

Poultry Show

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The complete list of prizes follows:
S. C. RHODE ISLAND REDS.

Best 15 bird display, 2nd, cock, 3rd, cock, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, hen; 1st, 4th, cockerel; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, pullet; 1st, 2nd, old pen; 1st, 4th, young pen; D. H. Jefferies, Abilene.
Best bird in show, 1st, cock; 3rd, cockerel; 4th, pullet; 3rd, old pen; 2nd, young pen; Bob Mayfield.

4th, 5th, cock; 2nd, cockerel; 4th, old pen; 3rd, young pen; E. H. Corhill.
5th, cockerel; 5th, old pen; 5th, young pen; R. A. Ellis.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, hen; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, cockerel; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, pullet; R. J. Miller.

ENGLISH WHITE LEGHORNS.
1st, 2nd, 3rd, cock; 1st, 2nd, hen; 1st, 3rd, 4th, cockerel; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, pullet; 1st, 2nd, young pen; 1st, 2nd, old pen; W. C. Eoff.

4th, 5th, cock; 3rd, 4th, 5th, hen; 2nd, 5th, cockerel; 3rd, old pen; 3rd, 4th, young pen; G. H. Smith.

BUFF ORPINGTONS.
1st, cock; 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, hen; 2nd, 3rd, cockerel; 1st, 3rd, 5th, pullet; 1st, old pen; 1st, young pen; Arl Sharp.

1st, hen; 1st, 5th, cockerel; 2nd, 4th, pullet; 2nd, young pen; Tom Douglass.

4th, cockerel; 3rd, young pen; J. F. Vaughn, Abilene.

BUFF PLYMOUTH ROCKS.
1st, cockerel; 1st, pullet; C. P. Hodges.

JERSEY BLACK GIANTS.
1st, hen; 1st, cockerel; 1st, pullet; Mrs. P. F. West.

DARK CORNISH GAMES.
1st, 2nd, 3rd, cock; 2nd, hen; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, cockerel; A. J. Barbee.
1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, hen; 5th, cockerel; Ray C. Leverett, Abilene.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.
1st, 2nd, cockerel; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, pullet; W. T. Renson, Roscoe.

PARTRIDGE WYANDOTTES.
1st, 2nd, 4th, hen; R. A. Walker.
3rd, hen, Yates Brown.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.
1st, cockerel; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, pullet; 1st, young pen; E. O. Criswell, Anson.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, cock; 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, hen; 1st, 2nd, old pen; O. Dawson.

WHITE LANGSHANS.
1st, cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, hen; W. J. Phillips, Trent.

SILVER LACED WYANDOTTES.
Best 10 bird display; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, hen; 1st, 3rd, pullet; 1st, old pen; Castle B. Ellis.

4th, 5th, cock; 2nd, 3rd, 5th, cockerel; 2nd, 5th, pullet; 1st, young pen; P. Byrom, Trent.

1st, 4th, cockerel; 4th, pullet; 2nd, 4, young pen; T. J. Kemp, Sylvester.

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1st trio, Black Cochin; Warren 4th.

2nd trio; Bearded Milfours, George Woodrum.

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Santa Claus arrived in time to hand many pretty and useful gifts from a Christmas tree also to the honoree.

Mrs. Turner was assisted by Mesdames Wade Enninger, Elmer Patterson and Sam Butman, Jr., in passing a lovely plate of pink and green cake and hot chocolate with whipped cream to Mesdames Thomas Duncan, Sam Butman, Jr., Ed Blackburn, Ernest Meeks, Melvin Montgomery, Russon, Joe Swency, Regan, Raymond Russon, Raymond Demere, Frazee Demere, Joe Denton, Wade Enninger, Elmer Patterson, Yoakum of Sweetwater and Misses Laura Wallis, Bertie Yoakum, Lottie Butman, Edyth Spears of Roby and the honoree and hostess.

UNION RIDGE CLUB NEWS.

Twenty-three members of the Home Demonstration club met with Miss Blanche Carey last Friday afternoon for a Christmas tree party. The living room was decorated in Yuletide colors. After a short business meeting Santa Claus came and distributed the gifts off of the tree.

The next meeting will be at Mrs.

Melvin Carey's with Mrs. Vick assistant hostess.

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 9th day of January, 1934, at six o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Mrs. Hines is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick and a former student of Merkel High school. The groom is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hines of the Stith community. He is engaged in farming near that place.

