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WILL CALENDAR HOLIDAY DATES FOR CITY FIRMS

For the purpose of establishing a slate of general holidays for 1948, a meeting of all the business men of Merkel has been called for Monday night, Jan. 26, to be held at 7:30 o'clock at the Community Center.

Suggestion for this important meeting was made by Riggs Shepperd at Tuesday's luncheon of the Lions club, and his motion was unanimously adopted. A special committee appointed to notify all merchants, both in and out of the Lions club, includes David Gamble, Holt Vaughn and E. O. Carson.

Miniature flags of the nations represented in the somewhat different and very appetizing menu served by the ladies of the Youth Project committee, were arranged in clusters on the banquet tables. The menu, styled "We, the Peoples of the United Nations," was as follows: Italian, ravioli Parmesa; British, slaw with India relish; Swiss, green beans; French, bread; United States, apple pie, and Brazil, coffee.

Ladies assisting in preparing and serving the luncheon were Mesdames Earl Hughes, Elma McFarland, Wrenn Durham, S. D. Gamble and Bill Harris.

Doyle Cogburn Baby Passes Away Jan. 5

Jaqueline Loraine Cogburn, who would have been one year old on Jan. 8 and only child of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle E. Cogburn, of Tranquillity, Calif., died at 3 p. m. Monday, Jan. 5, in a San Francisco, Calif., hospital. She had been in the hospital since Oct. 3 and critically ill and under an oxygen tent since Oct. 11.

The baby was taken by train to Kerman, Calif., where funeral services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 2:30 p. m. in Denny's funeral chapel, with Rev. E. L. Rogers, pastor of the Methodist church in Tranquillity, officiating. Burial was in the Kerman cemetery.

Surviving are the parents, the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Cogburn of Tranquillity, the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rapier, of Bakersfield, Calif., and two great-grandmothers, Mrs. E. M. Sherman, of Trent, and Mrs. W. I. Cogburn, of Fort Worth.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Miles M. Fox and daughter, of Lockhart, have moved to Abilene to make their home while Mr. Fox finishes his business course at Draughton's college. Mrs. Fox is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fannell of Merkel.

Mrs. H. P. Allen has returned from Los Alamos, N. M., after spending the most of two weeks visiting with her son, P. E. Allen and family. "It was a very enjoyable trip, things quite different to here, but I like Texas better," Mrs. Allen said.

Mrs. Ed Blackburn of the Butman community and her daughter, Mrs. Bill Brown, were visitors Sunday in the Hugh Campbell home.

Max Mellinger and son, Sylvan, were visitors this week to the Fort Worth and Dallas spring and summer fashions markets.

Mrs. Ellie Green, of Randlett, Okla., is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. P. Stevens.

Mrs. Allie Lee Lippard has returned home after an extended Christmas holiday visit with a daughter, Mrs. C. L. Fields, at San Angelo.

While Mr. Eiland is at the National Western Stock show in Denver, Colo., Mrs. Royce Eiland and two children of Folsom, N. M., are visiting here with her mother, Mrs. W. J. Largent, Mr. Largent and son, Bijly, are also attending the Denver show.

Week-end visitors in the Twyman and John Collins homes were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Grandstaff, of Dallas. Mrs. Grandstaff is the former Claire Easterwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Easterwood, of Taft, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Grimes, who spent the first part of the week in the Dallas and Fort Worth markets, also visiting with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Warren in Dallas, were accompanied on their return by Mrs. Warren for a visit here.

Miss Margaret Sharp is visiting in El Paso, having accompanied Mrs. Kenneth Sharp on her return home.

TWO SPEAKERS HOLD INTEREST P-TA MEMBERS

"The Budget and Human Values," Theme of January Meeting Held Last Thursday; Game Night Set, Feb. 20.

A most informative, educational and practical program was presented for parents by two speakers at the monthly meeting of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association, held on Thursday night of last week in the Grammar School auditorium.

Theme of the program was "The Budget and Human Values," and the first speaker, Mrs. Imogene Henry, High School business administration teacher, talked on "Saving Time, Money and Energy." Her points were presented in most effective manner, with words well fitted and plainly delivered.

Speaking on "Nutrition, or Feeding the Family," Miss Eudora Hawkins, home service director for the West Texas Utilities company, explained in a most interesting manner the seven basic foods required for a well rounded diet.

Leader for this mid-winter program was Mrs. Ray Wilson, who introduced the speakers and the other members. To begin the program, Mary Alice Walker sang two numbers, "Honey" and "Naughty Angelina," then Kent Riney sang "Red Silk Stockings, Green Perfume," and for his second number, "Civilization" (The Bonga, The Bonga). These numbers were accompanied by Miss Christine Collins.

Mrs. Louie Herring, the president, presided for the business meeting, with Mrs. Horace Boney, the secretary, reading the minutes of the last meeting. Presenting the project of the year, buying hektographs, maps and a record player for the primary grades, the president announced a game night for Feb. 20 to work out more funds to be applied on equipment for the school. Mrs. Herring has set other activities for raising funds this year.

Seven children were present for the Well Child Conference, sponsored by the Parent-Teacher association, which was held last Friday. Three of these, it is reported, were follow-ups, and the other four, new ones.

First Grade Parents to Visit School Jan. 28

Next Wednesday, Jan. 28, is the next day set aside for parents of first graders to visit school.

The pupils will stay at home and their parents are urged to attend school to confer with the teacher and to see some of the work done by the boys and girls during the past six weeks.

Parents, both mothers and fathers, are invited to come any time during the day which may be convenient.

Austin Robertsons Have Dinner Guests

Dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson were Mr. and Mrs. Owen Taylor and son, Ray, and Peggy Robertson, of Lamesa, Mrs. Lura Cain and sons, James and Max, of Seagraves, also her son, Doyle, from Hardin-Simmons university and his wife, Zerk Robertson, wife and son, Larry, of Abilene, Mrs. S. W. Taylor of Sweetwater, mother of Mrs. Austin Robertson, and Mrs. Ollie Higgins and son, Dwane.

