

## Keeping Up With Texas

W. J. Goode, 53, Houston plumber, was killed and his two-year-old granddaughter, Sandra Ann Grizzle, suffered a leg fracture Friday night when their automobile and a passenger train collided at a crossing. The child was thrown clear of the car wreckage.

Paul Douglas Rivers, 39, of Cherraw, S. C., an employee at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, was electrocuted last Friday when his head touched a wire as he climbed a pole at the camp.

Orin Knox, San Antonio poultry dealer, died Friday of injuries suffered in a three-car automobile accident the Monday before. The automobile, driven by Knox, a World War veteran, collided with a CCC truck and another truck near Elmendorf.

Edwin R. Wood, university of Texas student from Louise, was killed and two other university students injured, perhaps seriously, in an automobile-street bus collision at Austin Saturday.

William Henry Gillespie, about 45, Midland barber, was struck and killed on Thursday night, Jan. 16, by an eastbound freight train on the outskirts of the town.

Mrs. Elmo Waldrop, about 30, wife of the president of the Farmers State bank of Meridian, and Glenn Combest, about 35, district manager of the local telephone exchange, were killed and Waldrop and Mrs. Combest seriously injured when Combest's car crashed into a big live oak tree in a street at Meridian early Sunday morning.

George A. Heath of White Deer, Friday was appointed superintendent of the Midland schools, effective, July 1, succeeding W. W. Lackey, superintendent for the past 35 years, whose contract expires June 30.

Frank Mynarcik, 38, and his sister, Miss Mary Mynarcik, 44, both of West, were killed Sunday afternoon when a car in which they were returning home from mass was struck by the southbound Katy Texas Special at a crossing in West, 18 miles north of Waco.

Seven persons were killed within twenty minutes, six of them in one wreck, in two automobile collisions near Corsicana Saturday night. A head-on collision resulted in the deaths of six, and David Merle Findley, 30, of Boston, Mass., the seventh, was killed when his car ran under a truck at a bridge on the highway east of Corsicana.

Wilbur Sonnen, 20, died Sunday night at San Antonio, several hours after being accidentally wounded while firing a small pistol at a picnic. The last cartridge in the gun exploded prematurely, wounding Sonnen in the head.

Lloyd Epley, 33, a farmer in the Jud community near Rule, died in a Haskell hospital early Monday morning of injuries received in an automobile accident on the Rule-Haskell highway early Sunday morning.

The body of 23-year-old Louisa Munoz, San Antonio, who had been missing from her home for two weeks, was found Monday on the Missouri Pacific tracks in that city.

Hi-jackers who blinded him with a spotlight and forced his automobile to the curb Sunday night robbed Sherman F. Little, Dallas sportsman, of \$300 and a diamond ring valued at \$2,000. Little said he thought he was being stopped by policemen.

J. O. Burdick and George P. Eagle, both 71, were victims of traffic accidents at Fort Worth Monday. Police believe that Burdick was killed by a hit-and-run driver. The other was struck by a car driven by John B. Crenshaw, of Handley, who rendered assistance.

Mrs. Alice Shaw, 71, was burned to death Tuesday when her clothing ignited from a gas stove in the bathroom of her home at Houston.

Governor W. Lee O'Daniel Tuesday announced appointment of William J. Lawson, his private secretary for two years, as secretary of state, succeeding M. O. Flowers, whose term expired.

Winnie Fay Murphee, 27, San Angelo waitress, was burned to death early Monday in fire that followed an explosion which officers said was caused by ignition of gas from a heating stove.

The bullet-pierced body of David Newton Turner, Camp Barkeley worker and former Abilene policeman, was found Monday in a barrow ditch near Buffalo Gap. A charge of murder was filed late Monday against Loyce Gooch, 34, who had stated when he surrendered at the county jail at 8 a. m. that he had shot a man in a scuffle over a gun.

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## DEATH CLAIMS ANOTHER LONG-TIME RESIDENT

**W. D. Haynes, 83, Pioneer West Texan, Passes Away at Home Here; His Wife, Helpmate for Sixty Years, Survives.**

W. D. Haynes, 83, pioneer West Texan and resident of Taylor county the past 23 years, died at 7:30 last Friday morning at his home here.

He had been in failing health several years but had not been confined to bed. He had attended services the Sunday before at the First Baptist church and became ill Monday night. Mr. Haynes had been a member of the Baptist church since boyhood and served as a deacon 40 years, being senior deacon of the local church at the time of his death.

Funeral services, which were held from the First Baptist church at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, were largely attended, many friends coming from neighboring cities and more distant points to pay tribute to this venerable man of God who had closed a full and fruitful Christian life, worthy of all emulation and setting a very high mark for others to follow.

The pastor, Rev. Cooper Waters, officiated for the final rites, assisted by Rev. C. R. Joyner of Spur, former pastor here. Dr. M. A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church, Abilene, also took part in the service.

Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery, with Barrow-Sheppard in charge.

Pallbearers were W. B. Petty, W. J. Largent, H. H. Teaff, Clark Mundy, W. O. Boney, Booth Warren, A. J. Canon and Carl Black.

Son of an officer in the Confederate army, William Dawson Haynes was born in Clay county, Ala., Mar. 21, 1857. He was married to Ann Moon in 1876 and to them was born a son, Wade, who is a retired farmer of Anson. The first Mrs. Haynes died two years after their marriage.

On Dec. 3, 1880, Mr. Haynes was (Continued on Page Five)

## Merkel Volunteers are Placed at Brownwood

Two Merkel boys, Bill Hamm and Woodrow Wilson, who left Tuesday morning with the fourteen volunteers who almost filled the quota of 16 from Taylor County Draft Board No. 2 for the Jan. 21 call, returned home Wednesday night. After passing physical examination at Abilene, they were rejected in physical examination at Dallas.

The others, Jack Dawson West, Herman Carson, James Cole Bell, Route 3, Charles Neal Lewis, Route 4, William Keener and James William Jones, were accepted and sent to Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Wednesday.

When the group left Abilene Tuesday morning, Jack Dawson West was appointed leader in charge, with Bill Hamm serving as assistant leader.

## Avoca Team is Winner Of Noodle Tournament

The Avoca Mustangs, coached by Steak Hastings, defeated Noodle, 15-10, to win the boys' division of the Noodle invitation basketball tournament last week-end.

Avoca cagers have won 16 out of 20 games played this season.

By defeating Lueders, Noodle took the girls' title.

Teams taking part in the tourney were: Sylvester, Lueders, Hamby, McCaulley, Truby, Trent, Noodle and Avoca.

## Post Office Open All Day Saturdays

Due to existing conditions and because of the great demand for service, Postmaster Wrenn Durham has made arrangements for the post office to be kept open all day each Saturday beginning Saturday, Jan. 25th, instead of closing at 12 o'clock, as has been the practice in the past. All of the windows will remain open until 6 p. m. the same as each week day, and all kinds of postal business will be transacted.

## BADGERS STILL UNDEFEATED IN COUNTY LEAGUE

With six straight conference wins to their credit, the Merkel cagers are still undefeated in the county round robin tournament. The Badgers defeated Ovalo here Friday, 20-12. With the score, 21-19, Hamlin won the game (non-conference) Monday night giving the local boys their first defeat of the season. Tuesday, the Badgers won over Wylie, 17-16.

The Badgers go to Tuscola for a conference bout Friday night. A return game has been scheduled at Hamlin Monday night and another conference game will be played at Lawn Tuesday, Friday, Jan. 31. Trent comes to Merkel for the ninth scheduled conference game for the local boys.

## Annual Ladies' Night Merkel Lions Club is Set Tuesday, Feb. 4

Annual ladies' night of the Merkel Lions club was set for Tuesday, Feb. 4, at Tuesday's luncheon of the club, at which time President R. T. Gray appointed the following committees:

Program—Nathan Wood, John Grable, Connor Robinson, Byers Petty and Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig.

Arrangements—C. H. Collinsworth, Milton Case, and Owen Robertson.

Five honor students from the four grades of Merkel High school were present as special guests: Becky Gardner and Doris Clyde Miller, Seniors; Sue Grimes, Junior; Wanda McCoy, Sophomore, and Carlene Hughes, Freshman. The first four averaged 96, the last named 95.

Other guests were Rev. J. B. Ramsey, new pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, Earl Beech and Clyde Penrod, Abilene Lion, who had driven over to attend the Merkel club's luncheon to make up for attendance.

Visiting with the club also was John Thompson of Noodle, who suggested reviving plans for completing highway 83 from Hamlin through Merkel to Winters. On motion of Dr. W. T. Sadler, a committee was appointed to work on this project. Named as chairman of the committee was Booth Warren, his associates being Dee Grimes, W. O. Boney and Mayor Henry C. West, with John Thompson added to the committee.

One of the features of the meeting was the presentation of a master key to John Grable, only member of the local club to be so honored. To earn the key he secured 12 members within a year.

Reports were heard along progressive lines from outstanding committees and other area activities: W. O. Boney, as to advertising signs pointing from the View camp site to Merkel; Postmaster Wrenn Durham, as to post office remaining open on Saturday.

## O'Daniel Inaugurated Second Term Tuesday

Austin, Jan. 23.—In a military setting with army planes dipping overhead and soldiers from Camp Bowie firing a salute, Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel of Texas Tuesday began his second term of office pledging the state's "all out" aid to President Roosevelt in behalf of national defense.

He pictured Texas' vast resources and said: "All the facilities at our disposal, the resources at our command, the strength of our bodies, the skill of our minds, the prayers of our hearts must be laid on the altar of America."

Tall and gaunt Coke Stevenson, sometimes described as the Abraham Lincoln of Texas, was inaugurated for a second term as lieutenant-governor.

