

WEEK'S LEASES EXCEED \$40,000 FIGURE

BADGERS TO BE LIONS GUESTS TUESDAY NOON

Coach Davis and Squad of Players Invited to Lion's Next Luncheon; Special Program Being Arranged.

The Badger squad and Coach Davis will be guests of honor of the Lions at the club's luncheon next Tuesday and a special program is being arranged by C. E. Ogle, who is to be toastmaster on the occasion.

The suggestion was made by Rufe Tittle, who during a round table discussion at the regular meeting last Tuesday referred to the splendid work the boys were doing as evidenced by the victory at Stamford and proposed for the Lions club to do them honor in this way. Mr. Tittle was one of the business men of Merkel who furnished cars to carry the boys to the Stamford game and after his speech in which he incorporated the motion to extend the invitation to the football squad the entire club backed it up unanimously.

J. S. Bourn, who was the scheduled toastmaster for the last meeting, wired to President Warren that he was unable to return in time for the luncheon. In his absence, the meeting took on an informal turn after the singing of "America," led by E. Yates Brown and the invocation by Rev. R. A. Walker.

Joe Williamson of Abilene, well known among the local Lions, and Tut Tabor, who is connected with Humble Pipe Line company, were introduced as guests and each of them responded to express their appreciation of the privilege of being present.

Charlie Jones brought to the attention of the club the idea of a Trades Day, some other incentive for bringing people to Merkel on some fixed day of the month or week, like Trades Day, and a committee was appointed with Mr. Jones, as chairman, to work out the plan. Other members of the committee were named as follows: W. O. Boney, Stan Johnson, L. B. Scott and R. O. Anderson.

Mrs. Frank McFarland, who is hostess for the weekly luncheons of the club, expressed her thanks to the body for their assistance in helping her win the Pontiac coach in the recent contest sponsored by the Abilene Times.

L. B. Scott, as the special committee of one, who had made arrangement for the piano now being used in the club banquet hall, reported the details of the contract which he had made tentatively and the club endorsed the terms of the trade, just as arranged by Mr. Scott.

Carload of Goats Shipped.

No cattle shipments were made from Merkel during the past week, but on Wednesday a car of goats was shipped by Dudley and Mungar.

Appointed Traffic Cop.

S. M. Cox, formerly deputy constable and temporarily city marshal for several weeks the early part of the year here, has been appointed by the city commission of Coleman as motorcycle traffic officer of that city.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of the Merkel Mail, October 15, 1909.)

SUTPHEN-PROVINE.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Provine, on Travis street, Mr. Vernon Sutphen and Miss Minnie Provine were united in the holy bonds of matrimony Wednesday night.

Miss Jewell Coggin has returned from her extended visit to El Paso, Midland and other western towns.

Mrs. Will Scott of Abilene, who has been the guest of Miss Maimie Rister, returned to her home Wednesday.

Homer Magness, who is now employed with Swift and Company, Abilene, was shaking hands with friends here this week.

Olly Sharp and Lige Gamble left Wednesday night for Paducah where

Badgers—Indians 4 p. m. Today on Local Gridiron

This (Friday) afternoon at 4 o'clock the Badgers and Haskell Indians will play on the home field and it is expected that a large number of sport fans will be present in addition to almost unanimous attendance from the schools.

The Pep Squad will be there in full force and they have announced in advance that they will parade through the streets of the city in advance of the game so that everyone will be reminded of the event, the time, the place and the importance of being there.

WIN VICTORY AT STAMFORD

Petree Gallops 82 Yards for Touchdown and Only Score; Badgers Game, 6-0.

In their second conference game of the season, the Badgers last Friday defeated the Stamford Bulldogs at Stamford by the score of 6 to 0. It was in the latter part of the fourth quarter after the two teams had battled long and hard without success in the scoring line on the part of either that Petree intercepted a pass and galloped 82 yards for the only touchdown of the game.

The Badgers started the contest with lots of fight, even though they were meeting their opponents on hostile field, and they were still fighting hard when the game ended. The number of first downs was just about even between the two contenders. For the Badgers Boaz, Tittle and Guitar made consistent gains through the Bulldogs' line and around end. Merkel tried two passes, completing one and one being intercepted.

The first and third quarters were kicking duels without any exceptionally exciting moments, but in the second quarter Stamford returned a punt to Merkel's 28-yard line and through a series of line plays advanced the ball to Merkel's 4-yard line. There the Badgers held them for three downs, when the half ended. Stamford tried for a field goal in the third quarter, which they missed.

With about seven minutes to play in the last quarter both teams resorted to passing. Stamford intercepted one of Merkel's passes on the 40-yard line and tried one down, but made nothing. When they attempted a pass was the opportunity for Petree to break up the game, which he did by intercepting the ball and negotiating the 82-yard distance between him and the enemy's goal. Merkel resorted to defensive play after registering their touchdown, but Stamford did not threaten during the remainder of the game.

Merkel's starting line was: Tittle, left end; Mashburn, left tackle; Collins, left guard; Case, center; Darden, right guard; Chancey, right tackle; Ashby, right end; Darsey, quarter; J. E. Boaz, left half; Petree, right half; Guitar, (captain) full. Officials of the game were: Little, referee; Daniels, umpire, and Bounds, head linesman.

the former is in business and the latter is employed by the Craven Drug Co.

School children! Don't forget the Elite has a swell line of tablets.

Eli Case of Stith was in our little city Monday boarding the train for Abilene.

R. A. Ensminger of Dora was in our city one day this week.

B. C. Gaither was an Abilene visitor Saturday.

Dr. Warnick made a trip to Escota this week.

J. A. Woodard's Livery, Feed and Sale Stable solicits the patronage of the public during the New Year in one of the display advertisements.

MERKEL HEADS CONFERENCE STANDING EASTERN SECTION OF DISTRICT WITH TWO WINS

Due to the victory of Merkel over Stamford last Friday, 6 to 0, and the forfeiture by Roby to Merkel of the game which the Badgers lost at the West Texas Fair at Abilene, Merkel heads the standing of the teams of section A, district 9, class B of the Interscholastic league, with two games won, (one actual and one forfeit,) and none lost.

At the meeting of the executive committee of this district, which was held at Roby Oct. 10 and which was attended by the following members, who are the superintendents in their respective cities, Johnson of Stamford, Connell of Anson, Wedgeworth of Snyder, Peek of Colorado and Burgess of Merkel,

Roby and Haskell forfeited voluntarily the conference games each had previously played when they discovered they had misinterpreted one of the eligibility rules. The executive committee accepted the forfeitures and assessed as a penalty the loss of one game to Haskell and two games to Roby.

Before today's games, the standing of the teams in our section is as follows:

	W	L	Pct
Merkel	2	0	1.000
Roby	1	2	.333
Haskell	0	1	.000
Stamford	0	1	.000
Hamlin	0	1	.000
Anson	0	0	.000

WOMAN HURT AS CAR HITS POLE

Mrs. C. L. Mosher of Los Angeles, Calif., who was seriously injured when thrown from an automobile when the car struck a telephone pole on Highway No. 1 three miles east of Merkel about 11:15 Monday morning and who was brought to the Merkel Sanitarium for attention, had sufficiently recovered by Wednesday evening as to be carried in an ambulance to the railroad station and placed aboard the Sunshine Special of the Texas and Pacific Railway, which stopped here by special arrangement. She was accompanied on the rail trip to Los Angeles by her sister, Mrs. James Brazell of Oklahoma City, who was also riding in the car at the time of the accident.

Mrs. Mosher had been on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Brazell, in Oklahoma City and was returning to her home with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. James Brazell, in a Cadillac sedan driven by Mr. Brazell, about three miles east of Merkel, Mr. Brazell states that when he signalled to pass a car occupied by Mexicans in front of him they seemed to come to a sudden stop and in order to avoid striking their car he turned his car to the left across the road and in the soft dirt the car swerved and hit a telephone post.

Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Brazell were injured but Mrs. Mosher suffered lacerations of the forehead and the back of the head, several broken ribs and a broken collar bone. It was feared at first that her skull was fractured, but no fracture was revealed.

Mr. Brazell left Thursday in the car for Los Angeles.

Leaves Home Where Had Lived 52 Years

W. F. Derrick is convalescing at the home of his son, Claude Derrick. Mr. Derrick was dangerously ill at the Dr. Joe Becton Sanitarium in Greenville for several weeks before being removed for a short time to his home near Farmersville and he was then brought to Merkel by his sons, where he is slowly improving.

Mr. Derrick regretted very much having to leave his hosts of kind friends and neighbors back home where he had lived for more than sixty years, fifty-two years in the same home site. He says he had the best and kindest neighbors in the world, who never tired of visiting him, bringing flowers and all sorts of good things to eat.

Largest Bull Again Wins Highest Honors

Publican Domino, a two-year old Hereford bull weighing 2,350 pounds and valued at \$15,000, belonging to C. M. Largent and sons of Merkel, was adjudged grand champion bull in the awarding of prizes for Hereford cattle at the State Fair of Texas.

Enters Railway Postal Service.

Homer H. Tye, who has been in service at the local post-office for a little more than a year, has resigned from his position to accept a situation in the postal mail service at Fort Worth. He removed with his family to Fort Worth last week.

NEFF SWORN IN AS BOARD CHIEF

Austin, Texas, Oct. 17.—Pat M. Neff of Waco has returned to the State Capitol, which he left nearly five years ago after serving two terms as governor.

The former governor was sworn in as state railroad commissioner late Wednesday. C. M. Cureton, chief justice of the supreme court, whom Neff appointed to the supreme bench when he was governor, administered the oath of office.

Neff took the oath in the governor's public reception room. The room was filled for the short ceremony and a line was formed outside the door.

The Waco man was appointed Monday to succeed the late Clarence E. Gilmore, former chairman of the railroad commission, who died last week.

Neff took his first oath of office 30 years ago as a member of the state house of representatives. In 1900 he was elected speaker of the house. He was a Coolidge appointee to the United States Board of Mediation.

Funeral Here For Former Resident

The body of Sam B. Sheppard, 51, who died at Fort Worth early Saturday night, was brought to Merkel Sunday night for burial and funeral services were held at Rose Hill cemetery at 10 o'clock Monday morning, with the Masons in charge. J. H. Cavendish, worshipful master of Tarrant Lodge No. 942, Fort Worth, conducted the rites, assisted by M. C. Graham as senior warden, Dr. R. I. Grimes, as junior warden, and Rev. Ira L. Par-rack as chaplain.

Mr. Sheppard was reared in Merkel but has resided in Fort Worth for the past 25 years. He had been in ill health for sometime.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. William Heldmar of Tulsa, Okla., both of whom accompanied the body here for burial, and two brothers and two sisters, W. A. Sheppard of Merkel, George Sheppard of Houston and Mrs. Mollie Allen and Mrs. Lola Allen, both of Bremond.

Those from out-of-town, who came here for the funeral, were Mr. and Mrs. Lon Ozee, Mr. and Mrs. Olan Ozee, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ozee and Mrs. Vernon Croxdale, all of Fort Worth, and J. H. Cavenish, also of Fort Worth, who came to conduct the Masonic funeral.

Program at Abilene Marks Yom Kippur

The observance of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, was marked by all-day fasting and a program of worship held at the Knights of Pythias hall in Abilene Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger and three sons from Merkel joined with others of the Jewish faith from neighboring cities in the observance, the Mellinger store here being closed all day.

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is regarded by all Jews as the Sabbath of Sabbaths and brings to an end ten days of penitence, which began with Rosh Hashonah, or New Year's Day. Prayers and meditations, repentance and contrition are made the dominant features of the day.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Just 17 days before her 100th birthday, Mrs. E. J. Blackwell died at the home of a grandson in the Rock Crossing community near Vernon.

Willis O. Foote, 73, pioneer in the Grand Circuit races, who owned and drove such horses as Governor Strong and Governor Francis, died at his home in Dallas Monday.

Nueces is the only Texas county to pass the 100,000 mark in cotton ginned this season, with 117,850 bales up to Oct. 1. San Patricio county is next with 75,224 and McLennan third with 65,494.

Three Weatherford youths were killed and three others seriously injured when the truck in which they were riding was struck by a freight train in Weatherford Monday afternoon.

John Jacob Atz, for almost 14 years pilot of the Fort Worth Panthers, will manage the Dallas Texas league club in 1930, according to announcement by Fred McJunkin, president of the Steers.

The body of Clarence E. Gilmore, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, who died suddenly of heart disease in his room at a San Antonio hotel, was buried at Wills Point, his old home.

Attends Funeral Daughter-in-law

Mrs. J. L. Tucker left Monday night for Altus, Okla., to attend the funeral of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. W. Tucker, age 30, who died there Sunday night. Mr. J. L. Tucker had been there for the past month. The deceased was married to J. W. Tucker in Fort Worth about seven years ago and, besides her husband, is survived by a three year old son and her mother, Mrs. Cleveland, who has made her home with her daughter and son-in-law at Altus.

