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BUSINESS MOVES MARK COMING OF NEW YEAR

W. J. Sheppard Buys Stock of Jones Dry Goods Company; American Cafe to Occupy Gaither Building.

Having purchased the stock of the Jones Dry Goods company, W. J. Sheppard consolidated the two stores and opened for business the first of the year in the location of the Jones store.

With the announcement of W. I. Peters that he was going out of the grocery business here on the first of the year, Mack Fowler leased the Gaither building occupied by the Peters store and will move his American Cafe to that building just as soon as Mr. Peters moves out. Mr. Peters will locate in Lubbock. Announcement of the opening date of the cafe in its new location will be made later.

J. T. Dennis will move his grocery store to the Laney building vacated by the cafe, a location which the Dennis store occupied for many years prior to moving to the West building.

The Merkel Beauty parlor will remain temporarily in their present location, but have another lease under contemplation.

The Dandy Bakery will occupy their new home next week, it is announced.

Other business changes for the first of the year are: W. C. Black takes over the Philco Radio shop and moves it to Kent street next door to the City Dry Cleaners; Patterson's plumbing shop will occupy part of this building; Jimmy Toombs announces his partnership with Morris Horton in the Cenoco Service Station, and A. A. Davis assumes the management of the Corner Garage, formerly operated by Emory Smith.

New Officers Take Over Posts on First

Two new precinct officers took over their posts on the first of the year: Clyde Shouse, who succeeded Ed Houston Robertson as public weigher, and C. K. Russell, elected constable in this precinct and succeeding N. A. Dowell.

In the Taylor county court house, very few changes were noted. Tom McGehee moved in as county superintendent, M. A. Williams retiring from the office after many years of service; Judge Otis Miller became district attorney of the 104th district court, and Esco Walker, the new county attorney.

One new member of the commissioners court was sworn in, Hulen H. Webb, successor to Sid McAdams of Tuscola.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 1, 1915.)

W. R. Walker and family, owners of the well known Walker Cottage, Merkel's foremost hotel for the past ten years, will leave our city to make their future home in Abilene where Mr. Walker will take charge of a new hotel that is to be erected.

Tracy Barlow, one of the old timers of the Mail, has returned to make his home in Merkel and to start the New Year with us after an absence of several years.

Dr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Miller had brought into their lives Christmas Day a glorious present of a baby girl, Clara Louise.

Only one days vacation in eight years is the record of H. C. (Dad) Wilson, as he is popularly known. "Dad" is one of the most popular transfer and draymen Merkel has ever known; he is one of the hale and hearty kind of men who reach old age and yet do not grow old. He has seen service in our wars and carries scars to prove his service and loyalty to the South. He boarded the train Tuesday morning to spend the day with his daughter, Mrs. T. P. Williams, Abilene, his first vacation in eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Counts left Tuesday for Ringold to spend Christ-

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Death climaxed a happy New Year's party when Miss Evelyn Grace Connelly, 21, Texas Christian university student was burned to death in an overturned car while returning to Fort Worth from a dance at Mineral Wells.

James William Kennedy, 55, roddman for the city engineering department, Houston, reported for work as usual, although he may be an heir to a \$75,000 fortune.

The body of a woman identified as Mrs. Margaret Theriot, 36, who had been missing 11 days, was found floating in Port Arthur creek, near Port Arthur.

Flowing oil for 40 minutes at a rate of 6,227 barrels hourly, or 149,448 barrels daily, the California company's No. 3 Bob Reid became the third largest well initially in the famous Yates field in Pecos county.

Amarillo's Golden Sandstorms smothered the Corpus Christi Buccaneers Saturday at Dallas, 48-0, to win the 1934 Interscholastic League championship by the largest score in a final game in the history of the league.

Joe V. Moore, former Amarillo attorney, who now lives at Wichita Falls, was barred temporarily from the practice of law in Texas courts, his license having been suspended after conviction on a charge of murder without malice and his sentence to five year's imprisonment.

Rev. J. Frank Norris, pastor for 26 years of the Fort Worth Baptist church, has conditionally accepted a call to the Detroit, Mich., Temple Baptist church.

George W. Cottingham, managing editor of the Houston Chronicle, has been appointed editor, succeeding the late Judge W. O. Huggins. Announcement of the appointment was made by Jesse H. Jones, president and publisher.

Explosion of a fire cracker, tossed into his office by a New Year's prankster, caused total deafness for Hugh Gill, Tyler justice of the peace who had just taken office that day.

Two university students, Graham Street, 20, Southern Methodist University, and Malcolm Graham, 19, University of Texas, were killed and another man was injured severely when the car in which they were returning to Graham from a New Year's dance hit a bridge at Perrin.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Webb, Thursday, December 27, 1934.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Gellerman, residing near Sylvester, Saturday, December 29, 1934.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Will Spurgeon, Comper, Tuesday, January 1, 1935.

mas with their daughter, Mrs. Claude Goss.

Among the Merkel people in Abilene Tuesday were Sam Dunning, T. M. Payne, W. E. Adams, Fred Guitart, Thos. Largent, J. S. Barnes, Claude Sears and Luther Grimes.

We are authorized to announce to our readers this week the candidacy of B. A. (Ben) Walters, who aspires to the position of city marshal of Merkel. Mr. Walters is well known in Merkel and needs no introduction, being connected with the Laney and Walters Meat market and enjoys the esteem of all who know him.

Miss Bertie Diltz of Van Horn visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Diltz.

MOVES MADE IN MERKEL TODAY.

J. T. Dennis will exchange places with the Variety Store, two doors south of his old location on Edwards St., Ed's Cafe in the brick just west of the Farmers State bank. The Elite takes the building vacated by the cafe. In the old Elite location will be found a new grocery store under the ownership of R. A. Martin and W. M. Elliott. Percy Jones' barber shop moves from G. F. West Bldg. to the building adjoining Burroughs Drug store made vacant by the moving of Sharp Hotel-de-Hamburger & Chili-Con-Carne.

STATE DRAFTS PLAN TO CARRY ADDED RELIEF

Estimated 300,000 Unemployables to Be Taken From Rolls February 1; Will Be Cared for By Special State Fund.

Austin, Jan. 3.—The estimated 300,000 unemployable relief clients to be taken off federal relief rolls in Texas Feb. 1 will get state aid under a plan announced here today, subject to federal approval.

The state proposes to retain the proceeds from \$1,500,000 relief bonds to be sold for February, instead of placing it in a general relief pot with federal funds. The state legislature can issue also the remaining \$3,500,000 possible relief bonds. Both sums would be available for direct relief to unemployables.