Following the double inauguration, thousands walked across the street to the governor's mansion grounds and ate barbecued beef, buffalo, sheep and pork—15,000 pounds of it—possibly the biggest party of its kind ever held.

They were guests of Governor O'Daniel who in his campaigns had invited Texans to come to see him. The governor himself provided the buffalo, shooting one from a herd on a Southwest Texas ranch.

## 133 PUPILS ON HONOR ROLL OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

List Includes 75 from Grammar School, 58 from High School; Four Tie for Highest Grade With Average of 96.

Honor roll for the Merkel Public schools as released this week by Supt. Connor Robinson, includes the names of 133 pupils—75 in Grammar school and 58 in High school.

Two Seniors, Becky Gardner and Doris Clyde Miller, a Junior, Sue Grimes, and Wanda McCoy, Sophomore, each averaged 96 to tie for the highest grade in High school.

The complete list of pupils on the honor roll follows:

**GRAMMAR SCHOOL.**  
Primer grade—Madolyn Robertson, Elmer Lee Sandusky, Connie Mack Seymore, Joan Seymore, Donald McLean, Sara Lu Clemens, Jimmie Lou McLeod, Peggy Curb, Maxine Kerns, Bryan Mundy, Ann Booth, Eloise Baker, Jerry Don Cobb.

First grade—Norma Jean Hodge, Connie Beth Harris, Doris Black, Bobbie Nell Jinkens, Dudley Farr, Sandra Sadler, Wanda Tipton, William Robertson, Jesse Newton, Patricia Swann, Mary Tom Weston, Margie Skurlock and Boby June Riney.

Second grade—Betty Sue Harris, Wilda Lee Bowles and Borden Perkins.

Third grade—Barbara Sue McCoy, Gerald West, John Jay Horn, Leland Mundy, Loveta Coffman, Billy George Reid, Patricia Turner, Gaston Walker, Shirley Winters, Virgil Horton, Jimmie Floyd, Ethel Joyce Hampton.

Fourth grade—Jacquelyn Toombs, Marilyn Petty, Maxie Turner, Billie Seymour, Larry Bailey, Helen Jones, Mary Katherine Hampton, Geneva Carr, Don Dudley, Robert Thomas Hodge.

Fifth grade—Clara Frances Dwigins, Margaret Caraway, Billy Morris Baze, Beth Ann Myers, Billy Pat (Continued on Page Five)

## Sears Well Gauged at 1,182 Barrels Daily

Humble Oil & Refining company No. 2 J. C. Sears estate, located two miles east of the old Noodle Creek area, completed a railroad commission gauge last Thursday to establish a potential of 1,182.4 barrels daily.

The production gauge was made on natural flow through two-inch tubing and 3-4 inch choke, on the basis of 702 barrels of oil in 14 hours and 45 minutes.

The Abilene office of the railroad commission has been notified of a 60-barrel allowable set for the No. 2 J. C. Sears estate.

Besides the west offset to the Sears test, the No. 1-B D. O. Huddleston, which had passed 475 feet Tuesday, Humble had announced another location, in the original Swastika sand area, the No. 2 Riley Horton, a south offset to No. 1 Horton.

## Anson School Band Plays During Chapel

The Anson High School band, under the direction of J. D. Schonover, presented a 30-minute chapel program Thursday morning in the High School auditorium. Mr. Schonover is in his first year at Anson, having come to Texas from Chicago to take over the work at Anson.

Those who heard the concert had the opportunity to observe what is being done in band work in the nearby city. The visit from the Anson band being by way of a goodwill gesture, the band concert will be returned in the near future when the Merkel band will trek to Anson.

## Congressman Dies.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Rep. Sam C. Massingale (D-Okla.) died Jan. 17 in his rooms at a hotel near the capitol. The veteran representative, who was 70 years old, had been suffering from influenza but his condition had not been regarded as serious.

## BANK TO OPEN FOR TWO HOURS FRIDAY NIGHT

For the convenience of local merchants, a number of whom remain open Friday nights to serve those who are employed at Camp Barkeley and who receive their pay checks on Fridays, the Farmers & Merchants national bank of Merkel last Friday began the practice of opening two hours, from 7 to 9 o'clock, each Friday night.

Without any advance publicity, it was stated by Cashier Booth Warren that 50 checks were cashed last Friday night for approximately \$2,000.

By this co-operation on the part of the bank, the merchants will not be required to carry an unusual amount of cash on hand, as the bank's windows will be open for cashing pay roll checks for both camp employees and the merchants.

## Democracy Will Live, Roosevelt States at Start Third Term

Washington, Jan. 23.—President Roosevelt Monday began his historic third term with a call to all Americans to perpetuate democracy "in the face of great perils never before encountered."

In his inaugural address to massed thousands in the capitol plaza, Mr. Roosevelt challenged the philosophy of men who believe that democracy is doomed, who believe that "tyranny and slavery have become the surging wave of the future."

"We Americans know that this is not true," he declared, "... we do not retreat. We are not content to stand still. As Americans we go forward, in the service of our country, by the will of God."

Then, turning to the nation's need for maintaining the "sacred fire" of liberty, he said:

"The preservation of the spirit and faith of the nation does, and will, furnish the highest justification for every sacrifice that we may make in the cause of national defense."

He spoke just after he had taken the oath for his unprecedented third term, swearing to "preserve, protect and defend the constitution" for the next four portentous years.

His hand had rested on the old Roosevelt family bible, opened at the 13th chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Corinthians. The chapter ends: "And now abideth faith, hope and charity; these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

He had been preceded in the oath-taking ceremonies by Vice-President Henry Agard Wallace, who was sworn in by his retiring predecessor, John Nance Garner. The president's oath was administered by Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes.

## ENERGIZE PART REA LINES EARLY IN NEXT WEEK

Sub-Station Transformers, Cause of Delay, Arrive; Big Two-Day Celebration Planned For Week-End, Feb. 7-8.

Arrival of the sub-station transformers at the end of last week will make it possible to energize part of the lines of the Taylor Electric Co-operative, Inc., early next week, it was announced Tuesday by Supt. Johnny Cox, and by Feb. 2nd or 3rd it is expected that all of the lines on project "A" will be energized, he said.

On Feb. 7-8, it is planned to have a two-day merchandise show, to which all the dealers in appliances in this territory will be invited. Miss Kathryn Harris, REA home economist, will be present to supervise demonstrations.

When both "A" and "B" projects are completed, something over 600 miles of lines will have been built, representing approximately 1,250 consumers.

Members in all communities served will gather here for a Saturday afternoon program, Feb. 8, at the sub-station. Details for the full two-day program will be announced later, Supt. Cox said.

## Son Dies on Same Day Mother's Funeral Held

E. L. Bankhead, 72, of De Leon, oldest son of Mrs. Jane M. Bankhead, who was buried here Thursday afternoon of last week, died at 9:45 that night at the home of a son in Valley Mills.

Early Friday morning two brothers, Eugene Bankhead of Sweetwater and Price Bankhead of Lovington, N. M., and two sisters, Mrs. O. J. Adcock and Mrs. T. J. Melton, accompanied by Mr. Adcock, left to attend his funeral.

Surviving are his wife, four children and a number of grandchildren, also two other sisters and one other brother, besides those mentioned.

## Class Favorites for Queen are Presented

The favorites of the four High school classes in the race for High School Queen were presented in clever skits at the chapel period Wednesday morning. They are Maudie Turner, Senior; Venita Allen, Junior; Wanda Douglas, Sophomore; Dorothy Jinkens, Freshman.

The preliminary run-off will be held at the chapel hour Tuesday, the winners to be determined by votes based on a penny each, with the final run-off scheduled for the following Tuesday morning chapel period.

## MERKEL 30 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 20, 1911.)

### FIREBOYS' BANQUET.

Chief Cauthen's Bunch of Fire-Fighters Spread Supper and Furnish Music for Several Hundred of Our Citizens.

The program opened with music by an orchestra, composed of Miss Lyska Pitzer, Messrs. S. S. Scheidler, Henry Rose, Claude Comegys and Duke Evans. Rev. Geo. A. Crane acted as toastmaster. Speakers were T. A. Johnson, Judge W. T. Potter, Mayor W. W. Wheeler, Dr. J. H. Warnick, Judge C. D. Mims, J. E. Pitzer, John Elliott and Alex A. Wisdom. The interest, thoroughness of organization and success is certainly commendable when we reflect that it was but little more than a year ago when B. C. Gaither called the meeting in the old city quarters and the companies were organized. As a bucket brigade they were for themselves a special compliment from Chief J. J. Clinton of Abilene in controlling the fire which threatened the Geo. F. West building on Main street.

The officers and members are B. C. Gaither, president; Courtney

Hunt, vice-president; Alex Wisdom, secretary; George Cauthen, Chief; R. L. Bland, assistant chief; N. C. Sinclair, foreman, Hose Company No. 1; O. W. Williams, foreman, Hose Company No. 2; R. E. Dillard, foreman, Hook and Ladder Company; W. L. Burns, foreman, Engine Company.

Members: J. E. Black, Geo. Ferrier, Frank Ferrier, Alvie Bell, Virgil Touchstone, Bill Evans, Henry Rose, Tobe Paylor, Homer Magness, W. A. Hammons, Ross Ferrier, Bob Phillips, Boyce Presley, Ed Turner, R. A. McClain, Lester Magness, Asa Sheppard, L. D. Gaither, A. C. Rose, Jack Provine, L. E. Sanders, J. H. Lee, Lester Ellis, Harvey Warren, George Woodrum, John Elliott, A. V. Dye, Roscoe Sharp, Dem Rust, Ollie Dye, H. C. Burroughs, L. G. Gazzaway, Eugene Hargrove, J. D. Gaither, Charley Russell, Alvie Sherman and Ocie Burns.

