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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LAW EFFECT DEC. 1ST

On Monday, December 1, the compulsory attendance law becomes operative throughout Taylor county. Beginning with December first, all children who are eight years old or over and not yet fourteen, with certain legal exemptions, are required to attend school for a period of five school months. Whether or not the child has been in school any previous to this date has nothing to do with the requirement that the child attend five months, beginning with December first.

Children within the above age may be excused for temporary absence due to personal sickness, serious sickness or death in the family, storms which make traveling unsafe, or other causes acceptable to the teacher. The excuse for such temporary absence must be in writing, state the date of absence and the cause for absence and be signed by the parent.

Persons or corporations are forbidden by law to employ during school hours any child within the above ages.

No trouble has ever been experienced with the enforcement of the law in the Merkel Independent School District, and none is anticipated. A cheerful compliance by all is looked for. Patrons will be conferring a favor upon the child by reporting to the superintendent the name of any child who is not in school, and who should be. Remember the date, Monday, December 1.

Very Respectfully,
Roger A. Burgess, Supt.

Sam Grayson Sells Farm

Mr. Sam L. Grayson last week sold his splendid farm in the Shiloh community to Seth Morgan, of Lamesa, at \$60.00 per acre. Mr. Morgan, we are told formerly lived in this community, and will now move back here to make this his home. We trust that Mr. Grayson will again invest near here and continue to make this community his home, for he is among our best citizens, and we would regret to lose him.

Will Go South For Winter

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston expect to leave Merkel about the first of the month for South Texas, where they will probably spend the winter months. They spent a short time in that section of the state last winter, and were very much pleased with the splendid climate.

Mr. C. M. Largent and sons, Messrs. Willie Joe and Tom, returned Tuesday from Kansas City, where they had been to exhibit their great Champion Hereford at the Kansas City Royal Livestock Show. They were victorious in winning many championship awards and of course returned very happy. We join their many friends in this city and throughout the country in extending to them hearty congratulations.

Dr. M. Armstrong left first of the week for a visit with his son, Dr. Frank Armstrong, at Fort Worth, after which the senior Doctor will go to New Orleans where he will attend a meeting of the Southern Medical Association.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown accompanied Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippett to the home of the late San Angelo Wednesday. They will enjoy Thanksgiving. The gentlemen expect to enjoy a turkey hunt.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM THURS. NITE

The annual Thanksgiving service will be held this year at the Presbyterian church, Thursday night at seven o'clock. The whole community has a cordial invitation to attend this service, and all the singers of the town are invited to help with the singing. The program will be as follows:

Doxology.
Responsive reading.
Invocation . . . Rev. W. G. Cypert
Hymn Congregation
Scripture reading, Rev. T. J. Rea
Solo Mrs. Howard
Sermon . . . Rev. W. H. Albertson
Male Quartet. Benediction.

5TH SUNDAY MEET AT BUFFALO GAP

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Sweetwater Association convenes at Buffalo Gap Friday night of this week and will continue through Sunday. A good program has been arranged. All the Baptist churches are asked to send representatives.

Program.

Friday Night:
7:30. Present calls to our young people, Pastor H. M. Welton.
8:00. Fundamentals of Strength in the Christian Religion, Pastor W. A. Foster.
Saturday's Program.
10:30. Our Sunday School objectives, Pastor W. H. Albertson.
11:00. Baptists, their progress and impress on the world, Dr. M. A. Jenkins.
12:00. Lunch served at the church.

1:45 Our women and the interests of Christ's Kingdom, by Mrs. J. P. Stinson.

2:30 Why Distinctive Baptist organizations and institutions, pastor C. A. Powell.

3:15 Our Benevolent Institutions and the program of Christ, Dr. R. C. Pender.

7:30 Our laymen and Christian stewardship, Prof. Rupert Richardson.

8:00 The Christian College and social order, President J. D. Sandefer.

Rebecca Meeting

Rebecca Lodge No. 14 will hold their next regular meeting at the hall in this city on next Thursday night, December 4th.

Besides the election of officers for the ensuing year, there will be other important business matters to transact, and a full attendance of the membership is urged. Itp

Dr. and Mrs. N. J. Smith of Hamlin were here Tuesday for a few hours looking after business and visiting friends and relatives. They are mighty fine folks and this paper with their many friends would like to see them move back to Merkel. And we would not be surprised if they did so in the not distant future.

Under the auspices of the Merkel School Library—the "MICROBE OF LOVE". See it—a riot of fun and laughter. It

Dolph D. Coats, excellent citizen from route five, was in the city last Saturday, and while here had us send in his renewal for the Star-Telegram for another year along with his renewal for the Merkel Mail.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott will attend the Simmons and Howard Payne football game at Brownwood Thanksgiving day.

LUNCHEON CLUB TO ELECT OFFICERS

The next regular Luncheon will be held at Ed's Cafe on next Tuesday evening, and it is expected that this will be one of the best and most interesting meetings yet held, as at this meeting the officers for the next year will be elected to take charge on January 1st, 1925, and the fact that Mr. S. D. Gamble, one of our splendid druggists, will be in charge as Toastmaster, will insure those present of an interesting and snappy program. And we might announce here that Mr. T. N. Carswell, Secretary of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce will be present as one of the principle speakers of the evening.

The Luncheon Club has been a great help to our splendid little city during the past year, and by the help and cooperation of more of the citizenship during the next year, can even do more. It is to be hoped that not only all who have been in a habit of attending and taking part in the Club will be present, but that many others will also see fit to come out and become identified with the splendid work of the organization.