Visiting in the afternoon were Mrs. Howard Sliger and daughters, Jean and Nancy, of Abilene, Mrs. E. T. Clay of Brady, her daughter, Joyce, a freshman in Hardin-Simmons university, and Patsy Taylor of Big Lake, a freshman also of Hardin-Simmons university.

Conoco Head Named.
New York, Jan. 22.—James J. Conoco has been elected chairman of the board of the Continental Oil Co., which he first joined in 1929 as general counsel.

Indicted for Threat.
Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 22.—Mrs. Jane Bean, 20-year-old bride, was indicted by a federal grand jury Wednesday on charges that she sent an extortion letter through the mail to Betty Grable, demanding \$5,000 under threat to kidnap the actress' younger daughter, Jessica, eight months old.

CONFERENCE OF PLUMBERS, CITY COUNCIL HELD

A conference with members of the plumbing fraternity was the chief business of the regular bi-monthly meeting of the city council held Monday night at the city hall.

Mayor A. J. Canon and all members of the board, Buck Leach, Joe Cypert, Johnny Hammond, Earl Hughes and Bob Hicks, were present and in the group of plumbers and other visitors were W. J. Patterson, B. W. Merritt, H. J. Bowles, Frank Breaux and Marvin DuBose. Also attending the session, as usual, was Mack Buzbee, city water superintendent and by virtue of his office, also plumbing inspector.

The city governing board went on record for a 100 per cent compliance with the city ordinance governing plumbing installations, which was adopted many years ago and which incorporates practically all of the regulations included in the new state code that recently became effective.

Sponsor Wishing Well For March of Dimes

Following the community "42" and bridge party and dance, held Thursday night of this week, at the Community Center for the benefit of the March of Dimes drive, Earl Hughes president of the Lions club, is to have charge of a wishing well in a downtown location here Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler, local chairman of the drive, announces that the film, "Time Out for Margaret," starring Margaret O'Brien and boosting the campaign, which did not arrive in time for the first announced showings, will be presented at the Queen theatre for one showing each, between shows, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 24, 25 and 26.

Registered Nurse to Speak at Noodle P-TA

Mrs. Lee Mack Reynolds, registered nurse at the Sadler hospital, will discuss "How to Keep Children Healthy" at the Parent-Teacher meeting of the Noodle school, to be held Monday Jan. 26 at 3:15 p. m. At the close of her talk there will be a question and answer period. All parents are urged to attend, whether your children are in school or not.

Sale of G. R. Smith Home Announced

Sale of the Gerald R. Smith home, North Third and Marion, to Mrs. Zeldia B. Cogburn, was announced this week by Andy Shouse, real estate agent.

Mr. and Mrs. Cogburn are moving here from Throckmorton, while the Smiths took up residence in Abilene some time ago. Mrs. Cogburn is a sister of Mrs. Ray Reynolds of this city.

Thermometer at 13, Record Low for Winter

The predicted cold spell, due for the latter part of last week, culminated with a low thermometer reading of 13 degrees Saturday morning, record for this winter, with moderating temperatures Sunday.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Effective last Friday, V. E. Eller, formerly engaged in the feed business here, became the owner of the Scogin grocery and market, the name of which will hereafter be the Eller grocery and market. Mr. Scogin, the former owner, stated that his future plans are not definite, but for the present he and his wife have an apartment in the Woodward home.

Increased floor space of approximately 1,250 square feet has been added by the Barrow-Sheppard Furniture company, with the addition of 25x50 feet to the first floor deck. Ectyle Spurgin, building contractor, is in charge of the improvements.

The Hy-Way cafe, of which Mrs. Mary Outlaw is proprietor, re-opened Thursday morning, after having been closed two days for interior-re-finishing.

Record of Births
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Nichols, Friday, January 16, 1948.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Sharp, Monday, January 19, 1948.

DEATH CLAIMS ANOTHER LONG-TIME RESIDENT

Mrs. D. J. Gibson, Charter Member of the First Baptist Church, Passes Away at Early Hour Tuesday Morning.

Mrs. D. J. Gibson, 80, resident of Taylor county 59 years and a charter member of the First Baptist church here, died of a heart attack at 3:40 a. m. Tuesday at her home southwest of Merkel.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Wednesday from the First Baptist church, with the pastor, Rev. E. M. Weathers, officiating. Burial under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home, was in Rose Hill cemetery by the side of her husband, who died Aug. 1, 1944.

Pallbearers were: W. T. Curb, C. F. Curb, Raymond Stout, Tom Seymour, T. J. Bird and Irl Walker.

Mrs. Gibson, whose maiden name was Iona Wallen, was born Oct. 9, 1867, in Missouri and came to Texas with her parents when she was seven years old. She was married in Weatherford on Dec. 24, 1888, and the couple came here on New Year's Eve following to the farm home where she was still living at the time of her death. Mrs. Gibson had joined the Baptist church before her marriage and when the church was organized here moved her letter to Merkel.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Mel Peterson, Abilene; Mrs. Winnie Smith, Hot Springs, N. M., and Mrs. Naomi Powers, Abilene; two sons, J. P. Gibson, of San Angelo, and Dent Gibson, of Merkel; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Elbert Barnes, Pioneer Stock-Farmer, Dies

Elbert Barnes, 81, pioneer stock-farmer of the Blair community, died at 9:30 p. m. Wednesday at the Sadler Clinic-Hospital, where he had been brought last Friday, following a slight stroke. He had been ill for several weeks preceding the stroke.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p. m. Thursday from the First Baptist church, with the pastor, Rev. E. M. Weathers, officiating, assisted by Rev. W. K. Horn, of Anson. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery, under direction of Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Pallbearers were Roy Hewitt, Rex McLean, Johnny Jacobs, Marlin Hester, J. P. Hester, Charlie Meeks; honorary pallbearers, Othor Meeks, Clyde Irvin, John Brooks, Charlie Peterson, Miller Patton and Woolford Patton.