Her husband was reared in Merkel and graduated from Merkel High school in 1918, afterward removing to Fort Worth where he became an electrician. The husband and family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereavement.

Five Local Lions Go to Sweetwater

For charter night of the Sweetwater Lions Club, five members of the local Lions organization, Dee Grimes, Rufe Tittle, Sam Swann, S. P. Nesmith and C. E. Ogle, were guests of the Sweetwater club at their banquet Tuesday night on the roof of the Bluebonnet hotel. They report a most interesting program and an enjoyable feast.

Record of Births.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Greene of Taylor, Texas, at the home of Mrs. Greene's parents here, Mr. and Mrs. George Holloway, an 8-pound girl, named Georgeanna, Oct. 12, 1929.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Byrd, a baby girl, Oct. 10, 1929.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Horton, residing north of Stith, a baby boy, Oct. 12, 1929.

Cotton Receipts.

Cotton receipts at Merkel passed the 4,000 bale mark during the past week, the total up to noon Thursday being 4,202 bales, according to the records of T. A. Bearden, public weigher. Of this number, 1,504 bales are still on hand in the yard here, while 2,698 bales have been shipped out.

Men's Prayer Meeting.

The men's prayer meeting at the Methodist church last Sunday was led by S. G. Russell and proved an interesting and uplifting meeting. Next Sunday's meeting will be at the Baptist church at 3 o'clock with W. D. Haynes as leader. The 17th chapter of John will be the lesson for the hour and men of all churches are urged to be present and to bring some one with them.

Rainfall Nearly Three Inches.

Beginning about the middle of the afternoon Saturday and continuing until shortly after noon Sunday, Merkel and this section was visited with plentiful rains, most of which fell slowly and was a genuine ground-soaker. The total rainfall was 2.75 inches, according to B. M. Black, volunteer weather observer.

MANY ACREAGE DEALS FEATURE WEEK IN OIL

S. D. McIlroy, Independent Operator From Amarillo, Principal Buyer; Prices Range from \$10 to \$25, at the Top.

While Dunigan Bros. Hunter No. 1, six miles southeast of Merkel, which showed to be good for 300 barrels of high gravity oil daily at the completion of the test on Thursday of last week, is shut down pending completion of additional storage facilities and pipe line connections, there has been considerable activity in leases in the territory surrounding the Hunter test and it is conservatively estimated that more than \$40,000 has changed hands in lease deals during the past few days.

The leases have ranged in price from \$10 per acre to as high as \$25 per acre, the latter figure being the top, so far as it is known here.

All of the leases are said to be commercial leases with the exception of one block of 479 acres by the Gibson-Johnson Oil company of Abilene, which includes a contract for drilling operations to start within 90 days. This block of acreage was secured from Mrs. Ruthie Bigham, W. H. Bigham, W. E. Baze and J. P. Fugua and is approximately one and one-half miles south of the Hunter test.

S. D. McIlroy, an independent operator of Amarillo, is the principal buyer, the leases being taken in the name of the Cockrell-McIlroy Oil company of Amarillo, of which Mr. McIlroy is president. He is also president of the Dixie Creek Oil company of Amarillo and vice-president of the McIlroy Oil company, also of Amarillo.

WELL ON HUNTER FARM.

As it well known, the Hunter test is located on land owned by A. W. Hunter, farmer, living in Mulberry canyon, four miles south of Merkel, who bought the tract of 2,351 acres about a year ago.

An original block of 4,487.73 acres was leased by the Shell Petroleum corporation and Dunigan Bros. received the lease on 2,203.5 acres for drilling the test, Shell retaining 2,284.23 acres. All of the land close in is already under lease, but, as stated above, much acreage has changed hands outside of the drilling block.

Snowden and McSweeney hold four 80-acre tracts and the Mid-West Exploration company holds 100 acres about one mile south.

PICTURE IN DALLAS NEWS.

Featuring a three column picture of the Hunter No. 1 well, with the storage tanks on the ground, the Dallas News in its issue of last Sunday gave considerable prominence to the discovery well southeast of Merkel wherein it was justly featured as Merkel's produce.

Glorious Services Witnessed at Meeting

Old time revival fires are burning in Merkel. The place is at the Church of the Nazarene, just across the street from the High school. The past week has witnessed some glorious services, according to the report of the pastor, Rev. Leona Forbes. The special evangelist, Rev. Ralph C. Gray of Fort Worth, has been doing some good preaching which has resulted in several seeking the Lord and many hands for prayer.

Prof. John Knight and wife of Mineral Wells are blessing the congregations from night to night with their beautiful special songs. Prof. Knight is directing a large choir each evening and the congregational singing is indeed a splendid feature in the services.

The revival will continue over Sunday, October 20, with services each day at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. On Friday preceding the evening service will be conducted the regular church meeting at which time the call of the pastor will be taken up for another year and also the election of the church officers. The church reports a very fine year just closing, with all bills paid and district and general budgets in full. Rev. H. C. Cagle, the district superintendent, will have charge of the business session Friday evening.

Condensed Statement of Condition

The Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas, Close Business Oct. 4, 1929

RESOURCES

Loans	\$301,584.41
Overdrafts	1,355.05
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fix.	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	13,147.50
Int. Gty. Fund	4,105.88
Due from City	12,322.46
U. S. Bonds Cash and Exchange	160,910.26
	<u>\$525,925.56</u>

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	6,066.13
Bills Payable	45,000.00
Deposits	424,859.43

\$525,925.56

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Trent News and Personal Notes

Harold Schaefer of Wichita Falls is spending the week-end with Mrs. G. M. McElmurry and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Watkins, accompanied by Mrs. Duke, a sister of Mrs. Watkins, all of Lubbock, passed through our city last Wednesday en route to Sipe Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins are former residents of Trent.

Emma Jean McRee of Abilene visited homefolks last Wednesday afternoon.

C. E. Morgan attended the funeral of his uncle in Fort Worth Thursday.

A number of our people attended the Sweetwater Baptist association, which was held at View last week. Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Chambliss, Mr. and Mrs. Terry, Estelle Terry, Mattie Scott and C. T. Beckham.

Mr. and Mrs. John Payne have removed to Lamesa and we regret to give them up.

Miss Imogene Mangum, who is attending McMurry college at Abilene, spent the week-end with homefolks.

Isom Burks, who has been away for quite awhile, returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Abbott are moving to Knox City where they will reside for a time. The people of Trent regret to see them leave.

A. C. Terry and family accompanied by Mrs. Billings, motored to Sweetwater last Friday night to visit with H. B. Terry and family.

Mrs. John West and daughter of Merkel visited Mrs. West's parents last Saturday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson.

E. Howell and Mrs. Billings attended the funeral of their uncle, George Howell, which was held at Lamesa last Thursday. They were in company with Mr. and Mrs. John Howell and son of Abilene.

Miss Maggie Payne, who is teaching school at Oplin, spent Sunday with homefolks.

Grandpappy Terry, who has been visiting with his son, Wesley Terry, of Meridian, returned home last week.

Mrs. L. E. Adrian had as her guest over Sunday her brother, Frank Copeland, his three daughters and son and Ellis Jones, all of Littlefield. They were accompanied by Rita Adrian, who has been with them for a week's visit. They were en route to Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fanceer and family of McCauley visited last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Chapman.

Walter Smith and family of Lamesa visited this week with Mr. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tid Smith.

Miss Taylor and Miss Bowers, who are teaching at Eskota, made our city a visit Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Stagner of Big Spring attended to business matters here the first of this week.

Mrs. Cecil Rutherford and son, Cecil, Jr., spent Monday in Trent, visiting relatives.

Miss Estelle Terry left Tuesday for Moro to take charge of her school there which begins next week. She will attend the teachers' institute this week.

Mrs. Wesley Johnson and children of Abilene, accompanied by Mary Boyd and Grandmother Wright, motored to Lamesa last Tuesday to spend a few days with relatives there.

Wilbur Woods, who has been away for some two weeks, returned home last Tuesday.

Lucille Adrian, who is attending Abilene Christian College, spent the past week-end at home.

Earnest Massey left the early part of this week for Littlefield to be gone for awhile on business in connection with the Chevrolet Co.

Mrs. C. E. Cass of Abilene spent the week-end with her grandmother, Mrs. T. J. Williams, also visiting Mrs. Grover Christian of Noodle Dome while here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers were Abilene visitors last Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson and Mrs. John West were in Sweetwater last Tuesday afternoon.

P. T. A. NEWS.

The program at Tuesday's meeting was opened with all members repeating the Lord's Prayer, followed by a song by the Choral club. Talks on fire prevention were made by Georgia Mae Chapman, Fred McCurdy and Helen Bright. A small prize was offered to the best speaker, Georgia Mae Chapman being the winner. Miss Joyce talked on the good of the library in the school. Mrs. R. L. Reaves read a paper on "Importance of health." General reports were made by all chairmen and votes were taken on the picture, with the result that Mrs. R. L. Reaves' room gets the picture for the first two weeks. The room mothers are: 1. Mrs. Joe Nalley and Mrs. Buena McLeod; 2. Mrs. A. C. Terry and Mrs. Alex Williamson; 3. Mrs. Bowers and Mrs. Seal for Mrs. Jenkins' room; 4. Mrs. W. L. Boyd and Mrs. W. I. Steadman for Miss Burgess' room; 5. Mrs. R. B. McRee, Jr.,

and Mrs. Rueben Reeves for Miss Joyce's room; 6. Mrs. Adrian for High school.

The duties of room mothers were told by Mrs. Joe Nalley, the president. The executive committee of the P. T. A. will meet Wednesday evening at the school building to make plans for the coming year.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Last Sunday was rainy and several stayed away because they thought nobody else would be at Sunday school. But the announcement was made that we would always have services no matter how much it rained. If you would go to your work or your school on a week day through the rain, you ought to go to your church service on Sunday.

Sunday school 10 a. m. with a welcome for you. Come and help us have better and bigger classes.

The pastor will speak at both hours Sunday.

All B. Y. P. U. s meet at 6:30 p. m. with a joint opening service and some special music.

Ladies meet on Tuesday in an all day meeting to sew for Buckner Orphan's Home. All ladies of the church and any other lady that wishes to have a part in this good work are urged to come to the church Tuesday and help. If any friend cannot come but would like to help, you may send cloth of any kind or any useful garment that you will give.

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STATEMENT of CONDITION

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Close of Business October 4, 1929

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$289,769.62
Bills of Exchange, Cotton	35,440.10
Overdrafts	334.68
Furniture and Fixtures	6,750.00
Real Estate on Hand	2,733.69
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	2,250.00
U. S. Bonds (owned), Cash and Sight Exchange	\$236,804.58

Total\$574,395.17

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	25,000.00
Undivided Profits	17,960.50
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	\$475,184.67

Total\$574,395.17

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SPUDS	10 lbs.	35c
	for	
APPLES	good for cooking,	35c
	per peck	
BLACK EYE PEAS	Per can	10c
YAMS	per bushel	\$1.50
GRAPES	Tokay, per lb.	10c
BANANAS	large green tips,	25c
	per doz.	
COFFEE	Bulk Peaberry,	98c
	3 pounds for	
COCOA JUSTICE	1-2 lb. box	20c
MATCHES	good and cheap,	15c
	6 boxes for	
BACON	dry salt,	19c
	per lb.	
BACON	per lb.	26c
	Sugar cured,	

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BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Junior Class of '30—Vera Baker sponsor.

FOR NEWS.

At Friday morning the Senior Staff met and elected the Annual Staff for the year. The following staff was elected:

Editor-in-chief, J. T. Darsey; Ass't. editor-in-chief, Doris Brown; business manager, Milton Case; ass't. business manager, Lee Darden; book-keeper, Odelle Hunter; literary editor, Beryl Hunter; society editor, Louise Booth; snapshot editor, Verna T. Beasley; athletic editor, Clinton Bryan; art editor, Nadine Tippett; joke editor, Harold Boney.

With this line-up of students on the staff there can be no doubt as to the outcome if all Merkel gives them the cooperation of past years.

Last year the best annual in the history of M. H. S. was published and the Seniors of '30 intend to excel that annual.

While the task of publishing a really good annual is great, the Senior class, by cooperation, hopes to succeed, as they have had some experience by publishing the Badger Weekly.

Let's all give our utmost by helping the Seniors and we will have an annual second to none.

BADGER WEEKLY STAFF MEETING.

The members of the Badger Weekly staff assembled Tuesday morning for a short business meeting. The duties of each member were made clear by Miss Baker, sponsor of the Badger Weekly. The staff includes the following: editor, Audrey Ferris; assistant editor, Elyis Richardson; sports editor, Byron Patterson; joke editor, Earl Watts; miscellaneous editor, Vera Richie; society editor, Mattilou Largent; reporter for Girls' Baseball club, Imogene Middleton; reporter for Choral and Glee club, Artilee Simmons; reporters for Pep Squad, Tracy Campbell and Edwin Watson; Senior Class reporter, Doris Brown; Sophomore class reporter, Ida Mae Derstine; reporter for the Freshman class not yet selected.

