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On the "Broadway of America"

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RE-NAME YOUTH PROJECT GROUP OF NINE WOMEN

Same Committee, Formerly Working from Study Club, Designated to Carry on Work of Youth, Teen-Age Activities

The Youth Project committee, composed of Mesdames Elma McFarland, Earl Hughes, Weldon McAninch, W. T. Sadler, Chester Collinsworth, Bill Harris, Griffin Barnett, Lige Gamble and Wrenn Durham, has been designated by the Community Center Building committee to carry on the work of the youth and teen-age activities.

This committee, formerly a group working from the Fortnightly Study club, but now an independent organization, has served the Lions club and the Jaycees (until their disbanding last month) for over a year. During that time the same women held weekly parties for the teen-agers of the community. The only income they received was from personal donations and profits on the business men's luncheons. With this money they have purchased asphalt tile floor covering for the women's club room, the kitchen and the ladies' rest room of the Community Center, venetian blinds for part of the building, curtains for the kitchen, numerous pieces of cooking and serving equipment, a Philco Automatic record player for the teen-age group, games of all descriptions, including a five pen bowling game, an indoor shuffleboard and a baseball dart game.

Besides this the Youth Project committee has assisted other civic committees in raising money for the Community Center, in serving and acting as hostesses at affairs held at the Center. During three months of the year at the beginning of this new center they also served as janitors, cleaning and repairing essential things.

Plans have been formulated for continuing the youth or teen-age parties. However, because so many parents of the young people and other interested people of the community have expressed a desire to aid in this work, and because it is impossible for nine women to continue indefinitely so great a task, it has become necessary to call for volunteers to assist in youth activities alone. All other work of the Youth Committee will be continued.

Sometime next week a card will be sent to every parent of high school students asking that they aid in any way possible. A meeting will be called and at that time volunteers for the continuing of the youth parties will be asked to meet with this Youth Project committee. Because of the great number who attend and the size of the building it is essential that at least four or five super-visors be present each night the teenage group have entertainments. "Since it is a really worthwhile project and one that many other towns have copied we feel that mothers and fathers of Merkel youths will be glad to offer their assistance one or two nights a month to continue the entertainments," stated Mrs. Elma McFarland, general chairman of the Youth Project committee.

Stanley Toombs Child Passes Away Friday

Dannie Michael Toombs, 22 months old, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Toombs, who live three miles south of Merkel, died at 4:30 p. m. Friday of last week at the Sadler Clinic-Hospital. The child had been ill for some time. Death was attributed by the attending physician to a blood clot on the brain.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday from the Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. R. L. Butler, officiating, assisted by Rev. D. D. Denison, of Crowell, former pastor of the Merkel Methodist church, and Rev. E. M. Weathers, pastor of the First Baptist church.

Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery under direction of Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home. Pallbearers were Odell Crow, Lavorne Moore, Arthur Moore and Roy Baccus. Flower girls were Lou Ella Hughes and Mesdames Carlton King, Arthur Moore, Tommy Patterson, Pete Morgan and G. W. Hughes.

Surviving are the parents; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. S. Berger, of Big Spring, maternal grandparents.

PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Blair were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McCall of Abilene, and Mr. McCall's sister, Mary Whitlock of Tulsa, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spurgin of Dallas were Christmas holiday visitors, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spurgin, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell, Missie Spurgin of Midland was here during the holidays visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spurgin.

After a Christmas visit home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Bland, Bobby Joe Bland returned Jan. 4 to College Station where he is attending A. and M. college.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson attended the Cotton Bowl game at Dallas New Year's Day, which resulted in a 13-13 tie between Penn State and Southern Methodist university.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wurst and family and his brother, Mr. and Mrs. L. Wurst and family from Fort Worth, spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Wurst, of Orville, Calif. On their return trip they visited relatives in Hollywood.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris had as their guests Sunday night, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Narvell of Fresno, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Crisp, of Caruthers, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Volluz, who formerly lived at San Diego, Calif., were guests for 10 days during the holidays in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Toombs, and family. They were en route to their new home in Dangerfield, Texas.

Sunday visitors in the Homer Patterson home were Mrs. Gladys Moore and daughter, Jean, of Ingram.

Sgt. and Mrs. James Farmer from Randolph Field, San Antonio, were Christmas visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Price and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer.

V. D. Jones of Bagwell visited several days the past week-end in the John and Twyman Collins homes.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sublett were Mrs. Florence Weyrick, of San Antonio, mother of Mrs. Sublett, and a sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ames and Carolyn Sue, of Seagraves. They accompanied the Subletts to San Antonio to spend the week-end following Christmas with another sister, Mrs. Roland Dennis.

John Shannon accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sherrell and daughter, Laurel, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. James Shaver of Fort Worth. Mrs. Shannon accompanied them home after spending the week in the Shaver home.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Theis of St. Louis, Mo., were week-end visitors with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Martin.

A. T. Sheppard left Wednesday for his annual January visit to the Chicago and northern furniture markets.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Haire and children of Littlefield were holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Derstine and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Tucker, Jimmie Vick of Hodges was also a holiday visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Smith and sons, Lloyd and Douglas, went to Fort Worth for the Christmas holidays, visiting with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Bates, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Marr of Stephenville were Sunday guests of Miss Christine Collins.

After visiting two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tarpley, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Merritt of Saskatchewan, Canada, returned on Monday to their home. They were accompanied by a friend, Bryant Vandruff, also of Saskatchewan.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Anderson spent Christmas in the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Anderson, in Lubbock, remaining over for the week-end following.

Mrs. R. J. Miller, who has been visiting in Denton with her daughter, Mrs. Dave Johnson, since the arrival of her son, David Bruce Johnson, is expected to return home on Saturday.

Mrs. A. L. Farmer visited during Christmas with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Farmer, in El Paso. While there, her son and his wife carried her to Las Cruces, N. M., to visit a brother-in-law, Bell Farmer, and family, and they also crossed over for the Juarez sights.

TWO MERKEL COUPLES CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN OPENING WEEK OF NEW YEAR

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dye celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Saturday, Jan. 3, at the home of a son, Rubin Dye, of Merkel. Mrs. Dye was the former Bulah Turner, daughter of Zack Turner of Mulberry Canyon, where they both lived when they were married.

