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## HONOR ROLL FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS LISTS 106 PUPILS

First Six Week's Period Contains Names Students Averaging 90 in Studies and Not Less Than 90 in Department.

The following pupils of the Merkel Public Schools have for the first six weeks of the year been neither tardy nor absent, have made 90 or more in department, have not made less than 75 on any one subject and have for the period made a general average of 90 or more. The list contains the names of 106 pupils, about twenty per cent. That means that one out of every five students has met the requirements for the Honor Roll. Many who had sufficiently high averages were either tardy or absent during the period. The list for the next period should be even larger than this one.

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Grade, Miss Russell. Robert Edward Bearden, 90; Geraldine Teague, 90.

First Grade, Mrs. Teaff. Edwin Renfro, 93; Billy Cox, 92; Leon Thomas, 91.

Second Grade, Miss Curb. Comora Hughes, 92; Mary Nell Morgan, 92; Pearl Mathews, 91; Earl Cross, 91; Richmond Buford, 91; Levon Hallmark, 91.

Second Grade, Miss Pogue. Frances Owen, 90; Mary Jo Russell, 90; Billie Wood, 90.

Third Grade, Mrs. Anderson. Charles Iddings, 90; Dick West, 90; Charles Andy Shouse, 90.

Third Grade, Miss Heizer. Janell Black, 94; Marie Davis, 94; Emogene Hulse, 93; Marvin Hunter, 93; Allie Lois Bryan, 92; Mary Joe Garland, 92; Frank Dye, 92; Leroy Denny, 92; Lucille Gilmore, 91; Junior Holloway, 91; Clyde Cribley, 90; Ted Hamm, 90; Harriet Frances Copeand, 90.

Fourth Grade, Miss Patterson. Betty Lou Grimes, 95; Laverne Hughes, 94; Waymon Adcock, 93; Junior Grimes, 93; Davis Beasley, 90.

Fourth Grade, Miss Williams. Morris Wozencraft, 94; Lawrence Thornton, 91; Jack Sublett, 90.

Fifth Grade, Miss Hayes. Louise Toombs, 94; Harold Morgan, 94; Mollie Frank Touchstone, 93; Billie Woodrum, 93; Annie Love Toombs, 92; Holt Vaughn, 90; Mury Toombs, 90.

Fifth Grade, Mrs. Davis. Juanita Huskey, 95.

Sixth Grade, Miss Jessie Rodden. Billie Bernice Gambill, 91; Thelma Mathews, 90.

Sixth Grade, Miss McDonald. Ethelda Tucker, 95; Irene Salter, 93; Burneal Scott, 92; Robbie Walker, 92; James Pilcher, 91; A. C. Sears, 91; Fern Toombs, 91; J. V. Patterson, 90; Truett Patterson, 90; Ben Sublett, 90; Jackie Salter, 90.

Seventh Grade, Mr. Duke. Wilma Gardner, 95; Waldeline Huskey, 94; Howard Carson, 93; Frances Adcock, 93; Vivian Lasater, 91; J. R. Graham, 90; Wanda Hunter, 90; Wycliffe Malphurs, 90.

Seventh Grade, Mrs. Sublett. Julia Proctor, 95; Annie Lee Owens, 95; Caribel Mansfield, 94; Mabel Morton, 93; Sarah Sheppard, 93; Lois Whiteley, 92; Lloyd Robertson, 92; Raymond Wilson, 91; Valeria Parks, 91; Clara B. White, 90.

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## MISSIONARY FROM CENTRAL AFRICA WILL SPEAK HERE



DR. B. L. LOCKETT.

Dr. B. L. Lockett of Central Africa will speak at the local Baptist church Sunday morning. Dr. Lockett has spent some twenty years in Africa as a medical missionary. In addition to his M. D. degree Dr. Lockett is an ordained minister and a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Kentucky.

The message Dr. Lockett will bring is rich in human interest sketches of first hand experiences with poor heathen people that got their first idea of a loving God through some act of mercy and kindness shown them by the missionary. His address at the recent meeting of the Sweetwater Association was the best talk at the meeting.

He brings a message that will be of interest to every hearer whether they belong to any church or not. If you have any of the spirit of human kindness, you will get a thrill out of this message. Dr. Lockett will be in this part of the country only a few days longer on his furlough, so this is likely your only chance to hear him.

## Oil Development Will Be Orderly

No new developments have been reported during the week from the field adjacent to the Taylor county discovery well, Dunigan Bros. No. 1 Hunter, located on the A. W. Hunter farm, about six miles southeast of Merkel, as the owners are attempting to secure a pipeline outlet for the oil.

As reported in this paper last week, Gibson and Johnson of Abilene have bought a block of 479 acres, with an agreement to start a test within ninety days, but as the surrounding acreage is in the hands of Dunigan Bros. and the Snell Petroleum Corporation development is expected to be orderly.

## Badgers Travel to Albany Next Game

The Badgers play the Albany Lions at Albany this, (Friday,) afternoon and a large number will go from here for the game.

Albany is not in the Merkel district but the two teams are well matched and it is expected the game today will be full of good football.

On Friday, Nov. 1, the Badgers will play Anson, the place not yet determined.

### Cattle Movement.

Dudley and Munger shipped their stock of calves Wednesday to Sudan, Texas, on the plains, to be fed there and then shipped to market.

## SIXTEEN CENTS LOAN ON POUND OF COTTON AIM

Federal Farm Board Proposes to Lend Funds to Bring Total Amount Borrowed Up to That Figure.

Washington, Oct. 24.—The federal farm board announced Monday it would lend to cotton co-operatives sums sufficient to bring the total amount borrowed from all sources by such associations to 16 cents per pound on graded and classed cotton. It disclosed also it is preparing to take similar action on wheat under a plan to be revealed later.

The statement came as a surprise and was received with gratification by the cotton states senators. It was prefaced with the declaration that the board "believes the present prevailing prices for cotton are too low." Nearly \$100,000,000 is available from the board's revolving fund for the cotton financing, and the board said it would ask congress for more if necessary.

Dallas, Oct. 24.—The federal farm board has "at last come across" with practical farm relief in its proposition to loan cotton growers 16 cents a pound on their cotton. W. B. Leary, secretary-treasurer of the Farmers' Marketing association of America, Dallas, said in a statement issued Tuesday.

"The farm board has now spoken and said cotton is too cheap," the statement said. "Farmers should quit selling at once."

Mr. Leary's organization has urged farmers to hold their cotton for 25 cents, and this was being done, he said, in many Texas counties.

Dallas, Oct. 24.—Cotton producers in Texas may expect to receive early benefits from the federal farm board by obtaining a share of the \$100,000,000 the board has expressed willingness to advance, Lynn Stokes, president of the Texas farm bureau cotton association, said Tuesday.

"Action of the board," he said, "has not been hasty, but follows exhaustive study of world conditions, definitely indicating that the price of cotton is too low."

Co-operatives to handle loans are already in existence in most of the cotton producing areas, he said.

## FUNERAL RITES FOR MRS. FORD

Resident of This Section for 22 Years, Age 67, Dies at Her Home Here.

Mrs. Maggie Holcomb Ford, 67, wife of J. I. Ford, died at her home here Tuesday afternoon at about 3 o'clock, following a long illness, during which friends, neighbors and relatives visited her with tender ministrations in token of their love and esteem for the splendid woman that she was, a home-loving wife and mother, one of God's blessed characters who was able to help others along the way by her own resolute faith and example.

Mrs. Ford was born in Georgia near the city of Savannah and later moved to Texas with her family. She was married 31 years ago to J. I. Ford in Fannin county and besides her husband, she is survived by one son and one daughter, Hoyt Ford, member of the Simmons university faculty at Abilene, and Mrs. E. F. Vantrees of the Hodges community; and four step-children, W. A. Ford of Stith, L. E. Ford of Abilene, Mrs. T. J. Bird of Merkel and Mrs. Ray J. Massey of Dallas.

Mrs. Ford had been a resident of this section of the state for 22 years, having lived in the Stith community for 17 years before moving to Merkel five years ago. She was a member of the First Baptist church here, having been converted early in life. She was one of 16 children, of whom three brothers survive, one residing in California and two in Collin county.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist church here at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon, with the pastor, Rev. Ira L. Parrack officiating, assisted by Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Simmons university. Interment was in the Stith cemetery.

Pall bearers were M. L. Estes, A. J. Canon, Clark Church, Elbert West, W. D. Haynes and Fletcher Jones.

## KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Low hanging awnings and signs have raised the ire of Berger's new officials, two of whom are 6 feet, 2 inches in height and a third is four inches taller than these two.

At the concluding sessions of the Mid-West Texas District Medical association in Big Spring, Dr. H. M. Bennett of Big Spring was elected president and Midland was chosen as the 1930 meeting place.

Hubert M. Harrison, secretary of the Wichita Falls chamber of commerce, has been selected vice-president and general manager of the East Texas chamber of commerce, succeeding W. N. Blanton, resigned.

