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GYMNASIUM TO BE READY FOR OVALO GAME

Work Practically Finished: Despite Temporary Halt of Federal Aid, School Board to Complete the Job.

Although work relief in Taylor county was temporarily halted Wednesday night, Superintendent R. A. Burgess stated Thursday morning that construction work on the new school gymnasium-auditorium was practically completed with the exception of the sidewalks and some odds and ends in the interior.

Hence, plans now are to have the gymnasium completed and ready for the opening basketball game with Ovalo on the night of January 22. The school board, however, will probably wait until federal work relief is resumed before laying the sidewalks.

Two other local projects were also temporarily stopped: the White Church and the Blair projects, both school projects.

It was announced from the local relief office that, beginning Monday of this week, direct relief was cut 25 per cent, due to a reduction in the January allotment for Taylor county.

New Grand Jury in 42nd District Is Empaneled

John Harrison of Guion is foreman and Vic Payne of Abilene, secretary, of the grand jury of the 42nd district court, impaneled Monday morning by Judge Milburn S. Long.

One Merkel man, Fred C. Hughes, and Ernest Meeks of Blair are included in the panel. Other members of the body are: Walter Latta, Ovalo; O. C. Williams, Abilene; Paul Copeland, Lawn; Virgil Riddle, Ovalo; Fleming James, Abilene; Roy Darby, Caps; John Christian, Shep, and T. E. Savage, Tuscola.

Only Brother of J. Ben Campbell Passes Away

Too late for chronicling in last week's issue of The Mail, J. Ben Campbell received word late Thursday, January 8, of the death of his brother, Charles Campbell, age 56, at Delores, Col., that day.

Charles Campbell was reared in East Texas but formerly lived at Sweetwater for a number of years. He is survived by his wife and three children, the brother here and one sister, Mrs. Alice Akin, Olton, Texas.

Most Outstanding Woman.

New Rochelle, N. Y., Jan. 10.—For the second time in succession, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt is at the head of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt's list of the 10 outstanding women of the year.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 8, 1915.)

W. F. Dupree of Farmersville, formerly of this place, returned the first of the week and has been spending much time shaking hands with friends.

Miss Gladys Walters and Virginia Swafford visited friends in Abilene the latter part of the week.

A petition was presented the city council to pass an ordinance against hitching horses to awnings and light posts. This was discussed at length but was tabled by the aldermen in the hope of a better way of handling this trouble.

Clifford, the fifteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rose, was painfully burned Monday morning when his overalls caught fire.

P. C. Forrester of Trent was in Merkel Monday on business and said he yet had about thirty bales of cotton to gather, some of which was very fine and had never been picked over while the other had been given the once over and was again very white.

In August, 1913, the City of Merkel purchased a horse drawn apparatus as an addition to our Fire Department. Probably this purchase was prompted in the minds of those who made the purchase by knowing that

FARM INCOME SHOWS GAIN OF 28 PER CENT

New York, Jan. 10.—Gross income in the United States during 1934 was estimated by the Standard Statistics Co. Wednesday to total \$8,056,000,000, an increase of 28 per cent over 1933.

Of the total income, \$7,356,000,000 was figured as the return from marketing and the value of staples consumed on farms. The remaining \$700,000,000 is accounted for by benefit payments and drouth relief disbursements, which represented 8.7 per cent of the value of all crops and livestock.

Will Co-Operate In Sale Of Basketball Tickets

A committee of six, with Dee Grimes as chairman, was named by President Charlie Jones of the Lions club at the Tuesday luncheon to assist in the sale of basketball tickets and to co-operate with Coach Irvin during the approaching high school basketball season.

Other members of the committee are: Milton Case, Booth Warren, L. C. Zehnpennig, Olin Lusby and Carlton Vick.

At Tuesday's luncheon C. D. Whatley was voted into membership as the 26th on the roster of the re-organized Merkel Lions club.

Deputy Tax Collector To Be Stationed Here

A deputy from the office of County Tax Assessor-Collector Grady Parmely, Comer Patterson, will be stationed in Merkel, beginning January 24 and continuing through the end of the month, with duplicate tax rolls for state and county. He can also issue poll tax receipts as well as official tax receipts. The tax payer is asked to bring his pink slip.

Comer will start work on the 15th in the office of Mr. Parmely at Abilene and, after a day in Trent, on the 23rd, will come to Merkel, as stated, for the rest of the month. The place for collections will be announced later.

The deputy here will not be authorized to register cars, as licenses are not available until February 1 and will not be required until April 1 this year.

At the same time the tax payer settles his taxes, he may render his property for 1935, Mr. Parmely states.

Will Accept \$7,000,000.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Jan. 10.—Counsel for Christopher Reynolds, posthumous son of Smith Reynolds, filed formal notice of a proposed settlement of the tobacco heir's estate under which he would receive \$7,000,000.

in addition to giving our town better protection it would also lower our KEY-RATE. This supposition was correct, Merkel is entitled to a reduction of 3 cents in our key rate. Let's Have It!

For Sale—Good family horse, safe for women and children to drive. Mrs. E. M. Rust.

On Thursday evening, December 31st, at the Methodist church, Mr. Ira Shaffer and Miss Ezma Allday were married. Rev. Garvin pronounced the marriage ceremony. Mr. Ernest Rogers and Miss Ona Johnson were the attendants. Miss Eva Williams played Mendelssohn's wedding march.

On Saturday evening Miss Rennie Mae Burns entertained a few of her friends at her home on Rose street. Delicious fruit and candies were served to Misses Mamie and Vida McNeese, Letha Lee Burns, Janie Lee Weir, Mabel Laney and the hostess; Messrs. Charley Christopher, Paul Stanford, Emerson Derrington, Homer Laney, Ulysses McNeese, Ira and Otis Burns. A number of games were enjoyed, all report a good time.

Miss Beulah Overshiner visited in Abilene last week.

250 IN ATTENDANCE JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS W. O. W., WOODMEN CIRCLE

The Woodmen of the World and the Woodmen circle held joint open house at the W. O. W. hall Friday night, January 4, for the installation of officers for the ensuing year. Mrs. Lila R. Rea, guardian and presiding officer of Merkel Grove No. 563, called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Jannie B. Garner of Colorado, district deputy, acted as installing officer for the Woodmen circle, Miss Faye O'Bar of Abilene, state attendant, as installing attendant, and Mrs. Hattie Gafford of Trent, as installing chaplain.

The following officers of Merkel Grove No. 563 were installed: Lila R. Rea, guardian; Pearl Hollingsworth, past guardian; Winnie Turner, banker; Sallie Gant and Luna White, auditors; Emma R. Richardson, financial secretary; Iris Garrett, corresponding secretary; Alice Wallace, organist; Sallie Gant, captain; Lillian Mathews, attendant; Mary Click, assistant attendant; Elizabeth Allday, chaplain; Katie Church, adviser; Sallie Mathews, junior supervisor; Mary Provine, inner sentinel; Ruby Barnett, outer sentinel.

W. M. Elliott, retiring council commander, assisted by A. D. Barnes, district deputy, acting as escort, installed the following officers of the Woodmen of the World: W. M. Blair, council commander; B. B. Reynolds, adviser commander; A. D. Fulton, banker; A. J. Lloyd, clerk; Leon Toombs, escort; J. R. Walker, watchman; Carl Mathews, sentry; Harry Barnett, team captain, and W. M. Elliott, manager.

The following distinguished guests were introduced and given the honor salute: Mrs. Tressie Goldtucker of Stamford and Mrs. Jannie B. Garner of Colorado, district managers, and (Continued on Page Five)

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Joe Laroe was elected fire chief of the Terrell fire department Monday night for the thirty-fifth successive year.

Hogs on the Fort Worth livestock market reached a top of \$8.15 Wednesday, the highest price paid there since 1928.

The Broadway overpass at Sweetwater, a 943-foot structure of steel and concrete, entailing a cost of \$160,000, was opened at 11 a. m. Monday with appropriate ceremonies.

Malcolm M. Meek, of Corpus Christi, Tuesday became president of the Citizens National bank of Abilene, succeeding George L. Paxton, Sr., who was named chairman of the board.

One hundred and sixty-eight employees of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas lines car building department returned to work Tuesday at Denison as the railroad began a program of repairs to high capacity cars.

A man identified as John Connor, believed to have been a transient from Pennsylvania, was decapitated when he fell from a moving freight train he attempted to board near the passenger station at Marshall.

By a vote of 80 to 68 Coke R. Stevenson of Junction was elected speaker of the Texas house of representatives Tuesday for his second term. He defeated R. W. Calvert of Hillsboro, who was James V. Alfred's choice.

Mrs. Alice Littlefield, 88, widow of the late George W. Littlefield, pioneer Texas land owner and benefactor of the University of Texas, died Wednesday at the family mansion adjacent to the university campus at Austin.

R. Cannon Clements of Lubbock has been awarded the Cecil Rhodes scholarship from Texas. The award consists of a two-year fellowship at Oxford university, England, with an annual allowance of 400 pounds (almost \$2,000).

George Mahon, representative in congress from the new 19th district of Texas, has been elected secretary of the Texas delegation in the house of representatives. Representative Fritz Lanham was named chairman of the Texas delegation.

John W. WeGee, 56, discoverer of the Texas Panhandle and other oil fields, was killed in an automobile accident near Clarendon. His neck was broken when the machine in which he was riding struck a concrete culvert and overturned.

Federal Crew Will Assist in Terracing

Shortly after January 15th a crew of federal men will work out of Merkel to assist those who desire to terrace their land. Any one interested in this development is asked to consult with County Agent Heald, through whose office the crew will make contacts.

It is stated there will be two crews in the county, their functions being to survey and layoff the tracts and give instructions generally.

