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EXPECT 20,000 WILL WATCH FINAL GAME

Amarillo and Corpus Christi to Meet at Dallas Saturday for Title of Texas Interscholastic League for 1934.

Amarillo, Dec. 27.—Football's quota and thrills is expected here Saturday for the Amarillo and Corpus Christi play for the Texas Interscholastic league championship.

Two perfectly groomed teams promise fine blocking, excellent open field running, terrific tackling and alert generalship. Full strength lineups and probable crowd of 20,000 persons will close the 1934 Texas gridiron season.

SEMI-FINAL RESULTS.

Corpus Christi 34, Greenville 14.
Amarillo 3, Masonic Home 0.

George G. Callahan, 76, Is Claimed by Death

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the Northside Missionary Baptist church for George G. Callahan, 76, resident of Taylor county for more than 30 years. He died just before noon Tuesday at the home of a son, S. J. Callahan, here after a serious illness of more than three months. He had been in feeble health for over two years, during which time he had lived with the son.

Rev. E. C. Dowell, pastor of the Northside church, conducted the service with interment at Rose Hill cemetery. Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Mr. Callahan was born August 24, 1858, in Alabama. He engaged in farming in the Goodman community when he first came to West Texas 30 years ago, later farming just east of town until five years ago when he had to retire from active life. His wife died 42 years ago in Alabama.

Survivors include two sons, S. J. Callahan, Merkel, and V. G. Callahan, Lamesa, and one daughter, Mrs. J. W. Tiner, Goodman. Sixteen grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one brother, John Callahan, of Dallas, also survive.

Mr. Callahan had been a member of the Methodist church since 1898.

Brothers Go to Grand Saline For Brother's Funeral

J. E. Brooks, accompanied by his children, Mrs. Henry Ellerbee, Donnie, Wmnie, Carlton and Earl Brooks, ended the funeral of his brother, H. Brooks, at Grand Saline on Friday of last week, returning to Merkel on Saturday.

His brother was 79 years of age.

Thanks For the Candy.

The proprietors of The Mail are indebted to members of the Woodmen lodge for the gift of a box of delicious home-made candy as a holiday treat.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, December 18, 1914.)

Mayor: Merkel is situated about a hundred yards west of the meridian and is ruled over at that time by His Royal Highness, Stallings, mayor, formerly of this country and a pioneer. Stallings is what you would call a "Jim" and won in a election known here as the second (apologies to recent politicians notwithstanding he is decidedly good that is said about the city).

Prosecutor: Charlie Dixey, mayor of Merkel, was indicted in Kentucky, lived in Paducah but saw the light and moved with our town. Judge Mims, a lawyer and we are informed that he is a good one.

Incumbent: Looking at it from this position ought to be incumbent, H. C. Burroughs, a quiet and easy man, who has been informed that he is a good one.

Manager: The man who looks at you over the top of his glasses and through the bars at the postoffice is H. C. Williams, recently appointed postmaster since our county was removed from the clutches

COTERIE FROM COLLEGE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

A number of Merkel students, who attend colleges in Abilene, go to and from their homes here. So they are not included in the list assembled by The Mail of students home for the holidays, and there are possibly others not named in the group below, which lists them by colleges:

University of Texas: Billie Gardner, David Gamble and Jim Patterson.

McMurry: Frances Marie and Bessie Church, Wanda Hunter, Florene Rider and Waldeline Huskey. Simmons: Albert Cade, Janie Escue, Beth Hamm, Helen Joyner, Emily Newman, Floyd Reece and Himalaya Swafford.

Rice Institute: Jack Patterson and Milton Shannon.

John Tarleton: Margarette Miller and Mildred Richardson.

N. T. S. T. C., Denton: Marie and Fay Pinkley.

MANY TEACHERS HOME.

Included in the contingent of teachers, who serve in schools elsewhere and who came home for the holidays are: Miss Jess Sutphen, Wichita Falls; Miss Martha Bird, Graham; Miss Berdelle Adeock, Menard; Miss Maimie Ellis, Fort Stockton; Miss Dorris Durham, Cross Plains; Miss Nell Swann, Tyler; Miss Irene Swann, Roswell, N. M.; Miss Hazel Rainbolt, Jon, N. M., and Miss Mary Kate Campbell, Amarillo.

Music Appreciation Class Present Program

On Wednesday evening, December 19, Miss Mary Pence presented her music appreciation class in a lovely Christmas program at her studio on Lamar street. This class, sponsored by the federal government and directed by Miss Pence, has made wonderful progress in the study of piano, singing and guitar music.

The studio was decorated in Christmas colors and gave a beautiful setting for the following numbers:

"Song of Ohio," Maurice White.
"Straight Waltz," Gladys Redden.
"Bicycle Gallop," Ina Ruth Brewer.
"An Old, Old Song," Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Hodges, Lila Patterson, Mrs. Mayhall, Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Reagan.
"Birmingham Jail," guitar arrangement.