J. H. Carroll, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hill Carroll of College Station, was instantly killed when he fell from the top of the fuel conveyor 75 feet high at the power plant of the A. & M. College where he was employed.

From an obscure grave in an abandoned cemetery at Houston, the body of Oliver Jones, designer of the flag of the Republic of Texas, was transferred on Oct. 11 to a final resting place in the state cemetery at Austin.

While attempting to hop a ride on a motor truck that belonged to the Masonic home at Fort Worth, Frank L. Simmons, Jr., 12, inmate of the home, missed his hold and fell beneath the wheels which crushed his skull, causing almost instant death.

Work on the first eight buildings—six barracks and two warehouses—at Randolph Field, San Antonio, is to be started within ten days, the contract having been awarded to Murch Brothers Construction company of St. Louis for \$1,227,000.

An increase in Howard county's assessed property valuation from \$6,000,000 in 1928 to \$17,000,000 in 1929 will yield a decrease in the total tax rate for Howard county of 20c under last year. The increase in valuations is credited to valuable oil lands in the south part of the county.

## Charity Case Is Given Aid Here

A tourist couple, en route to El Paso who camped on the highway east of town Monday night, were the recipients early in the week of needed assistance from the ladies of the various churches in Merkel and of the benevolence committee of the civic organization when the wife, who gave birth to a baby, was removed to a tourist camp and supplied with bedding and blankets as well as baby clothes and a generous supply of food and groceries.

### Record of Births.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClain, residing on Route 2, a baby girl, Oct. 22, 1929.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Taylor, residing southeast of Merkel, a baby girl, Oct. 18, 1929.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brewer, a baby girl, named Venice Marie, Oct. 20, 1929.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wheeler of Noodle Dome, a baby girl, Oct. 18, 1929.

### Men's Prayer Meeting.

Much interest is being manifested in the men's prayer meeting services held each Sunday at one of the local churches. The meeting last Sunday was held at the First Baptist church with W. D. Haynes as leader and next Sunday L. L. Murray will be leader, the services to be held at the Presbyterian church. The subject will be found in the 16th chapter of Matthew, from the 12th verse to the close of the chapter.

### Cotton Receipts.

Total cotton receipts for the season up to noon Thursday were 4,440 bales, of which 1,325 still remain in the yard here and 3,115 bales have been shipped.

Receipts up to October 19 of last year were 2,665 bales, the excess this year being accounted for by the extremely early crop. It is conservatively estimated that the receipts for Merkel may reach 6,000 bales this season whereas the receipts for 1928 were more than 9,000 bales.

### Sunday School Attendance.

781 were in attendance at the Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, which is a splendid showing for a town this size. The Methodists led the list with 283, while the Baptists were second with 265.

The Sunday School attendance at the other churches was: Church of Christ, 96; Presbyterian, 83; and Nazarene church, 54.

## TWENTY-FOUR BADGERS AND COACH ARE HONOR GUESTS OF LIONS CLUB

## BADGERS LOSE TO HASKELL 6 TO 0

Hard Fought Contest Settled by Lone Touchdown by Visiting Captain.

It was a thrilling game, a hard-fought contest, with glory enough for all—that game last Friday afternoon staged here between the Badgers and the Haskell Indians when one touchdown by Captain Kimbrough for the visitors proved the only score recorded. Try for extra point by passing failed and the 6-0 victory by the opposing team was all that happened to mar the occasion.

While all the dope favored Haskell by a big margin, the Badgers were out to win and put up a grade of football that only extra weight, averaging about 15 pounds to the player, and a super-fullback, Captain Kimbrough himself, could beat. The lone touchdown came in the second quarter when Kimbrough plunged through center for 8 yards, culminating a march down the field from their 40-yard line.

Probably the largest crowd that has ever been present at a football game in Merkel witnessed the thrilling battle, which was staged in Holloway's pasture, due to the heavy, muddy condition of the High School field, and they were not disappointed. A local committee of business men had been instrumental in getting the stores to close for the game and prior to the starting time the Pep Squad visited the business section, giving lusty yells and staging several of their stunt formations.

### HARD FOUGHT GAME.

The game was one of the hardest fought in Merkel's football history the teams playing in the center of the field most of the time. At the last of the first half the Badgers threatened Haskell's goal line by a series of passes and line plays and during the last quarter Merkel again threatened to score by completing three forward passes for a net gain of about 40 yards.

First downs were practically equal, Haskell making eight and Merkel seven, while in the passing end of the game the home boys excelled their opponents in completions.

Boaz and Tittle were the outstanding stars of the day with Boaz leading the offensive plays and Tittle being on the job at the defensive post. Ashby and Petree did brilliant work in receiving passes.

Officials of the game were: Little, (Simmons,) referee; Bounds, (Simmons,) umpire; and Duke, (Howard Payne,) head linesman.

The line-up for Merkel was: Orion Tittle, left end; Terrill Mashburn, left tackle; Fred Baker, left guard; Milton Case, center; Lee Darden, right guard; W. J. Derstine, right tackle; J. D. Ashby, right end; Joel Darsey, quarter; Raymond Petree, right half; J. E. Boaz, left half; Fred Guitar, (captain,) full back. Substitutes—Jeff Chancey for Derstine; Paul Collins for Baker.

### THANKS BUSINESS MEN.

The football boys and the students of Merkel High school wish to express their appreciation to the business men of Merkel for closing their stores and coming out to the game so as to make a financial success of the day as well as to lend their enthusiasm and support to the boys.

### Breaks Two Bones in Arm.

During practice Wednesday afternoon, Ross Ferrier, of the Badger squad, had the misfortune to break his right arm a short distance above the wrist when making a tackle. Both bones were broken.

### TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

## Get-Together Banquet Last Tuesday An Occasion Long to Be Remembered.

Twenty-four members of the Badger football squad and Coach Melvin S. Davis were guests of honor of the Merkel Lions club at their regular weekly luncheon on Tuesday and the occasion is one long to be remembered by both the players and the hosts, for it marked the cementing of relations between the two organizations which will react to the benefit of both, not only during the current football season but in after years when the young athletes have matured into the responsibilities of manhood.

The players were arranged at tables, alternating between members of the Lions club; miniature footballs in the school colors of purple and gold were placed on each of the tables also carried the purple and gold motif. Rev. Ira L. Parrack was at the head of one table and Rev. R. A. Walker at the head of the other table, at which the players were grouped.

After singing of "America," in which the guests joined, the invocation was delivered by Rev. Ira L. Parrack. As a special feature of the program, C. W. Delmer, who is a Lion himself, was accompanied by his wife at the piano in rendering several popular saxophone and xylophone numbers. The saxophone numbers were "Miss You" and "When dreams come true," while the xylophone numbers were "Where the shy little violets grow" and "If you knew Susie."

C. E. Ogle acted as toastmaster and introduced Supt. Burgess, who then introduced Coach Davis. This was followed by a real Lions roar at the suggestion of the toastmaster, to which the guests responded with a louder roar at the suggestion of the coach.

The other guests present were then introduced as follows: F. R. Loon of the Gulf Refining company, W. F. Golliday, agent for the Gulf, and Mrs. C. W. Delmer.

As the instigator of the affair, Lion Rufe Tittle was called on to extend a welcome to the football squad, which he did in a rousing talk.

In responding Coach Davis stated that the Badgers especially appreciated this honor, as it was the first time such a thing had ever been done in Merkel. He referred to the large crowd that was present at last Friday's game and said it showed a fine spirit of cooperation on the part of the business men and friends of the team for the town to close up for the occasion.

Short talks were made by some of the speakers, including Captain Ed Guitar, Lee Darden, Orion Tittle, J. E. Boaz, Milton Case, J. D. Ashby and Joel Darsey, all telling in a feeling way their appreciation of the honor that had been extended to the players.

When the meeting was turned back to the president, the latter emphasized how proud the people of Merkel and the Lions especially were of their football squad and stated that the Lions club considered it an honor to entertain such a fine, gentlemanly set of boys. Asking the consent of the club, he named a standing committee from the team, styling them an honorary committee of the Lions club, to confer with the club as to equipment financial matters, transportation to other towns and other details; this committee to consist of Guitar, chairman, Ashby, Boaz and Tittle.

At the conclusion of a brief address by Supt. Burgess, the boys were released to return to school. The final feature was a joint roar that shook the building.

Members of the Badger squad were guests of the Lions club, Fred Guitar, captain, J. E. Raymond Petree, Joel Darsey, Tittle, Terrill Mashburn, Fred Milton Case, Lee Darden, W. J. Derstine, J. D. Ashby, Paul Collins, Chancey, Byron Patterson, Watts, Leon McGaughey, Ross, B. F. Middleton, Gerald Der G. Russell, Benjamin Sheppard, Mashburn, H. C. Toombs, E. J. Details of a Trades Day party being worked out by a committee of Lions, of which Charlie Jones is man, and the entire next meeting to be devoted to furthering the Charlie Jones to be toastmaster at the next meeting.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of the Merkel Mail, October 22, 1909.)

