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## LIONS DISTRICT **GOVERNOR GUEST** LADIES' NIGHT

led Entertainment Numbers boiler at Luling. And Witty Speakers.

An address by Ross Covey of ner announced Wednesday at Dallas. governor Sweetwater, district of Lions clubs for district 2-E, and Merkel Lions club on Tuesday evening ity leadership. in the club hall.

ceremonies and also outlined Lions begin about Feb. 1. objectives for 1937.

er as well as bringing a serious mes- Waco and in Guthrie, Okla. sage for the benefit of the local club.

singing, led by Yates and Ann Brown, death at noon Tuesday from the winwith Miss Iris Garrett as accompanist. The invocation was given by W. G. Cypert, retired Church of Christ minister. During the dinner hour, piano numbers were graciously given Brackettville, was found dead of carguests, Rev. John H. Crow gave a ranch, 30 miles from the town. resume of the "Lions Code of Ethics."

cluded: a reading, "The Minister's plosion Sunday morning caused the at the Woodman hall Tuesday night. lector and Sid H. McAdams as sheriff. Feature entertainment numbers inpersonality number, "One, Two, But- morning. Douglas was head machinist installation. tor Your Shoe," by Miss Bettye Lou for a petroleum company at Borger. Grime; the Sorebes Sisters in a quarter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hazel of in the Cotton Bowl classic at Dallas. siding. She introduced the following Abilene, with accompaniment by Miss Aline Hardin of Abilene. Miss Garrett accompaned the Sosebee quartette Simmons' Cowboys wore down the Mrs. Eldora Guitar, as installing of- pire until 1939.

realization were: a community club val. house and library, gravel more streets, a High School band, a lighted softsaid, "a real service elub."

Lion colors of purple and gold were were mint-filled miniature airplanes cousin, Billy Combs, age 9. and Japanese lanterns.

A delectable turkey dinner was efficiently served by Woozy's cafe.

The club program committee consisting of Dee Grimes, Booth Warren and Yates Brown was assisted by other committees as follows: decorations, Roy Reid, Norman Hodge, Stanley printing, C. J. Glover, R. T. Gray. GUEST LIST.

Covey and Mrs. Covey, Dr. W. H. flag. McIntyre, president of the Sweetwater Lions club, and Mrs. McIntyre, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hazel, Miss Paula Hazel, Miss Aline and five others were injured early Hardin, Messrs. M. Shaw and Harry Tuesday in the derailment of the en- Collins and Vera Walker; Messrs. Minor, members of the Abilene Lions gine and tender of a Missouri Pacifclub, and Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Minor, ic passenger train within the city C. J. Glover, and Billy Campbell, Abilene; W. G. Cypert, Mr. and Mrs. limits of Austin. G. W. Wilhite, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, Mrs. Trezevant Gaither, Mrs. Silas Jones, Mrs. Oscar McGinnis, seriously, in the Reno community, wear ents, Iris Garrett, Emma Joyner, 17, of Paris, and her nephew, Weldon (Continued on Page Five)

#### Mrs. Williams Home From Round of Visits

Mrs. H. C. Williams returned Wednesday afternoon from an extended visit in Oklahoma and Missouri, after having attended the Texas Centennial at Dallas in company with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. Q. Williams of Knox City.

From there Mrs. Williams went to Pence and son, Billie, of Marshall, age rainfall for this area is 38 inches. Mo., joined in a happy reunion with other, brother and family.

rs. Williams accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Pence, home where she Patitz, 70, officer of a manufacturenjoyed a visit through the holidays. ing company, dropped dead in - the On returning home, Mrs. Williams street. His sister, Miss Martha Patitz, stopped for a short visit in Tulsa to 68, fell dead when informed of his celebrate the birthday of her son, death. Physicians attributed both Tuesday that 46,850 amateur stations day with a decree of annulment issued last week to visit relatives and friends Otho, and for New Year's dinner. deaths to heart shocks.

# KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

An acetylene torch exploded and Eighty-Eight Guests Enjoy Col- mangled the face of Luther Sherry orful Affair, Featured by Var- while he was cutting down a junk

> The annual schedule meeting of the Texas league will be held in Tulsa on Jan. 30-31, President J. Alvin Gard-

By a 184 to 127 vote, house demoentertainment by local and visiting crats Monday elevated Sam Rayburn artists were highlights of the annual of Texas to the second highest posiladies' night program sponsored by the tion in the national house—the major-

Regional Administrator Read John-Eighty-eight members and guests son has announced that work of attended the dinner, for which Henry transferring the veterans administra-C. West, president, was master of tive offices from Dallas to Waco would

Subject of Mr. Covey's talk was Chauncey Brown, state editor of "Looking to the Future," and the the Dallas News, died of a heart atspeaker proved himself exceptionally tack on Thursday, Dec. 31. He was \*a speaker proved himself exceptionally tack on Thursday, Dec. 31. He was a entertaining as an after-dimmer speak- former managing editor of papers in

Arthur Tyler, 35, son of a wealthy The program opened with group Presidio county rancher, plunged to dow of a fourth story room of the New Officers of W. O. W. and Recently Elected Clerk, Assess-Westbrook hotel, Fort Worth.

Albert J. Sergeant, city clerk of by Misses Garrett and Emma Joy- bon monoxide poisoning in his autoner. Following the introduction of mobile near the pasture gate of his

Seventeen thousand fans sat under tette number, "The Organ Grinder overcast skies and witnessed the thrill-Swing," and a song and tap dance by ing 16-6 victory Saturday of Texas litt Paula Hazel, 8-year-old daugh- Christian university over Marquette

Some of the objectives mentioned a New Year's day crowd of approxi- attendant, and Mrs. Flossie Fowler, maining in the office as deputy to by President Henry West for 1937 mately 9,000 at El Paso's Sun Carnilas installing chaplain.

Governor Allred announced. Wedball field, a golf course, boys' and ert Lee Bobbitt of San Antonio as a joyed. girls' work, help and comfort for member of the state highway commisworthy and needy people, in brief, he sion to succeed D. K. Martin, whose term expires Feb. 15.

carried out in program folders and Joe Kenneth Combs, 13-year-old combined with a patriotic motif in Sweetwater boy, was killed instantly table and hall decorations. Favors for Sunday afternoon on the Mimms the ladies and guests were white farm, south of Sweetwater, when he chrysanthemums, and plate favors was accidentally shot by a younger

> Marvin Hall of Brownsville was appointed state fire insurance commissioner to succeed Raymond Mauk, of Dallas, resigned, and Albert Daniel of Crockett was named state tax commissioner to succeed Hall.

Two children, Flora Mae Shinn, 8, King; stunt, Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, and Billy Lee Shinn, 6, are not per- periences in the past and comparisons Joe P. Self, Dr. Earl Thomason; mitted to attend school of the Braz- with the present, other guests also oria district because, owing to a dif- joined in the novel pastime. ferent interpretation of the Bible, Guests were: District Governor Ross they refused to salute the American dames W. M. Elliott, L. L. Murray,

G. A. Rothman, about 60, engineer

A stove explosion fatally burned two persons and burned three others, two Three Moore Scouts Misses Christine Collins, Nelda Clem- Paris. The dead: Mrs. Frances Alien, Weldon Henshaw.