Miss Baker admonished all reporters to "be on the job" with pencil and paper at all times. The staff is assured the Badger Weekly will be a cooperative affair.

BASEBALL GAME RESULTS 12-11.

Baseball team played Mrs. _____ team on the Grammar school ground last Thursday afternoon. They matched a five inning game and won 12-11. It was so early when that was over that they played two practice innings and were defeated 10-0.

The line-ups were as follows: Grammar school: Annie Lee Owens, c; Frances Adeock, p; Lois Beasley, 1b; Alice Russell, 2b; Irene Salter, 3b; Billie Bernice Gamble, rss; Janet Hayes, 1ss; Ruth Davis, rf; Vivian Davis, lf; Neoma Grayson, cf.

High school: Jess Higgins, c; Lona Brian, p; Imogene Middleton, 1b; Velma Lee Holden, 2b; Margarette Turner, 3b; Mildred Richardson, rss; Nell Hughes, 1ss; Margaret Miller, rf; Duncan Briggs, lf; Opal Huskey, cf.

Substitutes for Grammar school were: Laverne Holden, 1b; Wanda Hunter, 3b; Carabel Mansfield, rss;

Beth Holloway, lf; Coheene Morrison, cf.

The game was interesting throughout and much enthusiasm was shown by the fans on both sides.

The baseball girls have matched another game with the Grammar school for Wednesday afternoon and we hope to win this time also.

THE SOPHOMORE CLASS.

The Sophomores have been pulling along splendidly together for the first five weeks and it is to be hoped that they will continue in this way. Of course, some things happen—well, they just happen and can't be helped; for instance six weeks examinations. The "Sophs" realize this to be a fact and just keep on digging at Spanish, algebra, etc., and hoping to make good, (and I'm very sure they will.)

The Sophomore class met Wednesday at activity period to hear from the committees who were appointed to select the colors, motto, and flower. The committees responded well and the following colors, motto and flower were chosen: flower, Daisy; colors, yellow and white; motto, "Better Sophomores for a Better M. H. S."

TRUTH IN RHYME.

Out of the desk a paper—
Then, the exam;
Out of the heart a prayer, lad,
Then a frown.
Out of the teacher, nothing
Then a fear—
Out of the whole a failure
Then, a tear.
—Frances Frederickson.

CIVIC CLASS.

Mr. Burgess: "Sometime before Friday we will have another test."
H. H.: "Will it be our six-week's test?"
Mr. Burgess: "No. Only a thirty minute test."

CHAPEL EXERCISES.

Last Monday morning at chapel hour the students enjoyed a very interesting program. First the Choral and Glee club, directed by Miss Loyless, sang two numbers: "In the Heart of the Hills" and "Dixie." Everyone enjoyed these selections very much and their rendition of them showed that they had really been working. Next a reading was given by Margaret Miller: "Love Stronger Than Locks," which everyone seemed to get a good laugh out of. Then, of course Mr. Davis had to tell all about the football game with Stamford last Friday (who wouldn't want to tell that?) and about the game with Haskell this Friday. Just watch us win! Next, Captain Guitar was called upon to give his opinion of the games.

Then, Mr. Burgess always has some announcement to make. When he had made these Miss Loyless selected two numbers which everyone sang: "America the Beautiful" and "Merkel Will Shine Tonight."

THE JUNIOR CLASS.

With the president in charge, the Juniors had a short class meeting Oct. 11. They carried out two purposes: the election of the Badger Weekly Staff and further discussion of their Halloween party.

The social committee gave the class

their plans. They were approved and were: the date, Saturday, October 26; the place, the home of Beth Hamm; the time, 7:45.

The Junior class has a fine representation in football. There are twelve Junior boys playing football, enough for a team if it was necessary. They are: Selma Jones, J. E. Boaz, Fred Baker, Eris Ash, Fred Guitar, Byron Patterson, Benny Sheppard, B. P. Middleton, Eual Mashburn, Earl Watts, W. J. Derstine and Joel Darsey.

LIBRARY.

The following books have been added to the library: Mexico and Central America; South America; "Prove it Yourself;" "When They Were Boys;" "When They Were Girls," and Games.

There are also some new books to be added for each class.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL OPENING.

On last Friday evening the Grammar school auditorium was filled with parents of pupils in Grammar school, who had come to enjoy the program and to see the improvements which have been made on the building.

Short talks by Mrs. L. C. Sublett principal of Grammar school, Mr. M. S. Davis, principal of High school, Mr. O. J. Adeock, president of the school board, and Mr. R. A. Burgess, superintendent of Merkel Public schools, were enjoyed very much.

Members of the Speech Arts department entertained the audience for thirty minutes with a cleverly arranged one-act Halloween play. Artilee Simmons created an ideal atmosphere for the play by giving a poem from Edgar A. Guest, "Living With the People." The little kittens, witches and other characters, who broadcasted from "The Halloween Magic Corporation," gave credit to the "Papa" of the organization, played by Margaret Miller. The program closed with a poem, "Take Home A Smile," by Artilee Simmons.

Other pupils who took part were: Alta Marl Hyatt, Louise Toombs, Mollie Frank Touchstone, Elma Mae Gamble, Bettie Lou Grimes and Clyde Sears.

After this program the parents visited the different rooms and saw just how the money had been spent on improvements to the Grammar School building.

PEP SQUAD LAYS PLANS FOR HASKELL GAME.

The Pep Squad held a successful meeting Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. We are getting in good condition for Friday's game with Haskell and will parade in town at three o'clock, which we hope will draw a larger crowd to see the Badgers fight for victory. Friday nite the Pep Squad will entertain the Haskell ball players and Pep Squad and our own foot ball team, "The Badgers." The Pep Squad is practicing hard to help the boys win this game and thereby help Merkel to win the conference. We would like to do some real work for the Badgers.

PEP SQUAD.

The Pep Squad called a meeting after the Stamford game and displayed their "stuff" to the city on Friday

night. They gave some fast yells for the "whole ballteam" on Front Street and marched around to Main saying, "we won, we won by golly, we won." Then they gave some more snappy yells and sang a few songs after which they marched back to Front Street saying, "we'll win again, we'll win, we'll win again, we'll win."

A meeting was called Monday evening at four o'clock and the boys received the caps that they had ordered. The caps have a purple visor and purple and gold tops. These caps add the needed trimming to the boys' costumes.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Marie Stamford went to Sweetwater last Sunday afternoon with her parents.

Willie Mae Schwartz spent last Saturday and Sunday with her grandparents in Abilene.

EASY MONEY.

If you want that cheap, long-time Federal Land Bank money, only 5 1/2 percent, on farm and ranch land, see W. Homer Shanks, Room 1, Penney Bldg., Abilene, Texas.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will have a market Saturday, October 19, at the West Co.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

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SATURDAY IS THE DAY

2 Big Specials At the Boston Store.

Owing to the fact that the manager of the Boston Bargain Store made a special buy in a close-out of ladies' dollar hose and men's dollar work shirts there will be offered for Saturday, two big specials.

The special in hose for ladies will be 2 pairs of dollar hose for the price of one pair—\$1.00.

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We guarantee these two specials to be among the best-for-the-money ever offered in Merkel.

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(Advertising)

BANKS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE FARMERS STATE BANK

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 4th day of October, 1929, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 18th day of October, 1929.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$282,063.31
Loans secured by real estate	19,521.10
Overdrafts	1,355.05
Customers' bonds held for safekeeping	40,150.00
Banking House \$25,000.00, Furniture & Fixtures \$7,500.00	32,500.00
Real Estate owned, other than banking house	13,147.50
Cash in bank	10,558.48
Due from approved reserve agents	31,039.35
Interest on Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,105.88
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,000.00
Other Resources: Bills of Exchange Cotton	79,162.43
Due from City of Merkel	12,322.46
GRAND TOTAL	\$525,925.56

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	6,000.00
Undivided profits, net	66.13
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	345,696.40
Time Certificates of Deposit	22,487.63
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	3,165.63
Bills Payable \$45,000.00	45,000.00
Customers' Bonds deposited for safekeeping	40,150.00
City of Merkel	13,359.77
GRAND TOTAL	\$525,925.56

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor: We, R. O. Anderson, as Vice-President and Herbert Patterson, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

R. O. ANDERSON, V.-President, HERBERT PATTERSON, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of October, A. D., 1929. ADDIE HOLLER, Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

CORRECT—Attest: B. L. HAMILTON, W. L. DILTZ, JR., DAVID HENDRICKS, Directors.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Of Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Oct. 4, 1929.

RESOURCES	
1. Loans and discounts	\$289,769.62
2. Overdrafts	334.68
3. United States Government securities owned	112,000.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	2,250.00
5. Furniture and fixtures, \$6,750.00	6,750.00
7. Real estate owned other than banking house	2,733.69
8. Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	37,518.37
9. Cash and due from banks	84,054.81
10. Outside checks and other cash items	3,231.40
11. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
14. Other assets: Bills of Exchange "Cotton"	35,440.10
TOTAL	\$574,395.17

LIABILITIES	
15. Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
16. Surplus	25,000.00
17. Undivided profits—net	17,960.50
20. Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
21. Due to banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	21,411.30
22. Demand deposits	369,191.99
23. Time deposits	84,581.38
TOTAL	\$574,395.17

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss: I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Booth Warren, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of October, 1929. ROSIE LAYBY, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest: J. T. WARREN, G. F. WEST, SAM BUTMAN, Directors.

BARGAIN SPECIALS Friday and Saturday

FLOUR, Pride of Altus, 48's \$1.55
 FLOUR, Guaranteed, second to none, 24's 80c
 COFFEE, Morning Joy, 2 1-2 lb. Tins \$1.45
 CRUSTENE, The Better Shortening, 8 lb. pail \$1.17
 CRUSTENE, The Better Shortening, 4 lb. pail 59c
 OATS, Mother's, Aluminum, large pkg. 30c
 APRICOTS, Dried Slabs, bulk, 2 lb. 35c
 SARDINES, American's 1-4's in oil, can 5c
 GRAPES, Tokays, nice and fresh, lb. 10c
 SPUDS, Idaho Rurals, 10 lb. 30c
 YAMS, Louisiana's, nice for baking, 3c
 BANANAS, nice yellow, fine fruit, doz. 25c
 CABBAGE, nice and crisp, lb. 4c

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Dora Doings

A nice, refreshing rain fell here Saturday and Sunday and those with small grain planted were glad to see it.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hanks and children of Phoenix, Ariz., are visiting relatives and friends here for a few days.

Mrs. L. B. Magee was called Saturday to the bedside of her brother, W. A. Stroud of Lindale, Texas, who is very ill.

Mrs. C. H. Greggs bought a new Ford Sedan last week.

A quantity of cotton and most of their picks sacks were stolen Thursday night from Lawn Hollowell and D. W. Jones.

Mrs. H. T. Hallon is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Maggie Bloom, in Maytown this week.

Mrs. W. G. Oliver was on the sick list Sunday and Monday.

Brother M. A. Quinlin of Winters preached at the Baptist church Sunday night.

Mrs. Eula Lassiter of Maryneal spent the week-end here with home-folks.

Junior B. Y. P. U.

"Two kinds of tongues," by Ora Derrick. "Our little prisoners," by Dot Swafford. "Talking too much," by Rodgers Derrick. "What happens when we talk too much," by Bud Gambill. "How to keep from talking too much," by Thelma Matthews. "The worst use of the tongue," by Billy Bernice Gambill. "The right use of the tongue," by Wilma Gardner.

Junior League Program.

Songs. Prayer by superintendent. Scripture lesson, Matthew 9:18, 19, 23-26. Song, "Faith of our Fathers." Talks, "Faith of the Fathers," by leader, Imogene Middleton. "The House of Mourning," Mollie Frank Touchstone. "They Laughed at Him," Vivian Lassiter. "The Change to Keep Silent," Opal Huskey. Discussion of whole talks. Sentence prayers. Song. Roll call. Benediction.

Typewriting paper at Merkel Mail office.

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"I saw where Orgatone was advertised so highly and so many local people were taking it and what it was doing for them that I decided to try it and I am certainly glad I did for I am feeling like a different woman. I have a good appetite now, and rest and sleep better and my food digests better now. My heart doesn't bother me now, and I know that it must have been my stomach with gas formation for I noticed the improvement right away. Orgatone has helped me so much I am buying two bottles in order that my husband may take it. I am glad to recommend it to my friends for it has certainly proven its worth to me."

Genuine Orgatone may be bought in Merkel at Phillips Drug Store.

Blair Items

The Blair school opened Monday morning with 72 pupils enrolled. Clyde Deavers of Merkel is principal and teacher of the eighth, ninth and tenth grades; Mrs. W. C. McKinzie of Abilene, teacher of the sixth and seventh grades; Miss Vera Walker of Merkel, teacher of the third, fourth and fifth grades, and Miss Maimie Walker of Merkel, primary grades.