### A CLOSING OUT SALE OF ORGANS.

I am going out of the organ business and will sell regardless of cost. All organs in my store are new. Will take horses, mules, cattle or wood. E. D. Coats.

Boys! Those nice knickerbocker suits came in this week. Harris and Harkrider.

### SOCIAL

Miss Lois Rogers entertained a few of her friends with "42" last Friday afternoon. Those present were: Misses Eva Williams, Duncan, Browning, Virginia Mackey, Jewel Coggin, Jessie O'Brian, Ollie Kate Harris, Willie Bigham and Mrs. Sinclair.

Mrs. H. C. Burroughs and children,

Fannie, H. C. Jr., and little Charmain, left Wednesday for Dallas to attend the Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson of Trent were in the city this week attending to business and visiting relatives.

The following attended court in Abilene this week: A. Stamps, C. D. Mims, R. H. Collins, Harry Hamm, T. J. Coggin, T. E. Collins, J. A. Duckett and E. V. Green.

Charlie Berry of Los Angeles, Calif., is visiting his brothers, Will and George, this week.

Buggies to trade for horses and mules.

Walters and Moore.

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 DAVID HENDRICKS, V. Pres.  
 W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.

HERBERT PATTERSON,  
 Assistant Cashier  
 B. L. HAMILTON,  
 Assistant Cashier

# Engraved Christmas Cards



Our new designs are now ready and you are cordially invited to inspect them. The increasing popularity of this style of Christmas greetings suggests the advisability of making your selection early.



# MERKEL MAIL

## Jarman Not Greatly Enriched by Finding Oil on Their Farm

Wills Point, Texas, Oct. 24.—While oil continues to flow from the discovery well on their farm near Van, the heirs of W. T. Jarman continue their daily routine of farm life. The men have about finished gathering the cotton crop and are now getting winter fuel and doing other work on the farm.

The women of the home milk the cows, care for the poultry and prepare the family meals in the usual way. A newspaper man Friday found one of the women doing the family wash, while the others were preparing the noon meal.

W. T. Jarman was a pioneer in East Van Zant County and was the father of twelve children. He died in September, 1928, but the family continue to occupy the homestead of 135 acres and the married children have settled near by. Of the twelve children ten grew to manhood and womanhood and eight of them are still living.

When asked about their future plans they replied they were not made. The lease had been sold for \$2 an acre and most of the royalty at a very low price when they had no faith in oil being found; and so as yet they have realized but little from their holdings.

## Chevrolet Starts Apprentice Shop

At Flint Michigan 50 picked youths between the ages of 16 and 19 years will soon begin an educational course in which books will be conspicuous because of their total absence. They will attend class in overalls, and drafting boards, micrometers, wrenches and screw drivers will take the place of fountain pens, blackboards and note books. Salaries will supplant credits in this, the world's most novel educational plant.

It will be an institution endowed by Chevrolet Motor company, and its faculty will be composed of hard-headed production men with years of factory experience. At the head of the school will be C. F. Barth, vice president in charge of manufacturing, one of whose life dreams will be realized when the first class is held.

Here it might be well to explain that this unique training place is not a school. The word "school" is one which Mr. Barth wants permanently dissociated from this newest Chevrolet undertaking. It is definitely a shop, operated under shop discipline and maintaining shop hours. It is to be known officially as the Chevrolet Apprentice Shop.

No requirements other than that the apprentice have mechanical ability are necessary. Whether or not applicant has a high school education does not affect his chances for getting into the apprentice shop. It makes this difference, however, on the length of the course. Men who are not high school graduates will be required to complete 16,029 hours, approximately four years of training. High school graduates will be expected to complete the training in two thirds this time.

The apprentice will work 50 hours a week and will be paid from the outset with regular increases in salary until the course is completed. A new building is being constructed to house the undertaking. It is to be one story and be 60 by 160 feet in dimensions. Inasmuch as all the first applicants are Flint youths they will reside at their own homes.

### A Good Idea.

There is a wide-awake chamber of commerce in Paris, Ill., a small city of around 10,000 inhabitants, which is making a determined effort to extend its trade territory, with good prospects of success.

As a means toward the end sought, a series of 37 half-page advertisements, one to run each week, will be placed in the Paris Beacon-News, setting forth the advantages of the town as a trading center.

The chamber of commerce, after trying various methods for building good will in the territory served by Paris merchants, has concluded that newspaper advertising is the most effective means of getting its message to the public.

### Jinrikishas Passe.

The jinrikisha, a picturesque vehicle of Japan, is rapidly disappearing. In Tokio, this vehicle has decreased in number from 26,000 in 1901 to 8,700 at the present time. During this period automobiles have increased from 96 to 15,000 cars.

Texas in July resumed its place at the head of oil producing states with a daily average of 872,000 barrels—over 50,000 barrels a day more than in June. California was in second place and Oklahoma in third.

The Upper Yosemite Fall is nine times higher than Niagara.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

## Five Earth Shocks Felt at Big Spring

Big Spring, Texas, Oct. 24.—Failing to find any trace of blasting operations in near-by oil fields and construction camps on Thursday night, residents of this section Friday believed earth tremors responsible for their being awakened by the rattling of windows and bric-a-brac in their homes.

Five shocks were reported, the first occurring shortly after midnight. The others continued at intervals until shortly before 7 o'clock when the strongest of the tremors was felt.

The shocks also were reported at Forsam, fifteen miles south of Big Spring, and at Stanton, twenty miles to the west. As at Big Spring, the shocks were said to have been very distinct.

Considerable excitement was caused by the disturbance, although no damage was done.

No record of a seismic disorder was recorded by any of the seismographs in the southwestern part of the United States, indicating that the tremors were extremely local.



### EVEN A QUEEN

Can't escape the fact that it is dangerous to monkey with fire unless she expects to get burned; and even the inexperienced motorist ought to know that it is likewise unsafe to expect his car to give perfect satisfaction with inferior propelling power. We handle only the best of Conoco Gasoline and oils and see to it that you are "ready to go" when you patronize us. The same painstaking efforts extend to our garage service.

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Everybody's Garage  
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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
Rediscouunts	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 untiring effort to this end.

- J. T. Warren, Pres.
- G. F. West, V. Pres.
- Sam Butman, Sr., V. Pres.
- Geo. L. Paxton, Director
- Booth Warren, Cashier.
- F. Y. Gaither, Ass't Cashier.
- W. S. J. Brown, Teller.
- Geo. T. Moore, B'keeper.
- A. J. Tucker, B'keeper.
- Rosie Laney, Stenographer.



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The PHAETON.....\$525	The Sedan Delivery.....\$595
The COUPE.....\$595	The Light Delivery Chassis.....\$400
The Sport COUPE.....\$645	The 1 1/2 Ton Chassis.....\$545
The SEDAN.....\$675	The 1 1/2 Ton Coach with Cab.....\$650

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## Delaney-Delmer Chevrolet Co.

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MASSEY-WOODS CHEVROLET CO., TRENT, TEXAS

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**Horses in Wyoming Far Outnumber Cars**

...ne, Wyo., Oct. 24.—Old Dob-making his last and most pro-stand in the State of Wyo-  
...cent Government survey shows while automobiles outnumber almost two to one over the country, the situation is reversed in Wyoming.  
Records of the board of livestock commissioners show the State's horse population to be 147,988, while the number of automobiles is only 56,698.  
In only two counties do automobiles outnumber horses. Natrona County had 8,605 motorcars on Jan. 1, 1929, against 4,849 horses. Sweetwater County had 3,638 autos compared to 1,181 horses.  
The automobile is more lucrative to the State, however. Automobiles were taxed approximately \$570,000 last year, while the total assessed valuation of the horses is only \$359,947.

**HEBRON NEWS**

The school is progressing nicely now with the splendid direction of such teachers as Mr. Bolin and Miss Middleton.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie West of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. Hutson Clark Sunday.  
Blanche Carey visited friends in Haskell last week.  
There will be a party at the Paul Pannell home Saturday night.  
Lucille Oliver is visiting relatives at Dora this week.  
We have Sunday school each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and everyone is invited to come.

**Junior League Program.**

Song, Regular opening, Scripture, Psalm 96, A. C. Sears. Story, "Summer has come," (see in African Bush, Junior, page 3.) Opal Huskey. Bible story, Mildred Richardson. Special music, Duncan Briggs. Story from Bible story book, Waymon Richards. Duet, Arma Love and Fern Toombs. Roll call. We want every member to come to league next Sunday. We need you to help us learn and to have a good time.

**Back From the Dead.**

London.—Believed for eight months to be dead, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Glover have returned from an exploring trip in Africa.

**Americans Like the Air.**

Paris.—Americans rank second as air travelers on the European air lines. The British lead, with Frenchmen far down on the list.