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WHISPERING ROCK

by JOHN LEBAR



Twenty-First Installment.
(Continued From Last Week.)

Snavely eyed her cautiously when, at breakfast, Ruth gave him the pack of notes which represented his share of the cattle sale. There was something oddly apologetic and inquisitive in his voice as he asked, "Didn't have trouble in payin' off the note, did it?"

"Oh, no," answered Ruth, as she sat herself at the table. She was thinking of the money she had just seen Snavely—it had not been earned through any effort of his.

"Nice sort of feller, that Witherspoon," he remarked, guardedly.

"He seemed pleasant," said Ruth. That morning Snavely did not ride; he stayed in the neighborhood of the corral. More than once Ruth saw him watching her.

After the noon meal, Ruth went to the corral and caught up Brisket and Sanchez. To her surprise, Snavely came from the blacksmith shop and helped her saddle the horses.

"Goin' for a ride, eh?" he asked with a strained smile.

"Yes; the mail. Today's Saturday." "I was jest getting set to go down that-a-way, myself. I'll be startin' directly."

"Perhaps David and I will see you, then," replied Ruth.

Snavely did not speak for a moment; then said casually, "No use in you goin'—without you're set on it. I can bring the mail."

Ruth ignored this suggestion and helped David to mount.

As she and David rode along the faintly marked road, the girl's mind was busy. The situation on the Dead Lantern was drawing to a climax; it seemed to her as though the very air was tensely charged.

Since the evening before, Ruth had definitely connected Snavely with the voice in the gulch; he had been standing there by the fence when she and Will came home, and Ann had heard the voice that same evening. She tried to recall Snavely's whereabouts on the occasions when the voice had spoken. At first, she told herself that the man had two or three perfect alibis—yet, were they? Did she know positively that he had gone to Palo Verde on the night of the storm? One thing certain, he had not brought back any Mexicans. And that evening when she and Kenneth and David had first come through the gulch, Snavely had apparently been milking at the barn—yet, Ruth had never known of his milking since. True he always avoided going through the gulch as though he were afraid of it. But that did not prove that he had nothing to do with the voice. Perhaps he went around, merely to give her the idea that he was afraid. She began to feel that the only thing which definitely mitigated against Snavely being responsible for the voice was that the legend of the whispering rock was very old—there was no getting around that. Every one knew of the legend; even Don Francisco had heard of it as a boy. She determined to explore the gulch.

But Ruth did not explore the gulch that day. In the mail was a letter addressed to J. B. Snavely. In the upper left-hand corner of the envelope was the business head of the broker, Witherspoon.

Snavely had evidently changed his mind about fixing the gate. He was near the saddle shed when Ruth and David returned. Ruth nodded to him but made no other answer to his questioning eyes, until she and David had turned out their horses. Then Ruth walked up to Snavely, the letter in her hand. "Well, here it is," she said, looking him full in the eyes.

For an instant, Ruth thought he was going to pretend surprise, but he suddenly began to laugh. It was a desperate laugh, somehow horrible; yet the laugh was meant to convey that he was greatly tickled, as though he had a tremendous joke on Ruth—a friendly joke in which he expected to be joined. Ruth did smile.

"Dogged if this ain't th' beatin' it!" Snavely exclaimed. "You see why I done it, don't you pardner?"

Ruth had not been wholly sure of what Snavely had done or why he was receiving a letter from Witherspoon, up to the time he began to laugh. Now she said very soberly, "I hope I know why you did it. Mr. Snavely."

Snavely swallowed twice before he spoke. "Well, I was aimin' to tell you jest as soon as it was settled. Last month when you did get enough cattle money and met the note, I jest fig-

gered I'd let you go ahead an' pay it anyways, an' then surprise you." His lips smiled.

"If I had not been able to meet my note, Mr. Snavely, is it not true that you would have had my entire interest in the ranch?" asked Ruth quietly.

Snavely spoke glibly. "Not at all, Mrs. Warren. Such a thing ain't possible because we're pardners. Parker or anybody else could have took your interest away from you if you couldn't pay the note. But not me; I'm your pardner."

It was a moment before Ruth could reply. She saw the deadliness behind the man's eyes... if she could only keep him good-natured until next week. "It was very thoughtful of you," she smiled; "it's nice to know I was safeguarded all the time. Well," she turned, "it's all over now; the note is paid and the ranch has been improved."

"It sure has," replied Snavely. He watched the girl as she walked toward the ranch house, his pale eyes fastened on the retreating figure, suspicion and hatred mingled on his face.

