

## Keeping Up With Texas

Houston resumed its lead in the Texas construction race last week with a seven-day total of \$315,325 in building permits. Dallas was second with \$176,778. Corpus Christi was third with \$153,385, of which \$42,000 was for air conditioning a hotel.

Vernon Hilliard, present coach of Plainview high school and a Baylor university graduate, has been named to succeed Dewey A. Mayhew, veteran coach for 14 years of Abilene high school.

Texas agriculture problems will be aired at the third annual dirt farmers congress at Austin Feb. 3 and 4.

Rufus H. Britton, 65, of Cameron, was killed Saturday by a Santa Fe passenger train as he walked along the track.

Two Dallas county men, W. M. Cunningham, about 45, and Jim Ealy, about 43, both of Mesquite, were burned to death last Friday night following an automobile collision eight miles south of Kaufman on the Athens highway.

Mrs. Mollie Edmondson, 74, died Friday at her home in Hamilton of burns suffered when her clothing became ignited from a trash fire the afternoon before.

Eli T. Merriman, 88, one of the founders of the Corpus Christi Caller, and a life-long resident of the Corpus Christi section, died Saturday night. Although he had disposed of his interest in The Caller in 1911, he continued to contribute to the paper until a week before his death.

Mrs. Margarita Chacon, 27, of El Paso, mother of two children, was killed and three persons were injured, one critically, when an automobile struck a culvert 11 miles east of El Paso on highway 80 Saturday.

Directors of the Texas State Bar have selected Dallas as the bar's 1941 convention city and set the annual convocation for sometime in July.

John Harper, about 35, of Merton, was killed and two San Angeloans badly burned when lightning struck a Shell lease shack a mile east of Bakersfield in Pecos county, Monday afternoon.

First airplane crash in the Southwest Texas area around Uvalde was chronicled Monday afternoon when Sydney Taylor, 16-year-old boy, was killed and another youth critically injured. Taylor died in the crackup of a small plane owned by a group of young men taking flying lessons.

Frank Howard, employee of an Abilene drug store, was fined \$500 Monday morning in county court in his plea of guilty to selling liquor without a physician's prescription.

Mrs. Cora Mansfield, 45, of Hubbard City, librarian at the Penlope school in Hill county, died in a Fort Worth hospital Sunday three hours after she had suffered head and internal injuries in a collision at a street intersection.

Daniel Thomas Watson, 26, a Cleburne farmer, was fatally injured early Sunday when his car struck a road guard-railing about a half mile southwest of Burleson in Johnson county.

Mrs. C. H. McMaster, wife of the former publisher of the Galveston Tribune, died at Mineral Wells Monday of heart disease. She had been ill since December of last year. The body was taken to Dubuque, Iowa, for burial.

Godfrey Hoffman, 64, was killed Sunday night two miles west of Shamrock when he was struck by an automobile as he was walking on the pavement. Officers said the accident was unavoidable.

Sweetwater is one of the four cities of between 10,001 and 25,000 population that went through 1940 without a traffic fatality. Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., state police director, announced Tuesday.

James Daniel Dearing, foreman of the W. T. Waggoner estate's 3,000-acre farm near Arlington and a pioneer horse and cattleman, died Tuesday.

Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel has proclaimed the period from Feb. 22 to 28 as "Brotherhood Week" in Texas. He called for observance of Sunday, Feb. 22, as Arbor day and as George Washington's birthday.

George S. Barbee, 35, oil company employee, died at Houston from burns suffered in an explosion aboard an oil barge Monday. Barbee and W. A. Bitner, 36, were cleaning oil and water from the hold of the barge when fumes apparently were ignited by a spark from an electric light cord.

Mrs. Melvina Jane Gibson, 90, died Wednesday at a Sherman hospital from burns she received at her home last Sunday when she fell on a heating stove.

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## QUEEN CONTEST NARROWS TO TWO CLASS FAVORITES

**Maudie Turner, Senior, and Wanda Douglas, Sophomore, Survive First Run-Off; Finals Come Next Tuesday.**

Selection of the High School queen was narrowed to two favorites in the elimination election Tuesday morning. The two candidates in the run-off are Maudie Turner, Senior favorite, and Wanda Douglas, Sophomore favorite. Climax of the race comes Tuesday morning at the chapel period when the finals will take place.

Distinct honors were bestowed on Dora Gaither and Douglas McCoy when they were elected best all-round girl and best all-round boy by popular student vote last Friday. Peggy Robertson was named most popular girl and Glendell Barbee voted most popular boy at this election. All four of these students are Seniors.

A full page picture in the Annual will be devoted to the queen. Best all-round and most popular students will have half-page pictures in "The Badger."

## Elected Member of Faculty at Abilene

Miss Billie Gardner, English teacher for the 5th, 6th and 7th grades in Merkel Grammar school, for the past two and one-half years, has accepted a position in the Abilene schools and assumed her duties Monday morning.

She was assigned to Central Ward school, 5th grade, where she teaches two music classes, language, arts and geography. On Tuesday evening she joined the Abilene faculty in the annual teachers' banquet at the Hilton hotel, which was attended by more than 100.

Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner, she received her bachelor of science degree in education from the University of Texas in 1938 and was elected to the Merkel school faculty soon after graduation. She is looking for a room in Abilene, but in the meantime is driving over each day.

Thursday morning Supt. Robinson stated that a number of applications had been considered, but the place had not been finally filled. Temporarily, Mrs. H. C. Reid is substitute teacher for the classes Miss Gardner taught.

## Bill Would Require Pupils to Memorize The Bill of Rights

Austin, Jan. 30.—All public school students in Texas would have to memorize the bill of rights and the preamble of the United States constitution under a bill introduced in the house Tuesday.

The proposal, by Representative James A. Stanford of Austin, would make it unlawful for a state-supported school to graduate any student who can't recite the preamble and the first 10 amendments, about 500 words in all.

The bill's emergency clause stated that "many persons graduating from schools are wholly ignorant of the form and theory of our government."

The senate meanwhile suspended constitutional rules to permit early committee consideration of a bill by Senator Clem Fain of Livingston requiring public school teachers to take an oath of allegiance to the United States government.

## Aids Fight Against Infantile Paralysis

Six cards of buttons, 25 to the card, supplied by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, were sold the past week by Postmaster Wrenn Durham, assisted by the clerks and rural carriers of the local post office. The buttons sold for ten cents each.

The sale was part of a plan sponsored by the Postmasters' organization of the nation, acting through Postmaster O. A. Hale, Abilene, as county director.

## MERKEL HEADS BASKETEERS IN COUNTY LEAGUE

The Merkel Badgers, leading the county tournament with a record of eight straight conference wins, will tangle with the Trent Gorillas in the local gym Friday night for what is predicted to be the best conference game of the season. Tuesday night the Merkel team is scheduled to play their tenth conference game at Bradshaw.

The local basketeers won over Tuscola, 24-14, last Friday night, and in a non-conference game with Hamlin Monday night, won 27-20 to even the series with the Hamlin boys who defeated the Badgers on the previous Monday here, 21-19.

By playing an extra session in the tightest game the Merkel cagers have played this season, they defeated Lawn 12-10, Tuesday night.

## Business Leader for 'Lend, Lease or Gift,' Appeasement Taboo

New York, Jan. 30.—Some 600 business leaders, members of the Merchants Association of New York, applauded Tuesday a statement that "business men are dead set against appeasement," and heard a leading Wall street figure urge adoption of the British-aid bill.

The speaker was Thomas W. Lamont, vice-chairman of the board of J. P. Morgan and company, Inc., who said that "whatever amendment may be essential, congress should formulate speedily and then pass the bill."

He said he did not regard "as of prime importance the form of bookkeeping to be adopted, be it lend, lease, or gift or all three."

"In the world crisis confronting us it would be most unfortunate for us to give the appearance of a country divided against itself," he said. "I do not believe we are so divided." Lamont said he was a life long republican and in the late campaign was "strongly against the third term."

"But the campaign is over," he continued. "We are in the midst of a world crisis. As a nation we cannot and must not be divided."

"All Americans loathe war and a vast majority of us hope to avoid it . . . at the same time we are not going to keep out of war just because we say we are going to keep out."

