# PERSONAL NEWS **NOTES**

Visiting in the E. M. Miller home over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Boyles of Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Burkley Heck and son, Billie, and H. T. Preslar, father of Mesdames Boyles and Heck, of Seymour, and Bert Preslar, of Lawn.

Miss Margaret Sharp returned home Saturday morning from a month's visit in El Paso with Mrs. Kenneth Sharp and Shirley.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dickey Denison, of Austin, where James is student in the architectural school Mrs. I. D. Callaham. of the University of Texas, spent a few days the past week with her Okla., visited over the week-end with his mother, Mrs. May Johnson, and aunt, Miss Delia Kuykendall.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Collins of their parents, Mrs. J. M. Collins, and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, Mrs. Collins remaining over until Thurs-

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Coats of Austin visited his mother, Mrs. E. D. Coats, here during the between-semester vacation at the University of Texas.

Mrs. Robert Terrell of Xenia, Ohio, arrived last week for a visit with her granddaughter, Mrs. Pete West, and Mr. West and family.

Guests Sunday in the R. I. Jackson home were Mr. and Mrs. Carter Spratlen, of Eldorado, Okla., and Mrs. Bob Staton and daughter, also Burl Witherspoon, of Muleshoe.

Attending the Fat Stock Show and mark and also in Dallas with Mrs.

Hubert Peterson was home last week from the University of Houston, at Houston, visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peterson, and other relatives and friends.

Sunday guests in the Joe Garland home were Mrs. Eunice McWhirter and son, Maurice McWhirter, of Roby, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Agnew of Rising Star, Finis Conoway of Abilene and Miss Mary Jo Garland of Coleman.

Listed among the G. I,'s entering McMurry college at mid-semester was James Roy Baccus. He received his discharge from the Regular Army on Dec. 19, at Seattle, Wash. Marion Click of Fort Worth spent

the week-end with his grand-mother, Mrs. E. A. Click, and J. P. and other home-folks of Merkel. Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock went

to Big Spring Wednesday where Mrs. Adcock planned to consult an eye specialist. Mr. Adcock expected to return in a day or two.

Jimmy Russell left Wednesday to enter the Veterans hospital at Mc-Kinney, A hospital ambulance came to take him there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ford and baby of Odessa spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Lucy Ford. Accompanying them was Emmett Dwiggins, also of Odessa, who visited his mother, Mrs. S. R. Dwiggins.

Mrs. Stewart Dean and son, Larry, of North Hollywood, Calif., are here for a month's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Grimes. They flew through to Dallas Saturday night and, joined by her sister, Mrs. Jerry Warren, flew back to Abilene Sunday morning.

### **Abilene Attorney to** Be Speaker for P-TA

Bryan Bradbury, Abilene attorney, will be speaker for the February meeting of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association, to be held Thursday night, Feb. 12, at 7:30, in the Grammar School auditorium. The subject is "The Government Is You."

Music presenting patriotic numbers will precede the talk. Children are interested in win-

ning the banners, and parents are urged to represent their children's rooms for attendance.

## FFA Boys Attend Fort Worth Stock Show

Last Friday morning a group of Merkel Future Farmers of Ameri-Stock show. The trip was made in a ling speakers from West Texas will parents, school bus and the boys were accompanied by C. H. Collinsworth, vocational agriculture teacher, and Edwin

Read, High School principal. The group returned to Merkel SunSERVICES HELD HERE FOR MRS. FLORENCE BAZE

Fort Worth Tuesday Night; games on foreign soil. Survivors Include Three Sons and Four Daughters.

Mrs. Florence Baze, 78, resident of Colorado City. the Merkel area since 1915, died at 8:30 p. m. Tuesday in a Fort Worth hospital, where she had been taken a week before, ill with pneumonia. She went to Fort Worth about three weeks ago to be with a daughter,

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Thursday from the Church of parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Toombs. Christ here, with Minister Troy M. D. C. Johnson of Oklahoma City, Cummings, officiating, assisted by Rev E. M. Weathers, pastor of the First Baptist church. She was laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery beside the grave of her husband, the late Lubbock were week-end visitors with J. R. Baze, who died Mar. 6, 1947, with Elliott's Funeral bome of Abilene in charge of burial.

Named as pallbearers were M. B. Bell, Joe Cypert, Frank Breaux, O. W. Paine, Oscar Morris and Joe

Mrs. Baze, whose maiden name was Florence Jones, was born in Middle, Tenn., Sept. 1, 1869, and came to Texas as a child. She was married and from there the family moved to Concho county, coming to Taylor retired from farming, they moved to town about 20 years ago.

Survivors include four daughters Mrs. I. D. Callaham and Mrs. Vera Brewer, both of Fort Worth, and Rodeo in Fort Worth Sunday were Mrs. Mamie Gravelle and Mrs. Ruth Mr. and Mrs. Mina Winter, Mrs. Rice, both of North Hellywood, Calif.; Miriam Meeks and Jake Wright three sons, Lloyd Baze, of Dove Grammar School, \$74.90; wishing come from behind in an extra period \$4,395.92 produced from delinquent Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Day; Dec. 25 of Lubbock. While in Fort Worth Creek, Colo., W. C. Baze, of Idalcu, they visited Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hall- and Earl Baze, Merkel, and one sister, Mrs. Marcia Sheppard, of Fort Worth. Ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren also survive.

### Committee for 1948 **Boy Scouts Organized**

The new Troop committee for the local Boy Scout Troop was officially organized for 1948 at a meeting in

the grammar school on Monday night. The new committee which was se lected by the Troop is composed of: J. W. Hammond, chairman; Frank Breaux, camping and activities; Edwin Read, finance; Jay Greenfield, of the United States, and secretary and parent relations; D. B. Bowen, advancement.

Supt. R. A. McCollum will continue to serve as the representative of the ception, and now has an active en-Lions club on the Chisholm Trail Council Executive board.

Ben Sellers, representing the Abilene office, helped in the organization of the new committee.

