

# THE MERKEL MAIL

VOL. 48—NO. 46.

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1937.

On the "Broadway of America"

5c PER COPY

## STUDY CLUB HOSTESSES FOR ART EXHIBIT

Showing of Art Work of Mary Eula Sears Johnson Includes Pictures of Different Sections And Historical Settings.

The members of the Fortnightly Study club will be hostesses for the showing of the art work of Mary Eula Sears Johnson. The showing will be open to the public from 2 to 5 p. m. each day, Dec. 4, 5 and 6, in the building south of the T. and P. station in Merkel.

Mrs. Johnson is a Merkel girl, starting her art studies in the local schools and with local teachers. She attended both C. I. A. and McMurry college, is a graduate of art of Sullins college, Bristol, Va., and taught art at Camp Sequaya, Bristol, Va., for two summers.

She has studied with Frank Klepper and Edward Eisenlohr of Dallas, and with Christine Bredin, Philadelphia.

She will show pictures of different sections of the country—scenes in Maryland, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mexico and all parts of Texas. Several scenes were painted outside of Merkel, Sweetwater and on the Tuscola road. "Mexican Hut" and "Country Store" have a local background, as does "Spring in West Texas Number 1" and "Spring in West Texas Number 2."

There will be six or eight paintings of flowers—iris, poppies.

"House Mountain" was painted while seated on the V. M. I. campus at Lexington, Va. An old water mill, built in 1827, near Bristol, Va., was the inspiration for "Old Water Mill." Other pictures with an historical background include "Covered Bridge," found at Elizabethton, Tenn.; "Old Tobacco Barn," at Murry, Ky.; "Colin McKimsey's Home," the original being built in 1833, and an "Ante-Bellum Kitchen," made at Natchez, Miss., last April.

"The Japonica" hung in Robinson Gallery in Dallas for the month of December last year.

Mrs. Johnson's pictures include still life, flower, and landscape pictures, crayon, charcoals and etchings from Old Mexico.

## Speaker Tells Lions Of Christmas Seals For TB Association

Merkel Lions club members had Rev. Willis P. Gerhart, rector of Heavenly Rest Episcopal church, Abilene, as speaker for their luncheon Tuesday at Wozy's cafe. He spoke in the interest of the health bond and Christmas seal sale of the Taylor County Tuberculosis association.

Thanks to successful deer hunters of the community, the club had the privilege of partaking of a venison dinner, with the following fellow-hunters as guests of Lions A. J. Cannon and P. H. Douglass: I. I. Vancil, Bill Cox, W. L. Fugate, Ellis Harris, W. S. J. Brown and Hobson Robertson.

After the singing of a verse of "America," led by Yates Brown, Wrenn Durham in behalf of the program committee brought four pupils of Mrs. George W. Wilhite in clever readings, Becky Gaitner, Billie McGehee, Helen Heeter and Sue Grimes. Reporting for the community betterment committee, R. T. Gray announced that the colored street lights for Christmas would be ready to be turned on by Saturday night, weather permitting.

After the club had voted to sponsor collection and distribution of Christmas boxes for the needy of the community, S. M. Hunter was appointed chairman of a general committee to carry on the work, with Stanley King and Wrenn Durham also being named on the committee. President Self also added the ministers of the city, Carlton Vick, chief of the fire department, and C. J. Glover, editor of The Mail, as members of this committee.

Other guests, besides the hunters and those on the entertainment program, were E. P. McMullen, a former Merkel business man, now living in California, and J. N. Carson, also a former Merkel business man, now of Abilene.

## Acquire Site at Houston.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Armour & Co. announced Tuesday acquisition of a site in Houston, Texas, for erection of a packing plant and vegetable oil refinery.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Mrs. Olga Adams, 25-year-old waitress at the Hollywood Nite club, Pecos, killed herself Saturday night by drinking three ounces of a disinfectant.

Vic Robinson, Coon & Culbertson cowboy, injured at the Romero ranch when his horse fell with him Friday morning, died at a Dalhart hospital Friday night.

Marvin Braun, 24, a farmer and son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Braun of near Lockhart, was killed in an automobile accident near Seguin on Thanksgiving Day.

Pat H. Dean, 70, retired businessman, drowned Friday night in Lake Waco. He was believed to have fallen in the water while fishing from a pier near his lakeside home.

Contract for construction of Trent's new school plant—a \$26,000 project with half of that amount a PWA grant—has been awarded, and construction is to start in about 15 days.

H. O. Rothell of Dallas was elected president and Wichita Falls was selected the 1938 convention city by the Texas Baptist Training Union at its closing conference session Saturday at Beaumont.

F. V. MacMullen of Berkeley, Calif., and Jesse Valle, his golfing caddy, were drowned when the car in which they were riding plunged into the San Antonio river near the Brackenridge golf course.

Fire late Monday night destroyed the administration building, main hanger and two planes at English airport, eight miles east of Amarillo. Loss, including equipment, was estimated at \$65,000.

Mrs. Roy Lynn, 48, of Mingo, whose automobile was struck Sunday afternoon by a westbound passenger train at the highway crossing in Mingo, died shortly after being taken to a Strawn hospital.

Senator Frank H. Rawlings of Fort Worth will be chief speaker at the annual banquet of the West Central Texas Oil & Gas association at Abilene on Dec. 4. J. C. Hunter of Abilene is president of the association.

Woodrow W. Casper, 20, star athlete of the University of San Antonio, was injured fatally, and his companion, Miss Marjorie Williams, 19, seriously hurt in an automobile collision Sunday at San Antonio.

The Texas A. & M. college board of directors named Alfred Finn of Houston architect for dormitories to be constructed with a \$2,000,000 loan made the college recently by the Reconstruction Finance corporation.

Mrs. Mourning E. Larkin, 82, died at her home at Ballinger early Tuesday morning from burns received 10 days previously when her clothing caught fire from a stove. The injuries were not thought serious at first.

Albert Sidney Burleson, 74, postmaster general in the cabinet of President Woodrow Wilson and the first native Texan to hold such a post, died at his home at Austin on Wednesday, Nov. 24, a victim of heart disease.

Carl Preston Lewis, of the Roby high school football team, died in a Sweetwater hospital on Thanksgiving Day as the indirect result of injuries received in a game the previous Friday with Colorado. Pneumonia developed after he was carried to the sanitarium when his leg was broken.

## Texas Dries Make Plans for Future

Dallas, Dec. 2.—Directors of the United Dries of Texas mapped plans here Monday to increase scope of their campaigns and extend the organization.

Rep. J. Bryan Bradbury of Abilene blamed "propaganda" that "hoodwinked" the general public into opposing prohibition as the reason for present "apathy" of prohibition forces.

He declared the destructiveness of drunken automobile drivers alone was justification for the dries' stand, and urged practical organization throughout the state.

Jefferson Davis of Dallas, re-elected secretary of the organization at a brief business session, said that dries have gained ground in local election campaigns held during the year.

The organization voted to set next March 20 as temperance Sunday, and planned a strong campaign in all churches of the state on that day.

## CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WEDDING DATE

Nine Children and Families and Host of Friends Join Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Decker for Basket Dinner and Reminiscences.

In celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Decker, pioneer residents of this section, a Thanksgiving dinner was held in the Merkel tabernacle. After a basket dinner was served, the afternoon was spent in talking over old times.

Nine of their eleven children were present: Mrs. Hollis McCoy and sons, Merkel; Mrs. Bob Moore and son, Farwell; Mrs. T. E. Levy and daughter, Farwell; Mrs. Warren Kelly and daughter, Farwell; Mrs. Irene Winggo, Stratford; Mrs. Alto Shouse, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Decker, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kirkpatrick, Fort Worth; A. Z. Decker, Shafter, Calif.

Other relatives and close friends present were: Mrs. Joe Alexander and son, Hobbs, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Randal, Texico, N. M.; Mrs. Gertude Decker Davidson and daughter, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. John Decker, Houston; Mrs. Aline Washam, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reid, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Randal, Texico, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Cal Hamner, Trent; Mrs. Dorris Dowdy, Trent; Mrs. Roy Stephenson, Anton; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Varner, Merkel; Mrs. Roy Reid, Santa Anna; Mrs. M. G. Bryan, Trent; George Helen Lee, Trent; Mrs. Rilla Nalley Clement, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley, Trent; Mrs. Annie Boone, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Camp, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buford, Merkel; Mrs. J. L. Tucker, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kelso and daughters, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowers, Trent; Mrs. Fred Hale, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. John Crane and daughter, Trent.

## List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The jury panel in 104th district court for next week includes the following names:

J. L. Perry, A. D. Fulton, R. E. Cole, Merkel; J. R. Burks, G. C. Brock, Z. T. Bell, E. E. Robbins, Leon Canon, Ben Hardin, C. W. Osburn, E. L. Hamilton, W. G. White, J. B. Fair, Frank L. Breaux, A. S. Hazelwood, H. E. Blackwood, Jack Jones, J. P. Hefley, D. White, W. E. Burton, A. T. Bontke, C. B. Davis, H. B. Chambers, E. L. Haag, Smith Grey, J. W. Massie, Garland Austin, D. C. Clark, L. T. Fletcher, G. W. Austin, J. W. Clark, Floyd Chappell, G. T. Sandidge, A. T. McDaniel, Abilene; P. M. Volefich, J. H. Bishop, D. V. Derrington, Trent; C. A. Reagan, O. C. Childers, W. W. Trammell, Wingate; W. W. Pettite, W. M. Little, Lann; Lloyd Evans, F. W. Wiggins, W. H. Dunbar, Tuscola; C. K. Greaves, Joe Scott, Guion; Lee Wilson, Ovalo.

## WPA Approves Road Project Precinct 2

Approval of a \$29,000 project for improvement of farm-to-market roads in Taylor county has been announced by the state office of the Works Progress administration.

The project, designed to make all-weather routes of 20.9 miles of roads, will be in precinct 2 centering about Merkel. It has been allotted \$19,219 in federal funds, and the sponsor's share is \$10,210. Employment will be provided for 138 workmen.

Efforts of County Commissioner A. J. Canon to build a network of precinct 2 roads passable in all kinds of weather are supplemented by the project. In the past two years, 83.6 miles of such roads have been completed in the precinct, and the additional work will boost the total to 104.5 miles. Roads given preference have been school bus and mail routes.

## Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Ishmer Richardson, Thursday, November 25, 1937. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Neill, Dora, Friday, November 26, 1937.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McAninch, Saturday, November 27, 1937. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. R. K. James, residing north of town, Wednesday, December 1, 1937.

## FUNERAL HELD HERE FOR MRS. MATTIE RICHIE

Long Time Resident of Taylor County Claimed by Death Friday Night at Home of Daughter in Breckenridge.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mattie Richie, 71, long time resident of Taylor county, were held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist church, with Rev. I. L. Parrack of Chillicothe, former Merkel pastor, officiating. Burial was in White Church cemetery.

Mrs. Richie died at 11 o'clock Friday night at the home of a daughter, Mrs. C. L. Bridges, at Breckenridge, with whom she had been residing. Death came after an illness of eight months. The body was brought overland Saturday in an Alexander-Hill funeral coach to the home of a daughter here, Mrs. E. B. Barnes.

Born in San Saba county, Mattie Brookreson came to Buffalo Gap with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brookreson, while a small girl. She was married to George Richie in Buffalo Gap Mar. 20, 1884. Mr. Richie died Apr. 12, this year. She is survived by seven daughters: (Continued on Page Five.)

## Dean of John Tarleton Speaker for Banquet Of Future Farmers

The Merkel F. F. A. boys will hold their annual Father and Son banquet on Friday evening at 7 o'clock at the High School gym.

Dean J. Thomas Davis of John Tarleton college at Stephenville will deliver the main address. Several boys from John Tarleton will accompany Dean Davis to the banquet.

Somewhere around 90 to 100 boys, fathers and guests will be present. The order of the program follows: Invocation, Arthur Lee Graham. Opening ceremony, officers of chapter.

Welcome, Morris Clack, president of chapter. "To Our Fathers," a toast, Roy Coats, Jr.

Turkey dinner. Remarks, Rex Myers, principal of High school.

Report on projects, L. B. Gibson. Remarks, Supt. Connor Robinson. Address, Dean J. Thomas Davis. Closing ceremony, officers.

Five honorary members have been elected by the local F. F. A. chapter: R. T. Gray, C. J. Glover, Mark Malone, Lem Dudley and Joe P. Self.

## "Mock" Beauty Contest Rivals Mock Wedding

Advertised as a style show, mock wedding and beauty contest, the entertainment provided by the Pep Squad of the Merkel High school at the gym on Tuesday night proved well worth the splendid patronage accorded.

While it was a "mock" wedding, patrons, especially of the masculine sex, aver that it was also a "mock" beauty contest. A la Julian Eltinge, famous female impersonator of a quarter century ago, R. T. Gray carried off the prize of an "expensive" tin cup as beauty contest winner, adding certain twists and phrases of Mae West to carry out the deception. Other entries, all personable, in the beauty contest were Nathan Wood, Ray Wilson, Dillard Dunn, Herbert Dunn and Kit Carson.

