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AS CONCERN LETS LEASE FOR NEW POSTOFFICE

J. Rife Construction Company is Awarded Ten Year Lease; Has Purchased Lot From Mrs. E. L. Ash.

Upon the completion of a new building, to be erected by the A. J. Rife construction company, Dallas, the Merkel postoffice, which has been in its present home for over 25 years, will be moved.

Postmaster O. J. Adcock received a communication from Fourth Assistant Postmaster General John W. Philip Saturday advising that the government had accepted the proposal of the Dallas construction company.

The location is to be on the lot just across the alley from the Booth grocery on ground which the lessee has purchased from Mrs. E. L. Ash.

The proposal provides for a ten year lease on the structure at \$534 per year, the building to be 23 1/2 by 27 feet. It will contain 1,598 square feet of floor space. The lease will terminate on the completion of the building and the installation of equipment. The construction company recently secured the lease from the local bank for the postoffice location.

Death of Little Bonnie Anderson

After several days, Bonnie Wayne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mansfield, died from diphtheria Saturday afternoon at the home of Mt. Pleasant.

The girl was a favorite with her neighbors, this being her second year in school. She was also regarded at the Mt. Pleasant Sunday School and community. Her death was a great loss to her parents, and brother and sister, and to the neighbors, although they were not enough to make up to them the loss of their dear little girl.

Her parents, she is survived by a sister, Nola May, age 16, and brother, J. T., age 12. Funeral services were held at 12 o'clock Sunday at Rose Hill cemetery, with Revs. Marvin Williams and O. Pruitt officiating. Pall bearers were: Watt Blair, R. H. Mathews, A. J. Anderberg and Fine Hogan.

TRAYLOR BOOM FOR PRESIDENT GAINS IMPETUS IN TEXAS

Dallas, Dec. 31.—North Texas democratic friends of Melvin A. Traylor, former Texan, now president of the First National bank of Chicago, held a private caucus here Wednesday and authorized appointment of a committee to organize Traylor-for-president clubs throughout the state.

B. B. Stone, Fort Worth attorney, was named chairman and given authority to select the personnel of the committee. He said he would announce names of members within a few days, and select a place for state headquarters.

"The 25 or 30 friends of Traylor who attended the meeting Wednesday have known him since he came to Texas nearly 30 years ago," Stone explained. "Sentiment is growing all over the United States in favor of Traylor as a democratic candidate for president and we believe it is reaching the proportions of a demand, particularly in the middlewest and the stock country, and in Kentucky, where Traylor was born."

Stone pointed out that Traylor-for-president clubs already had been organized at Hillsboro, Malone and Ballinger, where Traylor lived for many years, and became a successful banker before going to Chicago.

Merkel Youth Killed By Truck Trailer

J. W. Mansfield, Jr., 16-year-old Merkel high school boy and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mansfield, met death beneath the wheels of a heavily-loaded truck trailer on the Cat-claw bridge in western Abilene at 11:45 Thursday morning.

The youth was taken to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium in an ambulance, but died before the sanitarium was reached. His head was crushed beneath a trailer wheel, but just how the tragedy occurred could not be learned.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon from the First Baptist church, with Rev. J. T. King, the pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Rose Hill cemetery.

Still Stolen From Officers.

Coricana, Dec. 31.—A 250-gallon liquor still was stolen from Navarro county officers Sunday night. It had been seized in a raid by county officers a week ago and stored in a powerhouse near the jail. The powerhouse door was forced and the still carried away in a truck.



DO MAIL ORDER HOUSES
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'30 GRADUATES HOLD REUNION

Twenty-one Out of the Thirty-Two, Who Graduated, Present for Annual Affair.

(By J. T. Darsey, Jr.)

The second annual reunion of the Senior class of 1930 was held Monday night at the home of Clinton Bryan on Oak street. Clinton was assisted by Miss Gwendolyn Vickers, Mrs. Orion Tittle and E. L. Turner in his capacity as host.

Of the 32 graduated in 1930, only 21 were present; one member was in Arizona, five members have moved away or were still away at school. Mrs. Claude Young, sponsor of the class, was unable to attend, and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess were out of the city. It was interesting to note that eight of the class are attending college this year, while seven have married.

After enjoying games of "42," dominoes, flinch and bridge, a short business meeting was held before the refreshments were served. J. T. Darsey, vice-president of the class, presided in the absence of Lee Darden, who was out of the city. Milton Case, Nina Vantress, Maurine Davis and Eleanor Mae Hamilton were elected to serve on the committee to arrange the reunion for 1932, to be held the first Monday night after Christmas. After refreshments had been served the class enjoyed musical numbers by Wesley Butler and Buster Horton, Mrs. Orion Tittle and Clinton Bryan, and vocal and musical numbers by the talented Mr. Butler.

Those present for the reunion were: Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case, Mr. and Mrs. Orion Tittle, Mrs. Glen Elliott, nee Dorice Brown, Mrs. Ernest Higgins, nee Willie Mae Schwartz, Misses Marcella Pinckley, Helen Keiso, Nina Vantress, Maurine Davis, Gwendolyn Vickers, Louise Booth, Lucille Cole, Alberta Butler and Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Messrs. Wesley Butler, Buster Horton, J. D. Ashby, Tracy Campbell, Clinton Bryan, E. L. Turner and J. T. Darsey, Jr.

Many Merkelites See Abilene Win Title

The Cowtown of Texas was the drawing card for some 15,000 football fans from all over Texas on Christmas Day and a large number went from Merkel to root for Abilene High. The Mail is aware that the following list does not include all Merkelites who went, but among those who enjoyed the game, some going by train and others by auto, were:

Hugh Mayfield, Joe Cypert, Miss Maurine Tipton, Miss Myrtle McDonald, B. H. Lancaster, A. J. Tucker, Dr. and Mrs. Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mayfield, J. E. Boaz, Miss Louise Booth, Miss Ruth Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Jenkins, Byron Patterson, James B. Toombs, Ross Ferrier, Comer Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wood and Delma Compton.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Mitchell, residing near Stith, Friday, December 25, 1931.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Ector Smith, Sunday, December 27, 1931.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wetsel, Mt. Pleasant, Tuesday, December 29, 1931.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Johnson, residing in the Canyon, Wednesday, December 30, 1931.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Tarpoley, Noodle, Wednesday, December 30, 1931.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

November losses from 573 Texas fires aggregated \$788,677, a decrease of \$33,624 compared with November last year. Incendiaries caused losses of \$35,616.

Dave Shanks, mayor of Perryton, has announced his candidacy for the state senate from the 31st district to succeed Clint G. Small, who is expected to be a candidate for governor.

Scoring two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, the Abilene Eagles won the championship title in the Texas Interscholastic league in the Christmas Day game at Fort Worth.

Judge William Pierson, associate justice of the Texas supreme court, announced last week from Marlin where he had gone for his health that he would be a candidate for re-election.

Using a steel-tipped arrow and a 70-pound lemonwood bow, Elbert Wheeler, left-handed archer, killed a 13-point buck, showing that the early Indian style of hunting is not extinct.

Saying to newspaper men Wednesday at Austin that he "never had said he would not be a candidate for re-election," Governor Ross S. Sterling is regarded as sure to be a candidate in 1932.

Two Fire Alarms Here Within Four Minutes

Two fires, occurring at an early hour Wednesday morning and within four minutes of each other, kept the Merkel volunteer fire department very busy. The first call, to the home of R. O. Anderson, in South Merkel, was received at 3:44 a. m. and the second, to the Sid Criswell home one mile north of town, came at 3:48.

The Anderson home was enveloped in flames when the blaze was discovered, but quick and efficient work on the part of the fireboys saved a portion of the house. The contents, badly damaged by fire, smoke and water, were almost a total loss. Insurance on furniture and contents was carried in the sum of \$2,300, while the house was insured for \$2,000. The loss was estimated at \$6,000. The origin of the fire is undetermined.

The Sid Criswell house, with its contents, was a total loss, as it was located outside of the city limits and the department was unable to put water on it. The damage was estimated at \$5,000, partially covered by insurance. Faulty construction of a chimney was blamed for this conflagration.

Earl Henry is Awarded \$198 Judgement in Suit

A verdict of \$198.25 was returned by a county court jury late Wednesday in favor of Earl Henry against the Texas & Pacific railway.

Henry sought damage of approximately \$300 in connection with a grade crossing accident at Merkel several months ago, when his automobile was struck by a T. & P. train.

Merkel Druggist Files Petition in Bankruptcy

On Monday in the United States court at Abilene Henry Hobson Jenkins, who has been operating the City Drug store here, filed a petition in bankruptcy through R. W. Haynie, of Abilene, his attorney. Liabilities were listed at \$5,989.81 and assets at \$8,250, of which \$500 was claimed exempt.