> Record of Births. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Hale McRee,

Trent, Friday, January 1, 1937.

Saturday, January 2, 1937. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Benningsfield, Tuesday, January 5, 1937. before next Wednesday.

1936 Dryest in History.

Polsa, Okla., for a Thanksgiving visit 1936 was the dryest of any recorded was also made on the lawn. with her son, O. W. Williams, and his here, only 25 1-4 inches of rain falling family, where Mr. and Mrs. R. T. during the twelve months. The aver- Johnny McDonald, Gwendolyn Renfro,

> Death Strikes Twice. Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 7 .- J. F. Max Becky Gardner.

DOLLARS YOU SPEND

The Dollars you Spend with the Peddlers or other out-of-town interests Cannot Serve the Institutions of YOUR OWN COMMUNITY

# INSTALLATION

SERVE YOUR S

Woodmen Circle Take Places In Ceremories Tuesday.

Approximately 125, including visi-Injuries sustained in a welding ex- of the W. O. W. and Woodmen Circle (Pat) Patterson as tax assessor-coldeath of Earl Douglas, 34, Tuesday Mayor W. M. Elliott presided for the

by Mr. Elliott, with the Trent degree Belle Wellborn, district clerk; Esco

An overpowering galaxy of Hardin- who took charge of the installation: Texas College of Mines, 34 to 6, before ficer; Mrs. Mae Seago, as installing

> The Merkel drill team assisted in the installation and floor work.

After the installation, cake and cofnesday night the appointment of Rob- fee were served and a social hour en-

### Compliment Officers of Church With Dinner

Complimenting officers of the church and their wives, Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Wade Willis and Philip Diltz. church, and Mrs. Walker, were hosts to a turkey dinner in the basement of the church on Wednesday evening.

Following the dinner, the evening was spent informally, with group singing, solos by Delma Compton and quartette numbers by Messrs, Compton, Charlie Jones, John West and Harry Barnett. With the host setting the pace in recounting interesting ex-

Present were: Messrs. and Mes-Henry C. West, W. A. Campbell, John West, Selma Russell, James H. West, Bob Mayfield, Harry Barnett, Cephas of San Antonio, was crushed to death Wozencraft; Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. Silas Jones, Misses Christine Delma Compton, Charlie Jones and Gerald and Gloria West.

# Pass the Tenderfoot

Louise Patterson and Dora Gaither M. Henshaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Girl Scouts, lived up to their motto and promise on Wednesday, Jan. 6, when they helped three other girls to meet the Tenderfoot requirements. Sue Grimes, Becky Gardner and Tommy Grimes finished these require-Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold King, ments and officially made the promise special trips to the captain and finish

The entire troop played "automo bile" on the lawn and Sue and Becky Grand Saline, Jan. 7 .- The year made the highest score. The "circle

> Those present were: Evelyn Sears, Peggy Joyce Toombs, Sue Grimes Dora Gaither, Tommy Grimes, Louise Patterson, Doris Clyde Miller and

46,850 Amateur Radio Stations. Washington, D. C., Jan. 7 .- The communications commission reported had been licensed to last July 1.

# 3 NEW MEMBERS **COUNTY FAMILY**

or-Collector and Sheriff, Take Oaths of Office.

Three new Taylor county officials tors from Trent and Abilene, were in were sworn in on New Year's day: attendance for the joint installation Miss Vivian Fryar as clerk, Comer O.

The following district and county officials, who were re-elected, also After the opening song and prayer, renewed their oaths: Judge M. S. W. O. W. officers were first installed Long of 42nd district court; Miss Walter, county attorney; John L. The Woodmen Circle then took Camp, county judge, and Roy Fuller, county treasurer.

Four year term of Tom McGehee, county superintendent, does not ex-

W. P. Bounds, retiring clerk, is retained are Mrs. Clyde Stayton and Penn Gilbreath.

Grady Parmelly, retiring assessorcollector, is remaining on duty under Patterson for a while, assisting in getting the new program under way. Other deputies named by Patterson are: Jesse E. Walker, Catherine Ramsey. Ruby Groves, Charles Peevey and Fred Guitar, Jr.

Deputies in the sheriff's office, as already announced, are Ruck Sibley,

Jack Canon, as commissioner precint 2, Judge N. D. Cobb, as justice of peace precinct 5, and Clyde Shouse as public weigher precinct 5 were all re-elected. The only new officer serving the Merkel precinct is J. T. King, elected constable to succeed W. H. Lanev.

Precinct officers in Taylor county will be paid through the fee system in 1937, rather than by salary as in 1936, the commissioners' court voted Friday in its first 1937 session.

### Trial of Ray Mays on Murder Charge Jan. 19

Trial of Ray Mays, Merkel negro jury Tuesday on a charge of murder, was set Wednesday for Jan. 19 by Judge Milburn S. Long.

Mays entered a plea of not guilty when arraigned and waived a venire for the trial. The negro was indicted in connection with the fatal shooting of Alberta Henry, Merkel negress, on

#### Former Resident Here Dies in Los Angeles here.

Friends in Merkel, where he was born and reared, have been grieved to to the captain. The others will make learn of the death of Emzi E. Burroughs, 40, at Los Angeles, Calif., on Christmas, day.

> Mr. Burroughs saw service overeas with the 111th engineers of the 36th division and was gassed in batde. He trained at Camp Bowie, Fort

Survivors include two sons, four rothers and a sister.

"Mistake" Wedding Dissolved. Christmas Eve "mistake" marriage of Miss Margaret Royster and Gilbert M. Wright, 34, son of Harold Bell Wright, novelist, was dissolved Monby Circuit Judge Ray C. Cowan.

#### URGES CAMPAIGN **UPON RECKLESS AUTO DRIVERS**

Judge M. S. Long, opening a new term of 42nd district court Monday charged members of a Taylor county grand jury to do their part toward "arousing public sentiment against reckless drivers and persons who drive while intoxicated," and told them his policy was to take away the license of any man found driving while intoxicated.

The grand jury, impaneled Monday morning, has Henry R. Roberts of Guion as foreman and W. H. Free of Abilene as secretary.

Other members besides Roberts and Free are: J. C. Jones, Ovalo; W. A. Cox, Walter Mitchell, Abilene; O. G. Brown, J. H. Wade, Tuscola; Johnny tary. Cox, Merkel; J. Lackey, Ovalo, and J. C. Hamner, Trent.

# Children of Mrs. P. A.

The family of Mrs. P. A. Riggan of list. the White Church community staged a homecoming Sunday, Dec. 27, at the on Jan. 19 and will be mailed to all home of Elgin Riggan one mile west of the exhibitors of the past two years of Merkel.

There are ten children and twentysix grandchildren, all of whom were present except one grandson, Norville Lewis Riggan of Big Spring.