Serving as flower girls were Lena Faye Orsborn, Vera Orsborn, Mrs. Rex McLean, Mrs. Roy Hewitt, Mrs. Leon Walker and Mrs. Ernest Meeks. Mr. Barnes was born Jan. 13, 1867, in Paris, Tenn., from which state he came here in 1898. He was married to the former Alice Meeks in Merkel on Mar. 5, 1905.

Surviving are his wife, a son, Fred Barnes, of Merkel, a daughter, Mrs. Goldie Brewer, of Crane, seven grandchildren and one brother, L. P. Barnes, of Paris, Tenn.

Attends Funeral of Son's Wife in Lubbock

Mrs. Namie Simpson was called to Lubbock Wednesday morning by the death of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Acie Bailey.

Funeral services were held at the New Home Baptist church and burial was in Lubbock under the direction of the Lubbock funeral home. Survivors include her husband and one daughter.

Hospital Notes.

I. R. Irvin was admitted to Sadler Clinic-Hospital on Thursday, Jan. 15, for surgery. Patients received during the week for treatment were: Mrs. Odell Eoff, Jan. 15; J. W. Emery, G. W. Hughes, Jan. 16; James Russell, the E. M. Blankenship boy, Jan. 18; Mrs. C. D. Watkins, Choc Hutcheson, Jan. 19; Mrs. William Hughes, Mrs. Ralph Miller, Jan. 20.

Newspaperman Is Dead.

San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 22. William Dwight Chandler, 69, associate editor of the San Francisco Chronicle and former Seattle newspaper executive, died at his San Francisco home Tuesday of coronary thrombosis. He had worked for newspapers since he was 10.

MERKEL VOTED INTO DISTRICT 6-A FOR 1948

Next fall the Merkel Badger football eleven will play in the west half of District 6A, along with Colorado City, Rotan, Snyder, Roscoe and Hamlin, according to an announcement made this week by Supt. R. A. McCollum.

Merkel and Roscoe were voted into the new 6A district, both clubs having previously been placed in District 10B because of an enrollment in high school of less than 200.

The east half of the district will be composed of Stamford, Anson, Haskell, Throckmorton, Albany and Munday.

The winner of each sub-district will meet for the full district title on Nov. 19 and the playoff for the state crown will start on Thanksgiving Day.

New schedules for all 12 schools of the new district are now being worked out by a special committee and will be announced soon. The Badgers will definitely have five home games next fall, namely: Snyder, Colorado City, Winters, Hamlin and Anson. Games definitely away from home will include Andrews, Roscoe and Rotan. Two more non-conference contests will probably be slated.

"Football Highlights of 1947" at Queen

Football fans, who are also patrons of the movies, will have a treat in store in the showing of "Football Highlights of 1947," on the same bill with "Golden Earrings," starring Ray Milland and Marlene Dietrich, at the Queen theatre next Wednesday and Thursday.

Shots from the following games will be included: North Carolina vs. Georgia, Yale vs. Columbia, Southern California vs. Oregon State, Notre Dame vs. Purdue, Penn State vs. Syracuse, Southern California vs. California, Army vs. Columbia, Michigan vs. Minnesota, Notre Dame vs. Navy, Michigan vs. Illinois, Notre Dame vs. Army, S. M. U. vs. Texas, S. M. U. vs. Texas Christian, Army vs. Penn, Alabama vs. Georgia Tech, Mississippi vs. Tennessee and Army vs. Navy.

Noodle Junior 4-H Club Studies Dresses

Members of the Noodle Junior 4-H club studied the art of dressmaking when they met Jan. 15 at the home of Loretta Allen. Miss Allen spoke briefly on how to make a dress and how to study the guide sheet.

Juanita Carr and Bessie Jean and Ruthie Nell Herring sang a number, "How Soon."

Allice Spurgin showed a purse which she had made to match her mittens.

Candidate for Senate.

College Station, Jan. 22.—Dr. E. B. Clark, former head of the Texas A. and M. College's economics department, Wednesday disclosed his intention to enter the Democratic race for the U. S. Senate seat now held by W. Lee O'Daniel.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

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

After returning from a prospecting trip to the state of Arkansas first of the week, Mr. George Brown and family departed yesterday for the city of Fayetteville where they will make their home. While Mr. Brown expects to engage in some kind of business, the move to that city was made mostly for the purpose of entering their daughters Misses Sallie and Inice, as students in the University of Arkansas, located at Fayetteville. They have been citizens of Merkel for many years and have hosts of friends who regret very much their departure. This paper wishes for them all success, happiness and contentment in their new home. Two sons, Messrs. Jimmie and Willie, remain citizens of Merkel.

Mrs. F. R. Demere of this city had as her guest this past week her sister, Mrs. W. G. Grimes of Little Rock, Ark., who came principally for the settlement of the R. D. Brandon estate, her father, who was one of the early pioneers of this part of Taylor County, and whose death occurred about two years ago. Mrs. G. Grimes was reared out on the Divide

BADGERS UPSET SEMINOLE FIVE BY 62-36 SCORE

Home Boys in Lead at End of First Three Quarters Also; Next Two Games on Card Scheduled Away from Home.

During the past week Coach Carroll Benson's Purple and Gold cagers won three games from Seminole, Abilene Christian College Academy and Roby. These three triumphs might be classed as "piperoos." A game which hurt the locals' cause was lost to Roscoe and might be classed as a "stinkeroo."