"Christmas Carol," Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dowell.

"Home, Sweet Home," piano contest won by Mrs. Inez Bradley.

"My Bonnie," Dorothy Woods.

"Golden Star," Ruth Hallmark.

"Mary's Pet Waltz," Floella Hallmark.

"Lullaby," contest in piano won by Grisham Dowell.

"Robin's Return," Mary Pence and Mary Click.

"Whispering Hope," Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Reagan.

"Christmas Carols," unison singing.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. James Bow, Saturday, December 22, 1934.

VISITORS IN MANY HOMES; ANNUAL FAMILY REUNIONS MARK CHRISTMAS SEASON

The home coming of the J. L. Tucker family this week marked the first time in fifteen years that all of Mr. and Mrs. Tucker's children have been home at the same time. Numbered in the family reunion were: Mr. and Mrs. Jasper M. Tucker and daughters, Mildred and Helen, and son, Milton, of Memphis, Texas; Mrs. E. E. Tankersley and son, Jack, and daughter, Lela, of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tucker and son, Billie, of Altus, Okla.; Rev. C. A. Tucker and Mrs. Tucker and son, Charles Fincher, and daughter, Dorothy, of Haskell; Taylor T. Tucker of Munday and A. J. Tucker of Altus, Okla., and Miss Elna Tucker of Merkel. On Monday evening two brothers of Mrs. Tucker, Sam Clinton of Trent and George Clinton of Abilene, came with their string instruments and furnished music for the family throughout the evening. The former was accompanied by his son and daughter and the latter by his wife and children. Mrs. Eula Taylor of California, mother of Mrs. J. M. Tucker, was also a guest in the Tucker home. The last of the children to arrive came Sunday evening at 7 o'clock and the last of the guests to depart left for their homes Wednesday.

To enjoy Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Elliott all of the children were present and grandchildren and great grandchildren swelled the number to forty. The children and members of their family present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Elliott, Dora; Mrs. Cora Robbins, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Finch and family, Nolan; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Elliott and family, Dora; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Black and family, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Elliott, San Marcos; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Elliott and family, Lamesa; Miss Pearl Elliott, Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Emsinger and family, Dora. A grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Elliott, of Sweetwater, and granddaughter, Mrs. J. R. Richardson and family, also of Sweetwater, were included in the gathering.

A Christmas reunion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Carson, Abilene, found the following present: Miss Grace Carson, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Carson and five children, Louis, Howard, Herman, J. C. and Dave, of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Carson, J. P. Carson, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Parish, of Spur; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carson of Eunice, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. F. C. King of Odessa, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Heatley of Houston. A total of 21, including 8 grandchildren, were present.

On Christmas day all the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews, Sr., met in their home in South Merkel to celebrate the first reunion in the family. A delicious dinner was served at high noon. The children who participated in the affair were: Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Blair, St. Sgt. and Mrs. Frank H. Mathews, Carl Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews, Jr., Misses Thelma and Pearl Mathews. Grandchildren present were: O. D., Glenn and Bobby Blair, and Avalene and Betty Jean Mathews. Visitors in the home for dinner were Misses Jeff Boyd and Mae McElroy of Sweetwater and Maxton Neill of Merkel.

For the Allen reunion at Sweetwater all of the children carried lunch and enjoyed Christmas dinner with Mother Allen, who is 86 years of age. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Allen, of Merkel; Evan Allen, a nephew, and wife, of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Allen, Boyd, Texas; G. V. Allen and daughter, Lena Mae, China Springs, and Mr. and Mrs. Erve Allen; also a number of grandchildren, who live in Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Aldridge and Lee Sanders.

The George F. West family observed their Christmas reunion in the John R. West home with a bounteous Christmas dinner. Present were: Mrs. M. S. Wimsar, Mr. and Mrs. George F. West, Paul West, Mr. and Mrs. Henry West, Weston, Jack Dawson and Dick West, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren and sons, Don and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. James B. West, Miss Marie West, and Mrs. M. S. Wimsar.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. West, Miss Marie West, and Mrs. M. S. Wimsar, were present with their families.

PERSONALS

S. Young was home from Odessa to spend Christmas with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Foy of Baird were holiday guests in the Henry West home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Irvin are spending Christmas week with their parents in Ovalo.

Miss Ella Mae Agerton went to Waco to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Miss Edna Marie Jones was over from Abilene to spend Monday with Miss Christine Collins.

James H. McMullen of Chatfield is spending the Christmas holidays in the W. H. Laney home.

Fred Warren of Knox City spent the Christmas holidays with his grandmother, Mrs. J. B. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox were Christmas day guests of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp, Jr., of Fort Worth spent Christmas with his father, G. M. Sharp, and family.