**"I Feel Ten Years Younger," Said Duffy Since Taking Orgatone**

**Suffered For Years With Acute Indigestion But Feel Like A Different Man Declares Wichita Man.**

"It sounds like it would be enough to say that Orgatone has relieved me of my troubles that made me miserable for years, but that's not all this medicine did for me, for I've gained in weight and feel like a different man," said Virgil S. Duffy, of 101 Lee Street, a railroad employee, while talking to the Orgatone nurse in relating his experience with Orgatone.

"I had a severe case of acute indigestion and stomach trouble," he continued, "I got to where I wasn't able to eat anything, and every time I did, my food would sour and I would get dizzy and sick at my stomach. Gas would form and press around my heart which would cause it to palpitate so fast some times, I knew that I must do some thing for my condition which was injuring my stomach. Often I would think I was going to die. My system was all run down and I needed some thing to build me up. I read so many testimonials in the local paper that I decided to try a bottle of Orgatone.

"Since taking my first bottle I haven't had my trouble since. I feel ten years younger than I did. I have a good appetite and eat anything I want now, which certainly means a lot to me. I have gained several pounds in weight and am still gaining which I am thankful for. The food does not sour on my stomach anymore, and the pains in my back and sides have disappeared, and my constipation is entirely gone. I think Orgatone is just wonderful for it has proven so in my case. I am certainly thankful for what it has done for me, and I am glad to get the opportunity to recommend it." Genuine Orgatone may be bought at Merkel at Phillips Drug Store.

**Clemenceau's First Talkie Brings Laugh**

Paris, Oct. 24.—George Clemenceau, "the Tiger of France," has succumbed to the lure of the talkie. Gruffly for months the aged statesman had turned down every request from talkie firms until finally, one morning, cornered in the garden of his villa at Saint Vincent sur Jard, in Vendee, he surrendered.

But when the film was shown at a local theatre the auditors roared with laughter as the picture of the robust old man, gesticulating wildly, appeared on the screen and they heard the first words, uttered with tigerish mock ferocity:  
"Get a move on boys. I can't stay in this garden all day. I have something else to do."

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offers.

Large and small, Texas' manufacturing plants exceed 44,000 in number with an output valued at \$1,200,000,000 a year.

**California U. Students Earn Million Yearly**

Berkeley, Cal., Oct. 24.—University of California students who do part time work to help themselves through college earn more than \$1,000,000 a year.

This is the estimate of the Bureau of Occupations on the campus. The million dollar pay check, it is asserted, represents work in 5,790 jobs, 3,746 of which are held by men and 2,044 by women students.

In wages alone (exclusive of salaries) the printing industry in Texas (including newspaper and job printing plants) in 1927 expended \$9,282,298.

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A new radio program, which will be heard over WBAP, Fort Worth, next Tuesday evening and each Tuesday evening thereafter, 6:30 to 7 o'clock, is being sponsored by a group of Aladdin Lamp dealers in the Southwest, of which Crown Hardware Co., Merkel, Texas, is one. This program will be known as the Aladdin Mantle Lamp Barn Dance Frolic and will feature those old tunes so popular a few years ago.

In addition to the music, there will be a very important feature for anyone at all interested in the raising or marketing of poultry. On each Tuesday evening's program, Uncle Ned will give a detailed, accurate, concise poultry market report. It will be possible to then determine exactly the price being paid at shippers' doors in the poultry centers, for the fowls. This feature alone will save members of this community many dollars by keeping accurately posted. Be sure your dial is on WBAP Tuesday night at 6:30.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

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**SATURDAY OCT. 26TH WITH A BIG SALE TO LAST FOR 10 DAYS**

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**EYSSEN-SEARS.**  
Miss Boog Sears was married Saturday morning to W. H. Eysen of Abilene in the parlors of the Methodist church parsonage at ten o'clock in Marietta, Okla. The service was read by Rev. W. J. Stewart, the only attendants being Miss Vivian Sears, cousin of the bride, and Arch Lawrence, both of Abilene, who accompanied the couple on the drive to Oklahoma Friday night.

**Thank You, Col. Easterwood.**  
Through the thoughtful courtesy of Col. Wm. E. Easterwood, Jr., of Dallas, the publishers of the Merkel Mail are in receipt of a box of the famous Orbit Listerated and Juicy Fruit Chewing Gum, for which the Wm. E. Easterwood, Jr. company are distributors. We take this means of thanking the Colonel for the favor extended and shall be glad to welcome him to West Texas on the occasion of one of his frequent flights by plane.

**Picture of Badgers Featured in Paper**

Local sport fans and admirers of the Merkel Badgers were pleased to see the picture of the squad featured in the Abilene News Wednesday morning. The photograph is by Rodden Studio and was taken prior to the Friday game with Haskell.

**Busy Bee Cafe to Open End of Week**

The Busy Bee Cafe is the name of the new restaurant to be opened the latter part of the week or on Monday of next week at the latest by Fred Latham in the location formerly occupied by the City Cafe.

The new cafe will be equipped with tables as well as the usual counter service and everything will be first class.

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.**

Due to the fact that our Annual District Assembly is to convene in Abilene Oct. 22-27, all services for this week and for Sunday have been dismissed. We urge all our people to make special effort to attend this assembly. If impossible to attend, then visit some Sunday School and attend preaching in some of our home churches. Don't stay at home.

We extend to all our friends an invitation to attend this assembly. It will be a feast of good things for the soul. Keep fed up spiritually as well as physically.

Leona Forbes, Pastor.

**Woodmen Circle Meets.**

The Woodmen Circle met Friday afternoon, Oct. 18, at 3 o'clock with eight members present. Although the attendance was small, it was considered a good meeting. Every member is urged to be present at the next meeting, which will be Friday, Nov. 1. Refreshments will be served. So be sure to come.

For the benefit of all members, it is announced that meetings are held on the first and third Fridays of each month at the Woodman Hall.

**Pie Supper at Mt. Pleasant.**

A Halloween program and pie supper, sponsored by the P. T. A., will be given at the Mt. Pleasant school house Friday night, November 1. Everyone is cordially invited.

**Intermediate B. Y. P. U.**

First part, H. H. Copeland, Jr.; second part, Bussy Boaz; third part, Cullen Tittle; fourth part, Hail Derrington; fifth part, Jo Earl Lassiter; sixth part, Alvin Parrack; seventh part, J. R. Lassiter. Come to B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 o'clock.

**AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.**

We are nearing the close of another conference year. Just three more Sundays and your pastor goes to conference. Let's make these three Sundays the best of the year. If you have been thinking of placing your membership in the church, do so next Sunday. If you have been cutting Sunday school and church, quit it and come next Sunday. You will want to hear the new preacher when he gets here and if you lay out until the old one is gone then come just as soon as the new gets here—well, you can't keep from thinking. The pastor will be in his pulpit at 10 hours next Sunday looking for special music at the Sunday school and both services. Come to church.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to thank our friends for their many kind acts and thoughts assisting during the illness of Mrs. Hoff and for their tender sympathy and expressions of love as well as the beautiful floral offerings in our sad event in the loss of our baby. We shall always remember these kind words for their loving kindness during our great sorrow.  
Mrs. N. H. Eoff.

**Honor Roll Public School Lists 106**

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- HIGH SCHOOL.**  
*Eighth Grade.*  
Opal Huskey, 93; Duncan Briggs, 92; Ivah Lou Malphurs, 92; Imogene Middleton, 92; Mardelle Shouse, 92; Fae Vantrees, 92; James West, Jr., 92; Joyce Wheeler, 92; Jim Patterson, 91; Vergil Lee Perkins, 91; Mildred Richardson, 91; Audra Ely, 90; Voncille Gilbert, 90; Margaret Miller, 90.  
*Ninth Grade.*  
Oleta Moore, 93; Lela Patterson, 92; Mary E. Grimes, 91; Alice Church, 91; Margaret Canon, 91; Willie Evelyn Boaz, 90.  
*Tenth Grade.*  
Elvis Richardson, 95; Audrey Faris, 94; Alvin Parrack, 93; H. H. Copeland, 92; Margaret Turner, 92; Joel Darsey, 91; Velma Lee Holden, 91; Elsie Lassiter, 90; Thelma McAninch, 90.  
*Senior Class.*  
Frances Frederickson, 95; Odell Hunter, 94; Beryl Hunter, 94; Lucile Cole, 94; J. D. Ashby, 92; Clinton Bryan, 92; J. T. Darsey, 92; Nina Vantrees, 92; Orion Tittle, 91; Tracy Campbell, 90.

**Starr's Variety to Open on Saturday**

J. I. Starr, who has variety stores at Gorman and Carbon, has purchased the stock of the Sears Variety Store here and will conduct the business hereafter under the name of Starr's Variety Store.

In addition to the stock on hand, Mr. Starr states that he has replenished same with additional goods and the store will open for business Saturday, Oct. 27, with many inviting bargains. A full page circular has been distributed listing the many items that will be for sale at specially low prices and the opening announcement of Starr's Variety Store is to be found in this issue of the Merkel Mail. Mr. Starr makes a valued acquisition to the business life of Merkel and is receiving a cordial welcome.