Eight of their nine children were present for the occasion, the only absentee being Zack Dye of Kerrville. The children present were: Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Kingery and son, Ted, Roaring Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Dye and sons, J. R., Eugene and Billy; Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Joan Blair, Levelland; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bryan, Tommy, Billy and Natha Dell, Paducah; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dye, Bobby, Bulah and Imogene, of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dye, Norton, Duane, Barbara and Amos Jim, Roaring Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Dye, Walton, Ila Beth, Richard and Ray, Tye; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Smeizer and Patsy, Kermit; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Loper of Abernathy, a granddaughter, daughter of Hamp Dye of Tye.

Mr. and Mrs. Dye have 27 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. None of the latter were present and several of the grandchildren were not here.

A bountiful dinner was served picnic-style to the above mentioned, Mr. Dye's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kensey, of Sweetwater, two of Mrs. Dye's brothers, Frank Turner of Eunice, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. Wood Turner and one sister, Dollie Richey, and her granddaughter, of Fort Worth. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ersminger, Mrs. Bill Henniger and two daughters and Ed Dye, nephews and pieces of the celebrants.

An informal tea, with a number of relatives and friends as callers, marked the 50th anniversary of the wedding date of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm, which was quietly celebrated in their home on Oak street last Friday.

As all of the children had been present for the customary family reunion on Christmas Day of the week before, only the daughter from near-by Abilene, Mrs. Byers Petty, returned to join the children who reside in Merkel for the anniversary occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamm were married in Merkel on Jan. 2, 1898, the ceremony having been performed by a Baptist pastor, Rev. Mr. Reynolds. Mrs. Hamm was the former Pearl Sheppard, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Sheppard, pioneer Taylor county settlers. Mr. Hamm had come here in 1883 with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hamm. Since their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Hamm have lived here continuously and it was only a few years ago that Mr. Hamm retired from an active career in the ginning industry.

They are the parents of seven children: four daughters, Mrs. Guy Darsey of Austin, Mrs. Byers Petty of Abilene, Mrs. Johnny Hill of Vernon and Miss Mildred Hamm of Merkel, and three sons, Sie Hamm, of Colorado City, and Bill and Ted Hamm of Merkel. They have seven grandchildren.

At the tea hour, a beautifully decorated cake inscribed "Happy Anniversary," was cut and served with spiced tea by the two daughters, Mrs. Byers Petty and Miss Mildred Hamm.

Lions Initiate Move To Improve Telephone Service in Merkel

Two community matters of considerable importance received attention at Tuesday's luncheon of the Lions club served by eight members of the Youth Project Committee at the Community Center.

After the need of improved phone service was brought up by Jack Miller, a committee was appointed by President Earl Hughes to circulate a petition asking for installation of a dial system here and for a rural service program. Named on this committee were Jack Miller, chairman, Riggs Sheppard and Joe Cypert.

As chairman of the Lions road committee, Henry C. West reported on the status of the two farm-to-market roads which Merkel has acquired under the current 3-year-appropriation bill—the one to Noodle already completed, and the other, to Blair and southwest of town, contract for which is to be let in February. He also stated that two other projects were contemplated by the highway department and practically assured when the next allotment period arrives—extension southwest of the Blair road to meet the Nolan farm-to-market road and a northwest extension from Noodle toward Sylvester.

As the program feature, Chairman Edwin Read introduced Mrs. Mildred Winter, who presented the Grade School Choral club and its members in four numbers. First the group sang "Waltzing in the Clouds," followed by "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," then a girls' sextet sang "A Heart That's Free," with the concluding number, "Across the Alley from the Alamo," by a boys' quartet. Announcements of the numbers were made by Jimmy Lou McLeod.

Guests present for the luncheon were Victor Baze of Sweetwater and H. P. Crimm, Doyle Seifried and Horace Boney were welcomed as a new member.

In the group of ladies serving the luncheon were Mesdames Earl Hughes, Wrenn Durham, Elma McFarland, Grif Barnett, C. H. Collinsworth, W. T. Sadler, Weldon McAninch and S. D. Gamble.

Noodle P-TA to Meet Monday Night

The Noodle Parent-Teacher association will meet Monday night at 7:30 in the school auditorium. The Home Economics girls under the direction of their teacher, Miss Johnny McDonald, will model the garments they made during the first semester of school. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

SET DATES FOR MARCH OF DIMES ANNUAL DRIVE

Organization of the annual March of Dimes campaign in Taylor county for funds with which to combat infantile paralysis has been set up by the Taylor County Infantile Paralysis Foundation, with Robert E. Kennedy of Abilene as drive chairman.

Date of the campaign has been set for Jan. 15 to 30, and complete plans for the drive in Abilene and the other towns and communities in the county have been announced.

Selected as local chairman in Merkel, Mrs. W. T. Sadler has named the following co-workers: Mesdames David Gamble, Weldon McAninch and Grif Barnett; Messrs. Riggs Sheppard, Earl Hughes and E. B. Wallace.

The fact that the fund last year spent \$6,258 in carrying on the fight against polio in this county is proof that there is plenty of work to be done.

The larger portion of the funds raised locally will remain here to continue this work. The portion sent to the national organization insures national help in any local epidemic that might break out.

Merkel Man Heads Plumbers' Group

A Merkel man was elected president of the Taylor County Plumbers association at the organization meeting held on Friday night of last week at the Windsor hotel, Abilene, when 17 out of the 18 licensed plumbers in Taylor county were enrolled as members.

Serving with Joe Patterson, as president, are: Ira Allen, of Abilene, first vice-president; Hugh Oliver, of Abilene, second vice-president, and Homer Smith, of Abilene, secretary-treasurer.

Following the meeting a banquet was enjoyed by the members and their wives, with 36 persons attending. Present from Merkel were J. F. Merritt and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Patterson.

Council Authorizes Issuance of Bonds

Following approval by the voters of the \$100,000 bond issue for waterworks and sewer system improvements, the city council at its regular meeting Tuesday night authorized the issuance of the bonds by ordinance, suspending the rules requiring reading of the ordinance on two separate occasions and passing it unanimously on the first reading.

