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TURKEY DAYS BRING LARGE CROWDS HERE

Total of 60 Turkeys, \$80 in Cash And 40 Merchandise Prizes Given Away by Merkel Merchants in Series of Trade Days

All told, the merchants of Merkel gave away 60 turkeys, \$80 in cash and 40 merchandise prizes in a series of five pre-holiday "turkey chasing" days, the popular appeal of which was evidenced by large numbers of participants for each occasion and by the resultant fun spectators and competitors enjoyed in the events.

With Yates Brown at the microphone of the public address system of the Merchants Trade Extension association and Luther Land officiating in releasing the turkeys, each day's program was carried out without hitch or hindrance.

On Christmas Eve, the final day, three guineas were added to the list of prizes and two ducks were donated by Perry Brothers to be given away in the same series.

WEDNESDAY'S WINNERS.

On Wednesday, Dec. 22, the list of winners was:

Ernest Harris—A turkey; Hollis Jones, a can of Lincoln polish by Merkel Motor company

Joe Higgins—A turkey; Clara Joyce Cox, \$2.00.

O. L. Maddera—A turkey; Claude Toles, quart of floor polish from Wood's Store in Merkel.

Lester Hopper—A turkey; Faby Mashburn, suit cleaned and pressed at Adcock's Dry Cleaners.

Clayton Coats—A turkey and \$5 cash.

Dave Hendricks—A turkey and one-pint enamel by Barrow Furniture company.

Mary McKay—A turkey; El Hickam and Gwynn Pannell, 75-watt light globes from West Texas Utilities company.

Dennis Walker—A turkey; Bill Moore, cake by Dandy Bakery.

Earl Lund—A turkey and a gallon Anti-Freeze, by Merkel Motor company.

Vyde Boren—A turkey and \$5 cash.

FRIDAY'S WINNERS.

E. D. Worthan, Levelland—A turkey and two tickets to the Queen theatre.

J. H. Swinney—A turkey and \$5 cash.

E. L. Goode—A turkey; T. P. Johnson, a 24-lb. sack of flour by Economy Grocery.

Mrs. O. A. Williams—A turkey; Lendon Coats, a belt from Buck's Shoe Shop.

R. L. Clark—A turkey and an oil change at Woodrum's Filling station, given by Frank Golladay.

P. F. West and D. B. Dubose—A turkey and \$5 cash (divided).

George Mayberry and Raymond Brewer—A turkey and \$5 cash (divided).

W. D. Giles—A turkey; Pink McRay, a 3-lb. can of Sam Houston coffee from E. O. Carson Grocery.

S. G. Russell, Jr.—A guinea and \$1 cash.

Alphus Byrom and R. O. Payne—A

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KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Liquor revenues in Texas during the past 11 months totaling \$3,356,022 surpassed collections of a comparable period a year ago by \$1,130,219.

Two last quarter touchdowns carried Longview's Lobos to the state championship over Wichita Falls, 19-12, in the Christmas Day game at Dallas.

Jesse H. Jones, chairman of the Reconstruction Finance corporation, will be honor guest at the State Jackson Day banquet to be held at the Adolphus hotel, Dallas, on the night of Jan. 8.

A coroner's verdict of accidental death was returned in the death of William Noble Griswold, 80, whose charred body was removed from a smouldering cellar at Anson Christmas night.

Ben Aston Cathey, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Cathey of Novice, died in a Coleman hospital early Sunday from wounds of a .22 gauge rifle, accidentally inflicted by a playmate Christmas Day.

The body of Albert Mollendorf, 62, owner and operator of the Reliance Roller Mills, pioneer Fredericksburg establishment, was found hanging in the mill there Monday. A coroner's verdict of suicide was returned.

Isreal Shell Focht, 87-year-old Nolan county pioneer and fifth white man to settle permanently in the county, died at his home at Sweetwater at 6 p. m. Tuesday. He was a resident of Nolan county 62 years.

Governor James V. Alfred has announced acceptance of an invitation to deliver the Jackson day address at Bismark, N. D., Jan. 8. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Alfred and W. T. Knight of Wichita Falls, a colonel on his staff.

Julius Jobb, 65, prominent Roseco farmer, was found dead in a field about 250 yards from his home at 8:30 Tuesday morning by a neighbor, Hilton Hearn, who had been called when Mr. Jobb failed to come home during the night.

Ray Neal, 16, junior in Snyder high school, and his companion, Ralph Gore, 22, both student pilots, died in an airplane crash Sunday afternoon when their plane hurtled, nose down, into a landing field about 4 miles northeast of Snyder.

Under a policy of changing the chairmanship annually, a Texan, Walter M. W. Splawn, a former member of the Texas railroad commission and a former president of the University of Texas, becomes chairman of the Interstate Commerce commission on Jan. 1.

Violent deaths removed at least 27 Christmas celebrants in one of Texas' worst week-ends of mishaps. Deaths resulted from highway accidents, plane crashes, stabbings, blow on the head, a fall from a football stadium, hunting accidents and a walk into the path of a train.

Preaches at White Church.

Rev. Lloyd Hamilton, the new preacher on the Blair circuit, filled the pulpit on his first preaching day at White Church Sunday, Dec. 19, where he preached a beautiful Christmas sermon. Rev. Mr. Hamilton was accompanied to White Church by DeWitt Seago of McMurry.

MANY VISITORS IN HOMES; HAPPY FAMILY REUNIONS MARK CHRISTMAS SEASON

Mrs. J. M. Cook was surprised on Christmas day by all of her children coming in to spend the day with her.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cook and son, Nevada, Matador; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cook, Coahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Meeks and sons, W. L. and Robert, Slaton; Mr. and Mrs. George Cook and son, Howard, and daughter, Lanell, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Cook, Anson; Mrs. Archie Rose, Merkel; Misses Opal and Letha Shafter, Sudan; Jim Cook, Mrs. Inez Chadwick and daughter, Johnnie, Noodle. Other visitors were Griffin Barnett, Merkel; H. A. Brundtner, Dallas; Mrs. Andrew Barber and daughter, Noodle, and Norman King, Merkel.

On Sunday Mrs. Dollie Richie was hostess for a Christmas dinner for a number of relatives. The day was spent in visiting and enjoying a good Christmas dinner. Those present were: Mrs. Josie Averitt and three children; Mr. and Mrs. Houston Martin and two children; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dye and three children, Reuben Dye and two boys, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dye, Bobbie, Nora Dean and Wesley Martin, all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dye and two sons of Roaring Springs; Mr. and Mrs. U. T. Richie and two children of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Spears and four children of Valera, and the hostess.

Eight families joined together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Sandusky of this city, to have a merry Christmas day. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren played together merrily. Everyone had plenty of fruit, nuts and candy; gifts were exchanged and every one had a big day. A three-course dinner was served to the following persons: Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Sandusky; Mr. and Mrs. Austin Sandusky and children, Dewey, Judge and Mary Louise; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sandusky and children, Eddie Glenn and Barbara Joyce; Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Sandusky and children, Sonny, Gwendolene and Elmer Lee; Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Beatty and children, J. E., Byron, Helen and Clayton; Mr. and Mrs. William Sandusky and children, Billy and Nelly Fae; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blackaby and daughter, Pauline; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bowman and Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Royalty and daughter, Carolyn Louise.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Ely was the place for a family gathering on Christmas Day, with all members of Mrs. Ely's family present, and a fine time was reported by all. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Chester and three sons, Don, Jimmie and Clay Edward, of Jacksboro; Mrs. R. E. Britt, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Andrews and son, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Cowger and daughters, Bernice and Melba, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cowger and sons, Elton Wayne and Earl Ray, and Mrs. E. W. Cowger, all of Lamesa; Cayloe Chapman of Austin, Aura Ely of Abilene, Mrs. Jennie Ely, Misses Vera and Ideen Ely, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allen, R. D. Ely and Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Ely and children.

Home from Chicago where he has a studio that is headquarters for the Chicago Society of Etchers, of which he is secretary, James Swann, who has become a nationally known artist, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. S. Swann, and other relatives. With Mrs. Swann also for Christmas were Miss Nell Swann from Tyler, Miss Irene Swann from Roswell, N. M., Mrs. Carson Miles and four children from San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Sears and daughter from Snyder and a granddaughter, Miss Louise Jones from Tulia.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Garrett came from Waco for a Christmas visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett; Miss Iris Garrett was home from the North Texas State Teachers college at Denton, while Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bullock and two daughters of Stanton also visited in the Garrett home for the holidays. Other guests were Ward Timmons of McKinney and Harmon Hand of Belton, S. C., a nephew of Mrs. Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Haynes had three of their children from out-of-town and their families, including a great-grandson, and the two sons here and their families in their home Christmas. They are Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Anderson and son, H. A. of Lueders; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Haynes and two sons, Curtis and Morris, and Morris Haynes, Jr., a great-grandson, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Arnett, all of An-

son, and the two sons here, Comer and W. W. Haynes, and their families.

All of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris were home for the holidays except one son who recently moved to Arizona. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Tobie Harris and daughter, Joan, from Mineola; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harris and daughter, Joan, from Dalhart; Mrs. Mattie Sapp and daughter, Aliene, from Goodwell, Okla.; Mrs. Binnie Moore from Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr., and sons, Jimmie Gordon and Jerry Wayne. Other friends who visited in the Harris home were Phillip Skidmore, Doris Price from Lubbock and Miss Alice Russell.