As the alert master of ceremonies, Jack Lowe first introduced the old and new Pep leaders: Hollis Perry, Fannelle Gray, Dorma Lee Shelton, Verne Moore and Evelyn Latimer, with their precious little mascot, Norma Jean Hodge.

Song and dance numbers and readings followed. Those on program were Dorma Lee Shelton, Hollis Perry, the Higgins trio, Norma Jean Hodge, Dorothy Lee Shannon, Helen Heeter and Anne Lee Blake, Mrs. George Wilhite and Miss Mildred Burnett.

The style show idea prevailed in the introduction of Misses Frances Marie and Bessylea Church, Helen Reddell and Johnnie Chadwick.

As main Pep leader, Miss Hollis Perry was the bride united in an impromptu ritual, with Coach Pat Davis as the officiating "person," to Vincent Barnett, captain of the Badgers.

Flower girls were Grovone Ford, Mabel Murray, Comora Hughes and Geraldine Teague, with Norma Jean Hodge as train bearer. Other attention (Continued on Page Four.)

## WANT USED TOYS, CHILDREN'S GIFTS OF ALL KINDS

Inaugurating a movement to provide toys and Christmas boxes for the needy of the city, a committee from the Lions club, headed by S. M. Hunter as chairman, asks that any broken or discarded toys, (new ones as well,) be left at the fire station as early as possible so that they may be mended with the aid of the fireboys and sorted for distribution.

This committee, which was appointed at Tuesday's luncheon of the Lions club, includes Stanley King and Wrenn Durham, with Fire Chief Vick, Editor Glover and the ministers of the city as added members. All other agencies in the city contemplating such activity to help make Christmas happy for those in less fortunate circumstances are asked to get in touch with this committee so that duplications may be avoided.

Cash donations may be turned over to Chairman Hunter or any member of the committee, and donations of merchandise, groceries, fruits, etc., may be left at the fire station at any time.

## Mailing of Christmas Seals First Step of TB Association Drive

Four thousand letters carrying an apportionment of Christmas seals have been mailed by the Taylor County Tuberculosis association the past week and recipients of these letters are asked to send their checks at the earliest possible date to the office of the association in Abilene.

Attending a luncheon Tuesday noon at the Wooten hotel in Abilene, launching the Taylor county drive, Supt. Connor Robinson, local chairman of the health funds sale, and Joe P. Self, president of the Merkel Lions club, were out-of-town guests. More than fifty team captains and workers of the association were present for the gathering.

## H. M. Owens, 80, Father Of Merkel Man, Dies

H. M. Owens, 80, father of Cotton Owens of this city, died early Wednesday morning of last week at his home, 710 Chestnut street, Abilene, after an illness of about a week. He had been a resident of Abilene since 1916.

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the family home, conducted by Dr. Thomas W. Brabham, president of McMurry college, assisted by Rev. R. B. Gilmore, Nazarene pastor. Burial was in the Abilene I. O. O. F. cemetery.

His wife, three sons, Cotton Owens of Merkel; W. H. Owens of Bloomington, Ind., and A. H. Owens of San Angelo, and one daughter, Ada Owens, of Abilene, survive. Four grandchildren also survive.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, December 7, 1917.)

Sergeant Frank Ferrier arrived at home last Friday morning and returned last Wednesday morning. All the Merkel boys are in good health. Three of them, Wm. B. Brown, Roy Adams and Lester L. White, have been promoted to corporals and are more than making good.

R. S. Palmer left last Sunday night for New Mexico, where he will make his home and Mrs. Palmer will follow later. Before leaving he called and placed a subscription for Urbin Shannon, his brother-in-law, who is with Company 52, 13th Battalion, 155th Depot Brigade, San Antonio, Texas.

Little Homer Reed of Trent is spending the Thanksgiving with his Mother Swann and family.

Word comes to the parents of Lieutenant Buster Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Q. Brown, that their son has been married to Miss Lillie Edins, daughter of T. J. Edins of Abilene. They were married in Fort Worth last Sunday. Lieut. Brown was in Fort Worth on a furlough from Fort Sam Houston, where he is stationed.

Miss Murel Clark of the Christian College, Abilene, visited her parents at Noodle last Saturday and Sunday.

## OUT-OF-TOWN SPEAKER FOR PTA PROGRAM

Mrs. Wade Hedrick of Abilene Will Discuss "How Social Ease Is Developed Through Family Relationships."

Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 8, is the date set for the monthly meeting of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association. Mrs. Connor Robinson, president, announces a new meeting place, upstairs in the Grammar School Auditorium at 3:45 p. m.

A meeting of the executive committee is called by the president at 2:30 p. m. in the same place as the general meeting. All committee chairmen and officers are urged to be present. Committee chairmen are Mesdames Wrenn Durham, O. R. Dye, Norman Hodge, Comer Haynes, F. C. McFarland, Clyde Sears, Rufus Adcock, Allen McGehee, Will Burns; officers are Mesdames C. B. Gardner, Joe Self, Sam Swann, Ross Ferrier, Connor Robinson and Mr. Robinson.

Mrs. Wade Hedrick of Abilene is to be the speaker for the Dec. 8 program. Her subject will be "How Social Ease is Developed Through Family Relationships."

The third grade of Miss Vennie Heizer will present a demonstration of folk songs and dances, and Mrs. Comer Haynes will be in charge of the opening sing-song.

Also on the P. T. A. year's calendar is the Community Christmas Carol singing on Monday night, Dec. 20, in the Merkel gym. The patrons and friends of the school are invited to both the Dec. 8th and 20th programs.

## Largents Show in All Classes Entered Chicago International

With three firsts, two seconds and one third place, C. M. Largent & Sons have showed in every class entered at the International Livestock show at Chicago, according to wire reports received here by C. M. Largent from his son, Willie Joe Largent. Their Herefords took first ribbons in junior yearling heifer, senior yearling heifer and junior heifer calf classes, second in senior bull calf and third in senior heifer calf and junior bull calf.

## Three Allreds Get Buck.

Austin, Dec. 2.—All three Allreds got a deer in the week-end hunting trip on the Kennedy ranch near Mifflin, Willacy county. The party included the Governor and his 73-year-old father and 7-year-old son, the latter two bagging their first bucks.

D. G. Ash is back in Merkel on his delivery wagon. He says he can still kill hogs, too, and in the same old way.

F. E. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Smith, came in Monday night to visit his parents and friends. He is from Camp Travis and has just received his commission as lieutenant in the army. He expects to be here several days. We are glad to record another officer from Merkel. Nothing does us more good than to witness the promotion of our boys.

Imo W. Mann, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mann, returned home from Stamford, where he has been for the past month. Before going to Stamford he was in the army at Camp Stanley, San Antonio. He will remain here until after the holidays.

Mrs. Claude Bigham writes from Abilene, asking that her address be changed from Merkel to that place saying: "We certainly can't do without the Merkel Mail." Mrs. Bigham will be away several months.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stevens and family returned Sunday evening from San Antonio, where they visited their son, R. O., in the ambulance corps 359, Camp Travis.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Alex Williamson and Mrs. A. W. Woods left by bus Tuesday to spend a few days preceding the holidays with Mrs. G. H. Watkins of Lubbock.

Miss Maggie Payne, local teacher, departed Wednesday of last week for Houston and attended the State Teachers' association.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Shannon and children of Fort Stockton spent the holidays visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bright and other relatives.

Mrs. Gene Childs of Dallas arrived Wednesday to attend the bedside of her mother, Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., who is recovering from a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Elery Smith had as their Sunday guests E. Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Rutherford and Maxwell Rutherford of Tuxedo.

Mrs. D. J. Rawlings of California is home to spend Christmas, also to attend to business. She will visit in Merkel with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Hollingsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Martin and two sons, also Mr. Clout of East Texas spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Isom Burks and Mr. and Mrs. Spinks.

Edgar Lee Mangum, Dow Williamson and Hazel Wanda Williamson, students in McMurry college, Abilene, spent the holidays here with home folks.

Rev. and Mrs. Alsie Carleton had as their Thanksgiving guests T. J. Carleton and Miss Rachel Carleton of Abilene.

Mrs. T. H. Thomason spent two days of last week receiving treatment at the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene. She is reported doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn and J. B., Jr., spent Thanksgiving day in Sonora with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Horace Taylor, and Mr. Taylor. The Winn had as their house guests for the week-end Mr. Winn's sister, Mrs. Baker, and also Mrs. Hattie Boozer and children of Sweetwater.

Mrs. E. Howell has received announcement of the marriage on Thanksgiving day of her niece, Florence Boyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd of Hamlin, to Phil Sparkman of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Terry and daughter, Johnnie Julia, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Johnson.

Mrs. W. H. Hale and daughter, Miss Edythe, of Eskota, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Sam Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Vessels had as their Thanksgiving day guests their children, Mr. and Mrs. Volley E. Vessels and children of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Bondie Vessels and two daughters of Royalty, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vessels and children of Trent.

Mrs. Joe Alexander and son, Winston, of Hobbs, N. M., arrived early last week for a visit with Mrs. Annie Boone. Upon receipt of a message from her husband Saturday morning, Mrs. Alexander went to Lubbock where she met the remainder of the Alexander family to attend the bedside of J. H. Alexander, their aged father.

Mrs. Boone had as her house guests throughout the week-end Mr. and Mrs. Tom Randal, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Randal and three children, all of Texico, and Mr. and Mrs. John Decker of Houston; then Friday Mrs. Boone, as-

sisted by her daughters, Mrs. Hosea Winn of Sylvester, Mrs. Alexander of Hobbs, N. M., and Mrs. Alton Boone of Trent, served dinner to the party, also honoring Mr. and Mrs. Will Decker of Merkel, celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. In the evening Mrs. Boone invited in several old friends to recall some happy childhood and early day reminiscences. Included in this group were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burks, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cal Hamner, Mrs. Dorris Dowdy and Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Johnson.

Homer Easterwood of Taft visited over with relatives here last week. He was en route home after spending a few weeks in California attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Matheny of Abilene spent this week with their daughter, Mrs. C. C. McRee, and Mr. McRee.

SON OF TRENT RESIDENT DIES IN ALASKA.

Word was received here Friday of the death of Ira S. Bailey, 47, former resident of Abilene and son of Rev. and Mrs. R. O. Bailey of Trent, at Anchorage, Alaska.

Mr. Bailey died of a heart attack Thursday night, (Thanksgiving), according to word received by his sister, Mrs. Andy Shouse.

A World War veteran of the 36th division, Mr. Bailey was employed by the Fairbanks Railroad company, a position he had held since the World War. He is survived by his wife and six children, all of Anchorage, Alaska. Mrs. Bailey is the former Mattie Matheson, who was a native of Gordon, Texas, and attended Hardin-Simmons university.

Other survivors in Texas include five brothers, Joe, Nelson, Ernest, John and Jesse Bailey of Dallas, also a step-brother, Clarence Rawlinson of Dallas, and a foster-aunt, Mrs. A. G. Rawlinson of Abilene.

CHURCH WOMEN AND CIRCLE SPONSOR SHOWER.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Poor have adopted a baby boy, three days old, Nov. 24, weight 7 1-2 pounds. The Poores are to be commended on this gracious act for the sake of humanity. No more unselfish deed is committed than to aid life and the living in the world. Trent and all of their friends congratulate them on this noble response to "help those who need help."

Monday afternoon at 2:30 the Methodist church women and the Woodmen Circle joined in showering the new

arrival. Coming as a surprise to Mrs. Poor the guests stormed in informally and presented an appropriate program. This was followed by a display of the lovely baby gifts.

Fruit was passed to the following guests: Mesdames O. L. Bishop, O. A. Smith, R. L. Reeves, Earl Strawn, Lesley Beasley, Ed Burks, Allan Terry, Tom Williamson, John Gafford, Malcolm Beasley, H. H. McRee, C. T. Beckham, John Strawn, Alton Boone, Carl Edwards, Alsie Carleton; Misses Beatrice and Ruby Cooley, Elsie Bishop, Mamie Gafford, Carolyn McRee, Patricia Ann Beasley.

Stevenson's "Treasure Island" was written and read a chapter at a time to his step-son, 12 years of age, to relieve the tedium of a rainy vacation.

Merchants Sales Books 5c, six for 25c or 25 for \$1.00, at Merkel Mail office.

Has your subscription expired? Come in and renew it next time you are in town. Special club rates on Semi-Weekly Farm News, Pathfinder and several Magazine Offers.

Bereavement acknowledgement engraved cards, with envelopes to match, 50 cents per dozen at Merkel Mail office.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

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.

Waco Man Heads State Teachers Association

Houston, Dec. 2.—The Texas State Teachers' association adjourned its 59th annual convention Saturday after adopting resolutions with a far-reaching effect on education and enacting rules that will enable the big association to become a federation of local and district units.

The delegates urged by resolution an active campaign for teacher tenure, the elimination of the state superintendent's job as elective and making it appointive by the state board of education and a host of other measures.