Mrs. A. Yates and son and daughter of Brownfield are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Coates.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tucker and son of Borger were Christmas visitors in his father's, Curt Tucker's home.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Walter of Wills Point are guests in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks.

L. C. Sublett and Sam Foster, who have been spending several weeks at Corpus Christi, returned home for Christmas.

Mrs. D. S. Nicholson and two sons of Tahoka are spending the Christmas holidays with her father, W. J. Bicknell, at Noodle.

Mrs. W. H. Herring and family of Bishop are spending the Christmas holidays with her father, W. J. Bicknell, at Noodle.

Miss Wilma Herring of Robstown spent Christmas day with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Herring, at Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis, in Goltry, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Old were over from Abilene to spend Christmas with Mrs. Old's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Jaynes and children of Tahoka are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Dye, Jr., and son, Billy Gene, of Pecos, are spending the week with Mrs. Dye's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson.

Mrs. M. V. Brownfield and Mrs. Charlie Hubby of Brownfield are guests of Mrs. Hubby's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Laney.

Miss Lorena Fry, home demonstration agent of Bell county, was home from Belton to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry.

Mrs. Ansell Coates of Fort Worth is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tucker, and her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Coates.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett and T. H. Christopher had as their holiday guests Mrs. Ralph Stuart, also Mr. Stewart and R. A., Jr., of Lamesa.

Mrs. Adah Heeter and daughter, Helen, and Miss Sadie Woodrum spent Christmas Eve and Christmas day with the John Woodrums in Abilene.

T. F. Lasater from Sweetwater and Misses Bernice and Elsie Lasater from Abilene were here to spend Christmas with Mrs. Lasater and the family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thornton have as their Christmas guests their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kyle, and their baby daughter, of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Holland returned Tuesday to their home at Dallas after a holiday visit with Mrs. Holland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Farrow of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Largent of Blackwell were Christmas guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bickley and son, James, of Chatfield and Homer Laney of Brownfield, were holiday guests of their parents.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Alvin W. Owsley, minister to Rumania, arrived in Dallas Thursday with his family for a month's visit.

Houston had the hottest Christmas since the weather bureau station was established there in 1909. The maximum temperature was 78.

Contract for the new postoffice and federal building in Abilene has been let to A. Smith & Co., Chicago, on their bid of \$267,000.

Arthur C. Wilson has accepted the life sentence given him a week ago for the killing of Mrs. Irene Debolt, Cleveland widow, near Van Horn in November, 1933.

A man identified as James Stark, 25, address undetermined, was fatally struck by an automobile on Christmas Eve, marking Dallas' thirty-ninth traffic fatality in 1934.

Inmates enrolled in the nineteen state eugenics institutions during the last fiscal year reached a total of 19,167 and their support and maintenance cost the state \$3,088,486.

Martin W. Littleton, Sr., noted New York lawyer and formerly of Dallas, whose hundreds of clients had included Harry K. Thaw and Harry F. Sinclair, died in a hospital at Mineola, Long Island.

State Senator Grady Woodruff of Decatur, from the twenty-second district, and Miss Ethelene Morgan of Fort Worth were married Christmas afternoon at the home of the bride's parents in Fort Worth.

With the departure from the senate of the veteran Archie Parr of Benavides, T. J. Holbrook of Galveston becomes the senior senator in point of service and assumes the role of caucus chairman.

M. H. Chenault, Berger merchant, was arrested on a perjury indictment growing out of the murder trial of Arthur Huey, who was acquitted of slaying A. M. (Ace) Berger. Chenault testified for the defense.

G. P. Berry, 42, was killed instantly about 10 o'clock Friday night in what was described as an unavoidable accident when a car driven by J. R. Conkrite of Rankin struck him on the highway about a mile east of Sweetwater.

News Learned of Death Of Dr. Sadler's Uncle

Upon receipt of news that a brother had dropped dead Wednesday night at Palestine, Mrs. Lula Sadler, who was visiting her son, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, left at once for her home. She was accompanied by her son, Dr. Sadler.

ECONOMIST SEES UPSWING FOR LATE IN 1935

Outlook Until Then is Both "Bright and Dubious"; But Trend in Fall Will Be Definitely Upward, Says E. A. Filene.

Boston, Dec. 27.—Edward A. Filene, widely known Boston merchant and economist, Wednesday described the outlook for 1935 as "at the same time very bright and very dubious" and pointed to several "two-way signs."

Filene warned that if business and the supreme court failed to cooperate with the President, the country might be "compelled to turn to socialistic measures."

"America has decisively endorsed the New Deal," he said, "thus ending that uncertainty which constituted such a drag upon recovery in 1934. In 1935, however, the supreme court may rule that certain vital parts of the New Deal are unconstitutional, thus demolishing our half-built structure of recovery and forcing a new beginning under most difficult circumstances."

