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L PASOAN NAMED GENERAL MANAGER WEST TEXAS BODY

D. A. Bander, Secretary of El Paso C. of C., Will Assume New Duties with Larger Body November 20.

Stamford, Nov. 14.—D. A. Bander, for several years secretary of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce, Saturday was unanimously elected manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at a meeting here of directors called to reorganize the personnel and to map out policies for the year. The organization was divided into 10 regional districts with a director at the head of each.

Bander, elected to the post relinquished last summer by Homer D. Wade, accepted immediately and will come to Stamford about Nov. 20 to take over his duties. His salary was fixed at \$8,000 a year. The post of manager had been held since July by A. M. Bourland of Vernon, who also was president, until the meeting last month in El Paso.

Manager Bander is rated as a business man of the executive type and is well liked by all officials of the West Texas chamber. He is an authority on tax matters and went to El Paso 11 years ago at the request of business men to do special municipal taxation work. Soon afterward he became manager of the Chamber of Commerce there, which at that time was said to be \$100,000 in debt. He leaves the organization with a balance of \$20,000. He is a graduate of Johns Hopkins and Columbia Universities and has done special taxation work with the Rockefeller Institute.

The regional directors are Will O'Brien, Amarillo, District 1; C. B. Jones, Spur, District 2; F. W. Kennerly, Quanah, District 3; Amos G. Carter, Fort Worth, District 4; C. M. Caldwell, Abilene, District 5; B. Reagan, Big Spring, District 6; H. L. Birney, El Paso, District 7; John C. Ripine, District 8; John Q. McAdams, Winters, District 9, and W. F. Hallmark, Dublin, District 10.

Mrs. G. M. Sharp Critically Ill. Reports Thursday morning from the bedside of Mrs. G. M. Sharp, who is critically ill, were to the effect that she was some slightly improved and resting easier.

Work in First Aid. The regular meeting of the Boy Scouts will be held this Friday night at the Methodist church and work will be given in first aid. Much interest is being manifested by the members of the local Boy Scout troops and the weekly meetings are largely attended.

Gin at Bradshaw Burns. The cotton gin of John Axe & Son at Bradshaw, together with 30 to 40 tons of cotton seed, burned early Friday morning with a loss of about \$25,000. Insurance in the sum of \$15,000 was carried. The origin of the fire is not known.

Death of Baby Boy. Earnest Earl Bryant, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Bryant, who was just a little over one year of age, died Thursday, Nov. 7, and funeral services were held at the Blair Baptist church the following day at 3 p. m., with Rev. Ira L. Parrack of Merkel officiating. Interment was in Merkel cemetery. His parents live in the Canyon below Blair and besides them the little boy is survived by one sister, Joe Dean, all of whom have the sincere sympathy of many dear friends in their bereavement.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of the Merkel Mail, November 12, 1909.)

SOCIETY. Mesdames J. C. Hamm and N. C. Sinclair entertained Friday, Nov. 5, with a dance at the opera house. An especial feature was the piano music by Master Larkin Rodgers.

Mrs. S. S. Harris was surprised on birthday with a dinner prepared by her daughters, Misses Ollie, Kate and Juanita.

Miss Amelia Porter entertained the sewing circle Saturday. Members present were Misses Mary and Jackie Jennings, Dorothy Lee Potter, Ruth Mackey and Frances Berry.

HOLIDAY PERIODS FOR THANKSGIVING AND XMAS SEASON

The public schools will have two days holiday at the Thanksgiving season, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 and 29, which with the Saturday and Sunday following will make a four day vacation from school duties for the students here.

The Christmas holidays will be from Thursday, Dec. 19, to and including Sunday, Dec. 29, with the resumption of school on Monday, Dec. 30.

Besides determining the holiday periods for Thanksgiving and Christmas, the school board at their regular monthly meeting last Thursday night set January 1 as the date for the beginning of compulsory attendance in this school district.

BADGERS BATTLE HAMLIN TO DRAW

Merkel Squad Outplays Adversary But Unable to Put Across Necessary Score.

In Monday's holiday fracas at Hamlin, the Badgers played the Hamlin Pied Pipers a scoreless tie that practically eliminated Merkel from the race in the district championship. The only contingency that might now arise to alter the situation would be in case Haskell and Stamford should go to a draw in their encounter, which is not likely, due to the fact that so many tie games have already figured in the district.

A large crowd from Merkel was present for the Hamlin-Merkel game and, although the Badgers outplayed their opponents, they were not able to score. Four attempts were made for a field goal, two of which were blocked and the other two fell short by a small margin.

Boaz and Guitler were the outstanding stars for Merkel, Boaz making from 4 to 30 yards on his end runs and Captain Guitler from 3 to 15 through the line.

Out of five passes that Merkel tried they completed one for about 15 yards while Hamlin was successful in one for about 30 yards out of six trials.

Hamlin nearly scored on a sneak play and a long pass, but they were downed on the 30-yard line and there the Badgers held them.

The most exciting part of the game from the viewpoint of the Merkel rooters came in the third quarter when the Badgers took the ball on their 30-yard line and carried it to Hamlin's 30-yard line where it was fumbled and covered by a Hamlin man. During the march down the field, the Badgers made four first downs in direct succession.

Boaz outdistanced his opponent in the punting end of the game with an average of about 45 yards against his adversary's 30 yards.

Merkel's starting line-up was: Ashby, right end; Chaney, right tackle; Darden, right guard; Case, center; Baker, left guard; Mashburn, left tackle; Tittle, left end; Darsey, quarter; Guitler, full; Boaz, right half; Petree, left half.

Substitutes: Patterson for Chaney; Chaney for Petree.

Men's Prayer Meeting.

Rufe Tittle was leader of the men's prayer service at the Baptist church last Sunday afternoon there was a good attendance with much interest manifested. On next Sunday at 3 o'clock the prayer service for men will be held at the Presbyterian church with L. W. Cox as leader.

F. & M. NATIONAL BANK CELEBRATES 25th ANNIVERSARY

Was Organized in November of 1904 and Charter Granted on 14th Day of That Month; J. T. Warren First President.

Thursday, Nov. 14, marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel and during that quarter of a century of successful banking J. T. Warren, who was the first president, has the distinction also of being the only president of this institution. Thos. Johnson was the first cashier and served in this capacity fifteen years. He is now vice-president of the Col. McKinney County National Bank of McKinney and the Merkel Mail is indebted to Mr. Johnson for the interesting and detailed review of the history of this bank, which is the chief part of this article.

After Mr. Johnson left Merkel, he was succeeded by L. R. Thompson as cashier in November of 1919, who continued in this capacity until Dec. 10, 1925, when Booth Warren was elected cashier. The latter entered the service of the bank in July of 1917 in the position of individual ledger man, having attained his junior year in Simmons University before entering the business world. In 1918 he was made assistant cashier and, as stated above, became cashier of the bank, which position he now holds, on Dec. 10, 1925.

The following interesting and informative facts as to the charter and history of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel has been furnished by Mr. Johnson, its first cashier:

Around November 1, 1904, J. T. Warren, G. F. West, Henry James and Thos. Johnson met at night around a coal-stove in the hardware store of G. F. West in Merkel, and organized the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. Henry James and Thos. Johnson wrote out the organization papers with pen and ink, as there were few typewriters in those days. The capital stock of \$25,000.00 was paid in that night in cash. On November 14, 1904, the charter was granted, and the bank was formally opened on December 1, 1904.

The deposits at the end of the first day's business totaled \$16,000.00. There were two other national banks in the town at that time: the First National Bank, whose destinies were guided by Geo. S. Berry, and the Merkel National Bank, which was organized and directed by Dr. J. H. Warnick.

For the first two weeks of the life of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank Thos. Johnson was janitor, book-keeper and cashier, and did all of the work from sweeping out the house to the making of loans. He came to the bank early and stayed late, eating his lunch in the bank. When the bank had been open about two weeks J. T. Howard, who was at that time a book-keeper in the general store of C. W. Bacon, was employed as book-keeper, and for about seventeen years was a loyal and faithful employe of the institution. For some years now he has been tax assessor of Taylor county.