Superintendent of schools R. H. Brister of Waco was elected president of the state association, defeating John P. Manning of Robstown. Brister will succeed Dr. A. W. Birdwell of Naacogdoches.

Dallas was chosen as the next convention city before the 15,000 teachers began heading for their homes.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Plenty of Toys in Toy Town at Reid's Variety Store.

Sufferers of STOMACH ULCERS HYPERACIDITY DEFINITE RELIEF OR MONEY BACK THE WILLARD TREATMENT has brought prompt, definite relief in thousands of cases of Stomach and Duodenal Ulcers due to Hyperacidity, and other forms of Stomach Distress due to Excess Acid. SOLD ON 15 DAYS TRIAL. For complete information, read "Willard's Message of Relief." Ask for it—free—ad. Merkel Drug Company

This Christmas Shop at Home!

Wide selections of first quality merchandise are now being placed on the shelves of local stores—merchandise that has been especially purchased for the holiday trade.

Local merchants and business people contribute substantially to the up-building of this community. They give employment to many local people. Their taxes help support our civic institutions. Their capital invested and spent here adds to the community's wealth. And their money, banked locally, swells the fund of local credit available for local needs.

Do your Christmas shopping early . . . . . PATRONIZE YOUR LOCAL MERCHANTS.

THE OLD RELIABLE Farmers & Merchants National Bank Merkel, Texas MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

THE PATHFINDER is the one and ONLY publication with the knowledge, experience and courage to give you every week the first-hand, inside information which is positively necessary for you to have. It is the ONE publication which is under no obligations to the big moneyed interests or Czars of trade—none of those fatal tie-ups with the selfish cliques who gamble in the very life blood of the people. That's why the Pathfinder is in a position to tell you the unvarnished facts in the plainest possible English. You can depend on every word it says—and there is no substitute for reliability. EVERY WEEK FROM WASHINGTON, D. C. Washington is now the news center of the entire world. It is the one place in the country where a strictly unbiased and reliable publication can be issued. That is why the Pathfinder is located there. The same clear sighted vision which led to the selection of the National Capital as the home of the Pathfinder over 40 years ago is the backbone of every single issue of the Pathfinder today. It is our privilege for a limited time to offer you at a greatly reduced bargain price the greatest and most popular national weekly—The PATHFINDER—together with THIS PAPER, both a full year—52 weeks—for Only \$ 1.60

GIVE AN Ingersoll There's an Ingersoll for every member of the family—watches for pocket, wrist or handbag at prices from \$1.25. You can buy them at stores right here in town. RIST-ARCH—\$3.95 YANKEE—\$1.50

FLOWERS For ALL OCCASIONS MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP

Bronchial Coughs Just A Few Sips and—Like A Flash—Relief! Spend a few cents today at any good drugstore for a bottle of triple acting BUCKLEY'S MIXTURE—take a couple of doses and sleep sound all night long—your irritating cough of bronchitis is under control. One little sip and the ordinary cough is on its way—continue for 2 or 3 days and often you'll hear no more from that tough old hang-on cough that nothing seems to help. Over 9 million bottles sold in cold-winter Canada. Merkel Drug Store

FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND MANY HAPPY NEW YEARS OF EXTRA SAVINGS! Easy Payments 1938 FRIGIDAIRE with NEW SILENT METER-MISER The Perfect Gift . . . To Save Her Amazingly More Money, Make Kitchen Hours Happier, Easier Than Ever Before! Give her greater joy—sensationally greater savings—for years to come! Give her the NEW 1938 Frigidaire, with the New Silent Meter-Miser that saves more in every way. Slashes current cost deeper than ever. . . keeps food safer, fresher, longer. . . freezes more ice, faster. . . and runs quiet, trouble-free year after year! It's the greatest all-around money saver in Frigidaire history! And only Frigidaire gives you NEW "Double-Easy" Quickcube Trays. . . NEW Moisture-Seal Hydrators that protect fruits, vegetables better. . . NEWLY-STYLED interior, quickly adjustable to 9 different positions. . . and many other new and exclusive features. Yet Frigidaire costs no more than an ordinary refrigerator. Let us show you why you will thrill her more, save her more with this NEW Frigidaire. FREE! Beautiful Sterling Silver Gift Medallion To preserve the memory of your gift through the years, this handsome medallion—engraved with any message you desire—will be affixed to your Christmas Frigidaire, free of charge, if requested. See us and save with FRIGIDAIRE West Texas Utilities Company

# THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and Sponsored by the Senior Class of '38—Rez Myers, sponsor

### The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Hollis Perry. Society Editor—Jannell Black.  
Assistant Editor—Frances Higgins. Sports Editor—James Russell.  
Joke Editor—Charles Andy Shouse

### "BACK TO SCHOOL."

Now that you are full of turkey, it is time to settle down and study for exams. Let us all study hard and try to make good grades. We have several things to look forward to: the banquet and also the Christmas holidays. We should let our studies come before these things, even though they are not as interesting to us.

### PERSONALITIES.

#### Morris Clark.

Morris has spent three enjoyable years in Merkel High. He is a member of the Senior Boys' club and is president of the F. F. A. Chapter. Morris had the honor of representing the Merkel High School chapter at Kansas City. When he finishes school he will take up radio engineering and we know that he will make a success as he has done in Merkel High school.

#### Lucy Faye Dwiggins.

Lucy Faye is that flashy blonde personality that we have enjoyed so much the last four years. She has been a member of the Home Ec. club, the Spanish club, Senior Girls' club and Dramatic club. She was one of our best volley ball players last year and we are looking forward to her help this year. She plans to be a nurse after she graduates and we know that she will make a successful one.

### CHAPEL.

Last Wednesday the High school was assembled for an enjoyable forty-five minute program presented by the A Capella chorus of Abilene High school. Several songs and specialties including negro spirituals, classics, and popular numbers were given. The program was brought to an end by the well known and loved "Hallelujah Chorus."

Monday morning, Nov. 29, the Coach read out the names of the lettermen of 1937 and presented them with their awards. These consisted of purple and gold jackets with a purple and gold "M." Captain Vincent Barnett received a jacket with one star and three gold stripes on the purple "M." Others receiving jackets and the number of years to letter were Griffin Barnett, three; Waymon Adcock, two; Heavy Jinkens, one; Norman Winter, one; Leon Walker, one; Arthur Lee Graham, two; Dick West, two; Preacher Windham, two; "Fly" Wozencraft, one; Don Warren, one; Peto Shouse, one; Mark Malone, one. Mr. Davis also made a talk complimenting the boys who came out and worked the entire season even though they did not get an award.

### CHORAL CLUB.

At last the day came, the thrill of our lives, when we broadcast over KRBC. We hope that you heard us and enjoyed hearing us as much as we enjoyed giving it. It was certainly a pleasure for us and we thank Mrs. Haynes, our sponsor, for making the program possible.

### PEP SQUAD.

Our last game has been played and now we are concentrating on how we are going to show our boys how we appreciate them. A banquet in their honor is the first thing. In order to put on this banquet we put on a fashion parade and mock marriage ceremony at the gym last Tuesday night. The proceeds are to be used to help pay for the banquet.

### DRAMATIC CLUB.

Rain or shine nothing stops the Dramatic club, so it had its second meeting of the year on Tuesday night, Nov. 23. Jannell Black, Mildred Humphrey, Ben Robert Hicks, Horace Browning, Julia Ella Holder, Joyce Fulton, Mary Love Tipton, J. M. Bickley, Gay West, Lena Faye Orsborn, Felix Stalls, Billy Largent, Marvin Hunter and Nell Scogins entertained.

A very enjoyable program was listed for the evening including Thanksgiving games, short stories by Hollis Perry and Julia Ella Holder, a poem by Joyce Fulton, and a play, "Miss Fannie's Bomb." The cast: Miss Fannie, Frances Higgins; Miss Clara, Hollis Perry; Papa, Horace Browning, and Eddie, Ben Robert Hicks.

Refreshments of pecan pie, olives and mints, were served to a number of the members. However, the weather made it impossible for several of our good members to come in but we are hoping that they will be back next meeting.

Afterwards Billy Wood, president, took charge for a short business meeting during which the secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, called the roll, and Marvin Hunter was elected as vice-president.

### FRESHMAN NEWS.

Ask—Nancile H. who her good looking boy friend is.

Alene Cox why she likes the seventh period better than any other period.

Margaret B. whom she had a date with Saturday night.

Marvin DuB. who his girl is.

Douglas why he started dressing up.

A few girls where they got those bonnets.

### SOPHOMORE NEWS.

Loudale, you'd better be a little more careful with your notes from James. That was a very interesting one that was being passed around.

I wonder who the couple was that Evelyn L. drove for the other night.

Sampe, you had better watch your step with some of those Freshman girls who are so crazy about you.

Billy Largent, just what is your reason for not being in the Glee club.

Did you know that Dutchy could play dominoes.

Rachel was all smiles Sunday night; we wonder why.

Syble and Bernie Opal can really be mean at times.

Don Wood has been dating one of our Soph girls lately.

Your reporter has it that Don Warren gave many of his attentions to Mildred McL. at Louise R.'s party.

We wonder why Bonnie is so mad at Gay.

### JUNIOR NEWS.

Seems like—

Wilma is an aunt again.

Miss Burnett has lots of company every morning.

James has a new car.

Mary Love enjoys Sunday joy rides.

Six little girls nearly got lost Thursday (climbing that mountain).

We ought to sell the most Annuals this year because "Fly Woozy" is our representative.

We're awfully proud of our football

boys for there are five Junior lettermen this year.

### SENIOR NEWS.

In chapel Monday morning the annual staff was presented to the student body, introduced by Editor-in-Chief West. The annual staff is composed of Mabel Murray, assistant editor; Frances Higgins, society editor; James Russell, sports editor; Vincent Barnett and Grovone Ford, photographic editors; Leon Walker, art editor; Waymon Adcock, advertising manager; Marvin Hunter, business manager; Jannell Black, club editor.

### ASK—

Billy L. and Grovone, if they can play football games in Sunday School and get by with it.

CeVene, why she didn't tell us she had a "feller."

Joyce, if she isn't sorta breaking a "Grandpa" in on Sunday nights.

Julia Ella, if she still has her old crush.

Vincent, how come the shine boy to run off with the barber's wife in the druggist's car.

Frances, how much she gained since she says that she had four Thanksgiving dinners and one supper.

Elwood, whom he is going to ask to the banquet.

Lucy Faye, why she left Dramatic

club.

Don, how much money he had Friday night.

Verne, if she likes crackers. Coach Davis, if he really lost his tie pin.

Mary Love, if she really likes to go with "preachers."

James, if he wasn't embarrassed at Dramatic club.

Dick, if he wishes he had black curly hair so he could get a date to the banquet.

Fannelle, if she doesn't think Wednesday night is a good night to court.

Herman, what Tarleton girl he dated one night.

Rachel, how a certain grocery boy is getting along.

John R., David, Billie Graham why they got sent to the study hall during the sixth period.

Willodean, if she is really engaged.

Mattie Lou, if she cared for Grovone burning down the house.

Who Mr. Editor West is.

Visit Toy Town at Reid's Variety Store.

We fill all doctor's prescriptions. Vick Drug company.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Mail Classified Ad for Results.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS OF DISTINCTION

A wide variety to choose from—either in the box assortment of 21 cards or individual cards to your selection.

Box of 21 cards for **95c**  
Extra charge of 75c for name printed

We invite you to come in and inspect these beautiful greeting cards, or phone No. 61 or 9047 and our representative, Mrs. H. C. Reid, will call and show you samples.

## THE MERKEL MAIL

"Your Home Town Newspaper"

PHONE 61

**FOR WINTER DRIVING**

See Your **CHEVROLET DEALER** Now!

1935 CHEVROLET MASTER COUPE—Original Duco finish, clean upholstery. Tires that show little wear. Thoroughly reconditioned and backed by "an OK that counts." Completely equipped. New tires. Special sale price **\$450.00**

1935 CHEVROLET MASTER COUPE—Its appearance is very smart and attractive. Hurry. On sale for two days at remarkable price of **\$400.00**

1935 CHEVROLET STANDARD SEDAN—Its tires, upholstery show no wear. Its motor has been carefully tuned and checked. Backed by "an OK that counts" **\$395.00**

1933 CHEVROLET MASTER SEDAN—Its tires, upholstery show no wear. Its motor has been carefully tuned and checked. Backed by "an OK that counts". **\$325.00**

1937 CHEVROLET MASTER TOWN SEDAN—Original Duco finish, clean upholstery. Tires that show little wear. Thoroughly reconditioned and backed by "an OK that counts." Completely equipped. New Tires. Special sale price **\$695.00**

1933 CHEVROLET MASTER TOWN SEDAN—Its tires, finish, upholstery show no wear. Its motor has been carefully tuned and checked. Backed by "an OK that counts"—at reduced sale price of only **\$285.00**

1936 CHEVROLET MASTER TOWN SEDAN—See this practically new Chevrolet and you'll prefer it to anything the market offers at anywhere near price. Completely equipped, many extras, ready to drive away, for **\$550.00**

### 5 GOOD REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD BUY A GOOD USED CAR NOW

- 1 You can save winter service expense on your old car, by trading it in on a Guaranteed OK used car now.
- 2 You will have a car that will stand up under the rigors of winter driving.
- 3 You will have a car that will start on cold mornings.
- 4 You will save further depreciation on your old car by trading it in now.
- 5 You can get the best values of the year in Guaranteed OK used cars from your Chevrolet dealer now.