**Winners Picked In BYPU Meeting Here**

Junior B. Y. P. U. members of the Sweetwater Baptist association to represent the district in regional young people's contests were selected at a meeting at the Baptist church here Sunday. The meeting was conducted by the Rev. C. D. Owen of Abilene, associational missionary.

Winners named are: Intermediate sword-drill contest, Tula Mae Padock, First Baptist church, Sweetwater; Ruth Wood, University Baptist church, Abilene; Helen Grace Williams, First Baptist church, Abilene; Eula Moore, First Baptist church, Abilene; junior memory work contest, Louise King, University Baptist church, Abilene; Violet Barley, University church; Dan McDonald, Baptist church, Blackwell; Edith Jones, Lamar Street Baptist church, Sweetwater.

Winners of first and second places in each contest will represent the association in a district contest at Longview, November 29. Following a state contest, a South-wide contest will be held at Memphis, Tenn., December 31 to January 3. Winners of third and fourth place will serve as alternates.

**Personal Mention**

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson returned Thursday from Dallas. Miss Floy Ash has entered the National Business college in Abilene. Judge and Mrs. N. B. Cobb were Dallas Fair visitors last week-end. Miss Melba West was a week-end visitor from Baird with her parents here. Miss Margaret Long of Abilene was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter. Wilkes Holden of Tuscola was a week-end visitor with his mother, Mrs. M. L. Holden. Mr. and Mrs. Lige Gamble and children attended the Dallas Fair early in the week. Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case paid a visit last Sunday to Mrs. Case's brother, M. E. Barrett, at Baird. Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson, Mrs. E. L. Ash and Miss Floy Ash were Abilene visitors Saturday. Friends will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Josie Ross, who has been seriously ill, is slowly improving. Mr. and Mrs. Sid Coates have returned from Waco where they have been for the past several weeks. Miss Lorena McElyea was a recent visitor in the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Caple. Miss Johnnie Sears and her houseguest, Miss Louise Anderson, were visitors to the Dallas Fair this week. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hampton visited Friday and Saturday at Hico in the home of their son, R. C. Hampton. Miss Pearl Houston of Eastland is the guest for a few days of her sister, Mrs. J. H. Jackson, en route to Midland. Mrs. S. P. Nesmith was in Abilene several days the early part of the week on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. H. T. Hodge. Mr. and Mrs. George Caple attended the State Fair of Texas, having gone especially to be present on Press Day, which was last Friday. Mrs. C. B. Gardner and little daughter, Becky, left Thursday on the Sunshine Special for Washington, Ind., to visit Mrs. Gardner's parents. On her visit home from Abilene Christian college for the week-end Miss Berdelle Adcock was accompanied by her friend and classmate, Miss Louise Doherty of Bisbee, Ariz. Mr. and Mrs. George Hunter of Lubbock are guests in the home of Mr. Hunter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hunter, and also of his sister, Mrs. John Toombs. Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sharp of Fort Worth were week-end visitors in Merkel, bringing Mr. Sharp's mother, Mrs. J. P. Sharp, and his sister, Mrs. J. S. Bourn, home after a pleasant visit in Fort Worth. Mrs. and Mrs. Emmett S. Swafford of Yoakum stopped over Wednesday on their return from a visit to their

**Lions to Change Place of Meeting**

The committee, headed by Dr. Hulse, chairman with E. Y. Brown and Dee Grimes, appointed President Booth Warren of the I. O. O. F. club to select a hall for the next meeting place, as the former location to be vacated, advises the Merkel Mail that the West Building on Front street, formerly occupied by C. E. Conner Grocery, has been secured and the next meeting place will be held there.

**Merkel Girl Leaves For Dallas Audition**

Miss Mona Margaret Jones, district winner of the annual Atwater Kent Radio Contests, left Wednesday for Dallas where she will represent West Texas in the all-state tryout Thursday evening at 10 o'clock. She was accompanied by her piano accompanist, Miss Lillian Morrison, Abilene, and her mother, Mrs. C. H. Jones.

**Frost Thursday Morning.**

A decided change in temperature with a norther manifesting itself here Tuesday and Wednesday was followed with a frost Thursday morning. It is not considered that the frost was heavy enough to do any considerable damage.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Be on time with a prepared lesson and help to make the class the best in attendance and in interest. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Prayer meetings Wednesday evening at 7:15. Strangers in town and visitors are always welcomed in our services.  
W. M. Elliott, Supt.  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

To all of our friends and neighbors who were so helpful and sympathetic during the illness and death of our wife and mother, we offer our deepest gratitude. We shall never forget your many kindnesses. May God bless all of you.  
J. I. Ford and family.

**SPECIALS FOR Friday and Saturday**

CHEESE, Cream Wisconsin, lb	32c
COFFEE, Schillings, 2lb. Tins	98c
HAM, Fidelity Skinned, Half or Whole lb.	29c
HAM, Fidelity Picnics, Not too Salty lb	20 1-2
FLOUR, Pride of Altus, Guaranteed, 48's	\$1.55
FLOUR, Pride of Altus, Guaranteed, 24's	80c
SPUDS, Idaho Rurals, 10 lbs.	32c
YAMS Louisiana's nice and firm, lb.	3c
LARD COMPOUND, Wilson or Armstrong, 8 lb. pail	\$1.10
POLISH, O'Cedar, 12 oz. bottle	45c
CLEANSER, Old Dutch, 2 cans	15c
SOAP, Swift's White Naptha, 13 bars	50c
SYRUP, Your choice, on counter, gallon's	75c
ORANGES, Nice for lunch, full of juice 4 for	5c
LETTUCE, Nice crisp heads, 5's 3 heads	25c

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**FOR SALE**

**SALE OR TRADE**—My house on Oak street; ideal location on Merkel's only paved residence street; will sacrifice for quick sale. L. B. Howard, Stamford, Texas.

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

**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.

**THREE CANARY BIRDS** for sale; two singers and one hen; all three for \$5.00. Mrs. Dan Reidenbach, Southeast Merkel.

**FOR SALE**—Seven or eight tons of maize heads, \$25.00 per ton at the barn. 3 1-2 miles North of Noodle Dome on Tiner Farm. R. H. Clark.

**FOR SALE**—Dark Cornish chickens. See Bob Hicks at Liberty Hardware Co.

**FOR SALE OR RENT**—My house located on Rose street, one block south of T. & P. station; five rooms and bath; all modern conveniences. H. H. Tye, 4266 Hemphill, Ft. Worth, Texas.

**SOME LAND TO SELL** for oil and also royalty to sell; on air line between discovery well at Noodle Dome and Hunter well; two miles and one-half a little north of west from Merkel. Mrs. George L. Reeves.

**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

**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.

**FOR RENT**—Furnished or unfurnished apartments. Call 53. Riddle Garage

**WANTED**

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

**WANTED TO TRADE**—Fordson tractor for mules; also wanted to keep team of mules for feed. W. C. Ervin.

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**LOST AND FOUND**

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

**LOST**—Bunch of keys in leather case identification tag inside. Reward. Sie Hamm or return to Merkel Mail.

**STRAYED FROM HOME** Oct. 9th brown Collie dog; crippled left hind leg. Herbert Patterson.

**BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

All regular services Sunday and during the week. Sunday school 10 a. m. with congenial classes and efficient teachers for all who will come. The 11 o'clock hour will be given to a message from Dr. Lockett, one of our missionaries to Africa. The pastor is anxious to have all the church hear Dr. Lockett. Many people are asking what is done with the money given to foreign missions. You will hear Dr. Lockett tell of many of the experiences he has had in reaching the heathen and the Mohammedans by some bold deed in relieving them or their loved ones from some dread sickness or injury. The other services as usual. All B. Y. P. U. s at 6:30 and preaching by the pastor at 7:30. If you attend but one service during the week you will hear Dr. Lockett. Singers and visitors are invited to all of the services.  
Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

**Trent News and Personal Notes**

Mrs. C. T. Beckham, accompanied by her daughters, Mrs. A. C. Williamson and son and Mrs. McLeod and son and daughter, spent the latter part of the week with her son, W. H. Beckham of Lamesa, returning home Monday.

Messrs. J. E. Bowers and T. G. Hamner motored to Merkel Saturday morning.

Rev. G. N. McGinnis filled his regular appointment last Sunday, as he did not get to preach the previous Sunday on account of weather conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reneau have returned home after spending the last year in Nathan, Ark., farming. We are glad to have them with us again.

Miss Patrick of Abilene was the guest of Miss Lillian McRee last week.

Maurine Riley of Coleman spent the week-end and the early part of this week with her sister, Mrs. Herbert West.

Rev. John Reynolds and family of Abilene were in Trent last Monday.

T. D. Scott and Leonard Abernathy returned home this week from a trip to the plains where they had been working for the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Duncan and children of Coleman visited Mr. Duncan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Duncan, last week-end.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson left Tuesday for Merkel where she will join her daughter, Mrs. John West, and motor to Denton to visit Miss Ruby Johnson, who is in school there.