The new school building at Blair is a credit to any community and the patrons of this community should give their cooperation to these competent teachers in order to make a better school even than we have ever had before.

According to the public weigher's record, the Blair cotton yard reports 1,022 bales of cotton weighed up to October 12.

T. H. Spears left Saturday on a business trip to Valera, Texas.

Pat Addison left Monday for Ballinger on business.

Miss Nell Hughes of Merkel spent the week-end with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes.

Mrs. J. W. Moore is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Richard Melton, of Noodle Dome for an indefinite time.

THE METHODIST REPORT.

In spite of the wet streets and cool, damp day, our attendance last Sunday was fine. The size of the attendance (150 members present) shows the faith and loyalty of our people. Too, in spite of the rain we were honored with eight new members in the home department, and a few in the other departments.

We are thankful for the wonderful rain, such as we have been given, and should make no comments not complimentary to it.

We enjoyed a special selection by Misses Mary Eula Sears and Opal Patterson, and Messrs. Cyrus Pee and Colonel Church Sunday morning.

Several of our members were absent last Sunday. A few were out of town: Misses Rosie Laney and Emma Toombs with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins were away at the Dallas Fair.

Mrs. Touchstone and daughter Mollie Frank, accompanied by Misses Jessie Rodden and Imogene Hayes, went to Denton for the day.

Mrs. Beene, superintendent of the

beginner's department, was detained at home Sunday because of illness. Come to our services next Sunday. We need you.

—Reporter

Pribble-Orr.

Friends of the families in the Blair and Nubia communities have received announcement of the marriage of Miss Fairrie Orr and Lloyd Pribble, which occurred at Wichita Falls on the twenty-ninth of September.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Orr of the Nubia community and after graduating from the Merkel High school she taught for several years in neighboring schools. She is one of Nubia's most accomplished young ladies and numbers her friends by the scope of her acquaintance. The groom is a promising young business man of Colorado, Texas, holding a position with the Shell Pipe Line company at that place. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pribble, pioneer family of the Nubia community.

—Contributed.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

Come to B. Y. P. U. at 6:30. The program follows: first part, Bennie Sheppard; second part, J. P. Lassiter; third part, Alvin Parrack; fourth part, Bussy Boaz; fifth part, Byers Petty.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

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Salt Branch News

Everyone is rejoicing over the fine rains.

Those from here who attended the Baptist Association at View were Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Higgins and J. O. Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn of Bosque county and Mr. and Mrs. West of Merkel were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hays and family Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Armstrong and daughter, Dora, of Goodman community were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Armstrong and family Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Taylor of Sweetwater was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Austin Robertson, Thursday night.

Rev. Billie Ayers and wife were the guests Saturday of the Austin Robertson family.

HEBRON NEWS

We have had plentiful rains during the past few days.

Paul Pannell's team ran away with him one day this week but he was not hurt to any great extent.

Misses Gladys Middleton and Besielou Pannell of Merkel visited Mrs. Pannell Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell visited

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dem. Tuesday. Mrs. Demere and Nell are sisters.

School is progressing merrily with several pupils entering Monday. Mr. Bolin is now teaching regularly.

Halloween party Hats and M Phillips Drug Store.

Adding machine rolls at M Mail office.

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FOR SALE—Several 8 weeks old pigs at \$4.00 each. See Angus Garvin at J. T. Warren's place.

FOR SALE—Hotpoint electric range; half price. Mrs. Kirby Beckett. Phone 228W.

FOR SALE—On account of bad health I am forced to sell 44 acres 3-4 miles of Clyde; every foot good garden and fruit land; some improvements, 35 in good state of condition; good easy terms. S. D. Jobe.

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LODGE NOTICES

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited. Joe Hartley, H. P. O. R. Dye, Secretary

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Modern 4 room house, just off of paved street; modern conveniences. Phone 165. Mrs. R. I. Grimes.

FOR RENT—Desirable furnished apartment; close in on pavement. Lights, gas, telephone and garage furnished. See Jim West at West Company.

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WASHING AND GREASING Modern grease rack. Cars washed and greased the right way. Highway Service Station. J. C. White, Manager.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—White gold bar pin Saturday night in business section. Reward for return to Merkel Mail.

LOST—In Trent between Lige Howell's Grocery Store and Mrs. Annie Boon's house a ladies' diamond ring. Finder will return to Howells Grocery Store, Trent, Texas.

LOST—White bulldog in Merkel or Abilene, collarless, ears clipped, no tail. F. L. Berry, phone 9025R15 Merkel.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

The Upper Yosemite Fall is nine times higher than Niagara.

City Council Fixes Scale Sewer Charges

At the regular meeting of the city council, which was held Monday night, a resolution was adopted fixing a regular monthly service charge for all sewer connections, effective Nov. 1, as follows:

In the residence district the sewer charge will be 50 cents per month; in the business district, the sewer charge will be \$1.00 for the first connection, with a charge of 50 cents for each additional connection.

The bills are to be paid monthly, just like the water bills, at the city hall, between the first and tenth of each month, and if not paid on or before the 10th of the month, the charge will be doubled in each case.

The above charges will apply to all existing connections.

A resolution was also adopted creating an initial charge for tapping sewer line. This charge will amount to \$10.00 for business district and residences on Oak street and \$7.50 for all other portions of the town. In the future, it will be necessary to make this payment and obtain permit at the office of the city secretary before the main may be tapped.

The additional charge is made on Oak street in order to reimburse the city for laying lateral lines ahead of pavement.

The revenue obtained from above charges will be used in sewer maintenance.

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Dr. Armstrong in Reminiscent Mood

Editor, Merkell Mail, Merkel, Texas.

Twenty-four years ago, the 7th of this month, I moved to Merkel. I have seen drouth after drouth; have been present when from 40 to 117 youngsters have discovered America each year; have seen churches and schools grow and helped to build them; have seen roads from as stumpy as you could drive in a two horse rig develop to where you can run 75 miles an hour in a car; have done lots of practice for persons who appreciated and paid me for it; a number in this community who have been doing so for 38 years; quite a number who would leave the community before they would pay; others who would fall out with me. All in all, it is a great people and I shall expect to do business as I have, except with the deadbeats; I have been the poor man's friend, but he must be honest and try; then I will help him and let him pay me as he can. M. Armstrong.

Halloween party Hats and Masks. Phillips Drug Store.

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HALLOWEEN BRIDGE.

Miss Roberta Sloan entertained at bridge on last Saturday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Claude Young.

Appointments for bridge games were all in Halloween motif which theme was further stressed in house decorations. Bridge games progressed until tea time when the hostess assisted by Mrs. Young, Mrs. Jack Anderson and Miss Vera Baker, passed dainty refreshment plates, interlarded with party colors of orange, containing pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream and served with coffee to Misses Louise Anderson, Julia Martin, Louise Booth, Johnnie Sears, Iva Bragg, Lucy Tracy, Christine Collins, Vennie Heizer, Mona Margaret Jones, Evelyn Curb, Vera Baker, Mesdames Sam Cummings, F. C. McFarland, Bob Mayfield, W. T. Sadler, Tom Largent, R. I. Grimes, W. S. J. Brown, C. H. Jones, S. D. Gamble, R. O. Anderson, Jack Anderson, Melvin Davis, Claude Young and the hostess.

MISS ANDERSON COMPLIMENTED.

Miss Lola Dennis entertained at bridge on Wednesday afternoon, complimenting Miss Louise Anderson, who is the house guest of Miss Johnnie Sears this week.

Party colors of orange and black were most apparent in all house decorations and game accessories and tables appointed in Halloween motif for games of bridge also carried clever Halloween hats for each guest. At the culmination of the games Miss Dennis, assisted by her mother, served a delicious amber frappe with sandwiches and black coffee to Misses Louise Anderson, Norma Shannon, Maurine Tipton, Madeline Berry, Althea Boden, Mona Margaret Jones, Lucy Tracy, Vennie Heizer, Evelyn Curb, Iva Bragg, Christine Collins, Donna Loyless, Vera Baker, Louise Booth, Mesdames C. H. Jones, W. S. J. Brown, D. M. Windham, Ira Windham, C. B. Gardner, W. T. Sadler, Bob Mayfield, Claude Young, George Caple, Jack Anderson and the hostess.

WILLING WORKERS.

The Willing Workers met with Mrs. John Russell Oct. 8 when the class was well represented. After scripture reading by Mrs. E. Tucker, the roll was called by Mrs. Murray. Those present answered roll call with a verse of scripture. The reading given by Mrs. McConnell was, as usual, greatly enjoyed.

After the business session, Mrs. Russell was assisted by her daughters, Misses Eunice and Nina Bell, in serving delicious cream and cake. Guests were Mesdames E. N. Brown, E. Yates Brown, Thornton, Ashby, Coates, McConnell and Miss Doty Garoutte.

THE GLEANER CLASS.

The Gleaner Class was entertained Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Roger A. Burgess, with Mrs. M. E. Hall and Mrs. Fred C. Hughes as joint hostesses. After the meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Iddings, the devotional was given by Mrs. Buford and the prayer by Mrs. Thompson.

A social hour following the business meeting featured several novelty, contests and games and later refreshments were served to the following visitors and members: Mesdames

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Let's make an effort to have an attendance above the average to make up for the small attendance last Sunday on account of the good rain. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:15. Glad to have you worship with us.

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AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Let it not be said again in Merkel "it's raining; there will be no one at church today." They came last Sunday from the country and from the town even though it was raining straight down. Every department and every class in the Sunday school was going as usual. Fair congregations at both morning and evening worship. "It's raining there will be no one at church today." Oh, yes there will. You come on.

The pastor will be in his pulpit at both hours next Sunday. Morning sermon subject, "Partners With God." A timely interesting and helpful message at the evening hour. Special music at both hours. Come and worship with us.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

W. M. S. Program.

The following is the program for the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church Monday, Oct. 21, at 3 p. m.

Song, Scripture reading, Mrs. Sam Butman. Prayer, Mrs. C. B. Smith. Korean homes, Mrs. George Brown. September bulletin, Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson. October bulletin, Miss Mossie Sears. Song, Prayer, Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

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Personal Mention

Mrs. S. P. Nesmith and Mrs. C. E. Ogle were visitors in Abilene Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent have returned from a week's visit to Graham. G. L. Browning of Amarillo is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Duncan Briggs.

Miss Ottie Chance of Sweetwater is the week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. A. Morton.

C. W. Delmer made a business trip the early part of the week to Amarillo and Pampa.

V. B. Holler of Gail made a brief visit here Tuesday with his sister, Miss Addie Holler.

Miss Vernie Derrick, who is attending Simmons University, visited with homefolks last week-end.

Mrs. R. E. Lee and son and daughter of Big Spring are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp.

M. E. Parker of Stanton was the week-end guest of his sisters, Mrs. W. E. Dubree and Mrs. Leonard Abernathy.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Nesmith spent Wednesday in Abilene to help Mrs. Nesmith's father, H. T. Hodge, celebrate his birthday.

Friends are congratulating Mrs. F. C. McFarland upon the winning of a beautiful Pontiac coach in the recent Abilene Times subscription contest.

Mrs. Carl Weaver and son of Childress are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp. Her mother, Mrs. Sharp, has been ill for the past four weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. D. Chappell were guests in the R. A. Walker home Tuesday night. Mr. Chappell taught school at Blair last year and is teaching this year near Memphis.

Bob Martin has returned from Tyler where he went to attend his father, Dr. J. W. H. Martin, who sustained injuries in a fall and who is in a sanitarium at Tyler.

Mrs. Cecil Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins and Misses Rosie Laney and Emma Toombs were a party for the opening days of the Dallas Fair, returning Monday.

On her return from a visit in Conway, Ark., Mrs. J. T. Warren was accompanied by her two sisters, Mrs. J. D. Voss and Mrs. Herbert Russell, who will visit her for awhile.

Miss Lillian Tackett of Taft, who was attending Simmons University, has returned to her home because of ill health. If she sufficiently recovers, she will re-enter Simmons for the

winter and spring terms. Miss Tackett is a sister of Mrs. Clyde Deavers.

Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cummings were Mrs. R. H. Cook of Electra, Mrs. Frank Bower of El Paso, J. C. Strauss of Wichita Falls and her father, G. J. Price of Electra.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walker and children, Annie Earline and Jimmy Reeves, Mrs. George M. Reeves and children, Doris Hazel and G. M. Jr., of the Butman community and King Floyd of Abilene were week-end guests in the home of Mrs. George L. Reeves.

Baptist Women in All-Day Meeting

An all-day meeting of the women of the Baptist church is to be held at the church Tuesday, beginning at 9 o'clock and the day will be devoted to sewing for the children of Buckner's Orphans Home. Lunch will be served at 12 o'clock and each lady is asked to bring one dish of eats to help with the noon meal.

Anone having good clothing you wish to put in the box, or if you want to contribute material to be made into clothing please bring it to the church Tuesday.

