

CHURCHES TO JOIN IN UNION SERVICE THANKSGIVING EVE

Pastor Willett of the Methodist Church Will Preach the Sermon; Services to be Held at Baptist Church at 7 p. m.

As usual in this city and throughout the United States, Thanksgiving will be observed here by the closing of practically all of the business houses, a special Thanksgiving service at the First Baptist church at 7 o'clock and attendance at various football games over the state.

The banks, railway freight and express office and the postoffice will be closed all day.

At the Union Thanksgiving service Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the First Baptist church, will be in charge and Mrs. L. B. Howard will have charge of the singing.

The program for the service beginning at 7 o'clock Thanksgiving evening follows:

- Song.
Invocation, Elder W. G. Cypert.
Scripture reading.
Song.
Offering.
Special number.
Sermon, Rev. T. C. Willett, pastor of the Methodist church.
Song.
Benediction, Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Riddle Joins Warren Higgins. J. L. Riddle, who has for several years operated Riddle's Garage in Southeast Merkel is now connected with the Warren Higgins garage on South Front street. As usual, he specializes in battery work, welding, radiator and general repair work and will be glad to see his friends at his new location.

Continues to Improve. Condition of Robert Dennis has been steadily improving during the last week and he is now able to move both of his lower limbs, which were partially paralyzed from the effects of an automobile accident several weeks ago.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of the Merkel Mail, November 26, 1909.)

(Editor's Note—The following feature, "What Became of the Horseshoe Boys," written by "A One-Legged Old-Timer," appeared in the Merkel Mail twenty years ago.)

Tom Merriwell was born on the ranch when I first struck it. He married and went to New Mexico. The Mexicans killed him and his wife.

J. D. Reed, the owner of the ranch, died in Fort Worth. Paul Reed was shot and killed at Aspermont, Stonewall county.

Tom Stephens was shot and killed at a point two miles east of Raymer. He was met in the road by two unknown men—one shot was heard and Stephens was found with his neck broken. Johnnie Lynch and two of the Davis boys were killed in New Mexico.

John Sauls, one of the boys, was killed on Croton creek. When last seen alive, he was running a cow, swinging his rope. His horse fell on him and he died from the injuries almost instantly.

Zeno Hemphill was killed in Abilene. Zeno had killed a man, in self-defense, at Abilene and at the trial Frank Collins hung the jury. This kinder ruffed Hemp's feelings and he walked into Collins' saloon and said: "This town is not big enough for both of us and I came here to stay." Walter Collins was marshal, so he and his brother both went after their guns.

Hemp was too quick on the trigger for them and shot the marshal before he hit the floor, shot down Frank and walked out to the front, saying "Boys, I got two of them." He turned back and saw Frank trying to get up to the counter to get a shot and Hemp pulled his gun again and shot the weapon out of Frank's hand, and someone shot him with a Winchester from one of the side doors and killed him. Zeno was a regular clown in a cow camp. He could tell the funniest stories, keep the boys laughing and play the fiddle from way back. He was one of the best all-round boys I ever met. The paper stated that Zeno went to his grave with his sixth man and the seventh would follow, which he did.

TEACHERS ATTEND ANNUAL SESSIONS STATE ASSOCIATION

Eleven of the teachers of the Merkel Public Schools will attend the annual convention of the State Teachers association to be held at Dallas Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Among them are Misses Rodden, Hayes and Curb, Mr. Duke, Mrs. Teaff and Mrs. Anderson from the Grammar school and Misses Tracy, Sloan and Baker, Mrs. Young and Supt. Roger A. Burgess from the High school.

Supt. Burgess and Mrs. Burgess will stop over in Fort Worth for the S. M. U.-T. C. U. game and probably others will also attend the game after the adjournment of the association.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin S. Davis will visit over the holidays in the home of Mr. Davis' parents at Portales, New Mexico.

The attendance at the teachers meeting at Dallas is expected to reach the 10,000 mark. Dr. L. M. Hubbard, president of the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, and Dr. George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist church of Dallas, will speak at the Thanksgiving services to be held for the teachers in Dr. Truett's church.

Merkel Man Kills Wife and Then Self

In a telegraph message from Jonesboro, Ark., signed Bill White, Mrs. Walter Boden was advised Wednesday morning that her son, Marion Boden, had killed his wife and then killed himself there last night. No details were given.

Mrs. Boden, accompanied by her brother, John Toombs, and her grandchild, the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Boden who made her home with her grandmother here, left at 4:20 Wednesday afternoon on the Texas and Pacific for Jonesboro.

Marion Boden, an only child, was born and reared in Merkel. His wife was a Jonesboro girl, but they had lived here in Merkel at one time since their marriage. They left here about 2 years ago to reside in Jonesboro.