PERSONALS

Hyman Harrison of Abilene, a former pupil of Miss Dota Garoutte, paid her a call Monday while in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Bland and family left Thursday of last week for Los Angeles, Calif., where they will make their future home.

Mrs. R. O. Pearson has been visiting since Saturday with her grandparents in Itasca. She is expected to return Friday of this week.

S. A. Coates has returned from a visit with his son in Fort Worth, having accompanied Mrs. Ansell Coates on her return home.

Max Mellinger left Tuesday for Dallas for an early purchasing trip to the spring market. He will be away two or three days.

G. P. Bradley, one of the old timers of Tuscola, was a visitor Tuesday in the office of The Merkel Mail, renewing his subscription for another year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner have as guests in their home two granddaughters, Mrs. C. A. Russell and children of Houston and Mrs. R. A. May and son of Colorado.

H. M. Vanlandingham and family, who have been at Odessa the past year, have returned to this section and are occupying their home place in the Mt. Pleasant community.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Watford removed Wednesday to make their home at Midland. We regret to lose these good people from our midst but extend best wishes for their future happiness and success.

Mrs. Amy Sears and Miss Mary Eula Sears have returned from a holiday visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eysen in Tyler. Miss Sears also visited with Mr. and Mrs. June Brewer in Clarksville.

Supt. R. A. Burgess drove to Temple last week-end bringing Mrs. Burgess back with him Monday, following her convalescence after a major surgical operation at Scott and White's sanitarium there.

Mrs. W. E. Carr has returned from a ten days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Boules of Jefferson. Paul and Ralph Fox accompanied her. While in East Texas, Mrs. Carr visited in Shreveport and other cities of Louisiana.

Rev. C. C. Montandon of Waurika, Okla., accompanied by Mrs. Montandon and their daughter, Patsy Lou, were visitors in Merkel Tuesday. Rev. Mr. Montandon was pastor of the Nazarene church here in 1927, removing later to Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Campbell and little daughter, Betty, returned Wednesday from Borger. Mrs. Campbell had been visiting her sister, Mrs. M. R. Brookerson, there and when Tracy joined her they also visited with his sister, Mrs. J. G. McFarland, at Friona.

A New Year's dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Ellis was enjoyed by the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Grogan and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Grogan, Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Grogan, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Grogan and family, of Truby, Dr. and Mrs. Arwood of Anson and Mr. and Mrs. Castle B. Ellis of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes, old time residents of Merkel, have removed from Westbrook to again make their home here and will occupy the (Continued on Page Five.)

NO WOMAN NOW IN STATE SENATE; HOUSE HAS TWO

Austin, Jan. 10.—The only woman ever to serve in the Texas senate retired voluntarily Tuesday as the 44th legislature convened. The number of feminine Texas legislators remained constant, however, as the house of representatives gained a second one.

Miss Margie E. Neal of Carthage, a senator for eight years, accepted a federal position last summer and did not seek re-election.

Mrs. Helen B. Moore of Texas City, a member of the 42nd house of representatives, returned after a two year absence to join Mrs. Sarah T. Hughes of Dallas, re-elected for a third term.

Four Merkel Boys in New CCC Enrollment

Four local boys are included in the selection of a group of 28 Taylor county youths for enrollment in the CCC, recently announced by County administrator Lloyd B. Thomas. They are: Leo Tucker and Randall Weldon, Merkel, and Glen Thornton, route 5, and George Gray, route 3.

They were asked to report to Big Spring Tuesday to be enlisted at the United States recruiting station and will be assigned to a camp in New Mexico.

Group Local Woodmen Attend Dis't Session

A large delegation of Woodmen from Merkel attended the session of the sixth district, held at the W. O. W. hall in Abilene Thursday night of last week and at which delegates from 17 camps were present.

R. E. Davis of Dallas, Texas manager of the Woodmen of the World, and Dr. C. J. Koerth, superintendent of the W. O. W. hospital at San Antonio, were special guests.

Those going from here were: R. T. Blair, H. C. Reid, J. R. Walker, Lige Harris, W. L. Blair, R. H. Mathews, W. M. Elliott, A. D. Barker, A. J. Lloyd, Arnold Lloyd, Judson Lloyd, and Joe Reneau.

Dandy Bakery Now Occupies New Home

The Dandy Bakery moved Tuesday of this week into its own newly constructed home next door to the post office, and Wednesday's trade was supplied as usual, without the ovens missing a shift.

Al McGehee, genial owner and proprietor of the Dandy Bakery, has been supplying bread and cake needs of Merkel and this community most of the time since 1922, when he first entered the business here.

He starts 1935 in a handsome new brick front structure especially arranged and adapted for the requirements and convenience of his modernly equipped plant.

258 ENTRIES IN MERKEL'S FIFTH POULTRY SHOW

Judging Starts Thursday; Free Lecture by H. M. Rose and Big Auction Sale Features of Friday's Program.

When entries closed Wednesday afternoon for Merkel's Fifth Annual Poultry show, there were 258 birds on exhibit, according to the final tabulation of Secretary Castle B. Ellis. Last year 312 birds were entered, while in 1933 254 chickens were in competition.

The show, which is being held in the Fulwiler building, started Wednesday and will continue through Saturday. Admission is free and the doors will be open evenings to visitors, except Saturday.

R. A. Ellis, president of the Merkel Poultry association, is superintendent of the show, with W. C. Eoff as assistant superintendent.

Judging by J. W. Richards, of Weatherford, started Thursday morning and will be completed Friday.

There are two big features on Friday's program: a lecture at 3:30 p. m. by H. M. Rose of Sweetwater, especially to boys and girls, on "How to Raise Better Poultry," and the other big feature is the annual auction sale at 7:30 Friday night.

F. & M. National Renames Officers

The same board of directors of the Farmers' and Merchants National bank of Merkel were re-elected at the annual meeting of stockholders of that institution held Tuesday and the directors, in turn, renamed the same officers for another year.

The directors are: J. T. Warren, G. F. West, Sam Butman, Sr., George L. Paxton, Sr., and Both Warren. The officers are: J. T. Warren, president; G. F. West, Sam Butman, vice-presidents; Both Warren, cashier, and Forrest Gaither, assistant cashier.

Government Buyers Here Friday Morning

To complete cattle purchases under a supplementary quota of 1,000 head announced for Taylor county last Friday, buyers will be in Merkel Friday morning, Trent Friday afternoon and at Shep next Monday.

Dr. Thomas Thompson, veterinarian, and Hale Kirby, appraiser, will be accompanied to the concentration centers by John W. Ward, from the office of C. Metz Heald. He will have on hand the necessary papers, from the agent's office.

With completion of buying under the supplementary allotment, purchases in the county under the emergency program will total 12,313 head.

THE BOOK

... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible,"

and which contains Four Great Treasures

64 BRUCE BARTON

AN OLD MAN SETS OUT.

Paul left Ephesus after the riot, but not to return to Jerusalem; he was going across into Europe again. We may imagine the conversation that took place, for we get a wonderful glimpse into his mind in the letters to the Corinthians.

"You are going over the same ground again, Paul?"

"Yes, but every time widening the circle. This is my third time out, and each time I make a little larger swing, and see the work growing."

"When do you get back to Jerusalem?"

"Next spring at Easter. I am going to take back the biggest collection that the Jerusalem church ever received."

"Are you going to stay there?"

"Stay there? Do you think I could ever be content to settle down and stay in Jerusalem?"

"But you are getting to be an old man, and travel is hard on you and dangerous."

"Yes, I have been in dangers of many kinds. It has been my privilege to travel farther than any of the other apostles, in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft."

Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness."

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Ewell Rutherford and little daughter of Tuxedo returned home Sunday after a visit of several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith.

Mrs. Bob Johnson of Big Spring is the house guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. P. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Cogburn of Fort Worth were guests Sunday night and Monday of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond O'Neal were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. O'Neal of Sweetwater.

Murrell Mangel of Vernon was a recent guest of old friends here.

Miss Thelma Nalley returned the first of the week to Dallas after spending the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Floyd Martin, and relatives and friends.

Bob Billington was a recent visitor with his parents at Gould, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers spent a few hours Sunday afternoon visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ivy of Sweetwater.

Mesdames A. Williamson and C. C. Stribling were guests on Wednesday of last week of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Terry at Clyde. Miss Jean Terry, who is in training at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, returned with them to Abilene to resume her work.

Miss Pete Smith returned Sunday to Sweetwater to resume her school duties.

Prof. Sidney Pass and wife of Abilene returned home Tuesday morning after being here since Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burkhardt of Lamesa were recent guests of their son, Bry Burkhardt, and family, also a daughter, Mrs. Finch and children.

Mrs. Bessie Billings, who has been in Cisco for treatment the past two weeks, is reported as slightly improved.

Mrs. Harold Bowles and little daughter of Eastland came Tuesday for an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. Pauline Freeman.

Misses Flora B. Russell and Ginger Hasting of Roscoe visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Halbrook Monday evening.

Mrs. J. P. Roberts entertained a number of friends Saturday evening, honoring her guest, Mrs. Bob Johnson, of Big Spring.

Mrs. Clifford Estep and little daughter, Cliffla Jean, returned Monday from Crossland where they had been since the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Reid of Chicago visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Burton, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curley Edwards had as their week-end guests, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Childress and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Anson.

Mrs. Marvin Murdock, who has been visiting relatives in Dallas for the past two weeks, was joined there by her husband and returned home Sunday via Denton where they visited Mr. Murdock's brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Curley Edwards had as their guests Sunday evening Mrs. L. B. Fuller and son, Bert, of Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart have as their guest Mrs. Stewart's father, Mr. Chitman, of Jackson. Miss Friends of Mrs. Stewart will be pleased to know she has been improving in health recently.