Those present were: Mrs. P. R. Riggan, Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Riggan and children, Elsie, Carl, Lola, Merl, Denzil, Bettie Lou and Sonny Boy, of White Church; Mr. and Mrs. Gold Riggan and children, Gerald and Harold, of Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Grant Riggan and children, Avagene, G. H., and Wanda Fay, of Trent; Nathan Riggan of Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Harris and children, Bettie Sue and Jerry, of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Conley and children, Berdon, De Verl, Hazel, Gloria Dean, and baby, of White Church; Mr. and for next week includes the following Mrs. Curtis Conley and children, E. names: A., Doyle, and Helen, of Merkel; Mr. Miss Fryar. Other deputies being re- and Mrs. Elgie Riggan and son, L. D., M. Gambill, Roy Baccus, W. M. Hays, of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond

> Dinner was served cafeteria style Youngblood, Frank Grimes, T. of pictures were taken.

the afternoon.

Sweetwater Radio Favored.

ner R. H. Hyde.

## **POULTRY SHOW** DATES SET FOR FEB. 3RD TO 6TH

Plans for Winter Exhibit Sponsored by Merkel Poultry Association Announced; Catalogue Off Press Jan. 19.

Meeting Saturday night at the city hall, the Merkel Poultry association decided that the annual winter show would be held this year Feb. 3, 4, 5 and 6. A good representation of the membership was present.

Officers of the association are: R. McKee, Henry Drummond, Sam R. A. Ellis, president; Eli H. Cordill, vice-president, and Arl Sharp, secre-

Committees were at work Wednesday soliciting the business section for denations and were receiving a gratifying response from those same business men that have sponsored so Riggan In Reunion many successful shows in the past, as well as adding new supporters to the

The catalogues will be off the press as well as any others that send their request to Arl Sharp, secretary,

or to either of the local banks. Exhibitors from Merkel have given support this year to the Anson show as well as the South Plains show and it is expected that there will be visitors to the Merkel show from both territories.

There were some 350 chickens shown here last year and the tendency is towards better poultry throughout all this section.

### List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The jury panel in 42nd district court

W. M. Elliott, R. E. Windham, W. Merkel; J. W. McGee, J. P. Keith, A. Russom and children, J. R. and baby, D. Faulks, Eldon V. Hodges, W. B. of Butman and Loyd Riggan of White Large, John W. Mayfield, J. L. Ohlhausen, Sam L. McClure, M. A. from well-filled baskets, and a number Windham, A. F. Travis, A. B. Johnson, John Woodall, L. C. Hays, Geo. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rogers and M. Barnard, Ben Manley, J. W. Woot-Miss Maggie Payne of Trent and a ers, T. N. Ramsey, O. E. Radford, O. sister of Mrs. Elgin Riggan and her M. Garrett, G. G. Jackson, J. A. family visited with the family during Beard, A. E. Coggin, Arthur Weldon, C. S. McClellan, J. E. Grissom, J. J. Cheshire, B. A. Young, O. M. Bantau, G. W. Brewster, Abilene; Oliver Washington, D. C., Jan. 7 .- A rec- Bright, E. B. Strawn, Trent; E. H. mmendation that the Sweetwater Brockerson, F. F. Hodge, Dock Pier-Broadcasting company be granted per- son, H. L. Johnson, Tuscola; M. M. mission to construct a new radio sta- Papasan, C. P. Correll, Ovalo; Reed tion at Sweetwater was made to the Ivey, G. M. Norris, G. W. Haynes, communications commission by Exami- Lawn; H. C. James, Sam Griffith, Guien; O. D. Christian, Wingate.

# **MERKEL20 YEARS AGC**

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 5, 1917.)

Excessive indoor work at the Farmers & Merchants bank to the detriment | S. M. U. at Dallas, was a visitor here of his health has caused Ben T. Mer- last week. indicted by the 42nd district grand ritt, assistant cashier of the Farmers & Merchants bank, to resign his position with that institution.

Mr. Merrtt's resignation is to take effect as soon as his successor, Harry L. Rudemose, arrives here from Fort Worth. Mr. Rudemose was formerly connected with the F. & M. bank here and has a wide acquaintance.

Relieving J. F. Holdridge resigned. Mr. O. C. Lomax now is in charge of the Southwestern Telephone company them as the best of people to their

Mr. Lomax assumed charge of the Merkel station the first, while Mr. Holdridge, is taking advantage of a much needed rest.

Carey Touchstone, who has been eaching at Laredo, returned home for a resident of that city, being the bride. the Christmas holidays. On account Mr. and Mrs. Counts will make their of his health, Mr. Touchstone has been compelled to give up his work there and his plans for the future are ndefinite.

former's health. While there they are

John Cozart and daughters, Misses Elsie and Floy of Colorado, came in Miss Mary Jennings, a student at

entertaining Miss Kate Stroud of Robert Lee for a ten days visit. Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Woodroof have

Miss Gladys Demere of Route 5 is

moved to their new home at North Second and Grape streets, Abilene.

Mr. Woodroof is connected with the Mungus-Woodroof haberdashers of Abilene. We regret to lose this esteemed young couple but commend neighbors in our sister city.

WEDDED IN HONOLULU.

Word has been received of the marriage of Ernest S. Counts in Honolulu on Dec. 31, 1916, Miss Edith Pratt, home in Honolulu, the former having recently gone in business there.

The marriage is the culmination of a romance of Mr. Counts' visit to Mrs. Victor Harris and little Ruby Honolulu several years ago. Followin ire in El Paso for a protracted stay his residence there for two years h if the change proves beneficial to the went to China for an extended stay and back to the States to be dr guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Maxwell, back to the Islands by love ties last year. A cablegram brought news to relatives and friends wi Ernest and his bri

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#### LENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Sipes and son, Jerry, of Dallas returned home last and Mrs. B. F. Sipes.

R. Spinks of the Goodman community. served to about twenty.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Still and two children, Mary Virginia and Don, of O'Donnell, spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Estep. Mrs. Still was the former Lilly Jane Har-

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep had as their New Year's guests Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Rogge and two children, Clifton mately thirty-five guests who watched Mrs. Skeen, who contracted preuand Billie Mae, of Abilene, also Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Estep and two child- was rung in with the shooting of fire- Saturday, following a mild stroke of ren, Cliffa Jean and Jerry.

Frank Allen of Cisco, was here Satday to visit with his family. My and Mrs. Allen, accompanied by Misses May Day and Mildred Steadman, motored to Jayton Sunday to visit relatives and Miss Louise Allen returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Shannon and with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bright and March, the month of winds, was rep- Little Geraldine, daughter of Mr children spent a few days last week misfortune of having all their househome in Fort Stockton. Only a few oil lease where they were employed represented by a fishing pond; a va- Church of Christ, said a brief cereof their property.

Postmaster John Strawn was accompanied by his family on a squirrel hunt near San Angelo one day last week. The affidavits may be obtained

Miss Ima Gene Mangum has resumed her school duties in Sonora after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mangum.

Roy Elliott of Sylvester was a passing guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn

Friday. June Gafford, student in Draugh the week-end here with her grandpar-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford. Homer Terry and Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen of Clyde were visitors hard

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Duke of Brownfield spent Saturday night here with Mrs. J. M. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn were hosts to a group of friends New Year's day for a turkey dinner. Those included were Mr. and Mrs. George Harris of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bowman of Buffalo Gap.

Mr. and Mrs. Hale McRee are announcing the birth of a baby girl, Caroline, on Jan. 1 at 3 a. m. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

METHODIST COUNCIL MEETS. The council of the Methodist young

people's department met Tuesday evening of last week with Rev. and Mrs.