Business transacted at this meeting included: plans for recruiting more boys, chili supper at a date late in February, appointment of two new assistant scoutmasters and the possibility of the scout troop undertaking the project of numbering the

houses in Merkel. Present at the meeting were C. A. Farley, Scoutmaster; D. B. Bowen, Jay Greenfield, R. A. McCollum, win Read, G. H. Suber and Ben Sell-

# Raymond Ferguson

The framework has been completed and the roof is being put on this week for the substantial new home being erected by Raymond Ferguson, 2 miles north of town on the Noodle-to-Merkel farm- to- market

Of semi-ranch style, the structure will include six rooms and bath, it is expected that the home will be completed in about five weeks, according to J. L. White, building contractor.

# Calvary Baptist Church

The Calvary Baptist church, of which Rev. A. T. Suskey is pastor, ences with the teachers and see and continuing through Feb. 21.

Beginning with a two-day fellowship, all-day services will be held of reporting to parents about the the fifth and sixth, with services progress of their children has proved ca went to Fort Worth to see the Fat starting at 10 a. m. Many outstand- to be very popular with most of the

be heard. South's greatest preachers, will con- seventy-five per cent on the first ation of the business last Monday. duct the revival. The pastor will conduct the song service. Every one is

# SCHEDULE FOR 1948 PROVIDES 6 HOME GAMES

The 1948 Merkel Badger football schedule, as announced by Coach Carroll Benson early this week, will in-Long-Time Resident Passes at clude six home games and three Best Plowboys, 40-34, in Thrill-

Out of the five conference games slated, three will be played at Morkel; namely, Hamlin, Snyder and

The schedule: Sept. 17.-Anson at Merkel. Sept. 24.-Loraine at Merkel. Oct. 1 .- Andrews at Andrews. \*Oct. 8,-Roscoe at Roscoe. Oct. 15 .- Winters at Merkel. \*Oct. 22 .- Hamlin at Merkel. \*Oct. 29 .- Rotan at Rotan. \*Nov. 5 .- Snyder at Merkel.

\*Nov. 11 .- Colorado City at Merkel. \* Denotes conference game.

# **Local March of Dimes** Drive Totals \$368.45

The aggregate sum of \$368.45 had been contributed by Merkel and folks in the surrounding community to the annual March of Dimes Fund drive, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, local chairman, reported late Wednesday. This represents the gross figure from which the government tax on tickets and incidental expenses of the benefit Dec. 5, 1889, in McCullough county, party, (only a few dollars), are to be deducted.

In a direct campaign, a number of county in 1915. When her husband private donations and sccres of Dime cards were returned to the county headquarters at Abilene, which are not available for tabulation here. The Merkel total, broken down, shows

the following contributions: Benefit party, \$138.15; private donations to local committee, \$30.00; well, \$16.19; Queen theatre collec-

# **Mayor Proclaims Boy** Scout Week, Feb. 6-12

In recognition of the Boy Scout work in this community, area, state and nation, Mayor A. J. Canon has issued the following proclamation, designating Feb. 6-12 as Boy Scout

Whereas, February 8, 1948, is the 38th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America which has been chartered by the Congress

Whereas, the Scout program has affected the lives of 14,000,000 American boys and men since its inrollment of more than 2,000,000, and

Whereas, the skills and experiences acquired through Scouting are great influences for building young Americans into men and participating citizens, thus making an incalculable contribution to the civic enterprise of this and countless other communi ties, and

Whereas, the Boy Scout movement is a great factor for the promotion of World Peace, and marks this anniversary with the theme, "The Scout Citizen at Work. . . in his home . . in his community, in his nation . in his world," with practical assis-Frank Breaux, J. W. Hammond, Ed- tance to brother Boy Scouts overseas to rebuild their organizations:

Now, therefore, I, A. J. Canon Mayor of the City of Merkel, in the State of Texas, do hereby proctaim the week of February 6th to 12th Builds New Home as Boy Scout Week and urge our citizens to recognize the unselfish service of Scout leaders, and to do all the history of the maintenance proin their power to help promote this

fine program among our youth. In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the City of Merkel to be affixed, this 3rd day of Feb-

(Signed) A. J. Canon, Mayor.

# Parents Visiting First Grade on Increase

According to principal C. A. Far-Revival Feb. 5-21 parents of the first graders came again this year and help in the same nesday of this week to have conferannounces a revival, starting Feb. 5 of the work done by the pupils during the past six weeks.

From all indications this method

second and then to ninety-seven per ments, detailed plans of which are cent on Wednesday.

# **BADGERS MOVE** INTO TIE WITH ROSCOE QUINTET

ing, Hard-Fought Battle Here Tuesday Night, Making Playoff Between Teams Likely.

Coach Carroll Benson's sharpshooting Badgers threw the 5A west basketball conference into a tie by trouncing the hustling Roscoe Plewboys, 40-34, in a thrilling and hardfought battle here Tuesday night before a capacity crowd.

The Purple and Gold cagers led all at the end of the first canto and i .creasing it to 21-8 at the intermission, but the Nolan County boys came back strong the last half and clearly outplaying the local hoopsters. The score was 28-21 going into test. the final stanza. The Merkel scoring parade was paced by Robert Sledge tion either in the Dothan or in the come and participate in the discuswith 15 tallies. Nash collected 10, Flippin, the same company's No. 5 sion of the plan and, if it should be Dudley 6, Hodge 5 and Land 4.

Jimmy Black meshed the net for 11 markers to lead the local reserves to a fairly easy 39-22 triumph over the Roscoe subs.