## Camp Workers Bring Boomtown Aspect on Friday Nights Here

With doors of the Farmers & Merchants National bank open for two hours, from 7 to 9, Merkel streets and stores put on the aspect of a boomtown on a small scale last Friday night, pay day for workers at Camp Barkeley.

In those two hours Friday night, President Booth Warren reported that 147 checks were cashed at the tellers' windows, with a total running over \$6,200. Other checks from camp workers, cleared through merchants or cashed at the bank Saturday morning or later, ran the figure well above \$10,000.

The bank will continue the practice of opening two hours each Friday night, from 7 to 9, as long as circumstances justify, and the merchants plan to keep their stores open on Friday nights for the benefit of camp workers.

## Start New Outpost To Kelso Discovery

As a new outpost to the Stith pool area, Danciger Oil & Refineries have moved a rig to the Foster property about 3 miles to the northwest of the Kelso well, the new test to be known as Danciger No. 1 Mrs. Mary A. Foster.

The Danciger No. 1 Gail, a diagonal southeast offset to the Kelso discovery well, was reported drilling Wednesday near top of the Cook pay section.

**Record of Births.**  
Girl to Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Landreth, Tuesday, January 28, 1941.

## AWARDS MADE TO GIRL SCOUTS AT INSTITUTE

**Evelyn Sears Becomes Merkel's First "First Class" Scout; Six Receive Second Class Badges; Others Advance.**

Evelyn Sears, daughter of Mrs. Clyde Sears, is Merkel's first "First Class" Girl Scout. To become a "First Class" Girl Scout, ten badges must be won, and, although many of the girls in the Sequoia troop have seven and eight badges, Evelyn was the first to achieve this particular honor. She is a charter member, having joined when the first troop was organized here, Oct. 1, 1936. She has missed few Scout meetings and has attended the summer camp for the past three years.

Mrs. George W. Wilhite of Hermleigh, organizer and first leader of the Merkel Scouts, conducted an institute service at the Grammar school last Wednesday at a joint meeting of the Scouts when badges and pins were presented to deserving Scouts.

Patricia Leonard, Betty June Toombs, Beth Ann Myers and Jean Curb were awarded Tenderfoot pins. Bobbie Nell Reagan, Jennie Ree Teaff, Miriam Cobb, Beth Ann Myers, Mary Faye Johnson and George Ann Greene received second class badges. Merit badges were given 16 other Scouts.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club is sponsor for the Girl Scouts in Merkel, with Mrs. Hob Robertson as registered leader, who is in direct charge of the Bluebird troop; Mrs. Richard Young is leader of the Sequoia troop; Betty Jo Speck is newly elected assistant leader of the Brownie troop.

The Girl Scouts, combined with the Boy Scouts, will present a Safety Demonstration program at the next Parent-Teacher association meeting.

## Russell Placed on Five House Committees

Washington, Jan. 30.—The democratic committee on committees announced the appointment of Congressman Sam Russell to membership on five leading committees of the house. They follow: irrigation and reclamation, District of Columbia, claims, invalid pensions and election No. 3.

Of the five appointments given Congressman Russell, one of them—irrigation and reclamation—deals constantly with legislation vitally affecting his district, the 17th of Texas, while the other four handle legislation more national in scope.

The committee on irrigation and reclamation is concerned with soil depletion, erosion and similar agricultural problems and membership on it is one of the most sought appointments in congress, particularly by congressmen representing districts where the need of farmers and landowners is so apparent as it is in the twelve counties involved in the district of Congressman Russell.

As one of the new members of the 77th congress Mr. Russell feels highly elated over the important committees that have been given him and it will be his aim to see that the interests of all portions of his district are properly looked after at all times.

## Sophomore Class Asks Support for Favorite

The Sophomore class of Merkel High school is sponsoring two programs to raise funds to support their candidate, Wanda Douglas, in the annual queen's race.

First of these affairs is a box supper at the Union Ridge School house, Thursday night at 7:30. There will be no admission charge. Saturday night at 7:30 at the W. O. W. Hall a masquerade party will be given. Admission will be 10 cents.

There will be an interesting program at each of these meetings. The class invites everyone to come in costume and support their candidate for queen of Merkel High school, Wanda Douglas.

## FIRST HOME ON TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOP LINES ENERGIZED THURSDAY

### PATRIOTIC QUOTE NEW HISTORICAL FEATURE SERIES

The inspirational words of some of America's greatest men have been assembled in a series of "Patriotic Quotes," which it is the privilege of The Mail to present for its readers, especially students in the public schools.

Men, women and children alike will find these quotes of thrilling interest, particularly at this time when the true spirit of Americanism is evidencing itself on all hands.

Each "Patriotic Quote" is a landmark in American history. Each "Quote" can be read almost at a glance. Each stirs, uplifts, gives courage and builds patriotism.

Fittingly the series begins with the dramatic words of George Washington, "Father of Our Country," on his deathbed: "I die hard, but I am not afraid to go."

Each week The Mail will carry a similar "Patriotic Quote" from some famous American.

## Taylor County Dries Form Organization For Stricter Control

Taylor county dries will meet next Monday morning at 10, at the First Baptist church, Abilene, to organize a campaign for stricter control of prescription whisky sold in dry territory.

T. N. Carswell is chairman of the Taylor county dries, and R. L. Butler is president of the Abilene Ministerial Alliance, issuing a joint call for the rally.

Carswell, chairman of a 12-county district, said "Our goal is to take whisky as a beverage out of the counties that have voted it out."

Other meetings slated include sessions Sunday at Haskell, at 3; at Sweetwater, at 2:30, at Anson, at 2:30; at Snyder, at 3, and at Breckenridge, at 3.

## New Song Books for Singing at Noodle

New song books have arrived and will be in use at the Sunday night singing at Noodle, it is announced by W. J. Bicknell, president. A number of visitors are expected next Sunday night.

Every one is invited to come and take part in the singing.

## Supt. Johnny Cox Shoved in Switch at Noon, Connecting First Section; Process of Energizing to Follow by Sections.

At noon Thursday, not quite seven months after actual construction operations began, Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s project "A" lines were energized. It was exactly 12 o'clock when Supt. Johnny Cox shoved in the switch that energized the lines.

Present at the sub-station when juice was turned on were Jack Monroe, superintendent of the Walco Engineering and Construction company, contracting firm; F. J. Favor, final line inspector for the REA; Supt. Johnny Cox; F. E. Everett, Jr., resident engineer, and others closely identified during the progress of the work as engineers, linemen, etc.

First member to be serviced was T. J. Bird, residing southeast of town. It was on his land that the first poles were set and to his home that the first wires were strung. There the first circuit-breaker and meter were set, and Thursday the first connection made.

There are 800 customers on the project's 400 miles, but the combined "A" and "B" projects embrace 600 miles of lines, representing approximately 1,250 consumers. Total allotment for the two projects was \$287,000.

In explaining the plan of energizing the lines to be followed, Supt. Cox said: "It will be done section at a time, to check transformers and connections, and will probably take 10 days."

"We urge," he said, "that if patrons of the line plan to be away from home for a day, that they leave their houses unlocked so that lights can be checked."

First section to be energized is the line from Merkel through Butman and Divide to Maryneal and back to Cottonwood. The section covers about 85 miles and serves roughly 175 customers.

Next section in order will be to the north and east of Merkel, across by Tye, thence to Pleasant Hill, Wylie and the Buffalo Gap road, and Iberis to the Abilene-Coleman highway.

Line four takes off at Salt Branch and follows to Stith, Hodges and the Abilene-Anson road. The section known as No. 2 is not ready yet.

Two days next week-end, Feb. 7 and 8, have been set for a celebration at Merkel marking the line's operation. The celebration is to be held in the E. G. Neely building recently vacated by the Barrow-Shepherd.

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## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 4, 1921.)

### WOOD-McDONALD.

At the parsonage on last Saturday evening, Rev. W. M. Murrell, pastor of the Methodist church, pronounced the words which made man and wife Mr. Nathan E. Wood and Miss Julia McDonald.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald, has been reared and educated here, having finished High school last year, and has a host of admiring friends who extend congratulations and good wishes.