Mrs. D. M. Hill entertained the following relatives at her Christmas dinner: her son, Rollie J. Hill and wife and two sons, John Robert and George, of Graham; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams and two sons, Theron and Rodney, of Golan community; W. C. Hill and wife and two sons, Orvil and Alfred Hill, of Golan, and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Johnson of Sweetwater. Mrs. Williams is a daughter of Mrs. Hill.

Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Elliott were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Elliott and family, of Dera; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Elliott of San Marcos; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Elliott and family, Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Finch, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Finch, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ensminger and family, Divide; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black and daughter, Jannell, Merkel; Mrs. Opal Richardson and family, Sweetwater; Mrs. Cora Robbins, Blythe, Calif.; Dr. and Mrs. Richardson and Miss Lillie Richardson, Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Worthan had as their guests during the Christmas holidays all their children and in-laws and grandchildren except Bernard Worthan, Mr. and Mrs. Arno Worthan and Junior Miller. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Worthan, Weldon, Ancil, Iva Joyce, Levelland; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Miller, Calvin, Carolann, Big Spring; Elzie Worthan, Levelland; Grandmother Worthan from Lamesa and Edgar Hampton. All the visitors returned home Sunday afternoon.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell for Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nunnally and son, Sam, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Sam Redwine and daughter, Sammie Doris, from Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Warlick and children, Darlene and Darwin, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr., and babies, Jimmy and Jerry. Miss Alice Russell, James and Rauph Russell, two daughters, Mrs. Bob Dunn of Cisco and Mrs. Bayard Shive of Clovis, N. M., were unable to be present for the reunion.

Mrs. M. C. Sadler of Fort Worth is visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. W. Ashby, and son, Frank Cutler of Merkel. Other relatives visiting in the Ashby home during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bradshaw and three sons, Sam, Dizzie and Ocie, of Honey Grove, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Williams of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Bradshaw and family of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Lusby were up from Ozona for a Christmas visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis. Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Dennis and little daughter of Calexico, Calif., and Herbert Dennis of Corpus Christi were also home for a holiday visit.

J. A. Bell of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin May and daughter, Frances, of Coahoma, Mrs. F. E. Birkhead of Eastland, Miss Venice Bell of Abilene and Mrs. Gladys Frost and daughter of Eastland visited their mother, Mrs. M. F. Bell, during Christmas, also Mrs. William Jessup, a granddaughter, and little son, Jamie, of Eastland.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Davis, Merkel, Route 2, Thursday, December 16, 1937.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Jones, Comper, Friday, December 24, 1937.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Tittle, Trent, Saturday, December 25, 1937.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Landreth, of Big 10 Ranch, Sunday, December 26, 1937.

Dollar Worth 84 Cents.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Agriculture department economists said the farmer's dollar had a November purchasing power of 84 cents, measured in terms of pre-war prices.

CHRISTMAS IS MADE HAPPY HERE FOR 46 FAMILIES

Forty-six families in Merkel were made happy Christmas Eve when Jack Higgins, fire truck driver, with W. A. Whiteley associated with him as Santa Claus, distributed Christmas cheer in the form of baskets of toys, fruit, groceries and candy furnished by the Merkel Goodfellows organization.

As chairman of the ladies committee in charge of getting the baskets ready for distribution, Mrs. F. C. McFarland was assisted by Mesdames R. T. Gray, Stanley King and Buck Mashburn, with Stanley King from the Lions committee also actively engaged in the work.

Additional donations of fruit and toys came on Christmas Eve from the T. E. L. class of the First Baptist church, while the Girl Scouts brought little bags of candy which they had packed in cellophane bags.

S. M. Hunter, general chairman of the Goodfellows, which embraced all the churches, civic organizations of the city and the fireboys, expressed much satisfaction at the generous response given the Christmas cheer movement by the people of Merkel.

Post Office, Banks To Close New Year's

The post office and the two banks here will observe holiday Saturday for New Year's day, but all other business houses will operate as usual.

As a legal holiday, Postmaster Wrenn Durham announces the post office will be closed all day and also that there will be no rural route delivery on that day.

Fogs and Drizzles Only Quarter Inch Moisture

Four days of light rains, sometimes just a bare drizzle and at intervals a heavy fog lasting for hours, had netted only a quarter of inch of moisture up to Thursday morning, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale. The moisture has all soaked into the ground, however, being of great benefit to small grain and pasturage.

This week's precipitation brings the December rainfall to 2 1-2 inches, and the year to 19 7-16 inches. Rainfall in 1936 was 32 11-16 inches.

Night Meeting of PTA Scheduled Jan. 13

The January meeting of the Merkel unit of the Parent-Teacher association will be held on the night of Thursday, Jan. 13.

Miss Annie Bess Chambers, music supervisor of the Abilene schools, will discuss "How the School Program Affects Home Life through Cultural Arts," and the vocational agriculture department will show "How Vocational Agriculture Affects the Merkel Community."

Miss Himalya Swafford will have charge of the music.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 4, 1918.)

EARL WHITE DEAD.

All the Merkel country was shadowed with a pall of sadness when word was flashed from Camp Bowie on December 20, stating that Lester Earl White had died in the Army Hospital there. Death occurred at 9 o'clock in the morning on that day and the body reached Merkel on the Sunshine Special that night. Earl is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White, one sister and three brothers, two of the brothers being in the service, George with the army at Camp Bowie and James with the navy at Great Lakes, Ill.

COMMERCIAL CLUB BANQUET.

Last Friday night the Commercial club had its second banquet for their wives and sweethearts and the soldier boys. Prof. Parker acted as toastmaster and to say that he did credit to the part is putting it entirely too mild; he simply carried off the honors. Thanks for the blessings of the old year were said by H. C. Williams. J. C. Mason spoke on "Appreciation of Our Boys at the Front," in his usual pleasing and eloquent style. He "brought the house down." Capt. R. I. Grimes replied in an eloquent manner, full of enthusiasm. He explained some of the details of army life. Hav-

RESIDENT OF TAYLOR COUNTY OVER 61 YEARS

Mrs. H. West Succumbs to Heart Attack at Her Home Here; Funeral Services Held Thursday Afternoon.

Mrs. H. West, who had lived 61 of her 67 years in Taylor county, died at 3:35 Wednesday afternoon at her home here, following a heart attack late Tuesday afternoon.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p. m. Thursday from the Merkel Methodist church, of which she was a member, with burial in the Dudley cemetery in the Elm Creek community. Rev. John H. Crow, Methodist pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church.

Born at Comanche Apr. 21, 1870, Margaret Puckett came to Buffalo Gap with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Silas Puckett, six years later. She lived most of her life in the Elm Creek community, moving to Merkel in 1915 where she had since made her home.

In 1888 she was married at Buffalo Gap to J. P. Dudley, and to the union seven children were born, six of whom survive. Mr. Dudley died in 1898, and was buried in the Dudley cemetery in the Elm Creek community.

In 1908 Mrs. Dudley married J. A. Wills, who died in 1919, and in 1923 she married H. West, who died in 1933.

The six children surviving are: Mrs. H. B. James, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Bessie Bush, Altus, Okla.; L. A. Dudley, Merkel; Mrs. Delia Perry, Merkel, Route 4; Mrs. Nola Payne, Oklaboma City, Okla., and J. P. Dudley, Dora. Also surviving are 20 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Economy Grocery Damaged By Fire

Fire at 1:30 a. m. Monday considerably damaged the store building occupied by the Economy grocery and their stock of groceries, water and smoke being responsible for much of the damage. While the origin of the fire is not definitely known, it is thought to have been due to defective wiring, as the ceiling in the rear of the building shows the worst damage. Insurance of \$1,000 was carried on the building which belongs to the Farmers State State bank and the Harwell estate. The grocery stock also carried some insurance.

T. O. Neill, who with D. D. Davis operates the Economy grocery, was badly cut on the right leg from falling glass from a rear window, which he kicked in, in attempting to break in the building.

ing just won his promotion and speaking so well on a subject so familiar, made his address the more pleasing and interesting and when he had finished every one felt like they stood just a little closer to the boys at the front.

Dr. Pae, Jim Black, Ira Armstrong and Mrs. Howard gave a quartette, "Keep the Home Fires Burning." "What the Red Cross Means to Me" was ably handled by Mrs. R. L. Bland, one of the most faithful workers at the Red Cross rooms.

Mrs. Lytton Howard and Miss Evelyn Williams gave a piano duet. "Commercial Club a Factor in Building Home Enterprises" was discussed by Walter Jackson.

Miss Lucy Tracy gave a reading so humorous that some of those present are laughing yet. Likewise did the song of Master John Mann, who will some day have complete command of the stage, have to be encored. Miss Ina Mae Adams and Parker Sharp sang a duet and then had to do it again. Benediction was by Dr. M. Armstrong.

The school board elected Mrs. Ann Sheppard as teacher of the seventh grade, taking the place of Miss Maurine Tidwell. Mrs. Sheppard is an experienced and capable teacher.