The body of Marion Boden will be brought back here for burial, funeral arrangements to be made later.

Thanksgiving Sermonet



From Plymouth to the Golden Gate today their children tread, The mercies of that bounteous Hand upon the land are shed; The "flocks are on a thousand hills," the prairies wave with grain, The cities spring like mushrooms: now where once was desert-plain.

Heap high the board with plenteous cheer and gather to the feast, And toast that sturdy Pilgrim band whose courage never ceased. Give praise to that All-Gracious One by whom their steps were led, And thanks unto the harvest's Lord who sends our "daily bread."

BADGERS LOSE TO STAMFORD 39 TO 0

Bulldogs, Previously Defeated by Merkel, Stage Come-Back and Swamp Local Contenders.

Although the Badgers had previously defeated Stamford by the score of 6 to 0, they were outclassed when they met the Bulldogs again in the semifinals for the district championship in class B football, district 9, on neutral field at Anson last Friday afternoon, the final score being 39 to 0. Despite the weather which was rather cold and disagreeable, a large number of Merkel supporters attended the game and saw the Badgers put up a splendid fight. They just simply could not hold the big Bulldogs in their second encounter. In the first quarter Merkel outplayed the Stamford boys, holding them scoreless in that period and getting within their 20-yard line twice, but the Bulldogs made a touchdown in the second quarter and added five more during the last half.

Boaz was the outstanding star of the game, both as an offensive and defensive player, his performance being made especially conspicuous by long gains around the ends. Captain Guitar featured in several good line plunges. Merkel will meet Rotan Thanksgiving afternoon at 2:30 at Rotan, not a conference game, of course, but one that will be interesting and full of good football.

Stamford and Roscoe will meet at Stamford at the same hour Thanksgiving afternoon for the title honors of district 9, class B of the Inter-scholastic league.

Merkel's starting line-up was: Derrick, right end; Patterson, right tackle; Chancey, right guard, Case, center; Baker, left guard; Mashburn, left tackle; Tittle, left end; Darsey, quarter; Boaz, right half; Darden, left half; Guitar, captain, full.

Substitutes—Collins for Chancey, Ashby for Derrick; Chancey for Collins.

Merkel All-Stars Plan Xmas Game

Arrangements are being made for the annual Christmas football game by the Merkel All-Stars with some out of town team. Anson and Hamlin are both negotiating for the game, which will be played here on Christmas Day. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the cemetery association just as in times past.

The Merkel players will include a number of ex-college stars and the game will be one to attract a lot of interest.

Cotton Receipts.

Total cotton receipts for Merkel for the season up to noon on Wednesday amounted to 5,295 bales, according to the records of T. A. Bearden, public weigher.

EDWARDS AND SON PURCHASE CROWN

W. D. Hutcheson Disposes of Business Interests in Exchange For Farm Lands.

Although control of the Crown Hardware company, one of Merkel's established business concerns, was taken over on November 1 by Edwards and Son, the new owners, actual negotiations concerning the trade were not completed until the latter part of last week when the deal was actually perfected. In disposing of all of his interests in the Crown Hardware company, W. D. Hutcheson received in exchange farm lands in Lynn county, twelve miles south of Slaton.

J. H. Edwards and his son, T. G. Edwards, will both be actively connected with the business here, which will continue under the same name, the Crown Hardware company. The elder Edwards and the other members of his family will remove here the latter part of the week, occupying the Church home, while T. G. Edwards, the son, has been here since the first of the month and has been in charge of the business during that time. The new owners are estimable men and will be valuable acquisitions to Merkel's business life.

W. D. Hutcheson, in selling his interests in the Crown Hardware company, stated to the editor of the Merkel Mail that it did not mean that he was leaving Merkel, but he has not yet announced his future plans. His two sons, Chester Hutcheson and family, and Jerome Hutcheson and wife, will remove to Lynn county and take charge of the farms which were secured by their father in the trade.

W. C. Black, who has been connected with the sales force of the firm for the past six years, will continue with the new owners.

W. D. Hutcheson came to Merkel in 1885 and it was in 1902 that he first engaged in the hardware business at the location now occupied by the Merkel Drug company. In 1912 he became connected with the Crown Hardware company of which he was the owner at the time that he sold to Edwards and Son. That he will continue his residence in Merkel will be gratifying news to the many friends who have known Will Hutcheson and wife through all the years of their associations here.

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.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

San Antonio has been selected as the 1930 convention city by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which met last week at Biloxi, Miss., while Hot Springs, Ark., asked for the 1931 meeting.