MERKEL SUFFERS DEFEAT AT HANDS OF HASKELL

The Merkel High School "Badgers" suffered a 20-0 drubbing by the Haskell "Indians" at Haskell on last Friday after a desperate fight to overcome the lead of their opposers. The Badgers were sorely handicapped by the absence from the line-up of several of their regular first string men, but that fighting spirit that has characterized every game Merkel played was by no means lacking in this instance, never considering that they were defeated until the last whistle blew, and then accepting defeat with equal sportsmanship.

The "Badgers" have disbanded for the present season, coming to the close with only two defeats against them, by Stephenville and Haskell, which is an enviable record for a school the size of Merkel High School. They went to the district finals in class B schools, and was defeated by Stephenville, a school that approaches class A very nearly, by the score of 20 to 0. Merkel has beaten Clyde, Winters, Ballinger, Sweetwater, Hamlin, Stamford, and Roscoe this season.

Off On a Big Hunt

We are informed that Messrs. John Sears, H. L. Propst, J. E. Boaz, I. L. Jackson, R. L. Grimes, Jas. A. Patterson Jr. and A. B. Patterson left first of the week for an extended hunting and outing trip in Southwest Texas.

They are a fine bunch of men, good hunters, and we predict for them splendid luck and a genuine good time.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Latham returned first of the week from a trip to Dallas, where Mr. Latham had gone to close up the sale of some property. He expects to again enter some kind of business in Merkel, which news will be pleasing to their host of friends in and about this city, for they are among our most excellent citizens.

Mr. T. A. Beidleman returned first of the week from a trip to Stonewall county where he has some good farms. He reports crops good in that country.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Tippett and daughter, Joy, of San Angelo, Texas, visited Mrs. Tippett's mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown, last week.

\$2,530 PAID FOR LARGENT STEER

Kansas City, Nov. 21.—The grand champion fat steer, owned and fed by C. M. Largent of Merkel, Texas, sold at auction Friday for \$275 per 100 pounds, which is the world's record. The steer weighed 920 pounds and brought \$2,530.

This price of \$2.75 per pound for Texas beef is the highest price ever paid for that commodity and was for the steer on the hoof.

Largent's herd exhibit was also accorded highest honors for the best 10 head of Herefords, the get of the herd's aged sire. The Merkel man also took down six single class first awards.

No other exhibitor has ever approached, much less equaled, the above record and the Texas herd of Herefords from Merkel easily takes first place in the annals of the American Royal Livestock Show.

MISS BOOG SEARS ELECTED PRETTIEST IN SCHOOL

Miss Boog Sears of Merkel was recently elected by popular vote of the students, prettiest girl at Sullins College, Bristol, Virginia. Miss Sears graduated from Merkel High School last year and is a freshman at Sullins this year.

Three contestants were nominated and voted upon in the election. The two opponents were Misses Gene Cleland and Kathrine Langbotham.

An entire page in the Statistics section of the annual, "The Sampler," will be devoted to photographs and snap shots of Miss Sears. Three of the eight girls who will be mentioned in the statistics section are Texas girls.

NOODLE SCHOOL BEGAN LAST MONDAY MORN.

School at Noodle began on last Monday morning, Nov. 24. A very profitable and good school is expected this school term. Mr. Clyde Deavers will be the principal, and Misses Mary Katherine Campbell, Ruby Reagan and Flossie Carter are the other teachers.

GOLAN WILL HAVE A FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING

The Golan singing class invites everyone to attend the all-day singing convention at this place next Sunday, the fifth Sunday in this month.

Golan is ten miles southeast of Sylvester. We are going to have a big dinner. Come and get in on it. Sunbeam.

Farm Bureau Notice

Members of the Farm Bureau are urged to bring all their cotton before December 1 to the platform, as the platform man will be taken off after this date. C. W. SIMPSON. It

Mrs. Roger A. Busgess left first of the week for Lubbock, where she will visit her parents and many friends during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg drove over to Ranger Tuesday, where they witnessed the football game between Cisco and Stephenville.

We are thankful to Mr. B. D. Pressley of route five for his renewal to the Merkel Mail for another year. He also had us send in his renewal for the Star-Telegram.

LYCEUM FRIDAY NITE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

The National Trio, which promises to be one of our most popular numbers, will be given at the School Auditorium Friday night at 8:00.

This program will appeal to both music lovers and dramatic enthusiasts. The company is headed by Mr. Thompson, a Chicago artist, with him Miss Anita Thompson and Miss Margaret Byers. Come and help your school. You will enjoy it much more than a tent show.

PRESIDING ELDER TO PREACH HERE SUN.

Next Sunday morning our Presiding Elder, W. E. Lyon, will preach. I am very anxious that we have a full house. He is a good preacher and a fine man, and I am sure our church will appreciate him. We had a splendid attendance last Sunday. Let's make it better next Sunday. We are having admissions every Sunday and our future will always find a cordial welcome to worship with us. "On to Victory." T. J. Rea, Pastor.

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGERS MEET AT BLAIR, TEXAS

The fifth Sunday singing convention will meet at Blair on next Sunday, so come and bring your books and dinner. We are going to have a big time, and we want all singers and those who love to hear good singers to be with us. I earnestly request all classes to be on hand with a representative if no more. I wish we could get an interest in this move so as to have a hot campaign voting for the next meeting place.