Present were Mayor A. J. Canon and Aldermen O. B. Leach, Joe Cypert, Johnny Hammond, Earl Hughes and Bob Hicks. Meeting with the city council was Lockett Shelton of Abilene, representing the First Southwest Company of Dallas, buyers of the bonds.

Favors UMT Plan

Austin, Jan. 8.—Universal military training was endorsed Wednesday by Gov. Beauford H. Jester with a proclamation setting aside Jan. 5-12 as Universal Military Training Week.

BADGERS OPEN 5A CONFERENCE AT HOME FRIDAY

After Entertaining Colorado City Wolves Here, Trek to Loraine for Tussle Tuesday With Veteran Bulldog Team.

The Merkel Badgers opened their 1947-48 home basketball slate by splitting a two-game series with the highly-regarded Andrews Mustangs before a capacity crowd here last Friday and Saturday nights.

The locals open their 5A conference race against the hapless Colorado City Wolves here Friday night and then trek to Loraine Tuesday night for a tussle with the veteran Bulldog quintet.

Last Friday night the local five played their best ball of the season to rout the visiting Mustangs 40 to 24. The Badgers led all the way, enjoying a 19-12 lead at the intermission. Robert Sledge paced the point-getters with 12 tallies. Nash was second with 9 markers. The Merkel subs, led by Larry Bailey with 11 points, nosed out the invading reserves, 26-25, in a thrilling bout.

On Saturday night the Andrews boys were "on" and Benson's hoops couldn't seem to do anything right, and as a result the Mustangs walked off with the contest to the tune of 39 to 27. Poor passing and inability to hit the basket on the part of the Purple and Gold squad helped the visitors' cause considerably. Again Robert Sledge took scoring honors for the Badgers with 8 points. Hodge was next with 7. The local reserves, with Oris Reynolds leading the attack, chalked up their fourth straight win of the season as they trounced the Andrews second stringers 26-13.

In a real story book finish the Badgers came from behind in the last minute of play to nose out the Abilene Christian College Academy cagers, one of the best teams in this area, by a score of 39-36 here Tuesday night. After being behind 8-4, 18-16 and 31-25 at the end of the first three periods, the local "round ballers," led by Robert Sledge and James Land, put on their only scoring spurge of the game in the last minute of play to come off the hardwood with a well-earned victory.

Robert Sledge reached a new seasonal high in scoring for the locals by racking up 17 points. James Land was next with 10 tallies.

The Merkel B stringers had their hands full in downing the Abilene subs 19-16. Scoring honors went to Jimmy Walker with 8 points.

Tax Collector to be In Merkel Jan. 16-17

Announcement is made by Raymond Petree, county tax assessor-collector, that he will be in Merkel Friday and Saturday of next week, Jan. 16 and 17, to collect taxes as a convenience to tax-payers in Merkel and the surrounding communities.

He will visit Trent on Thursday, Jan. 15, the day before coming to Merkel.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, January 20, 1928.)

APPROACHING MARRIAGE OF MISSES HAMM ANNOUNCED.

Mesdames Sie Hamm and F. C. McFarland were joint hostesses at games Monday afternoon entertaining in the lovely new home of Mrs. Henry West.

The daisy was the motif predominant throughout the house decoration and party appointments of yellow and white.

Games of bridge and "42" were happily progressing when strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March played by Miss Melba West reached the guests and all attention was centered on little Miss Betty Booth Beckett, who entered dressed as a daisy carrying a huge arm basket of Shasta daisies and daintily presented each guest with one of the favored flowers; attached to each stem was a tiny message:

Evelyn Ruby
and and
Byers Guy
Not the age-old adage "Daisies
Went Tell;" this time daisies "did"

tell, of the approaching marriage of Miss Ruby Hamm to Mr. Guy Darsey and Miss Evelyn Hamm to Mr. Byers Petty. Miss Christine Collins very softly sang "Sweet Bunch of Daisies" while the announcement were being distributed, then Misses Melba West and Christine Collins sang "I Love You Truly" and "We Together" in lovely harmony. Plates of beautiful daisies moulded of ice cream with angel food squares and olives were passed to Misses Evelyn and Ruby Hamm, Mary Eula Sears, Julia Martin, Christine Collins, Mary Cleo Booth, Lucy Tracy, Melba West, Bill Swann, Vennie Heizer and Mesdames Frank Hamm, Warren Smith, Tom Durham, Harry Cookston, Jack Durham, Tom Price, Yates Brown, Roy Largent, Bill Brown, Matt Dillingham, Emmett Grimes, George White, Johnnie Camp, Bill Sheppard, Earl Baze, Kirby Beckett, Bill Haynes, S. D. Johnson, Fred Greene, Lige Gamble, Henry West and the hostesses, Mrs. Sie Hamm and Mrs. McFarland.

Legal Notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
 THE STATE OF TEXAS
 TO: C. C. Crunk, Greeting:
 You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 23rd day of February, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.
 Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 25th day of Nov., 1947.
 The file number of said suit being No. 15,569-A.
 The names of the parties in said suit are: Marcia Crunk as Plaintiff, and C. C. Crunk as Defendant.
 The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:
 Plaintiff and Defendant were duly and legally married on 21 September 1946, and lived together until 1 August 1947.
 They acquired no community property and no children have been born or will be born to said marriage.
 Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruelty.
 If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
 Issued this 7th day of Jan., A. D., 1948.
 Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this 7th day of January, A. D., 1948.
 (Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas
 By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

—CLASSIFIED ADS—

MISCELLANEOUS

BERT MELTON, agent for Abilene Reporter-News and Dallas Morning News; office on Kent street. Phone 282.

WATER WELL DRILLING — I have 2 machines; all work guaranteed. B. T. Sublett, Box 206, Merkel.

Wage Talk Deadlocked.
 Fort Worth, Jan. 8.—Southwestern Greyhound Lines and its AFL drivers' union were still deadlocked Wednesday night after three days of unfruitful wage negotiation. The talks were to be resumed Thursday.

About one-third ounce of dry rubber is obtained from each tapping of a rubber tree.

Lead consumption in the United States during 1947 was more than a million tons.

Farm honey production in the United States totaled more than 233,000,000 pounds in 1945.

"please!"