J. H. Burkett, pioneer horticulturist, who was born in Tennessee, came to West Texas with his family in 1865 and has lived at Clyde 21 years, has announced for the office of state commissioner of agriculture.

W. Grady Kinsolving, publisher of the Corpus Christi Times and Caller, former Abilene newspaper man, has been elected president of the South Texas Chamber of Commerce.

L. C. Harwell, 95, Confederate veteran, who was born in Boston, Mass., later coming to Texas, where he has lived in Belton for many years, has gone on a deer hunt near Cotulla.

C. W. Ham, city manager of Pontiac, Mich., was elected president and San Francisco chosen for the next meeting place of the International City Managers Association at their annual convention held in Fort Worth.

Although Baird and Cross Plains showed large counts in favor of the issue, a special \$1,000,000 road bond issue in Callahan county was decisively defeated, the smaller communities voting almost solidly against the bonds.

The Farm and Ranch Publishing company, Dallas, which has been operating with union employes, has changed to open shop, according to announcement by Frank P. Holland, Jr., vice-president and general manager of the concern.

After more than two weeks, four sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Perricone of Beaumont and believed to be the only male quadruplets in Texas, were reported living and thriving with indications that they would survive to healthy manhood.

After serving 17 years in the Texas penitentiary for another man's crime, Will Hartgrove, 76, is now at liberty, having been released as the result of a deathbed confession of another prisoner who admitted that he committed the murder.

The trial of John W. Brady, former judge of the third court of civil appeals, on a charge of murdering Miss Lehlia Highsmith, supreme court stenographer, on the night of Nov. 9, has been set for Jan. 20 in the district court of Travis county.

Rev. R. F. Dunn, 74, who came to West Texas forty-six years ago as the first Methodist circuit rider in what was then the wide open spaces of West Texas, died Saturday at his home in Lubbock, following a sudden illness from heart attack.

B. B. Howell, 80-year old Confederate veteran, who boarded a bus at the Dallas terminal station, wearing a Confederate cross and carrying a small bouquet of flowers slumped over dead in his seat in the bus, death being due to heart failure.

The body of Marshall Ratliff, Cisco "Santa Claus" bank bandit, who was taken from his cell in the Eastland county jail and hanged by a mob Nov. 19, was buried in Mount Olivet cemetery in Fort Worth on order of his mother, Mrs. Rilla Carter.

E. J. "Doc" Stewart, former University of Texas football and basketball coach, was accidentally killed by a load of buckshot while hunting deer 22 miles west of Kerrville, the fatal shot being fired by J. W. O'Byrne, San Antonio oil operator, who mistook Stewart for a deer.

Although he possesses a deed to his 47-acre tract in Van Zandt county, near the Van oil field, and he has worked this farm for many years, R. A. Howell has learned that through an error made by county surveyors more than 50 years ago the tract was filed as state land and his deed is worthless.

Because of a newspaper article recording the birth of a child to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Short, while the train on which they were riding was on a sidetrack at Afton, Okla., two second cousins, Mark Short and Frank C. Dawson, who had not seen each other since they left Clarksville 18 years ago, were reunited.

Dr. Lee R. Scarborough of Fort Worth, president of the Southwest Baptist seminary, was elected president of the Baptist general convention to succeed former Governor Pat M. Neff; Dr. W. R. White, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lubbock was elected executive secretary, and Amarillo was selected as the 1930 meeting place at the annual meeting of that body held in Beaumont.

FARMERS URGED TO PLANT BETTER SEED BY LIONS

Committee of Three Named to Work with the President to Arrange Program and List of Speakers for Mass Meeting.

Endorsing the movement for planting better cotton seed which was launched by ginners and banks of the city two weeks ago, a committee of three from the Lions club was appointed to work with the president in arranging a program of speakers for a mass meeting of farmers to be held in the near future to work out plans for securing better seed and, if possible, uniform seed. This committee consists of Sam Swann, chairman, R. O. Anderson and Rufe Tittle.

In this connection, it is urged that the farmers of this section should withhold the purchase of seed until such a meeting is held and plans are proposed which will, it is thought, meet with the approval of everyone.

This program will be launched at Merkel's first "Cow Day," which is to be Thursday, Dec. 5, when a fine Jersey cow, a sow pig and a pen of chickens will be sold for \$1.00 each by the merchants and business men of Merkel, operating under the auspices of the Lions club.

S. D. Gamble was toastmaster at the weekly luncheon of the club and the singing was led by E. Yates Brown, with Mrs. Brown at the piano. Guests were introduced as follows: George Pyron of the Golan community and Ed Vantresse of Stith, both of whom spoke on the advantages of getting a better cotton staple.