The Mail wishes to make correction

WEAK AND SKINNY MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN

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

Friends of firm healthy flesh instead of lean, emaciated bones! New vigor, vim and energy instead of tired listlessness! Steady, quiet nerves! This is what thousands of people are getting through scientific 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 5, seriously sick, got well and gained 10 1/2 lbs. in just one month. A girl of thirteen after the same disease, gained 5 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 3 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 209 Pine Abilene, Texas

of an error in recent issues whereby Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse were reported as "of Winters." Quite to the contrary, they remain as residents of Trent, where Mrs. Shouse is a teacher in the public schools.

W. O. W. AND WOODMEN CIRCLE ENTERTAIN.

Joint installation of officers of the Woodmen and Circle organization were held at the High school auditorium on Wednesday evening, January 2.

Preceding the installation a program was rendered by local talent consisting of a playlet, "A Woman's Place," by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliott, Cullen Tittle, Gladys Hamner, Bo Terry; a Cowboy Ensemble composed of A. C. Terry, Jr., Mark Williamson, T. G. Murdock, Billie Joe Bowers; special music by Ed Freeman, guitar accompaniment; reading, "Blessed are They that Mourn," Mrs. John Payne. Guest speaker, W. A. Tidwell, district manager of W. O. W., and other notables present were: Mrs. Tressie Goldstick of Stamford, Mrs. Jannie B. Garner of Colorado, district manager, Faye O'Bar of Abilene, state attendant. They also served in official capacity in installing the following officers:

Circle—Mrs. Roy Elliott, guardian; Mrs. Hattie Gafford, secretary; Mrs. Lela Bishop, banker; Mrs. Juanita Payne, attendant; Mrs. Ada Stevens, chaplain; Mrs. Agnes Burks, past guardian; Mrs. Minnie Eula McLeod, inner sentinel; Mrs. Madge Crain, advisor, and Miss Gladys Hamner, outer sentinel.

W. O. W.—T. L. Stevens, council commander; J. C. Terry, senior lieutenant; J. T. Halbrook, banker; J. R. Gafford, secretary; H. Cooper, escort; J. R. Billington, watchman; H. K. Kegans, sentry; O. Bishop, E. Burks and W. M. Cooper, auditors.

Refreshments of cake and pie were served to about one hundred guests, including visitors from Merkel and other lodges.

AGED PIONEER, CHRISTIAN LADY DIES.

Mrs. T. J. Williamson, generally called "Grandma Williamson," passed away at her home Sunday morning at 8 o'clock after an extended illness lasting over a period of twenty years. She had been confined to her bed for the past three months.

Funeral rites were held from the M. E. church at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon with the Rev. U. S. Sherrill, former pastor here but now of Broom, assisted by the present pastor, Rev. W. B. Reaves, officiating. Interment was in Trent cemetery beside her husband, the late T. J. Williamson, who preceded her nine years.

Survivors include five children: Mrs. Norma Davis, Long Beach, Calif.; Clarence, Alex and Tom Williamson and Mrs. Pauline Freeman, of Trent. Thirteen grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and a host of friends mourn her going.

Pallbearers were: Hubert Beckham, Ben Howell, John Strawn, Bry Burkhardt, Bill Reynolds and Ollie Smith. Flower girls: Mrs. Allen Terry, Misses Virgie Strawn, Jean Scott, Kathleen Shannon and Willa Dean Strawn.

Mrs. Williamson was born in Arkansas, August 3, 1852, and came to Texas in 1908. She lived in Merkel about a year before she moved to Trent.

Those who came from out of town for the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith, Aubrey Dowdy, Rev. W. H. Howell, Abilene; Mrs. May Day, Eskota; Mr. and Mrs. E. Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. E. Meeks, Nubia; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chambers, Mrs. G. D. Harris and family, Merkel.

FOR SALE.

We have a number of boys' and men's good all-wool suits for sale at a ridiculously low price. Come in and see them.

Blake's Dry Cleaners Next door to "M" System Phone 68.

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

THE BOOK

(Continued from Page One.)

"That is a long list of perils, Paul. It must nearly have broken you down."

"I have still a heavier burden, my anxiety for all the churches I have established."

"Do you carry them on your mind and feel responsible for them?"

"Who is weak and I am not weak? Who is caused to stumble and I burn not?"

"You have done a great work and have much to be proud of."

"I am proud of it, and have been criticized as being vain about it. I have sometimes been ashamed of myself for letting people know my pride and joy in all this. Yet, while I have sometimes made myself a fool by seeming to boast, I really am not boastful. God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of Christ and in the joy of service."

"When you go out again where shall you go?"

"Back again over the same ground, but more widely, to all the Roman sub-capitals in Asia Minor and Greece, and then to Rome."

Next Week: Paul in Irons.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

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HELP KIDNEYS

If your kidneys function badly and you have a lame, aching back, with attacks of dizziness, burning, scanty or too frequent urination, getting up at night, swollen feet and ankles, rheumatic pains... use Doan's Pills.

Doan's are especially for poorly functioning kidneys. Millions of boxes are used every year. They are recommended the country over. Ask your neighbor!

DOAN'S PILLS

COUGHING, WEAK AND THIN AFTER FLU

"I nearly died from 'flu' last October, and it left me with a terrible cough."

"I saw Milks Emulsion advertised and started using it. It helped me right from the start. I had no appetite and my stomach was in bad shape. But 12 bottles have straightened me out entirely. I eat anything without distress, my cough is gone and I have gained back my strength and flesh."

—Emma Withers, Box 50, Belmont, N. C.

Milks Emulsion restores healthy, natural bowel action. Milks Emulsion is strongly recommended to those whom sickness has weakened.

This is the only solid emulsion made, and so palatable that it is eaten with a spoon like ice cream. Wonderful for weak, sickly children. You are urged to try Milks Emulsion. Take six bottles home with you, use it according to directions and if not satisfied with the results, your money will be promptly refunded. Price 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. The Milks Emulsion Co., Terre Haute, Ind. Sold by druggists everywhere.

Condensed Statement of THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL.

Close of Business December 31, 1934

RESOURCES

Table with 2 columns: Resource Name and Amount. Includes Loans, Time and Demand (\$137,458.32), Overdrafts (583.30), Real Estate on Hand (8,584.25), Furniture and Fixtures (6,500.00), Stock in Fed. Res. Bank (2,250.00), 5% Redemption Fund (312.50), Interest in Fed. Dep. Ins. Corp. (935.96), Other Resources (1,923.62), U. S. Bonds for Circulation (6,250.00), U. S. and Other, Bonds and Warrants (\$ 71,827.63), Cotton, Bills of Exchange (6,186.27), Gov. 12c Loans (94,342.92), Cash On Hand and Due From Banks (144,140.47), AVAILABLE CASH (316,497.29), Total (\$481,295.24)

LIABILITIES

Table with 2 columns: Liability Name and Amount. Includes Capital Stock (\$ 50,000.00), Surplus and Undivided Profits (7,942.49), Circulation (6,250.00), DEPOSITS (417,102.75), Total (\$481,295.24)

The above statement is correct. Booth Warren, Cashier.

RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This bank is operated by a Board of Directors who give much time and effort in order that our bank will be of the greatest good to our community.

Composed of responsible men, their connection with the bank draws customers who have faith in their stability.

Our Directors fully appreciate their position of trust and stand ready to respond to every legitimate credit requirement of our customers. Their policies will always be as liberal as their sound business judgment justifies.

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Merkel, Texas

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

BASKETBALL TEAM SHOWING RAPID PROGRESS

The Badgers are showing greater improvement every game. Friday night they won from Blackwell 35 to 31.

Jack Moore and "Pinky" Cypert stood out in the Badger line-up on both offense and defense.

Thursday of this week Merkel will play in a tournament at Colorado.

With the completion of the Gym the local team will have several home games, as well as being able to work out on a hard wood floor. So when they play at home, come out and watch them play.

A FANTASTICAL CIRCUS.

The curtain opened at 8 p. m. with a splendid performance. Thelma Patterson, Mary Zoe West, Thelda Tucker and Robbie Walker, assisted by Cal McAninch, Bud Gambill, Joe Cook and Robert Jr. Grimes, made up the biggest and best trapeze act ever this side of the Mississippi river.

Edgar Bradley was the strong man while "Sis" Gamble was the "Fattest Girl in the World." Bussie Boaz's tap dancing was splendid as Lynn Shelton was the fastest Band director since Cab Calloway. Horace Boney played the part of Filbert perfectly.

Oscar Adecock was the best French cook that ever shook up a cocktail, with a swell part as Chinese waiter from Clara Frances Largent. Betty was good in her fan dance.

Krash Carson was the only one in the house of horrors, "nuff" said. The clowns were Zerk Robertson, Ben Sublett and the Curb twins.

This will be played over at the High School gym soon maybe. Watch for date.

WARNING.

Beware!! The business arithmetic class is so bad that when Mr. Riddle walked into the room with a scratch on his thumb, the atmosphere was so disagreeable that his thumb became infected and he had to come to school the following day with it wrapped up!!

The Badger Weekly

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

The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Mary Helen Lancaster.
Assistant Editor—Clara Frances Largent.
Society Editor—Vivian Davis.
Sports Editor—Lloyd Robertson.
Joke Editor—Joe Earl Lassiter.

Our Seniors

Lena Faye Harrell.
Lena Faye is industrious, intelligent and lovable. There are very few girls in this world more lovable than Lena Faye. We are glad to have her as a classmate. Lena Faye, we will be looking for you on graduation night in your cap and gown; so don't disappoint us.

Williams Hughes.
William is industrious, intelligent and witty. What would the second study hall do without William? Some of our classmates may be presidents of the United States some day, no one knows. It may be you, William, for we are sure that you have high ambitions.