I wish the churches would take a greater pride in these singings. The Sweetwater Baptist church has set us a good pattern, as they asked the Nolan county convention to come to Sweetwater in the spring and tendered them their building for the day. Now that is fine isn't it. Come and bring your dinner and let's all enjoy the day. We hope to have some of the 1925 books which will be something new and interesting. So come along Mr. Ed, you are invited too. Help eat the rabbit and hot coffee. Do not think about a failure for we have never had one, and are not going to this time. Yours for success, T. H. SPEARS, Pres.

Escota Couple Marry Here

Rev. W. H. Albertson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, last Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at the Baptist parsonage spoke the words that bound in Holy Wedlock Mr. L. S. Johnson and Miss Flossie Hale, both of Escota, Texas.

Mr. G. C. Lowrey returned first of the week from a business trip to Dilly, Texas. He reports that Dr. J. H. Craig and family have recently moved from Dallas to Dilly to make that city their home.

Mr. W. M. Eoff, one among the splendid farmer citizens of the Noodle community, was here last Saturday and dropped in to have us renew his Mail and Star-Telegram for another year.

Miss Inez Blocker of Roscoe visited Miss Maurine Hearne last week-end.

ALL-STARS PLAY HERE THANKSGIVING

Merkel foot ball fans and sport lovers will not be kept from having a foot ball game at home on Thanksgiving day by reason of the fact that the High School Badgers team has disbanded and cancelled their game for that day. A new team will play their first game of the season on the day that is considered the closing of the season. The Merkel all-star team is composed of former high school players, college men, ex-service men, and sport enthusiasts, and will meet a team from Clyde that is made up of similar players, on the high school gridiron Thanksgiving day at 3 p.m.

Neither of the opposing teams, it is understood, will have any actual practice, other than signal practice. However both teams will have players of experience and proven ability in past seasons with some of the best college and high school teams, and it is generally conceded that the two teams are very evenly matched. Their being unaccustomed to handling the pigskin this season and being so evenly matched, will make the game interesting and probably laughable at times.

The Merkel team will have a line that will average about 190 pounds or over, and the backfield will average about 180. The Clyde team is expected to be as heavy, and a thrilling and furious battle is sure to be seen.

An admission of 50c for adults and 25c for school children will be charged in order to pay the expenses of the visiting team.

Notice to Tax Payers

I will be in Trent Thursday the 27th day of November, and in Merkel Friday and Saturday, the 28th and 29th days of November, 1924, for the purpose of collecting 1924 State and County Taxes. Respectfully,

D. T. HARKRIDER,
Tax Collector Taylor County, Texas. 20t2p

Mr. W. A. Watkins and wife, accompanied by Mrs. J. R. Hughes of Wichita Falls, were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Watkins.

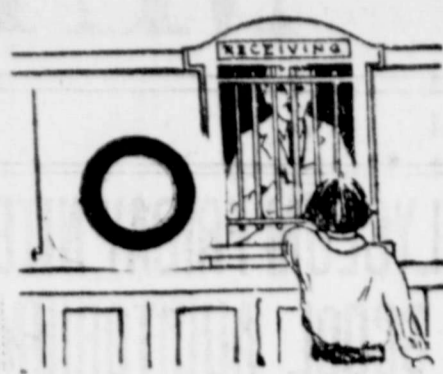
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* The Star-Telegram and Mail
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* The Dallas Semi-Weekly
* Farm News and Mail \$2.30



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Dinner Party

Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Scott entertained with a seven o'clock dinner at their pretty home on Oak street.

The dining table was attractive with a centerpiece of beautiful chrysanthemums, and was tastefully arranged with silver and cut glass. An appetizing two course dinner was served.

The entertainment of the evening consisted of music, listening in over the radio and games.

Enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Scott were Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Albertson and children and Judge and Mrs. E. S. Cummings and daughter, Mary Catherine.

Crate of fresh Hams and 30c Coffee at J. D. Porter's. 1tp

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1923 Roadster	\$250.00
1923 Touring	\$300.00
1921 Touring	\$150.00
1920 Roadster	\$40.00
1920 Touring	\$150.00
1921 Touring	\$150.00
1921 Touring	\$225.00
1922 Touring	\$135.00
1922 Touring	\$195.00
1922 Touring	\$85.00
1923 Touring	\$150.00
1919 Roadster	\$150.00
1921 Touring	\$150.00
1920 Sedan	\$165.00
1920 Touring	\$100.00
1922 Touring	\$125.00
1923 Touring	\$125.00
1924 Touring	\$335.00
1924 Roadster	\$300.00
1920 Touring	\$135.00
1917 Touring	\$75.00

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Birthday Surprise

Last Sunday morning Mrs. S. D. McLeod, of Trent, went to church, and when she returned home she was surprised to find a host of friends assembled there. And as she entered the dining room she was doubly surprised, for she beheld a long table loaded with good things to eat. In the center was a huge birthday cake, topped with sixty-nine candles in her honor. Then all passed to the dining room to see the candle lights extinguished and that promised Mrs. McLeod about fifty years more to live.

After the bounteous dinner was finished the honoree delighted in showing the pretty gifts that were brought for her. She enjoyed that birthday immensely and every one present wished her many more just as pleasant. She was so happy to have all her children present once more. There were all of her grandchildren but two, numbering 29, and two great-grandchildren. We should cherish and love our dear mother while we may, for we know not when the death angel may call. What is so sweet as a dear old mother who has spent her life for us? Now in her old age we should make her happy by kind words and loving deeds.