CATTLEMEN SEE HOPEFUL SIGNS RECOVERY IN '32

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 31.—One of the first major industries in Texas likely to recover is the cattle business, according to predictions made here by Powell D. Harris, president of the Cattle Raisers' Loan company.

"The directors of our organization are very hopeful of the future as 1931 nears its end," declared Mr. Harris.

"They are bankers or stockmen and believe that the live stock industry will be one of the first to recover from the present economic readjustment. This has been proven many times in the past, for the cattle people of West Texas have gone through many trying and troublesome times, such as dry spells, financial reverses, and are quick to adjust themselves to almost any situation. They can be depended upon to carry on by doing just what is necessary.

"When the unemployment situation is relieved and people begin to buy more meat, the increased purchases will be reflected in the meat industry and West Texas will be benefited.

"As we approach 1932 this company has confidence that there will be steady improvement beginning with the new year."

Legionnaires Feted by Four Merkel Hunters

Ex-service men enjoyed a turkey dinner at Mack's Cafe on Wednesday night of last week, attended by some twenty-five or more, as guests of Perry Dickinson, Homer Patterson, J. T. King and J. L. Speck, Merkel hunters who returned recently from a trip to southwest Texas with a big bag of wild turkeys.

Dent Gibson was toastmaster and music was furnished by a stringed orchestra, composed of Dr. W. M. Gambill, Ocie Burns, Clarence Perry and Mack Fowler, assisted by John Leonard, with his banjo.

Including three guests from Abilene, J. L. Warren, commander of Payramore post, Jimmie Bateman and L. D. Franklin, the following were present: L. J. Renfro, William Earl Baze, J. C. Foster, Dent Gibson, Ocie R. Burns, Dr. W. M. Gambill, Arch Rose, F. A. London, Lee Harrell, George L. White, Joe Owen, Stanley B. King, J. L. Banner, W. R. Sumpster, John Leonard and the hosts. Five transient Legionnaires, who were in the city, were also invited guests.

FAMILY REUNIONS ORDER OF THE DAY CHRISTMAS SEASON

December 25th Marks 79th Birthday for J. A. Patterson, Sr.; Eight Children Join in Dual Celebration.

Many and varied were the Christmas festivities in Merkel incident to the celebration of the day, but the most general of all the customs centering about the occasion was, as usual, the many family reunions. (It is with regret that The Mail pleads guilty to not being able to chronicle them all, as those listed below probably include but a small proportion.)

Celebrating the day as his seventy-ninth birthday as well, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Sr., gathered all of their children and many of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren for a big Christmas dinner. This dinner, by the way, has grown to be an annual affair in honor of the dual celebration. The couple were married 56 years ago and have eight living children: Herbert, J. A., Jr., William, Homer, Emmitt, Mrs. B. E. McCoy, and Mrs. Richard Newman, all of Merkel. There are 25 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

With six of their eight children present, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt celebrated Christmas with a family dinner, at which the following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hargrove, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Brittain and daughters, Pattie Lynn and Jane, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fryar and daughters, Louise and Alberta, Albany; Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Rainbolt, Dallas; Homer Rainbolt, Dallas, and Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt, San, Jon, N. M.

With Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler for Christmas were: Sheriff Burl Wheeler and Mrs. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Harris and little daughter, Frances, Mr. and Mrs. Connie Leonard and three children, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Dunn, with her husband.

For Christmas dinner, nearly all the Woodrums were present in the spacious dining room of the Woodrum hotel: Mr. and Mrs. John Woodrum and daughters, Misses Winter Dean and Genelle, from Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. George Woodrum and sons, Bille and Bobbie, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Dye and family, Harry and Frank (Continued on Page Two)



Way of Life
by BRUCE BARTON
TROUBLE.

Last spring, when the gloom was thickest, I used to drop in at the end of the day to see the only optimist in New York.

He is a big man physically, a former college football player, a successful executive. Two years ago he was put through a series of major operations. For twenty-two months he has been strapped to a board, flat on his back in bed.

Most men who are out of the game so long are forgotten. Friends visit them for the first few weeks, but the atmosphere of the sick room grows oppressive. The effort to provide artificial cheer is too much. Gradually they cease to come.

This man's case is different. Whenever I called I found two or three visitors, important New York men. They were full of worries. Their businesses were bad; their stocks had declined; they were oppressed by fear. It was interesting and amusing to leave them in the parlor, talking about their problems, and go up to the bedroom where our big friend was making the walls shake with his laughter.

"How old are you?" he asked me one day. When I told him, he said: "You have still some time to go before you make the most important discovery in life. I made it at the age of forty-five, and it changed my whole perspective."

"The discovery is simply this—trouble is chronic. Most people get discouraged because they proceed on the false assumption that life is normally joyous, that its problems and difficulties are exceptional blemishes on an otherwise delightful experience."

"That is not the fact. Man is born with no guarantee that happiness is to be his daily portion. Pleasure is no part of the life contract. Life is work and worry and difficulty, with occasional moments of delight. Trouble is not acute; it is chronic."

"When you once get that idea it gives you a whole new outlook. You are no longer surprised and discouraged to find worry in the morning mail. You expect it. You say to your secretary: 'Give me the day's quota of grief at once; let me wade in to it first!'"

It was one of the best speeches I had ever heard. I passed it on for the encouragement of others.

The long perspective following the war tend to soften our grip on the present.

It is a long perspective. We must have a long perspective. We must have a long perspective. We must have a long perspective.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, December 22, 1911.)

Woke early, early when she AND NOW. ballroom she, an Old Timer.) her, aided by knowledge of a sufficient knowledge of the country dates to Jocelyn. We arrived at the ball after a drive from Tehuacana, Marcella had a blustery day, Felix Kent, of the town, Diamonds, and following: Saxon face and resembling a gentleman's store. "But you're saloon. seating ball box houses, scattered at the business center, don't want received and dispassengers and even it. You He still had time to accentuate School and look at the school, morals and social us. famous business was carried in little stores and saloon. Just on box house and a small hotel schoolhouse were the public build-

of the natural state of our own country just a few years previous. The cowboys appeared to be monarchs of all they surveyed while mounted on their well-trained ponies and attending to the great herds of cattle, and the shepherd with his intelligent dog guarded his flock of sheep by night as well as by day. This was then purely a stock country. The few people who had come here to farm had just begun breaking the sod. The land in its level shape exhibited such a fertility of soil and made such an attraction for the farmer the cattlemen could not dissuade him from the idea of putting it in cultivation. It was selling at that time from \$1.00 to \$5.00 per acre and I heard a legislator say whenever this land sold for more than \$1.00 per acre it was sold too high. Since that day some of these lands have sold for from \$15.00 to \$50.00 per acre, and I am persuaded that right now is the best time yet to purchase this same land for a home or for speculation.

One was the unit of all mathematics, and in 1888 there was one bale of cotton sold in Merkel. This number has been increased until the maximum was 23,000 bales. With normal seasons and proper cultivation I am satisfied the farmer can be prosperous and happy. It is true that moisture is a little scarce at times, but this is true elsewhere. The change in this section of the country since 1885 is such that it makes it appear to me almost like a dream. Now all the appearance of the wild undeveloped state is gone, the wire is stretched around nearly all of our lands and improved farms are nearly covering this part of the

was perfectly delighted and charmed with the beauty of the broad prairie and valley land in all of its natural glory and grandeur, with the chain of mountains to the south mark the divide and break the monotony of the plain and level country and occasionally we could see the mountains, seventy-five miles to the northwest, which marks the divide. "But you are just seeing Jocelyn at her sweetest. have not any French accent. "Twelve years ago I saw

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THE NEW YEAR.

The Yule-tide message of Governor Sterling is so expressive of the broad spirit of the largest state in the union that The Mail reprints it for meditation and encouragement, believing it is just the right philosophy for starting the New Year:

"While we celebrate the birth of the world's Savior, let us remember His example and precepts. Peace and good will are needed more than ever before to solve the problems of our people. There has been great suffering everywhere in a material sense, but the spirit of the lowly Nazarene will lighten all burdens and lessen all sorrows. Forget the adversities of yesterday. Look forward to the prosperity of tomorrow. Let our faith be strengthened and not weakened in our state, our nation and our God, and let our confidence in one another become bigger and broader than before."

That the New Year will be a year of opportunities, of an upward swing and of brighter promise seems evident from the tenor of dispatches in the daily news of the country.

Structural steel awards last week amounted to 44,500 tons, the largest amount since the first weeks of October, the Magazine Steel announced, raising the year's total to approximately 1,767,000 tons, only about 100,000 less than 1930.

Predicting that a return to better times is near at hand and urging them to combat fear, which has done so much harm during the last depression, President Harry L. Seay of the Southland Life Insurance company, Dallas, followed his annual address to employees by presenting them with their regular bonus of 5 per cent of their annual salaries.