The next morning after breakfast Ruth entered her room. She sat for a time looking at her trunk, thinking. Suddenly she rose, unlocked the trunk, and took out the Quaker Oats box on which was scrawled, "for liver fever." Going into the kitchen, she asked Ann to keep an eye on David for an hour, and taking up a potato and a paring knife, left by the front door. Sugarfoot greeted her and for a moment the girl looked down at the little dog. Once more she asked the question which had never been answered, "Sugarfoot, why didn't you die when you ate the meat Ann poisoned?" Sugarfoot wagged himself knowingly.

Ruth entered the gully which ran eastward a few yards south of the house, and followed it. At last she stopped beneath an ash tree which had a low branch. With the paring knife she cut the potato in half and made numerous little cuts in the white surface. Into this surface she rubbed a pinch of powder from the liver fever box. She placed the piece of potato on the branch of the tree and, walking a short distance away, seated herself in the shade to wait, her eyes on the potato.

She waited more than an hour and was about to give up when a little gray bird flew down from the top of the ash tree and alighted on the branch. After a moment the bird hopped to the potato, looked it over, and took a speculative peck.

Ruth watched so intently that her eyes burned. The little bird had taken several bites when it ceased and moved away from the potato. It stood upon a small twig and jerked its head as though trying to shake something from its mouth or throat. Then the little wings drooped, the bird toppled, hung by a single claw for a moment, and dropped to the ground.

Ruth buried the bird and the piece of potato, then walked slowly back to the house. Her face was pale and her knees felt uncertain. In her room again, she unlocked her trunk, and after screwing up her courage, tasted the powder labeled Cyanide.

It was common salt.

The girl shuddered. How could any one deliberately poison cattle? But she knew that to Snavely cattle were only a crop. He would not have killed a horse; but if by causing the cattle

crop to fail he could gain possession of the ranch, that was another matter. Snavely had not foreseen that he would lock both boxes in her trunk, and so had no opportunity to reach the contents. Later, Ann had poisoned the barbecue meat with dire salt, and today the girl had killed a bird with the "fever medicine." Ruth grew weak with fear; if the man would do such things in an effort to rid himself of her, what might he not do? ... That night when the drunken giantess had been goaded to kill her by the voice, Ruth was certain that in some way Snavely controlled that voice.

She now feared him as never before; yet, she must not let him suspect it. If she could only hold out this week, until Old Charley and Will came...

The next afternoon Ruth and David rode through the arroyo north of the barn. When they met the old road, the girl turned toward the gulch, dismounted at the fence and tied the horses.

She went first to the brown boulder and seated herself, Ruth waited half an hour, while David played about, but she heard no voice. Then, systematically, she began to explore. She looked into every depression, behind every boulder, and among the scant piles of driftwood and leaves in the bed of the gulch.

She returned to the rock and seated herself wearily—it was hard walking through the sand. David sprawled on his stomach before the rock, tickling the sand on the edge of a doodle bug cone.

"Mama, what are we doing?" "Just thinking."

Presently David asked, "Do you hear that funny little bird?" "Oh, David!" For the first time Ruth turned her whole mind on her son. Just then she heard the twitter of a bird. She had heard it off and on for some time, but only as one hears a sound while thinking hard upon something else. The twitter came again and Ruth started, then rose quickly to her feet. There was something strange about the sound of that bird—it was too clear, as though the bird was sitting not ten feet away, perhaps even nearer. But there was not a bird in sight. "David!" Ruth was suddenly excited. "Get up on top of the rock and see if you can see the bird—we must find it, son!"

"Isn't it close, Mama?" David held his hand out before him. "I think he's

ied by Mr. and Mrs. T. a few days stay the Mr. and Mrs. T. tained the young p mas party Wednes crowd enjoyed the home and all rep Merriest of the holid to go toward it. midweek was % W. eed that if she went Mr. and Mrs. S. L. S. left she could mented their ... at all, although day party. C. and her on the boulder said, Yuletide se ... at regular intervals. The ented to ... seemed to come from the south daint ... a narrow band. As though she were following an invisible beam of light the girl walked slowly toward the cliff. This weird; the voice of the bird grew only slightly louder—always, it seemed but a few feet before her face. Ten yards from the cliff a bird flew out of a waist-high bush and darted up the gulch. Ruth ran to the bush. It was a very ordinary bush, rather sparse, differing in no way from any other bush. A foot or so behind it rose the wall of sandstone. To left and right, ran other bushes, growing as close to the wall as they could find earth, none of them tall. Then Ruth saw something which her eyes would have missed six months before—in the bush was a dry stick about two feet tall with a forked top. This stick did not belong to the bush; it had been stuck into the sand like a stake.

