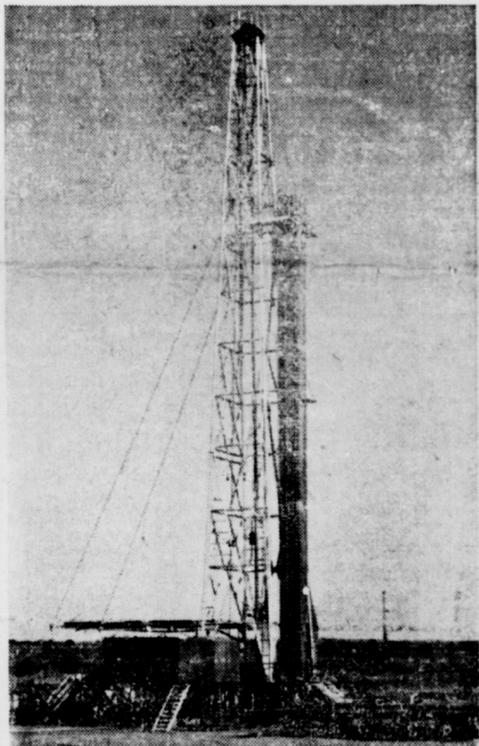
For indoor comfort and health protection you face winter without fear. Automatically—or with a twist of your hand—your natural gas heating appliances flood your home with inviting warmth.

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# Legal Notices

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION.**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Pasquel Torres, 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 13th day of March, A. D., 1950, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.  
Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 20th day of September, 1949. The file number of said suit being No. 6130-B.  
The names of the parties in said suit are: Clara Torres as Plaintiff, and Pasquel Torres as Defendant.  
The nature of said suit being sub-

stantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married July 10, 1934 and lived together until May 16, 1942.  
There were five children born to this marriage union and there was no community property accumulated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment and abandonment.  
If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.  
Issued this the 9th day of January, A. D., 1950.  
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 9th day of January, A. D., 1950.  
(SEAL) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, 104th District Court, Taylor County, Texas.  
By Dorothy Smith, Deputy, Jan. 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Robert Jordan.—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 30th day of January, A. D., 1950, 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 28th day of Nov., 1949. The file number of said suit being No. 16,304-A.  
The names of the parties in said suit are: Margaret Jordan as Plaintiff, and Robert Jordan as Defendant.  
The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:  
Plaintiff and Defendant were duly and legally married on February 7, 1941, and lived together until about March, 1948. There was only one child born to this marriage union, and there is no community property to be adjudicated.  
Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment. Plaintiff also sues for the custody and control of their minor child.  
If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.  
Issued this the 17th day of December, A. D., 1949.  
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 17th day of December, A. D., 1949.  
(SEAL) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas.  
Dec. 23, 30; Jan. 6, 13.

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U. S. Treasury Department

**Merkel Senior Listed To Receive Pharmacy Degree at UT**

Austin, Jan. 12.—Forty-one University of Texas College of Pharmacy seniors are scheduled to receive degrees at the close of the current semester Jan. 31, a list made public by Pharmacy Dean H. M. Burlage shows.  
Among those receiving degrees will be one senior from Merkel, Vernon Lee Davis.