The president read a letter from the Methodist ladies thanking the club for the use of the banquet hall for their dinner last Saturday and extending the gas connection as a gift. The president referred to correspondence with reference to suggest improvements at the depot, which included a grass-plotted park and installation of a telephone, both being taken under advisement by the railroad officials.

He also called attention to the group meeting of Lions clubs in this district which is to be held here in about two weeks.

A committee of three, consisting of Dr. Armstrong, Dr. H. P. Hulsey and Dee Grimes, was appointed to investigate a certain road improvement which was called to the attention of the club by Mr. Pyron.

Matt Dillingham will be toastmaster next week and Rev. R. A. Walker will preside at the meeting the following week, Dec. 10.

Boy Scout Leaders Re-elected Stinson

Seven Boy Scout leaders from Merkel attended the annual meeting of the Chisholm Trail council, which was held at Abilene Tuesday, those present being Roger A. Burgess, Herbert Patterson, L. R. Thompson, T. G. Bragg, Ralph Duke, Rev. R. A. Walker and Booth Warren.

Scout leaders from every one of the seven counties—Taylor, Callahan, Jones, Haskell, Shackelford, Coleman and Runnels—were present at the executive session which opened Tuesday afternoon and concluded with a banquet at 7:30 that night. There were 39 present.

Judge James P. Stinson of Abilene was re-elected president of the council and Ed Shumway was reappointed scout executive of the area. Stanley Harris of New York; inter-racial chairman of the Boy Scouts of America, was the principal speaker at the banquet.

Herbert Patterson of Merkel was named as finance chairman for the area and T. G. Bragg as local finance chairman.

Record of Births.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Patterson, a baby boy, Nov. 22, 1929. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Coria Camp, Sylvester, a baby boy, Nov. 23, 1929. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Noodle, a baby girl, Nov. 24, 1929. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Claud Butler, residing north of Tropic, a baby girl, Nov. 25, 1929. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Tarpley, Noodle, a baby boy, Nov. 25, 1929. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Walker, Newman, a baby boy, Nov. 25, 1929. Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. N. residing north of the city, a baby boy, Nov. 26, 1929.

Thanksgiving

Imagine the amazement that would be written upon the faces of our Pilgrim fathers were they to return this Thanksgiving!

Slow as progress may seem at times, progress in the aggregate is simply astounding.

Truly we as a great and growing nation have many reasons for Thankfulness.

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Thursday, November 28th

THANKSGIVING DAY

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Assistant Cashier
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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

Many Reasons Cited For Planting Better Seed For Next Year

Commenting on the effort that is being put forth to urge the farmer to plant better cotton seed, as launched by the ginners and banks of Merkel in a recent issue of the Merkel Mail, one of the prominent planters of this section in talking to the editor of the Mail said:

"In Mitchell county, County Judge C. C. Thompson presided at a meeting of the farmers held Saturday at Colorado to discuss this very feature which has caused the farmers of West Texas to lose about \$10 per bale on cotton because of the short staple and low grade marketed this season."

"When you plant short staple cotton," he continued, "you are trying to compete with the Hindu, who lives on \$2.00 per month. Can you do it? With all the gin improvements and high bred seed, the Texas cotton does not average as good staple as it did 20 years ago on account of the half and half. Some of the biggest cotton buyers in Texas do not buy West Texas cotton for the reason that it is as a rule short staple stuff."

ESKOTA NEWS.

The Eskota P. T. A. met in regular session Wednesday evening. We had a Round Table discussion on the beautifying of our school grounds. Frank E. Allyn, Roy Elliott, and C. B. Johnston were appointed as a committee to look after the work. If anyone in the community has any plans for landscaping the school grounds, or if anyone has any suitable trees or shrubbery that he will give, the committee will be glad to hear about them. It is our school and is for our children; so let us all do all we can to help.

It was decided by the association to have a regular meeting every four weeks instead of every two weeks.

Friday, Nov 22, is Parent's Day. All of the mothers and fathers are requested to visit the school sometime during the day. The teachers want to meet the parents and they want the parents to observe their work.

We have a choir practice at Eskota on Sunday evenings beginning at 7 o'clock, when there isn't church service. There was a large crowd out last evening. We had with us Mr. Purser and Mr. Quattlebaum of the White Flat community. We all enjoyed the singing.

We also have a Union Sunday School at Eskota each Sunday at 10:30. We extend welcome to each one in the community to come and help us.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Grantham spent Sunday with Sam Barnhill and family.

Some of the young people went kooking Sunday afternoon and they reported a wonderful time.

Miss Bonnie Le Bowers spent the week-end with her parents and relatives in Abilene.

Miss Ruth Powell spent the week-end with her mother and relatives in Newman.

Miss Taylor spent Sunday in Sweetwater.

