

Keeping Up With Texas

Taking a leave of absence from her duties as editor of the Putnam News, Miss Mildred Yeager is serving as secretary to Congressman Clyde L. Garrett of the 17th district for the current session of congress.

Slippery roads, the result of Friday night's rain and snow, were blamed for the death early Saturday morning of LaVaughn Robinson, 22, of Eastland, who was killed instantly as a skidding truck hit him on an overpass three miles west of Cisco. He was walking along the highway to direct traffic from his stalled truck.

Haskell White, connected in the past eight years with hatcheries at Tyler, Jasper and Lake Dallas, is the new superintendent of the state fish hatchery at San Angelo.

Three persons were killed and three others seriously injured in an automobile-truck collision shortly after midnight Saturday on the ice-coated Lubbock-Brownfield highway near the Lubbock county line. The dead: Omega Murphy, 17, and James Snyder, 19, of near Ropesville, and Katherine Lewis, 18, of Ropesville.

Houston got off to a fast start in the 1940 building race, running up a total of \$2,402,405 the first five working days. Of that sum, \$2,250,000 was a permit for building the Mellie Esperson building, 19 stories high.

Oil operators completed 6,671 new oil wells in Texas during the year 1939. The total of gas wells drilled in the same period had not been tabulated but will be approximately 200.

Public Works administration regional office at Fort Worth will close Feb. 1 and move to Chicago, with only \$14,000,000 worth of work to be completed under the \$210,000,000 program handled in this seven-state region since November, 1937.

Death suddenly took Mrs. Tom S. Henderson, Sr., prominent Cameron civic leader, club woman and philanthropist, as she was preparing to retire shortly after 10 o'clock Saturday night.

Mrs. W. H. Gray, Abilene, was fatally injured Friday night when the car in which she was riding crashed into the rear of a parked truck. Her death recorded Abilene's first traffic fatality of 1940.

Joe Shelton of Brownwood was re-elected president of the Texas Jersey Cattle club at its meeting at Greenville and Wharton was selected as the 1941 convention city.

Lester Senegal, negro wanted for the slaying of a Sunset, La., policeman and for whose capture a reward of \$750 had been posted, was shot and killed last Friday night by Sheriff W. W. Richardson of Jefferson county, at a hideout near Newton, Texas, about 70 miles northeast of Beaumont.

Houston became the first American port to export 1,000,000 bales of cotton this season when the Greek freighter Polyktor sailed Tuesday with 6,000 bales.

The case of Juanita Tomlinson, pretty 20-year-old Dallas girl, found shot to death at Sulphur Springs last Friday, was marked closed Tuesday when a coroner's verdict of suicide was returned.

Mrs. Mary Hurst, the first white girl born in Greenville, died Monday at the age of 92.

D. Leon Harp of San Antonio, who has been head of the securities division of the secretary of state's office since the division to license and check stock sales was started in 1935, has announced he will resign on Mar. 1.

Conn Nixon, aged farmer of Kirbyville, was trapped in his burning farm home Monday and died before help could reach him.

Mrs. Louisa Guzman, 40, a pedestrian, Tuesday became San Antonio's first traffic victim of the New Year. Driver of the car which struck Mrs. Guzman is reported as saying that she apparently became panic-stricken and darted in front of his car.

Largest Herd Shipped To Denver to Compete In National Western

Twelve head of show cattle from the Hereford farm of W. J. Largent and Son were shipped from here Saturday for Denver, Colo., to participate in the National Western Stock show, Jan. 13-20.

The cattle were under the care of Chester Grogan and Ed Canuteson, but will be shown by W. J. Largent, owner of the herd, who went by automobile via Sulphur Springs for the Turner sale.

The Largent cattle last competed in the International Live Stock show at Chicago in November and, after the Denver show, will not be exhibited again until the San Angelo Live Stock show opens, Mar. 1.

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COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED FOR COUNTY COUNCIL

Mrs. C. P. Church, President, Names Workers to Four Groups; Mrs. Clemmer Elected Secretary-Treasurer.

At a called meeting of the Taylor county home demonstration council held Saturday in the county agriculture building, Abilene, Mrs. H. R. Clemmer of Elmdale was elected secretary-treasurer to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. Lee Curry of North Park. Mrs. Buster Horton of Salt Branch was named reporter.

Mrs. C. P. Church, president of the council, was in charge of the meeting, at which she named the following four standing committees: Year book—Mrs. B. F. Oliver of North Park, Mrs. J. H. Clark of Union Ridge and Mrs. T. J. Hinds of Tye; finance—Mrs. D. E. Varnell of Elmdale, Mrs. Will Bateman of Bluebonnet, Mrs. B. W. Riddle of Ovalo; fair—Mrs. M. A. Waldrop of Wylie, Mrs. John Hughes of Merkel and Mrs. Neil Schmidt of Colony Hill; expansion—Mrs. H. R. Clemmer of Elmdale, Mrs. S. G. Oliver of Wylie and Mrs. Tom Moore of Tye.

The council voted to hold a training school in Abilene Feb. 6 for instruction of club officers in their duties. Mrs. Church appointed Mrs. H. L. Riddle, of Ovalo, Mrs. Clint Stewart of Butterfield and Mrs. Buster Horton of Salt Branch to a committee to arrange for the training school.

Among those present at the council meeting were Mrs. Church, Mrs. Grover Gilbert, Mrs. John S. Hughes of Merkel; Mrs. B. E. Plowman and Mrs. Clint Stewart of Tye; Mrs. Buster Horton and Mrs. J. A. Horton of Salt Branch, and Miss Hattie Tacker, county home demonstration agent.

Re-Elect Officers, Directors of F. & M. Nat'l Bank

All officers and directors of the Farmers & Merchants National bank of Merkel were re-elected without any change at the annual meeting of stockholders of the institution held in the office of the bank Tuesday afternoon.

J. T. Warren, who has served as president ever since the organization of the bank in 1904, was again elected its president; Henry C. West, first vice-president; Sam Butman, Sr., second vice-president; Booth Warren, cashier, and F. Y. Gaither and George T. Moore, assistant cashiers.

Directors are J. T. Warren, Henry C. West, Sam Butman, Sr., W. S. J. Brown and Booth Warren.

As of Dec. 31, the bank declared a four per cent semi-annual dividend which with the mid-year dividend of the same per cent made a total of 8 per cent for 1939. It was the 60th semi-annual dividend declared by the institution.

Two Basketball Games Next Thursday Night

Basketball fans will have the opportunity of seeing two games for the price of one, when the Merkel junior boys and senior boys meet two teams from Tuscola next Tuesday night. Price of admission will be 10 cents, it is announced.

The juniors will start play at 7:30, followed by the senior match at 8:30. The Merkel boys lost Tuesday night's cage encounter with Ovalo, who took the big end of 24-9 score.

Pastor Returns from Fort Worth Seminar

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, returned Wednesday from Fort Worth where he had attended a church seminar, which is somewhat similar to a seminary for preachers. Going with him was Rev. C. H. Ward, Snyder pastor.

Others attending from this area were Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of Central Presbyterian church, Abilene; Rev. J. L. Glenn, Sunday School missionary, Winters; Rev. J. A. Owen, Albany pastor, and Rev. V. K. Aubrey, new pastor at Breckenridge.

GILBERT AGAIN SHOWS WINNING BUFF ORPINGTON

At the Poultry Congress at Waco last week-end, Grover Gilbert continued his string of winnings, showing the 1st cockerel, 4th cock and 5th pullet, also the grand champion cockerel of the Buff Orpington division. His entries included one cockerel, two pullets and one cock.

Another Merkel poultry fancier, Weston West, won 5th hen in the Buff Orpington division.

Going down Sunday from this section for the close of the Poultry Congress were Grover Gilbert, Pat Cooper and Curtis Wilcox of Abilene and Mr. Leeman of Winters.

Season's Third Snow Early New Year Visitor

Third snow of the season was the surprise that greeted Merkelites when they awoke Saturday morning. It was only a light fall, however, netting about three-sixteenths of an inch of moisture, according to Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale.

Saturday's snowfall was followed by the coldest weather of the season Sunday morning when the mercury dipped to a new low of 16 degrees, according to a local thermometer, although the lowest reading reported by the Abilene government station was 17 at 8 o'clock Sunday morning.

Edgar Carson Surprised With Birthday Dinner

Although he knew it was his birthday, the presence of guests in his home for a turkey dinner was a complete surprise to E. O. Carson when he returned home from the store last Friday night. The occasion marked his 55th natal day.

Guests enjoying the sumptuous dinner and extending heartfelt congratulations to the honored head of the house were: Lige Gamble, Booth Warren, W. B. Petty, Dean Higgins, Frank Breaux, Paul Douglass, Connor Robinson, Rex Myers, Pat Davis, W. O. Boney, Henry West, John West, H. G. Smith, Charles Seago, A. A. McGehee, Norman T. Hodge, Roy Reid, Clyde Bartlett and Carroll Benson.

Games of "42" furnished diversion for the evening.