Join the MARCH OF DIMES

JANUARY 15-30

FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS

THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS
 FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT FOUNDATION

REA

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 adequate water supply to meet the demands of new consumers as well as the greatly increased demands of old consumers.

To illustrate the increased demand for power, Mr. Wickard pointed out that the annual energy usage per consumer on REA-financed lines increased 12 per cent during 1947, from 1602 KWH to 1794 KWH.

While the average annual energy bill per consumer increased from \$57.51 to \$61.18, the revenue per kilowatt-hour sold by REA borrowers dropped from 3.60 cents to 3.41 cents. This is a result of a sliding rate scale that decreases the unit cost of electricity as more is used.

The calendar year marked two milestones for REA. In March its loan approvals passed the one billion dollar mark and in early December the 2,000,000th consumer was connected to an REA-financed line.

The annual REA survey of electrified farms as of July 1, 1947, estimated that 2,280,000 U. S. farms, or nearly 40 per cent of the Nation's total, still lacked electric service. A special report by the Bureau of the census indicated that in April there were 4,150,000 rural farm and non-farm dwellings still unserved. This figure does not include such rural establishments as churches, schools, stores and rural industries.

Business Changes

Operating as Dowdy and Toombs, Royce C. Dowdy and W. W. Toombs, both long-time residents and well known business men, have opened a real estate office in the building on Front street formerly occupied by the Studio shop.

Jack Walker announces the removal of his radio shop to a portion of the building occupied by the Merkel bakery on North Second between Lamar and Edwards streets.

Effective Jan. 5, W. A. Stockbridge, who was formerly wholesale agent for an oil company here and later engaged in the grocery business, became the owner of the Doan Feed store, which he will operate as Stockbridge Feed Store.

With plans to enter McMurry college at the beginning of the next semester, Jan. 29, Ray Tarpley has sold his half interest in the Tarpley Service station on Oak street to his brother, Ralph, who will continue to operate the business under the same name.

Woodrow Wilson announces that the Wilson Jewelry has secured the services of Quincy Garner, an experienced watch repair man, and with the addition of his services the firm will be able to give better service on watch repairs.

THANK YOU.

I would like to take this method of thanking each and every one who patronized our business while I was in partnership with my brother, Ralph. Having now sold my interest in the station to him I would like to bespeak for him your continued patronage.
 Ray Tarpley.

Receives Discharge.

After receiving his discharge Dec. 23 from the U. S. Navy, Seaman 1-C Melvin Cross, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cross, has returned home. During two years of service, he was stationed part time at Pearl Harbor but also toured China and Japan.

QUICK RELIEF FROM SYMPTOMS OF DISTRESS ARISING FROM STOMACH ULCERS DUE TO EXCESS ACID

Free Book Tells of Home Treatment that Must Help or it Will Cost You Nothing
 Over two million bottles of the WILLARD TREATMENT have been sold for relief of symptoms of distress arising from Stomach and Duodenal Ulcers due to Excess Acid—Poor Digestion, Sour or Upset Stomach, Gasiness, Heartburn, Sleeplessness, etc. due to Excess Acid. Sold on 15 days' trial! Ask for "Willard's Message" which fully explains this treatment.—Free—
 Merkel Drug Company

FEDERAL LAND BANK LOANS

on farms and ranches in Taylor County.
 -- Long Terms -- -- Low Interest --
Abilene National Farm Loan Association,
 RALPH C. SOUTH, Sec-Treas.,
 925 N. 2nd St., Abilene, Texas

NOTICE

We are opening a real estate office in building formerly occupied by Studio Shop on Front Street. We will appreciate listing any property you may have to offer.

DOWDY & TOOMBS
 REAL ESTATE

TO ALL WATCH OWNERS . . .

NOTICE

In order to give our customers Better service on watch repair, we have secured the services of Quincy Garner in our watch repair department. We can now give one week service on repair jobs.

We repair clocks, and re-string Pearls
 All Work Guaranteed
 —Reasonable Prices—

WILSON JEWELRY

D. C. Doan Enters Race for Position County Commissioner

To the Voters of Precinct 2, Taylor County:

In this week's issue of The Mail, I am announcing my candidacy for the office of county commissioner of Precinct No. 2, Taylor county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

I have lived in Taylor county 46 years, most of that time in the Blair community, and from experience gained in farming and the mercantile business I feel that I am qualified to fill this position.

It will be my endeavor to serve all the people of this precinct and I assure you that, if elected, my efforts will be devoted to your best interest at all times.

I intend to make an active campaign between now and election time and hope to see all voters. In the meantime I am asking that you inquire of your friends as to my qualifications.

Sincerely,
 D. C. DOAN.

Calvin Smith from Fort Worth spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Smith.

Statement of Condition
Farmers & Merchants National Bank
 MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of Business December 31, 1947

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$ 338,288.26
Overdrafts	839.37
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	3,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures (New Equipment)	4,000.00
AVAILABLE CASH AND QUICK ASSETS:	
Bills of Exchange, Cotton and Grain	\$ 28,485.44
United States Bonds and Securities	1,606,317.52
Other Bonds and Warrants	10,040.59
Cash and Due from Banks	1,142,573.76
	\$2,787,417.31

Total \$3,133,544.94

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Undivided Profits	25,808.84
Divided (Payable December 31, 1947)	2,500.00
DEPOSITS	3,005,236.10

Total \$3,133,544.94

The above statement is correct.
 GEORGE T. MOORE, Cashier.

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Soon after men began to do business together, banks were started to speed the interchange of goods and to safeguard money. Bank loans put ships to sea; sent caravans on their way; increased production for the loom, the forge, and the farm.

LOOKING AHEAD AND GOING AHEAD WITH YOU—

Modern business needs banks as trains need tracks. This bank is working with you and this community for greater prosperity and security, for today and tomorrow. We are glad to help you in financial matters in every way we can.