The plan would take care of unemployables for the next several months. The legislature is expected to work out a more permanent relief program.

John Wallace, member of the state board of control, estimated that two-thirds of the persons now on relief rolls in Texas would be self-supporting except for the drought. It was estimated that by May or June new crops will reduce relief rolls of the increase due directly to the drought.

Wallace estimated that 150 counties, or more could not possibly provide for persons taken off relief rolls Feb. 1.

FARM CENSUS ENUMERATORS START WORK

Approximately 1,810 Farms and Ranches in Taylor County; Plans Call for Completion of The Survey This Month.

Carrying questionnaires containing 100 questions on virtually every important ramification of the farm industry, Taylor county's federal farm census enumerators Wednesday began the task of enumerating the approximate 1,810 farms and ranches in the county.

The enumerators are: H. F. Mayes, Abilene; Jack Hammond, Buffalo Gap; Roy Stevenson, Tuscola; Alton Roberts, Guion; John Shannon, Merkel; and T. A. Burford, Ovalo. All have experience in farming.

Samples of the farm schedule in the census have already been distributed to many farmers in the county. Among questions to be answered are farm tenure, population, acreage, total value of the farm, acreage and yield of principal field crops and vegetables, number of trees and yield of principal fruits and nuts, number and value of each class of livestock, and poultry and eggs.

Taylor county enumerators are working under direction of Ernest E. Wood of Eastland, supervisor for district 8 in Texas. Plans call for completion of the survey this month.

MERKEL'S FIFTH ANNUAL POULTRY SHOW TO OPEN ITS DOORS WEDNESDAY

Miss Josie Hogan Claimed by Death

Miss Josie Hogan, who made her home with her uncle, H. F. Darden, in the Mt. Pleasant community, died early in the morning on January 1. Burial was held Tuesday afternoon at Drummond's cemetery, with services conducted by Rev. Foy King of Hardin-Simmons university.

Pallbearers were D. J. Anderson, J. A. Anderson, Craig Humphreys, F. T. Hogan, Lee Darden and R. S. Darden, Jr.

Miss Hogan was born in Bosque county on August 18, 1897. Her parents, F. E. and Molly Hogan, had passed on before. She was converted to the Baptist faith at the age of 15. In 1904 she moved to Taylor county where she had resided with her uncle, H. F. Darden.

The near relatives, who survive, are her uncles, H. F. and R. S. Darden, Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Annie Darden of the Mt. Pleasant community; Benjamin and Albert Hogan of Oklahoma, and Mrs. Lula Goff of Oklahoma.

Ginnings 1934 Crop Approach 8,000 Bales

Up to Wednesday night 7,928 bales had been ginned for the season at the five plants in Merkel and those at Stith, Blair and Noodle.

For the 1933 crop the same gins turned out 17,038 bales. In 1932 The Mail reported ginnings from the same plants of 27,266 bales.

New Low All-Time Record for Rainfall

Rainfall of only 12 3-4 inches during 1934 set probably an all-time record for this section. In 1933 only 14 1-8 inches was recorded as having fallen, making a total for the two years of 26 7-8 inches, according to records of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale.

Normal for Merkel is 20-22 inches annually, but in 1932, it will be recalled, the abnormal amount of over 47 inches was probably the high record for rainfall in this section.

Now Associate Editor Gladewater Newspaper

Sterling Sheppard is now associate editor of the Gladewater Daily Times, a fact his many friends here will be glad to learn.

After graduating in journalism from the University of Missouri, Sterling served as courthouse reporter for the Dallas Journal for a period more than a year. He left the Journal staff to accept his new place with the Gladewater publication.

Continues Four Days; J. W. Richards As Judge; Lecture By H. M. Rose Friday Afternoon; Auction Friday Night.

Merkel's Fifth Annual Poultry show will open next Wednesday and continue for four days through Saturday. The location will be in the Sears building, next door to the Farmers State bank, if the Dandy Bakery vacates this building in time for preparations to be made; if not, the location will be set elsewhere.

Officers of the Merkel Poultry association are: R. A. Ellis, president; E. H. Cordell, vice-president, and Cattle B. Ellis, secretary and treasurer.

J. W. Richards of Weatherford will again judge the show. Admission is free and the show room will be open to visitors until 9 p. m. each night, except Saturday.

Two features are being especially stressed: a lecture on Friday afternoon at 3:30 by H. M. Rose of Sweetwater on "How to Raise Better Poultry." The lecture is especially for boys and girls but everybody is invited.

The other big feature of the show is the Auction Sale of surplus stock raised by the exhibitors, which takes place at 7:30 Friday night.

Credit Ass'n Announces Abilene Representative

V. B. Carothers, with offices at 214 Alexander building, Abilene, has been appointed local representative of the Coleman Production Credit association of Coleman, Texas, and is ready to assist farmers and stockmen in preparing necessary papers to secure loans for crop or livestock.

Mr. Carothers is also secretary of the Abilene National Farm Loan association. Mr. Carothers has been authorized to write applications and to help farmers in Taylor county and others who prefer to apply at Abilene in closing their loans. Thus local farmers and stockmen are saved the necessity of making a trip to the headquarters office of the association to arrange for loans.

Breaks Left Ankle in Gin Accident Here

Sam Swann had the misfortune to break his left ankle Wednesday afternoon in a fall at the Swann gin here. He was assisting in replacing a belt, when he fell from a ladder and his boot caught in a hole in the floor, wrenching his ankle.

He was carried to Abilene Thursday morning for an X-ray.

THE BOOK

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

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OTHERS TAKE UP THE PEN.

The Epistle to the Hebrews, which in our Bible is attributed to Paul, was almost certainly not written by him. The style is very different from his, and it does not seem likely that he would have addressed a letter particularly to Jews. The best Greek composition in the New Testament is in this letter, and so delicate and persuasive is it that there are those who think they detect a woman's hand. Some have conjectured that Priscilla (Acts 18:1) might have been the writer. In her home Paul had a lodging, and she and Aquila, her husband, were among his very best friends.

The letter is general, but its definite purpose is to convince thoughtful Jews that they will lose nothing by embracing the new faith but, on the contrary, will gain. It says: "You can have all that you cherish most and even more in the Christian faith. Do you love your law? Well you may, but here is the same law written more beautifully. Do you love your temple, your priesthood, your traditions? Everything you have cared for is here, and all the better."

It is noble in its conception of the basic principle of all heroism—faith. Read this grand roll call in chapter eleven:

They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword; they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; . . . they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. . . .

