

## JUDGE CAMP OUTLINES PLANS WELFARE WORK

**Surgery for Children Goal of County Welfare Board With Aid From State Department Of Education.**

Taylor county has more than 100 physically crippled children who need surgery—parents of most of whom cannot afford it—John L. Camp, county judge and guest speaker, told members of the Lions club at their luncheon Tuesday noon at the American cafe.

"Only limited funds," he said, "are available so far for correction of this handicap among children. The crippled children's division of the state department of education, created by the legislature in 1933 and now starting to function, is working with the Texas society for crippled children, and the two together have been given \$25,000 for getting the work started."

Judge Camp, former principal of the High school and athletic coach here, who had been invited to speak on child welfare matters in Taylor county, told in detail of the work of the Taylor County Welfare board. Within the past four months Taylor county has sent two crippled children to St. Joseph's hospital in Fort Worth for surgery, without cost to the county, he said, as the Texas and Pacific railway furnished free transportation and the state paid the hospital bills. Surgery is donated.

As chairman of the committee of arrangements on the President's Birthday party, Dr. R. I. Grimes reported net proceeds to the club of \$18.75. Following the appointment of a special committee on the sale of tickets for the Roby game last Tuesday night, which consisted of J. H. Cook, C. D. Whatley, R. O. Pearson and Milton Case, the club entered athletics on their own with the appointment of a committee to organize a volley ball team within its ranks and to match games with other teams in the city. This committee includes R. M. Ferguson, Tracy Campbell, Dr. L. C. Zehnpennig and J. H. Cook.

## Inch Rainfall Best News of New Year

When rain falls in the amount of an inch within less than 24 hours in this section, that's news of the first water.

Beginning shortly after noon Wednesday a slow, gentle rain drizzled most of the afternoon and continued through the night, soaking into the ground and providing the moisture, so sadly lacking since land was broken, for farm lands and dusty ranges.

The gauge showed an exact one inch, according to Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale, bringing the 1935 rainfall total to 13.8 inches.

## SISTERS MEET AFTER LAPSE OF 45-YEARS

A reunion was held recently in this community so extraordinary in character as to be interesting reading for even the most disinterested spectators and the joy of the participants must have been unbounded.

Imagine meeting a sister whom you had believed to be dead for 45 years; this occurred in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whatley when his mother, Mrs. M. J. Whatley, who makes her home with him, was paid a visit by her sister, Mrs. H. H. Passmore of Mangum, Okla.

These sisters were the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Meek of Limestone county, having met in Voover valley in Burnett county at a third sister's wedding in 1881 for the last time until January 19, this year, being led to believe each other were dead. Delving into the past, Mrs. Passmore made discoveries that led her to believe her sister to be living and she came immediately accompanied by her husband and her daughter's family, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Nelson of Erick, Oklahoma.

## Approval Given to Precinct 2 Project

A project authorizing building of stone retaining wall, repairing bridges and culverts and preventing soil erosion at eight locations on six school bus routes in precinct 2 was one of two additional work relief projects for improving lateral roads in Taylor county for which approval of the state relief commission was given County Administrator Doyle Brooks Monday.

The commission is to expend \$2,500 for labor and trucks, and the county, \$4,500 for skilled labor, trucks and materials. This is in the Merkel precinct served by Commissioner A. J. Canon and it is announced that work will begin as soon as funds are available.

With resumption of nine projects in the county Wednesday morning, approximately 150 were returned to work relief pay rolls, and, under the budgetary system in use, a total of 400 will be employed weekly on the jobs, Brooks pointed out. Among the projects resumed and the number of men engaged are: graveling streets in Trent, 25; Merkel gymnasium, Butman school and White Church school, 25.

## Signs Baby Bond Bill.

Washington, Feb. 7.—President Roosevelt Monday signed the "baby bond" bill expanding the treasury's borrowing power and authorizing issuance of government securities in denominations as low as \$25.

## U. S. Population 141,774,435.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Latest official census estimates put the population of continental United States at 126,425,046 and that of outlying possessions at 15,349,389, for a total of 141,774,435.

## COUNTY FARM AGENT HEALD TRANSFERRED

**Has Been in Charge of Taylor County Work for Six and Half Years; Successor to Be Named in Next Few Days.**

It's up to Taylor county to secure another farm agent, as C. Metz Heald, agent in this county for the past six and one-half years, is being transferred to Eastland county by the state extension service, acting through T. B. Wood, extension service district agent.

Heald's transfer to Eastland county is in succession to J. C. Patterson, who will become agent in McLennan county February 15. Mr. Wood indicated to Judge John L. Camp of Taylor county that he would be in Abilene next Monday to talk about a successor for Heald.

Taylor county is now contributing \$800 annually to the agent's salary. Balance of his remuneration, \$1,600, comes from the extension service. This county's appropriation, it is reported, is about \$400 under the average in counties near it. Eastland county's offer for Heald's services provided \$640 more than he is getting in this county, which had already been fixed by budget.

Monday morning the commissioners' court assembled with Judge John L. Camp to consider the possibility of retaining the present county agent here, and the court room was full of farmers including nearly the entire membership of the county's elected cotton committeemen, who gave Heald a rousing massed testimonial of confidence.

## Strange Malady Fatal To Three Members of Jones County Families

While reports from the state department on blood tests sent to the Austin laboratories are awaited, the nature of the strange malady which has resulted fatally to three members and from which 16 other members of six related families in Jones county have been stricken remains a baffling case.

One of the physicians working on the case expressed the opinion that the disease may yet prove to be typhoid fever although typhoid has not been indicated by the more than 20 blood tests made locally.

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morrison of Hawley, J. T., 17, and L. C., 22, and Sorray McCoy, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCoy of Hodges, and a cousin of the Morrison brothers, have died since the disease became prevalent.

## To Speak on Layman's Place in Sunday School

Workers conference of the Sweetwater Baptist association was being held Thursday at the Maryneal Baptist church. The program was based on a study of activities and responsibilities of the layman, with L. H. Welch of Breckenridge, chairman of the laymen's movement in the 17th Baptist district, the principal speaker.

W. J. Largent, superintendent of the Sunday School of the First Baptist church here, discussed "The Layman in Relation to the Sunday School" at the morning session.

A number from the church here expected to attend the workers conference.

## Youth Severely Burned When Clothes Ignite

William Charles Storey, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Storey, residing on Route 2, was carried to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, late Monday, suffering from severe burns on legs and hands.

Drawing kerosene from a barrel at his home before daylight Monday, the youth dropped the stopper and kerosene splashed on his overalls and his hands as the receptacle he was filling ran over.

His father, coming to his assistance and unaware there was kerosene on the boy's clothing, struck a match to look for the stopper. Instantly the youth's trousers caught fire and his legs were burned severely below and above the knees. Both hands were also severely burned.

## AAA PAYMENTS IN ABILENE SECTION EIGHT MILLIONS

**Jones Receives Largest Amount Out of Nineteen West Texas Counties; Taylor Total \$7,978,701.99.**

Nineteen West Texas counties of the Abilene area have received nearly \$8,000,000 in rental and benefit payments since the AAA began aiding farmers who cooperate in the adjustment program. The figure is approximately one tenth of the total distributed among Texas farmers.

Total for the West Texas counties is \$7,978,701.99, and for all of Texas, \$80,341,652.08.

Jones county has been the biggest recipient of AAA funds, the total there being \$925,583.88. Shackelford has received the lightest share, \$51,893.23.

Payments have been on cotton, wheat, and corn-hogs, the great majority of receipts for this section, of course, having been for cotton.

Taylor county farmers have received a total of \$608,863.09, divided as follows: cotton, \$589,885.80, wheat, \$9,057.69, and corn-hogs, \$9,919.60.