**Ford**  
remains alone  
in low-price  
"Eight" field

"Reports were current several months ago that Ford might encounter competition in the low-price eight-cylinder car field. The manufacturer considering such a development, however, apparently has decided against it.  
"The temptation to enter competition for this market is strong. Ford derives considerable sales appeal from ability to offer an eight as well as a six in the low cost bracket. Buyers are attracted by the additional smoothness and power performance afforded by the extra cylinders.  
"Principal reason why rivals have steered clear of eight-cylinder power plants is cost. Ford has been able to hold expenses down by manufacturing economies not often duplicated by others.  
"In pioneering the low-price V-8, the Dearborn producer had to strike at the heart of the cost problem. The company was the first to evolve a method of making an integral V-block and crankcase casting.  
"The Ford Company is noted for excellence of manufacturing technique. Part of the reputation is based on willingness of the management to spend money on work-saving equipment. The Rouge plant foundry, for example, is a model of efficiency. Air-conditioning eliminates some of the disagreeableness common to most foundries, while conveyor systems and automatic machines obviate much of the usual back-breaking—and inefficient—hand work.  
"With the use of advanced production methods the company has been able to hold expenses within reasonable limits. This is true even though use of the larger engine means two more cylinders—with more pistons, rings, 'con' rods, sparkplugs, etc.—for each car produced.  
"The Ford production technique involves a high degree of precision. Vendors regard the company as a 'tough customer' because of the rigidity of inspection standards. Suppliers know they must comply closely with specified requirements or face heavy rejection.  
"The precision, together with the extra power of the engine, accounts for the unusual performance of the Ford V-8. Ford's ratio of applied horsepower to gross vehicle weight has long been a favored design characteristic. Other manufacturers have found this power plant too difficult to build inexpensively enough for a small car.  
"From present indications, it may be a long time before competitors can challenge Ford in the low-priced eight-cylinder field."  
Reprinted from Woods' Automotive Reports, Sept. 12 issue.  
(Paid Adv.)

**Plans Made for 1950 Building Program at North Texas State**

Denton, Jan. 12.—An education building, a women's gymnasium and an addition to the college library are included in a 1950 building program of approximately \$925,000 for North Texas State college, President W. J. McConnell announced this week following conferences with representatives of the board of regents and consulting architects.  
The education building, to be located west of the athletic field house, or the present football practice field, will accommodate the education department and the high school and elementary school divisions of the demonstration school. Plans call for removal of bleacher of the present stadium as soon as funds are available for a new stadium on the outer campus near the men's gymnasium and the college golf course. Until that time the present stadium will be used.  
"It is expected that preparation of a new practice field near the men's gymnasium will be completed well in advance of next fall's football season," Dr. McConnell said.  
Location of the women's gymnasium will be south of the swimming pool, with provisions for later expansion to include the pool. An additional section for classroom use has been added to the original plans for the women's gymnasium, Dr. McConnell said.  
It is hoped that specifications and drawings can be finished by March so that construction can be completed early in 1951, Dr. McConnell explained.  
Already under construction on the NTSC campus are a science hall, a men's gymnasium and a double-unit men's dormitory, all of which are expected to be completed this year.

**FARMERS & RANCHMEN**  
Must make an Estimate of their 1949 Income and file with collector, unless they file their annual return by February 1st 1950.  
By filing your annual return in January you save making two returns.  
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JAN. 27 THROUGH FEB. 5  
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THERE'S no 8-hour, 5-day week for Mother, no vacation, holidays, or overtime pay, because running a family is a full-time job.  
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Yet Reddy Kilowatt works for so little! Matter of fact, he's the only worker that gets paid less for overtime. That may sound strange, but it's true. The more you use Reddy Kilowatt, the less it costs for each additional task he does for you.  
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**Diabetes Listed Among First Ten Causes of Death in Texas**

Austin, Jan. 12.—Diabetes is among the first ten reported causes of death in Texas. There are many people receiving treatment for this disease. Probably there are hundreds of undiscovered cases in the State, says Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer.

Early recognition of diabetes pays. In the experience of doctors, those discovered early before they had complications lived three times as long as those discovered after some blighting affection drove them to a doctor. If you are the relative of a diabetic, or if you are approaching the fat, fat and forty era of life, go to a doctor before you get sick and find out if you have diabetes. If you do have it, control the disease in season and out of season. It pays.

Don't be caught napping. Find out if you have diabetes! If you do have it, make it an asset! Prove that you can live longer with it than without it. Then you will be helping not yourself alone, but also other diabetics.

What is diabetes? When a person has diabetes, his body has lost some of its ability to turn the sugar in food into heat and energy. The sugar which should be used by the body goes into the blood stream until there is so much sugar in the blood that the sugar overflows into the urine. Because a lot of the sugar is not used, various bodily organ such as heart, liver, kidneys and eyes do not get good nourishment.

The person whose diabetes is not treated may get cataracts and other eye disease, kidney trouble, hardening of the arteries or gangrene. Be sure to consult your family physician.

**Nephew of Merkel Women Dies In Abilene**

A number of relatives and friends from Merkel and Stith attended the funeral of H. C. Bradley, held in Abilene on Thursday of last week.

