

DEATH TAKES BELOVED WIFE OF C. H. JONES

One of City's Most Prominent Women; Leader in Church, Club, Civic Movements; A Personality Greatly Admired.

Mrs. Charles H. Jones, ill only a few days, succumbed at 9:20 Saturday night to pneumonia, which developed four days earlier. An oxygen tent was brought into service late Friday afternoon in her behalf, but her recuperation failed before the artificial life could be maintained.

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Sunday from the family residence, it having been Mrs. Jones' expressed wish for the services to be held there, with Rev. R. A. Walker, her pastor, officiating. Interment was in Rose Hill, where her last resting place was profusely covered with beautiful tributes in the language of flowers, which she loved so well.

Pallbearers were: active, W. L. Diltz, Ballinger; Booth Warren, Tom Largent, Warren Smith, Charlie Curb, Paul West; honorary, Herbert Patterson, W. S. J. Brown, J. T. Warren, C. M. Largent, Watt Blair, Jesse Bird, Ben Bird, Forrest Gaither, Elmo Collins, Henry West, John West, Harry Barnett, all of Merkel; Burl Scott, Anson; Rigdon Edwards, J. E. Foot, John E. Pilkington, Abilene.

Assisting with the flowers were: Mesdames Booth Warren, W. T. Sadler, Dee Grimes, Tom Largent, F. C. McFarland and Miss Vera Walker.

A native of Bryan, Mrs. Jones was married to Charlie Jones on Nov. 5, 1908, at DeKalb, Bowie county. They had lived here for about 17 years.

Mr. Jones, a daughter, Mrs. Ernest Old, of Abilene, Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. H. C. Harbers; a sister, Mrs. Elmer H. Moore of Palestine, and a niece, Mrs. William H. Corbusier of San Antonio, survive.

When Mrs. Moore, an only sister, arrived Saturday morning, she found Mrs. Jones desperately ill. Besides her daughter, Mrs. Corbusier, who came Sunday for the funeral, other relatives from out of town were: Ernest Old, a son-in-law, Abilene; Mrs. Silas Jones of Texarkana, mother of Charlie Jones; his three sisters, Mrs. James M. Wheeler and husband, Abilene; Mrs. H. I. Robinson and her husband, Rev. H. I. Robinson, of Texarkana, and Mrs. R. P. Lindsay, and son, Charles Lindsay, of Ashdown, Ark.

Not every community can claim one so universally loved and esteemed as Mrs. Charles Jones. So wide and varied were the interests about which her life centered that it would be difficult to say just where she will be most greatly missed. In the home, as wife, daughter and mother she gave unselfishly, unstintedly of devotion, sacrifice and love; in church, club and civic circles she was always wont to take the lead wherever the betterment of mankind or community was concerned; good judgment, tact and graciousness were marked characteristics of her noble and useful life. To know her, even to have met her quite casually was a privilege; how can one attempt to measure her real worth or the influence for good she wielded?

Brother of Merkel Woman Succumbs

Oscar D. Neill, age 57, a brother of Mrs. Sarah Thorne of Merkel, died at 8 a. m. Friday morning, Jan. 31, in a Wichita Falls hospital, where he had been ill for 18 months.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at Elliott's chapel, Abilene, with Rev. Robert Williams, Baptist minister, officiating. Burial was in an Abilene cemetery.

Mr. Neill was born in Parker county, near Pool, April 17, 1898. He moved with his mother, Mrs. M. M. Neill, to Abilene nine years ago, where the family resides at 880 Orange street. Besides his mother and sister here, he is survived by another sister, Miss Neill of Abilene and three brothers, W. E. Neill, of Haskell, and George Neill, of Abilene.

Vote of Seven Justices.—Washington, D. C., Feb. 6.—Senator Pope (D-Ida) introduced a bill today to require a vote of at least five of the nine supreme court justices to sustain a law unconstitutional.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The all-time enrollment record at Texas A. & M. college was smashed Tuesday when more than 3,600 registrations had been taken for the full year.

E. F. Morrison, city officer of Austin, died Monday of injuries received Tuesday night when struck by an automobile while crossing a downtown street.

John T. Henley, 98, believed to be Texas' oldest Mason, died at his home at Paris Monday. He had been a member of the order for nearly seventy-eight years.

Through Monday parking meters in Dallas, which are bringing in more than \$300 a day, had accumulated \$25,800 to apply on their purchase price of \$30,000.

The Texas relief commission entered the final two months of its program with an unencumbered balance of \$1,500,000 to aid unemployables through the winter.

The King ranch in South Texas, greatest of the great empires of cattle, is being broken up among the heirs. The 1,400,000-acre ranch was appraised in 1925 at \$5,000,000.

Hal I. Greer, about 45, Houston oil operator who was cited for bravery while an aviator during the World War, killed himself Tuesday in a lonely clump of woods near Houston.

Margaret Houston, great-granddaughter of General Sam Houston, pioneer Texas soldier and statesman, has entered Sam Houston State Teachers college at Huntsville. Her home is in Claremore, Okla.

"Uncle Nathan" Stokes, 105, faithful slave-born servant of the Major George W. Littlefield family of Austin, was buried Tuesday beside the bodies of his masters, as provided by will of the late Major Littlefield.

Aubrey Magness, famous high school football star, and Howard Poe, Breckenridge youths, were killed in a highway accident at Breckenridge when the motorcycle on which they were riding was in collision with a machine driven by O. A. Hess.

J. Owen Shelton, former vice-president of the Citizens National bank of Abilene, has received appointment as supervisor of District 13, including Taylor and eleven surrounding counties, for the administration of Texas' old age pension act, effective Feb. 14.

Governor James V. Allred has appointed C. B. Sheffield of Fort Worth, who was not an applicant for the place, to succeed Orville Carpenter as state auditor and efficiency expert, effective Feb. 14, date that Carpenter becomes state director of the old age assistance act.

George Sheppard to Seek Re-Election

Austin, Feb. 6.—George H. Sheppard, formerly of Sweetwater, Wednesday announced his candidacy for re-election as comptroller of public accounts.

Sheppard was appointed in 1930 to fill a vacancy and subsequently has been elected.

In announcing, Sheppard said: "There are many accomplishments of which I am justly proud." He cited installation of a complete accounting system and rising revenues from gasoline, cigarette and oil taxes with a reduction in the school ad valorem tax.

Twitty Will Address 17th District Session

Bryce L. Twitty, president of the Baptist Brotherhood of Texas and superintendent of the Baylor hospital, Dallas, will be the chief speaker for the annual meeting of the Baptist laymen of the 17th district, to be held at the First Baptist church, Abilene, Thursday night, Feb. 15.

Program for the session, which is to be a joint conference of the district brotherhood and the Sweetwater association, has been arranged by L. H. Welch of Breckenridge, district leader, and E. C. Cummings of Abilene, associational president.

Both district and associational officers will be elected, and supper will be served, with plates to be 35 cents each.

PROTECTION ON SAME BASIS AS TARIFF SOUGHT

Texas Farmers Demand Equality; Urge Amendment to Constitution to Equalize the Laws As to Agriculture.

Waco, Feb. 6.—Farmers of Texas, assembled in large numbers at the Cotton Palace Coliseum Saturday, yelled their approval of a resolution demanding an amendment to the federal constitution that will equalize the law as to agriculture.

After saying "controlled production in accordance with market demands is fundamental to American agriculture," it was asserted "we contend that it is a function of our government to assist people in doing things that they cannot do for themselves, provided always that these things are for the general welfare of the nation."

The meeting was called by H. G. Lucas of Brownwood, president of the Texas Agricultural association, and chairman of the Farmers' Protective committee, who presided.

Laymen of Texas Synod to Meet at Breckenridge Feb. 12

Tenth annual convention of laymen of the Presbyterian synod of Texas is to be held at Breckenridge on Wednesday of next week, Feb. 12. This is the first time this group has met at any other place than Dallas or Fort Worth.

Governor James V. Allred is scheduled for an address at the noon luncheon. Other speakers for the convention are: Dr. Thomas W. Currie, president of the Presbyterian Theological seminary, Austin, and pastor of the Highland Park Presbyterian church, Dallas; Dr. Raymond H. Leach, president of Trinity university, Waxahachie, and Dr. R. L. Irving, Fort Davis, who is moderator of the synod of Texas.

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, is planning to attend, and probably others will go from here.

Favorable Turn in Live Stock Shipments

Austin, Feb. 6.—For the first time in many months the year-to-year comparison of Texas live stock shipments to Fort Worth stockyards and interstate points is favorable, according to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research. From July, 1935, throughout the remainder of the year each of the monthly shipments were far below those of the corresponding month of 1934. This situation was the result of the government's huge cattle purchasing program during the summer and fall of 1934 in the drought stricken areas and also the shipment of unusually large numbers of animals through regular commercial channels because of the shortage of and high price of feed in comparison with the price of live stock, it was pointed out.