Other totals follow: Callahan \$184,509.34; Coke \$173,115.61; Coleman \$514,818.02; Dawson \$390,565.59; Eastland \$89,821.33; Fisher \$647,612.45; Haskell, \$669,829.17; Howard \$363,590.59; Knox \$495,359.65; Martin \$131,348.74; Mitchell \$511,422.31; Nolan \$313,959.40; Runtell \$857,685.31; Scurry, \$371,143.03; Stonewall \$247,424.95; Tom Green \$430,354.30.

## Time to Apply for Corn-Hog Contracts

Taylor county farmers who wish to sign contracts under the government's corn and hog reduction program this year have been asked to file applications with the county committee, at the courthouse.

Men who were signers in 1934 and have not yet filed 1935 application, should do so at once, committeemen said. They also have application forms for hog raisers who did not participate in the government program last year.

## J. W. Sirecy Indicted On Assault to Murder

Late Tuesday the 104th district grand jury in Anson returned an indictment against J. W. Sirecy, 40, charging him with assault to murder in connection with injuries received Saturday night by R. B. Norris of Trent.

As an aftermath of an altercation at a dance hall at Noodle, Norris received a serious knife wound in his neck and was carried to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene for treatment. Twenty stitches were required to close the wound, an eight-inch circular slash in the side of his neck.

Sirecy was taken in custody Sunday afternoon near the Nolan county line by Chief of Police Chester Hutcherson on request of Sheriff Jim Lee Gordon of Jones county, in which county the assault is alleged to have occurred.

## Badgers Meet Roscoe Then County Tourney

The Badgers downed the Roby quintet, 26 to 20, in the new gym Tuesday night, having lost earlier in the season to the same team by 7 points.

Beginning at 7:30 Thursday night of this week, Coach Irvin will pit his basketballers against Roscoe. This will be the last contest before the county meet this week-end. The prices for this game will again be 10c and 15c.

Between halves Tuesday night, two local teams played volley ball on the gym floor to a draw, each team winning one game.

## \$8,000,000 Head Purchased.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The federal government Monday closed its books on emergency purchases of cattle in drought areas with 8,156,962 animals bought for a total of \$100,335,322 or an average price of \$12.30 per head.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

President Roosevelt has nominated a Texan, William E. Dunn, to be assistant-director, bureau of foreign and domestic commerce.

Including \$1,590,467 for the University of Texas main building, Austin topped the state's cities last week in building permits with a total of \$1,614,643.

Eighty-three Houston families were notified Monday to make preparations to move into the federal government's subsistence homestead projects near the city limits of that city.

James B. Keating, 73, county clerk of Tom Green county since 1908 and resident of San Angelo since 1875 when he was a telegraph messenger at old Fort Conch, died Sunday.

Exposure was made by Coroner E. R. Scott as the cause of the death of Manuel Martinez, Mexican, 68, who was found dead on the bank of the Trinity seven miles northeast of Mesquite.

Representative Joe Eagle from the Houston district announced at Washington that he would oppose Senator Morris Sheppard for the democratic nomination for senator from Texas in 1936.

I. D. Herrin, 19, pleaded guilty to the slaying last May 25 of Hobert Huff, 15, fellow inmate of state training school at Gatesville, who died of injuries received when hit on the head with an axe.

W. L. McDowell, Jr., Hico, and Warren Jay Davis, Jr., Albany, have been appointed by Congressman Thomas L. Blanton to the United States military academy and to the United States naval academy, respectively.

Gov. James V. Allred Friday appointed Mrs. Sarah T. Hughes, member of the legislature from Dallas, as judge of the fourteenth district court at that city to succeed Judge W. M. Taylor, who has been raised to the supreme court commission of appeals.

George Dillon Morgan of San Angelo, one of the state's most successful oil men and geologists, was named Tuesday by Governor James V. Allred to the board of regents of the University of Texas; if confirmed, he is to succeed Charles I. Francis of Houston.

Two naval fliers, Lieut. Oscar Willis Pate, Jr., and Lieut. John B. Burgess, junior grads, were burned to death when the fighting plane, in which they were flying from San Diego, Cal., to Philadelphia, caught fire, exploded and crashed ten miles west of Weatherford.

## HAMILTONS ARE IDENTIFIED AS BANK ROBBERS

**Pictures of Brothers Picked By Bank Teller and a Bank Customer As Bandits Who Held Up Carthage Bank.**

Carthage, Feb. 7.—Raymond and Floyd Hamilton were identified Wednesday night by victims as the robbers of the Citizens State bank here Monday morning.

Pictures of the brothers, who fled a police trap at Dallas Monday night, Raymond successfully making his escape and Floyd being captured 20 hours later at Shreveport, La., were picked out of a group of more than 100 police photographs by a bank teller and a customer.

Department of justice agents and local officers watched H. T. Hooker, a customer, and J. P. Cook, teller of the bank, identify the pictures of Raymond and Floyd as the two men who entered the bank, held several persons at bay against the wall and escaped with a third confederate with \$1,094.

Hooker and Cook said Raymond Hamilton was the man who ran back of the teller's cage, bundled up the cash and fled out the front door. Floyd, the two men said, was the man who trained an automatic pistol on the bank employes and customers as he stood in the middle of the lobby.

## News Learned Here of Vol Martin's Death

News has been received here of the death of Vol Martin, a former farmer of this section and who still held farming interests here. He died at Boise, Idaho, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Eva Perkins, where he had been joined by his wife from California, and they were to make their home there.

Mr. Martin was a visitor here some few weeks ago. Besides his wife and the daughter in Idaho, he is survived by four other daughters: Mrs. Tom Hall, California; Mrs. E. V. White, Denton; Mrs. J. M. Pierce, Amarillo, and Miss Maude Martin, California.

## Record of Births.

Girl, named Sherley Mae, to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Melton, Blair, Friday, February 1, 1935.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. George West, Saturday, February 2, 1935.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Farmer, Sunday, February 3, 1935.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 19, 1915.)

### ORGANIZE COMMERCIAL CLUB.

At a meeting of the Retail Merchants Association on Monday night, the first meeting the association has held in several months, it was decided to organize and affiliate a Commercial Club along certain lines of work heretofore handled by the Merchants Association.

A committee was appointed by President Anderson, namely J. P. Sharp, W. D. Woodroof and H. C. West, to canvass for new members to both the Retail Merchants Association and for the Commercial Club.

Lack of interest in work of the Merchants Association was one matter discussed by those present and it seemed the sense of those in attendance to attempt to increase the interest to a larger degree. Next Monday night was selected as a meeting time to perfect both the Retail Merchants Association and to completely organize the Commercial Club in a like work. The proposition of good roads and the method of improving our road conditions was freely discussed at the meeting of Monday evening and several proposals made as to what was best to do in this matter. Many of the members favored a petition calling an election for this purpose but

nothing definite was done in this respect.

Those present at the merchants meeting Monday night were as follows: President R. O. Anderson, Vice-President J. P. Sharp, E. L. Rogers, F. Ferrier, W. M. Elliott, H. C. West, W. F. Hamblet, G. C. Comegys, A. C. Boney, J. M. Dry, W. E. Douglass, J. T. Dennis, W. D. Woodroof, H. M. Warren, O. W. Williams and H. L. Easterwood.

Mayor Stallings and Commissioner Lassiter were visitors for a short time.

Merkel business firms who are members of the Retail Merchants Association and who were not represented are as follows: Walter Clark, W. L. Harkrider, F. & M. Bank, W. Parten Dry Goods Co., Grimes Drug Store, Burroughs Drug Store, Crown Hardware Co., Anchor Hardware Co., Bohrens-McMillen Furniture Co., Merkel Electric Co. These firms together with others not members of the association will be called on by the committee before the time set for the next meeting in an endeavor to renew interest and enlist new members of the Merchants Association and Commercial Club.