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

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PERSONALS

(Continued from Page One.) Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eppler and daughter of Stanton spent Sunday in the home of Mr. Eppler's sister, Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Gates.

Mrs. W. R. Eppler of Gorman, mother of Mrs. P. H. Gates, is spending a few weeks with her daughter here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray and their three children, Misses Madeline and Mabel, and Gordon, went to Pampa to spend Christmas with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Murray. They returned Thursday of last week, Miss Madeline remaining for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lloyd and family spent Christmas in the home of his parents at Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins and daughter, Anne, of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Collins of Lamesa joined in a Christmas family reunion in the home of their parents here, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Close of Sulphur Springs visited Monday in the home of Mrs. M. L. Holden.

Messrs. Mack and Frances Pittillo and their families, of Waco, stopped over for a brief while, both en route and returning from Colorado, to visit their friend, George Caple.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner were their daughter, Mrs. Ara Brown of San Angelo, and a niece of Mrs. Banner's, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Reaves and their daughter, Mrs. D. C. Holden, of Blackwell.

Mrs. E. E. Beech of Henderson is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor returned Monday to their home at Lewisville after a visit with Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch. Mrs. R. M. Robins of Odessa, who lived here, is visiting Mrs. Teague, and also her mother, Mrs. A. J. Young, in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weatherby of Pecos, the latter a cousin of C. J. Glover, were passing visitors here Tuesday morning.

Holiday visitors with Mrs. H. C. Williams were her daughter, Mrs. E. Q. Warren, of Knox City, and a granddaughter, Miss Josie Mae Pence, also of Knox City.

W. H. Ferguson of Pottaville in Hamilton county is here for an indefinite visit with his brother, Tom Ferguson, and family.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank in Merkel, Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank the second Tuesday in January, 1935, being the 8th day of the month at 4 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and such other business as may come before the meeting.

W. L. Diltz, Cashier.

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We call for and deliver.

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THE BOOK

(Continued from Page One.) of the apostles now began to write. James, the brother of Jesus, had never felt wholly satisfied with Paul's doctrine of faith; he wrote a letter, a strange one for a man of such devotion to the law, of which one might almost say that it was not religious at all, so little did it regard form or ceremony.

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

A younger brother of Jesus, named Jude, also wrote a short letter. It was rather an apology for not writing a longer one which he had in mind to write on "our common Christianity." John, the son of Zebedee, also wrote, though later, three letters, one a remarkably sweet and beautiful letter addressed to no one in particular, and two short ones. Peter, also wrote two letters and rather fine ones, as might have been expected of this blunt courageous man. But no one employed this method to the extent that Paul did. His letters were copied and lent and read and became a kind of unofficial manual for the administration of the churches.

Next Week: An Old Man Sets Out.

HAMPTON-WILLIAMS.

At 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. A. D. Williams and Mr. W. R. Hampton were united in marriage at the home of the bride, Rev. E. C. Dowell, pastor of the Northside Missionary Baptist church, officiating.

Mr. Hampton is a former resident of Merkel, and The Mail joins many friends in extending congratulations to this esteemed couple and rejoices to know that they will continue to make their home here.

CEMETERY NOTICE.

I thank you all for the kindness you have shown me for the care of your lots in 1934 and will give my time and care for lots entrusted to me this year, 1935, as I best I can. So all who want their lots cared for, see me.

J. H. Witcher.

CARD OF THANKS.

The relatives of Miss Josie Hogan wish to thank their many friends for their kindness during the illness and death of their loved one.

H. F. Darden. R. S. Darden and Family. F. T. Hogan and Family. Mae White.

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

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White Church News

Mrs. Mary Strickland Hale of Sweetwater was buried here Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Hale was an old resident of the Canyon but moved to Sweetwater from Merkel several years ago. We always feel so sad to see the dear old ones taken from us, but she left a life that is a joy for younger ones to look to. We sincerely sympathize with the family in their loss.

The holidays have come and gone very quietly here, with a number of homes enjoying family gatherings.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shugart had as guests through the holidays Mrs. Shugart's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Petty, of Throckmorton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Watkins of Rule and Mrs. Florence Tye and son, Charles, of New Mexico visited their sisters, Mrs. W. H. Brown and Mrs. Tom Shugart, during Christmas week.

Mrs. P. A. Riggins has been sick having suffered a fall last week.

The small children of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Conley are sick at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Anderson of Nubia and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Orr and son, Burnett, of Elm visited Mr. and Mrs. P. F. West Sunday. We are glad to report Mrs. West as doing well after her operation at the hospital in Temple some six weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. West recently came home from Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hall of Safford, Ariz., visited in the home of Mrs. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Patterson, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cranford Martin and children and Louise Martin of Wolfe City are visiting in the A. D. Barnes home.

J. R. Bryan and Allen Royals have returned home after several months stay in Alabama.

Mrs. P. R. McLean and children of Wichita Falls spent Christmas with Mrs. W. H. Brown and Nell Pressley. We are wishing every one a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Chevrolet's New Cars On Display Next Week

Chevrolet's two new lines of cars for 1935 will be on display next week in the salesrooms of the Hughes Motor company. The announcement was

WATCH YOUR KIDNEYS!

Be Sure They Properly Cleanse the Blood

YOUR kidneys are constantly filtering impurities from the blood stream. But kidneys get functionally disturbed—lag in their work—fail to remove the poisonous body wastes.

Then you may suffer nagging backache, attacks of dizziness, burning, scanty or too frequent urination, getting up at night, swollen feet and ankles, rheumatic pains; feel "all worn out."

Don't delay! For the quicker you get rid of these poisons, the better your chances of good health.

Use Doan's Pills. Doan's are for the kidneys only. They tend to promote normal functioning of the kidneys; should help them pass off the irritating poisons. Doan's are recommended by all the best doctors. Get them from any drugstore.

DOAN'S PILLS

WEAK AND SKINNY MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Saved by new Vitamins of Cod Liver Oil in tasteless tablets.

Pounds of firm healthy flesh instead of mere scraggy bones! New vigor, vim and energy instead of tired listlessness! Steady, quiet nerves! That is what thousands of people are getting through scientists' latest discovery—the Vitamins of Cod Liver Oil concentrated in little sugar coated tablets without any of its horrid, fishy taste or smell. McCoy's Cod Liver Oil Tablets, they're called! "Cod Liver Oil in Tablets", and they simply work wonders. A little boy of 8, seriously sick, got well and gained 16 1/2 lbs. in just one month. A girl of thirteen after the same disease, gained 8 lbs. the first week and 3 lbs. each week after. A young mother who could not eat or sleep after baby came got all her health back and gained 10 lbs. in less than a month.

