

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## FWA FUNDS TO BE USED TO LEVEL SCHOOL GROUND

**\$5,000 Project Approved by State Board; Work to Start in January, Providing Labor for Seventy-Five.**

A \$5,000 CWA project outlined by the Merkel School board and that will provide jobs for Merkel's full quota of 75 men has been approved by the state board, work to begin early in January.

This will involve filling in and leveling the school grounds of both the high school and Grammar school, the board to furnish the material while the labor is to be paid for from civil works administration funds. It is estimated that the work will require only about \$200.00 in materials; hence, the bulk, or practically the entire amount, of the project will go to providing labor.

The committee named by the school board to outline the project and secure confirmation consisted of S. D. Gamble and Herbert Patterson, members of the school board, and Supt. Roger A. Burgess.

Direction of the work will be in charge of City Marshal Perry Dickinson, who is CWA sub-chairman for Merkel.

## '33 Seniors Invited To Class Reunion

Plans for the first reunion of the M. H. S. class of '33 are outlined in the following invitation being mailed to class members:

Dear Seniors: The Senior class of '33 has been considerably quiet for about seven months, but we are back to raise a little "hoopla" again.

Tuesday night, December 26, at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. John Hughes, (who have been so kind to lend us their home), the seniors will unite for the first time since commencement night. We expect to have every Senior present with the sum of a big quarter. (If you dance, you have to pay the fiddler.)

Everyone keep his Christmas and Senior class spirit and come for a good time.

Yours truly,  
Committee.

## Injunction Stops Work on New Jail

Erection of a new jail west of the fire station and city hall was stopped by injunction issued Friday afternoon out of the 42nd district court, Judge Long setting the hearing on same the first Monday in January.

The injunction was served on the mayor and all five aldermen as well as the City of Merkel.

## OUTLINES PLAN OF HOME OWNERS LOAN AGENCY

**Bob Haynie of Abilene, Attorney For Corporation in Taylor County, Addresses Gathering of Local Tax Payers.**

Workings of the government plan of aiding the small home owners were explained by R. W. Haynie, attorney for Taylor county for the Home Owners Loan corporation, to a group of about fifty tax payers at the Grammar School auditorium Monday night. The wintry weather prevented a larger number from being present.

Postmaster O. J. Adeock, president of the school board, presided at the session, which was in the nature of a joint meeting of the city council and the school board.

After introductory remarks by Mr. Adeock, Mayor Elliott and Joe E. Childers, attorney for the City of Merkel, the chief speaker, Mr. Haynie, was introduced.

The Home Owners Loan corporation, he said, was a federal agency, one of the many beneficial steps in the Roosevelt recovery program, which permitted the home owner to re-arrange his indebtedness in a long time loan with the government. To handle the proposition, the government appropriated \$200,000,000 in cash and organized the Home Owners Loan corporation with authority to issue bonds up to \$2,000,000,000. There is an attorney and an appraiser in each county, the state office being in Dallas where applications are accepted. The plan provides 15 years to pay out at 5 per cent upon loans where bonds are taken for the indebtedness. The loan, if justified by the appraisal, could be used to pay delinquent taxes, 1933 taxes, and refinance the old loan, with 15 years to pay. A total cost, at the outside, of \$1850 was involved, which the borrower would have to pay in cash.

The speaker went into further detail explaining all phases of the plan for aiding home owners in distress, and asked for questions from his hearers. Much information was elicited in this way.

At the conclusion of Mr. Haynie's remarks, President Adeock of the school board gave a concise review of the finances, tax values, etc., of the Merkel Independent school district, showing a most decided decrease in the cost per pupil per month, even though revenues from tax returns were decreasing in an even greater proportion.

Attorney Childers announced that he would be at the city hall here each Wednesday in January to meet delinquent tax payers and help them work out their problems.

## PALS!!

By Albert T. Reid



## Death Claims Ralph Hayes Early in Life

Ralph Hayes, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hayes, highly respected farmer who resides one mile north of town, died Friday morning at an Abilene sanitarium to which he had been taken four days before, suffering from pneumococcal meningitis.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church here at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, conducted by Rev. E. L. Yeats of Spur, former pastor, assisted by Rev. P. H. Gates, present pastor of the Methodist church. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Death claimed this splendid young son before he had reached the full flower of manhood and The Mail joins many friends in extending sincerest sympathy to the bereaved loved ones.

Besides his parents, he is survived by one brother, David Hayes, and four sisters: Mrs. Luther Allen of Denton, Misses Imogene, Janet and Joyce Hayes. Mrs. Allen and her husband both came for the funeral, also an aunt, Mrs. M. B. Dodds, of Weatherford.

## Rites Held For Richard Tiner at Shiloh Church

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Shiloh Baptist church under direction of Rev. A. P. McClure of Abilene, for Richard Tiner, age 77, who died Tuesday night in an Abilene sanitarium. Interment was in the Shiloh cemetery.

Mr. Tiner, who came to this section two years ago from Wichita Falls, was born in Montgomery, Ala., and was married there to Beth Boyette in 1879. Mrs. Tiner died March 8, 1926. From Waco, where the family moved in 1893, he went to Wichita Falls in 1910.

He is survived by four sons: J. W. Tiner, of Trent; T. E. Tiner, of Wichita Falls; G. C. Tiner, of Trent, and J. M. Tiner, of Abilene, and one daughter, Mrs. O. L. Ross, of Dallas.

## Brother of Mrs. Boyce Dies at Beaumont

J. S. French of Beaumont, oldest brother of Mrs. G. W. Boyce, died Sunday at his home. Mrs. Boyce was prevented from attending the funeral because she was not physically able to stand the trip.

Mr. French was one of the early day settlers here, having come to this section in 1883. Besides the sister here, he is survived by three other sisters and three brothers.

**Record of Births.**  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnson, Monday, December 18, 1933.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dean, residing north of town, Tuesday, December 19, 1933.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Alice Bentley, Abilene high school junior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Bentley, was elected president of the Texas high school press association at its meeting in Belton.

John Sidney Chaney, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Chaney, of Dallas, drowned Sunday when he fell into Turtle creek in Highland park.

Ruth Goggin Roosevelt, wife of the president's second son, Elliott Roosevelt, is spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Goggin, in Fort Worth.

Four of six occupants of a speeding automobile, including the driver, were burned to death near Beaumont when the car got out of control of the driver, plunged into a bridge and caught fire.

When flames destroyed the McBride hotel, a Lone Oak landmark, two persons, C. A. Wilburn, 52, proprietor of the hotel, and a Dr. Roberts, 60, were burned to death and four others were injured.

Two men, J. B. Hinkle, 25, truck driver of Kennedy, and J. W. Haby, 22, San Antonio taxi driver lost their lives and several others barely escaped when fire destroyed the St. Charles hotel at Yoakum.

Mrs. W. W. Harris, 75, was fatally injured and two other Bryan women were hurt when their car skidded at the approach to a bridge over Little Brazos river near Hearne and plunged into the river bed 40 feet below.

When an M. K. & T. passenger train crashed into an automobile at a grade crossing near Eddy, three persons were killed: B. E. Adams, his wife and Scobe Crawford, half brother of Mrs. Adams, all of whom lived near Eddy.

Assistant United States District Attorney Joe Jones of Eastland has announced from Fort Worth that he will be a candidate for congress from the 17th district, the place now occupied by Thomas L. Blanton by whom Jones was defeated last year.

Tom Cook, 34-year-old Houston negro, was electrocuted at the state penitentiary at Huntsville early Tuesday morning. Two other men, Ira Kelly, 38, white, and Leon Aubrey, 40, negro, who were scheduled to die at the same time, were granted 30-day reprieves by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson.

