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## THREE MORE BIG TURKEY DAYS ON SCHEDULE

Fifteen Turkeys, \$25 in Cash and Ten Merchandise Prizes to Be Given Saturday in Five Lots, Starting at 10 a. m.

With two turkey days already marked up, there remain three more big days in the pre-holiday series of Merchants of Merkel—a program in which 60 turkeys, \$80 in money and more than 40 merchandise prizes are being given away absolutely free.

Large numbers were present both Saturday of last week and Wednesday of this week, enjoying the sport of "turkey chasing" or watching turkey chasers as well as partaking of the liberal and inviting prizes offered.

On Saturday of this week, 15 turkeys, \$25 in cash, (five prizes of \$5 each) and ten merchandise prizes are to be given away in five lots at the following hours and places:

**MORNING PROGRAM SATURDAY.**  
10 a. m.—In front of Economy grocery.

11:30 a. m.—At E. M. McDonald corner.

1 p. m.—In front of Queen theatre.

2:30 p. m.—At alley intersection next to Adcock's Dry Cleaners.

4 p. m.—In front of Campbell grocery.

**WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE.**  
Wednesday, Dec. 22, ten turkeys, \$10 in money and seven merchandise prizes will be distributed in two lots at the following hours and places:

2 p. m.—In front of City Dry Cleaners.

4 p. m.—At Barrow Furniture company corner.

**CHRISTMAS EVE.**  
Then on Friday of next week, Dec. 24, which is Christmas Eve, the same program as on the coming Saturday will be duplicated: 15 turkeys, \$25 in cash and ten merchandise prizes.

With each turkey, there goes a prize—either cash or merchandise.

The loud speaker system of the Merchants Trade Extension association was brought into play Wednesday, with Yates Brown as the announcer, giving every one the benefit of all details of the program as well as the progress of the chase and the names of the winners.

**SATURDAY'S WINNERS.**  
Those who captured turkeys last Saturday and the prizes they won were:

A. P. Peterson—a turkey and \$2 cash.

Mrs. M. T. Shults—a turkey and 2 pounds Folger's coffee from Front Street Grocery.

H. J. Burns—a turkey and a doll from Reid's Variety store.

Felix Stalls—a turkey and a hair cut from Petty and West's Barber shop.

Glover Bailiff—a turkey and \$3 cash.

J. W. Gregory—a turkey and a 70x80 part wool, heavy blanket from Max Mellinger.

Wayne Baccus—a turkey and a grease job from Highway Service station.

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## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The University of Texas library, with 531,454 volumes, is well on the way to become one of the great libraries of the country, says Donald Coney, librarian.

Crushed and mangled in an oil mill accident at Stamford Tuesday afternoon, the left foot of Joe Moss, about 60, was amputated by doctors in an effort to save his life.

Henry C. Meyer, Austin, member of the state board of control, was in a Jacksonville hospital Monday from injuries suffered when his automobile overturned Sunday.

Austin's seventeenth traffic fatality of 1937 was registered Sunday with the death of Henry Cruz, 42, who was injured when struck by an automobile driven by a youth.

With the mailing this week of \$3 of the per capita state school aid apportionment for the current year, Texas public schools will receive a Christmas present of more than \$5,000,000.

Accidental deaths, crime and suicide claimed 18 lives in Texas during the week-end. Fourteen persons were killed in highway accidents, three were shot to death and one committed suicide.

The state board of control let contracts Monday for most of the construction work on the new \$817,000 state insane hospital at Big Spring and specified it should start early next month.

Max Woodruff, 28, was killed at Lamesa by a robber who took \$500 from the haberdashery where Woodruff worked. Lamesa citizens posted \$1,000 reward for the robber who shot Woodruff as he fled.

John R. Wood of Brownwood has been named district game warden by the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster commission, succeeding his father, J. H. Wood, who died in a hospital at Brownwood Dec. 2.

Dr. J. J. Taubenhaus, 53, plant pathologist at Texas A. & M. college, whose discoveries in connection with cotton root rot enabled science to prepare control measures, died in a hospital at Bryan Monday.

John Carter Scroggins, 38-year-old Kilgore policeman, died of injuries suffered Saturday night when struck by a hit-and-run driver while attempting to direct traffic at the scene of a highway accident near Kilgore.

The badly decomposed body of Evelyn Lucille Taylor, 21, missing since she left her Amarillo home to attend a dance Oct. 29, was found late Monday in a railroad drainage tunnel in the Santa Fe shop yards at Amarillo.

Justice of the Peace O. L. Wiley of San Antonio returned a verdict of suicide in the death of Frank C. Cool, wealthy Van Army, Texas, resident, who plunged from the twelfth floor window of a hotel in San Antonio Sunday.

Three persons were killed and three injured a mile east of Rockdale late Monday when a truck crashed into the rear of a wagon. The dead: Paula Tovar, 71, of near Rockdale; Frances Tovar, 23, daughter-in-law of Paula Tovar, and a baby, child of Frances Tovar. Three children, Ricardo, Paul and Rodolfo, sons of Frances Tovar, were injured.

## DEATH CLAIMS MRS. MITCHELL AT AGE OF 94

Mother of Mrs. W. A. McSpadden and Mrs. G. A. Roberts Passes Away at 8:30 Monday Night; Burial at Cisco.

Mrs. Julia Hines Mitchell, who observed her 94th birthday last Mar. 11, died at 8:30 Monday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden, with whom she had made her home since 1921. Mrs. Mitchell had been confined to her bed for 12 days, but prior to that time she had been enjoying normal health for a person of her age.

The body was taken overland to Cisco in a Barrow funeral coach, and services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the First Methodist church, of which Mrs. Mitchell was the last surviving charter member. Rev. John H. Crow, pastor of the Methodist church here, and Rev. Joe Patterson, Cisco pastor, officiated, with burial following in the Cisco cemetery beside the grave of her husband, M. V. Mitchell, who died Mar. 6, 1916, at Cisco.

Julia Hines was born in Sumpter county, Ala., on Mar. 11, 1843, and was married there to Mr. Mitchell on Dec. 10, 1873. In 1880 they moved to Eastland county, where Mrs. Mitchell had made her home continuously until coming here in 1921.

Possessed of unusual qualities of mind and character, Mrs. Mitchell impressed all with whom she came in contact with her alert mind, her gentle and patient ways and her tender regard for friends and loved ones.

Two daughters, Mrs. McSpadden, and Mrs. G. A. Roberts, five grandsons and two great-grandsons survive.

**Badger Band to Present Program Monday Morning**

The Merkel High School Band will make its first appearance before the student body on Monday, Dec. 20, at 10:15 a. m.

A program has been arranged to carry out the Christmas spirit, but will be spiced with a few peppy marches. The band is going to play tunes that they have not played before in public.

At this time the band will also present their sweetheart, Miss Jannell Black.

The program, in charge of Band Director D. W. Crain, will last about 30 minutes.

Everyone is cordially invited and urged to attend.

**Friday and Saturday Bangle Days in Merkel**

Friday and Saturday of this week are to be "Bangle Days" in Merkel, the proceeds from the sale of these bangles to go to the Taylor County Tuberculosis association.

As local chairman for the Taylor County TB association, Supt. Connor Robinson announces that Friday will be "Bangle Day" in the schools and on Saturday a group of school girls will sell the bangles downtown. Price for the bangles will be 10 cents.

**Work Starts Friday On Precinct 2 Roads**

Work will start Friday of this week on the \$29,000 school bus and mail routes improvement project, recently approved for precinct 2 by the Works Progress administration, County Commissioner Jack Canon advised The Mail early this week.

A total of 20.9 miles of roads is included in the program, for which an allotment of \$19,219 in federal funds has been made. The sponsor's share is \$10,210.

Employment will be provided for 138 workmen, with a crew of about 80 or more starting on the job Friday.

**Record of Births.**  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Rodgers, Blair, Friday, December 10, 1937.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Casey, Mt. Pleasant, Tuesday, December 14, 1937.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Lucas, Winters, Wednesday, December 15, 1937.

**Singers Meet at Abilene.**  
The Booster Singing convention will meet in Abilene next Sunday at the Calvary Baptist church, corner 9th and Victorian. Everyone is invited to come.

## YULE PAGEANT, CAROL PROGRAM MONDAY NIGHT

Presentation of "The Bethlehem Road" Feature of P.-T. A. Community Christmas Program at Gym at 7:30.

Monday, Dec. 20, is the date set by the Merkel Parent-Teacher association for the Community Christmas Carol program to be given at the Merkel gym at 7:30 p. m.

The feature of the program is to be the presentation of a pageant, "The Bethlehem Road," by the High School Choral club and Speech class under the direction of Mrs. Comer Haynes.

This is to be followed by the singing of well known Christmas carols to the audience, led by Rev. John H. Crow, Delmar Compton and Yates Brown, accompanied by Miss Emma Joyner.

The program, to which the public is most cordially invited, is as follows:

I. Opening chorus, "There's a School House in Our Town;" reader, Pearl Mathews.

II. Second chorus, "Welcome Christmas." Scene 1: Spirit of December, Mary Jo Russell; Girl, Mary Love Tipton; Spirit of Home, Gay West.