Miss Taylor's mother, who visited with her and other relatives at Sweetwater, has returned to her home in Seminole.

Roy Elliott spent Saturday in Sweetwater working on the plans for the consolidation of the Stamper and Eskota School districts.

Mrs. D. I. Trent is still in Dallas with her sister. It is reported that her sister is still very ill.

Mrs. A. E. Bullard, who has been in bad health for several years, is able to be up and about and her many friends are hopeful that she will soon be strong again.

Bob Johnston of Happy, who is known to many of the Eskota people, got his hand and arm broken in a combine. He is not improved, as yet, it is reported.

Miss Dorsey Thomas of Midland is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. O. Trent.

CARD OF THANKS.

To those who through their kindness, sympathy and love assisted in any way during the declining months of illness and death of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and sister, we wish to express our thanks. And the beautiful floral offerings were to our bleeding hearts a soothing reminder of her great love for flowers and everything beautiful created by our Saviour.

May God's richest blessings be with each and every one of you.

J. A. Giles, Sr.
Mrs. J. A. Giles, Jr. and family.
A. M. Giles and family.
T. T. Earthman and family.
L. D. Giles and family.
J. A. Giles and family.
J. H. Inzer.
J. T. Inzer.
Jennis Lewis.
R. H. Lewis.
P. H. Lewis.
Charlie Lewis.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail

Honor Roll at the Union Ridge School

The attendance this month at the Union Ridge School has been much better than that of last month and most students are now doing satisfactory work. Irregular attendance, however, is keeping some from doing their best, but we feel sure that our general condition is above the standard.

The honor roll includes: first grade, A. B. Harris; second grade, Effie Bell Pannell, Dorma Lee Shelton, Fay Oliver; third grade, Laverne Howell; fifth grade, Woodrow Clark; sixth grade, Alice Carey, Ruby Carey; eighth grade, Mary Bell Douglas, Lillie Claud Barnett.

Dora Doings

Marketing turkeys has been the order of the day for several days, but the turkeys are about all gone and so is the price.

E. P. Perry, Bruce Brown, John Dudley, Charlie Huff and Lloyd Perry are spending the week in the border counties, trying to get their share of venison.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whiteaker and Uncle George Hawkins were Merkel visitors Monday.

Mrs. B. E. Dunagan was the leading lady in the car contest under the auspices of the Nolan County News, which closed Saturday night, and she chose a Ford Sedan.

Grandmother Oliver is visiting in Arizona for awhile.

Mrs. J. C. Brownfield and children are enjoying a new Ford car.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey of Pyron spent the week-end with her brother, H. S. Wright and family.

Old Newspapers and Magazines Wanted

The Womans Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church and the local Boy Scouts are cooperating in gathering all the old papers and magazines that would otherwise be thrown away or burned up and the proceeds from the sale of their collections will be shared by these two organizations.

The Boy Scouts will be glad to call for any old newspapers or magazines, if you will call Herbert Patterson at the Farmers State Bank or Mrs. R. O. Anderson. They will assemble their collections until a carload is ready for shipment.

Paul Revere's ride is supposed to have covered ten miles.

MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.



We are always glad to talk with you about your motor car troubles. Users of our Conoco Gasoline tell us that they get the best results from Conoco. You, too, will find this to be true. If you have never tried Conoco, drive by and let us tell you about its wonderful driving power. Better still, let us fill your tank with it. Our oils and garage service are the same high standard.

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THANKSGIVING

AS YOU observe "Thanksgiving Day" the Farmers and Merchants National Bank wishes you a full share of prosperity which always abounds at the season of "Gathering the Harvest."

Our reward for the past year has been a bountiful harvest of good will and confidence from the people of this community. For this we are truly thankful.

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"Naturalists," continued Mr. Hunt... "call this prototype of all storage... batteries gymnotus electricus—Linn.,... or more familiarly, the electric eel. Those who have bathed in the river... waters, which are his habitat, assert... that he is some starting battery. Two... of these eels were recently brought to... the Zoological Gardens in Philadel... phia.

"Years ago, Michael Faraday, the... scientist, as a kind of vacation div... sion, made a careful study of gymno... tus electricus. He put him through re... peated cycles of discharge and charge, and... voltage characteristics and found... out how his electric current generat... ing organism was constructed, how... it operated, and what was needed to... keep it in good shape to carry on his... electro-biological activities.

"Faraday, no doubt, spoiled a lot of... perfectly good eels before he convin... ced himself that, after delivering a... certain definite amount of electric en... ergy, the eel must have the energy re... turned to it in the form of proper... food, and not too long delayed, either, or... become a subject for a post-mortem.