The groom is a brother of groceryman W. W. Wood and has been connected with this firm since its beginning last spring. By his affable and courteous manners, honesty and uprightness he has won as his friends all with whom he has become acquainted.

We wish for the happy couple much happiness and prosperity throughout their married career.

Geo. Richie, one of the pioneer and well fixed citizens of Taylor county,

who settled in Mulberry Canyon along about 1884, made this office an appreciated visit one day this week. Mr. Richie's family have been making Merkel their home for a number of years, he coming in from the ranch occasionally, but during last August he sustained an injury from a fall, which has caused him to give up the ranch work to some extent, and he, too, has been staying with the family.

### UNCLE JOHN BROWN IS DEAD.

Our citizenship was made sad Tuesday morning when the news came to town that Uncle John Brown, one of Taylor county's best and oldest citizens, who came to Mulberry Canyon in the 80's, had died at ten o'clock the night before.

Uncle John, as he was familiarly known, was born in Tennessee and had reached the age of 66 years when the summons came. Besides a loving wife, deceased leaves nine children to mourn his going away.



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of 35 cents.

APPLAUSE.

(State Press in Dallas News.)

Merkel Mail: In answer to a call  
for the women to meet at the Bap-  
tist Church Tuesday to make cover,  
there were about thirty-five to  
come and work all day. Others sent  
quilts or things to be worked up into  
cover. At the close of the day there  
were twenty-five quilts and six  
double blankets and two cot mat-  
tresses. These are to be distributed  
to needy families in town. Mrs. Sam  
Swann sponsored this work and ex-  
presses her thanks to every person  
helping in it.

That is work that any church may  
take pride in. It is a church duty to  
remember the poor and succor them  
in their distress. The assumption  
that poverty is the fault of the poor  
is not well-grounded. Often, or  
usually, poverty comes of ill-health  
or ill-luck. Luck is a vital factor in  
the careers of men and of families.  
Some will argue that we make our  
own luck, good or bad. That is only  
partly true. If we drink ourselves into  
poverty it is our fault and our bad  
luck is in some part deserved. But  
if illness deprives us of working  
strength, or if members of the fam-  
ily fall into sickness and reduce the  
family through expensive treatment  
into poverty, it is nobody's fault. It  
is rare, much as this may be dis-  
puted, that any family comes down to  
indigence through sheer indolence. It  
is not infrequent that poverty is as-  
sociated with indolence, but the fact  
is infrequently true. Sincere church  
workers have no more pressing duty  
than that of alleviating the suffer-  
ings of those who cannot alleviate  
them for themselves. It is the work  
that most pleases and glorifies the  
Master to whom the churches all are  
dedicated. The work of the Merkel  
church ladies is something for all to  
applaud, perhaps something that is  
discussed by the saints in heaven.

Services for Native  
Texan Held Saturday

Emil Salge, 67, Taylor county  
resident since 1906, died at 3 p. m.  
last Thursday at his farm home five  
miles west of Caps. He had been in  
ill health for several months.

A native Texan and member of the  
Lutheran church, he came to Taylor  
county from Guadalupe county 34  
years ago and had made his home  
at Caps since that time. He was mar-  
ried in February, 1898, to Pauline  
Glenewinkel, who survives.

Funeral services were held at 3  
p. m. Saturday from the Lutheran  
church, Abilene, with Rev. H. L.  
Wiederanders, pastor, officiating.  
Burial followed in Cedar Hill cem-  
tery, under direction of Laughter's  
Funeral home.

pallbearers were John Fredrick-  
son, Albert Hoharty, Robert Meiss-  
ner, Otto Preasher, August Bontke  
and Leon Bontke.

Besides his wife, survivors are a  
daughter, Hilga Salge, who lives at  
the family home; a sister, Mrs. Wan-  
da Cruse of New Braunfels, and a  
brother, Hugo Salge, of Skidmore,  
Texas.

NOTICE.

To Customers of Douglass Dairy:  
After the night delivery Friday,  
Jan. 31, we will discontinue retail  
sale and delivery of milk. This step  
is taken for two reasons: we have  
entered into a wholesale contract  
with Banner Creamery, Abilene;  
second, because so many individuals  
are serving customers in town, it  
has ceased to be profitable to us to  
continue in the retail business. Stores  
and cafes will be supplied each morn-  
ing with pasteurized milk from the  
Banner Creamery.

All customers having empty bot-  
tles are asked to put them out and  
we will gather them Saturday.

We wish to thank all customers  
for their liberal and continued pa-  
tronage and trust they will under-  
stand our business change.

Yours respectfully,  
Tom Douglass.

Brazil's 1937 cotton crop, largest  
in the country's history, was only  
two-thirds as large as Texas' produc-  
tion for the same year.

HEADS CHEVROLET AGENCY



W. R. Yazell, formerly of Car-  
rollton, where he is better known  
as Bill Yazell, is being welcom-  
ed as a new citizen and business

man of Merkel. As owner of the  
new Chevrolet agency, he ex-  
pects to be ready to open for  
business Tuesday, Feb. 4.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Dr. U. H. Zehnpfennig, who was  
assigned to Fort Sill, Okla., when  
called to service as an officer of the  
medical corps, has been sent to the  
army medical school at Carlisle Bar-  
racks, Pa. After a six-weeks' post-  
graduate course there, he will re-  
turn to Fort Sill, but will probably  
be re-assigned from there.

J. B. Buckingham, formerly with  
Leonard Brothers in Fort Worth and  
White's Auto Stores, Abilene, is now  
in charge of the parts department  
of West's Auto Supply. He and his  
family have already moved here and  
with them are his wife's parents, Mr.  
and Mrs. Harry Amerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier and  
Frank Ferrier attended the funeral  
in Abilene Wednesday afternoon of  
their aunt, Mrs. A. C. Metzger, 80,  
who died Monday of a heart attack.  
The body was taken to Anson for  
burial beside the grave of her hus-  
band, who died Dec. 8, 1904.

Douglass Dairy to  
Stop Milk Delivery

For fourteen years the Douglass  
dairy has been delivering milk to  
customers in the city of Merkel.  
While the concern is not going out  
of business, it will be like the pass-  
ing of a pioneer institution when re-  
tail delivery ceases Friday night of  
this week.

The Douglass brothers, Tom and  
J. F., have contracted with the Ban-  
ner creamery, Abilene, for their en-  
tire output, which is to be delivered  
by truck each morning to the Abla-  
ene plant. They have increased their  
dairy herd to 80 head, their already  
modern equipment of a double-unit  
milking machine being sufficient to  
meet present needs.

On the return trip from Abilene  
each morning, Tom Douglass will

bring supplies of pasteurized milk for  
the local stores and cafes to put out  
at retail.

Largent and Stevens  
To Enter Stock Show

Fort Worth, Jan. 30.—Largent and  
Stevens, well-known Hereford breed-  
ers of Merkel, were among the first  
to enter live stock for the 45th an-  
nual Southwestern Exposition and  
Fat Stock Show here, Mar. 7-16.

According to an announcement  
made this week by John B. Davis,  
secretary-manager of the exposition,  
the Merkel cattlemen have entered  
11 head of Herefords for the show.  
Entries, which close on Feb. 15, have  
already been received from eight  
states, he said.

The Fat Stock Show's \$100,000 im-  
provement program is well under way  
now with the new entrance-ticket of-  
fice and the double balcony in the  
north end of the coliseum, home of  
the world-famous rodeo and horse  
show, virtually complete.

Steel work on the new \$45,000  
swine building is up, and work on  
other projects is progressing.

University of Texas engineers an-  
nounce invention of a new fruit and  
vegetable freezer to help farmers  
preserve produce for an all-year mar-  
ket. The machine uses ice crystals  
which heretofore clogged freezing  
apparatus of the immersion type of  
refrigeration.

In colonial Texas, alligators were  
a real menace along the Gulf coast,  
workers in the University of Texas  
Library have found. Alligators often  
caught dogs at river banks, and eye-  
witnesses have recorded several in-  
stances of their catching and eat-  
ing men and women, some even as  
they slept in their tents at night.