You simply must try McCoy's at once. Remember if you don't gain at least 5 lbs. of firm healthy flesh in a month get your money back. Demand and get McCoy's—the original and genuine Cod Liver Oil Tablets—approved by Good Housekeeping Institute. Refuse all substitutes—insist on the original McCoy's—there are none better.

C. M. PRESLEY Jeweler Watches—Diamonds—Silverware 2 STORES 210 Cypress 200 Pine Abilene, Texas

made Thursday by Fred Hughes, owner.

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R & R PALACE Sweetwater

Friday-Saturday Claudette Colbert in "CLEOPATRA"

Sunday-Monday Anne Shirley in "ANNE OF GREEN GABLES"

Tuesday-Wednesday Helen Hays in "WHAT EVERY WOMAN KNOWS"

Thursday Only Stuart Erwin in "THE PARTY'S OVER"

R. & R. RITZ Friday-Saturday Tim McCoy in "THE WESTERNER"

Palace opens Sunday 2 p. m. and runs continuous. Complete show after 9 p. m.

U. S. TAX ON CHECKS Revenue Act of 1934

Section 606 of the Revenue Act of 1934 has amended Section 751 of the Revenue Act of 1932 so as to terminate the U. S. Tax of 2c each on checks on December 31, 1934.

Consequently, we are pleased to advise our customers that no tax will be added to checks paid after January 1, 1935.

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

Merkel, Texas

OFFICERS:

J. T. Warren, President. G. F. West, Vice-Pres. Sam Butman, Sr., Vice-Pres. Booth Warren, Cashier. F. Y. Gaither, Ass't Cashier

FURNISHED APARTMENTS

If you have a furnished apartment or furnished rooms for rent, why not try a classified advertisement in the Merkel Mail? It will cost only 25 cents per insertion.

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MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

A HEARTY WELCOME And

Free Admission Merkel's Fifth Annual POULTRY SHOW

January 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th

Special Features Will Be . . .

A lecture on Friday Afternoon, January 11th at 3:30 o'clock to boys and girls on "How to Raise Better Poultry."

Also Friday night at 7:30 the Big Auction Sale of surplus stock raised by the exhibitors.

(This space paid for by Friends of the Merkel Poultry Show.)

THE BADGER WEEKLY

XMAS HOLIDAYS VS MID-TERM EXAMINATIONS

Back to school after a glorious week of holidays—some of us disappointed, some happy. We find that a number of our Freshmen are looking rather gloomy. The reason is that they found out there is no Santa Claus.

Now that we are back we had better begin to think and do our school work. For it is only three short weeks until the mid-term "exams," and I'm afraid that a good many of us are going to find "there ain't no Santa Claus."

I'm sure everyone had a joyful Xmas meeting old friends, sweethearts, and relatives, going to Grandma's and eating turkey; so let's all get to work and pass these tests. Even Cal is trying to trade his little red wagon, left by jolly St. Nick, for a reference book.

It seems to be the opinion of most of the students that besides the ending of school, the Xmas holidays are the most important event of the year, and the mid-term exams are the worst event outside of the "finals." But if you will keep plugging along, there won't be any trouble.

For the benefit of the new students we will tell you that it is near time for Mr. Burgess's speech of "weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth," and as you go on through school you will find it to be true if you try to make your whole school year one big Xmas holiday without the "good ole mid-term exams."

SYMPATHY.

The entire student body of Merkel High school regret that Mrs. Burgess is ill. We sincerely hope that she will soon be able to return to her home.

The Badger Weekly

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior class of '35—Mrs. R. B. Irwin, Sponsor.

The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Mary Helen Lancaster.
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 Sports Editor—Lloyd Robertson.
 Joke Editor—Joe Earl Lassiter.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Those attending the funeral of Dr. G. H. Watkins, who died early Sunday morning at the home of his son, Dr. O. Watkins, of Longview, and was buried Monday afternoon in the Lubbock cemetery, were: J. P. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford, Mrs. L. Z. Titsworth and son, Jimmie, Mrs. E. Burks and Mrs. Reuben Reeves.

Mesdames Joe Boone and Boots Brown spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English, in Hermleigh.

O. L. Bishop is opening up the cafe on the corner after being out several months.

Miss Sallie Roberts spent last week-end as guest of Mrs. W. H. Howell of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. John Howell of Abilene were here Saturday attending to business and visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Lubbock were Christmas guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Roberts of Fort Worth and Miss LaNelle Richards of Queen City were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tittle visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Hand recently.

Rev. and Mrs. Ted Norton and little daughter of Victoria returned home on the 28th after a pleasant visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wilks spent the holidays visiting relatives and friends at Cordell, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rosson left Monday for Slaton to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford and Mrs. W. F. Steadman had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ketter and daughter, Miss Clancy, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hardison and son, Tommy, Mrs. Carl Atwell and E. George, all of Vernon. Miss Mildred Steadman returned home with them and from those she and Miss Clancy

Our Seniors

Billie Bernice Gambill.

Billie is very popular among her friends and classmates. Why shouldn't she be, for she is a good leader in all our organizations. She is the leader of the Pep Squad, president of the Choral club, and secretary of the Dramatic club. She is friendly, generous, dignified and amiable. Isn't that a good definition for a friend that is liked by everyone?

Joe Earl Lassiter.

Joe Earl is neat, generous and trustworthy with abundant sympathy for those less fortunate than himself. What would "The Badger Weekly" do without its joke editor? To Joe Earl we owe the many pleasures we receive from his good and clean jokes published weekly.

FROM TONY'S SCRAP BOOK.

Women are meant to be loved, not to be understood.

The human is the only animal that can be skinned twice.

Certain thoughts are prayers. There are moments when, whatever be the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees.

Don't part with your illusions. When they are gone you may still exist, but you have ceased to live.

God must have loved the common people. He made so many of them.

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 Some of her Sisters are: Cheerfulness, Loyalty, Care, Courtesy, Economy, Sincerity and Harmony.
 The Baby is Opportunity.
 Get acquainted with the "Old Man" and you will be able to get along pretty well with the rest of the family.

RESUME OF RESOLUTIONS BY HIGH STUDENTS

About this time every year the campus is humming with New Year's resolutions. Some few of these resolutions are carried out but usually they are broken after a few days or weeks.

As I walked about the campus the other day, I heard several resolutions that were made by some students:

"Oh, hum, I'm sleepy, I haven't slept in so long I'm about dead, I'm going to resolve that I shall go to bed earlier and get more sleep this year."—Lynn.

