

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bowers have returned to Fort Worth after several weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowers.

Webb and Willie Weaver were here Sunday to visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jones.

Arthur Beach passed through Trent Wednesday of last week and stopped by to see his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts went to Ranger Sunday to see Luther Roberts.

Mrs. Carter Dyer spent the week-end with her husband in Coleman. Mrs. Dyer is the former Gladys Roberts.

HONOR BRIDE AT GIFT PARTY.

Complimenting Mrs. Carter Dyer, the former Gladys Roberts, Mrs. Clifford Estep and Mrs. Alex Williamson were hostesses Wednesday for a gift party in the home of Mrs. Alex Williamson. A musical program was presented by pupils of Miss Christine Collins, Misses Loraine and Annie Mae King, of Merkel, Charlene James, Helen McLeod, Dorothy Jo Strawn and Jonnie Roberts. Marching to the strains of the wedding march, little Wilda Lee Bowles as the bride, Robertus McRee as the groom and Carolyn McRee as the flower girl presented the gifts to the much surprised Mrs. Dyer.

A sandwich plate with squares of white cake and hot punch was served to Mesdames J. C. Hamner, L. E. Adrian, Bob Howell, Bry Burkhardt, T. J. Young, J. B. Winn, Bert McRee, J. H. Windland, O. S. Bishop, E. B. Strawn, Joe Boone, H. H. McRee, J. M. Strawn, Earl Duncan, Foy Steadman, C. C. Stribling, J. B. Cass, C. T. Beckham, L. Z. Titsworth, T. G. Hamner, A. W. Woods, J. R. Gafford, Andy Shouse, T. H. Williamson.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames Garnet Wilks, Pauline Freeman, Dorothy Hood, R. B. Johnson, C. M. Stribling, Gus Brewer, Mary Scott, Ben Howell, Joe Brown, E. D. Bowers, Jack Bowers, Harold Terry, Carey, Doris Hamner, Bob Billington, John A. Woodard, Cloyce Edwards, R. L. Reaves; Misses Opal roeman, Lola Fern Martin and Leona Dobbins, Anne Blake, Roberts, Bettye Lou Howell, Brown, Mamie Gafford, Virgie Hardy, Ermadene McLeod, Alice Carey.

BASKETBALL GAMES.

The Lawn boys' basketball team defeated Trent boys 14-9 last Monday. The Trent girls beat the Lawn girls, 19-7. The International Harvesters of Sweetwater beat the Trent Independents 32-30.

COUNTY COUNCIL P.-T. A.

The Trent High School study hall was the setting last Thursday for the February meeting of the Taylor County Parent-Teacher council. Election of officers took up a large part of the day.

Mrs. Lee Kincaid of North Park, Abilene, was re-elected president; Mrs. Bud Winter, Trent, vice-president; Mrs. B. Oldham, North Park, secretary, and M. Smith of Potosi, treasurer.

Following assembly singing led by Mrs. Bud Winter, president of the Trent P.-T. A., R. L. Fortune superintendent of Trent school, extended a welcome. Voice and piano students of Christine Collins were presented in a program. Very interesting talks were made by C. L. Haugness, Boy Scout Executive of Chisholm Trail, and Mrs. Kate Causseaux, director of education in Taylor county schools. At noon a covered dish luncheon was served.

Those registering were: Mesdames J. L. Beard, W. B. Madera, W. G. Hicks, Tuscola; Leon Copeland, Alton Zimmerlee, Marcus Cumby, G. C. Papason, J. L. Edwards, Carroll Watson, Jack Wright, and J. C. Stewart, Lawn; Mesdames R. C. Suggs, Herman Brewster, G. A. Green and Causseaux, Wylie.

Mesdames J. H. Windham, John Strawn, Thomas Young, Bud Winter, R. H. Winn, W. P. Hood, B. C. Lansford, M. L. Jones, Garnet Bryan, Alex Williamson, Ethel Cass, Karl Bonneaux, J. G. Wilks, A. W. Woods, Clifford Estep, Mary Scott and Joe Boone, Trent.

Mesdames Oldham, Algia Daniel, Jack Hutchins, S. L. Phillips, Lee Kincaid, North Park; Mrs. J. R. Hill, Mrs. Holland Holt, Vivian Fryar and Mr. Haugness, Abilene.

RADIO PROGRAM.

Zed Bright, one of the directors of recreational work in Trent, presented a group of students in a musical program last Thursday over station KXOX, Sweetwater. Those students taking part in this program were: Bonnie Ruth James, guitar; Weldon Rutledge, guitar; Junior Eckhart, harmonica; Elton Bland, harmonica, and Zed Bright, violin. Also on the program was Buddy

Winters who gave a reading, "My Rival." Miss Louise Purser is the director of this department. Dick Hanna of Sweetwater was master of ceremonies.

BLAIR ITEMS

Well, the sunshine put an end to the long, intense cold spell; although most of the nights remain frosty, the days have been more endurable. The fine moisture that fell over the week-end and is still falling at this writing (Monday) has been of great benefit to small grain, and the farm land is in good condition for row crops.