"Business is pledging co-operation with the president, and there is undoubtedly a more widespread understanding that prosperity, both consumes goods industries and durable goods industries, depends basically upon the buying power of the masses. There is no talling, however, how far this promised co-operation will go, and we can not expect rapid improvement until business generally acts upon this new understanding."

"Trying to balance all the factors my expectation is:

- 1.—There will be little improvement during the first three months.
- 2.—There will be some improvement in the spring and the condition of 1934, but not enough to indicate that recovery is coming.
- 3.—The fall will show a marked improvement and the trend from then on will be definitely upward.
- 4.—By the fall of 1936, we will have so far recovered as to make it generally evident that we are on the road to unprecedented real prosperity."

Not An Arrest Made Here During Holidays

"It was not necessary to make a single arrest during the Christmas holidays," was the report Thursday morning from City Marshal Chester Hutcheson, which speaks well for the town and community as a desirable place to live.

Since Friday night of last week Jinks Winters has been employed as second nightwatchman by co-operating with the regular guardian of the peace, J. E. JOHNSON. He will be on extra duty for a short while.

THE BOOK

the first line of which reads: "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures.

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PAUL'S GREAT WRITINGS.

That white-hot letter to the Galatians, product of Paul's intense moral indignation, whose curses remain untranslated because the translators have feared to put them into plain English, is the Magna Charta of Christian liberty. It is the rebuke of bigotry and the battle cry of freedom.

Paul soon set forth on his third and last missionary journey. He started northward as he had done before, passing from Antioch by land around the end of the Mediterranean, preaching as he went till he came to Ephesus. There he seemed to find an opening in the Jewish synagogue, but after three months a sharp clash arose. He rented a schoolroom from a philosopher, named Tyrannus, philosopher using it half a day and Paul the other half. Two years' lease of this place and developed his work so fully

that all they which dwell in Asia (the province of Asia) heard the word of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The growth of his body of adherents was so remarkable that this city, where the beautiful temple of Diana stood, was sacred. The idol makers were almost out of work. There was a great shout for two hours, "Great is Ephesus." But then, as often, the more part knew not wherefore they were come together. So the crowd shouted itself tired without violence, and a clerk said a tactful word that dismissed the assembly.

In Ephesus, before this riot made his withdrawal, he heard occasionally from his churches in Macedonia and he kept in touch with them by means of his staff and his hands.

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THE BOOK

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From here he wrote two letters to the Corinthians. If you will read them you will see that he canvassed pretty nearly every subject of church organization and of practical sociology: Ought the church to retain in its membership a fornicator? Ought Christians to observe the festivals of the moon? What about eating meats that had been offered to idols? Ought Christians to marry? Ought women to have in public worship? Ought Christians to have lawsuits? Ought Christians to be tempted in part by questions submitted to him, his letters grew to inspire and more of doctrinal import and of practical application of truth to life. Read these letters and see how there come into them such sublime passages as the chapter on charity (I Cor. 13).

Next Week: Others Take Up the Pen.

PERSONAL

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After spending Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wells, Weldon B. Wells, who is staff sergeant at Fort Clark, Texas, left for El Paso to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Jr., and little daughter, Mary Faye, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Golladay and Mrs. W. L. Johnson.

Misses Marie and Fay Pinckley, who are attending N. T. S. T. C. at Abilene, arrived Friday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley.

Misses Marie and Lois Beasley of Abilene, who are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, and the latter with her mother, Mrs. Billie Bernice Gambill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Laney and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ashly and three sons of Willis Point are guests this week in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney, Robert Hicks and Howard Laney.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Polley and son, Winston, spent Christmas day at Snyder, visiting their uncle, J. W. Haney. Mrs. M. E. Young, Mrs. Polley's mother, returned home with them to spend the winter here.

Mrs. N. J. Penix of Colorado was the guest last week of her niece, Mrs. M. L. Holden. For Christmas Mrs. Holden and her son, Wilkes, joined Mrs. Penix, went to Big Spring to another son, Bert Holden.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Russell, Jr., of Abilene, were home to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Russell. On their return to Abilene they were accompanied by Misses Jess and Jess Sutherland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Angus, accompanied by their son, Mrs. T. J. Toombe, and latter's grandson, Billy Joe Toombe, returned Wednesday from Electra, where they spent Christmas with Mrs. Angus' daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eaker Curtis.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Dennis of Matamoros, Texas, shared their Christmas visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Dennis, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker, here. On their return, they were accompanied by Mrs. Dennis' mother, Mrs. Jewel B. McAdoo.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews, Sr., of Abilene, spent their Christmas days with their son, Sgt. Frank Mathews of College Station, Texas, and his wife. Sgt. Mathews is an instructor in the department of military science at A. & M. college.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Leamon of Abilene, accompanied by their son, Ernest Massey, and daughter, Mary Lassiter, returned Thursday with them, her aunt, Mrs. J. I. Leamon.