Miss Cora Scott of Abilene visited relatives and attended to business here last week-end.

Mrs. R. B. McRee has as her guest this week her sister, Mrs. Henderson, of Kennedy.

Messrs. Joe Nalley and J. B. Winn made a business trip to Lamesa last week-end.

Monday night Misses Ellie Lee and Naoma Rogers entertained a number of young ladies with a slumber party. After games were played, Victrola music was enjoyed to a late hour, after which the 19 girls retired. Then at daylight they all arose and journeyed to the creek nearby and cooked their breakfast on a campfire. A delightful time was reported. Misses Jenkins and Sheppard, who are teachers, were chaperones.

Mrs. Annie Boone has announced the marriage of her daughter, Miss Maud Boone, to Joe Alexander of Hobbs, New Mexico, which took place last Monday at Hobbs. The bride has many friends here where she was reared and the groom who formerly lived here is also well and favorably known. They will make their home at Hobbs where he has charge of a lumber yard.

The ladies of the Baptist church met with Mrs. W. L. Boyd last Monday evening and elected officers for the coming year as follows: Mrs. Geta Williams, president; Miss Annie Boyd, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. E. Howell, devotional leader; Mrs. Tom McLeod, chairman of personal service. The next meeting will be at Mrs. J. I. Leamon's Thursday afternoon.

W. E. Hamner returned home this week from Littlefield where he has been buying cotton.

W. J. Beckham of Lamesa attended to business matters here the early part of the week.

Tuesday morning fire from an unknown cause broke out in the Ben

Howell residence occupied by Elbert Rogers. It started in a clothes closet and the contents of the closet were burned before it was discovered. By the time the fireboys arrived, the fire was under control. Damages were estimated at about \$300.

C. T. Beckham, H. B. Chambliss and W. L. Boyd attended the board meeting at Abilene Monday.

Lige Howell made a trip to the plains on business this week.

Mrs. Robert Martin of Loraine spent the day recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott.

Mrs. Sipe, who has been in Temple for treatment, has gone to Dallas and will visit there before returning home.

Mrs. J. W. Dowdy of Abilene visited with relatives here this week.

Buddie Burks made a business trip to Littlefield last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Armour in company with Jim Smith made a business trip to Lamesa last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blankenship of Abilene were callers in the Boyd home last Sunday afternoon.

**THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.**

If you have never tried our work and service, all we ask is the opportunity to show you just how well we can do your week's laundry and at what reasonable prices. We call for and deliver and our service is rendered promptly. Just phone 294J and we will do the rest.

**THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.**  
Mrs. Jay, Manager.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

The minister was glad to see such a large audience, the largest since his ministry began, last Lord's Day. Quite an improvement over the week before, the rainy day. We must remember that the Lord's work should go on during disagreeable weather just as well as business and other organizations.

Your attention is directed to the following program and each of you is asked to become an interested factor in one of the services.

Thursday night, 7:30, cottage services, conducted in someone's home, with anyone who wishes to have this blessing. This week we meet with Brother and Sister Decker on the Anson road.

Lord's Day: Bible School at 9:45, classes for all; devotion and sermon at 10:45. Bible drills for various ages, especially the young, 6:30; sermon at 7:30. The preacher is just beginning a series of sermons for the benefit especially of the unsaved. The first of the series was "Faith," the next will be "Repentance." Wednesday nights, prayer meeting. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

J. G. MALPHURS, Minister.

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**NOTICE**

After this week, the following gins will operate only on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week. Patrons will please take notice.

- F. P. HAMM.
- PLANTERS GIN.
- SAM SWANN GIN.
- FARM BUREAU GIN.
- SOUTH SIDE ELECTRIC GIN.

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Embracing every item of our regular stock—Silk Dresses, Fur Trim Coats, Florsheim Shoes and Fine Oxfords; in fact, everything to meet the needs of man, woman and child.

**THIS "SHORT CROP" SALE WILL BEAT THEM ALL—COME!**

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**SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**

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<b>BANANAS</b>	large green tips, per doz.	<b>22c</b>
	3 dozen	<b>65c</b>
<b>GRAPES</b>	Tokay, 3 lbs. for	<b>25c</b>
<b>PEACHES</b>	Gold Bar No. 2 1-2 cans,	<b>25c</b>
<b>CABBAGE</b>	large, firm heads, 5 lbs. for	<b>15c</b>
<b>SWEET POTATOES</b>	10 lbs. for	<b>29c</b>
<b>LEMONS</b>	per doz.	<b>29c</b>
<b>COFFEE</b>	H. & K. Vacuum packed, none better	<b>\$1.39</b>
<b>CORN</b>	Primrose, No. 2 cans	<b>15c</b>
<b>PEACHES</b>	Armour's No. 2 cans two for	<b>25c</b>
<b>BAKING POWDER</b>	1 lb. Calumet	<b>25c</b>
<b>COFFEE</b>	Peaberry, 3 lbs. for	<b>89c</b>
<b>TOMATOES</b>	fresh, home grown, extra nice, 3 lbs. for	<b>25c</b>
<b>GRAPEFRUIT</b>	Texas Sweet, each	<b>5c</b>
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# FARM STOCK

## GOOD SIRES WILL RETURN PROFITS

### Bull Will Influence More Calves Than Five Cows.

(By J. J. Moxley, Extension Live Stock Specialist, Kansas Agricultural College.)  
In the opinion of Kansas cattlemen, a good sire is worth 20 per cent of the value of the cow herd. These same live stock raisers figure the sire will influence more calves than five cows during his lifetime.

The bull represents the corner stone for a foundation of successful cattle production. Closely connected with him is the right kind of cows. They should represent the good, big beef type.

In the Minnesota car lot baby beef contest, where the weight of a car load of calves at 15 months was the method of determining the winning load, calves out of the biggest, beefiest cows and sired by medium to big bulls were the ones which ranked at the top.

Giving consideration to a demonstration in Clay county the past year, a group of cows which would class as "good cows" were compared with those which were classed as medium in the weight and value of the calves. The good grade cows had calves weighing 80 pounds more than those out of the medium grade cows. Their calves were worth \$1 per hundred more—making a difference for the year of \$15.91 more in favor of the calves out of the good grade cows.

From every angle in the cattle production business, a good sire is a necessity and a good cow herd is a great help in the production of beef that will return a profit.

### Proper Care of Horse's Feet Often Neglected

An important but oftentimes neglected job is to trim the feet of farm horses. In dry weather the feet become tough and hard and it is difficult to do anything with them. However, following a rain, or a spell of damp weather, they will cut easily, and it is no great effort to get them into shape for the season's work. Most farmers own a rasp which can be used to file down the rough, unsightly edges of the hoofs which have grown during the winter. Few farm horses are expected to work on cement or concrete roadways and they do not have shoes. A little judicious trimming at this time will give the horse better grip on the ground and more confidence to go at heavy pulls. The colts, also, should not be forgotten for the care which you give the feet of a colt may govern to a large extent the conformation of his legs at maturity.

### Find Lambs on Pasture Are Most Profitable

Lambs produced on pasture are more profitable, is the conclusion of Purdue university agricultural experiment station after two years' work. When ewe and lambs were both fed on grain and hay the profit per lamb amounted to \$4.11, and when both were pastured on timothy, oats and alfalfa pastures, the profit per lamb amounted to \$9.81. "The market finish of the two sets of lambs was the same," said Claude Harper, sheep specialist.

"Does it pay to feed lambs on pasture?" is a question often asked by Hoosier farmers. Purdue found that lambs developed on pasture returned a profit of \$9.81 and lambs fed grain on pasture returned a profit of \$9.97 per lamb above feed costs.

### Red Clover Excellent Pasture for the Hogs

Red clover makes an excellent pasture for hogs and ranks close to alfalfa as a forage. From the standpoint of the average farmer or hog feeder, it will probably be the most used forage crop particularly because it fits better into almost any system of crop rotation than does alfalfa. However, it will not usually support quite so many head per acre, nor will the forage season be quite so long, but if not pastured too closely and not allowed to go to seed, it will generally produce an abundance of good forage all summer. An acre of clover should furnish ample pasture for from 8 to 16 hogs if properly handled. Clover is high in protein and will replace a large part of the tankage or similar feeds, necessary to get maximum growth.

### Cure for Worms

Tetrachlorethylene, in single doses, has been found to be approximately 100 per cent effective against the sheep stomach worm, and is also very effective against the hook-worm and some of the other round-worms found in the small intestine of the sheep. The drug is given in capsules, in doses of five cubic centimeters. The animal should not be fed for 12 hours before treatment. If possible, the drug should be administered by a veterinarian.

# FARM STOCK

## HEEL FLIES ARE CAUSE OF LOSSES

### Most Important Insect Problem for Cattle Owners.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Control of cattle grubs or heel flies is one of the most important insect problems with which owners of cattle of all classes have to deal, say the authors of a bulletin issued by the United States Department of Agriculture. The cattle grubs or, as they are otherwise known, "warbles" or "wolves," cause losses estimated at from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 annually. The bulletin traces the life history and habits of the insect and explains methods of control.