JOKES.

Looked Mixed To Joe.
"Now remember children," said Mrs. Irvin, the Sunday School teacher, "that tares represent the bad people and wheat the good ones."
"Well, that's funny," said Joe Cook, "It's the wheat that always gets threshed."

Shakespeare.
Mrs. Gambill: "Bud, stop using that dreadful language!"
Bud: "Well, mamma, Shakespeare used it."
Mrs. G.: "Then don't play with him another minute. He's no fit companion for you."

Even the Score.
Oscar: "Mr. Grimes, your daughter has promised to marry me."
Mr. Grimes: "Humph! She said she'd get even with me when I refused to get her a pool table."

What Now?
Kit: "I can trace my ancestry through nine generations."
Loretta: "What else can you do?"
Kit blinked and looked at her in a most pitiful manner.

"Who was here to see you last night, Smokie?"
"Only Anna Lou, father."
"Well, tell Anna Lou she left her pipe on the piano."

Late Train.
In the wee hours of the morning, Mr. Burgess got off the delayed train at the station. Going to the telegraph office, he sent the following message back to his office in Abilene.
"Will not be in my office today. Am not home yesterday, yet."

A LETTER IN STATES.
Dear Bussie—When Arkansas Delaware her New Jersey, I bet he couldn't keep his Iowa, and by the way where has Oregon?
—Smitty.

The first thing to learn about driving an automobile is how to stop. The same applies to making a speech.

FROM REALM OF FICTION, "A BIT OF NONSENSE"

"Bob" Grimes, with two of his friends, was driving down Oak street one cold night in January when the following incidents took place.

"I feel a bit tyschy," said Bob. "Shumhow it sheems like the lamp poshts are moving around. Ish that what you shee, Oshcar?"
"Yesh, maybe it's love in bloom," answered Oscar, taking another drink. "Did you know I wash a fancy driver, Oshcar?"
"I'll bet you can't drive wish the lights out."

Bob turned out the lights and drove for about two blocks, miraculously staying in the road.

"I'll bet choo can't drive in and out among the lamp poshts wish your lights out."

Again Bob turned out the lights and this time he drove four blocks, passing one lamp post on the right side and the next one on the left.

Joe Cook, who, until now, had been silent, raised himself up from the back seat.

"Say, Osh,—"
"Yesh, Joe."

"Can youse drive in and out among the street lights at sixty an hour for six blocks wish your car lights out, your eyes closed, and your feet on the steering wheel instead of your handsh?"

"I use to do that when I was young."

Upon saying this, Bob turned out the lights, put one foot on the steering wheel and the other on the accelerator, closed his eyes, put his hands in his pockets and threw open the throttle. Crash! The automobile blew into 999,000,000 pieces. The pressure of the explosion was so great that Joe dried up and blew away. Oscar, who had his mouth open, became inflated and floated away. Junior, after bumping into two stars, the moon and a planet, came down on a rubber tree, unharmed. After dislodging himself from a fork of the tree, he untangled a piece of the steering wheel from his left foot and took it home for a souvenir.

AS EDITORS EXPRESS IT.

To print a kiss upon her lips
He thought the time was ripe
But when he went to press she said
"I do not like your type."

A kiss he printed on her lips
A soft, a sweet caress,
And this is what she whispered low
"Don't let them stop the press."

DON'T ECONOMIZE IN LOVE.

"Be a spendthrift in love," said the late Dr. Frank Crane.
"Don't economize in love,
"Love is the one exception. It is

Eavesdropping

The writer of this column doesn't mean to be snoopy, but I heard that: Mary Frances is rather angry.

Bud is progressing rather well in his new undertaking.
"Shorty" and the "males" are on speaking terms again.

"Josephine" likes Fran's hair cut. Betty likes to call a certain blonde and handsome boy "Mamma Dickens" as well as he likes to call her "Grandpa Devil."

Thelma and Thelda think certain girls are "baby shoes."

Bussie has some of the cutest pet names for his girl friends.
Willie B. can rate rather pretty girls.

A good many students are dreading mid-term exams.

The object of Marizoe's affection has changed her complexion. Don't you think so?

THINGS WE COULDN'T DO WITHOUT.

Bud's girlish figure.
Joe Cook's "Can't Take It."
Bussie and Billie's arguing all of the time.

Oscar's "Hair-brained" ideas.
Jr's serious thoughts,
Cal's popping off in English class.
Jack Lowe's having at least five girl friends. (He thinks.)

ANALYTICAL.

To miss a kiss
Is more amiss
Than it would be
To kiss a miss;
Provided that
The kiss you miss
The miss herself
Would never miss.
But if you try
To kiss a miss
With whom a kiss
Would be amiss
You'd better always
Miss the kiss.

A TOAST TO THE GIRL.

Here's health to the girl who can dance like a dream,
And the girl who can pound the piano;
A health to the girl who writes verse by ream
Or tops with high C in soprano;
To the girl who can talk and the girl who does not;
To the saint and the sweet little sinner;
But here's to the cleverest girl of the lot—
The girl who can cook a good dinner.

the one treasure that grows bigger the more you take from it. Love is the one business in which it pays to be a spendthrift.

"Give it away, throw it away, splash it over, empty your own pockets, shake the basket, turn the glass upside down, and tomorrow you shall have more than ever."

FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL

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RESOURCES

Loans and Discount	\$ 97,323.90
Overdrafts	279.87
Banking House	15,000.00
Other Real Estate	7,355.00
Other Assets	221.15
St. in Fed. Deposit Cor.	733.70
Furniture and Fixtures	6,750.00
Cash & Due From Banks	\$85,747.71
U. S. Gov't. Bonds	18,900.00
Bills of Ex. Cotton	15,289.59
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH	119,937.30

Total \$248,000.92

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* Capital Stock	\$ 65,000.00
Surplus Funds and Undivided Profits	5,000.49
DEPOSITS	178,000.43
Total	\$248,000.92

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**Chevrolet Announces
New Creations in Two
New Lines of 1935 Cars**

Two new Chevrolet lines—Master De Luxe models and New Standard models—have been announced for 1935 and are on display at the Hughes Motor company, Chevrolet agency here.

Master De Luxe body models include sedan, coach, business coupe with luggage compartment, sport coupe with rumble seat, sport sedan, and town sedan. In addition to the coach, business coupe, phaeton, and sport roadster, which comprised the Standard line last year, the 1935 New Standard line includes a full sized four-door sedan and a sedan delivery car for light commercial uses.

The 1935 New Standard has been given virtually the same performance ability as the Master De Luxe which, however, departs distinctly from previous Chevrolets in design of body and trim. The engines, incorporating many changes over the 1934 Master motor, are the same size and design in both models, while in the chassis the chief difference is the presence in the Master De Luxe of Chevrolet enclosed knee-action suspension, now entering its second year improved in construction and operation.

Mechanically, the two models have in common numerous important changes in construction and design. Both engines have an original system of high pressure jets supplying oil to connecting rod bearings, and electro-plated pistons, heavier crankshafts, and other new features. In both chassis, newly designed clutches, more effective braking systems, stiffer frames, and other changes in design give greater ease of operation, increased durability, and a better ride, said Mr. Hughes, owner of the Hughes Motor company.

Visually, the new Master De Luxe retains only the characteristic outlines of the radiator and the familiar trade-mark on hub caps and radiator emblem. The V-radiator is narrower and more sloping, the unit fenders are highly contoured in their streamlining, while the windshield not only slopes back steeply but also is slightly V-shaped.

The roof is all-steel, sweeping from the windshield to the streamlined rear end in a continuous curve, without roof panels and moldings and with continuity of body color over the entire top.

Every detail of the car, Mr. Hughes declared, is new, starting with the front bumper and including the radiator grill, the ornament that supports the radiator filler-cap (now under the hood), the horizontal hood louvers, the running board patterns, streamlined door handles, spare tire mountings, tail lamp and rear bumper.

A new engine, with 23 per cent more horsepower, a different chassis frame and numerous other new features are included in the lower priced line of New Standard models. Larger bodies also are provided.

Both Chevrolet engines have a new system of lubrication to serve the crank-pin bearings of the connecting rods. Electro-plated pistons are an innovation, reputedly shortening the period for proper breaking-in of the engine.

Wider brake drums are provided in the New Standard and a new brake-lining material which is said to possess a higher degree of friction is included in all models. Knee-action, in the Master De Luxe only, has been modified to increase its efficiency and to improve the ride control, said Mr. Hughes.

Prices on the new 1935 standard line of cars are: coupe \$475, coach \$485, sedan \$550, phaeton \$495, sport roadster \$465 and sedan delivery \$515. Prices on the new 1935 master De Luxe line of cars are: Coupe \$560, coach \$588, sedan \$640, sport coupe \$600, town sedan \$615, sport sedan \$675, commercial panel \$560 and de luxe panel \$580.

Prices on standard coupe, coach and phaeton, it was pointed out in the announcement, show a decrease of \$30 under corresponding models in the 1934 line.