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Carrollton Man  
Comes to Merkel as  
Chevrolet Dealer

An important addition to Merkel  
business circles is the announcement  
of the opening of the Yazell Chev-  
rolet agency. According to present  
plans, the new concern will open for  
business on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

W. R. Yazell, the owner, comes  
from Carrollton, which is close to  
Dallas, where for the past ten months  
he has been manager of the Vander-  
griff Chevrolet company. Prior to  
that he was employed by the Vander-  
griff company in Arlington for a  
year and a half. His automobile ex-  
perience also includes ten years with  
the Chevrolet dealer in Lampasas.

Mr. Yazell and his wife arrived  
in Merkel the latter part of last week  
and are located temporarily in the  
D. H. Vaughn home. After Feb. 8,  
they will occupy the apartment of  
Mrs. W. L. Harkrider.

Coming with Mr. Yazell was W. A.  
Bowman, as parts department man.  
A complete parts and accessory de-  
partment will be operated in connec-  
tion with the business.

The entire interior of the Boney  
building, (former Chevrolet house,) which  
has been leased, has been re-  
modeled, and new equipment install-  
ed, including a thoroughly modern  
mechanical department, manned by a  
corps of experienced Chevrolet me-  
chanics.

Featured in the body and paint de-  
partment will be a paint mixing ma-  
chine for any color, on any car.

The public is cordially invited to  
visit the showrooms of the new concern,  
where they will find a complete  
Chevrolet line, including every model  
and color, also commercial models.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. Bob Fowler was admitted to  
the Sadler Clinic Monday for major  
surgery.

Wednesday, J. H. Harris, Route 1,  
was admitted for treatment.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs.  
Dewitt Landreth at the hospital  
Tuesday.

Records show that in 1939 instruc-  
tional flying—both dual and solo  
—totaled 702,957 hours with 56,236,  
560 miles flown.

Our Creed!

To maintain sound and conserva-  
tive banking principles and practice.

To place the welfare of the Bank be-  
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connected with it.

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Senate Confirms Walker.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The senate  
Monday confirmed President Roose-  
velt's nomination of Frank C. Walker  
to be postmaster general.

Former Teacher, 100, Dies.

New York, Jan.—Miss Emily Wil-  
son, 100, who was graduated from  
Mount Holyoke college in 1861, and  
later taught at Mills college, Oakland,  
Cal., died Saturday.

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

More than 2,131,600 American  
children ride to school in motor  
busses daily.

Taylor Electric

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pard company, when they moved to  
the Sharp building.

Electrical dealers will display ap-  
pliances. Kathryn Harris, REA home  
economist, will be on hand to demon-  
strate the use of electric ranges and  
other appliances. Dealers will also  
show all types of electrical equip-  
ment suitable for farm use.

At the Queen theatre, a special  
REA picture, "Power on the Farm,"  
is to be shown, by pre-arranged book-  
ing of Manager Hodge.

In the afternoon Saturday a pro-  
gram is planned to take place at the  
sub-station, details of which are to  
be announced later.

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McCall's Magazine..... 1 yr. ALL SEVEN FOR ONLY \$2.00  
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Comfort..... 1 yr.  
Southern Agriculturist..... 1 yr.  
This Newspaper..... 1 yr.

CLUB No. 2  
True Story..... 1 yr. ALL SIX FOR ONLY \$3.00  
McCall's Magazine..... 1 yr.  
Pathfinder (weekly)..... 1 yr.  
Farm Journal-Farmer's Wife..... 1 yr.  
Household Magazine..... 1 yr.  
Progressive Farmer..... 2 yrs.  
This Newspaper..... 1 yr.

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McCall's Magazine 1 year  
True Story 1 year  
Vest Digest 1 year  
Screenland 6 mos.  
American Boy 1 year  
American Girl 1 year  
Parents Magazine 1 year  
Motion Picture 1 year  
Pathfinder (weekly) 1 year  
Modern Romance 1 year  
Silver Screen 1 year  
Open Road (Boys) 1 year  
True Experiences 1 year  
Christiana Herald 1 year  
True Confessions 1 year

GROUP B—Select 2 Magazines 1 year  
Household Magazine 1 year  
Home Arts-Needcraft 1 year  
Pathfinder 1 year  
Hunting and Fishing 1 year  
Successful Farming 1 year  
American Fruit Grower 1 year  
Copper's Farmer 1 year  
National Live Stock Producer 1 year  
National Sportsman 1 year  
Progressive Farmer 1 year  
Southern Agriculturist 1 year

GROUP C—Select 1 Magazine 1 year  
Comfort 1 year  
Farm Journal-Farmer's Wife 1 year  
Mother's Home Life 1 year  
Southern Agriculturist 1 year  
American Poultry Journal 1 year  
Lighthouse 1 year  
Breeder's Gazette 1 year  
Progressive Farmer 1 year

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**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Mrs. A. C. Wash of Goldsmith visited here Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Wash are planning to move back to Trent.

Gale Frye of Breckenridge was a passing visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Bright and family Tuesday of last week.

Students coming home the past week-end from John Tarleton college at Stephenville were: Dorothy Jo Strawn, Mark Williamson, Helen McLeod, James Strawn and Lewis Tiner. Helen McLeod is transferring to Hardin-Simmons university, Abilene for the coming semester.

Mrs. J. T. Vessels has as her guests her son, Ab Vessels and family from the Plains.

Helen Williams, who is employed in Abilene, was a week-end visitor with Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Bright and family.

Mrs. Hattie Boozer and daughter, Marie, of Sweetwater were week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

Johnny Duncan, who is a recreation director in the Trent school, is to leave soon. He is a draftee.

Yvonne Hodges, a teacher in the Trent schools, spent the week-end in Clyde.

Katie Bob and Hazel Swinney of Albany visited Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Swinney and family the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allyn of Cisco were visitors in Trent Monday of this week.

Mrs. L. B. Fuller and son, Bert, of Los Angeles were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Edwards. They returned to their home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sherrill Bishop visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cooley, of Hamlin the past week-end.

A mystery revue by Mondro the magician was to be held at the Trent Auditorium Wednesday night, Jan. 29, sponsored by the Trent fire department.

**SCHOOL NEWS.**

James Grace, recreation Director of Sweetwater, was a visitor in the Trent schools Monday.

The Trent Girls basketball team won second place in the Westbrook tournament that was held last week-end. Mary Lou O'Rear and Helga Beasley won all-tournament awards.

The Trent boys attended a tournament at Blackwell last week-end. Bradshaw plays Trent at Trent Tuesday night in a conference game. Trent boys will probably go to a tournament at Avoca this week-end.

A district basketball meet will be held at Trent sometime in February, the exact date to be announced later, with teams from twenty counties participating. The winner of this meet will go directly to the state meet, which will be held in Waco.

Highland was the winner in last year's district meet.

**INTERMEDIATES PARTY.**

The Intermediates class of the Trent Missionary Baptist church was entertained in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Fred Porter last Thursday night.

The class first conducted a short business meeting with a social following. Refreshments were served to Willie Pearl Mathews, Carleta Hood, J. C. Hand, Hand, Essie Hand, Jane Tittle, Novaline Freeman, J. B. Winn and their teacher, Mrs. McElroy.

**Semi-Weekly to Make Refunds to Subscribers**

For the information of those subscribers to the Semi-Weekly Farm News, Dallas, which discontinued publication as of Dec. 31, who had paid for same through the clubbing offer with The Merkel Mail, the following letter received by the publisher of The Mail from W. A. Ford, assistant circulation manager of the A. H. Belo corporation, is reprinted: "Replying to your inquiry of the 24th, just as early in February as we can get to it, we are going to refund to each subscriber the amount due on his Semi-Weekly subscription."

**To Preserve School Sam Houston Taught As a State Shrine**

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 30.—The house Tuesday passed on final reading a bill to preserve as a state shrine the school where Sam Houston, one-time governor of Tennessee, taught.

The measure authorized appropriation of \$2,000 to purchase the building and remove it to Maryville public square.