Shipments of all classes of live stock during December totaled 4,765 cars, an increase of 7 per cent over the 4,450 cars during the like month in 1934.

List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

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

J. Pierce Horton, J. A. Stanford, W. H. Frazier, J. M. Smith, Homer Patterson, E. R. Thompson, Price Melton, W. C. Reid, Clarence Melton, Merkel; H. S. Wills, John R. Hutto, Keller Roberts, E. D. Chambers, L. E. Brock, J. C. Hargrove, J. F. Roundtree, P. H. Watkins, Paul Scott, G. G. Jackson, J. A. Elliott, Ben Jones, H. J. Rogers, Clyde Oldham, W. B. Isbell, Frank Hewitt, T. O. McCamant, A. A. Tate, V. C. Cagle, John L. Hockersmith, Geo. O. Summers, R. L. Reese, Everitt Haney, H. W. Walkow, R. S. Walker, W. J. Connell, B. W. Wisdom, Homer Ray, G. W. Merchant, E. M. Hilley, B. F. Parsons, J. T. Varnell, J. A. Beavers, J. I. Nixon, Abilene; J. L. Edwards, J. T. Meeds, Lawn; V. N. Brockerson, W. H. Turner, Tuscola; M. C. Herod, Tye; Jim Smith, Winters; J. A. Pruitt, Trent.

BURNS FATAL TO 14-MONTHS OLD CHILD HERE

Cloth Accidentally Ignited Falls Or Infant Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Massey; Child Inhales Flames.

Internal and external burns from a blazing cloth, which accidentally fell on her Saturday morning as she lay on the floor near a stove in her home, resulted Sunday afternoon in death to Glenda LaNett Massey, 14-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Massey.

The accident occurred as the mother was heating the cloth, saturated with turpentine and kerosene to put on Mr. Massey's chest, her husband being ill with a cold. As Mrs. Massey held the cloth above the wood stove, another of the children lifted the lid and the cloth burst into flames. One of the children picked up LaNett and started to carry her outdoors, when her father forced himself out of bed and stopped her, extinguishing the cloth fire. The child, however, had received severe burns on the face and body and suffered internal injuries when she inhaled the flames.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon from the family residence, with Rev. Ernest Dowell, Baptist minister, officiating. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Besides the parents, Glenda LaNett is survived by two brothers and five sisters.

Attendance at Lions Luncheon Near Forty

With a guest list numbering ten, there were 39 present at the Lions regular luncheon at Woody's cafe Tuesday noon, probably the largest attendance at any noon meeting since the re-organization of the club.

With President Roy Reid presiding, the invocation was given by Dr. H. E. Dana, of Fort Worth, who is holding a series of meetings at the First Baptist church and who, with Rev. C. H. Joyner, pastor, were among the day's guests.

Other guests were the four High school students making the highest averages in their grades for the last six-weeks period, Mary Jo Russell, Jannell Black, Roy Hagler and Juanita Huskey; Dr. Earl Thomason, who recently opened dental offices here; George Barber, secretary of the board of city development, and George Thompson, insurance man, both of Sweetwater, and R. T. Wood, teacher in the Grammar school and scoutmaster of the Merkel Boy Scout troop.

The fact that Merkel exemplified the full spirit of community co-operation was attributed by the Sweetwater commercial club executive to two things: the able leadership of the Lions club and the marked cordiality of Merkel citizens.

The other guests each expressed their pleasure at being present, Mr. Thompson, himself a Lion, using his time to ask the local club for their support of the candidacy of Supt. Ross S. Covey of the Sweetwater schools as district governor of Lions clubs.

The averages made by the four honor students and the grades they respectively represent are: Mary Jo Russell, 8th, 96; Jannell Black, 9th, 97; Roy Hagler, 10th, 97, and Juanita Huskey, 11th, 98.

Death Claims Wife Of Hillside Farmer

Mrs. Lottie Rister, wife of G. W. Rister, farmer of the Hillside community, died at 5:15 Wednesday afternoon of last week at her home. Mrs. Rister, who was 45 years of age, had been an invalid for the past seven years.

Funeral services were held at the family residence at 1:30 Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Clyde Jackson, Baptist pastor at View, assisted by Rev. Bill Murdock, Rev. Gene Hall and Rev. Howard Martin, all of Hillside. The body was carried to Midway cemetery for interment.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Rister is survived by three sons, Halbert, Lindsey and Lester, one daughter, Hilda, and eight brothers and three sisters.

HI SCHOOL GYM TOURNEY SETTING FOR WEEK-END

The east side of the Sweetwater Interscholastic League district will have its basketball tournament in the Merkel gymnasium on Friday night and Saturday, Feb. 14 and 15.

Two games will be played on Friday night at 7 o'clock, two games on Saturday morning at 9:30. To each of these two games admission of 15 and 25 cents will be charged—that is, 15 and 25 cents for the two games. For the final on Saturday night, the admission will be 15 and 25 cents for the one final game.

On Friday night the winners from Taylor county and Jones county will play the first game followed by a game between the winners from Stonewall and Fisher counties. Abilene and the winner from Kent county drew byes. On Saturday morning at 9:30, Abilene will play the winners of the Taylor-Jones county game followed by a game between Kent county and the winner of Stonewall-Fisher county game. Then at 8 p. m. on Saturday, the finals will be played.

Arrangement has been made to have the balcony furnished with some heat, it is hoped enough for fans to be comfortable while watching the game.

Supt. Burgess was named by the Sweetwater district executive committee to have charge of this tournament. Net proceeds of the tournament will be prorated among the participating teams.

Mercury Slides Under 20 on Two Mornings

When the second snow of the season had melted away, the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale showed the moisture resulting from it and the previous snow measured three-eighths of an inch. This is all the precipitation in this section since the first of January.

Another severe cold wave followed moderate temperatures on Monday, resulting in low temperatures here of 16 degrees on Tuesday morning and 15 degrees on Wednesday morning, with a let-up during Wednesday.

Forty Persons Injured.

Cincinnati, Feb. 6.—The coal tender and a fruit-laden express car tumbled sixty feet to a street when the Louisville & Nashville's Southland and the Chesapeake & Ohio's Sportsman crashed on a trestle, injuring forty persons. The express car was demolished.

Population is 127,521,000.—Washington, D. C. Feb. 6.—The 1935 population of the United States was officially estimated by the census bureau at 127,521,000, a gain of 4 per cent from 1930, when the last actual census was taken.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 11, 1916.)

Mrs. Jack Provine returned home from Sweetwater where she has been with her husband, who is in one of the sanitariums at that place for treatment.

W. D. Woodroof and W. F. Dupree are spending the week in Plainview and Floydada attending to business matters.

Increased enrollment in the city schools has made it necessary to add another teacher, bringing the present number of teachers to fourteen and the enrollment to 667. Mrs. Asa Sheppard accepted a position as primary instructor.

Miss Corine Creath of Abilene visited her sister, Miss Susie Creath, Sunday.

Trent News: Misses Odessa Moon and Eula Johnson, Messrs. Hubert and Winslow Beckham motored to Abilene Sunday.

Noodle—Miss Maude Ferguson spent the week-end with home folk at Merkel.

Mrs. Lige Gamble of Weatherford arrived Tuesday morning for a visit with friends and relatives. Mrs. Gamble has many friends here who will enjoy this visit, as it has been several months since she has been here.

AUTO DRIVERS MUST SECURE STATE LICENSE

New Law Effective Feb. 14; Application Blanks to be Supplied By Tax Collector's Office After That Date.

Texas' major experiment in the field of motoring safety, designed to reduce the toll of human life on its high-speed roads, will get under way on Feb. 14, date when the law making drivers' licenses mandatory becomes effective.

The law will be administered through a separate bureau of the department of public safety under supervision of Capt. J. D. Moffatt, veteran highway patrol inspector. The patrol will form the chief field force, co-operating closely with local officers and jurists.

Drivers' licenses, which must be obtained before April 1, will be issued by county tax collectors and will be valid for three years unless revoked for traffic code and law violations. They will be issued free.

County Tax Assessor-Collector Grady Parmley of Taylor county has been advised that shipment of 25,000 application blanks and the same number of licenses was en route for use in this county. They will be ready for distribution on the appointed day, Feb. 14.

The applications must be filled out before notaries public, but the law specifically provides that no charge be made for this service.

All motorists, with certain exceptions provided by law, must have a license and must carry it with them at all times in order to avoid embarrassment, warns L. G. Phares, acting director of the department of public safety.

The license is in three perforated sections. The first removal of one of the sections for violating traffic laws automatically reduces the classification of the driver from first to second class.

On conviction of a violation the trial judge will note on the detached section the offense and the disposition and mail it to the safety department. Similar procedure will be followed on the second conviction and the final stub will be confiscated and sent the department on the third conviction.

Persons driving after their licenses have been suspended will be subject to heavy penalties, including imprisonment for six months.