List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

The jury panel in 42nd district court for next week includes the following names:

W. M. Elliott, W. D. Haynes, L. R. Robins, J. F. Holloway, R. L. Griffin, Fred Baker, R. A. Martin, Merkel; I. R. Dunn, Jas. W. Mayfield, O. J. Tunnell, J. C. Morris, J. F. Alexander, W. E. Seward, Ed Reisel, J. E. Connally, Lewis Davis Pink, V. D. Payne, Jr., Jas. E. Dowdle, G. C. Dunlap, Edmund Yates, Chester Davis John C. Howell, Walter Hale, E. F. Conner, E. N. Compere, M. M. Meeks, E. P. Kenner, W. M. Chaney, Dr. A. Maddox, J. W. Bullock, E. A. Boyce, R. M. White, E. P. Mead, J. C. Crowder, D. E. Crum, T. C. Cox, J. F. Hardway, A. W. Meaders, J. G. Smith, Willie Martin, J. F. Hill, J. L. George, W. C. Smart, Abilene; Sam Bates, W. C. Burleson, J. A. Bowman, Tuscola; H. C. Sorrells, Clyde; J. D. Elliott, Guion; Floyd Tate, Buffalo Gap; J. F. Saunders, Bradshaw.

New T. & P. Agent Assumes Duties Here

H. C. Adams, formerly of Olden, was checked in last Friday as agent for the Texas & Pacific railroad here, succeeding John Childress, who resigned Dec. 1.

Mr. Adams has been with the T. & P. for 28 years, the last 12 years at Olden. His wife and daughter will join him here Thursday of next week, the family to occupy an apartment in Dr. M. Armstrong's home. The daughter, a sophomore, will enter school at mid-term.

In the interim since Mr. Childress' resignation, J. C. Chesnut has been serving the Merkel station as relief agent.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. POLLY CLARK, 69, NATIVE TEXAN

Funeral Services to be Held at One O'Clock Friday Afternoon From Church of Christ; Burial Near Colorado City.

Mrs. Polly Van Clark, 69, wife of H. D. Clark, passed away at 10 o'clock Wednesday night at her home here. She had been in failing health a number of years and, since a fall on Dec. 26, when she fractured her collarbone, had been confined to her bed. For the past several days her condition had been critical. Mrs. Clark had lived in Merkel since 1899, with the exception of a few years' residence in Colorado City.

Funeral services will be held at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Church of Christ, with Minister E. W. Key officiating, assisted by Rev. John H. Crow, pastor of the Methodist church. After the rites at the church here, the body will be carried overland in a Barrow funeral coach to Colorado City for burial in the family lot in the old White Church cemetery, four miles northwest of that city, where her first husband, Willis C. Callaway, is buried.

Her maiden name was Polly Van Odom and she was a native Texan, born near Whitney on Oct. 10, 1870. She was married at Whitney on Sept. 2, 1890, to Mr. Callaway, who died in 1910, on the 20th anniversary of their wedding. Her second marriage took place on Aug. 27, 1926, to H. D. Clark, who survives.

Four sons, Earl and Jack Callaway, Corpus Christi; Oliver Callaway, Alice, and Nig Callaway, Bartlesville, Okla., one daughter, Mrs. Stanley King, of Merkel, and 10 grandchildren also survive, and the following step-children: J. H. Clark, Merkel; B. F. Clark, Trent; Mrs. J. T. Coats, Merkel; Mrs. W. S. Wilson, Abilene; Mrs. J. M. Brown, Merkel, and Mrs. W. M. Brown and Mrs. E. E. Leslie, both of Fort Worth, with a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren on her husband's side of the family.

Will Receive Donations To Finnish Relief Fund

At the request of Ex-President Herbert Hoover, made to a large number of newspapers in the United States, and relayed through Capt. J. F. Lucey, of Dallas, prominent independent oil operator, The Merkel Mail will participate in the sponsorship of a nation-wide move to raise funds for the relief of Finland.

The Mail will receive and acknowledge contributions from its readers and forward such contributions once each week to Finnish Relief Headquarters for Texas, which Capt. Lucey has opened in the Baker hotel, Dallas. Funds so secured from all over the state will be forwarded from the state headquarters to the national headquarters of the Finnish Relief Fund in New York.

Those desiring to contribute through The Mail are requested to address their contributions to Finnish Relief Fund, care of The Merkel Mail, Merkel, Texas. All contributions will be acknowledged in the columns of The Mail.

No expenses are incurred in the solicitations and donations are deductible from income tax statements. Phenomenal evidences of popular response to the Finnish Relief Fund appeal are showing up all over the nation. In Dallas more than \$7,000 has been acknowledged in less than two weeks. Walter Wanger, movie producer, has volunteered his entire staff to work with President Hoover until Jan. 15 to help raise funds.

Trent Program on KXOX.

The interested public is invited to tune in on a musical program over KXOX, Sweetwater, on Friday morning from 9:30 to 9:45, broadcast by Misses Jonnie Roberts and Louise Smith, Messrs. Jake Roberts and Kenneth Burkhardt, all of Trent.

Club Meeting Postponed.

Monthly meeting for January of the Fellowship club of the Methodist church, which was to have been held Thursday night, has been deferred, it is announced. Next meeting will be the regular night in February.

MAGAZINES, OLD PAPERS WANTED; FINNISH RELIEF

Residents of Merkel and surrounding communities can do their bit in a small way in helping relieve the suffering civilians of Finland by co-operating with a plan known as the Abilene and West Texas Finnish Civilian relief, sponsored by the Boosters club of Abilene.

As publicity chairman of the campaign, Clarence Solnick has advised The Mail that the Greyhound Bus lines and Johnson Motor lines, at their stations here, will receive bundles of old papers and old magazines for delivery to a concentration point in Abilene. A market for the sale of these old papers and magazines has been arranged for, shipment to be made from Abilene headquarters.

Those desiring to assist with the bundles of old papers and magazines are urged to leave them at Ross Ferrier's Service station, Greyhound depot, or at Hi-Way Service station, delivery point for Johnson Motor lines.

The only requirement is that papers and magazines must be dry and bundled separately, newspapers in one bundle and magazines in the other.

"Good Health" Theme of Trent P.-T. A. Meeting

Trent, Jan. 11.—Theme of the January meeting of the Trent Parent-Teacher association, to be held next Tuesday night at 7:30, will be "Good Health," with Mrs. Charlie Seago as leader.

Dr. Urban Zehnpfennig of Merkel will discuss "Mental Hygiene," with a talk also by the health nurse on "Child Health." Music is to be furnished under the direction of Miss Christine Collins. The sixth and seventh grades will bring the entertainment. Hostesses are Mrs. Roy Banner and Mrs. W. P. Hood.

All P.-T. A. members are urged by the president, Mrs. Bud Winter, to be present at 7:15, a quarter of an hour before the meeting.

At the December meeting, P.-T. A. members had the privilege of hearing a most interesting talk by Mrs. Robert T. Bridge of Abilene, who with her two children, Constance and Harry, survived the torpedoing of the Athenia in early September.

Merkel 30 Years Ago

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 10, 1910.)

"UNION DEPOT."

To be given at the opera house in Merkel, Friday night, Jan. 14, 1910.

Program and cast:
Reading ----- Miss Ruth Mimms
Reading ----- Mrs. Johnson
Ticket agent ----- H. C. Williams
Depot master ----- Roy C. Elliott
Lunch stand ----- Clayton Brown
Boot Black ----- Billie McLaurin
Mrs. Snyder ----- Mrs. Otho Williams
Miranda ----- Miss Juanita Harris
Mrs. Larkin ----- Mrs. S. S. Harris
Miss Sophia Piper Miss Ruth Mimms
Mr. Jones ----- Ira Armstrong
Woman with Baby ----- Mrs. Johnson
Uncle John ----- Otho Williams
Josiah Potter ----- Will F. Buchanan
Nancy Potter, his wife ----- Miss Lois Rogers
Mr. Martindale ----- O. W. Williams
Mrs. Martindale ----- Mrs. H. C. Williams
Mr. Armstrong ----- Vernon Boring
Three College Girls ----- Misses Genevieve Berry, Juanita Harris, Annie T. Daniel
A Dude ----- Lester Ellis
Mrs. Amelia Hummer ----- Mrs. Otho Williams
Italian Musicians ----- Mr. Burns, Miss Burns
Bride ----- Miss Juanita Harris
Groom ----- Frank Ferrier
Two Young Ladies ----- Misses Genevieve Berry, Annie T. Daniel
Two Young Men ----- Clifton Mackey, Vernon Boring

WOODMEN CIRCLE, CAMP IN JOINT INSTALLATION

Woodman Hall Scene of Ceremonies Tuesday Night, Attended by Fifty; Refreshments Served at Conclusion.

Joint installation of new officers of Grove No. 563, Woodmen Circle, and of Camp No. 719, Woodmen of the World, was held at the Woodman hall Tuesday night, with about 50 present. Several officers of the Trent Grove were also installed at the same time.

Mrs. Katie Kidwell of Abilene, district manager, acted as installing officer; Margaret Turner as installing attendant, and Katie Church as installing chaplain.