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

**Patriot Quotes**  
Sweet land of Liberty of thee I love



**I DIE hard, but I am not afraid to go.**  
George Washington

*Washington died from acute laryngitis, but bore the pain without complaint. Although raked with agony, he said he did not fear death. Just before the end, his breathing became easier, and he expired peacefully on December 14, 1799.*

**White Church News**

The first quarterly conference of the year was held at the church Saturday, Jan. 25, with a good crowd present. Rev. C. A. Bickley preached at the 11 o'clock hour and delivered a soul-stirring message, with dinner at noon and a business meeting in the afternoon.

J. W. Cook was home from Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Sunday to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook.

Louis Farmer, also of Camp Bowie, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer.

Mrs. Raymond Demere made a trip to Wichita Falls last week to attend the funeral of a friend, and also to visit her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Franks and family.

Elby Frazier happened to a very painful accident Saturday when a jar of gasoline exploded, causing him to be severely burned on the face and arm.

We are having the mattress-making program in our community, with Mrs. A. L. Farmer of Butman as sponsor.

Mrs. H. E. Farmer visited friends in Abilene Sunday night.

Miss Johnnye Hardin visited her brother, Floyd Hardin, at the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, last week and reports him as improving slowly.

Mrs. W. C. Berry is in Merkel in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Melton, who have a small child seriously ill.

Mrs. O. M. Shugart visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reidenbach of near Mt. Pleasant.

**Farmers' Cash Income Increases 13 Per Cent**

Austin, Jan. 30.—Cash income from agriculture in Texas during December is computed by the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research at \$23,917,000, an increase of more than 13 per cent over December a year ago.

For the entire year, 1940, farm cash income as computed by the bureau, totals \$423,642,000, as compared with \$398,187,000 in 1939. Complete data on truck shipments and local marketing will bring these figures to an estimated actual income of \$465,000,000 for 1940 as compared with \$438,000,000 in 1939. Government subsidies push the totals to approximately \$575,000,000 for 1940 and \$550,000,000 for 1939.

**Shift Air Corps Units.**

Washington, Jan. 30.—The war department announced Monday that three Air Corps units having a total strength of approximately 1,000 officers and enlisted men would make a permanent change of station from Kelly Field, Texas, to San Angelo, Texas, in the near future.

**BLAIR ITEMS**

Several from here attended the funeral services of Grandma Bankhead of Merkel and the bereaved ones have the sympathy of the community in the going of this estimable woman.

Neal Dickey of Pulaski, Tenn., is the guest of his cousins, the Campbell brothers, and friends here for an indefinite time.

Vivian Terrell, traveling salesman for the Radford Co., Abilene, who has been seriously ill in a Missouri hospital, is able to be with his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell, for a few days.

Little Misses Peggy Maxie and Martha Ann Mayfield of Sweetwater were the house guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dean and son, Ozie Glen, visited Mrs. Susie Doan and other relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore and family spent the week-end with relatives at Weatherford.

Walter Scott, Mrs. Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Scott, of Lubbock, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott Sunday, Jan. 19. Mrs. Boyd Scott is the former Rea McKay.

Miss Sophia Howard of Abilene spent the past week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Campbell.

Mrs. Jim Moore and Mrs. Hugh Campbell visited with Mrs. J. W. Curb and Mrs. Bettie Sue Berryman of Merkel Saturday afternoon.

Otilia Doan of Merkel spent the week-end with Jimmie Nell Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell visited several days the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Freeman of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cavett and family of Roscoe were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cavett.

**List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week**

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

- W. C. Black, Joe Holmes, R. J. Osborn, W. W. Toombs, F. E. Church, Joe J. Barron, Milton Case, Merkel; John W. Blackburn, J. C. King, F. W. Burford, W. A. Harber, H. V. Hayes, H. D. Austin, M. N. Guest, D. F. Goetz, W. N. Hollis, K. B. Leggett, R. W. Stinchcomb, Howard H. Kunz, Nathan Razez, D. L. Holley, R. O. Mullins, W. G. Fisher, S. L. West, Jack Hays, Darby Fox, Raymond Dickson, J. H. Hendricks, J. J. Arendall, L. B. Lawson, J. F. Handy, Jr., N. R. Mitchell, W. J. King, W. R. Allison, Joe H. Dean, I.

W. Hoover, T. W. Clack, W. E. Jarrett, C. E. Nelson, R. H. Pardue, C. W. Camp, Abilene; Roger Williams, E. R. Nemire, Trent; S. B. Hinds, J. M. Holley, Tye; J. C. Burleson, Ovalo; Dan O'Connell, Tuscola; A. C. McMillan, S. D. Williams, G. M. Norris, Lawn.

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## QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday — Gene Autry, Smiley Burnette in "Ride, Tenderfoot, Ride;" also 2-reel comedy, cartoon and "Mysterious Dr. Satan" No. 2.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Jean Arthur, William Holden in "Arizona;" cartoon and Paramount News.

Tuesday only—"Lady with Red Hair," starring Miriam Hopkins and Claude Rains.

Wednesday-Thursday — Weaver Brothers and Elvira in "Friendly Neighbors;" also selected short subjects.

### "Ride, Tenderfoot, Ride"

It was the much beloved Will Rogers who first set Gene Autry, popular cowboy star, on the road to success. For when Rogers dropped into a telegraph office on the Texas and Oklahoma borderline, he found the telegraph operator strangely out of place in his surroundings. With long legs propped up on a chair, the pleasant-faced operator was strumming a guitar and yodeling a song that belonged any place but in a telegraph office.

"You're wasting your time here," Rogers told the young man, after listening to him. And the young man, who was Gene Autry, suddenly realized the same thing and decided to find a place for his talents.

Gene Autry's rise to his present fame as Number One cowboy was not an overnight sensation. He climbed up the hard way, and no one has worked more zealously than this simple, straightforward singing cowboy.

Unchanged by his fame, Autry lives quietly with his wife on a large rambling ranch in San Fernando near the Republic Studio where he raises western thoroughbred horses. "Champion," his favorite, is considered the finest mount in pictures. He rides Champ in his latest film, "Ride, Tenderfoot, Ride," to be shown at the Queen theatre Friday and Saturday.

### "Arizona"

One of the most mammoth spectacles that ever thundered across a motion picture screen, Wesley Ruggles' "Arizona" opens Saturday preview at the Queen theatre, with Jean Arthur starred. The sensational new drama of a far frontier, of a period so drenched with sunlight and with blood that its re-creation made it the most awaited picture in history, "Arizona" now looms vast across the mighty land which is America, because it is a story of America. Telling of lawless frontiers, of fearless pioneers, of love and empire in the danger-stalked vastness of desert and plain, "Arizona" has been hailed from coast to coast as the mightiest outdoor action drama of all time.

With the exception of the two principal characters, Phoebe Titus and Peter Munice, all the featured roles in "Arizona" are portrayals of actual pioneers, notable in Southwest history 80 years ago.

Jean Arthur is starred as Phoebe Titus and William Holden featured as Munice. Wesley Ruggles produced and directed the historical romance on the 360-acre, re-created adobe-walled city of Old Tucson, near the present Tucson, with a company of 2500 players.

Famous actual persons who figure prominently in the story are Gen. John C. Fremont, the Pathfinder; Charles D. Poston, mining mogul who issued his own money; Mark Aldrich, first American merchant and mayor of Tucson; Charles D. Hayden, veteran of many Apache battles; the Oury brothers, Virginians; Pete Kitchen, rancher and Indian fighter; Herman Ehrenburg, mining engineer; Solomon Warner and "Pie" Allen, pioneer merchants; Elias Pennington, head of the first American family to settle in Arizona; Kit Carson and Jim Bridger.

### "Lady With Red Hair"

"Lady With Red Hair," story of the Dayton girl whose blazing red locks and ambitious green eyes fascinated a generation of theatergoers in the Gay Nineties era has been produced as a motion picture by Warner Bros. with Miriam Hopkins as Mrs. Leslie Carter and Claude Rains as Belasco. The picture will be shown at the Queen theatre Tuesday only.