December 31--Last Day FALL BARGAIN RATES

Through Dec. 31, bargain rates will continue on all the daily papers, (except the Dallas News,) the Semi-Weekly Farm News and special magazine clubs in combination with the Merkel Mail.

Do not let the opportunity pass to supply your reading for next year at these money-saving club rates.

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Four Youths Injured
In Highway Accident

Fog and a slow drizzle of rain were responsible for the injury Monday night of four youths in an auto accident on highway 80, one mile west of Trent, all being brought to the Merkel hospital.

Billie Joe Bowers, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowers of Trent, was given first aid for body lacerations; Sonny Rosson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rosson of Taft, who was visiting in the A. W. Woods home, remains in the hospital with a broken leg; H. C. Ivy and Gene Ivy, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ivy, Sweetwater, guests in the Bowers home, were also given first aid for body lacerations and bruises.

Young Rosson was driving the car, which was almost completely demolished.

Attends Zone Meeting
Of Chevrolet Dealers

J. A. Grable, local Chevrolet dealer, attended a zone meeting of dealers in Dallas last week, afterwards returning to Throckmorton to join Mrs. Grable and John Bob for a holiday visit with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Lee and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Grable.

J. F. Grable and Mrs. Thomas Boyd and son are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Grable, while Mrs. Boyd is having some dental work done here.

Burgesses Visit Here.

After spending Christmas in Lubbock, R. A. Burgess, superintendent of the Perryton schools and former superintendent here, and Mrs. Burgess were visiting friends here this week.



FOR SALE

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—Costenchens home place in Merkel, also two small houses, block south of school buildings. For further information, address W. R. Costenches, Sweetwater, Texas.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Maytag Multimator Washer, in excellent condition. Pete Neill, Trent, Texas, Route 1.

DON'T SCRATCH! We guarantee our Paracide Ointment will relieve itching associated with eczema, athlete's foot or other minor skin irritations. A large jar only 60 cents at Merkel Drug company.

FOR SALE—Team of work horses. See Tom Kerns at Kerns Wrecking company.

FOR SALE—My home place, one block south of depot at Trent. See Mrs. D. J. Rawlings, Trent, Texas.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—My home, furnished or unfurnished. C. H. Jones.

WANTED

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

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—Auto ignition keys. Owner can get same by paying for this ad.

TAKEN UP—A cow got in my pasture about three weeks ago. Owner can get same by describing, paying for keep and paying for this ad. J. H. Clark, Merkel, Texas, Route 2.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Many reunions evidenced happiness and contentment for Trent families for Christmas Day and through the holidays. Some families chose Christmas Day, while convenience made Sunday the "get-together" day.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Vessels had several of their children and their families present to enjoy the Christmas holidays. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Vessels and two children, J. D. and Sarah Belle, of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Bondie Vessels and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vessels and two children of Royalty, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harris and sons of Trent, Hanley Vessels of Odessa, also Mrs. Vessels' sister, Mrs. Sallie Hobbs, and her daughter, Ella Hobbs, and Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Reeder and daughters, all of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rogers had as their guests through the holidays their children, Mr. and Mrs. Ancil O'Neal, and son, Bobby Lynn, of Brownfield; Mr. and Mrs. Elton Estes and son, Eddielea, of Blackwell; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rogers of El Paso. Luther McBurnett of Odessa was guest of friends over the holidays.

Mrs. Annie Boone had her children for a Christmas day lunch. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Boone and son, Jackie Benn, of Memphis; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Winn and three children of Sylvester; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boone and two sons, Trent, and Mrs. Joe Alexander and son, Winston, of Hobbs, N. M. Mr. and Mrs. Alton Boone attended a reunion of Mrs. Boone's parents held at the family home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Welch in Sweetwater. Mrs. Alexander returned to her home Monday; Mr. Alexander is still at the bedside of his father, M. T. Alexander, critically ill at his home in Lubbock.

Miss Evelyn Strickland of Eldorado spent the holidays with Miss Imagine Mangum.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Sr., and two of their three children were guests of another daughter, Mrs. John West, in Merkel Christmas Day. Present were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Randel of Quanah, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Jr., and son, Billy Gene, Trent, Mr. West and Gay West.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hale enjoyed the presence of their children through the holidays: Mr. and Mrs. John Crain and daughter, Lady Fred, Clayton Hale of Longview and Grace Estep of Goose Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English had as their guests Mrs. Joe English and two children of Lamesa and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff English of New Mexico.

Mrs. Beatrice Overmire of Mineral Wells spent Christmas with her son, Byron Dingle, Mrs. Dingle and their three children.

Mr. and Mrs. Tannie Jones and son, Lindley, of Crane, spent the Christmas holidays with home folks.

Mrs. Maga Minnis of Dallas was the Christmas guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duncan and J. B., Jr., spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor at Sonora.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep had as guests during the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogge and daughter, Billie Mae, of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Estep and daughter, Dorothy Nell, of Paint Rock, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Estep and two children, Trent, also a grandson, Clifford Rogge, student in Texas A. & M. college.

Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., chose Sunday for her family reunion. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Louie McRee and daughter, Sue, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McRee and three children, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McRee, Jr., Mrs. Bob Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McRee and son, Robertus, all of Trent, and Mrs. Gene Childs of Dallas.

Mrs. Doris Murdock and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Archer, all of Dallas, were holiday guests of Mrs. Mary Archer.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Johnson selected Christmas Eve to entertain their guests, their two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Terry and daughter, Johnnie Julia, Mrs. Casey Wash and daughter, Zotina, all of Odessa, also Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burks and Mr. and Mrs. Isom Burks. Mrs. Burks served the Christmas Day meal to the same group, which also included Mrs. Buddie Burks of Burnet and Mr. and Mrs. C. Estep. Mrs. Burks and Mrs. Johnson are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Bailey spent Christmas Day and Sunday with their sons, Clarence Rawlinson and Nelson Bailey, Mrs. Rawlinson, Donald Rawlinson, Mrs. Nelson Bailey of Dallas, and a daughter, Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Rawlinson and family of Abilene.

Mrs. Lena Mayes of Fort Worth spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. A. W. Woods, and Mr. Woods. Together they visited Mrs. J. W. Pomroy in Merkel.

Miss Sallie Freeman of Odessa spent the holidays with relatives here. Rev. and Mrs. Aisie Carleton are continuing their visit until the last of this week with Mrs. Carleton's par-

ents, Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Crutchfield, of Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Tittle are announcing the arrival of a guest to their home, named Cullen Jerry, weight 8 pounds and 14 ounces.

C. H. Bryant of Odessa was the guest of friends here Sunday, en route home after spending Christmas with relatives in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shouse had all of their six children on Christmas Day. They and their families are: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McWilliams and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick and children, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shouse and children, all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. John Payne and children, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shouse, also a granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Reneau, of Big Spring.

Mrs. A. R. Payne had as her guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams and son, Walter, Trent; Steve Payne, Aspermont; John Payne of Plainview, Mrs. John Payne, Miss Maga Payne and Curtis Payne, also Mr. and Mrs. George Stout, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bacon of Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sibley and daughter, Janice, and Joyce, Jean and Billy Payne.

Mrs. Jim Smith had all of her children with her except Mrs. Minnie Blackmon. Present were the children and their families who live here: Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hamner and children, Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Titsworth and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Quatebaum and children, also Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ogletree and son, Smithy, of White Flat, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Smith and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Russon and family, all of Lubbock. Mrs. Ellis Smith also visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bright had as their Christmas visitors the following children: Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Lester and two children of Tulia, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Halbrook and children of Loop, Beulah Bright of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Kegans and two children, also the children at home. Mr. and Mrs. Kegans entertained the group at their home in Trent on Christmas evening, at which gifts were distributed from a Christmas tree. Sunday night guests in the Kegans home were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wallace and daughter of Lubbock. Mrs. Wallace is Mr. Kegans' sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Springer entertained some out-of-town company during the holidays. They were Mr. and Mrs. Bo Springer and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Springer of Roxton; also their Christmas day guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jones. The entire group were guests of Mrs. Springer's sister in Spur Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McLeod had as their Christmas day guests part of their family. These included Mr. and Mrs. Joe English and children of Lamesa, Mrs. McLeod's brother, Otto Blackmon, and Mrs. Blackmon and their daughter, also of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Carleton McLeod and daughters of White Flat, Mr. and Mrs. Homer McLeod and family, Mr. and Mrs. Delmer McLeod of Goodman, also the children who reside near home.

CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse entertained in their home Christmas Eve with a family party. The rooms were gayly decorated in a profusion of Yuletide motifs. After an informal program, gifts were presented each from a tree glowing with colored lights.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shouse, Rev. and Mrs. R. O. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shouse and sons, Marcell, Charles Andy and Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shouse and children, O. C. Tag and Ima Ruth, of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. John Payne and children, Joyce, Jean and Billy, Trent; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rawlinson and son, Donald, and Mr. and Mrs. Nelsen Bailey, all of Dallas.

CAREY-MAXWELL.