III. Third chorus, "Long Ago There was Born." Scene 2: Spirit of School, Tommie Grimes; Girl, Mary Love Tipton; Spirit of December, Mary Jo Russell; Faith, Dorothy Horton; Happiness, Joyce Fulton.

IV. Duet, "Star of the East," Dorothy Shannon and Pearl Mathews.

V. Chorus, "Away in a Manger;" Service, Jannell Black; Love, Mildred Humphrey; Death of Self, Mildred McLean.

VI. Chorus, "A Prayer."

VII. Chorus, "Ring, Bells of Christmas." Story by Dorma Lee Shelton; scripture by Fannelle Gray; poem by Loudale Gray.

This pageant was given in shorter form on the Merkel High School radio broadcast over KRBC, Abilene, on Dec. 1, 1937.

**205 Names on Honor Roll for Second Six-Weeks Period**

There were 205 names on the honor roll of the Merkel Public schools for the second six-weeks period, according to word received from Supt. Connor Robinson.

George Ann Groene, in the third grade, made the highest average of all those who qualified for the honor roll with 97. Seven students in the High school made an average of 95 each to tie for high honors among High school students. They are: Becky Gardner, eighth grade; Mary Jo Russell, Joy Doan and Dorothy Horton, tenth grade; Jannell Black, Dorris Coats and Fredia Farmer, eleventh grade; these were closely followed by the ninth grade representatives, Mildred McLean and Evelyn Bigler with 94.1 each.

The complete list of names of those on the honor roll follows:

**GRAMMAR SCHOOL.**  
First grade: Bobby Tom Hodge, Grace Lang, Don Dudley, Allen Causeaux, Hollis McLean, Joan James, Phyllis Freeman, Della M. Gilmore, (Continued on Page Seven.)

**Called Meeting of Merkel Poultrymen For Saturday Night**

Interest in the Annual Poultry Show that is held in Merkel each January is increasing from year to year.

Supt. R. A. Ellis is calling a meeting of all persons interested in holding the 8th Annual show this winter to meet at the city hall on Saturday night of this week at 7:30.

Merkel poultrymen were successful in receiving a Lion's share of the premiums awarded at the recent Jones County Poultry show, where more than a hundred birds were exhibited from this community.

**Drizzling Rain Great Help to Small Grain**

While the drizzles of rain at intervals since Monday night had gauged only five-eighths of an inch, up to noon Thursday, according to Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale, the benefits of the moisture to small grain are much greater than the measurement would indicate.

In fact, farmers are jubilant over the manner in which the rain is falling.

## OPEN HOUSE AT MERKEL SCHOOLS FRIDAY NIGHT

Open house will be held at the Merkel schools Friday night, Dec. 17, according to Supt. Connor Robinson. The purpose of this open house is to get all friends and patrons of the schools to come and visit "your plant, meet your teachers and see where your child spends the day."

The buildings will be opened promptly at 7:30 p. m., and from that hour until 9:30 will be a visitation period. At 9:30 all will assemble in the gymnasium for a short program given by the students.

**Churches of City Unite in Christmas Service Sunday Eve**

A union Christmas service in which the churches of the city will join will be held Sunday night at Grace Presbyterian church, beginning at 7 p. m.

Dr. E. B. Atwood, supply pastor of the First Baptist church, is to preach the sermon. A program of special music will be rendered by the combined choirs of the several churches under the direction of Miss Christine Collins.

**Post Office Will Stay Open All Day Saturday**

For the accommodation of patrons in mailing Christmas packages, Postmaster Wrenn Durham announces that the local post office will remain open all day Saturday, Dec. 18, instead of closing at noon as is customary.

It is especially requested that packages be wrapped securely and addressed carefully, with return address provided. All packages must have return address, he said.

**Highland Girls Win Divide Tournament**

Highland won the annual Divide girls invitational basketball tournament Friday night with a 28-20 victory over Divide.

Forsan won the consolation round from Roby, 36-30.

Results in quarter finals of the main round were: Noodle 37, Eskota 33; Blackwell 27, Highland 29; Crews 23, Westbrook 21. Semi-finals—Divide 55, Noodle 37; Highland 36, Crews 32.

The consolation round follows: Royston 28, Ira 27; Hobbs 20, Bronte 9; Hobbs 18, Roby 36; Forsan 30, Byron 24; Forsan 32, Royston 11.

All-tournament players named were: Bradburry, Divide; Hawkins, Highland; and Moore, Blackwell, forwards; Gregory, Forsan; Young, Byron; and Fortson, Crews, guards.

**MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO**

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, November 30, 1917.)

**HONOR ROLL.**  
Andrew Archer.  
Roy Adams.  
Britt Baker.  
Fause Banner.  
Edgar Breze.  
W. B. Brown.  
Arthur Derrington.  
Frank J. Ferrier.  
De Gorsus.  
Wm. R. Green.  
James F. Holloway.  
B. Jobe.  
Pete Meek.  
F. O'Brien.  
Herbert Ricker.  
Paul Stanford.  
Bill Sheppard.  
Paul Turner.  
George White.  
L. B. Wells.  
Riley White.  
L. Powers.  
Z. T. Lamar.  
Emzi Burroughs.  
Thos. Bearden.  
James Brown.  
Emmitt Grimes.  
L. M. Hutchins.  
Chester A. Duncan, Trent.  
John T. Morris, Trent.  
Joe L. Evans, Trent.  
W. W. McMurray, Trent.  
Hubert J. Swann, Trent.  
John Moore.  
Lieut. B. B. Brown.  
Chester Hall.  
Stuart Grimes.  
Lester Earl White.  
James Clyde White.  
Lloyd Shepard.  
L. A. Dudley.

## PLAN MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR CITY'S NEEDY

Agencies of Civic Clubs, Fire Department, Churches and Others Unite in Goodfellow Movement for Community.

The slogan of the Merkel Goodfellow to "Make this a Merry Christmas" is meeting with a ready response on the part of Merkel folks.

Each year, church societies and groups plan to carry Christmas cheer into the homes of less fortunate people to whom Christmas would otherwise be rather drab; individuals have always had certain homes and families in mind and have remembered them during the Christmas season.

This year, the movement is augmented by a concerted action of all the agencies of the city working through a central committee sponsored by the Lions club. This committee from the Lions club is headed by S. M. Hunter, chairman, with Stanley King and Wrenn Durham the other two members, while working with the group are the pastors of the city, President Joe P. Self of the Lions club, Carlton Vick, chief of the fire department, C. J. Glover, editor of The Mail, and a special group of ladies named from the various churches. Mrs. F. C. McFarland is chairman of this group, which includes Mrs. R. T. Gray, Mrs. Stanley King, Miss Vera Walker, Mrs. Mary Eula Sears Johnson and Mrs. V. B. Sublett.

All kinds of donations are asked: toys, broken or discarded, which can be mended, or new ones as well; food, candies, fruit, clothing, bedding, or cash contributions; in fact, anything that would be useful in the homes of needy families of the city.

The committee urges that you bring your gifts, leaving them at the fire station or deposit them in the barrels prepared for them, located in front of the Farmers State bank, Vick Drug store, Eli Case grocery and Bragg Dry Goods store.

Hand your money donations to Bishop Hunter or any one of his committee or leave same with Jack Higgins at the fire station. All donations should be turned in by Tuesday, Dec. 22, it is urged.

If you have toys or clothing or anything to donate and will call the city hall, they will be sent after and added to the gifts on hand.

Several cash subscriptions have already been received for this cause, notably a check for \$5 from the Fortnightly Study club.

From the local WPA sewing rooms a total of 72 toys, including many rag dolls, have been left at the fire station.

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## A REAL GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS—

Did you ever think how acceptable a subscription to the Merkel Mail would be to that son or daughter, brother or sister, living away from "the home town"?

Or you might take advantage of one of the magazine clubbing offers, or daily papers, in connection with your renewal to The Mail at your home.

**BARGAIN RATES NOW IN EFFECT**



### Eddie Cantor Stars in 'Big Mirth-Musical, 'Ali Baba Goes to Town'

Fun-making Eddie Cantor and hit-making Twentieth Century-Fox have combined their talents for the first time and really go to town as the comedy king of screen and radio stars in the most hi-de-hilarious, extravagant entertainment either have ever made, "Ali Baba Goes to Town," featuring Tony Martin, Roland Young, June Lang, Louise Hovick and a tremendous cast, which opens at the Queen theatre for the Saturday prevue, at 11 p. m., and also shows Monday and Tuesday.

The creators of "You Can't Have Everything," "Thin Ice" and "Wake Up and Live" set the sky as the limit to give Eddie Cantor the picture that tops anything he has ever done, and marks the beginning of a new and important phase in his brilliant career.

"Ali Baba Goes to Town" is the most magnificent combination of colorful-extravaganza, sidesplitting comedy, song hits, beautiful girls, exotic dances, brilliant dialogue and lavish sets in the history of fun.

Equally as important is a revolutionary new three-tone tinted process utilizing sepia and copper as the basic effects. A combination of blue and orange, mixed with copper is used for the night sequences, while sepia, amber and copper provide the special effect for the daytime episodes.