If the Badgers can win their remaining three games against Roby, Colorado City and Snyder and if the Plowboys take the rest of their contests, a flip of the coin will decide the site of the one game playoff between Merkel and Roscoe. This playoff game to decide who will oppose Throckmorton for the district championship will probably be slated for

Friday, Feb. 13. Benson's basketeers will have their hands full in the Roby "cracker box" this Friday night. Roscoe had to whip the Lions. The Snyder Tigers | 134 63 will be entertained here next Tuesday night in the finale of the regular schedule. A date has not been

City game. In the only other game played during the week, the Merkel thinly clads romped over the Loraine Bulldogs. 55-31, here last Friday night. The first three periods were fairly close but rather dull to watch, but the Badgers went on a scoring spree in the last quarter to rack up 30 points. Robert Hodge canned 16 points for

scoring honors. Sledge collected 14. In a preliminary game Benson's "Going Jessies" ran roughshod over the Loraine subs, 57 to 15. Bill Patterson scorched the strings for 20

points to top the point-getters. In the night's finale the Merkel girls, led by Larose Perry and Leona Watson, nipped the Loraine sextet by a 20 to 17 score.

# Grandson Killed in Accident in Dallas

Mrs. J. T. Warren was told in telephone message late Wednesday night that her grandson, Dick Cost, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Coit, of Dallas, had been killed in an automobile accident at 8 p. m. No de tails as to the nature of the accident were given.

The funeral is to be held at 10 a. m. Friday.

# Feb. 8 Anniversary of Rose Hill Project

Feb. 8 will be an anniversary in ject at Rose Hill cemetery, for it will mark the beginning of the program of improvement and caring to the lots and grounds inaugurate? last year and so successfully achieved, with T. L. Grimes as chairman of the committee.

Already for this year a number o those having loved ones buried Rose Hill or otherwise interested in its upkeep have renewed their dues with Mr. Grimes, indicating their appreciation of the work, and all those who contributed last year and who feel that the work was worthley, ninety-seven per cent of all the while are asked to see Mr. Grimes to the first grade building on Wed- way. Donations may also be left at The Mail office.

# **Buys Beech Laundry** Plans Improvements

Jennings Winter, who had lived in Lamesa for a number of years before returning several months ago The number of parents visiting to make Merkel his home, has bought Rev. R. E. Wright, one of the has shown a steady increase from the Beech laundry and assumed operoccasion to ninety per cent on the He plans considerable improve-

# IMPORTANT MEETING OF BUSINESS MEN OF CITY TO BE HELD MONDAY NIGHT AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

# Rig Moved in for Test On City-Owned Tract

Special permit having been granted, rig was moved in the first of the week for the test, contracted by group of Merkel business men on the city-owned land where the disposal plant is located, 2 miles northeast of town, and drilling is to begin at an early date on the well, northeast exthe way, enjoying a 11-2 advantage Central Drilling Co., et al No. 1 City paid secretary-manager to develop of Merkel. It is to test both the Dothan and Flippin sections.

Official gauge of the Geochemical Surveys et al No. 4 J. Patterson et made a real ball game out of it by al, north extension of the pool show- about 24 firms present, it was the ed 8 barrels per hour on a 20-hour sense of this group that a general

> Patterson et al, southeast extension adopted, to take immediate steps to try, has been plugged and abandoned put it into effect. at 2,813 feet.

### Collections for 1947 Total 86% of Rolls

Collection of 1947 taxes totaled Carson and J. L. Fisher. \$21,940.38, or approximately 86 per | The suggestion for a secretarycent of the roll, it was reported to manager originated with Howard the city council Tuesday night by Carson, and was endorsed by a num-City Tax Assessor-Collector W. M. ber of speakers, including Powell Elliott. The sum of \$883,32 was real- Miller, David Gamble, Doyle Seifried ized from delinquent tax collections for 1946 and prior years, making a final total of \$22,825,70.

For the previous year-1946-total days: July 4, to be observed Moncollections were \$14,738.71, with day, July 5; Nov. 11, Armistice Day; game at Roby recently in order to taxes, to bring an aggregate of \$19,- Christmas Day, and Saturday, Jan.

While several business matters were discussed, most important action taken at the council meeting was man O. B. Leach that the mayor 6 p. m. (except Saturdays). instruct the city chief of police to make a house to house canvass for the purpose of enumerating sewer connections and fixtures.

# Attend Funeral of Robert K. Phillips

Mrs. R. A. Walker, her son, Ralph Walker of Abilene, and son-in-law, Comer Patterson, of Lawn, went to Weatherford Sunday to attend the funeral of Robert K. Phillips, Sr. who married a cousin of Mrs. Walk-

Services were held at 2:30 p. m from the Grace First Presbyterian church, with Rev. R. N. Ohman of-

Mr. Phillips, former publisher of the Weatherford Democrat and postmaster at Weatherford since 1934, had been ill for about six weeks. Survivors are his wife, the former Miss Abbott Watkins of Weatherford, a son, R. K., Jr., of Shawnee, Okla., and a daughter, Mrs. Wood-

row Pyeatt, of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Record of Births Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Garth Odem, Friday, January 30, 1948.

nam, Tuesday, February 3, 1948.

Plan to Employ Secretary-Man-ager To Look After City's In-terests Launched at Monday Night's Meeting to be Studied

Called primarily for the purpose of setting a calendar of fixed holidays for the year, the meeting of business men held at the Community Center Monday night resulted in launching a movement to form an organization or group along the line tension to the Patterson pool. West of a chamber of commerce, with a the opportunities that are being presented almost daily for promoting

this city's business future. With representatives from only meeting should be called, asking all After failure to develop produc- the business men of the town to

This important meeting is to be held next Monday night, at the Community Center, at 7:30. Sandwiches and coffee will be served. Committee on arrangements includes John West. chairman, Claude Smith, Herman

and others. The calendar for the year, as adopted, provides for five fixed holi-

, 1949, (New Tear's Day). Summer closing hours, to be confirmed by other firms not represented at the meeting, agreed upon were: set yet for the postponed Colorado the adoption of a motion by Alder- From Feb. 16 to Sept. 1, to close at

Riggs Shepperd was elected permanent chairman of the meeting, and C. J. Glover, secretary.

# Teen-Age Party Feb. 7 At Community Center

The first party for Teen-Agers of the Merkel school district will be held Saturday night from 7:30 until 10:30 at the Community Center.