Only the officers of the Woodmen Circle who were present were installed, according to the procedure of the order. These were: Mrs. Winnie Turner, past guardian; Mrs. Lillie Barnett, guardian; Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth, corresponding and recording secretary; Mrs. Irene Barnes, banker; Mrs. Alice Wallace, attendant; Clara B. White, assistant attendant; Mrs. Lucy Bonneau, inner sentinel; Norma Patton, musician; Mrs. Lillian Mathews, captain.

Full list of officers of the Woodmen camp were installed, those absent being represented by substitutes. They were: W. L. Blair, council commander; B. B. Reynolds, advisor-lieutenant; W. H. Barnett, banker; W. M. Elliott, clerk; Lloyd Harris, escort; Seth Morgan, watchman; Ray Reynolds, sentry, and W. A. Witcher, manager.

A number of talks were made, speakers being Mrs. Kidwell, Mrs. Agnes Burks and Mrs. John Gafford of Trent, Miss Margaret Turner and others.

Following the installation of officers, refreshments of sandwiches and coffee were served.

Three Young Men from Area Enlist in Army

Recent enlistments in the United States army, as reported by the Abilene Recruiting station, include: Dennis A. Hutcheson, Trent, who was assigned to the Air corps, Panama Canal zone; Wade M. Gunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gunter, Merkel, Route 2, assigned to the infantry, Fort Benning, Ga., and Robert A. Nolen, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Nolen, Trent, Route 2, assigned to First Field artillery, Fort Sill, Okla.

Easy ----- Miss Amelia Porter
Jupiter ----- Miss Ruth Mackey
Lilly, Colored Aristocrat ----- Miss Lyska Pitzer
Eliza ----- Miss Genevieve Berry
Mr. White, not so white as the name ----- Will F. Buchanan
George, of the same variety ----- Billie McLaurin
Policeman, Peddler ----- H. F. Groene
Woman in Charge ----- Miss Lyska Pitzer
Harold ----- Vernon Boring
Flossie ----- Miss Annie T. Daniel
Mr. Linton ----- Otho Williams
Mrs. Linton ----- Mrs. J. W. Daniel
News Boys Bob Dennis, Ruth Mackey
Opera company ----- Miss O'Briant, Miss Mackey, Miss Porter, Miss Cogan, Miss Daniel, Miss Berry, Miss Inice Moon, Miss Roxey Moon, Miss Dorothy Lee Potter, Mr. Black, Mr. Armstrong.
Musical numbers:
Piano solo ----- Miss Mackey
"The Glow Worm" ----- Miss O'Briant and Chorus
"On a Monkey Honeymoon" ----- Miss Pitzer
"Margarita" ----- Miss O'Briant and Chorus
"Lonesome" ----- Miss Pitzer
"Bliss, All Raptures Past Excelling" ----- Miss O'Briant
Vocal solo ----- Dorothy Lee Potter
"Just a Little Ring from You" ----- Miss Daniel

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STITH NEWS

Despite the extremely cold weather, services were held at both churches Sunday. W. L. Daniel, pastor of the Baptist church, filled his regular appointment for the morning and evening services.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Finch and daughters spent the day with the Fletcher Jones family last Monday, the occasion being "hog-killing" time—at any rate, all report a good time and a lot of work accomplished.

Most all the farmers have taken advantage of the cold weather we have been having the last three or four weeks to butcher their hogs. On nearly every farm a year's supply of meat for the family has been grown this time. This means quite a saving on the family budget.

Miss Fay Watson, who formerly lived here but who is now working in Abilene, visited her cousin, Miss Annie Fern Jones, Wednesday.

Our school is getting along nicely. Since the holidays, the general health of the pupils has been above the average, attendance has been good, and as a rule, this makes for interest. The honor roll for the third month included: 1st grade—John Alvin Smith and Wendall Bockman; 2nd grade—Jo An Blanton, Doris Marie Regeon, Daphna Boyd; 3rd grade—Patsy Lou Dunagin; 4th grade—Clara Francis Dwigins and J. C. Beaird; 5th grade—Marie Varner; 6th grade—Dorothy Dunagin and Betty Jean Mashburn; 7th grade—James Johnson; 8th grade—Neta Muriel Mashburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement Carey are the proud parents of a son, born Saturday, Jan. 6. The youngster has been named Clement Maxwell.

The John Shaw family, who have resided three miles northeast of Stith for a number of years, have moved to a farm one mile south of Stith. A new family, to our community, by the name of Young has moved to the farm formerly occupied by the Shaw family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Malone have moved to the Mount Pleasant community, where he will be engaged in farming this year. She is the former Erlene Kelso, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kelso. She has lived here most of her life and she will be greatly missed by a number of relatives and friends. She also filled a prominent place in the activities of the Baptist church at this place.

The weather was most unfavorable but the regular Friday night domino players held their meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Blanton. Ten members were present. They were: Messrs. and Mesdames Bryan Danagin, Leldon Clifton, Edgar Bradley and Hollis McCoy. Pamelene Bradley and Son Bradley were invited guests of the club. At the conclusion of games, a nice refreshment plate and coffee were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Clifton and Mrs. McCoy.

Miss Muriel Kelso has again resumed her work and taken up her residence at the N. Y. A. home at Anson. She seems to be doing her work well and is making a number of new friends and acquaintances. She has been elected president of the group for this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel McDonald, from Taft, left last Thursday for their home. They had been holiday visitors in the home of their parents, Mr.

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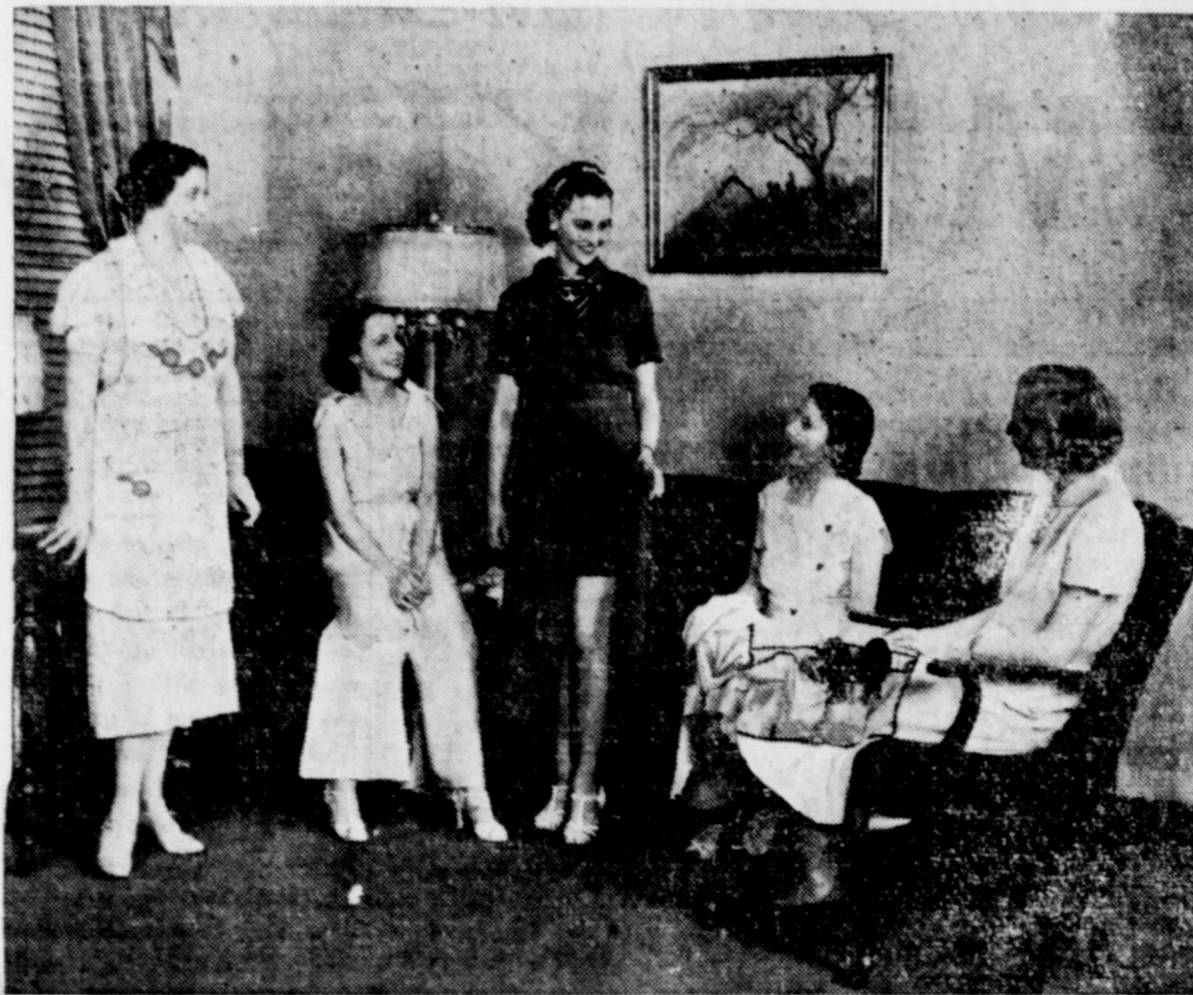
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All the garments and household articles shown above were made from cotton bags by Cotton Belt housewives. This newspaper offers today the first of a series of household hints, "Saving Money With Cotton Bags," presenting practical, tested, money-saving ideas ranging from aprons and luncheon refrigerator bags and ironing board covers.