All these assets leave this "ye scribe" in a finer spirit. After several months' absence, there have been a number of requests that "ye scribe" continue the local news. After serving in that capacity for some nineteen years, well, I guess I'll just keep the good work going. Rev. Charles Williams of View will fill his regular appointment here Sunday, Feb. 11. Every one is invited to attend these services.

The Epworth League of White Church rendered an excellent program here at the M. E. church Sunday night, to a well filled house. With Woodrow Barnes as president, Bill Brown as group leader, a talk was given by Doyal Barnes, a poem by Joe Ann Brown, a talk by Clayton Doan, two special song numbers by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shugart and Mrs. Beryl Brown, with accompaniment on the violin by Mose Brown, a talk by Aliene Frazier, a talk by Ruth Denton, a reading, "Cultivating Courtesy," by Mrs. Fay Brown. Miss Gwindolene Sandusky was pianist.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jackson and two children, formerly of Post, who have been in our midst for some two months, have a very nice grocery

business here. Maybe, it is too late to say it, we are very glad they are here and we hope they will be here for a mighty long time. Mr. Jackson solicits the patronage of the public.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Maddera are entertaining a fine baby girl since Feb. 3. The little lady has been christened Glenna Sue.

Clayton Reynolds of Detroit, Mich., visited last week-end with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reynolds and family.

Mrs. May Pruitt of New Mexico visited the Campbell brothers and Mrs. Pat Addison recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Sowell and J. W. Sowell have returned home to Arizona after three weeks' stay with the latter's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Latimer, and family. Miss Mary Cummings of Baird was also a guest Sunday in this home.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Cox and son, Jimmy Wayne, of Clint, were passing visitors with their father, Sam Prövine, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan, and family Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis and

family of Palava spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scogin and family.

Misses Lucy Moore and Sarah Malone of Texas Tech at Lubbock spent the past week-end with home folks.

Odell Latimer spent several days with relatives in Fort Worth the past week.

Miss Madlyn Addison and Glenn Abbott of Abilene spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Addison.

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Never has the world seen a greater example of wisdom, patience, patriotism, and moral courage than animated his every act as he guided the ship of state through the troubled waters of the Civil war.

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Gilbert Smith Makes Announcement for Jones County Judge

To the Citizens of Jones County: Qualifications is vitally essential to a public official, therefore; in announcing as a candidate for county judge of Jones county, subject to the democratic primaries, I do so, feeling that my past experience in the administration of your affairs as a public official is a qualification that entitles me to advancement.

I am 37 years of age, married, and we own our own home. Since finishing high school I have made my own living and obtained my college education and law degree by working as a printer. For 12 years I have practiced law in both state and federal courts.

I am not unmindful of the fact that the citizens of Jones county have, heretofore, been kind to me by placing me in charge of the affairs in the county attorney's office of Jones county. For more than five years I have discharged these obligations to the very best of my ability and never at any time have I lost sight of the fact that "A public office is a public trust."

The success or failure of any public official must, in a large degree, be judged by what is done and not what is said; therefore, I point with pride to my record as county attorney of Jones county, with assurance that if elected county judge, my undivided attention shall continue to be given to the duties and responsibilities of the office and my best efforts expended in the service of all the people of the time.

FOR the principal reasons why I am a candidate for county attorney's office is because of the 90-acre farm the young men who are enmeshed in his or her first time laws of this state and

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Mr. DANNY, offender is either made and Mr. \$5.00 citizen, or he becomes Mr. Showase at society. At times in dealing with these young offenders, I

WILL been too lenient, but I have made hard to help them and to return them to society, rather than to bring the wrath of the law down upon them.

It is a well established precedent in Texas, that due to the close association of the offices, the county attorney's office is the logical position in which to gain a thorough knowledge of the duties and responsibilities of a county judge.

Your county judge is the chief executive of the affairs and business of the county; he is chairman of the commissioners' court who are your directors in operating the biggest business we have in this county. In choosing a man to manage your personal business and administer to your personal affairs, you select a man qualified; this same rule should be kept in mind when you select your county judge.

Due to the many changes of our state laws, the duties and interpretation of the various phases of the laws, such as court procedure, probate and guardianship matters, taxation questions, relief matters, property rights, expenditures of public money and many others. I invite you to investigate the records of my office, especially the economical manner in which I have disposed of such a great number of cases and in gathering criminal evidence.

For any consideration and support, you, the voters of Jones county, can give me in the forthcoming primary I shall be very grateful. If you see fit to elect me as the next county judge of Jones county, I assure you I shall serve you to the best of my ability, and with no hesitancy I pledge you the following: economy in county government; a fair and courteous consideration of your problems; an equitable administration of your court and a very co-operative spirit with other public officials.

During the coming months, with the late winter and spring terms of court coming on, it will be difficult for me to spend the time away from my office to contact each of you personally, therefore I hope you will consider this message as a personal solicitation for your vote and influence.