The bank was organized with J. T. Warren, president; G. F. West and Henry James, vice-presidents, and Thos. Johnson, cashier. J. T. Warren is still president of the institution, G. F. West is still vice-president, both (Continued on Page Four)

Cotton Receipts.

While most of the cotton crop has been gathered and hence receipts are slowing down, the total for the season has passed the 5,000 bale mark with a total of 5,017 bales received up to Thursday noon, according to T. O. Bearden, public weigher. Of this total 1,138 bales are still in the yard here, while 3,879 bales have been shipped.

Record of Births.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Smith, a baby boy, Sunday, Nov. 3, 1929.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bland, residing south of town, a baby boy, Nov. 8, 1929.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Barnes of Noodle Dome, a baby boy, Nov. 10, 1929.

Off For Hunting Trip.

S. P. Nesmith and Claude Dye are enjoying a ten days' hunting trip to Presidio, having left Sunday.

Arch Rose will be joined at Alpine by other friends for a hunting trip on the Rio Grande.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Bobby Bounds, age 2 years, died as the result of a rattlesnake bite received while his parents were picking cotton in a field near Lamesa.

A juror in federal court at Houston was fined 50 cents a minute for being late after a noon recess, which he alleged was caused by his taking a short nap.

John Giddings, 18, of San Antonio, was drowned when a small boat overturned while he and a companion were hunting ducks on Medina Lake near San Antonio.

Ima Ree Wheeler of Bryan and Clarence Alexander, University of Texas freshman from Runge, were fatally injured in two motorcycle accidents near Austin.

Voters at Big Spring defeated four proposed city bond issues totalling \$365,000 for water works, sewer system, street improvements and for purchase of an airport.

Jim Hodges, held at Stinnett on charges of murder in connection with the slaying of District Attorney John A. Halmes there, has been indicted by the grand jury for liquor violation.

A quarter of a century after a needle was imbedded in Mrs. Drew Ruple's hand, it was removed at Midland this week when her hand swelled and the needle was removed without difficulty.

Mrs. H. E. Dycert of Graham suffered a broken leg and a dislocated ankle at the football game there Monday when the players made a rush over the sideline into the crowd for the ball.

Willie Hamilton, 30, who with another group of prisoners was being transferred in a bus from Huntsville to Harlem prison farm, saw a chain and padlock around his neck.

A United States mail box in Dallas caught fire from a lighted cigar butt thrust through the chute and, assuming it best not to turn water on Uncle Sam's property, firemen stood by while the fire smoldered.

Miss Lucille Floyd, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Floyd of Lillian, near Alvarado, sustained serious injuries when she was crushed between two cars on the highway and her right leg had to be amputated above the knee.

F. W. Howard, convicted in El Paso and under death sentence for the murder of N. V. Nixon, chauffeur, in 1920, was issued a third reprieve after his former wife telegraphed the governor she had testified falsely against Howard.

The \$1,000,000 alienation of affection suit brought by Willard Wigley of Waco against Pio Crespi of Dallas, which was filed in November, 1927, and which has been continued three times, is on trial in the district court at Waco.

Upon reading a telegram informing him that his wife's car had collided with another automobile near Strawn, resulting in the death of Mrs. T. S. Montgomery of Sweetwater, A. M. Shelby of Marion, Ky., dropped dead at his home there.

The twentieth annual session of the Northwest Texas Methodist conference convened Wednesday at Pampa with Bishop John M. Moore of Dallas presiding and approximately five hundred ministers, lay delegates and visitors in attendance.

The laying of the cornerstone of Callahan county's new \$150,000 courthouse was celebrated Armistice Day with a free barbecue, speeches and other attractions, Barry Miller, lieutenant governor of Texas and grand master of the I. O. O. F. of Texas, being among those present.

The Brownwood News, heretofore a semi-weekly farm paper, now owned by A. B. O'Flaherty, formerly publisher of the Cisco News and American, will publish one issue as a Sunday paper to be called the Brownwood Record, while the Thursday issue of the News will be continued as formerly.

Largest Herds Winners Again.

C. M. Largent has received advice from his son, Willie Joe Largent, at Wichita, Kans., to the effect that the Largent herds now on exhibition there had won prizes as champion bull and junior champion female and also five blue ribbons. Next week they will show at the Kansas City Royal and it is expected that they will come out equally as well there.

Preaching at Compere.

Rev. J. R. Murdock will fill the pulpit at Compere next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and everyone is cordially invited to the service.

REV. WILLIS GERHART IN ELOQUENT ADDRESS AT ARMISTICE SERVICE

ABILENE PASTOR ADDRESSES LIONS

Dr. E. B. Surface Tells Members of Civic Club About the Benefits of Cooperation.

Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian church at Abilene, who addressed chapel Tuesday morning at the school exercises, was the principal speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Lions club and his address was one that particularly appealed to business men. It was interspersed and illustrated with appropriate anecdotes of which the speaker seems to have an unlimited fund and his visit was one that was thoroughly enjoyed as well as generally beneficial.

His subject was cooperation. He said in the scheme of things there was no place for the chronic kicker; that the mule cannot kick and pull at the same time. It was due to the good influence of luncheon clubs, the speaker said, that men were now grouped together as workers, pulling together for the progress of their town and for the uplift of their community. He urged his listeners to take interest in things worth while, building for tomorrow. One cannot live by himself, the world exists on a basis of the brotherhood of interdependence. He likened the wheels of progress to a team of Percheron horses, pulling perfectly together. "Be men of character," he urged, "as character is behind the business man, the club man, in fact, behind everything."

The club singing was led by L. B. Scott and the invocation given by Dr. Surface. J. H. Jackson was toastmaster and as a special number introduced a trio of talented young musicians: Thelma Leach, pianist; Cecil Clark, clarinet, and Lynn McSpadden, violin. They favored the club with several numbers and were heartily encouraged.

The president, Booth Warren, read a letter from the district governor with reference to the possibility of reinstating former members who had retired for one reason or another and the membership committee pledged themselves to renewed effort along this line.

Rufe Tittle, as one of the party of ten Lions who went to Roscoe last Thursday for observation of their "Cow Day," reported that large crowds were present and the stores were very busy an hour before the sale. It said he was sure that it was a good proposition, if Merkel could put it over. In the party going from Merkel, besides Mr. Tittle, were Stan Johnson, Booth Warren, L. B. Scott, Charlie Jones, Dee Grimes, George Woodrum, S. D. Gamble, R. O. Anderson and A. T. Sheppard.

Ira Windham is to be toastmaster next week and Matt Dillingham was named as toastmaster for the following Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Bob Dennis In Late Report Unconscious

Bob Dennis, who was seriously injured Saturday night when his car skidded from the highway about three miles west of Abilene and overturned and who was carried to the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium at Abilene, was brought to his home here Tuesday.

He was driving alone and was apparently thrown clear of the car, as he was found lying flat on his back about 20 feet from the wrecked machine, it was reported. When picked up by passing motorists, he was partially paralyzed from the hips down, though he remained conscious.

It was not thought at first that his condition was critical but internal head injuries have developed into an inflammatory condition and he was unconscious Wednesday night and Thursday.

Sunday School Attendance.

The Methodists with an attendance of 281 led in the number present last Sunday, the Baptists having 245 at their Sunday School services. At the Presbyterian church the Sunday School attendance was 79, while at the Church of Christ the attendance was 55 and at the Nazarene church 53. The total attendance at the Sunday schools in Merkel last Sunday was 713.

Churches of City Unite in Joint Sunday Night Assemblage at Baptist Church.