## Greenville, San Angelo Semi-Windup Settings

Semi-final games of the state high school race will be played this weekend:

Greenville meets Port Arthur at Greenville Friday and the Dallas Tech-San Angelo game is to be played in the West Texas city Saturday.

Results in the quarter finals were: Greenville 6, Brackenridge 2. Dallas Tech 13, Highland Park 0. Port Arthur 25, Corpus Christi 6. San Angelo 7, Pampa 6.

## BOB MAYFIELD OWNER OF BEST BIRD IN SHOW

**Honors for Best 15-Bird Display To Abilene Man; Castle Ellis Exhibits Best 10-Bird Display; All Awards Listed.**

Grand champion of show, Rhode Island Red cock, Bob Mayfield.

Best type male bird in show, White Plymouth Rock cock, W. O. Dawson, Merkel, Route 1.

Best type female bird in show, Rhode Island Red pullet, D. H. Jefferies, Abilene.

Best 15 bird display, Rhode Island Reds, D. H. Jefferies, Abilene.

Best 10 bird display, silver laced Wyandottes, Castle B. Ellis.

Announcement of the above champions and champion winners were made Friday morning, the last day of Merkel's Fourth Annual Poultry Show and Auction Sale, by J. W. Richards, judge of the show.

The full list of prize winners will be found elsewhere.

The show this year was proclaimed by R. A. Ellis, president, as one of the most successful ever held here and everyone was pleased with the close judging done by Mr. Richards.

There were 312 birds entered, with Rhode Island Reds predominating in numbers. The culmination of the show came in the successful auction sale Friday afternoon in which many chickens changed hands.

The officers and members of the association wish to express their gratitude to everyone who helped make the show go over so big and especially to Castle Ellis, secretary, and Clifford Eoff, assistant superintendent.

The building was furnished by H. M. Rainbolt and lights connected by the West Texas Utilities company, which has always been a loyal supporter. Both were tendered free. Yates Brown, publicity manager of the show, added: "The Merkel Mail is to be complimented very highly on the neat catalogue, which received much favorable comment from the judge and many outsiders as well."  
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## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, December 19, 1913.)

In accordance with our custom for a quarter of a century there will be no issue of The Mail next week and The Mail force thanks you now for this vacation which is your treat.

- The Merkel Mail Force:**  
Homer L. Easterwood.  
Jno. G. Jackson.  
Fannie P. Moore.  
Mrs. W. H. Dickson.  
Jno. T. Morgan.  
A. L. Barnes.  
Carl Richards.  
Clarence Hamn, Correspondents.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson was visited Friday morning by the Christmas stork and a fine baby boy was left with the parents.

Christmas greetings from the "Oldest Notary in the County." I take this method to express my thanks to my friends for their patronage and to renew my pledge by saying my notary work has stood the test for the last seventeen years. I beg to remain, W. W. Wheeler.

At the close of this, the eighth year of our career as a merchant in this beautiful City of Clover, surrounded by the most fertile lands in West Tex-

as and populated by as good a class of people as could be found anywhere in this grand old universe, it is with thankful heart that we again have the pleasure of extending Christmas greetings. W. L. Harkrider.

Here's a greeting to our friends and those to be. Fires have no regard for Christmas. Williams & Johnson.

The home of J. T. Howard of the F. & M. bank will be the scene of a joyful homecoming of all his children during Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Middleton of Stamford came in Wednesday and will remain here until after the holidays. Other members of the family, Mrs. Rufus Grisham of Hamlin, Miss Sophia Howard of McCauley and Dr. Geo. Howard of the City hospital of Dallas, will reach here the latter part of this week and will remain until about the first of the year.

Merry Xmas and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. Crown Hardware Co.

This epoch marks the close of our seventh year in business and we have many things to be justly proud of and thank our customers. Anchor Hardware Co.



# THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior Class of '34—Mrs. R. B. Irvin, sponsor

### The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Waldeline Huskey. Society Editor—Billy Gardner.  
Assistant Editor—Rogene Dye. Sports Editor—Kennedy Whiteley.  
Joke Editor—Jack West.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

What is the first thing you think of when Christmas is mentioned? Do you think of a beautiful decorated tree, a rich feast, Santa Claus, what you hope you'll get, or the terrible ordeal of shopping? I am sure each of the pictures flashes through someone's mind with each mention of Christmas. I know one girl who says that fruit cake is the most suggestive of this word of all things she knows.

As I look at all the gay reds, greens and tinsels this year, I wonder how many of those who are so enthusiastically preparing for next Monday have really stopped long enough to realize why they are celebrating. It has been a long time since the first Christmas celebration, and our celebrations have changed with the times. But the real spirit should never change. Let each one of us do his part towards making this the best Christmas he has ever known by truthfully saying with each gift we give or receive, "The Gift without the Giver is bare," and giving no gift not worth while.

In conclusion, we wish you each and every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### FOOTBALL-PEP SQUAD BANQUET.

The members of the Pep Squad honored the football team of 1933 with a banquet on December 15, 1933. The members of the faculty and those on the school board attended the banquet as guests.

The theme of the banquet was carried out in an old English manner, such as King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table used. The school colors, purple and gold, were used in decorating the building. Large cardboard knights mounted on horses decorated the table. Place cards were small candles and the favors were tiny purple pennants.

Miss Annie Lee Owen presided as toastmistress over the following program:

Invocation, Herbert Patterson.  
"Football Heroes," Betty Grimes.  
Reading, Frances Largent.  
"To the Football team of '34," Milton Shannon.

Response, Bussie Boaz.  
"To the Pep Squad of '34," Annie Lee Owen.

Response, Billie Gambill.  
Address, R. M. Medley.  
"To the Team of '33," Coach Irvin.  
Response, Football boys.

After introducing the football "heroes," Mr. Irvin presented the letter men with sweaters. For a benediction the entire group sang the school song, "Pep, Pep, Pep."

### OUR SENIORS.

Waldeline Huskey.  
Another one of our A-1 students is Waldeline. She's a girl with a sweet disposition and everybody likes her. Why we couldn't even have a "Badger Weekly" if she wasn't in our Senior class. She has been a faithful editor-in-chief. Waldeline is especially gifted in writing. In 1931 she won second in the district in essay writing. This year we expect her to place first. The Dramatic club is glad to have her as a member this year.

Walter Riney.  
If you see a little low fellow riding into Merkel on the bus, you will know it is Walter. He has already made a great number of friends in M. H. S. who wish him the kind of success we know he'll win.

BASKETBALL SEASON OPENS.  
Merkel basketballers started their

season last Monday with about thirty boys reporting.

Four lettermen are returning this year: Capt. Boaz, Durham, Shannon and Reese. There are also several good prospects that live in the rural district who may help us to win a county championship.

A complete schedule has not been made but will be completed and posted in the near future.

### CHAPEL.

Chapel on Friday, Dec. 15, was held chiefly for announcements; however, Mr. Irvin gave a talk on "Reasons for Failures and How to Pass." He gave four reasons for failure: (1) Pupils think school unimportant; (2) They are not interested in making the work; (3) Lack of attention in class; (4) Time is wasted in study halls. There are only two things one has to do to pass, study and try.

### HAVE YOU HEARD THAT

David has a dimple?  
Shannon has another nickname?  
Annie Lee misses Rogene?  
Kenneth hasn't much nerve?  
Joe's name is "Careless Joe."  
"Smitty" is a ladies' man?  
"Bussie" had a reason for making such a good speech at the banquet?  
A few people were glad Clara Frances wasn't quarantined?  
All of Billy Gardner's friends went back on her except one?  
Caribel blushed last Friday night at

Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year  
**EARL TEAGUE**  
Tinner and Plumber

the banquet?

### HUMOROUS.

After a brief two weeks acquaintance he invited her to go to the ball game with him.