She stepped through an opening on the right and came between the bush and the wall. Just behind the bush was a smooth depression in the sandstone about four feet across and perhaps a foot or more in depth. It was as though some one had pressed a giant basin into the wall when the rock was soft. The lower third of this basin was beneath the surface of the sand. It was a perfectly natural hollow such as are to be found in great numbers scoured out by wind and water, in the sandstone banks of ravines. But Ruth saw something else: a small flat-topped rock like a footstool lay on the ground a little inside the basin, and before this stone were the marks of boot heels. Some one had recently sat upon this stone. She experimented and found that when seated upon the stone her head came opposite the deepest point of the basin behind her. She called to David to go back to the boulder and climb on top.

When the boy was in position she (Continued on Page Four)

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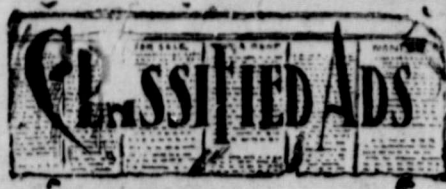
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Whereas, heretofore the City of Merkel granted the delinquents the privilege of paying their delinquent taxes without paying any penalties and interest for a period of time ending December 31, 1933; and

Whereas, many of the delinquent tax payers have taken advantage of this plan but others have failed to do so; therefore

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas:

That the time in which delinquents shall pay the principal of their delinquent taxes due the City of Merkel without paying any penalties and interest shall be continued to January the 31st, 1934, during which time said delinquents may pay the full amount of the principal due on said taxes without paying any penalties or interest; provided, that said delinquents make such arrangements with Joe E. Childers during the month of January to pay the delinquent taxes in agreed installments; however, the principal of the taxes which is not paid during the month of January, 1934, shall bear interest at the rate of ten per cent from January 1st, 1934, until paid and the delinquent must pay said interest each time he makes an installment payment after January 31, 1934.

Passed and approved this first day of January, 1934.

(Signed) W. M. Elliott, Mayor.

ATTEST: Mrs. Juanita Ferguson, City Secretary.

Approved as to form before passage: Joe E. Childers, Attorney at Law.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Archer and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Archer of Dallas were recent guests in the home of Mrs. Mary Archer.

Charley Bowers, who has been in Lubbock for sometime, was a passing guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers one day last week.

Fred Rogge of Sweetwater and Sam Estep spent last week fishing at Paint Rock.

Miss Johnny Watson of Sweetwater was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Terry last Thursday.

Miss Myrtle Gibbs, who is teaching at Lubbock and who has been visiting Miss Estelle Terry, returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bright and two daughters, Helen and Vera, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Fry of Cisco. They also visited in Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Curley Edwards and little daughter, LaNell, Mr. Luther and Jessie Judley and Mrs. McCurdy and son, Fred, spent a week visiting relatives in East Texas.

Miss Chunky Parker of Sweetwater was a guest of Miss Ida V. Estep over the week-end.

Mrs. G. W. Minnis of Fort Worth spent two weeks here as a guest of her brother, Ollie Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson.

Rev. and Mrs. Ted Norton and little daughter, Mary Beth, of Victoria, spent several days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian last week, returning home Thursday via Austin. Mrs. Pete Coleman of Iraan is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Titsworth.

Emmett Holt and little daughter, Sue, of Waco, were passing guests of friends here Saturday.

A series of sermons are being delivered this week at the Baptist church, of which Brother Howell is the pastor. The services are only at night and the schedule is for different speakers each night, which will supply some fine material. Everyone has a cordial invitation to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Halbrook, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Ozro Steen, and children, Mrs. Lonnie Halbrook, also Miss Josie Meeks of Noodle, made a short visit to Comanche to visit with the former's mother last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Abernathy had the pleasure of having all their children home with them during the Christmas holidays. They were: Mrs. Rhoda Pate of Blackwell, Mrs. C. L. Simmons of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Anson, Wayne Abernathy of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Abernathy of Merkel and Leonard Abernathy of Trent.

Mrs. Leonard Abernathy spent the holidays visiting her mother, Mrs. Mollie Parker, of Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Wilkes returned Saturday to their home in Oklahoma after a visit of a week here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian.