**THE BOOK**  
... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures ...  
**by BRUCE BARTON**  
**A MISUNDERSTOOD BOOK.**

There remains the last book in the Bible, the book of Revelation. It is a much abused book. The first thing necessary is to forget most that you have heard about it. It is not a program of coming events. It has in it nothing about the next presidential election in the United States. Its chief character is Nero. Indeed, the book is so simple it is hard to make readers believe its true explanation.

Remember, first, that in the interval between the Old and the New Testaments apocalyptic literature became enormously popular. There was a flood of books with dragons and grotesque animals representing peoples or nations or events. The Jewish imagination reveled in this style, which is illustrated in a part of Daniel, a very late book of the Maccabean period, and much more dramatically in Revelation. At one time it seemed that all other literature in the Christian church might be drowned out by the flood of this florid material.

Just after Paul and Peter were killed, John, the apostle, was banished to the island of Patmos. He was not yet the aged apostle of love; he was a hot-headed "son of thunder" and he wanted to write letters of encouragement to the churches in Asia Minor. The letters are in the opening chapters of Revelation. But John wanted to say something else and to say it in a way that would not get the people who had the letter in their possession into trouble. So he adopted the popular cryptic form which makes up the balance of the book. It should be studied through an opera-glass and not a microscope. There is no use asking what is the meaning of every hair on the tail of each fantastic beast. But the three ideas are plain as a pike staff. Those ideas are:



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Opening of Beauty Shop

Bob McDonald announces the opening of a beauty shop in charge of Clarence G. Armstrong, graduate beauty culture specialist, in connection with his barber shop.

Completing his course under Dr. E. B. Wilson, nationally known authority in Chicago, Mr. Armstrong has worked in beauty shops in Dallas, Houston and San Antonio, more recently at the Gunter Hotel Beauty shop in the latter city. He has won a number of awards in hair styles and is experienced in theatrical make-ups.

DORA DOLINGS

Several in our community are on the sick list this week. Mrs. Robert Oliver and Mrs. G. W. Koerth entered the Sweetwater sanitarium Monday for surgery. Willis Perry is improving from "flu" and Mrs. H. S. Wright is recovering from a very severe cold and "flu."

Miss Verda May Ware and George Ensminger, who were married last Thursday, will make their home at Divide for another year.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burkson of Abilene were visiting her mother, Mrs. Roberts, over the week-end.

Mrs. Everett Pool returned home Thursday from the Sweetwater sanitarium, following an appendix operation.

Mrs. Berta Magee is home after a two weeks visit with her daughter, Mrs. Clayton, of Cedar Gap.

Donald Tyrone, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Tyrone, is resting nicely since getting his leg hurt by a truck that almost ran over him near his home last Wednesday.

Miss Gregory, teacher of the Divide school, was called to Greenville Thursday by the serious illness of her sister.

Our basketball boys went to Brownwood Saturday to play, winning one game by a walkover but losing the last by three points.

Improvements on the Story farm are progressing nicely. One house is most finished and we hear there will be two others built and a number of outbuildings made.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

W. I. Peters, who sustained serious injuries in an automobile accident on the highway west of town on January 25, was sufficiently recovered to be moved from the sanitarium at Abilene to his home here Monday. One of his sons, Walter Peters, died from injuries sustained in the same crash.

Floyd McCoy has moved his barber shop to the building just across the street from the Queen theatre. The Thier Beauty shop will occupy the quarters he vacated between the Farmers State bank and Booth's grocery.

Work is progressing rapidly in renovating the Merkel sanitarium, which is being generally overhauled, repainted and re-papered.

Friends will be glad to learn that Miss Dota Garoutte's condition was what improved Thursday morning. She has been seriously ill with the "flu" for the past several days. Visitors from Abilene to see her Monday afternoon were Rev. Willis P. Gerhart and Mr. James Wilson, Gray and Bledsoe.

Dr. W. T. Sadler, accompanied by Mrs. Sadler, went to Wellington Saturday to attend the funeral of his maternal aunt, Mrs. W. A. Cook, who died of pneumonia. Her son had died the day before her death, also of pneumonia.

Dr. N. J. Smith of Anson, a former resident here, entered the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene Monday for treatment. His son, Warren Smith, and wife, who visited him Tuesday afternoon, were pleased to report that his condition is not serious.

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Send Merkel Mail Want Ads.

Don't want ads say dividends.

Funeral of Mrs. Pike  
At Bogata Wednesday

The following newspaper account of the death of Mrs. Milam Pike is clipped from the Bogata News of Friday, February 1:

"The death of Mrs. J. M. Pike occurred at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon at the sanitarium at Paris, where she had been a patient since Saturday. The body was returned to Bogata in the Keith ambulance, and funeral services were held at ten o'clock Wednesday morning at the Methodist church, the Rev. J. Porter Neal, Baptist pastor of Clarksville, officiating, with the assistance of Rev. Frank Dickson, also of Clarksville.

"Pallbearers were Ben Brooks, Charlie Brooks, Harold Brooks and Clyde Henry, all of Bagwell, G. W. Bartlett, Lonnox Hudson, Ted Harvey and L. C. McDonald. Flower girls were schoolmates of Mrs. Pike's children. At the grave the Eastern Star, of which she was a member, conducted a brief and impressive service.

"Nadine McKinney was born January 13, 1902, at Marietta, Okla., but moved with her parents to Bagwell in Red River county when she was a small child. She became a member of the Baptist church in childhood, and remained a faithful and consistent Christian until her death. She was married in August, 1920, and was the mother of six children, the first-born dying in 1922, and an infant daughter preceding her in death by one week.

"Mrs. Pike was a musician of exceptional ability, and was unfailingly generous with her time and talent in school, church and community activities. Her voice and personality will be sorely missed in the town and community. She was a devoted wife and mother and the sympathy of our people is extended wholeheartedly to the bereaved husband and children. They are Virginia, 12; Jack, 11; Gwynne, 9, and Joye, 7. Other loved ones are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott McKinney of Bagwell, and three brothers, Jerome, of Denison; Mordant, of Tioga, and Ganar, of Edinburg."

Chevrolet Registrations  
692,413 Units for 1934

Detroit, Feb. 7.—Chevrolet Motor company reports that official 1934 new-car registration figures for the United States complete show 534,906 Chevrolet passenger cars sold and registered, giving the company first place for the fourth year in succession, and for the sixth time out of the last eight years. Chevrolet also led in total truck registrations for 1934, with a total of 157,507.

Compared with the previous year, these totals show Chevrolet gains of 60,463 in passenger cars, and 57,627 in trucks.

Total Chevrolet units, cars and trucks, registered were 692,413, compared with 574,223 for 1933, a gain of 118,090.

December registrations of Chev-

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Jackson Parker of Midland is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. J. S. Blair.

Mrs. Esker Curtis arrived Wednesday from Electra for a visit with her mother, Mrs. M. D. Angus.

Mrs. Edith Fox returned Friday of last week from a visit to Dallas and Jefferson and other East Texas cities.

J. D. Ashby, who is interested in the bakery business at Stephenville, was a week-end visitor with friends here.

Max Mellinger and son, Isadore, have been in attendance this week on the Retail Shoe Dealers convention at Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reid left Monday for Dallas where they will spend the week making purchases for the two Variety stores, here and at Clyde.

Jack Lowe, who underwent an appendix operation at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium in Abilene last week, is able to be up and about town.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes left Tuesday for Dallas to view the wholesalers' and manufacturers' association exhibits. They were expected to return Thursday night.