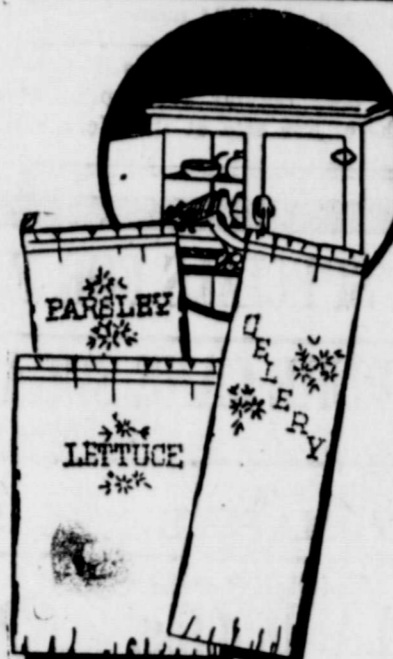
May I again thank the people of Jones county for the confidence and the co-operation shown me in the capacity in which I now serve and earnestly solicit your consideration in the coming primary.

Respectfully,
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Recruiting Activities Curtailed for Texas

With the establishment of a new all-time high monthly Marine Corps recruiting record for the state during the month of January by the district recruiting office in Dallas, recruiting activities have been vastly curtailed. During that month, according to Postmaster Wrenn Durham, 144 young Texans satisfactorily passed the entrance examinations and were admitted into the ranks of the United States Marine corps. These young men are representative of every cross section of Texas; from the Panhandle to the Rio Grande valley and from the Big Bend country all the way east to the timberland region.

Of the 5,000 new men accepted for enlistment in the Marines within the past five months from all over the United States, approximately 10 per cent of that number were accepted from Texas.

This unprecedented response of Texans to flock to the banners of the U. S. Marine corps was largely

due to the fact that recruiting activities in the corps were functioning with unlimited enlistment quotas during those five months.

However, effective Feb. 3, the policy of setting a limited monthly enlistment quota for each recruiting district will be re-established. Insofar as pertains to Texas, the enlistment quota for the current month will be only 11 men, according to Captain J. D. O'Leary, officer in charge of Marine corps recruiting in this state.

Incident to the curtailment of recruiting, all offices in Texas at which applications for enlistment were formerly accepted have been closed, except the district office in the Allen building at Dallas. Applications may be made by letter or in person at that office from now on.

A BOUQUET TO MOTHER.
Take this bouquet, Darling Mother, It is meant for only you, I must send it while you're living, And not wait till life is through.

God in heaven knows I love you, Love you with all my heart, And it makes me sad, Dear Mother, When we must be apart.

I think the dear wise Master, In His love supremely true, Picked you out from all the others, With your eyes of sparkling blue.

He knew that your children Needed very special care, So He gave you to us, Mother, To help our sorrows bear.

You have always been a blessing To those who knew you best, You must always work for others, In your heart you take no rest.

You are good and wise, Dear Mother, You have labored here below, Getting joy in helping others, And your love for Jesus show.

You have taught us of a Savior, Who was crucified for all, Who would strengthen and uphold us, And would never let us fall.

I am thankful for that, Mother; What would life have meant to me, Had I never known the Savior, Or the way to Calvary?

Now, when all this life is ended, And we are called home above, First, I'll meet my blessed Savior, Then my Mother whom I love.

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List of Petit Jurors Called for Next Week

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

Dan Reidenbach, J. P. Sharp, W. H. Pence, R. M. Beasley, Robert Riney, Elsie Roland, W. T. Bird, Merkel; A. H. Person, L. F. Signor, Geo. D. Kiker, A. L. Tutt, G. H. McDonald, Ray Breaus, S. G. Hodges, Ernie Ramey, T. J. Hardy, E. B. Atwood, W. N. Foster, M. G. Scott, E. F. Downing, H. L. Whittle, J. F. Young, C. F. Briggs, J. E. Taylor, Martin Koonsman, J. K. Groseclose, Roy C. Fuller, C. R. Frazier, W. J. McMinn, T. A. Fuqua, T. L. Green, W. E. Taylor, W. E. Harber, W. R. Owens, Lloyd B. Thomas, H. G. Reeves, M. Justice, Abilene; Giles White, N. C. Robbins, T. J. Pinkston, Tuscola; J. W. Smith, Tye; A. A. Foster, Guion; W. S. Thompson, J. M. Yates, Ovalo; Lee Little, Winters; J. F. Abernathy, L. C. Keyes, Trent; J. T. Toney, Buffalo Gap; H. L. Sanders, Winters.

Weaver Springs News

Everybody seems to be all smiles over the good rains, and that these nice sunny days remind us of spring just around the corner, (maybe).

Seems as if nearly everybody in our community is trying to be sick. Johnny Frazier's family are on the sick list, also Jack Noel's family. The writer herself has about got over a spell of the "flu," so she can surely sympathize with the others and here's hoping a speedy recovery to all.

Mrs. John Comer spent the day Sunday in the home of her brother, Frase Demere, with wife.

Raymond Demere made a flying trip to Sweetwater and Putnam Saturday.