A short devotional and program is planned for the afternoon before beginning the sewing party.

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Moran and Mack, better known to countless millions of Americans as "The Two Black Crows," will be seen and heard at the Majestic Theatre, Abilene, at the midnight matinee Sunday night and for four days starting next Monday. Their first all-talking screen vehicle is aptly titled "Why Bring That Up?", a question made famous by the team, both on records and on the air.

The picture, produced by Paramount, is reported to be "the head man" of all talking films made to date. The story is credited with being a close parallel to the story of the actual lives of Moran and Mack. Of major interest is the fact that the team introduce many new comedy bits, a pair of song hits and a musical comedy episode featuring one hundred dancing beauties.

In addition to the above, the Majestic program will include a new screen song, "Oh, You Beautiful Doll," and the latest issue of Paramount Sound News. For complete information see the Majestic Theatre this issue.

Auto Victims Recovered

J. F. Howard of Belton, Tex. was injured in an auto accident the highway between Merkel Trent on Monday Oct. 7, and was brought to the Merkel Sanitarium for treatment, has sufficiently recovered to return to his home. A Winghorst of Tampa, Fla., who riding with Mr. Howard and who was also brought to the Merkel Sanitarium, has recovered and left for Houston, Texas.

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BADGERS TO BE LIONS GUESTS TUESDAY NOON

Coach Davis and Squad of Players Invited to Lion's Next Luncheon; Special Program Being Arranged.

The Badger squad and Coach Davis will be guests of honor of the Lions at the club's luncheon next Tuesday and a special program is being arranged by C. E. Ogle, who is to be toastmaster on the occasion.

The suggestion was made by Rube Tittle, who during a round table discussion at the regular meeting last Tuesday referred to the splendid work the boys were doing as evidenced by the victory at Stamford and proposed for the Lions club to do them honor in this way. Mr. Tittle was one of the business men of Merkel who furnished cars to carry the boys to the Stamford game and after his speech in which he incorporated the motion to extend the invitation to the football squad the entire club backed it up unanimously.

J. S. Bourn, who was the scheduled toastmaster for the last meeting, wired to President Warren that he was unable to return in time for the luncheon. In his absence, the meeting took on an informal turn after the singing of "America," led by E. Yates Brown and the invocation by Rev. R. A. Walker.

Joe Williamson of Abilene, well known among the local Lions, and Tut Tabor, who is connected with Humble Pipe Line company, were introduced as guests and each of them responded briefly to express their appreciation of the privilege of being present.

The Jones brought to the attention of the club the idea of a Trade

Badgers—Indians 4 p. m. Today on Local Gridiron

This (Friday) afternoon at 4 o'clock the Badgers and Haskell Indians will play on the home field and it is expected that a large number of sport fans will be present in addition to almost unanimous attendance from the schools.

The Pep Squad will be there in full force and they have announced in advance that they will parade through the streets of the city in advance of the game so that everyone will be reminded of the event, the time, the place and the importance of being there.

WIN VICTORY AT STAMFORD

Petree Gallops 82 Yards for Touchdown and Only Score; Badgers Game, 6-0.

In their second conference game of the season, the Badgers last Friday defeated the Stamford Bulldogs at Stamford by the score of 6 to 0. It was in the latter part of the fourth quarter after the two teams had battled long and hard without success in the scoring line on the part of either that Petree intercepted a pass and galloped 82 yards for the only touchdown of the game.

The Badgers started the contest with lots of fight, even though they were meeting their opponents on hostile field, and they were still fighting hard when the game ended. The number of first downs was just about even between the two contenders. For the Badgers Boaz, Tittle and Guitard made consistent gains through the Bulldogs' line and around end. Merkel tried two

MERKEL HEADS CONFERENCE STANDING EASTERN SECTION OF DISTRICT WITH TWO WINS

Due to the victory of Merkel over Stamford last Friday, 6 to 0, and the forfeiture by Roby to Merkel of the game which the Badgers lost at the West Texas Fair at Abilene, Merkel heads the standing of the teams of section A, district 9, class B of the Interscholastic league, with two games won, (one actual and one forfeit), and none lost.

At the meeting of the executive committee of this district, which was held at Roby Oct. 10 and which was attended by the following members, who are the superintendents in their respective cities, Johnson of Stamford, Connell of Anson, Wedgeworth of Snyder, Peek of Colorado and Burgess of Merkel, Roby and Haskell forfeited voluntarily the conference games each had previously played when they discovered they had misinterpreted one of the eligibility rules. The executive committee accepted the forfeitures and assessed as a penalty the loss of the game to Haskell and two games to Roby.

Before today's games, the standing of the teams in our section is as follows:

Team	W	L	Pct
Merkel	2	0	1.000
Roby	1	2	.333
Haskell	0	1	.000
Stamford	0	1	.000
Hamlin	0	1	.000
Anson	0	0	.000

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Just 17 days before her 100th birthday, Mrs. E. J. Blackwell died at the home of a grandson in the Rock Crossing community near Vernon.

Willis O. Foote, 73, pioneer in the Grand Circuit races, who owned and drove such horses as Governor Strong and Governor Francis, died at his home in Dallas Monday.

Nueces is the only Texas county to pass the 100,000 mark in cotton ginned this season, with 117,850 bales up to Oct. 1. San Patricio county is next with 75,224 and McLennan third with 65,494.

Three Weatherford youths were killed and three others seriously injured when the truck in which they were riding was struck by a freight train in Weatherford Monday afternoon.

John Jacob Atz, for almost 14 years pilot of the Fort Worth Panthers, will manage the Dallas Texas league club in 1930, according to announcement by Fred McJunkin, president of the Steers.

The body of Clarence E. Gilmore, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, who died suddenly of heart disease in his room at a San Antonio hotel, was buried at Wills Point, his old home.

Attends Funeral Daughter-in-law

Mrs. J. L. Tucker left Monday night for Altus, Okla., to attend the funeral of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. W. Tucker, age 30, who died there Sunday night. Mr. J. L. Tucker had been there for the past month. The deceased was married to J. W. Tucker in Fort Worth about seven years ago and, besides her husband, is survived by a three year old son and her mother.

NEFF SWORN IN AS BOARD CHIEF

Austin, Texas, Oct. 17.—Pat M. Neff of Waco has returned to the State Capitol, which he left nearly five years ago after serving two terms as governor.

The former governor was sworn in as state railroad commissioner late Wednesday. C. M. Cureton, chief justice of the supreme court, whom Neff appointed to the supreme bench when he was governor, administered the oath of office.

Neff took the oath in the governor's public reception room. The room was filled for the short ceremony and a line was formed outside the door.

WOMAN HURT AS CAR HITS POLE

Mrs. C. L. Mosher of Los Angeles, Calif., who was seriously injured when thrown from an automobile when the car struck a telephone pole on Highway No. 1 three miles east of Merkel about 11:15 Monday morning and who was brought to the Merkel Sanitarium for attention, had sufficiently recovered by Wednesday evening as to be carried in an ambulance to the railroad station and placed aboard the Sunshine Special of the Texas and Pacific Railway, which stopped here by special arrangement. She was accompanied on the rail trip to Los Angeles by her sister, Mrs. James Brazell of Oklahoma City, who was also riding in the car at the time of the accident.

BASEBALL The baseball team played Mrs. Stronger than locks, which every-

Day, or some other incentive for bringing people to Merkel on some fixed day of the month or week, like Trades Day, and a committee was appointed with Mr. Jones, as chairman, to work out the plan. Other members of the committee were named as follows: W. O. Boney, Stan Johnson, L. B. Scott and R. O. Anderson.

Mrs. Frank McFarland, who is hostess for the weekly luncheons of the club, expressed her thanks to the body for their assistance in helping her win the Pontiac coach in the recent contest sponsored by the Abilene Times.

L. B. Scott, as the special committee of one, who had made arrangement for the piano now being used in the club banquet hall, reported the details of the contract which he had made tentatively and the club endorsed the terms of the trade, just as arranged by Mr. Scott.

Carload of Goats Shipped.

No cattle shipments were made from Merkel during the past week, but on Wednesday a car of goats was shipped by Dudley and Mungler.

Appointed Traffic Cop.

S. M. Cox, formerly deputy constable and temporarily city marshal for several weeks the early part of the year here, has been appointed by the city commission of Coleman as motorcycle traffic officer of that city.

passes, completing one and one being intercepted.

The first and third quarters were kicking duels without any exceptionally exciting moments, but in the second quarter Stamford returned a punt to Merkel's 28-yard line and through a series of line plays advanced the ball to Merkel's 4-yard line. There the Badgers held them for three downs, when the half ended. Stamford tried for a field goal in the third quarter, which they missed.

With about seven minutes to play in the last quarter both teams resorted to passing. Stamford intercepted one of Merkel's passes on the 40-yard line and tried one down, but made nothing. When they attempted a pass was the opportunity for Petree to break up the game, which he did by intercepting the ball and negotiating the 82-yard distance between him and the enemy's goal. Merkel resorted to defensive play after registering their touchdown, but Stamford did not threaten during the remainder of the game.

Merkel's starting line was: Tittle, left end; Mashburn, left tackle; Collins, left guard; Case, center; Darden, right guard; Chancey, right tackle; Ashby, right end; Darsey, quarter; J. E. Boaz, left half; Petree, right half; Guitard, (captain) full. Officials of the game were: Little, referee; Daniels, umpire, and Bounds, head linesman.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of the Merkel Mail, October 15, 1909.)

SUTPHEN-PROVINE.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Provine, on Travis street, Mr. Vernon Sutphen and Miss Minnie Provine were united in the holy bonds of matrimony Wednesday night.

Miss Jewell Coggin has returned from her extended visit to El Paso, Midland and other western towns.

Mrs. Will Scott of Abilene, who has been the guest of Miss Maimie Rister, returned to her home Wednesday.

Homer Magness, who is now employed with Swift and Company, Abilene, was shaking hands with friends here this week.

Olly Sharp and Lige Gamble left Wednesday night for Paducah where

the former is in business and the latter is employed by the Craven Drug Co.

School children! Don't forget the Elite has a swell line of tablets.

Eli Case of Stith was in our little city Monday boarding the train for Abilene.

R. A. Ensminger of Dora was in our city one day this week.

B. C. Gaither was an Abilene visitor Saturday.

Dr. Warnick made a trip to Escota this week.

J. A. Woodard's Livery, Feed and Sale Stable solicits the patronage of the public during the New Year in one of the display advertisements.

Funeral Here For Former Resident

The body of Sam B. Sheppard, 51, who died at Fort Worth early Saturday night, was brought to Merkel Sunday night for burial and funeral services were held at Rose Hill cemetery at 10 o'clock Monday morning, with the Masons in charge. J. H. Cavendish, worshipful master of Tarrant Lodge No. 942, Fort Worth, conducted the rites, assisted by M. C. Graham as senior warden, Dr. R. I. Grimes, as junior warden, and Rev. Ira L. Parrock as chaplain.

Leaves Home Where Had Lived 52 Years

W. F. Derrick is convalescing at the home of his son, Claude Derrick. Mr. Derrick was dangerously ill at the Dr. Joe Becton Sanitarium in Greenville for several weeks before being removed for a short time to his home near Farmersville and he was then brought to Merkel by his sons, where he is slowly improving.

Mr. Derrick regretted very much having to leave his hosts of kind friends and neighbors back home where he had lived for more than sixty years, fifty-two years in the same home site. He says he had the best and kindest neighbors in the world, who never tired of visiting him, bringing flowers and all sorts of good things to eat.

Largest Bull Again Wins Highest Honors

Publican Domino, a two-year old Hereford bull weighing 2,350 pounds and valued at \$15,000, belonging to C. M. Largent and sons of Merkel, was adjudged grand champion bull in the awarding of prizes for Hereford cattle at the State Fair of Texas.

Enters Railway Postal Service.

Homer H. Tye, who has been in service at the local post-office for a little more than a year, has resigned from his position to accept a situation in the postal mail service at Fort Worth. He removed with his family to Fort Worth last week.

Program at Abilene Marks Yom Kippur

The observance of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, was marked by all-day fasting and a program of worship held at the Knights of Pythias hall in Abilene Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger and three sons from Merkel joined with others of the Jewish faith from neighboring cities in the observance, the Mellinger store being closed all day.

Five Local Lions Go to Sweetwater

For charter night of the Sweetwater Lions Club, five members of the local Lions organization, Dee Grimes, Rufe Tittle, Sam Swann, S. P. Nesmith and C. E. Ogle, were guests of the Sweetwater club at their banquet Tuesday night on the roof of the Bluebonnet hotel. They report a most interesting program and an enjoyable feast.

Record of Births.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Groene of Taylor, Texas, at the home of Mrs. Groene's parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Groene Holloway, an 8-pound girl, named Georgeanna, Oct. 12, 1929.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Byrd, a baby girl, Oct. 10, 1929.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Horton, residing north of Stith, a baby boy, Oct. 12, 1929.