On the heels of the supreme court decision sustaining legislation waiving penalty and interest on state and county delinquent taxes, if paid before Jan. 31, 1932, it is reported over the state that considerable sums will be made available in the refund of money already paid into the collector's office in penalties and interest.

Just another paragraph from a cursory reading of the news of the week. Powell D. Harris, president of the Cattle Raisers' Loan company of Fort Worth, in concluding his summary of conditions, said:

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THE WAY OF LIFE

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assume that things would always be easy. We were unaccustomed to difficulties, and some of us have borne them none too well.

We should all do better if we could acquire my big friend's philosophy—to expect less from life and therefore enjoy more whatever good luck it gives.

To regard our blessings as a gracious reward for whatever courage we manage to exhibit in the face of trouble which, as he says, is chronic.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

On account of New Year's Day, a legal holiday, the following banks will remain closed all day Friday, January 1st, 1932. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK.
THE F. & M. NATIONAL BANK.

Have your headlights tested at Blue Front Motor Company.

5 1-2 per cent Federal Loans are Better Loans. Longer time, lower rates; plenty of money; never come due. W. Homer Shanks, Sec'y-Treas. Citizens S. F. L. A. Farms, Ranches, Business Property for sale or exchange. Room 1, Penney Bldg., Abilene, Texas.

NOTICE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers State Bank in Merkel, Texas, will be held in the office of the bank on January 1st, 1932, at 10 o'clock a. m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect directors for the year ending December 31st, 1932.

Personal Mention

Lynn McSpadden has gone to Austin.

Miss Mary Collins and Paul spent Christmas at Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. George White spent Christmas in Maryneal.

Mrs. J. P. Sutphen left Thursday for a visit in Nacogdoches.

Mrs. G. A. Roberts spent several days last week in Abilene.

Mayor Wm. M. Elliott was in Truby and Anson on business Monday.

Miss Jess Sutphen came home from Wichita Falls to spend the holidays.

Miss Ruth Eason of Caps is spending the week in the J. M. Ashby home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bourn spent the Christmas holidays in Fort Worth and Dallas.

Q. A. Collins of Lamesa was a Christmas visitor with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins.

Miss Sallie Mary Campbell left Wednesday to return to teachers college at Canyon.

Mrs. H. H. Jenkins has as her guest her sister, Mrs. A. B. Lewis, of Fort Worth.

Miss Martha Bird from Graham was here to spend the holidays with her parents.

Van Hines McSpadden came up from Austin to spend Christmas with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Foy were up from Baird for Christmas in the Henry West home.

Mrs. Forest Gaither and two children are visiting her mother in Elk City, since Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Lancaster and two children spent Christmas in Ft. Worth and Stephenville.

Mrs. E. N. Brown is spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. V. P. Tippet, in San Angelo.

Mrs. Lillian Adrain of Loraine, Ohio, is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Vickers.

Miss Dixie Blair came from Midland to spend Christmas with her mother and home folks.

Hollis Haynes was here from Waco for a few days the past week, visiting his father, S. F. Haynes.

Roy Elliott was here from Dallas to spend Christmas with his parents, Mayor and Mrs. Wm. M. Elliott.

F. C. Hughes, owner of the Hughes Chevrolet company, was here from Dallas for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown and children spent Christmas in Midland with Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. B. A. Walls.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dunn and sons, Gwynn and Glynn, spent Thursday in Abilene with her sister, Mrs. Sam J. Nunnally.

Miss Iris Garrett visited friends in Fort Worth over the week-end and attended the Abilene-Beaumont football game.

J. T. King, Jr., from Long Beach, Calif., and Ernest Bell of Brady were holiday visitors, with Rev. J. T. King and family.

Miss Loyce Dry from Clarksville and Miss Hallie Pike from Bogota were here to spend the holidays, returning Sunday.

Miss Lorena Dry, home demonstration agent for San Saba county spent several days during the holidays with her mother here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Shive and baby from Big Spring spent Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Alston were here from Hereford to spend Christmas with Mrs. Alston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Miss Johnnie Sears have returned from Whitewright where they spent the holidays with their grandmother.

Mrs. H. C. Coit and children from Dallas and Mrs. Kirby Beckett and children from El Paso were Christmas guests in the J. T. Warren home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Allen and daughters, Roberta and Oneta, of Royse City were guests during the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ros. Wheeler and daughter, Miss Joyce, accompanied by Miss Thelma Leach, returned Sunday from a visit with Mrs. Wheeler's folks in Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wood of Abilene, C. S. Holden and family of Clyde and Laverne Holden from Big Spring were holiday visitors with Mrs. M. L. Holden.

Mrs. K. L. Vidrine and little son,

Lionel, of Phoenix, Ariz., left for their home Monday morning after a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Hester, and other relatives here.

Mrs. Roy Largent and children are here from Brownwood visiting her mother, Mrs. W. L. Harkrider. The latter, with Miss Elizabeth and Dub, spent Christmas with Mrs. Largent in Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter and children drove over to Lubbock to spend Christmas with their daughters there and were accompanied on their return by Mrs. M. M. Coleman, who is a guest in the Hunter home.

Mrs. A. E. Wimans and two daughters and son have come from Fort Worth to join Mr. Wimans, who has been engaged in the cafe business here for some months. They have taken the S. F. Haynes cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hunter and grandson, Horace Atwood, and his wife, and little daughter from Lubbock, who were Christmas guests in the A. W. Hunter home in the Canyon, returned Monday to Lubbock.

Misses Vera, Maimie and Velma Walker and Christine Collins visited in East Texas during the holidays, the Misses Walker with their brother in Paris and Miss Collins with her sister in Bagwell and with friends in Clarksville.

F. E. Church and family are removing to Merkel and will occupy their former home. Mrs. Church and the children remained here with her parents, while he went to Sherman to prepare to remove their furniture. When he arrived, however, he found that fire had destroyed the house and furniture.

Family Reunions

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Woodrum, Miss Sadie Woodrum and Mrs. E. M. Hecter and daughter, Helen.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald, Mrs. Fred Guitler, Mr. and Mrs. Holland Teaft and Misses Lucy Tracy and Vannie Heizer drove to Westbrook for Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes and Mrs. Barnes returned with them to visit her daughter, Mrs. Bragg.

With Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett, besides Doyle and Ray, who arrived several days before Christmas, were Barney Garrett, another son from Waco, and Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bullock and two children from Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Sr., celebrated a family reunion Christmas Day with thirty-three guests at the dining table to feast on a large turkey, pork, beef and chicken. Mrs. Butman, assisted by her daughters, had provided a bountiful meal with all the trimmings. The children present were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sloan and daughter, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Euel Ray and children of Coleman, Will Butman and family, Sam Butman and family, Joe Swinney and family, Tommie Russom and wife, Ben Butman and wife and Lottie Butman. Mr. George Richie also spent the day there.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Durham and two children of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Echols of Albany came for the Durham reunion, which included also Miss Doris from Crane City and Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm and two children and the three children here, Wren, Neil, and Nell. Mrs. Tom Durham and Miss Doris accompanied the Jack Durhams home for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sloan and daughter, Mildred, of Big Spring were luncheon guests of Mrs. S. G. Vaughan and Miss Garoutte Saturday. Other guests in the home of Miss

Garoutte during the Yule-tide season were Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt, Miss Louise Fryar of McMurry college, Miss Roberta Fryar of Albany, Mrs. Mary Garoutte, Dallas, Mrs. Gene Boyd, Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Forkner, Gilmer, Texas.

In the J. S. Thomas home Christmas guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt of Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Simpson of Breckenridge and Mr. and Mrs. V. L. McLean of the Canyon.

Miss Maimie Ellis, home from Fort Stockton for the holidays, Lester Ellis of San Antonio and two children from Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Ellis of Abilene were with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ellis, for Christmas Day.

With Mrs. C. L. Palmer at Comere were two sons, R. S. and N. C., and their families, Ben Adkins and family and Mrs. N. C. Smith and son, Howard Smith, of Midland and his wife.

TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks through the Merkel Mail for the beautiful "Friendship Quilt" that our friends and neighbors pieced and gave us as a Christmas gift.

May God's richest blessings be with each one of you through the year 1932 and all through life.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Daniel.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kind acts and tender sympathy extended us in the brief illness and death of our little daughter, Bonnie Wayne. Especially do we extend our grateful hearts to Dr. M. Armstrong for his untiring helpfulness, and to all of those others we want you to know of our deepest appreciation of your love and assistance, and also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Anderson and Children.

Diltz Announces He Will Seek Re-Election

Phillip Diltz will be a candidate for re-election as commissioner from precinct No. 2 in the summer primaries and has authorized The Mail to state that his formal announcement will appear later.