As Mrs. Carter, the internationally famous stage star, envied by all women, adored by all men, temperamental darling with her many-faceted character, Miss Hopkins reaches a dramatic stature that she has never before achieved on the screen. Her Mrs. Carter richly measures up to all the glorious legend that surrounds

### Resort Velveteen



As cotton velveteens reach the peak of their winter popularity, this desert tan hollow-cut velveteen coat is making its appearance at Southern resort centers. It is worn here over a printed dress in complimentary shades. The matching bag is also made of hollow-cut velveteen.

the most glamorous star of the gay nineties.

It was David Belasco, showman extraordinary, to whom Mrs. Carter owed a great deal of her fame, and due tribute is given him in the screen story. He is masterfully portrayed by the versatile Claude Rains.

According to manufacturers, the life of a good tire is estimated at 20,000.

### Convention Program Lists Industry Leaders

Gas men from the South and Southwest will be in Dallas Feb. 10-12 for the annual convention of the Southern Gas association to gird the industry for its responsibility in the national defense program and consider methods to improve fuel service. Representatives of the Lone Star Gas system, which includes Merkel, will be hosts.

Industry leaders are listed on the program. They are Major T. J. Strickler of Kansas City, president of the American Gas association; C. B. Wilson of Little Rock, Ark., president of the Arkansas Louisiana Gas company, who is also president of the Southern Gas association; D. A. Huley, president of Lone Star Gas company, and Colonel Albert Sidney Johnson, Southern Union Gas Company president, both of Dallas, and Frank C. Smith of Houston, president of the Houston Natural Gas company.

Predominantly a sales conference,

talks will be given on residential sales, home service, employee training, customer relations and advertising. An industrial gas inspection tour will be conducted for the visitors.

### Confirmation Recommended.

Austin, Jan. 30.—The senate committee on governor's nominations Monday recommended confirmation for Governor O'Daniel's appointees to the University of Texas board of regents: Dan J. Harrison of Houston, Orville Bullington of Wichita Falls and Fred C. Branson of Galveston.

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Today there are all kinds and grades of commodities and services on the market. Many are of full value. Others are not because they lack the assurance of dependability. Prices vary in direct proportion to quality and permanent satisfaction. In each case you usually get what you pay for.

Your grocer, baker, druggist; in fact, all business concerns, from their years of experience, know that "something just as good for less cost" is usually either temporarily distressed merchandise or an inferior product. There are no short-cuts to dependability and lasting high quality. This is true of gas service as in other items that make up the details of running a household.

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FOR SALE—Several screens for gas stoves; also complete baby's bed, practically new. Mrs. Amy Sears.

ORDER your Baby Chicks from Dunn's Hatchery, Cisco, Texas. English White Leghorns, \$6.95 per 100. Blood-tested chickens, all from 2-year-old hens; chickens that live and lay.

FOR SALE—Two tents, 16x18, 18x18; two pianos; all kinds of stoves, bedsteads, cots, pads, odd furniture and tools. Joe Garland, Second Hand Store.

**FOR RENT**

FOR RENT — 4-room house. Ira Moore.

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

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**LOST AND FOUND**

STRAYED — White mare mule; weighs about 1,000 pounds. Notify J. A. Bertran on Bland place.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

SEE G. F. WOODS, licensed realtor; nothing too small nor too large; rent, sell or buy. Box 566, Merkel, Texas. Office at residence at present.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY—"Gold Mine" of Money-Making Secrets; 50 formulas for \$1.00. H. Dunne, Box 765, Lubbock, Texas.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to express our appreciation to every one in Merkel and surrounding communities who in any way helped us when our home was destroyed by fire. We will always remember the kind deeds and words of sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Seymour And Children.

There is a lot of difference in grasses. Some have as much as seven times more feeding value than others. The Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock show at Fort Worth Mar. 7-15 will offer live stock prizes of \$31,760.

Men may be smarter than women—but not in "book learning." University of Texas officials believe. A current registrar's report shows co-eds ranked well above men students among the school's 11,000 students. Girls made an average of 1,345 grade points to boys 1,134 points.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

**TELEPHONE THE MAIL**

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.

**PERSONALS**

Private John W. Cook from Camp Bowie, Brownwood, was home over the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Artist Cook.

Bob Hobbs of Big Spring visited a few days last week with his sister, Mrs. U. S. Reeder.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge were in Mineral Wells Friday of last week, to attend the funeral of Angy Price, an uncle of Mrs. Stockbridge, who died in that city Wednesday, Jan. 22.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Newby of Paducah were the Sunday guests of a nephew, Homer Newby, and family.

Ben H. Davidson of Sweetwater was a visitor in Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Girtha McConnell of Pampa is visiting this week with her sister, Mrs. L. L. Murray, and brother, J. S. Stalls, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Young of Dayton, Ohio, are guests in the home of their son, Richard Young, director of the Merkel school band, and Mrs. Young.

Mrs. Raymond E. Neal and daughter, Margaret Rebecca, left Saturday morning to return to their home at Hugo, Okla., after a visit of several weeks with her aunts, Mrs. Ada Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum.

Mrs. G. J. Jones, who returned home last week with her daughter, Mrs. T. L. Grimes, is a guest in the Grimes home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Porch and children and Miss Maureen Hardin of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lamb of Otis Chalk, Texas, were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hardin and family.

Mrs. Floyd Hardin and small son, Delbert, spent the week-end in Abilene, to be with Mr. Hardin, who is recovering from an operation in the Hendrick Memorial hospital. Mrs. Hardin reports her husband is much improved.

Mrs. Peggy Harris and baby, Judy, returned to Lubbock Saturday afternoon, after spending several days in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnett.

Mrs. Dewey Garmany and Miss Essie Mae Floyd visited over the week-end in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Nutt and little daughter, Angela, visited the first of the week with relatives in Corsicana and Wells, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Epps and Mrs. Cecil Justice left Tuesday morning via Greyhound bus for Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Epps planned to go on to Oakland, while Mrs. Justice will join her husband, who is a student at the Western Air college.

Among college students home for the week-end were Glenn Robertson and Deauward Gilbreath from John Tarleton college, Stephenville, and

Francois Harris, from Texas Tech at Lubbock.

Miss Dorma Lee Shelton, a student at Texas Tech, visited during the "between-semesters" holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton, and other relatives here.

Mrs. Bill Sheppard and sons, Billy Mack and Rodney, of Big Spring, drove down Sunday to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton, and her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jud Sheppard.

Lynn Shelton, who is employed at Brownwood, was joined by his wife for a week-end visit with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn at Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and daughter, Sue, and Mrs. Cyrus Pee returned Wednesday night from Dallas where they had spent three days at the buyers' spring market. They were met in Dallas Tuesday by another daughter, Miss Betty Grimes, student at Texas State College for Women, Denton, who accompanied them home for a mid-term vacation visit.

Guests Tuesday in the C. B. Gardner home were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Butler and daughter, Mary Jane, of Chicago. They were en route by automobile to Phoenix, Ariz., to spend the winter. After driving her parents to Arizona, Miss Butler will fly back to Chicago where she is a student in Northwestern university.

C. M. Largent, Jr., of Granbury, accompanied by his wife, was here a few hours on business one day last week.

Guests the past week of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse were Mrs. Shouse's brother, J. W. Bailey, and wife, of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird were week-end visitors with Mrs. Foy's parents, Mayor and Mrs. H. C. West.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock, accompanied by Mrs. T. J. Melton, left Monday for Lubbock, to attend the bedside of Mrs. W. R. Graves, sister of Mrs. Adcock and Mrs. Melton, who is seriously ill.

**Mrs. Amy Sears Goes To Waco for Funeral**

Mrs. Amy Sears has returned from Waco, where she attended the funeral of a sister-in-law, Mrs. C. D. Needham, who died Sunday. Accompanying Mrs. Sears were a daughter, Mrs. Jack Morris, and her husband, of Abilene, and a brother, L. L. Estes, of Plainview. Surviving Mrs. Needham are her husband, one daughter, Mrs. J. P. Wilkerson, Waco, and a son, a United States army reserve officer, who flew from Columbia in South America to attend his mother's funeral, delayed until Wednesday so that he might be present.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

**NEWMAN NEWS**

Brother Littleton of Abilene will give a Sunday School talk at the Baptist church Sunday morning, Feb. 2, after which Brother Fred Molken-thin of Abilene will deliver a message.