A. L. Hogue shipped one car of his fat cattle to the Fort Worth market this week.



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Uncle Tom Fergusson  
Attends Two Family  
Reunions on Visit

After a month's absence, Uncle Tom Fergusson returned Tuesday night from a round of visits, which included attending two family reunions. At San Antonio he visited three weeks with a daughter, Mrs. I. D. Simpson and then spent a week at Hamilton. His only living brother, W. H. Fergusson, 86, lives at Pottsville in Hamilton county and his only living sister, Mrs. S. V. Chumney, at Hico.

Present at a family reunion of the Fergussons, at Pottsville Monday, besides the two brothers and sister, were: Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Fergusson, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Crain and Elrecta, Blue-Ridge; Mrs. Claude Fergusson, Mrs. Ollie Chumney, Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Fergusson, McKirk; Luther Fergusson, Port Arthur; Mrs. H. I. Moore and Norma Hugh, Beaumont; Duwayne Fergusson of California; Mr. and Mrs. Will Chumney, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chumney and Jimmie Zane, Evant; Mrs. Jesse Rainwater and Jean, Mrs. Grady Coston, Hico; Mrs. Bill Abel and Kenneth Ray, Cleburne; Mr. and Mrs. Sol Moore, Mrs. Ernest Moore, Maudine and Marjorie, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Adeock, Dwaun, James and Regina Ann, Windsor McPherson, Rev. O. O. Newton, Pottsville; Mrs. Nance Griffis, Miss Mary Griffis.

At a dinner at the home of his sister, Mrs. Chumney, at Hico Monday, 73 were present. Included were Mary Cleme Burney, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Allen, Margaret and James, Miss Mattie Fulbright, Hico; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bertrand and family, Furlmela; Rev. and Mrs. Fred Grubbs and children, Ireland; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Fergusson, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Crain and Elrecta, Blue Ridge; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Coston, Comanche; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Willis, Mrs. J. S. Poston and son, Joe, Jr., Mrs. G. L. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chumney and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Thornton and family, J. W. Thornton, Mrs. Lee Parrish and Bobbie Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Krueger and family, Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Shaffers, Texline; W. H. Fergusson, Pottsville; Mrs. Bill Abel and Kenneth Ray, Llano; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Cook and son, Vernon; Mr. and Mrs. Will Chumney, Evant; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Parks and son, Fairy; Mr. and Mrs. Jess Rainwater and Thelma Jean, Hico; Mr. and Mrs. Marion Neal and family, Ohio, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Cook and children, Stephenville.

GOLAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stephens visited relatives in Abilene one day last week.

Most of our residents attended the ball games in Noodle last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hill of McCandley visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill Sunday.

Mrs. D. M. Hill of Merkel is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. L. C. Williams.

Those from the Lawlis Chapel church here, going to Sylvester for conference Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams, Mrs. D. M. Hill, Mrs. H. F. Jefferey, Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Byrom, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Lawlis.

Miss Georgia Frances Lawlis has been home several days, from McMurry, but returned Tuesday for final exams.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams and sons and Mrs. D. M. Hill were in Anson Monday of this week attending to business.

Noel Bryant Baby is  
Named Sylvia Marie

Rev. and Mrs. H. Noel Bryant are announcing the birth of a baby girl born at the Lamesa hospital Friday, Jan. 17, and named Sylvia Marie.

Mrs. Bryant is the former Frances Marie Church. Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Boone, the great-grandparents.

FASHION PREVIEW



A nurse who can spend but one third of her monthly salary for clothes wants to look smartly dressed on her days off when she doffs the traditional white uniform. Even when at home she likes to feel properly and comfortably attired in a quilted rayon-satin wrapper, which appears in the January issue of Good Housekeeping. It's in a pastel flower print, full and a wraparound.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

The cold wave, which caused the mercury to dip to a low of 22 degrees here Saturday morning, was short-lived, and moderate temperatures have prevailed during the past several days.

Alterations in the G. M. Sharp building, now occupied by the Barrow-Sheppard Furniture company, include the elimination of the stairway leading from the street on the north side of the building and the addition of a deck in the rear of the main floor. A short stairway leads to the deck and another from there to the second floor.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger left early in the week for Dallas to attend the buyers' spring market season, sponsored by the wholesalers of Dallas. They were met in Dallas by their son, Isadore, manager of the store at Clarendon.

The Rental Exchange operated by Cyrus Pee, with headquarters at Lee-Bailey Drug, has already been instrumental in getting locations for 30 people to live here in town. Those having apartments especially should leave their listings with the exchange, as the demand for apartments is particularly noticeable.

Leon R. Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Walker, who enlisted in the United States army Jan. 16, has been assigned to the air corps, Puerto Rican detachment, Barksdale field, La. He is at present in Shreveport, La., where he is taking examinations.

Bible Lectureship at  
A. C. C. Begins Feb. 23

Abilene, Jan. 23.—President Don H. Morris has announced that "Christian Citizenship" will be the general subject of Abilene Christian college's 24th annual Bible lectureship to be held in Abilene Feb. 23 through 27.

Last year over 700 people from 15 different states were present for this event. Each year lectures are delivered by 35 to 40 of the Church of Christ's more prominent ministers.

Seven of the ten speakers who will deliver the main addresses, two daily, have been chosen. Complete program should be released for publication within ten days.

In addition to the several lectures daily, there will be programs, exhibits and social affairs sponsored by the various student groups for the entertainment of the out-of-town guests.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their assistance and kind words of sympathy in the sudden loss of our dearly loved husband and father, also for the beautiful floral offerings and for the nice dinner that was brought.

May God's richest blessings be upon each and every one of you is our prayer.

Mrs. L. H. Loven and Children.  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kight.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Loven.  
Winford and Clifford Loven.

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List of Petit Jurors  
Called for Next Week

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

- W. D. Hutchison, G. P. Suber, H. K. Farr, Merkel; Earl M. Holt, W. B. Guitar, D. E. Stevens, E. Lillius, Willie Baker, J. W. Wooters, Walter Williamson, Owen Ellis, M. M. Taylor, Fred Wittman, Robert Payne, W. D. Fincher, Norwood Parramore, K. C. Hughes, L. H. Qualls, O. P. Thrane, O. T. Tate, T. W. Turner, J. R. McGraw, D. F. Downing, W. L. Meeks, Harve Wright, B. F. Lynch, M. A. Clemens, Sam Canon, Hal H. Johnson, Z. J. Carter, G. A. Younglove, Lawrence S. Miller, A. F. Morton, W. F. Youngblood, W. H. Kirby, L. S. Perry, Geo. T. Jennings, T. M. Hinsley, Abilene; L. E. Adrian, A. McNutt, T. G. Hamner, Trent; Ernest Teaff, Tye; R. R. Williams, Sam Griffith, Guion; Charles Collins, Geo. Smith, J. E. Casey, Tuscola; W. J. Williams, Ovalo; C. C. Weeks, Lawn; Sam Kirby, Bradshaw.

Merkel Girl Plays in  
"The Women" at TSCW

Denton, Jan. 23.—Miss Betty Grimes of Merkel was cast in the College Little Theater portrayal of "The Women" at Texas State College for Women presented January 15 and 16 in the TSCW auditorium.

"A portrait of all womankind," says one critic of "The Women," the play has all feminine characters numbering forty-five. Written by Clare Booth and played on Broadway, the production proved one of the most outstanding of the TSCW Little Theater year.

Miss Grimes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes of Merkel, played the part of one of the rich and pretty women who made the play a rollicking success with gossip and idle talk. Miss Grimes is majoring in speech and is a senior student at the college.

Abilene Auction Sales  
Stage Record Week

Last week was a record week, both in the number of animals handled and in the prices paid, at the three auction sales in Abilene, the transactions amounting to approximately \$100,000 in the three sales—two at the Abilene Live Stock auction and one at the Taylor County Live Stock auction.

Producers received that amount from the sale of around 4,000 head, the bulk of which was cattle. Top price of \$12 per cwt. for stocker steers was paid and cows and calves sold up to \$113 per pair.

Fort Worth and Dallas packers took most of the butcher cattle, and the stocker stuff went to areas where grain fields are providing grazing.

Deficit \$25,711,229.

Austin, Jan. 23.—An inauguration day report from the state treasury placed the deficit in the state general revenue fund at \$25,711,229. Deficit in the Confederate pension fund was \$1,012,997.

Wrigley field is located in Chicago, Ill.

Badger Band to Vie  
For High Honors at  
West Texas Contest

The High School gym is ringing these days with the martial music that the Badger band is playing. The big issue of the band now is the coming contest in April at Abilene where the bands of West Texas will vie for the first division honors. Many of the students of the Badger band are practicing in their spare time on solo and ensemble pieces which they intend to enter in the contest.

With all this work, the group continues to support the school basketball team by playing for the games, and appearing at any public function where the band can be used to promote any worthwhile organization.

There are many members of the band who have filed intentions of going to the Texas Music Educator Clinic in Waco Feb. 13, 14, 15. These students will all play in a band especially picked, and under the direction of Forrest L. Buchtel, nationally known musician. This is the first year that any of the Merkel band has been asked to take part in the Clinic band.

The band enrollment has remained constant since the middle of the first semester. A new beginners' class will start next summer, and it is hoped that many parents will take that opportunity to give their child the chance to learn a musical instrument under supervised instruction.

The band is recently the proud possessor of a new bass drum and a pair of imported cymbals, bought through the medium of concert proceeds and dues which the band members contribute each month. Any band parents who are anxious to start their child in the band are asked to contact either Richard Young, director, or Connor Robinson, superintendent. The proper selection of an instrument and the elementary training are the most important phases for the beginning band student.

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Fifteen Baptist Training Union members and leaders, representing the First Baptist church here, met at the First Baptist church, Abilene, Wednesday of last week with representatives from other Baptist churches of Taylor and Nolan counties for an annual B. T. U. rally sponsored by the State Sunday School board. Rev. J. Henry Littleton, district missionary, presided over the meeting.