All members of a family who drive the family automobile will be required to obtain licenses. Each license will carry a detailed description of the (Continued on Page Eight)

W. M. Eoff and son, Naylor, were transacting business in Roscoe the first of the week.

Mrs. J. E. Pitzer left Sunday afternoon for Colorado where she will visit relatives and friends for some time.

Three Merkel buyers are in eastern markets at the present time: Messrs. E. L. Woodroof, W. Parten and A. C. Rose.

Since the last publication of The Mail that noted "Blue Jay" horse has added two more scalps to his list of basted broncho busters. Saturday afternoon Malone Bros. exhibited him when F. J. Pollard of Midland met the ground in acceptable manner. John R. McSpadden, commonly known as the "Panama Kid," has signed a contract to mount "Blue Jay" on Saturday afternoon for a purse of \$25.00.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lorange departed on the T. & P. eastbound Wednesday for Young county where they will spend several days visiting the former's sister, Mrs. J. D. Allen.

Mesdames Jno. G. Jackson, M. B. Hanks, Fred Gentry, Gene Rice, Len Faucett and little Misses Elizabeth Faucett and Frances Jane Gentry motored over from Abilene Monday afternoon, visiting friends.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Sam McLeod of I. X. L. was a week-end guest in the N. L. McLeod home.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Terry and children, H. B. and Rilla Frances, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen of Clyde were guests of relatives and friends here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Butman of Butman ranch were here Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Ellen Duncan spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Alvin Trowbridge, of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Alice Moody of Sweetwater returned home Tuesday after a visit of several days in the home of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Brown.

Dr. W. R. McLeod and family spent a few days this week visiting relatives in Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff English of Hermleigh were guests on Monday night of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Boone and Buster Edwards visited Mrs. Leta Rock, Miss Pauline Graves and Mr. Carol Chambliss Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McRe entertained a number of friends Wednesday evening with a bridge party. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dennis, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bonneaux, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamner, and Joe Jackson. Refreshments of pecan waffles, brookfield sausage and coffee were served.

J. W. Dowdy and son, Ledo, of Abilene, attended to business here Saturday.

Mrs. Barney Howell and little daughter were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Hand.

E. H. Burks has received a message that his mother, Mrs. I. P. Burks, age 90, died on Jan. 25 at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Mollie Davenport, at Arch, N. M.

Mrs. Jim Blackmon of Franklin is visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith.

J. M. Smith, who has pneumonia, is reported to be improving.

E. K. SoRelle has returned to his home in Sweetwater, after having been at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamner for the past three weeks.

Rev. W. B. Bailey and wife, Rev. W. W. Riley and wife and Mesdames B. Johnson, John Payne, Bud Cribley, E. V. Mangum, Mollie Williams, J. S. Reid and R. E. McRee attended the M. E. missionary meeting held at the First Methodist church in Abilene Monday.

C. C. Stribling, L. McElmurry, Jess Dudley, H. W. Beckham and N. L. McLeod attended the farmers cotton meeting at Waco Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Smith and Mrs. Sam Ross of Lubbock came Saturday to be at the bedside of their father, J. M. Smith.

Mrs. Mary Archer was guest the first part of the week in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Rado Archer.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

Although Mr. and Mrs. Bright are in Corpus Christi for the winter, he was fortunate enough to have his birthday remembered on Jan. 31, when a lovely dinner was served on the beach there, as the weather, as a rule, is ideal at this time of the year on the coast.

Guests were: Miss Manye Cooper of Bloomfield, Mo.; Mrs. Colden and son, Fort Worth, niece of Mr. Bright; Mrs. C. T. Beckham and Mrs. Alex Williamson.

Friday night, Jan. 31, at the meeting of "The Friendly Club," which was organized for the benefit of entertaining all tourists in the city, a special table was arranged for Mr. Bright, and a song was also dedicated in his honor.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

Surplus seed, livestock and farm products may be sold through a want ad in The Mail.

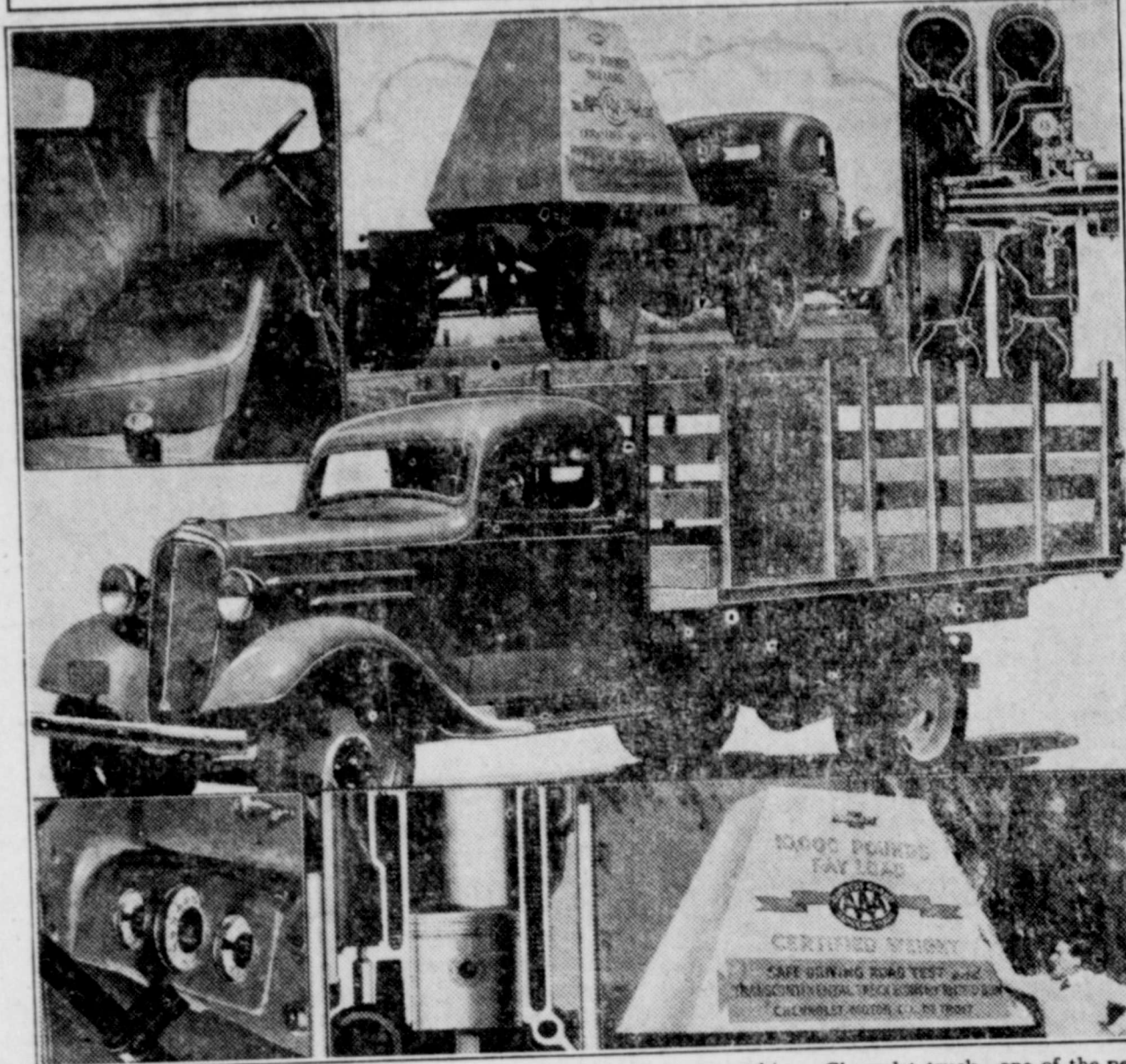
Merchants Sales Books 5c, six for 25c or 25 for \$1.00. At Merkel Mail office.

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New Chevrolet Truck on Economy-Safety Run



Carrying a 10,000-lb. cement block from Los Angeles to New York, a 1 1/2-ton Chevrolet truck—one of the new 1936 models just introduced—demonstrated that safe driving means economy. Speed limits were observed in every 1936 model just introduced—demonstrated that safe driving means economy. Speed limits were observed in every 1936 model just introduced—demonstrated that safe driving means economy. Speed limits were observed in every 1936 model just introduced—demonstrated that safe driving means economy.

DORA DOINGS

The Divide community is indeed sad and grieved for a number of our neighbors. Saturday morning J. C. Rogers passed away in San Angelo where his mother had taken him for medical aid a few days before, but he didn't respond to the treatment. He was buried Sunday afternoon at Potosi.

Again on Monday afternoon Mrs. Hardy, wife of the late Postmaster Hardy, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. A. Tyrone. She had been sick five or six weeks. In her going, a good mother, grandmother and neighbor will be greatly missed by us all.