1935 FORD COACH—See this practically new Ford and you'll prefer it to anything the market offers at anywhere near this price. Completely equipped, many extras, ready to drive away, for **\$400.00**

# Grable Motor Co.

Phone 138

Chevrolet Sales and Service

Merkel, Texas

Tires, Tubes, Batteries and Anti-Freeze

# WE APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS



## FARMERS STATE BANK

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Be Informed—  
Be Entertained—  
Read

## THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

"Texas' No. 1 Newspaper"

Associated Press news service and Wirephotos, seven days a week, bring to readers of The Dallas News news stories and pictures from all over the world. An unsurpassed editorial and reporting staff in Dallas and The News' own bureaus in Washington, Austin, Fort Worth, Waco and East Texas give additional local and State coverage.

Special writers deal with politics, amusements, sports. Interpretation of the news is found on a forceful editorial page and in John Knott's famous cartoons.

PLUS exclusive features of the Big Sunday News:

ROTOGRAVURE Picture Section

"THIS WEEK" Colorgravure Magazine

"AMERICA SPEAKS"—The Weekly Poll of Public Opinion

CLIP THIS COUPON AND MAIL TODAY

THE DALLAS NEWS, Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Herewith my remittance \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover subscription to The Dallas News (one year by mail) (six months by mail).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Post Office \_\_\_\_\_

R. F. D. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Subscription rate: By Mail, daily and Sunday, one year, \$9.00; six months, \$5.00; three months, \$2.50; one month, 85c. These prices effective only in Texas.

## ABILENE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Do you have that secure feeling of protection that life insurance affords? A few cents a day invested in a policy with this company is IDEAL security. Our policies and rates are satisfying thousands of members.

T. S. ROLLINS, Sec'y

J. T. ROLLINS, Asst. Sec'y

208-9-10 Citizens Bank Bldg., Abilene, Texas

## PROFESSIONAL

### BEN M. DAVIS

Certified Public Accountant

Attorney-at-Law

Income Tax Consultant

Mims Bldg.

Abilene, Texas

### PAULINE JOHNSON

Successor to

G. W. JOHNSON

INSURANCE—NOTARY PUBLIC

Next door to Eli Case and Son

Grocery and Market

Merkel, Texas

### DR. JNO. W. NEWSOM

The Drugless Physician

Office in the Banner Residence

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Saturday: 8 a. m. to 12 p. m.

### Ernest Walter Wilson

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Insurance Law a Specialty

General Civil Practice

125 1/2 Pine St. Abilene, Texas

THE MERKEL MAIL
Published Every Friday Morning
C. J. GLOVER, Editor
TELEPHONE NO. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Merkel, Texas, as second class mail.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
Taylor and Jones Counties \$1.00
Anywhere else \$1.50
(In Advance)

Advertising Rates On Application

All obituaries, resolutions of respect, cards of thanks, etc., are classed as advertising, and will be charged for at 1c per word.

Football Pairings Bi-District Games

Dallas, Dec. 2.—Pairings in the bi-district games, which start play for the championship of the Texas Inter-scholastic league and the dates and places follow:

- Amarillo, district 1, at Wichita Falls, district 2, Saturday.
Austin (El Paso), district 4, at Abilene, district 3, Friday.
Highland Park (Dallas), district 5, at Sherman, district 5, Friday.
Woodrow Wilson (Dallas), district 8, at North Side (Fort Worth), district 7, Saturday.
Longview, district 9, at Lufkin, district 10, Friday.
Thomas Jefferson (San Antonio), district 12, at Temple, district 11, Friday.
Robstown, district 15, at Mission, district 16, Friday.
Conroe, district 13, Bye.
(Conroe drew a bye because no champion was picked between Port Arthur and Beaumont in district 14.)

Three Merkel Boys On ACC Honor Roll

Abilene, Dec. 2.—Austin Varner, Woodrow Clemmer and Doyle Gray were listed among honor students for mid-term grades of the first semester at Abilene Christian college, according to announcement made by Mrs. Clara Bishop, college registrar.

Opening Saturday of New Service Station

The Modern Service Station is the name of the new stucco filling station just completed at the corner of South Front and Oak streets, formal opening of which is set for Saturday of this week.

A complete line of Gulf gas and oil will be carried, also tires, tubes, batteries and accessories. Other service features include washing, greasing, polishing and waxing.

Special features are announced by George West, Jr., manager, for the opening day and week.

Methodist Classes Enjoy Joint Banquet

Members of two classes of the Methodist young people's division, the "L. L. L." class and the "Willing Workers" class, enjoyed a consolidated banquet at the Methodist church on Friday night of last week.

About forty were present, including college girls and boys home for the holidays with their escorts.

The Sunday School room was decorated with autumn leaves, and chrysanthemums, and on tables spread with orange covers a delectable turkey menu, with hot coffee and pumpkin pie with whipped cream, was served. Small paper turkeys were plate favors.

The invocation was given by Rev. John H. Crow, the pastor, and during the evening an enjoyable program followed, including a reading, "The One-Legged Turkey," by Norma Lee Shelton, and a duet, "Harbor Lights," by Mary Jo Russell and Bonnie Church. Mrs. Henry West was speaker for the evening. Her subject was "Thanksgiving and the Game of Life." Vernon Hudson gave the benediction.

Memorial Funds Asked.

New York, Dec. 2.—Max Holleyman, 17, of Overton, Texas, one of the survivors of the New London, Texas, school disaster, in which nearly 500 children were killed, broadcast from this city an appeal for funds for a memorial to the victims.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION.

To those who so kindly assisted us in any way during our recent illness, we wish to express a deep sense of enduring gratitude; especially to Dr. Sadler and the nurses, who were so thoughtful and patient at all times.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cox and Family.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends and especially the T. E. L. class for their kindness and floral offering during the illness and death of our beloved mother and sister.

The Richie Children and Brothers and Sisters.

PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Crate Wilson had as guests in their home Thanksgiving Mr. Wilson's mother, Mrs. T. C. Wilson of Anson, and his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Melton of Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Woody of Lubbock were here to spend Sunday with Mrs. Woody's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter.

Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Yeats of Crowell, and their son, Alvis Yeats, who teaches at Snyder, were visiting with friends here last week.

Miss Berdelle Adcock, who was home to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock, had as her guest Miss Eula Cox, who also teaches in the Menard schools.

Billie Dunning and Dutton Williamson, students in A. & M. college, were among members of the college set home for the holidays.

Miss Betty Grimes, who is attending Texas State College for Women (CIA), at Denton, returned Sunday night after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes.

Sylvan Mellinger, Freshman at the University of Texas, came home to spend Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger.

Miss Duncan Briggs, who was transferred from Austin to Abilene as office assistant to John W. Coats, district supervisor for the Texas Liquor Control board, was over to spend Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Duncan Briggs.

Miss Marjorie Dunn and brother, Master Dwight, of DeLeon returned home Sunday after visiting Merkel relatives.

Warren Smith was down from Pecos for a week-end visit with his wife and son, Jackie.

Thanksgiving and week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson were Mrs. Alice Watters of Midland and two daughters, Miss Mary Watters, who teaches at Midland, and Miss Grace Watters, who teaches at Rock Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Patterson saw both the Thanksgiving day game between Texas and A. & M. at College Station and the Rice-Baylor game at Houston on an enjoyable automobile trip to South Texas.

Mrs. J. C. Buford and daughter of Fort Worth spent the Thanksgiving holiday and week-end here as guests of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Buford, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their son, W. J. Winter, of Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Adcock were in Comanche Sunday, where Mr. Adcock filled a church appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays were very happy Sunday in entertaining all their children who were spending the week-end with them. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McMurray of Floydada, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Jaynes and baby daughter of Tahoka, Neva Higgins of Abilene, Mrs. H. W. Hester and children of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hays and baby of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Tahoka, the latter a sister of Mr. Hays.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Denton and baby, Britta Kaye, of Big Spring spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Bush.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tucker and little son, Bobbie Ray, and little Miss Francis May, of Borger, spent the Thanksgiving season with his father, C. L. Tucker, and sister, Mrs. V. L. Merritt. They were accompanied by Miss Billie Joy Brookreson, who visited her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Ensminger, and her grandmother Brookreson at Buffalo Gap. En route home, they visited Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Campbell of Lamesa.

After seeing the Texas-A. & M. football game at College Station, David Gamble came home to spend the remainder of the Thanksgiving holidays, returning to Austin Sunday night. Miss Eleanor Mae Gamble was also home from John Tarleton for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hill of Wink were Thanksgiving visitors here, Mr. Hill going on to Fort Worth for a few days. Mrs. Hill was accompanied on her return home Monday by her sister, Miss Mildred Hamm.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jones had as their guests for a turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Estes and Misses Connie and Alzada Pogue.

Little Mary Faye Johnson of San Antonio spent the Thanksgiving holidays in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Golladay and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Tate Weaver of Lamesa were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Henslee and family.

Messrs. Rex Myers, Pat Davis, C. H. Collinsworth and S. D. Gamble were a party of Merkelites enjoying the T. C. U.-S. M. U. game at Fort Worth last Saturday.

Mrs. Amy Sears and daughter, Mrs.

Mary Eula Johnson returned Monday from a holiday and week-end visit with another daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eysen, in Fort Worth.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler and Mesdames Geneva Young and W. V. Ramsey of Abilene went to College Station Wednesday of last week to see the Thanksgiving day game between Texas and A. & M. college, and Saturday they saw the T. C. U.-S. M. U. game at Fort Worth.

Thanksgiving Day guests of Mrs. J. R. Pee were her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Guthrie and son of Big Spring, and Mrs. Raymond Guthrie of Nowata, Okla.

Miss Viola McGaughey returned Sunday to her home in Waco after a visit of several days with her sister, Miss Lorraine McGaughey, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Caple.

After a visit with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple, A. D. Guy, Sr., returned Wednesday to his home in Aquilla.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harris have as their guest this week their daughter, Mrs. H. G. Eddleman of Best.

Miss Emma Joyner spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Joyner, at Spur. Miss Vennie Heizer visited also at Spur during the holidays.

Miss Violet Barley spent the holidays at her home in Abilene.

Miss Neweta Cleveland went to Lubbock to spend the holidays at her home there. Miss Juanita Stroud also visited in Lubbock during the holidays.

Miss Helen Reddell visited during the Thanksgiving holidays in Brownwood.

Noel Bryant, ministerial student in Southern Methodist university at Dallas, was a holiday visitor here, the guest of Miss Frances Marie Church.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church have had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beene and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Swift of Gatesville, who were also guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Beene.

Mrs. Joe P. Self and daughter, JoySue, returned Sunday from a visit of several days in Dallas.

Misses Helen Reddell, Frances Marie and Bessie Church will leave Friday for Dallas where they will see the S. M. U.-Rice game Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Castleberry of Calera, Okla., visited their son, F. L.

Castleberry, and family, last week. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nobles and daughter of Dallas were also guests in the Castleberry home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ben Ashby and Joe Ben, Jr., of Dallas spent Sunday in Merkel visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ashby, and sister, Rev. and Mrs. Ted McGehee.

Tuesday noted the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Bourke Harris and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kamraschen for their homes at Gilroy, Calif., after a visit of several days with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Callahan of Tulare, Calif., who are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds, have gone to Comanche to visit a sick relative. They were accompanied by Mrs. Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Beckett and children returned Tuesday to El Paso after a visit here with Mrs. Beckett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren. While here, they, with Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren, visited a sister, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coit, at Dallas and witnessed the T. C. U.-S. M. U. game last Saturday.

After a visit with her mother, Mrs. Sallie Angus, Mrs. Esker Curtis was accompanied on her return to Breckenridge by her grandmother, Mrs. T. J. Toombs, who is her guest.

Mrs. Floyd Davis, who is recuperating from a recent operation, arrived last week for a visit with her mother, Mrs. W. H. Laney. Her husband came down from Odessa early in the week for a visit also.

Miss Billie Gardner, who is attending the University of Texas, was home to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner.

Miss Imogene Hayes, who teaches in the Odessa schools, spent the holidays at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hayes.

Mayor W. M. Elliott and his brother, George Elliott, of Abilene, spent last Sunday with their mother, Mrs. N. E. Elliott, at Stamford.

After a visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen of Catalina Island, Calif., returned Wednesday to continue their visit with Abilene friends. They are former residents of Merkel, Mr. McMillen having been engaged in the furniture business here for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King and Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett drove down to Arlington to meet Norman King, who attended the Tarleton-NTAC game Thanksgiving, and were

accompanied on their return by Miss Phyllis Smith, who also saw the game.