Buster Horton Asks Support in Race for County Commissioner



To the Voters of Precinct No. 2:
After receiving encouraging words from friends who live in various parts of this precinct, I take this method of announcing my candidacy for Commissioner of Precinct 2.

I was born in Taylor county on Mar. 2, 1911, and have lived here all of my life. Since graduating from Merkel High school I have been engaged in farming in Mulberry and now own a farm there. I am married and have a son.

After thorough consideration and due appreciation of the work involved as a commissioner, I am asking the people of Precinct 2 to support me with the knowledge I will do the job as satisfactorily as possible. I have had experience in being before the public and, as for the financial side, my personal record should show that I am capable of handling that. I have inquired into the duties of a commissioner and am satisfied that I can do justice to the work.

I would like to prove that I am able to handle this office in a business-like way. I will greatly appreciate your influence and your support.

Sincerely,
Buster Horton.

More newsprint is exported from Canada than from all other countries combined. Canada leads the world in newsprint production.

Forgeries of famous paintings have been revealed by means of photography, which shows the differences of brushwork and mediums between old and modern paintings.

PERSONALS

Miss Floy Ash, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. E. L. Ash, since before the Christmas holidays, left Tuesday for Palm Beach, Fla. She was accompanied as far as Overton, Texas, by Mrs. J. H. McDonald, who will visit a daughter, Mrs. H. B. Leeton, there. Last week-end Miss Ash and her mother visited with her brother, Eris Ash, and family at Junction.

Mrs. Bilye Caple spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. A. L. Adkins, in Weinert.

While Supt. Roger A. Burgess of the Perryton schools is in Austin attending a meeting of the O'Daniel educational committee and attending to other school matters, Mrs. Burgess is visiting friends here this week.

Sam Eason, of Big Spring, accompanied by his son, Wyatt, was here Wednesday, looking after farming interests. He formerly lived here and is well known to all the old-timers. He is a brother of E. L. Eason at Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Northup of Abilene were week-end visitors with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Stevens. Mrs. Northup remained with her daughter, who had a tonsillectomy last Friday.

Supt. Connor Robinson of the Merkel Public schools left Wednesday for Austin to attend a conference of county and city superintendents on educational policies called by State Superintendent L. A. Woods. Others in the party were Ed Williams, Lorraine superintendent, County Superintendent Neinst of Nolan county and the county superintendent of Mitchell county.

Ralph Walker, who suffered an attack of appendicitis Monday, is reported resting well although still confined at home.

Mrs. W. J. Largent, accompanied by Miss Frances Largent and Billy, left Thursday for Plainview, taking with them her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Saffle, who were returning home. The Largents will be gone until Sunday.

CARD OF THANKS:

We wish to publicly acknowledge our gratitude and appreciation to the many kind friends whose sympathy was so sincerely expressed by flowers, visits and words of comfort in the loss of our dearly loved wife and mother.

Sincerely,
Rufus Adcock,
Berdelle Adcock,
Mrs. H. C. King.

Determined to Live in New York, Texas Girl Writes Her Way There

A PICTURE of the Singer Building in an old geography book set the heart of a little girl in Texas to beating double time. The indefinable atmosphere of Manhattan had caught Margaret Cousins of Dallas in its sophisticated grip and she determined that some day she was going to live in New York. And she is.

Starting at the ripe old age of four years when she tossed off an



occasional bit of verse, Margaret Cousins literally wrote her way to New York. When she was graduated from the University of Texas in 1927, she went to work for a trade magazine and wrote fiction stories, the latest of which "Words Without Music" appears in the January Good Housekeeping. Through her stories, the editors of Pictorial Review became inter-

ested in their Texas contributor and offered her a job with the magazine. So she got to New York. She is still there on the staff of Good Housekeeping Magazine and writing her stories.

"Words Without Music" is a tender little tale of a child who made friends with a philosopher. He was supposed to be a failure by the adults in the town but to the turbulent, wistful child he was a wise counselor and a beloved friend. Miss Cousins takes her characters and episodes from reality and deftly weaves them into a story that lingers in the heart.

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-: 5c Goods :- SPAGHETTI & CHEESE, TOMATO JUICE, SPEEDY-JEL, VEGETABLE SOUP, GREEN BEANS, CUT OKRA, LIMA BEANS, TOMATO SOUP, CUT OKRA & TOMATOES, CORN, KRAUT, HOMINY— Any 6 cans for 25c	-: Vegetables :- TURNIPS & TOPS, MUSTARD GREENS, GREEN ONIONS, COLLARD GREENS— 3 for 10c CARROTS, fresh, 2 bchs. 5c LETTUCE, 3 for 10c TOMATOES, lb. 6c
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Bright & Early—Vacuum Pack Drip or Percolator
COFFEE, 1 pound can 19c

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

D. A. Hutchison has returned to Fort E. E. Warren. He has completed three years in the army and has been home visiting with his mother about three months.

Malcolm Beasley is sporting a new 1940 Ford.

There has been quite a bit of moving in this vicinity the past week.

Louise and Freddy Allyn visited here the past week, Freddy returning to Stephenville where he is a student at Tarleton college. Louise returned to her home in Cisco.

Mrs. Isom Burks returned to Houston Saturday after an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burks.

Viola Smith, an employee in the tax collector's office at Abilene, was here for the week-end.

Jack Freeman, who has been at work in Meridian, is back at home.

Mrs. O. S. Bishop returned home Monday after visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cooley of Lamesa.

Bob Billington has gone to Cedar Lake to look for work.

TEN COUNTY DISTRICT TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD AT TRENT.

Arrangements were completed this week, according to R. L. Fortune, superintendent of Trent schools, which will bring twenty championship girls' basketball teams to Trent in a district tournament.

Winners in this tournament, which will be held Feb. 19 and 20, will go to the state meet which will be held in Waco Mar. 3 and 4. This district is composed of the following ten counties: Fisher, Jones, Nolan, Taylor, Mitchell, Scurry, Kent, Stonewall, King and Dickens. Each county is allowed to send first and runner-up teams to participate in the Trent tournament.

H. W. Taylor, superintendent of Sylvester, is the director for this district.

The High School girls' basketball league of Texas is a state-wide organization and is the only organization in the state which provides for championship honors in girls' basketball. The first state meet was held in Waco in 1939. Some of the strongest girls' teams in the state come from West Texas and it is confidently expected that the district meet at Trent will see several of these state

MAN'S DIET CONSERVATIVE WOMAN'S UNPREDICTABLE

Austin, Jan. 11.—Banking on the old adage, "as a man eats, so he is," University of Texas co-ed home economists will tell you most men are still conservative, most women unpredictable.

Examining the steady flow of orders at the University's Home Economics Tea house, where co-eds help plan, prepare daily menus, and otherwise keep tab on large scale institutional management, Miss Carolyn Cason, director, says male and female appetites fall in this category:

Men: Shun novel dishes for old-time favorites. Steak and potatoes lead the field. Meats—steaks, ham, liver; vegetables—baked Irish and candied sweet potatoes, spinach, corn, peas; desserts—chocolate, lemon, coconut pies; drinks—coffee, milk, tea. Prefer eating outdoors.

Women: Prefer fancy and aesthetic plates. Glorified meats and salads, summer squash, cinnamon biscuits, desserts with whipped cream. Bewan their growing waist lines, then order "college girl delights"—chocolate-filled cup cakes, anything "goosey" with nuts or ice cream. Usually eat indoors.

History of a state under "Six Flags" also shows up in appetites, says Miss Cason. French creoles and gumboes, Spanish-influenced Mexican foods, and Dixie menus with corn on the cob and cornbread completely overshadow requests for vegetables creamed in the northern manner.

The Wright brothers made their first successful airplane flight in 1903.

BOYS' TOURNAMENT.

Trent's annual Boys' Gold Medal tournament was a great success, with large crowds attending each game. Results were as follows: Lawn, championship winner; Noodle, championship runner-up; Sylvester, consolation winner, and Bradshaw, consolation runner-up. Gold trophies were presented each of these teams and outstanding players were given individual awards. There was also a crowd going to and from the lunch room at all times.

An exhibition game was played Saturday night between the outside girls and the school girls.

Municipal Ownership Rejected by Voters In Year End Ballots

The value of taxes paid by investor-owned light companies and their ability to render a superior modern-day service due to experienced personnel and the absence of political influence apparently had been widely recognized by American voters as the year 1939 ended, according to a national survey of November elections which were the quietest in recent years on the question of municipal ownership of electric utilities.

Results of the survey, received here this week by R. T. Gray, local manager of the West Texas Utilities, through the Public Service Magazine, announced that "the question was before the people on only a handful of ballots"—and only one in Texas which was defeated by a majority of almost 5 to 1.

In elections held throughout the country, it was learned, municipal ownership "was defeated in all but one instance." An overwhelming defeat of municipal ownership was dealt by voters of Arlington county, Va., when they defeated a proposed \$1,475,000 bond issue by a ballot of 6,139 to 1,080—more than 5-to-1 against the proposal.