Brother Lee Hollis of Sweetwater delivered fine messages at the Baptist church Sunday morning and Sunday night. He did some great work in our community Sunday.

Brother Lee Hollis, wife and daughter were dinner guests in all the homes of our community Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jones and Helen of Merkel were week-end visitors in the Reeves home.

Mrs. John Cross and Richard Floyd, Jr., of Rotan visited in the Reeves home Thursday.

Everyone is busy again this week making mattresses at the school house.

Brother and Mrs. A. D. Williams of Sylvester, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jones of Merkel, Alice Boen, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dickerson and son visited in the Dickerson home for a while Saturday night.

J. P. Boyd of Abilene was home with his mother Saturday night and Sunday.

Robert Hail and Maudine Watson were united in marriage Friday night. They will make their home in Abilene for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and son visited in Merkel Sunday.

Harry Slattery, national administrator for the Rural Electrification administration, has written a book titled "Rural America Lights Up."

**Jan. 31 is Calendar Night at the Queen**

Friday night is calendar night at the Queen theatre, the feature picture being "Ride, Tenderfoot, Ride," starring Gene Autry and Smiley Burnett. Also on the program will be a two-reel comedy, cartoon and chapter No. 2 of "Mysterious Dr. Satan." One night each month is designated as calendar night by Manager Norman T. Hodge, when a printed calendar and one paid admission will admit two people.

**Norman Davis Honored.** Washington, Jan. 30.—Norman H. Davis, chairman of the American Red Cross, has been voted B'nai B'rith's ninety-seventh anniversary award for "honor, duty and achievement," it was announced Sunday.

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RED & WHITE Peas	No. 2 can 18c
PINEAPPLE Juice	3 cans 25c

RED & WHITE Pears	No. 2 1/2 can 19c
HERSHEY'S Cocoa	1/2 lb. can 10c
HERSHEY'S COOKING Chocolate	1/2 lb. 15c
GRAPEFRUIT Juice	1/2 gal. can 15c
RED & WHITE Cleanser	2 cans 9c
RED & WHITE Coffee	1 lb. can 25c
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**SPRING LUNCHEON.**  
Members of the Junior Study club enjoyed a social meeting last Saturday in the form of a luncheon, a no-host affair, which was served at the Lions club.

Foursome tables were centered with beautiful pansies arranged in baby breath where a seasonal menu was served at one o'clock.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler acted as toast-mistress, introducing the artists on the program. Miss Maureen Moore, contralto, gave two numbers, "We Three" and "So You're the One"; Christine Collins was her accompanist. Mrs. Richard Young played "The Organ Grinder" and responded to an encore with "The Music Box." Both numbers are from the suite, "A Day in a Child's Life."

Others present were: Mrs. J. W. Bailey, of Dallas, and Mesdames Andy Shouse, Wrenn Durham, Leo Zehpfennig, C. H. Collinsworth, Carroll Benson, Geo. T. Moore, Raymond Ferguson, J. E. Boaz, Elmo Collins, David Gamble, Pete West; Misses Mildred Hamm, Mary Collins, Hettie Logan Clay, Ruth West, Imogene Schulze, Billy Gardner, La Verne Dunbar, Frances Cleveland.

**GHEEN-HAYES.**  
The marriage of Miss Janet Hayes of Denton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hayes of Merkel, and Cleo Gheen, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gheen of Denton, took place at 8 p. m. Jan. 25, with the Rev. Joe Brown Love, assistant pastor of the First Methodist church in Denton, reading the double ring ceremony in his home.

The bride chose for her wedding, a three piece suit of pastel blue, with rose beige and brown accessories. Her corsage was of gardenias.

Mrs. Clovis George attended the bride while the groom was attended by Mr. George.

The bride attended Merkel High school, but for several years she has been employed in Denton. The groom attended Sanger high school and he is employed by the Public Construction Co., with headquarters in Denton where the couple will make their home after a short wedding trip.

**HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.**  
The Merkel Home Demonstration club met last Friday in the home of Mrs. Bob McDonald with Mrs. Harry Barnett and Mrs. Holt Vaughn as co-hostesses. The president opened the meeting with the club pledge, prayer and motto. Miss Tacker led in a short song.

Each member answered roll call with the name of her "favorite shrub." Miss Tacker gave a most interesting demonstration on yards and shrubs.

Refreshments were served to three

new members and Mesdames Grover Gilbert, Chas. Knight, John S. Hughes, Bill Sumpter, Stanley King, C. P. Church, E. B. Wallace, J. Ben Campbell, Tommie Sheppard, Ernest Teaff, F. A. Polley, Clark Mundy, Alonzo Peterson, C. W. Newton, Lem Dudley, Don Riney, Clyde Shouse, Andy Shouse, R. L. Adcock, R. L. Sumpter, Fred A. Baker, Jr.; Miss Hattie Tacker and the hostesses.

**BIRTHDAY DINNER.**  
Mrs. Roy Patterson gave a birthday dinner honoring her mother, Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, in her home in Abilene on Sunday, Jan. 26. The table was centered with a beautiful birthday cake.

A sumptuous dinner was served family-style to the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett Pinckley, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Patterson, and Misses Ruth and Sue Pinckley.

**FAMILY REUNION.**  
A family reunion was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Webb Sunday in honor of their daughter, Mrs. Marion Hays and children of Clyde, who are leaving the first of February for Bisbee, Ariz., to join her husband who has been employed there since Jan. 1.

All the family were present, the group including Mr. and Mrs. Will Webb, Willie Joyce and Tommie, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Douglass and children, Jerry and Jackie, of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Webb and Mrs. Marion Hays and children, Peggy, Bob and Kellon, of Clyde; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Webb and daughters, Shirley Fay and Glenda Ann, of Hamlin, and Miss Lena Webb of Abilene.

**JIMMIE WHITE HOST.**  
Jimmie White was host to the younger set at a cleverly arranged party in his home Saturday evening. The valentine theme was used in table decorations and all party appointments. Progressive "42" proved highly interesting as diversion for the evening, and Venita Allen was given a box of valentine candy as prize for making the highest score.

A delectable salad plate was served to Misses Johnnie McDonald, Valerie Leonard, Patricia Leonard, Betty Jane Curb, Dorothy Nell Groene, Geneva Allen, Bonnie White; Messrs. Clyde Bartlett, Wayne Rutledge, Billie Joe White, George Mack Owens, H. F. Hennington, R. V. Clark, Cheatham McFarland and Jimmie White.

**W. M. U. CIRCLES.**  
The Blanche Rose Walker Circle of the First Baptist church met with Mrs. E. O. Carson Monday after-

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noon. Mrs. E. R. Clack opened the meeting with prayer and Mrs. J. O. Castles taught the Bible lesson. The meeting was closed with Mrs. Carson leading in prayer.

Those present were Mesdames J. S. Swann, Sam Swann, J. O. Castles, E. R. Clack, A. D. Fulton, W. L. Johnson, E. O. Carson, and one visitor, Mrs. J. M. Stevens, mother of Mrs. A. D. Fulton.

The Circle will meet with Mrs. J. O. Castles Feb. 10.

The Elkin Lockett Circle met in the home of Mesdames J. M. Williamson and Lucy Ford Monday afternoon, with Mrs. Ford, the leader, opening the meeting with prayer. In the absence of the teacher, Mrs. Williamson taught the lesson from the book of Isaiah to the following members: Mesdames Charles West, J. J. McNiece, G. M. Sharp, Lucy Ford and J. M. Williamson. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. McNiece.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. G. M. Sharp on Feb. 10.

**ALATHEAN CLASS.**  
The Alathean class of the First Baptist church will meet Wednesday, Feb. 5, in the home of Mrs. Chas. West for their business and social meeting. All members are urged to be present. The time is 2 o'clock.

**Presbyterians POUND Pastor at Gathering**

More than 50 members of the congregation of Grace Presbyterian church gathered in the basement of the church Wednesday evening for a "get-together" to welcome the new pastor, Rev. J. B. Ramsey, and wife. The evening's program brought out several interesting reports and suggestions from department and church leaders and was climaxed with an old-fashioned pounding of the pastor and wife.