The local hoopsters now have a record of 9 wins against 4 defeats.

The schedule for the next week reads thusly: Snyder at Snyder on Friday, Jan. 23; Colorado City at Colorado on Tuesday, Jan. 27, and Loraine here on Friday night, Jan. 30.

At the present time the Roscoe Plowboys are resting at the top of the 5A chase with no defeats. Merkel and Loraine are tied for second place with one setback each.

The Plowboys "got the goat" of the local five in a hurry last Thursday night at Roscoe and once more the long-standing jinx of the Roscoe gym prevailed against the Badgers. The final score was 39-32. The Nolan County lads got off to a good lead and held it throughout the tumultuous exhibition. Dudley and Land were fouled off in the third period. The Badgers missed enough shots to have won the ball game handily. Only 15 shots out of 72 were bucketed for tallies and only 2 free tosses out of 10 were good. Robert Sledge paced the point-getters with 13 of the markers.

The local second stringers led by Bill Patterson with 14 points rallied in the closing minutes to defeat the Plowboy subs, 39-32, in a rousing contest.

On Friday night in the local gym the Badgers upset a highly-touted Seminole Indian five 62-36, leading 15-13, 28-22, 46-29 at the end of the first three quarters. All of the Badgers were "as hot as a cowboy's pistol." Again Robert Sledge scorched the strings for 17 points. Nash garnered 14, Land, 10, Hodge 10, and Dudley 11.

The Badger subs suffered their initial loss of the season at the hands of the Seminole reserves, 40-37, in an exciting bout. Bill Patterson meshed the net for 13 points to capture scoring honors.

Benson's boys for the second time this year downed the powerful A.C.C. Academy quintet, 39-30, in Bennett gym in Abilene Monday night. This is the first time in "many a moon" that a Merkel team has licked the Panthers in the Abilene gym. The Merkel cagers, led by Robert Sledge with 12 tallies, were in top form and led all the way. The Merkel B team lost their second game of the season in losing a nip-and-tuck affair to the A. C. C. second team, 26-24. The local scorers were led by Larry Bailey with 9 points.

The Purple and Gold cagers romp (Continued on Page Two)

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RILEY D. WHITE DEAD.
No doubt the many friends and relatives of Riley D. White will be made sad to learn of his death which occurred at San Angelo, Wednesday, the 11th. The cause of his death was given as appendicitis.

We are informed that a deal has this week been consummated whereby Mr. Thos. A. Pence, recently in the picture show business at Roby, buys from George Smith the Palace theatre, the former to take charge next Monday morning.

Mr. Pence is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pence of this city and for a number of years prior to going to Roby was connected with the R. and R. Theatre corporation and therefore is an experienced and capable show man.

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I offer as qualifications for this office, four years' previous service as your commissioner. These four years of road maintenance and bridge construction and actual experience on the job I feel qualify me for this place. How I handled the finances during these four years is a matter of public record and I invite your investigation of this record.

If elected, I have no promises to make other than I will conduct the affairs of the office in a straightforward business-like manner, exercising sound judgment and common sense in all matters.

On the above qualifications I ask your consideration and, if you see fit by your vote to place in my hands the duties of this office, I pledge my best efforts to make you a good commissioner and to conduct myself at all times in line with the dignity of same.

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RURAL SOCIETY

BLUEBONNET CLUB,

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met Tuesday afternoon in the club house with the new president, Mrs. Wade Ensminger, presiding. After Mrs. Bill Wallace read the minutes of the previous meeting, Mrs. Leroy Riney gave the council report.

Mrs. Dewel McLean and Mrs. Tom Russom were appointed to attend the program on weather-proofing and improving windows and doors to be given in Abilene Feb. 19.

Mrs. Lewis Farmer and Mrs. Arlon Farmer agreed to attend the poultry demonstration in Abilene, on Feb. 11.

Mrs. W. C. Hunter and Mrs. Adrain Farmer were appointed to assist Mrs. Lewis Farmer in her duties as food demonstrator, and Mrs. Bill Wallace and Mrs. R. S. Manskers agreed to assist Mrs. Leroy Riney in her duties as clothing demonstrator.

Mrs. Arlon Farmer gave the standing rules on the election of officers for home demonstration clubs.

For this meeting program, Mrs. Wade Ensminger gave the recommendations of the marketing committee of Texas Home Demonstration association, and Mrs. Ford Butman gave a study of Texas Home Demonstration Association budget.

Regulations concerning traffic rules on Texas highways were reviewed by Mrs. Tom Russom. Plans were made for a political rally to be given Apr. 16 for the purpose of raising club funds.

The county home demonstrator is to be present for the meeting Feb. 17.

Badgers

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ed over the Roby Lions to the tune of 62-33 here Tuesday night to chalk up their third conference victory. Merkel led 29-9 at the intermission. Robert Sledge canned 9 field buckets and 2 free tosses to pace the Merkel attack. Land netted 16, Hodge 12, Dudley 8, and Nash 6.

The home town reserves had it easy in running over the Roby subs, 55 to 14. Larry "Acer" Bailey was high point man with 12 points.

**In The
Churches**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE**

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 609 as compared with 757 on the previous Sunday. The attendance on the same Sunday a year ago was 721.

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.

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.

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.

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.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11. NYPS at 7:00 p. m. Preaching at 8:00. Prayer meeting at 7:00 p. m. Wednesday. R. T. Smith, 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. Suskey, Pastor.