Those taking part in the surprise were: Mr. S. D. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. McLeod and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McLeod and family of Mineral Wells, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. McLeod and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McLeod and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Rosson and son, Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Walker and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Owens and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Carlton McLeod of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Falkner and family, Grandmother Baker, Misses Ruby Johnson and Mae Hamner.

The afternoon guests were: Mesdames Archer, Gafford and Steadman.

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Mesdames Warren, Grimes and Swann Hostesses

An interesting social event of the past week was the pretty seven o'clock dinner party at the beautiful home of Mrs. Booth Warren, with Mesdames Warren, Dee Grimes and Sam Swann hostesses.

The guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Warren. Mrs. Swann invited them into the bedroom, where wraps were removed. The entertaining suite of rooms were most attractive with autumn flowers carrying out the theme of golden yellow. Never were flowers more beautiful than were these chrysanthemums and roses in pretty containers of cut glass and silver. A warm fire burned brightly in the fire place, adding just the right touch to make the guests feel cozy and comfortable.

Five tables, with handsome linen covers embroidered in beautiful designs, were arranged in the dining room. Miniature turkeys were the center decoration on each table. Places were found by means of pretty golden yellow nut cups, imitating roses, with artificial rose buds in the same coloring, bearing the name of the guest. A four course dinner was served.

Following the dinner hour games of forty-two gave interesting diversion the remainder of the evening.

This evening of much pleasure was participated in by Mesdames Chas. H. Jones, Buri Scott, L. A. Arrington, James West, Robert Grimes, T. L. Grimes, John West, W.S.J. Brown, Earl Lassiter, Twyman Collins, Tom Largent, W. J. Largent, Frank McFarland, S. D. Gamble, J. L. Winter, W. L. Diltz Jr., Robert Hicks, Lytton Howard and Ross Ferrier.

Card of Thanks

That we might express our sincere thanks and appreciation of the many kindnesses and words of sympathy shown us in the death of our husband and father, W. P. Browning, we take this way of telling each one. You may never know the exact appreciation of these kindnesses, but we desire that you know, in a measure, our heart-felt thanks for the deeds. May the Lord bless and keep you. Sincerely, Mrs. W. P. Browning and children.

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SENIOR NOTES

(by Mildred Matthews)

The Merkel "Badgers" met the Haskell foot ball team at Haskell last Friday. After a hard fought game, the "Badgers" lost the game with a score of 20 to 0 in favor of Haskell.

For different reasons we are always glad for Thanksgiving to come, but the main reason is the fact that we get two holidays. "A Thrill that comes once in a Lifetime"

1. When the bell rings just as you are called on to work a physics problem.
2. When you barely escape a History quiz.
3. When you find you aren't on the "Stay in squad."
4. An unexpected trip to the office.

Clesby Patterson: "I bought a tube of shaving cream and on the box is the line "No mug required." What will I shave?"

Miss Bird was trying to show Mary Ellen how to read with expression. "Where—are—you—going," Mary Ellen read with no accent whatever.

"Try that again," said Miss Bird. "Read as if you were talking and notice that mark at the end of the line."

Mary Ellen studied the interrogation mark a moment, then read out triumphantly. "Where are you going little shoebuttoner?"

Doris Pike: "Merkel is certainly a healthy town. When I came here I didn't have strength enough to utter a single word. I had scarcely any hair on my head; I couldn't even walk across the room, and I had to be lifted from my bed. Now look at me."

Miss Weedon: "Wonderful! How long have you been here?" Doris Pike: "I was born here."

Miss Pierce: "What was Wash

ington's Farewell Address. Leron Chaney: "Heaven, I suppose."

While Mr. Jackson was away, Mrs. Jackson has been teaching mathematics. In Geometry class Monday she proved that she was by far the best teacher, since she proved that a piece of paper was a lame dog. She used the following proof.

Given: A sheet of paper.
To prove: A sheet of paper is a lame dog.

Proof: A sheet of paper is an ink-lined plane, an inclined plane is a slope up, a slow pup is a lame dog.

Therefore: A sheet of paper is a lame dog.

Mrs. Burgess: "You want to keep your eyes open around school today?"

Mr. Burgess: "What for?"

Mrs. Burgess: "Because people will think you are crazy if you go around with them shut."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Woodrum Hotel will close its dining room from and after this date, Wednesday, November 26th. Thanking one and all for past patronage, I am, 1t
Mrs. M. R. WOODRUM.