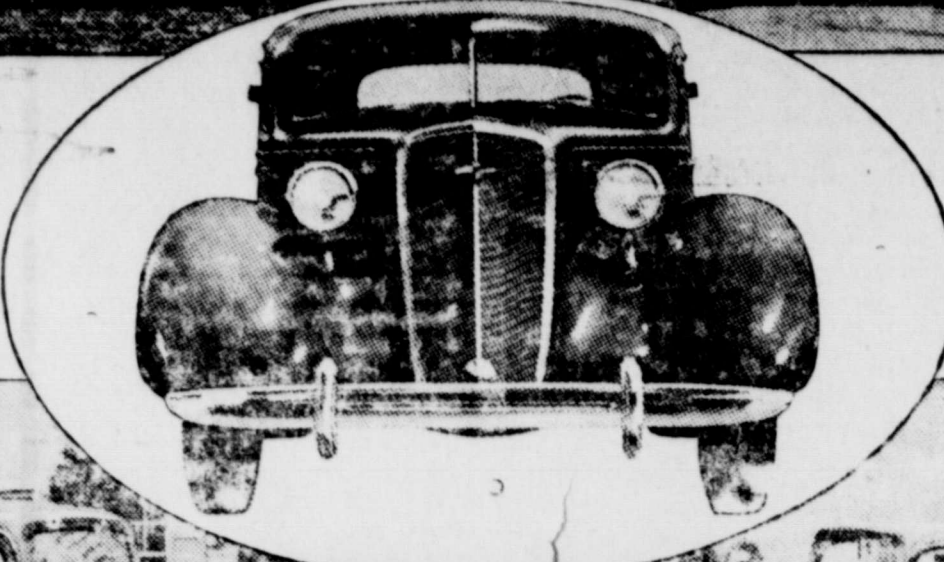
Prices on the master De Luxe models are exactly the same as in

Chevrolet Announces Two New Lines for 1935



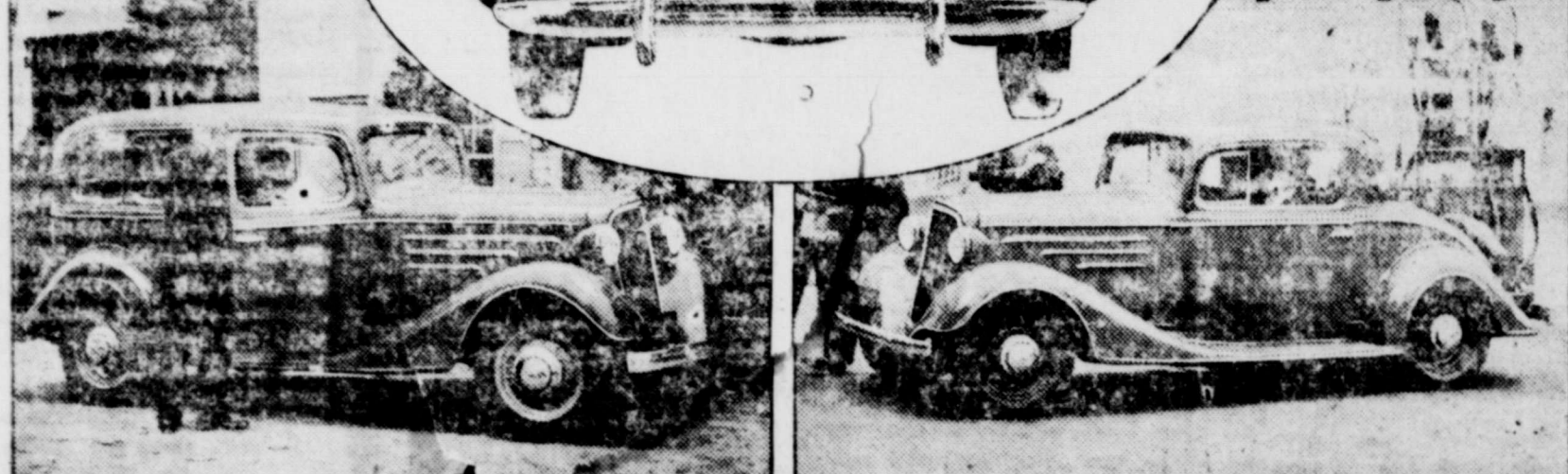
The Coupe model typifies the beauty and style of Chevrolet's New Master De Luxe series for 1935. Improved performance and exceptional economy also characterize these cars.

Fleet, graceful lines also mark the New Master De Luxe Sport Sedan. Ample luggage space is provided by the built-in trunk, and a luggage compartment behind the rear seat cushion.



Right: Front view of New Master De Luxe Coupe, showing roomy and graceful lines. Below: The Sedan model in the New Standard series, which, powered by the time-proven Master engine, combines brilliant performance with its smartness and style.

Another attractive model in the New Standard series is the Coupe pictured here. Numerous body and chassis refinements, in conjunction with the Master engine, unite to make these cars outstanding values in the lowest-priced field.



Typical of Chevrolet's two new lines of cars are the models illustrated here. The Master De Luxe series reveals strong emphasis on beauty and style. Mechanically, the Master De Luxe series and the New Standard series have much in common, including the Master engine, in which numerous refinements have been made to enhance performance, durability and economy. As these pictures reveal, the New Master De Luxe departs distinctly from previous Chevrolets in the striking advance which has been made in body design and trim.

1934. "Knee Action" continues as one of the outstanding features of the new master de luxe cars, and it is available on order and at slight additional cost.

**Rankin-Holden Nuptial
On Dec. 11th Announced**

Announcement is being made of the marriage of Miss Velma Lee Holden to D. M. Rankin, Jr., which was solemnized at the home of her brother, Bert Holden, in Big Spring on December 11, 1934.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. M. L. Holden of Merkel. She attended the Merkel schools and was graduated from Merkel High school in 1931 with honors. Mr. Rankin is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Rankin, Sr., of Big Spring and is a graduate of the Big Spring High school. He is now employed with the Empire Southern Service company in Big Spring.

Relatives and friends present at the ceremony were: Mr. and Mrs. Bert Holden, Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Clawson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bauchamp and Tommie Lewis, Poole.

Mr. and Mrs. Rankin are at home at 205 Nolan street, Big Spring.

TO THE PEOPLE OF TRENT.

We want to express our sincere and deepest appreciation to the Trent people, who have been so kind to help during the illness and death of our husband, father and brother, Dan J. Rawlings. Especially do we thank the Trent school faculty for the beautiful floral offering.

Mrs. D. J. Rawlings,
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Dan J. Rawlings, Jr.
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**Rev. D. J. Neill Weds
Miss Mary Lee Curry**

Relatives and friends here have received news of the marriage of Miss Mary Lee Curry and Rev. D. J. Neill, which occurred Wednesday noon of last week at the Baptist church in Summerfield, with Rev. Herman Coe of White Deer officiating.

The couple were attended by Miss Laura Black of Clarendon, a cousin of the bride, Miss Margaret Fuller of Denton, Rev. Ernest Sheppard of Plainview, and Pat Neill of Merkel, brother of the groom.

The young couple left immediately after the wedding luncheon for Lubbock where they visited the groom's brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Oren Neill. They are at home in Plainview since January 1.

Mrs. Neill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Curry of Summerfield. She is a graduate of the Hereford

high school. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Neill of this place and resided in the Nubja community for about fifteen years. He is a licensed minister and is now a student in Wayland college of Plainview.

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**Dan J. Rawlings Is
Claimed By Death**

Daniel (Dan) James Rawlings, resident of Taylor county for 49 years died at 5:50 Monday afternoon at the home of his sister, Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth, here.

The body was carried to Trent for burial, brief services being held at the graveside. Following a song, his daughter, Miss Meadeah Rawlings, read one of his original poems, "My Boat," which he had requested, and Rev. E. C. Dowell closed the services with prayer.

Pallbearers were: G. B. Walker, John Hughes, Sam Bankston, J. A. Stanford and Jonathan Wilson, Merkel, and J. H. Bishop, Trent.

Mr. Rawlings was born in Louisville, Texas, on March 16, 1872, and had lived the greater part of his life in this county. He was engaged in the mercantile business in Trent where he resided 28 years, retiring from active life three or four years ago. He had also been formerly associated with the bank in Trent, and by his intimate friends was known as the "Taylor county poet."

He was married to Miss Nettie Hilburn at Sherman, Texas, Oct. 19, 1904, who survives. Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. E. E. Biggs of Pecos and Miss Meadeah Rawlings, and one son, Dan J., Jr.; two sisters, Mrs. Blanch Brooks of Oklahoma City and Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth, and a nephew, Sandifer Hollingsworth.

TO THE PEOPLE OF MERKEL.

We take this method to express our sincere and deepest appreciation to those who have been so kind to help during the illness and death of our husband, father and brother, Dan J. Rawlings, especially the ladies of the Woodmen circle.

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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 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, 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: 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.

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 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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Joint Installation

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Miss Faye O'Bar of Abilene, state attendant; all of the Woodmen circle and Messrs. C. R. Valentine of Big Spring and A. D. Barnes of Merkel, district deputies of the Woodmen of the World. Rev. R. A. Walker gave an interesting address.

Features on the entertainment program were as follows: song by Doris Clyde Miller and Bonnie Church, solo by Don Wood, accompanied by Billie Wood, readings by Doris Clyde Miller, Bonne Church and Mrs. John Payne of Trent.

Visiting members were in attendance from Big Spring, Colorado, Sweetwater, Trent and Abilene Groves. Pie, cake and coffee were served to 250 in attendance.

PERSONALS

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Walton cottage on Rose street. When they left Merkel about 25 years ago, Mr. Barnes was manager for the Burton-Lingo company and continued in the lumber business at Westbrook for many years.

RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE P. T. A.

The Union Ridge P. T. A. met Friday night at the school house. Mrs. I. R. Blanton, teacher for the study course, had charge of the meeting. Mrs. V. L. Hobdy, her assistant, will have charge of the next study course meeting, which will be Friday night, January 25.

The next regular meeting will be

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Friday night, January 11. Every member is asked to be present.

The subject for Friday night's meeting was "Duties of the Chairmen of the various committees and how they were appointed."

Mrs. Jack Pannell, chairman of the membership committee, Mrs. O. R. Douglas, chairman of summer roundup, Mrs. V. L. Hobdy, chairman of the hospitality committee, and Miss Mary Bell Douglas, chairman of publicity, all gave their duties as far as they were able.