Mrs. Joe Reneau was a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Finley Martin of Stanton.

Miss Josie Meeks of Noodle is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Halbrook, also of Mr. and Mrs. Steen.

Mrs. J. F. Abernathy visited in Merkel over the week-end and attended the Church of Christ meeting.

Mrs. Ewell Rutherford and baby of Floydada are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elery Smith.

Mrs. Ronald Darby and baby of Berger are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brieth.

Misses Mettie and Cona Scott, accompanied by their niece, Miss Pamie Aldredge, all of Abilene, spent several days last week with relatives and friends here.

Jack Frost, employe of Scott's grocery, spent a few days at his home in Abilene last week, due to illness of Mrs. Frost. He reports her much improved after a major operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Bry Burkhardt and son, Kenneth, spent a few days with relatives at Lamesa last week. They were accompanied by Grandfather Reeves, who also visited relatives at Spangburg.

Miss Dorene Scott visited with her sister, Mrs. Robt. D. Martin of Abilene, the latter part of the holidays.

Mrs. J. E. Bowers and two sons, Jack and Joe, motored to Abilene Tuesday afternoon.

The holidays are over now and the school children are about settled again and each teacher and pupil seem to be getting right down to business, beginning off right for the New Year of 1934.

Miss Blanche Scott and her brother, Hal Scott, of Floydada, spent over night with their uncle, M. G. Scott, and family one night last week. They were en route home after spending the holidays in Cisco with relatives. Weldon Little, who has been here

BLAIR ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Will Taylor and two children of Plainview were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown and daughter and his brother, Luther Brown, of the Plains visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Brown, for the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogue Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burfeind of King county visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors, through the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Harris of Austwell were seen in our midst mixing with old friends the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Meeks and mother, Mrs. J. R. Meeks, spent the midweek with the latter's son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks and Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brooks of Wingate have been guests the past week of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elie Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and children spent Christmas day with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Doan, of Tuscola.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell and two sons spent Monday and Tuesday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer of Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and family of Roscoe visited with home folks here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mayfield and two daughters have moved to Sweetwater for the coming year. We hate to lose these good people, but we wish them much success.

Mrs. Susie Doan, who has been visiting with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Graham, of Temple, Okla., returned home Thursday, accompanied

during the holidays; with home folks, returned to Austin this week where he is attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Williams visited the former's brother, Walter Williams, and family, of Post a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Winn were hosts to a number of their relatives, also some friends during the holidays. Among these were their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor of Fairfield, Mrs. Boozer and children of Sweetwater, Mrs. Evans of Sweetwater, Mrs. Parks of Mertens and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of California.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Russom and son of Robstown are here for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen of Clyde spent the holidays here with their children, dividing the time with Mr. and Mrs. Strawn, Mr. and Mrs. Algie Steen and Mr. and Mrs. Ozro Steen.

Mrs. Joe Boone and son, Jack, accompanied by Mrs. J. B. Winn and son, J. B., motored to Hermleigh last Monday and spent New Year's day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English.

Greyhound Races

(Postponed from Last Sunday account of Weather)

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Joe E. Busby, Chiropractor and Scientific Masseur, of Abilene, has made arrangements to be in Merkel each day from 10:30 a. m. to 2 p. m., beginning Monday, Jan. 8th.

Temporarily his Merkel office will be that of the late Dr. H. P. Hulsey in the home on Oak street.

Dr. Busby really needs no introduction to a great number of the people of Merkel and surrounding country because of the fact that scores have visited his offices in Abilene during the last fifteen years.

Remember the office location and the date of opening: Monday morning, Jan. 8, 10:30.

JOE E. BUSBY, D. C. Chiropractor-Masseur

Abilene Office: Mims Bldg.

Merkel Office: Hulsey Residence, Oak St.

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Mrs. I. W. Wilbanks and daughter, Miss Vera Bell, of Wood county, are making an extended visit here with another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scoggins. Miss Dollie Chaney of Weatherford is also a guest in this home for the holidays.

Mrs. Alice Holmes and two children of Winters are guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Brooks.

Mrs. Whitt Farmer and son, J. H., of Snyder, are visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell, and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Doan, and family for the week.

Miss Frances Russell of Simmons university is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Cox and son, Master Jimmie Warren, of El Paso, are the interesting guests of their father, Sam Province, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Doan.