Many of the men of Merkel have been celebrating the hunting season by hunting through the closets for their winter overcoats, which are usually just where they put them last spring.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Beginning Nov. 23, 1924, we will be prepared to figure with you on your plumbing jobs, both your fixtures and the work, or your work where you have already bought your fixtures. Our motto has always been in other lines of work, honest work and fair dealings with every man. We will appreciate your business. Yours for service, 20t4
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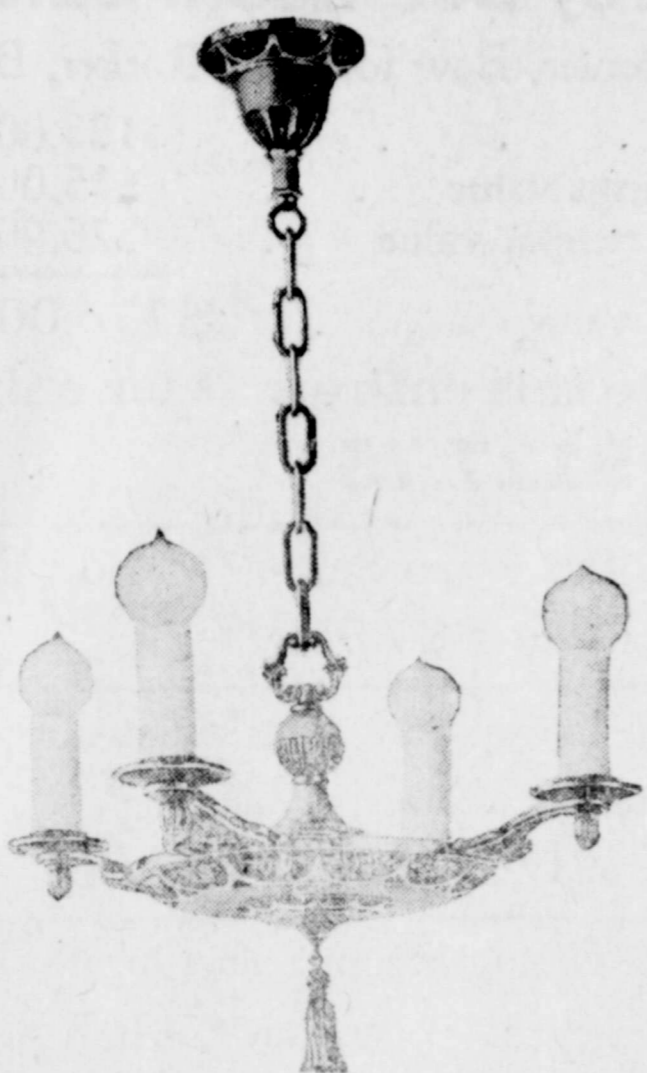
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Forty-two Party

On last Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian of Trent entertained a few friends with a 42 party. The spacious rooms of the cozy home were very attractive with the Thanksgiving motif. Several games of 42 were played, then followed music and various games, which lasted until a late hour.

After matching autumn leaves for partners the guests passed to the dining room where a lovely table was arranged with a center of pumpkin, fruits, nuts, cranberries and scattered leaves. Misses Rita and Lucille Adrian assisted by Mrs. C. L. McLeod, served a mock menu which was followed by a delicious refreshment plate.

Those who enjoyed the evening with Mr. and Mr. Adrian were: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Dowdy, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton McLeod of Merkel, and Misses McLeod, Bernard, Davis, Martin, Ellison, Rita and Lucille Adrian, Messrs. Winter, Alexander and McRee.

The little guests who enjoyed the evening with little Miss Margery Adrian were: Janelle Black and Christene McLeod.

Miss Elsie Sharp visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Haggard of Tye, last week end.

A. T. Sheppard and wife and son, Sterling, visited friends and relatives at Abilene last week end.

Mr. Frank McElroy returned last week from Belton, where he had been to attend the funeral of a niece.

Judge and Mrs. N.D. Cobb and son, Newton, returned from Dallas Friday, where they had been for a visit with relatives.

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Baptist Church

Sunday school 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. All B.Y.P.U.'s at 6:15 p.m.

The Sunday School was well attended last Sunday and a crowded house for the morning preaching service. The musical program at the evening hour was a credit to any community. There was a large and appreciative audience.

A few days ago our treasurer sent in a check to the 75 million campaign for \$2011.28. This makes over thirty-six hundred dollars for this campaign since the first of January this year. The books will be held open until the first of January. If there are any who have not yet paid in you still have the privilege.

The pastor has heard a good many rumbings this week in the way of new interest in the B.Y.P.U. work. If you will put your ear to the ground you may hear something. W. H. Albertson, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Brasher and two children of Lubbock visited Mrs. Brasher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Acuff, a few days last week.

Mr. L. J. Bogart of Austin, Texas, spent the past week-end with friends here.

Miss Annie Mae Swann and Miss Alice Bennett of Abilene were here Sunday visiting.

Mr. Melford Jones of Dallas, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones, has returned home to spend some time.

Miss Alice Bigham of Trent, was here Saturday visiting with friends.

Will pay 35 cents per pound for Butter Fat until further notice. C. E. Conner. It

Mrs. M. Armstrong returned Tuesday from Abilene where she visited her daughter, Mrs. John Cox, for several days.

The Merkel Mail

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kel, Texas as second class mail.

You say you have nothing for
which to be thankful? Well,
who's to blame? Nine times out
of ten we ourselves are to blame
for our misfortunes.

Are you thankful for the priv-
ilege of living in this the great-
est nation on earth? And are
you putting anything into it that
will help maintain it the great
country it has been during your
sojourn here, or better help to
make it a better country.

We boast of our freedom in
this country, and yet there are
people, even in Merkel, who are
not willing that their neighbors
vote as they please without actu-
ally hating them for it. That
spirit was shown during past
few months all over this state.

Tonight, Thursday, there will
be held in this city Thanksgiv-
ing services, and you are invit-
ed. Will you be there to join your
neighbors and friends in extend-
ing Thanks for the past year's
blessings.