"I've had such a hard time in algebra this first half that I'm going to study and burn some midnight oil so I can pass."—Mary Frances.

"Betty, let's resolve not to be so silly this coming year."—Mary Helen Lancaster.

"I'm not going to Abilene more than twice a week this year."—Bud, Oscar and Jack Lowe.

"I am also going to resolve that I shall have chewing gum for Billie Bernice anytime she asks me for it."—Jack Lowe.

"I have made several resolutions but the main one is to stick to a diet when I go on one."—Sis.

"I am going to resolve that I shall not pay so much attention to the girls, since football season is over."—Cal.

"I've resolved not to try to keep things from people."—Bussie and Joe.

"I'm not going to go with more than four different girls in one week."—Joe.

Truitt Patterson resolves to wash his feet every time he feels like it.

Thelma Matthews resolves to say, "The library doesn't open until the second bell rings," at least forty times each activity period.

Edgar Bradley resolves to drink Ovaltine until he gains four hundred pounds.

Mr. Burgess resolves to live either better or worse during 1935.

Rosemary Lassiter and Janet Hayes resolve not to write more than one billion notes to each other during the coming year.

Mr. Irvin resolves to get a permanent January 21.

Miss Patterson resolves to learn to lace up her own shoes and tie bow knots all by herself.

Tracy Wood resolves to stop kicking in his sleep.

Kit Carson resolves to "sock" somebody every time he doubles up his fist.

Funny Boners

Edith Neil: "Cleo, I see that you have obtained a rather large bay window over the holidays."

Cleo Henley: "Yes, I have been eating army food."

Edith Neil: "How would army food cause you to grow a bay window?"

Cleo Henley: "Oh! every thing I eat seems to go to the front."

Lynn Shelton's teacher received the following notice from his mother:

"Dear Teacher:

Please excuse Lynn's absence from school for 2 days. He caught a skunk."

On one of Mr. Riddle's observation tests for his biology class he asked this question:

Mr. Riddle: "On a cold icy, and snowy morning what do you see on every hand?"

Billie Bernice: "Gloves."

Oscar Adcock: "Where are you going in such a rush?"

Bussie Boaz: "I am going down to Miss Patterson's house to get a recipe."

Oscar: "A recipe? Why she can't cook."

Bussie: "That's what I know. Joe Cook said she used 2 cups of cement in her biscuits and I said she used 3 cups. So I am going to get her recipe to settle the argument."

Mrs. Hayes: "Janet, why do you make lower grades during January and February than in December?"

Janet: "I guess it's because everything is marked down after Christmas."

NEWS BRIEFS.

Merkel High school was extremely glad to have so many visitors Monday. Many of them were old students who were back home from college for the Christmas holidays while others were visitors from other schools. Those here were Billie Gardner, Helen Joyner, Margaret Miller, Nell Hughes, David Gamble, William Catts, Lois Beasley, Gale Peterson and Jim Patterson.

BEST SANTA OF ALL.

Everyone seems to have had a grand Christmas, but it seems that the whole Merkel High school student body has had the best gift of all, the new gymnasium. The gym didn't take a Christmas vacation but just kept on growing until we hardly recognized it this Monday morning. It isn't completed yet but it is so nearly complete that it can be counted as a grand Christmas gift.

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CITY AND SCHOOL TAXES:

Penalties and interest on delinquent taxes due the City of Merkel and the Merkel Independent School District have been remitted, provided said delinquent taxes are paid on or before March 15, 1935.

JOE E. CHILDERS,
 Attorney

HALBROOK-ALLEN.

Miss Anna Laura Allen and Jack Halbrook are announcing their marriage, which was solemnized on

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

SEED OATS free of Johnson grass 60c per bushel in small lots. Sam Butman.

MILK COWS for sale. T. D. Compton, Merkel, Texas, Route 1, three miles east of Noodle.

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FOR SALE—Nice Shetland pony, good for boy to ride. Hughes Motor Company.

MAYHOOD R. I. Red Cockerels for sale, direct from his selected heavy-laying pen; price \$1.00 each. J. W. Teaff.

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FOR RENT

FOR RENT—January 1, store building on Front street, now occupied by Lancaster Radio shop. W. O. Boney.

FOR RENT—Five room house on Oak street, east front, modern conveniences. L. R. Cade.

LEGAL NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE.
The State of Texas,
County of Taylor:

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Taylor County, on the 29th day of December, 1934, by Belle Wellborn, Clerk of said District Court, for the sum of Sixty Nine and 41/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment in favor of The City of Merkel, a public municipal corporation, in a certain cause in said Court No. 1958-B and styled The City of Merkel, a Public Municipal Corporation, vs J. M. Craig, placed in my hands for service, Burl Wheeler, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 31st day of December, 1934, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being lot No. 24 and the north 1-2 of lot 25 in Block 5 Miller Addition to the Town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of J. M. Craig, and that on the first Tuesday in February, 1935, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of J. M. Craig.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 31st day of December, 1934.

Burl Wheeler,
Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas.
By E. D. Davis, Deputy.

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The State of Texas,
County of Taylor:

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Taylor County, on the 29th day of December, 1934, by Belle Wellborn, Clerk of said District Court, for the sum of Four Hundred Forty Nine & 49/100 Dollars and cost of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of The City of Merkel, a public municipal corporation, in a certain cause in said court, No. 1952-B and styled The City of Merkel, a Public Municipal Corporation, vs H. F. Groene, placed in my hands for service, I, Burl Wheeler, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 31st day of December, 1934, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: First Tract: Being all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situated in Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, and being the south 18 feet of lot 18 in block 18 of the T. & P. Addition in the Town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas; Second Tract: Being all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situated in Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, and being lots Nos. 1 and 2, in block 11, T. & P. Addition in the town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of H. F. Groene and that on the first Tuesday in February, 1935, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said H. F. Groene.

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Burl Wheeler,
Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas.
By E. D. Davis, Deputy.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

(Omitted Last Week.)

Mr. and Mrs. James Harris and little Miss Joan of Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris and two children of near Big Spring were holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris.

Sunday afternoon and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cheek of Wink, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Weed and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Weed, all of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Hobby and Truett Hobby of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell and children spent the holidays visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Dora Wharton, of Wichita Falls.

Miss Blanche Carey of Sweetwater and Clements Carey of a CCC camp in New Mexico were home to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas and sons spent Christmas visiting relatives near Lubbock. They were accompanied as far as Big Spring by the latter's mother, Mrs. J. W. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rogers and two sons were Tuesday guests of Mr. Rogers' parents of Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Hobby and Truett Hobby spent Christmas with Mr. Hobby's mother of O'Donnell.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and four daughters were Wednesday night guests of Mrs. W. A. Douglas in Stanton.