W. C. Demere returned Friday to his home in Abilene after spending several days at the bedside of his mother, Mrs. P. R. Demere, who passed away Monday, Jan. 29.

Grand Jury Expects to End Work Thursday

Members of the grand jury in 42nd district court, who were reconvened Monday morning, were expecting to complete their investigations Thursday, Henry Roberts, foreman, told Judge M. S. Long.

Sixteen bills had been returned up to Wednesday night by the inquisitorial body, 13 of which were brought in Monday and three more added on Wednesday.

Rufe Tittle Enters Commissioner's Race

The Mail is authorized this week to announce the name of C. R. (Rufe) Tittle as a candidate for the office of county commissioner of Precinct No. 2, Taylor county.

For a number of years Rufe Tittle was a resident of Merkel, having moved to Trent in 1932.

In a statement to The Mail, Mr. Tittle said: "I was practically raised in this section, having lived here 39 years, most of which time I have been engaged in farming, and I believe my experience as a dirt farmer would be of great assistance to one serving the public of this precinct as your commissioner.

"Realizing that the office of commissioner is one of the most important posts in the county government, I feel like I am capable of handling the duties of this office to the complete satisfaction of the people and I ask those who do not know me to investigate my qualifications to serve you in this capacity. I earnestly solicit your support and influence in the coming primaries."

Cake Walk—Bingo Games.

Be sure to come to the Cake Walk and "Bingo" party Friday night, Feb. 9, 7:15, at the White Church school house. Those Seniors attending the Merkel High school are sponsoring this party. Come one, come all. Prices, 5 cents to walk; 5 cents each "bingo" game.

L. B. Denning, 62, founder in 1909 of the Lone Star Gas company and its president since 1915, died at his home in Dallas Tuesday night.

Scouting Beckons All Boys



When the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its 30th birthday on Thursday, February 8, all of the 1,330,000 Scouts, Cubs and Scout leaders will re-dedicate themselves to the service motive which has characterized the Movement for three decades. Scouting offers adventure, fun and achievement—attractive to all boys—through the democratic life of the Scout Troop and Patrol, as essential ingredients in its character-influencing program for the boys of America. Drawing on the rich experience of the Movement, local and national Scout leaders anticipate the opportunity to serve more boys annually.

*** FASHION PREVIEW ***



Everyone, whether a stay-at-home or traveler, needs an all-round coat for every season. A suggestion by the February Good Housekeeping is this oatmeal tweed in soft beige. The back is loose and flared and the sleeves full length. Completing its charm is a flattering sailor collar of lynx-dyed fox.

Gets Most Plane Shipments.
Washington, Feb. 8.—France got \$20,050,539 of the \$23,893,811 worth of airplanes and parts shipped out of the United States in December.

Butman News

Our heart goes out to the Demere family in the illness and death of their mother. May God bless them.

A nice crowd enjoyed hearing Brother Healer of Sweetwater last Sunday.

Mrs. Ferry from Divide was down to church Sunday.

Brother Healer was dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Butman.

Mesdames Artist Cook, Ruble Johnson, Dennis Counts and Ben Butman met at Mrs. Clovis Harrison's to quilt the friendship quilt for Brother and Mrs. Joe P. Self, Jr., last Thursday.

Mrs. Will Butman has had a very sore foot, but it is much better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruble Johnson and Mrs. Dennis Counts made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

There will be a preacher from Abilene to preach at the New Live Oak church Sunday and we urge everybody to come.

Miss Mildred Wilkins was ill last week, but we are happy to say she is all right now.

Carbon paper, 8 1/2 x 11, two sheets for 5 cents; 25 cents per dozen. At Merkel Mail office.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

Many New Features at WCT Live Stock Show

Abilene, Feb. 8.—Final preparations are being made here this week for the West Central Texas Live Stock show, Feb. 14-15, where F. F. A. and 4-H club boys of Jones, Shackelford, Stonewall, Runnels, Coleman, Callahan, Coke, Nolan, Fisher, Haskell, Scurry, Mitchell and Taylor counties will show their top calves, lambs, swine, and capons in competition for approximately \$1,000 in premiums.

An outstanding educational feature of the show will be the grading of the calves and lambs for slaughter quality, just as they should be graded at any terminal market. The animals will be placed first, second, third, etc., and will then be graded as prime, choice, or good slaughter animals. Ribbons will be awarded for both placement and grade, but no grade ribbons will be given for those grading below good.

Judges for the various departments will be: calves, W. L. Stangel, head of the animal husbandry department of Texas Technological college; lambs, W. R. Nesbit, Live Stock specialist of the Texas Extension service; logs, J. M. Bird of Stamford, former member of the senior Live Stock judging team of Texas A. & M., and coach of many winning judging teams in 4-H club work; capons, Willie Griffith, Abilene, former member of the senior poultry judging team of Texas A. & M.

All exhibits will be shown in the Hereford barns built last year for the West Texas Fair, and judging will be in the Sears' Live Stock judging arena at the West Texas Fair grounds. Both the barns and arena can be heated if necessary.