Let's all patronize our own
home merchants. They are entit-
led to our business. In the first
place they are offering their
goods, when you count quality,
just as cheap as they can be
bought anywhere. And then they
are doing all they can to help
make this a better town and
community in which to live.
They go down in their pockets
and help build churches and
good roads, and contribute in
many ways to worthy causes.
Now that we have money let's
stay with them.

THE COMING SESSION OF OUR CONGRESS

It is an awkward arrange-
ment that the congressmen who
are to meet December 1 are not
the ones who were elected four
weeks previously, but a different
set who were chosen more than
two years ago. Such an unbusi-
nesslike plan will be modified
before long. But the congress-
men who gather now should feel
just as keen a sense of obliga-
tion as if they had been com-
missioned last November 4 to do
this work.

Commonly the short session is
mostly given to work on appro-
priation bills, and the big prob-
lems of legislation can hardly be
touched. It is another awkward
arrangement, that in a short
time after Congress assembles,
it is usually customary to dis-
perse and interrupt the progress
of work by an extended holiday
recess.

While the great majority of
congressmen are trying to give
good service, there are certain
faults in our legislative assem-
bly that have been tolerated
many years. Each session ought
to see a little gain made toward
getting rid of these ancient de-
fects.

The senators and representa-
tives should not look at them-
selves so much as politicians
aiming to secure certain politi-
cal results, as a group of busi-
ness men appointed to handle
the vast concern operated by the
government. Not so many politi-
cal speeches, not so much at-
tempt to make party capital and
play the game of party strategy,
and more effort to see the
problems of the government
from a business point of view, is
one thing that the public de-
mands.

The majority of people look at
the pulling and hauling of poli-
tics and the squabbles of politi-
cians with marked dislike. They
ask the representatives to rise
above petty partisanship, and
look at their problems in a big
and patriotic light. The public
point of view will win the most

men who are able to take that
popular favor.

Women's place may be in the
home, but she frequently thinks
it is at the afternoon tea.

While it is cool weather, many
people think how much they
would enjoy cultivating a gar-
den next spring.

Classified ads in The Merkel
Mail have found all kinds of lost
articles except when people lose
their tempers.

Those sleepy citizens who failed
to wake up and vote Novem-
ber 4, all wake up in time to eat
their Thanksgiving dinner.

The men have been willing to
work pretty regularly since they
had these good looking stenog-
raphers.

Suspenders are an excellent
present to give men, particularly
as according to present custom
they can be worn out of sight.

The rising generation is said
to be on its toes which is all
right if it does not also get on
other people's toes.

The people who couldn't pay
their bills last summer owing to
vacation expenses, can't pay
them now owing to their fuel
bills.

Some people seem to get more
satisfaction out of passing a bad
check, than they would in doing
a good day's work and passing
up an honest bill for it.

Some folks are greatly enjoy-
ing the hunting season by re-
maining at home where no other
sportsman will think they are a
deer.

If some people could have a
few less Red ideas in their
heads, they would have a few
more of the long green in their
pocketbooks.

Special Barrows Special

NOTE OUR SPECIALS FOR THIS WEEK

French Grey Bed Room Suit

Vanity Dresser, Chiffonier, Bow foot Bed, Rocker, Bench,
Value \$135.00
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You may have this entire suit for only
\$127.75

No. 2 Five piece Bed Room Suit in Walnut Finish
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ness success. It's a Paramount Cosmopolitan Product.
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Ashby.
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- Peom, by Charlie Largent.
- Under religion, by Fannie
Belle Boaz.
- Final love, by Eunice Bird.
- Self control in Pam, by Edna
Wilson.

Mrs. L. B. Scott and son, Bur-
neal, are in Abilene this week
visiting relatives.

Little Helen Heeter, daughter
of Mrs. E. M. Heeter, has been
quite sick for the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Latham re-
turned Saturday from a trip to
Dallas.

The spectacle makers should
do a big business selling glasses,
to all these motorists who can't
read the traffic signs.

Also the same inquiry is made
about "folk dances". Well you
can see considerable folk danc-
ing when they step on a hornet's
nest out in the country.

If the students are asked what
have been the great historical
events of 1924, they will prob-
ably give several of the football
scores.

Better Think About Those Gifts

The real reason why such a
disagreeable rush occurs at the
post and express offices and
stores at the holiday period, is
that so many people put off se-
lecting their gifts until the last
moment. Some of course have
no ready cash on hand and are
forced to wait until the last
minute before spending it.

But there are many more who
have money ahead and could
just as well make their gift pur-
chases in November or early in
December. But as a result of a
certain mental inertia, they fail
to decide what they want. It
will take until about 10 days be-
fore Christmas before many of
them will wake up and decide
what would be suitable presents
for their families and friends.

If people want to make suit-
able gifts they should put a lit-
tle more heart into them, and
keep them in mind for a longer
time. If they would right now
think what they want to give,
they could decide within a few
days and get the matter finish-
ed up where they would not
have to worry about it.

FARM FOR SALE

My 304 acre farm, 275 in cul-
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as. 14t3p

A friend inquires what "folk
songs" are. Well, you can hear
them every morning when the
folks sing after the men, "don't
forget the yeast cake".

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WINTER EXERCISE

The physical culture experts
tell us we must keep up phys-
ical exercise through the winter
as well as summer. To which
many men reply that their dai-
ly work gives them all the ex-
ercise they need.

Also the majority of the Wo-
men folks say that their house-
work gives them all the phys-
ical development they can stand,
and they too want to occupy a
stuffed chair at home or else-
where.