"Electric current is just as neces... sary to the battery as eel-food is to... the eel, and unless the battery gets its... food in proper quantity and with rea... sonable regularity, it will suffer the... same fate as a starved eel—and for... exactly the same reasons.

"The eel food assimilated by eel re-

stores its tissues and blood to a condi... tion of electric energy developing abil... ity. The electric current, which is bat... tery food, assimilated by the battery, restores its active material and vital... fluid to a condition of energy develop... ing ability.

"This being the case, it is advisable... for every motorist to have the charg... ing rate of his generator checked up... before the winter sets in when more... power is needed for starting and... lighting."

THE METHODIST REPORT.

We were very glad to see Rev. Wil... let back in his pulpit again last Sun... day morning. He comes to us with new... spirit and a new message. His "greet... ing" sermon last Sunday causes us to... understand why true faith will always... win.

We have a new and clean page to... cover now. Let us not, when the year... is done, want to erase any letter that... we have placed upon it. We are thank... ful for the guidance and leadership... of a pastor we already love near to... lead us over one of the greatest... Sunday school years we have ever ex... perience—the year before us now.

Rev. Willett has promised to lead a... young people's revival sometime dur... ing the coming year. We have a great... many on the Home department that... we must cheer in our new work.

Don't expect your pastor to accom... plish his work alone—pray for and... help him!

—Reporter

A LETTER FROM HOME.

Your son or daughter off at college... or finishing school will welcome the... home paper just like a letter from... home. The subscription price for... nine months for the Merkel Mail is... \$1.50 for towns and cities outside of... Taylor County. (In Abilene \$1.15... for term.) Subscribe now.

The saying that thunder turns... sweet milk sour is incorrect.

Modern Ark Built For Georgia Flood

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 27.—Before the... flood waters came, Noah built an ark. When heavy rains began falling here in early fall, A. B. Figgins, Salvation Army adjutant, ordered a supply of lumber and built a big flat-bottomed boat.

Friends laughed at him. Then additional rains fell on the watershed and flood waters spread over the lower part of Augusta. And the modern Noah, with his ark already built, was unworried, while some others failed to enjoy the same ease of mind.

As long as the flood waters were up, the Salvation Army ark, manned by Adjutant Figgins as skipper and with a negro janitor for motive power, was on the job. The ark glided up and down streets in low-lying sections, rescuing marooned persons, carrying food to those who remained and taking the sick and lame out of the flooded districts.

No More Marriages Free in This Town

Soleford, England, Nov. 27.—For 50 years one of the best things in life—marriage—has been free in this Gloucestershire town, but it's all over now.

The vicar of St. John's Church henceforth will be authorized to accept a fee from any couple he marries.

Half a century ago the Rev. T. Holbrow, then vicar of St. John's, decided to encourage marriage among the younger members of his flock by performing the ceremony free.

The precedent he set has been followed by his successors, but after reviewing the half century experiment in free matrimony, the church council has decided that people value things more when they have to pay for them.

To Preserve the Old Astor Dining Room

New York, Nov. 27.—To preserve a quaint tradition, the old dining room of John Jacob Astor will be preserved in the new Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

When William Waldorf Astor moved to England in the early '90's and became a baronet, he decided to wreck the home of his forebears at Thirty-third Street and Fifth Avenue, rather than let it fall in unknown hands. He erected the Waldorf-Astoria on the site, and stipulated that the historic family dining room be taken from the house and set up in the hotel.

Now it is to be transported to the new hotel, there to be used for small social occasions. The woodwork is black walnut, carved in somber early Victorian elegance, bearing the carved initials of the house of Astor.

Shot Man in 1900, Now Given Ten Years

Ashville, Ala., Nov. 27.—John R. Ferguson, who shot a man here 20 years ago, was found guilty of second degree murder. Sentence of 10 years was passed by Presiding Judge A. O. Steele.

Ferguson claimed he killed Will Andrews in self defense. He said he left the State after the shooting. He was arrested about a month ago in Gadsden, where he went to visit a son, who had been injured in a fight.

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.

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Austin, Nov. 27.—Pound in deer skin tanned and dressed by the owner, a Bible brought to Texas in 1822 is on exhibition in the archives of the University of Texas. The Bible was loaned to the library by Mrs. John Pritchett of Austin. It contains a great deal of the family history of the Mitchell family, to whom the Bible originally belonged.

Asa Mitchell, owner of the Bible, came to Texas in 1822 from his home in Pennsylvania, bringing with him his wife, Charlotte Mitchell. She died on September 17, 1830, leaving him several children, and was buried with simple ceremonies in a little cemetery, at the mouth of the Brazos river.