Cotton Receipts.

Cotton receipts at Merkel passed the 4,000 bale mark during the past week, the total up to noon Thursday being 4,202 bales, according to the records of T. A. Bearden, public weigher. Of this number, 1,504 bales are still on hand in the yard here, while 2,698 bales have been shipped out.

Men's Prayer Meeting.

The men's prayer meeting at the Methodist church last Sunday was led by S. G. Russell and proved an interesting and uplifting meeting. Next tith church at 3 o'clock with W. D. Sunday's meeting will be at the Baptist church at 3 o'clock with W. D. Haynes as leader. The 17th chapter of John will be the lesson for the hour and men of all churches are urged to be present and to bring some one with them.

Rainfall Nearly Three Inches.

Beginning about the middle of the afternoon Saturday and continuing until shortly after noon Sunday, Merkel and this section was visited with plentiful rains, most of which fell slowly and was a genuine ground-soaker. The total rainfall was 2.75 inches, according to B. M. Black, volunteer weather observer.

Picture in Dallas News.

Featuring a three column picture of the Hunter No. 1 well, with the storage tanks on the ground, the Dallas News in its issue of last Sunday gave considerable prominence to the discovery well southeast of Merkel wherein it was justly featured as Merkel's produce.

Glorious Services Witnessed at Meeting

Old time revival fires are burning in Merkel. The place is at the Church of the Nazarene, just across the street from the high school. The past week has witnessed some glorious services, according to the report of the pastor, Rev. Leona Forbes. The special evangelist, Rev. Ralph C. Gray of Fort Worth, has been doing some good preaching which has resulted in several seeking the Lord and many hands for prayer.

Revival Will Continue Over Sunday.

The revival will continue over Sunday, October 20, with services each day at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. On Friday preceding the evening service will be conducted the regular church meeting at which time the call of the pastor will be taken up for another year and also the election of the church officers. The church reports a very fine year just closing, with all bills paid and district and general budgets in full. Rev. H. C. Cagle, the district superintendent, will have charge of the business session Friday evening.

MANY ACREAGE DEALS FEATURE WEEK IN OIL

S. D. McIlroy, Independent Operator From Amarillo, Principal Buyer; Prices Range from \$10 to \$25, at the Top.

While Dunigan Bros. Hunter No. 1, six miles southeast of Merkel, which showed to be good for 300 barrel of high gravity oil daily at the completion of the test on Thursday of last week, is shut down pending completion of additional storage facilities and pipe line connections, there has been considerable activity in leases in the territory surrounding the Hunter test and it is conservatively estimated that more than \$40,000 has changed hands in lease deals during the past few days.

The leases have ranged in price from \$10 per acre to as high as \$25 per acre, the latter figure being the top, so far as it is known here.

All of the leases are said to be commercial leases with the exception of one block of 479 acres by the Gibson-Johnson Oil company of Abilene, which includes a contract for drilling operations to start within 90 days. This block of acreage was secured from Mrs. Ruthie Bigham, W. H. Bigham, W. E. Baze and J. P. Fugua and is approximately one and one-half miles south of the Hunter test.

S. D. McIlroy, an independent operator of Amarillo, is the principal buyer, the leases being taken in the name of the Cockrell-McIlroy Oil company of Amarillo, of which Mr. McIlroy is president. He is also president of the Dixie Creek Oil company of Amarillo and vice-president of the McIlroy Oil company, also of Amarillo.

As it well known, the Hunter test is located on land owned by A. W. Hunter, farmer, living in Mulberry canyon, four miles south of Merkel, who bought the tract of 2,351 acres about a year ago.

An original block of 4,487.73 acres was leased by the Shell Petroleum corporation and Dunigan Bros. received the lease on 2,203.5 acres for drilling the test, Shell retaining 2,284.23 acres. All of the land close in is already under lease, but, as stated above, much acreage has changed hands outside of the drilling block.

Snowden and McSweeney hold four 80-acre tracts and the Mid-West Exploration company holds 100 acres about one mile south.

Picture in Dallas News.

Featuring a three column picture of the Hunter No. 1 well, with the storage tanks on the ground, the Dallas News in its issue of last Sunday gave considerable prominence to the discovery well southeast of Merkel wherein it was justly featured as Merkel's produce.

Glorious Services Witnessed at Meeting

Old time revival fires are burning in Merkel. The place is at the Church of the Nazarene, just across the street from the high school. The past week has witnessed some glorious services, according to the report of the pastor, Rev. Leona Forbes. The special evangelist, Rev. Ralph C. Gray of Fort Worth, has been doing some good preaching which has resulted in several seeking the Lord and many hands for prayer.

Prof. John Knight and wife of Mineral Wells are blessing the congregations from night to night with their beautiful special songs. Prof. Knight is directing a large choir each evening and the congregational singing is indeed a splendid feature in the services.

The revival will continue over Sunday, October 20, with services each day at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. On Friday preceding the evening service will be conducted the regular church meeting at which time the call of the pastor will be taken up for another year and also the election of the church officers. The church reports a very fine year just closing, with all bills paid and district and general budgets in full. Rev. H. C. Cagle, the district superintendent, will have charge of the business session Friday evening.

Condensed Statement of Condition

The Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas, Close Business Oct. 4, 1929

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$301,584.41
Overdrafts	1,355.05
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fix.	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	13,147.50
Int. Gty. Fund	4,105.88
Due from City	12,322.46
U. S. Bonds Cash and Exchange	160,910.26
	\$525,925.56

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	6,066.13
Bills Payable	45,000.00
Deposits	424,859.43
	\$525,925.56

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 Assistant Cashier

Trent News and Personal

Harold Schaefer of W... is spending the week-end with M. McElmurry and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Watkins, accompanied by Mrs. Duke, a sister of Mrs. Watkins, all of Lubbock, passed through our city last Wednesday en route to Sipe Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins are former residents of Trent.

Emma Jean McRee of Abilene visited homefolks last Wednesday afternoon.

C. E. Morgan attended the funeral of his uncle in Fort Worth Thursday.

A number of our people attended the Sweetwater Baptist association, which was held at View last week. Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Chambliss, Mr. and Mrs. LeEstelle Terry, Mattie Scott and C. Beckham.

Mr. and Mrs. John Payne have removed to Lamesa and we regret to give them up.

Miss Imogene Mangum, who is attending McMurry college at Abilene, spent the week-end with homefolks.

Isom Burks, who has been away for quite awhile, returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie A. ... are moving to Knox City where they will reside for a time. The people of Trent regret to see them leave.

A. C. Terry and family accompanied by Mrs. Billings, motored to Sweetwater last Friday night to visit with H. B. Terry and family.

Mrs. John West and daughter of Merkel visited Mrs. West's parents last Saturday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson.

E. Howell and Mrs. Billings attended the funeral of their uncle, George Howell, which was held at Lamesa last Thursday. They were in company with Mr. and Mrs. John Howell and son of Abilene.

Miss Maggie Payne, who is teaching school at Oplin, spent Sunday with homefolks.

Grandpappy Terry, who has been visiting with his son, Wesley Terry, of Meridian, returned home last week.

Mrs. L. E. Adrian had as her guest over Sunday her brother, Frank Copeland, his three daughters and son and Ellis Jones, all of Littlefield. They were accompanied by Rita Adrian, who has been with them for a week's visit. They were en route to Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fancey and family ...

... end with Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, Walter Smith and family of Lamesa visited this week with Mr. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tid Smith.

Miss Taylor and Miss Bowers, who are teaching at Eskota, made our city a visit Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Stagner of Big Spring attended to business matters here the first of this week.

Mrs. Cecil Rutherford and son, Cecil, Jr., spent Monday in Trent, visiting relatives.

Miss Estelle Terry left Tuesday for Moro to take charge of her school there which begins next week. She will attend the teachers' institute this week.

Mrs. Wesley Johnson and children of Abilene, accompanied by Mary Boyd and Grandmother Wright, motored to Lamesa last Tuesday to spend a few days with relatives there.

Wilbur Woods, who has been away for some two weeks, returned home last Tuesday.

Lucille Adrian, who is attending Abilene Christian College, spent the past week-end at home.

Earnest Massey left the early part of this week for Littlefield to be gone for awhile on business in connection with the Chevrolet Co.

Mrs. C. E. Cass of Abilene spent the week-end with her grandmother, Mrs. T. J. Williams, also visiting Mrs. Grover Christian of Noodle Dome while here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers were Abilene visitors last Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson and Mrs. John West were in Sweetwater last Tuesday afternoon.

P. T. A. NEWS.

The program at Tuesday's meeting was opened with all members repeating the Lord's Prayer, followed by a song by the Choral club. Talks on fire prevention were made by Georgia Mae Chapman, Fred McCurdy and Helen Bright. A small prize was offered to the best speaker, Georgia Mae Chapman being the winner. Miss Joyce talked on the good of the library in the school. Mrs. R. L. Reeves read a paper on "Importance of health." General reports were made by all chairmen and votes were taken on the picture, with the result that Mrs. R. L. Reeves' room gets the picture for the first two weeks. The room mothers are: 1. Mrs. Joe Nalley and Buena McLeod; 2. Mrs. A. C. T. and Mrs. Alex Williamson; 3. Bowers and Mrs. Seal for Mrs. kins' room; 4. Mrs. W. L. Boyd Mrs. W. I. Steadman for Miss gess' room; 5. Mrs. R. B. McRee,

Miss ... an for ... mothers were ... the president. ... committee of the P. ... Wednesday evening ... building to make plans ... ang year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Last Sunday was rainy and several stayed away because they thought nobody else would be at Sunday school. But the announcement was made that we would always have services no matter how much it rained. If you would go to your work or your school on a week day through the rain, you ought to go to your church service on Sunday.

Sunday school 10 a. m. with a welcome for you. Come and help us have better and bigger classes.

The pastor will speak at both hours Sunday.

All B. Y. P. U. s meet at 6:30 p. m. with a joint opening service and some special music.

Ladies meet on Tuesday in an all day meeting to sew for Buckner Orphan's Home. All ladies of the church and any other lady that wishes to have a part in this good work are urged to come to the church Tuesday and help. If any friend cannot come but would like to help, you may send cloth of any kind or any useful garment that you will give.

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STATEMENT of CONDITION

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business October 4, 1929

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$289,769.62
Bills of Exchange, Cotton	35,440.10
Overdrafts	334.68
Furniture and Fixtures	6,750.00
Real Estate on Hand	2,733.69
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	2,250.00
U. S. Bonds (owned), Cash and Sight Exchange	\$236,804.58
Total	\$574,395.17

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	25,000.00
Undivided Profits	17,960.50
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	\$475,184.67
Total	\$574,395.17

Upon the strength, solidarity and merit of the above statement we respectfully solicit your account and patronage, assuring you of our sincere desire to serve your interests, and the interests of our community, faithfully and well, pledging our united effort to this end.

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SOAP	Light House, 10 Bars	39c
SPUDS	1 package of clothes pins Free	
APPLES	10 lbs. for	35c
BLACK EYE PEAS	good for cooking, per peck	35c
YAMS	Per can	10c
GRAPES	per bushel	\$1.50
BANANAS	Tokay, per lb.	10c
COFFEE	large green tips, per doz.	25c
COCOA JUSTICE	Bulk Peaberry, 3 pounds for	98c
MATCHES	1-2 lb. box	20c
BACON	good and cheap, 6 boxes for	15c
BACON	dry salt, per lb.	19c
BACON	per lb. Sugar cured,	26c

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Junior Class of '30—Vera Baker sponsor.

SENIOR NEWS.

Last Friday morning the Senior class met and elected the Annual Staff for the year. The following staff was elected:

Editor-in-chief, J. T. Darsey; Ass't. editor-in-chief, Doris Brown; business manager, Milton Case; ass't. business manager, Lee Darden; book-keeper, Odelle Hunter; literary editor, Beryl Hunter; society editor, Louise Booth; snapshot editor, Verna T. Beasley; athletic editor, Clinton Bryan; art editor, Nadine Tippett; joke editor, Harold Boney.

With this line-up of students on the staff there can be no doubt as to the outcome if all Merkel gives them the cooperation of past years.

Last year the best annual in the history of M. H. S. was published and the Seniors of '30 intend to excel that annual.

While the task of publishing a really good annual is great, the Senior class, by cooperation, hopes to succeed, as they have had some experience by publishing the Badger Weekly.

Let's all give our utmost by helping the Seniors and we will have an annual second to none.

BADGER WEEKLY STAFF MEETING.

The members of the Badger Weekly staff assembled Tuesday morning for a short business meeting. The duties of each member were made clear by Miss Baker, sponsor of the Badger Weekly. The staff includes the following: editor, Audrey Ferris; assistant editor, Elvis Richardson; sports editor, Byron Patterson; joke editor, Earl Watts; miscellaneous editor, Vera Richie; society editor, Mattilou Largent; reporter for Girls' Baseball club, Imogene Middleton; reporter for Choral and Glee club, Artilee Simmons; reporters for Pep Squad, Tracy Campbell and Edwin Watson; Senior Class reporter, Doris Brown; Sophomore class reporter, Ida Mae Derstine; reporter for the Freshman class not yet selected.