A group of enthusiastic mothers have agreed to co-operate and aid the Youth Project committee in carrying on the work of recreation for the young people. For the first party, Mrs. Joe Bailey Toom! chairman, in charge of supervisors, and each Saturday night there will be a different group helping Mrs. Wrenn Durham and the Youth com-

It is urged that all Teen-Agers. come to the parties in order that the work and time spent will be worthwhile. A number of new games have been purchased and an automatic record-player is now available for their use. Candy and cokes will be sold during the evening. Everything else is free to Teen-Agers.

Parents are invited to attend at Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wind- any time and offer advice and help to the volunteer workers.

# **MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO**

the last whistle.

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, February 2, 1928.)

JOHNNIE WHEELER MARKETS STEERS FOR FANCY PRICE.

Johnnie Wheeler, progressive young rancher, some time ago shipped a car of fine steer calves which brought him a neat sum of \$73,50 around. This was indeed a fancy price but Johnnie had been feeding them only about 120 days, giving them plenty

ground maize. Charlie Skillern and Mrs. Ruth Arnold Dressler of Sweetwater were called to Merkel Wednesday afternoon on account of the serious illness of their father, Mrs. John Skillern, of this city.

of cottonseed meal and hulls and

MERKEL CAPTURES COUNTY

HONORS IN BASKETBALL. Coach Johnnie Camp and his Merthe A. C. C. gymnasium at Abilene, to have their friends to call on them with the score standing 15 to 10 at when they are in Abilene.

Cade, Merkel forward and one of the smallest men on the team. scored 14 of the 15 points for Merkel and was almost the whole show. Sloan made a good free try to rob him of the distinction of making every point for the victory.

Mrs. Willie Addington of Breckenridge spent the past week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hamblet, and many friends.

TWO MERKEL GIRLS CLERKS IN MIMS NEW STORE.

We take great pleasure in saying to our Merkel and community friends that we have with us two Merkel young ladies, Miss Dixie Howard. who is in charge of the ladies' dress goods department, and Miss Boog Sears, who is in charge of the toil kel High School Basketball team took department. Both these young ladies the Taylor County championship away are capable and qualified in their from Potosi Wednesday afternoon in respective lines and will be pleased

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# Mrs. Annie Hickman

Mrs. Annie Hickman, 79, who had been a resident of Mrs. Lela Mc-Ever's Convalescent home since September, died at 3:45 a. m. Monday at the Sadler hospital, which

The body was taken overland to San Angelo for burial Monday aft rncon by a San Angelo funeral home. Survivors are one son, R. J. Hick man, and one grandson, both of

### Homemaking Club To Have "Hobo Week"

hool will have a "Hobo Week." Each a whole. student is to go around and ask for "I will sincerely appreciate your All Farm Bureau members are Jaynes, G. H. Crow, Kenneth Pee, jobs, their pay to be decided by their consideration, vote and support, and eligible to become members, but Denzel Cox, O. E. Harwell, M. L. he camp fund for the new camp at before the primary election.

The girls are to tell their exper ences and the most interesting will selected. As a reward, their picure is to be published in the area March Meeting of

# OCAL MEWS BRIEFS

A passing visitor in the C. K. Rus il home Monday was his brotherin-law, Alex Harris, of Fresno, Calif. Mr. Harris reported that he produced 3,800 bales of cotton the past season, the yield averaging 2 beles

Rex McLean, who fractured his p when he slipped and fell on the Thursday of last week, was taken to the Veterans hospital at Amaril-Monday. His wife, who accompand him there, returned home Wed-

asked by Water Superintenden Mack Buzbee to see that regulations as to wash racks be fully complied with, urging that they be cleaned out more frequently to prevent the a:cumulation of dirt and grease and warning that draining of oil should not be permitted through the traps.

### A. J. Barbee, Jr., Seeks Commissioner's Post

To the Voters of Precinct 4, Jones

In announcing my candidacy for commissioner I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your cotime I have served you as commisthe late Mr. A. C. Sosebee.

I have served you the very best I could, considering that the funds for work as I would like to have done.

the last five years; therefore, I have | ing at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday. had to do quite a bit of custom werk in order to have funds to operate on.

Due to the movement of heavy oil machinery it has cost a great dea! to repair and replace bridges wrecked by it.

inct 4; if not, I hope you will con- p. m. sider this as a solicitation for your vote and influence in the coming

Thank you, W. O. Rainwater,

### W. O. Rainwater Announces Candidacy

The Mail is authorized to announce the candidacy of A. J. Barbee, Jr., ing sermon at 11. Training Union for the office of Jones County com- at 6:30 p. m. Evening sermon at missioner, Precinct No. 4, subject to 7:30. Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wed-Buried in San Angelo the action of the Democratic pri- nesday evening. mary, July 24.

Regarding his announcement. Mr Barbee made the following statement: "I have never before sought public office, but I feel that I am qualified to fill the place of commissionshe had entered the previous Wed- er, and, in event of my election, I promise to devote my time, effort and ability to the best interest of the people of my precinct.

"I have lived in Jones county for 32 years and I feel that most of the voters know my policies sufficiently well to correctly weigh my qualifications for the office, and if you .! not know me, then your friends will

"If elected, I promise to do what I can to build better roads, and more all-weather roads for all the people and will use my best judgment in During the week of Feb. 8-14, the looking after the financial interest Homemaking club of Merkel High of the precinct, and of the county as

"I will sincerely appreciate your ployer. The proceeds will go to hope to see each and every one of you

"Sincerely yours, A. J. Barbee, Jr."

# Plumbers at Merkel

March meeting of the Taylor Couny Master Plumbers association will be held in Merkel the first Monday night in the month, W. J. Patterson, chairman of the organization, has announced, the meeting place being not yet determined.