The new, surpriseful Cantornado of laughter becomes a grab-Bagdad of fun as Eddie turns Bagdad into Gag-dad when he snaps it up to date with a head-tax on harems, a tail-tax on camels, a harem-reduction program, slips carpet tacks under the sidown strikers, and snaps the Sultan into step with the march of time.

Among the hi-de-highlights in the spectacular mirth-musical are Eddie aboard the Magic Carpet dispersing the enemy's army; the sumptuous, colorful Bagdad banquet with Eddie as master of ceremonies; the Magic Carpet campaign and election

returns in Bagdad; a thousand and one other sights and hit tunes by Mack Gordon and Harry Revel, "I've Got My Heart Set On You" with Tony Martin singing and June Lang dancing.

### Leslie Howard and Bette Davis Score Hit in Comedy Roles

Seldom, if ever, has a Queen theatre audience had the opportunity to witness a more sparkingly and hilariously funny comedy than "It's Love I'm After," which shows next Wednesday and Thursday.

Bette Davis and Leslie Howard are well remembered as a team for their outstanding work in "Of Human Bondage" and "The Petrified Forest," but fine as were both of these, this newest vehicle, even though it is strictly comedy, brings them to the screen in what all critics consider to be their finest picture. "It's Love I'm After" is absolutely and definitely tops among the comedies of this or any other season.

The story is an intricate tale woven around the life of a great Shakespearean actor and his leading lady who are of course Leslie and Bette Davis.

At times madly in love with each other, they are also, sorely beset by professional jealousies which serve to turn their ardor into tempestuous hate. Scene-stealing is their favorite pastime.

Into the plot comes Olivia deHavilland.

land in the role of a wealthy society girl who has gone completely gaga over the great actor, and Patric Knowles, who is engaged to Miss deHavilland.

The scenes that follow are said to be as hilariously funny as any comedy yet to come to the Queen theatre. No where is there a dull moment or a weak spot in either cast or story. Olivia deHavilland's work is extremely convincing, while Patric Knowles is as competent as usual.

Others in the cast, which includes Bonita Granville and Veda Ann Borg, give outstanding performances. "It's Love I'm After" will long be remembered as an outstanding motion picture comedy.

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

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Office supplies—Mail office.

### Officers Elected by Woodmen of World

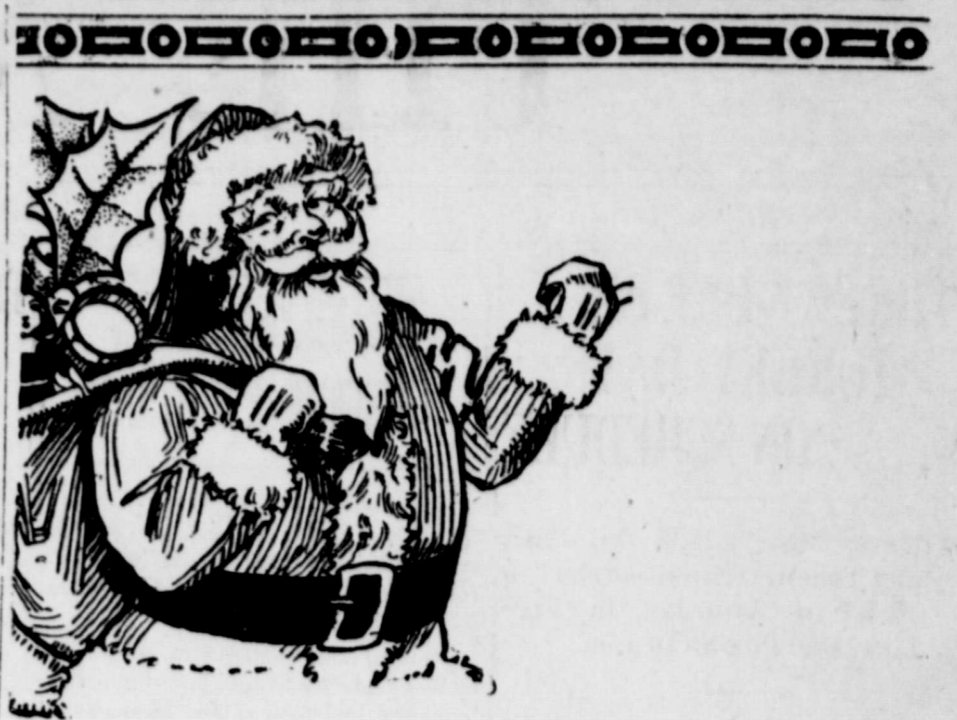
The local camp, Woodmen of the World, elected the following officers for the ensuing year at their regular meeting Tuesday night of last week:

W. L. Blair, consul commander; W. H. Barnett, adviser-leutenant; J. D. Fulton, banker; W. M. Elliott, financial secretary; Andy Witcher, escort; Seth Morgan, watchman; J. H. Riney, sentry, and A. D. Barnes, manager.

### ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday the 11th day of January, 1938, at 6 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Booth Warren, Cashier.



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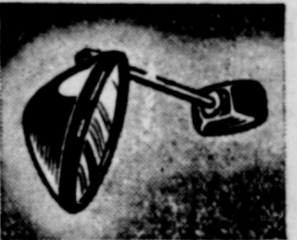
### UNDER 75c

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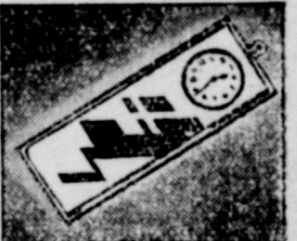
### 75c to \$1.00

- SPOTTER MIRROR—New type—colored backs. Mounts on either side of the car. (Illustrated at right.)
- FLASHLIGHTS—Attractive streamlined case with new roll type switch.
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# THE BADGER WEEKLY

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### "COURTESY TO THE LIBRARIAN."

Most of us could improve our conduct at the library. When you check out a book tell the librarian your name and she won't have to ask you each time. You should also avoid talking as much as possible in order not to disturb others about you.

If you check out a book bring it back on time and don't deface it in any way while you are using it. This causes the librarian much work and worry. I'm sure she would appreciate it if you would co-operate with her at the library.

### PERSONALITIES.

#### Eteyl Church.

Eteyl has been in High school five years but will be ready to graduate when May 27 comes. He has played basketball two years, track two years, has been a member of the Glee club two years, Dramatic club 3 years, and the Spanish club. Eteyl is also a member of the band. Eteyl wishes to attend McMurry and take a pre-med course, when he finishes high school.

#### Mattie Lou Ford.

Having spent four years in High school, and played three years on the volley ball team, been a member of the Spanish club two years, Home Eco club two years, and also in Senior Girls' club, Mattie Lou has become very popular with us. When she finishes she will probably major in business administration. We know that she will succeed in her chosen career, just as she has done in her school work.

### BAND NEWS.

I know that most of you are wondering if we still have a band at Merkel High school. I am here to tell you that we have one of the best bands in the State of Texas for a school of our size. On Monday night, Nov. 29, we had our regular meeting and elected band officers for the remainder of the year. Bobby Woodrum was elected president; Felix Stalls, vice-president; Jannell Black, secretary; CeVene Daniels, treasurer, and Eteyl Church, reporter. We are proud of these officers and know that they will make the band a good staff.

We also selected a band sweetheart at this meeting. After a close election Jannell Black was declared the winner.

The band is planning to present a program for chapel in the near future, so read this column next week end and we will give you the exact date.

### PEP SQUAD.

Wednesday night, Dec. 15, 1937, the annual football banquet came off and what a time! I'm sure everyone will agree that they enjoyed working every minute and planning for those few enjoyable hours. We hope that our boys enjoyed it as much as we did. But, I'll give all the details next week—so don't be impatient.

### SENIORS.

Xmas comes but once a year and now it is almost here! And, boy, do we know it? We're going to get to have a Christmas tree. We all drew names and we hope Santa Claus will be able to make the trip down to see us. He's such a jolly old fellow, and always the life of the party. So, Merry Christmas!

### SOPHOMORES.

Ask: Dutchie who asked her for a date to the football banquet.  
Bernie Opal who the red pick-up belongs to.

Billie why she turned the paper in her hand over so quickly when Helen walked up.

Loudale why she got so excited when she noticed a certain car back in town.

If Willodean is noted for anything in particular.

Syble how she can manage to ruin little girls notebooks so well.

What Mrs. Haynes says that makes Don Wood and Billy Largent blush so.

Evelyn Bigler whom she flirts with during algebra class.

Bonnie why she likes Noodle so well.

Mickey McL. why he moved near the windows in home room.

### FRESHMAN NEWS.

We gave our play Monday for the chapel program. There were no boys in it and we think that this was hardly fair. However, we thought it was pretty good.

The Freshmen are kind of tame this week. It is getting close to Christmas and we don't want Santa to disappoint us.

## GOODMAN NEWS

The sixth grade of Goodman school elected the following new officers for the Citizenship club: president, Robert Spurgin; vice-president, Osmo Barnes; secretary, Earnest Henderson; program committee, Earnest Naron, Junior Ueckert and Weldon Rutledge. The program given was "Christmas Under the Snow," by Robert Spurgin.