His friends point with pride to his record for efficiency and successful management of the duties of the office in the past and it is on this record that he seeks re-election, they state.

Not Appendicitis— Gas Pains Fool Him

"I had such pain in my right side I thought I had appendicitis. But it was only gas. After taking Adlerika I've had no trouble."—W. L. Adams.

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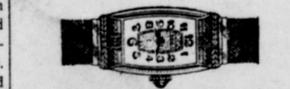
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FIRST INSTALLMENT.

When Jocelyn, forgetting what her music master had taught her, played music, her own mother, Marcella, was alarmed. It was like the voice of a stranger in the house.

She rose from the prie-dieu in an alcove of the long Spanish-looking room, difficult to recognize as the living-room of a New York apartment, and came forward past intervening massive furniture to look at the player.

There she sat, the daughter Marcella had put into a foreign convent twelve years before, a smooth sleek golden girl, eighteen years old, full-bosomed, narrow-waisted and round-hipped. She used, when her eyes met her mother's, a slow smile. She did nothing quickly. But when she played this music of her own there was a change. Marcella was quick to recognize it. Jocelyn had thrust down her chin and there was in her eyes, when the slow smile left them, the difference between June sky and thunder sky.

Then Marcella thought of the contents of that little crypt above her prie-dieu and of Julian . . . and of all the things that this daughter must never know.

"I want her to be safe," she murmured to a nun when twelve years before she had left the little girl trembling in the dim waxy-smelling parlor of the convent. And greeting her only two days ago on the wharf of her native city with all the wharf tall towers stretching up behind them Marcella had said again to the same nun, twelve years older, more waxen and more frail, "Oh, dear Sister Delice, how shall I keep her—safe?"

Jocelyn Harlowe's first ball-gown was for a costume ball—as their as all first ball-gowns probably should be. Standing sheathed in all this purity of color Jocelyn herself had a look of sleek brilliance which did not express her age, her simplicity or her profound lack of all worldly experience.

It was not the convent child's fault that she looked so unconventional. She was really ignorant, a veritable novice in living, but there was in her blood and in her brain a swift rebellious maturity in which her body had subtly shaped itself.

A husband in her mind must be managed quickly before Jocelyn was fully awakened to reality. She must be made to long for it ignorantly, as a release. If marriage, if this man, could be presented to her as an escape, as the opening rather than the closing of life's doors . . .

Before Jocelyn's return from France Marcella had been busy warming chilled social contacts, melting the edges from metallic connections of one sort or another. She had once a great position in the city and it was not too difficult, in spite of what had once shattered her life, to make herself remembered. So when she brought Jocelyn into the ballroom she was able to obtain for her, aided by her own exotic charm, a sufficiency of fantastic partners—to Jocelyn they all seemed Romeos and the ballroom an iridescent bubble of delight—and at last even to attract for her the supper-partner Marcella had desired. This was Felix Kent, dressed as the Jack of Diamonds, and with his regular Saxon face and large eyes curiously resembling that conventionalized gentleman of fortune.

"But you don't look it," he said, seating himself beside flushed Juliet at the small palmy rosy table they had taken for themselves. "You don't look it and you don't act it and you don't—yes, you do speak it. You have a delicious little French accent. And, well, something about the way you move your lips and use your eyes is different, conventional perhaps I'm not going to be disappointed after all."

This was the address altogether different from any Jocelyn had yet received. An older man, evidently. He condescended to her. Well, that was of course to be expected.

"Mr. Kent," she said, "you have really no right to any disappointment, have you? Because you can't have had an interest in me (there was shadowy delicate drum-roll on the r) ever before tonight."

"You're wrong, I've had an interest in you for—let me see—twelve years."

"But you are just seel-y," scoffed Jocelyn at her sweetest. "And I have not any French accent at all."

"Twelve years ago I saw you in

a bank in Paris. And I said to your mother, 'Give me a first option when she comes out, won't you, Marcella?'"

"But, Mr. Kent, you are not so old as that."

"I am nineteen years older than you are, Miss Jocelyn."

"And my mother did give you a first—option?" questioned Jocelyn with her eyes down.

Kent stared and laughed delightedly and drew in about her as though he had become for her a warm curtain, sheltering darkening.

"She did, really. She said to me that day in Paris. 'There isn't a man in the world I'd be so glad to trust her to, Felix.'"

Kent laughed. But he was giddy and filled with instant fear. There had never in the world been a lovely child like this one, so frankly hungry, so ignorantly passionate, and so untaught; with not a jot of the deep cold wisdom of experience. He could hardly bear to surrender her to her next partner.

Kent sought out Jocelyn's mother and bending his fair lean height above her he talked and talked and talked.

Marcella was wise.

She declined innumerable invitations.

An occasional theatre-party she accepted. Several of these were given in Jocelyn's honor by Felix Kent. But Marcella brought her charge home after the play, forbidding any extension of gaiety for Jocelyn. She was not to be whirled off to a cafe or restaurants of after midnight joy. Jocelyn was meek, had suffered a long discipline in meekness. But her nerves began to quiver.

"The other girls," she said with a sort of fierce timidity, "the other girls go on, Mother."

"You are not like the other girls," said Marcella, "and I will not let you become like them."

Jocelyn murmured, "They're very nice."

Marcella's hand fell upon hers and tightened sternly.

"I am the judge of niceness."

And Jocelyn sat still under that touch.

Often Felix Kent came in to see them. During his visits in the living-room Marcella was a constant chaperon. Jocelyn would play her piano or sit with her eyes down listening to her mother's hard manufactured conversation with an older man.

She had never before studied a man at such close quarters. Felix Kent was a man shapely and hard and different in every fiber from her thrilled self. The convent child felt this difference in all her nerves and pulses.

There came an evening when Marcella left them alone.

Jocelyn was at her piano dutifully executing a commanded melody. It was intricate and held all her attention. She did not know that she had been left unchaperoned in the room with Felix Kent.

He came and stood close to her leaning on the piano. In the slim severity of evening dress he looked sleek and attractive, like a panther. His eyes were now filled with their extraordinary incandescence.

"Stop playing . . . just a minute, Jocelyn, please."

She obeyed, let her hands fall and gave him her meek child's look and her slow unchildish smile.

"Your mother has left us together. You know I love you."

"Yes," said Jocelyn, trembling and looking down.

"Do you think you can love me?"

"I don't know monsieur."

He laughed in soft delight and drew closer.

"I may put my arm around you, loveliest?"

She made no movement nor sound but he, interpreting her silence, did draw her to him and she came softly suddenly so that all of her young body seemed to be his own. Then he kissed her mouth.

At that she was up and at the far side of the room. Never had she seen a living creature move so swiftly. Both her hands were pressed against her lips. Her bosom panted. Her eyes were distended and wet.

"Oh, no," she whispered. "Oh . . . no . . . no . . . no. I can't."

Kent came toward her, not close, for her arms were stretched out to keep him at a distance. She even went back against the window which held an amazing picture of lighted

towers and silver smoke and of a sky colored like the petals of dark pansies.

"Darling, I'm sorry. I beg your pardon. I know I frightened you. Please do forgive me." He felt as though he had been sent back in a dream to play the part of a Victorian lover. Phrases came to him from half-forgotten old romantic novels: "I won't do it again. You may take your own time. I want you so: I want you to marry me."

After a considerable silence Jocelyn composed herself. But she stayed against her window, drawn up there as though for an instant spring backward into the great dark city of refuge beyond the window-panes.

"You won't do that again?"

"Not until you wish it. Please, Jocelyn, give me just the tip of your silly little convent fingers."

She let him take her hand and kiss it. She brushed the other hand across her eyes and smiled.

"Then it's all right?" he asked her.

"I think so. Yes: If my mother . . ."

"Your mother gave me her consent at that same costume ball when I was the Jack of Diamonds."

"Do you mean that I will marry you . . . you are asking?"

"Yes."

He had kept her hand, was holding it close to him in both of his own. "May I have a piano?" whispered Jocelyn.

The question sounded so like mere childishness that Felix laughed out, and again, but very carefully, put his arm about her. She came to him but not so softly, so completely as before.

"You shall have everything," promised the Jack of Diamonds.

The engagement of Miss Jocelyn Harlowe of New York City to Mr. Felix Kent of Chicago with all possible other details of information was presently in due form announced. And Jocelyn wore upon her third finger a diamond as splendid as a star.

"You shall be married in the spring after a four months' engagement," Marcella promised. Later there were

evening, however, when Felix, new role of restraint was difficult to maintain. On one such evening he left Jocelyn abruptly with a manufactured excuse.

She went back into the room and sat down by her piano, brooding.