Mr. and Mrs. Case and Mr. and Mrs. Case and their little daughter, were guests for Christmas in the home of Mrs. Millicent, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Leamon, in Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Case and daughter returned to Abilene after a visit of several days.

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Family Reunions

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The presence of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes from Westbrook, was the occasion for a family reunion Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory McDonald. Present besides the parents and hosts were: Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar and Fred Guitar, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Comer Haynes and children and Mr. and Mrs. Holland Teaff.

Members of the immediate family who were here from out of town for Christmas in the J. S. Thomas home were: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brewster and two daughters from Sudan; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thomas and four children, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Brown and three children, Quanah; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt, Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Simpson and two daughters from Trent; also Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thomas, Mrs. J. A. Milliken, Mrs. Gladys McLean and son, Wayne, of Merkel. Other relatives present were Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Vanlandingham and son of Odessa and Mrs. H. M. Owens and daughter of Abilene.

A family reunion was held Christmas day in the home of W. J. Bicknell in Noodle. At the noon hour a turkey dinner was served with all of the Bicknell children present for the occasion. Those present were: W. J. Bicknell and sons, Alton and Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bicknell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Odelle Eoff and family, all of Noodle, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bicknell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spurgin, of Merkel, Mrs. W. H. Herring and family, Bishop, and Mrs. D. S. Nicholson and family, Tahoka. Those calling in the afternoon were: Mrs. W. N. Eason and family of Truby and Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Goode of Fort Worth, cousins of the family.

With Misses Irene and Nell Swann and James Swann arriving in time for Christmas, they were joined this week by Mrs. Carson Miles and three children from San Angelo and Mrs. Forrest Sears from Snyder for a holiday visit with their mother, Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Out of town visitors for Christmas in the J. L. Banner home were Mrs. S. L. Owens from San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Banner and family from Newman.

Mrs. H. B. Leeton and two sons, Harold and Jimmie, and Mrs. W. B. Graham and son, Joe Earl Kimbrough, left Thursday for their homes at Overton after a visit with their mother, Mrs. J. H. McDonald.

Enjoying Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ensminger were Mrs. Ensminger's father, J. C. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Brookerson and daughter, Billy Joy, and Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Campbell and daughter, Betty.

Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott returned Wednesday from a round of Christmas visits, which included spending the day with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliott, in Dallas. On Sunday they were guests of Mrs. Elliott's cousin, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Waggoner, at Hillsboro, and Monday they renewed acquaintance with many of Mrs. Elliott's schoolmates in her old home in Collin county.

Guests for Sunday dinner of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Anderson in Mulberry canyon were two of their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Dewel McLean and children, Mildred and Hollis. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Seymore and children, Billie and Joan, also Miss Willie Joe Riney and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wolfe.

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Holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pence were Mrs. Willie Pence and children, Goldthwaite; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pence, Monahans; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pence, Sweetwater; John Pence and daughter, Sweetwater, and Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Pharr and children of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wilson had two sons and their wives as visitors from out of town for Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson from Tyler. Mr. and Mrs. George White had as guests for Christmas dinner Mrs. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Edwards, of Maryneal, accompanied by their two sons, Allen and O. J. Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Darsey and daughter, Jane, were up from Austin for a holiday visit with their parents and families.

The J. T. Warrens had Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Beckett and children from El Paso and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Coit and children from Dallas for a Christmas family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren drove over to Abilene for Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Andrews on Butternut street. All of the five Warren children were present, including besides Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. George Paxton of Abilene, Dr. and Mrs. L. R. Scarborough of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wood and daughter, Waco, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrews.

Present in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris during the Christmas holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harris of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harris of Canadia, Frank Turner of Knott and Mrs. Dollie Richie of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe entertained for Christmas dinner Mrs. Lowe's mother, Mrs. M. E. Sedberry of Blackwell, and her brothers, W. O. and P. H. Sedberry, also of Blackwell, and a sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pruitt and their son, Jimmie, of Big Spring.

During the Christmas holidays, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bullock and two daughters, Georgene and Annie Marie, of Stanton and Messrs. Barney and Doyle Garrett of Waco were here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cox and little daughter, Ona Fay, returned Tuesday to their home in Fort Worth after a holiday visit with Mrs. Cox's sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Henslee, and Mr. Cox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cox. Other guests during Christmas week in the Henslee home were: Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Nelson and daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Weaver, of Lamesa, and a son, Doc Nelson. Mrs. Nelson is a sister of Mr. Henslee.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley Williams arrived from Waco Sunday to make a Christmas visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Williams, and brother, C. B. Williams. They returned home Tuesday.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mesdames L. T. Swafford and John Ames and little Miss Garnetta Bailey of Fort Worth are guests this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howell. Miss George Helen Lee is visiting relatives in Fort Worth this week.