The four best citizens of the sixth and seventh grades are named as follows: Robert Spurgin, Ford Heath, Druella Brown, Junior Ueckert.

Mrs. J. W. Tiner, room teacher, surprised the class with refreshments of candy and chewing gum.

The third, fourth and fifth grades are busy making things representative of the Christmas season.

During the Congo unit the fourth grade made booklets in which they drew pictures of the people, houses, animals and plants typical of that country.

We are glad to welcome two new pupils, Arvel and Aubrey Westbrook.

to our room. We elected Mrs. Bud Winter for our room mother.

In one corner of the first and second grade room, we have built a fireplace, while in the sand table may be seen Santa with his reindeer plowing through the snow to a lonely house in the snow-covered forest.

On a dark blue background we have a fifteen foot Nativity scene.

The Christmas program will be Tuesday night, Dec. 21, and the play, "Out of the Ark Came Noah," will be Wednesday night, Dec. 22. The Christmas tree will be Thursday afternoon at one o'clock.

The basketball girls attended a tournament Saturday at May, Texas.

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**SALT BRANCH CLUB.**

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club started the Christmas bazaaring in their community by giving a Christmas party Dec. 10 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Criswell. The room was beautifully decorated with Christmas colors, and on the Christmas tree hung silvery bells tinging "Merry, Merry Christmas to All." On each window and over each door hung a wreath to remind every one of the real Christmas spirit. Santa Claus at some time had visited the tree, leaving a present for each; whether it was a new car or a duck that nodded its quack, it was received with a real cheer. The same glad cheer and spirit entered into each game played. There was a large crowd present and plenty of Christmas candy and apples for all.

A short business session was held by the president, Mrs. Johnny Cox, and it was decided to donate \$5.00 to Taylor County Tuberculosis association by purchasing a certificate that the association asked the club to buy in order to help them with their good work.

Mrs. L. B. McClain spoke truly when in her address to the members she said: "There is more in this club work than any one supposes. May we render much real service in 1938 and may a few of the good things that the men suggested concerning our entertaining be realized as well as our real work."

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**Turkey Days**

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Robert Sumpter—a turkey and a 5-pound box of candy from Vick Drug store.

Doc Seymore—a turkey and a steak dinner at Cotton's cafe.  
Geo. A. Smith—a turkey and \$5 in cash.

**WEDNESDAY'S WINNERS.**

Wednesday afternoon, in three different instances two persons were claimants for the turkey and prize, with one getting the turkey and the other the prize.

Wednesday's winners were:  
T. A. Mitchell, Blair—a turkey and \$2 cash.

T. P. Johnson, Route 2—a turkey and two plate lunches at Ed's cafe.

H. H. Hobbs, Route 1—a turkey and a car wash job at Grable Motor company.

Ward Berryman—a turkey and a spark plug from Ollie Fox Wrecking company.

B. E. Blount—a turkey and \$3 cash.

Robert Higgins—a suit of Pool's Sweatproof work clothes, from Bragg Dry Goods company; G. B. Reynolds drew the turkey.

Henry Frazier—a turkey; Otis Bagby, a dinner at Merkel cafe.

G. H. Hobbs—a turkey and one-pound Bronco coffee, Patterson's Grocery and Market.

Mrs. R. I. Jackson—a turkey; Bruce Tiner, one quart motor oil from Jay Greenfield's station.

Bill Moore—a turkey and \$5 cash.

**LOCAL BRIEFS**

E. M. Dean, well known farmer of Route 2, entered the Merkel hospital Dec. 10 for surgery.

Coach Pat Davis' cagers were to enter the tournament at Divide Thursday night of this week, the Roby game originally scheduled for that time having been cancelled.

Members of the congregation of Graca Presbyterian church and a few invited guests, including the deer hunters and their wives, were to be guests Thursday night of the pastor, Rev. R. A. Walker, and family for a venison supper.

W. G. Cypert, pioneer Church of Christ minister, was brought to his home last Saturday from Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, with no improvement shown in his condition, which is considered very serious.

Office supplies—Mail office.

**Cousin of Merkel Woman Killed in Railway Mishap**

Upon receipt of news of the death of Calvin Curtis, of Sweetwater, who is her double cousin, Mrs. Marvin Smith went at once to Sweetwater Wednesday morning. For the funeral, which was to be held at 2 p. m. Thursday afternoon, Mr. Smith, Emory Jones and son, Marvin Estes, and Mrs. Homer Mayfield and daughter, Gail, went to Sweetwater Thursday. Mr. Curtis was killed early Wednesday morning when four cars of a string of empty oil tankers crashed into a small herd of cows and left the rails. The car on which Mr. Curtis, a Santa Fe switchman, was riding was the first of a long string of cars being pushed by an engine. When the car hit one of the cows, causing the derailment, the impact threw him under the wheels.

One hand was severed; both legs were almost cut off just above the knees. He died at 1:15 at the Sweetwater hospital, where he was taken in an ambulance.

**Dr. Surface Speaker Pep Squad Banquet**

Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, was the speaker for the annual Pep-Squad-Football banquet given at the High School gymnasium Wednesday evening.

Details of the affair will be carried as usual in the Badger Weekly section of The Mail next week.

**Goodfellows**

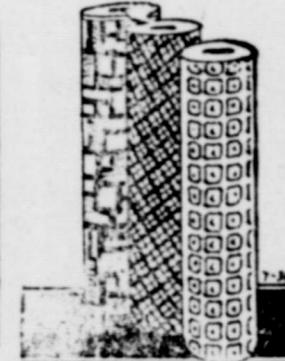
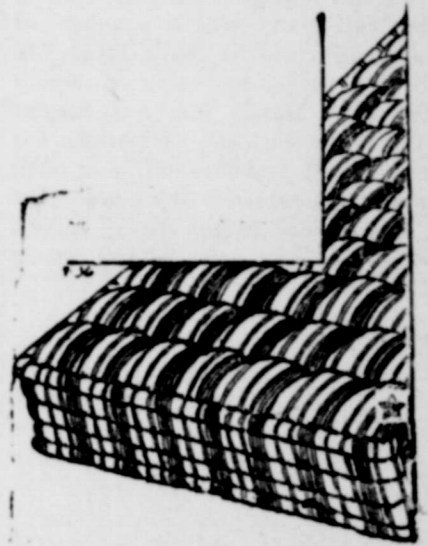
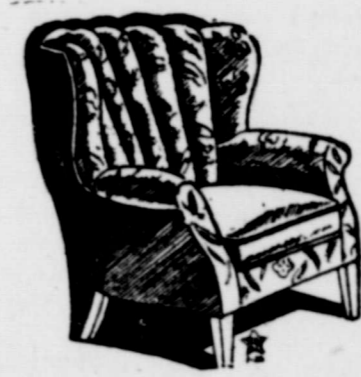
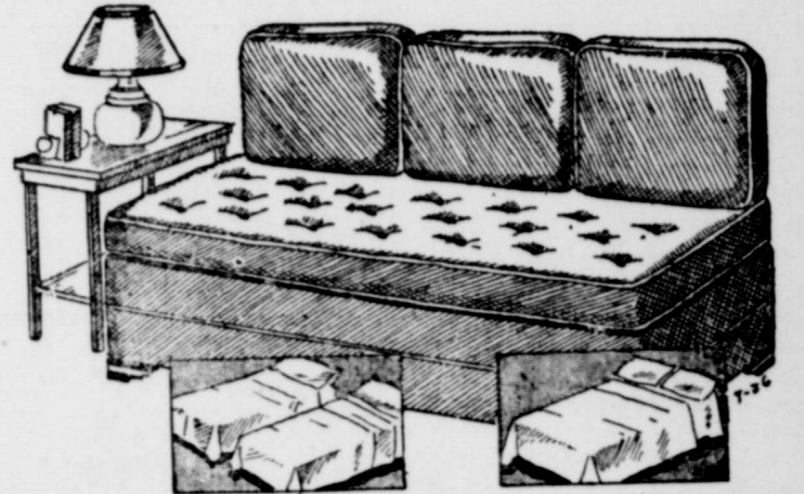
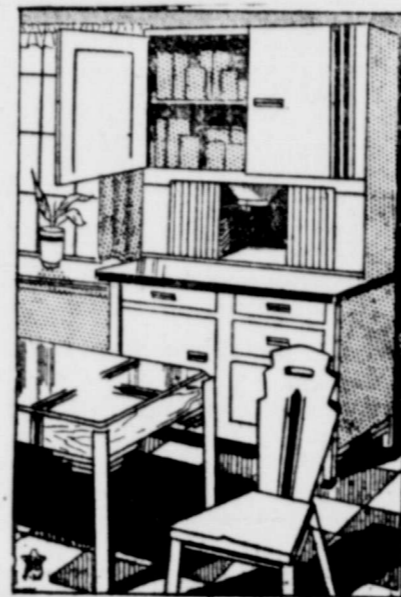
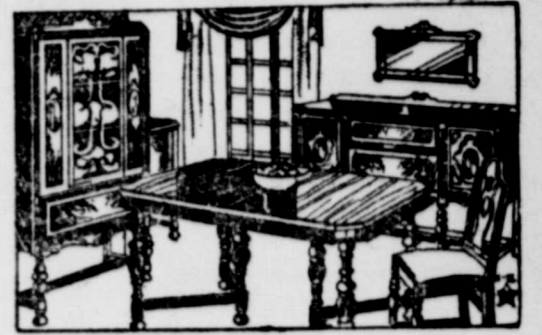
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for distribution in the Christmas cheer movement.