Mr. Bradley, 50, who was a nephew of Mrs. A. J. Canon of this city and Mrs. W. E. Bradley and Mrs. H. O. Miller, both of Stith, died at his home, 1310 Vine street, Abilene, at 12:30 p. m. Wednesday after being stricken with a heart attack. He was ill about two hours.

Plant engineer for the West Texas Utilities company at the time of his death, he had been a WTUC employee for 29 years.

Surviving him are his wife and one son, Charles, 13; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradley of Abilene, and two brothers, Earl and Frank Bradley, of Abilene.

**Citrus Week Set.**

Mission, Jan. 12.—Gov. Allan Shivers is going to proclaim Jan. 16-22 as Texas Citrus Week, Mrs. M. W. Held announced. She is chairman of the Texas Citrus Fiesta scheduled Jan. 19-22.

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**SOCIETY**

**HONORED WITH SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

As a surprise from his wife and daughter, Mrs. Ruby Johnson, W. F. Golladay was honored with a birthday party on Friday evening. After gifts were received and opened, games of progressive "42" were enjoyed, with prizes for high and low scores.

A birthday cake was presented by his daughter, Mrs. Velma Green, and then the cake was served with coffee.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buford, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Higgins, Mrs. Lizzie Latham, Mack Buzbee, all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Neel, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clemmer, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kelley and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Carlton and Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Green, Kay and Johnny, Mrs. Mildred Sims, Mrs. Mary Bull, Mrs. Gordie Thompson, Miss Juddie Tyree, Douglas Riddle and Russell Clark.

**JOINT MEETING OF ALATHEAN AND DORCAS CLASSES.**

The Alathean and Dorcas classes of the First Baptist church held their business and social meeting in the home of Mrs. Chas. West, with Mrs. F. A. Baker co-hostess for the meeting.

With Mrs. Baker, class president, in charge, prayer was led by Mrs. J. O. Castles, adult superintendent. Mrs. E. W. King brought a devotional on "Love." After business was over, a refreshment plate of sandwiches,

cookies, olives, hot chocolate and coffee was served to one visitor, Mrs. M. T. Head, and Mesdames W. O. Boney, W. C. Burleson, J. O. Castles, T. E. Collins, J. Ben Campbell, P. F. Hamu, W. L. Johnson, E. M. McDonald, W. A. McCandless, A. E. Pruitt, J. S. Swann, W. W. Wheeler, E. W. King, F. A. Baker and Chas. West.

**UNION RIDGE CLUB.**

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Pee on Friday, Jan. 6. The house was called to order by the president, Mrs. Joe Jaynes. The meeting was opened and songs were led by Mrs. Don Riney.

Roll call was answered by "The Best Way That I Have Found to Keep My Important Business Papers and Receipts."

Mrs. J. L. Hester read the THDA club rules for 1949 and the club voted to have the same rules for 1950.

After a discussion of the past year's work the club adjourned to meet at 2 p. m. Friday, Jan. 27, with Mrs. Joe Jaynes at which time the agent will meet with the club.

Refreshments were served to one

new member, Mrs. Don Riney, twelve members and several children. The president, Mrs. Joe Jaynes, received a gift shower in appreciation of her past year's work.

**BLUEBONNET CLUB.**

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 2 p. m. in the club house with Mrs. R. G. Toombs as hostess.

The "Housewife and Business Matters" will be the lesson. Answer your roll call by giving the way you keep your business papers and receipts.

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**PERSONALS**

Mrs. Iva Frombrough of Snyder was a visitor with Mrs. Hugh Campbell Tuesday.

Mrs. J. C. Horton of Wichita Falls is the house guest for the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison of Blair, and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Abbott and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fitzgerald.

**LOST AND FOUND**

WILL THE PARTY who rented our floor polisher on Christmas Week please return to Campbell's Grocery

FOUND—Pair men's gloves. Inquire at Merkel Mail office.

LOST—Blue rim glasses at the Methodist church Sunday, in case with "Dr. Fitzgerald" written on it. Betty Jane Tittle.

State No. 1398. Reserve District No. 11.