Miss Margaret Callaway left Saturday for San Antonio where she entered Monday Texas School of Beauty Culture, one of the largest schools of the kind in the Southwest.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Emory Jones and their son, Marvin Estes Jones, visited Sunday with another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mayfield in Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McKee of Levelland, accompanied by his mother, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler this week, also visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Blair. Mr. and Mrs. Rollenburg of Hamby were guests Sunday in the Butler home.

rolet passenger cars, says the announcement, were 25,741, exceeding December, 1933, by 15,738.

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

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THE BOOK

(Continued from Page One.)

First: Do not be afraid of the persecutions that originate in Jerusalem. That city will soon be in trouble with Rome and not able to persecute Christians.

Second: Do not be afraid of the emperor of the mighty city on the seven hills that now is ruling the world; that city has trouble of its own coming, and it is not far off.

Third: Hold to your faith, for it will survive. Jesus Christ is greater than Nero, and His religion will last longer than the Roman government. How amazingly his great dream came true! The Roman Empire fell, and the one power that could avail to save it, not from the pagans but to the future through the pagans, was not the political or judicial power of Rome or the culture of Athens. That which saved civilization when Jerusalem was destroyed and Rome sacked by the vandals was nothing more or less than the Church of Christ.

Next Week: Ten Great Men.



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ROAST PORK, shoulder, loin pound 25c  
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Seven, pound 14c

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# THE BADGER WEEKLY

## INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE EVENTS THIS WEEK-END

This year, Merkel High school is entering in almost every event offered for the Interscholastic League contests. Among the contests entered are the following: basketball, boys; volley ball, playground ball, boys and girls under 15; tennis, boys and girls, two teams each; debate, girls' team; extempore speaking, two teams; spelling; essay writing; declamation, junior and senior, both boys and girls, and one-act play contest.

Last year Merkel won in many contests, but this year she hopes to win even more. The pupils of M. H. S. can help greatly if they will each enter in at least one contest. It will not only help the school, but it is educational to the pupil also. Perhaps "educational" sounds hard and too much like school work but it really isn't hard, and think of the real, wholesome fun you will have trying for one of these.

Come on everyone! Let's make a real record for M. H. S. this year!

### THE OPTIMIST'S CREED.

- Promise yourself—
- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind. To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
  - To make all your friends feel that there is something to them.
  - To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
  - To think only of the best, to work for the best and expect only the best.
  - To be as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
  - To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
  - To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
  - To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
  - To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

### 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.  
 Jobs Editor—Tracy Wood.

### Our Seniors

*Juanes Jones.*  
 Juanes is sincere, frank, humane, sociable and benevolent. She is a member of the Dramatic club and Choral club. She has a musical talent; she is a good voice student, too.

*Randall McNeice.*  
 Randall is quiet, patient, determined and intellectual. What good traits for a character! Who knows but that Randall will represent Merkel High school in many contests.

#### SENIOR MEETING.

The Senior class met last Wednesday to decide on the kind of caps and gowns the Seniors of 1935 will wear, and whether they wanted an Annual or a Memory Book. The class decided to wear gray serge caps and gowns, but they did not come to a definite understanding between Annuals or Memory Books. They expect to have another meeting about the matter this week.

#### WE WONDER WHY.

- Vernell Sublett likes birds and animals such as crows and cats.
- Marizoe wore her satin dress to school.
- Billie Bernice was so happy last Friday.
- Loretta changed her schedule.
- Fran got so extremely tickled Saturday.
- Lois and Snookie got so frightened Sunday afternoon.
- Mr. Burgess moved Oscar in history class.
- Mildred W. can't keep up with a belt to a certain dress of hers.
- Vondell can not learn how to behave.
- Hazel makes such cute faces in speech class.
- Bussie blushes so much.
- "The Wabash Blues" has such a crazy effect on Bud.
- Robbie and Thelda and Thelma just will talk in Choral club.
- Zerk thinks he's a good basketball player.
- Leslie is getting so popular here lately.
- Finky is afraid the bricks will fall on his head.
- Jr. can't find him a girl.
- Tracy was so down-hearted last week.
- Robert Malone was so jubilant.
- Opal was crying.
- Sis wishes to announce she is doing O. K.

#### CLASS NEWS.

*The Sophs.*  
 We Sophs are still here and in a big way. We still have the reputation of being the worst class in school but are trying hard to build it up to the best. Just watch next six weeks and see who is on top.

*Juniors.*  
 Perhaps you think we Juniors are absent from Merkel High school this

## BADGERS WIN FROM MARS BY SEVERAL POINTS

Those Badgers are beginning to play ball. Wednesday evening they turned back Mars by a nice score. With the several weeks of practice behind them, they are developing into a smooth working machine.

This week-end brings the county tournament at Abilene. After drawing Saturday morning Merkel meets Ovalo, another strong Taylor county team, in the first round. Merkel has played Ovalo twice and lost the first game by 7 points and the last by 3. The Badgers are going to be fighting to beat Ovalo and possibly win the county. Last year Wylie, who won the county and advanced to the quarter-finals in the district, beat Merkel out.

Coach Irvin carries only two lettermen who saw service last year at the county, these this year: Bussie Boaz and Zerk Robertson.

Coach Irvin has made a nice combination with these two along with Jack Moore, Bryan Higgins and Pinky Cyfert. If all five of these boys happen to be on, Merkel will be hard to stop.

We are just busy playing basketball, volley ball and tennis. We have several star players this year. When one plays ball and prepares his studies, there isn't so much time left.

Declamation contest is almost here, and several Juniors have declared they will represent Merkel down at the county meet. We hope they keep this declaration in mind.

Jack Lowe is greatly missed from the Juniors' room. We hope he will be back in school soon.

We haven't organized yet, but we hope to in the near future.

#### ASK?

- Don S. why he is called "Adorable Don"?
- Lloyd R. where he went Friday night?
- Thelma what she has on her mind?
- Hazel R. what happened to her breath at noon Monday?
- Jack D. and Murphy D. where they went Sunday p. m.?
- Anna Lou what's wrong with her? Headache?
- Cal. M. what he thinks of girls?
- Leslie Welsh, what he thinks of Lois W.?
- Leslie W. why his and Lois' initials are the same?
- Bussie how he likes M. F. C. for a date?
- Zerk how Jane keeps him occupied?
- Joe C. how it is to be sick?
- Robert M. how it feels to be fallen for?
- Lynn how he likes his new place of living?
- The coach who's gonna win the Ovalo-Merkel game tonight?

### Nonsense!!

*Jokes.*  
 Mr. Irvin: "You have a wonderful voice."  
 Mrs. Irvin: "Do you really think so?"  
 Mr. Irvin: "Yes, indeed. If not, it would have been worn out long ago."

*"Paradise Lost!"*  
 Zerk: "I wonder if Dr. Cook really thought he had discovered the North Pole?"  
 Lloyd: "Possibly. We all make mistakes. Why when I married Hollis, I thought sure I had discovered paradise!"

Dub Ford: "I have a very bad head this morning."  
 Winston P.: "I'm sorry, Dub, I do hope you'll be able to shake it off before long."

Willie B. T.: "Think what a woman's curiosity will do. Lot's wife looked around and turned into a pillar of salt."

Lois Campbell: "But how about yourself? When you looked around the other day you turned into a saloon!"

*It's the Truth.*  
 Mr. Riddle: "You really believe that there is something that can tell when a man is lying?"  
 Mr. Duke: "I am absolutely sure of it."

Mr. Riddle: "Oh! Perhaps you have seen one of the instruments."  
 Mr. Duke: "Yes, I married one!"

*The Bait That Caught.*  
 He used to dance with Annie,  
 She waltzed with fairy grace;  
 He used to drive with Fannie,  
 She'd such a pretty face;  
 He used to call on Clara,  
 She always praised his book;  
 But he finally married Mary  
 For she knew how to cook."