Now this Monday a message came that Mrs. J. M. Kitchens had died at a sanitarium in Wichita Falls. She is the mother of several boys who have been raised here, Mr. and Mrs. Kitchens having been early settlers south of Dora about six miles.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Z. Porter of Sweet-

water were week-end guests with his mother, Mrs. S. E. Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ware of Rotan were here visiting relatives for a few days this week.

Mrs. E. G. Oliver is on the sick list this week. Also Grandpa Crain is very sick at this writing.

We are sorry to report that Grandmother Moore has been real sick again.

Mrs. Myrtle Phillips and Doris Magee entertained Tuesday in honor of Mrs. Maxwell Holder with a Valentine party and shower. She received many nice and useful gifts, and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by some thirty ladies. The hostesses served cake, macaroons and hot chocolate.

While some farming is going on, the principal occupation is hauling wood, for we have had continuous col weather for the last three weeks.

Some are building new fences, mov-

ing back at the same time and making the road wider, which will give the grader more dirt and space to make a good road.

TWO PAPERS FOR \$1.50.

The Semi-Weekly Farm News costs \$1.00 per year—the Merkel Mail, \$1.00 per year in Taylor county, (\$1.50 outside of Taylor county); both papers for \$1.50 in Taylor county, \$2.00 elsewhere. Send in your order, whether new subscriber or renewal.

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LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

Feb. 12th

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We will observe next WEDNESDAY as a Holiday and will not be open for business.

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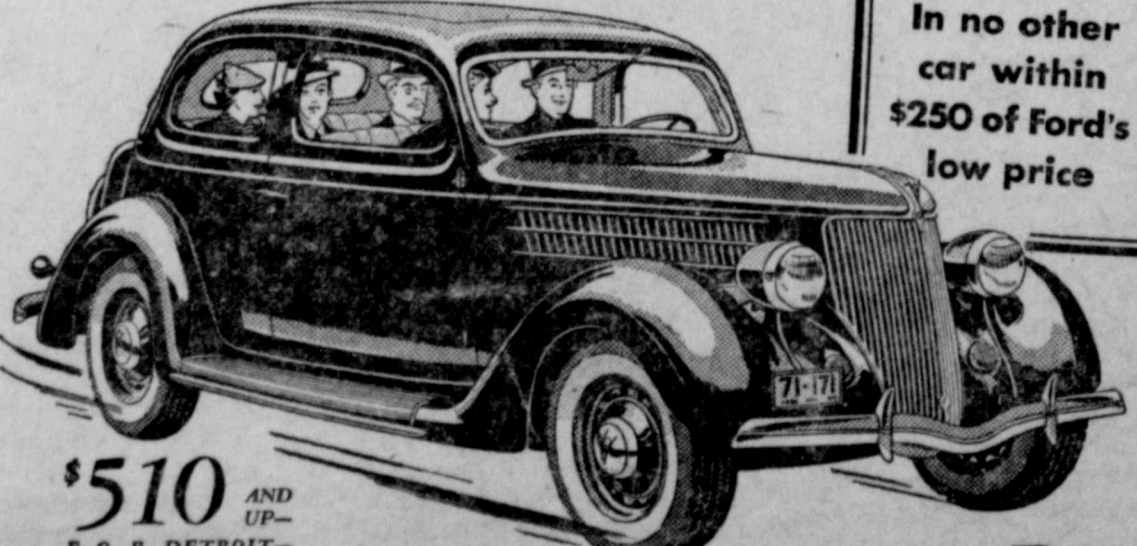
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BEAUTY CONTEST PRELIMINARIES.

Monday morning at Activity period the preliminaries of the beauty contest were held.

The first time the money boxes were passed around, the Freshmen led, but the Juniors were right behind them. The last time the Juniors led with Seniors coming up.

Therefore, the Junior candidate, Leta Faye Barbee, and the Senior candidate, Eva Faye Busn, will be in the final run-off, which will be held Wednesday morning at Activity period.

Remember money talks!!

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BEAUTY CONTEST.

Final in the beauty contest is to be held Wednesday. It will be between the Junior candidate, Leta Faye Barbee, and the Senior candidate, Eva Faye Busn.

The Juniors appear to be backing their candidate to the limit but watch those Seniors smoke next Friday. Eva Faye not only has beauty, but she also has a fine personality and a dignity befitting the Queen of M. H. S. Come on, Seniors, and let's show those Juniors where the jumping off place is.

ELECTION.

Monday morning at Activity period, the student body voted on the best all-around girl and boy and the most popular boy. These were only the preliminaries and the finals are to be later in the week and money will play no part in deciding between these candidates. For best all-around girl it will be a close race between Betty Grimes and Opal Buzbee. Bob Grimes and Zerk Robertson are to be in the run-off for best all-around boy. No other than Oscar Adcock and Murphy Dye were chosen for most popular boy.

Remember to be sure and stand behind your class.

CHORAL CLUB.

Due to the introduction stunts on Thursday of last week and the election of queen on Monday of this week, the Choral Club girls have not been able to meet since Monday of last week.

All of the girls are busy planning their dresses. They hope to be singing again Thursday.

"SPORT NEWS."

Another basketball season is just about to come to a close. We hate to even think of such a thing, but you know everything must end some time, so we will go ahead with the coming events, which are to be track, tennis and girls' volley ball.

We, as players, have certainly enjoyed working for Mr. Hutto, who has really been a good and faithful coach throughout the season.

We took on some of the district's hardest competition at the first of the season, and, due to that fact, we were beaten in some of our games. Now we have a fast and reliable squad who can give plenty of competition to any one.

COUNTY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT.

The coaches representing 8 class B basketball teams of Taylor county met in the county school superintendent's office last Saturday morning, Feb. 1, and drew for teams and places on the bracket for the county meet. Coach Hutto drew Ovalo as Merkel's opponent next Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock. All of the games are to be played in Abilene "Hi" gym, which is one of the best in this section of the country.

Ovalo is conceded to have the best team in the county and, should the Badgers be able to win the opening game, they have an excellent chance of winning the county championship. The teams entered are: Ovalo, Merkel, Tuscola, Wylie, Bradshaw, Potosi, Trent and Lawn.

There are 4 games Thursday, 2 Friday and 1 Saturday.

QUESTIONS.

Miss Ater: "Does a man marry a woman for her beauty or for her moral character?"

Maymie: "For her moral character, of course."

Miss Ater: "Wrong! A man marries a woman for her beauty."

Maymie: "Goodnight! That's why

Our Seniors

Cline Satterwhite.

Cline comes in from Noodle to sit with our Seniors and take an active part in Merkel High school activities. Though playing basketball is his hobby, he also wields a tennis racket and roughs it on the football field with good results. He took part in Inter-scholastic League declamation one year, and this year he is a member of M. H. S. Players' club. As a ladies' man, Cline is far from failure. He is undecided as to what he will do after graduation, but resolves to do his best at whatever work he undertakes.

Alice Russell.

"Pug" has attended M. H. S. four years, during which time she has been in the Choral club four years, the Pep Squad three years, the M. H. S. Players' club two years and the Spanish club one year. She has studied music four years, and is now the pianist for the Choral club, Glee club and Spanish club. Last year she won a Gold Seal certificate for making the district honor roll at the National Piano tournament in Abilene. She wishes to continue her study of music. Her ambition, talent and initiative will surely beckon success to her life.

We have so many old maid school teachers."

Mr. Hutto was telling one of his classes about duels in England: "Now why should there be duels? No good can come from them. Some one is going to be a hero, and the one who gets killed dies."

Miller: "Goodnight—It'll take 'till twelve o'clock to read this."

Miss Ater: "Yes, if you wait until eleven-thirty to begin."

Lauretta R.: "I wonder when Bryan is going to propose? I've been going with him for nearly six months."

Ruth Kyle: "You'll have to wait another six months. I went with him for a year before he proposed."

Zerk: "What is the best way I can show Phyllis I have good judgment?"
Mr. Myers: "Propose to her."

Some one please tell Mr. Coffman how it is possible that a goose and a horse can both eat green grass, and it makes feathers grow on the goose's back and hair on the horse's back. He has been worrying over this.

Oscar: "Do you ever think I will be able to do anything with my voice?"

Mrs. Haynes: "It might come in handy in case of a shipwreck."

Alvin W.: "Where are my golf socks?"

W. I.: "What golf socks?"
Alvin: "The one's with 18 holes."

Jr. Grimes: "There's no chicken in this chicken soup."

Waiter: "There's no dog in dog biscuits either."

We carry gray edged sympathy cards in stock, also regular mourning correspondence cards. The Merkel Mail.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

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.

FLOWERS

For ALL OCCASIONS

MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP

Hodges Happenings.

Here we are again, at last. Badger has kept most folks in for the past few weeks; lots of sickness, too, as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. John Woodard have moved back to Hodges. Since coming here, their young daughter has developed pneumonia, but is reported improving now.