"The fact that Arlington county is adjacent to the nation's capitol and many of its citizens are federal employees working in Washington gave significance to the outcome of this election," the survey comments.

For the third time in 14 months Ogden, Utah, voters defeated a plan which called for a \$3,500,000 bond issue by a ballot of 9,507 to 5,780. In Montrose, Colo., voters also turned down a municipal electric system for the third time this year. By a vote of 4,575 to 1,482, the people of Ventura, Calif., defeated a proposed \$1,200,000 municipal ownership bond issue and also defeated a revenue bond charter amendment.

The single Texas ballot was at Texarkana where "the people rejected a municipal electric plant scheme by a majority of almost 5 to 1," the survey states. Despite the fact that the federal government had offered a \$245,000 grant and a \$350,000 loan at low interest, the Texarkana vote was 1,190 against to only 245 for the plant.

The sole municipal ownership election to carry was in Provo, Utah, where voters refused to reverse a 1936 vote authorizing \$850,000 in revenue bonds for a generating plant now under construction and for which the city received a PWA gift of a substantial proportion of the total cost.

The only other municipal election was at Puyallup, Wash., where vot-

ers defeated by a small margin a \$350,000 bond proposal for the city to acquire the investor-owned light system. "Ten years ago," the survey points out, "a 7-40-1 majority favored the plan but the city was unable to market the bonds."

"The support given investor-owned utilities in these elections," says the survey, "indicates that the public realizes that when tax-subsidized municipal electric projects take over investor-owned utilities, tremendous sums of taxes are lost to the community, county, state and nation. These taxes must be made up by increases in the levies on the remaining taxpayers. Apparently the people are

aware that the matter of tax losses is much more important than any promises made of slightly lower electric rates which a municipally owned plant could never effect except through tax exemptions and devious bookkeeping practices whereby expenses are transferred to other departments."

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Editor, The Mail:
For twenty-one years it was my good fortune to know and be acquainted with Mrs. R. L. Adcock, who recently passed this life to her celestial reward on Jan. 4.

After all these years, if I were asked to estimate her life on this earth, I could and would truthfully say that that life was to know and love thy neighbor as thyself, and to be of service to mankind wherever and whenever possible.

These attributes she practiced in a very real, and practical way, without ostentation or self-seeking reward or praise. So long as she could see and help others was reward and satisfaction enough. To these ends she always labored and practiced fervently and reverently, always placing service to others above and beyond self. In so doing the Biblical story was told many times, for surely as God made man to His own image and likeness, so, too, it must be that in unselfish sacrifice and service to humankind we are all kin.

While she herself suffered much during the past several years she took these sufferings in a most heroic manner that would undoubtedly test the courage and fortitude of others. And yet, while suffering, she possessed a remarkable personality, typifying at the same time all those splendid qualities so peculiarly characteristic in noble women of the beloved Southland: friendliness, understanding, forgiveness and charity. To her children, her husband, family and many, many friends she is going to be irreparably missed. But let us remember that while God has decreed we must pass this way but once, let us also take our consolation in the sureness that

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Cotton Used in 19 Texas Manufactured Products

Austin, Jan. 11.—Are Texans gradually eating, wearing and sleeping their way out of the cotton surplus problem?

Cotton fabric, food and twine products used by Texans have increased from eight items in 1920 to 19 Texas-manufactured products in 1940. Mrs. Louise L. Armstrong, University of Texas instructor in home economics, points out. Currently on display at the university is the entire gamut of uses for "domesticated cotton."

Texans are eating their cotton in corn sticks, spice cookies, muffins, doughnuts and bread. Recipes, compiled for the exhibit by the home economics department, call for a yellow-colored flour made from partially defatted, cooked cottonseed. From hydrogenated cottonseed oil leading Texas manufacturers are making cooking fats and salad oils.

Cotton materials, manufactured only as canvas, ducks, osnaburg, and ticking in 1920, are now turned out in an array of weaves and colors to be worn to school, dances, to play and work by men, women and children. Texans are sleeping on staple cotton felt mattresses, covered with cotton sheets, blankets, and bedspreads, walking on twine rugs, eating from cotton table covers, and looking through cotton-draped windows.

While this increased domestication of cotton is pushing down the line of surplus, university chemurgists continue their research. Accepted last month by the board of regents, a Mellon Institute grant of \$500 to be matched by a research committee fund, was added to the budget for scientific study aimed to lengthen the 1960 cotton products list.

DEDICATED TO THE EOFF FAMILY, IN MEMORY OF MOTHER.

Mother left us Saturday night, At 10 o'clock, Dec. 23, 1939; Jesus called her home to heaven, Nevermore to this earth to return.

'Tis enough—thy task is ended; Come up higher, faithful one, Lay aside thy sword and armor All thy labors now are done.

Enter thou into the presence Of thy Lord and take thy crown; Thou art free from earthly sorrows And the cares that bear thee down.

Henceforth thy are robed immortal With the garments of the blest; Other hands must take thy burdens, Thou has entered into rest.

But thy brave undying spirit Shall live on to bless all she left; Look up, sorrowing children, Be faithful and be humble.

'Till each one shall make the landing In that home beyond the sky, She, though being dead, yet speaketh, Be not weary in the way.

Even now you seem to hear her say Live your best each passing day, As she calls from heaven, Meet me, loved ones, on the peaceful shore.

To honor her I can no Truer tribute pay her Than try to live the life For whom she did often pray.

The Christmas card she had signed And left for me, Oh, how it blessed my heart; The flowers I had given in return, On her grave as a token of love for her And to bless and cheer her Children's sad hearts.

(Written by a friend and sister in Christ—Mrs. L. M. Howard.) Merkel, Texas, Route 2.

New Navy Chief. Washington, Jan. 11.—President Roosevelt advanced Charles Edison to secretary of the navy, putting an end to speculation over the delayed choice for the cabinet post vacated by the death last July of Secretary Claude Swanson.

Postal Revenue Hiked. Washington, Jan. 11.—Postal revenues reached an all-time high of \$784,646,938 during the fiscal year ended last June 30. Postmaster General Farley reported.

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Methodist Pastor of New York City Backs FDR's Peace Envoy

New York, Jan. 11.—The Rev. Christian F. Reiser, pastor of the Broadway Temple Methodist church, urged in his sermon Sunday that all religions support President Roosevelt's program for peace through collaboration with Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish authorities.

"Instead of throwing stones, let us unite our prayers for them," Dr. Reiser said. "The president's plan is the most promising gesture since the war epidemic started. It is also significant that this is the first time in any nation that a chief executive has endeavored to unite all three faiths in a laudable moral effort."

"Believers must stare in amazement at any man who tries to protest in the name of vast multitudes of church members. Is any Protestant afraid of being swallowed by the pope? Then he has little confidence in his faith."

COMPERE NEWS

(Omitted Last Week.)

The Compere school children showed their love and appreciation of "Grandma Foster," as she is familiarly called, on Friday, Dec. 22, by playing Christmas "Fairy" to her. Mrs. Foster lives near the school house, so the children, accompanied by their teacher, tripped merrily down to her home with a song in their hearts and their hands full of fruits and gifts and asked to be permitted to recite their Christmas program for her. The crowd was warmly received. They filed into her room in the following manner:

Two small fairies tiptoed in and hung up Christmas wreaths. The next two fairies followed them and placed small, tree-shaped candles on the living-room table, where the next two found them and lighted them for the program. The fairies continued coming in by twos and hanging up Christmas decorations. The last two carried a large basket

filled with fruit and gifts and presented them to the honoree.

The children formed a semi-circle and sang Christmas carols and took turns in reciting poems, telling stories, and singing songs. All of the school children were present, and were accompanied by the following visitors: Jacquetta Palmer, Kathlyn Milner, Alice Nell Spurgin, Dolores Clemmer, Joe Brooks and Jeff Ely Chancey. Every one had a happy time.

HONOR ROLL.

The Compere honor roll for the third month includes the following

names:

First grade—Falba Horton.
Third grade—Willie Lee Spurgin.
Fourth grade—Velma Lee Allred.
Seventh grade—Wayne Palmer.

HEALTH HONOR ROLL.

Bobby Ray Brooks, Falba Horton, Simmie Allred, Billy Clayton Bond, Alvin Vinson, Willie Lee Spurgin, Richard Horton, Wilma Lee Allred, R. G. Palmer, Charles Brooks, Billy Vinson, Troy Vinson, Beulah Brooks, Edna Jo Horton, Wayne Palmer, Lorece Bond, Charles Vinson.

The Compere School Girls' Sewing club have each completed a princess

slip and have remodeled two dresses apiece the past school month.

Pupils doing outstanding work in a particular subject the past month are: Billy Vinson, history; Wayne Palmer, history; Alvin Vinson, reading; Willie Lee Spurgin, reading, and Edna Jo Horton, writing.

Greetings from Happy.

Happy, Texas, Jan. 11.—Thousands of persons throughout the country received "Happy New Year" greetings bearing the postmark, Happy, Tex. The volume of year-end mail was a third heavier than a year ago.