Asa Mitchell, taking as his wife a daughter of Austin county. In the devoted to births, deaths, marriages and other family records, Asa placed all the material concerning himself, his parents and his immediate family that he considered pertinent including the date of his conversion to Christianity.

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Merkel Mail 1 Year	1.50
Total	\$7.45
Both Papers 1 Year	\$6.50
Dallas News, Daily and Sunday	\$7.45
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Trent News and Personal Notes

BAPTISTS HAVE BIG DAY.
Sunday evening was a great day at the Baptist church when a good program was rendered, including several songs, a special number by Mrs. Winslow Beckham of Lamesa, readings by Jimmie Ed Massey, Mark Williamson and J. W. Good and an original essay on Thanksgiving by Mrs. Ernest Massey, which was pronounced exceptionally good.

After the program was completed, those present were invited into the Sunday School room where the members had showered the pastor Rev. R. M. McGinnis, and family with some very useful gifts. Among the latter was a nice new gas range cook stove, two turkeys, seventeen chickens, six new quilts and a supply of groceries and dry goods. The appreciation manifested by the pastor was voiced in no uncertain manner. Following short talks, the guests passed into another room to partake of delicious pumpkin pie, whipped cream and hot chocolate. The value of the shower in dollars and cents was estimated at a high figure, but the joy of the givers and recipients cannot be estimated in a material way.

STAG DINNER PARTY.

Last Monday evening Mrs. Leslie Beasley, assisted by Maurine Smith, honored her husband and other members of his hunting party with a six o'clock dinner, consisting of three courses: fruit cocktail, wild turkey and dressing, venison, cranberry sauce, olive and salad, fruit pies topped with whipped cream served with nut favors and coffee.

Bridge was enjoyed until a late hour when a delicious salad plate, with cake and tea was served to the following hunters: T. G. Hamner, J. E. Bowers, Malcolm Beasley, Merle Mangel, Charles Reid, W. E. Hamner, Louie McRee, Leon Ashford, Hale McRee, B. C. Hamner, Dave Hines, Carl Murdock and the guest of honor, Leslie Beasley.

PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin of Loraine spent Sunday with Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott.

On Wednesday night Truman Kent of Sweetwater and Miss Ida Duncan of this place motored over to Abilene and were married quietly. Both of these young people were reared here and their romance dates back to school days. They have a host of friends who wish them a happy voyage in their new life.

W. L. Boyd attended the State Baptist convention in Beaumont last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn, C. T. Beckham and Mary Boyd attended the telephone convention at Abilene last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds have returned home from a trip on the plains.

Mrs. Joe Brown and daughter are expected to return next Wednesday from Goose Creek where they have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Brown for the past two weeks.

W. E. Hamner, accompanied by Buddie Burks and wife, motored to Littlefield last Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Burks will remain there as Mr. Burks has secured employment in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Abbott, who have been away for sometime, returned home last week.

Mrs. George Thompson had as her guest her sister and baby of Dallas a few days last week.

Bob McLeod and children of Mineral Wells motored over to spend Sunday with his mother, Mrs. D. D. McLeod, who has been quite sick for several days.

E. Howell attended business on the plains a few days last week.

Mrs. John Payne and son of Lamesa visited last week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nally were guests

League Program.
Violin solo, by Dee Hall.
Song.
Scripture reading, by Louise Toombs, Phillipians 2:4.
Prayer, by leader, Louise Toombs.
Talks by Juniors:
"Paul, a friend of the church," by Wanda Hunter.
"Paul advises unselfishness," by Florence Rider.
"Practicing the Golden Rule," by Ina Mae Berryman.
"Unselfish labors of love," by Willie B. Toombs.
Poem, "Others," by Opal Husky.
Song.
Benediction.

WORTH WHILE THOUGHTS.

"Too much introspection, and unnatural life filled with vague theories producing temporary insanity are responsible for the sad tragedy. We are here to work, help others around us, and make the world better for those that follow us, as our predecessors made it better for us, do our duty, and not ask fate questions. Fate never answers, earnest work always answers satisfactorily."—Arthur Brisbane in commenting on the suicide of the young New York woman, who threw herself from an airplane.