Tom and Brawley King of Pecos, students at John Tarleton college, were guests Saturday night and Sunday of Norman King, also a Tarleton student, and of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis. (The King boys and Norman are not related.)

After their visit here, they made the return trip to Stephenville with Mr. and Mrs. King when they took Norman back to school.

Merkel's girls from John Tarleton were all home for the holidays—Misses Sis Gamble, Mary Helen Mashburn, Phyllis Smith, Jane Ferguson and Juanee Jones. Returning to school after the holidays, Miss Ferguson was in the Gamble party, Misses Mashburn and Jones made the trip with Mrs. Sam Mashburn, and Misses Rachael Patterson and Verne Moore and Vincent Barnett drove down with Mrs. Smith to take Phyllis back.

Friends will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Comer Patterson is recovered from her recent illness of a week in the home of her parents here, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Walker, and has returned home.

Mock Wedding

(Continued From Page One.)

dants were: Johnnie Chadwick, Griffin Barnett; Fannelle Gray, Leon Walker; Dorma Lee Shelton, Verne Moore, Norman Winter, Evelyn Lattimer and Don Warren.

As a finale, after Coach Davis had introduced the Badgers of 1938, and Miss Burnett had presented the Pep Squad, the entire assemblage joined in singing the school song, "Hurrah for the Purple and Gold."

Birth of Son Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Coats, maternal grandparents, received a telegram Sunday announcing the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moore of Orange, Calif. The new arrival weighed ten pounds.

Nita Hinds, Tye Girl in "Who's Who" Colleges And Universities

Denton, Dec. 2.—Representing Texas State College for Women, the name of Miss Nita Hinds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hinds of Tye, will be carried in "Who's Who of Colleges and Universities." Her biography will appear in the Journal published by the University of Alabama.

Qualifications of "Who's Who" are based on character, college activities and grades of the student.

Miss Hinds, a journalism major, was recently selected a member of Theta Sigma Phi, national honorary journalism fraternity, with high scholastic and personal requirements. She is also a member of the Journalism club.

Other college activities find Miss Hinds, who is a junior, co-manager of the student loan fund and a member of the Mary Eleanor Brackenridge club.

Move Headquarters WTCC to Abilene

Stamford, Dec. 2.—The headquarters staff of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce was moved to Abilene Friday, as the result of a final settlement of the organization's controversy with the city of Stamford.

The settlement involved withdrawal of a Stamford injunction suit against the move and deeding by the W. T. C. C. to the city of Stamford of the building and lots occupied by the regional chamber here.

D. A. Bauden, general manager of the W. T. C. C., announced Friday morning all terms of the settlement had been carried out.

New offices of the organization, the second to be occupied in its 20 years of existence, are in the old federal building at Abilene.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

Announcing the Opening of the MODERN SERVICE STATION
South Front and Oak Streets
Saturday, Dec. 4th
Washing-Greasing- Polishing-Waxing
Tire-Tubes-Batteries-Accessories
A complete line of GULF Gas and OIL
Special for SATURDAY ONLY
Gulf No-Nox Ethyl—the Perfect Winter Gas
19c per gallon
Special for ONE WEEK ONLY
With each Oil Change, one Registered Lubrication Job Free
We invite you to inspect our Modern Equipment and to Watch us Lubricate Your Car. We guarantee you cannot get a better job anywhere at any price.
GIVE US A TRIAL—WE'LL DO THE REST
The Modern Service Station
Geo. West, Jr., Manager
Your Patronage Solicited and Appreciated

Plenty of MAGAZINE VALUES
GROUP-A
GROUP-B
OFFER NO. 1 ALL FIVE FOR ONLY \$2.10
OFFER NO. 2 ALL FOUR FOR ONLY \$2.25
OFFER NO. 3 ALL FOUR FOR ONLY \$2.40
OFFER NO. 4 ALL SIX FOR ONLY \$2.55
THE STORY OFFER
THE HOME OFFER
THIS OFFER FULLY GUARANTEED
Order Now
Gentlemen: I enclose \$..... for which please send me the magazines I have checked, together with a year's subscription to your newspaper.
Name.....
Street or R.F.D.....
Town and State.....

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**FOR SALE**

**ECZEMA RELIEF:** Paracide Ointment is guaranteed to relieve any form of eczema, itch, athlete's foot, itching piles within 24 hours, or money promptly refunded. Large jar 60c at Merkel Drug Co.

**FOR SALE**—20 acres, 1 1-4 miles of Merkel; 2-room dwelling and small outbuildings; good well and mill. W. O. Boney.

See me before you sell your Maize; will pay top prices at all times; you will find me or some one of my men at Hi-Way Service Station.

Sinclair Gas and Oils  
Washing and Greasing  
A full line of Brunswick Tires (guaranteed) and Tubes  
**HI-WAY SERVICE STATION**  
P. H. Douglas & Son  
Phone 288 Merkel, Texas  
Open all night

**FOR SALE**—Rent feed from McAninch (Coats) farm:  
800 binds caffir at 3 1-2c  
2500 binds maize at 2c  
F. & M. National Bank

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—1932 Chevrolet 2-door, good tires, good paint, extra clean. See Fred Guitar, Jr.

**FOR SALE**—1 Allis-Chalmers Tractor and equipment reconditioned; reasonable price. See Booth Warren at F. & M. Nat'l Bank.

**FOR SALE**—Fresh Jersey cow, with young calf. F. J. McDonald, Jr., Merkel, Texas, Route 1.

**FOR SALE**—Meat hogs. See Sam Butman, Sr.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—Several Jersey milk cows. See Clesby Patterson.

**FOR SALE**—4-gallon Jersey milk cow, with heifer calf. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—Duplex apartment, brick and stucco, West Elm Street. Mrs. L. A. Watts or see Earl Watts at Campbell's Grocery.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—F-20 Farmall tractor, good condition; also want to buy maize heads. A. D. Fulton.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—1933 Chevrolet Master 2-door sedan. Joe Barron at Joe's Garage.

**FOR SALE**—Black hull seed wheat. Pierce Horton.

**FOR SALE**  
At Bargain Prices  
1937 Dodge coupe.  
1936 Plymouth coupe.  
1936 Plymouth sedan.  
1935 Dodge coupe.  
1933 V-8 Ford Tudor sedan.  
1933 De Soto sedan.  
Come see them.  
City Motor Company

**FOR RENT**

**FOR RENT**—Five-room dwelling, first door north of Christian church. Mrs. D. W. Ashby, Merkel, Texas, Route 1.

**WANTED**

**BRING us your Produce;** highest market prices guaranteed. Sheppard & Shelton Produce, Independent Operators. We pay cash. Phone 141.

**ONE STOP STATION** where you can sell your cream, eggs and chickens at best market prices and buy your "Groceries" right. Merkel Cream Station. Joe Stalls, Operator.

**WANTED**—Man for Rawleigh Route this winter; Route will be permanent if you are a hustler. For particulars write Rawleigh's, Dept. TXL-506-103, Memphis, Tenn.

**DOLLIE'S BEAUTY SHOP**—I'm still working; cut prices on all beauty work; your patronage is very much appreciated; work guaranteed.

**WANTED**—Girl to help with house work two or three days per week. Mrs. J. F. Walker at old Harkrider place.

**LOST AND FOUND**

**LOST**—Reddish brown bull dog, cropped ears and bobbed tail; answers to name of "Sammy". Notify Mrs. R. F. England, Tye.

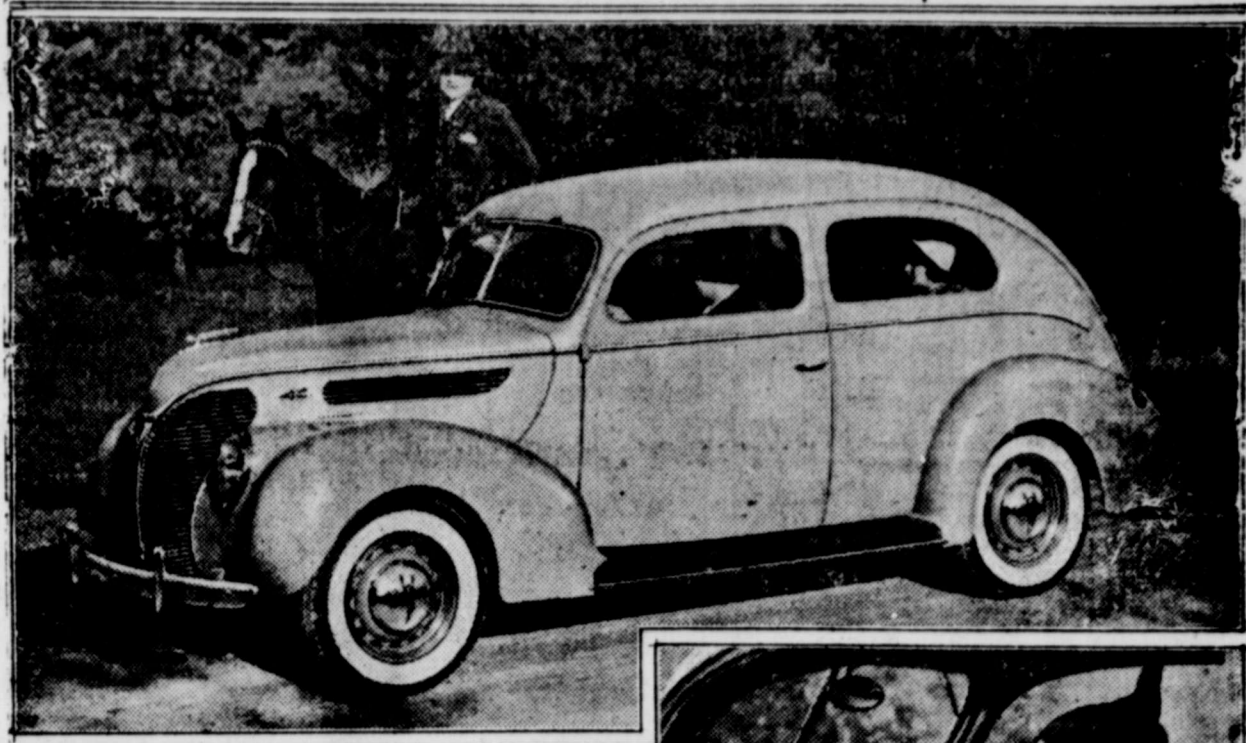
**LOST**—Two yearlings, one white-faced steer, other mottled-faced heifer. Hollis McCoy, Merkel, Texas, Route 2.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE.**

In the matter of the Estate of W. E. Green, deceased; No. 168 in the County Court of Kent County, Texas: Notice is hereby given that I, W. J. Lane, Administrator with the will annexed, of the Estate of W. E. Green, Deceased, have on the 1st day of Nov-

**Two 1938 Ford V-8 Cars Displayed**



**TWO** distinct lines of Ford V-8 cars are now being displayed in dealer showrooms. One is a newly-styled standard Ford line in three body types, the other a de luxe Ford line in eight body types. The de luxe Tudor sedan is pictured above. The de luxe sedans are larger in appearance, with longer hood and sweeping lines. The de luxe cars are powered with either the 85 or the 60 horsepower engines. Newly-styled interiors are pictured at right. New instrument panel has instrument group in front of driver, grille for radio speaker installation in center, flanked by engine controls and cigar lighter, and glove compartment at right. In the de luxe cars, the compartment locks, and a clock is recessed in the compartment door.

A headlight beam control is fitted on the toe-board, a tell-tale light on instrument panel indicates whether the headlight beams are raised or depressed.

**1938 Ford Models Now On Display Locally**

Ford V-type 8-cylinder cars for 1938 were placed on display Tuesday in Ford dealer showrooms throughout the United States. They are offered this year as two distinct lines, differing in appearance and price. Both are in the lowest price field.

One is a newly-styled standard Ford line, in coupe, Tudor and Fordor body type, powered either with the 85 or the 60 horsepower V-8 engine. The standard cars are designed to meet requirements of the many motor car owners, whose means dictate maximum economy in first cost, as well as in maintenance and operating costs.

The other is a newly-designed de luxe line for owners who desire additional style and appointments. Powered only with the 85 horsepower V-8 engine, the line includes eight body types, the coupe, Tudor and Fordor sedans, as well as the club coupe, convertible cabriolet, club convertible cabriolet, convertible sedan and the phaeton.

The two lines of cars have the same improved V-8 chassis, but their styling is distinctly different.

The de luxe cars are larger in appearance. The hood has been lengthened. Its nearly vertical front is carried in a "V" well down into the radiator grille, with the familiar V-8 emblem at the tip of the "V." Horizontal lines of the grille bars and the louvres are echoed in a bright rust-

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**WARREN CLUB.**

At a called meeting of the Warren Home Demonstration club held Nov. 29 in the home of Mrs. M. H. Ely, the following officers were elected:

Mrs. Ross Baker, president; Mrs. M. J. Hines, vice-president; Mrs. M. H. Ely, secretary; Miss Louise Hudson, council member; Mrs. Hall Hobbs, parliamentarian; Mrs. W. H. Kelso will be garden demonstrator, and Miss Louise Hudson, bedroom demonstrator.