Announcement has been made here of the marriage of Dorothy D. Maxwell and Clements Carey, which was solemnized on the afternoon of Dec. 23 in the home of Rev. Robert Smith of Lamesa, pastor of the Mungler Baptist church, with Rev. Mr. Smith reading the wedding vows. Ruth Elna Spruill and Raymond Jones were the couple's attendants.

Graduated from Lamesa high school in 1935, the bride is the attractive daughter of Mrs. R. H. Maxwell of Lamesa. She is the granddaughter of H. D. Maxwell, pioneer of Eastland county. Mr. Carey is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey, of Trent. Formerly of Merkel, where he attended high school, he has for the past two years made his home with a brother near Lamesa, where he has been engaged in farming.

Immediately after the ceremony, the couple left for a short automobile trip, spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Hermligh, Trent and Eastland county. After the first of the year they will make their home at Stith, where Mr. Carey will continue farming.

COCKERELL-CAREY.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John B.

Embry, 409 Crane street, Sweetwater, was the setting for the wedding of Blanche Carey of Trent, formerly of Merkel, and Rayford Cockerell of Breckenridge, which was solemnized on Christmas afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, with Rev. Wm. Aaron Cockerell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Mart, Texas, and brother of the groom, reading the single ring ceremony. The day was the anniversary of the bride's birthday and also the wedding anniversary of her oldest brother, M. F. Carey, of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Mrs. Cockerell underwent surgery recently at the Sweetwater hospital and was unable to be up, but was beautifully attired in pink satin and lace gown and wore a shoulder corsage of white carnations and fern.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey of Trent and is active in the church affairs of the Trent Baptist church. For the past six months and for the two years of 1934-35, she made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Embry.

Mr. Cockerell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cockerell of Breckenridge. He was graduated from the Graham high school, but for the past two years he and his parents have lived on their farm near Breckenridge. He is active in the Presbyterian church of that city, his best man being Herbert G. Markley, Jr., son of the minister there.

Others present for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey, Mrs. L. R. Cockerell, Mrs. Aaron Cockerell, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey and daughter of Trent, Miss Alice Carey, Lila Ruth and Johnny B. Embry, Sweetwater, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lofton, Hermligh.

As soon as the bride is well again, she will go to her husband at Breckenridge where they will reside.

CHRISTMAS WEDDINGS.

Don Cupid spelled weddings in large letters to several couples in and around Trent during the holidays.

Among those taking the marriage vows Christmas Eve were: Oscar Sherrill Bishop and Miss Ruby Faye Cooley. Mrs. Bishop is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cooley. They were married by Rev. John H. Crow, pastor of the Merkel Methodist church, at 8 o'clock Christmas Eve.

The couple plan to be at home on the Keyes farm after the first of the year.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bishop are active civic workers and took large part in the religious life of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Terry, close friends of the contracting parties, were witnesses to the ceremony.

Miss Elsie Bishop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop, became the bride of Wayne Bolin in a ring ceremony read by Dr. Millard Jenkins at the First Baptist church in Abilene Christmas Eve morning at 11:30 o'clock.

The bride was attired in blue satin, with black accessories. The couple were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Miller of Stamford, relatives of the groom.

After a brief honeymoon in Avoca, they are at home in Abilene where Mr. Bolin is employed by the Western Produce company.

Mrs. Bolin is a popular young lady, of pleasing personality, which has won for her many friends. She is an active lodge, church and charitable leader.

All of Trent wish for these charming couples immeasurable joy and prosperity.

Another Trent couple took their marriage vows Christmas Eve. They were Miss Margaret Washburn and O. W. Dickerson of the White Flat community. They were married by Rev. R. O. Bailey at his home here, attended by a group of close friends.

Friends and relatives of Henry Nalley have received announcements of his marriage to Miss Kelly. The wedding ceremony was read in Mission, where both the bride and groom reside. Mr. Nalley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Nalley, also of Mission.

CHRISTMAS PARTY GIVEN FOR CHURCH OFFICIALS

The board of Christian education, composed of officials of the Methodist church, held their annual Christmas party at the parsonage Friday night, Dec. 17, with the pastor, Rev. Aisie Carleton, and Mrs. Carleton as hosts.

Decorations were a lighted Christmas tree, gleaming in red and silver in the living room. The dining room and the entertaining rooms were adorned with cellophane poinsettias covering lights to reflect the chosen colors; the dining table was laid in red and white linen with silver candelabra and candles. Centerpiece was a mirror reflector surrounded by fir sprigs with silver icicles. Tiny Christmas trees were placed in vantage points about the rooms.

A chili supper followed a brief entertainment hour and a business session. Plans for the year were discussed wherein the election of Rev. R. O. Bailey was made. He will have charge of visitation and literature for

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members of the home department. The budget system was also discussed and approved for the following year.

Mrs. Alton Boone and L. D. Jones were named as regular musical directors of the choir of the church.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Poor, Herbert Daniel Poor, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Boone, Mrs. E. L. Mangum, Miss Imagine Mangum, Mrs. P. B. Johnson, Sr., Miss Beatrice Cooley, L. D. Jones, Ruby Cooley, Elsie Bishop, Rev. R. O. Bailey and the hosts.

RURAL SOCIETY

N. G. S. CLUB

Miss Louise Richie was hostess for a Christmas party Friday night, Dec. 17, to organize a club. Christmas decorations with the Christmas atmosphere gave everyone a Christmas spirit. Games of "42," dominoes, "monkey" and dumbbell were played. After the games the group went "Christmas Caroling."

At midnight the refreshments, cheese and pimento sandwiches, with cake and hot cocoa, were served.

A business meeting was then held and the following officers were elected: president, Louise Richie; vice-president, Tommie Whisenhunt; reporter, Fredia Farmer.

Names were chosen and gifts exchanged. Music and singing kept everyone awake until 3:30.

The following members were present: Loyce Whisenhunt, Fredia Farmer, Mildred McLean, Tommie Whisenhunt, Eulvalda Fox, Dorothy Sue Bird, Bonnie Lois Campbell, Mattie Reynolds and the hostess, Louise Richie; guests, D. J. Richie, B. B. Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Hammonds of Sweetwater.

BLUE BONNET CLUB.

The Blue Bonnet club met Monday, Dec. 20, and, after the business hour, gifts were exchanged from a lovely Christmas tree, and Mrs. Tom Russon served refreshments to the following:

Mesdames Adrian Farmer, Ben Butman, Tom Russon, Wade Ensminger, Joe Swinney, W. C. Mathews, A. R. Toombs, Jess Russon and Will Butman.

The first meeting for the New Year's work will be on Jan. 4. All members are requested to be present and receive the new year books.

WARREN CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY.

On the night of Wednesday, Dec. 22, members of the Warren club with their families met at the school house for a Christmas party. A short program was rendered by the school children and club members. Games were played and an old-fashioned spelling match afforded lots of fun. Santa arrived just in time to pass out the presents from the Christmas tree. Candy and apples were passed to

the following: Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker and family, Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Reeder and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Price and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Ely and family, Mrs. Raymond Brewer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Oddie Jones and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Hines, Hall Hobbs, Ella H. Louise Hudson, Myrl and Wilma Kelso, Bob and Hollis Hudson.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club held their annual Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Union Ridge school house, featuring a decorated tree with birthday "pal" gifts, and fruit for all, on and around the tree.

A program was rendered, which was very fitting for the Yuletide season. Then Santa Claus, accompanied by his wife, Anta Claus, distributed gifts, candy and fruit for all. A large concourse was present.

Next club meeting will be in the S. O. Patton home on Jan. 7, 1938, at 2 p. m.

DORA DOINGS

Well, here we are, after a nice Merry Christmas, and a lot of nice things to eat and visits with neighbors and friends; had two nice Christmas trees and nice programs at each.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Tyrone and children spent the holidays visiting her brother, Rev. George C. Hardy, and family of New Gulf, Texas.

Miss Lois Whisenhunt of Nubia spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. Willis Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Perry of Aspermont are here for a few days visiting relatives.

John Clark of Clovis, N. M., is here for a week visiting his grandmother, Mrs. J. T. Perry.

Rev. S. A. Gifford and family are spending the week in Dallas.

J. M. Holder is visiting his son and daughter in Brownwood this week.

Sy Dennis of Austin spent Christmas here with C. B. Linn and family.

Bob Ensminger and son, Robert, of Oklahoma were visiting with relatives and friends Christmas day.

Mrs. Oscar Ensminger was brought home from Sweetwater Sunday where she had been a patient last week. We are glad to report her doing nicely.

Mrs. John Holt is in Baird this week visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Holt.

Miss Dorothy Miller of Lubbock is visiting her grandfather, Ed Heller, this week.

Wilson's War Secretary Dies. Cleveland, O., Dec. 30.—Newton D. Baker, secretary of war in President Woodrow Wilson's cabinet, died suddenly Saturday, while a Christmas family reunion was in progress at his modest suburban home. He was 66.

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Bob Steele Scores Again in New Film Of West at Queen

"Arizona Gunfighter," Republic release, which shows Friday and Saturday at the Queen theatre, is a photoplay which should appeal to every Western fan. Bob Steele, the star, is an up-and-coming contender for the title of "All-American Cowboy." In addition to being everything that a he-man cowboy should be, he is handsome, romantic, and has a way with the ladies.