DIRECTORS:

Sam Butman, Sr., H. C. West, W. T. Sadler
 W. S. J. Brown, Booth Warren

USED CARS

- 1947 Dodge Pickup, Like New
- 1946 Chevrolet Town Sedan
- 1941 Chevrolet 5 passenger coupe
- 1941 Chevrolet Town Sedan,
- 1941 Ford Tudor Sedan
- 1942 Dodge Army 4x4 pickup
- 1931 Chevrolet Town Sedan
- 1940 De Soto, Sedan,

TERMS AND TRADE

BADGER CHEVROLET COMPANY

TOOMBS & MOORE FEED STORE

In Same Bldg. with Donnelly Bros. Hatchery

Handling a Complete Line of ABTEX and C. L. GREEN Feeds

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CHECK THESE PRICES:

All Weather, per 100 lbs.	\$5.25
Good Value Dairy, per 100 lbs.	\$5.10
Ground Oats, per 100 lbs.	\$4.10
Hen Scratch, per 100 lbs.	\$5.50
Super Layer, per 100 lbs.	\$5.85
Growing Mash, per 100 lbs.	\$5.75
Starter and Grower, per 100 lbs.	\$6.00
Complete Hog Feed, per 100 lbs.	\$5.25
Broiler Mash, per 100 lbs.	\$5.85
11% Sweet Feed, per 100 lbs.	\$3.10
9% Sweet Feed, per 100 lbs.	\$2.95
Maize, per 100 pounds	\$4.00
Block Salt	65c

MOVIE CALENDAR

QUEEN
 Friday - Saturday — Big five unit program: Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy, Mickey Mouse, Mortimer Snerd, Donald Duck, Dinah Shore in "Fun and Fancy Free" and Richard Martin, Frances Rafferty in "Adventures of Don Coyote;" also Jesse James serial, Jack Armstrong serial and color cartoon.
 Sunday, Monday and Tuesday — Randolph Scott, Barbara Britton in "Gunfighters;" Highlights of "Bowl" games, color cartoon and Short.
 Wednesday - Thursday — Ann Sheridan, Lew Ayres, Zachary Scott in "The Unfaithful;" special added attraction and Frankie Carle musical.

"GUNFIGHTERS"
 Zane Grey's thrill-swept story of Western outlawery, "Twin Sombrios," has been brought to the screen with all the vivid excitement, colorful characters and blazing two-gun action of the master adventure novelist's great yarn. Glorious in the splendor of outdoor cinecolor, the screen adaptation retitled "Gunfighters," is a Columbia picture.
 "Gunfighters" stars Randolph Scott and Barbara Britton in a lavishly-scaled tale of relentless pursuit, cold-blooded ambush and hot-headed romance. It is the story of a famed gunfighter who is determined to lay aside his guns forever after he is forced to shoot his best friend when the latter tries to beat him to the draw.

REWARD
 THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who poisoned my small black and white Collie dog, named 'Lady' on Friday and/or Saturday nights, Dec. 12th or 13th.
 Sam Butman, Sr.

Legal Notice

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
 THE STATE OF TEXAS.
 TO: V. C. George, Greeting:
 You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 2nd day of February, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.
 Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 20th day of Dec. 1946. The file number of said suit being No. 15,124-A.
 The names of the parties in said suit are: Ruby Mae George as Plaintiff, and V. C. George as Defendant.
 The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were duly and legally married on October 15, 1933, and lived together until October 7,

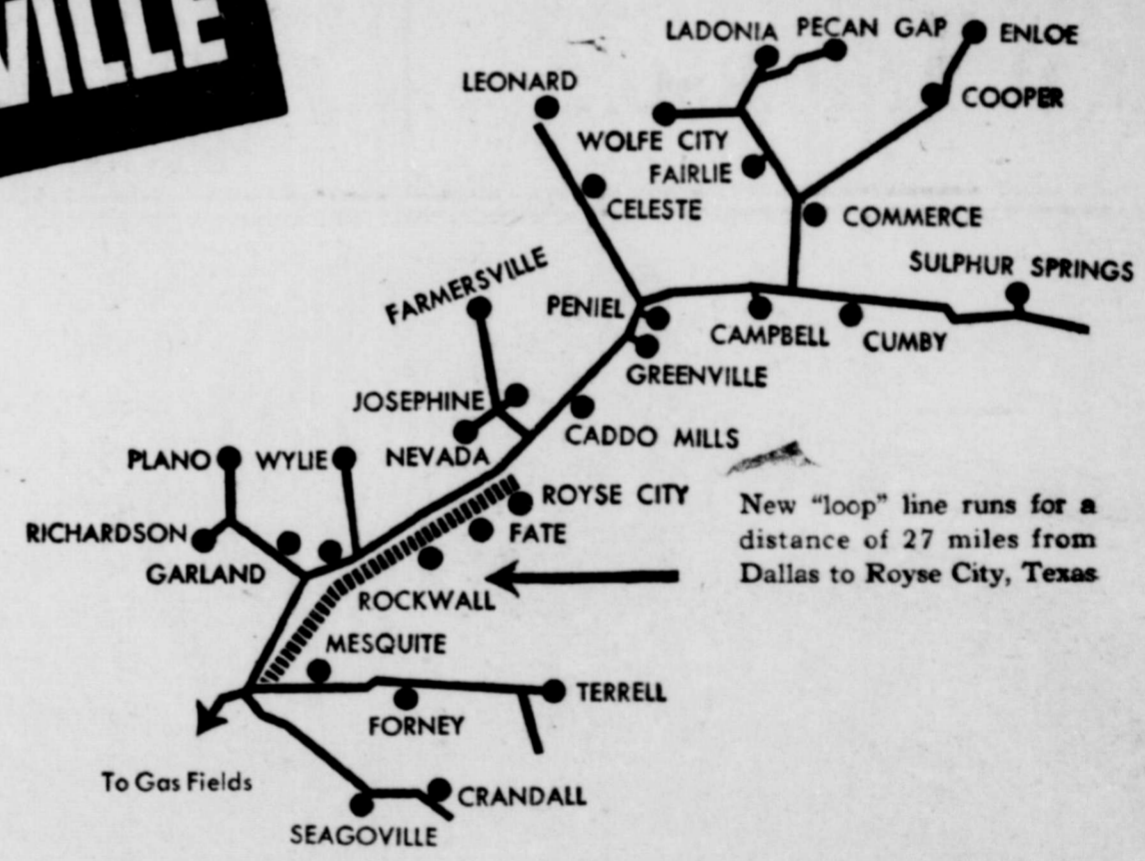
1945. Three children were born to plaintiff and defendant. There is no community property. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruelty and also sues for custody, control and support of the children.
 If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 18th day of December, A. D., 1947.
 Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 18th day of December, A. D., 1947.
 (Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,

District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.
ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.
 Notice is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday, the 13th day of January, 1948, at 7 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
 Booth Warren, President.