**Report of Condition of "HOME STATE BANK"**

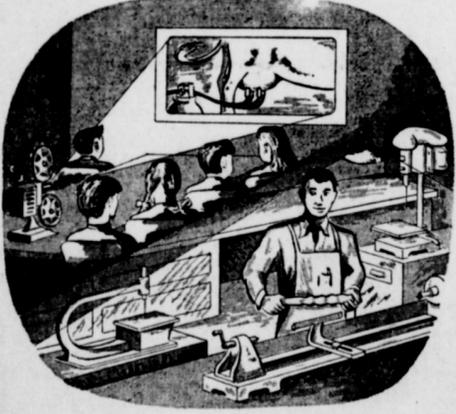
of Trent, Taylor County, Texas, at the close of business, December 31, 1949, a State banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS	
1. Cash balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$363,287.67
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	219,506.00
5. Corporate stocks (including \$3,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	3,060.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$0.67 overdrafts)	308,348.67
7. Bank premises owned \$300.00, furniture and fixtures \$300.00	600.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$894,736.34
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$784,155.81
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	37.50
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	3,144.01
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$787,337.32
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	\$787,337.32
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital*	\$ 25,000.00
26. Surplus	75,000.00
27. Undivided profits	7,399.02
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$107,399.02
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$894,736.34
*This bank's capital consists of Common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00	

I, J. G. Wilks, cashier, of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
J. G. WILKS.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of January, 1950.  
(Seal) JAMES V. ROSS,  
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

CORRECT ATTEST:  
Mrs. Ada Adrian,  
C. L. McLeod,  
T. H. Williamson,  
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Laundry Soap CRY-WHITE lg bars .....	20c	Red & White Sliced PINEAPPLE no. 2 can ..	33c
FAB lge. box .....	25c	Rich Creamy CRUSTENE SHORTENING 3 lb. crt. ...	55c
SUPER SUDS lge. box .....	25c	Log Cabin Maple SYRUP 12 oz. tin .....	25c
Hand Soap PALMOLIVE 2 lg. bars .....	23c	Jolly Time POP CORN 10 oz. can .....	19c
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**PETERSON-DANIEL**  
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Daniel are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Wanda, to Stanley Peterson on Jan. 6.

The double ring ceremony uniting the couple was read at 8 o'clock in the evening by Rev. R. L. Denton, Baptist minister of Abilene, in the home of the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. C. R. Peterson, 2902 Hickory street, Abilene.

The couple's attendants were Miss Wanda Joyce Brewer and Donna Dean Dean, both of Merkel.

The bride wore a brown suit, with green accessories. She attended Merkel High school, where she was selected as football sweetheart of the '48 Badgers, and more recently has been employed by the Merkel Drug company.

The bridegroom also attended Merkel High school and was in the Air Force for 14 months.

After a short honeymoon they are at home at 2902 Hickory street, Abilene.

**STATE PRESIDENT OF FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUBS TO BE PRESENTED HERE.**

The Fortnightly Study Club is to present Mrs. J. Howard Hodge of Midland, state president of the Federation of Women's Clubs, in a lecture, "Women's Place in World Affairs," at the Community Center Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 25. An open meeting, all are asked to hear this influential speaker at 4 p. m.

**"OUTWITTING YOUR YEARS" IS REVIEWED FOR CLUB.**

Dr. Clarence William Lieb's book, "Outwitting Your Years," was reviewed in a very amusing and entertaining manner Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. W. T. Sadler at the regular meeting of the Fortnightly Study club. Dr. Lieb tells us that the great leaders of each generation have actually been well past middle age, but their alert minds have been forever young.

Mrs. Clyde Bartlett was hostess for the meeting in her home at which time twenty-seven members and one guest, Mrs. Riggs Shepperd, were present.

Christine Collins, club president, presided over the business meeting, after which the club adjourned to meet again Jan. 24 in the home of Mrs. Geo. T. Moore.

**MERKEL GARDEN CLUB.**

The Merkel Garden club had its first meeting of 1950 in the Community Center, Thursday, Jan. 5. Mrs. Ben Hicks was hostess and leader for the afternoon.

Mrs. Buck Leach, president, presided over a short business meeting.