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Last year land owners received 50 million dollars in lease rentals and bonuses alone.

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If you see fit to elect me your commissioner, I will strive at all times to merit your confidence and I promise you, if elected, I will do on this job as I have on all other jobs I have worked on, I will make you a hand.

Sincerely yours,
L. A. (Lem) Dudley.

Record of Births.

- Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Carey, Stith, Saturday, January 6, 1940.
- Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kilgore, Saturday, January 6, 1940.
- Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spencer, Nolan, Monday, January 8, 1940.
- Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Vessie Justice, Route 2, Tuesday, January 9, 1940.

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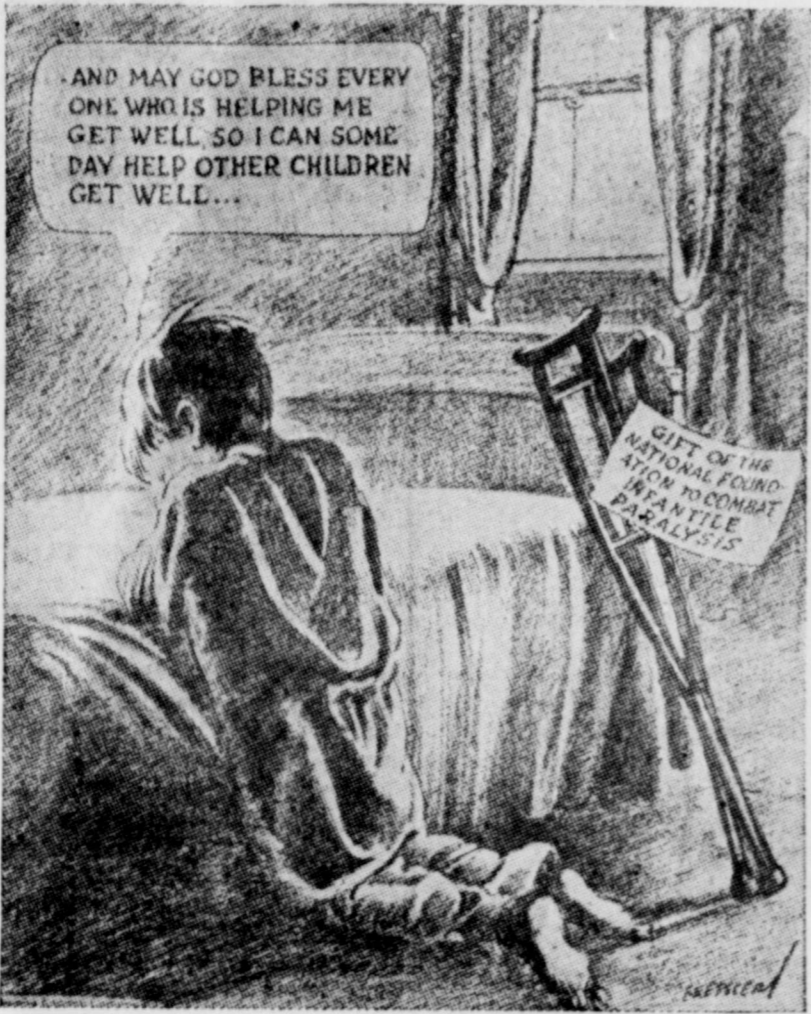
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ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in July.)
For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
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A. J. CANON (Re-election.)
W. R. (Bill) SUMPTER.
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L. A. (Lem) DUDLEY.

Healing Dimes and Dollars



Dimes and dollars contributed at the 1940 President's Birthday celebrations to fight infantile paralysis, January 30, will help heal thousands of American children afflicted with the crippling disease. Cities and towns throughout Texas are sponsoring balls and "March of Dimes" solicitations to aid such youngsters, as depicted by Bressler in one of his noted cartoons.

QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday and Saturday—Big double feature program: Joel McCrea, Jeffrey Lynn and George Bancroft in "Espionage Agent" and "Western Caravans;" also first chapter, "Dick Tracy's G-Men."
Saturday preview, Monday-Tuesday—John Garfield, Priscilla Lane in "Dust Be My Destiny."

McAllen Man Buys 10th Pontiac Since 1933

Pontiac, Mich., Jan. 11.—It is 1600 miles from McAllen, Texas, to the Pontiac plant but six times in the last seven years W. R. Lynch has made the trip to take delivery on a new car.
Since 1933 Lynch has owned 10 Pontiacs and driven them a total of 300,000 miles. He arrived in Pontiac last week to purchase his second 1940 Pontiac. He now has a DeLuxe six and DeLuxe eight of the current model.

John Deere Program Draws Many Farmers

"We were much gratified," said Harry Bullock of the Bullock Hardware, local John Deere dealer, "at the response from farmers and their families to our John Deere Day program, held Wednesday at our store."
"More than 250 visited our store and accepted our invitation to lunch, which was served between demonstrations, and at least 200 of them went to the Queen theatre for the showing of the talking picture, 'Joel Gentry in Hollywood,'" he stated.
Assisting in the demonstrations were Mr. Thornberg, from the publicity department, Dallas, and L. V. Canuteson, of Abilene, salesman for the John Deere company.

Famous Comedienne Dies.
Hollywood, Calif., Jan. 11.—Flora Finch, famous film comedienne of the nickelodeon days and starring partner of the rotund John Bunny, died Friday, Jan. 5, of blood poisoning and bronchial pneumonia, brought on from infection from an accidental arm-scratch.

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Many Relatives from Out-Of-Town for Burial Of Mrs. R. L. Adcock

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Church of Christ for Mrs. R. L. Adcock, with Minister E. W. Key officiating, assisted by Dr. C. A. Bickley of Abilene, district superintendent of the Methodist church, and Rev. John H. Crow, pastor of the Methodist church here.

Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery, with Barrow Funeral home in charge.

Pallbearers were Wrenn Durham, Pierce Horton, F. M. Simpson, Stanley King, Clark Mundy and Vernon Simpson.

Flower girls were Helen Heeter, Loudale Gray, Gene Paine, Wilma Lee Paine, Ala Jean Kingsberry, Becky Gardner, Margaret Sharp, Loraine Key, Mary Ellen Key, Billie McGehee.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Adcock is survived by two daughters, Berdelle Adcock and Mrs. Harold King, both of Merkel; one granddaughter, Frances Nan King; her father, A. A. Williamson of Menard, and four brothers and three sisters.

Among relatives and friends who came from out-of-town for the funeral were A. A. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Williamson, Mrs. W. T. Hancock, Mrs. Barbara Carroll, Herbert, Alvin and Travis Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Williamson, all of Menard; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Duke, Waco; Bob Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Harroll, Fort Stockton; Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Murr, Orville, Winston and Glen Murr, and Wayne Williamson, Fort McKavitt; Mrs. R.

A. Adcock, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Adcock, Mrs. Ransom Adcock, Gustine; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adcock, Comanche; Mrs. Lula Holcomb, Mrs. Edna Stanford, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Price, Rankin; Dr. Alonzo Bickley, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Adcock and daughter, Abilene; Mrs. Earl Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McDonald, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McCormick, Tuscola; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley, Trent; E. E. Smith, Colorado City; Mr. Derryberry, Lorraine.

Birth Announcement.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Pressley are the parents of a girl born Saturday, Jan. 6, at 9:30 a. m. in the Sweetwater hospital. She weighed 7 pounds and 6 ounces and has been named Carol La Rue. Mrs. Pressley was the former Miss Florene Evans of Sweetwater.

Change of Ownership Brings New Name; Now Corner Grocery

Announcement was made Tuesday of a change of ownership of Watts grocery, also a change of name to the Corner grocery.

Vernon Mansfield will be manager under the new ownership, it is announced by Joe Cypert, who purchased the business from Earl Watts.

In a statement to a representative of The Mail, Manager Mansfield called attention to the fact the Corner grocery would discontinue the strictly cash policy to customers which had been in effect under the previous management.

Arizona has 7,718,083 acres of grazing land and 31,955,000 feet of standing timber.

COUGHING MAN LOSES THREE DAYS' WORK

Don't Let a Cough from a Cold "Tear You to Pieces"

Coughs from colds can be eased quickly with Mentho-Mulsion. Mentho-Mulsion aids the release of tickling phlegm which causes muscular reaction and the coughs resulting from your body's action in trying to get rid of this phlegm. Mentho-Mulsion is scientifically designed for this purpose.

Don't let simple coughs make you lay off from work due to sleeplessness and nerve-tension. Get a bottle of fast-acting Mentho-Mulsion. The first dose proves why Mentho-

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You buy pleasant tasting Mentho-Mulsion on the strict money-back guarantee that if the first dose does not give you expected relief, your druggist will return your money.

YOUNG LADY SPEAKS.
Miss Billy Hendricks says "Experience has taught me not to let a cough due to a cold hang on, when I get such quick, pleasant relief from Mentho-Mulsion."
Mentho-Mulsion is endorsed by your neighbors and guaranteed by Leo-Bailey Drug.



SPECIALS

for FRIDAY-SATURDAY

JANUARY 12-13, 1940.