"Arizona Gunfighter" promises a new plot angle, and plenty of thrills and suspense. Steele takes the role of Colt Ferron, who avenges the ruthless murder of his father and is forced to escape from the law. He lies wounded and near death in the mountain fastness when he is rescued by Wolf Whitson, leader of the notorious Jackpine gang of cattle rustlers and outlaws. In nursing Colt back to health, a father-and-son bond develops between the two, and Wolf decides to forsake the outlaw trail and reform.

He makes his followers swear to go straight, and the gang breaks up, Wolf, after giving Colt a ranch, disappears.

Colt proves to be an excellent rancher, and makes his ranch pay. He wins the respect of all his neighbors, and the love of Beth Lorimer, played by Jean Carmen. Suddenly the Jackpine Gang emerges from the supposedly dead past and ravages the countryside. Colt, disappointed at first by Wolf's apparent faithlessness, learns later that the latter has nothing to do with the revival of the gang, but is instead doing time in prison for the murder Colt committed to avenge his father's death.

Jean Carmen, who is famed as Hollywood's most amazing girl athlete, is cast in the feminine lead, and an all-star western supporting cast includes Ted Adams, Ernie Adams, Lew Meehan, Steve Clark and others.

Gene Raymond, Ann Sothern Romp Again in "She's Got Everything"

After a long separation, during which each appeared in pictures without the other, Gene Raymond and Ann Sothern are reunited in "She's Got Everything," showing for New Year's Eve preview at the Queen theatre.

During the interval, Miss Sothern played in "Super Sleuth," with Jack Oakie, and "There Goes the Groom," with Burgess Meredith and Mary Boland. Raymond meanwhile has appeared in the all-star "The Life of the Party" with Harriet Hillard, Joe Penner, Parkyakarkus and a host of others.

The film is said to be their best co-starring vehicle. A romping story of a penniless society girl whose creditors are trying to marry her off to a wealthy man, "She's Got Everything" is loaded with hilarious situations suiting the peculiar talents of the able cast, which includes Victor Moore, Helga Broderick, Parkyakarkus, Billy Gilbert, Sally Ward and William Brisbane.

Joseph Santley directed "She's Got Everything" for RKO Radio.

"The Perfect Specimen" For Saturday Preview Also Monday-Tuesday

Errol Flynn, that handsome young Irish actor who leaped to fame overnight in "Captain Blood" a couple of years ago and then carried on with "The Charge of the Light Brigade," "Green Light" and "The Prince and the Pauper," comes to the Queen theatre for the Saturday night preview, also Monday and Tuesday, in a modern American comedy-drama called "The Perfect Specimen."

The story deals with an eccentric old lady possessed of many millions who has an ambition to see her grandson raised as an altogether perfect young man, and who for that reason supplies him with an abundance of tutors but keeps him confined to the limits of the family's vast estate.

A young village girl—Joan Blondell—manages to break into the virtual prison and meet the young man. She succeeds in getting him outside of his bounds, and he begins to understand and love the world without.

That gives you a general idea of the possibilities of the story. It was written by Samuel Hopkins Adams, who authored "It Happened One Night," and was adapted into screen form by the quartet of Norman Reilly Rains, Lawrence Riley, Brewster Morse and Fritz Falkenstein. Michael Curtiz was the director. Mike is the same man who guided Flynn through "Captain Blood" and "The Charge of the Light Brigade."

Others in the cast include May Robson, Hugh Herbert, Edward Everett Horton, Allen Jenkins, Beverly Roberts, Dick Foran and Dennis Moore.

This is Errol Flynn's first essay at out-and-out comedy, and he is said to be excellent.

Boris Karloff in Queen Melodrama

With Boris Karloff, famed character star, "West of Shanghai," a thrilling melodrama of North China, is scheduled to be shown Wednesday and Thursday at the Queen theatre.

Karloff's part this time is far from the "horror" things that he has done in the past. He is a Chinese bandit general, good-humored and sympathy-winning. Of course, he has a striking make-up, as might be expected of Karloff. But he'll be frightening no children in this piece; instead he'll make them laugh.

With the celebrated star in "West of Shanghai" will be seen Beverly Roberts and Sheila Bromley, in the leading feminine roles; Ricardo Cortez, Gordon Oliver and Vladimir Sokoloff, together with a large cast of Chinese players.

The remote interior of North China has seldom if ever before been portrayed on the screen, and the settings of "West of Shanghai," therefore, are pronounced unusual and picturesque. For one scene an entire Chinese hamlet was built and peopled by several hundred extras. With the current situation in China so much in front of the public mind, this picture should prove of great interest.

"West of Shanghai" was directed by John Farrow.

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We wish to express our appreciation to those whose thoughtful deeds and tender words of sympathy brought comfort to our hearts in the loss of our beloved father.

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BLAIR ITEMS

College students home for the holidays include Misses Sarah Malone from Texas Tech, Lucy Moore from Abilene Christian college, Elwina Doan and Margie Melton from Draughton's Business college and Criswell Doan from Draughton's.

The nice rains that fell last week and this have put smiles on the faces of the small grain growers, being also a benefit to pasturage.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips of California are visiting with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown, for an indefinite time.

H. E. Farmer of Fort Clark, en route to the White Church community to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer, Sr., was seen in our midst Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and sons of Red Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Helms and children of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brooks of Tuscola were week-end guests of Mrs. Eli Brooks and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan and family of Post visited their mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, Christmas Day and other relatives while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer and son of Snyder visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell, through the holidays.

Mrs. Jessie Wilson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore and sons of Red Springs, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton and children of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. D. Moore and family of Tye spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore.

Mrs. Melt Hand and children and Mrs. McLory and son of Trent visited their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Sunday.

Miss Ada Stamford of Abilene visited Misses Sarah and Neva Malone last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer and children left the past week for Arizona to spend the holidays with their son, Odell Latimer, and other relatives at that place.

Misses Louise and Madlyn Addison are spending the holidays with their uncle, Mr. and Mrs. D. Addison and family of San Angelo.

Mrs. W. L. Whatley left for Waco recently to visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Colen Whatley, for an indefinite time.

Mrs. Wilson of Anson spent Christmas

mas with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Crate Wilson.

Rev. Eugene Hall, Baptist pastor, will fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church on Sunday, Jan. 2. Come to our services.

Probably there were visitors in and out that "ye scribe" failed to get; if so, send in the news and we will be glad to report for next issue. So here's wishing everyone happiness, health and prosperity in the new year.

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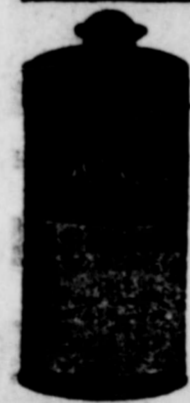
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GOODMAN NEWS

Saturday night, Dec. 18, the P.-T. A. members enjoyed a bounteous supper in the home economics room. Readings were given by Carl Jr. Bonneaux and Miss Johnson. Then every one took part in games and contests.

Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 22, the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades greatly enjoyed a visit from their room-mother, Mrs. Bud Winters. She read a very interesting story, asked riddles, and served Christmas candies and gum.

Our room takes this opportunity to express our thanks to Mrs. J. W.

Tiner for the money to buy fifteen library books. They have arrived and are being eagerly read. Books from the circulating library at Anson are also greatly enjoyed.

Tuesday night, Dec. 14, the Goodman Seniors were entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Friend, with a Spanish party. The rooms were decorated with plants and objects typical of Old Mexico, and the costumes of the guests added a gala effect. After a program of games and music the guests were served the following menu: tomato a la Espanola, chili con carne, tamales, dulces and Java.

This party is one long to be remem-

bered for it was here that two guests, Mr. Switzer and Miss Hazel Swinney, discovered they had an excellent talent for playing the "hum-horns," and have promised to remember a special program in chapel soon.

Wednesday the primary room was visited by their room-mother, Mrs. Bonneaux, who had asked Santa Claus to pay us a personal visit. He gave each of us a bag of fruit, nuts and candy. Miss Johnson was surprised with a bountiful fruit shower.

Thursday Bobby Frank Hughes and Mary Sue Donley were the honorees of a birthday luncheon given by their mothers in the home ec. room.

We were glad to have as a visitor in our school Thursday, Miss Mildred Steadman, a former teacher at Goodman.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Phillips, from Hyman, Texas, were at the Christmas tree Thursday afternoon.

The 6th and 7th grades gave a play-let, "Contributions to Christmas," and sang "Jingle Bells," in chapel Tuesday morning.

A large crowd attended the Christmas program given in the High School auditorium Tuesday night.

School turned out Thursday afternoon, after the Christmas tree, for

the holidays. Work will be resumed Jan. 3, 1938.

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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Hundreds of entries reveal Southwest has many "Candid Camera Amateurs" with outstanding Talent!

Your gas company is happy to announce the prize winners in its photo contest. During the ten-week period, October 11 to December 18, hundreds of photographs were received. They came from practically every town and city on Lone Star System. So very excellent were they that picking the ten best for each week was no easy task for the judges. The gas equipment shown in so many of the photographs impressed the judges with this one fact: People living in the Southwest appreciate the value and benefits of better gas heat.