All of the Merkel churches united in the joint Armistice service at the Baptist church Sunday night and the edifice was filled to capacity. Two splendid speakers were secured: Rev. Willis P. Gerhart, rector of Heavenly Rest Episcopal church at Abilene, who is past chaplain of Parramore Post of the American Legion, and R. C. Winters, also of Abilene, who is past state commander of the American Legion, both of whom delivered able messages.

Rev. Ira L. Parrack was in charge of the services which had been arranged by Merkel ex-service men under the leadership of Dent Gibson and T. A. Bearden. Rev. R. A. Walker delivered the invocation and Rev. T. C. Willett pronounced the benediction.

Patriotism prevailed throughout the service from the "Star Spangled Banner," as played by the orchestra with the congregation standing and facing the flags that adorned the church rostrum, to the farewells as the strong went forward to shake the hands of the speakers at the conclusion of the service. The singing of "America" was led by Miss Loyless with Miss Tracy at the piano and the special musical number of the program was a solo by Miss Mona Margaret Jones.

A REAL SOLDIER.

In introducing Mr. Winters, the Rev. Mr. Parrack presented him as "a man who entered the service as a private, rose from the ranks to a captain's commission, was twice wounded and gassed, a real soldier and a real citizen, Captain R. C. Winters of Abilene."

Mr. Winters divided his address into two parts, the first, "War as an Experience," and the second, something about the American Legion. He described his own experience, having been in the first detachment of American troops to land in France. He told of spending the Christmas holidays of 1917 in the trenches. He asserted that world peace must come as a result of better understanding, but that the men who went to the front were the ones who knew the bitter need of preparedness. To this end the American Legion was organized in December of 1918 and he explained the purposes and the aims of this organization as fourfold: first, to take care of and assist disabled buddies; second, caring for the orphan children of former ex-service men; third, universal military service, with every single man on the same basis; fourth, community service, in encouraging Boy Scouts, clean sports, civic projects. In conclusion he urged the formation of a post of its own for Merkel ex-service men.

WORLD BETTER AND WORSE.

Mr. Gerhart's address was based on the theme, "Is the world growing better or worse?" and in part he said:

"The world is a large institution and is getting along in years. We are more interested in the religion and politics of the world than we used to be. On Armistice Day the nations of the earth kneel in prayer for universal peace. The question forces itself, will there be another war? Is the world growing better or worse?"

"Many voices are raised to discuss the cross currents of our age. On all sides there are prophets of doom who point to the rapid increase of crime, the breakdown of moral and ethical standards, the divorce evil; the indifference toward religion on the part of the well-to-do; increase of agnosticism in intellectual centers; and the spirit of materialism and love of pleasure among the masses. Men in high places predict that civilization will break under the strain of evil tendencies and lapse into chaos like the dark ages after the fall of Rome. The prospect of the destruction of another scientific war hangs over the world like a nightmare."

"On the other hand, there are many able leaders who claim that the forces for righteousness are gaining strength and that the calamity howlers are not right with God, not actively engaged in making the world a better place themselves. Idealism is advancing; many great evils lie, like the Egyptians, dead upon the sea shore while the army of the Lord marches on. Slavery is gone; in our day despotism has lost its hold."

"Many practical new republicans have

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**WHAT'S DOING
In West Texas**

Archer City is getting things in readiness for one of the most elaborate public entertainments ever held in that city. This will be in the form of a "Jubilee" Rodeo. The rodeo grounds have been arranged with pens, seats and full connection lighting system, which will make the grounds well illuminated during the night performances.

The Hale Center American reports that even though the wheat crop last year was considered unusually good the prospects for a bumper wheat crop are more promising now than for several years. It is estimated that practically 95 per cent of the wheat has been sown and most of this is already up. The favorable weather which has prevailed in this section recently has brought this verdict of "perfect" from the wheat growers.

The Ginner's report for McCulloch county shows a steady lead over ginners at the same time last year. On October 18, 1929, records show 18,587 bales ginned, while on the same date last year there had been only 15,947 bales ginned.

Work on the Fort Stockton Aviation field will begin at once. This motion was authorized at a recent meeting of the local Lion's club, who is sponsoring this move. The selected ground is level and free from all obstructions that would make it hazardous for planes to land or take off, and as soon as the contemplated improvements are made, the citizens of Fort Stockton will have reason enough to feel that they have one of the most ideal landing fields in this section.

The cattle importations from Mexico, through the port of Presidio, began this week when 1,000 head were crossed to the American side over the International bridge here. More than twelve thousand head of cattle entered this country last year through this port and it is estimated that there will be more than 15,000 head imported this year, due to a more stable condition in Mexico. In view of the shipping facilities afforded at Presidio, it is expected that within a short time this port will handle more cattle than any other port along the Mexican border.

San Angelo farmers and business men have launched a cotton seed standardization program for Tom Green County. The advantages of growing cotton of uniform staple, length and characteristics were stressed at a meeting held recently, and a committee from the Co-operative Gin & Supply Company was appointed to select the type of seed to be planted.

Included in the Loraine Diversified Farming Exhibit and Poultry Show were a flower show, farm and merchant exhibits, and a poultry and rabbit show. One of the features of the diversified farming exhibits was a hog guessing contests. The hogs were six months and two days old on the first day of the exhibit, and they were fed a balanced ration of ground threshed maize and a protein supplement in a self feeder. Much interest was created in this contest, and a prize was given the first person guessing the correct weight of the hogs on the second afternoon of the exhibit.

The annual meeting and turkey banquet of the Bowie Chamber of Commerce was attended by the largest crowd ever assembled upon an occasion of this kind. Among the out-of-town speakers were: Amon G. Carter, Fort Worth, Luther Hoffman of Wichita Falls, and Homer D. Wade, manager Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

**Rhodes Candidates
Selected at T. C. U.**

Fort Worth, Nov 14.—Hugh Quinn Buck of Crosbyton and Weir McDiarmid of Fort Worth have been selected as the candidates for the Rhodes scholarship which will be awarded in Texas this year.

Buck is president of the student body, active in debating, a letter man in track, and a senior majoring in government.

McDiarmid is a graduate student, majoring in history and a permanent member of the Texas Scholarship Society. He received the A. B. degree from T. C. U. last year "summa cum laude." He has served as president of the student body and is a letter man in tennis, having been varsity captain last year.

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This ad is dedicated to the Citizens of Merkel and our trade territory with feelings of sincere appreciation for their able co-operation and patronage which has made possible twenty-five years of service and growth.

November 14th marks the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel.

The history of our bank covering this quarter of a century records an efficient financial service rendered to this community. Always backed by abundant resources, we have been able to extend consistent accommodations to our customers not only when the matter of financing was easy, but also during the years when prosperity was a stranger to a great many.

Our solemn feeling of appreciation and responsibility toward the citizenship of this territory is not a thing to be put into words. There are some sentiments beyond glowing phrases.

We propose to reciprocate with the work we perform and the service that we render in the future. We shall keep the faith. Above all, we pledge you that the broader opportunities of the future shall not find us lacking in vision or in application.

The occasion of our twenty-fifth anniversary makes proper the expression of a sincere hope that you will feel that we are always at your service. With unlimited faith in our customers we are facing the future with a growing spirit of optimism.

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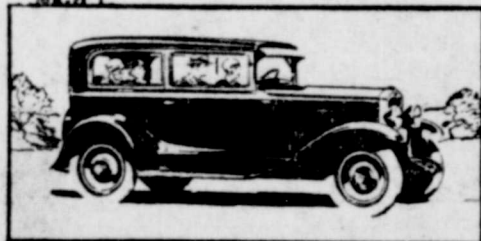
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Many Miles Major Power Lines Being Erected by WTU Co.

Abilene, Texas, Nov. 14.—The construction of approximately 70 miles of major power transmission lines has been approved recently and work is under way or will begin within the next two weeks. The construction of these units takes place in and around 10 towns over the properties served by the West Texas Utilities Company.