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"Ever-increasing number of orders for new machinery for shipment to construction projects on Lone Star Gas System indicates how the expansion program has affected operations in this shop. In all my service with Lone Star I've never seen so much of this kind of activity. It's really keeping us busy!"

Typical of a series of recently completed pipelines on Lone Star Gas System is this new "loop" line illustrated by dash line on the map above. This line will help assure a plentiful supply of natural gas to Greenville and all other communities on this section of Lone Star Gas System.

This is the second major pipeline recently completed in east Texas. Two lines each were also built in 1947 on the three other main divisions of Lone Star Gas System—west central Texas, south central Texas, and north Texas and southern Oklahoma. These eight lines are only the beginning—the first year's work in an expansion program which will continue for four more years.

This five-year program represents an

investment of \$40,000,000 in projects such as above pipelines. In addition there are new compressor stations, new gas wells, new town plants, additions to present town distribution plants and many other projects to keep Lone Star Gas service ahead of the ever-increasing demands of a growing Southwest.

This program for a busier, brighter future is being pushed forward as rapidly as availability of materials and equipment will permit. All over the system, from Snyder in the West to Clarksville in the East and from Round Rock in the South to Purcell in the North, more employees than ever before will be busier than ever before in 1948 maintaining Lone Star as one of the finest of Natural Gas Services.

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C. H. (Connie) OTTO
To the People of Precinct 4, Jones County:
I am at this time announcing for commissioner of Precinct 4, Jones County. To the people who do not know me personally, I am 43 years old, have lived in Jones county 42 years. Most of that time I have lived in Precinct 4.
In January 1940, I bought a farm two miles north of Truby where I have lived since. During that time I spent three years with the county as a maintainer operator in Precinct 4. I believe that I know enough about road work and the business end of this office to qualify for a commissioner. If I should be elected I will do my best for the betterment of the roads of the precinct. I do not have any personal promises to make any one except that I will do the very best I can for every one.
I will be glad for the people to investigate me in any way they see fit and if they think I can fill the office I will appreciate your vote and influence very much. I will be around to see each and every one later on. If for any reason I should fail to see any one, since it is hard to contact every one, I want you to know that your vote and influence will be greatly appreciated.
C. H. (Connie) Otto.

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Texas Crops Reach All-Time High in '47; Cotton Still Leading

Austin, Jan. 8.—Texas crops in 1947 reached an all-time high value of \$1,446,210,000, the U. S. Bureau of Agriculture Economics reported. Cotton continued king, it provided more than \$631,000,000 for Texas farmers from sale of lint and cottonseed.
The record-breaking wheat crop meant \$279,608,000 to the pocket-books of Texas growers, and sorghum grains were next principal source of income for the farmers of Texas. All sorghums had a crop value of \$116,815,000, the report said. This placed the value of sorghum crops slightly over corn, which was valued at \$102,043,000.
The 1947 crop value in the state was 55 per cent greater than that of 1946, and nearly double that of 1945, the government figures revealed. The gain over 1945 was 94 per cent.
Large crops of wheat and cotton and a general increase in the level of prices of farm commodities were held primarily responsible for the farmers' good fortune in 1947.
Unit prices of most field crops equalled or exceeded 1946 levels, but total value of oats, barley, sorghum for forage, potatoes and sweet potatoes was down because of smaller production.
Prices for citrus fruits and pecans were below the 1946 average, as were prices for melons and onions.
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VAN CAMP'S CHILI, 17 oz. jar 29c	PURASNOW— PRINT BAG— FLOUR, 25 lb. \$1.79
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MARSHMALLOWS, pkg. 23c	Pure Extracted— Honey, 5 pounds 89c
Tru-Tex— Pimentoes, 2 cans 25c	PICKLES, gallon 65c
ADMIRATION— COFFEE, 3 lb. jar \$1.49	Barbecued— WIENERS, No. 2 can 39c
--: PRODUCE --:	
Delicious APPLES, lb. 9c	GRAPEFRUIT, pound 5c
CARROTS, bunch 9c	YAMS, pound 7c
BELL PEPPERS, lb. 16c	
--: MEATS --:	
	PORK SAUSAGE, lb. 55c
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ANNOUNCING . . .

Change of Ownership

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Use of Oxygen, each entry	\$15.00
X-Ray on Electrocardiogram, each entry	\$10.00
Routine Medicine, each entry	\$16.00
Routine Laboratory Service, each entry	\$10.00
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FOR SALE—65-gallon butane bottle, with regulator, Ralph Miller.

FOR SALE—Windmill, towers and tanks; priced to sell. Will sell each one separately or all together. Bill Merritt.

Crosley radio phonograph combination automatic record player, \$79.95. Badger Chevrolet Co.

FOR SALE—Hens, just culled. See Mrs. Vayden Horton.

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FOR SALE—Sears-Roebuck Gold Seal, Cold Spot electric refrigerator in A-1 condition. J. M. Spurgin.

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FOR SALE—Electrical ice box, can be seen at West Texas Utilities. Merkel. Call at telephone office.

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PLENTY of seed wheat and seed oats; also a few sacks of maize for chicken feed. Toombs and Moore Grain Co.

FOR SALE—1936 Ford tudor, also 1939 International truck with winch and bed, 5-speed transmission. Inquire at Texaco Service station.

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FOR SALE—5 rooms and bath; best location; best built house in town; block south new hospital. Ben Sublett, Box 206, Merkel.

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FOR SALE—Batteries for all autos, trucks and tractors, \$3.00 trade-in on old battery. Dudley's Radio Service. Phone 193.

LODGE CALLS

Called meeting of Merkel Chapter 212, Order of Eastern Star, will be held, Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting members cordially invited. Initiation.

Mrs. D. S. Neel, W. M.
Mrs. Howard Carson, Sec'y.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in July.]