"There's Jarvis! He's a good one. He's a pitcher for your life. And that's Johnson over there. He's going to be our best man in a few weeks."

"Oh, Walter! He'll do, all right," she murmured, "but it is so sudden, dear."

Billy G.: "Billy Bernice was afraid the girls wouldn't notice her engagement ring."

Mary H. L.: "Did they?"  
Billy G.: "I'll say they did. Wanda Hunter recognized it immediately."

"Mother, Mother, turn the hose on (Continued on Page Seven)

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

**THE HAPPIEST DAY of all the year!**

Christmas day, when everyone feels the spirit of bygone days and good cheer we, too, extend our best wishes for you and yours. May this and all other Christmas Days to follow be gilded with much happiness at your house.

**The Merkel Home Laundry**  
Lena Webb, Owner

# A Greeting . . . . . . age-old yet ever-new



Nineteen Hundred Thirty-Three years ago, the PRINCE OF PEACE was born into the world to save mankind and to promote peace and good will among men.

We Reverence the Origin of Christmas Day and in cooperation with the celebration of this most important event the Officers, Directors and Staff of this bank join in extending to you and those dear to you this age-old yet ever-new greeting.

It is our sincere hope that the joy, happiness and good will of the Holiday Season will be with you throughout every day in the year—and throughout every year.



**Farmers & Merchants National Bank**

## The Gladdest Season In Father Time's Calendar

We really have enjoyed our opportunities of serving you during the closing year and wish for you at the gladdest season in Father Time's calendar—Christmas—the choicest joys. May it bring much happiness to you and your family.

**BULLOCK HARDWARE CO.**

## MAY UNBOUNDED JOY BE YOURS

Through each day and hour of the Christmas Season and throughout the coming New Year.

We have been glad to serve you in the past and during 1934 we hope to serve all our old friends and many new ones.

**CITY DRY CLEANERS**

To Our Friends:

The Spirit of Christmas brings to us a deeper appreciation of old associates and the value of new friends. We truly thank you for your courtesies during Nineteen Hundred Thirty Three and hope that we shall still have the privilege of serving you throughout the coming year.

May the New Year bring to you and yours happiness and prosperity.

Sincerely yours,  
HUGHES MOTOR CO.  
Fred C. Hughes.

## The Experience Of 1933

Has taught us a lot of things from which we intend to profit during

## 1934

And one resolution is that we are going to try every day in the New Year to show that we appreciate our friends.

We are here to serve you and will be disappointed if you fail to command us.

**W. F. GOLLADAY**  
Gulf Refining Co., Consignee

## Here's Wishing You A

**Merry Christmas AND Happy New Year**

**Max Mellinger**

**MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS**



# WHISPERING ROCK

by JOHN LEBAR



Nineteenth Installment.

(Continued From Last Week.)  
For half an hour the two women sat on the floor with the dog between them. For a time he seemed rather pleased at so much attention and gave a short sharp bark of inquiry. Then, as nothing much happened, he yawned, scratched at the floor, and after turning around lay down with a soft sigh and presently began to snore.  
"Sugarfoot, honey," said Ann at last, "why ain't you dead?"

After the cattle sale Ruth knew that Snavelly had misinformed her about the yearly earning power of the ranch. As near as she could estimate, the income—even without the Parker cattle—was more than three times the amount he had mentioned. She believed that his lie was an attempt to discourage her, not a plan to make money for himself.

But the cattle buyer had come and his check was now in Ruth's hands; this check gave her, after Snavelly's share was deducted, nearly a thousand dollars over the amount of her note. Ruth walked on air—small wonder that she was not anxious to have any more words with Snavelly. After all, what if he had underrated the income? She could meet her note, and she had not been forced to sell any of the fine Parker cattle except the calves. She had improved the ranch wonderfully and next year this improvement would manifest itself in real money. And with the money from next fall's sale she would buy more cattle, pure breeds, the best in the world. She had set herself five years to bring the earning of the ranch to a certain comfortable amount. Then she and David would move into town near the schools. . . . She knew that Snavelly would have to be considered in these plans, but the future looked so bright, it was a shame to spoil it with thinking of him. In her heart she rather believed that Snavelly would eventually sell out to

the cattle sale something had happened to Snavelly; no longer gave the impression that was waiting for something. Instead, he had a puzzled, uncertain air. He avoided Ruth consistently, but where before he had let it be seen that he avoided her because he could not stand the sight of her, he now made half-smiling excuses.

The girl had been so happy with the results of the round-up and the gaiety of the fiesta that she paid little attention to him. She had won. Nevertheless, whenever he was behind her Ruth had to control a wild impulse to run. On the day after she received the cattle buyer's check, Will Thane drove up to the ranch. He brought a marriage license for Alfredo and Magda. He had already secured the priest's signature, and now asked the newly married couple to sign, telling them the paper was an agreement with the great American government to live happily together and never quarrel about anything. Alfredo and Magda signed it joyfully.

As it was still mid-morning Will did not hurry away. He and Ruth sat on the running board of the roadster and talked.

"David and I are going to flag your dad this afternoon and go into town

with him. I've some business to attend to and David wants some ice cream. We're going on a regular spree—they have a movie in town, haven't they?"

"Two; both terrible. But say, you can't go in with Dad; he's quit the delivery business."

"Oh, Why?"

"No use in it. He started carrying mail by accident, anyway. You see, after mother died, he and I went to live in town. We left Juan and Juana on the ranch. I went to school and Dad became sheriff. Well, when I got old enough to go to the university, we went to California. But Dad couldn't stand it there—too cold and too far away from the ranch. So he came home. He used to go into town every week to get a letter from me and first thing he knew he was the mail man. But now that I've come home for good, Dad's quit. The new man made his first trip last week. All of which family history is only to say that if you want to go to town you'd better let me take you." Will stood up.

"Now?"

"Sure—unless you'd rather wait. Dad and I are leaving tomorrow for a business trip to the coast—back next week. We'd be glad to take you in with us in the morning, but you might have trouble in getting out again. You'd better come now—we'll see two movies!"

"Well, I hadn't planned"—Ruth hesitated—"I suppose we might go this morning—"

A few minutes later when Ruth and David, coming out of the house, started toward the waiting machine, Snavelly stepped out from the porch and asked, "You-all goin' for a ride?"

"Why, yes. Mr. Thane is taking David and me into town. I shall deposit the check and pay off my note."

"Well, now, I don't know as I'd be in any hurry, Mrs. Warren—your note ain't due for a week, is it?" An' it's poor business handin' people money—you don't know what that broker might do—he might claim you never give him th' money. Why don't you just put your money in th' bank an' then when the time comes to pay him mail him a check. I—come to think of

it, I'll be goin' in town pretty soon—I'd be glad to—"

"No, thank you", smiled Ruth. "I'm sure it will be safe for me to pay the money to Mr. Witherspoon. I shall give him a check, not cash, and he will have to give me a receipt also. When I have opened the account, I can then write you a check for your share. Or, if you'd rather give me a letter to the bank, I can put the cattle buyer's check in the ranch account."

Snavelly hesitated uncertainly. "Well, now—" He paused. "Which shall I do?" asked Ruth. "Shall I put the check in the ranch

## 1933 GREETINGS 1934

As the old year passes into history we find much to be thankful for, particularly our patrons who have been so loyal to us. To all these patrons and to the people in general we extend best wishes for the season at hand all these patrons and to the people will be the best year you have ever known.

### Perry Bros. Shoe Shop

account or do you want me to open my own account with it and pay off my note and give you a check for your share of the sale?"

"Well, why don't you wait until I go in—"

"Because I want to pay off the note myself!"