The door from the passage which led back toward the bedrooms opened softly. Jocelyn whirled about, surprised. She could see no one. But the door had moved.

She was startled.

Then she saw him, coming round a great throne of a chair which had interposed between them. The cripple The little bent man, sidelong, with bright eager eyes.

Jocelyn would have screamed but he arrested her with speech.

"Don't be frightened, Jocelyn," he said gently in a voice full of pleasantness, "I wouldn't scare . . . I wouldn't hurt you for the world. You see, you poor little child, I am your father."

And Jocelyn recognized him.

For years Jocelyn had had a photograph in her possession, secretly. All other pictures of Nick Sandal had been destroyed, clipped into splinters of cardboard and burned to black feathers, by his wife. When the bent man came round the corner of the chair and spoke to her, Jocelyn was therefore able to identify him.

"I'm not afraid of you," she said—a queer first speech from child to parent.

"I'm glad my daughter is not afraid of me. I thought by this time you'd be made . . . of fear—I used to call you 'Lynda.'"

He lifted her hand to his lips.

"I came to ask you . . . are you happy?"

"Yes. And thr-rilled."

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Jan. 26—Pierre Laval formed new ministry for France.

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Feb. 16—Pehr Svinhufvud elected president of Finland.

Feb. 18—New Spanish government formed by Admiral Juan Aznar, monarchist.

Feb. 20—Attempt to assassinate King Zog of Albania in Vienna failed.

Peruvian counter revolution suppressed at Arequipa.

March 1—Juan Yunta in Peru forced to resign and Ricardo Elias at head of government.

Dr. Gabriel Terra inaugurated as president of Uruguay and Arturo Arango as president of Salvador.

March 3—Army junta in Peru ousted Elias.

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Iowa state troops called out to suppress farmers' revolt against tuberculin tests of pigs.

Sept. 22—United States Steel, Bethlehem Steel and Youngstown Sheet and Tube, announced wage cuts of 10 per cent.

United States Rubber adopted 5-day work week.

Sept. 22—Senate adopted Muscle Shoals measure, house passed the Wagner employment agency bill.

Sept. 23—United States Supreme court again upheld validity of the Eighteenth amendment.

House passed resolution for abolishing of "lame duck" session of congress.

Sept. 25—President Hoover vetoed the veterans' bonus bill measure and the house rejected it.

Sept. 26—Senate passed \$30,000,000 to modernize three battleships.

Sept. 27—New York World newspaper sold to Scripps-Howard syndicate.

Dec. 11—Japanese cabinet resigned.

Smolton re-elected president of Lithuania.

Dec. 12—Tsuoyoshi Inukai, head of Seiyukai party, made premier of Japan.

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Dec. 15—Chiang Kai-shek resigned as president of China. Lin Sen succeeded him.

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INTERNATIONAL

Jan. 10—Pope Pius XI issued an encyclical condemning divorce, birth control and many phases of modern life.

Jan. 23—League of Nations council decided to convene world disarmament conference Feb. 2, 1932.

Feb. 4—Alexander Logie resigned as chairman of federal farm board and was succeeded by James C. Stone.

March 4—Congress made "Star Spangled Banner" the national anthem.

March 7—Hoover advised that Illinois penitentiary at Stateville burned the mess hall and other buildings.

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March 15—President Hoover sailed on battleship Arizona for Porto Rico.

Nevada legislature legalized gambling.

April 20—Birth control endorsed by committee representing 27 Protestant churches of America.

May 15—Commission on proposed European union met in London. Austro-German customs union was debated.

June 20—President Hoover proposed one year suspension of German reparations and payments on war debts.

June 23—Rotary International met in London and elected S. W. Pascall of London president.

June 24—France made counter proposal for war debt moratorium. Great Britain and Italy accepted Hoover's plan.

July 4—France and United States agreed on moratorium plan and it became effective as of date of July 1.

July 13—World bankers at Basel extended \$100,000,000 credit to Germany.

July 20—International conference on German crisis opened in London.

July 23—London conference adjourned after adopting recommendations that short term credits to Germany be renewed.

July 27—American co-ordinating moratorium plan with Young plan signed by international experts in London.

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March 2—House voted for 50 per cent cut in immigration.

March 3—President Hoover vetoed the Muscle Shoals bill and the senate sustained the veto.

March 4—Congress made "Star Spangled Banner" the national anthem.

March 7—Hoover advised that Illinois penitentiary at Stateville burned the mess hall and other buildings.

March 8—Hoover Logie resigned as a member of federal farm board.

March 15—President Hoover sailed on battleship Arizona for Porto Rico.

Nevada legislature legalized gambling.

April 20—Birth control endorsed by committee representing 27 Protestant churches of America.

May 15—Commission on proposed European union met in London. Austro-German customs union was debated.

June 20—President Hoover proposed one year suspension of German reparations and payments on war debts.

June 23—Rotary International met in London and elected S. W. Pascall of London president.

June 24—France made counter proposal for war debt moratorium. Great Britain and Italy accepted Hoover's plan.

July 4—France and United States agreed on moratorium plan and it became effective as of date of July 1.

July 13—World bankers at Basel extended \$100,000,000 credit to Germany.

July 20—International conference on German crisis opened in London.

July 23—London conference adjourned after adopting recommendations that short term credits to Germany be renewed.

July 27—American co-ordinating moratorium plan with Young plan signed by international experts in London.

Aug. 27—American credit to French bankers arranged for \$400,000,000 loan to Great Britain.

Sept. 4—Germany and Austria formally abandoned the proposed customs union.

Sept. 5—World court ruled Austro-German customs union illegal.

Sept. 7—League of Nations assembly met in Geneva, electing Nikolas Titulescu of Rumania president.

Sept. 8—Mexico accepted bid to join League of Nations.

Sept. 14—Panama and China given seats in League of Nations council.

Sept. 19—Japanese troops shelled and occupied Mukden, Manchuria.

Sept. 20—Japan occupied all cities in southern Manchuria; China sent demands Japanese cease hostilities and withdraw troops to previous positions.

Oct. 5—Fourth Pan-American commercial congress opened in Washington.

Oct. 8—Japanese army planes bombed Chinchow, temporary capital of Manchuria, killing many soldiers and civilians.

Oct. 10—China served ultimatum on Japan demanding immediate evacuation of Manchuria.

Oct. 11—Secretary of State Stimson called on League of Nations to avert war between China and Japan.

Oct. 15—League of Nations council invited United States to participate in control of Sino-Japanese embargo.

Oct. 16—League of Nations council Japan to withdraw troops from Manchuria.

Nov. 6—Japanese won three day battle with Chinese under Gen. Ma Chianshi at Nomi river bridge.

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Nov. 12—Germany asked a moratorium on reparations.

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Nov. 14—German armaments declared in effect by League secretariat.

Nov. 18—Japanese routed General Ma at Langkat, Szechuan, China.

Nov. 20—Truce in Manchuria, planned by League of Nations council, rejected by Japan.

Germany proposed new conference on reparations and debts.

Nov. 23—Japanese army in Manchuria advanced southward on Chinchow.

Nov. 26—Chinese and Japanese troops began fighting in Tientsin.

Dec. 1—Japanese stopped advance on Chinchow; General Ma defeated Japanese troops near Tientsin.

Dec. 2—Criminal court procedure criticized in a report from Wickersham commission.

Dec. 3—Evelyn Hoobler entered the New Mexico penitentiary.

July 21—Federal court of appeals upheld conviction of Ralph Capone on income tax fraud charges.

July 26—Report by Wickersham commission declared American prison system inadequate for handling prisoners.

July 28—United States Steel corporation directors reduced dividend rate and authorized lowering of salaries.

Aug. 1—Centenary, McCormick's respect celebrated at Blacksburg, Va.

Aug. 3—C. E. Curtis appointed minister to Szechuan, China.

Aug. 4—Governor Murray closed the school at Cleveland and proclaimed martial law, demanding a price of \$1 a barrel.

Aug. 7—Farm board rejected offer to Germany for its cotton holdings.

Wickersham commission report criticized deportation methods.

Aug. 12—Navy's dirigible Akron charged with crash for sea food.

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Aug. 17—Five large Toledo banks closed their doors.

Texas oil wells closed and martial law proclaimed.

Aug. 19—President Hoover named W. S. Gifford head of unemployment relief.

Aug. 21—Farm board traded 25,000 bushels of wheat to Brazil for 1,000 tons of sugar.

Contract let for Chicago's \$16,000,000 post office building.

Aug. 22—Secretary of the League of Nations, Luigi Lea of Tennessee, resigned as former senator, convicted of bank fraud and sentenced to prison.

Aug. 23—Farm board announced it was through buying wheat and cotton for stabilization.

Sept. 4—Senate passed \$15,000,000 bushels of farm board wheat to China announced.