We sincerely thank each and every one of you for the very excellent photographs submitted.

The Four Grand Prize Winners:

- 1st. Dr. Clarence E. Gilmore \$100.00 204 Liberty National Bank Building, Paris, Texas
2nd. GEO. I. FETZER \$75.00 213 South Waverly Drive, Dallas, Texas
3rd. MRS. RUBY F. CLEMENTS \$50.00 2217 Misiletoe Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas
4th. MRS. J. D. COULTER \$25.00 210 East Wise Street, Bowie, Texas

\$10.00 in cash was awarded to these 100 entrants for the 10 best Photos of each week of contest

Table with 5 columns: 1st WEEK, 2nd WEEK, 3rd WEEK, 4th WEEK, 5th WEEK, 6th WEEK, 7th WEEK, 8th WEEK, 9th WEEK, 10th WEEK. Lists names and locations of winners for each week.

LONE STAR Community Natural Gas Co. GAS SYSTEM

PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mrs. A. D. Fulton and daughters are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Marlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Self, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Self, Jr., and Miss Joysue Self visited during Christmas with Mrs. Self's sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Riley, at Henderson.

Harold Miller went to Rusk to spend the holidays with his parents.

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Tipton were Mrs. Eugene Petty of Dallas, Miss Maurine Tipton of Ballinger and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tipton of Sweetwater.

Sterling Sheppard of the Dallas Journal staff and Mrs. Sheppard returned Sunday to Dallas after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard.

F. A. Polley left last Friday night to visit his brother, Earl Polley, at Mesquite during the holidays.

Misses Maxine and Joe Marie Abernathy of Wichita Falls are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Abernathy.

Returning to their home at Honey Grove from a visit to Stamford, Mrs. Earl Moran and son were passing guests Wednesday of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Witcher.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stockbridge spent Christmas in Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sharp and daughter of Hobbs, N. M., were here during the holidays for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp and Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Davis of Glenn, Dickens county, were Christmas visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sanders.

J. N. Carson and family, accompanied by E. O. Carson, visited another son, Pearl Carson, and family at Spur during Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Berdelle Adcock, home for the holidays from Menard where she teaches school, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Duke at Waco. Mrs. Duke is a sister of Mrs. Adcock. The latter remained at Waco, going later from there to the Scott & White sanitarium at Temple.

Christmas guests in the Frank Hamm home were Mr. and Mrs. Guy Darsey and daughter, Jane, from Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hill of Wink.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Popham had as their visitors during Christmas week Mr. and Mrs. J. C. James of Paducah and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Popham of Fort Worth.

Dr. J. P. Howard and son, Jasper Penn, went to Lubbock for a Christmas visit with his father and brother.

Benny Sheppard, who was home for Christmas week, returned Monday night to Hobbs, N.M., where he is employed. Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Gee of Dublin were also Christmas guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker enjoyed having three of their sons home for Christmas: Taylor Tucker, from Vernon; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tucker and son, Altus, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tucker and three children from Plainview.

Isadore Mellinger, who was home for the holidays from Clarendon where he is engaged in business, returned Sunday. Sylvan Mellinger, student in the University of Texas, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger.

Deputy Sheriff W. E. Lowe was privileged to have a week's vacation during the holidays, which he spent here at home with his wife and son.

Miss Duncan Briggs was over from Abilene to spend Christmas with her mother. Other guests in the Briggs home were Misses Adrienne and Mary Merkel Steele, of Ringling, Okla., nieces of Mrs. Briggs, Bert Bannister of Austin and Pete Crawford of Ardmore, Okla.

Mrs. John Woodrum and two daughters, Misses Winter Dean and Jannell, were Christmas week visitors with her sisters, Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum.

Friends are welcoming Mrs. Emory Jones home from a stay of several months at Sanatorium.

Mr. and Mrs. George Caple returned Monday from a Christmas visit with their parents at Waco and Aquila. Miss Loraine McGaughy, who accompanied them, remained over for a longer visit in Waco.

Mrs. Silas Jones, who had been in Texarkana for some time, returned before Christmas to her home with her son, Charlie Jones, here. Other guests for Christmas in the Jones home were Rev. and Mrs. H. I. Robinson, his brother-in-law and sister, of Texarkana, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Old, his son-in-law and daughter, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren had as their Christmas guests their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Coit, and family of Dallas.

Miss Johnnie Sears

Farrow left Sunday for Dallas to join a party for a tour of Old Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex McCollum of Texline were Christmas visitors with her father, J. W. Wheeler, and other relatives.

Manager Norman T. Hodge of the Queen theatre and Mrs. Hodge and two children returned Monday night from a Christmas visit with Mrs. Hodge's mother, Mrs. T. A. Clarida, at Terrell.

Dr. Jack A. Crow, of St. Paul hospital, Dallas, and Mrs. Crow spent Christmas week here with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. John H. Crow. Other guests in the Crow home were a brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bull and daughter of Lefors, and Mrs. W. A. Parmelly, a sister-in-law of Mrs. Crow, of Goree.

Holiday guests of Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Walker and family were their son, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Walker and little daughter of Paris, and A. F. Walker of Bairdstown, the latter a brother of Rev. Mr. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. M. Sumpter and two sons, who now reside at Waddell, Ariz., are spending Christmas week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter, here, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin of Trent.

O. R. Carey of Post and T. T. Carey of Lamesa were business visitors in Merkel and Abilene Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carey and four children had previously paid a Christmas visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Campbell and two children of Lamesa spent Christmas here with his mother, Mrs. W. W. Campbell, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore spent the holidays in Abilene with Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Jr., of San Antonio spent Christmas here, visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Golladay and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Sr. They carried Mary Fay, their daughter, who had been visiting here the past month, back home with them.

Mrs. W. H. Dunning, who has charge of a project house at A. & M. college, and her son, Billy Dunning, a student at A. & M., were Christmas visitors here with Mrs. W. J. Campbell and other relatives and friends.

Postmaster and Mrs. Wrenn Durham were in Brownwood to spend Christmas with Mrs. Durham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clements.

R. A. Ensminger of Deridder, La., a former Merkel resident, was a visitor during Christmas week with his brothers, J. H. and W. H. Ensminger, and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter and daughter, Rose Mary, of Big Spring, came for a Christmas visit with Mrs. Lassiter's mother, Mrs. J. N. Teaff, and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. E. J. Graves of Lubbock is visiting her sisters, Mrs. T. J. Melton and Mrs. O. J. Adcock.

J. B. Davidson, a student at North Texas State Teachers college, Denton, was a visitor of Miss Margaret Miller, who was home for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Tomas W. Brown and family arrived Monday from Fort Worth for a holiday visit with his mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown, and other relatives.

Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wilson were their two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson and daughter from Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilson of Tyler, the latter being accompanied by Mrs. Wilson's father, Mr. Harris, also of Tyler.

Mrs. V. B. Sublett is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Edith Gilmore, at Carlsbad, N. M., while Verner is repairing some oil field engines near Toyah.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Foy were up from Baird to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry West.

Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins are spending Christmas week with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Massey, at Denton. Returning home Mr. and Mrs. Collins will be accompanied by her mother, Mrs. J. I. Lamon, of Trent, who went home with Mr. and Mrs. Massey before Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell and daughter, Doris, spent the Christmas holidays at Bronte with their mother and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Leverich and son returned Sunday to their home at Odessa after a Christmas visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stanford.

Randal McNiece, student at A. & M. college, is spending the holidays at home with his mother, Mrs. J. J. McNiece, who also enjoyed visits during Christmas from her other children away from here, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McNiece and family of Lawn and Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Steakley and family of Oplin.

With Miss Aline McAninch home

from Texas State College for Women, Denton, other visitors in the W. T. McAninch home were two other daughters, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor of Lewisville and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Earthman of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray and son, Gordon, home from A. & M. college, and daughter, Mabel, returned Tuesday from a Christmas visit with another son, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Murray and with Mrs. Murray's sister, Mrs. J. W. McConnell, both of Pampa. Supt. and Mrs. Connor Robinson divided the Christmas vacation time between their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Robinson of Rotan and Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Surface of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Guthrie and son, Allan Kimball, of Big Spring and Rev. and Mrs. Russell Pike and family of O'Donnell were Christmas visitors with their mother, Mrs. J. R. Pee.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Connell had as their guests during Christmas Junior and Stanley Connell of Big Spring.

Mrs. David Watkin and daughter of Corpus Christi are visiting her mother, Mrs. Charlie Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McGee and son, J. J., of Fort Worth are guests this week of Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum.

With Miss Marie Pinckley home from Irene where she teaches school and Miss Fay Pinckley home from North Texas State Teachers college at Denton, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley also enjoyed a Christmas visit from another daughter, Rev. and Mrs. Roy Patterson from Booker. The latter also visited Mr. Patterson's mother, Mrs. Lela Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Shafer of Dallas and Rev. and Mrs. Paul Collins and son of Shawnee, Okla., are spending the week with their mother, Mrs. Seth Hamilton, the latter couple also visiting Paul's mother, Mrs. J. M. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Collins of Lamesa were Christmas visitors with his mother, Mrs. J. M. Collins, and other relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Armstrong and daughter, Mary Jo, of Fort Worth returned home Monday after a short holiday visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong. Mrs. Cora Swain of Moody, sister of Grandma Armstrong, is also here visiting in the Armstrong home.