*Poor Motive Power.*  
 "Your Dad is an old crank," said Felix Stalls when he had been told by Loretta's father that eleven o'clock was the hour to leave.  
 Mr. Murphy heard the remark and said, "A crank is necessary in case of no self-starter."

*JOKES.*  
 "Lloyd R.: "It takes a woman to do fool things."  
 Hollis P.: "It certainly does, but I never saw one buy a bottle of hair restorer from a bald-headed barber."

Mildred W.: "Women are more resourceful than men."  
 Lynn Shelton: "That's right. A man has to get his clothes made to fit his shape, but a woman can get her shape made to fit her clothes."

Billie B. G.: "Do you care for 'Brabbe's Tales'?"  
 Clara F. L.: "I never ate any but I'm just dead stuck on lobsters."

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### GOODMAN NEWS

Miss Cross from Sylvester spent Friday and Saturday with Georgia Ferrell.  
 Ethel Cook, Agnes Williams, Verlin Cook and Mrs. Woolen went to Abilene Saturday.  
 Several from our community went to Abilene Friday night to see McMurry and A. C. C. in basketball.  
 The Junior basketball tournament was held at Goodman the past week-end. Boyd Chapel boys and girls won the championship over 31 schools.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Orvill Robinson and Mrs. Gene Cade went to Merkel Saturday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Truett Meeks of Merkel spent Saturday and Sunday visiting in our community.  
 There will be singing at the school house, as usual Sunday night. Everyone is invited to come.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bob Campbell were Merkel visitors Saturday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Clark went to Merkel Saturday.  
 Mary Joe and Lula Mae Hall were over from Golan Friday night.  
 Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams have returned from Weatherford where they were called to the bedside of Mrs. Williams' sister, Beulah Madie Taylor, who passed away January 10. Miss Taylor was born at Noodle. Mrs. Houston Tiner was in Trent Saturday.

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**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Clifford Estep is home after working for the past several weeks on the Plains.

Mrs. C. O. Blanton and daughter, Miss Reba Lois, were week-end guests of relatives at Iraan.

Mrs. Barry Howell and little Jimmie Owens were guests Sunday afternoon of Mrs. J. F. Abernathy in Merkel.

Mrs. C. F. Rogge and daughter, Billie May, of Tahoka were week-end guests of Mrs. Rogge's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep.

Miss Dorothy Reaves was guest Saturday afternoon of Miss Lamone Ingram in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Fry and family, Messrs. Robert and Cliff Holt and Bob Williams of Breckenridge were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Bright.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn and son, J. B. Winn, Jr., were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor of Junction.

Miss Thelma Nalley, who has been in Dallas for some time, returned here Friday to make her home.

Lon Martin received a message Saturday that his uncle, Vol Martin, had died. He had just recently gone to Idaho to make his home with a daughter there.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Howell, little Miss Melba Howell and Joseph and Willie Ray Howell, now of Abilene, were week-end guests of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rogers had as week-end guests Mr. and Mrs. Emon Martin and baby of Abilene.

Little Miss Anna Jo Reaves was guest Tuesday of Jessie Rea Plunkett of Big Spring.

Rev. Mr. Baker of Tye was in our city Wednesday greeting friends.

Mrs. Overmire and son, Maurice Dingle, stopped over Monday and Tuesday for a visit in the home of Mrs. R. B. McRee and other friends. They were returning to their home in Fort Worth after visiting her son, Byron Dingle, and family, of Hermleigh.

Mrs. Bunk Tipton and little daughter of Merkel were visiting here Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ivy and sons of Sweetwater were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers Wednesday of last week.

Miss Gregory, Miss C. T. and their guests, Misses de school, and Irene Tittle, visited Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Hamner of Winters Wednesday of last week and Miss Tittle remained over for a longer visit.

**FAMILY REUNION**

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Halbrook, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Ozro Steen and two children, motored to Beadie, Comanche county, Sunday where they joined a group of relatives, consisting of brother and sister, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, the occasion being to celebrate his mother's 78th birthday. It had been 40 years since all were together. A bountiful birthday dinner was served

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and in the afternoon they had the pleasure of hearing a brother, Fred Halbrook, of Roby, preach. Singing was enjoyed and pictures made; many happy reminiscences of old days made the day very enjoyable.

**AGED LADY DIES**

Mrs. V. A. White died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eug Bishop, Wednesday evening, January 30, after an extended illness. The funeral was held on Thursday at her old home at Mercury in McCulloch county. She is survived by five children, 14 grandchildren and great-grandchildren, two sisters and two brothers and a host of friends who mourn her going.

**MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

The Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church met Monday afternoon at the church, with Mrs. M. G. Scott, the president, presiding over the business session. After the opening song, "I Need Jesus," Mrs. Scott gave the devotional from the 100th Psalm and Mrs. R. B. McRee offered prayer. Coaching day was observed for the new officers, directed by Mrs. W. B. Roaves.

**WOODMEN CIRCLE**

Meeting Thursday afternoon Trent Grove, Woodmen Circle, received new members and made plans for a group to attend the 40th anniversary of the order. After roll call of officers, communications were read and a good will offering made.

Those present were: Mesdames J. R. Gafford, Ed Burks, O. L. Phillips, John Payne and W. R. McLeod.

**Mrs. W. C. Copeland.**

Funeral rites for Mrs. W. C. Copeland, 83, aged Christian lady, who passed away suddenly Saturday morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Claud Swann, were held at 2:30 Sunday afternoon from the Church of Christ, with Brother J. P. Crenshaw of Sweetwater officiating. Interment was in Trent cemetery by the side of her husband, who preceded her in death 19 years.

Palbearers were: George West, J. Cal Hamner, Cap McLeod, Bry Burk-

hart, J. L. Nalley and Bob Campbell. Flower girls were: Christine Glora Thelma, Virginia Ann McLeod, Imogene Swann, Alvia and Julia Adrian, all little granddaughters.

Mrs. Copeland is survived by 8 children: N. S. Copeland, Petersburg; J. F. Copeland, Lockney; Mrs. M. L. Adrian, Colorado; Mrs. D. E. Gunn, Lorraine; Mrs. Mattie Moore, California; Mrs. L. E. Adrian and Mrs. Claud Swann, Trent, 48 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren survive.

**W. B. Goode.**

Funeral rites for W. B. Goode, age 80, a pioneer settler, were held at 2:30 Saturday afternoon at the Baptist church, with Rev. W. H. Howell, pastor, officiating. Interment was in Trent cemetery.

Mr. Goode, who had been a resident of this place 32 years, passed away at his home Friday evening after an illness of two weeks.

Palbearers were: T. G. Hamner, Buster Edwards, Hurlt O'Kelley, Allen Terry, Charles Reid and Joe Boone.

He is survived by his widow, four sons, John and Ivy of this place; Arthur, Lamesa, and Lavy, of Rochester; one daughter, Mrs. Della Walker, Trent, 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren and a host of friends who mourn his death.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to thank our friends for their many kindnesses during our recent bereavement for our beloved mother and grandmother, Mrs. Mary Copeland.

The Copeland Children and Grandchildren.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to thank our friends for their many kind acts of assistance and for tender sympathy extended in the illness and death of our beloved husband and father.

May God's richest blessings rest upon you all is our prayer.

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Watch for date of Negro Minstrel sponsored by the Missionary Society of the M. E. church.

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**BLAIR ITEMS**

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell and attractive daughter, Dorris, are visiting several days with relatives at Bronte.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lackey of Merkel were seen in our midst one day last week.