Auction sale of the champion and reserve champion animals of the show will be held in the judging arena Thursday afternoon at 1:30. Judging of the Taylor county division will be Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, while area exhibits will be judged Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

With some late entries still coming in, officials of the exposition are expecting the largest number and highest quality exhibits in the history of the show.

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Church Shows Growth.
Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 8.—A final statistical report of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, showed an increase of 46,184 members for 1939.
Adding machine rolls 15c or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For sale at the Merkel Mail.

Noted Pastor Dies.
Seattle, Feb. 8.—The Rev. Dr. Mark Allison Matthews, 72, noted Presbyterian pastor and vice crusader, died of pneumonia in the Seattle general hospital Monday. He was pastor of the largest Presbyterian congregation in the nation.

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY

PURE CANE SUGAR 10 lbs. 48c
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TO THE PUBLIC—We are now equipped for first class repair work on cars, tractors, washing machines, motors, etc. Give us a trial. Irl Walker and Odell Crow, West Side Wrecking Yard. All work guaranteed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
POLITICAL**

(Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in July.)
For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

- H. B. (Hob) ROBERTSON.
- A. J. CANON (Re-election.)
- W. R. (Bill) SUMPTER.
- BUSTER HORTON.
- L. A. (Lem) DUDLEY.
- W. R. COX.
- D. J. (Dave) ANDERSON.
- C. R. (Rufe) TITTLE.

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4. Jones County:

T. A. TUCKER.

For Constable, Precinct No. 5, Taylor County:

- C. K. RUSSELL.
- P. F. WEST.

For Sheriff, Taylor County:

W. E. (Elmer) LOWE.

SID H. McADAMS (Re-election).

For County Judge, Jones County:

GILBERT SMITH.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Will Bradshaw of Honey Grove, Texas, and Mrs. Maggie Morton of Houston arrived last week to attend the bedside of their mother, Mrs. M. C. Sadler, who is critically ill. Mrs. D. W. Ashby has remained in Merkel with her mother since her first illness 18 days ago.

Mayor Henry C. West went to Dallas Monday to attend the funeral of a cousin, L. E. Hamilton, who was a veteran employee of the Dallas News.

Nolan Palmer is expected to return the latter part of the week from an all-expense paid trip for Magnolia station operators throughout this section, whose sales of Magnolia products for the last quarter of 1939 exceeded those for the same period in 1938. He joined the group at Fort Worth Sunday night.

Earl Watts removed with his family to Wink last week-end, where he has accepted a position as manager of the Wilson "M" system store.

Miss Fannie Boaz is visiting with friends in Floydada this week.

Mrs. W. B. Barrett, Jr., of Abilene visited in the home of Miss Opal Palmer the past week before going to Dallas to live.

Visitors in the S. O. Patton home over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Tennyson and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reavill and son of Pomona, Calif. Mrs. Tennyson and Mrs. Reavill are nieces of Mr. Patton. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Burleson and son of Corsicana and Mrs. Wynona Scroggins of Abilene were also week-end visitors in the Patton home.

Miss Betty Fay Gunter returned Tuesday of last week from Clovis, N. M., where she had been visiting her grandmother. She accompanied Mrs. R. L. Gilpin of Tye.

Mrs. S. M. Hunter and Mrs. Herbert Patterson are in Mineral Wells since Friday of last week.

Miss Mary Anna Mayfield spent the week-end with her cousin, Mrs. Tom Lineberry, of Midland.

Mrs. Esker Curtis of Breckenridge is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Sally Angus.

T. B. Strickland of Wynne Wood, Okla., arrived Friday of last week to visit his daughter, Mrs. D. I. Shelton. On Tuesday he left for Los Angeles, Calif., to visit another daughter, Mrs. Sylvester Frost, and expected to stop en route at Odessa to visit a granddaughter, Mrs. William Sheppard.

**QUEEN THEATRE
CALENDAR**

Last times Thursday—"Golden Boy," with Barbara Stanwyck, William Holden and Adolphe Menjou.

Friday-Saturday—Big road show attraction, "Geronimo," starring Preston Foster, Ellen Drew and Andy Devine; serial and shorts included.

Saturday preview, Monday-Tuesday—Gene Autry, Smiley Burnette, "South of the Border," America's No. 1 song hit; on the stage Monday and Tuesday nights, Merkel High School band in a 30-minute presentation.

Wednesday-Thursday—Weaver Brothers and Elvira in "Jeepers Creepers."

The first recorded almanac was written in 1380 by John Somers of Oxford, England.

There is one truck for every seven families in the United States.

Texas law limits the safety truck load to 7,000 pounds except when the truck is going to a railroad station when 14,000 pounds is permitted to be hauled as a safe load.

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Broccoli is said to have been brought to England from Italy in the sixteenth century.