On Sunday night, Dec. 19, at 7:15 o'clock at the Presbyterian church Dr. E. B. Atwood will be the speaker for a union service, in which all churches and citizens are invited to participate. At that time everyone will have an opportunity to make a "love offering" of their money, which will be used to buy baskets of food, candies, etc., to be distributed at the direction of the committee appointed.

The fireboys, guided by Jack Higgins, have been busily engaged in mending and painting toys left at the fire station and in the barrels and will deliver Christmas cheer boxes on Christmas Eve.

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**FOR SALE**—'31 model Ford oil truck, in good condition. See J. B. Browning, Merkel, Texas, Route 1.

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**FOR SALE**—Teams and tools; moving, quitting big farming; until Jan. 1st, can be seen at Fayette Bland's place, northeast of Trent. R. H. Cooley, Route 2, Trent, Texas.

**FOR SALE**—40 acres of land, 20 in cultivation and 20 in pasture with running water through it; located 2 miles west, 1 mile north of Stith; the old McCoy place; must sell at once. Mrs. Willie McCoy.

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## Girl Scouts Present "Corine Conquers" As Cabin Benefit

Mrs. G. W. Wilhite, Miss Johnnie Sears and Miss Lottie Butman will present Troop I and Troop II, Merkel Girl Scouts, in a mirth-rocking comedy, "Corine Conquers," Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, in the Merkel gymnasium.

The play depicts the life of the hills in South Carolina as met by a group of Girl Scouts from Charleston, S. C. Every speech moves swiftly to fire and laughs. More clean, wholesome fun is said to be crowded into this unique picture of mountain life and Scouting adventure than in any other two hours entertainment. Admission charge is 25 cents.

The proceeds of this play will go on the cabin fund. A cabin is needed badly wherein girls can be trained more successfully into worthwhile citizenship.

The Scouting field is being broadened each day and these opportunities are open to girls of Merkel. Girls from 7 to 10 are being organized into a Brownie Pack by Mrs. Wilhite. Mothers interested must send a permit with the child, as regulations require this. There is a branch of Scouting now specially for girls over 14 called "The Senior Girl Scouts." Those interested should see Mrs. Wilhite.

The cast of characters for "Corine Conquers" follows:  
Corine Walters, Sue Grimes.  
Grandma Walters, Miss Lottie Butman.

Grandpa Walters, Louise Patterson.

"Pal" Saxton, Nedra Swafford.  
Mrs. Wabutton, Wanda McCoy.  
Mrs. Shaver, Dorothy Jean Hagler.  
Miss Priscilla Prim, Tommy Evelyn Grimes.

Captain Mary Rawlston, Dora Gaither.  
Lieutenant Betty Green, Doris Clyde Miller.

Scout Edith Joy, Jeanette Teaff.  
Patsy Devall, Peggy Joyce Toombs.  
Caroline Reaves, Joysue Self.

Scout Commissioner, Mrs. C. C. Rawlston, Becky Gardner.  
Dorothy Lee Shannon as Kate Smith.

Other Girl Scouts.

### Nazis Control Churches.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The Nazi regime strengthened its control of Protestant churches with a decree vesting all administrative power over the German Evangelical church in a church chancellor.

### Sloan Plans Foundation.

New York, Dec. 16.—Alfred P. Sloan, chairman of the board of General Motors corporation, announced Sunday night he was donating \$10,000,000 worth of securities to a foundation designed to promote "a wider knowledge of basic economic truths."

### NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

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## Peggy Taylor, County Home Agent, Resigns

Announcement was made Tuesday by the extension service and the Taylor county commissioners' court that resignation of Peggy Taylor as county home demonstration agent had been accepted.

Hattie Tacker, now Cottle county home demonstration agent, will succeed Miss Taylor on Jan 1.

The commissioners' court expressed regret at losing the services of Miss Taylor, who has become popular in her nine months of work in Taylor county. Miss Taylor is retiring from the extension service.

Maurine Hearn, district home demonstration agent, was in Abilene this week to complete arrangements for the transfer of Miss Tacker here as successor to Miss Taylor.

The commissioners' court voted to pay the new agent \$900 annually as the county's part of her salary. For the past several years the county has been paying \$800.

## Says a Merkel Fire Department Rookie

A charter member, Bill Burns, visited with us during our regular monthly meeting Monday night, Dec. 13.

Seems like Merkel has that old fashioned Christmas spirit in her heart, judging from the great number of toys assembled at the fire station.

You would be surprised how painting and repairing helps them.

You should see that box of rag dolls from the sewing room—some class.

We hope the Girl Scouts help us distribute them to the lucky kids.

Seems like the frequency of visitors has a good influence toward cleanliness in the bachelors' quarters.

Hope no one gets arson-minded these icy nights.

—From a M. F. D. Rookie.

### PERSONALS

On her way to Fort Worth, Mrs. E. C. Robinson of Rotan spent Sunday night with her son and daughter-in-law, Supt. and Mrs. Connor Robinson.

Miss Elwenna Doan of Merkel has entered Draughton's Business college, Abilene, for a course in secretarial training.

L. A. Jerden, Jr., of Beaumont and Longview, was a recent visitor in the home of his aunt, Mrs. O. R. Douglas, and Mr. Douglas.

Mrs. Battendorf has returned to her home in Skellytown, Texas, after a week's visit with her aunt, Mrs. Alice Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rose of Littlefield visited his mother, Mrs. Alice Rose, over the week-end.

Mrs. Walter H. Highsmith of San Antonio is at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Alice Rose. Mrs. Black of Big Spring is also here with her mother.

Mrs. M. E. Young of Mesquite arrived Sunday to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. F. A. Polley.

Cyrus Pee, whose left foot was badly crushed Nov. 27 when a tractor wheel fell on it, was able to be brought home last Saturday from the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, and is getting along nicely.

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

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## Pays Last Debt on Tabernacle Contract

On Wednesday of this week the last debt on the tabernacle erected in North Merkel by the Fundamental Baptist church was paid, W. L. Massey, one of the deacons and church treasurer, stated to The Mail editor.

Exclusive of labor, most of which was volunteer with only a few exceptions, the first cost of the building in materials, etc., was approximately \$800.

"The members of the church and congregation appreciate very much the assistance that has been extended and wish to thank each and every one that has helped," Mr. Massey said.

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### 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.

## Merkel Girl Has Role in Pageant

Denton, Dec. 15.—Miss Betty Grimes of Merkel, recently voted one of the eight beauty nominees from the freshman class of 1,100 girls at Texas State College for Women, played the role of Joseph in the annual Nativity pageant, presented at the college auditorium Wednesday night.

Each Christmas the pageant is written by President L. H. Hubbard, directed by Archibald McLeod, assistant professor of speech, and enacted by freshmen.

## Five Merkel Misses In Christmas Revue

Five little girls from Merkel are pupils of Miss Imogene Anderson School of the Dance, Abilene, and they will take part in the Christmas revue announced for Wednesday night of next week at the Hardin-Simmons university auditorium at 8 o'clock.

The quintet of Merkel girls includes Sandra Sadler, Sue Mayfield, Marjorie Anne Walker, Joy Frances West and Dorothy Nell Lee.

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Apples, Winesap, doz.	25c
Cranberries, pound	19c
Oranges, dozen	25c
Celery, Jumbo, bunch	15c
Spuds, Idaho, 10 lbs.	23c
Red and White Marshmallows, lb.	15c
Red and White Pitted Dates, 10 oz. pkg.	19c
Shelled Pecans, 1-2 pound	24c
Emerald Walnuts, pound	22c
Sun Spun Salad Dressing, pint	25c
Red and White Pineapple, No. 2 can	19c
Red and White Pickled Peaches, No. 2 1-2 can	29c
Red and White Fruit Cocktail, No. 1 can	17c
Red and White Cranberry Sauce, 17 oz.	15c
Red and White Tiny Peas, No. 1 can	19c
Prepared Spaghetti, per can	10c
Pure Cane Sugar, cloth bag, 10 lbs.	55c
Whole Wheat Flour, 3 pounds	19c
Red and White Plain Olives, 7 1-2 oz.	19c
Early Riser Coffee, pound	17c
Old Virginia Apple Butter, 12 oz. jar	10c
Tuna Flakes, per can	15c
Shredded Ralston, pkg.	14c
Bulk Cocomat, 1-2 lb. pkg.	15c
All Flavors Jello, package	5c
Red and White Cake Flour, large pkg.	25c
Red and White Coffee, pound	29c
Red and White Flour, 6 lbs. 35c—12 lbs. 55c—24 lbs. \$1.00—48 lbs. \$1.85	
Crisco, 3 pounds	57c
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Sliced Bacon, pound	25c
Cheese, pound	23c

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frost of Abilene were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Howell and Mrs. Bessie Billings of Abilene attended the home-coming at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogge were Sunday guests of Mrs. Rogge's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep and family.