February meeting was held Monday night at the office of the Abilene Plumbing and Roofing company, with two master plumbers from Merkel, Patterson and B. W. Merritt, attending. At the same time the Woman's auxiliary which Mrs. Patterson attended met at the home of Mrs. Wm. H. Smith, 1226 Jeanette,

### Operators of service stations are Blue Cross Offered Farm Bureau Members

At a meeting to be held at the school band house Friday night of this week, at 7:30, members of the Farm Bureau of Taylor county residing in surrounding communities will have the opportunity to become members of the Blue Cross Hospital plan, Chairman Ollie Higgins of the county farm association announced

A representative of the Blue Cross rganization will be present to cx-

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# In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was operation and support during the 611 as compared with 483 on the previous Sunday. The attendance on the sioner, filling the unexpired term of same Sunday a year ago was 741.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. W. K. Mann, church missionuilding and maintaining roads and ary of the Abilene and Brownwood bridges are not sufficient to do the presbyteries, will fill the pulpit at the morning hour Sunday. Other As you know the tax rate is the services as usual: Sunday School at same, while material and labor have 10 a. m., Christian Endeavor at 6 increased in price fifty per cent in p. m. Sunday, mid-week prayer meet-

> CHURCH OF CHRIST Bible School 9:45 a. m. Sunday.

Worship 10:50 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Young People's meeting 6:45 p. ri. I will try to see each voter in Pre Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30

Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

### 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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morn-Merle Weathers, 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, Fastor.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Midweek prayer meeting at 7:00 Wcdnesday evening.

A. T. Suskey, 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.

plain the plan and answer questions. All Farm Bureau members are meeting: Salt Branch, Union Ridge, Mt. Pleasant, Butman, I. X. L. and Mulberry.

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# RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE CLUB. The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. J. H. Clark on Jan. 16, with the

president in charge.

The meeting was opened with a song. Mrs. Denzel Cox gave the council report, and recommendations and standing rules of the council were adopted.

Candidacy of Mrs. L. A. Groene for vice-president of HD seventh district was endorsed.

A round table discussion on "Safe Driving" was held. Refreshments of sandwiches, cof-

fee and cake were served to one new member, Mrs. Palmer, and the following members: Mesdames J. D. those in the following communities Douglas, Clyde Newton, Miss Malel are especially urged to attend this McRee, and one visitor, Mrs. Bernard Clark.

The next meeting will be with Miss Mabel McRee on Feb. 6.

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### **Legal Notice**

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS.

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, 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 whereabours are unknown and Pearlie McGown, her heirs and unknown heirs, 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. No. 5691-B.

her heirs, unknown heirs and legal day the 15th day of March, A. D. representatives and assigns, whose 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. unknown heirs, assigns and legal House in Abilene, Texas. representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown to plaintiff and Abe on the 29th day of Jan., 1948. Berash, his heirs, unknown heirs, as- The file number of said suit being signs and legal representatives, whose whereabouts are unknown to plaintiff and W. L. Maddox, (who is sorietimes known as Lawrence Maddox), tiff, and Yvonne Hutchison as Dehis heirs, unknown heirs and assigns fendant. and legal representatives, whose

stantially as follows, to wit: that on was acquired. or about the first day of January, Plaintiff sues for divorce on the 1948 plaintiff was lawfully seized grounds of cruelty.

and possessed of the following dehe same, in fee simple, to wit:

Lot 4 in block A of Goldberg's Sub- ary, A. D., 1948. livision of Lot No. 4 Block No. 177 said addition now of record in the A. D., 1948. plat records of Taylor County, Tex- (Seal)

That on the day and year last By Grace Jenkins, Deputy. aforesaid defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and unlawfully withhold from him the possession TO: Ira Meredith, Greeting: 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 Monday after the expiration of 42 prays judgment for title and possession of said lands and premises, and this Citation, the same being Monthat writ of restriction issue and for day the 15th day of March, A. D., 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, Tex-A. D., 1948.

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

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

The file number of said suit being | TO: Yvonne Hutchison, Greeting: You are commanded to appear and The names of the parties in said answer the plaintiff's petition at or suit are: Son Green as Plaintiff, and before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Fannie E. Strain, individually, and Monday after the expiration of 42 as survivor in community of the days from the date of issuance of community estate of H. R. Strain, this Citation, the same being Monwhereabouts are unknown to the before the Honorable 104th District plaintiff and S. W. Lackey, his heirs. Court of Taylor County, at the Court

Said plaintiff's petition was filed

No. 5696-B. The names of the parties in said suit are: Jack Hutchison as Plain-

The nature of said suit being subwhereabouts are unknown and Pearl- stantially as follows, to wit: Plainie McGown, her heirs and unknown tiff and Defendant were married Deheirs, assigns and legal representa- cember 4, 1945, and lived together tives, whose whereabouts are un- until on or about February, 1946. known to the plaintiff, as Defendants. No children were born to said mar-The nature of said suit being sub- riage and no community property

If this Citation is not served withscribed premises situated in Taylor in 90 days after the date of its issu-County, Texas, holding and claiming ance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 29th day of Janu-

Given under my hand and seal of in the city of Abilene, Taylor Coun- said Court, at office in Abilene, Texty, Texas shown by plat and map of as, this the 29th day of January,

J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION. THE STATE OF TEXAS

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first days from the date of issuance of 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 28th day of January, 1948. The file number of said suit being No. 5695-B.

suit are Bernice Meredith as Plainas, this the 19th day of January, tiff, and Ira Meredith as Defendant. The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married;

The names of the parties in said

November 9, 1938, and separated March, 1947.

Plaintiff and Defendant own no community property. One child, Ira Ann, was born of said marriage.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment and asks for custody of said child.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 28th day of Janu-

ary, A. D., 1948. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 28th day of January, A. D., 1948.

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

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More women than men in the The New York City police force United States complete four years has about 17,000 members.

of high school, but more men than One in every three World War II women finish four years of college. veterans has taken some form of

Wheat is grown on about one education or training under the GI fourth of all the world's cultivated Bill or Public Law 16 since both laws went into effect, VA said.