Miss Emma Nalley of A. C. C. Abilene, is spending the holidays here, dividing the time with her sister, Mrs. G. Bryan, and brother, Joe Nalley.

Postmaster Strawn is entertaining a number of guests this week: his mother, Mrs. Strawn of Greenville, and three sisters, with their families from Denison, Caddo Mills and Greenville.

Mesdames J. B. Winn, Boots Brown and Joe Boone spent Thursday in Hermleigh, celebrating the birthday of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English.

Mrs. O. L. Reeves, primary teacher in the schools here, left Friday for San Antonio to spend the holidays.

Miss Mildred Steadman of C. I. A., Denton, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Armour of Abilene visited through the holidays with relatives.

Clayton Hale of Kilgore came Monday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Bright and daughters, Misses Helen and Vera, spent the 24th and 25th visiting friends at Breckenridge.

Mrs. Eva Parker has moved to Post, Mr. and Mrs. Borden Perkins and children spent the holidays visiting Mrs. Perkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. West, of Ada, Okla.

and Mrs. Alex Rodden of Carlsbad, Okla., spent a few days the week with the latter's parents, and Mrs. Will Williams. On return home they visited relatives in Lubbock.

and Mrs. Orion Tittle, who spent last year have been living on near El Paso, have returned to make their home.

and Mrs. Joe Alexander and Eunice, N. M., spent Christmas with Mrs. Alexander's mother and other relatives.

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and Mrs. Raymond O'Neal Christmas holidays with his

Novice. The Estep came Christmas visit with her parents, Mr. F. C. Hale.

Beckham and family of Lubbock visited his mother and other relatives through the holidays.

PERKINS-PARKER. The lay of last week Miss Mat-ker and Mr. Jack Perkins in marriage at the home of N. G. Cypert in Merkel, Mr. Cypert performing the

This popular young couple their home here and they set of friends who wish for long and happy married life.

McREE-POWELL. Marriage of Miss Lois Powell to Louis McRee of Trent was solemnized at a Yuletide setting Saturday at 2 o'clock in the home of the bride's par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Powell, 440 Kirkwood, Abilene.

Rev. W. E. Hamilton, Methodist minister of Lubbock, read the service in the living room of the home, where the couple stood to take their vows before a decorated Christmas tree and an arrangement of wedding bells. The twinkling lights of the tree and tall Yule tapers shed a soft glow over the room, where the mantel was banked in mistletoe.

The bride wore a dress of aqua blue crepe with brown accessories and shoulder corsage of sweet peas.

Mrs. Andy Shouse of Winters gave the wedding music and played the accompaniment for Miss Mary Frances Moore to sing, "I Love You Truly."

During the reception hour, guests joined in cutting a tiered wedding cake, which was surrounded by holly as a centerpiece for the refreshment table.

Mr. and Mrs. McRee left by automobile for San Antonio and Austin. They will return to make their home near Trent where Mr. McRee is engaged in farming. Mrs. McRee was educated in Abilene and since her graduation from Hardin-Simmons in 1932, she has been teaching in Trent.

Out of town guests for the wedding were the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McRee, Mr. and Mrs. Hale McRee, Mr. and Mrs. Bert McRee, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McRee, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Terry, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Hornsby, Miss Virginia Lou Marshall, Miss Virgie Simmons, all of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dennis

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SYNOPSIS—Three weeks after a wrecked in the sea at the foot of a girl calling herself Anne appears at the desert town. She has bought, sight unseen a ranch located thirty miles away. Soon after her arrival she meets Barry Duane, her nearest neighbor. Against her better judgment she accompanies her husband East. Mrs. Duane is bitterly resentful of Anne. Wealthy Cleo Pendleton, her obvious choice vows revenge. Anne recognizes a man loitering on the Duane grounds. Barry tells Anne John Gage is the real head of the Duane mills. He tells her to note her frozen silence.

W GO ON WITH THE STORY: Halliday had sent servants ahead when the house. Welcoming smoke curling from two chimneys.

"I love it! It's like the Perch, isn't it?" Anne gave Barry's arm a squeeze, and they looked at each other with the bright, secret glance of understanding.

"Oh, that's your Western place isn't it? Didn't Gwenda say that that was where Romance began?" Ward Riddle smiled pleasantly, but he looked at Anne in the curious, reflective way that she had noticed before. "It's not life to toss me careless invitations. I ought come."

"Well, me too!" Tom Halliday called over at Barry's shoulder.

Make it next summer and you'll all come. It's a party."

and Anne felt as though she had escaped from prison into glorious freedom. He made a quick change and slipped on a coat. She went on out to the house and faced the lake. Barry was there already, pacing up and down with a pipe in his mouth.

"Great, isn't it?"

"Heavenly."

She nodded happily and fell in step with him.

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ing his cue, proffered a word of advice.