The leader introduced Mrs. Twyman Collins, speaking on "Flowering Shrubs" and Mrs. W. U. Shannan's topic, "Dish Gardens." Two dish gardens were on display. The hostess had a lovely winter arrangement of nandina berries and legistrum leaves in a hammered aluminum bowl.

Delicious fudge was served to the following: Mesdames Dee Grimes, W. S. J. Brown, Ben Sublett, R. M. Ferguson, Buck Leach, Ben Hicks, Jim Spurgin, Mack Fisher, A. B. Allen, Carroll Benson, Herbert Patterson, Clyde Eager, W. D. Hutcheson, Twyman Collins, Ty Sublett, Miss Christine Collins.

The next meeting, Jan. 19, is to be in the home of Mrs. Carroll Benson.

**THE FIDELIS MATRONS CLASS.**

The Fidelis Matrons Sunday School class of the First Baptist church met Tuesday afternoon for a program in the home of Mrs. Charles Sylvester with Mrs. John J. Boen serving as co-hostess.

Opening prayer was led by Mrs. Davis Hobdy and Mrs. J. L. Mullins brought the devotional on "Talent of Love."

Mrs. Boen entertained with several piano selections which were enjoyed very much. Members voiced regret that Mrs. Boen was moving soon to Ranger.

After the business meeting was conducted a refreshment plate was served to two visitors, Mrs. Bailey Lollar and Mrs. Don Riney, and these members: Mesdames Gordon Pursley, E. R. Wallace, Ralph Miller, Geo. T. Moore, Bob Fowler, Austin Petty, Davis Hobdy, Nim Teaff, Jarrett Pinckley and Buck Leach.

**BIBLE CLASS WELL ATTENDED.**

The morning Bible class had its initial meeting Wednesday morning at 9:30 in the home of Mrs. Sam Swann with an attendance of 31 women.

Mrs. Keller Roberts, the teacher, seemed to be at her very best and brought such a convincing, assuring lesson on the book of Philipians.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Those present for this first meeting were: Mesdames P. F. Harris, Joe Allen, H. H. Anderson, J. O. Castles, T. E. Collins, H. R. Hicks, Keller Roberts, Sallie Gant, J. S. Swann, Paul West, Geo. T. Moore, E. O. Carson, W. A. McCandless, Ray Wilson, Tom Largent, Bill Brown, Booth Warren, A. R. Booth, W. A. Ford, Earl Baze, Everett King, Clyde Bartlett, W. T. Sadler, Nim Teaff, L. C. Murray, Odell Freeman, Dent Gibson, J. T. Warren, E. R. Clack, Sam Swann, Miss Lottie Butman.

**"GET-TOGETHER IN JAY McCARTNEY HOME."**

A "Get-Together" was enjoyed in the Jay McCartney home New Year's day, when a host of relatives and friends gathered for a bountiful turkey dinner with all the trimmings. After the "feed" conversation turned to the happy bygone days and good prospects of the 1950 future.

Those present for the hospitality were: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Reddin, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burns, June, Virginia, Bobby, Gloria, Kay and Paul, Jr., of Potosi; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert McCartney and Joe Ann, of Tye; Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Miller, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burns, Janis, Bufford, Freddie, Lynda and Dan, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Billy McCartney and Jimmy, of Tye.

Calling in the afternoon were: Miss Bobby Clyburn, of the State College for Women at Denton; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burns and Judy of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Deverle Teaff, Merkel; and Mrs. Ella Clyburn and family of Hawley.

**V. F. W. AUXILIARY.**

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars met Jan. 3 in a regular meeting with Mrs. Vernon Mansfield, the president, presiding.

The auxiliary voted to give \$5.00 to the cancer fund for this month's goal. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday night, Jan. 17.

**Square Dance Classes To Start Jan. 16**

Square dance classes will start Monday, Jan. 16, at the Community Center building, beginning at 8 p. m. There will be classes both for beginners and advanced dancers, it is announced by the Civic committee, which is sponsoring the project.

**RECORD OF BIRTHS.**

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Vinson, Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1950.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Britton, Thursday, Jan. 5, 1950.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Whisenhunt, Friday, Jan. 6, 1950.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Owens, Friday, Jan. 6, 1950.

**PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS.**

Elder C. L. Casey of Cisco will fill the pulpit at the Primitive Baptist church Saturday night and Sunday.