A son, born to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McLeod Dec. 5, has been named Jimmy Weldon.

Mrs. Alton Boone, Mrs. Alsie Carleton, Mrs. R. B. Johnson and Mrs. H. J. Kegans attended Harvest Day services in Abilene Thursday, a meeting of Methodist women.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Murphy of Breckenridge were passing guests of friends here Monday.

Mrs. Alex Williamson, Mrs. Foy Steadman, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Winn and Mrs. M. F. Hand attended a workers' conference of the Baptist church held in University church, Abilene, on Thursday of last week.

Rev. J. W. Saffle, who attended the all-day meeting at the Baptist church Sunday, will preach at the Sunday morning worship hour. Rev. Mr. Saffle is a former pastor of the Baptist church and has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. J. Largent, of Merkel.

METHODIST PEOPLE TO HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE.

Plans were completed Sunday for the annual Christmas tree at the Methodist church. The tree will be next Sunday at the evening worship hour, following a pageant. The pageant will be presented by members of the young people's department, with Mrs. Alsie Carleton directing.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AT SCHOOL.

The Trent Independent school will be dismissed Wednesday, Dec. 22, for the Christmas holidays. They will be dismissed for the remainder of that week and the entire next week, resuming school probably Jan. 3.

Each teacher is planning a brief entertainment for each room, to be given Wednesday afternoon. Patrons of the school are invited to visit at hours named.

BAPTIST HOME-COMING HELD SUNDAY.

A former pastor and members were present for all-day services and a home-coming Sunday at the Baptist church. It was also in commemoration of the completion of one year's service of the present pastor, Rev. H. E. East, of Abilene.

The morning service was a devotional, followed by a program, with Mrs. A. Williamson and her Sunday School class presenting a playlet.

Luncheon was served picnic-style. Dr. E. B. Atwood, professor of Bible in Hardin-Simmons university, delivered a sermon on the "Use of a Christian's Money" in the afternoon, after which an array of gifts was presented Rev. and Mrs. East. The presentation was made by the Cheerful Helpers Sunday School class, of which Mrs. C. C. Stribling is teacher. Mrs. A. Williamson read an original poem.

Night worship was in charge of the pastor, who delivered a sermon.

BANQUET FOR TRENT PIONEERS.

Never in Trent's history has there been such a gala affair as was given Thursday evening when 120 friends gathered at the W. O. W. hall and paid homage to two respected and beloved citizens, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Gafford. It was through the Woodmen Circle and the Woodmen of the World that the plan originated and was sponsored.

Mrs. Gafford has held the office of secretary of the local Grove for 31 or more years, while Mr. Gafford has also served in the same capacity in the Camp, both having been instrumental in the upbuilding of both organizations. Both also have been honored on several occasions from the Omaha headquarters.

The banquet hall was adorned with Christmas decorations. The tables, arranged in the form of a "U", were centered with miniature Christmas trees, with silver rope making squares, for each plate. Places were marked with poinsettias adorned tiny white cards bearing each guest's name. Menu and programs were in the form of paper Christmas trees in red and green colors, tied with silver and white rope, shaping a book and containing within the printed program and menu. The words, "Gafford Banquet," were embossed on the front leaf of each book. A turkey menu was served with John's Sauce and Saied a la Hattie.

A. C. Terry, Sr., was master of ceremonies and introduced the after-dinner speaker, H. R. Poor, consul commander-elect of the W. O. W., who paid a fitting tribute to the Gaffords. Other numbers were the invocation by Rev. Alsie Carleton, a duet by Ruby

Cooley and Elsie Bishop, a violin solo by L. C. Scott, a vocal solo by Jean Estep, and a fancy drill by the Circle degree team captained by Miss Image Mangum. The benediction was given by A. W. Woods. Music was furnished throughout the dinner by the Spinks String band.

Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stevens, Francis Stevens, Messrs. and Mesdames T. G. Hamner, Ed Bowers, Alton Boone, Isom Burks, Allen Terry, E. L. Mangum, Alex Williamson, O. L. Bishop, Foy Steadman, C. C. McRee, C. H. Butler, D. L. Butler, Ozro Steen, Herbert Kegans, W. F. Swinney, Harold Terry, Ed Burks.

Billie Joe Bowers, Kirby Steadman, Marjorie Adrian, Fred McCurdy, Jimmy Tittsworth, Freddy Allen, Louise Allen, Earnest Stewart, Claude Stewart, Oscar F. Bishop, Bobby Ruth McLeod, Mark Williamson, R. T. Bishop, Ida V. O'Neal, A. C. Terry, Jr., Dorothy Martin, Paul Goode, Earl Miller, Weldon Steen, Tilda Lou Steen, Robertus McRee, Earl Duncan, Pete Neill.

Wanda Lou Kegans, Troy Kegans, John Hamner, Cullen Tittle, Leo Roy Martin, Neeley Tittle, Cullen Currington, Lucian Currington, Bry Burkhart, Kenneth Burkhart.

Mesdames Frank Allen, A. W. Woods, Alsie Carleton, W. E. Shouse, Mr. and Mrs. Spinks, Alma Jean and Joyce Payne, Billy Payne, Mrs. W. F. Steadman, Mamie Gafford, Mrs. Clifford Estep, Mrs. Pink Vessels.

Members of the drill team served the two-course meal. They were Miss Mangum, Misses Vera Bright, Elsie

Bishop, Ruby Cooley, Mrs. Harold Terry, Mrs. Bob Billington, Mrs. H. R. Poor, Mrs. John Payne, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Mary Neill, Mrs. Isom Burks.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Billy Dick Payne, II, was honored Dec. 7 when his mother, Mrs. John Payne, entertained with a party with the members of the fourth and fifth grades as guests. The affair was given in the school room of Mrs. R. L. Fortune, teacher, of whom Billy Payne is a pupil. Games were played and Mrs. Payne told a Christmas story, then gave humorous readings, followed by the pupils' presenting lovely gifts. Candy and balloons were presented each guest.

Those present were: Billy Joe and Bobby Gene Billington, Betty Jean Tittle, Troy Kegans, Annie Joyce Freeman, J. K. Cooley, Claude Stewart, J. B. Winn, Jr., Bobby Jo and J. H. Harris, Bobby Norwood, S. D. McLeod, Pauline Maderia, Joyce Wilson, Donald Howell, Patsy Barnes, Nina Fae Freeman, Margaret Jo Wash, Thelma Lee Braune, Florence Dickenson, Dan Miller, Ruby Acuna, Alton Yandell, Jesus Acuna.

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FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE, DEC. 24 Same List of Prizes—Also Same Schedule

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**Honor Roll**

(Continued From Page One.)

Betty Buchanan, Wanda Daniel, C. M. Largent, III, Jewel Daniel, Bobbie Henry, Harvey Hickman and Bobby DuBose, Jo Tipton, Becky Nan Seymore, Elberta Reynolds, Marilyn Petty, Robert Wayne Sledge, Joy Frances West, Billie Seymore, Janice Patterson, Verdean Smith, J. L. Shults, Dick Sears, Oris Reynolds, Ralph Ray Miller, Glenn Westenhover, Doris Turner, J. B. Whisenhunt, and Wayne McLean.

Second grade: Billy Morris Baze, Beth Ann Day, Betty Joyce Bond, Ray Ann Hamm, Maurice Dunn, Douglas Baker, Carl Causseaux, Patricia Douglas, Peggy Joyce Hampton, John English, Royce Gilbreath, Junior Greenfield, Wayne Haynes, Murray Bowen, Leon Floyd, Mattie Lou Bicknell, Bobby Glenn Gilbert, Betty Jane Keifer, Jimmy Walker, Ann Walker, Marvin Jones, Mack Knight, Waymon Leopard, Lon McDonald, Billy Pat Nash, Stanley Stanford, Bettie Katherine Smith, Petty Jean Mathews, Joyce Robinson and Flossie London.

Third grade: George Ann Groene, Mary Ruth Hutcheson, Barbara Ann Brown, Geraldine Jinkens, Frankie Henry, Minor Burns, Jimmie Lee Latimer, Nellie Sandusky, La Fern Stanford, Joanna Ramsey, Maveleen Seymore, Betty Jo Perry, Betty Jo Seymore, Frankie Shults, Glenn Toombs, Mildred Vaughn.

Fourth grade: Lora Pearl Haynes, Dormon Clark, Betty Gilbert, Becky Gaither, Doris Dudley, James Roy Baccus, Eulala Floyd, Gwendolyn Vaughn, John Robert Walker, Sammy Myers, Virgil Sears, Foy Westenhover, A. G. Stout, Geraldine Williams, Jennie Ree Teaff, Bobby Nell Reagan, Betty Lee Reynolds, Johnny Wheeler.

Fifth grade: Bonnie Jaynes, Billy Tom Diltz, Dorothy Jean Jinkens, Ralph Dye, Patsy Simpson, Frances Walker, Mary Evelyn Perry, Joyce Webb.