"Better go easy with your little jokes, Dick. Duane seems to be something of a Turk about his wife."

"How was I to know that he'd go early-Victorian on me?"

"She handled the blonde rather well," Riddle remarked absently.

"Well, that was a mistake."

"A very natural one." Riddle seemed absorbed in his ball. "I saw the resemblance as soon as she spoke. It's startling."

"How the devil," sputtered Halliday, "could you see a resemblance to some unknown female whose name wasn't even mentioned?"

"Just an unsuspected gleam of intelligence. As soon as I caught Blondie's girlish chatter I made the connection. This Mrs. Duane is practically the image of an actress I saw a couple of years ago. I ran across her picture in the paper again last spring. She'd been killed in a motor accident. Her car skidded over the edge of a cliff and she was drowned."

Halliday said, "M'm" and lost interest. Riddle stopped to light a cigarette.

"They never found the body," he said thoughtfully.

"That sounds like a nasty crack, Ward."

"I didn't intend it that way. But that girl's name was Nancy, too. It struck me as a remarkable coincidence."

Dick reddened, "It's the kind of a coincidence that wants to be kept under your hat," he said grumpily. "Here comes Barry. We'd better change the subject, and darned quick."

They made the return trip in good time, arriving before the dinner hour. Mrs. Duane did not appear. Mrs. Duane, with the purse strings held firmly in her own delicate hands, had established her separate dining room in the west wing.

Arne knew when Barry came into the room that he had bad news for her.

Anne felt her face grow hot. "Do you mean," she asked slowly, "that your mother refuses to sit at the same table with me?"

"Don't take it that way, Nancy. She's old, and—she doesn't see things as we do."

"There's no other way to take it," she said dully.

He had just come back from a bitter half hour with his mother, and he was stung with a humiliation that he could not admit, even to her.

"Oh, my dear!" Her eyes stung with sudden tears of contrition, but she blinked them back hastily. "I know it's hard on you, Barry. If I could do anything—if there's any possible way—"

He shook his head. "No, I'm afraid it can't be helped. It's—her house. I'm sorry; that's all I can say. But of course this can't go on. We must look for other quarters."

He looked worried and his jaw was tight. The Perch would have provided comfort and a decent living, but the Perch was closed to them for six months in each year.

"I'm terribly sorry to have got you into this, Barry. We can go anywhere you like. Were you thinking of staying in Granleigh?"

"I haven't thought much of anything yet." He stopped and gave her a quick, embarrassed smile. "No, I suppose not. No use in advertising things—and it's pretty expensive here."

"Of course." She was afraid that her eyes were blazing with hope and excitement. "There are lots of places. We can get a tiny apartment somewhere and have lots of fun."

He faced her with obstinate determination, angry, but more alive than she had seen him in weeks.

"I'm going to town tomorrow, and I'm going to see Gage again if I have to knock down a row of secretaries to get to him. We're going to have one more round over the Junipero."

She gave his arm a sudden squeeze. "He must agree this time. It means so much!"

Barry was called to the telephone, but Anne stayed there, curled up in a chair.

Barry took an early train the next morning.

"I don't know how long I may have to wait before I can see him, but I'm going to be on hand. Wish me luck, Nancy."

"Oh Barry, I— She gave separate little

and Matthews handed her some letters. There was one envelope that she looked at twice. She hurried to her room and tore the envelope open.

I must see you again. It's important. I am going in to town on Wednesday and will meet you at the Roswell, on Seventh, at two o'clock sharp. Better decide to come. Granleigh won't do. Think you are being watched there.

JIM.

An hour later she rang for Matthews. "I've decided to go in to town, Matthews. If Mr. Barry should call up later, tell him where I have gone. He can have me paged at the Plaza, any time after three."

Barry was talking hard. He had waited over three hours for this audience. Gage listened and grunted.

"Oh, it's that, is it? Thought you'd given up that nonsense by this time."

"It isn't nonsense, Mr. Gage. It's horse sense. The land is there, acres on acres of it, as rich as the Imperial could ever be; the water is there, and all that separates them is one spur of rock."

"And a pot of money. And don't forget that the first project got a black eye, and nobody's going to be anxious to see his money go the same way."

"It can't. Not for the same reason, anyway. If you don't want to risk it, I don't suppose that I could say anything to change your decision, but why don't you sell your side of the spur and give me the chance to interest somebody else?"

"See here, Mr. Gage, I know I'm making a nuisance of myself, but I feel certain that you would let down the bars if you really had a look at the place."

"Young man do you know what my time is worth?"

"I know that it is worth more than I could hope to meet in cash. But you might consider taking a vacation. Do you like good shooting? Or fishing? Like to ride a good horse over mountain trails, and not see another human being but your guide all day long?"

"Sounds pretty good," Gage grunted. "Got a cook who can give a man plain ham and eggs without drowning 'em in a gummy sauce?"