The adult form of the insect, the heel fly, is rarely seen, although its presence terrifies cattle and causes them to make frantic efforts to escape. Why this is so is not clear, for the insect has no mouth for biting, and it lays its eggs on the hair of the animal without causing pain. Two varieties are known—the common cattle grub and the northern cattle grub. The common grub is found over most of the United States. The northern grub is the more persistent and annoying in its attacks on cattle and is found only rarely in the southern states where infestations commonly die out without treatment. It is most prevalent in the northeastern states.

The cover page of Farmers' Bulletin 1799-7, is a sampling of a departure from the usual federal publications. Five small drawings caricature the efforts of a cow to escape from a buzzing heel fly.

The injury to the cattle comes through their frantic running caused by the flies and through the parasitic action of the grubs, which result in less healthy and thrifty condition of the cattle and in lessened milk or beef production. Serious injury to the value of the hides is also caused from the holes cut by the grubs.

The bulletin gives information as to methods of control, extraction of the grubs by hand or with forceps or killing them by applying insecticides. It has been found that fairly satisfactory local control is possible. The flies apparently do not migrate great distances. The authors, however, believe that, because of the serious damage the insects do, it may eventually become necessary to carry on a system of general eradication, either nationwide or over large areas. Until such a campaign develops they advise each owner to control the insects affecting his own animals.

Farmers' Bulletin 1596-F, Cattle Grubs or Heel Flies with Suggestions for Their Control, by F. C. Bishop, E. W. Lanke, and R. W. Wells, of the bureau of entomology, has just been published for free distribution. A copy may be obtained by writing to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

### Crossbred Pigs Often Excel the Pure Breds

Crossbred pigs very often excel purebreds in vigor and ability to make rapid and economical gains. It is usually not advisable to use these crossbreds for breeding purposes, since their offspring frequently lack uniformity in type. One should certainly not mate crossbred sows with a crossbred boar.

If these sows are used for breeding purposes, better results should be expected if a good Poland China or Duroc is used than if a boar of some other breed is used. No doubt you will secure good results by mating them with a Poland China boar, although we are inclined to believe that pure bred sows will prove more satisfactory for breeding purposes than the crossbred sows.—H. J. Gramlich, University of Nebraska.

### Satisfactory Breeders Product of Ton Litter

Some feeders are inclined to feel that feeding for ton litters in market production may be all right but that capacity feeding will not prove satisfactory for the production of breeding stock. The latter is not true of hogs if the growthy, stretchy type are used and the high kinds of feed are fed. Type of hog and kinds of feed rather than amounts will determine whether they will develop satisfactory or otherwise. Some of the best breeding hogs ever produced were products of ton litters and practically every purebred swine association in the country is co-operating in the development of plans for special registration for hogs which have made ton litters or very similar records.

### Favor Vaccination

While the last serious outbreak of cholera occurred in 1926, proper precautions should not be neglected this summer. Plowing under old hog lots prevents the spread of the germ which might be lurking in the refuse around the lot. The ground should be planted to some crop for a season before placing hogs on it again. Hog houses should be cleaned out and thoroughly disinfected by spraying with a standard disinfectant solution at least twice each year.

### Hoboes in England Have Own Newspaper

Birmingham, England, Oct. 24.—The beggars and hoboes of Birmingham now have their own newspaper. The title is "Abraham-man's News." "Abraham-man" is English slang for a vagabond.

The newspaper is a single sheet of typed matter, produced on a cheap duplicator. The price is "one flash"—one cent.

Despite its vast circulation, this newspaper is completely unintelligible to the ordinary citizen. It is written in a jargon that only those belonging to the craft can possibly understand.

It contains a mine of information for the "blackberry-swaggerer" (hawker) and other itinerant visitors. The best of the "woolholes" (poo-houses) are given and all the "ganny vials" (towns where the police discourage beggars and hawkers) are given. The "screever" (pavement artist) is told where he can hire chalked pictures for a "susheroon" (five shillings) per day. The "gloak" (beggar who is "quishy" (broke) and can not find "downy earwig" (clergyman) the whereabouts of the nearest "dolly shop" (illegal pawnbroker) where he can "jug" (pawn) whatever portable property he may have gathered in his travels, and so dine in luxury off a "two-eyes steak" (kipper) or a German duck or sheep's head.

In fact no "maunderer" (tramp) or "fencer" (door-to-door hawker) need "clen" (starve) or do without "chow chow" (food) if he follows the many "patterans" (private marks).

### Bleeding Gums Healed

The sight of sore gums is sickening. Reliable dentists often report the successful use of Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy on their very worst cases. If you will get a bottle and use as directed druggists will return money if it fails. Phillips Drug Store.

which tramps make on or near the doors of generous housekeepers) indicated in this newspaper.

### Two Sets of Twins Puzzle T. C. U. Profs

Fort Worth, Oct. 24.—Added to the troubles of teachers in Texas Christian University this year is the task of distinguishing between Jack and Henry Gibbard and Emery and Elmer Bradford, two sets of twins who are freshmen in T. C. U. this year. Jack and Henry Gibbard are from Wills Point, where Henry was valedictorian and Jack was salutatorian of last year's Wills Point High school graduation class.

Emery and Elmer Bradford are from the Weatherford High school, where they both played in the orchestra and were members of the Stanley Literary Society.

Students have suggested that the twins wear different colored shirts to enable their friends to tell them apart.

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COMPERE NEWS

In this community is slack at an account of so much rain. are all about through with 3 cotton. R. B. Rains is still on the t. and Mrs. Chester Lucas return Friday from Midland where they have been picking cotton. They report lots of rain. Mr. and Mrs. John Williams are removing to Barstow. We are sorry to lose them from our community but hope they will like their new home. W. S. Allred and family and Clint Tarvin returned Tuesday from a week's visit to McKinney and while there they attended the Presbyterian church synod. Miss Virgie Marshall is home after a week's visit at Midland. School will start about November 4th. The teachers have already been here and made arrangements for the opening. Mr. Taylor, the principal, is staying at Ed Spurgin's. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lanier have as their guest this week Miss Rachel Curry from McKinney. Cicero Rains was down from Hamlin Sunday to visit his mother. Burley Bond returned last week from a trip to Oklahoma where he saw some fine cotton and he also reports that lots of rain fell while he was away. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bonds motored to Cross Plains Sunday. Miss Carrie Whitaker spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. T. K. Marshall. Mrs. Martha Williams has been visiting Mrs. Eva Atkins the last week. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ramsey and children visited friends and relatives in this community Sunday. A meeting will start at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning, Nov. 3rd. Brother J. A. Gains will do the preaching and everyone is invited to attend. Some of the older people will remember Brother Gains as he held meetings here years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall returned Monday from Coleman county where they were called to attend the bedside of a nephew who was very low with typhoid. Their nephew had died before they arrived and the funeral was held Sunday afternoon. They have the sympathy of the entire community in their sorrow. The school trustees, Messrs. Tarvin, R. P. Horton and G. W. Stout, made a business trip to Anson Monday. Sunday is Brother Berryhill's regular preaching day at the Presbyterian church and everyone is invited to attend. The infant Baby of Mr. and Mrs. Price is very sick at this writing but we hope it will soon recover. Mrs. Price is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Breeden. Clint Tarvin and son, E. C., made a business trip to Merkel Tuesday morning. Two thousand, one hundred and ninety-four rural mail routes serve 1,209,000 patrons in Texas at a cost of \$15.25 a year per family. In the United States are 44,288 such routes. Try a Classified Ad in The Mail. Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

U. S. Army Band at Abilene on Oct. 31 Abilene, Oct. 24.—West Texas will have its first opportunity to hear the renowned United States Army Band when that organization, known as "Pershing's Own," comes to Abilene for two concerts October 31. Abilene is one of the fifty cities in the United States to hear the band on its forthcoming tour. The War Department granted authority for the tour after thousands of requests had come from radio admirers who wanted to see and hear the famous band in person. The organization is composed of eighty of the finest musicians in the United States Army, selected by rigid tests from regimental bands throughout America. Since its foundation by General Pershing during the World War it has participated in every important official event in this country. The band is being brought to Abilene under the auspices of the Simmons University Cowboy Band. It will give a special afternoon program for school children and then a heavier concert that night. Both programs will be varied, including stirring marches, such as only a military band can play effectively, operatic selections, and some old Spanish music.

UNION RIDGE NEWS Several rains have fallen the past few days in this community, but nearly everyone is through gathering their crops. Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Howell of Abilene were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Howell Thursday. Miss Minnie and Henry Dupree left Thursday for Levelland to spend a few days. We are glad to have W. T. McAninch and children from South Merkel back in Sunday School Sunday. Mrs. Atlee Phillips of Abilene and Miss Gertrude Eason, formerly of Truby but who is attending school in Abilene, spent the last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Douglas. Several from this community were in Abilene Thursday. The Union Ridge School has progressed favorably during its first month. The teachers attended institute last Friday and Saturday. Rev. J. P. Watson of Trent will fill his regular appointment Sunday. There will be Sunday School at 10 o'clock and everyone is welcome to both of these services.