Work has begun on the construction of a 132 Kv transmission line to be insulated at present for 66Kv operation. The line approximately 28 miles long is to extend southeast from Sonora to the Sutton-Edwards county line. At this point, the high line will interconnect with one being built north from Uvalde via Camp Wood and Rock Springs by the Central Power and Light Company. This interconnection is being made for the purpose of interchanging power between the two systems and which will supply three-way service to the company property south of San Angelo.

To serve the water wells and pumps of the city of Childress, a 2,300 volt line is to be built within the next few days from the Estelline sub-station, a distance of four miles. 127,000 feet of 2,300 volt line is being constructed through the new oil section of Baker field. Approximately 9 miles of high line has recently been completed through Fisher county to serve oil well drillings and the Humble Pipe Line pump station. Within a few days a 4,000 volt line is to be built to the Joe B. Mathews ranch near Albany. This line nearly two miles long is to serve his residence and large dairy. Construction will begin within the next few weeks on a 3,500 ft. line in the Williams addition, east of Abilene, to serve the T. & P. Ry. Company dispatcher's office and the Lone Star Gas Company.

Approximately 5,000 feet of power lines are being built in stretches of from 100 feet to 1,000 feet in Menard,

Winters, Memphis and Clarendon for the purpose of improving the lines already built and of extending lines to the steadily increasing list of customers.

Elevator Proposed For Carlsbad Cavern

Washington, Nov. 14.—The National Park Service of the Interior Department has disapproved an application made by John C. Kay, attorney of Wichita Falls, for authority to build an elevator at Carlsbad Cavern in New Mexico.

At the request of Mr. Kay, Senator Tom Connally of Texas called on Secretary of Interior Wilbur in behalf of the application and the Senator was advised the department would ask Congress this year for an appropriation for the government to build an elevator at the cavern. In the event the appropriation is not approved by Congress it was indicated the department would then consider Mr. Kay's application to build the elevator. Senator Connally said it would cost approximately \$85,000.

In support of his application Mr. Kay pointed out visitors to the park had to descend a distance of 750 feet which causes great deal of complaint. He said most of the visitors to the park come from Texas and cited attendance figures showing visitors had increased in number from 1,800 in 1924 to 81,000 for the first nine months of this year.

Limestone county leads Texas in the number of farms, the Census Bureau showing 6,755 in 1925. Texas leads the states with 466,395 farms.

Sore Gums Now Curable

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History of Storage Battery Interesting

Back in the days when the appearance of an automobile was the signal for a curb-stone chorus of "Get a horse," the motoring public had already begun to look for some means of saving its back in cranking a "cranky" motor.

"The early efforts," said S. M. Hunter, the local Exide dealer, "to invent some method of starting the motor consisted of an array of coiled springs, compressed air tanks and tanks of inflammable gases.

"Storage batteries at the time were comparatively well known but were not taken seriously as a means of filling the pressing need. Electric automobiles, deriving their power from Exides, were gliding around the streets. But it never occurred at first to the inventive geniuses of the time that the power which made the electric horseless carriage "go" could also be used in starting a gasoline automobile.

"But the strong battery was not overlooked for long. In 1911, the first automobiles to be equipped with a practical "self" starter began to make their appearance. The power that cranked their engines came from the same source as that which moved the electric automobiles—from Exides, considerably smaller, but powerful."

During 1928 the United States built 29,252 miles of improved highways. Texas led with 2,356 miles.

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Sweetwater Gets New Telephone Building

Sweetwater, Nov. 14.—Following close upon announcement of a million dollars worth of industrial and utilities improvements made here week before last by the International Harvester Company and the city, the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has made known plans that are under way for a \$400,000 building and expansion program in Sweetwater.

The company has presented to the city commission for approval plans for an entire new telephone plant here, including a central office building, the replacing of the old style battery telephones with the automatic dial system and the building of new cable lines.

The office building is to be erected on a quarter of a block next to the Municipal Auditorium which was purchased by the telephone company several months ago. It will be a two-story basement tile and terra cotta structure, 150 by 140 feet.

Another feature of the work proposed is the extension of an under-

ground toll cable from Cisco to Sweetwater, connecting with the present cable from Cisco to Fort Worth.

Texas is producing 256,000,000 barrels of oil annually valued at \$270,000,000. Oil manufacturers bring the total value to nearly \$700,000,000 a year.

Rings Bells 60 Years.
Kiloe, England.—George Sheppard, sexton, has rung the bells of the local church 60 years without a single lapse.

The 3,850 cotton gins in Texas represent an investment of \$77,000,000, according to the Texas Cotton Ginners Association.

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For One Day Saturday, Nov. 16th we offer you the following Big Values

Ladies' 42 Gauge Rayon Bloomers reinforced flat lock seams an 89c value while they last Saturday 49c

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Good Big Water Mops, size 16, long, flax thread, strong handles for Saturday 39c

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Total \$7.45

Both Papers 1 Year \$6.50

Dallas News, Daily and Sunday \$7.45
Merkel Mail 1 Year 1.50
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—Perhaps they have been separated for years, yet upon their meeting they talk of "other days," recalling the happenings of long ago amid the lingering aroma of burned tobacco.

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Cotton Yield Total Grows 94,000 Bales

Washington, Nov. 14.—A United States cotton crop of 15,009,000 bales was forecast by the United States agriculture department based on November 1 crop indications. This forecast is 94,000 bales more than the forecast made one month ago and is 3.7 per cent above the 1928 crop of 14,477,000 bales.

Austin, Nov. 14.—A Texas cotton report based upon conditions on November 1 issued by Federal Statistician H. H. Schultz says:

Indications point to 3,950,000 five hundred pound bales in Texas this year compared with 5,106,000 in 1928. The probable yield per acre of 108 pounds is with the exception of 1921 the lowest on record.

Except in the northwest and west all districts of Texas have gained within 5 to 11 percent of their expected production. Under favorable weather conditions practically all of the crop will be gathered by the end of the year.

Oil Industry Is Now Seen on Upward Road

Los Angeles, Nov. 14.—Completion of a curtailment program, which cut California's daily crude oil output by 212,000 barrels to a total of 653,006, has been acclaimed in petroleum circles as marking the stabilization of the industry and the dawn of a new era in which over-production would have no part.

The over-production problem reached a climax among independent operators recently when the seven major companies which handle the entire output slashed their purchase prices on crude oil by approximately 50 per cent.

The reasons given for the slash were that the stability of the industry was threatened by continued over-production, and independent producers had failed to cooperate with the state in its effort to eliminate the evil.

With the completion of the curtailment program made under 90-day agreements, the crude oil purchasers summarily abandoned the low price schedule, and resumed the schedule formerly in effect, which provides a price range of from 34 cents to \$1.65 per barrel, according to its gravity, or gasoline content. The average price approximately \$1.10 per barrel.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

All of the regular services will be conducted at the usual time. We appreciated the number present last Sunday and trust that as the cold, blustery days of the winter season come on that they may not keep us from the place of worship.

The subject of the message for the morning hour will be "Are we, or are we not?" Read the entire book of 1st John and then come hear this message Sunday morning. Due to the fact that our services were dismissed last Sunday night for the union service our theme for the evening hour will be the same as announced for last week.

Come worship with us. A hearty welcome awaits you. Leona Forbes, Pastor.

Meeting With Success.

Friends here have known that Miss Mary Pence is conducting a music class in Goldthwaite and that she also has charge of the Glee Club in the Goldthwaite High School. They will now be glad to know that her work and cooperation is being received with much appreciation by the people of Goldthwaite and she is making many friends there.

The United States has more than 52,000 towns and postoffices.

F. & M. National Bank Completes 25th Year

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having seen twenty-five years of service. Thos. Johnson served as cashier of the bank until December 1, 1919, or fifteen years from its opening day. Henry James was a director and vice-president of the bank some seventeen years, or until his interest was acquired by some of the present owners. The first board of directors was J. T. Warren, G. F. West, Henry James, Ed. S. Hughes and Thos. Johnson. The present board is J. T. Warren, G. F. West, Geo. L. Paxton, Sam Butman, Sr. and Booth Warren. The present officers are J. T. Warren, president; G. F. West, vice-president; Sam Butman, Sr., vice-president; Booth Warren, cashier; F. Y. Gaither, assistant-cashier.