Guest speaker at the afternoon session was Rev. W. C. Ashford, pastor of the South Side Baptist church, discussing the training union

enlargement program. For the night session, Dr. M. A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church, spoke on "Following the Living Christ in the Union."

Those attending the meeting from Merkel were: Mesdames W. L. Fugat, Lum Gilbreath, J. L. Winter, J. M. Williamson, Lucy Ford, W. L. Johnson and R. H. Mathews; Misses Maurine White, Thelma Mathews and Nadine Clack; Joseph and James Winter, Howard Carson, L. B. Gibson and Rev. Cooper Waters.

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**Six Grandsons Serve as Pallbearers at Funeral "Grandma" Bankhead**

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock last Thursday afternoon for Mrs. Jane M. Bankhead, 88, from the Church of Christ, with Minister A. R. Lawrence of Kermit officiating, assisted by Lee Starnes, minister of the local Church of Christ. Burial followed in Rose Hill cemetery, Barrow-Sheppard being in charge.

Six grandsons served as pallbearers: Elmer Adcock, Abilene; Walker Bankhead, Dallas; Price Melton; Lacy Porter, Big Spring; Cecil Graves, Lubbock, and Roy Bankhead, Coleman.

Five granddaughters, Mrs. Walker Bankhead, Dallas; Mrs. Lacy Porter, Mrs. Dora Jones, Big Spring, and Anna Bell and Margarette Earl Graves, Lubbock, and one great-granddaughter, Billie Jean Melton, were flower girls.

Four daughters and four sons survived Mrs. Bankhead, but one of the sons, E. L. Bankhead, of De Leon, died at 9:45 at night on the same day that the funeral services were held. With 52 grandchildren, 126 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren, she left 199 lineal descendants.

Among out-of-town relatives and friends here for the funeral were: W. R. Graves, Mrs. C. A. McDonald and son, Mrs. E. J. Graves and daughters, Anna Bell and Margarette Earl, and sons, Cecil and Herbert, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Hoyt, Lubbock; C. C. Bankhead and son, Ribble, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Bankhead, Dallas; Eugene Bankhead and son, Reynolds, Sweetwater; Price Bankhead, Lovington, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Adcock and daughter, Jimmy, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Adcock and daughter, Nida Ruth, Mrs. Lola Allen, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bankhead and Mrs. Ollie Rankin, Roscoe. Besides these, a number of other relatives had come to visit "Grandma" Bankhead the previous week-end when her illness reached its most critical stage.

**National Recognition Given Merkel Student**

An unusual honor has been conferred upon Dwight Swafford, a junior from the English department of Merkel High school. Among eight poems he had submitted, "Why Do Grandmothers Knit?" was chosen for publication in the annual Anthology of High School poetry by the National High School Poetry association, Los Angeles, Calif. This poem, to be included in the First Annual Anthology of Texas High School Poetry, follows:

**WHY DO GRANDMOTHERS KNIT?**

Why do grandmothers, day after day,  
Knit and knit their time away?  
Why do they rock in an old, old chair,  
And knit with their hands so worn  
with care?  
Are mistakes they have made along  
life's way;  
Are times when they were young and  
gay;  
Coming back to their memory  
And putting them in sweet reverie?

By Dwight Swafford.

**Leaves for Venezuela.**

Austin, Jan. 23.—Dr. Charles W. Hackett, director of the University of Texas Latin-American Institute, left Saturday by plane for a three-week trip to Venezuela.

**Rites Held Wednesday For Lonnie H. Loven**

Lonnie H. Loven, 52, of the Noodle community, dropped dead Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 14, while helping kill hogs at the home of F. J. Amason.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Noodle Baptist church, of which he was a member, with Rev. O. B. Tatum and Rev. J. R. Murdock, both of Noodle, officiating. Burial followed in the Comper cemetery, with Lawrence funeral home of Anson in charge.

Pallbearers were C. E. Morgan, Boyd Tarpley, Loss Story, Geo. Cooner, F. J. Amason and A. C. Sosebee. Flower girls were Mrs. Sam Perren, Mrs. Geraldine Satterwhite, Misses Sybil Dixon, Mary Leta Dixon, Radie Tarpley, Wance Tarpley.

Mr. Loven was born Dec. 20, 1888, in Arkansas, and moved to Jones county in 1907. He is survived by two children by his first marriage: Mrs. Walter Kight, Colorado City, and Joe Loven, Dallas, and by two children from a second marriage, Winford Loven of Arlington and Clifford Loven of Merkel. In 1928 he was married to Miss Nova Stanley, to which union four children were born, all of whom survive: Wilma Lee, Lonnie Marvin, Carlton and Dorothy Fay, all at home.

His father, A. A. Loven of Wills Point, five sisters, six brothers and five grandchildren also survive. The sisters are: Mrs. Claudie Tidwell, Pampa; Mrs. Eula Shaw, Miss Lela Loven, Wills Point; Mrs. Nora Nixon of Okema, Okla., and Miss Pearl Loven; the brothers: W. F. Loven, Childress; Earl Loven, Forth Worth; Floyd, Ira and Paul Loven, Wills Point, and Forrest Loven, Abilene.

**Abilene CAA Training Program Begins Feb. 1**

Abilene, Jan. 23.—An advanced CAA class for civilian pilots who have completed the Civil Aeronautics Authority training program will begin here for 10 students Feb. 1.

Instructors will be H. R. Harwell and C. J. Collier, who were authorized to start the class by Ed Neilson of Fort Worth, regional supervisor for the program. A Ryan ST trainer, similar to army primary trainers now in use, will be purchased by the instructors.

Neilson, who visited here Saturday, praised facilities at the municipal airport for operation of the CAA primary school. The CAA classes have turned out approximately 100 private pilots in the year of their operation here in connection with Hardin-Simmons university, Abilene Christian college and McMurry college.

**Farmers' Children Head College List**

Austin, Jan. 23.—Texas may be rapidly changing from an agricultural to an industrial state, but you'd never guess it to ask the University of Texas' 11,000 students what kind of money sends them to school!

For farmers' sons and daughters outnumber those from any other occupational environment, a recent registrar's survey reveals.

Last year, for example, 953 students listed their parents' occupation as farming. Merchants' children came second—789—while lawyers' and salesmen's offspring ranked third and fourth—526 and 502, respectively.

Ranchers' cattlemen and stockmen sent 401 students to the University.

**Secretary of State Hull Was Actually President 10 Minutes**

Washington, Jan. 23.—Secretary of State Hull was president of the United States for 10 minutes Monday and Henry A. Wallace, the new vice-president, actually was president for one minute.

The twentieth amendment to the constitution says that the term of the president shall expire at noon, Jan. 20.

President Roosevelt did not take the oath from Chief Justice Hughes until 12:11 p. m. Vice-President Wallace was sworn in at 12:10. Capitol hill interpreters of the constitution declared that in the interim, it was the secretary of state who was the chief executive of the nation until 12:10, then Wallace until 12:11.

The constitution provides the succession to presidential office shall be the vice-president, then the secretary of state, and down through the cabinet according to the ranks of the various secretaries.

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**NEWMAN NEWS**

Brother Jones, the new Methodist pastor, preached his first sermon at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. His message was enjoyed by everyone that heard it.

Edith Horky and son are visitors in the A. B. Creswell home of Merkel this week.

J. P. Boyd of Abilene visited a few days the past week in the home of his mother, Mrs. Boyd.

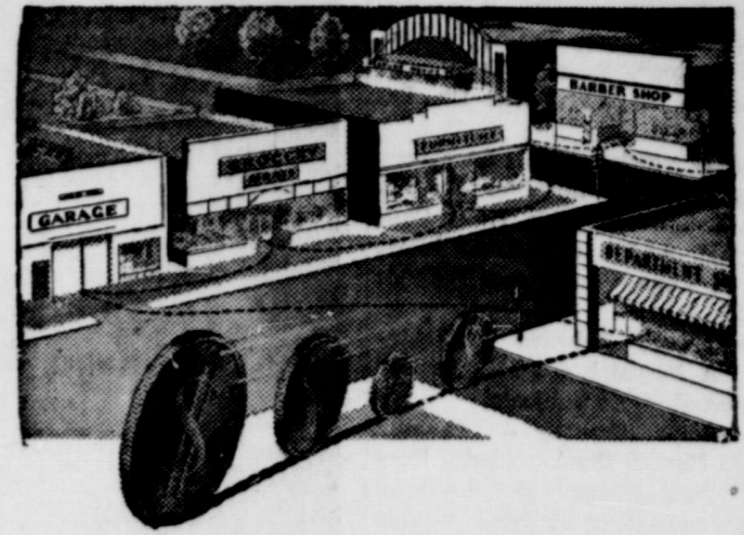
Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson and sons were Sunday visitors in the home of Brother and Mrs. A. D. Williams of Sylvester.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fowler visited their daughter, Fairy Beth, of Abilene Saturday.

There are several of our community who still have the "flu." We hope that they will soon be well again.

Sunday visitors in the Reeves home, were: Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Creswell and children, Irlene Walker,

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### QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday—Tim Holt, Ray Whitley in "Wagon Train;" added, Popeye cartoon, 2-reel comedy and Chapter No. 1, "Mysterious Dr. Satan."

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Rosalind Russell, Melvyn Douglas in "This Thing Called Love;" added attraction, latest March of Time, "Labor and Defense—1941."

Tuesday only—Edward G. Robinson in "A Dispatch from Reuter's;" also selected short subjects.

Wednesday-Thursday—Dorothy Lamour, Henry Fonda, Linda Darnell in "Chad Hanna," the Saturday Evening Post story of "Red Wheels Rolling," in technicolor.