For Commissioner, Precinct 2, Taylor County:
D. C. DOAN.

For Commissioner, Precinct 4, Jones County:
C. H. (Connie) OTTO.

FOR SALE—Used vacuum cleaner, in good shape. Especially nice for \$10.00. L. B. Whitaker, 107 Ash.

UNIVERSAL jet type pumps, with all the pipe, etc. Palmer Tire and Appliance Co., Phone 15.

FOR SALE—Two-story brick building 40x80, formerly occupied by Sadler Clinic. W. T. Sadler, M. D.

HAVE several nice residences for sale in Merkel; take your choice. **ANDY SHOUSE**

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Fur collar, (reddish brown), to ladies' coat. Reward for return to Mrs. Ed Turner.

LOST—Baby gold stretch band bracelet with initials P. A. S.; lost in town Monday. Please return to Merkel Mail office.

FOR RENT

LAND TO RENT—For money rent. J. H. Campbell, 1 1-2 mi. northwest of Mt. Pleasant.

FOR RENT—2-room apartment, furnished or unfurnished; also 3-room house, partly furnished. Phone 9047 after 6 p. m.

FOR RENT—4-room house, 5 mi. east Noodle; electricity and plenty water; nice garden spot and pasture; Joe Amason, 3149 S. 4th St., Abilene, Texas.

FOR RENT—Unfurnished 3-room apartment. C. S. Carey, S. 7th and Manchester.

FOR RENT—Furnished 3-room apartment with private bath. Mrs. John Ensminger.

FOR RENT—Furnished house; to couple only. See F. E. Church.

MY BEST furnished 2-room apartment vacant. Mrs. A. H. Thornton. Phone 76.

FOR RENT—Brick business building, 20x90, corner Edwards and North Second. Bob Hicks.

VACUUM CLEANER for rent, 75c per day. Farm and Home Supply.

WANTED

WANT to buy one turkey tom, baby beef type, for breeding. Ford Butman, Route 4, Merkel.

WATCH REPAIRS—We have added the services of Quincy Garner in our watch repair department; one week service on repair jobs. Wilson Jewelry.

WE UPHOLSTER anything in the way of furniture; also have a state permit to do any kind of upholstering. See Ira Cross at J. T. Darsey Furniture store.

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Texas ORANGES, 8 lb. 27c	CARROTS, bunch	09c
TEXAS GRAPEFRUIT, 8 pound bag		27c

Sliced or Crushed R & W—PINEAPPLE	No. 2 Can	30c
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R and W—Sliced and Halves		
Peaches, No. 2 1/2 can	28c	
Crystal Pack Spinach, No. 2 can	13c	
Kuners Pork & Beans, No. 2 can	16c	
Campbells Tomato Soup, 10 oz. can	10c	
R&W—PEACH, PEAR, APRICOT, 12 oz.		
Nectars, 2 cans for	25c	
R&W—GRAPEFRUIT—Juice, No. 2 can, 2 for	15c	
California ORANGE Juice, 46 oz. can	25c	
R&W—PINEAPPLE Juice, 46 oz. can	45c	
ORACOT (Orange and Apricot) Juice, No. 2 can	10c	
RED and WHITE COFFEE, 1 lb. jar	49c	
GEBHARDTS—Chili Powder, 1 oz. bottle	14c	
THRIFT Tamales, No. 1 1/2 can	23c	
THRIFT Chili, No. 1 1/2 can	28c	
Delta Syrup, 5 lb. jar	49c	
3 Minute Oats, 20 oz. pkgs.	15c	
Sunsweet—Large Prunes, 1 lb. pkg.	23c	
Sunspun Salad Dressing, 16 oz. jar	37c	
Red and White Catsup, 14 oz. bottle	23c	
CLOROX, qt. bottle	16c	
WASHO, lg. box	33c	
Washington Delicious Apples,	09c	

Red and White VIENNA SAUSAGE	4 ounce can	18c
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-:- MEAT MARKET DEPARTMENT -:-

White Label Bacon, lb.	77c	Fresh Pork Loins, lb.	56c
Star—Boneless—Rolled Roast, lb.	54c	Fresh Pork—3 to 5 lbs.	
Star—Shankless—6 to 8 lbs. Picnic Hams, lb.	51c	Spare Ribs, lb.	47c
		(Southern) Longhorn Cheese, lb.	53c

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MRS. JOHN J. PERRY, STATE PRESIDENT FEDERATED CLUBS VISITS LOCAL CLUB.

The Merkel Fortnightly Study club observed "Federation Day" most appropriately this year by entertaining the state president, Mrs. John J. Perry of Sweetwater, with a tea in the lovely new home of Mrs. Paul West on Tuesday afternoon.

The rooms were decorated with lovely cut flowers where guests were seated for the program. Mrs. Johnny Cox fittingly paid tribute to Mrs. Perry's many activities in introducing her, to which Mrs. Perry responded with a most stimulating talk on "Looking Forward." Another guest, Mrs. William Bradford, of Vallejo, Calif., who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Owen Robertson, was introduced.

At the refreshment hour, Mrs. Elma McFarland poured coffee from a table artistically centered with a winter snow scene, and open-faced sandwiches, olives, mints and date loaf were served with the coffee.

Members present were Mesdames David Gamble, S. D. Gamble, Chester Collinsworth, Edwin Read, Earl Lassiter, Elma McFarland, Owen Robertson, Wrenn Durham, Comer Haynes, Judd McReynolds, Johnny Cox, Andy Shouse, W. T. Sadler, Bill Harris, Geo. T. Moore, Powell Miller, Weldon McAninch, Weston West, H. C. West, Paul West, Carroll Benson, Vincent Barnett and Grif Barnett and Christine Collins.

A. McCandless, H. R. Hicks, Lige Harris, W. W. Wheeler, W. O. Boney, W. L. Johnson, J. T. Warren, Hugh Campbell, Fred Baker and the hostess.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church met in regular business session for the month Monday afternoon.

After the opening song, "Let the Lower Lights be Burning," Mrs. Don Riney brought a beautiful devotion from John 5:1-5, followed by prayer by Mrs. Merle Weathers.