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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION
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TO: Fannie E. Strain, individually, and as survivor in community of the community estate of H. R. Strain, her heirs, unknown heirs and legal representatives and assigns, whose whereabouts are unknown to the plaintiff and S. W. Lackey, his heirs, unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown to plaintiff and Abe Berash, his heirs, un-

known heirs, assigns and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown to plaintiff and W. L. Maddox, (who is sometimes known as Lawrence Maddox), his heirs, unknown heirs and assigns and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown to the plaintiff, 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 8th day of March, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 104th District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 19th day of January, 1948. The file number of said suit being No. 5691-B.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Son Green as Plaintiff, and Fannie E. Strain, individually, and as survivor in community of the community estate of H. R. Strain, her heirs, unknown heirs and legal representatives and assigns, whose whereabouts are unknown to the plaintiff and S. W. Lackey, his heirs, unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown to plaintiff and Abe Berash, his heirs, unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown to plaintiff and W. L. Maddox, (who is sometimes known as Lawrence Maddox), his heirs, unknown heirs and assigns

and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown and Pearlle McGown, her heirs and unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown to the plaintiff, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: that on or about the first day of January, 1948 plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described premises situated in Taylor County, Texas, holding and claiming the same, in fee simple, to wit:

Lot 4 in block A of Goldberg's Subdivision of Lot No. 4 Block No. 177 in the city of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas shown by plat and map of said addition now of record in the plat records of Taylor County, Texas.

That on the day and year last aforesaid defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and unlawfully withhold from him the possession thereof to his damage in the sum of \$1000.00. That the reasonable annual rental value of said lands and premises is \$600.00 per year. Plaintiff prays judgment for title and possession of said lands and premises, and that writ of restriction issue and for his rents, damages and costs of suit, and such other relief in law and in equity that he may be entitled to.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 19th day of January, A. D., 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 19th day of January, A. D., 1948.

(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Thelma Graham, Deputy.

**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 the 7th day of Jan., A. D., 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 7th day of January, A. D., 1948.

(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

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We want to thank each and every person in this community for his friendship and goodwill for this organization. We solicit and appreciate your patronage. We are doing our level best to prove that, by filling orders for new Chevrolets just as promptly as we can—even under today's trying conditions—and we are deeply and doubly appreciative of the patience and understanding of all our customers who are awaiting deliveries of new Chevrolets.

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All Clubs Represented At County Council's First Meeting of Year

The Taylor County Home Demonstration council held its first meeting of the new year on Jan. 15 in the agriculture building in Abilene, with every club in the county being represented.

The following officers were present: Mrs. Rex Reddell, Tuscola, chairman; Mrs. O. E. Harwell, Merkel, vice-chairman; Mrs. Ford Butman, Merkel, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. W. C. Lee, Merkel, parliamentarian; Mrs. Leo Standard, Tuscola, reporter; Mrs. Burl King, Abilene, THDA chairman; Miss Myra Tankersley, county agent.

Instructions on financing clubs and council were given by Miss Thelma Casey, of San Angelo, district HD agent, and she also announced the selection of a Taylor county family out of district 7 for a TUA farm unit plan, sponsored jointly by Agents Elmo Cook and Myra Tankersley.

Mrs. Burl King announced the candidacy of Mrs. L. A. Groene, of Abilene, for vice-president of District 7, Home Demonstration clubs. Mrs. Groene has had many years in home demonstration work.

Miss Tankersley announced a poultry school to be held in the court house on Feb. 19.

Among those present, besides the officers mentioned, were: Mrs. Elmer Patterson, president of the Bluebonnet club; Mrs. Rhett Eidson, Jr., president of the Merkel club; Mrs. Denzel Cox, president of the Union Ridge club; Mesdames Leroy Riney, S. G. Russell, Jr., Lee Fonder and Don Riney.

U. S. Motor Vehicle registration which was 34,472,145 in 1941 was an estimated 37,164,405 in 1947.

Maine has about 2,465 lakes and ponds.

The national school lunch program serves more than 8,000,000 U. S. children daily.

MOVIE CALENDAR

QUEEN

Friday - Saturday — Double feature program: Gene Autry, Jean Heather, The Texas Rangers in "The Last Round-up" and Nelson Eddy, Ilona Massey in "Northwest Outpost;" color cartoon and Jack Armstrong serial.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday — Rita Hayworth, Larry Parks in "Down to Earth;" color cartoon and latest News reel.

Wednesday - Thursday — Ray Milland, Marlene Dietrich in "Golden Earrings;" and "Football Highlights of 1947."

GOLDEN EARRINGS

An unusual and intriguing star team is offered fans in the attractive persons of Ray Milland and Marlene Dietrich whose "Golden Earrings," new Paramount adventure-romance, is due to arrive at the Queen theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

Milland will be seen as a British

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officer and gentleman whose escape from the Nazis is accomplished with the assistance of a daring, courageous gypsy woman, portrayed by Miss Dietrich. The film is primarily the love story of the gypsy and the Englishman and as such is, according to reports, one of the most daring seen in a long time. "Golden Earrings" marks Miss Dietrich's return to American films after years of entertaining servicemen.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

LAST DAY

To Pay 1947 City and School Taxes

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W. M. ELLIOTT, City Tax Collector.

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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
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- 1940 De Soto Sedan
- 1941 Mercury Sedan—Like New
- 1935 Ford.

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE—State-registered Blue Tag Mebane cottonseed; best one can buy; best for this climate. A. J. Canon.

FOR SALE—The J. R. Baze home place. See Earl Baze.

SILVERTONE console radio and record player; practically new; can be seen at Dudley's Radio shop. Mrs. Will Butman.

FOR SALE—Case one-way 7-disk plow, on rubber, \$225; also International 6-disk one-way, \$235. Wilson Williams, Route 2, Merkel.

NEW AUTO BATTERIES, \$9.95 and up. Nolan Palmer, "Your Magnolia Dealer."

Quick sale, 3-room house, to be moved; at a bargain.

Nice 7-rooms and bath, plenty of water, equipped for chicken farm, including 6 lots; the best buy in town for the money. Be glad to show the place any time. CYRUS PEE, Agent.

FOR SALE—Farmall "12" tractor; good shape. D. C. Doan.