Aunt Josie Peyton, who has been ill for several weeks, doesn't seem to be any better, and Mrs. B. L. Newman is improving very slowly.

Those having been confined to their beds for several days with the influenza were: Mrs. Jack Winter, Mrs. C. M. Walsh and two children, Joe Wayne and Jimmie, Weldon Keene and some of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Green's family.

Several of the Garner family have the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Spradlin and son of Tye visited their sister here Sunday.

Delmar Green and family were week-end visitors with the John Green family.

Those summoned to be on the jury at Hawley today (Monday) were: L. McCaleb, Buster Jones and Charlie Walsh.

Conference of the M. E. church for the district will be held at the M. E. church at Hawley on Friday night, Feb. 14. The presiding elder will

preach after conference business has been attended to.

We wish to correct a mistake in our last write-up: Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Walker's baby did not have pneumonia; he had diphtheria, but is o. k. now.

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If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

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From humble beginnings, born in a little log cabin, Abraham Lincoln grew in stature to one of the finest characters that America has ever produced. Our admiration of his achievements grows each year as we attempt in our way, to emulate his high standards and his conscious efforts to grow.

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PERSONALS

Little Miss Minnie Lois Curb of Odessa is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Cora Curb, and great-grandmother, Mrs. S. P. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coats and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Coats were week-end visitors in Big Spring with A. D. Roy, Charlie and Clayton Coats, returning Sunday afternoon.

Ross Wheeler, who was accompanied by his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Freeman, returned Saturday night from a visit to his wife, who is in a sanitarium at San Antonio. Mrs. Wheeler recently underwent another operation, but is reported improving satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn and family, who have been in Seymour for the past year or more, have returned to make Merkel their home and John will resume management of the Merkel Produce company.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Swafford and two daughters, after a visit with Mrs. Swafford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent, left Saturday for their home in Kansas City, Mo.

Effective the first of the month, Miss Wanda Hunter, who has been stenographer for the past seven months at the West Texas hospital, Lubbock, accepted a position as stenographer with the Farmers State bank.

Mrs. J. A. Milliken was able to return to her place at Mellinger's on Wednesday after an absence of several days due to illness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bourn, who recently moved to Seymour from Winters, have again resumed residence at Winters, where "Slats", having resigned as manager of the Community Natural Gas company at Seymour, became wholesale agent for the Texas company on the first of February.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Weir of Abilene were Sunday guests of Mrs. S. F. Haynes, a sister of Mr. Weir.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Morrow of Wichita Falls and Mrs. B. M. Williams of Merkel have returned from Hobbs, N. M., where they were called to the bedside of Peggie Sue Williams, who was ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson spent the week-end in Pecos, visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dye, and their grandsons, Billie Jean and Bobbie Brooks. In company with Mr. and Mrs. Dye and sons, they made a trip Sunday to Fort Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston have returned from an absence of thirty days in Corpus Christi and other points on the coast and in the Rio Grande valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent and two sons of Brownwood were here to spend the week-end with Roy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent.

R. C. Reagh returned Wednesday morning from Overton where he went shortly before the first of the year to attend the bedside of a son-in-law, D. P. Rhodes. The latter is entirely recovered and in company with Robert B. Reagh, also of Overton and a son of R. C. Reagh, drove through from East Texas to bring Mr. Reagh home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes left Tuesday morning for Dallas where the spring buying season, sponsored by the Dallas wholesalers, is now in progress.

Union Ridge Student Wins Essay Award

Third prize—a check for \$1.00—was awarded to a pupil of the Union Ridge school, Burnie Opal Dean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dean, in an essay contest conducted by the Taylor County Tuberculosis association.

Her paper was on the subject, "History of the Progress of the Mails."

Vet Hospital for West Texas. Washington, Feb. 6.—Representative George Mahon of Colorado, Texas, introduced a bill Monday to authorize construction of a \$1,050,000 veterans' hospital in West Texas, the site to be designated later.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

Mervyn Meeks is Candidate for County Sheriff



Mervyn Meeks, who has served as deputy sheriff of Taylor county for eleven years, is asking the voters to promote him to the office of sheriff, he informed The Mail this week.

To the Citizens of Taylor County:

His announcement follows: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of sheriff of Taylor county, in the July democratic primaries.

I was born in Erath county, moved to Bell county and later, in 1896, while a boy, I moved to western Texas, and have lived here ever since.

I was engaged in farming for some years up to 1912. Afterward was for a while in the grocery business for myself and worked for others in the grocery business. From January, 1925, to January 1936, I served continuously as deputy sheriff under Sheriffs O'Ear and Burl Wheeler.

I feel like most of the citizens of Taylor county know me as a man, as well as deputy sheriff of this county. I have tried to be faithful and have done my best to discharge my official duties. I would like to be promoted by you to the office of sheriff. I assure you that if you will promote me to that position, I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties incumbent upon a sheriff according to the laws of our state.

I further promise to be fair and courteous to all people who may have business with the courts of Taylor county, and I really feel like you will never be disappointed in me or any duty imposed upon me as sheriff.

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

MERVYN MEEKS.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Announcement of the removal of the Bob McDonald Beauty and Barber shop to the Jim West building, one door north of the West Co., Inc., is carried in Bob's advertisement in The Mail this week. While every detail of the new shop has not been completed, both departments of the shop are already prepared to serve their customers: Bob McDonald as barber and hair dresser; Miss Margaret Calloway as cosmetologist.

Reports of steady improvement came Thursday morning from the bedsidings of A. R. Booth, who has been ill the past week with tonsillitis, and Will Butman, a pneumonia patient, who was moved to the Butman town home last week. Both were convalescing satisfactorily. The Mail learned. J. N. Carzon, another groceryman, has been down with pneumonia for some two weeks, is also improving, according to late reports.

His many friends will be glad to learn that Dr. R. I. Grimes was sufficiently recovered from the effects of injuries, sustained some six weeks ago in an automobile accident, to be brought home from the West Texas Baptist hospital Thursday morning, and is now at the Grimes sanitarium here.

Pledge... I will think—talk—write... Texas Centennial in 1936! This is to be my celebration. In its achievements I may give free play to my patriotic love for Texas' heroic past; my confidence in its glories that are to be...

J. S. Touchstone Not to Run Again For Commissioner

Advising the public that he is not a candidate for re-election, J. S. Touchstone of Hawley, commissioner of precinct No. 4, Jones county, has furnished The Mail the following statement:

"To my friends who have solicited me to make the race again for Commissioner of precinct 4, I will say that it has not been my intention for more than a year to enter the race; however, I appreciate the confidence that the people of precinct 4 have had in me by giving me the office for four years. I have tried to manage their business as if it was my business when it came to spending their tax money, and I want the people of my precinct to know how I have managed their road and bridge funds. I want you to think back over the conditions of your roads and bridges for the past three years and I will let you decide that matter for yourself.

"Your precinct has paid out of the road and bridge funds in three years, \$12,350.00 on old debts. You have paid over \$1,800.00 on bonds that we all voted for. You have paid \$2,000.00 on new equipment. A total of over \$16,150.00, and at the end of 1935 tax-paying year your precinct will not owe one cent that is due, and only \$1,622.50 due in 1937 and 1938, with more money in the treasury to do road work with in 1936 than we have had in any one year in the last three years.

"I am proud of the financial condition of our precinct and hope for better road conditions in the future, and that we will all have a prosperous year and at the end of my term the road conditions will be first class.

"Yours sincerely,
J. S. TOUCHSTONE."

Announces for Place on Railroad Commission

Dallas, Feb. 6.—Goodson Rieger, who for the past nine years has been deputy-supervisor of the oil and gas division of the Texas Railroad commission, stationed at Houston, has announced his candidacy to the commission to succeed Col. E. O. Thompson.

Born in Comanche, Texas he attended school there and later attended Stamford college in Stamford and T. C. U. at Fort Worth. He has had 18 years experience in oil field work. Because 75 per cent of the railroad commission's work pertains to oil field matters, Mr. Rieger feels that he is qualified for the place he seeks.

Mr. Rieger will seek the office of railroad commissioner on a platform pledging himself to appoint only qualified employees to positions under the commission; to the adjustment of freight rates to offset advantages now held by New Orleans over Texas ports from certain sections of Texas; and to the reallocation of production in Texas oil fields guaranteeing all fields against discrimination.

Named to Succeed Husband. Baton Rouge, La., Feb. 6.—Mrs. Huey F. Long, wife of the late senator, was appointed Friday by Governor James A. Noe to serve the unexpired senate term of her husband.

Merchants Sales Books 5c, six for 25c or 25 for \$1.00. At Merkel Mail office.

New R & R Texas Theatre

Sweetwater "West Texas' Finest"
Friday-Saturday Myrna Loy and Spencer Tracy in "Whipsaw"

Sunday-Monday Shirley Temple and John Boles in "The Little Rebel"

Tuesday-Wednesday "Coronado" With Johnny Downs, Betty Burgess, Jack Haley and Andy Devine.