Snavelly did not reply for nearly a minute "All right," he said suddenly, "you can do like you want. But don't put the money in the partnership account. Put it in your name and give me my share. You can bring it out with you when you come back. Bring it in cash—I don't want no check." He turned and left her.

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The public is fast returning to the use of liquid laxatives. People have learned that the properly prepared liquid laxative will bring a perfect movement without any discomfort at the time, or after.

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# Our Greeting Bells

## Would Chime Out To You Many Holiday Favors

Like the music of bells we would chime out to you our gladsome greetings for a Joyous Christmas tide among friends and loved ones and for a New Year garlanded with the choicest favors that grow in the garden of Old Father Time.

### OUR CUSTOMERS ARE ENTITLED TO MUCH

You are highly deserving of our gratitude and heartiest Christmas wishes because of the courtesies with which you favored us during the months just past. We value your friendship and desire it all through the New Year.

## Farmers State Bank In Merkel

# It's 1934 - - Sunrise Again

Another sunrise brings another year into life. May it mean for you the beginning of a greater era of prosperity and happiness. May friends increase and pleasures in greater number come your way. With us every sunrise is a signal for a new chance to serve you better.

That the New Year Bring the utmost Joy and Fulfillment of all dreams is our wish for you.

# McDONALD Grocery

### VERY BEST WISHES For CHRISTMAS CHEER

May health, happiness, peace and prosperity be yours during the New Year and the years to come. We thank you for your patronage. We send you greetings of the season!

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And

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Fannie Latham of Lafayette,  
Ga., is here visiting her brother, Seth  
Morgan and family.

Mrs. J. J. Bachus of Nimrod is  
spending the Christmas holidays with  
her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Salter.

Mrs. A. C. McGehee and son, J. J.,  
of Fort Worth, were recent guests of  
Mrs. Ada Heeter and Miss Sadie  
Woodrum.

Miss Sally Salter returned home  
with her sister, Mrs. C. P. Ingram,  
Nimrod, to spend the Christmas  
holidays.

Miss Mary Kate Campbell is ex-  
pected Friday from Amarillo to spend  
the holidays with her parents, Mr.  
and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. King accom-  
panied their son, Shirley King, home to  
Austin Sunday and they will spend  
the Christmas holidays there.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Haynes, who  
are removing from Waco to Stam-  
ford, were guests Thursday of his  
parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

Burrett Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. C. P.  
Ingram and little daughter, Ramona,  
and Mrs. J. J. Bachus, of Nimrod,  
visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs.  
J. M. Salter and Mr. and Mrs. J. C.  
Webster.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Childress and  
Mr. and Mrs. Buck White of Clovis,  
N. M., en route to San Antonio, were  
week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clar-  
ence Eoff.

Four local sportsmen, George  
Woodrum, Booth Warren, Raymond  
Ferguson and Charlie Jones, took off  
for Stonewall county Tuesday for a  
day's quail hunt.

Among the first of the college stu-  
dents to arrive for the Christmas hol-  
idays were Misses Ethel Hamilton and  
Mildred Richardson, from John Tar-  
leton, where school was dismissed for  
two weeks.

F. E. Church, who attended the  
thirtieth annual convention of the  
Southwestern Life Insurance company  
at Dallas last week, reports that the  
meeting was largely attended and  
most successful.

Mrs. J. P. Humphreys and two daugh-  
ters, Mesdames Ben Mayberry and  
Walter Peacock and little grand-  
daughter, Peggy Jane Humphreys, all  
of McCauley, were recent guests of  
Mrs. M. L. Holden.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren are  
entertaining their grandsons, Richard  
and Harold Coit, of Dallas, as Christ-  
mas visitors. They came home with  
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sunday when  
Mrs. Warren returned from a visit  
with her daughter.

SPECIAL

Bring your pins and get your hair  
fingerwaved for 15 cents.  
Alma Dye.



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LILA M. TOUCHSTONE

As a member of a delegation of  
eight Abilenians attending the 30th  
annual convention of the Southwest-  
ern Life Insurance company at Dallas  
last week, Mrs. Lila M. Touchstone,  
whom Merkel still claims as her own,  
was presented a special efficiency  
award at a banquet Friday night.

Mrs. Touchstone made a splendid  
record during 1933, it was announced  
by T. W. Vardell, Southwestern Life  
president, when he awarded the prize  
to her as one of the 11 agents receiv-  
ing major prizes for the year.

Christmas Cards 5c each. The Mer-  
kel Mail.  
Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Pastor's Wife to Speak  
At Mt. Pleasant Church

Mrs. S. J. T. Williams will speak  
at Mt. Pleasant Baptist church Sun-  
day morning, Dec. 24. Rev. S. J. T.  
Williams, who recently underwent a  
serious operation, will attend the ser-  
vice but will not be able to speak.

Houston Robertson and singers  
from Salt Branch Baptist church will  
furnish special music for the service.  
All members of the church are ur-  
ged to be present and friends in this  
community are invited.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We will appreciate the privilege of  
sending in your subscriptions to the  
leading magazines. On a great many  
of them, if you want to include your  
subscription to The Mail, we are in  
position to make special clubbing of-  
fer. See us before you renew.

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W. L. Diltz, Cashier.

Christmas Cards 5c each. The Mer-  
kel Mail.

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On Tarleton Honor Roll.

Stephenville, Dec. 21.—Included in  
the list of fifty students of John  
Tarleton college on the honor roll for  
the second six weeks period, accord-  
ing to announcement from the regis-  
trar's office, is Miss Mildred Rich-  
ardson, of Merkel, Miss Richardson  
is a member of the West Texas club  
and Z. G.'s, social clubs at John Tar-  
leton.

Christmas Cards 5c each. The Mer-  
kel Mail.

Office supplies—Mail office.

N R A Agreement Extended.

Washington, Dec. 21.—President  
Roosevelt, it was announced Wednes-  
day at the White House, has signed  
an executive order extending the pres-  
ident's re-employment agreement for  
industry for four months after Jan. 1.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

"The Messiah" Presented.

A number from Merkel attended  
the presentation of "The Messiah" by  
the Abilene Oratorio and Orchestra  
society at Fair Park auditorium Wed-  
nesday evening. Miss Christine Col-  
lins, one of Merkel's talented singers,  
is a member of the society and took  
part in the chorus numbers.

FRIENDS

WE THANK YOU

For your many courtesies and considerations of the  
past and wish you all the joys the holiday season af-  
fords.

PERMANENT WAVE SHOP

MAURINE CYPERT, Operator

Buy Christmas Seals



Christmas

Rich in meaning to all mankind. Full of hallowed  
associations, of fond memories, of golden deeds, of  
warm hearts, of glowing, hospital hearthstones.

May all its richness and fullness and fondness be  
yours . . . this year, next year, . . . and the years  
to come.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Merkel Drug Co.

Merry  
Christmas

FRIENDSHIP

IS ALWAYS BEAUTIFUL . . . . .

—But at no other time of the year does it  
shine with such radiance as during  
the season of Yuletide!

In the matter of friendship there is no standard of measure-  
ment. We know that to our friends and customers and the  
many hundreds of people who do so much to make life pleas-  
ant for us there is nothing too good to give at Christmas time,  
if only we had the ability to make the gifts. We'll wish you as  
much as we can and trust Santa Claus and the New Year to  
help make the wishes come true.

MAY WE SERVE YOU BETTER DURING  
1934 IS OUR CHIEF DESIRE!

West Co.

"45 Years in Merkel"

Happy  
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Irene Jay Dance Revue

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DEC. 22



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**FOR SALE**

INSURANCE FOR ELDERLY folks, ages up to 85, \$1,000. Insure today; tomorrow may be too late. It's better to be safe than sorry. J. S. Frederick, Agent. Box 535, Merkel, Texas, Oasis Hotel.