Akie Carleton. The January program

THE MERKEL MAIL was outlined and the committee in harge appointed a leader to present a program for a series of Sundays; beginning with last Sunday at 7 MRS. NANCY MYERS. o'clock, Miss Beatrice Cooley was lead- Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Cook Myers

work on a play to be given by its 7 months and 16 days. The body was Taylor and Jones Counties \_\_\_\_\$1.00 members to be presented as a benefit brought from Anson by the Barrow-\$1.50 affair toward an addition to the Lawrence Undertaking company, with church. The date will be announced interment in the Merkel cemetery.

the business session.

advertising, and will be charged for by the hosts and H. R. Poor served Haskell, Roy Clark and Earnest barbecued peanuts informally.

and Don Williamson, Lola Fern and May 16, 1853, and was married to W. Wilma Martin, Dorothy Jo Strawn, T. Myers Jan. 18, 1872. Twelve child-Ruby and Huey Cooley.

BAPTIST PRAYER MEETING. Saturday after a visit here with Mr. Baptist church at 7 o'clock. After ter, Mrs. Susan F. Doan of Merkel, singing of hymns, a prayer service survives. There are 19 grandchildren Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jones had as was led by Rev. H. East, the pastor, and 28 great-grandchildren. their guests during the holidays Mrs. and plans were made for the con-Jones' father, Mr. Campbell, and Miss tinuation of these meetings each Baptist church at the age of nineteen Ruby Campbell, of Novice, Coleman Thursday evening, at which time all and was a faithful member until her members are urged to be present. A death. Her work on earth is finished, Mrs. Isom Burks spent the week- special program will be rendered next but throughout all eternity she will end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thursday evening. Refreshments were enjoy a rich heritage for the faithful

CALENDAR PARTY.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 31, the MRS. HANNAH SKEEN. young people's department of the Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Leach, of Abi-Methodist church were entertained lene, former Merkel residents, were in with a calendar party in the home of Sweetwater Sunday to attend the fun-Rev. Alsie H. Carleton, pastor, and eral rites for Mrs. Hannah Dollar Mrs. Carleton. There were approxi- Skeen, 73, aunt of Mrs. Leach. the old year leave as the New Year monia Wednesday, died at 11:15 a. m.

The home, which was decorated in Two sons, Robert Skeen, San Ancolors of the holiday season, was the tonio, and Ivan Skeen, Carlsbad, N. scene of games to represent every M., survive. Seven grandchildren, five month in the year. January was fea- nieces and three nephews, also surtured with a snowball contest; Feb- vive. Mrs. D. M. Floyd of Merkel is a ruary was celebrated with a Valen- niece.

Lover's Fortune and an introduction to George Washington; GERALDINE MARTIN. Another family, with whom the Shan- of rest just after school is cut, no hours earlier on the same day. nons shared the house located on the game was played for June; July was Lee Faulkner, minister of the left an open gas fire burning while cation game was played for the month mony at the graveside in the Trent they were absent and the wind carried of August; September was featured cemetery at 12 o'clock noon on Wedthe flames to the part of the dwelling occupied by "back-to-school" spelling races; nesday, Dec. 30.

October was represented by a nut Grandparents are: Mr. and Mrs. sung for the month of December.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cook- Miss Knox. ies and hot chocolate with Baby New Year favors bearing "1937" were from the post office force as to re- Williamson was chairman of the en- chickens. D. I. Shelton, Prop. tertainment and refreshment committoes composed of Mrs. Earl Strawn, Miss Beatrice Cooley, Miss Ruby

I hone 245. We hurry.

#### NECROLOGY

er and presented a program on prayer, died at her home near Anson Jan. 1, Preparations were made to begin 1937, at 9 p. m. at the age of 83 years,

Rev. Mr. Vernell of Potosi was in Choir practice was held, following charge of the services. Pallbearers were: Billie Myers, Bryant Myers, Reireshments of candy were passed Hosea Myers, Anson, Sie Edwards, Meeks, Merkel.

Present were: Elsie Bishop, Hazel Mrs. Cook was born in Alabama ren were born to this union, four of whom are living: O. L. Myers, D. R. Myers, Mrs. Dovie Burnett, Anson, Prayer meeting was held at the and S. M. Myers, Calif. Only one sis-

> Mrs. Myers joined the Old School and useful life she has lived.

-A Niece, Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

works and the singing of "Auld Lang apoplexy. She had lived in Sweetwater since 1916.

other relatives. The Shannons had the resented by the telling of "big wind- and Mrs. Alton Martin of Hall ranch, ies"; an April fool stunt was pres- near Treat, succumbed at 3 p. m. on hold goods destroyed by fire at their ented for that month; a Mayflower Tuesday, Dec. 29, having lived only contest was engaged in for the month 12 hours. She is survived by her pararticles of any value were recovered. of flowers; since June is the month ents and her twin brother, born two

occupants suffered only a partial loss game; feather football was played for Lon Martin of Trent and Mr. and Mrs. November, and holiday songs were F. M. Knox of Sylvester. Mrs. Martin, mother of the little girl, was formerly

> ANNOUNCING opening of Dunn served on each plate. Hazel Wanda Hatchery, Friday, Jan. 8. See us for

Read the advertisements in this Mrs. Tony Boone, Mrs. H. R. Poor, paper, There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save Cooley and Miss Elsie Bishop. Both money. At least you will know where Rev. Mr. Carleton and Mrs. Carleton to find what you want without doing directed games throughout the even- a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they Out of gas or got a flat? solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

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Condensed Statement

#### The Old Reliable FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business December 31, 1936

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans, Time and Demand\$157,500.43	Capital Stock\$ 50,000.00
Bills of Exchange (Cotton) 1,513.97 Overdrafts 772.67	Surplus 12,500.00
Real Estate on Hand6,175.00	Undivided Profits 6,320.09
Furniture and Fixtures 5,000.00 Stock in Fed. Res. Bank 1,850.00	Dividend Account 1,500.00
Interest in Fed. Dep. Ins. Corp. 452.40  Bonds and Warrants 50,310.42  Cash and Exchange 325,703.80	Bills Payable, Rediscounts, Debentures or Other Borrowed Money NONE  DEPOSITS 478,958.60
AVAILABLE CASH376,014.22	410,000.00

The above statement is correct.

Booth Warren, Cashier.

#### FRIENDSHIPS THAT LAST-

Many years ago, in 1904, this bank was organized and accepted its place in the business life of this community. Since that time much water has run under the bridge, but each year has seen more and more farmers and business men make this their banking home. We're proud of our record of stability, proud of every customer whose friendship and support has made this record possible. Friends once have been friends thru the years.

\$549,278.69

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BACK TO SCHOOL.

again. We have been given a few days McAninch, Catherine Orsborn, Hollis The first half of the game between

while. We do want to pass everyone menu: of these examinations, don't we? In Tomato Soup order to do so, we will have to make good use of every study period and all Mashed Potatoes Green Beans other spare time that we have.

school has started again. The Juniors are back and ready to start reviewing Misses Jane Ferguson and Fannelle passes and goals good. The game

time to start work on it. President worth, Miss Martin. Dick West may call a meeting most any day now to get the plans under SENIOR GIRLS CLUB. fair-so it is rumored.

mores are right at their heels, but, of their Senior dresses in the near fucourse, they intend to keep working ture. of Annuals.