GATES TIRES are guaranteed against all road hazards; time payment. Badger Chevrolet Co.

HAVE PLANTS of buyers for small stock farms and ranches; we make GI loans; also handle oil and gas leases; come list your property with us. Double Heart Commission Co., Sweetwater, Texas.

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

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

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

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FOR RENT

FOR RENT—4-room house, 5 mi. east Noodle, on REA; with small pasture and sudan patch. Joe Amason, 3149 S. 4th St., Abilene.

APARTMENT for rent, Oasis apartments.

FOR RENT—Furnished 3-room apartment, with bath. Mrs. Bert Melton. Phone 282.

FOR RENT—Furnished 3-room apartment; private entrances. Phone 125W, Mrs. J. C. Conegys.

MY HOUSE for rent after the 22nd of January. Mrs. W. U. Beene.

FOR RENT—Vacant 6-room house, on south side. See H. Wren, at the Sumpter house, North 6th and Marion, from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

VACUUM CLEANER for rent, \$75 per day. Farn and Home Supply.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Black, cloth glove, with kid back, right hand. Please leave at Carson Grocery.

WILL PARTY who by mistake picked up Egermeier's Bible story book from primary dept., First Baptist church, return it. Owner wants it. Mrs. W. A. McCandless.

WANTED

WOULD LIKE to rent a 5 or 6 room house, unfurnished; or prefer south part of town, if possible near the school. Contact Preston Henry or Mr. Palmer at Magnolia Service station.

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LODGE CALLS

Stated meeting of Merkel Chapter 212, Order of Eastern Star, will be held, Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting members cordially invited.

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

NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., Saturday, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

C. B. Rust, W. M.
Andy Shouse, Sec'y.

NOTICE

As in prior years, interest on consumer's deposit at the rate required by law has been accrued and set aside for payment. Customers, who so desire, may secure payment of such interest upon presenting their deposit receipt at our office, located at Sweetwater, or if this is not convenient, by mailing their receipt to the Company. Receipt will be returned with remittance for the interest.

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

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D. C. DOAN.
IRVEN THOMPSON.
L. A. DUDLEY.

For Commissioner, Precinct 4, Jones County:
C. H. (Connie) OTTO.
For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5:
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Hen Scratch, per 100 lbs.	\$5.50
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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

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CAULIFLOWER, head	20c	Sunkist LEMONS, lb.	11c
CABBAGE, pound	05c	CARROTS, 2 bn.	15c
WASHINGTON DELICIOUS APPLES, pound	8c		

Collins Pure **APPLE JELLY** 2 lb. jar **39c**

COMET Rice, 12 ounce	17c	15 oz. Can Eagle Brand Milk	25c
KELLOGG All Bran, 10 oz.	16c	RED and WHITE—8 oz. Pkg. Chocolate Drops	26c
OUR VALUE—Qt. Jar Peanut Butter	55c	RED and WHITE—44 oz. Cake Flour	41c
RED and WHITE Matches, 6 boxes	35c	RED and WHITE—8 ounce Mayonnaise	19c
RED and WHITE No. 2 Cans Grapefruit Juice, 2 cans	15c	Choice DRIED Apples, 1 lb.	28c
RED and WHITE No. 2 Can Corn	23c	STALEY'S—Pints Waffle Syrup	23c
DORMAN—16 oz. Can Blackeyed Peas, 2 cans	25c	BANG-O—10 ounce Popcorn 10 oz. can	14c
KUNERS—No. 2 Can Pork & Beans	16c	HEAVY CORD Mops, each	69c
RED and WHITE Coffee, 1 lb.	49c	LARGE BOX Rinso, each	37c
SUGAR LOAF—No. 2 Can Fancy Tomatoes,	18c		

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MEAT MARKET DEPARTMENT

ARMOUR STAR SLICED BACON, lb.	77c	NUCOA OLEO, pound	39c
STAR ROLLED ROASTS, lb.	59c	Premium Boston Butts for ROASTS, lb.	55c
STAR—1 lb. Cello SAUSAGE, lb.	53c	HOCKLESS—6 to 8 Lb. Average PICNICS, lb.	55c
STAR—3 to 5 Lb. Average SPARE RIBS, lb.	49c	BLUE MOON—2 Lb. Carton CHEESE, 2 pound	\$1.19

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ORDER APPROVING COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT
On the 12th day of Jan. A. D., 1948, The Commissioners' Court, Taylor County, Texas, in regular session compared and examined the Quarterly report of J. R. Clark, County Treasurer, for the quarter ending Dec. 31st 1947, and found the same to be correct and the respective amounts to have been received and paid out since the preceding report.

Fund	Balance Last Quarter	Received This Qtr.	Paid Out This Qtr.	Balance 12-31-47
Jury	\$ 2,497.40	\$ 5,354.95	\$ 4,625.00	\$ 1,767.45
Precinct No. 1	28,589.68	9,457.11	21,421.83	16,624.96
Precinct No. 2	15,944.49	8,718.94	18,830.32	5,833.11
Precinct No. 3	19,367.20	11,309.29	11,056.43	19,620.06
Precinct No. 4	12,762.74	9,516.32	20,185.20	2,093.86
General Fund	62,733.47	38,408.07	30,923.36	70,218.18
Pauper Fund	10,675.45	18,578.25	7,895.53	67.27
Road Dist. No. 1	173,570.14	6.42	29,020.13	144,556.43
Road Dist. No. 3	7.62	.00	.00	7.62
Road Dist. No. 4	20.87	.00	.00	20.87
Road Dist. No. 7	3,936.82	.00	.00	3,936.82
Hwy. 1 and 30	3,442.12	.00	3,277.62	164.50
Hwy. 600M	19,931.21	5,013.22	86.42	24,858.01
Hwy. 275M	168.55	.00	.00	168.55
Perm. Imp. Fund	6,446.16	6,270.71	1,958.14	10,758.73
Court House	41.74	5.00	.00	46.74
Special R&B Fund	786.00	.00	.00	786.00
Vict. Tax Fund	1,131.00	3,575.64	3,372.79	1,333.85
Officers' Salary	4,062.68	34,143.35	25,577.13	12,628.90
Co.-Wide Mach.	2.70	2,665.83	2,665.83	2.70
Taylor Co. Jail	7,275.45	8,764.20	769.94	10,269.71
	\$347,047.79	\$156,787.30	\$181,605.67	\$322,229.42