A Christmas party for the club members and their families was also discussed, plans to be completed at the next meeting.

Those present were Mesdames Ross Baker, M. J. Hines, U. S. Reeder, Hall Hobbs, Misses Ella Hobbs and Louise Hudson and the hostess.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Hall Hobbs. All members are urged to be present and visitors are cordially invited.

**SALT BRANCH CLUB.**

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club is planning a Christmas tree and party for members and their families on the evening of Friday, Dec. 19.

The place was originally announced as the home of Mrs. Johnny Cox, but this has been changed to the home of Mrs. Elmer Criswell.

**BLUE BONNET CLUB.**

The Blue Bonnet club met Tuesday, Nov. 30, when plans were made to have a Christmas tree next meeting day, Dec. 14.

Each member is requested to bring a gift for the tree.

**We fill all doctor's prescriptions. Vick Drug company.**

less steel band which is carried along the belt to the rear.

The new standard line cars also present a larger appearance, with a newly-designed front end, grille, hood and fenders. The front end is formed

in a "V," with the horizontal grille bars extending unbroken along the hoodside to form the louvres.

Welcome to Toy Town at Reid's Variety Store.

**YOUR GIFT-HUNTING DAYS ARE NUMBERED**



HELBROS  
—\$12.75 AND UP  
HAMILTON  
BULOVA  
GRUEN AND  
ELGIN WATCHES

SILVER  
GLASSWARE  
CHINA AND POTTERY  
JEWELRY  
AND  
GIFTS

**Diamond Ensembles \$16.00 to \$1,500.00**

May we help you Select Your Gifts

**C. M. PRESLEY**

Credit Jeweler

209 Pine Street

Abilene, Texas

**THE RED & WHITE STORES**

**SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DEC. 3-4**

Apples, Delicious, doz. 25c

Apples, bulk, peck 25c

Oranges, doz. 25c

Lettuce, head 5c

Grapefruit, Texas, 3 for 10c

Carrots, 2 bunches 9c

Spuds, 10 pounds 23c

A-1 Soda  
Crackers, 2 lb. box 19c

Red and White  
Flour, 12 lbs. 55c  
24 lbs. \$1.00—48 lbs. \$1.85

Red and White  
Meal, 5 pounds 19c

Pure Cane  
Sugar, cloth bag, 10 lbs. 55c

Red and White  
Soap, 6 bars 25c

Pongee  
Toilet Tissue, 4rolls 17c

Post  
Toasties, pkg. 10c

Early Riser  
Coffee, pound 17c

**9c SALE**

Your Choice Following Items

- 1 Can No. 2 1-2 Hominy
- 1 Can No. 2 Spinach
- 1 Can No. 2 Peas
- 1 Can No. 2 Tomatoes
- 1 Can No. 2 Green Beans

**19c SALE**

Your Choice Following Items

- 1 Can No. 2 1-2 R & W Peaches
- 1 Jar 1 Lb. Supreme Peanut Butter
- 1 Can No. 2 1-2 Pears
- 1 Box 2 Lb. A-1 Crackers
- 1 Can No. 2 R & W Peas

**29c SALE**

Your Choice Following Items

- 2 Cans No. 2 R & W Corn
- 1 Can 3 Lbs. White Karo
- 3 Cans 12 1-2 Ounce Pineapple Juice
- 2 Cans 17 Ounce R & W Cranberry Sauce

Sliced Bacon, pound 29c

Jowls, 2 pounds 25c

Shortening, 4 pounds 45c

**WEST COMPANY, Merkel**

**D. C. HERRING & SON, Noodle**

**GOSDIN BROS., Blair**

**A. W. WOOD, Trent**

**E. BRADLEY MER. CO., Stith**

### Reasonable Precautions Make Use of Natural Gas Perfectly Safe

Hazards to health from careless use of natural gas and also fires and accidents can be avoided by observing a few simple precautions, according to gas company officials. They explain that natural gas, with all the safeguards the gas companies have placed around it through their modern service, is perfectly safe under any reasonable handling.

Open flame heaters can give excellent heating service when properly adjusted and protected but they can also cause unhealthful conditions as well as accidents. Families who huddle in one overheated room lay themselves liable to colds and even more serious diseases. If the open flame heater is turned up too high it will cause bad air in the room. Such heaters also should be protected with screen guards to prevent clothing from swinging into the flame and to protect small children.

Keep curtains, draperies, and similar inflammable materials away from heaters and do not dry clothing near the heater. Wind may blow the material into the flame, or it may become overheated and ignite. Do not use gasoline, naphtha or benzine for cleaning. Use some of the safer solutions now obtainable and these out of doors during the day.

Avoid gas leaks by careful check of all stoves and outlets. If escaping gas is detected, close all gas valves and cocks, shut off gas at meter, and open doors and windows. Notify the gas company or a licensed plumber at once and allow no flame of any kind to be brought near the leak until it has been repaired.

All heating equipment should be inspected and adjusted by reliable firms or individuals known to be qualified experts. No one but licensed

plumbers and gas experts should connect gas appliances.

Gas heaters should be attached to gas outlets with rigid metal pipe and screw connections. Loose gas cocks should be made tight or replaced. If flexible tubing is used, it should be gas tight, as the rubber dries out and causes small cracks not discernible to the eye. Gas should always be turned off at the wall as well as at the appliance. If a heater or range is moved from one room to another, always make sure it is properly connected in its new location and that the old connection is properly closed or sealed.

### BLAIR ITEMS

The cold weather that has prevailed here has successfully killed all the more tender vegetation, including cotton. The dry weather has been a help in drying the unopened bolls on cotton, preventing souring before opening. It will, however, take a little time for them to crack.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Scott and Mrs. Tom Scott and children of Sweetwater visited their brother, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Orsborn, Sunday.

H. E. Spears and Son, T. H. of Valera visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears, the past week.

Verta Lee Sawyer of Okalona, Mrs. W. R. Rogers and sister of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. J. Foster of Stith attended services at the M. E. church Sunday.

College students that spent Thanksgiving with the home folks were: Jack Moore from Canyon; Criswell Dean, Miss Margie Melton, Draughton's Business college, and Miss Lucy Moore, Abilene Christian college.

Mrs. Charlie Largent and children of Merkel spent the week-end with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gosdin.

Rev. Gene Hall, Baptist pastor, will fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday, Dec. 5. Ev-

eryone is invited to attend these services.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt, Misses Ruth Lowery and Mary Pruitt and Mrs. Pat Martin of Anson returned home Thursday from a tour of Arizona, New Mexico and Old Mexico. A wonderful time was reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore visited relatives at Red Spring Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Horton moved to Rondlett, Okla., the past week.

Mrs. Joe Ramsey and children of Merkel spent the week with Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gosdin attended the ball game at San Angelo Friday.

Mrs. Mollie Morrow of Wichita Falls, Mrs. B. M. Williams and daughter of Childress, Mrs. Kenneth Sharp and daughter of New Mexico and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Williams and son of Merkel were Thanksgiving visitors of Sam Provine and Mr. and Mrs. Hurman Doan and family.

The merchants who advertise in this paper will give you the best values for your money.

Office supplies—Mail office.

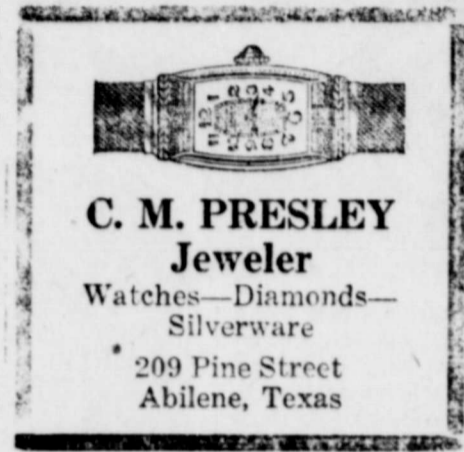
Visit Toy Town at Reid's Variety Store.

### Praise for Merkel Girl, Secretarial Student At Tarleton College

Stephenville, Dec. 2.—Mary Helen Mashburn of Merkel is described as a "distinctly superior secretarial student" by J. W. Fouts, director of the department of business administration at John Tarleton college.

"In my courses, Miss Mashburn is making a consistent A average," Mr. Fouts said. He teaches shorthand and office management and practice.

Miss Mashburn, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn, is a senior in the department of business administration.



**C. M. PRESLEY**  
Jeweler  
Watches—Diamonds—Silverware  
209 Pine Street  
Abilene, Texas

## SAVING MONEY

Saving Money by doing without the insurance you really need is apt to prove expensive. Why not have us analyze your insurance needs and make recommendations that will fit your requirements and purse? No obligation.

## W. O. BONEY

MERKEL, TEXAS

Farm Loans and all kinds of Insurance  
Consult Your Insurance Agent as you Would Your Doctor or Lawyer.

## THE BIG SWING IS TO THE Abilene Reporter-News

IN WEST TEXAS IT'S THE Abilene Reporter-News

Supreme in West Texas

—because it carries MORE WEST TEXAS NEWS than any other newspaper.

25th ANNUAL BARGAIN RATE

ONE YEAR **\$4.95** INCLUDING BY MAIL **\$4.95** IN WEST TEXAS SUNDAYS

FIGURE IT OUT FOR YOURSELF—Less than a cent and a half per day for "WEST TEXAS' OWN NEWSPAPER"—postage prepaid. Regular price \$7.00 per year. SUBSCRIBE NOW AND YOU SAVE \$2.05—NEARLY ONE-THIRD OFF.

West Texas' Oldest Daily Newspaper

The ABILENE REPORTER-NEWS is a QUALITY NEWSPAPER with plenty of features for every member of the family. Any one of a dozen features is easily worth the price of this newspaper.

Besides giving you complete world wide news from full leased wires of the Associated Press and United Press, the ABILENE REPORTER-NEWS specializes on WEST TEXAS NEWS and gives you many items published EXCLUSIVELY in this newspaper.

BIG THINGS WILL HAPPEN IN 1938—It's election year! Keep up with events in 1938 by reading West Texas' fastest growing newspaper. Politics are completely and accurately covered by special Reporter-News writers in Washington and Austin.

Page of Comics Daily—Nine Pages Sunday Comics

PRINTED LAST—REACHES YOU FIRST

Give your subscription to your home town agent or postmaster or local editor or mail your check direct to

### The Abilene Reporter-News

USE THIS COUPON

ABILENE REPORTER-NEWS: Here's my \$4.95 for one year's subscription, INCLUDING SUNDAYS.

NAME .....

RT. .... Town .....

St. .... Texas

(Bargain Rate good in West Texas only—until Dec. 31, 1937)

**\$4.95**

## Announcing TWO NEW FORD V-8 CARS FOR 1938



### THE DE LUXE

85 HORSEPOWER



**DE LUXE FORD V-8 . . . 112" wheelbase; 85-horsepower engine; Improved Easy-Action Safety Brakes; Center-Poise Ride; All-steel body; Mohair or Broadcloth upholstery; Walnut-finished trim; Twin horns, tail lights, sun visors; Clock; 6.00" black tires, white side-walls are extra; 8 body types; 6 colors.**

### THE STANDARD

60 OR 85 HORSEPOWER



**STANDARD FORD V-8 . . . 112" wheelbase; 85 or 60 horsepower engine; Improved Easy-Action Safety Brakes; Center-Poise Ride; All-steel body; Broadcloth or Mohair upholstery, Mohair extra in "60"; Mahogany-finished trim; One tail light, sun visor; Twin horns; 3 body types; 3 colors.**

FORD offers two new cars for 1938—the Standard Ford V-8 and the De Luxe Ford V-8. They are different in appearance—but built to the same high standard of mechanical excellence—on the same chassis.

Because people liked our 1937 car so well, they bought more than of any other make. They liked its looks, its smooth performance, and the way it handled. We have improved on that car in the newly styled Standard Ford V-8.

But some folks wanted still more size and style, with the same Ford advantages. For them, we designed a new De Luxe line.

The De Luxe Ford V-8 Sedans are longer with more room, larger luggage space, and finer appointments all around.

De Luxe cars are equipped with the 85-horsepower engine only.

The Standard is even lower priced than the De Luxe. It has graceful new lines and well-tailored interiors—with a choice of engine sizes—85 or 60 horsepower.

Before Ford made V-type 8-cylinder engines available to every one, they were used only in expensive cars. Since then, four million Ford owners have learned the genuine enjoyment of driving an eight-cylinder car with all-around economy. The thrifty "60" engine, especially, makes possible in Standard models a very low first cost and equally low operating cost.

With two distinct designs, two engine sizes and two price ranges, you'll find a 1938 Ford car to fit your needs exactly.

### PRICES FOR CARS DELIVERED IN DETROIT—TAXES EXTRA

Standard Ford V-8 (60 hp.)—Coupe, \$599; Tudor, \$644; Fordor, \$689. Standard Ford V-8 (85 hp.)—Coupe, \$629; Tudor, \$669; Fordor, \$714. De Luxe Ford V-8 (85 hp. only)—Coupe, \$689; Tudor, \$729; Fordor, \$774; Convertible Coupe, \$774; Club Coupe, \$749; Convertible Club Coupe, \$804; Phaeton, \$824; Convertible Sedan, \$904.