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

The Sophomores enjoyed the holicorner and then-county meet.

over for the Sophomores and they ces Higgins; game, Phyllis Smith; are trying to leave their mark on short talk, Jane Ferguson; game, school history. They are running the Mildred Humphrey; bull fight, Jr. Juniors a close race in the Annual Grimes, Dick West and Vincent Barselling contest. The other classes bet- nett.

ASSEMBLY.

A very good program was given in assembly Wednesday before Christmas. The Choral club sang several Christmas numbers. A trio made up of Mrs. Yates Brown, Helen Joyner and Mrs. O. B. Leach gave one beautiful song. Six boys and girls from the Choral and Glee clubs sang "Silent Night." Dorothy Lee Shannon came over from Grammar school and gave another good number on the program. Rev. John Crow brought a short mesprogram.

BADGER ANNUAL REPORT.

Everyone seems quite enthusiastic about the prospects of the Badger. However, there are too many who show their enthusiasm with words but not with dollars. Of course everyone wants the 1936-37 year book, so why not purchase one now? The Annual this year is going to be something Dramatic club two years, the Spanish that everyone will always want to keep. Hurry and get your Annual today!

F. F. A. NEWS.

The area and state vocational supervisors were at the Merkel Public schools last week to see how the boys were getting along. They complimented them on their good work and the progress made since the beginning of school this year.

The members of the F. F. A. have made more than 600 feet of rope. They have caponized more than 100 cockerels. They have culled more than 300 hens, run more than 2,000 yards of terrace lines. There are many other projects which have not yet been be-

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB.

The Home Economics club had its wash it again FREE. second social Tuesday, Dec. 22-a Christmas party.

There were several games played after which a brief program was given consisting of a piano solo, Jannell Will appreciate your patronage Black; a Christmas story, La Verne Hughes; "What Christmas Means to Me," Nadine Clack.

After gifts and refreshments, consisting of sacks of candy, nuts, and apples, were passed out, the club had a short business meeting. Those answering the roll call of "What I Want for Christmas," were R. A. Burgess and Miss Juanita Stroud, visitors, and members, Misses Dorothy Sue Bird, Jannell Black, Genevieve Cox, Luci.e

Crick, Jane Ferguson, Grovene Ford, get off to a good start like that transaction of such other business as Now that the Christmas holidays Sis Gamble, Betty Grimes, Roena Hud- against Loraine. The girls dropped are over, it is indeed difficult for us son, Willie Mae Hudson, La Verne two games, but were able to come ing. Polls open between 8 a. m. and 5 to get our minds back on school work Hughes, Mildred Humphrey, Pauline through on one game.

Since the mid-term examinations sponsor, Miss Neweta Cleveland. are only two weeks off, it might be a On Friday, Dec. 18, 1936, at 12:15, ing the first half. All of the other wise idea for us to lose our holiday one of the home economics classes counters were results of foul tosses.

Meat Loaf

Harvard Beets Biscuits

Waldorf Salad Coffee

for the mid-term exams. That really Gray were waitresses and Miss Fran-ended 38-17 in favor of Roby. The is something to look forward to, you ces Higgins was hostess. Those at- high-point man of the game was a tending were: Mr. Burgess, Miss Lion forward with 16 points. Eason, The Juniors are looking forward to Cleveland, Mr. Rudd, Mrs. Haynes, Badger center, was second high-point the planning of the Junior-Senior Miss Clements, Mr. Myers, Miss man, scoring 12 points. Eason accounbanquet, and it won't be long until Stroud, Miss Watson, Mr. Collins- ted for most of his scores by field

way for the celebration. The Seniors | The Senior girls are working on are very excited about the whole af- plans for their dresses. The girls on the dress committee are Genevieve The Juniors are still ahead in the Cox, Betty Grimes, and La Verne Annual selling contest. The Sopho- Hughes. They plan to begin wearing with any of them on."

and remain in the lead. They seem to The naming committee has not de- Learning anything?" asked Miss Watwant Mattie Lou to win the prize that cided on a name suitable for the club son. the Seniors are going to give to the yet. The girls on this committee are salesman selling the greatest number | Fhyllis Smith, Leta Faye Barbee and ing to you." Earline Kelso.

SPANISH CLUB.

Las Cucharachas met last Wednesdays but they are glad to be back in day night in the gym. There were sofa. school. You may hear several say about forty present, including Mrs. there is nothing to look forward to Nash and Julias Batello, a Spanish since the holidays are over, but don't boy who is living here. There was a forget mid-term is just around the program given consisting of the following: short talk, Grovene Ford; High School days will soon be half Spanish duet, Hollis Perry and Fran-

> Each person brought some small present, names were drawn, and Dick West and Fannelle Gray passed out the presents.

> There was a Senata consisting of two large bags of candy, fruits, and nuts which were given out to all the members present.

PERSONALITIES.

Nadine Clack.

Nadine has been in Merkel High two years. The first two years of her High School life were spent in Abilene High. Since she has been in Mersage. Merkel High school was very kel, she has been in the Dramatic club glad to see some of the outstanding two years, the Home Economics club pupils of former years out to hear the and the Senior Girls club, being secretary of the two latter. When she graduates she plans to go to college. Her sweet, pleasant, and quiet disposition has won her many friends. We wish you luck, Nadine!

> P. A. Diltz. P. A. has been in M. H. S. four years. During this time he has made many friends. He has been in the club one year, and for the last two

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years has come out for football. We after his exile he spent the rest of his hope P. A. will have a successful life. life in abasement."

(By Sylvan.) Did I hear anyone ask me what last Monday night? Well, in case you State Bank in Merkel, Merkel, Texas, are the one that asked, it was the Merkel basketball boys and volley ball girls playing the Roby Lions.

It seemed as if the girls could not

in order to eat turkey and have a good Perry, Nell Pruitt, Louise Richie, the Badger quintet and the Roby Inez Smith, Nadine Clack and the Lions was a so-called game of fouls. Only four field goals were made dur- Phone 245. We hurry. spirit and study unusually hard for a served the faculty a luncheon. The As the first half ended, it seemed that it would be an overwhelming victory We fill all doctor's prescrip-Crackers for the Lions, because at the end of tions. Vick Drug company. the half they had more than doubled the Badger score.

Both teams came back into the Butter game at the half determined to break their foul jinx. The Lions solved the Santa Claus has come and gone and Boiled Custard Apricot Whip Cookies problem, but the Badgers were unable to do so, as they could not make their goals from mid-court.

JOKES.

Grovene (looking at football pants): "What's those?"

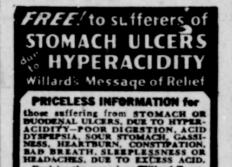
Kenneth: "Football pants." Grovene: "I never saw a football

"What are you doing back there? "Oh, no," replied Don, "just listen-

"It's the little things in the world that tell," said Joyce Fulton as she pulled little sister from under the

Mr. Burgess: "What do you mean by saying that Benedict Arnold was a janitor?"