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Celebration of 150th anniversary of Battle of Yorktown begun.

Oct. 19—President Hoover spoke at Yorktown celebration.

Oct. 20—Interstate commerce commission denied freight rate increase of 13 per cent offering a substitute plan of temporary increases.

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Nov. 20—Explosion in colliery near Gantonbury, England, killed 32 men.

Nov. 23—Stock show special wrecked in Missouri; seven men and many valuable horses killed.

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NECROLOGY

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Jan. 3—Marshall Joseph Joffre of France, hero of the Marne.

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Jan. 25—Anna Pavlova, noted dancer, at the Hague.

Jan. 26—Edward I. Edwards, former governor of New Jersey and former United States senator.

Feb. 14—Maj. Gen. C. R. Edwards, commander of Yankee division, A. E. F. in Boston.

Feb. 18—Louis Wolheim, stage and screen star.

March 3—Charles Emerson, governor of Wyoming.

W. R. Merriam, former governor of Minnesota.

Feb. 23—Dame Nellie Melba, famous soprano, in Melbourne, Australia.

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Rep. Adm. Thomas S. Rodgers, U. S. N., retired.

March 2—Lieut. Gen. Edgar Jadwin, chairman of intercoastal canal board.

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Mrs. Perle Hamner and children of Sweetwater spent Monday and Tuesday visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howell and daughter, Betty Lou, and Marion Billings of Abilene were here Tuesday, guests of Mrs. Bessie Billings.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods had as their guests during Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Claud Rosson and little son of Taft and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mays of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn had as their guests Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English of Hermleigh, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Evans and children, Mrs. Hattie Boozer and children of Sweetwater, Mrs. R. L. Parks and daughter, Leta, of Mertens, and Mrs. Mollie Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Estep and little daughter of Blackwell and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Rogge and children of Longview were guests Christmas week of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Titsworth and children were guests Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith.

Miss Magdalene Payne, who is teaching at Oplin, was home for the holidays, having as her guest on Christmas Day Mrs. Fannie Armour of Oplin.

Allen Terry, who is attending John Tarleton college, spent the holidays at home.

Steve Payne of Amarillo is visiting his mother.

Foy Steadman, who is attending school at Vernon, was home for the holidays, returning to school last Sunday.

Miss Medeah Rawlings of McMurry is spending the holidays with her parents.

Miss Ruby Campbell of Novice was the recent guest of her sister, Mrs. Harvey Jones.

Miss Cora Scott of Abilene spent several days last week visiting her brother and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith had as their Christmas guests their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ruth-erford, of Floydada.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alexander and son of Hobbs, N. M., were Christmas guests of Mrs. Annie Boone.

Mrs. Bounce Hays has as her guests Mrs. S. H. Hightower of Dunlap, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Ozro Steen and baby were guests during the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. J. Halbrook.

Miss Forrest Forrester of Roby was home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Norwood and children spent a few days during Christmas with relatives at Comanche. While they were away Jim Mathis of Sweetwater took his place on section and had the pleasure also of the family spending the holidays with Mrs. Mathis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hale.

Billie Adrian of Loraine was a guest Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian.

Mrs. Cynthia Hall of Merkel was a guest Sunday in the E. D. Sherman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Armour had as their guests through the holidays their sons, Jim Armour of Del Rio and Stanley Armour of Rankin and their families.

Donald Thomason, who has been here for several months visiting his sister, Mrs. Carl Murdock, left Monday for Duncan, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Keuben Reaves spent from Thursday till Sunday visiting relatives at Greenville and Lone Oak. They were accompanied as far as Fort Worth by Mrs. T. L. Stevens, who spent the holidays visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fessie Erwin there and in Dallas where she was guest of Mrs. Frank Stevens and children and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Erwin.

Mrs. Goma Fowler of Pampa was called here Thursday on account of the illness of her father, Mr. Toliver Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beckham and children of Lamesa spent Thursday here. They were en route to Mineral Wells to spend Christmas and were accompanied from here by C. T. Beckham, who spent the holidays visiting his sister at that place also.

Mrs. Weaver had as her guest last Thursday her sister, Mrs. Dollie Solomon, of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Leonard Abernathy was guest through the holidays of her mother at Stanton.

Sunday at Rotan visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Tinnon.

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J. E. Bowers, wife and sons spent J. F. Abernathy is spending the holidays in West Virginia, having been summoned there on account of the illness of a sister.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gafford of Eldorado were passing guests last Friday as they were returning home from a trip to Hobbs, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone of Memphis returned home Tuesday after a pleasant visit here with the former's mother and friends.

Okley Reid of Lamesa was the week-end guest of his mother, Mrs. J. S. Reid.

MRS. B. C. HAMNER HONOREE.
Mrs. N. F. Anderson and Mrs. T. G. Hamner were joint hostesses on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 17th, in the latter's home for a beautiful stork shower, naming Mrs. B. C. Hamner, as honoree.

Enjoyable games of auction bridge were played throughout the afternoon and while the score was being counted little Elinor Lee Wheeler suddenly appeared pushing a beautiful blue and pink decorated doll buggy filled with dainty baby gifts.

High score, which was won by Miss Ruby Johnson, was a baby hot water bottle and low score, which was a pretty hand-embroidered crepe jacket, won by Mrs. Royce Dowdy, were in turn presented to the honoree.

A beautiful color scheme of baby pink and blue was carried out in the delicious refreshments and table favors: pink and blue chicken salad sandwiches, wrapped in blue three-cornered napkins and pinned, blue and pink checkerboard cake topped with pink whipped cream in the center of which stood a Cupid doll, and coffee served on pink plate doilies to Messrs. Johnnie Wheeler, Bud Winters, Carl Bonneaux, Charley Reed, Leslie Beasley, Royce Dowdy, Buddy Burke, Cecil McRee, Hale McRee, Misses Ruby Johnson, Maurine Smith, Lillian McRee, Little Elinor Lee Wheeler, Buddy Winters, the honoree and the hostesses.

OLD-TIME CANDY BREAKING.
Miss Florene Sherman entertained the young people's Sunday School class and leaguers, with an old-time candy breaking Friday night. Several games were played and enjoyed by all. Those present were: Victorine Bishop, Fannie Vessels, Daisy Fowler, Dorothy Fowler, Willie, Veda and Lois Orand, Ima Gene Mangum, Messrs. J. P. Orand, Charlie Howell, Leonard Stribling, Hanley Vessels, Jack McMinn, Ed Freeman, Rev. U. S. Sherrill and the hostess.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
L. E. Carpenter, Minister.
Worship 11 a. m. All the members are urged to be on time this Sunday and let us all start out the New Year to do the greatest things for God. Make Him first. May this be the greatest year of your life so far as your spiritual growth and development is concerned.

Prayer meeting Tuesday 7 p. m. Ladies' class Thursday 2 p. m. A happy New Year to all.

TRENT METHODIST CHURCH.
Services were well attended last Sunday. Rev. Jimmie P. Orand, one of our young men, now in school at Brownwood, preached at 11 a. m. to the delight and profit of the church. We have a splendid band of young people in our church, of whom we are proud.

Services next Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. by the pastor; Junior missionary society 5 p. m., Victorine Bishop, superintendent; Senior Epworth league, 6 p. m., Lora Bright, president; preaching 7 p. m., Rev. W. M. Murrell, presiding elder.

QUARTERLY CONERENCE.
The first quarterly conference of the Trent charge will convene at the Trent Methodist church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. W. M. Murrell, presiding elder of the Abilene district, will preside. He will preach here at 7:00 p. m.
Come and hear him. You will be pleased and helped.

George Toliver Walker
Our little city was made sad Tuesday morning when the news went out that G. T. Walker had died. Mr. Walker had been in failing health for sometime and a few months ago was taken to the hospital at Wichita Falls, where it was hoped he would regain big health. But instead he grew worse and about a week ago his people brought him home. All that loving hands could do was done for him, but

God in His all-wise way saw fit to call him home.

He is survived by his wife and four daughters, Mrs. I. W. Fowler, Mrs. D. H. Pounds, Pampa, and Misses Vivian and Nathalee. Funeral services were held at the Trent cemetery, with Rev. G. W. Cypert, Church of Christ minister of Merkel, officiating.

BLAIR ITEMS
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and sons of Red Springs and Mrs. Alice Helms and children of Winters were house-guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elie Brooks, through the holidays.

The out-of-town relatives that enjoyed Christmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore were Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wilson and their handsome little son, Jessie Earl, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and sons of Red Springs, Mr. and Mrs. D. Moore and family of Tye, Mr. and Mrs. Evert Ray and family of Coleman and other relatives and friends of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan and family of Rotan and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and family of Roscoe visited relatives here over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Smith have enjoyed a week's visit from their daughter and family of Hermleigh.