Sixth grade: Dorothy Nell Haynes, Mary Alice Hester, Mary Jo Hutchins, Dorothy Nell Groene, Jack Haynes, Glenn Blair, Marjorie Fulton, Freda Nell Huddleston, Avalene Mathews, Wanda McCoy, Willie Sue Morgan, Irlene Walker, Doris Leopard, Peggy Joyce Toombs, Don Hutcheson, Patricia Leonard, Matilene London, Gwendolene Sandusky.

Seventh grade: Margaret Bowen, Sue Pinkley, Nina Osborn, Bonnie McAninch, Dwight Swafford, Tag Shouse, Billie Wood, Juanes Holt, Evelyn Sears, Margaret Sharp, Laverne Douglas, Sue Grimes, Jack Hester, Billy Tom Hutcheson, Hazel Burns, Jack Melton, Joyce Cox and Cheatham McFarland.

**HIGH SCHOOL.**

Eighth grade: Becky Gardner, Mary Elizabeth Frances, Dora Gaither, Bob Williamson, Louise Cook, Doris Clyde Miller, Betty Lou Higgins.

Ninth grade: Mildred McLean, Evelyn Bigler, Gay West, Evelyn Latimer, Billie Largent, Madlyn Addison, Don Wood, Euvalda Fox, Winona Kelso.

Tenth grade: Comora Hughes, Mauryne Huddleston, Billy Wood, Medford McCoy, Kenneth Neill, Bonnie Lois Campbell, Wilma McAninch, Mildred Bird, Katie Bigham, Muriel Kelso, Nora Leq Bird, Lucile Hampton, Fay Hampton, Joyce Fulton, Mary Love Tipton, Joy Doan, Mary Jo Garland, Edith Butman, Elva Hughes, Archie Farr, Louise Addison, Mary Jo Russell, Dorothy Horton, Mabel Murray, Mattie Reynolds, Fay Walker and Nettie Lee Teaff.

Eleventh grade: Jannell Black, Dorris Coats, Fredia Farmer, Pauline Blackaby, Julia Ella Holder, Mildred Humphrey, Johnnie Chadwick, Hollis Perry, Charles Iddings, Frances Higgins, Ruby Bigham, Dorothy Sue Bird, Cora Mae Newsome, Billie George Gant, Fannelle Gray, Marvin Hunter, O. D. Blair, Dick West and Morris Clack.

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**Sisters Meet First Time in 55 Years**

Mrs. James Carnahan of Silverdale, Calif., is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Alice Rose, who is very ill, having had a paralytic stroke on Nov. 28.

It had been a period of 55 years since the sisters had seen each other. Mrs. Carnahan (or Aunt Lou, as she is known), was born in Erath county. It was in 1880 she went west to New Mexico to live, traveling on the first passenger train over the Texas & Pacific railway. In 1882 Mrs. Rose with her husband and family followed and went to Lordsburg, but on account of Indian raids Mrs. Rose came back in 1883 and had not seen her sister from that date until she came the other day to visit her.

**NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank in Merkel, Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank the second Tuesday in January, 1938, being the 11th day of the month, for the election of directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Polls open between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m.

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Temperatures that could do credit to the dead of winter have been prevailing around here for some time. All we need this time for a hard winter is for it just to keep on like this. The cold weather is delaying getting out the remnant of cotton.

Rev. Gene Hall will fill his regular appointment at the Blair Baptist church Sunday, Dec. 19. There will be a Christmas sermon at the 11 o'clock morning hour and a Yuletide program Sunday night. The public is invited to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tittle and daughter, Mrs. Jones, and baby of Trent visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer Sunday.

Mrs. Chester Gosdin, who has been sick since our last news report, is doing nicely.

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**CHRISTMAS PARTY.**

Members of the Gleaner Sunday School class were entertained in the Methodist parsonage on last Friday afternoon when Mesdames Robert Hicks, F. E. Church, T. L. Grimes, Fred Latham, John H. Crow and Clyde Sears were co-hostesses, entertaining with a seated program in a beautiful Yuletide setting. The Christmas decorations centered around a lighted tree and numbers given were appropriate to the season.

Mrs. Clyde Smith gave a touching devotional and Miss Lottie Butman, president of the class, introduced the following: Mrs. Johnny Cox, with a Christmas story; Mrs. Homer Patterson, who sang "There's A Song in the Air" and "Homing." Mrs. D. H. Vaughn gave a Christmas story in rhyme and Mrs. N. T. Hodge accompanied by Christine Collins gave a Christmas solo. Miss Lottie Butman gave a reading.

Gifts were exchanged from the tree and a dainty salad course, spiced tea and Christmas candies were passed to Mesdames Gaiter, Hodge, Herbert Patterson, Gaiter, Tipton, Ferrier, Brown, Largent, White, Buzbee, Smith, Cooper, Shannon, Cox, Case, Sublett, Vaughn, Grimes, Mashburn, Rea, Homer Patterson and the six hostesses; Misses Mossie Sears, Christine Collins, Mabel McRee, Lottie Butman.

**HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY.**

The Merkel Home Demonstration club's annual Christmas party for their families, and with pals revealed and gifts exchanged from a decorated fir tree, was held last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church.

After the singing of "Silent night," Mrs. Wilhite presented a program by several of her pupils. A turkey supper with all the trimmings was served. Games of "42" were then played until Santa arrived and found gifts waiting for all.

Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong as guests of honor; Messrs. and Mesdames V. B. Sublett, Stanley King, Joe P. Self and daughter, Bob McDonald and two children, John Hughes and three children, London Coats, Harry Barnett and son, Odell Crow, Herbert Dunn, J. Ben Campbell, F. A. Polley, J. W. Bryan, Ted McGehee and three children, Stanley Stanford and two children, A. D. Barnes and son, G. W. Wilhite, Dent Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace and son; Mesdames Lucy Ford, Dora M. Hill, Lake Renfro and two children, R. H. Mathews, Jr., and daughter, W. R. Williams, J. W. Wheeler, Jr., and daughter, Norris Barnett and son, Clyde Sears and three children; Misses Lottie Butman, Myrtle Barnett, Maurine and Clara White, Norma Patton, Johnnie Chadwick and Griffin Barnett.

**INITIATION DINNER OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA.**  
Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, honor society for women teachers, held its pre-holiday initiation dinner Saturday evening in the Crystal ball room of the Hilton hotel, Abilene, at which time Miss Julia Martin of Merkel High school was initiated. Other members attending from here were Miss Mamie Ellis and Mrs. Len Sublett, with their guests, Mrs. Comer Haynes and Miss Juanita Stroud. The program consisted of an ad-

dress by Dr. H. L. Moore of Texas State College for women at Denton and vocal singing by the Capella chorus of Abilene high school. The entertainers, wearing black robes and carrying lighted tapers, stood before a tall cathedral window which reflected the lights of the red candles down the length of the dining board.

Place markers were miniature stained glass windows of medieval design, while red roses in brass holders and brass candelabra gave emphasis to a red and gold color theme.

**TURKEY DINNER FOR MERKEL MOTOR FAMILY.**

On Friday evening of last week, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Haynes entertained employees of the Merkel Motor company and their wives with a turkey dinner in their home on Oak street.

The house was decorated with autumn leaves and a silver and blue Christmas tree, from which gifts were exchanged, presaged the holiday season. Games of "42" were enjoyed after dinner.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCrary of Sweetwater, Messrs. and Mesdames Marvin Wilson, Stacy Bird, Caz Lansford, Claud Johnson, Spencer Bird, Ted Bicknell, Charlie Mundy, Bill Moore, Clyde Shouse, Miss Stella Wilson and Eiland Hale.

**FOUR O'CLOCKS.**

Little Miss Dorothy Nell Lee entertained members of the "Four O'Clocks Club" on last Saturday afternoon in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp, on Elm street. After a game hour, guests all participated in an "Amateur Hour," after which jello, cookies and candy were served to Sandra Sadler, Helen and Lora Pearl Haynes, Becky Gaiter, Marilyn Petty, Betty Jean Gilbert, Dorothy Nell Lee and Robert Lee, a visitor.

**Y. W. A.**

The Y. W. A. met with Mrs. F. C. McFarland Monday, Dec. 6. The president was in charge of a business session, the minutes were read and approved and plans for Christmas were discussed.

An enjoyable program was given by Verne Moore, Johnnie Chadwick, Frances Higgins and Joyce Fulton. Refreshments were served to fifteen girls.

**THREE "F" CLUB PARTY.**

Misses Hollis Perry and Frances Higgins were co-hostesses to members of the Three "F" club on Saturday afternoon, entertaining with a Christmas party. Two new members were present, namely, Miss Dorma Lee Shelton and Miss Grovone Ford. Gifts were distributed from a lighted tree and dainty refreshments were served at the tea hour.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

On Wednesday afternoon of last week, Dec. 8, little Misses Ann Booth and Creta Key Case were joint honorees for a happy birthday party in the home of Mrs. Milton Case. It was Ann's fourth birthday and Creta Key's third. Mrs. A. R. Booth assisted Mrs. Case in entertaining.

Gay balloons and Christmas colors furnished decorations to the rooms, the balloons being later presented to the guests. Fortunes were told, followed by a program of readings by several of the little guests. Then came the cutting of the two birthday cakes, one with four candles, the other with three, carrying out a pink and white color scheme.