L. B. Gibson: "The book says that



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NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a meetthat noise was at the Merkel Gym ing of the stockholders of the Farmers will be held at the office of said bank the second Tuesday in January, 1937, being the 12th day of the month, for the election of directors and the may properly come before the meet-

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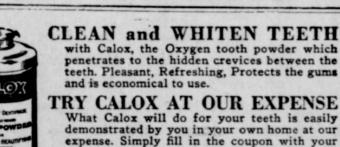
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entertained the latter's sister, Mrs. past week.

Misses Sarah and Neva Malone graciously entertained a group of friends with a social in their home recently. Dainty refreshment plates of chicken sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate were served to the guests.

Several relatives and friends from Mrs. Nancy Myers, who was buried at Merkel Saturday.

Mrs. Claud Doan of Clyde visited with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton, last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Horton, of Trent one day the past

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Peterson visited relatives at Caps Sunday.

Ora Lee Maddera is entertaining a cousin from the Divide the past ten

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Mayberry have moved to Mt. Pleasant. We are very sorry to lose these fine people, but wish them every success for the New

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison and grandsons, Billie and Don, visited their son, Lynward Harrison, of Trent

Mrs. O. D. Pruitt and daughters of Anson visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Fate Scoggin, Mrs. Susie Doan and Mrs. J. H. Doan visited Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and

family of White Church Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Latimer and family have returned home after several months stay in Arizona.

Miss Frances Harris was the charming hostess to a prettily planned party held at her home New Year's night

Mrs. Hugh Campbell entertained her Sunday School class with a New Year's party in her home on Dec. 31. Games and other forms of entertain- ELECTRICAL WORK ment were enjoyed, after which refreshments were served to some twenty-four guests.

Ye scribe will close with greeting of a happy and prosperous New Year

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#### Hodges Happenings.

Christmas is over and the New Year has begun. We hope that all of you Mr. and Mrs. Claudie Derrington had a fine time during the holidaysthat each of you in celebrating the Carson, and children of Childress the birth of Christ remembered to give thanks to God for His greatest of all gifts to the world, that made Christmas possible.

All of Mr. and Mrs. John Green's children were home for Christmas. Those from other places were: Mrs. Winters and family of Littlefield, Mrs. Dink Ball and family of Albany, here attended the funeral services of Mrs. Buster Sheldon and family of Sweetwater, Mrs. Euphia Region and family of Caps, daughters; and the following sons: Delmar Green and and family of Hodges.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Daniels and Mrs. Sheldon from Fort Worth spent the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walsh and son, Joe Wayne, accompanied Mr. Harold Walsh to Lubbock for a week-end T. U. each Sunday. visit during Christmas.

Mrs. Exie Knight and son of Amar-Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Akins, at the pres-

Wedding bells rang out here Christmas week when Miss Pebble Waddle Stith. We wish for this fine young office. couple a happy life together. They will reside in the Stith community.

The ladies of the Hodges community and nearby communities are to meet at the teacherage (Mars) or Monday, Jan. 11, for the purpose of organizing a Home Demonstration club. We will be glad for all ladies that live near by to meet with us.

There is to be preaching at the M. E. church here Sunday afternoon, Jan. 10, at 3 o'clock. The pastor is to preach. Every one is invited.

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Rev. E. H. Scott of Big Spring filled his regular appointment Saturday night and Sunday.

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end with Miss Opal Palmer of Salt held at the office of said bank on

daughters were Sunday afternoon tion of directors and the transaction guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Austin of such other business as may properand son of Anson.

A number from this community have visited A. Z. Johnson in the Hendrick Memorial hospital at Abilene, tis operation.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Irvin were: Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Scott of Big Spring, Mr. and tions, Vick Drug company. family of Hawley and Donald Green Mrs. C. C. Bristow and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Irvin from

> We wish to welcome the newcomers who have moved into the community and also to extend a cordial invitation to come to our Sunday School and B.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey and daughters, Blanche and Alice, and illo are visiting Mrs. Knight's parents, Mrs. E. H. Scott were dinner guests of Arvil Richardson of Abilene Mon-

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Notice is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants Na-Miss Idell Cooper spent the week- tional Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be Tuesday the 12th day of January, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey and two 1937, at 6 o'clock p. m., for the elecly come before the meeting.

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### LOST AND FOUND

REWARD for return of small screwtail bulldog; answers to name of Buster and wearing a red sweater. Mrs. W. T. Sadler.

## LOCAL-BRIEFS.

The Dunn Hatchery is opening for the season on Friday of this week, Reed near Del Rio. Jan. 8, with D. I. Shelton as proprietor. The concern is well equipped to handle all needs in their line and will pay special attention to baby chicks.

Returning last week about the time of hunters who had been in Kendall DeVerl Johnson, returned home Suncounty below Fredericksburg in search of turkey and deer, but to no avail. In the party were Joe Higgins, Mack Buzbee, V. Garner, A. R. Booth, Houston Robertson, Gene Reese and Tom Harvell.

Swafford moved his radio shop across rear of the Merkel Drug company, where he has fitted up his sales room and work shop.

writes from Hamilton that he has gins and Miss Irera Alteman, of Dalbeen in the Hamilton sanitarium and las, old-time friends of Miss Dota Gais unable to write his friends here, routte, were on her list of callers but asks The Mail to carry this mes- Monday afternoon. They had been to sage to them.

### **Honor Roll**

WHITE CHURCH SCHOOL. of the White Church school, ending Minnie Duckett. Jan. 1, is reported by Miss Pearl Ded-mon, principal, as follows: Sixth grade: Martha Ruth Denton,

Fifth grade: Melba Shugart. Fourth grade: Donna Dean Doan. ond grade: Jean Pressly, Joan York City.

First grade: Nancy Ann Ruther-

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BERNICE HUDDLESTON.

#### PERSONALS

day afternoon from Los Angeles, Calif., for a visit with her parents, company, beginning Thursday morn-FOR SALE-Nor Tex Seed Oats, Mr. and Mrs. M. Elliott, and other ing, Jan. 14, it was announced today.

En route to Houston, Mr. and Mrs. West Bentley were passing guests FOR SALE-1929 Chevrolet sedan, this week of Mrs. Bentley's aunt, Mrs. Eudora Hawkins, home economist, for oversize whels and tires; also strongly George F. West, and grandmother, the West Texas Utilities company. built two-wheel trailer, steel body; can Mrs. Emily Wiman. Mrs. Bentley, who be seen at Magnolia Filling station. is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton 9:15 a. m. over Station KRBC, Abi-Wiman, of Tulia, as a bride of only lene, and will be reproduced at 9:30 a few days was accompanying her e. m. over Station KGKL, San Angelo. husband to her new home in Houston. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Pence of Mono-

dles of cane. See Mr. Clack on farm. E! Paso, visited with friends here that pleased your family most," Miss during the week. Her little daughter, Hawkins said. Peggy Lou, who had spent several "An attractive and valuable c'ectric

young horses and two smooth-mouthed daughters, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Ran- tes". The winning recipe will be given horses. J. L. McAninch at Barron kin, Jr., and little daughter, Janice in detail over the radio each week and Ann, and Mr. and Mrs. Les Clausson, the name of the winner announced." all of Big Spring.