FOR SALE—Several grade bull and heifer calves. C. M. Largent and Sons.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Several good work mules and some good milk cows. Pierce Horton.

FOR SALE—140 acre farm, not rented. Box 428, Merkel, Texas.

**WANTED**

WANTED—One double disc plow, one double row planter, one double row cultivator; must be in good condition; no junk considered. Name price and location in first letter. Oscar Pate, Route 1, Trent, Texas.

WANTED to rent farm; buy one team, plow tools. I am the man will work your land; can furnish self. E. D. Womack.

WE CHARGE BATTERIES for 50 cents. Philco Radio Shop, Ed V. Lancaster, Mgr.

WANTED TO TRADE—My home in Merkel for small acreage outside of town, with house and water. W. A. McCormick, Merkel, Texas.

**Practice Alarm.**

A specially arranged practice alarm was sounded at 9 o'clock Friday night, the fireboys being called to the city jail as a test of the progress of organization of the new department. Until the election of officers, Virgil Hassey, driver of the fire truck, continues as temporary chief. 13 members have already enrolled.

**George Howell Acquitted.**

Returning a verdict after only 42 minutes of deliberation, a jury in 104th district court Friday afternoon acquitted George Howell, Trent grocer, tried on a charge of murder in the fatal shooting of Paul M. Ueckert, Jones county farmer, on November 3.

**Gives Dance Revue at Queen Friday Night**



As a special treat for patrons of the Queen theatre, Manager Frank Benson announces a featured attraction Friday night in presenting the Irene Jay Dance Revue on the stage in addition to the regular picture program. There will be no advance in prices.

Another treat is in store for Queen patrons in the Will Rogers feature, "Too Busy to Work," which will be shown two days starting Christmas. On Christmas night "Emergency Call" will be presented in a special midnight show.

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Mail want ads pay dividends.

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Yes, the Hi-Volt is as fine a battery as there is in the world—strong, dependable, in a genuine hard rubber case; 24 months unconditional guarantee, WITH NO EXTRA COST. Come in and see them. We have one in stock for your particular car.

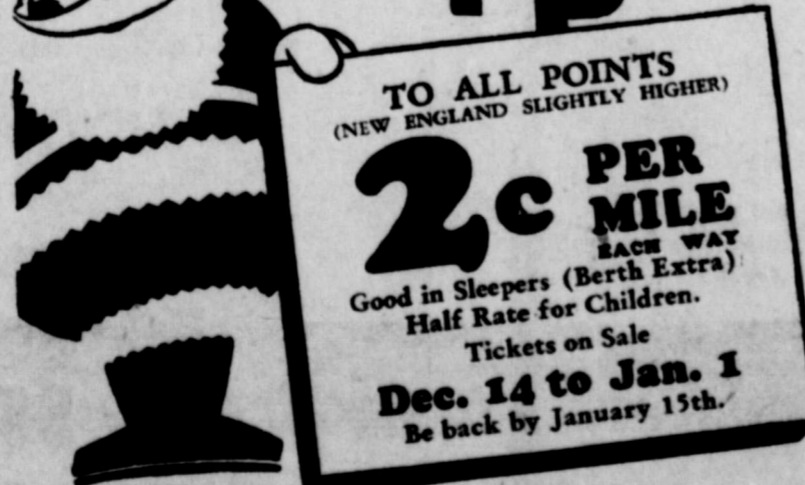
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**TO EVERY PERSON IN TAYLOR COUNTY**

I wish you a Merry Christmas, health, happiness and prosperity throughout the New Year

GRADY PARMELLY  
Tax Collector,  
Taylor County, Texas

**Holiday Rates  
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**XMAS GREETINGS**

From the



**THE RED & WHITE STORES**

TO HELP YOU IN PREPARING YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER WE OFFER THESE SPECIALS FOR FRI. & SAT., DEC. 22-23

- Fancy Delicious Apples, doz. 39c
- Sun Kist Oranges, doz. 35c
- Fancy Grape Fruit, each 5c
- For Dressing Onions, lb. 4c
- Extra Nice Celery, stalk 13c
- Fancy Pink Tomatoes, lb. 9c
- R & W Pitted Dates, pkg. 19c
- Red and White Cocoanut, 1-4 lb. 10c
- Instant Postum, small 29c
- 16 Ounce R & W Preserves, each 25c
- 10 Ounce R & W Tomato Juice, can 7c
- Quart, Whole, Sour Pickles, 19c
- Red and White No. 2 Peas, can 19c
- No. 2 Blue and White Tomatoes, 3 cans 25c
- No. 2 Kuners Lima Beans, can 19c
- 16 Ounce R & W Mayonnaise, jar 14c
- No. 2 Kuners Pumpkin, can 12c
- All Flavors Jello, pkg. 5c
- No. 2 1-2 R & W Peaches, can 18c
- White Karo Syrup, 3 lb. can 23c
- No. 2 B & W Sliced Pineapple, can 17c
- No. 2 Red and White Pineapple, can 19c
- No. 2 1-2 R & W Pears, can 22c
- No. 1 Red and White Salmon, can 25c
- Salad Wafers Crackers, 2 lbs. box 29c
- 1 Pound Sliced Bacon, pound 19c

- Apples Winesap or Arkansas Blk Per Box **\$2.25**
- Fresh Cocoanuts Each **10c and 15c**
- 1 Pound Pkg. Marshmallows Each **19c**
- Budded Walnuts Pound **23c**
- Mixed Candy Pound **15c**
- Sugar Pure Cane Cloth Bag 10 Pounds **53c**
- Almonds Fancy Large Pound **23c**
- Spuds No. 1 10 Pounds **19c**

- Fancy Winesap Apples, doz. 29c
- Sun Kist Oranges, doz. 25c
- Fancy Lemons, doz. 25c
- Late Howe Cranberries, 2 lbs. 25c
- Fresh Crisp Lettuce, head 5c
- Klin Dried Yams, 5 pounds 19c
- Hersheys Cocoa, 1-2 lb. can 12c
- Log Cabin Syrup, medium 57c
- Sanka Coffee, 1 pound 53c
- Quart Blue and White Olives 39c
- 16 Ounce Peanut Butter, 16c
- No. 2 Red and White n. 2 cans 25c
- Kuners Very Small Peas, No. 2 can 20c
- No. 1 Red and White Asparagus, can 15c
- Kuners Medium Kraut, can 10c
- Quart Green and White Mayonnaise, jar 24c
- No. 2 Red Pitted Cherries, can 16c
- All Flavors Flav-R-Jell, pkg. 5c
- Quart Blue and White Apple Butter, jar 25c
- 1 Lb. Powdered or Brown Sugar, 2 pkgs. 17c
- No. 1 Sliced or Crushed Pineapple, can 10c
- No. 1 Red and White Pears, can 15c
- 5 Pounds Red and White Meal, sack 17c
- 4 Ounce Oysters, can 13c
- Full Cream Cheese, pound 17c
- 4 Pound Carton Compound 29c

**Xmas Cards  
5c Each**

**The Merkel Mail**

**IF WE COULD FILL YOUR STOCKING OF HOPE**

No one disappointment would confront you this Christmas and during 1934. We count ourselves fortunate in the customers we have and in the new ones we hope to make. If 1934 is not a good year for us and for our patrons it will not be because we did not try to make it so.

**DR. CURLEY'S REPAIR SHOP**



**Whispering Rock**

(Continued From Page 3)

On the way in, the three in the roadster chatted ceaselessly. Once Ruth asked, "Tell me—what was the trouble that day at the barbecue?"

"Oh, the fellow in the blue sash? He was just drunk. I didn't inquire much about the argument. Alfredo said that he was saying unpleasant things about the ranch—claimed he wanted to see Snavelly."

"But why?"