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Dora Doings

Several from here attended the singing convention at Maryneal Sunday. Brother Larrey of View preached at the Baptist church Sunday. O. Z. Forter and mother spent the week-end in Knox City, visiting M. D. Burruss and family. Mrs. Bob Cornelius was carried to the Sweetwater Sanitarium Monday for an operation to be performed within a few days. B. B. Shelton of Abilene spent Sunday here with homefolks. A. D. Cross and his sister, Sue, were chopping in Merkel Monday. Mrs. E. F. Perry and baby are visiting a few days in Albany. Roy Laine, Earl Wallis and Cliff Perry spent the week-end on the Concho fishing; they caught one that was good size but the "biggest one" got away. G. W. Whitaker and family called on his brother near Blackwell Sunday. The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Whittington is improving after several days' illness. Texas has an annual mineral production in excess of \$500,000,000. Its mineral, farm, ranch and lumber production is around \$2,000,000,000 a year.

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Salt Branch News

School opened last Monday, Oct. 14, with Miss Nora Foster as primary teacher and Miss Pauline Pinckley as principal, and we know we shall have a fine school. Miss Dottie Rister is attending school at Halley. Several attended the singing at Stith Sunday and report a fine singing. Mr. and Mrs. Lee left for San Antonio Sunday. Misses Nora Foster, Pauline and Marie Pinckley attended the teachers institute at Abilene Friday and Saturday. Mr. Rister and sons have gone to Vernon to visit with Mr. Rister's brother.

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## JUNIOR CLASS NEWS.

The Junior class hope to obtain and maintain a higher average of grades than any other class in High school.

This class, or the "Sophs" of yesterday, held this standard all through the last year.

They still have their "pep" and freshness after six weeks of hard study, as much as their symbol, the sunflower, keeps its freshness through the dry season.

The Juniors are going to put up some real fight in all the enterprises of High School life. They will try for the half holiday now offered to the class buying the most annuals.

They are going to make their Halloween party, Saturday, Oct. 26, a success. They hope that all of the faculty will be present. The Juniors have only one party a year. So watch them put this one over.

## ANNUAL DISCUSSED AT CHAPEL EXERCISES.

Chapel was held last Friday morning for the purpose of discussing the Annual for this year. Lee Darden, president of the Senior class and assistant business manager of the Annual staff, was master of ceremonies. Lee first made a talk in which he said it was very necessary to have the cooperation of the student body and of the people of the town in order to put over an Annual. Next J. T. Darsey, editor-in-chief of the Annual staff, had a few words to say about the Annual. Then Milton Case, business manager, gave the exact cost of the Annual.

After the business was over, Odell Hunter and Tula Miller gave a one act play, which was written by Mrs. Young about some of the teachers and students of M. H. S.

The play showed how we prize a high school annual in after years.

## CHORAL AND GLEE CLUBS.

The Choral and Glee clubs held their regular classes this week. The Choral club has begun work on a new chorus for May. Everyone was glad to receive Miss Willie Mae Swartz as a new member in our clubs. We are looking forward to more members in the near future. Stop! Look! Listen! For our performances.

## ANNUAL NEWS.

As there must be at least one hun-

dre copies of the 1930 "Badger" sold before any contracts for engraving, printing, etc., can be made, the Annual staff has been working hard this week to get the required number of Annuals sold before the 25th, the last day. As an added incentive, Mr. Burgess has allowed us to give the class—exclusive of the Senior class—which sells the greatest percentage of Annuals, a half day to use as a holiday.

The Annual staff is confident that impressive scores will be made by each class. This is just another way of finding the peppiest class in school. Which will it be—Juniors, Sophomores, or Freshmen?

## AN EASY MISTAKE.

As Mr. Davis walked into the study hall at Chapel Monday—

Mildred: "I thought Mr. Davis was the preacher."

## FOOTBALL!

Merkel "Badgers" play the Albany "Lions" at Albany Friday.

Merkel people are invited to attend the game, as the Badgers fight better with a little sideline rooting.

## THE PEP SQUAD ENTERTAINS FOR HASKELL.

The Pep Squad held a meeting last Monday and planned a picnic for the Haskell boys' when they came Friday, October 18. They began practice for the game with Haskell and learned several new yells. Just before the game they lined up in front of the High school and had a picture taken. Then they got on the truck Miss Sloan had provided and went to town to show their "stuff." They formed an "M" on main street and then returned to the High school and went to the game. Though disappointed in the outcome of the game, they were not downhearted. Immediately after the game, they made ready for the picnic. Everyone figured there was enough to eat for a good sized army.

The teams on both sides declared the Pep Squad to be excellent host.

## THE SOPHOMORES.

It seems funny some people get all of the luck, while some never get any at all. It is this way with the Sophomores who have looked forward all year to a Halloween party, and then we are not going to have one. But we take it good naturedly and are just

hoping the Juniors and Seniors have a good time.

I think nearly all of the "Sophs" were out at the game Friday and it seems that everybody enjoyed it enormously, also some were at the "feast" Friday night.

This week settles our doom for the first six weeks, whether we passed or "flunked." It is to be hoped that no one does the latter.

We had a class meeting Monday morning at which Woodrow Wozencraft was the speaker. He emphasized the fact that the "Sophs" needed the half holiday that was to be given to the class that sells the most annuals. The "Sophs," who were Freshmen last year, won the half holiday and we are expecting to win it this year. Everybody is expected to do his part and help put this over.

## BASEBALL NEWS.

The girls baseball team of the High School tied that of the Grammar School Oct. 17, the score being 9-9. Grammar School has a good team which is coached by Mrs. Davis. Mr. Duke umpired the game. The line-ups were as follows:

Grammar School—Annie Lee Owens, c; Frances Adcock, p; Laverne Holden, 1b; Alice Russell, 2b; Wanda Hunter, 3b; Caribel Mansfield, rss; Billie Bernice Gamble, 1ss; Ruth Davis, rf; Vivian Davis, lf; Neoma Grayson, cf; substitutes, Rogene Dye, Valeria Parks, Janet Hayes and Beth Holloway.

High School—Margaret Miller, c; Lona Bryan, p; Imogene Middleton, 1b; Velma Lee Holden, 2b; Marguerite Turner, 3b; Jess Higgins, rss; Mildred Richardson, 1ss; Opal Huskel, rf; Duncan Briggs, lf; Hazel Jay, cf.

The game proved more than interesting and good sportmanship was shown on both sides. Four home runs

were made during the game. Watch for further announcements.

## POSTER CONTEST.

Mrs. Davis, who is teaching drawing in fifth grades, held a contest before the Haskell game, the person who made the best poster about the football team to receive a free ticket to the game. Those winning were: in Mrs. Davis room, Janet Hayes, first place; Juanita Husky and Beth Holloway tied for second; Jac Huddleston and Katherine Copeland tied for third place.

Those winning in Miss Hayes room were: Billie Woodrum, first place; Dot Swafford, second place, and Florine Nicholson, third place.

## Wedding Bells.

Miss Grace Walker and Lewis Light, both of this city, were united in holy matrimony at 6:30 p. m. last Thursday, Oct. 17, with Rev. Leona Forbes, pastor of the Nazarene church officiating. This young couple have many friends in and near Merkel who wish them a very happy and prosperous wedded life. They will make their home in Colorado, Texas, where the groom has a position.

Miss Letha Walker, sister of the bride of the 17th, and Hollis Horton of Merkel, Texas, were united in marriage at 4:30 p. m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Nazarene parsonage, with Rev. Ralph C. Gray officiating. The many friends of this young couple join in wishing them happiness and prosperity. They will make their home near Merkel.

A bountiful and delicious wedding dinner was given Sunday, Oct. 20, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Kell, (Mr. Kell being the uncle of Lewis Light, one of the bridegrooms,) in honor of the two couples and a number of friends and relatives enjoyed the feast.

## Badgers Are Praised By Haskell Coaches

Before leaving for their home after the game here Friday afternoon, Coaches Herman K. Henry and W. L. Richey of the Haskell High School, made the following statement, which they requested the Merkel Mail to publish:

"We, the coaches of Haskell High school, wish to express our appreciation for the kind and generous treatment shown the Haskell football team and fans during our stay in Merkel. We have never seen a better group of sports nor a cleaner, harder-fighting football team anywhere. While we are glad to have won the game, we sympathize with you in your loss. It will be hard to return such a favor in the spirit we received it at Merkel, but we shall endeavor to more than repay you for your many favors."

## Pete White Wins Goodyear Zeppelin

As winner of the prize offered by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company in the contest conducted by them during the months of August and September, J. C. White, proprietor of the Highway Service Station, has been awarded a Goodyear Zeppelin, which is now on display at his place of business.

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## Returns From Business

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