**BAPTIST CIRCLE.**

The Floy Hawkins Circle of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Paul West for Bible study. Mrs. Joe Allen taught the lesson on "Faith" from the Book, "Vessels unto Honor."

Those present for the meeting were Mesdames: Horace Boney, Geo. T. Moore, Jim Carter, Mack Tucker, C. S. Carey, Nim Teaff, Joe Allen and the hostess.

**HOSPITAL NOTES.**

Mrs. B. A. Donaldson received surgery at Sadler Hospital on Jan. 5 and Jack Benningfield was admitted for surgery on Jan. 9. Two patients were admitted for observation, Mrs. Jean McCoy on Jan. 5, and Mrs. G. W. Kitchens, Jan. 6. Received for treatment the past week include: Charlette Ogletree, Jan. 4; Sarah Ann Terry, Bill Willard, Jan. 5; Mrs. E. D. Coats, Jan. 6; Mrs. E. C. Cade, Jan. 8; Bill Norman, Jan. 9; Edna Hor-

ton, G. L. Anderson, Faye Frazier, Wayne Smith, Jan. 10; T. J. Winters, Jan. 11. Ivy Lee Saddyberry, accident victim, was admitted Jan. 11 for treatment.

**Jaycee Week.**

Austin, Jan. 12.—Gov. Allan Shivers Friday designated Jan. 14 to 21 as Jaycee Week in Texas to mark the organization's 29th year of service to the nation.

**ANNOUNCING...**

**JACK WEEKS**, a recent graduate of the Baylor Law School, announces the opening of an office for the general practice of law in the Sadler building.



**SPECIALS**

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January 13-14

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- HORMEL'S Sliced BACON, 2 lbs. 85c
- FRESH DRESSED FRYERS, pound 59c
- HORMEL'S—SACK SAUSAGE, 2 lbs. 89c
- JOE'S HOMEMADE CHILI, pound 49c
- SUGAR CURED BACON SQUARES, lb. 27c
- FRESH CALF LIVER, pound 53c
- FRESH Ground MEAT, lb. 39c

**DEL COMIDA**

- TOMATOES No. 2 Can 10c
- 3 lb. can 69c
- HEART'S DELIGHT FRUIT COCKTAIL, No. 2 1/2 can 29c
- River RICE 2 lb. box 25c
- SUNSHINE ORANGE Slices lb 23c

**IMPERIAL SUGAR**

- 10 pound Sack 85c
- Colored ARMOUR'S Quarters Cloverbloom '99' OLEO pound 42c
- POPLERS COFFEE pound 75c
- SUNSHINE CRACKERS, lb. 23c

**RECIPE OF THE WEEK**



**Pineapple Pork Patties**

2 tablespoons brown sugar  
2 teaspoons cornstarch  
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard  
1/2 cup-canned crushed pineapple  
2 tablespoons vinegar  
1 lb. bulk pork sausage  
1/2 cup rolled oats  
1/2 cup Pet Milk

Mix in small saucepan brown sugar, cornstarch and dry mustard. Stir in crushed pineapple and vinegar. Cook and stir until thick and clear. Let stand. Mix thoroughly remaining ingredients. Shape into 8 patties. Brown very slowly on one side. Turn patties and spread with pineapple mixture. Cover skillet and brown patties very slowly on under side. Makes 4 servings.

**Chase Chocolate Covered CHERRIES, pound 49c**

**FLOTILL—PEACH PRESERVES, jar 15c**

**GARDEN FRESH VEGETABLES**

- TEXAS CARROTS, bn. 7c
- CRISP LETTUCE, head 9c
- TEXAS ORANGES, pound 7c
- FRESH Green ONIONS, bn. 9c
- FRESH CAULIFLOWER, lbs. 12c
- U. S. No. 1—IDAHO Waxed SPUDS lb. 5c

**GROCERIES**

- DEL MONTE CORN, No. 303 can 15c
- KUNER'S Economy PEAS, No. 303 can 12c
- KUNER'S—SOUR KRAUT, No. 303 can 10c
- KUNER'S PUMPKIN, No. 303 can 9c
- OLD BILL Vienna SAUSAGE, can 9c
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