"A crazy drunken notion. He told Alfredo that he could make Snavelly come down and walk on his hands and knees with a saddle on his back—thought it would amuse the crowd."

Ruth glanced incredulously at her companion. "Good heavens, what a rare idea!"

Will agreed. He did not tell the girl that his father had appeared much interested in the remarks of the Mexican in the blue sash; nor that by this time, a certain tall, grizzled policeman was also much interested.

As they entered the outskirts of the town, after nearly three hours of steady driving, Ruth could hardly believe her eyes. It seemed to her that she had never seen so many people in all her life.

Will assured her that the town had not grown noticeably—she had been living on the ranch where twelve people gathered together made a multitude.

She asked Will about banks, and he recommended all three of them. Then she remarked in a matter-of-fact way that she wondered if he knew of a good attorney. Will pointed to an office building across the street. "A man named Martin has an office there; you can't go wrong on him. Would you like me to introduce you?"

Ruth hesitated. "No, don't bother—I just want to ask him a trivial question or two."

Ruth left Will and David as soon as Will had parked the car. She would attend to her business and meet them an hour later.

At the nearest bank she opened a checking account with the cattle buyer's check as a deposit, and drew Snavelly's share in cash. Then she found the ground floor office of Mr. Witherspoon. From the signs on the window, Mr. Witherspoon was a notary, a broker, and an insurance agent; he also made loans, conducted real estate operations, and was incorporated.

"Mr. Witherspoon?" asked Ruth of the man who sat before a flat-topped

desk in the single room to which the street opened.

"Yep." Mr. Witherspoon swung around. He was fat and had been a blond in younger days.

"I am Ruth Warren. You have a note which I gave Mr. Parker of the Triangle T Ranch. It falls due November first."

"Yes—?"

"I want to pay it off now."

"Oh. Certainly, Mrs. Warren." Mr. Witherspoon arose and seated her in a chair near the desk. Stepping to the open safe he drew out a large record book, dumped it on his desk and sought for a certain page. "Here we are—let's see—nothing paid down—no extensions—everything clean and neat. I guess all I need is your check, Mrs. Warren. Make it out to me—J. H. Witherspoon, Incorporated. I'll give you a receipt."

Ruth filled out the second check in her new book for a considerable part of the money she had put in the bank thirty minutes before. It seemed too bad. "Is that all that's necessary?"

"That's all," smiled Mr. Witherspoon. "Very easy to get rid of money."

Ruth rose to her feet, bade good morning to the broker and went in search of the attorney Will had recommended. She thrilled expectantly; at

last she was going to see just where she stood with Snavelly. She had a feeling that she would learn much to her advantage.

Mr. Martin, the lawyer, was an oldish man, quite scholarly in appearance, with gray eyes and a very straight mouth. Ruth prefaced her remarks by stating that she did not care to tell who she was—that she simply wanted some legal advice. Briefly, she told how she had come to be on the ranch. Just what were her rights and relations with her brother's former partner?

After looking at her incredulously for a moment, Mr. Martin sighed. "My dear young lady. You have acted most unwisely and with no discernible judgment. To begin with, you have not one iota of right to be on the property."

"I haven't?"

"You have not. You have three-quarters' interest in the property if the will is found to be regular. The entire ranch is in sole legal possession of the man who was your brother's partner. You have no right there at all. The surviving partner of a

partnership has entire control of the partnership property. If you have made any money during your occupation of the property, I am not sure but you are liable to prosecution."

"But do you mean I'm not a partner?"

(Continued Next Week.)

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W. L. Diltz, Cashier.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

**Here's to Your GOOD LUCK**

**In 1934**

Welcome the New Year!

We're wishing you success in your plans. Prosperity in your dealings and Happiness in all your relations of life during the good New Year which is dawning upon us. If we can do anything to make the year better for you, you know where our sign hangs out.

**Magnolia Petroleum Company**

C. H. Jones, Agent

**SPECIAL PRICES ON OUR**

**BETTER PERMANENTS.**

From Now Until Christmas

- \$3.50 Waves ..... \$2.00
- \$5.00 Waves ..... \$3.50  
(Two for \$6.00)
- \$6.50 Waves ..... \$4.00

**Modern Marinello Shop**

At Merkel Drug Phone 195

**THANKS AND WE MEAN IT . . . . .**

We thank you sincerely for all the courtesies, the evidences of good will your friendship and patronage have signified to us during the past twelve months. Accept our best wishes for your enjoyment of a happy Yuletide and prosperous march throughout 1934.

**AMERICAN CAFE**

FLOSSIE MACK

**Season's Greetings**

At this time, when all the world relaxes from the excitement and tension of everyday business life . . . when on every hand one sees practical demonstrations of the true Christmas Spirit of "Good Will Toward Men" . . . it is fitting that this Company should bring to its many friends and customers the sincere Christmas Greeting of hundreds of loyal employees.

Throughout the year, 161 progressive cities, towns and communities in this "Land of Opportunity" have received dependable and inexpensive electric service from the three major generating stations of the West Texas Utilities Company.

Hundreds of farmers, ranchers and smaller communities have been served over the same high tension transmission lines, which, 2,500 miles in length, interlace this great West Texas Empire.

To this progressive citizenry . . . by whom and for whom the growth of West Texas and the West Texas Utilities Company has taken place . . . this Company extends cordial Season's Greetings and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Do you know that your increased use of Electric Service is billed on a surprisingly low rate schedule . . . and adds only a small amount to your total bill?

**West Texas Utilities Company**

On The **THRESHOLD OF 1934**

—We pause to assure our friends and patrons that in the coming year we will strive harder than ever to merit their patronage and good will . . . we are determined to strengthen old friendships and create new ones!

**CHURCH BROS. MOTOR CO.**

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Both Papers, one year, for

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BECAUSE of a unique process in manufacture, Genuine Bayer Aspirin Tablets are made to disintegrate—or dissolve—INSTANTLY you take them. Thus they start to work instantly. Start "taking hold" of even a severe headache, neuralgia, neuritis or rheumatic pain a few minutes after taking.

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Two complete stocks for your convenience

**C. M. Presley** 209 Pine

**Kilgore Jewelry Co.** 210 Cypress

Abilene, Texas



**Badger Weekly**

(Continued From Page Two.)  
me!" sang out Billy Woodrum, as his mother was dressing him one morning. "What do you mean?" she asked. "You've put my stockin's on wrong side out," he said.

**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.**

Dear Santa Claus,  
Care Badger Weekly.  
Please bring me about twenty history reports so business won't be so rushing to begin the New Year.

Yours,  
Am. H. Teacher.  
Merkel, Texas, Route 2.

Dear Santa,  
I have really been a good little girl, or have tried to be, at least. If you don't believe it just ask Miss Martin. You may fill one stocking full of fruits, nuts and candy. And in the other one you may put a doll or just anything you have handy. I'm sure you'll find my stockings for they will be hanging in their usual place, by the fireplace.

With lots of love,  
Maurine Dear.

Dear Santa,  
I don't care what you bring me except I want lots of candy that'll make me fat and some good looks to keep my feller with. I'd like to have a new feller, but if you can't bring me one, just help me keep my old one. I've been a good girl this year.

Marizoe West.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little boy not very old. I want you to bring me a little wagon, an air gun and a negro doll.

Yours truly,  
Bud Gambill.

Dear Santa,  
If you will only bring me a geometry grade  
Worth while to look at next time,  
I would appreciate it more than anything else.

For I would like to be on the exemption line.

Pauline Lasater.  
Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I want a top, a yo-yo and a game of mumbly peg. Also bring me some candy.

Yours truly,  
R. T. Blair.