WEDDING BELLS.

Miss Myrtle Walton of Munday and Richard Shields of this place were married at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon at the home of Rev. W. C. Childress, pastor of the First Methodist church, Abilene, who officiated. They will make their home near Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Moore are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Irene, to Hollis A. Irvin, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Irvin, of Noodle. The ceremony took place at 7 o'clock Saturday evening in the home

of Rev. W. C. Ashford, pastor of the Southside Baptist church, Abilene, who officiated. The couple will make their home in the Noodle community.

The Mail joins in extending heartiest congratulations and best wishes to both couples.

FAREWELL PARTY.

Miss Sybil Harris entertained her friends with a farewell party in honor of Dessie and Frances Baker, Clara Joyce and Patsie Ruth Cox, Wanda Lillie Douglas, Pauline, Burnie Opal and Elberta Dean, Burnell Merritt, J. B. McBride, J. R. Baker, David Lee Cox, Junior, Willie Joe and Patsie Jean Clark and the hostess.

Some of their mothers were also present: Mrs. J. H. Clark, Mrs. Ross Baker, Mrs. Denzel Cox and Mrs. Lige Harris.

UNION RIDGE DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

Mrs. Selma Russell was elected

bread demonstrator and Mrs. Chester Bonds poultry demonstrator for the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club at a meeting Friday in the home of Mrs. M. F. Carey.

Members present filled out year books and planned to meet with Mrs. Selma Russell on January 18. Miss

Vara Crippen, county home agent, will meet with the club on that date.

Attending were Mesdames W. A. Harris, O. E. Harwell, Lige Harris, S. G. Russell, Jr., M. L. Douglas, Kenneth Pee, M. F. Carey, Misses Mabel McRee and Mary Bell Douglas.

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COFFEE, pound	19c
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MEAL, 5 pounds	20c
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GREEN BEANS, No. 2 can, 2 for	25c
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CORN, No. 2 can, each	12c
Kuner's	
PEAS, No. 2 can, each	15c
Sour, Cut	
PICKLES, quart	15c

Water Pack	
PEACHES, No. 10 can, each	49c
Red and White	
OATS, large package	21c
Maxwell House	
COFFEE, pound	32c
Red and White	
CORN FLAKES, package	10c
Red and White	
MILK	4 small cans 13c 2 tall cans 13c
Seedless	
RAISINS, 2 pound pkg.	19c
Red and White	
CATSUP, 14 oz. bottle	17c
Calumet	
BAKING POWDER, pound	20c
Red and White	
FLOUR	24 lbs. \$1.05 48 lbs. \$1.98
Large	
GOLD DUST, package	17c
Red and White	
SOAP, 6 Giant bars	25c
Sliced	
BACON, pound	27c
Brick	
CHILI, pound	16c
Full Cream	
CHEESE, pound	28c

TRAIL'S END

by AGNES LOUISE PROVOST

FOURTEENTH INSTALLMENT.

SYNOPSIS—Three weeks after a cream colored roadster had been found wrecked in the sea at the foot of a cliff, a girl calling herself Anne Cushing appears at the desert town of Marston. Later she marries Barry Duane and against her better judgment returns East with him to find herself in daily conflict with Barry's mother and Cleo Pendleton, heiress and logical choice of Mrs. Duane. Cleo bribes her chauffeur Kennedy, whom she discovers in secret conversations with Anne, to separate Anne and Barry. Barry succeeds in interesting John Gage, the real manager of the Duane mills, in his irrigation projects in the West. Hurrying to break the good news to Anne, Barry sights Kennedy and follows him to a dingy hotel. Hidden in an adjoining doorway, he watches Kennedy greet Anne and enter the hotel with her. Barry interrupts the meeting and takes Anne home, telling her that they will discuss a separation at some future time.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—
"Of course it's all right. Ought to have thought of it myself. But it won't hurt to be a little careful what you say when that little trick is around. She sounds to me like a pretty smart young woman."

Long before the day was ended Cleo had formed her own opinion of the Gage family.

"She's afraid of him," Cleo thought absently. "He's proud of her, but she knows he could be as hard as nails."

Jim Kennedy, waiting patiently at the little Junction, saw a hunch come true.
"Little Cleo! She's come out to polish off the job and collect Duane. I suppose," he reflected cynically, "Little lady, if I didn't have some important business of my own on hand, I'd give myself the pleasure of crabbing your game."

Jim Kennedy released tightened nerves, strolled down the street to a local garage, and began tuning up his old car.

Barry met his guests at Marston station. He drove down alone, not bringing Petry. Lately he had avoided any unnecessary intercourse with Petry, and Petry had avoided him.

Three people instead of two awaited from the two-thirty eight. Decency demanded that he should not look too dumfounded, but Barry's thoughts went racing back to the Perch, where there was no Nancy to meet Cleo Pendleton, who had dashed across a continent without warning.

"Hello, Cleo!"

"Lo Barry, you needn't look so petrified. Didn't Nancy get my letter?"

"Why, no, I think not. At least, it may have been forwarded, too late for her to let me know." He remembered his duties as host. "So you see it's a real surprise," he added hastily, and turned apologetically to the other two.

"I'm frightfully sorry," he said, "but Mrs. Duane won't be able to receive you. She was—called away, only a few days ago. It was very unexpected—and it had to happen at the wrong time, of course. I'll do my best to be both of us."

"O-o-o-h!" said Cleo softly. "You'll be a wonderful substitute, Barry, but it's a shame that Nancy had to go." Her eyes were sparkling.

Damn Cleo, Barry thought moodily. Nancy might at least have sent him word about the letter. That the letter had merely been another of Cleo's little fictions he could scarcely know. Nancy had let him down again.

Gage gave him a sharp look and said, "Too bad! Too bad!" in his gruff way. Barry was really grateful for the interruption of Cleo's clear voice.

"Barry, you're terribly disappointing. I thought you'd look like a movie hero, and you haven't even a gun to shoot the rattlesnakes."

"I left it home. They don't usually bite a Cadillac." Barry was finding his feet again. "I'll look after the luggage, Mr. Gage."

"Your town looks a little tired, but your air is great. I have an idea I'll be ready for the ham and eggs you promised me."

From a sheltered point on a rocky hillside Anne saw them go by.

She wondered what she would have done with her days without Comet. Petry had brought him down the same day that she had left the Perch. "I guess he kind belongs here, don't he? Wouldn't safe not to have any way of getting out except on foot?" Comet had brushed her with a velvet tongue, and Anne had not had the heart to let him go.

It was nearly dark when she saddled Comet and went up the familiar path to the little house. Home was lonely. Once inside, she went about the business of preparing a meal. Not because she was hungry but because she must keep doing things.

When the meal was over she wandered out again, looking up at the low, bright stars. How long could she live here? Where would she go if she left? How long, with her dwindling capital and her slender knowledge of ranching, would Trail's End yield her a living? The money she had brought in the little gold bag was nearly gone now—she had not asked Barry for any after she had learned how embarrassed he was for actual cash.

If she went away, it was almost a certainty that she would never see Barry again. He would let it kill him before he gave in.

She shivered under her protecting coat and went back into the house.

At the Perch, Martha, engaged for the purpose, waited on the whims of Barry's women guests with suspicious eye, and an uncompromising jaw.

"It ain't respectable," she said crossly to Petry, "havin' those fancy lookin' women here, almost the minute Miss Anne's gone."

"They sure was fixed up for dinner," he admitted.

Martha, fiercely pursuing her own train of thought, paid not the slightest attention to him.

"All this talk about letters! You needn't tell me Miss Anne ever invited her up here. And him takin' it all in like a nunny! Oh well, I suppose men can't help bein' simpletons."

Martha slammed her iron down wrathfully. Cleo had tossed her several frocks to press, and Martha was doing it with indignant efficiency.

Cleo was fully aware of Martha Larrabee's antipathy.

"Disagreeable old thing," she thought

as she caught sight of Martha's ample form in the distance. "I believe she knows where Nancy is . . . I wish I knew the way to that Trail's End place of hers."

For the present she had to be content to wait. John Gage had come here on business. On the very night of their arrival Barry had made his worried apologies to her, and the next morning he and Gage had started off early on horseback.

Already Cleo was bored to suffocation. All day long with Paula Gage, and not a man in sight to make life endurable for either of them except a Chinese cook and a leathery old man called Petry. To be sure, he had stopped his work and taken her for a ride after lunch, but in spite of her pointed suggestions they had gone nowhere near Trail's End.

Shortly after dinner Gage had unceremoniously claimed Barry's attention, and the two were sitting at the far end of the room, talking boring things. Cleo went outside to find Paula Gage. Paula was wandering aimlessly up and down the long veranda.

The next morning Petry drove Gage over to the county seat to do some long distance telephoning. Paula went with him, and Barry was free to devote at least part of his day to Cleo.

"How about a ride?" he suggested, and Cleo agreed promptly. She looked particularly engaging in riding clothes, and she knew it. Barry's sober face brightened as she ran down the steps to join him.

He helped her up, and she found herself mounted on a glistening little bay.

"Where are you going to take me, Barry?"

"Anywhere you want to go," he answered unguardedly.

"I'd love to see Nancy's little ranch. Trail's End, isn't it? Let's go there."

"I'm sorry. I'm afraid we can't do that. It's—a bad trail."

"Nancy rode it! I'll take a chance."

"But I won't. Sorry, Cleo. What's the next choice?"

He had to watch himself to keep an edge out of his voice. But he could not let anybody from Granleigh get through to that isolated little valley and find Nancy drudging through the days in a shabby old ranch house, bleakly alone.

Cleo's eyes were shining. Now she

knew that Nancy was there.
"Oh, all right. Lead on and I follow!"

When they returned they still had the place to themselves.