#### "This Thing Called Love"

Happy, hilarious laughter is said to be the major purpose of "This Thing Called Love," Columbia's outrageously riotous new comedy coming to the Queen theatre Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night, with Rosalind Russell and Melvyn Douglas starred. Directed by Alexander Hall the man who made "The Doctor Takes a Wife" and "He Stayed for Breakfast," the gay new hit has been hailed as topping not only these infectious comedies, but as topping also the most side-splitting comedies of each of the irrepressible stars.

A merry melee of marriage and morals, "This Thing Called Love" is played by a top-notch cast which includes, in addition to its stars, Binnie Barnes, Allyn Joslyn, Lee J. Cobb, Gloria Holden, Gloria Dickson, Don Beddoe and Paul McGrath. The new film is based upon Edwin Burke's play, as produced on Broadway by Patterson McNutt. The screenplay was written by George Scaton, Ken Englund and P. J. Wolfson, three of Hollywood's finest masters of dialogue and comedy.

Story of a young married couple, "This Thing Called Love" races from one madcap situation to another, pausing only long enough to allow audiences to catch their breath between laughs. Mel and Rosalind are the newlyweds. Rosalind believes that marriages may be made in heaven but they should first be tested here on earth. She therefore proposes that she and Mel learn to share the same house before they attempt to share the same room. And Mel, unable to do anything else, is forced to agree.

His determined campaign to break down his wife's resistance—by getting her drunk, by running around with a blonde secretary, by attempting to frighten her into his arms—only result in one minor disaster after another. His efforts are complicated by the additional factor that he is up to his neck in a business deal with a somewhat eccentric multimillionaire. The latter, father of ten children, believes that a large family is proof of a man's honesty; Mel must, perforce, pretend that a baby is on its way. And Rosalind, without understanding the situation at all, suddenly finds herself the center of a great deal of unwelcome attention.

#### "A Dispatch from Reuter's"

Following up his role in "Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet" with another which is certain to add to the prestige he won for himself in that picture, Edward G. Robinson's newest starring role is in "A Dispatch from Reuter's," which shows Tuesday only at the Queen theatre. In it, he portrays Julius Reuter, founder of the first great news service with worldwide coverage.

William Dieterle directed the film

### Corduroy Slacks.



For late winter and early spring sports wear this new cotton corduroy slack suit is meeting with popular approval. The National Cotton Council reports. The fingertip jacket has four patch pockets and shirred blouse back. The slacks are high waisted with pleats and cuff bottoms.

from a screen play by Milton Krims, from a story which was written by Valentine Williams and Wolfgang Wilhelm.

#### "Chad Hanna"

Patrons of the Queen theatre can run away to a world all new to them when the red wheels start rolling in "Chad Hanna," which is booked there Wednesday and Thursday. Hailed as a hit by all who have seen it, the 20th Century-Fox picture was filmed in glorious technicolor and stars Henry Fonda, Dorothy Lamour and Linda Darnell.

The famous best-selling novel by Walter D. Edmonds, "Chad Hanna" made its first literary appearance in the Saturday Evening Post under the title of "Red Wheels Rolling." Guy Kibbee, Jane Darwell, John Carradine and many others in the brilliant featured cast help create the lusty company of colorful people in a wandering tent show.

"Chad Hanna" tells the appealing story of colorful people, earthy humor and tender romance in a wandering tent show. The romance revolves about Chad, portrayed by Henry Fonda, and another runaway, Linda Darnell, who goes on to become one of the show's leading performers. But when the exciting, gorgeous Albany Yates, played by Dorothy Lamour, rides into Chad's simple, country boy world, he is dazzled by her sultry allure.

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Mrs. C. C. McRee went to Abilene to visit her mother, Mrs. Matheny, the past week-end. Mrs. McRee has been very ill and unable to walk for quite some time and this is her first time out.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff English and baby son of Rotan have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English, and other relatives here.

Thelma Titsworth, who is employed in a San Angelo beauty shop, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Titsworth, the early part of this week.

Mrs. Earl Palmer and son of Noodle spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Owens.

Mrs. Carol Chambless and Billye Carolyn of Aspermont spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Reynolds and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Forkner and children of Konowa, Okla., spent several days the past week with her mother, Mrs. Edwards, and her brothers.

Mrs. W. Y. Steen has as her guest her brother, Mr. Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gafford had as their Monday visitors, their children, Mrs. A. C. Keltz of Vernon, Mrs. Alma Hardison of Albuquerque, N. M.; Mrs. W. J. Bicknell of Noodle; a granddaughter, Mrs. Ray Creech, and baby daughter of Dallas.

Mrs. Alma Howell and two sons, who have been living in Abilene, have moved back to Trent.

Fred McCurdy is visiting here for a few days.

Clayton Hood, of the U. S. Army and stationed at San Antonio, was a

week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hood.

Mrs. Lillie McRee, who is teaching school at Post, was a Monday visitor here.

Mrs. Jack Bright has gone to Missouri to remain indefinitely with her brother.

The Associational B. T. U. of Sweetwater met with the Trent Missionary Baptist church congregation Sunday afternoon and rendered a very interesting program.

#### BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On Saturday afternoon, Jan. 18, La Nelle Edwards entertained her little friends on the occasion of her eleventh birthday.

Mrs. C. W. Edwards, assisted by Mrs. Hub Kegans, directed the musical entertainment and games.

After the many gifts were viewed the candles on the three-tiered birthday cake were lighted, wishes made, and the usual "Happy Birthday" was sung by the guests.

Cake, punch and heart mints were served to: Peggy Titsworth, Joy Nalley, Joy Lansford, Geraldine Freeman, Cliffla Jean Estep, Martha Ann Winn, Wanda Lou Kegans, Tilda Lou Steen, Camilla and Emilie Gordon, Geraldine Tiner, Dorris Foy Forkner, Johnnie Wheeler, W. E. O'Kelley, Bobby Hughes, Bruce Gordon, Weldon Steen, Booth West, Billy Reynolds, Robert Forkner, Ewell Tiner, Olin Horton, Edwin Earle Winn, Bobby Owens, Jackie Boone and C. W. Edwards, Jr.

#### SCHOOL NEWS.

Mid-term examinations will be given at the Trent school Thursday and Friday of this week.

The Trent basketball girls won first place consolation in the Noodle

tournament held Jan. 10 and 11.

Mary Lou O'Rear and Helga Beasley won all-tournament awards in this tournament.

Bill Jones won all-tournament in the boys' tournament.

The Trent boys' basketball team won second place in the Eula tournament with Raydell Bishop being an all-tournament man.

The Trent boys' and girls' teams were to go to Lawn Tuesday night.

Trent girls will take part in a tournament to be held at Westbrook this week-end, Jan. 24 and 25, while the boys play Bradshaw at Bradshaw Friday night.

#### Uncle Sam Employs 1,111,530.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The civil service commission Friday reported that the number of federal employees rose to a record high of 1,111,530 during November, due to the national defense emergency.

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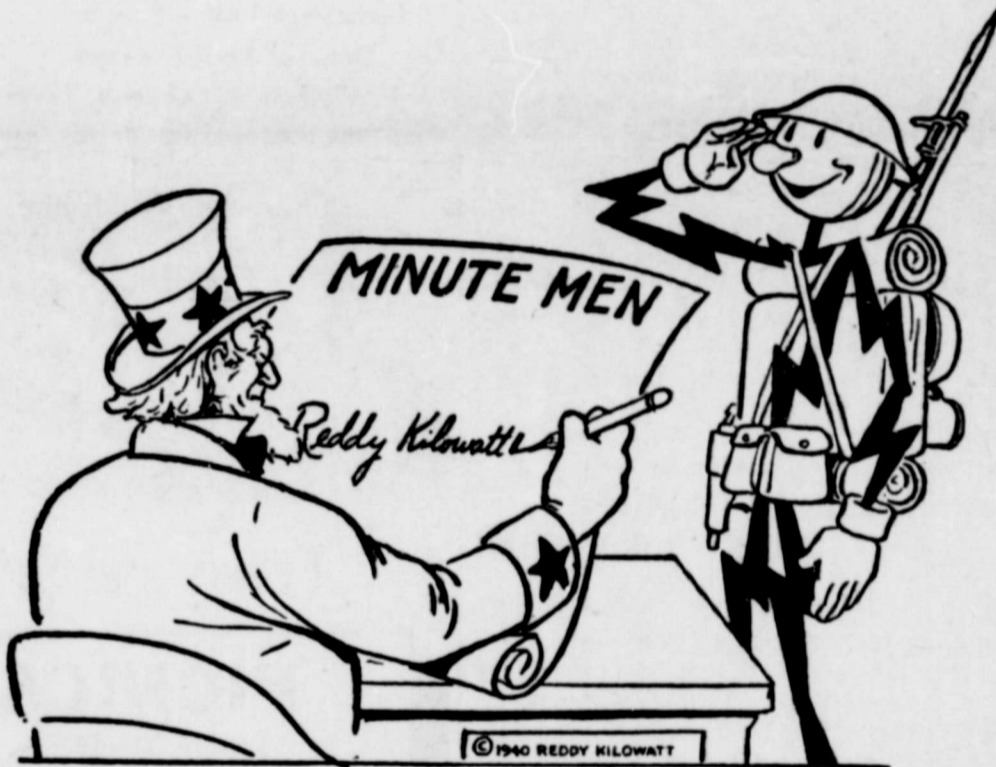
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**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—400-egg Queen oil-burning incubator; slightly used. Mrs. Clyde Deavers, Route 2, Merkel.

**FOR SALE**—Two tents, 16x18, 18x18; two pianos; all kinds of stoves, bedsteads, cots, pads, odd furniture and tools. Joe Garland, Second Hand Store.