The bank was correctly organized and soundly officered in the beginning, and rapidly rose to the front rank, both as to profits and volume of business. It has had a record for safety and consistent earning power unsurpassed in the state. The stock of the bank has never been on the market, and is closely held by men of high financial standing, who want to keep it for an investment.

The bank throughout the twenty-five years has paid splendid dividends regularly each six months. In addition it has paid one special cash dividend of fifty per cent, and one stock dividend of one hundred percent. It today has a capital of \$50,000.00; surplus of \$25,000.00, and a large undivided profits account.

The patronage of the bank comes from Taylor, Jones, Fisher and Nolan counties, and the customers have come to know the bank as their financial friend and advisor to which they can confidently come at any time.

Thos. Johnson of McKinney, Texas, now has the pen stock with which he wrote the application for the charter of the bank twenty-five years ago. Drouths, panics and wars have come, but the bank's record of service to its patrons and profits to its stockholders has been maintained at all times.

Armistice Service Largely Attended

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appeared. The worldwide missionary program of the churches is gaining rapid force. Duelling is no longer practiced and courts of arbitration are receiving the sanction of public conscience and the serious attention of statesmen. Our Lord said let the wheat and the tares grow together till the harvest.

"The world is growing better; the world is growing worse. As in the closing days of the war both sides are bringing up reinforcements. It is a question of every man doing his bit. The cry goes out, 'Onward Christian Soldiers,' in the everlasting battle between good and evil. God is on the side of righteousness. By the law of retaliation, evil defeats itself.

"We have always had the realist who sees the world as it is with all its evil. Also we need the idealist who sees the world as it ought to be. The salvation of the nations lies with those who dedicate themselves to the gospel of Christ and labor in season and out to bring about the purposes of God in the arena of history. They are powerfully allied."

Merkel Man Writes Letter to Homefolks

The following letter, which has been received by the Merkel Mail from C. E. Conner, who with his wife has been in Florence, Kansas, for several months, will be of interest to their many friends here:

"Thinking our friends at Merkel might be interested as to how we are getting along, will say we are both well and like Kansas very well, but would love to see our friends there. I have worked every since we got here; haven't lost a day since coming; can't say how long we will stay here.

"Have no M. E. Church South, but we attend the M. E. Church that is here. Have a good preacher. A revival meeting started yesterday and we are praying for great meeting.

"Tell our friends this will be a letter to them. We were indeed sorry to see an account of Mrs. E. P. Beene's death, as we thought so much of her. We sure sympathize with her loved ones. If I remember correctly, I first met her in the year 1911 when I was leading the singing in a revival meeting at Noodle and we have been close friends since that time. I know she will be missed very much at home, at the Methodist Church and also by the entire town."

In conclusion, Mr. Conner wishes the Merkel Mail and all their friends much success.

Texas taxable values reached and exceeded the \$4,000,000,000 mark for the first time in 1929. In 1910 they reached \$3,000,000,000.

Duck Hunters Club Gives Annual Dinner

The Hilton Hotel at Abilene was the setting Tuesday evening of the second annual dinner of the Abilene Duck Hunters club, consisting of a half dozen sportsmen of Abilene and Merkel, who returned last week from a hunting trip to the coast. The hosts were Dr. W. V. Ramsey, Hill P. Simmons, Bob Compton, Dr. R. A. Maddox and R. C. Grubbs, all of Abilene, and our own Dr. R. I. Grimes of Merkel. The 115 guests present included friends of the hosts from Winters, Hamlin and Cisco as well as Abilene and Merkel.

Dr. R. A. Maddox was master of ceremonies and the banquet was one of the most enjoyable this writer has had the pleasure to attend. Duck was, of course, the piece de resistance, but the entire menu, which follows, was one to satisfy the most exacting Epicure:

- Corpus Cocktail
Port Aransas Duck
Ramsay Salad
Simmons Potatoes
Grimes Celery
Compton Pie
Grubbs Mints
Maddox Coffee

Cigars Cigarettes
A splendid orchestra was in attendance and Miss Irene Jay, a dancer of Abilene, entertained with a most pleasing number, to which she was compelled to respond with an encore, equally as clever. She was accompanied at the piano by her mother.

Besides the welcome extended prior to the dinner and the spoken words of welcome extended by the hosts as the entertainment progressed, speeches were made by Booth Warren of Merkel and others and the evening goes down in the memory of those present as one long to be remembered.

Guests from Merkel were: Dr. W. T. Sadler, R. O. Anderson, W. L. Dilitz, S. D. Gamble, Booth Warren, Dee Grimes, T. G. Bragg, Clyde Sears, C. J. Glover, Jr., C. K. Russell, George Woodrum, A. T. Sheppard, L. B. Scott, Frank McFarland, Sam Swann, C. H. Jones, Sam Cummings, George White, B. H. Lancaster, Claude Young, Fred Read, John Sears, Dr. W. A. Buckner and Tom Largent.

Honor Blair Woman On 68th Birthday

On Nov. 6 a charming compliment was paid to Mrs. J. M. Reeves on the occasion of her sixty-eighth birthday when she was the honoree of a lovely affair at her home at Blair with Mesdames L. L. Casey, Sam Reeves and Luther Huston joint hostesses to relatives and friends at a luncheon at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Autumn flowers added beauty to the dining room where the table was centered with a big beautiful birthday cake, topped with sixty-eight candles, which was the climax of the occasion. The honoree was presented with many presents from devoted friends and relatives.

Those present were: Mesdames Zeb Moore, James Doan, Hugh Campbell, Sam Phillips, Mary Peterson, L. O. Neill, Lizzie Burks, Will Campbell, W. A. Farmer; Messrs. L. L. Casey, Sam Reeves, M. H. Farmer, Jake Reeves, Chat Burks; Little Dorothy Neill, Bill Jean and Laverne Reeves, Catherine Burks and Paul Farmer.

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Croquignole Wave \$6.00
We have just installed modern Croquignole Machine
SPECIAL COURSE
9 Facials for \$5.00

Modern Marinello Shop
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Personal Mention

Miss Dona Loyless spent last week-end with her people in Fort Worth.

Eli Case and V. M. Ellis are doing petit jury service at Abilene this week.

Miss Madge Murphy of Hubbard was a recent guest in the Ollie Dye home.

Mrs. Ben A. Waters of Wills Point is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robert Hicks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt returned Friday from a trip to Big Spring and Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee were holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee in Sweetwater.

Mrs. R. M. Robins spent the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Trantham, in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard of Dallas were guests of Mr. Sheppard's parents for last week-end.

Miss Melba West spent the Armistice holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry West.

Mrs. Barbara Wall of Midland is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. E. Yates Brown, this week.

Miss Harriet Rogers of Abilene was a week-end guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Russell.

Mrs. J. Willie Moore left Thursday for Uvalde where she will visit her sister for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pee visited Armistice Day with Mr. Pee's sister at Owens, Mrs. M. A. Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allday spent the past week-end with her sister, Mrs. Ira Shaffer, at Silverton.

Miss Frances Stubblefield of Colorado was the guest over the week-end of Miss Nina Bell Russell.

Mrs. W. A. Thornton is away on a ten days' visit with relatives in Dallas, Fort Worth and McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown were guests of Mr. Brown's brother in Lubbock for the Armistice holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Higgins are recent visitors with relatives and friends in De Leon and Graham.

B. F. Harwood of Lamesa has been here for a visit with his nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Latham.

H. R. Phillips of Rotan, owner of the Phillips Drug Store here, was a business visitor Wednesday for a short while.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ben Ashby of De Leon spent the Armistice holidays with Mr. Ashby's parents here, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ashby.