Miss Cora Margarette Johnson of Blackwell spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Johnson.

Misses Ruby and Alice Carey entertained the young folks with a party Tuesday night in honor of their brother, Clements Carey, who left for camp early Wednesday morning.

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1935 Ford, Streamline In Every Detail, Being Shown Here This Week

Exhibited in Texas Thursday, December 27, for the first time, the 1935 Fords were placed on display here Saturday by the Merkel Motor company. W. W. Haynes, manager, and Ford salesmen here attended the Dallas preview in Dallas Thursday, returning here to make final preparations for the Merkel showing.

Most striking feature of the new car is body lines which are distinctively modern and a definite departure from any previous Ford design. The new car also embodies a combination of major engineering developments aimed at increased riding comfort, which has been called the "center-poise" ride. Numerous improvements in chassis design to provide increased ease of control also are included. Two important improvements have been made in the Ford V-8 engine. In addition, Ford has developed a new type of body, the touring sedan.

Safety glass is standard equipment, not only in windshields, but also in all doors and windows in all body types. The new car marks the present culmination of developments begun by Ford three years ago at the time of the announcement of the V-8 engine. In the three years intervening, Ford has been engaged in the development of a combination of engineering improvements aimed at providing a degree of riding comfort and ease of control comparable with the performance of the engine itself.

Key to the changes made in outward design is found in the relocation of the front spring and engine. This has permitted moving the body forward so that passengers ride between the axles, and the development of rear quarter panel treatment along flow lines. The car is approximately eight inches longer from bumper to bumper.

Bodies are materially wider. Slanting vertical louvers with horizontal stainless steel beading are combined

to form an attractive hoodside adornment. The radiator ornament is fixed in position, the radiator filler cap being under the hood.

Wheels are smaller, tires larger. Interiors are roomier, with wider seats, front and rear. Span of the front seats has been increased up to 5 1-2 inches, providing room without crowding for three persons, in bodies with full-width seats. The driver's seat in all closed cars is adjustable.

Engine improvements include: Addition of a new system of directed-flow crankcase ventilation, which exhausts water vapor and gases, from the crankcase and valve chamber.

Use of aircraft type copper-lead floating connecting rod bearings similar to those used in high-speed racing car and airplane engines.

A new cast alloy iron camshaft. Additional major chassis improvements include:

Newly designed, internal expanding mechanical type brakes, intended to give more effective braking control.

A new clutch of simplified design,

requiring less pedal pressure at starting and gear-changing speeds and with much softer action.

New, stronger, more rigid frame, heavier front and rear radius rods, wider rear wheel tread and a strengthened rear axle.

The federal tax of two cents on bank checks was discontinued on January first, having been in effect for something like 18 months.

The cost of the 2c tax on checks to the tax-payer nationally has been announced at \$101,000,000.

Joint Installation of Officers. The W. O. W. and the Woodmen Circle will have a joint installation of officers on Friday night, January 4, at 7 o'clock.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Specials at THE RED & WHITE STORES

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JAN. 4-5

- Texas
ORANGES, each 1c
- Texas
GRAPE FRUIT, 6 for 17c
- Winesap
APPLES, each 1c
- Fancy Winesap
APPLES, dozen 25c
- Fine, Ripe
BANANAS, pound 5c
- Firm, Green
CABBAGE, pound 21-2c

Bunch Vegetables

5c

- Nile
SALMON, tall can 10c
- Red and White
PANCAKE FLOUR, package 10c
- Red and White
MAPLE SYRUP, 16 oz. bottle 23c
- Blu Cross
TOILET TISSUE, 3 rolls 22c
- Lady Godiva
TOILET SOAP, 4 bars with wash cloth 19c
- Puffed
WHEAT, package 10c
- Grape Nut
FLAKES, package 10c

- Post
TOASTIES, 2 packages 25c
- Genuine
JELL-O, all flavors, package 7c
- Sun Spun
SALAD DRESSING, pint 17c
- Tex
SPINACH, No. 2 can 10c
- Calumet
BAKING POWDER, 1 lb. can 23c
- Mother's
OATS, with cup and saucer, pkg. 29c
- Red and White
RICE, 2 pound box 17c
- Blue and White
SALT, 2 boxes 8c
- Dried
PEACHES, 2 pounds 28c
- Peanut
BUTTER, 16 oz. jar 17c
- Red and White
LYE, 3 cans 23c
- Red Heart
DOG FOOD, can 10c
- Idaho Rural
SPUDS, 10 pounds 18c
- A-1 Soda
CRACKERS, 2 pound box 19c
- Sliced
BANQUET BACON, pound 25c
- Brick
CHILI, pound 16c
- Full Cream
CHEESE, pound 20c



McCOLLUM-WHEELER.

A wedding of wide social interest was solemnized New Year's morning at 8 o'clock when Miss Alva Wheeler became the bride of Mr. R. A. McCollum.

Baskets of yellow chrysanthemums and fern formed the background for the ring ceremony, which was read by Rev. I. L. Parrack of Chillicothe in the home of the bride's parents. The couple entered to strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Mrs. Yates Brown, who also softly played "Melody of Love" throughout the reading of the ceremony. Only relatives and a few close friends were present.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wheeler of this city. She was wearing a fur-trim traveling suit of pea green tweed, with harmonizing accessories in black. She wore a corsage of Talisman roses and sweet Elysium.

Mrs. McCollum is a former student of C. I. A. Denton, Sul Ross State Teachers college, Alpine, and Hardin-Simmons university, Abilene, and for the past five years has been employed in the public schools of Roscoe.

Mr. McCollum is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McCollum of Clyde. After receiving his degree from Abilene Christian college, Abilene, he served six years as coach for the Roscoe High school. For the past two years he has been employed as superintendent of the Texline schools.

The couple left immediately after the ceremony for Texline, where they will make their home.

Being loved and esteemed by all who know them, both Mr. and Mrs. McCollum have a host of friends here and in surrounding cities who wish them much happiness and success in their new life together.

Out-of-town guests for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McCollum, Clyde; Fayette and Celma McCollum, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Wheeler, Jr., and daughter, Johnny, Trent, Rev. and Mrs. Parrack, Chillicothe.

DUKE-CROUCH.

Miss Jewel Crouch, daughter of Mr. W. H. Crouch, was married to Ralph L. Duke, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Duke, of DeLeon, at 9 o'clock Christmas morning at the home of the bride's mother in Victoria, with Rev. A. J. Carson officiating.