Dutton Williamson, student in A. & M. college, joined his brother, Bobby Williamson, here to spend Christmas at Fort Stockton.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hale have as their guest this week a nephew, Ralph Roach, of Mineral Wells. Wade Roach, another nephew, spent last week-end here.

Guests in the home of Ms. S. A. Derstine Wednesday were Mrs. Floyd Chaney and two sons, Burrell and Jim, and little granddaughter, Dana Lou, of Roswell, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Derstine and daughter, Dana, returned to their home at Lamesa Wednesday after spending the Christmas holidays visiting relatives and friends here.

COLLEGE STUDENTS HOME.

Truett Patterson, A. C. Sears, Jack Sublett, Clifton Bellamy and Misses Laverne and Nell Hughes, from Texas Tech; Miss Betty Grimes from Texas State College for Women, Denton; Jack Patterson from Rice Institute; David Gamble and Miss Billie Gardner from the University of Texas, and Norman King and Misses Mary Helen Mashburn, Phyllis Smith, Sis Gamble and Jane Ferguson were among the college students home for Christmas, besides a number of others mentioned elsewhere in the columns of reunions and personal items.

Similarly, Misses Mary Kate Campbell, Amarillo; Minnie Lee Coats, Coleman; Jess Sutphen, Wichita Falls; Martha Bird, Graham; Evelyn Curb, Abilene; and Imogene Hayes, Odessa, were among Merkel's quota of teachers who spent the holidays at home.

Retains Same Role In Nativity Pageant

Denton, Dec. 30.—Beginning a four-year cycle, Miss Betty Grimes of Merkel played a role in the recent nativity pageant at Texas State College for Women. She will keep this part during the rest of her college career, just as the characters in the original pageant at Oberammergau keep their roles throughout the years.

Miss Grimes, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Grimes, worked under the college speech faculty. The play was written by Dr. L. H. Hubbard, president of the college, and was presented for the first time last year. It was given to a full house this year.

Quin Enters Race
San Antonio, Dec. 30.—Mayor C. K. Quin of San Antonio announced his intention Monday to file for the democratic candidacy for governor of Texas in the 1938 primaries, "provided Ma Ferguson doesn't run."

Office supplies—Mail office.

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Says a Merkel Fire Department Rookie

Going to be forced to put a loud speaker on the siren to waken some of the mugs. The boys who turned out Sunday night (Monday 1 a. m.) seem to have been to fire practice, I betcha. The old Dodge carried so much Christmas cheer Friday that she became sophisticated and nearly balked at pitching hose, but lots of members do that.

Seems there was an argument about turning water into the smoke before the fire could be seen and the "against side" won.

Some guy said to get a used truck chassis for \$150, a new Booster pump for \$165, build a storage tank on truck for about \$100, buy about \$100 worth of small hose, and Merkel would have something to talk about. We are all ready to work on it. A good farm house saved is money in circulation.

For some of these small house fires fifty gallons of water will do lots of good and less water damage.

—From a M. F. D. Rookie.

New Rock Service Station Now Open

The striking new rock service station erected on the highway east of town is now open for business, according to announcement carried in an advertisement in this issue of The Mail.

Mrs. Hazel A. Morehead is owner and proprietor. A complete line of Conoco products will be carried.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.



BUY THIS 2-PIECE LIVING ROOM SUITE

Upholstered in High Grade Tapestry—
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Reasonably Priced at\$47.50
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THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS FRIDAY & SATURDAY, Dec 31-Jan. 1

- Apples, Delicious, doz. .23c
- Oranges, dozen19c
- Grapefruit, 4 for15c
- Lettuce, head5c
- Celery, bunch12c
- Rutabagas, pound4c
- Cranberries, pound15c
- Spuds, 10 pounds19c
- A-1 Soda
- Crackers, 2 lb. box19c
- Red and White
- Cranberry Sauce, can12c
- Almonds and
- Walnuts, pound17c
- Red and White
- Pumpkin, No. 2 can, 3 for 25c
- Red and White
- Grape Jam, 27 oz. jar25c
- Whole Wheat
- Flour, 3 lb. bag19c
- Shredded
- Ralston, pkg.15c
- Ever Fresh
- Prunes, per can10c
- Our Value
- Peas, No. 2 can10c
- Crystal
- Spinach, No. 2 can10c
- No. 2 1-2 can12c
- Red and White
- Soap, 5 bars19c
- Early Riser
- Coffee, pound15c
- Pure Cane
- Sugar, cloth bag, 10 lbs. .55c
- Evaporated
- Peaches, 2 pounds27c
- Jell-O, per pkg.5c
- Shortening, 4 lb. carton 45c
- Sliced Bacon, pound25c
- Salt Pork, pound15c
- Cheese, pound25c

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

WEST COMPANY, Merkel A. W. WOOD, Trent
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GOSDIN BROS., Blair



SHELTON-HUNTER.

Two well known families of this community became united on last Wednesday evening when Miss Wanda Hunter became the bride of Lynn Shelton in a pretty home ceremony. Simplicity marked all details of the wedding, the Rev. John Crow officiating, at 7 o'clock.

Wanda is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter. A graduate of Merkel High, she attended McMurry college, Abilene, and Draughon's Business college at Lubbock. For the past two years she has been employed at the Farmers State bank and will continue in this capacity. She is a very popular leader in young people's work and also holds membership in the Junior Study club. She was beautifully gowned in black velvet for her wedding with accessories in gold and white.

Lynn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Shelton. He graduated from Merkel High school and is at present employed at the Paul Douglass Filling station. Energetic and popular, a great measure of success is predicted for him in the business world.

Immediately following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Shelton left for an automobile trip to San Angelo; on their return they occupied their newly furnished home, the "Haynes Cottage" on Austin street.

Guests for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Moore and Marvin Hunter.

HUGHES-RUSSELL.

The marriage of Miss Nina Bell Russell and Mr. Carl Hughes will be of interest to a wide circle of friends both here in Merkel and in the Blair community. The ceremony was read by Dr. T. S. Knox in the First Presbyterian church, Abilene, on Wednesday evening, December 22, at 9 o'clock.

The bride is the younger daughter of Mrs. J. J. Russell and the late John Russell. Following graduation here, Nina Bell attended Abilene Christian college and West Texas State Teachers college at Canyon. She has been a popular faculty member of the Blair school for three years. She is included in all educational, musical, religious and social activities of the town and community life.

The groom is the son of Mr. John Hughes, respected pioneer family; he is actively engaged in farming at Blair where he has just completed a new home. He is popular and aggressive and sincerest congratulations and good wishes go with them both for a happy married life.

LILES-STANLEY.

The rural home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley was the scene of a pretty wedding on Sunday morning when their daughter, Miss Gertrude Stanley, became the bride of Cleo Liles in a Yuletide setting.

Pre-nuptial music was given by Loucille Justice and Mildred Browning. Miss Justice sang "All For You" and Miss Browning played "Water Nymph's Love Dream" as a processional and during the ceremony "Shubert's Serenade." Rev. Luther Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church in Amherst, performed the single ring ceremony. Miss Leola Varner was maid of honor to Miss Stanley while Ralph Liles served his brother as best man.

The bride is the very attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley, of the Stith community. She is a graduate of Merkel High and is supervisor of public school music at Amherst. For something old she wore a small ruby and pearl necklace that her mother wore when a girl. She also carried her mother's Bible. White satin streamers, on which were tied white rosebuds and fern, hung from the Bible matching the corsage worn by the bride. For a going-away suit, Mrs. Liles wore a open blue dress with gray top coat. Hat and other accessories were of red earth.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Liles of Amherst and is engaged in farming. He has recently built and furnished a new home in Amherst. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for a short wedding trip to San Angelo and other South Texas points.

Those present: Mr. and Mrs. Clark Church, Mrs. Walter Kelso and Earlene Kelso, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Berry, Robert Wayne and Laura Berry, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hodges, H. C. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Spears and son, Bobby Jo, of Wellington, Luella Rogers of Hamlin, Christine Collins, Loucille Justice, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Browning, Horace, Billy Ray and Mildred Browning, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rogers, Jr., and Jackie Charles, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Patterson and children, Ira, Pearl and Billy, of Lubbock, J. Glaze of Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears, Mr. Clovis Stanley, Rev. Luther Jenkins, Charlie Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley.

CYPERT-HUMPHREY.

With Rev. John H. Crow, pastor of the Methodist church, the celebrant, the marriage of Miss Mildred Humphrey, niece of Mrs. W. W. Campbell and William Robert (Pinkie) Cypert, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Cypert of Abilene, took place at 10 o'clock Christmas morning at the home of the bride's aunt here, with only a few members of the immediate family present.

The daughter of J. E. Humphrey of Castor, La., Mrs. Cypert came here four years ago to attend school, making her home with her aunt, and is a popular member of this year's Senior class. The groom, who formerly lived here and is a graduate of Merkel High school, is making splendid progress in the business world, being at present manager of the Hughes Food market at Roby.

After a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will be at home at Roby.