- DELICIOUS APPLES, dz. 25c
- WINESAP APPLES, dz. 15c
- LETTUCE, 2 heads 7c
- GREEN BEANS, 2 lbs. 25c

- CARROTS, 3 bunches 10c
- ORANGES, doz. 15c
- GRAPEFRUIT, 6 for 10c
- SPUDS, No. 1, 10 lbs. 19c

A-1 SODA
Crackers, 2 lb. box 17c

RED & WHITE
Catsup, 14 oz. bottle 15c

QUART
Sour or Dill PICKLES 15c

6 BARS
Laundry SOAP 23c

BLUE & WHITE
Tamales, 2 cans 25c

RED & WHITE
Hominy Grits, pkg. 9c

STRAWBERRY
Preserves, 1 lb. jar 23c

RED & WHITE
Rice, 2 lb. box 19c

10 LB. BAG
Granulated SUGAR 48c

1 LB. CAN
Red & White COFFEE 25c

RED & WHITE
Meal, box 9c

RED & WHITE
MILK, 4 sm or 2 tall cans 15c

SUN-SPUN
Salad Dressing, qt. 32c

POST'S
Grapenuts, pkg 15c

GALLON
Fresh PRUNES 29c

3 POUND CAN
Creamy CRISCO 49c

RED & WHITE
Pineapple, 3 cans 25c

RED & WHITE
Fancy Corn, 2 No. 2 cans 25c

-:- Market Specials -:-

- SLICED BACON, lb. 22c
- PORK CHOPS, lb. 19c
- PURE PORK SAUSAGE, pound 15c
- PICNIC HAMS, lb. 15c
- LIVER, lb. 10c

WEST COMPANY, Merkel
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NEW YEAR'S PARTY.

The mid-winter class party for members of the music class of Christine Collins featured a New Year's motif when given on last Friday evening in her studio. Numbers were presented by various pupils, criticisms were offered and at the refreshment hour molded creams, angel food and salted nuts were served.

The invitations went to the following: Misses Louise Patterson, Anne Blake, Doris Clyde Miller, Betty Lu Higgins, Joyce Cox, Helen Heeter, Lorraine King and Annie Mae King, Dorothy Lee Shannon, Frances Higgins, Pearl Mathews, Thelma Mathews, Evelyn Sears, Mary Eula Sears, Jonnie Roberts, Louise Smith, Helen McLeod, Charlene James, Dorothy Joe Strawn, Helga Beasley, Virginia Chloé McRee, La Nelle Edwards, Peggy Titsworth, Johnnie Wheeler, Marjorie Anne Walker, Ima Ruth Shouse, Norma Jean Hodge, Creta Key Case, Wilda Bowles, Cliffla Jean Estep, Joy Lansford; Mesdames Norman Hodge, Myrtle Patterson, Edith Leach, J. R. McGraw, Jr., T. L. Reid; Messrs. Kenneth Burkhardt, Jake Roberts, A. L. Reid, Marvin Hunter, Mark Williamson, Ben Robert Hicks, J. B. Winn, Jr., John Robert Walker, Don Friend, Bobby Tom Hodge.

HARRIS-RUSSELL.

Two of Merkel's most popular young people were united in marriage on Saturday afternoon when Miss Alice Russell became the bride of Mr. Leo Harris. Rev. R. A. Walker officiated, reading the ceremony at 2 o'clock at the Presbyterian manse. Bernard Clark was the only attendant at the wedding.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. S. G. Russell. She graduated from Merkel High school in 1936 and because of a most friendly personality has a host of friends throughout the town and surrounding communities.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris. He was also a student of Merkel High school and is at present engaged in farming. The couple will be at home on the Lige Harris farm in the Hebron community.

RECENT BRIDE HONORED AT MUSICAL TEA.

(Abilene Sunday Reporter-News) Mrs. Richard Young, December bride, was named honoree for a musical gift tea Friday afternoon when Mrs. Thurman Morrison entertained in her home.

Margaret Beth Blackwell gave a musical reading, Aileen Hardin played a group of popular piano selections, and Helen Watts played several accordion numbers.

Present were Mrs. W. R. Swaim, Jr., Alma Jane Page, Betty McIntosh, Wanda Mae Clements, Mrs. Jack Dean, Mrs. S. E. Smith, Mrs. Herbert M. Preston, Dorothy Mack Aman, Mrs. O. O. Watts, Helen Watts, Mrs. M. D. Blackwell, Mrs. W. I. Fox, Helen Pope Jones and Margaret Beth Blackwell.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Friday, Jan. 5, in the home of Mrs. C. P. Church. Year books were partially filled and Miss Amelia Ford, a visitor from the state of Maine and a guest in the Butman homes, read some particularly interesting excerpts from a book distributed by the International Harvester company, titled "Young Folks, Do Something and Be Somebody." Miss Ford is a forceful reader and the book, inspiring to old and young

alike.

Following roll call, several reports were heard, including a very favorable one on the budget. Mrs. E. B. Wallace was elected secretary-treasurer, to take the place of Mrs. V. B. Sublett, who sent her resignation.

Chairmen appointed for the year are: food, Mrs. Bob McDonald; program, Mrs. Andy Shouse; flower, Mrs. C. P. Church.

Hot cocoa with cookies was served to the following members: Mesdames A. P. Peterson, J. W. Bryan, E. B. Wallace, J. B. Campbell, O. B. Leach, Byron Dingle, Dent Gibson, Roy H. Mathews, Bob Sumpter, W. R. Sumpter, Paul Blackaby, Bob McDonald, Walter Teaff, Fred A. Baker, Sr., a new member, Miss Lottie Butman, and two visitors, Miss Ford and Miss Pauline Blackaby, and the hostess.

The next regular meeting will be on Jan. 19, with Mrs. Paul Blackaby, the program being on "Storage Space in the Kitchen," and roll call, "Storage Space I Need in My Kitchen."

JUNIOR STUDY CLUB.

The home of Miss Mildred Hamm was opened to Junior Study club members on Thursday afternoon.

Miss Helen Reddell was leader for the afternoon, presenting an interesting sketch on "O. Henry's Contribution to Short Story."

Mrs. C. H. Collinsworth gave an interesting "O. Henry Story."

Roll call was answered with a favorite O. Henry short story by the following members: Mesdames J. E. Boaz, Jr., C. H. Collinsworth, Wrenn Durham Pat Davis, R. M. Ferguson, Pete West, David Gamble, Elmo Collins, Andy Shouse, Byron Patterson, Leo Zehnpfennig, Urban Zehnpfennig, Geo. Moore, W. T. Sadler; Misses Mary Collins, Agnes Clark, Mildred Hamm, Ruby Jinkens, Helen Reddell, Imogene Schulze and Billie Gardner and Frances Largent, new members. Miss Floy Ash was a guest.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Grace Presbyterian church met in its monthly session at the church, Monday afternoon, Jan. 8, with Mrs. Henry West as leader of a program on China and Alaska.

The devotional on "The Mind of Christ," (Phil. 2:5), was given by Mrs. Connor Robinson, followed by the leader's remarks on "Prayer" from Luke 11:1.

Mrs. Delma Compton gave a summary of a magazine article, "Peace and Power," written by Dorothy Thompson. "Christian World Facts on China" was discussed by Mrs. Connor Robinson, and "My Camera Eyes Alaska" was given by Mrs. W. M. Elliott.

During the business session that followed, the society voted to observe Feb. 9 as "World Day of Prayer," with a special service.

The next three Mondays in January are the dates set for the Mission Study Book class on "Homeland Harvest," with Mrs. John West, study book chairman, in charge of the January 15th lesson. The meeting closed with the mizpah.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

The Willing Workers class of Grace Presbyterian church met on Tuesday afternoon in the home of Miss Jennie Keny.

After the opening song, "On Higher Ground," the devotional reading was given by Miss Mary Keny from the 11th chapter of Hebrews and prayer was led by Mrs. J. W. Walling.

An interesting program was rendered on "Faith," with songs and readings being used. The program closed with a song and the Lord's prayer. In the business session Mrs. S. G. Russell was elected president of the class.

A social hour followed, and a refreshment plate of salad, wafers and coffee was served to Mrs. R. B. Bland, a visitor, and the following members: Mesdames J. R. Walling, J. E. Tucker, J. A. Patterson, S. A. Derstine, S. G. Russell, W. M. Elliott, J. W. McConnell, R. A. Walker, Misses Mary and Jennie Keny.

The next meeting of the class will be in the home of Mrs. S. A. Derstine on Feb. 13.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

Members of the Grove No. 563, Woodmen Circle, met in regular session on Thursday afternoon of last week.

Plans were made for joint installation of officers for the coming year for the Woodmen of the World. Local Camp No. 719 had set Tuesday night,

FASHION PREVIEW



The good-for-a-number of years model introduced in January Good Housekeeping was designed by Louise Barnes Gallagher. The fabric was specially designed and woven for this model but it would be ideal in a soft wool that will be smart tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow.

RURAL SOCIETY

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met Thursday, Jan. 4, in regular meeting at the Salt Branch school house.

The following committee chairmen for the year were appointed by the president: finance, Mrs. Vernon Hudson; expansion, Mrs. Ollie Higgins.