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**RENTAL EXCHANGE**—Have opened office at Lee-Bailey Drug store. If you have houses, apartments or rooms to rent, list them with me; reasonable charge. Cyrus Pee.

**WANTED**

**SICKNESS CAUSES VACANCY** of Rawleigh Route in West Taylor county; fine opportunity for a man with car to continue established route service; same man on route nearly 7 years. See W. E. Humber, 3290 South W. Street, Abilene, Texas, or write Rawleigh's, Dept. TXA-506-203H, Memphis, Tenn.

**LOST AND FOUND**

**LOST**—In December lady's wrist watch, Viva make, old gold, link band. Mrs. S. G. Russell.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY**—"Gold Mine" of Money-Making Secrets; 50 formulas for \$1.00. H. Dunne, Box 765, Lubbock, Texas.

**Honor Roll**

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Nash, Billie Joyce Ford, Peggy Simpson.

Sixth grade — Bobby Joe Bland, Willie Joe Clark, Ann Groene, Mary Ruth Hutcheson, La Fern Stanford, Lola Mae Roland, Nellie Fae Sandusky, Rosa Alice McLean.

Seventh grade — Sammy Myers, Reba Rae Kingsbury, Jean Curb, Becky Gaither, Betty Gilbert, Geneva Allen, Doris Dudley, James Roy Baccus, Calvin Hickam.

**HIGH SCHOOL**

Eighth grade — Carlene Hughes, Frances Walker, Patsy Simpson, Joyce Webb, Dorothy Jinkens, Bonnie Jaynes.

Ninth grade — Avalene Mathews, Wanda McCoy, Ala Jean Kingsbury, Willie Sue Morgan, Patricia Leonard, George Mack Owen, Betty Jo Peterson, Mary Jo Hutchins, Ruth Butman, Jack Haynes, Clarice Higgins, Mary Alice Hester, Dorothy Nell Groene.

Tenth grade—Jim Sublett, Dwight Swafford, Cheatham McFarland, Jack Melton, Joe Kimbrough, Billy Tom Hutcheson, Donald Cade, Edward Bigham, Glen Barnes, Bonnie Lou White, Sue Pinkley, Bonnie McAninch, Juanita Holt, Sue Grimes, Ruth Bell, Venita Allen, Nina Orsborn, Jean Paine, La Verne Douglas, Mary McCoy, Bobby Teaff.

Eleventh grade — Becky Gardner, Doris Clyde Miller, Nell Yvonne Butman, Betty Higgins, Madyln Brown, Dora Gaither, David Gibson, Mary Lou Higgins, Frances Peterson, Louise Cook, Mary Derrington, Douglas McCoy, Mildred Smith, Lyla Hobbs, Louise Patterson, Winnie Cross, Micky Diltz, Calvin Keith.

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

**Garner Gives Museum Two Prized Collections**

Austin, Jan. 23.—Two prized possessions of Vice-President John Nance Garner—300 original cartoons by the nation's leading artists and 200 of the oddest gavels in the world—have been brought to the University of Texas campus.

Gift of the vice-president to the Texas Memorial Museum, the Garner collection represents one of the most unusual exhibits the museum has acquired, Dr. E. H. Sellards, director, said.

In making the presentation, Mr. Garner said that he knew of no better place for his gift than the Texas Memorial Museum, completed in 1939 after a \$300,000 campaign in which he himself had taken a spirited part.

**Texas Liquor Revenue Up Half a Million**

Austin, Jan. 23.—An increase of more than half a million dollars in Texas revenue from liquor during 1940 over that of 1939 was reported by Liquor Administrator Bert Ford Monday.

Ford said revenues jumped a total of \$556,321, adding that collections since organization of the State Liquor Control board in 1935 were \$34,137,425 while expenditures amounted to \$4,100,784.

The revenues provided \$22,460,777 for old age pensions, \$6,453,613 for the available school fund and \$383,001 for the deficit-ridden general revenue fund.

**Hospital Notes.**

Patients admitted to Sadler Clinic during the past week were: Lon Martin, Trent, treatment, Jan. 16; J. H. Scruggs, Jr., Roscoe, first aid, Jan. 17; Carl Vernon Smith, son of Mrs. Tommy Smith, emergency treatment for burns, Jan. 18; Mildred Barbee, daughter of Johnny Barbee, first aid, Jan. 19; Mrs. Joe Amason, major surgery, Jan. 22.

Mrs. Roy Harrell was dismissed Wednesday, Jan. 15.

Two boys were born at the hospital during the week. The parents are: Mr. and Mrs. Alec Carter and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mashburn. Both were born the same day, Monday, Jan. 20.

**New Senator Honored With 2 Chairmanships**

Senator John Lee Smith of Throckmorton, new member from the 24th district, has been honored with two committee chairmanships for the current session: chairman of the state committee on institutions and departments, also the game and fish committee, and is vice-chairman of the commission on constitutional amendments.

He is also a member of the following important committees: state affairs, military affairs, civil jurisprudence, commerce and manufacturing, highway and motor traffic, judicial districts, mining, irrigation and drainage, public lands and land office, rules and stock and stock raising.

**BLAIR ITEMS**

Rev. J. B. Stewart, M. E. pastor, is to fill his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday, Jan. 26, and all are invited to attend these services.

(Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison have been notified that their son, H. E. Addison, has been promoted from corporal to sergeant in Headquarters Battery, 61st Field Artillery, Ft. Bliss, Texas.

**Justice McReynolds Resigns.** Washington, Jan. 23.—Justice James Clark McReynolds, outspoken opponent of much new deal legislation, notified President Roosevelt Wednesday that he would retire from the supreme court Feb. 1 after 26 years of service.

**Actress Divorced.**

Hollywood, Jan. 23.—Dolores Del Rio, Mexican-born movie star, Friday divorced Cedric Gibbons, film art director. She said her husband's "cold and indifferent" attitude broke up their 10-year marriage.

**799 Planes in Month.**

Washington, Jan. 23.—John D. ... director of the new super-defense agency's production division, revealed Saturday that 799 military airplanes were built in December, exceeded expectations by nearly 100.

**W. D. Haynes**

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married to Phemelia Smith of Clay county, Ala. Coming to West Texas on Dec. 3, 1891, they stopped in Abilene and from there went to the Sinclair community eight miles west of Anson, where they lived on a farm until 1917 when they moved to a farm southeast of Merkel, which Mr. Haynes owned at the time of his death and which is operated by his youngest son, Comer Haynes. In 1923 Mr. Haynes retired and moved to Merkel. The couple celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last month.

Survivors, besides his wife, are six children, 21 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The children are Mrs. H. H. Anderson, Abernathy; P. T. Haynes, Raymondville; Mrs. J. M. Arnett, Anson; Mrs. L. H. Nixon, Oakland, Calif.; W. W. Haynes, Abilene automobile dealer, formerly of Merkel, and Comer Haynes, also another son, Wade Haynes, of Anson, by the first marriage. All of the children were present for the funeral, except the daughter in California, wife of a retired U. S. army officer.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. R. H. Parker, Lineville, Ala., and Mrs. Nettie Weaver, Talladega, Ala., and three brothers, John J. Haynes, assistant attorney general, Montgomery, Ala., D. P. Haynes, Aniston, Ala., and B. H. Haynes, Lineville, Ala. The latter are retired merchants.

Among the large number of relatives present for the funeral, those from more distant points included: Mr. and Mrs. Thorp and Woody and Herman Smith, Lamesa, a niece and

nephews of Mrs. Haynes; Morris Haynes and wife and their two sons, Morris, Jr., and Billie, the only two great-grandsons of the deceased, Snyder, and two other grandsons, H. A. Anderson, and wife, and Weldon Haynes, Raymondville.

**Ladies' Night**

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Friday afternoons; Booth Warren, as to bank's announced practice of staying open two hours on Friday nights to accommodate camp workers, and Supt. Johnny Cox of the Taylor Electric Co-operative, Inc., outlining details for energizing the lines and program for the celebration and together planned Feb. 7-8.

Opening singsong was led by Nathan Wood, with Gay West at the piano. Invocation was given by Rev. Mr. Ramsey. Only four members were absent, which established an all-time attendance record for the club.

**Oil Stove Explosion Destroys Farm Home**

Fire which started when an oil stove in the kitchen exploded destroyed the three-room house on the G. L. Anderson farm near Mt. Pleasant shortly after 7 o'clock Tuesday morning. The house was occupied by Tom Seymore, son-in-law of Mr. Anderson, and both the house and contents were almost a total loss.

Insurance was carried on the house in the sum of \$500 but will not cover the loss, it was stated by the owner.

Office supplies—Mail office.

**Young Son of Elmer Huffs is Elmer Coy**

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Huff, Merkel, Route 4, are the parents of a boy born at the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, Monday morning. The young son of the well known rancher and rodeo performer is named Elmer Coy, and is their first child.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Huff of Merkel are the paternal grandparents, who are welcoming their first grandchild. Mrs. Elmer Huff is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Dillard of Tuscola.

**BABY CHICKS**

We will have our first hatch off Monday, January 27th, and every Monday from then on.