Farmers and Merchants National Bank \$166,018.25
Citizens National Bank 156,211.17

\$322,229.42

SECURITIES OWNED

Owned by General Fund	\$42,000.00
Owned by Jury Fund	10,000.00
Owned by Court House Fund	1,500.00
Owned by Road District No. 1	4,000.00
Owned by Precinct No. 7	10,000.00
Taylor County Road Bonds	9,000.00
	\$ 76,500.00
Owned by Perm. School Fund	\$3,000.00
Owned by Butterfield Consolidated School District	4,500.00
	\$7,500.00

BOND AND WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS

	Original Issue	Bonds Redeemed	Outstanding
Taylor County Jail Bonds	\$100,000.00	\$ 67,000.00	\$ 33,000.00
Road Bonds Series '23	350,000.00	227,000.00	123,000.00
Road Bonds Series '27	600,000.00	294,000.00	306,000.00
Road Bonds Series '29	275,000.00	125,000.00	150,000.00
Road Bonds Series '47	350,000.00	.00	350,000.00
Road District No. 3	15,000.00	14,500.00	500.00
Road District No. 4	15,000.00	14,500.00	500.00
	\$1,705,000.00	\$742,000.00	\$963,000.00

The requirements of Article 401 P. C. have been complied with and tabular statements have been filed as required.

LUTHER J. WEBB, County Commissioner Precinct No. 1
HOUSTON ROBERTSON, County Commissioner Precinct No. 2

FLOYD TATE, County Commissioner Precinct No. 3
A. L. CLEVELAND, County Commissioner Precinct No. 4

WILEY CAFFEY, County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

Subscribed and sworn to this the 12th Day of Jan. A. D. 1948
(SEAL) MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON, County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas



MISS WILMA GARDNER BECOMES BRIDE OF LIEUTENANT RICAMORE ON JAN. 9.

The many friends of Miss Wilma Gardner will be interested to read of her marriage on January 9th to Lt. Wallace Parlett Ricamore, in New Brunswick, N. J. The ceremony was read in the Livingston Avenue Baptist church, with Rev. C. Edward Deems reading the service.

Miss Margaret O'Brien of New York City was Miss Gardner's maid of honor, and Mr. Harvey Tegge of Floral Heights, Long Island, served Lieutenant Ricamore as best man. The bride was very beautiful in a gold wool dress accented by brown accessories; she carried Talisman roses. Miss O'Brien wore a green wool frock and carried red roses.

Mrs. Ricamore is the older daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner, one of Merkel's most influential families. She has had a brilliant career in laboratory research in which field she will continue. She graduated from the University of Texas, where she was a popular member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. She is now a laboratory technician at the Middlesex General hospital, in New Brunswick, N. J.

Lieutenant Ricamore is the son of Col. and Mrs. Phillip W. Ricamore, prominent Army family, of Hampton, Va. He was educated in Virginia Polytechnic Institute and served in the China-Burma-India theater of operations during the war. He is now stationed at Camp Kilmer.

A lovely reception was held following the wedding for 50 guests in the Johnson room of the Middlesex General hospital. A three-tiered wedding cake centered a refreshment table on which a rose theme was carried out in floral decoration and other appointments. Lieutenant and Mrs. Ricamore are at home at 215 Rutgers, New Brunswick, N. J.

JOPLING-DENTON.

Miss Mabel Denton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown of Merkel, became the bride of Royce Paul Jopling, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Jopling of Lubbock, in a ceremony read Saturday night, Jan. 10, by Rev. C. J. McCarty in the Jopling home. Single ring vows were repeated before a mantel decorated with flowers and candles.

Wedding music including "Always" and "Because," was played by Miss Mary Jopling, sister of the bridegroom.

The bride wore a white wool dress with cocoa accessories and an orchid corsage. Miss Mary Jopling, maid of honor, wore a rust colored dress with a gardenia corsage.

Robert Edwards of Olton served as best man.

At the reception which followed the ceremony, the bride's table was arranged with candles and a wedding cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edwards of Olton were out-of-town guests. Among relatives present for the wedding were Mrs. L. B. Gibson, sister of the bride, and Mr. Gibson, who is a student at Texas Technological college, Lubbock.

Graduating from Merkel High school with the class of 1947, Mrs.

Jopling enrolled at Texas Technological college for the fall term and will continue her college work. The bridegroom is employed at White's Auto store in Lubbock, where they are now at home.

CHURCH-LA RUE.

Last Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, Mrs. Alberta La Rue and F. E. Church were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage in Hamlin, with Rev. W. C. House, the pastor, reading the ceremony.

Both of the contracting parties are well known here; Mrs. Church as owner of the La Rue Beauty shop and Mr. Church as traveling representative of the Davis Auto Supply company of Fort Worth.

Following their marriage, the couple left for a wedding trip to Fort Worth and, upon their return, are at home in the bride's home on Edwards street.

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.

Mrs. Bill Harris assumed hostess duties at the Community Center on Tuesday afternoon when members of the Fortnightly Study club met in regular session. Mid-winter flowers decorated the club room where a program on "Mental Hygiene" held the interest of the members.