Miss Lena Lee Demere of White Church enjoyed a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hunter of Nubia were the interesting guests of Mrs. Maggie Hunter and children Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Moore came home to spend Christmas with her little daughter, Jewel, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips, after several months' stay at Levelland.

Grover Hail of Merkel was seen in our midst Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown of Post City have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Brown, and other relatives of this place through the holidays.

Mrs. J. B. Rosson of Merkel attended church at Blair Sunday.

We are sure there were more holiday visitors in town and going-out visitors, but "ye scribe" has failed to get the items; if so, will report them in our next issue.

COMPERE NEWS
Everyone in this community is enjoying the warm weather and the good sunshine.

Christmas was enjoyed by all this year, even though old Santa did not visit all of us.

The school children are the owners of a new volley ball since the holidays.

Mrs. M. K. Milner and daughter Kathleen spent the past week with relatives at Sylvester.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor were the guests of Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch of Merkel, during the holidays.

The young people enjoyed several parties and "42" games last week.

The wedding bells rang again in the Comperre community on Dec. 16 when Miss La Verne Bond became the bride of Mr. Eteyl Spurgin. They have the best wishes of many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Sherrill and family spent several days at Carbon last week.

Clyde and Aleta Foster of Merkel visited Mrs. Jake Foster during Christmas.

Several families are moving this week to other communities: Mr. George Cook and family to Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas to Noodle, and Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Palmer to Truby.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clemmer made a business trip to O'Donnell Saturday.

Messrs. Burley and Chester Bond and families of Trent visited relatives her last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith of Midland spent several days with Mrs. N. C. Smith and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Adkin and family.

Quite a crowd attended singing Sunday night.

Frank Ramsey spent Saturday night with John Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lucas and children of Fort Worth were Comperre and Noodle visitors Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ramsey and family spent Sunday with Joe Ramsey of Merkel.

Mrs. Edd Spurgin is visiting relatives in Knox ity this week and she will go from there to Oklahoma for a visit.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

SALT BRANCH NEWS
Singing will be held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday. Let everyone come.

Mrs. Daisy Vidrine and son, Lionel, of Phoenix, Ariz., visited relatives here Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Fikes and children of Stith and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown and children of Merkel were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hudson Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Taylor of Sweetwater were the Christmas guests of their daughters, Mrs. A. R. Robertson and Mrs. Ollie Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Jones and baby have returned from Chicago. They will make their home near here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Higgins and family spent Christmas day with relatives at Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Armstrong and children visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Armstrong.

Miss Francis Farr, who is attending school at Hobbs, N. M., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Farr, the past week.

Mr. Ward Hardy of Clyde visited relatives here. Mr. Austin Petty accompanied him home to visit a few days.

Misses Norah Foster, Maude Cook and Hortense Armstrong were visitors in the J. S. Pinckley home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lee visited relatives at Mexia.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Higgins spent Sunday with relatives at Sweetwater.

The party at Miss Norah Foster's was well attended Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Farr are moving to Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Ely are moving to the Warren community.

White Church News
We are certainly having some sunshine, which is being greatly appreciated by everyone.

Friends of W. A. Harrison and W. L. Brown will be glad to hear they both seem to be greatly improved after illness with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hall of South Dakota are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Evans and family of Sweetwater visited Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Malone is on the sick list at this time. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Patterson entertained their children with a Christmas dinner on Christmas Day.

A. D. Wilson of Levelland is visiting in our midst. He will be accompanied on his return home by Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. W. H. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. H. West had a very pleasant surprise Sunday when at the noon hour her children arrived with well filled baskets. The children are T. A. Dudley and family of Elm, John D. Dudley and family and Cliff Perry and family of Dora.

Mr. and Mrs. Addie Rogers of Gladewater were visiting in the Dewey Rogers home Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barnes and sons had dinner in the home of Mr. Barnes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Patterson, Christmas, all of the children being at home except Henry Patterson of Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Farmer of Blair have moved into our midst for the coming year. We are glad to have these fine people in our community.

A. V. Henslee has just returned from Dallas where he is under the care of a government physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy and Arthur Coats of Big Spring have been visiting in the D. D. Coats home for Christmas.

Our Sunday School and prayer meeting were well attended Sunday. Miss Baucum is the leader for Sunday night.

Quarterly conference meets here Saturday, January 2.

Here's hoping everyone a happy New Year.

DORA DOINGS
Here we are after Christmas all o. k., but the main reason we have been so silent was because we were snowed under and then we got stuck in the mud until we could make it.

Christmas was nice here, most everyone enjoying some sort of sport or eating turkey dinner. Several saw Santa on his annual visit.

We are glad to report Jerry Hyde improving after an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Drew Clark of Clovis, N. M., is here for a week visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. B. E. Dunagin and children spent the holidays in Winters.

H. A. Tyrone and family visited

his parents at Carbon through the week-end.

Miss Jewel Shelton of the Plain-view schools spent Christmas with home folks here and visiting friends.

Miss Pollie Oliver of Abilene was here a few days last week visiting her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Oliver.

CANYON NEWS
Christmas, the time of family home-comings, when children and grandchildren and friends gather in the homes for "turkey" dinner, has come and gone, leaving us all happy over presents and good wishes.

Those in the home of Uncle Dan and Aunt Dollie Matthews were: Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Matthews and children Lois, Imogene, Dresden and Ezell, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews and children, Loyd, Willie Pearl, Mr. and Mrs. Odger Matthews and baby, Carlton Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCormick and Mr. J. H. Cathcart and daughter, Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Reynolds and baby of Abilene were visitors in the Zack Cargill home during the holidays.

Mrs. Taylor Ann Blackburn spent Christmas Day with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Piles, of Butman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seymour and little daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Toombs gathered in the home of "Granny" Perry of Nubia Christmas day and "fixed" a "chicken" dinner enjoying the Christmas spirit.

A few friends gathered in the W. C. Matthews home Christmas night. The time was spent happily in talking and playing "42". At a late hour the hostess passed home-made candy. Those enjoying the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Dewell McLean and children, Mildred and Hollis, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Perry, Jimmie Dell Perry, Mrs. Emma Peterson and son, Bobby Glen, Mr. J. H. Cathcart and daughter, Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. Odger Matthews and son, Loyd, and Willie Pearl Matthews, the host and hostess.

Quite a few from here attended the

funeral of the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Anderson of Mt. Pleasant Sunday. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

UNION RIDGE NEWS
The Union Ridge school children were given a week for Christmas holidays. There was a school Christmas tree Wednesday afternoon and a nice program was given by the pupils of the intermediate and primary grades, which are under instruction of Mrs. Gladys Shelton and Miss Estelle Terry. All visitors enjoyed the program very much.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Carr and Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Carr and family of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carr of the Dora community were visitors in the F. L. Carr home last Saturday.

Rev. U. S. Sherrill was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas Sunday.

Walter Barnett and sister, Lilly Claude, left Friday for Andrew, Texas, where they will spend a few days with their sister, Mrs. Suggs.

Miss Bessie Lou Pannell was home from Dallas for Christmas Day.

Misses Gladys and Hortense Barley spent the week-end visiting in Abilene.

Miss Mabel McRee has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McRee of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Carr entertained the young folks with a party last Friday night. Everyone reported a nice time.

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OUR OLD AND NEW WE LOVE THEM ALL

We love old friends, but that does not keep us from making and prizing new ones. The Old Year has endeared itself to us in many ways and for many reasons. But the New is at hand and we hail the New.

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We extend sincere thanks to all for patronage large or small and solicit a continuation of your favors during 1923.

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TEAFF-HINDS.

A wedding of interest to a large number of friends was solemnized on Thursday morning of last week when Miss Johnnie Ruth Hinds of Tye became the bride of James W. Teaff of Merkel at the Tye Methodist church, with the Rev. W. C. Hinds, pastor of the First Methodist church of Childress, brother of the bride, officiating.

Mrs. Walter McCartney gave the bridal music at the piano.

The bride is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hinds of Tye. She attended McMurry college and is at present a teacher in the Caps school.

James W. Teaff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Teaff, attended school here and later Simmons university. He is well known and well liked through his social and religious associations and The Mail joins a large number of friends in offering congratulations to them both.

Mr. and Mrs. Teaff left immediately after the ceremony for an automobile trip to Fort Worth, Dallas and Mineral Wells, after which they will make their home in the Salt Branch community.

BRIDGE-SHOWER.

Mrs. Orion Tittle, who was Miss Nadine Tippett until her marriage Dec. 26th, was complimented with a lovely party Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Dr. Sadler with Miss Louise Booth and Mrs. Sadler co-hostesses.

The house was decorated with lovely cut flowers and potted plants. Tables, arranged for bridge games, were appointed in pink and green game accessories. At the culmination of the games an entertaining program of appropriate readings was given by little Misses Sue Sue Grimes, Doris Clyde Miller and Billie Haynes.