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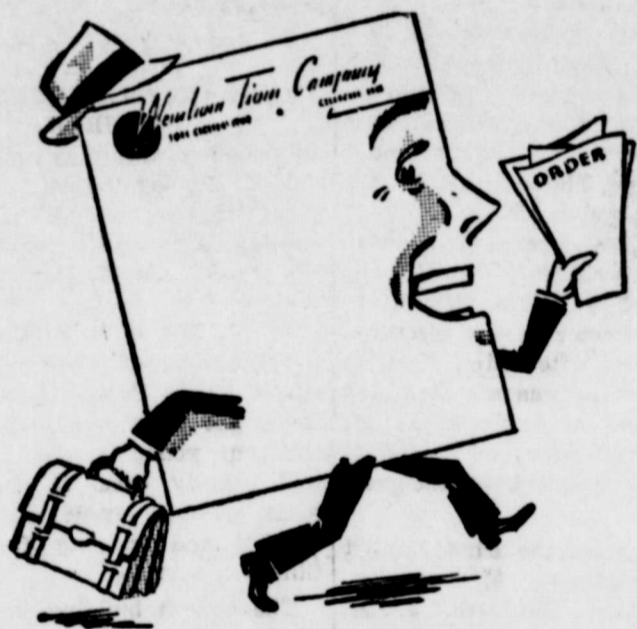
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SUPREME		CUT WAX	
Salad Wafers	1 lb. box 17c	Beans	No. 2 can 15c
RED & WHITE		OUR VALUE	
Oats	Large Pkg. 19c	Peas	No. 2 can 10c
WHOLE WHEAT		TURNIP	
Flour	3 lb. bag 18c	Greens	No. 2 can 10c
PURE CANE		MUSTARD	
Sugar	10 lb. cloth bag 49c	Greens	No. 2 can 10c
RED & WHITE		FRESH	
Coffee	1 lb. can 25c	Blackeyed Peas	2 cans 19c
RED & WHITE SOCKEYE		GOBLIN	
Salmon	No. 1 tall can 29c	Hominy	No. 2 1/2 can 10c
DEL DIXI		LADY GODIVA	
Pickles	6 oz. jar 10c	Soap Flakes	Pkg. 15c
RED & WHITE		PAPER	
Vienna Sausage	3 cans 25c	Napkins (Pkg. of 80)	10c
RED & WHITE SLICED		SCOT	
Pineapple No. 1 can 3 for 25c		Towels	2 rolls 25c
RED & WHITE CRUSHED		BLUE & WHITE	
Pineapple No. 1 can 3 for 25c		Tamales	2 cans 25c

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**FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.**

The attractive home of Mrs. Stanley King was opened to members of the Fortnightly Study club Tuesday afternoon in what proved to be one of the most instructive programs of the club year. The annual Health program was combined with the subject of Art and both speakers discussed their subjects most authoritatively.

Roll call was answered with current events pertaining to either Health or Art.

Mrs. Elsie Nash as leader presented Mrs. Mollie Williams from the Venereal Clinic at Abilene. She spoke on "What the Venereal Clinic is Doing in our Country," giving figures and interesting facts concerning those treated and helpful discussion of the diseases.

Miss Mamie Ellis as leader for the second part of the program discussed "Art in the Public Schools" and presented a splendid exhibit of various pupils' work.

The nominating committee brought a partial report which was accepted as a slate: vice-president, Mrs. Connor Robinson; recording secretary, Mrs. John Leonard; corresponding secretary, Miss Johnny Sears; treasurer, Mrs. Elsie Nash; parliamentarian, Mrs. Harry Bullock; critic, Mrs. Byers Petty.

Those present were: Mesdames Mollie Williams, W. T. Sadler, Connor Robinson, John Leonard, Len Sublett, F. C. McFarland, Owen Robertson, Ellen Duncan, Johnny Cox, Elsie Nash, S. D. Gamble, Comer Haynes, Tom Largent, W. S. J. Brown, Harry Bullock, Henry West, Byers Petty, Stanley King; Misses Vennie Heizer, Alzada Pogue, Christine Collins, Mamie Ellis and Mildred Holt.

**JUNIOR STUDY CLUB.**

Mrs. Andy Shouse, incoming president of the Junior Study club, was leader last Thursday afternoon for a most interesting study of Stephen Collins Foster, his life and works, in the home of Mrs. N. T. Hodge.

A prelude for piano, made up of all the favorites of Stephen Foster and played by Mrs. Shouse, opened the program. An outline of his life, recently compiled for radio purposes, was given in monologue by the leader, interspersed with the group singing choruses from the various selections under discussion. Two solos: "Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair" was sung by Christine Collins and "Beautiful Dreamer" was sung by Mrs. Norman Hodge.

Highlight for the afternoon was a book review by Mrs. W. T. Sadler. "The Old South" was appropriately the title and Mrs. Sadler is a most pleasing reader as well as an experienced reviewer.

Those present for this highly enjoyable program were Mesdames Max Swafford, Carroll Benson, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Elmo Collins, Chester Collinsworth, Andy Shouse, L. C. Zehn-pennig, Pete West, W. T. Sadler, Norman Hodge, David Gamble, Raymond Ferguson, Wrenn Durham; Misses Christine Collins, Mary Collins, Ruth West Imogene Schulze, Mildred Hamm, Lavern Dunbar,

Frances Cleveland and Hettie Logan Clay.

**FELLOWSHIP MEETING.**

The young people of the Baptist church are enjoying a special privilege, that of "Fellowship" in a social hour together, each Sunday evening after church. Last Sunday evening 45 young people drove out to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent. Entertainment was informal and delicious candy served to all.

**COMRADES CLASS.**

The Comrades class of the Methodist church met in a regular monthly social Monday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson, with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stanford joint hosts.

A delicious chili supper was served, after which the evening was spent in playing various games.

Those enjoying the evening were: Messrs. and Mesdames Earl Watts, Luther Osborn, Herbert Dunn, Cyrus Pee, Elmo Collins, Raymond Ferguson, Vernon Hudson, Bill Neill, Pinky Cypert, Doyle Nutt and the hosts.

**GLEANERS CLASS SOCIAL.**

The January social meeting of the Gleaner Sunday School class was held at the church Wednesday.

The morning was spent in quilting and a covered dish luncheon was served at noon. A short business session was held after the luncheon when quilting was resumed. The following members and guests were present: Mesdames J. L. Tucker, Marvin Boyd, John Shannon, Robert Hicks, Roy Baccus, Will Toombs, Carl Baccus, R. B. Bland, Tom Largent, W. S. J. Brown, Ross Ferrier, L. Latham, R. F. Mashburn; Misses Ona and Pauline Johnson, Lottie Butman and Mabel McRee.

**JUNIOR G. A.**

The Junior G. A. met at the First Baptist church on Monday, with Mrs. J. L. Winter teaching a book about South America. The main characters in the book are Mrs. Jefferson, Buddy and Janis. Those present were: Ila Mae Douglass, Helen Jones, Alma Lou Smith, Irene Stover, Florene Stover, Mrs. W. A. McCandless and Geraldine Jinks.

**Study Group Continues Discussion in February**

The Study Group of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association met Wednesday morning in the home of Mrs. C. B. Gardner, Study Group chairman, for an hour's study on the main theme, "This World of Ours."

Following a round table discussion on "Our Part in A World Crisis" by Joseph K. Folsom and "Man of Britain" from Jan. 18, 1941, Saturday Evening Post, Mrs. H. C. Reid discussed "The Half-Citizen in This Democracy" by Judge Sarah Hughes, and Mrs. Norman Hodge spoke on "P. T. A. Frontiers in Six Other States."

The study will continue in the February monthly meeting. Six members were present.

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**BLUEBONNET CLUB.**

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Will Butman Tuesday afternoon. After the president, Mrs. A. L. Farmer, called the meeting to order, round table talks followed. In the absence of the council member, Mrs. W. C. Perkins, Mrs. Farmer told of some interesting things voted at the council. Two new members were added.

A refreshment plate was passed to the following members: Mesdames Lucy Scott, A. D. Barnes, A. L. Farmer, R. D. Hunter, Joe Swinney, Houston Martin, Tom Russon, Elmer Patterson, Miss Louene Butman, and two new members, Mrs. Beryl Brown and Mrs. Ford Butman, and Miss Lottie Butman and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., visitors.

The club will meet with Mrs. Jim Perry on Feb. 4 at 2 o'clock. All members are urged to attend. Miss Tacker, the county agent, will be present. The club welcomes visitors at all meetings.

**WARREN CLUB.**

The Warren Home Demonstration club held their first meeting for 1941 in the home of their new president, Mrs. M. H. Ely, at which time plans for financing the club projects for 1941 were discussed.

Delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames Ross Baker, Claude Russell and M. J. Hines and Miss Louise Hudson.

The club will meet with Mrs. Charles Sherrill on Jan. 28, and Miss Hattie Tacker, county agent, will be present. Every one is urged to come.

**DIVIDE GROUP FETES WIFE OF VA INSTRUCTOR.**

Complimenting Mrs. R. R. Petty, wife of the vocational instructor of Divide high school, friends of the community entertained Thursday with a shower at the home economics room of the school.

Mrs. Dean Elkins and Miss Olga Elliott were co-hostesses. Games were played and a program presented by school children. Five girls, Bertha Nell Daniels, Dorothy Lucas, Joyce Dudley, Donna Buchanan, sang "That Little Boy of Mine" and other selections; Charlene Porter and Cleon Perry gave readings.

Dressed as a negro mammy, Hattie Jones brought in a clothes basket filled with pink and blue packages she presented the honoree.

A refreshment plate was passed to 40 women.

**BRIDAL SHOWER.**

Mrs. Morris Smith opened her home on Friday evening, Jan. 10, for a bridal shower, honoring Mrs. Arlie Whisenunt, Mrs. R. S. Darden and Mrs. Charles Whisenunt helped with refreshments. The many lovely gifts received were admired by the following: Mesdames Lee Darden, Ben Reynolds, Walter Henslee, Jack Hogan, Willie Thomas, Francis Thomas, Virgil Patterson, Pat Arnold, Bill Hill, F. M. Pruitt, T. G. Pruitt, Tom Seymore, T. E. Reynolds, Morris Smith, Charles Whisenunt and R. S. Darden.

Those sending gifts were Mesdames Ford Smith, Jess Anderson, Annie Darden, Cara Pruitt, J. T. Anderson, Georgia Reidenbach, Jack Latimer, Monroe Harris, Jim Ingram, Earl Carter, Dee Moore, J. C. Rogers and Marie Rodgers and Irene Moore.