Christine Collins talked on "Wake Up and Live," by Dorothea Brand, and Mrs. Judd McReynolds gave a deep and enlightening talk on "In Search of Maturity," quoting from Fritz Kuykel and also from the Bible.

Those present were Mesdames S. D. Gamble, Carroll Benson, Vincent Barnett, David Gamble, Bill Harris, Comer Haynes, Earl Hughes, Elma McFarland, Weldon McAninch, Judd McReynolds, Edwin Read, D. H. Vaughn, H. C. West, Paul West, Weston West, Wrenn Durham, Andy Shouse, Johnny Cox, Earl Lassiter and Powell Miller and Miss Christine Collins.

SEWING CLUB.

Mrs. Hoyle Lemens was hostess to the bi-monthly meeting of the Sewing club on Wednesday afternoon of last week, at the Community Center. Members present were Mesdames Griffin Barnett, Carroll Benson, Horace Boney, Lester Dorton, David Gamble, Mason Gamble, Bill Harris, Geo. T. Moore, Vernon Mansfield, Nolan Palmer, Bill Largent, Norman King, Doyle Seifried, Riggs Shepperd, Bill Skiles, Murry Toombs, Earle Watts, Pete West and Jack Dawson West.

Guests were Mrs. Earl Hughes

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• Silverware
• Diamonds
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and Mrs. Spencer Bird.

Officers were elected for the new term as follows: Mrs. Griffin Barnett, president; Mrs. Geo. T. Moore, secretary - treasurer; Mrs. Mason Gamble, reporter.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Geo. T. Moore, on Wednesday, Jan. 28.

GARDEN CLUB.

Guests for the meeting of the Merkel Garden club, held Thursday of last week, were Mrs. A. G. Gent, Mrs. L. P. Johnson, Mrs. Harold Cook and Mrs. Oran, mother of Mrs. Cook, all from Abilene. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Gent gave helpful information on "Flower Shows and How to Stage Them," and "The Kinds of Flowers to Grow," with suggestions on how to grow them.

The next meeting will be on Feb. 5, at the Community Center. All members are urged to be present.

GLEANERS' CLASS PARTY.

Mrs. Fenton Best entertained the Gleaners' class of the Methodist church on Wednesday afternoon of last week at her country home, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Mrs. John Shannon were co-hostesses.

Mrs. Denzel Cox, class president, presided for the business meeting, with roll call by the secretary, Miss Mabel McRee. The class is to sponsor a gift box of clothing to be sent in care of Mrs. Frank Quillin for relief to the needy in Germany.

Mrs. Winnie Cypert and Mrs. R.

L. Butler brought the devotional service.

Games were enjoyed and refreshments of pecan pie and coffee were served to twenty members and the hostess' daughter, Nena Lest.

Members present were Mesdames Eli Case, Denzel Cox, Ross Ferrier, R. L. Butler, Winnie Cypert, W. S. J. Brown, John Shannon, F. Y. Gaither, Jack Miller, Lou Petty, Herbert Patterson, D. H. Vaughn, Earl Stanford, Lizzie Latham, O. E. Harwell, Roy Baccus, W. C. Church and Fenton Best and Miss Mabel McRee.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

Instead of the Royal Service program, scheduled for Monday afternoon, the Women's Missionary society of the First Baptist church had as guest speaker, Miss Catherine Cousins, who talked interestingly of her experiences as a missionary to Brazil.

The opening prayer was led by Mrs. A. R. Booth and the closing prayer was given by Mrs. Sam Swann.

Others present were Mesdames J. O. Castles, Lige Harris, Irl Walker, J. S. Swann, Earl Lassiter, Horace Boney, Don Riney, E. M. Weatherers, H. R. Hicks, W. A. Ford, J. J. McNiece, W. A. McCandless, S. R. Dwiggin, E. O. Carson, W. T. Sadler, J. A. Kuykendall, Owen Robertson, William Bradford, Buster Horton and Dean Higgins, in whose home the society met.

The next meeting will be by Cir-

Garden Hints

from
Merkel Garden Club.

Few flowers can be planted over such a long period of time as the gladiolus, (Jan. 10 through June). Early plantings miss late summer heat and accompanying dryness. Late plantings are best where there is no west sun to sizzle them. Cover "glads" five inches deep at the first of the

season. Late plantings are not progressively shallow, to three inches by June. Select a well drained bed for planting. Bone meal is the best known food, placed six inches apart, one heaping tablespoon bone meal. Water down. Cultivate lightly and irrigate heavily till bloom time is finished.

It is not too late to plant sweet peas; soak overnight or cut notches in seed covering for quick germination.

Pansy plants are now available. Plant now for early to late summer blooms.



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SPRY, 1 pound can 42c
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Grape Jelly, jar 23c | Fancy
TOMATOES No. 2 can 12c
Del Monte
COFFEE pound 39c
Mother's—Carnival
OATS, box 39c
Pure Cane
SUGAR, 5 lb. sack 45c |
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MAKE BUTTER GO ALMOST TWICE AS FAR

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½ lb. butter or margarine
¼ teaspoon salt ¼ cup Pet Milk

Put in mixing bowl. Let stand in warm room until soft enough to stir with a spoon—as easily as mayonnaise (see note).

Let milk stand in warm room also. Butter and milk will blend better if they are the same temperature.

Stir milk into soft butter gradually, adding 2 tablespoons at a time using mixing spoon, rotary egg beater or electric beater at low speed. When all milk is added, beat vigorously 1 minute to blend completely.

Cover bowl and chill, or pack while soft into straight-sided dish. Keep chilled when not in use.

Serve as spread on bread, pancakes, waffles, biscuits, muffins, etc. Makes a little less than 2 cups (1 lb.).

NOTE: If kitchen or weather is cool, place bowl containing butter in large bowl or pan half filled with hot water, stirring butter as it softens.

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