Thursday Only Sylvia Sidney and Herbert Marshall in "Accent on Youth"

R. & R. RITZ
Friday-Saturday William Boyd as Hopalong Cassidy in "Bar 20 Rides Again" Monday is Bargain Day at Ritz—Any Seat 10c—Open 2 p. m.

State Manager of Woodmen Circle Dies



MRS. ETTA DAVIDSON.

News was received here Wednesday morning by Mrs. Lila Rea, reporter for the Woodmen Circle, of the death of Mrs. Etta Davidson, national director and state manager of Texas for the Woodmen Circle Supreme Forest. Mrs. Davidson passed away at her residence in Houston on Feb. 4. "Her death means a great loss to the entire membership of Texas," said Mrs. Rea. Mrs. Davidson, who was also a member of the Eastern Star, had formerly lived in Waco.

Picture of Old Hickory.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 6.—Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau said Monday the portrait of Andrew Jackson will grace the \$50 bonds through which World War veterans will get their bonus.

Program Centers on Great Americans

When the Quarter Century club met at the Grammar school on Friday afternoon, the house was called to order by the president and, after the minutes were read and approved, the meeting was turned over to the program committee.

The theme of the program was: Appreciation of great men who were born in January and February. The life of Abraham Lincoln was discussed by Charles Church, of Paul Re-

Thomason Brothers Open Dental Clinic

Having opened the Thomason Bros. Dental clinic, Dr. Earl Thomason, formerly of Pampa, and his brother, Donald G. Thomason, are being cordially welcomed as new professional men and new citizens of Merkel.

Dr. Thomason has had several years practice, having been associated at one time with Dr. R. A. Maddox of Abilene. For the past seven years he has been at Pampa. His brother, Donald G. Thomason, serves as X-ray technician and business manager. The latter was recently married to Miss Jeraldine Johnston of Abilene and he and his wife have already located here. Dr. Thomason is unmarried, but is also already located here, and in the near future he will bring his parents from Trent to live with him.

Both of the brothers are members of the Christian church, Dr. Earl Thomason being an ordained minister of that body. The latter is also a Mason, an Elk and a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Having leased the space in the Boney building formerly occupied by Dr. Wm. M. Gambill, the suite has been completely overhauled, redecorated and refurnished, with modern dental and technical equipment installed. Arrangement of the suite provides for reception room, operating room, business office, ladies' room and a children's play room. The operating room is done in ivory and black, while other sections carry out a modernistic scheme in black, gold and green.

vere, by David Gibson, of W. F. Cody, by Forrest Glenn Barnett, of Benjamin Franklin, by Bonnie Black, of Thomas A. Edison, by Omyle Dowell, and of Robert E. Lee, by Doyal Barnes.

The watch committee gave their reports after which the president resumed charge. Following a short business session, the counsellor, Miss McQuary, made the closing remarks.

Marion Talley in Pictures.

Hollywood, Feb. 6.—Marion Talley, Kansas City opera star, has been signed by Republic studios for the lead in "My Old Kentucky Home," the picture to go into production late this month.

Film Depicts Story Of "King Cotton"

The difficulty of securing good stands of cotton is recognized as one of the major handicaps to successful cotton growing. The answer as to how to secure a good stand, especially when planting early to avoid the weevil; how to reduce or prevent seedling damping-off and many other plant diseases which cut your cotton yields, are given in the spectacular film, "King Cotton."

The film opens with typical scenes of the South. It tells a story of a farmer who has had an unprofitable year at cotton growing. He decides to ask his neighbor—a master farmer—how he is so successful in raising paying crops. His neighbor tells of the crop practices followed; vividly describes the diseases which handicap cotton-growing; and shows how easy it is to prevent them. Convincing results in the field prove how the grower controlled certain seed-borne diseases after following the master farmer's advice.

An amazing feature of the film—the actual growing of plan before your eyes—several weeks slow growth crowded into a few seconds. While the plants are growing, damping-off fungi infects the plants. Some of the results in disease control obtained by several state agricultural stations supplement the human interest story.

Don't miss it! See it at the Queen theatre, on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14-15.

Change in Schedules Of Greyhound Busses

According to changes effective the past Monday, schedules of Southwestern Greyhound busses out of Merkel are as follows:

Westbound—1:46 a. m., 7:46 a. m., 2:16 p. m., 4:21 p. m. and 9:46 p. m.
Eastbound—2:14 a. m., 9:04 a. m., 11:39 a. m., 2:29 p. m. and 10:29 p. m.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Laney, Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1936.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Patterson, Blair, Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1936.

LEST YOU FORGET

WE DO



When you are in need of job work, think twice before you send it out of town. If you will have the Merkel Mail do your work, you will get some of this money back.

THIS IS SOMETHING FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT

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THE MERKEL MAIL



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FOR SALE—1928 Chevrolet truck; A-1 condition. See Herbert Patterson, J. B. Foster.

STOCK OF CALVES for sale. Sam Butman, Sr.

FOR SALE—100 laying hens. See Earl Baze at once.

FOR SALE—Extra good work horse, also saddle horse. Hughes Motor Co.

FOR SALE—50 bales of Johnson grass. Mrs. Alice Rose.

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Try a Classified Ad for Results.

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

CHAS. (CHARLIE) ORR. HOUSTON ROBERTSON. A. J. CANON (Re-election.) P. A. DILTZ.

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4, Jones county:

E. F. VANTRESE. L. R. CADE.

For County Clerk:

(MISS) VIVIAN FRYAR. CLARENCE L. DARDEN. E. D. (Dean) DAVIS. W. B. HALE.

For Sheriff:

S. H. (Sid) McADAMS. BURL WHEELER.

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:

CLYDE SHOUSE (Re-election.) For District Clerk:

MISS BELLE WELLBORN (Re-election.)

For County Attorney:

ESCO WALTER.

For County Tax Assessor-Collector:

C. O. (Pat) PATTERSON.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Leather pocketbook containing \$5.00 bill, one \$1.00 bill and 85c in change; "R. L. C." stamped on outside; name of Mrs. J. R. Barnett on strip of paper inside. Reward. Notify Mrs. R. P. Fields.

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

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

LEGAL NOTICE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Francisco Surriga by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the 104th District Court of Taylor County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the first Monday in March, A. D. 1936, the same being the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1936, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 28th day of January, A. D. 1936, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 2511-B, wherein Andrea Surriga is Plaintiff, and Francisco Surriga is Defendant, and said petition alleging that Plaintiff and Defendant were married May 4, 1929, and separated about Dec. 1st, 1932, there is no community property, that two children were born to plaintiff and defendant, namely Lupa, a boy age 6 years, Irene, a girl age 3 years, both living and supported and cared for by plaintiff. Plaintiff prays for a divorce on the grounds of three years abandonment, also, for the complete care, custody and control of said children, and for costs, as is fully alleged in plaintiff's original petition to which reference is here made.

Herein fail not, and have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 28th day of January, A. D. 1936.

Belle Wellborn, Clerk.

District Court, Taylor County.

By Jola McKee, Deputy.

Sheriff Wheeler Enters Campaign For Re-Election



Basing his campaign on his record of service to the citizenship, Sheriff Burl Wheeler has authorized The Mail to announce that he is a candidate for re-election.

Burl Wheeler is a product of Taylor county, the son of a pioneer couple, his father having been the late Judge W. W. Wheeler. His mother is still living and is still a resident of Merkel. Prior to becoming sheriff, he had not held public office.

Following is his formal announcement:

To the voters of Taylor County:

In announcing for re-election for

sheriff of Taylor county I want to extend to the people of this county my thanks for their support in the past and for their cooperation given me in an official way while I have been their sheriff.

I feel that I am better qualified for the office now than ever before. I realize that no man can please all the

people all the time, however, I am willing to stand on my record, and promise if re-elected, to perform the duties of the office the best that I can.

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COOL WATERS

by Rex Beach

FIRST INSTALLMENT.

The valley was as dry as powder and as hot as the top of a stove. It lay between barren hills, the naked summits of which were blackened, doubtless by volcanic fires, although one could easily imagine that the ceaseless rays of the vertical sun had burned them brittle. The sandy plain separating the two ranges was covered with desert vegetation—queer misshapen growths, most of which were blunt and limbless. Some of the trees were mere stubs, others were shaped like gallows, still others bore clumsy limbs of a sort and a sparse covering of tiny leaves out of all proportion to the size of the trunks against which they clung.

There were cacti of many varieties, of course, huge ribbed ones forty feet tall that resembled tremendous candleabra, others that were smaller and more grotesque in shape with hundreds of fleshy upright ears or with melon-like knobs and protuberances upon their extremities. An occasional shrub or clump of bushes upthrust itself between the larger trees, but every growing thing was somehow distorted; all were twisted by the heat, or bent by discouragement, perhaps; likewise every growing thing, from the tiny cucumber cactus, half buried in the sand, up to the tallest gallow tree, was covered with spikes and spines, with dagger points and talons. All these thorns were poisonous, all made festering wounds when flesh came in contact with them. Virus tipped their points.