Cleo came close to him, her fingers resting lightly on his arm.

"Barry, I was awfully stupid about Trail's End. I just didn't think."

The guarded look came again.
"I'm afraid I don't get the idea."

"Oh, it's all right—I didn't realize that it might be—hard for you to go there. Of course I'd heard things, but—is it really as bad as that?"

He wondered how the devil things could have got out that fast, and why people couldn't be allowed to keep their own troubles decently to themselves.

"It's pretty bad," he admitted jerkily. "I'd rather not talk about it, if you don't mind."

"Of course we won't. But I just wanted you to know how badly I feel about it."

The coaxing fingers moved softly and then slid away. A dry cough sounded behind them. The Gages had returned and must have come in through the back way. Gage looked at them with his blunt stare, grunted a greeting and addressed himself to Barry. Cleo decided that she loathed John Gage.

Shadows were lengthening when Anne heard the sound of a car, coming in from the desert side. That would be dear old Boone. She went over to a window and looked out.

It was not the big grey car. This was black, or had been, and it was much smaller and a little battered, and the driver was not Petry. The door flashed open. Anne stood there.

"Jim!" she said breathlessly. "What are you doing here?"

"Thanks for the enthusiastic welcome. I'll come in, if you don't mind. His grin was mocking, but he gave her a sharp glance as he sauntered past her. "What's the matter? Sick?"

"No, I'm all right. Why have you come here?"

"Just dropped in to make a call."

He was looking deliberately around him.

"No sign of the haughty husband. Are domestic relations still strained, or are you just hiding out until company goes home?"

"I've left. It's over, everything is over, and you should be the last to ask why?"

Kennedy made a brief sound like a muted whistle.

"Took it hard, didn't he?" He frowned and moved his shoulders irritably. "Keep your chin up, and he'll come back."

Anne shook her head. It was not a subject she could discuss with Jim.

"How did you know I was here?" Kennedy dropped into a chair and settled himself comfortably.

"How did I know? Ask me a hard one, Nancy. I knew where you'd started for, and that you had a little ranch somewhere near here, and who was visiting up at the big place. It was easy. I've a nice little hand-made map of the roads here," he added calmly.

She rose. "I'll get you something to eat," she said quietly, and went into the kitchen.

He followed her to the kitchen. She knew why Jim had come all the way from Granleigh to Marston. How could she keep him from doing what he was bent on doing?

Kennedy swallowed the last of his coffee. "Thanks, Nancy. Pretty decent of you, all things considered. No, I can't stop for more. I'm calling on some friends of mine at a place called Eagle Lake, and I'm behind the schedule now."

He pushed back his chair and found his hat.

"She'd never do it for you, Nancy," he said suddenly.

"We're different," said Anne dully. She felt so awfully tired. "We're just made differently. Jim, please don't go there! Why can't you let it drop? What's the sense of all this hating? How dare you—Oh, Jim, don't go!"

"Sorry not to oblige, but I'm afraid I shall have to." His face had flushed slightly; he was hard again.

The car jarred and rattled into action. Duak had closed in.

Anne stood in the doorway and watched it. Her head hurt, but her mind was frantically busy. Jim was taking the longer way, out through the desert. He didn't know the rough short cut. And it was dark—he might lose his way again.

She slipped into a coat, slammed

the door and ran out to the corral.

Paula Gage was alone and time dragged heavily. John and Barry Duane had left early. Late in the afternoon Cleo had invited herself to accompany Petry on a hurried run into Marston.

Paula could spare Cleo, but she hated this place where she had to look all day at water, hiding rocks and slimy things beneath its surface calm. She hated water. She—saw things in it.

Restlessly she went outside. Down through the trees the lake glimmered darkly. She hated it, but it dragged at her.

Half-way down the slope she stopped.

Something was moving down there, hurrying toward her. It became a figure, wavering strangely, all light and pale except for wide dark eyes and a little tumbled mop of dark curls framing a pallid face.

"Paula! Paula!" It was muted and faint, the whispering echo of a voice that had died. Paula shrank back, shuddering.

"Don't! Oh, don't!"

"Paula! Please! It's Nancy! . . . "Paula! Again that low cry came, the ghost of a voice, calling to her. Pale hands beckoned, reaching out to drag her unwilling body down there, to black, shining water greedy and cold. For another moment of gasping terror she endured it, and then her frantic shrieks came.

"Oh, no, no! I can't come, Nancy, I can't! I'll tell! I'll make it right for you. I didn't mean it—I didn't!"

On the upper road walking horses thudded into a run. Some distance back along the road to Marston, Petry straightened up from his inspection of the ditched wreckage of an old black car, listened once more for that thin sound of terror and jumped for his wheel. Nearer to the house Jim Kennedy, five minutes too late, dodged back among the trees and cursed under his breath.

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BLAIR ITEMS

(Omitted Last Week.)

The celebration of Christmas was a great time here. Tuesday was like a spring day and there was more Christmas in the air and more visitors than for years, and there seems to be left a more joyful spirit with which to begin the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hill and charming little son, Boyd, of Burleson, Delois Grayson of Merkel and Mrs. Joe Ramsey and children, Billie and Joe Anna, of Merkel, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell for the week-end.

Those visiting the J. W. Moore and Mrs. Lillie Brooks homes for the holidays are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and sons of Red Springs and Mrs. Jessie Wilson and son, also of that place.

Mrs. W. L. Watley of Fort Worth is visiting for an indefinite time in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Will Watley.

Mrs. Delia Teague of Crowell spent several days recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith.

Jim Moore and brother, Charlie, made a business trip to Anson the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips enjoyed a home coming of their children on Christmas day. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Phillips and family, Itan; Mrs. Lena Thomas and daughter, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Phillips and family, Mrs. Ruth Brown and son, White Church; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore and family, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown, Blair, and Miss Edna Mitchell, a friend from Westbrook.

Mrs. Tom Melton and Miss Minnie Owens left Friday for Oklahoma with the former's son, Red Melton, to visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Davenport, for a season.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burfeind and son of King county and Mr. and Mrs. James Farr and daughters of Abilene visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors Christmas week. Mrs. Noma Haguewood accompanied them back home after spending several weeks in the latter's home at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks and son, J. E., of Butman visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks, the past week. Mr. Meeks was a mighty sick man last month and we are proud to know he is improving enough to be out among his friends again.

Zebb Moore left Friday for Malakoff to see his daughter, Mrs. Riley James. Mr. and Mrs. Riley James accompanied Mr. Moore back home and will live here for next year. We are proud to have them move back into our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan and family and Sam Provine were Christmas dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Bossie Williams of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Doan and family and Mr. and Mrs. Preston Doan and son of Clyde spent Christmas day with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Logan and family have moved to Wylie to live for the coming year and A. P. Peterson and family of Stith have moved into the home vacated by Mr. Logan. We are sorry to lose Mr. Logan and family from our community and we welcome Mr. Peterson and family into our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Derrington and family of Merkel have moved into our midst and we are very proud to have them.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Estall and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lockford Patterson and son left Saturday for Dallas to visit several days with relatives.

Several from here attended the Fifth Sunday singing convention at Noodle Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Tittle of Trent visited with Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield en-

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New Ford V-8 De Luxe Tudor Sedan Shown



PHOTO shows the new Ford V-8 do luxe Tudor sedan for 1935, which has just been announced. The body lines are distinctively modern and a departure from previous Ford

standards. The cars feature many engineering improvements providing greater riding comfort and increased ease of control. The engine has been moved forward. Passengers

ride closer to the center of the car. The Ford V-8 engine now has a new system of crankcase ventilation. The Tudor sedan is also available without de luxe equipment.

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- The Merkel Mail

tertained several guests in their home Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Russell and family spent Christmas day with Mrs. Russell's parents at Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Maddox and daughters of Merkel visited with Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan through the holidays.

Misses Sallie and Neva Malone are visiting with their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Malone, and family of Hamby for several days.

There have probably been other visitors in and out that your correspondent has failed to get. If so, we will send in the news later.

Rev. John Walker is to fill his pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday, January 6.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Orsborn entertained a large number of young folks with a party in their home Saturday night. After games were played, refreshments of hot chocolate, cake and candy were served.

Miss Margaret Thomas, Thelma McAninch and Sybil Smith, Blair teachers, have returned from their holiday vacations from their respective homes to resume their school work for the New Year.

Fred Peterson of Colorado Springs is visiting in the home of his brother, C. R. Peterson.

The primary and junior departments of the Blair schools with the high school pupils rendered an interesting program to a crowded auditorium on December 20, with Principal John Russell and Misses Thelma McAninch and Sybil Smith, teachers and instructors.

On another afternoon just before the holidays the Blair basketball team, both girls and boys, played Trent, the boys winning by 21 to 8 and the girls winning 15 to 10.

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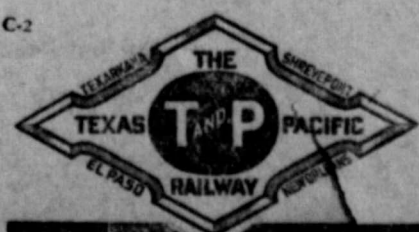
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BETTER BRIDGE CLUB.

Contract devotees, who have been playing together this fall, met in the home of the president of the club, Mrs. George White, on Monday afternoon in business session. The club was named "Better Bridge" club; a constitution and by-laws, previously drawn up, were read and two new members, Mrs. Frank McFarland and Mrs. Lige Gamble, were voted into the club.

All business disposed of, members were joined by several visitors for a game hour. Delicious home-made candies were served during games of contract bridge. The guest list included Mesdames W. T. Sadler, Charles Largent, J. E. Boaz, Jr., H. L. Duffer, Bob Mayfield, L. C. Zehnpenning, S. D. Gamble, F. C. McFarland, Misses Christine Collins, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Mary Eula Sears.