Mrs. Teague of Crowell is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Jess Smith, for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurman Doan and family and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell motored over and spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Polard in Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Melton are the proud parents of a baby girl, who has been staying with them since January 17. She was christened Shirlee Mae.

There will be a three-act play presented at the Blair school auditorium Tuesday night, Feb. 12, by the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grades, the title of which is "In the Corner Cupboard." Admission 5 cents each. Proceeds will go for the benefit of the school.

Rev. John Walker filled his pulpit Sunday with two interesting discourses.

Jim Campbell of Caps is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks for an indefinite time.

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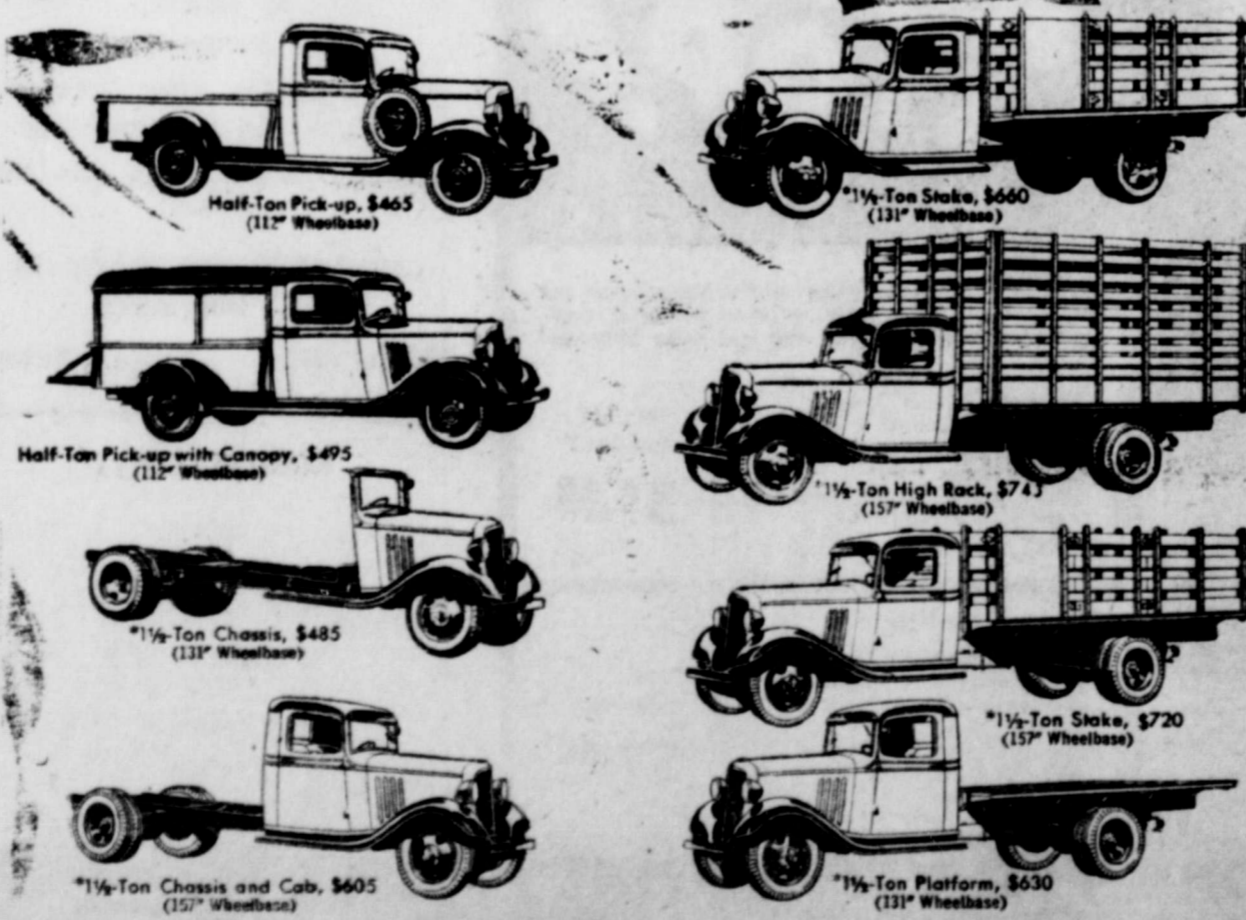
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Receipts	
Fines "Miss Welborn"	\$ 8.16
Fines "W. P. Bounds"	84.00
Fines "W. W. Wheeler"	66.30
Ad Valorem Taxes	1,303.37
Auto Registration Fees	21,935.30
Gas Refunds	1,155.25
Use of Machinery	1,232.00
One Half Expense of Tye Road	510.64
Sale of Culverts	32.10
Rebate on Gasoline	28.75
Refund Convention Expense	12.85
Refund on Bridge "City of Merkel"	207.44
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$26,576.20</b>
Balance on Hand January 1, 1934	3,674.29
	<b>\$30,250.49</b>
Disbursements	
Regular Hands	\$6,528.20
Road Work	987.57
Machinery	3,838.96
Commissioner's Salary	1,147.50
Commissions "Roy C. Fuller"	155.28
Lumber, etc.	3,080.87
Hardware	261.63
Parts and Upkeep	1,275.90
Parts and Repairs	255.67
Gravel	308.00
Blacksmithing	435.29
Lights	18.00
Gas and Oil	4,909.76
Phone	1.05
Culverts	694.45
Posts	48.01
Right-of-way	330.00
Recording	1.00
Rent for Engineers	7.50
Expense to Plainview Convention	25.00
<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>\$24,809.62</b>
Balance on hand January 1, 1935	5,440.87
	<b>\$30,250.49</b>

**Budget Precinct No. 2**

The Budget for this Precinct as amended Page 78, Vol. J, Commissioners' Court Minutes, was fixed at \$24,200.00

Actual Expenditures	\$24,298.98
Less Refunds	2,636.29
	<b>21,662.69</b>
Saving	<b>\$2,537.31</b>

If it had not been for the extra expense of completing projects in which the government shared and which were necessary from every viewpoint, this Precinct would have been well under the Budget as originally fixed. The Commissioner deserves credit for the economical administration of the affairs of his Precinct.

The above tables of figures are taken from the annual report of the County Auditor, Taylor County, for 1934.

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## Annual Lectureship at A. C. C. Is Announced

A larger program than ever before is being prepared for the Seventeenth Annual Bible Lectureship of Abilene Christian college February 17-23, according to a statement from resident Jas. F. Cox this week. At the lectureship last year more than four hundred visitors registered from nine different states.

Nine well known speakers from six states have accepted invitations to speak in the series. "The Church of Apostolic Times and the Church Today" is the general subject for the lectureship. Speakers who will appear are Batsell Baxter, Abilene; J. N. Armstrong, president Harding college, Searcy, Ark.; E. H. Ijams, President, David Lipscomb college, Nashville, Tenn.; W. S. Long of Chicago, Ill.; R. B. Sweet, Austin; C. A. Norred, Oklahoma City, Okla.; John Allen Hudson, Tulsa, Okla.; Oscar Smith, Houston; and Earnest Beam from Long Beach, Cal.

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**SOMETHING NEW.** Vick's Cold Capsules. Registered Pharmacist. Vick Drug Co.

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## RURAL SOCIETY

### UNION RIDGE DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday, February 1, in the home of Mrs. J. L. McRee to discuss and learn "Buying Problems of the Home Maker." The program was given by Mabel McRee, Willie Douglas and Mary Bell Douglas.