Barry leaned back with a grin of pure relief.

"I'll guarantee both the cook and the appetite."

"What kind of accommodations have you? I'd want to bring Mrs. Gage. She hasn't been well lately."

Barry litely swallowed his dismay. His one meeting with Mrs. John Gage had left him with the recollection of a dazzling loveliness and probably not much else.

"There's a big log ranch house with all the improvements, and electric current. Of course it isn't town."

"That's all right. The change might do her good."

Then went down together in a private elevator. Barry had won a victory, but he wondered grimly what Nancy was going to do to keep the lovely Paula from being bored to hysterics.

Barry turned briskly back from the curb, intending to find the nearest telephone and break the glad news to Nancy. He took two steps and slowed down.

A few yards ahead of him a man was signaling a taxi. Barry had vaguely noticed the same man loitering in the corridor when they had come out. Instead of trim uniform he wore a well fitting blue suit but Barry knew him. As Kennedy stepped into a taxi Barry jerked his finger at another.

"Follow that black and white," he said, and slammed the door.

Once they lost sight of it, but Barry's driver expertly picked up the trail. Barry was beginning to feel slightly ashamed of the unreasoned impulse which had sent him careening across town.

They were in a shabbier, busier district now. The black and white taxi had gained on them again. It swung in to the curb in front of a dingy-looking entrance, and Kennedy got out.

"I'll stop here."

Barry tossed a bill to the driver. Having made a complete idiot of himself, he would walk back for a few blocks and put in a call to Nancy.

For his self-respect he stepped into a doorway, inclined to grin at himself. It gave him a good view of the hotel. Another taxi had just drawn up. A small, slim figure stepped out, and looked around quickly. Girl and man vanished into the dingy portals of the hotel.

Anne looked hastily around the uninviting lobby.

"Don't like it?" Kennedy sent an amused grin at her.

"Of course not. What did you mean by saying that I was being watched in Granleigh?"

"Just a bright guess. Somebody might have heard it one before I'd

der her breath, as though she had forgotten Kennedy's existence.

"That was just a little tip-off," Kennedy informed her. "The rest you won't like. I think you'd better go away, Nancy."

"That's preposterous!" An angry color flamed, but fright was crowding anger aside. "What possible explanation could I give to Barry?"

"I'm afraid that's up to you. I don't say it will be easy." He lowered his voice, significantly cautious. "I saw Gage the other day. He may have recognized me."

"He doesn't even know that I am in Granleigh."

"But he's likely to find it out any day, and when he does, things are going to happen. If he lets either one of us hang around in the same country, after what happened last May, it will just be a present from Santa Claus. You and I are out of the picture, Nancy, and we may have to take a sudden journey any day. I mean to do it when I'm ready, and you'd better get a telegram from a sick aunt in Manitoba."

"I won't! I won't go and you can't make me."

"Sure of that? Not even if Duane should be told—what you told Gage that night?"

"Jim! You wouldn't be so insanely cruel!"

Kennedy flushed slightly, but his hard gaze did not waver. Anne reached over and clutched at his hand. "Haven't you any mercy for anyone else? I thought—when I told you about that the other night—that you . . . Oh!"

Her voice died in a shaking breath. She was looking past Kennedy with a stricken stare.

"Oh—Barry! I—won't you . . ."

She stammered, stiffening and trying to smile, as he came grimly toward them, his face set and a white line of fury around his lips. Barry looked past Kennedy as though he had not been there.

"If you have finished," he said, "it will not be necessary for your—company—to see you home."

Anne arose slowly, but Kennedy's chair had already rasped back. He was on his feet, a dark glitter in his eyes.

"High handed, aren't you? You must think you're pretty damned important, if nobody can have a business interview with your wife without your permission."

"You'd better consider it finished. Get out!"

The voice was low, but the words were bitten off and flung. For a moment longer, they stared at each other, Barry's face flinty in its tight restraint, Kennedy's faintly jeering. Then his shoulders moved expressively. Kennedy had too much at stake to risk ruining everything by a public row with Nancy's husband. He bowed to Anne.

"Thank you for the interview, Madame, in case I do not see you again. He walked deliberately away. At broke the silence that was suffocating.

"Well?" she demanded.

"I think I am the one to ask for explanations, but the first thing to do is to get out of this hole. Are you ready?"

Anne nodded silently and went with him.

"If there is any explanation that you can make, I am ready to hear it." They were home again.

"What is there to say that you'd be

willing to believe?" she asked bitterly. "I went there to meet him. It was a matter of—business, as he told you. That is all."

"What business could you have with a man like that? And why couldn't it be transacted decently, in your own home?"

"He wanted to see me privately," she continued. "I knew him—years ago—when he was in better circumstances. He wanted me to—do something for him."

"What was it?"

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