George Ritchie and daughter, Mrs. Evert, of Castle Peak, and George Smith and daughter of Merkel were visitors at the Methodist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Fulton of Lubbock came in Friday to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and daughter of Abilene were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Barnes and son, Fred, left last week-end for Post City to spend Christmas with the latter's mother, Mrs. R. J. Meeks, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone have gone to spend Christmas with Mrs. Malone's mother of Childress.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell and daughter, Dorris, have gone to Bronte to spend the holidays with relatives at that place.

Jim Moore, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton and two children, Jimmie Nell and Reuben, left for Seymour Friday to spend several days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde

Mr. Moore will look after his property while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Abby Harris and their attractive daughter, Miss Frances Harris, were dinner guests with the latter's parents, Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcina Doan visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Dulin of Rotan Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Smith of Claytonville were guests of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cavette, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Duseck and three children left Christmas Eve for Cameron to spend the holidays with relatives. They will also visit at Caldwell and other points in South Texas. Mr. Duseck is Santa Fe agent here.

Mr. and Mrs. John McEvers and family of Oklahoma have moved into our vicinity. Mr. McEvers' health is very bad. Mrs. McEvers is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Bush and family of Nubia were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rogers and family.

We are sure there have been visitors coming in and going out that this correspondent has failed to get. If so, the items will appear in our next letter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

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

For Sheriff: BURL WHEELER (Re-election.) RUCK SIBLEY. PERRY P. DICKINSON. For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5: ORIEN HIGGINS.

Mr. and Mrs. Zebb Moore and charming daughter, Miss Lucy Moore, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Mayberry of Abilene last week-end.

A "wreck" is staged along the highway of England at dangerous spots to serve as a warning to careless drivers.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

THE RED & WHITE SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY JANUARY 5 AND 6. ORANGES, large size, doz. 30c. APPLES, each 1c. Strawberries fresh Texas pint 15c. GREEN BEANS, fresh Florida, pound 15c. YAMS, Kiln Dried, 5 pounds 17c. Spuds No. 1 white 10 pounds 21c. CATSUP, 14 oz. R & W, bottle 15c. Peaches No. 1 can, R & W 12c. No. 2 1-2 can, R & W 19c. PRUNES, No. 10 can, each 37c. MACARONI or SPAGHETTI, R & W pkg. 8c. Coffee 1 lb. Sun Up 19c. 1 lb. R & W 35c. 2 lb. R & W 69c. SPINACH, No. 2 can, each 10c. RICE FLAKES, R & W, pkg. 9c. BLACKBERRIES, No. 2 can, 2 for 25c. Flour 12 lbs. R & W 59c. 24 lbs. R & W \$1.00. 48 lbs. R & W \$1.95. BEANS, Great Northern, 4 lbs. 23c. TOILET TISSUE, Blu-Kross, 3 rolls 23c. MILK, R & W, 4 small 13c—2 tall 13c. SOAP, Lady Godiva, cake 5c. Sugar pure cane, cloth bag 10 pounds 49c. OATS, package 15c. Compound 8 pound carton 55c. BACON, sliced, pound 18c. Cheese Full Cream 2 pounds 25c. BRICK CHILI, pound 15c.



BRIDE COMPLIMENTED.

Mrs. N. G. Barnett, who was until her marriage December 24th Miss Ruby Spinks, was the happy recipient of many pretty and useful gifts presented to her in a shower on Saturday afternoon of last week in the home of Mrs. W. H. Barnett.

The house was decorated with autumn leaves and snapdragons. Upon the arrival of each guest at 2:30 they registered with their favorite recipe for the bride. A delightful musical program was rendered by Miss Alice Russell, Mrs. Joe Suggs and Mrs. Homer Dunn.

Gifts were presented to the honoree from a Christmas tree and at the refreshment hour delicious mince pie with whip cream and coffee was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Bob McDonald, to: Mrs. N. G. Barnett, Mesdames Lige Harris, W. A. Harris, Wes Derstine, Bob Dunn, Homer Dunn, Mollie Stevenson, J. R. Barnett, H. C. Barnett, Joe Suggs, S. G. Russell, Jr., Bob McDonald, Misses Mabel McRee, Trent, Myrtle Barnett, Lillie Claude Barnett, Margaret Dunn, Dana Derstine, Johnny McDonald, Alice Russell and Annie Lee Williams.

CLASS PARTY.