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**McAdams Announces
for Re-election to Office**

While visiting in Merkel Tuesday afternoon Sheriff Sid H. McAdams called at The Mail office and authorized his announcement as a candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff of Taylor county, subject to the election of democratic primaries. His statement follows:

"I want to thank the people for their votes and their confidence in the past. I am today asking your support and influence for re-election to the office of sheriff. It has been a pleasure to serve you in this capacity. I have probably made some mistakes, but not intentionally. I have tried to give you a fair and friendly administration. If re-elected I shall continue to do the same. I again solicit your help.

Sid H. McAdams.

Note from C. E. Conner.

To My Friends in Merkel: Since I had a stroke, I am unable to write to you personally, so I wish to extend greetings to all of you in this way.

Sincerely,
Clint Conner.

Hamilton, Texas, Feb. 6, 1940.

Hospital Notes.

G. W. Hughes was re-admitted to the Merkel hospital last Friday for X-ray and treatment.

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

Leads Trent Revival



M. Lloyd Smith of Abilene (above) began a revival meeting at the Trent Church of Christ on Wednesday. The meeting will continue until Sunday, Feb. 18.

Adding machine rolls at The Merkel Mail office.

**P. F. West Asks Voters
For Support in Race for
Constable, Precinct 5**

To the Voters of Precinct No. 5:

As a resident of Taylor county for more than 45 years, I am submitting my name to the voters in the coming July primaries as a candidate for constable—the first time that I have ever offered for public office. I raised my family here, have been engaged in farming practically all of this time and believe that I am known to most of you.

I earnestly solicit your consideration and support and want you to know that, if elected, I will do my best to serve you efficiently and well.

Should you honor me with this office, it is my intention to move to Merkel, make my home here and give my full attention to the duties of the office.

Sincerely,
P. F. West.

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

EATING—

... is a necessity, and also a PLEASURE when you patronize the Greyhound Bus Station Restaurant in Abilene. When you are in Abilene and desire anything from a glass of water to a full meal, come to see us. Courtesy and Efficient Service await you.

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<p>SUPREME Salad Wafers, 1 1/2 lb. bx 22c</p>	<p>TOILET Tissue 5 rolls 19c</p>
<p>RED & WHITE COFFEE 1 lb. can 25c</p>	<p>BIRDBRAND SHORTENING 4 lb. Crt. 39c</p>
<p>RED & WHITE Marshmallows 1-lb. bag 15c</p>	<p>RED & WHITE Milk, 4 small or 2 large 15c</p>
<p>RED & WHITE Cranberry Sauce can 15c</p>	<p>RED & WHITE Grape Juice Qt. 29c</p>
<p>HOME STYLE, No. 1 1/2 Cans PINEAPPLE 2 cans 25c</p>	<p>10 LB. CLOTH BAG Pure Cane SUGAR 50c</p>
<p>RAISIN Bran 2 pkgs. 25c</p>	<p>RED & WHITE Pineapple Juice, 1/2 gal. 25c</p>
<p>CUT, GREEN Beans No. 2 can 13c</p>	<p>RED & WHITE Meal 5-lb. bag 19c</p>
<p>LARGE OXYDOL PKG. 18c</p>	<p>SUN SPUN PINT SALAD DRESSING 20c</p>

Market Specials --:

OLEOMARGARINE, Lb. 15c	DRESSED HENS Each 59c
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DIVIDE DOINGS

We received one and a quarter inch rain Friday, which sure made the fields muddy, but roads were fair.

Cleon Perry came home from Sweetwater hospital last Friday after an operation Sunday. She is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Buchanan and

children are confined to their home with "flu."

Danny Elkins is out of school this week with "flu."

Ira Oliver returned home Sunday from Dallas with a new car.

The new house on the Rev. Story place is going up fast. It will be a modern home in every way when completed.

There will be a donkey ball game

at the gym on Tuesday night, Feb. 13: Merchants vs. Faculty.

Our school went to Sweetwater Sunday afternoon and were on the air over KXOX for a thirty-minute program.

The Methodist Missionary society and friends surprised Mrs. Carl Moore and Mrs. Ruth Jones with a party at the church Monday afternoon—Mrs. Moore with a stork

shower and Mrs. Jones on her birthday. About thirty-five registered. A number of games and contests were enjoyed, with Mrs. Moore winning first and Mrs. Jones, second. After the gifts were passed around and admired, refreshments of cookies and punch were served. Mrs. Wheeler finished off the program with an entertaining reading.

Mrs. Cliff Perry and Mrs. D. O.

Moore gave a shower honoring Mrs. Odell Anderson and Mrs. Pyle Saturday afternoon. Twelve ladies were present. After games were played, refreshments were served.

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Snow Still Seen As Freeze Goes Into 13th Day

Texas' Coldest Spell
For 41 Years Shows
No Sign of Letup;
Thursday Top Is 24

Dallas headed into its thirteenth day of freezing weather Thursday night as the Weather Bureau hoisted snow signals for this section for Friday and Saturday, with rain in the south portion of East Texas. It was the ninth consecutive day of Dallas' coldest wave in a decade, and despite moderating weather in West Texas the state still was gripped in freezing weather which extended near the coast.