BRIDGE GAMES.

Mrs. H. L. Duffer entertained members of the "Better-Bridge Club" on Thursday afternoon of last week. Lovely potted poinsettias graced the game rooms where tables were appointed in accessories cleverly symbolic of the "New Deal." Baskets of candies and nuts were the refreshments at this pretty party. Guests were Mesdames Carl Jackson, S. D. Gamble, F. C. McFarland, George White, W. T. Sadler, L. C. Zehnpenning, Bob Mayfield, W. E. Lowe, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Olin Lusby, Misses Christine Collins and Mary Elizabeth Grimes.

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.

Miss Dota Garoutte extended gracious hospitality to members of the Fortnightly Study club on Monday evening. The first part of the evening was taken up with the election of new officers. In the absence of the present club president, Mrs. R. O. Pearson, Miss Johnnie Sears presided for the following programs: "The Eastern Nations During the Paraguayan War," for which Miss Christine Collins was leader, and Miss Julia Martin read a paper on the "Political Strife in Uruguay as a Cause of the Paraguayan War," which had been prepared by Mrs. C. B. Gardner. "The Barometer Lopez and His Stubborn Resistance" was reviewed by Mrs. Olin Lusby.

Substituting for Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. Briggs Irvin read a "Synopsis of the History of Paraguay from Independence to 1864." Miss Johnnie Sears gave "Results of the War on Each of the Nations Involved." Mrs. R. I. Grimes led the lesson on "The Western Nations During The Chilean-Peruvian War," her topic being "Importance of the Guano Beds and the Nitrate Mines." Mrs. W. L. Diltz discussed "The Effect of the War on Bolivia." In the absence of Mrs. R. A. Burgess, Miss Dota Garoutte read a paper giving "Progress of the War and the Settlement Between Chile and Peru." "The Treaty of Ancon and Its Interest Today" was discussed by Mrs. S. D. Gamble and Mrs. Tom Largent reviewed "The Part of the Navy in the Contest."

KING'S DAUGHTERS.

The lovely home of Mrs. C. K. Russell on Oak street was opened Tuesday afternoon when the King's Daughters Sunday School class held their monthly social meeting. Mrs. W. F. Golladay and Mrs. Boss Williams most graciously assisted Mrs. Russell in entertaining the class. Following a business meeting and devotional, a delightful program was rendered: Miss Mary Jo Russell entertained at the piano and Misses Gertie Lou Pee, Bonnie Church and Bessie Lee Mayhall with vocal numbers. Mrs. W. A. McSpadden gave a reading and original papers were read by Mrs. V. N. Ellis and Mrs. J. L. Tucker.

At the refreshment hour dainty sandwiches with olives and hot chocolate were passed to Mesdames Ellis, Watts, Durham, Sutphen, Pee, Richards, Black, McSpadden, Patterson, Butman, Coats, Rainbolt, Jinkens, Hale, Armstrong, Cox, Tucker, Hutcheson, Morrow, Eppler, Calvert, Latham and the above listed entertainers and hostesses.

IN-HONOR-AFFAIR.

Mrs. Len Sublett, assisted by Misses Morgan, Ledger and Agerton and Mrs. Elmo Collins, entertained the members of the school faculty and their husbands and wives at the home of Mrs. Sublett last Friday evening. The guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Duke, who were recently married at Victoria, Texas.

The evening was spent in playing progressive "42." Tally cards featured a bride and groom and plate favors were a tiny bride.

Those present were: Messrs. R. A. Burgess and T. H. Christopher; Mesdames Briggs Irvin, Holland Teaff,

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

To start the New Year, 871 were present at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel Sunday, as compared with 735 on the previous Sunday. On the first Sunday in 1934 there were 733 in attendance.

Spencer Bird, Elsie Nash; Messrs. and Mesdames Comer Haynes, Elmo Collins, Ralph L. Duke, Len Sublett and Misses Morgan, Agerton, Ledger, Hayes, Joyner, Curb, Pogue, Heizer, Patterson and Martin.

MOORE-COATES.

The following account of the marriage of Miss Margy Coates and Mr. Joe Moore, is taken from a California paper:

"Christmas day was chosen by Miss Margy Coates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doff Coates of Merkel, Texas, for her marriage to Joe Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Matson of El Modena, the ceremony taking place at 6 p. m. in the home of the bride's aunt and uncle, the Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Pannell, 167 South Cambridge street.

"The service was read by the Rev. Mr. Pannell before a sparkling Christmas tree and the colored lights of the tree and the glow of the candles were used to light the rooms. Festoons of Christmas greens and baskets of poinsettias and cotoneaster were other Yuletide decorations used for the occasion.

"The bride wore a smart ensemble of blue-gray wool with a grey hat, blue accessories and a corsage of white gardenias. Her bridesmaid, Miss Mildred Clure of Huntington Park, was frocked in brown taffeta with touches of gold and her corsage was of sweetpeas in pastel tints. Edward Pannell, cousin of the bride, served Mr. Moore as best man.

"Preceding the ceremony Mrs. Irwin Hager, accompanied by Mrs. Wayne Young of Anderson, Calif., sang "I Love You Truly." She also played the processional and recessional. Following the ceremony a reception was held and Eugene B. Taylor Jr. give a program of piano numbers and other entertainment was given by Arthur Prince of Hollywood.

"Guests were received by Mrs. Pannell, who was in dark red crepe and by Mrs. Matson, who wore a frock of deep violet crepe. Both wore corsages of chrysanthemums. Ice cream and cakes were served by Mrs. Hager and Mrs. Ben Larimer on individual trays and the wedding cake was cut by the bride. The young people are to establish their home at 531 North Glassell street and later they are to spend a deferred honeymoon with the bride's parents in Texas.

"The bridegroom graduated from the Orange union high school and he is employed by an orange juice concern at McPherson. The bride was educated in the schools of Abilene, Texas. She has been a guest in the home of her uncle and aunt, the Rev. and Mrs. Pannell, for the past three months.

"Those present at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Pettijohn, Arthur Prince, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Cully, Woodrow Young, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Voyles, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Carnes, Miss Dorothy Baur, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Young, Mr. and Mrs. Chancy Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Young, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Stinson Jr., Miss Mildred Clure, Edward Pannell, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Holland.

"Mr. and Mrs. Horace Comstock, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene B. Taylor Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Matson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mahoney, D. Burrus, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Hager, Mr. and Mrs. F. Sondericker, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Larimer, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pannell, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Drake, Mrs. Lora Drake and the Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Pannell."

WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

Miss Mary Keny entertained the Willing Workers class of the Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon. Af-

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School last Sunday had a nice gain over the past few Sundays; we needed 18 more to reach 300. We hope this number will come next Sunday at 9:45 a. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Come and worship with us. Young people's meeting at 6:15 p. m. The women will meet Monday 2:30 p. m. Boys' and Girls' World club Monday 4 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

Rev. R. A. Stewart, presiding elder, will be with us Wednesday night, Jan. 16, for our first quarterly conference. Let's have a great number at the conference. Come and we will have a great time together.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Last Sunday witnessed the re-organization of two classes in the Sunday School and the New Year found renewed interest in every department.

This will be the only service Sunday, as the pastor will be in Baird. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

All the usual services next Sunday, with the pastor preaching. We had an unusually large crowd at the council meeting Monday evening. Our superintendent, W. J. Largent, made arrangements for us to begin a study course, starting the first Monday in February.

An all-day Associational Workers meeting is being held at the Lamar Street Baptist church in Sweetwater

ter the program Mrs. McConnell gave a reading and refreshments were served to Mesdames J. W. McConnell, J. R. Walling, W. T. Curb, J. A. Patterson, Jr., W. M. Elliott, J. C. Tucker, J. H. Witcher, S. A. Derstine, W. D. Butler, R. A. Walker, L. L. Murray, S. G. Russell, Miss Dota Garoutte and the hostess.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Harold Hughes entertained a number of friends Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 9, on his fourth birthday.

After the little guests arrived a short impromptu program was given which was very enjoyable. Many indoor and outdoor games were played and then the children passed into the dining room where the birthday cake was cut and refreshments of punch, cake and candy with little whistles as favors were served.

Those present were: Ray Ann Hamm, Marilyn Petty, Becky Gaither, Dwight Dunn, Tommie Ailday, Dorothy Nell Haynes, Lora Pearl Haynes, Wayne Haynes, Helen Haynes, Betty Jane Gates, Abie Turner, Ike Turner, Ralph Dye, Tiny Brown, Bobbie Brown, Jane Darsey of Austin, Jackie Smith, Fred Lee Hughes and Harold Hughes.

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

Friends will be glad to learn that the condition of S. F. Haynes was reported as much improved Thursday. Mr. Haynes has been ill and confined to his bed for about ten weeks.

The glad news has been received here that Joe Earl Lassiter has been appointed as one of the clerks of the house of representatives at Austin. He began his duties with the opening of the legislature Tuesday.

The 1928 Chevrolet landau sedan, belonging to Flavil R. Yeakley, minister of the Church of Christ, was stolen Sunday night from in front of his home, presumably during the evening preaching hour. Officers have not yet found any trace of same.

Although his overalls and one leg

of his trousers were jerked off, and he was thrown from a platform about ten feet to the floor of the gin at Noodle, Jesse Bird suffered no serious injuries. The leg of his overalls was caught in a shaft and, in addition to the overalls being torn off, one leg of the trousers was trimly cut off just at the thigh.

Mack Fowler's American Cafe will open for business Saturday in the Gaither building, formerly occupied by W. I. Peters and just across the street from their old location. For the opening day in their new place, Flossie and Mack are advertising a special turkey dinner for 25c.

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