After a hymn was sung with Supt. Connor Robinson as leader and Gay West at the piano, prayer was led by Rev. Mr. Ramsey, after which sandwiches, cakes, pies, coffee and hot chocolate, provided by the ladies of the church, were enjoyed.

After the refreshments, all joined in singing hymns, and an informal discussion of church plans followed, with W. M. Elliott, clerk of the session, presiding.

Opening the program, Mr. Elliott pledged the full co-operation of the session and all branches of the church in assisting the new pastor. Other speakers who followed were: Connor Robinson, superintendent of the Sunday School; Mrs. Robinson, president of the Woman's Missionary society; Mrs. Henry West, teacher of the Builders Sunday School class and president of the Abilene presbytery; John West, teacher of the Men's Bible class, the last speaker being the pastor, who presented a detailed plan concerning all phases of church work for the year.

Before adjournment, W. A. Campbell, an early-day elder and oldest member of the session, arose and bespoke more earnestness in all church work.

The evening's program closed with a hymn and prayer by the pastor.

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**RURAL SOCIETY**

**BRIDAL SHOWER.**

A bridal shower was given in the home of Mrs. W. I. Burton of Stith, honoring her niece, Mrs. Norman Bicknell of Noodle, the former Juanez Jones, on Friday afternoon, Jan. 17. Mrs. Bicknell is one of the teachers in the Noodle school.

In the receiving line were Mrs. W. I. Burton and Mesdames Clyde Jones, W. H. Kelso, O. S. Campbell, co-hostesses. As guests arrived they were invited into the dining room where refreshments were served.

Mrs. Kennemer and seven of her pupils from Midway school rendered a delightful program, after which the gifts were presented and admired. Miss Winona Kelso presided at the registration table.

Those attending were Mesdames S. A. Kelly, Fletcher Jones, Bryan Dunagin, Charlie Sherrell, C. L. Daniels, W. J. Hayes, Shamlin Varner, Wesley Mashburn, Dick Mashburn, Norman Sloan, Elbert West, Norman Winter, J. L. Berry, M. C. Church, E. R. Foster, E. L. Kelso, Cline Satterwhite, Ira Stanley, W. J. Bicknell, Odell Eoff, Curtis McAninch, Maggie Wilson, Roger Garrett, N. A. Bagley, Cyrus Simpson, Leon Thompson, Kennemer; Misses Jewel Chancey, Dollie Berry, Wilda Bagley, Winona Kelso, Emilie Simpson, Bonnie Holden, Joanne Akens, Wilma Holden, Doris Jean Chaney, Dorothy Fay Archer, Mildred Akens, Liddell Garrett, Nora Kelso.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames Leonard McCoy, Fred Kelso, Roy Kelso, J. M. Sloan, Odell Vick, Lee Welch, Ernest Spurgin, Ray Spurgin, Troy Sloan, Edwin Reid, C. R. Rogers, Otis Rogers, Ernest Hardy, Lloyd Regeon, W. H. Herring, J. C. Thompson, Claud Smith, E. L. Regeon, Paul Osborn; Misses Myrtle Massey, Lois Regeon, Louise Hudson; Messrs. Durwood McCoy and Alton Bicknell.

**SALT BRANCH CLUB.**

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met Thursday, Jan. 23, in the home of Mrs. T. C. Allen, with Mrs. Allen as hostess.

Mrs. Bill Hays, the new president, was in charge of the business meeting. Mrs. Hays and Miss Tacker, the county agent, gave reports of the council meeting, as the council member, was absent. Miss Tacker gave an interesting talk on "Shrubs," and gave each woman present a cutting of some kind of shrub.

Mrs. Allen and Miss Tacker served a refreshment plate of potato chips, snacks, cookies and hot chocolate to the following members: Mesdames Mason Barker, Buster Horton, Ollie Higgins, Bill Hayes, J. E. Higgins, W. U. Beene, Vernon Hudson, Ada Higgins, Carl Baccus, J. S. Pinckley and Misses Lena Faye Harrell and Ruth Pinckley. Miss Tacker, Mrs. Clyde Sears and Mrs. Tucker were visitors.

Capsule pairs will be drawn next time, so every one is urged to be present at the next meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 5, (instead of the usual time on Thursday,) at the home of Mrs. Buster Horton.

**COMPERE CLUB.**

The Comper Home Demonstration club met Thursday, Jan. 23, in the home of Mrs. Dewey Ramsey. The hostess invited her guests to view her improvement in kitchen work, a handsome new sink with attractive drawers and storage space quite up to any city home.

Mrs. Clyde Foster became a member of the Comper club and was heartily welcomed. Miss Gladys Martin, our attractive county agent, spent some time with our club discussing plans for some exhibits to be taken to the city of Hamlin—exhibits of needlework such as bedspreads, table covers and quilts. Hamlin will conduct a Fat Stock show Feb. 15.

Miss Martin talked on "Food for Man, Woman and Child" and by pictures and charts showed values of various articles bought in the markets of America and their importance in building up our national defense. Our national defense, whether in war or peace, will lie in the bodies and minds of healthy well-balanced people.

The hostess served hot chocolate, peaches and vanilla wafers to Mesdames Ben Adkins, Clyde Foster, I. B. Ray, W. J. Spurgin and T. A. Tucker; Miss Gladys Martin, Ida Beth Adkins, Clinton Spurgin, Robert Ray Johnson and the two Foster children.

**NUBIA WSCS.**

The different aspects of "Stewardship" were discussed by members of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Nubia Methodist church Wednesday when they met for a covered dish luncheon. Mrs. J. B. Stewart presided.

Mrs. R. H. Looney spoke general-

**In The Churches**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

There were 557 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 521 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 509.

**GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Offering for Reynolds home.

As the pastor will be at Tuscola, there will be no preaching service, morning nor night.

J. B. Ramsey, Pastor.

**PRESBYTERIAN WMS.**

The Woman's Missionary Society of Grace Presbyterian church will meet Monday, Feb. 3, at the church at 3:30 p. m. for a program on Africa. Mrs. Connor Robinson is leader and issues a cordial invitation to all women of the church to come.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**

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

Marvin Boyd, Pastor.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union 6:15. The Hardin-Simmons male quartet will furnish music for the program at the Sunday night service, beginning at 7:15.

Teachers' and officers' meeting and prayer meeting 7:15 Wednesday evening.

Cooper Waters, Pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

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

You are invited to attend.

Lee Starnes, Minister.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**

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

Everyone is cordially invited to these services.

G. O. Crow, Pastor.

**FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Preaching Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

M. C. Miller, Pastor.

**NEW LIVE OAK CHURCH.**

You are invited to the New Live Oak Baptist church at the Butman community. Our pastor, Rev. A. C. Healer, from Sweetwater, will preach on Sunday, Feb. 2, both morning and evening. There will be Sunday School also Sunday morning.

Reporter.

**Ethel King New Owner Orchid Beauty Shoppe**

Announcement was made Monday morning by Mrs. Cecil Justice of the sale of the Orchid Beauty shoppe to Miss Ethel King, who assumed charge at once. Mrs. Justice left Tuesday morning for Los Angeles, Calif., to join her husband, who is a student in the Western Air college.

The new owner is a graduate of Parsons School of Beauty Culture in Abilene and has been with the Orchid Beauty shop since completing her course in the school, first with Mrs. Sally Angus, who established the business, and later with Mrs. Justice.

**Missionaries from India Speak Feb. 5**

Announcement is made by Rev. G. O. Crow, pastor of the Nazarene church, that Rev. and Mrs. K. Hawley Jackson, returned missionaries from India, will be here Wednesday night, Feb. 5, and will speak at the church at 7:30 that evening.

These speakers are making a few days' tour among churches in this district in the interest of missionary work. Every one is invited to hear them.

ly on "Stewardship," Mrs. A. D. Barnes confined her talk to "Talent" and Mrs. Virgil Patterson's subject was "Fellowship." "Responsibility" was the topic of Mrs. Mary Russon's talk.

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