The cold wave is the most tenacious in Texas in forty-one years and in Dallas was comparable with the cold January, 1918, when the mercury dropped below freezing from Dec. 27, 1917, to Feb. 4, 1918. Since Dec. 27, 1939, all but five days have had sub-freezing weather, and some of the lowest temperatures were recorded since the all-time low of 3 below zero was set in January, 1930.

One of Lowest Januaries.

Notorious January, already branded the bitterest month of the year by Dallas' twenty-seven-year weather records and by pioneers' tales of the roaring blizzard of '90, will be recorded this year as one of the worst.

The average daily minimum temperature for the month for a twenty-five year period is 36.8 degrees, and is nearly two degrees less than December's average, next coldest month, and nearly four degrees less than the February average. For the current year, however, the average to date is 24.8, twelve degrees below normal.

This was the first frigid January in Dallas since 1936, when a cold wave of several days' duration marked up a 14-degree low. The preceding year the mercury had fallen to 8 degrees. The cold wave of 1930 was the next chronologically, and was preceded by January, 1928, during which the mercury has fallen to 9. This year the mercury has fallen to 6 twice and is expected to go lower.

—From The Dallas Morning News, Friday, Jan. 26, 1940.

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January, 1940, is recorded as one of the most bitter cold months in our experience. Snow, sleet, ice and bone-chilling winds swept down across this section with a health-threatening viciousness unequalled in 41 years.

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Gas dispatchers in headquarters of Lone Star Gas System, Dallas, at work on one of the coldest days of the year. With heavy snow falling and the greatest demand for gas in 39 years, men were at their posts constantly. They are connected with far flung gas fields and compressor stations giving orders to step up pressure and cut in more wells. One man is receiving weather reports over short wave radio. They are alert for any emergency. Left to right: Tom B. Long, chief dispatcher; Luther Tolbert, assistant pipe line superintendent standing back of M. S. Ball, receiving weather reports; H. D. Hewitt, studying pipe line map.

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GOODMAN NEWS

Grandma Cade has been ill the past week but is improving now.

Mrs. Houston Tiner has been confined to her bed the past week with the "flu."

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Washburn and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Freeman at White Flat Sunday.

Miss Geraldine Teague of Merkel was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Walling.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McLeod of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phillips Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Pomroy and children of Crane are visiting Mrs. W. E. Pomroy and Mrs. P. M. Eckert.

Mr. and Mrs. Altas Phillips were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winter at Truby.

H. P. Washburn and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kilgore in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Pomroy of Crane, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barnes of Blair, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Barnes and family and Mrs. P. M. Eckert and sons, Erwin and Junior, visited Mrs. W. E. Pomroy Sunday.

Misses Eunice and Rayolene Smith of Snyder were week-end visitors in the Ernest McCright home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Eoff and son and Ina Faye Henderson were Noodle visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Phillips of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Phillips Sunday and Monday.

The Goodman Grocery, formerly operated by Claude Smith, has been sold to Atwell Henderson, who will have his brother, Tommy, associated with him. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith and son have moved to Noodle where they are operating the Smith Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Williams of Post visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams Wednesday.

Mrs. Finis Cade and Mrs. Jackson were shopping in Merkel Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Poor and son, Danny, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams Sunday.

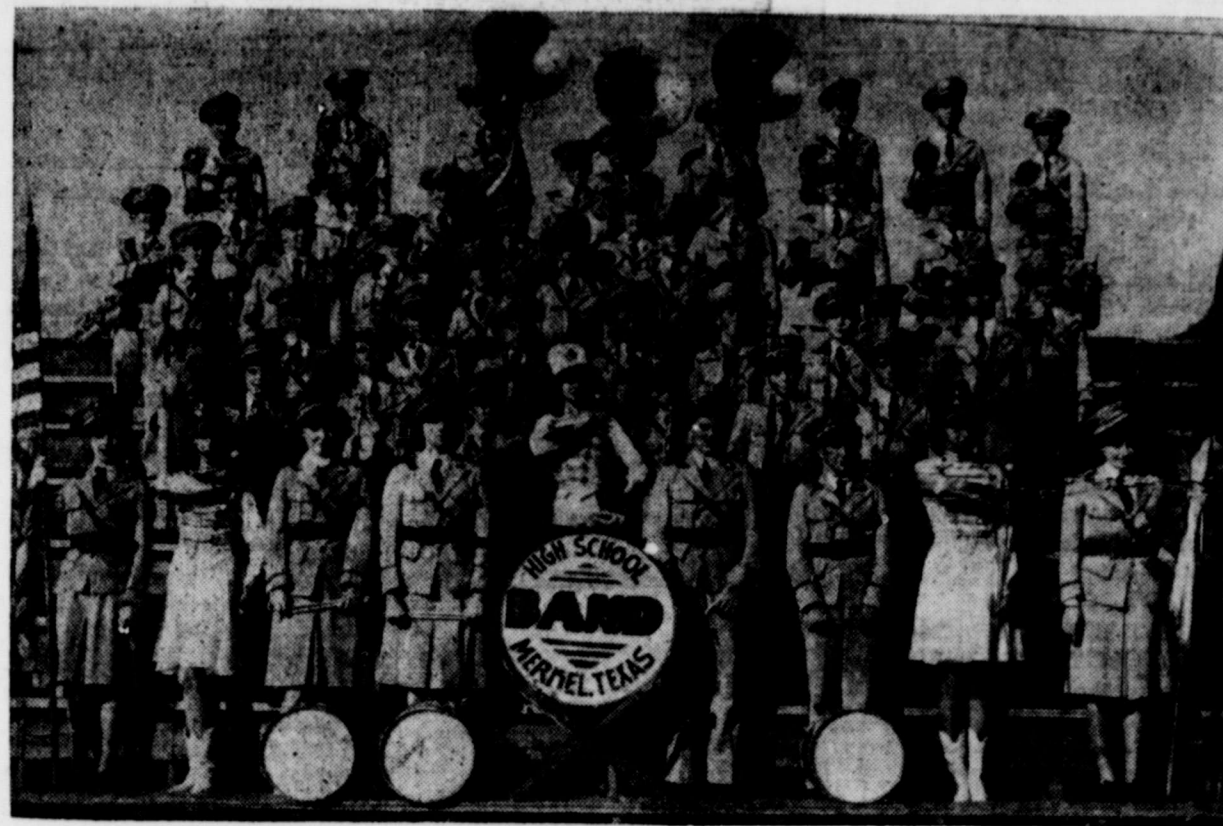
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Taylor and daughter, Sylvia June, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Finis Cade spent the week-end in the M. B. Bell home at Merkel.