**MT. PLEASANT WSCS.**

The Mt. Pleasant Society of Christian Service met in the home of Mrs. Pat Arnold Thursday of last week and quilted the church quilt. After the quilt was finished, all names were put in a box and little Billye Patterson drew the lucky name, Mrs. Irvin Humphreys. Those present for the covered dish lunch were Mesdames O. B. Boden, Sr., O. B. Boden, Jr., Mary Click, R. S. Darden, Jr., Morris Smith, Lee Darden and baby, J. B. Stewart, Reta Patterson and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold.

In the afternoon Mesdames Ford Smith, Jack Hogan, Walter Henslee and baby, Dee Moore and George Crow, Sr., and Misses Irene Moore and Marie Rodgers were present.

The quilt had 205 names which brought \$21.00.

**Church Plans Social To Welcome Pastor**

To welcome the new pastor, Rev. J. B. Ramsey, wife and baby daughter, members of the congregation of Grace Presbyterian church are planning a "get-together" for Wednesday night, Jan. 29, at 7:30.

The program for the evening will be informal and all members of the church and congregation are urged to be present.

Just say you saw it in The Mail.

**PERSONALS**

Guests for the week-end in the E. W. King home were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gillespie of El Paso and Mrs. Alex Francis of Fort Worth. Mrs. Gillespie is a niece of Mr. King.

Lewis Farmer, who was transferred to Camp Bowie at Brownwood with Battery E, 131st Field Artillery, writes that the boys are liking army life fine at the camp.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gray, accompanied by their son, Doyle, visited last week-end with Mrs. Gray's sister in Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Epps of Pecos are here for a visit with her father, H. H. Toombs, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Johnson and W. M. Johnson of Big Spring were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Johnson, who are seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Denton and children, Britta Kaye and Manley, of Big Spring, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Bush.

Mr. and Mrs. Burlie Bond and daughter, Peggy, visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bright and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McGee in Fort Worth.

Murray Toombs has returned from Austin where he went with Sweetwater friends.

Among West Texans attending the inauguration of Governor W. Lee O'Daniel at Austin Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt of this city and Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Harp of Sweetwater.

Miss Joyce Turner of Roscoe is the guest of Miss Pearl Mathews.

Mrs. J. R. Payne of Lamesa is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Huff.

F. A. Diltz, Jr., returned the latter part of last week from Legion hospital, where he had gone before Christmas.

Mrs. J. T. Warren has returned home from a visit of several weeks with a daughter, Mrs. Kirby Beckett, in El Paso. Mr. Beckett, who brought her home, went on to Dallas and on his return trip to El Paso was accompanied by a niece, Miss Catherine Coit, of Dallas, who will visit the Becketts.

**Association Holds All-Day Meeting in Abilene**

Representing 18 Baptist churches of Taylor and Nolan counties which make up the Sweetwater Association, 96 members of Women's Missionary unions were at the University Baptist church, Abilene, Thursday for an all-day program and luncheon.

Mrs. C. C. Comper of Abilene, associational president, directed the meeting. Election of Mrs. May Mathison of Sweetwater to the recording secretary's post after Mrs. Bert E. Low's resignation was accepted was the chief item of business. E. M. Collier, superintendent of the Hendrick Memorial hospital, was the guest speaker.

Registered from the First Baptist church, Merkel, were: Mesdames A. R. Booth, Lum Gilbreath, J. M. Williamson and W. A. McCandless.

**Churches Honor New Pastor Sunday Night**

Joint announcement has been made by the pastors of the First Baptist and Methodist churches, Revs. Cooper Waters and Marvin Boyd, that the regular evening service next Sunday at these two churches will be dispensed with and the congregations will join with members of Grace Presbyterian church to welcome Rev. J. B. Ramsey, the new pastor, who has recently moved here from Post.

It will be remembered that Rev. Mr. Boyd came here from Post, and the two pastors, Revs. Ramsey and Boyd, had also been associated previously during concurrent pastorates at Rule.

**Societies from Blair Circuit Meet Jan. 29**

The four Women's Societies of Christian Service of the Blair circuit are meeting together Wednesday, Jan. 29, at Nubia. Services begin promptly at 11 o'clock, with a covered dish lunch at noon.

The conference president, the zone leader and the president of St. Paul's WSCS, Abilene, will speak in connection with the program.

There will be a car to pick you up, if you will notify the president of your respective society, it is announced.

BABY CHICKS, twice weekly. Sharp Hatchery "Quality Chicks."

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**In The Churches**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

There were 521 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 572 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 431.

**GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11 a. m. Sermon subject, "Sabbath Observance." Text: Exodus 20:9-11. Evening worship 7 p. m. Sermon subject, "God's Call to Repentance." (Now? Later? Or Never?) Text: II Cor. 6:2, "... Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." Heb. 4:7, "... Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." We cordially invite and welcome any one desiring to worship with us. J. B. Ramsey, Pastor.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union 6. During January the evening service, 7 p. m., will honor the young people. Teachers' and officers' meeting and prayer meeting 7 Wednesday evening. Cooper Waters, Pastor.

**METHODIST CHURCH.**

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning worship service 11 a. m. Intermediate League 6:15 p. m. Senior-Y. P. League 6:15 p. m. Evening service, 7 p. m. Woman's Society of Christian Service Mondays at 2:30. Mid-Week service Wednesdays at 7:15 p. m. Stewards meet second Tuesday night in each month. Marvin Boyd, Pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Sunday services: Bible classes 9:45, preaching at 10:45, young people's meeting at 6:15. Preaching at 7 p. m. Wednesday evening Bible study at 7 o'clock. You are invited to attend. Lee Starnes, Minister.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. NYPS at 6:30 Sunday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to these services. G. O. Crow, Pastor.

**FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Preaching Saturday night at 7 o'clock. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 p. m. M. C. Miller, Pastor.

**NUBIA M. E. CHURCH.**

The prayer of officers and teachers of Nubia Sunday School is that we might have a church to which children, young people and adults will eagerly come to find enrichment of life, joyous Christian fellowship and training for effective Christian service.

The church building is wired for REA service, for which the entire community is eagerly waiting.

Saturday, Jan. 25, is first quarterly conference of Blair charge at White Church. Nubia hopes to be well represented to enjoy the fellowship with our co-workers for Christ. There will be Sunday School and League Sunday, Jan. 26. Reporter.

**BLAIR CONFERENCE.**

The first quarterly conference for Blair circuit will be held at White Church Saturday, Jan. 25. Rev. A. C. Bickley will bring us a message at 11 o'clock. Conference that afternoon at 2 o'clock.

I am insisting that every church member be present, if possible. The business of this conference is to conduct the business of your church. Won't you be there to help represent your church? J. B. Stewart, Pastor.

**Pastor Plans Meeting For Young People**

To the young people of the community and to those of the Presbyterian church in particular, Rev. J. B. Ramsey, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, wishes to make the following announcement:

"Young people under 25 years of age who are not already engaged in some form of young people's work, yet desiring to become engaged in that type of work, please meet at the Grace Presbyterian church next Sunday evening at 6 p. m. for the purpose of talking it over and getting organized, if possible.

"The church needs a young people's organization. The church needs you. Do you need the church?"

**Record of Births.**

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bond, Jr., Sunday, January 19, 1941.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Alee Carter, Monday, January 20, 1941.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mashburn, Monday, January 20, 1941.

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**LETTUCE ... Head 5c**

COLORADO WHITE  
**SPUDS 10 lbs. 12c**

TURNIPS and  
**TOPS ..... Bunch 5c**

**BEETS 3 bunches 10c**

We Will Be Open Until  
9 o'clock Friday Night

**Apple Butter Qt. 19c**

**MUSTARD ... Qt. 10c**

**Catsup 14 oz. bot. 10c**

Pure Cane — Kraft Bags  
**Sugar 10 lbs. 46c**

16 OUNCE CAN  
**Pork & Beans ..... 5c**

**MILK ..... 7 cans 25c**

POTTED  
**Ham ..... 3 cans 10c**

Kimbell's Best — Guaranteed  
**FLOUR 48 lbs. \$1.44**

**Oxydol Reg. size 19c**

LIFEBUOY or LUX  
**Toilet Soap .... Bar 5c**

MAXWELL HOUSE  
**COFFEE ..... Lb. 25c**

SALTINE  
**Crackers 2 lb. box 15c**

Bring Us Your Orange  
and Blue Stamps

BRISKET  
**Beef Roast .. Lb. 15c**

**Pork Chops .. Lb. 19c**

FANCY CHUCK  
**Steak LB 20c**

**Loin Steak ... Lb. 29c**

SUGAR CURED  
**Bacon Squares lb 14c**

SKINLESS  
**WEINERS ..... Lb. 19c**

Sliced Breakfast  
**Bacon LB. 25c**

**OLEO ..... Lb. 10 1/2c**

**Salt Pork Jowls lb. 9c**

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

**FRIDAY-SATURDAY**  
Tim Holt—Ray Whitley  
In "WAGON TRAIN"  
Added: Popeye Cartoon, 2-Reel Comedy and Chapter No. 1, "Mysterious Dr. Satan"

**Saturday Preview, 11 p. m., Sunday-Monday**  
Rosalind Russell—Melvyn Douglas in  
"THIS THING CALLED LOVE"  
Added Attraction: Latest March of Time, "Labor and Defense—1941"

**TUESDAY ONLY—Bargain Nite—10c-15c**  
Edward G. Robinson in  
"A DISPATCH FROM REUTER'S"  
Also Selected Short Subjects

**WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY**

Dorothy Lamour—Henry Fonda—Linda Darnell  
In "CHAD HANNA" (in Technicolor)  
The Saturday Evening Post Story of "Red Wheels Rolling"