The Sunday School class of Mrs. Ollie Dye, of the First Baptist church met in her home for a social Friday afternoon at three o'clock. After an hour of enjoyable games a delightful plate lunch was served to the following: Misses Mildred Bird, Jewel Moore, Verne Moore, Dorothy Sue Bird, Dana Derstine, Anna Marie Bullock of Stanton, Pauline Joyner, Ralph Dye, Rachel Patterson and the hostess.

Soul-Stirring Story Of "Life of Christ"

A picture extraordinary, "The Life of Christ," is to be presented at the Queen theatre one day only Tuesday, Jan. 9. This picture, which is really "The Passion Play," is a reverent picturization of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Saviour, and has been made for the first time with talking and singing.

Advance literature describes the picture as a graphic reproduction from the birth of Christ to the Ascension. Every scene was taken in Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Jordan river and Mount Golgotha. The production cost a million dollars and the cast numbers, 5,000.

The doors will open Tuesday night at 7 o'clock, as usual, and it is announced there will be no advance in price.

For Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 10-11, Will Rogers is to be presented by the Queen management in "Down to Earth." For the midnite show Saturday of this week the feature will be Jack Oakie in "Sailor Be Good."

County Honor Roll

ELM GROVE SCHOOL.
Bernice Atkins made the county honor roll with an average of 96 for the second month in the Elm Grove school.

The Elm Grove School English club has been having a contest for the past month. The "Mistake Busters" won and were entertained Monday by the "Error Chasers."

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Haire, residing north of town, Friday, December 29, 1933.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Ely, Tuesday, January 2, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Betterton, Tuesday, January 2, 1934.

Mrs. M. A. Douglas Ill.

Mrs. M. A. Douglas, who resides four miles north of town, is very ill at this writing. She became seriously ill last Thursday and has shown very little improvement since. Children at her bedside are: Mrs. V. M. Sibley, Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Douglas, Stanton; Mrs. O. E. Skidmore, Galon; Mrs. I. N. Irwin, Noodle; J. A. Douglas, Sidney; Ben Douglas, Abilene, and O. R., Joe and Marvin Douglas, of this place.

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Orien Higgins Enters Public Weigher's Race

To the Voters of Precinct No. 5:
Owing to the fact that a number of my friends have asked me to make the race for public weigher, precinct No. 5, I have decided to do so.

But it is not only because my friends have suggested it; I am making the race because I need the job and feel that I am well qualified to fill the place, as I have had four years experience under our present weigher, Houston Robertson.

I am 33 years of age and have been in Taylor county for thirty years.

If elected, I will devote my full time to the office and endeavor to render the best of service. Talk to those who know me best and if you can vote for me it will be gratefully appreciated.

Sincerely,
ORIEN HIGGINS

NOODLE NEWS

(Omitted Last Week.)

The Girls 4-H club, sponsored by Mrs. Finis Bell, entertained with a Christmas party on Tuesday evening in the High School auditorium. After a series of games and the exchange of gifts, a refreshment plate of hot chocolate, sandwiches and cake was served to the young people present.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Herring have gone to South Texas visiting over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Herring have returned to Noodle and are located again in their home here.

School closed Thursday afternoon for the Christmas holidays. The Christmas program was enjoyed by all present.

W. C. Thompson and family arrived from Mesilla, N. M., Friday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Herring.

Margaret Calloway, Louise Sosebee and Hiram and Wayne Satterwhite are home from Anson High school, spending the holidays with parents and friends. Miss Sosebee was recently elected the prettiest girl student at Anson High school.

Floyd Reese and Albert Cade are home from Simmons, Abilene.

Miss Leona Sosebee is home from A. C. C. for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barbee opened their home Christmas Eve when a delicious and filling dinner was served to about 70 visitors, including the Dock Calloways, the Clarence Eoffs, the Stanley Kings, the families of A. C., J. B. and O. W. Sosebee, W. C. Thompson and sons, Hobart McClain and family and Mrs. McClain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Derrick of Stamford Rogers and Gerald Derrick, Dub Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Clark and E. O. Criswell.

Dub Ford was a week-end guest of J. D. Sosebee.

Odell Herring and family of Amherst arrived Sunday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Herring. O. C. (Pat) Sosebee left for Houston Tuesday after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sosebee.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Houk left early Sunday to spend Christmas day in Paducah with Mr. Houk's parents; they will go on to Amarillo this week. Mrs. Houk will return Sunday.