Standard and De Luxe cars equipped with bumpers, bumper guards, spare wheel, tire, tube, tire lock and band, cigar lighter, twin horns, and headlight beam indicator on instrument panel, at no extra charge.

In addition, De Luxe cars are equipped with extra tail light, windshield wiper, sun visor; also de luxe steering wheel, glove compartment lock, clock, and chrome wheel bands, at no extra charge.

### SPECIAL CLUBBING OFFER

Abilene Reporter-News, regular price, one year \$7.00  
Merkel Mail, regular price, one year 1.00

Total price, Both Papers one year \$8.00

Subscribe now at this office and get Both Papers for One Year at the CLUB RATE of only \$5.45

## THE MERKEL MAIL

"Your Home Town Newspaper"

# NOW ON DISPLAY AT Merkel Motor Co.

Merkel, Texas

**Joe Cook Heads Cast Of Wild West Comedy Showing at Queen**

America's most versatile fun-maker, Joe Cook, "the one-man circus," stars in the title role of "Arizona Mahoney," a hilarious travesty of life on the plains—with trimmings—which shows at the Queen theatre Friday and Saturday.

The famous comedian plays the role of a carnival show operator, stranded in a typical western cow town, who assists his bashful assistant, Robert Cummings, in his love affair with beautiful Junq Martel, the Chicago society girl who was recently given a long term contract by Paramount. Larry Crabbe, an amiable bandit chief and cattle rustler, is also in love with Miss Martel. An elephant, a trained goose, a 22-inch cannon and a load of frying pans, copper kettles, washboards and soup pots are used in working out the triangle, with plenty of clowning, juggling, acrobatics and dancing by Cook.

Talented little Billie Lee, the baby tap dancer, is also in the picture as are Marjorie Gateson, John Miljan, Dave Chasen, for years Cook's stooge, Irving Bacon, Richard Carle, Jack Perrin, and a score of others.

**Shirley Temple More Glorious Than Ever in Spyri's Beloved "Heidi"**

Shirley Temple as "Heidi!"

Millions the world over have been enthralled by the warmth, the tenderness and the charming beauty of Johanna Spyri's beloved story of Heidi and all the colorful folk who lived and laughed and loved high up in the Swiss Alps, just beneath the stars. Translated into all languages and read everywhere, it is a story that had to wait for its star before it could be brought to the screen. The Twentieth Century-Fox production of "Heidi" starring Shirley Temple, showing at the Queen theatre for the preve Saturday night, Monday and Tuesday, is the picture for which she'll be remembered always.

"Heidi" brings a Shirley Temple more glorious than has ever been known, in the picture she was asked to make by thousands of fans who wrote to the Twentieth Century-Fox studios. Bringing love to hearts filled with hate, and a twinkle to eyes filled with tears, "Heidi" tells of an embittered mountain-top exile, brilliantly portrayed by Jean Hersholt, reclaimed from his fierce hatred of the world, of a young girl who finds the strength and courage to walk again, and of the little heroine who brings everyone new zest for life.

Arthur Treacher and Helen Westley play prominent roles in the story, and Pauline Moore, Thomas Beck, Mary Nash, Sidney Blackmer, Mady Christians and Sig Rumann are also featured in the cast.

Written into the faithfully transcribed screen play by Walter Ferris and Julien Josephson are two dance sequences that present the first star of the screen at her greatest. "In Our Little Wooden Shoes," the specially composed song by Lew Pollack and Sidney D. Mitchell, gives Shirley a gay and charming interlude in the warmly dramatic story.

It was in "Wee Willie Winkie" that she made her first attempt at a straight dramatic role, an attempt so successful that Darryl F. Zanuck, Twentieth Century-Fox production chief, decided to make "Heidi" in the

big-picture tradition set by the Kipling classic.

Remaining unspoiled in the midst of it all, Shirley was wide-eyed with elation when she was assigned the role and wanted to be assured that all the things that made "Heidi" so colorful to her would be retained in the picture.

"Heidi" has sold millions of copies and is on the prescribed reading lists of schools all over the world. Ideally cast and gloriously played, it makes a picture that its many readers long have hoped to see.

Raymond Griffith served as associate producer, and the special dance sequences were staged by Sammy Lee.

**"White Bondage," Dixie Thriller, Booked Here**

"White Bondage," a melodrama dealing with the humble but picturesque cotton pickers of the remote regions of the Deep South, has been scheduled as the feature attraction at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday, with the lovely and talented Jean Muir as its star.

The story has to do with that type of cotton workers known as "share croppers," who grow and pick the cotton on a percentage basis, meanwhile getting their food, rent, clothing and so on from the large land-owners.

In the hands of unscrupulous storekeepers, who represent the owners, the share-croppers are merely peons—more often than not finding themselves at the end of the season not only without money, but deeply in debt to the crooked individual who has been weighing their crops and dealing out their supplies.

Joseph King, able character actor, is the storekeeper in "White Bondage," and one of the meanest, most villainous individuals ever seen on a screen, according to the producers.

Miss Muir is a winsome country lass, granddaughter of one of the share-croppers, played by the veteran Harry Davenport. Her childhood sweetheart, another sufferer from the rascally storekeeper, is handsome young Howard Phillips.

Gordon Oliver is a Northerner who discovers all the crookedness, sees that it is punished, and arranges better things for the future.

**Plenty of Toys in Toy Town at Reid's Variety Store.**

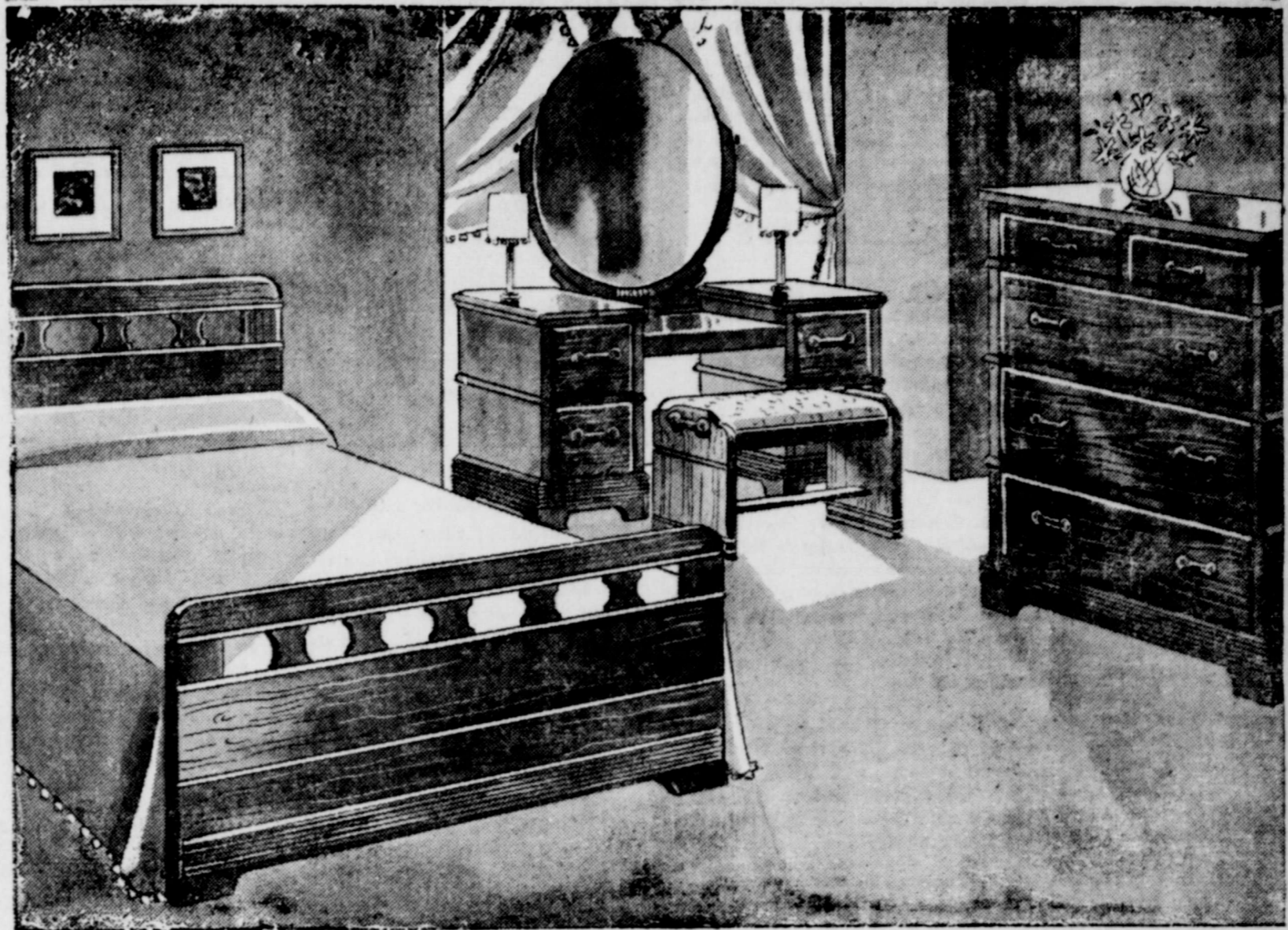
**LOST ANYTHING?** A little ad in our Lost and Found column may bring it right back.

**NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.** Published every week right at Washington, D. C., the capital of the nation and news center of the world, the Pathfinder has a tremendous advantage over all other magazines. That is why we are happy to offer the Pathfinder in combination with the Merkel Mail at the big bargain price of only \$1.60. Leave your order at our office or mail it in promptly. We will gladly show you a sample copy of the Pathfinder if you wish, but the important thing is, don't let this chance slip!

**TELEPHONE THE MAIL**

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

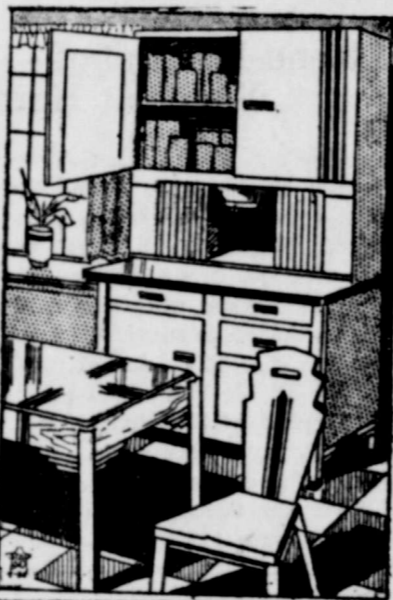
**Barrow's Weekly Specials**



**A Real Value In a Bedroom Suite**

This is one of the outstanding suites of the season. Made of Solid Pecan Wood. Sturdy construction, finished in Dark Walnut. This suit has been a ready seller at \$97.50. Our Price this week on the 4 Pieces

**\$79.50**



**Special Hoosier Cabinet Values**

The Hoosier Beauty. White with blacktrim. Complete with Utensils. Regular price \$42.50, priced special this week at only **\$34.50**

Our regular \$32.50 Hoosier Cabinet, priced special this week at **\$26.50**

Our regular \$27.50 Hoosier Cabinet, priced special this week at only **\$21.50**

Save this Coupon. Good for Five Dollars on any Bedroom, Living Room or Dining Room Suit, priced from \$39.50 up to \$49.50.

On any Suit Priced from \$50.00 to \$100.00 this Coupon is good for \$10.00.

On any purchase that amounts to \$10.00 or more this Coupon is good for \$1.00.

**SAVE THIS COUPON**

IT MEANS MONEY

TO YOU

**We Are Headquarters for Xmas Gifts**

A very large stock of useful gifts. Make your Xmas Gift Furniture. You can find a gift for any member of the family such as Cedar Chest, Lounge Chairs, Rockers, Smokers, Tables, Inner Spring Mattresses, Magazine Racks, Rugs and hundreds of other articles that would make Excellent Xmas Gifts. Come look our stock over and make your selection now and have it put away until Xmas. Everything throughout our entire line Specially Priced for Xmas.

**Barrow Furniture Company**

Merkel, Texas

**REDUCED PRICE**

New Fall Clubbing Rate

SEMI-WEEKLY FARM NEWS

and

MERKEL MAIL

Both Papers, Now One Year

**\$1.50**

**THE MERKEL MAIL**

(Rate direct to subscriber—no agents.)



MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER. On Monday, Nov. 22, a miscellaneous shower was given in the Claude Derrick home for Mrs. Wayne Satterwhite, nee Mildred Sosebee.

House decorations were of pink and yellow chrysanthemums and greenery. To the strains of Lohengrin's "Bridal Chorus," played by Miss Bessylea Church, the honoree entered the living room, escorted by Ora Derrick, where the guests assembled for a short musical program.

At the close of the program guests were ushered into another room where an array of many beautiful and useful gifts were displayed.