An executive meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Roy Harrell on Thursday afternoon to date the year book and name the hostesses for the year.

Jan. 18 is the next meeting date for the club. Miss Hattie Tucker, county agent, will be present. The meeting will be held in Mrs. Vernon Hudson's home at 2:30 p. m. All members are urged to come.

A CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Blackburn had the pleasure of having their four daughters at home on Christmas day.

After their arrival, the table was set for the daughters and their husbands, with the parents acting as hosts. A seasonal menu of roast turkey, salads, cakes, pies and many other appetizing delicacies was served. The afternoon was spent in exchanging gifts, among the most appreciated of which was a surprise gift for each of the daughters of an enlarged photo of their parents.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Martin and children, Doris and G. M., Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown, W. L. Ruth, Mabel and Dix, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks and son, J. E., Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Horton and one guest, Jimmy Latimer, of Chowchilla, Calif.

Jan. 9, as the date for the occasion. It was voted that Trent be invited to bring their officers to be installed at this time.

The guardian, Mrs. Lillie Barnett, appointed a committee to select a gift for the district manager, Mrs. Katie Kidwell, as an appreciation from the local Grove. Miss Norma Patton drew the gift basket.

Those attending were Mesdames Lillie Barnett, Winnie Turner, Pearl Hollingsworth, Irene Barnes, Edith Perry, Lillian Mathews and Ruby Barnett; Misses Norma Patton and Clara B. and Maurine White.

W. M. U. CIRCLES.

The Elkin Lockett Circle met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Chas West. Mrs. J. M. Williamson offered prayer and Mrs. J. L. Winters had charge of the Bible lesson.

Those present were Mesdames T. E. Collins, J. M. Meeks, J. M. Williamson, J. L. Winters and Chas West.

The next lesson starts with I Samuel, the 10th chapter.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle of the First Baptist church met with Mrs. J. O. Castles on Monday afternoon. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. J. S. Swann and Mrs. Castles taught the Bible lesson.

Those present were Mesdames J. M. Ashby, J. S. Swann, Byron Dingle, W. L. Johnson and J. O. Castles.

The May Belle Taylor Circle met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Clyd Bartlett. Mrs. W. A. Ford was leader and Mrs. Lum Gilbreath directed the Circle through an interesting hour of Bible study.

Those present were Mesdames W. A. Ford, G. S. Evans, Owen Robertson and Clyd Bartlett.

League Activities

"Brutus, I charge thee, fling away ambition. By that sin fell the angels." Thus does Shakespeare condemn ambition.

But then there is that quotation which puts it in a better light: "All winds serve him who has a destined port."

Should we be ambitious? That is the subject for our League program next Sunday. Ben Robert Hicks will be leader for the following program:

Call to worship, leader; hymn, prayer, introduction, leader; talk, "These Were Ambitious," Marvin Hunter; talk, "What is the Difference?" Clarice Higgins; talk, "Life Ambition," Louise Patterson; period for discussion of life purpose of members of the group; Scripture reading; Matt. 10:1-8, W. A. Whiteley; hymn, business meeting, League benediction.

Wednesday night of this week, the Leaguers will join in choir practice at 7:30 and serve refreshments afterward. This will be our social meeting for the month.

Thursday night the Union meeting will be held at Wylie. More about it next week.

Come to League Sunday and help plead the case of Mr. Ambition, or help condemn him if you're a witness for the offense.

Juanita Huskey, Reporter.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Max Mellinger and son, Meyer Mellinger, went to Fort Worth Sunday to attend the meeting of the Texas-Oklahoma Shoe Retailers' association. Meyer returned Tuesday, but Mr. Mellinger went on to Livingston from Fort Worth.

In opening the Smith Grocery at Noodle, in the old Sloan place, Claude Smith will have George Cooper assisting him at the Noodle store, while still continuing the operation of the Goodman grocery.

Roy Reid and his brother, Claude Reid, of Santa Anna, returned Wednesday from a tour of several West Texas and New Mexico points, including Clovis, N. M., Lubbock, Big Spring and Lamesa. Roy Reid left Thursday morning on a business trip to Dallas, expecting to return Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson and Mrs. W. W. Campbell returned Monday night from the Chevrolet factory at Flint, from where they drove home in new cars. Mr. Patterson bought a 2-door Master Deluxe special, and Mrs. Campbell, a 4-passenger coupe.

Work of installing new show windows in the Lee-Bailey Drug store is nearing completion, marking still another step in the improvement program of the new owners.

T. H. Kell sustained a broken rib and suffered a cut on his forehead Monday afternoon when the car in which he was riding with his daughter, Mrs. Clarence Horton of Abilene, and the city grader driven by Jack Huffman were in collision at the bridge across the railroad ditch on the street going south from the old water tower. Mrs. Horton escaped injury.

Dee Bland has been serving on the patrol car of the Abilene police department since before the holidays and he and his family are domiciled at 1166 Victoria street, Abilene.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
Owing to the severe weather—coldest day of the season—only 406 were present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 557 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 535.

METHODIST CHURCH.
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Young people's meeting at 6:15 p. m. Evening worship at 7 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.
John H. Crow, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. As the pastor will be at Baird, there will be no preaching service, morning nor night. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.
Every one is cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. B. T. U. at 6:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

ROYAL SERVICE PROGRAM.
The W. M. S. of the First Baptist church will meet on Monday, Jan. 15, at 3 p. m. for their Royal Service program. The Blanche Rose Walker Circle will have charge.

Remember the W. M. S. calendar for the year 1940: First Monday is business; second Monday, Bible lessons, which meet in Circles; third Monday, Royal Service program, at the church; fourth Monday is Bible lesson again and will meet in Circles.

QUEEN THEATRE
"Showing the Pick of the Pictures for Less"

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 12-13
BIG DOUBLE FEATURE FOR THE PRICE OF ONE
Continuous Showing from 1 p. m. to 11:15 p. m. Saturday
Joel McCrea, Jeffrey Lynn, George Bancroft
Feature No. 1—"Espionage Agent"
Feature No. 2—"Western Caravans"
First Chapter "Dick Tracy's G-Men"

Saturday Preview, 11:15 p. m., Mon.-Tues.
Big Road Show Attraction
John Garfield, Priscilla Lane
"DUST BE MY DESTINY"
DON'T FORGET WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

SEEDLESS GRAPEFRUIT, dozen 19c
Texas Oranges, 2 dozen 25c

Carrots, 3 bchs. 10c **Celery, stalk 10c**
Purple Turnips, lb. 4c **Onions, lb. 3c**

Collards, Turnips and Tops, Radishes, Beets, Green Onions
Fresh Tomatoes and Green Beans

CAULIFLOWER, pound 10c

GREEN BEANS, SPINACH 3 No. 2 cans 25c
TOMATOES, KRAUT 3 No. 2 cans 25c

SPUDS, No. 1 White, 10 lbs. 19c

Mexican Style Beans, 3 tall cans 25c **Grape Nuts, pkg. 15c**

SHORTENING, 8 lb. crt. 78c; 4 lb. crt. 39c
PURE CANE SUGAR, 10 lb., cloth bag 53c

K. B. MEAL, 10 pound sack 29c
P. & G. SOAP, 7 Giant Bars 25c

WHITE SWAN—MAXWELL HOUSE
COFFEE, 3 pound can 75c
MILK, 7 cans 25c

MARKET SPECIALS

SUGAR CURED BACON, whole slices, lb. 15c
PORK STEAK, per pound 15c
Rib or Brisket Beef Roast, lb. 14c
Seven Steak, lb. 19c **Pork Roast, lb. 15c**
Salt Pork, lb. 11c **Plenty Dressed Hens**

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W. M. S. Reporter.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Sunday services: Bible classes 9:45, preaching at 10:45, young people's meeting 6:00, preaching at 7 p. m.
Wednesday evening Bible study at 7:00 o'clock.
You are invited to attend.
E. W. Key, Minister.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Rev. R. U. Rister, supply pastor, will fill the pulpit Sunday, morning and night. All other services Sunday and during the week as usual.
J. L. Massey, Supt.

NAZARENE CHURCH.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.
Every one is cordially invited to these services.
R. T. Smith, Pastor.

NEW LIVE OAK CHURCH.
Rev. Ted McGehee will preach at the New Live Oak Baptist church at Butman Sunday at 11 o'clock. Visitors welcome.
Mrs. Dennis Counts, Church Reporter.

Texan Commands Fleet.
San Pedro, Calif., Jan. 11.—New commander-in-chief of the United States fleet is Admiral James Otis Richardson, 61, native of Paris, Texas, who Saturday relieved Admiral Claude C. Bloch, the Kentuckian, who for two years has been the navy's top man at sea.

Let us book your order now for baby chicks that live and grow and pay you a profit—hatched at Dunn's Hatchery, DeLeon, Texas. John Dunn

A WORD OF ...

THANKS

Having sold my grocery business to Joe Cypert, I wish to express my deepest appreciation and thanks for the patronage and friendship with which you have favored me in the past and to bespeak a continuation of your patronage for my successor.

Sincerely yours,

EARL WATTS