It was in truth a place of many poisons, a valley of pain, for what discomfort the cat-claws and the dagger points failed to inflict, the blistering sun and the irritating dust accomplished.

At night when the weedless, grassless surface of the earth had flung off most of the heat stored up during the day, it was possible to breathe without gasping and to move about without streaming sweat; but this relief was short and it merely served to intensify the suffering that came with the ardent rays of the morning sun. The days were hideously long.

It was not a fit dwelling place for man, and why nature had gone to such lengths of devilish ingenuity in devising means to discourage him was hard to understand. Gloria Fisk often asked herself that question. Probably it was because of the oil, she decided. Oil was precious; the getting of it always entailed hardships and suffering. It seemed to her, however, that Nature had outdone herself here; that she had been more cruel than necessary. She could have economized on at least half of her discomforts and still have left the place a Gehenna. The heat and the glare alone were intolerable; why add the dust and the drought and the poisons and the maddening isolation? Why pour out all her hatred upon this place?

Other oil fields were not utterly impossible to live in—the coastal fields, for instance, were bad enough, but they were infinitely more livable than this. One could endure damp heat or tropic fevers and stinging insects—even the depredations of bandits—more easily than this eternal, dry, blood-thinning heat. Bandits, however blood-thirsty, were better than dust day and night, dust borne on every breeze, dust kicked up by hoofs and wagon wheels and truck tires, dust that got into one's food, one's clothing; one's eyes and ears and lungs; ever-present dust from which there was no escape. Insects, fevers—almost anything was better than the maddening monotony of these rainless days during which nothing, absolutely nothing, happened to divert one's thoughts from one's misery.

There were still other oil countries, of course, where one could live in actual comfort, where one could meet white people and speak English and hear running water and see green grass—

Green grass! Cool waters!

Mrs. Fisk with a languid sigh went to the open window, parted the dusty curtains, and peered out. The glare was blinding, heat waves caused the distant derricks to dance and to waver. There was a dryness in the air that caused her throat to contract so that it seemed to rustle when she swallowed. It was a wretched street—a roadway, almost incandescent at this hour of the day—and it ran through a sprawling village of filthy, unpainted houses all hastily slapped together out of boards and corrugated iron hauled in from the coast by rail. Sun like this demanded thick 'dobe walls, of course, but there was neither clay here at El Centro nor water with which to mix it. No, the water, too, came by rail in hot steel tank cars, most of which were foul.

Not a yard, not a fence, not a vine, not a bush, not a patch of green met Mrs. Fisk's weary eyes—nothing but the melancholy buildings, the road ankle-deep in a choking gray powder that coated roofs and walls and even the scattering desert vegetation round about the town itself.

Where the road came into view over a low knoll, there appeared a rolling cloud created by the wheels of an approaching car. Roads around El Centro were so rough that seldom could a car beat the dust unless favored by a breeze; it must perforce rock and jolt slowly through a suffocating smother that coated a driver's lungs as thickly as his skin. Like a trail of smoke ignited by some invisible brand this dust streamer wound closer until Gloria made out her husband at the wheel of his rattle-trap flivver.

All cars were rattle-traps six weeks after they were put over these roads; this one complained loudly, its limber fenders clashed, a jet of vapor rose from its radiator cap. Its tonneau was piled full of rope and tackle. All automobiles at El Centro carried similar cargoes. Veering drunkenly around the corner of the house, it coughed once or twice as if clearing its one lung, then with a long-drawn sigh of escaping steam it came to rest.

"Hello, honey!" Donald Fisk smeared the sweat and the dust from his face and kissed his wife. He was a robust young giant, but the desert had fried the fat out of his frame and left it spare. His skin was burned almost

black, and when he grinned his teeth gleamed forth as white as dominoes. Like the other men of El Centro, he smelled always of perspiration.

"My, but you're dirty!" Gloria told him. "You look too funny—" She laughed outright at the expression lent by the muddy streaks of sweat.

"You're feeling better, aren't you?" he demanded, quickly. "Jove, Gloria! That's the first time you've laughed in ages."

"I'm feeling wonderful! I'm well!"

"Seems like a month at least since you laughed. What is it?"

"Come! I'll show you." Playfully Gloria took the thumb of his right hand in her fingers and led him across the floor. She fairly danced ahead of him to the door of the bedroom, where she bade him look. "There! I've been bubbling ever since I heard about our reservation."

Donald peered into the chamber; what he saw was an open steamer trunk and a half-filled suitcase upon the bed. The room itself was strewn with articles of clothing. "Why, kid! You've begun to pack!" Gloria nodded. "Good Lord! And it's ten days yet before we go!"

"I know—but I couldn't wait. Oh, Don, you don't know how I hate this place! You just haven't the faintest conception how I absolutely hate it!"

Mrs. Fisk was still laughing but there was an hysterical catch in her voice. "That's all that ails me—this desert! Now I'm going home. I'm going home—I'm going home!" She sang the words and her eyes sparkled.

"Well, you're not going to take all that trash when you go. Not if I can help it," her husband declared; but she interrupted his vigorous protest by saying:

"Maybe not, but it's such fun to get ready—and I haven't anything else to pack, I can't sit still and merely wait! I've packed and unpacked a half dozen times. When I get it all in, I pretend I've forgotten something important and there's barely time to throw it out and repack. Oh, Don, tittle shivers and tickles run over me every time I think of it! Home! I'm going to pack every day. That telegram about the state-room did more to cure me than—than anything. I am well! Don't you think I am?" Gloria's voice quavered, broke; her face was briefly contorted and tears appeared upon her lashes.

"Sure, you're well. Just played out with the heat and the confounded monotony, that's all. Wait till you begin to breathe the good salt air."

"And our stateroom is on the shady side of the ship!"

"I made sure of that. What's more, those fruiterers pump cool air into the cabins. Oh, it won't take you long to pick up! I want you to have your old pep and your old color back when we land. You've got to have it or—well, the family will make it decent unpleasant for me." A furrow appeared between Fisk's dusty brows. He stared about the sparsely furnished room,

then he said, earnestly: "You've been a game kid to put up with this. It was worse than I expected; yes, worse than your people said it would be. If I'd realized just what it was like here, I'd never have brought you. But say"—his face lighted again—"won't it be great to put it over them?"

Gloria nodded. Her brief enthusiasm had left her limp, so she sat down on the edge of the bed. She managed to summon enough animation to agree. "Yes. They were so smart—they knew it all, didn't they? It will be nice to crow."

"Mighty nice for me, anyhow. You just go ahead playing at packing and unpacking your clothes, but when we leave we'll throw 'em all away. I'll buy you new ones—the most expensive ones on Fifth Avenue. I'll buy you more than you ever had—twice as many as your dad gave you! Yes, and we'll drive out to the Island in our own limousine. I'll get you a couple of 'em."

"It will be too late for the peonies when we get there," Gloria said, musingly, "but the roses will be coming in. The ramblers on our place are

wonderful. Think of it, Don, roses, green grass, running water! Won't it seem heavenly to be cool and clean again? I'm going to roll in the grass and bury my face in it."

"Same here! And the first time it rains I'm going to stand out and take every drop of it. It seems to me that every last pore in my body is thirsty."

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Cool Waters

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"If it comes in big—" Gloria began. "It will. That well is going to live up to its name, 'Homestake Number One.'" Fisk made the assertion positively. "It's bound to be a five-thousand-barrel well—or better. Can't help it, in that location."

"I wish I had your confidence," his wife said doubtfully. "I guess I'm too tired to be enthusiastic any more. I meant to ask if it will mean delay. Will you have to stay and see to it?" "No, no! Everything's arranged. Once I bring it in, Nolan can take charge."

"I'd die if we missed that boat. The well should have been in a month ago, but"—Gloria sighed—"something always seems to go wrong in this business. Just at the last moment. Disappointment, heart-break—oh, I hate it! Hate it! I'm so nervous I could scream—"

"She's just a tired, sick little girl." Fisk spoke comfortingly and stroked his wife's hair with a mother's touch. "This horrid old desert has worn her out but it's going to make her well and happy and—rich. We've made a hard fight, honey, but it's nearly over. A little more courage, a little more patience!"

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Jack Martin is also reported to be very sick with pneumonia.

Mrs. Joe Winter, who has been sick for several months, is still confined to her bed most of the time.

Mrs. T. B. Cox returned home Saturday after an extended visit with relatives at Fort Worth and other points in that vicinity.

E. M. Tarpley and family returned Wednesday from a ten days trip to Oklahoma visiting relatives and friends in their old home town.