Gift baskets were awarded to Mrs. S. O. Patton and Mary Bell Douglas. At the close of the session refreshments were served to one visitor, Mrs. Truett Meeks, Merkel, and the following club members: Mesdames W.A. Harris, Kenneth Pee, O. E. Harwell, J. H. Clark, Lige Harris, O. R. Douglas, Selma Russell, J. L. McRee, S. G. Russell, Jr., M. L. Douglas, M. F. Carey, W. C. Lee, S. O. Patton, L. M. Scoggins, Jr., and Misses Mabel McRee and Mary Bell Douglas.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Pee on February 15. The program is an AAA program to be given by Mrs. W. A. Harris and Mrs. M. F. Carey. We wish to extend an invitation and welcome to all.

### BLAIR CLUB

The Blair Home Demonstration club met on January 31 with Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Miss Vara Crippen, county agent, gave a demonstration of wardrobe planning. Buying of clothing, colors, lines and materials were given emphasis. Mrs. E. J. Orsborn was elected wardrobe demonstrator.

Mrs. John Russell, president, had charge of the meeting and minutes were read by Miss Virgielee Doan, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Ed Sandusky led the club prayer. Mrs. Luther Orsborn, the club pledge, and cast for the club play was selected.

Mrs. Sam Phillips was recipient of the basket. Honor guests were: Miss Luna White, Merkel, Mesdames Tom Spears, Lillie Brooks, Roy Hunter and Otis Moore. At the social hour the hostess served an attractive refreshment plate to 22 members and 18 visitors.

Next meeting was set for 2 p. m. on February 14 in the home of Mrs. C. E. Akins. The program for discussion is to be "Storage Place for Clothing" by the wardrobe demonstrator. Each member is asked to bring a gift for the club basket.

### MEMBERS OF CAST ENTERTAINED

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLeod informally entertained members of the cast of "Mrs. Apple and Her Corps," which Mrs. McLeod directed last Thursday evening at the I. X. L. school building, in their home on Friday evening.

Games of "42" progressed merrily during the evening hours and at the refreshment hour the hostess passed delicious cake with hot chocolate or coffee to Messrs. and Mesdames Harry Riney, Lee Cargill, Duell McLean, Doc Seymore, T. E. Collins and the host and hostess.

### MERRY WORKERS CLUB

Mrs. W. L. Barnett and her daughter, Peggy, honored the Merry Workers club Monday afternoon in their suburban home. Nandina berries were used with red roses in the entertaining rooms.

Mrs. A. M. Hinds presided for a brief business session. Reports from

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council, historian and special committees were heard and the remainder of the afternoon was spent in playing "Equations" and "Briefs" Mrs. J. S. Hinds being high score winner and Mrs. Joe Jowers consolation winner. Late in the afternoon cherry tarts and coffee with miniature American flags as plate favors were served to Mesdames A. M. Hinds, Wesley Rister, Alfred Thomas, J. S. Hinds, E. D. Thomas, Leola Mauldin, Edwin Patterson, Ed Stegner, Theo Newton, Fred Horton, Alexander Moore, Tom Moore, Jeff Hinds and Mrs. R. N. Bone, of Hearne.

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I have moved my barber shop across from the Queen theatre and will appreciate the patronage of both old and new customers. Hair cuts 25c, Shaves 20c.

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### SOMETHING NEW

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## Honor Roll

The following pupils are on the honor roll of the White Church school for the fourth month of the term, as submitted by Miss Bess Baucom, principal:

First grade—Billy Frazier, 90; Floyd Hanley, 91.

Third grade—Melba Shugart, 90.

Sixth grade—Homer Tye, Jr., 97; M. H. Farmer, 91; Elby Frazier, 90.

Effective Monday, February 4, Miss Pearl Dedman of Sagerton replaced Miss Bess Baucom, as teacher and principal of the White Church school. Miss Baucom will go to Sagerton as teacher in the schools there.

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Green, Firm	CABBAGE, pound	31-2c
Idaho	SPUDS, 10 pounds	18c
Swans Down	CAKE FLOUR, pkg.	32c
Red and White	CORN FLAKES, pkg.	10c
Puffed	WHEAT, package	10c
Red and White	BRAN FLAKES, pkg.	10c
Post	TOASTIES, 2 pkgs.	25c
Red and White	CREAM MEAL, 5 pounds	19c
Red and White	PEARS, No. 2 1-2 can, each	23c
Red and White	PINEAPPLE, No. 2 can, 2 for	33c
Red and White	HOMINY, No. 2 1-2 can, each	11c
Sun Up	COFFEE, pound	19c

Kuner's	PEAS, No. 2 can, each	16c
Sunset	PEAS, No. 2 can, each	10c
Kuner's	GREEN BEANS, No. 2 can, 2 for	25c
Dried	PEACHES, 2 pounds	25c
Red and White	GRAPE JAM, 1 lb. jar	18c
Pure Cane	10 lbs. SUGAR	52c
	25 lbs. SUGAR	\$1.27
Brimfull	MACARONI, pkg.	5c
Red and White	SOAP, 6 giant bars	25c
Blu-Kross	TOILET TISSUE, 3 rolls	23c
Red and White	MATCHES, box	5c
Bulk	FIG BARS, pound	15c
Large	VANILLA WAFERS, pkg.	15c
Red and White	12 lbs. FLOUR	59c
	24 lbs. FLOUR	\$1.03
	48 lbs. FLOUR	\$1.98
Picnic	HAMS, pound	18c
Banquet	SLICED BACON, pound	29c
Dry Salt	PORK, pound	20c
Full Cream	CHEESE, pound	21c





**WATTS-ASHTON.**

The many friends of Foster Watts, former Merkel boy who has made good in New Mexico the last few years, will be interested to learn of his marriage to Miss Evelyn VanNelle Ashton Jan. 27 at Lovington.

Foster is the older son of Mrs. L. A. Watts of Bettis heights; he is an employee of the Model Food Store at Hobbs, N. M., where they will make their home. Reared in Merkel, he has a host of friends who extend him sincerest best wishes for a happy and prosperous married life.

**PARKER-BLAIR.**

Mrs. J. S. Blair is announcing the marriage of her daughter, Dixie, to Jackson E. Parker of Midland. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. P. Stanford in the parlors of the First Methodist church in Eastland on November 30, 1934.

The bride is a graduate of Merkel High school, of Draughon's Business college of Abilene, and a former student of the training school of nurses of the Lubbock sanitarium. For the past three years she has been a member of the nursing staff of the "Rush Schulkey, Wall and Windham" clinic in San Angelo. Prior to that time she was with the John B. Thomas hospital of Midland.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Parker, pioneer ranchman of Midland and Andrews counties. He is a graduate of Midland High school and the University of Texas.

The couple will make their home near Midland where Mr. Parker is engaged in the ranching business with his father.

**FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.**

Members of the Fortnightly Study club were delightfully entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George White on Monday evening with Mrs. Briggs Irvin the hostess. In the absence of Miss Dora Gassette, who was to have been leader for the lesson on "Chile (and Peru) since 1880," Mrs. R. O. Pearson presided, discussing "Relations between Chile and the United States." Substituting for Mrs. I. Grimes, Mrs. S. D. Gamble read a paper on "President Balmaceda and His War with Congress." Mrs. Asa Sheppard gave a complete resume of "Chilean History since 1891" and Miss Julia Martin gave an account of the "Part Bolivia Has Played in the Chilean-Peruvian Quarrels."

The following club members answered roll call with one minute discussions on various topics of current events: Mesdames W. S. J. Brown, W. L. Diltz, Ralph Duke, S. D. Gamble, C. B. Gardner, E. B. Irvin, Chas. Jones, J. Olin Lusby, F. C. McFarland, R. O. Pearson, W. T. Sadler, A. T. Sheppard, Henry West, Fred Hughes, Misses Christine Collins, Stell Ledger, Julia Martin, Helen Patterson, Johnnie Sears and Evelyn Curb.