The home was decorated with holly, ferns and palms and the improvised altar was defined by ferns and floor baskets of poinsettias. The bridal music was played by the bride's niece, little Miss Louise Crouch.

The bride wore an ensemble of navy blue with small hat and accessories to match. Her corsage was of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. She was attended by her cousin, Miss Sylvia Rittenhouse, of Huntsville, who wore a gown of lighter blue and a corsage of pink rosebuds. Raymond Weaver attended the groom as best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Duke left immediately after the ceremony for a short wedding trip and will be at home after January 1 here.

Out-of-town guests included T. W. Crouch, of Lubbock, grandfather of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rittenhouse of Huntsville; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Griffith of Norheim; Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Balusek of Bay City, and Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Crouch of Bloomington.

Ralph Duke has been a highly efficient member of the Merkel Public schools for a number of years; in this capacity he is much liked and respected. Active in all civic, religious and social life, he is one of our most popular young men. Merkel society welcomes Mrs. Duke and The Mail joins a host of friends in extending sincerest congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Duke are at home in the Claude Dye residence on Locust street.

HOLIDAY-GET-TOGETHER.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jones on Oak street was the scene of probably the largest Yuletide gathering of the holidays. Miss Christine Collins was co-hostess with Mrs. Jones, entertaining informally on Thursday evening. The entertaining suite was brilliantly done in silver and red climaxing in a silver Christmas tree.

In the game rooms tables were appointed for pool, Anagrams, "42" and bridge; guests chose their favorite diversion. Mrs. Anne Brown entertained with delightful piano music and vocal soloists were Mrs. Ernest Old and Paul West and Delma Compton.

At the refreshment hour delicious turkey salad, red and green rosettes, date and black coffee were served. An old-fashioned "sing-song" was then enjoyed, all the singing guests partici-

participating, which lasted until a late hour.

Invitation for this delightful Christmas party went to Messrs. and Mesdames Ernest Old, L. B. Scott and James Wheeler, Abilene, W. S. J. Brown, Yates Brown, Holland Teaff, W. L. Diltz, Lige Gamble, Ted Nichols, C. B. Gardner, Dee Grimes, Forrest Gaither, R. I. Grimes, Earl Lassiter, Twyman Collins, W. J. Largent, F. C. McFarland, Warren Smith, Henry West, John West, George White, W. T. Sadler, Comer Haynes, Elmer Lowe, C. K. Russell, Ollie Dye, Ross Ferrier, Alfred Costephens, Tom Largent, Fred Hughes, Olin Lusby, Bob Dennis, Booth Warren, Kirby Beckett, Misses Iva Bragg, Abilene, Jess Sutphen, Peggy Barnett, Vera Walker, Vennie Heizer, Mrs. F. C. Harbors, Messrs. Paul West, C. J. Glover, Delma Compton.

CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The home of Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Gambill was opened Thursday evening of last week when their daughter, Miss Billie Bernice, entertained the younger set. The house was colorful in Christmas decoration and delightful informality marked the evening's entertainment. Many delightful indoor games were played, "Table tennis," "Beano," but dancing was chief diversion for the evening.

Delicious hot chocolate and cake were served at the refreshment hour to Misses Lois Beasley of Ropesville, who is Miss Gambill's house guest for the holidays, Betty Lou Grimes, Mary Helen Mashburn, Mary Helen Lancaster, Mildred Richardson, Duncan Briggs, Billy Gardner, Elma Mae Gamble, Mary Frances Cook, Sarah Sheppard, Lois Whiteley, Messrs. Joe Cook, Bessie Brown, Neil Durham, Robert Jr. Grimes, Oscar Adcock, Jack West, Jack Lowe, Waymond Richards, Bud Gambill.

LODGE PARTY.

Another informal gathering on Thursday evening was held on the Sears ranch at the Lodge in a Christmas setting to compliment house guests of Mrs. E. O. Pearson, who were Miss Laura Pearson, Colorado, Miss Dorothy Davis, Sweetwater, and Tom Bullock of Sweetwater. Delightful indoor games were played and gifts distributed from a huge Christmas tree. Dainty refreshments were served to the honorees and Mr. and Mrs. John Olan Lusby, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Pearson, Misses Evelyn Curb, Doris Durham, Johnnie Sears, Messrs. Herbert Dennis and Wrenn Durham.

CLASS RE-UNION.

Another gala occasion for ex-students was held Thursday evening in the home of Jim Patterson, complimenting Seniors of '33. Their class colors, pink and green were combined with mistletoe for house decorations. Indoor games were played. At the refreshment hour delectable pink and green sandwiches were served with hot chocolate to Misses Eleanor Mae Hogan, Opal Huskey, Maurine White, Frances Marie Church, Nell Hughes, Duncan Briggs, Mildred Richardson, Florene Rider, Margaret Miller, Messrs. Gordon Murray, Albert Cade, Sandifer Hollingsworth, Virgil Lee Perkins, Van Roberts, Meyer Mellinger, Terrell Mashburn, Mordell Shouse, Ward Berryman, Messrs. and Mesdames Clyde Foster, Clarence Church, Ray Wilson and W. A. Whiteley, Jr.

DELAYED SOCIETY.

Mrs. G. C. Farrow of Abilene entertained members of the Bridge Club Thursday afternoon before Christmas. The apartment was most inviting in its Yuletide decorations. Tables were appointed for contract bridge with dainty tallies in holiday motif.

At the tea hour Mrs. Farrow was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Tom Largent, in serving chicken salad, cheese squares, coffee, and plate favors were corsages fashioned of candy. Guests going over were Mesdames Sadler, Duffer, Mayfield, White, Boaz, Higgins, Largent, Zehn-pennig, Misses Nell Durham, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Christine Collins and Mrs. Day of Abilene.

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB PARTY.

Mrs. Henry West most graciously entertained members of the Fortnightly Study club with a Christmas party on Tuesday afternoon. A sub-

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CHURCH SERVICES

METHODIST CHURCH.

Last Sunday was the last Sunday of the year 1934. If you lost the opportunity of being in Sunday School and at church you have lost that one forever; it will never come back to you again. But next Sunday you may have another opportunity. Will you let it also pass? If so, it will be gone forever. Come 9:45 a. m.

Missing—Last Sunday, some families from church.
Stolen—Several hours from the Lord's day by a number of people of different ages dressed in their Sunday clothes.

Strayed—Half a score of lambs, believed to have gone in the direction of "No Sunday School."

Misaid—A quantity of silver and copper coins on the counter of a public house, the owner being in a state of great excitement.