After having the games progress around her place of honor at head table all afternoon the honoree was suddenly asked to go to foot table only to find the table loaded with beautiful and useful gifts.

A dainty green salad and pink sandwiches, olives, fruit cake and coffee were served at tables centered with lighted tapers in green holders by Mrs. A. R. Booth, Mrs. Bob Mayfield, Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Miss Louise Booth.

The following guests registered in a beautiful guest book: Mesdames Orion Tittle, W. L. Harkrider, Roy Largent, C. M. Largent, Jr., Kirby Beckett, El Paso, Booth Warren, Dee Grimes, E. Y. Brown, J. M. Dry, C. H. Jones, L. B. Scott, Bill Haynes, A. B. Lewis, Fort Worth, S. D. Gamble, Warren Smith, George White, Sidney Foy of Baird, L. C. Zehn-pennig, George West, Jr., Ed McCrary, Milton Case, H. H. Jenkins, Ernest Higgins, Misses Elizabeth Harkrider, Vennie Heizer, Mary Eula Sears, Christine Collins, Lucy Tracy, Mattilou Largent, Opal Dillingham of Abilene, Mary Collins, Missie Dye, Fannie Belle Boaz, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Sis Boaz.

IN-HONOR-BRIDGE.

Mr. and Mrs. Orion Tittle were entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent on Tuesday evening with Miss Mattilou Largent the hostess.

The house was beautifully decorated with Christmas decorations. Games of bridge and dancing were the diversion for the evening. Mrs. Tittle was remembered with a lovely pair of cut-work pillow cases. At the refreshment hour a delicious salad course with fruit cake, olives and coffee were passed to Mr. and Mrs. Orion Tittle, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case, Misses Louise Booth and Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Messrs. Clyde Mayfield, Ed Lancaster, Weston West, Sterling Sheppard, Miss Mattilou Largent and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent.

THE GANG PARTY.

Mrs. Cecil Guthrie entertained with a slumber party in honor of her sister, Miss Hallie Pike of Bogata, who visited her mother during the holidays. Bridge and dancing were the diversion of the evening. Sandwiches, fruit cake and coffee were served at midnight. Then radio and piano music was enjoyed until an early hour, when breakfast was served to Misses Hallie Pike, Rosie Laney, Sis Toombs, Virgie Maye and Flossie Campbell of El Paso, Mesdames Denzel Cox, Florence Berry, Cyrus Pee, Warren Higgins, Kenneth Pee, J. O. Steele, Sweetwater and the hostess.

CLASS PARTY.

Gordon Murray entertained members of his Sunday School class Tuesday evening with a "42" party. Radio

CHURCHES

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Bible school 9:45 a. m. Preaching and worship 10:45 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Training classes 6:15 p. m.

All members are urged to be at the services Sunday. May we all start in Sunday to make the greatest year of our life, so far as our spiritual growth is concerned.

Ladies' Bible class Tuesday at 2:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m. A Happy New Year to all.
L. E. Carpenter, Minister.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m.

There are some happenings and conditions we cannot control and, if they do not exactly suit us, we should not worry. Other conditions are as we make them, as individuals or all working together. The past year's church work has been very pleasant; but past experiences only qualify us for greater service; may we do that throughout the New Year.

Preaching service at 11 a. m., followed by communion. Offering for Reynolds home. Evening service at 7 o'clock. Session meeting Tuesday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Come worship with us.
W. M. Elliott, Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

Next Sunday the Men's Prayer Service will be held at the Baptist church, with Wm. M. Elliott and S. M. Hunter as leaders, the lesson to be the 26th chapter of Acts. There will be a special 30 minute song service at this hour consisting of quartettes and duets. Last Sunday the men had the pleasure of hearing the Methodist Quartette, with Miss Thelma McAninch, home from college, as accompanist.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

For the last Sunday in the year there were 662 present at the five reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel, as compared with 417 on the previous Sunday, when the weather was so rainy and bad. On the last Sunday of 1930 there were 697 present in Sunday Schools in Merkel.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

We will have our "New Year" service at the Baptist church Sunday. Special music. Special sermon. Everyone should start the New Year off right by finding their way into the House of God.

Pastor's sermon for Sunday at 11 a. m. will be "A Backward Glance and a Forward Look."

Let nothing keep you away from Sunday School and church Sunday. Fathers and mothers, your boys and girls need your presence in their meetings each Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. Why carry your children to shows and "send them" to church and Sunday School? Serious.
J. T. King, Pastor.

TRAINING SERVICE ASSEMBLY PROGRAM.

Song, congregation.
Devotional, leader.
Special music, Intermediate Quartette.
Reading, Willie Evelyn Boaz.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: "The Power of Ideals."
"Drifters," Miss Tracy.
"People with Intermittent Ideals," Leonard Reeves.
"The Power of Lofty Ideals," Mary King.
"What Do You See?" Ida Derstine.
"Follow the Gleam," Comer Haynes.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

Subject: "Higher Ground."
"Why Have Ideals?" Burneal Scott.
"What Sort of Goals?" Harold Morgan.
"Ideals in Physical Life," Vivian Davis.

"Ideals in School Life," Don Swafford.

"Ideals in Business," Ima Ruth Brown.

"Ideals in B. Y. P. U.," Louise Tarlton.

"Jesus' Ideals for Us," Margaret Miller.

Fellow-members, please all be on hand with parts prepared and let's

music was enjoyed until a late hour when apple pie, topped with whipped cream, and hot chocolate were served to Monroe and Cephas Wozencraft, Overton Fatterson, Jim West, Jr., Grisham Dowell, S. G. Russell, Jr., Woodrow Patton, Robert Rice and Charlie Jones, teacher. Visitors were Marshall and Felix Stalls, Dickey Sharp and Selma Lee Russell.

work hard and make ours the best union.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Rev. W. M. Murrell, our new presiding elder, will be with us and preach next Sunday morning. This will be his first official visit with us.

The first quarterly conference will be Friday night, Jan. 8th. This will be a banquet conference and all officials will be expected to attend.

It was a delight to have the college students worship with us last Sunday, while here for the holidays. There were ten or more present and they are assured a welcome always.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

Sunday was a great day with us, showing quite an increase in attendance at both services.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. N. Y. P. S. 6:30 p. m. A hearty welcome to all.

Mrs. Fannie King, Supt.
Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday, the 12th day of January, 1932, at 5:00 p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
Booth Warren, Cashier.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Delaney-Delmer Chevrolet company has been dissolved and I will not be responsible for any purchases or accounts contracted from this date. All outstanding accounts, due to the Delaney-Delmer Chevrolet company, are payable to L. A. Delaney, Rising Star, Texas.
L. A. Delaney.

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RED SEED OATS, 25c per bushel; no Johnson grass. J. S. Touchstone, Hawley, Route 2.

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FOR SALE—Nortex Seed Oats, free from Johnson grass. Pierce Horton.

One hundred peach trees, two to three feet high, Elbertas, Indian Cling, Mammie Ross, Early Wheeler, Heath Cling and many others, only \$7.50.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TAYLOR
No. 1973 in the matter of the estate of W. L. Diltz, Sr., deceased in the county court of Taylor county, Texas.

Notice to the creditors of the estate of W. L. Diltz, Sr., deceased:

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration de bonis non with the will annexed upon the estate of W. L. Diltz, Sr., deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1931, by the County Court of Taylor County, Texas. All persons having claims

against the said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence is Merkel, Taylor County, Texas.

Phillip A. Diltz.

Administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of the estate of W. L. Diltz, Sr., deceased.

TO THE VOTERS OF PRECINCT NO. 2:

At this time I want to announce to the voters of precinct No. 2 that I will be in the race for county commissioner

and at a later date will make an announcement.
L. L. MURRA

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SOAP, White Laundry, 10 bars	25c
COFFEE, Pure Peaberry, 2 lbs.	25c
CATSUP, 14 oz. bottle	16c
OATS, Instant Cooker, large package	18c
SOAP, Cocoa Hardwater, 3 bars	13c
BAKING POWDER, K. C., 50c size	38c
CRACKERS, 2 lb. Saltines	21c
CRACKERS, 3 lb. Saltines	34c
GRAPEFRUIT, nice size, 2 for	9c
PEANUT BUTTER, 5 lb. bucket	57c
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Brooms	4 string	20c
Sugar	10 pounds	47c
Soap	P & G or C. W., 7 bars	25c
Compound	8 lb. bucket	63c
Flour	Extra High Patent fully guaranteed	90c
Meal	24 lbs., guaranteed	40c
Cranberries	2 pounds	25c
Corn	No. 2 cans	10c
Tomatoes	No. 2 cans	8c