# **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

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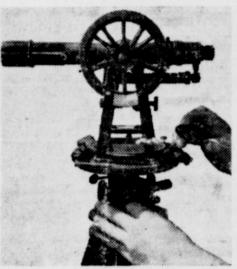
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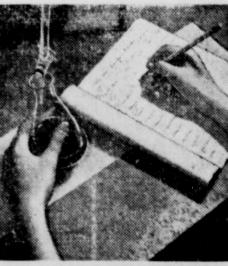




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# MOVIE CALENDAR

-:- Q U E E N -:-

Friday - Saturday - Double feature program: James Warren, Steve Brodie in "Code of the West" and Peggy Cummins, Bictor Mature, Ethel Barrymore in "Moss Rose;" color cartoon and Jack Armstrong breaking best-seller by Kathleen Win- 432.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday -Bing Crosby, Joan Caulfield, Barry Fitzgerald in "Welcome Stranger;"

color cartoon and latest News reel. Wednesday - Thursday - Special Cornel Wilde, George Sanders in "Forever Amber."

### "WELCOME STRANGER"

the first reunion of Bing Crosby and Barry Fitzgerald since their very successful "Going My Way," shows Sunday matinee, Monday and Tues-

a carefree, breezy young doctor, Crosby, and his struggle to overcome Research. the resentment of a small New England town and its old general prac- ed \$4,215,459 to better December titioner, Barry Fitzgerald, towards 1946 figures by 14 per cent and push cine and the town. It shows how Bing dex to 239. (Base: 1935-39-100.) soon endears himself to the village, and Miss Caulfield, by skill with vember-to-December increases, pos-

### FOREVER AMBER"

vocative love stories the screen has was made by Plainview; Corsicana ever known, "Forever Amber" comes followed with 45 per cent. to the Queen screen Wednesday and Thursday.

sor. Miss Darnell is seen in the title role of the warm and human story of a country girl who becomes the most whispered-about beauty in the gay court of King Charles II. Wilde appears as Bruce Carlton, the dashing roadshow attraction: Linda Darnell, cavalier, who remains Amber's No. 1 love through her exciting fight for money and a title. The Twentieth Century-Fox film also stars Richard Greene and George Sanders.

### Paramount's "Welcome Stranger," Texas Postal Receipts Higher in December

Austin, Feb. 5 .- Postal receipts in day nights at the Queen theatre with Texas exceeded expected seasonal Joan Caulfield co-starring with Bing gains with December receipts advancing 52 per cent above November to-"Welcome Stranger" is a story of tals, according to reports of the University of Texas Bureau of Business

Receipts for 56 Texas cities reachhis unprofessional approach to medi- the Bureau's seasonally-adjusted in-

Although all cities reported Notal receipts of Sweetwater, Childress,

### Big Spring and Galveston dropped Glittering in technicolor brilliance, below December 1946 levels. The and unfolding one of the most pro- greatest yearly gain of 97 per sent

Dallas receipts led in dollar figures, totaling \$1,007,239 in Decem-Linda Darnell and Cornel Wilde ber. Houston, running second, markplay the romantic leads in Darryl F. ed up a \$739,003 December total, and Zanuck's presentation of the record- Fort Worth came in third with \$424,

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# **POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

IRVEN THOMPSON. L. A. DUDLEY. For Commissioner, Precinct 4, Jones County:

C. H. (Connie) OTTO, W. O. RAINWATER. A. J. BARBEE, JR. For Justice of the Peace,

Precinct No. 5: MRS. DORA T. COBB. [Re-Election.]

For County Clerk: MRS, CHESTER HUTCHESON [Re-Election.]

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FOR RENT-Bedroom, close in, private entrance, with bath, modern conveniences and comfortable. Fred

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

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

### WANTED

WANTED-White Rock setting eggs; special \$2.00 discount on each 100 of our best Leghorns purcha and with 100 lbs. starter, until Feb. 15; trays for custom hatching. Sharp Hatchery.

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

SEE Lendon A. Coats for water well drilling. Phone 281W.

SEWING WANTED- Mrs. Ernest Teaff, Route 1, Merkel, Texas,

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.

NOTICE - Will pay 1c per pound, \$1.00 per hundred or \$20.00 per ton for scrap iron. H. J. Bowles Plumbing Shop.

### MISCELLANEOUS

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ELECTRIC MOTORS repaired. Dudley's Radio Service. Phone 193.

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

### Regular Meeting of Lions Club Not Held

Because of a burst water pipe in the kitchen of the Community Center, the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lions club for Tuesday of this week, first Tuesday of the month, was not held.

Tax Collector from Jones County Will **Visit 3 Communities** 

Elzy Bennett, tax assessor-collector of Jones county, announces that he will be at the following places from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. on the dates indicated to issue auto licenses: Stith, Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Noodle, Wednesday, Feb. 11. Goodman, Thursday, Feb. 12. CARD OF THANKS.

We are deeply grateful to every one who by their kind deeds and words of sympathy and lovely floral gifts brought us consolation in the loss of our dear husband and father. May God bless you all.

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44 ounce package

Campbell's Tomato Soup, 10½ oz. 9c Dessert, 2 pkg's. Corn, No. 2 can, 2 for 45c Corn Meal, 24 oz. pkg. 18c Tomatoes, No. 2 can ..... 19c Sardines, flat cans, 2 for 39c Thrift Mexican Style Beans, 16 oz. cans, 3 for 39c Tomato Juice, 46 oz. can 27c

Pie Cherries, No. 2 can ....28c Fruit Cocktail, tall can 27c

| My-T-Fine Lima Beans, 2 lbs. 33c THRIFT CHILI with Beans, No. 303 can .27c Plain Chili, 15½ oz. can 35c Corn Soya, 8 oz. pkg. .....14c Oats, lg. box Prunes, No. 2½ jar ...... 27c | Rice, 12 oz. pkg. ...... Crustene, 3 lb. crt. 1.09 Washo, lg. box

Delta TABLE SYRUP

5 pounds .....