Mrs. J. H. Grayson, who underwent a major operation at the Merkel Sanitarium a few weeks ago, will return to her home this Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney and Miss Rosie Laney were guests over the week-end of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Joe Bickley in Corsicana.

Rev. T. C. Willett, pastor of the Methodist church here for the past year, has gone to Pampa to be in attendance at annual conference.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown and baby, accompanied by Mrs. Brown's



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'The Peacock dressed in plumage gay,
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mother, Mrs. Barbara Wall of Midland, drove to Fort Worth for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Strother, who formerly lived here, visited with friends two or three days during the week en route to visit their daughter at Phoenix, Ariz.

Dr. H. P. Hulsey and family, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stevenson of Trent, were week-end visitors with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey, in San Angelo.

Mrs. Ernest Hill and baby Boyd have been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson. Ernest Hill, spent the week-end here, the three returning to Burleson Monday.

Miss Berdelle Adcock and her roommate, Miss Louise Dougherty of Bisbee, Ariz., were over from Abilene Christian College for a visit with Miss Adcock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adcock.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Golladay visited last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Jr. at Breckenridge and were accompanied home by their little granddaughter, Mary Faye Johnson, for a few days visit.

Thos. Durham, former editor of the Merkel Mail and now associate editor of the Mineola Monitor, accompanied by Mrs. Durham and their daughter, Nell, and son, Neil, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Swann had as their guests for the Armistice holidays Mr. and Mrs. Carson Miles and daughter of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Sears of Snyder, Miss Nell Swann of Abilene and James Swann of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes of Westbrook enjoyed as their holiday guests for the week-end Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and children, Betty Lou and Marilyn Sue, Misses Lucy Tracy and Vennie Helzer.

G. L. Baker and his brother, L. L.

Baker, from Kingfisher, Okla., have returned from a trip to Lee county in New Mexico, where L. L. Baker has interests in oil territory there. He leaves today for his home after a pleasant visit with his brother here.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m. The Missionary society will have a program at the evening hour beginning at 7 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Glad to have you in all our services.
W. M. Elliott, Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CARD OF THANKS.
In behalf of the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary, unit of Parramore Post, Abilene, we wish to extend our thanks to everyone in Merkel and this community who assisted us by buying poppies last Saturday. The response was most generous and speaks well for the sentiment of loyalty and patriotism in every heart.
Mrs. Dent Gibson.

One Texas pecan tree in San Saba County has yielded as high as 1,053 pounds of nuts in one season and has furnished 5,000,000 buds for improving other trees.

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SALE OR TRADE—My house Oak street; ideal location on Merkel's only paved residence street; will sacrifice for quick sale. L. B. Howard, Abilene, Texas, 1233 N. 18th St.

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

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

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Milk cows; we want to buy your cows and hogs. See McCoy and Lowe.

FORD TRUCK FOR SALE or would trade for good Jersey cow. See or write V. P. Byron, Trent, Texas, Route 2.

FOR SALE—320 acre farm; 250 cultivation, 8 miles east Sylvester, Fisher Co. 2-3 sandy; fair improvements, windmill. Near river. Two miles church, school, store. Four miles Bickley oil pool. 160 acres leased to Major company, Settle Garland estate. Snap at \$50 per acre. See Joe Garland, Merkel or Tom Garland, Sweetwater.

FOR SALE—250 acres in Jones county, one mile from Stith, good school, churches, plenty of water; two houses, barn and lots; for quick sale, \$16,000, \$9,000 cash, balance easy. See A. J. Canon at Farm Bureau Gin.

FOR RENT

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

FURNISHED ROOMS for rent See W. E. Lowe.

FOR RENT—Seven room house, 2 blocks north business section. See Harry Woodrum.

FOR RENT—House on Oak street. T. J. R. Swafford. Phone 44.

FOR RENT—Six room house; can be made in two apartments; with all conveniences; close in; also garage. \$1.00 per month. Phone 265J. S. E. Haynes.

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

FOR TRADE—5 room home in Abilene, modern conveniences, for home in Merkel. W. A. Shepherd, 1101 Ambler Avenue, Abilene, Texas, Phone 5868.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—3 mules 2 gray and 1 black. Notify Noodle Store or Ed. Martin.

LOST—Two brief cases, containing Wear-U-Well supplies, and two packages of supplies and tags. Reward for return to E. B. Barnes.

LOST—Boys sheepskin coat Nov. 3 between Hugh Horton's and the Sherrill farm on the road running east. \$1.00 reward. R. L. Tarpley, Route 1, Merkel.

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

UNION RIDGE NEWS

We were glad to have some of the students who attend the Merkel schools present with us Monday.

Miss Gypsy Eason of Brownwood spent a few days in this community last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Byrum of Galon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McRee and daughter, Mabel, spent Monday with relatives of Trent.

A. H. Jones returned last week from the plains.

Velma Shelton has gone to Oklahoma, where he is to be employed in a pecan grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eason of Trent were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Douglas Monday.

Sixty-nine per cent of all Texas manufactures is found in six counties Jefferson, Harris, Dallas, Tarrant, Tarrant and El Paso. The 4,065 plants listed in the 1927 Census Bureau report, employed 116,783 persons and produced \$1,206,579,962 worth of goods.

SOCIETY

KING-PERRY.

The marriage of Miss Irene Perry and Clarence King on Saturday night united two of Merkel's most popular young people. The ceremony was read by the Rev. J. C. Bell at his home in Abilene.

Mrs. King is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Perry, she is a graduate of Merkel High school where she carried away honors as High School Beauty, also as a member of the High school quartet. She attended Abilene Christian College last year.

Mr. King is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. King and an employe in the Busy Bee Cafe. He is much respected for his congenial ambitions and business efficiency.

Mr. and Mrs. King will make their home in Merkel.

SCHOOL BOARD MONORED.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Burgess extended hospitality to members of the school board with an elaborate turkey dinner on Thursday evening.

The house was decorated with cut flowers and the dinner, a turkey menu with accessories, preceded a business meeting of the members. Those enjoying the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Burgess were Messrs. O. J. Adcock, W. O. Boney, S. D. Gamble, A. J. Canon, Eli Case and Herbert Patterson.

THURSDAY NIGHT BRIDGE CLUB.

Miss Roberta Sloan most graciously entertained members of the Thursday Night Bridge Club last week in the home of Mrs. Claude Young. Games of bridge, interspersed with radio music, entertained the members until a late hour when refreshments were served to Misses Iva Bragg, Christine Collins, Lola Dennis, Johnnie Sears, Mona Margaret Jones, Vera Baker, Roberta Sloan and Mrs. Claude Young.

GLEANER CLASS PARTY.

The attractive home of Mrs. Herbert Patterson was the scene of a pretty party on Wednesday afternoon when Mesdames Clyde Sears, Mack Duzbee and Herbert Patterson as joint hostesses, entertained members of the Gleaners class. Mrs. Frank Iddings, class president, called the house to order; the devotional was given by Mrs. L. R. Thompson; prayer by Mrs. M. R. Hale. Roll call by Mrs. Toombs preceded a short business session after which a social hour was very much enjoyed. Delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames Jake Cox, W. S. J. Brown, Tom Toombs, Will Toombs, Fred Latham, M. R. Hale, L. R. Thompson, Fred Guitart, R. Buford, Oscar Buford, W. M. Gambill, D. H. Vaughn, Frank Iddings, Eli Case, Clyde Sears, Mack Duzbee and Herbert Patterson.

HALLOWEEN PARTY.

The Grammar School pupils of the Speech Arts department were entertained with a Halloween party in the studio on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 7, by Miss Lucy Tracy, teacher.