Those enjoying this happy afternoon with Ann and Creta Key were: Jo Ann Moore, Ross Dunn, Sandra Sadler, Sue Mayfield, Larry Largent,

# CHURCH SERVICES

**Nazarene Evangelist Announces Subjects**

The revival at the local Church of the Nazarene began Wednesday evening with a very good crowd out, despite inclement weather. Rev. Herschel Murphy, evangelist, of Cisco, district president of the N. Y. P. S., gave a timely message on "How to Have a Revival Next Door to Hell."

Thursday evening his subject is announced as "The Worst Sin of All." Friday evening, "The Old-Time Religion; What It Is, What It Does."

Saturday evening, "When the Chickens Come Home to Roost." Sunday morning at the Sunday School hour, Rev. Mr. Murphy will present a Testament to the one having a birthday nearest his own.

Sunday evening at 7 o'clock the evangelist will present a series of his stereopticon lectures, this series being "The Life of Christ." These are beautifully colored and very expensive.

The evangelist is expecting his wife and family over the Sabbath. Mrs. Murphy is an accomplished musician and singer; his 13-year-old son is also a pianist of note. Much is to be expected by way of a musical treat.

The revival will continue nightly over Christmas, according to Rev. R. T. Smith, the pastor, and the public is invited and urged to hear the typical, fiery little Irishman preach on subjects as "The River of Lost Souls," "The Biggest Liar in Merkel," "Soul for Sale; How Much Offered?" "The Meaneast Old Man in Taylor County."

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

There were 588 present at the six Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 558 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 649 were in attendance.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor.

At the evening hour, the churches of the city will join in a Union Christmas service at our church, with special music by the combined choirs and the sermon to be preached by Dr. E. A. Atwood of Hardin-Simmons university.

Every one is cordially invited. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

Lon McDonald, Gerald and Gloria West, Bobby, Jenora and Y. E. Brown, Tommy Largent, C. M. Largent III, Helen Hayes, Joe Marvayn Tipton, Patsy Swann, Marilyn Petty, Jimmy Vick, Jerry Wayne Cade and John Bob Grable.

**Italy Withdraws from League.**

Rome, Dec. 16.—Italy has withdrawn from the league of nations, but announced her determination to continue to collaborate for peace. The action, decided upon at a seven-minute meeting of the fascist grand council, was proclaimed Saturday night by Premier Benito Mussolini from the balcony of the Palazzo Venezia.

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**METHODIST CHURCH.**

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

The congregation will join in the Union Christmas service at the Presbyterian church at 7 p. m., in lieu of the regular Sunday evening service. John H. Crow, Pastor.

**METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM.**

For Sunday, Dec. 19, at 6:15 p. m.: Scripture, Luke 2:4-17, by Vernon Hudson, leader. Song service.

"Christmas in Austria, Germany and Russia," Mary Jo Russell.

"Celebrating Christmas in Belgium, France and England," Lela Patterson.

"In the Mission Fields," Vernon Hudson.

Prayer, Business, Benediction.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Dr. E. B. Atwood of Hardin-Simmons university. B. T. S. at 6:30 p. m. W. M. U. at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock.

The congregation will join in the Union Christmas service at the Presbyterian church at 7 p. m., in lieu of the regular Sunday evening service.

**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.

James D. Sides, 22, a service station operator of near Cleburne, was killed early Sunday when a Santa Fe passenger train struck the truck he was driving.

**Bring Back Lion's Share of Prizes At Anson Show**

Merkel poultry fanciers captured a fair share of winning ribbons at the Jones County Poultry show at Anson last week, with Arl Sharp showing the best solid color display and champion female and Bill Sheppard showing the best parti-color pen.

Arl Sharp also showed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th hens, 3rd, 4th, 5th cockerel, 1st, 4th, 5th pullets and 1st, 2nd young pen in Buff Orpingtons.

In the Buff Orpington class Wilcox and Gilbert showed 2nd, 3rd pullet, 1st, 2nd, cockerel and 2nd, 4th young pen.

In White rocks, Roy Miller showed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th hen; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th cockerel, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th pullets.

In Partridge Wyandottes, Yates Brown showed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th hens; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th pullets; he al-

so showed best trio in Black Cochins bantams, and 1st and 5th cockerels and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th pullets in White Minorcas.

A. J. Barbee showed 1st pullet, 1st, 2nd hen, 1st young pen and first old pen, in Dark Cornish division.

Besides the best parti-color pen, Bill Sheppard showed 1st young pen, 4th, 5th pullet, 1st, 2nd, 3rd hens in Dark Barred rocks.

E. H. Cordill showed 2nd, 4th cock, 5th cockerel, 5th young pen in Rhode Island Reds. R. A. Ellis showed 4th young pen in the same division.

In Brown Leghorns, Dock Calloway won 2nd, 5th cockerel, and was also a winner in the egg display.

**Gold Policy Upheld.**

Washington, Dec. 16.—The New Deal won a judicial victory Monday in its gold nationalization program when the supreme court ruled, 6 to 3, against three efforts to force payment of interest on called gold clause government bonds.

Nice and tender <b>Green Beans, 2 lbs.</b> ..... 25c	<b>Bananas</b> -- Large yellow fruit Doz. .... 15c
Fresh dug <b>New Potatoes, 2 pounds</b> ..... 15c	<b>Oranges</b> Calif. med size Doz. .... 19c
<b>Lettuce</b> Large heads Each ..... 5c	<b>Tomatoes</b> Fancy pinks 2 lbs. .... 19c
<b>Beets, large bunches</b> ..... 5c	<b>Apples</b> Extra fancy Doz. .... 10c
<b>Carrots, Texas, bunch</b> ..... 5c	<b>Grapefruit</b> Large Seedless 6 for ..... 25c
<b>Turnips, pound</b> ..... 4c	<b>Tangerines</b> Large size Doz. .... 40c
<b>Potatoes</b> Strictly No. 1's 10 lbs. .... 23c	<b>Yams</b> Fine cookers Lb. .... 4c
Well Bleached <b>Celery, Jumbo stalk</b> ..... 15c	<b>Peppers, lb.</b> ..... 12 1-2c
<b>Cabbage, pound</b> ..... 3c	
<b>Leanut Butter, 2 lb. qt. jar</b> ..... 29c	
<b>Crackers, A-1 Saltines, 2 lb. box</b> ..... 19c	
<b>Peas</b> Tall cans Can ..... 5c	<b>Catsup</b> 14 oz. bottle 2 for ..... 23c
<b>Corn</b> No 2 can 3 for ..... 25c	<b>Pickles</b> Sour or dill Lrg. jar ..... 15c
	<b>Mustard</b> Prepared Qt. jar ..... 10c
	<b>Tomatoes</b> Tall cans 3 for ..... 25c
<b>Post Toasties, regular pkg.</b> ..... 10c	
<b>Coffee, Maxwell House, 3 lb. can</b> ..... 81c	
<b>Flour, K. B. guaranteed, 48 lbs.</b> ..... \$1.79	
<b>Sugar</b> Cloth bag 10 lbs. .... 55c	<b>Steak, chuck, lb.</b> ..... 19c
<b>Shortening</b> K. B. or Mrs. Tucker's 8 lbs. .... 89c	<b>Veal Loaf Meat, lb.</b> ..... 15c
<b>Crisco</b> 3 lbs. .... 59c 6 lbs. .... \$1.17	<b>Sausage, pound</b> ..... 19c
<b>Oxydol</b> Giant Box Each ..... 63c	<b>Roast, chuck, lb.</b> ..... 17c
<b>Soap</b> Camay 3 cakes ..... 19c	<b>Steak, T-Bone, lb.</b> ..... 23c
<b>Lava Soap</b> 3 cakes ..... 25c	<b>Roast rib or brisket, lb.</b> 12 1-2c
	<b>Sliced Bacon, lb.</b> ..... 33c
	<b>Kraft's American Cheese, 2 lb. box</b> ..... 60c
	<b>Ham, center slices, lb.</b> ..... 45c
	<b>Weiner Sausage, lb.</b> ..... 20c
	<b>Liver, pound</b> ..... 15c
	<b>Sugar Cured Bacon, lb.</b> ..... 29c
	<b>Salt Pork Jowls, lb.</b> ..... 15c
	<b>Buttermilk, Sweet Milk and Whipping Cream</b>

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**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**  
BIG 4-UNIT PROGRAM

1. The 3 Mesquiteers in 'Heart of the Rockies'  
Bob Livingston—Ray Carrigan—Max Terhune
2. Dick Tracy Chapter Play No. 1  
Ralph Byrd—Kay Hughes—Smiley Burnette
3. "Who's Who?"—2-Reel Comedy
4. "Rover's Rival"—Porky Cartoon

**SATURDAY 11 P. M., MONDAY-TUESDAY**  
Eddie Cantor, Screen and Radio Star  
In "ALI BABA GOES TO TOWN"  
Tony Martin—June Lang—Roland Young  
Added—Popeye Cartoon in "Fowl Play" and Selected Short Subjects

**WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY**  
Leslie Howard—Bette Davis  
"IT'S LOVE I'M AFTER"  
Olivia deHavilland—Eric Blore—George Barbier  
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