# -- MEAT MARKET DEPARTMENT --

ARMOUR STAR CURED HAMS, Half or Whole, Lb. 69c Fresh Pork ROASTS, Country Style

DRY SALT JOWLS, lb. ....29c | Longhorn CHEESE, lb. 55c 

SAUSAGE, Ib. 49c OLEOMARGARINE, Ib. 39c

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HAROLD BROWN TRENT

Bird's Store NOODLE

dormant.

promote vigor and healthfulness to

control form, and to modify their

Pruning for vigor and healthful-

ness consists in the removal of dead

resulted either from breaking of

in previous prunings, removal of

crossing and interfering branches.

by reducing the amount of top to

more nearly equal the ability of routs

to supply plant food, especially mois-

is much tendency to prune both

jured or ruined by such treatment.

slight pruning required by plants i

er beds, such as sufficient moistur

The flowering of

Pruning for form includes the

Vicer of plants is often promoted



Mrs. Lizzie Latham.

Germany.

"Dear Jennie."

Members answering to roll call

Bragg, E. L. Harbin and the hos-

and Mrs. Doan talked on the origin

This being Mrs. Watts' birthday,

the class sang "Happy Birthday" to

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB

ELECTS OFFICERS.

Study club was devoted entirely to

business Tuesday when they met at

the Community Center, with Mrs.

The election of officers for the

ensuing year held top place in the

disposition of much accumulated busi-

ness. Mrs. Edwin E. Read will be

the new president, and Mrs. Carroll

Benson, vice-president. Mrs. Grif

Barnett was elected recording secre-

tary, and Mrs. Earl Hughes, corres-

ponding secretary. Mrs. Earl Lassi-

ter will be parliamentarian, Chris-

tine Collins, critic, and Mrs. Weldon

As no program was presented, the

following members adjourned: Mes-

worth, Carroll Benson, Vincent Barnett, Grif Barnett, Geo. T. Moore,

Paul West, Weston West and Henry

ALL-DAY QUILTING.

the First Baptist church met at the

and in the afternoon Mrs. Twyman

Lige Harris, F. A. Baker, W. O.

Boney, H. R. Hicks, W. W. Wheeler,

BAPTIST W. M. S.

of the First Baptist church met on

Monday afternoon for a business

The Woman's Missionary society

Members of the Alathean class of

McAninch, the treasurer.

Weldon McAninch as hostess.

The meeting of the Fortnightly

ENGAGEMENT OF POPULAR , R. L. Butler and Mrs. Butler and YOUNG COUPLE IS ANNOUNCED.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Gilbert are announcing the engagement and ap- ris, Cass Patton, Annie Berry, Bose proaching marriage of their daugh- Williams, Herman Doan, J. S. Pinckter, Betty, to Earl Hughes, Jr., son ley, Tom Coats, C. K. Russell, T. G.

of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes. The courle will be married Feb. tesses. 12 in the 14th and Vine Street Church | Mrs. Collins brought the devotional of Christ, Abilene,

The bride-elect is a graduate of of Valentine Day. Mrs. Russell, the Merkel High school and attended class president, read a very touching Texas Technological college, two descriptive letter from Mrs. Maryears. She is now employed in Abi- garette Turner Quillin, telling how lene. The bride-groom-to-be is a and where she distributed more than graduate of Stamford high school and a hundred pounds of clothing sent is a junior in Hardin-Simmons uni- to her by the class for the needy in versity

FORMER MERKEL GIRL IS MARRIED AT DALLAS.

The marriage of Miss Wilma Mc-Aninch, of Dallas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch, pioneer farm family, and Ervin Eugene Sliter, also of Dallas, took place Thursday, Jan. 15, at 9 a. m. in Dallas, with Rev. Thomas W. Weinzapfel reading the double ring ceremony in St. Edwards church.

The bride wore a brown suit with fawn accessories, and her corsage was of orchids. She is a graduate of Merkel High school and a registered X-ray technician from the University of Texas at Austin.

Dorothy McClain, of Waco, wore a light beige suit and a corsage of white carnations.

Harold Sliter attended his brother as best man

The bridegroom, formerly of Kalamazoo, Mich., is also an X-ray technician, employed at the Dallas Medical and Surgical clinic in Dallas.

dames D. H. Vaughn, Powell Miller, After a short wedding trip to Okla-Edwin E. Read, Judd McReynolds, homa, Mr. and Mrs. Sliter are at Elma McFarland, Earl Lassiter. home at 3411 Swiss avenue, Dallas. Comer Haynes, David Gamble, S. D. The bride's only attendant, Miss Gamble, Johnny Cox, Chester Collins-

Mrs. Durwood Doan, a recent Merkel bride, was complimented with a gift tea on Friday afternoon of last week in the parlors of the First Baptist church. Invitations were extended to two hundred friends.

The entertaining rooms were inviting, with all decorations symbolic church Tuesday for an all-day quiltof Valentine. Emphasis was given to ing. Lunch was served at noon. Sevthe lace-covered tea table, centered enteen members were present.

Receiving with the bride were her meeting was presided over by the mother, Mrs. O. D. Bland, the class president, Mrs. F. P. Hamm. groom's mother, Mrs. Carl Doan, and The devotional was brought by Mrs. the groom's aunt, Mrs. Hugh Camp- Hugh Campbell. The class voted to bell. Misses Otilla Doan and Billie buy pajamas for a 12-year-old girl Bland were at the register. Others at Buckner's Orphans Home. in the house party were Misses Ger-The class will have a quilting on rie Jinkens, Lucille English, Mary Thursday, Feb. 12, at the church, Jo McConnell, Maxine Doan, Adline Hughes; and Mesdames E. M. Weath. Collins will conduct a class cliric. ers, Irl Walker, Cramer Reynolds, All officers and members are urged Burley Bond, Horace Boney, Sam to be present. Swann, Buster Horton, Homer Pat- Those present for the all-day quiltterson, Claude Warren, Twyman ing Tuesday were: Mesdames T. E. Collins, W. A. McCandless, Marvin | Collins, W. L. Johnson, W. A. Mc-Douglas and Vernon Horton. Candless, Laura Payne, J. Ben

A musical program was given by Campbell, A. H. Zollinger, G. M. Mrs. Comer Haynes, Jane Hughes Sharp, E. O. Carson, J. O. Castles, and Mrs. Patterson.