Guests registering in the bride's book were Mesdames Wayne Satterwhite, E. V. and T. C. Satterwhite, O. W. Sosebee, J. M., Troy and Norman Sloan, L. L. Dixon, Waldo Cox, Lyle Cade, J. S. Bird, A. J. Barbee, Louie Herring, Oscar McGinnis, Otto Bicknell, J. E. Boaz, Sr., Edwin Read; Misses Billye Jean Sosebee, Mozelle Sosebee, Dorothy Barbee, Evelyn Ezell Horne, Sis Boaz, Fanny Boaz, Bessylea Church, all of Noodle; Mrs. Otto Sosebee, Miss Leona Sosebee of Anson, Mrs. Cecil Hawk, Shirley and Gary of Rotan; Mrs. Arlie Brothers and Don of Paducah; Mrs. Stanley King, Mrs. V. B. Sublett of Merkel, and the hostesses, Mrs. A. C. Sosebee, Mrs. Derrick, Miss Ora Derrick and Allah Ruth Derrick.

VENISON SUPPER.

Commissioner Jack Canon, who was one of the lucky hunters who returned last week with a buck, entertained members of the road force most royally last Friday evening at Ed's Cafe. The banquet table was beautifully decorated and a sumptuous meal served following the invocation given by Rev. R. A. Walker.

Those enjoying Mr. Canon's gracious hospitality were Rev. and Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Canon, Messrs. and Mesdames Mack Buzbee, Buck Mashburn, W. R. Sumpter, Earl Stanford, H. C. Reid, Bill Patterson, Mrs. W. J. Higgins, Messrs. John Drummond, J. E. Brooks, Miss Opal Buzbee and Billie George Reid.

Y. W. A. MEETING.

The Y. W. A. met with Mrs. Frank McFarland on Monday, Nov. 22. The president was in charge of a business meeting. The Y. W. A. is sponsoring a Christmas "Cheer Box" to be given to the needy of the town.

Following a program presided over by Grovone Ford, a delightful social hour was enjoyed. Dainty refreshments were served to Grovone Ford, Joyce Renfro, Rachael Patterson, Johnnie Chadwick, Hollis Perry, Mabel Murray, Joyce Fulton, Pearl Mathews, Dorma Lee Shelton, Frances Higgins, Doris Clyde Miller and Mary Nell Morgan.

FOUR O'CLOCKS.

Members of the newest society group to be organized are "Tiny Tots," who meet at "four o'clock" each Saturday afternoon for a couple of hours of play. Betty Jean Gilbert was hostess on last Saturday afternoon and after delightful games were played she served refreshments of muffins and hot chocolate to the following members: Misses Dorothy Nell Lee, Lora Pearl Haynes, Marjorie Ann Walker, Mary Ruth Hutcheson, Marilyn Petty, Becky Jewel Gaither and the club mascot, Helen Haynes. Three visitors helped to make the meeting still more enjoyable, Misses Mary Faye Johnson of San Antonio and Billie Mae and Marian Cobb of Fort Worth.

DELAYED SOCIETY.

Mrs. M. E. Campbell, who celebrated her seventy-ninth birthday on Sunday, Nov. 14, received informally "at home" throughout the day and many were the sweet remembrances and sincere felicitations received from friends of this lovely old lady.

In the afternoon, the families of Jim Mayfield, Marvin Mayfield and Blue Tittle of Abilene drove over to help in the celebration, also Miss Ona Faye Tittle and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tittle and Betty Jane of Trent, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugat of Noodle Dome, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson and Miss Rachael Patterson. Delicious refreshments were served.

Merkel Hospital Notes

Mary Joe Bicknell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bicknell of Noodle, who sustained a fracture and dislocation of the left shoulder in a car accident on Thanksgiving day, was hospitalized three days. Billy Jean Sosebee was treated for minor injuries in the same wreck.

Mrs. Tommie Patterson was dismissed Friday of last week, and Lee Cox was also dismissed the same day.

Mrs. R. L. Newman, who was received for treatment on Wednesday of last week, was dismissed Friday.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Cyrus Pee, who has been in Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, since Saturday, with an injured foot, is reported doing very well. The inset of his left foot was badly crushed when a tractor wheel fell on it Saturday morning while he was loading wheels at Montgomery, Ward & Co.'s, Abilene.

The McKemie No. 1 Gerald Derrick, offset to the McKemie No. 1 W. W. Toombs in the Noodle Creek field extension, proved a duster. It was drilled to about 2,502 feet. The R. H. Roark No. 1 W. W. Toombs, another offset, is topping the pay lime at about 2,468 feet.

Mrs. George Woodrum, who was carried to the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, on Thursday of last week for treatment, was brought back home Wednesday and is reported getting along nicely.

Genial Harley Sadler, West Texas' own showman, called early Wednesday for his usual visit to The Mail office whenever he is in town. His engagement here covered two nights only, closing Thursday night with "Rose of the Rio Grande."

Adcock, dry cleaners, moved this week to the Laney building, just across the street from Merkel Drug, and are now ready for business in their new quarters.

While the moisture aided small grain some, only an eighth of an inch was recorded by Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale, as result of intermittent showers Wednesday.

To Conduct Symphony.

Los Angeles, Dec. 2.—Werner Janssen, noted musical conductor and husband of Screen Actress Ann Harding, said he had accepted appointment as conductor of the Baltimore Symphony orchestra.

Champion Swine Breeder.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Twenty-year-old Arnold Moore of Union City, Okla., became the champion swine breeder of the International Livestock exposition Tuesday when his heavyweight Poland-China was named grand champion barrow of the show.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C. Published every week right at Washington, D. C., the capital of the nation and news center of the world, the Pathfinder has a tremendous advantage over all other magazines. That is why we are happy to offer the Pathfinder in combination with the Merkel Mail at the big bargain price of only \$1.50. Leave your order at our office or mail it in promptly. We will gladly show you a sample copy of the Pathfinder if you wish, but the important thing is, don't let this chance slip!

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

NOTICE

Adcock, Dry Cleaners

Are now Located in the

Laney Building

(Across street from the Merkel Drug)

CHURCH SERVICES

Begins Revival at Nazarene Church



REV. HERSCHEL MURPHY.

A revival meeting will begin Dec. 15 at the Nazarene church, with Rev. Herschel Murphy of Cisco doing the preaching. Rev. Mr. Murphy is also a great singer.

He will have with him a \$1,000 stereopticon outfit and about 600 beautiful colored pictures, which will be shown 15 minutes each evening.

Services will start at 7:15 p. m. and you will miss a great deal if you miss these services. Everybody is invited and we will appreciate the co-operation of all.

R. T. Smith, pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 593 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday, as compared with 525 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 558 were in attendance.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds home. Preaching at 7 p. m.

Everyone is cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Dr. Atwood of Hardin-Simmons university will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. B. T. S. at 6:30 p. m. WMU at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock.

All are cordially invited to these services.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Young people's meeting at 6:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM.

For Sunday, Dec. 5, at 6:15 p. m.: Scripture, Mrs. Vernon Hudson, leader.

"Character Education in the Home," Dorothy Lee Shannon. Song, entire group. "Education in Christian Living," leader.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible Study Sunday 9:45 a. m. Preaching 10:45 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. by Raymond Kelsey of A. C. C. Young people's program 6:00 p. m. Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock a service of song, prayer and Bible study.

Come to our services.

The Elders.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching at 7 o'clock Saturday night, Bible study 10 a. m. Sunday. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7 o'clock, Bible study Friday night.

J. L. Burleson, Pastor.

Wedding at Tuscola Unites Elmer Huff, Ella Bell Dillard

Elmer Huff, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Huff, and Miss Ella Bell Dillard, daughter of County Commissioner and Mrs. Rex Dillard of Tuscola, were married at 7:30 o'clock on the evening of Saturday, Nov. 13, at the home of the bride's parents at Tuscola.

Besides the parents of the contracting parties, others present for the ceremony were Miss Ollie Huff and John Westbrook of San Angelo, Leo, Leonard and Grace Huff, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Gaither, Jack Stanford and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks, all of Merkel.

Following congratulations the couple left for Alpine, Ozona and Del Rio, and upon their return are at home on the Huff Brothers ranch near Merkel.

Ussery Funeral Held At Winters Thursday

Mark D. Ussery, 57, a former resident of Merkel, died Tuesday at his home in Enid, Okla., where he moved three years ago from Winters. The body was brought to Abilene by train, and thence overlaid to Winters.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 2:30 p. m. at the Winters Church of Christ.

Mr. Ussery is survived by his wife, who was Myrtle Eoff, his mother of San Angelo, and a daughter, Mrs. Calvin Barkley of Brownwood.

Attend Funeral of Sister at Hamlin

Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb went to Hamlin Thursday to attend the funeral of the former's sister, Mrs. A. G. Arnett, who died at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning in an Abilene hospital. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m.

Mrs. Arnett is survived by her husband, a son, T. C. Arnett, of Washington, D. C., and a daughter, Mrs. E. R. Witt, of Springfield, Mo., and besides the brother here, three other brothers and three sisters.

Mrs. Arnett had been a resident of Hamlin since 1905.

NOTICE.

To Poultry Raisers of Merkel trade territory: I am still in the market to buy your turkeys, chickens and eggs. The Christmas market we hope will be better than the Thanksgiving one. Keep in mind I want to buy your turkeys when the Christmas market opens.

Same location and phone.

L. L. Murray.

We fill all doctor's prescriptions. Vick Drug company.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Welcome to Toy Town at Reid's Variety Store.

Table listing various grocery items and prices: Gr. Beans, nice, tender 2 lbs 25; Fresh Tomatoes pinks 2 lbs 19; New Potatoes, 3 lbs. 25c; Lettuce, large heads 5c; Celery, Jumbo stalks 19c; Carrots, bunch 5c; Turnips, pound 4c; Cabbage, pound 3c; Bell Peppers, lb. 12 1-2c; Potatoes, No. 1's, 10 lbs. 23c; Cauliflower, pound 12 1-2c; Yams, peck 35c; Grapefruit Seedless 6 for 25c Bu. \$1.35; Bananas Large yellow fruit Doz. 15c; Apples Jonathans 2 doz. 19c; Oranges Texas Seedless Doz. 25c.

Table listing grocery items and prices: Post Toasties pkg 10; Bran Flakes 2 for 15; Rice, 3 lb. pkg. 23c; Catsup 14 oz 2 for 23; Light House Cleaner, 3 for 10c; Potted Ham 7 for 25; Pork & Beans reg 5c; English Peas can 5c; Jello all flavors 5c; Brooms, each 23c.

Table listing grocery items and prices: Salt Reg. 5c Boxes 3 for 10c; Coffee Monitor Pound 15c; Sugar Cloth Bag 10 lbs. 55c.

Shortening, 8 pounds 89c; Flour, K. B. guaranteed, 48 lbs. \$1.79

Table listing grocery items and prices: Syrup Pure R. Cane Gal. 59c; Sausage 100% Pure Pork Pound 19c; Sausage Country Style Mixed Pound 15c.

Table listing grocery items and prices: Crackers A-1 Saltines 2 lbs. 19c; Steak, fancy chuck, lb. 19c; Roast, chuck, lb. 17c; Sliced Bacon, Armour's Star, lb. 35c.

Table listing grocery items and prices: Peanut Butter Large Jar Each 23c; Oleo All Sweet Glass Free Pound 19c; Kraft's American Cheese 2 lb box 60c.

Table listing grocery items and prices: Roast, Rib, pound 12c; Calf Liver, pound 15c; Pork Brains Pound 20c; Sugar Cured Bacon Pound 30c.

Table listing grocery items and prices: Pickles Sour or Dill; Salt Pork Jowls, lb. 15c; Bologna, 2 pounds 29c.

ELI CASE & SON GROCERY & MARKET

Phone 234 Prompt Service

CHRISTMAS CARDS OF DISTINCTION

A wide variety to choose from—either in the box assortment of 21 cards or individual cards to your selection.

Box of 21 cards for 95c

Extra charge of 75c for name printed

We invite you to come in and inspect these beautiful greeting cards, or phone No. 61 or 9047 and our representative, Mrs. H. C. Reid, will call and show you samples.

THE MERKEL MAIL

"Your Home Town Newspaper"

PHONE 61

MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

QUEEN THEATRE "Always Warm and Comfortable" FRIDAY AND SATURDAY Zane Grey's "ARIZONA MAHONEY" With Joe Cook—Robert Cummings—Larry (Buster) Crabbe Extra: "Musical Wranglers," 2-Reel Short Subject, and "Porky's Hero Agency" Cartoon; Also "Vigilantes" No. 11 SATURDAY "OWL" SHOW, MONDAY AND TUESDAY Shirley Temple is Beloved "HEIDI" (Her Greatest Role) With Jean Hersholt—Arthur Treacher—Helen Westley Added: "Woods Are Full of Cuckoos," Color Cartoon, and Other Short Subjects WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY "WHITE BONDAGE" With Jean Muir and Gordon Oliver SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION "Playing With Danger," Another Floyd Gibbons True Adventure, Plus 2-Reel Comedy and Short Subject