El Paso on New Year's day were Bus- said. sy Boaz, J. E. Touchstone, Gerald Derrick, Albert Cace and T. J. Ver-ONE-ROOM HOUSE, newly papered, non. They also visited other points in home spending the holidays with her co and all reported a grand and glor- was greeting friends here Wednesday. ious time.

Mrs. Gertrude Pea were Alfred Pike on a visit. of Shamrock, Mr. and Mrs. Will Pike Max Mellinger is in Livingston this of Winters and Mrs. C. W. Guthrie week on business matters. d son of Big Spring.

Mrs. Gertrude Pea is a guest this

Dr. and Mrs. George L. Miller, and Mrs. J. J. Russell. whose home is in San Diego, Calif., part of the winter, arrived Tuesday Hatchery, Friday, Jan. 8. See us for to be guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner.

Mrs. Robert Terrell arrived Friday of last week from Xenia, Ohio, for an indefinite visit with her daughter, Mrs. R. I. Grimes, who returned recently from Sanatorium.

W. R. Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barrett, who has been home during the holidays, left Tuesday for

his home in San Diego, Calif. Miss Peggy Barnett has returned home from several days spent at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin

Mrs. Raymond Neal and little daughter, Margaret Rebecca, of Hugo, Okla., arrived Wednesday for a visit with her aunts, Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum.

Mrs. Amy Sears and daughter, Mrs. day after a holiday visit with another daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eyssen, in Fort Worth.

Miss Iva Bragg, who had been visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg, at Chillicothe, returned home Thursday of Effective the first of the year Max last week. Her father, T. G. Bragg, accompanied by his granddaughter, the street and took up quarters in the Sue Grimes, and Tommy Evelyn Grimes, drove up to Chillicothe for

Mrs. Jen H. Hudgins, Albert, Paul, Ben and Torrence Hudgins, Mr. and Our good friend, C. E. Conner, Mrs. Maryon Hudgins, B. W. Hud-Snyder for the funeral of H. C. Hayter, father of Mrs. J. H. Hudgins and an old-time resident of Merkel.

Victor Harris left Saturday for Tulia to be at the bedside of his mother, Mrs. Joe Harris, who is seriously The honor roll for the third month ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs.

> Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott spent Thursday of last week in Stemford with his mother, Mrs. N. E. Elliott, and sister, Miss Jewell Elliott, who had just returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Phillip Kemp, in New

Mrs. Noma Costephens, employed in civil service in the treasury department at Washington, D. C., who is



EUDORA HAWKINS.

Abilene, Jan. 7 .- West T mas women will have an opportunity to tell the world about their cooking during a series of broadcasts over Abi-Mrs. Cora Robbins arrived Tues- lere and San Angelo radio stations, consored by the West Texas Utilities

The series, titled "Your Electric Servant" program, will feature Ber-Hudd eston, Abilene soprano, and

The program will go on the air at Prizes will be given for the best

recipe sent in by listeners. An e ectric hans paid a holiday visit to home folks. clock will be awarded Jan. 28 for the Mrs. Orion Tittle, of Acala, near winning reipe on "how to bake a case

weeks with her grandparents, Mr. appliance will be awarded weekly and Mrs. C. R. Tittle, at Trent, will the reafter," she announced. "While the series of broadcasts begins this Visitors during the holidays with weak, we thought it best to wait two Mrs. M. L. Holden were her two weeks before closing the opening con-

Guest artists from all over the ter-Among those from here attending ritory will be presented from time to the Sun Bowl carnival and game at time, Gene Elo, program manager,

Her sister, Miss Irene Gray, who is Week-end visitors in the home of with her in Washington, is also home

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Russell, Jr., returned Thursday morning to their week in the home of her son, Rev. M. home at Midland after visiting the past two days with his parats, Mr.

> ANNOUNCING opening of Dunn chickens. D. I. Shelton, Prop.



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ALL OCCASIONS

MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP

#### Ladies' Night

(Continued From Page One) Bettye Lou Grimes, and Leona, Mildred and Mozelle Sosebee.

Lions and Lionesses present were: President and Mrs. Henry C. West, Rev. and Mrs. John Crow, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig, Messrs. and Mesdames W. O. Boney, Yates Brown, R. A. Burgess, E. O. Carson, Milton Case, C. H. Collinsworth, Paul Douglas, S. D. Gamble, R. T. Gray, Dee Grimes, W. W. Haynes, Norman Hodge, S. M. Hunter, Stanley King, Arthur Lawson, A. A. McGehes, Byer: Fetty. Byron Patterson, Roy Reid, Joe P. Self, A. T. Sheppard, Carlton Vick, Booth Warren, Nathan Wood; Dr. Earl Thomason, Messrs. Wrenn Durham, Charlie Jones, C. J. Glover.

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Apples, each \_\_\_\_lc

Mustard, quart 13c Red and White Catsup, 14 oz. bottle 17c Iowa Club Corn, No. 2 can Red and White Kraut, No. 2 1-2 can 14c Standard Hominy, No. 21-2 can 10c Blue and White Pork & Beans, 16 oz. can 6c Red and White Peaches, No. 1 can, 2 for 25c Pure Cane Sugar, 10 pounds 53c Small Snowdrift, 3 lb. can 58c Blue and White Apple Butter, quart 19c Red and White Lye, 3 cans 25c Toasties, large pkg. 10c Toilet Soap, 2 bars .15c Dried Prunes, 2 pounds 27c Sliced Bacon, pound 29c Cheese, pound Bulk Sausage, 2 pounds . 25c Picnic Hams, pound 21c

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FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB NEXT YEAR.

lowing slate: Mrs. Thos. Durham, Williams. president; Mrs. E. Clyde Smith, vicepresident; Mrs. Byers Petty, record- promotion for both gas company men, ing secretary; Mrs. R. A. Burgess, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Tom Largent, treasurer; Mrs. H. C. West,

the home of Mrs. Thos. Durham with sive construction program that Mrs. R. A. Burgess leader for the brought natural gas service to several program on "Economic Problems of hundred smaller cities and communi-Adjustment." She discussed in de- ties of Texas and Oklahoma. tail the "Changes in the Productive Burgess, Cox, Durham, Gamble, of the Electra Boys club. Hughes, Largent, Haynes, McFarland, Wilhite, Smith, Rudd, Swann, War-

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER PARTY.

A merry company of young folks new district. it was that gathered in the home of Miss Lois Whiteley on New Year's Eve as guests for dinner of Miss Whiteley and Miss Mary Collins, cohostesses. A three-course menu was fell in defense of Texas liberty during games were enjoyed until time for the the rear part of the historic chapel. midnight matinee, which was attended by the guests.

Present were Misses Fannie Belle Boaz, Wanda Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugat, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Moore, Messrs. Lynn Shelton, Jack Patterson, R. D. Ely and Monk Rainwater from Temple and the hortesses.

The home of Jack Patterson was opened on Tuesday night, Dec. 29, for a reunion of M. H. S. Seniors of 1934. Lois Whiteley, Wanda Hunter and Mrs. L. V. Moore acted as hostesses and Jack Patterson as host. Games of "monopoly," "beano," "42" and other parlor games were enjoyed during the evening hours.