Miss Baker admonished all reporters to "be on the job" with pencil and paper at all times. The staff is assured the Badger Weekly will be a cooperative affair.

BASEBALL GAME RESULTS 12-11.

The baseball team played Mrs. Davis' team on the Grammar school ground last Thursday afternoon. They matched a five inning game and won 12-11. It was so early when that was over that they played two practice innings and were defeated 10-0.

The line-ups were as follows: Grammar school: Annie Lee Owens, c; Frances Adcock, p; Lois Beasley, 1b; Alice Russell, 2b; Irene Salter, 3b; Billie Bernice Gamble, rss; Janet Hayes, 1ss; Ruth Davis, rf; Vivian Davis, lf; Neoma Grayson, cf.

High school: Jess Higgins, c; Lona Brian, p; Imogene Middleton, 1b; Velma Lee Holden, 2b; Margarette Turner, 3b; Mildred Richardson, rss; Nell Hughes, 1ss; Margaret Miller, rf; Duncan Briggs, lf; Opal Huskey, cf.

Substitutes for Grammar school were: Laverne Holden, 1b; Wanda Hunter, 3b; Carabel Mansfield, rss;

Beth Holloway, lf; Coehre Morrison, cf.

The game was interesting throughout and much enthusiasm was shown by the fans on both sides.

The baseball girls have matched another game with the Grammar school for Wednesday afternoon and we hope to win this time also.

THE SOPHOMORE CLASS.

The Sophomores have been pulling along splendidly together for the first five weeks and it is to be hoped that they will continue in this way. Of course, some things happen—well, they just happen and can't be helped; for instance six weeks examinations. The "Sops" realize this to be a fact and just keep on digging at Spanish, algebra, etc., and hoping to make good, (and I'm very sure they will.)

The Sophomore class met Wednesday at activity period to hear from the committees who were appointed to select the colors, motto, and flower. The committees responded well and the following colors, motto and flower were chosen: flower, Daisy; colors, yellow and white; motto, "Better Sophomores for a Better M. H. S."

TRUTH IN RHYME.

Out of the desk a paper—
Then, the exam;
Out of the heart a prayer, lad.
Then a frown.
Out of the teacher, nothing
Then a fear—
Out of the whole a failure
Then, a tear.
—Frances Frederickson.

CIVIC CLASS.

Mr. Burgess: "Sometime before Friday we will have another test."
H. H.: "Will it be our six-week's test?"
Mr. Burgess: "No. Only a thirty minute test."

CHAPEL EXERCISES.

Last Monday morning at chapel hour the students enjoyed a very interesting program. First the Choral and Glee club, directed by Miss Loyless, sang two numbers: "In the Heart of the Hills" and "Dixie." Everyone enjoyed these selections very much and their rendition of them showed that they had really been working. Next a reading was given by Margaret Miller: "Love Stronger Than Locks," which everyone seemed to get a good laugh out of. Then, of course Mr. Davis had to tell all about the football game with Stamford last Friday (who wouldn't want to tell that?) and about the game with Haskell this Friday. Just watch us win! Next, Captain Guitars was called upon to give his opinion of the games.

Then, Mr. Burgess always has some announcement to make. When he had made these Miss Loyless selected two numbers which everyone sang: "America the Beautiful" and "Merkel Will Shine Tonight."

THE JUNIOR CLASS.

With the president in charge, the Juniors had a short class meeting Oct. 11. They carried out two purposes: the election of the Badger Weekly Staff and further discussion of their Hallowe'en party.

The social committee gave the class

Council Fixes Sewer Charge

The Junior boys plaid meeting of the city for a team if it would Monday night, are: Selma Jones, Fred fixing a re-baker, Eris Ash, Fred urge for all Patterson, Benny Sheppard Nov., Middleton, Eual Mashburn, Carl Watts, W. J. Derstine and Joel Darsey.

LIBRARY.

The following books have been added to the library: Mexico and Central America; South America; "Prove it Yourself;" "When They Were Boys;" "When They Were Girls," and Games.

There are also some new books to be added for each class.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL OPENING.

On last Friday evening the Grammar school auditorium was filled with parents of pupils in Grammar school, who had come to enjoy the program and to see the improvements which have been made on the building.

Short talks by Mrs. L. C. Sublett principal of Grammar school, Mr. M. S. Davis, principal of High school, Mr. O. J. Adcock, president of the school board, and Mr. R. A. Burgess, superintendent of Merkel Public schools, were enjoyed very much.

Members of the Speech Arts department entertained the audience for thirty minutes with a cleverly arranged one-act Hallowe'en play. Artilee Simmons created an ideal atmas-

play by giving a poem A. Guest, "Living With The little kittens, witches characters, who broadcasted Hallowe'en Magic Corporation credit to the "Papa" of nation, played by Margaret program closed with a "Like Home A Smile," by Artilee Simmons.

Other pupils who took part were: Alta Muri Hyatt, Louise Toombs, Mollie Frank Teuchstone, Elma Mae Gamble, Bettie Lou Grimes and Clyde Sears.

After this program the parents visited the different rooms and saw just how the money had been spent on improvements for the Grammar School building.

PEP SQUAD LAYS PLANS FOR HASKELL GAME.

The Pep Squad held a successful meeting Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. We are getting in good condition for Friday's game with Haskell and will parade in town at three o'clock, which we hope will draw a larger crowd to see the Badgers fight for victory. Friday nite the Pep Squad will entertain the Haskell ball players and Pep Squad and our own football team, "The Badgers." The Pep Squad is practicing hard to help the boys win this game and thereby help Merkel to win the conference. We would like to do some real work for the Badgers.

PEP SQUAD.

The Pep Squad called a meeting after the Stamford game and displayed their "stuff" to the city on Friday

night. They gave some fast yells for the "whole ballteam" on Front Street and marched around to Main saying, "we won, we won by golly, we won." Then they gave some more snappy yells and sang a few songs after which they marched back to Front Street saying, "we'll win again, we'll win, we'll win again, we'll win."

A meeting was called Monday evening at four o'clock and the boys received the caps that they had ordered. The caps have a purple visor and purple and gold tops. These caps add the needed trimming to the boys' costumes.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Marie Stamford went to Sweetwater last Sunday afternoon with her parents.

Willie Mae Schwartz spent last Saturday and Sunday with her grandparents in Abilene.

EASY MONEY.

If you want that cheap, long-time Federal Land Bank money, only 5 1/2 percent, on farm and ranch land, see W. Homer Shanks, Room 1, Penney Bldg., Abilene, Texas.

The Ladies of the Presbyterian Church will have a market Saturday, October 19, at the West Co.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

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SATURDAY IS THE DAY

2 Big Specials At the Boston Store.

Owing to the fact that the manager of the Boston Bargain Store made a special buy in a close-out of ladies' dollar hose and men's dollar work shirts there will be offered for Saturday, two big specials.

The special in hose for ladies will be 2 pairs of dollar hose for the price of one pair—\$1.00.

The special in dollar work shirts for men will be 69 cents for Saturday only.

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BANKS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE FARMERS STATE BANK

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 4th day of October, 1929, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 18th day of October, 1929.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$282,063.31
Loans secured by real estate	19,521.10
Overdrafts	1,355.05
Customers' bonds held for safekeeping	40,150.00
Banking House \$25,000.00, Furniture & Fixtures \$7,500.00	32,500.00
Real Estate owned, other than banking house	13,147.50
Cash in bank	10,558.48
Due from approved reserve agents	31,039.35
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,105.88
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,000.00
Other Resources: Bills of Exchange Cotton	79,162.43
Due from City of Merkel	12,322.46
GRAND TOTAL	\$525,925.56

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	6,000.00
Undivided profits, net	66.13
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	345,696.40
Time Certificates of Deposit	22,487.63
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	3,165.63
Bills Payable \$45,000.00	45,000.00
Customers' Bonds deposited for safekeeping	40,150.00
City of Merkel	13,359.77
GRAND TOTAL	\$525,925.56

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor: We, R. O. Anderson, as Vice-President and Herbert Patterson, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

R. O. ANDERSON, V.-President, HERBERT PATTERSON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of October, A. D., 1929.

ADDIE HOLLER, Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

CORRECT—Attest: B. L. HAMILTON, W. L. DILTZ, JR., DAVID HENDRICKS, Directors.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Of Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Oct. 4, 1929.

RESOURCES	
1. Loans and discounts	\$289,769.62
2. Overdrafts	334.68
3. United States Government securities owned	112,000.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	2,250.00
5. Furniture and fixtures, \$6,750.00	6,750.00
6. Real estate owned other than banking house	2,733.69
7. Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	37,518.37
8. Cash and due from banks	84,054.81
9. Outside checks and other cash items	3,231.40
10. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
11. Other assets: Bills of Exchange "Cotton"	35,440.10
TOTAL	\$574,395.17

LIABILITIES	
15. Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
16. Surplus	25,000.00
17. Undivided profits—net	17,960.50
18. Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
19. Due to banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	21,411.30
20. Demand deposits	369,191.99
21. Time deposits	84,581.38
TOTAL	\$574,395.17

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss: I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Booth Warren, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of October, 1929.

ROSIE LANEY, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest: J. T. WARREN, G. F. WEST, SAM BUTMAN, Directors.

BARGAIN SPECIALS

Friday and Saturday

FLOUR, Pride of Altus, 48's \$1.55
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 COFFEE, Morning Joy, 2 1-2 lb. Tins \$1.45
 CRUSTENE, The Better Shortening, 8 lb. pail \$1.17
 CRUSTENE, The Better Shortening, 4 lb. pail 59c
 OATS, Mother's, Aluminum, large pkg. 30c
 APRICOTS, Dried Slabs, bulk, 2 lb. 35c
 SARDINES, American's 1-4's in oil, can 5c
 GRAPES, Tokays, nice and fresh, lb. 10c
 SPUDS, Idaho Rurals, 10 lb. 30c
 YAMS, Louisiana's, nice for baking, 3c
 BANANAS, nice yellow, fine fruit, doz. 25c
 CABBAGE, nice and crisp, lb. 4c

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Dora Doings

A nice, refreshing rain fell here Saturday and Sunday and those with small grain planted were glad to see it.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hanks and children of Phoenix, Ariz., are visiting relatives and friends here for a few days.

Mrs. L. B. Magee was called Saturday to the bedside of her brother, W. A. Stroud of Lindale, Texas, who is very ill.

Mrs. C. H. Greggs bought a new Ford Sedan last week.

A quantity of cotton and most of their picks sacks were stolen Thursday night from Lawn Hollowell and D. W. Jones.

Mrs. H. T. Hallon is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Maggie Blozom, in Maytown this week.

Mrs. W. G. Oliver was on the sick list Sunday and Monday.

Brother M. A. Quinlin of Winters preached at the Baptist church Sunday night.

Mrs. Eula Lassiter of Maryneal spent the week-end here with home-folks.

Junior B. Y. P. U.

"Two kinds of tongues," by Ora Derrick. "Our little prisoners," by Dot Swafford. "Talking too much," by Rodgers Derrick. "What happens when we talk too much," by Bud Gambill. "How to keep from talking too much," by Thelma Matthews. "The worst use of the tongue," by Billy Bernice Gambill. "The right use of the tongue," by Wilma Gardner.

Junior League Program.

Songs. Prayer by superintendent. Scripture lesson, Matthew 9:18, 19, 23-26. Song, "Faith of our Fathers." Talks, "Faith of the Fathers," by leader, Imogene Middleton. "The House of Mourning," Mollie Frank Touchstone. "They Laughed at Him," Vivian Lassiter. "The Change to Keep Silent," Opal Huskey. Discussion of whole talks. Sentence prayers. Song. "Call. Benediction.

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"I saw where Orgatone was advertised so highly and so many local people were taking it and what it was doing for them that I decided to try it and I am certainly glad I did for I am feeling like a different woman. I have a good appetite now, and rest and sleep better and my food digests better now. My heart doesn't bother me now, and I know that it must have been my stomach with gas formation for I noticed the improvement right away. Orgatone has helped me so much I am buying two bottles in order that my husband may take it. I am glad to recommend it to my friends for it has certainly proven its worth to me."

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Blair Items

The Blair school opened Monday morning with 72 pupils enrolled. Clyde Deavers of Merkel is principal and teacher of the eighth, ninth and tenth grades; Mrs. W. C. McKinzie of Abilene, teacher of the sixth and seventh grades; Miss Vera Walker of Merkel, teacher of the third, fourth and fifth grades, and Miss Maimie Walker of Merkel, primary grades.

The new school building at Blair is a credit to any community and the patrons of this community should give their cooperation to these competent teachers in order to make a better school even than we have ever had before.

According to the public weigher's record, the Blair cotton yard reports 1,022 bales of cotton weighed up to October 12.