Merkel, Texas, Dec. 18, 1933.  
Dear Santa,  
We have been very good little girls, therefore, we want you to bring us lots of nice things for Christmas. We want a big doll with long curls, a tricycle, a tea set, a train, an air-

**MAY THE NEW YEAR**

be as fortunate to you as your CHRISTMAS is joyous!  
Greetings and best wishes to all.

**Petty & West Sanitary Barber Shop**

Homer Dunn  
Chas. West  
Byers Petty  
Varda Fancher

**MAY THE CHIMES OF CHRISTMAS BELLS**

Ring in a happy and prosperous New Year for all of our many friends and patrons everywhere.

**L. C. & V. B. SUBLETT AND S. M. HUNTER**

plane, and some nuts, fruits, and candy.

Don't forget the other Juniors and our teachers!

Your little friends,  
Dot.  
Alene.

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**TWO PAPERS FOR \$1.50.**

For a limited time, we can offer The Semi-Weekly Farm News and The Merkel Mail, both papers one year for only \$1.50. Subscribe now if you are not receiving the Farm News and extend your time for The Mail at this special rate.

There were 749 steam, motor, sail, unrigged and yatching vessels aggregating 193,313 tons built in American shipyards during the year ending June 30, 1933.

**Many Others Can Buy Larger Ads Than This**

But no one regardless of size can wish you any more happiness than we do. Nor can anyone be more appreciative of your patronage. We are looking forward toward the pleasure of serving you during 1934.

**WOOZY'S CAFE**

**Reduced Holiday Rates On Texas & Pacific**

Dallas, December 21.—The heaviest holiday railway travel in several years is expected to result from the reduced Christmas and New Year's rates now in effect on The Texas and Pacific railway, according to Frank Jensen, general passenger agent.

Effective since December 14, round trip passenger rates in Texas and Pacific sleeping cars have been reduced to 2 cents per mile each way (not including berth) to all parts of the United States with the exception of New England where slightly higher rates will be in effect, Mr. Jensen said. The surcharge on sleeping car berths has been eliminated which further reduces the cost of travel.

The 2 cents per mile each way tickets will be on sale until January 1 with a return limit of January 15.

An unusually low fare of 1-1-2 cents per mile each way will be good in coach and chair cars to all points in Texas, Louisiana and the western territory, including Chicago, Memphis and California. These coach tickets

**MERRIE**

or

**MERRY**

The spelling of some of our words has changed from what it was in "ye olde tymes," but the sentiments which inspire human hearts remain perennially and eternally the same. As of olden days we are again wishing you and those of your household the joyous feasts of food and friendship which have made Christmas the most loved day of the year.

**O. J. ADCOCK, Postmaster**

**WE'LL STICK AROUND**

We'll be hanging around the same old stand during the New Year to give you the best of service for your money, the fullest amount of courtesy for no charge at all, and any other thing we may do for your accommodation because it will please us to help in whatever way we can. Take our best wishes for 1934.

**PATTERSON'S MARKET**

Phone 9 Front Street

**TO OUR FRIENDS EVERYWHERE:**

We come again at the glad Christmas season with a deep feeling of gratitude to all our friends. We are grateful to each of you for your loyalty during the past year and promise to strive earnestly during the coming year to fully merit your continued favors. May the holiday season bring you happiness in abundance.

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Is that 1934 will be good to you and that it will be the year in which you may realize your fondest dreams and hopes. If you see fit to continue to favor us with your patronage we assure you we'll do our best to leave you with nothing to regret.

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The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news-items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

**Welcome the Yuletide**

At this Merry Christmas season may you experience the happiest pleasures of your life.

We appreciate the patronage accorded us during 1933 and extend best wishes to everyone for a happy, prosperous 1934.

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**GREETINGS**

AND BEST WISHES

May all of our friends and patrons experience much joy and happiness, is our sincerest wish for this gay Christmas. We have much to be thankful for this year and are looking forward to a great year of progress during 1934.

**CITY SHOE SHOP**

**ALL TOGETHER**

The entire personnel of our business work through the year with the single purpose of rendering to this community the best service that can be achieved in our line. We are just as unanimous today in wishing for you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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**GREETINGS—**

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**McLEOD-WILSON.**  
The Abilene Morning News carried an account on Wednesday of the marriage of Miss Edna Wilson of this place and E. L. McLeod of Trent, which was solemnized on November 16 but was not announced until Tuesday of this week. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. W. Cypert at his home in North Merkel.

Mrs. McLeod is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wilson, residents of Merkel for a number of years. A graduate of Merkel High school, she is well known for her beauty and popularity as a member of the younger set.  
The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McLeod, residents of Trent for twenty years. He is associated with his father in farming and a host of friends congratulate him and his bride and wish for their happiness.

**CUTLER-KING.**  
On Saturday morning Miss Stella King and Mr. Frank Cutler surprised their many friends by slipping quietly away and being married. The Rev. Ted McGeehan officiated in the study of his home at 11 o'clock. There were no attendants.

Mrs. Cutler is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. King and was reared in Merkel; she possesses a gracious personality and takes a leading part in all social activities of the Methodist church.

Frank Cutler, although a resident of Merkel for little more than a year, has inspired friendship and confidence. He is engaged in farming and they will be at home north of town.

**SHOWER.**  
Mrs. Vernon Hudson, who was Miss Addie Fae Patterson before her marriage, was honored with a lovely shower at the home of Mrs. J. M. Collins Tuesday afternoon.

Ethel Hamilton sang "Smiling Through," accompanied by Eleanor Mae Hamilton on the piano. Opal Buzbee and Bessylea Church sang "Love's Old Sweet Song."

Refreshments of cake and hot chocolate with marshmallows were served. The dining table was decorated with a Christmas tree around which were the many lovely and useful gifts for Mrs. Hudson.

Each guest registered in the bride's book and wrote a recipe for keeping a husband.

Those present were: Mrs. Briggs Irvin, Imogene Middleton, Lena Bryan, Jess Higgins, Lela and Lucy Patterson, Opal Huskey, Pauline and Ruth Pinckley, Wanda Hunter, Ethel and Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Eunice Richards, Frances Marie and Bessylea Church, Florene Rider, Fay Pinckley, Opal Buzbee, Mary Collins, Marguerite Turner, Willie Mae Hudson, Marie and Marcella Pinckley, Mrs. Collins and the honoree.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY.**  
Little Miss Charlotte Overton was the dainty honoree Monday afternoon in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Fred Greene, celebrating her third birthday with a Christmas party.

The rooms were colorfully decorated in Yuletide decorations where not only the birthday girl but the guests were entertained. Games were played and the birthday presents were opened and very much enjoyed by the little hostess.

Refreshments were served and the birthday girl was the center of attention. The birthday cake and its three candles shared honors with the birthday girl.

Party favors for each guest were given from Santa's bag and remnants of cake and hot chocolate were served to Gene Carris, Joe Hutchins and George Ann Greene.

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# CHURCH SERVICES

## Gospel Meetings Begin At Church of Christ

We are beginning a series of meetings Sunday, Christmas Eve, at the Church of Christ. Brother Homer Haley of Abilene will do the preaching through the week, beginning Monday evening. Brother W. B. West, Jr., will do the preaching the first day, Sunday, Christmas Eve. Services twice daily after Monday, at 3:30 p. m. and 7:15 p. m.

We want to spend Christmas week in the most profitable way and believe that can be done best by having these meetings. We are inviting all our friends and neighbors to attend with us and make the best week possible.

Brother Haley is the minister of the Highland Church of Christ, Abilene, and is an able and forceful preacher. We want you to hear him through these meetings. A welcome awaits you. Come, see and hear.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**  
Despite the disagreeable weather, 796 were present at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday. This compares with 828 on the Sunday before and with 616 on the same Sunday a year ago.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
The pastor preached to a large and appreciate audience last Sunday morning on "Use What You Have for God," taken from Acts 9:36. He stressed the fact that we so often dream of doing great things for God in some far away place but so often fail to see the opportunity that God has placed at our own door. Sunday evening the subject was "Sin Against the Holy Spirit," Matt. 12:31.