**BETTER BRIDGE CLUB**

The home of Mrs. Lige Gamble was opened Thursday afternoon to

members of the Better Bridge club. Party appointments were in Valentine motif. Contract bridge furnished diversion during the game hours and dainty Valentine candies were passed by Miss Elma Mae Gamble.

Club members present were Mesdames Charles Laigent, L. C. Zehn-fennig, Bob Mayfield, Ernest Higgins, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Milton Case, W. T. Sadler, F. C. McFarland, George White, W. L. Duffer, Miss Christine Collins and Mrs. Carl Jackson played a substitute hand for Mrs. Gamble.

**T. E. L. CLASS SOCIAL.**

Mrs. John Childress most graciously opened her home on Wednesday afternoon to members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class with Mrs. Twyman Collins and Mrs. Bob Conder co-hostesses in entertaining. St. Valentine's Day once again furnished inspiration for a pretty color theme of red and white and for two very entertaining Valentine contests which were followed by a Bible contest.

At the tea hour Valentine sandwiches, potato chips, olives and spiced tea were passed with pretty Valentines as plate favors to Mesdames Booth Warren, Hale Lancaster, Ollie Dye, Yates Brown, A. R. Booth, Sam Swann, J. L. Winter and the three hostesses.

**KING'S DAUGHTERS PARTY.**

The church parlors of the Methodist church were opened on last Tuesday afternoon to members of the King's Daughters Sunday School class when Mesdames W. D. Hutcheson, M. L. Estes, Grover Hale, Tom Coats and J. S. Pinckley entertained with a Valentine party and at the same time paid tribute to the approaching birthday of George Washington. Mrs. H. C. Williams brought the devotional before the social hour when Mrs. Thomas Durham gave a most interesting account of the origin of Valentine and later distributed sketches from the life of George Washington. "A Child of the King," which is the class song, closed this lovely program.

Refreshments were chicken salad sandwiches, fritos, pickles, cake and coffee. Members present were Mesdames McSpadden, Dry, Richards, Sutphen, Rainbolt, H. C. Williams, Boss Williams, Harkrider, Ellis, Watts, Butman, Curb, Golladay, Hollingsworth, Black, Campbell, Hutcheson, Durham, McRee, Russell, Estes, Hale, Coats and Pinckley. Mesdames

# CHURCH SERVICES

**METHODIST CHURCH.**

Kidnapped—Last Sunday morning about 9:45 a. m. quite a few Methodists, by Old Man Indifferent, and held for ransom; who will pay the ransom? The one held will pay, and will pay by spiritual loss. Yes, the Sunday School suffers quite a bit, but not like the one who stays away. Come next Sunday 9:45 a. m.

Preaching 11 a. m. Subject, "Symphony." Young people's meeting 6:30 p. m. Notice the hour. Preaching 7:30 p. m. We are making a change in the hour next Sunday at the evening service.

Gates and Brooks and little Miss Betty Jane Gates were visitors.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.**

Mrs. Sam Swann invited a number of little girls in to help her young daughter Patsy celebrate her birthday last Monday afternoon. Games were played and many kodak pictures were made of the little guests. They were Patsy, Carolyn Sue Mayfield, Sandra Lou Sadler, Anne Booth, Helen Haynes and Lora Pearl Haynes, Marilyn Petty. Mothers, who accompanied their daughters, were Mesdames W. J. Largent, J. S. Swann, Byers Petty, W. T. Sadler, A. R. Booth, Bob Mayfield, Bill Haynes. The lovely birthday cake was cut and served with hot chocolate.

**BRIDGE PARTY.**

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Hughes entertained in their home Wednesday evening complimenting Mr. and Mrs. John Grable, who have recently moved here. A Valentine motif was used in table decorations and refreshments. Games of bridge progressed during the evening.

Salads and coffee were served to Messrs. and Mesdames Briggs Irvin, W. S. J. Brown, Olin Luby, R. O. Pearson, Warren Smith, George White, Ralph Duke, Booth Warren, Milton Case, John Grable and the host and hostess.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**

Women meet 2:30 p. m. Monday. Boys and Girls World club 4 p. m. Monday. Younger boys and girls Tuesday 4 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night 7:30.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

A teacher's training service is in progress at this church this week. Bother Joyner is teaching "History of the Old Testament."

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. B. T. S. at 6:15 p. m. W. M. U. at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Y. W. A. at 4:30 Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening.

We are having nice crowds at prayer meeting and very instructive Bible lessons taught by our pastor. We would be glad to have you join us.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

There were 806 reported present at the six Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, bringing the figure again above the 800 mark where it has ranged nearly every Sunday since Christmas week. On the previous Sunday only 626 were present, while on the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 771.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. As this is the pastor's Sunday at Baird, everyone is urged to be present promptly on time, so that at the close they may attend other services at the morning hour.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Sunday School begins at 10 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m. The subject for discussion at the morning service is "The Iron, Silver and Golden Rule." Young people meet at 6:30 p. m. for a 45-minute program of special singing and discussion.

Junior young people meet at 7:15 for a short story class, and then preaching begins at 7:30. The subject for the evening discussion is "The Church of the New Testament." Prayer and praise service meets at 7:50 Wednesday evening.

Flavil R. Yeakley, Minister.

**NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.**

The Bible School each Sunday afternoon is growing in number and in interest. It is a study through the whole Bible presented in an unusual manner. Several have said, "It is a study different to the usual dry literature of men and opens up many marvelous and beautiful channels of thoughts, showing the Bible to be a real interesting study."

Our church is doing some real missionary work now. We are reaching out into places outside of town. We are planning a great "missionary" enterprise soon. We ask every member of our church to bring your tithe unto the Lord's house next Sunday to help this work.

We are urging every member of our church to be present next Sunday night. It is very important.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**

The weather last Sunday was more favorable to the Lord's work and we enjoyed the day in His service. We were favored throughout the day with special songs rendered by our daughter, Mrs. Carl A. Gardner of Eula.

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J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

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Bananas	Large Yellow Fruit	Doz. 15c
Apples, doz.	Wissap, med. size	15c
Apples, 2 doz.	Delicious, med. size	35c
Turnips, lb.	Rutabagas or Purple Top	4c
Pork & Beans	16 OZ. CANS	5c
Peanut Butter	2 lb. Qt. Jar	31c
Graham Crackers	Sun-Ray	2 Lb. Box 21c
Crackers	A-1 Saltines	2 Lb. Box 19c
Preserves	All flavors White Star brand	31 oz. jar 35c
Coffee	Maxwell House 2 pound can	88c
FLOUR		
Bewley's Best	48 lb. sacks	\$1.95
Queen of West	48 lb. sacks	\$1.85
Light Crust	48 lb. sacks	\$2.10
Elveijo	48 lb. sacks	\$1.55
Prunes	5 lb. pkg.	39c
Pickles	Sour, qt. jar	20c
Mustard	Quart jar	15c
Cat'up	14 oz. bottle	2 for 25
S. Flakes	5 lb. pkg.	31c

## Looking Forward—



West Texas has untold possibilities for development. Although much progress has been made, there is much room for further achievements by all thrifty and enterprising citizens.

A bulk of our natural resources lie virtually untouched. A continued diversification of agriculture in its broadest sense will materially benefit our section. Homes and places of business, as evidenced in travel over West Texas, need repairing, painting or entirely rebuilding. Many of our cities have faced a shortage in the better class of homes for the past several months. Industry and capital needs encouraging in West Texas so that more labor can be profitably employed.

Capital can be secured and this continued program of development can be realized when men are convinced of the attitude of governing bodies on taxation and government competition in business. The debacle of 1929 to 1934 will have passed and progress will have begun when government experiments give way to co-operative efforts of American principles of private initiative.

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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.

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Attorney

## BABY-CHICKS

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