A lot of these folks get into a
sluggish habit through the win-
ter. Their supposed weariness
may come more from bad air
than from any fatigue essential
to their work. Some of them
would be helped if they would
pull themselves out of their sear
chairs and do some active stunt
like bowling. And it would do
a lot of them good just to walk a
couple of miles or more before
or after the evening meal. The
human constitution needs the
application of a little leg power
to make its wheels turn around.

Mrs. B. F. Longacre and son, Elvin, of Potosi, visited in the J. P. Sharp home last week end.

Bring your Farm Bureau Cotton to the Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

FOR SALE—Ford Coupe at a Bargain. New paint, new Tires, in A-1 condition. Apply to JACK DURHAM, at Merkel Mail.

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BANKRUPT SALE

Under order of D. M. Oldham, Jr., Referee in Bankruptcy of the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Texas, at Abilene, I will sell the assets belonging to H. A. Sanders at Merkel, in Taylor county, on the first day of December, 1924, at 2 o'clock p. m. at public or private sale to the highest bidder for cash. Said sale will be held at bankrupt's former place of business in Merkel, Texas. Said assets consist of a stock of drugs of the invoice value of about \$10,000.00; fixtures of the invoice value of about \$4,000.00; and accounts of the face value of about \$1,000.00
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A Thanksgiving story, Mrs. Rea.
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Mrs. John Cox of Abilene was here Monday visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong

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HIGH TOP'S WITCH

By JANE GORDON

"DEED it is a witch, Mr. King, sir; I done see with my own eyes. Last night when we's in the cabin playing cards something brushed past the window. Sam, he says, 'I bet that's High Top's witch.' Which? I asks, and Sam tells us. She roams the mountains, and its bad luck for the man that sees or tries to catch her. Joe, he once give chase, when the witch come prowlin' around the meashouse, and she throws a laugh at him and gets quick behind a tree, and when Joe looked all about she wasn't there; an' next day Joe lost his job, diggin' on High Top."
Glen King laughed, but the golden-haired child on his knee warned:
"It is true what Jim says. I saw the witch one evening just as I was going off to sleep. Sister Monna had tucked me into bed and kissed me good-night. She threw a rose from the edge right through my window and into my bed—and first she kissed the rose—so I wasn't afraid at all. Maybe its only bad men that she punishes, Mr. King; Joe was a bad nigger, Mary Murphy says. He gambled money and took all poor Tim Murphy's."
"Information bureau," Glen King remarked, and pinched the little girl's cheek.
"So you have seen the witch, and are not afraid of her, Angel—and Monna says that red roses mean love?" Glen King was quite unruffled in the ways of John Kirkwood's daughter. And the chief engineer was.
Glen was torn with jealousy at times by the sight of Monna, walking the sweet mountain trails at the side of Bob Whitely. Bob, a New Yorker like himself, had come with the engineering commission, as secretary to Mr. Kirkwood, and Glen could not get over his dislike and suspicion regarding the ingratiating stranger. Monna appeared not to share this dislike. Lighning now, he put the child down from his knee and left the cabin; Angel walked at his side.
"And if you don't believe in the witch, Mr. King," she continued her favorite topic, "you just watch for her some evening on High Top."
Glen sat long in the moonlight at his cabin door that night; Jim, as usual was absent. As he sat across the moonlit path fled a shadow. He got to his feet, interested—the witch, beyond a doubt. He saw a dark enveloping cape, a peaked hood rolled low.
The witch eluded him; but moonlight showed a touch of scarlet lining, where the person's arm had tightened for a moment the cape about her—or him.
Next day Glen King astonishingly received notice that his services on the great engineering commission were dispensed with. When he sought out his chief John Kirkwood received him coldly.
"This grieves me more than it can possibly grieve you," he said. "If I had not doubted authority, I would not find it possible to believe you guilty of the very fault you have apparently been eager to help me to subdue. You were an active gambler at last night's disgraceful meeting on High Top."
Stunned, indignant, Glen King spoke but one word. "Mistaken," he said brusquely, and went to pack his things.
Black Jim brought him coffee. "Dat rascal call himself Bob Whitely, tell Mr. Kirkwood lies 'bout you, Mr. King," Jim said. "Pretendin' to look up the gamblers when he's one of 'em. Dressed up like you last night. Went to the whites' cabin. Got out so no one could catch him, an' den made the detective believe it was yo'self. I know it. An' it's Miss Monna Kirkwood that rascal wants, an' maybe'll get her, on account of his smooth ways."
"But to think," Glen murmured brokenly, "that after all our association Mr. Kirkwood would disbelieve in me—"
"Dat Bob," Jim confirmed, "is mighty smooth, Mr. King." Glen bowed his head in his head—toward him a slender figure came. The negro flew. "The witch!" the disheartened man heard him cry. Glen raised his head. Monna stood before him. A dark cape wrapped about her, its lining showed scarlet. She held out to him a wide black ribbon. "The peaked hood," she said and smiled.
"I have been High Top witch, Glen." She came to sit beside him. "After Angel was put to bed for the night I roamed the Top; really it was fun, but I had an object. Bob Whitely had whispered things about you—had insinuated to father. I had to know. So, I peeked in the cabin windows where games were played. How did I know where to go? I followed Mary Murphy's Tim one night, secretly. She had bewailed the fact of his nightly visits. And last night, Glen, I saw through a cabin door, left open but for a moment to admit a man—that man dressed as you might be dressed—but it was not you. I have told my father who the man was. And here I saw you, solitary, on your own doorstep—until you went in to bar for the night your cabin door. I have told my father that, too. Tomorrow it will be Bob Whitely who will leave the High Top commission—and not you, my Glen, dear!"
His longing arm was around the slender figure in the dark cape.
"It was love for you, Glen," said Monna.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Rhode Island red cockrels on J. H. Bayless farm, Merkel Route 3, four miles southwest. Two and three dollars each. W. S. Barnes. 21t2p.