Mrs. J. H. Grayson is confined to her bed with the "flu." We hope she will soon be up again.

Mr. and Mrs. Zed Bright visited Wednesday with Mrs. Bright in Trent.

High School Band on Queen Stage Monday-Tuesday



In addition to the regular program Monday and Tuesday nights, the Merkel High School band will give a 30-minute presentation on the stage of the Queen theatre.

The band, under the direction of Richard Young, was heard in concert early in December and received most favorably.

Feature picture for Saturday night preview, Sunday and Monday, is America's No. 1 song hit, "South of the Border," with Gene Autry and Smiley Burnette.

Revival Meeting Under Leadership of M. Lloyd Smith Begins at Trent

Trent, Feb. 8.—M. Lloyd Smith of Abilene began a revival meeting at the Trent Church of Christ on Wednesday, Feb. 7. The meeting will continue until Saturday, Feb. 10.

Evangelist Smith is a graduate of Abilene Christian college and for a number of years did evangelistic work in the northwestern portion of the United States.

The services will be held each evening at 7:15. The public is invited to attend all services.

On both Sundays during the meeting there will be preaching by Mr. Smith at 11 in the morning and at 7:15 in the evening.

Merkel Girl Pledges Member of Cadettes

Abilene, Feb. 8.—Mary Love Tipton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tipton of Merkel, has been pledged for membership in the Cadettes, social club of Abilene Christian college.

Announcement of the pledges was made during the past week. Formal

initiation ceremonies will be staged later in the spring.

Principal purpose of the organization is for social associations while attending college and the establishment of friendships which will be of benefit during later life.

Main activities of the club include one major banquet each semester and frequent informal gatherings and outings besides the regular weekly meetings.

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Federal Reserve Bank Gives Best Business Review for Two Years

Dallas, Feb. 8.—One of the brightest business reviews in two years was issued for the eleventh federal reserve district by the Dallas federal reserve bank.

Based on conditions at the end of 1939, the review reported that trade and industry in the district expanded further during December and that after the best Christmas department store business in a decade, sales the first two weeks of 1940 averaged 5 per cent above a year ago.

The bank's summary of business conditions in the district, which includes Texas, said in part:

"The level of (business) activity in December was higher than in the closing month of 1938. Consumer buying at department stores was exceptionally heavy during December and in the first two weeks of January.

"Distribution of commodities through wholesale channels was well sustained in December, as heavy consumer buying necessitated substantial fill-in orders by retailers.

"Construction activity increased sharply in December, following substantial declines in the preceding two months.

"Petroleum production rose to a level near the all-time peak recorded in August 1937 and refinery operations in Texas exceeded those of a year ago by a wide margin.

"The outlook for the agricultural and live stock industries showed an improvement in December and the first half of January, as widespread rains or snow partially relieved the severe moisture deficiency. Extremely low temperatures in the third week of January, however, damaged grain and truck crops and caused a shrinkage in live stock.

"After reaching the highest level of record at the middle of December, total loans and investments at weekly reporting member banks declined moderately in the subsequent four weeks, but on Jan. 10, 1940, they were still \$26,000,000 greater than a year earlier."

The review added that nearly all phases of business and industry in the district showed improvement during 1939 as a whole.

If you have lost or found anything, want to buy or sell anything, let the folks know it through The Mail want ad column. They read it.

Demos Pick Chicago.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The democrats chose Chicago, a center of pro-third term activity, as their 1940 convention city Monday and left it to National Chairman James A. Farley to set the date, presumably after he learns when the republicans will meet.

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