All guests arrived in costume which added zest to Halloween games and contests, fortune-telling and appropriate readings, the arranged entertainment for the afternoon. Jack-o-lanterns, made of oranges, sandwiches and candy were served to Mol-

lie Frank Touchstone, Billie Wood, Fern Toombs, Don Wood, Joe Earl Kimbrough of Fort Worth, A. C. Sears, Louise Toombs, Arma Love Toombs, Clyde Sears, Clayton Miller, Truett Patterson, Marilyn Sue Grimes, Dora Marie Gaither, Carl Jackson, Jr., Alta Murl Hyatt, Margaret Miller, Bettye Lou Grimes, Cora Bell Mansfield and Mrs. Nathan Wood.

BRIDGE-GAMES.

A number of bridge enthusiasts met in the home of Mrs. S. D. Gamble on Tuesday evening. Refreshments of sandwiches, oat meal cookies, pop corn balls and hot chocolate were served after which games of bridge progressed until a late hour. The players were Mesdames F. C. McFarland, Tom Largent, L. B. Scott, S. D. Gamble, Misses Dona Loyless, Vera Baker, Iva Bragg and Christine Collins.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom has taken from our midst into the house of many mansions the spirit of our beloved sovereign, Coral Beene, member of Woodmen Circle Grove No. 563;

Therefore be it resolved by the members of the Grove that we have lost an untiring worker and a consecrated member.

Resolved, secondly, that we cherish the memory of our dear sovereign. The absence of her smiling face will be missed as we sojourn along life's pathway.

Resolved, thirdly, that we render our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and pray God to give them consolation.

Resolved, fourthly, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy recorded in the minutes, a copy sent to the Merkel Mail for publication.

(Signed)

Mary Alice Dunn.
Lois Slater.
Emma M. Richardson.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Quite a large audience was present last Lord's day, at which time the roll was called. Calling of the roll brought forth good results, yet there seems to be many not on the register; and doubtless some on that do not manifest enough interest to be on. We hope to call the roll once a month for awhile until we know the sheep well enough to know when one is lost.

Thursday night cottage service will be at Mr. O. J. Adcock's.

The subjects for next Lord's day will be: "Blocking The Kingdom of Heaven" for the morning, and "Naming a New Convert" for the evening.

"Not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more as ye see the day drawing near." (Heb. 10:25)

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HEBRON NEWS

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Willie Harris of Paducah spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris.

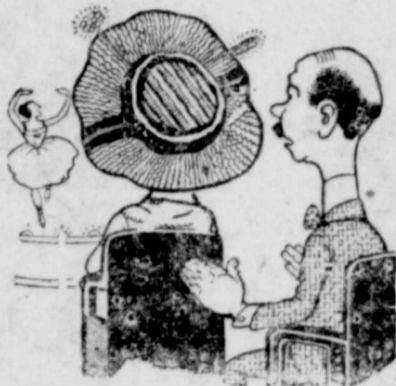
Armistice Day was rather quietly observed here, as a good many continued their work in the fields. Several of the Merkel pupils visited the Union Ridge school.

Senior League Program.

Subject: "How can nations practice the Golden Rule?" Leader, Nadine Tippet. Song, No. 19. Prayer. Introduction, by leader. "What is the Golden Rule?" Mary Elizabeth Grimes. Song, No. 226. "Putting ourselves in the place of others," Addie Fae Patterson. "It can be done," Lottie Butman. Business. Song. Benediction.

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- TOMATOES, Standard, hand packed 2 cans 12c
- PEAS, Super Quality, 2 lb. cans 18c
- PORK & BEANS, tall cans, can 10c
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- CORN FLAKES, Jersey, large, 2 pkgs. 21c
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SOPHOMORE NEWS.

It seems hard to come back to school after a holiday and a football game but the Sophomores are back this morning ready to go again.

There was a number of Sophs over at Hamlin Monday "taking in" the football game. Everyone was very sorry to hear that one of our Sophomores, Raymond Petree, got his collar bone broken in the game with Hamlin. Raymond is one of Merkel's best players and everyone was sorry to lose him. We are sure the boys will miss his winning smile from the games that are to be played.

A number of the Sophomores went over to Stamford after our game was over to see the Stamford and Anson game.

PI MU SOCIETY.

The Pi Mu Society met for the first time Friday afternoon, Nov. 8, 1929, and elected officers for the remaining part of the term. Ida Mae Derstine was elected president, Margaret Miller vice-president, Billie Bernice Gambill secretary-treasurer, and Mary Hellen Lancaster reporter.

The members have several rules such as having their finger nails short, practicing one hour a day, and having their part on the program learned perfectly. An absence for no good reason at all automatically makes the absentee a debtor owing one dime.

The program at the first meeting was extremely interesting. The program for Friday, Nov. 15, 1929 consists of the life of Percy Grainger, the opera "Il Trovatore," by Verdi, and a short discussion of the Fonzaley string quartet. Visitors are welcome.

PEPE SQUAD NEWS.

The Pep Squad learned more new yells last week than ever before. They were at Hamlin, fully prepared to yell throughout the whole game and have something left over to use if the Badgers won. The squad made the pep on the Hamlin field in the same way they made it at the Anson game. They made a much better showing than the Hamlin squad. There was plenty of time between halves for a snake dance after the "M" was formed.

CHORAL AND GLEE CLUBS.

Under the instruction of Miss Loyless the clubs have begun work on a Christmas Pageant. The following characters have been selected: The Three Kings, E. L. Turner Jr., Baylor Amason and Byron Patterson; The Angel, Thelma McAninch; Shepherds, Harold Boney, Fred A. Baker, James West Jr., and Woodrow Wozencraft; Mary, Artilee Simmons; Joseph, Milton Case. The clubs are planning to present this pageant the week before the Christmas holidays; definite announcements, however, will be made later. The clubs were glad to receive Woodrow Wozencraft as a new member and are looking for more members to join soon.

JUNIORS HAVE HALF HOLIDAY.

Last Friday afternoon the Juniors took their half holiday. They were glad to get it and are now willing to settle down again as the holiday is off their minds. We are certain the rest of the school must have missed these Juniors of '29 for they are very important. But in spite of the several days from school and the bad weather they are back in line and waiting to fight—not in the last quarter of the game, but through every minute. They are coming out on top this year! Just watch 'em and see for yourself.

SENIOR NEWS.

The Seniors have chosen caps and gowns to wear for their graduation. This is the first time in the history of Merkel High School for caps and gowns to be worn.

SENIOR RINGS.

The Senior rings have arrived. Last Friday afternoon at four o'clock the Seniors assembled in their home room for a class meeting. Each Senior of was given a ring to wear. This is the first time that comes only once in a year. The Seniors of this year authorized the rings that were worn last year and this same ring will be worn for four years.

WEINER ROAST POSTPONED.

The "weiner roast" was postponed to Friday night on account of

the rain. The Seniors are still planning on a good time.

SENIORS BELIEVE IN BEING MODERN.

The Seniors are very modern. They have standardized the rings and are going to wear caps and gowns.

DR. SURFACE AT CHAPEL.

Tuesday morning, Nov. 12, at chapel, Dr. Surface from the Presbyterian Church of Abilene, made a very interesting talk to the student body. One of the first things he said, and the thing that his talk was based upon was a statement made by Mr. Elliott: "Education is doing what you ought to do when you ought to do it whether you want to do it or not." He gave several illustrations of this statement. He repeated the advice often given the theological students: "When you get up to talk have something to say; say it; sit down." He said what was the use of going anywhere by airplane if we aren't prepared to do what we are supposed to do when we get there. It is up to us how much we are going to be worth. He gave the list of how a hundred men at sixty-five rank; four wealthy, six self-supporting, thirty-six dead, and fifty-four poverty-stricken. He said that your sins would always find you out; that you could not cover them up. In conclusion he admonished: "No man liveth unto himself."

A GLIMPSE AT THE SCORES.

The following are results from some games of the week-end:
 Merkel 0—Hamlin 0.
 Anson 0—Stamford 0.
 Sweetwater 0—Big Spring 14.
 Abilene 0—Breckenridge 26.
 Roby 7—Rotan 6.
 McMurry 36—Daniel Baker 0.
 Trinity U. 0—Simmons 0.
 Texas U. 0—Baylor 0.