T. H. Spears left Saturday on a business trip to Valera, Texas.

Pat Addison left Monday for Balinger on business.

Miss Nell Hughes of Merkel spent the week-end with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes.

Mrs. J. W. Moore is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Richard Melton, of Noodle Dome for an indefinite time.

THE METHODIST REPORT.

In spite of the wet streets and cool, damp day, our attendance last Sunday was fine. The size of the attendance (150 members present) shows the faith and loyalty of our people. Too, in spite of the rain we were honored with eight new members in the home department, and a few in the other departments.

We are thankful for the wonderful rain, such as we have been given, and should make no comments not complimentary to it.

We enjoyed a special selection by Misses Mary Eula Sears and Opal Patterson, and Messrs. Cyrus Pee and Colonel Church Sunday morning.

Several of our members were absent last Sunday. A few were out of town: Misses Rosie Laney and Emma Toombs with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins were away at the Dallas Fair.

Mrs. Touchstone and daughter Mollie Frank, accompanied by Misses Jessie Rodden and Imogene Hayes, went to Denton for the day.

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Pribble-Orr.

Friends of the families in and Nubia communities have received announcement of the marriage of Miss Fairrie Orr and Lloyd Pribble, which occurred at Wichita Falls on the twenty-ninth of September.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Orr of the Nubia community and after graduating from the Merkel High school she taught for several years in neighboring schools. She is one of Nubia's most accomplished young ladies and numbers her friends by the scope of her acquaintance. The groom is a promising young business man of Colorado, Texas, holding a position with the Shell Pipe Line company at that place. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pribble, pioneer family of the Nubia community.

—Contributed.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

Come to B. Y. P. U. at 6:30. The program follows: first part, Bennie Sheppard; second part, J. J. Lassiter; third part, Alvin Parback; fourth part, Bussy Boaz; fifth part, Byers Petty.

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HEBRON NEWS

We have had plentiful rains during the past few days. Paul Pannell's team ran away with him one day this week but he was not hurt to any great extent.

Misses Gladys Middleton and Bessielou Pannell of Merkel visited Mrs. Pannell Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pannell visited

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere at Blair Tuesday. Mrs. Demere and Mrs. Pannell are sisters.

School is progressing most favorably with several pupils entering last Monday. Mr. Bolin is now teaching regularly.

Halloween party Hats and Masks, Phillips Drug Store.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

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TENTS, BEDDING and all kinds of stoves, new and second hand, for less at City Furniture. Joe Garland.

FOR SALE—Several 8 weeks old pigs at \$4.00 each. See Angus Garvin at J. T. Warren's place.

FOR SALE—Hotpoint electric range; half price. Mrs. Kirby Beckett. Phone 228W.

FOR SALE—On account of bad health I am forced to sell 44 acres 3-4 miles of Clyde; every foot good garden and fruit land; some improvements, 35 in good state of condition; good easy terms. S. D. Jobe.

FOR SALE—Half royalty on 27 acres, 6 miles northwest of Merkel. A. J. Pannell, Merkel, Texas, Route 2.

LODGE NOTICES

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited.
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O. R. Dye, Secretary

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Modern 4 room house, just off of paved street; modern conveniences. Phone 165. Mrs. R. I. Grimes.

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LOST AND FOUND

LOST—White gold bar pin Saturday night in business section. Reward for return to Merkel Mail.

LOST—In Trent between Lige Howell's Grocery Store and Mrs. Annie Boon's house a ladies' diamond ring. Finder will return to Howells Grocery Store, Trent, Texas.

LOST—White bulldog in Merkel or Abilene, collarless, ears clipped, no tail. F. L. Berry, phone 9025R14, Merkel.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

The Upper Yosemite Fall is nine times higher than Niagara.

City Council Fixes Scale Sewer Charge

At the regular meeting of the city council, which was held Monday night, a resolution was adopted fixing a regular monthly service charge for all sewer connections, effective Nov. 1, as follows:

In the residence district the sewer charge will be 50 cents per month; in the business district, the sewer charge will be \$1.00 for the first connection, with a charge of 50 cents for each additional connection.

The bills are to be paid monthly, just like the water bills, at the city hall, between the first and tenth of each month, and if not paid on or before the 10th of the month, the charge will be doubled in each case.

The above charges will apply to all existing connections.

A resolution was also adopted creating an initial charge for tapping sewer line. This charge will amount to \$10.00 for business district and residences on Oak street and \$7.50 for all other portions of the town. In the future, it will be necessary to make this payment and obtain permit at the office of the city secretary before the main may be tapped.

The additional charge is made on Oak street in order to reimburse the city for laying lateral lines ahead of pavement.

The revenue obtained from above charges will be used in sewer maintenance.

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M. Armstrong.

Halloween party Hats and Masks. Phillips Drug Store.

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HALLOWEEN BRIDGE.

Miss Roberta Sloan entertained at bridge on last Saturday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Claude Young.

Appointments for bridge games were all in Halloween motif which theme was further stressed in house decorations. Bridge games progressed until tea time when the hostess assisted by Mrs. Young, Mrs. Jack Anderson and Miss Vera Baker, passed dainty refreshment plates, interlaid with party colors of orange, containing pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream and served with coffee to Misses Louise Anderson, Julia Martin, Louise Booth, Johnnie Sears, Iva Bragg, Lucy Tracy, Christine Collins, Vennie Heizer, Mona Margaret Jones, Evelyn Curb, Vera Baker, Mesdames Sam Cummings, F. C. McFarland, Bob Mayfield, W. T. Sadler, Tom Largent, R. I. Grimes, W. S. J. Brown, C. H. Jones, S. D. Gamble, R. O. Anderson, Jack Anderson, Melvin Davis, Claude Young and the hostess.

MISS ANDERSON COMPLIMENTED.

Miss Lola Dennis entertained at bridge on Wednesday afternoon, complimenting Miss Louise Anderson, who is the house guest of Miss Johnnie Sears this week.

Party colors of orange and black were most apparent in all house decorations and game accessories and tables appointed in Halloween motif for games of bridge also carried clever Halloween hats for each guest. At the culmination of the games Miss Dennis, assisted by her mother, served a delicious amber frappe with sandwiches and black coffee to Misses Louise Anderson, Norma Shannon, Maurine Tipton, Madeline Berry, Althea Boden, Mona Margaret Jones, Lucy Tracy, Vennie Heizer, Evelyn Curb, Iva Bragg, Christine Collins, Donna Loyless, Vera Baker, Louise Booth, Mesdames C. H. Jones, W. S. J. Brown, D. M. Windham, Ira Windham, C. B. Gardner, W. T. Sadler, Bob Mayfield, Claude Young, George Caple, Jack Anderson and the hostess.

WILLING WORKERS.

The Willing Workers met with Mrs. John Russell Oct. 8 when the class was well represented. After scripture reading by Mrs. E. Tucker, the roll was called by Mrs. Murray. Those present answered roll call with a verse of scripture. The reading given by Mrs. CConnell was, as usual, greatly enjoyed.

After the business session, Mrs. Russell was assisted by her daughters, Misses Eunice and Nina Bell, in serving delicious cream and cake. Guests were Mesdames E. N. Brown, E. Yates Brown, Thornton, Ashby, Coates, McConnell and Miss Doty Garoutte.

THE GLEANER CLASS.

The Gleaner Class was entertained Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Roger A. Burgess, with Mrs. M. R. Hall and Mrs. Fred C. Hughes as joint hostesses. After the meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Iddings, the devotional was given by Mrs. Buford and the prayer by Mrs. Thompson.

A social hour following the business meeting featured several novelty, contests and games and later refreshments were served to the following visitors and members: Mesdames

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Let's make an effort to have an attendance above the average to make up for the small attendance last Sunday on account of the good rain. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:15. Glad to have you worship with us.

W. M. Elliott, Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Let it not be said again in Merkel "it's raining; there will be no one at church today." They came last Sunday from the country and from the town even though it was raining straight down. Every department and every class in the Sunday school was going as usual. Fair congregations at both morning and evening worship. "It's raining there will be no one at church today." Oh, yes there will. You come on.

The pastor will be in his pulpit at both hours next Sunday. Morning sermon subject, "Partners With God." A timely interesting and helpful message at the evening hour. Special music at both hours. Come and worship with us.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

W. M. S. Program.

The following is the program for the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church Monday, Oct. 21, at 3 p. m.

Song. Scripture reading, Mrs. Sam Butman. Prayer, Mrs. C. B. Smith. Korean homes, Mrs. George Brown. September bulletin, Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson. October bulletin, Miss Mossie Sears. Song. Prayer, Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

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Personal Mention

Mrs. S. P. Nesmith and C. E. Ogle were visitors in Abilene Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent have returned from a week's visit to Graham. G. L. Browning of Amarillo is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Duncan Briggs.

Miss Ottie Chance of Sweetwater is the week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. A. Morton.

C. W. Delmer made a business trip the early part of the week to Amarillo and Pampa.

V. B. Holler of Gail made a brief visit here Tuesday with his sister, Miss Addie Holler.

Miss Vernie Derrick, who is attending Simmons University, visited with homefolks last week-end.

Mrs. R. E. Lee and son and daughter of Big Spring are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp.

M. E. Parker of Stanton was the week-end guest of his sisters, Mrs. W. E. Dubree and Mrs. Leonard Abernathy.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Nesmith spent Wednesday in Abilene to help Mrs. Nesmith's father, H. T. Hodge, celebrate his birthday.

Friends are congratulating Mrs. F. C. McFarland upon the winning of a beautiful Pontiac coach in the recent Abilene Times subscription contest.

Mrs. Carl Weaver and son of Childress are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp. Her mother, Mrs. Sharp, has been ill for the past four weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. D. Chappell were guests in the R. A. Walker home Tuesday night. Mr. Chappell taught school at Blair last year and is teaching this year near Memphis.

Bob Martin has returned from Tyler where he went to attend his father, Dr. J. W. H. Martin, who sustained injuries in a fall and who is in a sanitarium at Tyler.

Mrs. Cecil Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins and Misses Rosie Laney and Emma Toombs were a party for the opening days of the Dallas Fair, returning Monday.

On her return from a visit in Conway, Ark., Mrs. J. T. Warren was accompanied by her two sisters, Mrs. J. D. Voss and Mrs. Herbert Russell, who will visit her for awhile.

Miss Lillian Tackett of Taft, who was attending Simmons University, has returned to her home because of ill health. If she sufficiently recovers, she will re-enter Simmons for the

winter and spring terms. Miss Tackett is a sister of Mrs. Clyde Deavers. Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cummings were Mrs. R. H. Cook of Electra, Mrs. Frank Bower of El Paso, J. C. Strauss of Wichita Falls and her father, G. J. Price of Electra.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walker and children, Annie Earline and Jimmy Reeves, Mrs. George M. Reeves and children, Doris Hazel and G. M., Jr., of the Butman community and King Floyd of Abilene were week-end guests in the home of Mrs. George L. Reeves.

Baptist Women in All-Day Meeting

An all-day meeting of the women of the Baptist church is to be held at the church Tuesday, beginning at 9 o'clock and the day will be devoted to sewing for the children of Buckner's Orphans Home. Lunch will be served at 12 o'clock and each lady is asked to bring one dish of eats to help with the noon meal.

Anone having good clothing you wish to put in the box, or if you want to contribute material to be made into clothing please bring it to the church Tuesday.

A short devotional and program is planned for the afternoon before beginning the sewing party.

All the departments of the Sunday School beginning with the Intermediate are asked to contribute a handkerchief shower to the box. Come and enjoy a day with the crowd.

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Two Black Crows In First Talkie

Moran and Mack, better known to countless millions of Americans as "The Two Black Crows," will be seen and heard at the Majestic Theatre, Abilene, at the midnight matinee Sunday night and for four days starting next Monday. Their first all-talking screen vehicle is aptly titled "Why Bring That Up?," a question made famous by the team, both on records and on the air.

The picture, produced by Paramount, is reported to be "the head man" of all talking films made to date. The story is credited with being a close parallel to the story of the actual lives of Moran and Mack. Of major interest is the fact that the team introduce many new comedy bits, a pair of song hits and a musical comedy episode featuring one hundred dancing beauties.

In addition to the above, the Majestic program will include a new screen song, "Oh, You Beautiful Doll," and the latest issue of Paramount Sound News. For complete information see the Majestic Theatre ad in this issue.

Auto Victims Recover.

J. F. Howard of Belton, Texas, who was injured in an auto accident on the highway between Merkel and Trent on Monday Oct. 7, and who was brought to the Merkel Sanitarium for treatment, has sufficiently recovered to return to his home. Arthur Winghorst of Tampa, Fla., who was riding with Mr. Howard and who was also brought to the Merkel Sanitarium, has recovered and left for Houston, Texas.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

LOST—One black bull calf. Strayed from Merkel. Please notify Ellerbee and Brooks.

HOUSE FOR RENT. See W. L. Diltz, Sr.

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