The O. W. Sosebee home was the scene of a family Christmas dinner Monday, with A. C. Sosebee and family and J. B. Sosebee and family present, also the following young people: Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sloan, J. O. Sosebee, J. F. Sosebee of Stamford, Marie Wambol of Haskell, Oscar McGinnis, Glenn Till and Jack Pearce.

Mrs. A. C. Sosebee and Eva Ruth are spending a few days in Stamford this week.

MRS. WILL D. WILLIAMS

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CHURCH SERVICES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds' home. Evening service at 7 o'clock.

It's the first Sunday of the New Year and a good time to start afresh, if you have not been attending Sunday School and church regularly.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

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

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. We will begin Sunday for next quarter's study in the New Testament book of Matthew on the life of Christ. We hope that you will start with us from the first Sunday and be with us through the year.

Preaching Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. W. M. Murrell will preach for us. Come out and hear the presiding elder.

Leagues will meet at 6 p. m. The leaguers also will have some great lessons in their study for the year and we are anxious that the young people will take part in these fine programs throughout the year.

Preaching at 7 p. m. Our evening services will be evangelistic and we invite you to worship with us at the evening services.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

EPWORTH LEAGUE NEWS.

Program for Sunday, January 7: Subject, "A Source of Power." Leader, Mardell Shouse. Scripture, Psalm 91.

Hymns: "Oh, Love That Will Not Let Me Go," "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "My Hope is Built."

"Cross Sections of Personal Problems," leader.

"The Practice of Jesus," Johnnie Kelly.

"The Secret Place of the Most High," Vivian Lasater.

Each Sunday evening the program for the following Sunday will be read. The "Highroads," or other sources of material, will be found in the league library. Each person is responsible for a substitute.

Western Union meets at Oak Street Methodist church in Abilene Thursday, Jan. 11.

A Christian culture course will be held here for Trent, Tye, Stith and Merkel on the Sunday afternoons of

Jan. 14 and 21. Rev. W. R. Reaves of Trent will teach the course, "Leadership Training," and Rev. P. H. Gates will teach "Evangelism."

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel for the last Sunday of 1933 was 636, as compared with 631 for the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday, a year ago, which was the first Sunday in 1933 by the way, the attendance was only 536.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday morning we were pleased to have Brother Lowell Ponder, president of the B. Y. P. U. association, preach for us. His text was taken from Colossians third chapter and eleventh verse.

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 the B. T. S. association met with our church. Some of the speakers were: E. D. Dunn of Sweetwater, W. R. Derr of Abilene and C. A. Powell of the University Baptist church, Abilene.

Thursday, Jan. 11, the monthly workers conference will meet at Merkel. All ladies are requested to bring a covered dish.

Sunday evening we had one of the best services that we have had in many months. Our pastor preached and many people reconsecrated their lives.

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

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The W. M. S. will meet at the church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the Royal Service program.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday, December 31, was the best day that we have seen since being in Merkel. While in some departments of the church we had a decline as far as numbers were concerned, the spirituality of the church was never better.

We preached to the largest congregation Sunday night that we have had since we came on the work; also had a great time at the watch night program on the night of December 31. We are looking forward to great things in the Lord.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Community singing Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30. Come, let us reason together. J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Last Sunday night, while many people were celebrating the coming of the New Year in revelry, our church stayed at the house of the Lord praising God in song and testimony until the old year closed and the New Year was here.

We wish to express our thanks to many friends outside of our church who worshipped with us.

We have preaching services every Saturday night, Sunday 11 a. m. and

Sunday 7 p. m. Bible School Sunday 9:45 a. m. We welcome everybody to our services.

Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

NOTICE.

A large number of dishes, in which bounteous meals were furnished by friends at the time of the death of the late Mrs. W. G. Cypert, are still on hand at the home of Mrs. George Woodrum and, if parties who left them will phone, Mrs. Woodrum will return to owners.

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Yukons Best \$1.90
Queen of West \$1.75
Canadian Rose \$1.70

Oats

3 Minute—55 oz. pkg.

15c

Apples Winesaps 2 dozen 25c

Crackers Saltines 2 lb. box 21c

Chili 1 pound Brick 15c

Pork & B, 4 for 25c Mackerel, 3 for 25c

Mustard quart jar 15c

Pickles quart jar 20c

Sugar pure cane 10 lbs. cloth 50c

Peaches dried 2 lb. pkg. 25

Vanilla Wafers 1 lb. pkg. 19c

Bran, 100 lbs. \$1.00 Dates, pkg. 15c

TO THE PUBLIC

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