COUPLES' CLASS PARTY.

On Tuesday evening of last week the Couples' class of the Methodist church held its annual class party, banquet and Christmas tree. The evening's entertainment began by the singing of Christmas carols, followed by a short talk by Pat Davis on "Why We Celebrate Christmas." Presents were passed to the class members, after which a delicious turkey dinner with all the "fixins'" was partaken by the following members and guests: Messrs. and Mesdames J. A. Grable, Johnny Cox, Milton Case, L. B. McClain, Chester Collinsworth, Raymond Ferguson, Ted Bicknell, Elmo Collins, Earl Watts, Ray Wilson, E. B. Wallace, Spencer Bird, Vernon Hudson, Wrenn Durham, Pat Davis, Rev. and Mrs. John H. Crow, Messrs. Dillard Dunn and L. B. English.

REUNION OF CLASS OF '34.

The class of 1934, M. H. S., was entertained Monday evening by Miss Bessylea Church in her home where the New Year's theme was carried out using blue and silver in the appointments.

After games of progressive "42" were played, a refreshment plate of pecan pie and coffee was served to the following: Messrs. and Mesdames L. V. Moore, Woodrow Patton and Harold King and Mrs. Lynn Shelton; Messrs. Jack Patterson, Howard Carson and David Gamble; Misses Wadeline Huskey, Faye Pinckley, Lois Whiteley, Billy Gardner and the hostess.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On Monday afternoon, Dec. 20, in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. L. A. Watts, Wanda Jean Tipton celebrated her fifth birthday. The rooms were decorated with Christmas colors and a lighted tree where each little guest placed their gift. Readings were given and pinning on Santa's pack was played, the prize going to Dickey Sears for knowing just how Santa Claus carried his pack.

Then came the cutting of the red and green birthday cake, carrying out a red and green color scheme. Cocoa and hot chocolate, with tiny Santa Clauses as plate favors, were served to Creta Key Case, Peggy Scott, Joe Marvayn Tipton, Anne Booth, Dickey Sears, Leland Mundy, Charlotte Harwell, Zedie Glynn Johnson, Wayne Tipton, and Melba Watts, Mesdames Milton Case, L. A. and Earl Watts, S. G. and Lee Tipton and the honoree.

Y. W. A. GIRLS.

The Y. W. A. girls, with their sponsor, Mrs. F. C. McFarland, went Christmas caroling Thursday night, Dec. 23, then went to the home of Pearl Mathews where they enjoyed games and a Christmas tree.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Joyce Renfro, Margie Hogan, Mary Nell Morgan, Grovone Ford, Dorma Lee Shelton, Rachael Patterson, Fannell Gray, Frances Higgins, Mrs. McFarland, Pearl Mathews, and one visitor, Phyllis Smith.

Brother-in-Law of J. Ben Campbell Dies

J. Ben Campbell received a telegram Wednesday night of last week advising him of the death of his brother-in-law, W. A. Akin, at Carnegie, Okla. Pneumonia caused his death.

Mrs. Akin is Mr. Campbell's only sister. Besides the wife, five sons survive.

Merkel Hospital Notes

T. H. Hass, who was slightly injured when a car hit him on Thursday of last week, is doing nicely.

Claude Rosson, Jr., of Taft, one of four victims of a car wreck Monday night, who sustained a fractured leg, is still at the hospital. Of the other three, Billie Joe Bowers of Trent was given first aid, Gene Ivy, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ivy of Sweetwater, was given first aid but kept over night, and another son of Mr. Ivy was also given first aid and dismissed.

Joe Weston entered the hospital Wednesday for observation, and two had tonsillectomies during the week, Alvin Wozencraft and Bobbie Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Gilbert.

A son was born at the hospital Christmas Day to Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Tittle of Trent.

Turkey Day

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turkey and can of upper lube by W. A. Stockbridge, Magnolia agent, (divided.)

A. L. Rodgers—A turkey; Kirby Steadman, \$5 cash.

Mrs. Myrtle Boden—A turkey; H. B. Robertson, battery charge at Black's Radio shop.

O. B. Williams—A duck and \$1 cash.

Buster Hester—A guinea and \$1 cash.

Glenn Talbert—A turkey and grease job by C. H. Jones Magnolia Filling station.

Mrs. W. T. Lung of Oklahoma—A turkey from the association and a turkey donated by Merkel Produce company, (two turkeys).

W. P. Scott—A turkey; L. P. Reynolds and Edgar Tipton divided \$5 cash.

E. C. Kitchen—A duck and \$1 cash.

Faby Mashburn—A guinea and \$1 cash.

Buy \$5 TB Bond.

At a business meeting held prior to their Christmas party on Tuesday of last week, the Fortnightly Study club voted to buy a \$5 bond from the Taylor County Tuberculosis association. The same club also donated \$5 cash for the Merkel Goodfellows fund.

Prize Winners in Photo Contest of Gas Company Announced

Dr. Clarence E. Gilmore, of Paris is announced as first grand prize winner in the Lone Star Gas System photograph contest which closed Dec. 18. His award is \$100. George I. Fetzer of Dallas received second award of \$75; Mrs. Ruby F. Clements of Fort Worth, third with \$50; and Mrs. J. D. Coulter of Bowie, fourth with \$25.

Announcement of the grand prize awards is made this week by the gas company through an advertisement appearing in this issue of the paper. A complete list of winners of weekly \$10 awards made during the contest is also given in the gas system's advertisement. A total of 100 \$10 prizes was given by the company, ten each week during the contest, which opened Oct. 11, for the ten best pictures submitted.

The picture which won first prize of \$100 for Dr. Gilmore, submitted during the ninth week of the contest, was used to illustrate the advertisement announcing the awards. It shows Dr. Gilmore's young son, attired in sleeping garments, backed up to a gas floor furnace for a final warming up before retiring.

Mr. Fetzer's picture which won second award of \$75 was submitted during the second week of the contest. It is a view through a window at night, looking into a cozy living room heated by a gas radiant heater.

Winner of the third grand prize of \$50 was an entry made by Mrs. Clements during the fourth week of the contest. It shows eleven bright eyed youngsters, busy with books and toys, in a cheerful kindergarten room heated by a gas circulator. The fourth prize winning entry which brought \$25 to Mrs. Coulter was submitted during the second week and shows a family group in a living room heated by a gas circulator.

Presbyterian W. M. S.

The missionary society of Grace Presbyterian church will meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 at the church, with Mrs. Connor Robinson leader. The lesson program centers around China, with discussions to be had by Mesdames R. A. Walker, J. R. Walling, John West, Henry West, Jim West and Mrs. Robinson. All ladies of the church are urged to be present.

QUEEN THEATRE

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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Last Sunday, the day after Christmas, found only 415 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here, as compared with 601 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 483 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.

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.

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.

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.

Clark Mundy, teacher of the Business Men's Bible class of the First Baptist church, will make a talk at the young people's meeting Sunday evening at 6:15, following the opening prayer, song service and announcements.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

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

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Our revival closed Sunday night with eight professions of faith. Rev. Herschel Murphy of Cisco conducted the evangelistic services.

We will have watch night service beginning at 7:30 Friday night.

Other services as usual next Sunday and through the week.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

Bananas	Lettuce, large heads	5c
Lrg. yellow fruit	Celery, well bleached	15c
Doz.	Carrots, bunch	5c
Apples	Fresh Tomatoes, pinks, lb	10c
Fancy Jonathans	Rutabaga Turnips, lb.	4c
Doz.	Cabbage, pound	4c
Oranges	Kilm Dried	
Calif. med. size	Yams, fine cookers, lb.	5c
Doz.	Fresh Dug	
Apples	New Potatoes, 2 pounds	15c
Delicious med. size	Yellow Squash, pound	10c
Doz.	Spuds, No. 1's, 10 lbs.	23c
Grapefruit	Cranberries, quart	15c
Texas Seedless	Bell Peppers, lb.	20c
6 for	Cauliflower, pound	10c
Tangerines	Complete Assortment of	
Florida lrg size	South Texas Vegetables	
Doz.		

Salad Dressing, plain or mixed, qt. 25c

Pickles, sour or dill, large jar, each 15c

Prunes, extra nice, 10 lb. box 63c

Brooms, a dandy, each 29c

Syrup, Sorghum, Chapman, gal. 66c

Shortening	Sugar	Flour
Mrs. Tucker's or Swift Jewel	Pure Cane Cloth Bag	K. B. Guaranteed
8 lb. crt. 89c	10 lbs. 57c	48 lbs. \$1.79

English Peas, per can 5c

Gelatine Dessert, all flavors, each 5c

Oxydol	Steak, fancy Chuck, lb.	19c
Large box 23	Roast, rib or brisket, lb. 12 1-2	
Crisco	Sausage, mixed, lb.	19c
3 lb. pail 59c	Pure Pork Sausage links lb 20	
6 lb pail \$1.19	T-Bone Steak lb.	23c
Camay Soap	Calf Liver, lb.	15c
2 bars 15c	Swift's Premium	
Lava Soap	Hams, half or whole, lb.	29c
3 cakes 25c	Bacon Sugar Cured, lb.	29c
	Buttermilk, Sweet Milk and Whipping Cream	

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