David Gamble, class president, called a business meeting to decide on next year's reunion. Miss Bessylea Church offered her home, with Walderine Huskey and Mrs. L. V. Moore helping her plan the party.

Candy, apples and a cold drink were served to these members and guests: David Gamble, Jack Patterson, Lynn Shelton, Billy Gardner, Billie Gambill, Wanda Hunter, Lois Whiteley, Kenneth Cribley, Geneva Brothers, Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Moore, Bessylea Church, Waiderine Huskey, Mary Bell Douglas, Emily Newman, Walter Riney, Milton Shannon and Howard Carson.

#### Comes as Manager of Sweetwater District Of Community Gas Co.

The appontment of George B. Williams of Electra as new manager of the Sweetwater district of Community Natural gas company has been announced by M. L. Bird, division sup-As is customary, officers for the erintendent of the company. Mr. Wil-Fortnightly Study club are elected on liams, who has been manager for the alternate Januaries to take office the company at Electra, succeeds R. H. following September, so Wednesday Gray, who has been transferred to club members were advised by the Abilene as district manager. Gas serchairman of the nominating commit- vice in Merkel, Roscoe, Snyder and tee, Mrs. Tom Warren, as to the fol- Trent will also be supervised by Mr.

The transfer, effective Jan. 10, is a moving each to a larger district of the company than the one formerly held.

Mr. Williams is starting his twelfth parliamentarian; Mrs. G. W. Wilhite, year with the gas company. He has critic; Mrs. Joe P. Self, historian. been manager at Electra since June, m. Thirty minutes singsong each Sun-evening. The election was unanimously ap- 1927, going there from Greenville where he had been outside foreman. He The January meeting was held in joined the company during its expan-

Work of the Housewife." Mrs. Tom liams served on many committees for the following program Sunday night: people's program 6 p. m. on Sun-Largent gave the second half of the Electra organizations and had a part opening song, "The Kingdom is Com- day. lesson on the question of "Woman's in every major civic campaign during ing"; devotional, Mrs. E. C. Richards; Need of an Income and of Work." his residence there. At the time of his address, Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson; read-Two visitors were present: Miss transfer he was serving as president ing, Mrs. D. H. Vaughn; duet, Mrs. ing at 7 o'clock. Johnny Sears and Mrs. Elmer Lowe. of the Electra chamber of commerce, Campbell and Mrs. Patterson; mis-The following members were present: first vice-president of the Rotary club, sionary talk, Mrs. E. Clyde Smith; these services. Mesdames Self, Booth, Petty, Brown, and member of the executive committee "This is My Task," Mrs. Lola Shep-

Mr. Williams was born in Farmers- | Tom Durham. ville, Texas, where he attended high ren, West, Misses Julia Martin, school. Later he attended Austin col-Christine Collins and Dota Garoutte, lege at Sherman where he met Mrs. of that city. He expects to visit here oor on an inspection trip over his

Find Bones of Alamo Heroes.

San Antonio, Jan. 7 .- Crumbling bones of three Texas martyrs who served on card tables, with place cards the siege of the Alamo 100 years ago in the form of a clock, the hand point- were unearthed Tuesday morning by ing to midnight. Later different laborers doing rehabilitation work in

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"The Last of the Mohicans" With Randolph Scott, Binnie

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"The Man I Marry"

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Friday-Saturday

"Arizona Mahoney"

With Joe Cook

Present at the six reporting Sun- at 3 o'clock. day Schools for the first Sunday in Prayer meeting Wednesday eventhe New Year were 541, as compared ing. with 483 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 666 were these services. in attendance.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Preaching 11 a. m. Sermon by pastor. Special music. Evening worship 7 p. day evening beginning promptly at You are cordially invited to these 7 p. m. Preaching 7:50. Wednesday services. Strangers welcome. evening prayer meeting 7 p. m. John H. Crow, Pastor.

W. M. S. PROGRAM.

pard; installation; benediction, Mrs.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE 16:15 p. m. WMU Monday afternoon

You are cordially invited to attend

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. As the pastor will be away at Baird, there will be no preaching service, morning nor night. Prayer meeting Wednesday

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST. Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching The ladies of the missionary society 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. each Sunday An active civic worker, Mr. Wil- of the Methodist church will render by Brother A. J. Rollings. Young

preaching for each Wednesday even- chickens. D. I. Shelton, Prop.

You are cordially invited to attend

The Elders.

NORTHSIDE MISSTONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Freaching Saturday night at 7 Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preach- o'clock, Sunday School 10 a. m. Williams, the former Miss Elta Foster ing at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. BTS at Preaching at 11 a. m. Sunday night

Brother Roy Anding of Abilene preached for us Sunday night and delivered a fine message from John 11:1-46 on "Glorifying God." Prayer meeting Wednesday night.

song service 6:45 o'clock. Preaching

All are cordially invited to our ser-

R. C. Reagh, Supt.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Our revival is progressing nicely. Rev. Mr. Jones of Cisco is doing some great preaching. You are missing a treat if you fail to hear him.

We will have a special service Sunday at 11 o'clock. A representative of our college at Bethany, Okla., will be

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

Thank Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Oda Clark and family have asked The Mail to thank their friends for the liberal donations, totalling \$69.40 in cash, after they lost all their household furniture and belongings in the fire that destroyed the house in which they were living on the Dewey Sandusky place, seven miles south of town.

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Our Error.

In reporting the venison dinner, with which County Commissioner Jack Canon complimented the commissioners' court on Monday of last week, The Mail said that the commissioner had killed the deer. It was his hunting partner, Paul Douglas, who brought back the deer for his friend's treat to the commissioners.



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Large bunches

Carrotts. each ..5c

Bananas, doz. 15c Medium size Oranges, doz. 15c

Apples, 2 doz .. 25c

Grapefruit 6 for 19c Bu. \$1.15

Extra nice Cranberries, qt 25

Large Jumbo stalks Celery, each ...

Syrup, Pure Ribbon Cane, gal. .19c Brooms, a good one, each

**Peanut Butter** Each ...

Crackers A-1 Saltines or Saxet Wafer 2 lb. box .......19c

Toilet Tissue, 2 rolls for ..... Pork & Beans, per can

P'nt Butter 1-2 gal 55 Prunes, 2 lbs. 15c 48 lbs. \$1.90 Pickles, 48 oz. jar 29c Corn Flakes, pjg. 10c Soap, TNT, 7 for 25c 8 lbs. \$1.04 Salt, 26 oz., 3 for 10c Matches, 6 boxes 19c Milk, 7 for 25c Corn, No. 2, 2 for 19c

Flour

Shortening

Sugar Pure Cane 10 lb. cloth .54c

Coffee Maxwell House V. Cakes, 22 oz. pkg 23 3 lbs.

12c

25c

Sliced Bacon, lb. 28c Cat Fish, Oysters and Dressed

Canadian Bacon, lb. 45c Round, lb.

Cheese, pound Chuck, lb. Sausage, lb. Brisket, lb.

Oleo, all sweet, lb. 20c Chili, pound

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