M. and Mrs. C. B. Jinks attended the funeral of Mrs. Charlie Jones at Merkel Sunday.

Woodrow Justice attended court at Aushon Monday.

John C. Thompson and family of Dallas spent the week-end here with relatives.

Bob Cox of Breckenridge spent the week-end here, guest of his brother W. and family. He was accompanied home by his wife and two children, who had been here visiting for several days.

J. D. Sosebee spent the week-end in Stamford, the guest of his sister, Mrs. Glenn Cantrell.

The home of Mrs. Waldo Cox was the scene of a family reunion when five of her sisters met together for the first time in almost eight years. The following spent Sunday with Mrs. Cox: E. L. Eason and wife, Atlas Puller and wife, Goodman, E. F. Lawler, wife and four children, Golan; J. E. White, wife and daughter, Ovalo; Otto Bicknell, wife and three daughters, Mrs. T. B. Cox, all of Noodle, and Roy Cox and family of Breckenridge.

Cecil Justice and wife of Abilene were week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice.

Mildred Sosebee, a student of Mer-

kel High school, spent the week-end here with home folks.

Noodle senior basketball boys, champions of Jones county the last two years, were defeated in the final game of the county tournament by Lueders, at Anson Saturday. Henry Satterwhite, captain of the Noodle team, was awarded a gold basketball when he was elected all-tournament guard in the Divide tournament.

Noodle senior girls team won from Denton and Fluvanna at the Roscoe tournament Saturday, but were eliminated by Jayton, 18 to 22. Monty Reece and Lucille Justice received medals for being the outstanding players.

The singing Sunday night was attended by a large crowd, visitors coming from adjoining communities. Some good singing was enjoyed, several special selections being rendered.

M. and Mrs. Floyd Martin of Sweetwater visited Mr. and Mrs. Burnell Crow Sunday.

Dave Tarpley and family of Stith visited her father, E. M. Tarpley, and family Sunday.

Honor Roll

The following pupils of the Noodle school were included on the honor roll the past month:

Senior class—Corneya Williams, 90. Junior class—Sybil Marie Samp-

son, 94; Lucille Justice, 93; Mozelle Sosebee, 94.

Ninth grade—Margaret Goode, 92; Johnnie Chadwick, 92; Teria Mae Murdock, 91.

Eighth grade—Geraldine Sloan, 95; Julia Geta Bumpass, 94; Dorothy Jean Jackson, 92.

Seventh grade—Joyce Rutledge, 92. Sixth grade—Iris Eoff, 93; Charles Carter, 90; James Cox, 90; Juanita Henderson, 90.

Fifth grade—Harold Sosebee, 92; Donald Cade, 92; Mary Jo Bicknell, 91.

Fourth grade—Clinton Bird, 91; Ernest Henderson, 91; Robert Ray James, 92.

Third grade—Bobbie Nell Bicknell, 92; Vera Lou Allred, 93; Erma Herring, 93; Ava Ruth Sosebee, 93; J. W. Burfield, 90.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ENTERTAINED.

Misses Dora Marie Gaither and Dorothy Lee Shannon were charming hostesses on Friday evening, Jan. 31, to members of Mrs. Collins' Sunday School class, which met in the home of Dora Marie Gaither.

Beano, gossip, donkey and "Life of the party" were the games enjoyed by Mrs. Collins, Tommy Evelyn Grimes, Ella Mae Cypert, Mary Jo Russell, Comora Hughes, Gertie Lou Pee, Bonnie Church, Sue Grimes, Dora Lee Shelton, Becky Jewel Gaither, Mrs. John Shannon, Mrs. Forest Gaither and the hostesses.

A lovely Valentine scheme was carried out in a delicious plate consisting of sandwiches, olives, potato chips, punch and candy hearts.

NOTICE TO CLUB MEMBERS.

Members of the Fortnightly Study club will meet in the home of Mrs. Frank McFarland at 7 o'clock Monday evening, Feb. 10. Rev. Willis P. Gerhart, rector of Heavenly Rest Episcopal church, Abilene, will be the speaker for the evening.

RURAL SOCIETY

JONES COUNTY HD COUNCIL CHANGES DATE.

The Jones County Home Demonstration council held its first regular monthly meeting for the new year in Anson district court room Jan. 25, with Mrs. Robert Manly, council-chairman, presiding.

Other officers for the new year are: Mrs. J. W. Chandler, Stamford, vice-chairman; Mrs. V. L. Merritt, Merkel, secretary-treasurer, re-elected.

Standing committees appointed for the year are: finance, Mrs. Carl Bonneau, Goodman club; Mrs. Juanita Scott, Lueders; Mrs. L. S. Sparks, South Hamlin.

Expansion: Mrs. W. C. Vernon, Hawley; Mrs. Bill Hawthorne, Hanna; Mrs. Paul Gardener, Pleasant Hill.

Year book: Mrs. G. Rennels, Avoca; Mrs. Sam Mashburn, Stith; Mrs. Fred Rosenbaum, South Hamlin.

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Recreational leader: Mrs. Ralph Goolsby, Hanna.

Writers conference: Mrs. Coleman Gibbons.

Encampment: Mrs. Carl Bonneau, chairman; Mrs. Jack Fuqua, vice-chairman; Mrs. C. W. Seago, secretary-treasurer.

Of special interest to club members is the change of date from the fourth Saturday to the first Wednesday of each month, from 2:30 to 4 p. m.

The next meeting will be on Feb. 5.

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Bert Wheeler and Robert Wolsey in

"THE RAIN-MAKERS"

Plus Two-Reel Comedy, "Night Life"

Don't Forget Thursday Night

Merkel-Reared Boy Enters Race for Tax Assessor-Collector



Comer Patterson, a Merkel-reared boy who has served as deputy in the county tax assessor-collector's office under Grady Parmelly for the past 18 months, makes formal announcement in this week's issue of The Mail for the office of county tax assessor-collector. Comer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Jr., comes of pioneer stock, his grandfather, the late J. A. Patterson, Sr., having been among the early settlers in this section.

His statement follows: "In announcing myself as a candidate for the office of county tax assessor-collector, I wish to state that I am 29 years of age, was reared in and around Merkel; I consider it unnecessary to tell you of my past since I feel that most of you know me personally.

"I am now an employee in the office of the present assessor-collector, Mr. Parmelly, and have been for about 18 months, which will better qualify me to discharge the duties of this office to the best advantage of the people. I do not feel that I should remain in this office while making the race and will continue my work only through the issuance of car and drivers' licenses, or until about April 15, at which time I will resign for the purpose of seeing each voter in Taylor county personally.

"Until such time that I may see you, your vote and influence are earnestly solicited.

"If elected, I promise to discharge the duties of this office to the best advantage of everyone.

"Sincerely, "C. O. (Pat) PATTERSON."

Drivers' Licenses

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person to whom issued and they will not be transferrable.

The law provides that one applicant may secure applications for other members of his family, returning them properly verified and containing the signature of each other applicant.

Special provisions has been made to license visitors who remain in Texas more than ninety days.

Administrative expenses will be defrayed from a \$3 license fee on chauffeur and other professional drivers.

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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Although not so cold as on the two previous Sundays, last Sunday was the third disagreeable one in succession. Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools was 551, as compared with 404 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 806 were present.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Preaching, 11 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Leagues met 6:30 p. m.

We will not have service at the evening hour, but will worship with the Baptists in the revival meeting.

Woman's missionary society meets each Monday at 2:30. Prayer service and choir rehearsal on Wednesday evening at 7:15.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. BTS at 6:15 p. m. WMU at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 7:15 Wednesday evening.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. This will be the only service at this church Sunday, as it is the pastor's day at Baird. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

You are cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching every Saturday evening at 7:15, Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Bible School Sunday 10 a. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:15. Everyone welcome to our services.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's day, preaching 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. by Brother A. J. Rollins, young people's program 6:15 p. m.

For the Wednesday evening service at 7:15 o'clock, we will have one of the young preachers from A. C. C. You are cordially invited to all of these services.

The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. NYPS 7 p. m. Preaching 7:45 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

We are glad to report some new pupils who are attending our services. I think we had our largest crowd Sunday night since coming here.

Come out and worship with us. We will appreciate it.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

CARD OF THANKS.

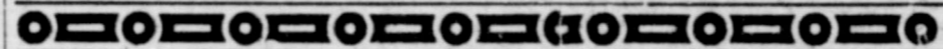
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Table listing SYRUP and COFFEE: SYRUP Sunshine 45c per Gallon; COFFEE Maxwell House 3 lb. can 79c

Raisins, 4 pound package 29c; Salmons, fancy pinks, 2 for 25c; Corn Flakes, per package 10c

Table listing CRACKERS and PEANUT BUTTER: CRACKERS A-1 Saltines 2 lb. box 19c; PEANUT BUTTER A good one 2 lb. qt. jar 29c

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"Signed, Mrs. Jannie Hunt, Old Glory, Texas."

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