FARM For Sale. 79 acres, 12 miles east of Anson, Jones Co., 1/4 mile of school, good improvements, 65 acres in cultivation, price \$1,500.00 cash. See owner 2 miles east of Noodle. W. C. Mattingley, Rt 2, Merkel. 20t3p

LOST—One dark bay or brown mare, 7 years old, heavy made, weight 1100 lbs. Also one bay mare 7 years old, weight about 1200 lbs. with halter on. Each mare has white spot in forehead. Finder notify O. O. MURRAY, Loraine, Texas, and get \$10.00 reward. 20t2p

FOR SALE—147 acre farm, 120 in cultivation, reasonable improvements, 5 miles of Merkel, at \$40.00 per acre. Small cash payment and long time. Also 87 1/2 acres 7 miles of Merkel, all good land at \$40, and several other farms. See J.C. Mason. 2t2p

FOR SALE—If interested in buying a well improved farm, come see my 160 acre home located on Wichita Valley Highway six miles south of Anson. J. N. LIPHAM. 20t2p

FOR SALE or TRADE—218 acre farm in Fisher county, 2 sets of improvements. Lot of good water, 107 acres in cultivation, 10 miles north of Roscoe, Texas. Write owner, Merkel, Texas, W. E. Kimbell. 1tp

FOR SALE, TRADE or LEASE—Farm near Seagraves, also will buy improved or unimproved lots in Merkel. Also prepared to do carpenter repair work. Your work appreciated. See Dan Reidenbach at Merkel. 28t3pd

FOR SALE—Four new Goodrich "55" Ford equipment tires with inner tubes. Will sell these tires at a bargain. See us if you need a tire. West Company. tf

FOR SALE—A fresh Jersey milk cow. See or phone Lee Baker. 1tpd

FOR SALE—Writing paper and envelopes to match. Name or monogram printed FREE. Call at Mail office to see samples. Blanche Durham. tf

FOR SALE—Fords, any make or model, cheap. Cash or terms. See W. E. Lowe. tf.

FOR SALE or TRADE—A good house and lot in Merkel, well located. Will sell or trade and give reasonable terms. See Bill Haynes at the OASIS Filling Station. tf

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For Nov. 30. Missionary meeting. Mrs. Warren Smith leader.

1. Introductory and first part, by leader.
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nis. (b) Lucille Guitar.
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The old West, the West of '49 with its boom days, fight days, days of romance, have been brought to life again by Edwin Carewe, the director of "Mighty Lak a Rose," in his new production, "The Girl of the Golden West," a First National picture. It is from the famous play by David Belasco which proved a sensation throughout the country. So popular did it prove that when novelized the sale of the book mounted into many hundreds of thousands. Puccini, the eminent composer, wrote music for the vehicle and presented it on the operatic stage, with Caruso in the leading role, as the first American opera.
It is a story of love and hardships, danger and sacrifice, and contains some of the most unusual situations ever conceived in a dramatist's mind. As a matter of fact, the play has been used for many years as a standard of plot construction.
So be sure to see "The Girl of the Golden West" with all her unforgettable drama and thrill, Cozy Theatre Thursday and Friday. In the cast are J. Warren Kerrigan, Sylvia Breamer, Rosemary Theby, Russell Simpson and other noted screen players.

Missionary Society Notes
We had another splendid lesson from our study book on last Monday afternoon with Mrs. Rogers as teacher. On next Monday afternoon we will have our regular business meeting and a short program from the Voice. There will be no lesson from the Study book at this time, but the following Monday we will have the lesson and Mrs. Thompson will have charge. We are very anxious that all our members be present next Monday afternoon as this is the last business meeting of the year and there is quite a bit yet unpaid on our dues and pledge. There is also other important business to be transacted. We will fill a box for the Virginia K. Johnson home on this afternoon also. Please bring what you have for this box to this meeting. We must also prepare for the all-day meeting on the 17th of December. We have need for every member of the Missionary Society at this meeting. Will you not come and fill your place and share your part of the responsibilities of the Missionary Society. The meeting will be at 2:30.

UNRULY GIRLS OUT-NUMBER BOYS HERE
Fort Worth flappers, like star football teams, staged an upset during October, says the report of C. E. Baker, probation officer, to County Judge Moore.
The upset, the first in His Baker said was in incorrigible. Ordinarily boys are in the majority among cases where parents report they can not control their offspring. Baker explained Saturday. But in October there were nine incorrigible girls handled by the probation office to two boys.
Sixty-three boys and 24 girls were handled by the county probation office on all charges during October. Due to Halloween, the greatest number of transgressions came in the class of property damage by boys, a total of 22 cases. Theft was next with 15 cases against boys.
After incorrigibility, the next most serious problems among girls were immoral association, with four cases, and delinquency, with five cases. Baker asserted that in these cases grown always were the "other offender," but always were shielded by the girl. No boy was charged with either offense.
Most of the juvenile offenders were put on probation.—
Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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