Wanted—Several young people. When last seen, were walking in pairs up Sabbath Breakers' Lane, which leads to the City of No Good.

Lost—A lad, carefully reared, not long from home, and for a time promising. Supposed to have gone with one or two older companions to Prodigal Town, Husk Lane.

Any person assisting in the recovery of the above shall in nowise lose his reward.—Taken from "Heart Throbs."

Preaching at 11 a. m. This is communion day, and we invite you to be with us in this holy service, and on the first Sunday of the New Year, 1935. Young people's meeting 6:15. Preaching 7 p. m. Women's meeting Monday 2:30 p. m. Boys' and girls' World Club Monday 4 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. It's the first Sunday of the New Year. Start the year right by being one of those present and promptly on time.

Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Preaching at 7 p. m. and prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

You are cordially invited to all of these services.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. B. Y. P. U. 6:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. W. M. U. at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Y. W. A. at 4:30 Monday afternoon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here for the last Sunday in 1934 was 735, as compared with 636 for the last Sunday in 1933. Attendance on the previous Sunday was 746.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m., subject, "The Call of Calamity." Young people 6 p. m. Junior young people 6:45 p. m. Preaching 7 p. m., subject, "The Friend of Caesar." Mid-week service Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

We invite you to attend any or all services.

Flavil E. Yeakley, Minister.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

There is a tendency in the winter to stay at home and not attend church and Sunday School, especially on the

class president, appointed a committee to get the Seniors together next year.

Delicious pecan pie and coffee on a plate carrying out the colors, orchid and yellow, were served to the following members: Sarah Sheppard, Lois Whiteley, Billie Gardner, Bessy Lee Church, Frances Adcock, Caribel Moore, Wanda Hunter, Helen Joyner, Vivian Lasater, Gertrude Stanley, Waldeine Huskey, Clara B. White, Marybel Douglas, David Gamble, Jack West, Neil Durham, Tommy Jones, Kenneth Cribley, Howard Carson, Jack Patterson, J. R. Higgins, Clovis Stanley, Milton Shannon, and three visitors: J. E. Graham, an old classmate, Sis Gamble and L. V. Moore.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Marvin Estes Jones entertained a number of his friends at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Marvin Smith, on his fifth birthday. His birthday being Christmas day, the house was decorated accordingly. The gifts were presented by Miss Mickey Diltz from the Christmas tree. Games were enjoyed and then the children passed into the dining room where the tables were decorated with "Mother Goose Rhymes" animals as centers and miniature animals as place cards.

The cake was cut and served with hot chocolate to the following guests: Mickey Diltz, Marjorie Anne Walker, Nell Snow, Frances Fay, Loretta Patton, Peggy Dye, Patricia Ann Beasley, Jerry Boots Smith, Wayne McClain, Billy Diltz, John Robert Walker, Wayne Patton, Emory Eakman Diltz and the host, Marvin Estes Jones.

SENIORS OF THIRTY-FOUR.

The Seniors of '34 enjoyed a reunion Saturday night in the home of Mrs. Lige Gamble. The committee, Lois Whiteley, Billie Gardner and Caribel Moore had games, contests and other forms of entertainment planned, using tallies to get one's partners. High school days, college days, the Christmas holidays and other subjects were discussed during the entertaining hours. David Gamble,

part of some people. We frequently hear folks say, "We do not have clothing sufficient to go to church," but as long as they have clothes to go to town and elsewhere that they want to go, we see no reason for not attending church. Excuses are easily made, but they will not stand at the judgment.

Dear Nazarene, ask yourself this question, "What would our church be, if every member attended just like me?" Are you doing your best? Come on, let's give our Sunday School and N. Y. P. S. a real boost next Sunday.

We had a great time in the Lord last Sunday and 29 of us enjoyed a watch night program at the church Monday night.

I am asking our friends to be back with us on the street at 2:30 Saturday afternoon.

Preaching Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sunday School 10 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 6:50 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

What shall we do with Jesus during 1935? As for me, I am going to exalt His holy name and hold His standard high. "Be ye perfect" is the standard left for us. During 1934 some brought reproach upon the cause of Christ by an insane craving for things of the world. Jesus said, "Love not the things of the world, neither the things that are in the world, for he that loveth the things of the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Again, "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." Some are leading the prodigal life, and when they land in the hog pen, like the prodigal of the Bible, their insanity will flee and they will return, saying "I have sinned." They shall be forgiven, but like the prodigal their influence in the eyes of the world is gone and is difficult to build up again.

The Lord wishes His church to be without spot or blemish or any such thing.

Next Sunday will be one of the

great days in the history of our church. Be sure and be at the 11 o'clock service. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Preaching every Saturday night, Sunday 11 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. Sunday afternoon at 2:30 Brother Bill Dowell will be ordained to the ministry, after which we will take the Lord's supper and then we will go to the water's edge and, like our Saviour did, baptize those who have believed. We want to wish you all a happy, Christian life during 1935.

We welcome you to our services.
Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

RURAL SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS PARTY.

On Saturday night, December 22, Genevieve Cox entertained a number of her friends with a Christmas party. After games were played refreshments of Christmas candy were served to the following:

D. C. Johnson, Mutt Doan, Mabel Maddox, Dora Mae Meeks, Elwina Doan, Anna Addison, Nell Hughes, J. L. Meeks, Sildon Snow of Amarillo, LaVerne Hughes, Lucy Moore, William Hughes, Jack Moore, Edith Akins, Harold Cox, Lou Ella Hughes, Elwood Cox, Hollis Shuck, Bill Williams, John Malone, Emmett Price, Sarah and Neva Malone, Cynthia Rister, Robert Malone, Wesley Rister, John and Clyde Campbell, Mabel and Alma Cox, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks, Mrs. Bob Malone, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cox and daughter, Ona Fay, of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cox and the 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 8th day of January, 1935, 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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Salmons Tall cans Fancy pinks Pure Ribbon Cane With a good flavor
Syrup

Graham Crackers National Excel 2 Lb. Box 21c	Crackers Excel Saltines 2 Lb. Box 19c
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Prunes They are delicious Healthy and sanitary 5 Lb. Box 39c
Coffee Maxwell House 3 pound can 88c
Fresh Spinach, Collards, Green Onions, Fresh Tomatoes, Squash, New Potatoes, Lettuce, Celery, Little Joe Sweet Potatoes, Bell Peppers, Cauliflower, Rutabaga Turnips and Cabbage.

Bananas Fancy Fruit DOZEN 15c	Strawberries Pint Boxes 2 FOR 35c
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Beets Large bunches Nice for canning EACH 5c
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