Present were Mesdames J. O. Castles, J. S. Swann, H. R. Hicks, Earl Lassiter, Sam Swann, J. A. Kuykendall, Irl Walker, A. R. Booth, W. L. Johnson and the above mentioned.

The next meeting will be on Monday afternoon at 2:30 in the home of Mrs. E. O. Carson for Bible study.

RURAL SOCIETY

FAMILY DINNER IN DIXON HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dixon entertained with a family dinner Sunday in their home at Noodle. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Edd Merritt, Claydon, Sashatchewan (Canada), Mrs. R. L. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Horton and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dixon and J. T. Mr. Perry White and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Horton, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Ellison Edwards, Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tarpley, Mrs. Oneida Melton, Vernelle and Freida, Ray Tarpley, Mrs. Jack Martin and Sharon and Rachel Tarpley, all of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Garvis Tarpley and Mike, Edwin and Roy Lynn Dixon and Billy Tarpley, all of Noodle.

Abilenian to Show Movie on "Nutrition" For P-TA Meeting

Mrs. Ray Wilson will be leader for the January meeting of the Parent-Teacher association, to be held on Thursday night of next week, Jan. 15, at 7:30 in the Grammar School auditorium.

The theme for the meeting is "Budgeting, Conservation, Thrift," with two speakers on the program. Mrs. Imogene Henry, High School business administration teacher, will talk on "Saving Time, Energy and Money." Miss Eudora Hawkins, of Abilene, home service director for the West Texas Utilities company, will show a movie on "The Food You Didn't Eat." The general subject of her talk, as well as the movie, is nutrition.

Miss Christine Collins will introduce the program with several musical selections.

When warm air expands and rises it cools at the rate of about one degree for every 180 feet of ascent.

FISH FRY AT BRAGG LAKE COTTAGE.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg were hosts for an enjoyable fish fry at their cottage on Fort Phantom lake last Sunday, with a brother of Mrs. Bragg, Joe Barnes, and Mrs. Barnes, of San Angelo, as special guests.

Others present to enjoy the appetizing dinner and all-day outing were Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Holland Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. Comer Haynes, Billy Haynes, and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Tatum, of Winters.

SEWING CLUB.

The Sewing club will meet Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 3 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Hoyle Lemens.

ALATHEAN CLASS.

The Alathean class of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Fred Baker, with Mrs. Chas. West as co-hostess. The meeting was presided over by the vice-president, Mrs. W. O. Boney.

After the devotional, which was brought by Mrs. H. R. Hicks, opening prayer was led by Mrs. W. A. McCandless. Roll was called by Mrs. W. L. Johnson, and Mrs. McCandless gave the treasurer's report. Plans for quilting were discussed, a date for which is to be set later.

A lovely refreshment plate of date loaf topped with whipped cream, sweet pickles and hot coffee, with miniature 1948 calendars as plate favors, were passed to Mesdames W.

in The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 791 as compared with 628 on the previous Sunday. The attendance is not available for the same Sunday a year ago, which followed Saturday, Jan. 4, when the severe cold spell reached its lowest point of 9 degrees below.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 6:00 p. m. Evening sermon at 7:00. Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.

Merle Weathers, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible School 9:45 a. m. Sunday. Worship 10:50 a. m. and 7 p. m. Young People's meeting 6:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7 p. m. Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Services Thursday 7:45 p. m. H. S. Earp, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH

Church School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11. Youth Fellowship 6:30 p. m. Evening worship 7:00. WSCS Mondays, 2 p. m. Mid-week prayer Wednesdays, 7:00 p. m.

R. L. Butler, Pastor

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Christian Endeavor meets at 6 p. m. Sunday. Mid-week prayer meeting at 6:30 Wednesday evening.

D. S. Neel, Pastor.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.

A. T. Susley, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11. NYPS at 7:00 p. m.

Hospital Notes.

The following patients underwent surgery at Sadler Clinic-Hospital during the past week: Mrs. T. J. Knight, admitted Jan. 4, and Mrs. L. H. Utley, admitted Jan. 5. Received for treatment were: the Wallace Doan baby, Jan. 2; Bobbie Ann Dudley, Nancy Vaughn, Alec Carter, Jan. 6; Mrs. Mary Jowers, the B. A. Bailey child, Jan. 7.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks for the loving sympathy of friends and neighbors, shown us in the loss of our loved one; especially do we wish to thank Dr. Sadler and the nurses at the hospital for their tender and helpful ministrations. We also wish to express our appreciation for the lovely flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Toombs. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs. Mr. and Mrs. S. Berger.

Preaching at 8:00. Prayer meeting at 7:00 p. m. Wednesday. R. T. Smith, Pastor.

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We know of no better way to begin the New Year than by extending our thanks to our friends for their generous patronage. We hope that we can be of still greater service to you in 1948, and may the best of everything be yours.
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Snowdrift SPRY, 3 lb. can \$1.15

MOTHER'S OATS (with Premium) box 39c

Del Monte COFFEE, lb. 38c

SAVE ON THESE CANNED FOODS FOR CREAMING VEGETABLES—USE PET MILK

- ROSE-DALE—Sun Kist PEACHES, No. 2 1/2 can 25c
- WHITE SWAN—Heavy Syrup PRUNES, No. 2 1/2 can 19c
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Betty Crocker—VEGETABLE SOUP, box 11c

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PURE CANE—SUGAR, 10 lbs. 89c

Mary Lee Taylor's Ham Leaves with Catsup Gravy
Broadcast: January 10, 1948

- 1/2 cup rolled oats 2 tablespoons hot shortening
- 1/2 cup Pet Milk 1/2 cup catsup
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard 2 teaspoons vinegar
- 1 lb. ground smoked ham 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce (can omit)
- 1/2 cup finely cut onion 1/4 cup water 2 teaspoons sugar

Turn on oven; set at moderately slow (350° F.). Mix together and let stand 5 minutes; oats, milk and mustard. Mix in ham. Divide among 4 greased 3-in. muffin tins or custard cups. Bake 45 min., or until brown. Turn out. Cook onion slowly in shortening 5 min. Add remaining ingredients. Boil slowly 3 min. Serve over ham loaves. Makes 4 servings.
*3/4 cup soft bread crumbs can replace the oats.
PET MILK, tall can 14c

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