Our prayer meetings have been growing in interest and attendance for some time and last Wednesday we had an attendance of 75. We hope to have 100 present next Wednesday evening.

We will not have a Christmas tree for the whole school but all departments from the cradle roll to the intermediates will have a tree in their own departments. The Juniors will have theirs Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and the other departments Sunday morning.

We are looking forward to a musical program at the church Christmas Eve evening, conducted by Mrs. Corner Haynes. We know that when she takes charge of anything we have a treat in store for us.

Preaching Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. E. T. S. 6 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

**METHODIST NEWS NOTES.**  
Saturday night at 7 o'clock there will be a Christmas tree and program at the church. Bring the children and enjoy the program with them.

At the church Wednesday, Dec. 27, there will be a program given by the Woods Conservatory of Music, presented by pupils in concert, featuring both vocal and instrumental music.

Joy Frances West, Joy Holloway, Bob, by Nell Regan and Charlotte Overton.

Come. There will be no collection taken. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Let's make glad the heart of our Saviour and yourself by attending next Sunday.

Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "The Hope of the World." All other services at the usual hours.  
P. H. Gates, Pastor.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. The basement department will have a Christmas tree at the Sunday School hour.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. You are cordially invited to all of these services.

J. J. Russell, Jr., Supt.  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**  
We are glad indeed to report a growing interest in all departments of the church, with good attendance, good Sunday School, good N. Y. P. S. Come everybody to the community singing each Tuesday night. Prayer meeting Thursday night.

Sunday School at 9:45. Preaching at 11 a. m. Evening services, N. Y. P. S. at 6:30, preaching at 7:30.

We are looking to God for great things in the future.  
J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

**NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
Christmas is almost here. Sunday night our church will have a Christmas tree. Rev. A. M. Dowell, father of the pastor, will preach the Christmas sermon.

We just praise God for the faithful young people of our church. They are working hard to make their services a success.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Preaching every Saturday night, Sunday 11 a. m. and Sunday nights at 7 o'clock. Singing every Sunday at 3 p. m.

We welcome everybody to our services.  
Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

**IT'S A GOOD OLD WORLD AFTER ALL**

As we see the holly wreaths and the bright Christmas lights and observe folks rushing here and there, buying presents and showing other signs of Christmas we pause to think "it's a pretty good world after all" and right away we catch the spirit of the season . . . and at this moment we are thinking kindly of our friends and take pleasure in sending out this message of good wishes.

## JOY TO YOU AT CHRISTMAS

and may a happy new year bring you every thing worth while

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**THANKS AND BEST WISHES**

We have not yet failed to render to all who have called upon us every reasonable service to be expected within our line. We have no intention of letting this good record slip during the New Year. So, take from us our thanks and best wishes for a Merry Christmas, and trust us to give you pleasing service another twelve months.

**MORRIS HORTON'S GULF STATION**  
PHONE 245 Merkel, Texas



**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Ed Sherman, who has been at Fort Worth for several months, has returned home.

Mrs. Euster Edwards and Miss Fox of Hamlin were visitors here Wednesday.

M. G. Scott made a business trip to Lubbock Monday.

Mrs. Arthur Duncan and two charming little daughters, Jacqueline and Dolores, recently visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Riley, of Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Burks and two sons, of Big Spring, were guests in the home of Mrs. Ed Burks last week.

Mrs. J. C. Randel of Quanah was a recent guest in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnson. Arthur Duncan spent several days in San Angelo on business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Armour and children, Mrs. Henry Ogletree and son, Smithy, spent the week-end in Lubbock visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Royce Dowdy and Cal Hamner, who spent the last month in the valley, have returned home.

Mrs. Roy Elliott, who is teaching at Sylvester, spent the week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogge and children of Sweetwater spent Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Estep.

Mrs. H. C. Lowry and daughter, Anita, left Sunday to spend a week in Fort Worth as guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mobley.

Miss Opal Woods of Abilene was a guest of Miss Edith Hale over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Poor left Saturday for Vernon. They were accompanied by Mrs. Daniels, the latter's mother, whose home is at Vernon and who had been visiting them, also Mrs. Walker Stedman, who plans to visit her sisters, Mesdames A. C. Kelly and A. D. Hardison.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howell and daughter, Betty Lou, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod of I. Z. L.

Mrs. Bessie Billings of Abilene visited friends and relatives here the first of the week.

Those from here attending the Harvest Day meeting of the Methodist ladies in Abilene last week were: Mesdames R. B. McRee, Bud Cribley, E. L. Mangum, W. E. Shouse, M. G. Scott, Rev. W. B. Reeves and wife and family, Hubert Kegans and Miss Imogene Mangum.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott and dau-

ghters, Dorene and Jean, were Sunday guests in the home of Mrs. R. B. McRee.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete McLeod visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod of I. Z. L.

Bob Dennis of Merkel was the guest of Miss Lillian McRee Sunday.

Miss Lucille Roberts, all-round world champion cowgirl, who has just returned from Boston and New York, where she partook in the rodeo, is making Mrs. Eva Bowman an extended visit.

Mrs. Joe Brown and Miss Winnie Brown left Wednesday for Wink to be with Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hamner and family during the holidays.

John Bowman, all-round world champion cowboy, was a guest of Mrs. Eva Bowman Tuesday. He was on his way to Lordsburg, N. M.

**TERRY-JOHNSON.**

The marriage of Miss Sarah Julia Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Johnson, and John W. Terry, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, was solemnized Friday evening at 7 o'clock in the Johnson home at Trent. Rev. E. C. Dowell, Baptist minister, officiated with a ring ceremony.

The living room was beautifully decorated with autumn leaves. The arch was made before the fireplace, which was also decorated with autumn leaves. The glow of the fire in the fireplace and several large candles placed around in the room were the only lights burning during the ceremony.

The bride, who entered on the arm of her father, was attended by Miss Johnnie Watson of Sweetwater as bridesmaid. Allen Terry, brother of the groom, was best man and his mother gave the nuptial music.

Johnnie Watson sang "Love is the Sweetest Story Ever Told" prior to the ring ceremony.

The bride wore a beautiful gray crepe dress with eel gray accessories.

She carried a bouquet of pink' rosebuds.

This romance started when Johnnie and Julia were in the third grade. Both were graduated from High school in Trent last May.

An informal reception followed the wedding, with Miss Fama Maude Johnson, sister of the bride, presiding at the punch bowl. Dr. Otis Watson of Sweetwater gave the toast to the bride and groom after the wedding cake and punch were served.

Just the relatives and a few close friends were present. The friends were: Mr. and Mrs. Garland Franks, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods, Mrs. J. A. Brown and Miss Winnie Brown, Miss Maurine Smith and Mr. Casey Wash. Out of town guests were: Dr. and Mrs. Otis Watson, Mrs. Luther Watson and Miss Johnnie Watson, all of Sweetwater.

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**Merry Christmas Missie's Floral Shop**

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**WILBURN-STAPLETON.**

Wedding bells rang out again when Miss Mildred Stapleton became the bride of C. B. Wilburn on Friday morning, the wedding taking place in the home of Brother Walker in Abilene, with Brother Walker officiating. The only attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bonds of Trent and Miss Eula Mabel Stapleton, sister of the bride.

Mrs. Wilburn is the lovely daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stapleton and the groom is the fine young son of Mrs. E. B. Wilburn of Comper. They have a host of friends who offer them congratulations and best wishes.

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**Hearty Thanks and Best Wishes**

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