KING'S DAUGHTERS LUNCHEON Frank Hamm, Hugh Campbell and Mrs. L. A. Watts, with Mrs. J. M. Chas. West. Collins as co-hostess, opened her lovely home to members of the King's Daughters class of the M. E. church on Tuesday for their annual lunch-

Guests for the occasion were Rev. meeting, with Mrs. Irl Walker, pres-

Kathleen Bryan on Faculty at H-SU

Kathleen Bryan has accepted a position on the faculty of the Hardin-Simmons university and is assuming duties with the department They are much easier to cut while of chemistry at mid-term.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. attending Weslyn university, Middle- winter spray. town, Conn., on a fellowship, which she resigned to return to the bed- fore the sap begins to rise. were Mesdames Lee Cox, Arch Harside of her father, who suffered a heart attack several weeks ago. ing ornamental woody plants: To

Hospital Notes.

The following patients were re- flowering. ceived at the Sadler hospital for treatment during the week: Mrs. W. A. Dill, Jan. 25; Mrs. C. S. Watkins, or dying wood and broken or split the Don Riney baby, Jan. 29; Mrs. limbs, cutting off stubs that have A. L. Cade, Jan. 31; Mrs. Lee Mack Reynolds, Geneva Derington, Feb. limbs or from improperly made cuts 1: Mrs. H. L. Wilson, Mrs. Annie Scott, Mrs. Eli Case, Feb. 2; Miss Mae Womack, Feb. 3, Mrs. Cody Caldwell, Feb. 4.

at the close of the business session, ident, presiding.

After the opening song, "Jesus ture. This should be done with new-Calls Us," Mrs. E. M. Weathers led ly planted trees and shrubs. There the opening prayer. Mrs. Irl Walker brought a lovely devotional. Mrs. shrubs and trees for the mere sake E. O. Carson closed the session with of pruning; many are severely inprayer.

Fresent were Mesdames Earl Lassiter, J. A. Kuvkendall, Sam Swenn. Willingham, Owen Robertson, informal plantings to maintain their W. T. Sadler J. O. Castles. Mack natural outline. Tucker Dunning McConne'l, A. R. Booth, W. L. Johnson and the ones he modified by pruning. The usual

mentioned above. The next meeting will be by Cir- attractive blooms, but in some cases cles for Bible study. The Blanche the aim is fewer flowers of greater Rose Walker Circle will meet with rerfection or size, or larger clusts Mrs. Owen Robertson and the Floy Free blooming is promoted by vi-Hawkins Circle will meet with Mrs. orous growth combined with comb E. M. Weathers at 2:30 Monday af. tions favorable for formation of flow

California Couple Garden Hints from Merkel Garden Club.

A deal has just been closed by Pick some pleasant late winter Vernon B. Simpson real estate exday to prune shrubs, trees or vines.

Shrubs and fruit trees can be Bryan of Trent, Miss Bryan, 20, was pruned now and given a dormant temperature, fertility at the proper time and season.

> Grape vines should be pruned be-Prune blooming trees and shrubs after they shed their blooms in the There are three reasons for prun-

residents, became the owners of 100-acre farm three miles west of Buy 100-Acre Farm town purchased from Fred Jinkens.

The residence, shop and filling station on Kent street, formerly owned and operated by Reeves Brothers, change whereby V. L. Merritt and has been sold to Carl Baccus, the wife of Marin City, Calif., former deal having been handled by the same real estate exchange. The shop and filling station have been leased by the new owner to Jesse Loper and Hamp Dye.

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Fri. and Sat.

Feb. 6 - 7

Santa Clara SALMONS, fiat can ... 29c APRICOTS 21/2 can ...

1 can Baked Beans

Fuller S

Mrs. Tucker, Crustene pound 53c Mrs. Tucker, Crustene SHORTENING, 3 lb. tin can \$1.19

OATS

3 lb. box \_\_39c



Mary Lee Taylor's **Valentine** Pudding

Broadcast: February 7, 1948 1/8 teaspoon salt 1 package lemon-flavored gelatin

Drain fruit; remove cherries. Heat 11/2 cups juice to boiling. Stir in gelatin and salt. When cool, stir in milk. Chill until syrupy; whip until fluffy. Measure 1/4 cup drained fruit; fo'd emaining fruit into gelatin mintur Put into wet heart-shaped quart or pan. Chill until firm. Uan

Lemon Gelatin, pkg. Fruit Cocktail, can

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1 can Spaghetti & Cheese HEARTS— No. 2 Can 1 can Macaroni & Cheese 1 can Chili & Beans

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Salad Wafers CRACKERS, 1 lb. box PEARS, No. 21/2 can Heinz SWERL. box Stokley's PEAS. No. 2 can WHITE- Country Gentleman Cream Style CORN, No. 2

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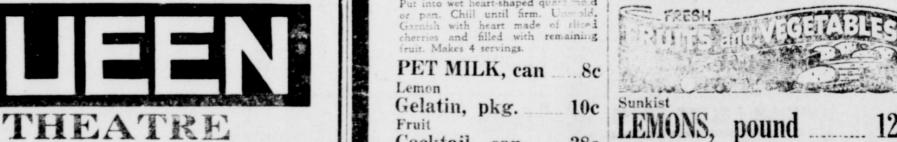
PINTO BEANS, 2 lbs. 29c

DELTA-BUD-Golden Table-

SYRUP, 5 lb. jar 47c

White Swan-PURE TOMATO-

CATSUP, 14 oz. bat. ... 19c



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