BASEBALL NEWS.

The girls baseball team which has been practicing every afternoon possible, is now ready to start showing what we have accomplished. We hope to play Grammar School soon and we intend to match some games with the rural schools. If you are not already in the baseball squad, come and join us. We need you and we'll find a place for you to play.

IS HE ABSENT MINDED?

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for breakfast. He poured the molasses down his back and scratched his waffle.

FOOTBALL!

The game with Roscoe has been called off.

JOKES.

Advice to people who have excess avoiddupois; Eat your own cooking.

E. L.: "Mother, I'm growing a mustache on installment plans."
 Mrs. Turner: "How's that, son?"
 E. L.: "A little down each week."

Louise: "What beautiful flowers! So fresh! Why there's still some dew on them!"
 J. E.: "Yeh, there is still some dew but I'll pay it off tomorrow."

Mr. Davis: "Dear, we will just have to stay within our income."

Mrs. Davis: "Yes, even if we have to borrow money to do it."

Mr. Davis: "Clifton, you will have to drop this course."

Clifton: "Why, I am making 100 per cent on all my subjects."

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Trent News and Personal Notes

Rev. J. P. Watson, pastor of the Methodist church, is attending the annual conference, which is convening at Pampa this week.

Malvin Howard, who has been away for quite awhile, returned home this week and will enter school here.

Mrs. Mary Areher left last Monday for an extended visit with her children at Fort Worth.

Jack Freeman and Walker Steadman have returned from near Midland where they have been working for the last two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Burks left last week to make their home in Menard, where Mr. Burks has employment in a barber shop.

Mrs. J. M. Billings spent last Sunday and Monday at her home in Abilene.

Mrs. Profit and daughter of Sweetwater visited in the homes of Mrs. Ozro Steen and Mrs. John Strawn last week-end.

Mrs. Lawrence Dowdy left last Saturday for points in Louisiana where she will visit with relatives for sometime.

Mrs. Chas. Hutchinson left last week for Arkansas in answer to a message of her brother's wife's death. The latter died in Idaho, but was buried in Arkansas.

Mrs. Homer Terry and children of Sweetwater spent the week-end with relatives here last week.

Mrs. T. G. Hamner entertained her Sunday School class one evening last week with a social and all report a most enjoyable time.

The Zander-Gump wedding was staged at the school house last Monday night with a good attendance. Everyone reports that it was well worth the price and a total of \$47.45 was realized.

Messrs. M. G. Scott and C. R. Shannon motored to the plains and returned last Monday.

W. L. Boyd made a business trip to Lamesa this week.

Mrs. Ellis Howell entertained the T. E. L. Sunday School class at her home two miles south of town last Thursday afternoon, twelve members being present. Mrs. Williamson, led a short devotional, followed by a prayer by Mrs. W. L. Boyd. Mrs. Massey was the successful one in a clever contest. Piano and Victrola music was enjoyed and refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames Boyd, Howell, Brown, G. Howell, Steen, Dingle, Massey, McLeod, Thompson, Williamson, Winn and Wright.

J. E. Bowers and family in company with Carl Murdock and family motored to Abilene Sunday afternoon.

On Sunday, Nov. 10, Mrs. E. Howell celebrated her fiftieth birthday with a lovely dinner, of which a number of relatives and friends partook. She received many nice presents.

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On Sunday we might remember some of the good things the Lord has done for us during these ten years and think of some of the good things we would like to do for Him in these good days He gives us.

All regular services Sunday. Sunday morning the pastor will bring an Anniversary sermon. All our friends are invited to meet with us in this good service. Sunday night the pastor will speak on "The Man Without the Wedding Garment." Come find a welcome.

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32-Year Old Car Wins In Race of Antiques

London, Nov. 14.—When an Englishman buys an automobile he expects it to last at least as long as a horse. He doesn't look forward to trading it in on a new one next year.

And so it happened that while exhibitors at the annual motor show at Olympia were gloating of the sleekness of their 1929 models, a smaller but even prouder group of automobile enthusiasts were indulging in their annual "Old Crocks" race from London to Brighton.

Although the thirty-five cars in the contest ranged from twenty-five to thirty-six years in age, only four of them failed to finish—and those were by no means the oldest.

A 32-year-old horseless buggy with wire wheels, owned by a woman, won the fifty-mile struggle on points for the best all-round performance.

The best time was made by Lord Ridley's 28-year-old Lanchester, which arrived in Brighton two hours thirty-three minutes after departing from London. It surprised modern motorists by traveling thirty miles an hour quite comfortably on the straightaways and climbing hills without difficulty.

The veteran of the race was an 1893 model Panhard, winner of the "Old Crocks" race in 1927. Despite its thirty-six years it rambled the fifty miles without getting out of breath, and in less than four hours.

IN MEMORY.

Little Earnest Earl Bryant was born Aug. 23, 1928, and passed to a better world Nov. 7, 1929, being one year, two months and fifteen days old. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Bryant. Little Earnest Earl lived here with us such a short while it seems so sad to see him taken away, but "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away."

We could not wish him back in such a sinful world, for we know he is safe in the arms of Jesus. Weep not, dear loved ones, for he is so much better off than we. He was such a bright, beautiful child, but God needs such little ones to make heaven such a wonderful place. Those little hands are there beckoning us to come to him and he is just one more bright and shiny face around the throne.

He is survived by his father and mother and one little sister, Joe Dean. He cannot come back to us, but it is so sweet to have the assurance we can go to him. Our love and sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Mrs. A. D. Barnes.

THE METHODIST REPORT.

We were sorry to realize that last Sunday was Rev. Willett's last with us for this year. He has been an excellent pastor, one who has co-operated with and led us into a richer and deeper way with our Master. When he comes back to us we have a new work to do. There are many who must be won.

We had a new Sunday School superintendent last Sunday: Mr. Lee Cox, who was recently re-elected to that position. He is carrying on a wonderful work, one that will raise our Sunday School standards.

Miss Rosie Laney spent last Sunday in Chatfield at the home of her sister, Mrs. Joe Bickley. Mr. and Mrs. Gallo-day were away from Sunday School last Sunday.

The preaching services have been given to the Epworth League for next Sunday. The morning hour will be given to a young preacher and the evening hour will be spent in a program by the league. We are expecting a very fine program and insist on the young people coming to boost their league work. Everyone is invited to come and in that way to show that you are behind your Epworth League and the work they are going to do.

—Reporter

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Blair Items

John Meeks and Vernon Melton are on the sick list.

Mrs. D. E. Doan, who is at the Merkel Sanitarium, is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore left Monday for Seymour to attend the bedside of Mrs. Moore's father, Hayne Blackburn.

Purl Sanford and family of Tuscola, after motoring over Thursday in their new Nash coach, were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cavett.

Preston Dam, Marvin Molton and Carl Doan left Sunday for Amherst.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scoggins and family moved to Wood county Tuesday, being accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Riley James. The latter will spend several weeks with friends there.

Sam and Henry-Reeves and Luther Huston of Floydada visited their mother, Mrs. J. M. Reeves, Wednesday.

Jim Campbell and wife and Emmett Morris and family attended preaching at Nubia Sunday.

Frank Demere, Z. V. Moore, John Coomer, J. R. Cavette, M. M. Owens, Hugh Campbell, Jim Jarvis and Emmett Morris attended the celebration of the Callahan county courthouse cornerstone laying Monday.

On Nov. 7 God saw fit to reclaim the little soul of Earnest Earl Bryant, Heaven's most precious gift and the joy and pride of the home. The young parents were remembered with many thoughts and deeds of kindness by their friends in their darkest hour, not the least of which were the many beautiful floral offerings. "But heaven will be sweeter and nearer to them, knowing their darling is home."

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method of thanking our many friends for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved mother, sister and daughter-in-law.

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