"We of America believe that in America's progress no single motive force equals the guarantee of equal opportunity that rests in a political philosophy that government is an arbiter, an umpire of fair play in industry, and not a player in the game."—Julius H. Barnes, former President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

"Stores prosper where the people are contented. Factories seek densely populated areas of prosperous, happy purchasers. The hum of commerce is heard in the midst of population attracted and held by good living conditions. No section of the country can be permanent in inviting this form of investment. It must lay well its foundation stone. Then when it builds, it will build permanently and well. It must hold up high ideals of right thinking and constructive action. West Texas people can not achieve greatly without an ideal, a goal for which to strive. West Texans have achieved fame for their good team work, for sponsoring of anything which is deemed of lasting benefit to the whole people after a most careful analysis. We have striven to build during the past year on this foundation. We have tried to organize and direct the ablest thought of West Texas along these lines to make sure of the future."—Retiring President A. M. Bourland, West Texas Chamber of Commerce, in addressing the El Paso convention.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.
The new pastor, who was the old one worked over, received a warm welcome from the membership of the church last Sunday. This had been preceded on Wednesday evening by an old fashioned pounding and informal reception held for him and his good wife in the parlors of the church. The pastor and his family are truly thankful for every token of appreciation and they are many which have come their way. May God bless and prosper every one who has had any part in this or has even thought of having. I want to be your friend and pastor this year and try as best I can to show my appreciation of your kindness to me and mine.

Don't forget the Thanksgiving service at the Baptist church. Let us take time off from the other activities of the day and go into the House of God and there reverently thank him for his many blessings. The service will begin at 7 o'clock.

The pastor will be in his pulpit at both hours next Sunday. Come and bring your friends. You will receive a hearty welcome and enjoy a helpful service.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

Don't miss Blanket Week at Boston Bargain Store.
Write an automobile accident policy for an annual premium of \$3.65. Are injured in any way by auto? \$100.00 per month. L. R. Thompson, Insurance.

for Saturday—7 piece Rose water set \$1.50 value, 89c. Pret-a-cuisine fruit dishes, set of 6 for 19c. Glass water sets, clear crackled, for 50c. Ladies' 42 Gauge Ray-bloomers, Saturday 49c. Starr's Dry Store.

Sore Gums-Pyorrhea
Foul breath, loose teeth or sore gums are disgusting to behold, all will agree. Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy is highly recommended by leading dentists and never disappoints. Drug-gists return money if it fails. Phillips Drug Store.

Personal Mention

Miss Ailyn Riley will be home from Stamford for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mrs. J. W. Cox of Oklahoma City is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. T. Dennis.

Mayor J. F. Sharp spent several days in Fort Worth last week, returning Friday.

Miss Margaret Long of Abilene was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.

Mrs. M. D. Angus left Tuesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Angus in Fort Worth.

Miss Tena Preece of Santa Fe, New Mexico, is a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Dye.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt of Ballinger visited Sunday with Mrs. Holt's father, J. S. Thomas.

Misses Imogene Wade and Pearl Curry of Paint Rock were week-end guests of Miss Lola Dennis.

A. J. Stapleton and family have returned to the city after an absence of two months on the plains.

Ted Nichols has returned from a deer hunt with a party of Ballinger sportsmen in the Big Bend section.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg of Chillicothe were the guests of Mr. Bragg's parents for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall of Sweetwater were over Sunday for a visit in the J. T. Dennis home.

Miss Flora Frances Anderson is home from T. C. U. for the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

Miss Doris Russell of Sweetwater, accompanied by Miss Ruby Stokes and Sam Redwine of Abilene, visited Sunday with Miss Russell's parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Caple entertained the following out-of-town guests for dinner Sunday: Dr. and Mrs. O. W. Little and daughter, Mary Virginia, of Tuscola; Mr. and Mrs.

in Abilene last Sunday in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dowdy and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rutherford.

Mrs. W. A. Abbott has gone to Mineral Wells for an extended visit with her daughter, Miss Deb McLeod.

Corra Scott returned last Saturday from Abilene where she had spent several days in the home of her brother, Houston Scott.

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This is Blanket Week at Boston Bargain Store.

F. H. Sewell and two children of Abilene and George Oscar and John Parker, also of Abilene.

Mrs. Pauline Lackey was carried early in the week to the home of her mother, Mrs. Halsey, in Abilene on account of illness which confines her to her room.

Mrs. Dr. R. I. Grimes was one of the honorees at a pretty luncheon held at the Pioneer Tea Room in Abilene complimenting the wives of out-of-town doctors on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent have just returned from a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Luther Swafford, in Kansas City, Mo., where they also attended the Royal Livestock show.

Mr. and Mrs. Esker Curtin of Ranger, accompanied by Miss Evelyn Curtis of Vernon, were guests Sunday of Mrs. Curtis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus.

Little Mary Faye Johnson has returned to her home at Breckenridge after a visit of several days in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Golladay.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wheatley have come during the week to make their home in Merkel. Mr. Wheatley was formerly here with one of the drilling contractors and he and his wife are being cordially welcomed.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Houston, formerly of Throckmorton, Texas, have moved to Merkel and have taken one of the Buford apartments. Mr. Houston is tool dresser for the Fensy Drilling company, contractors.

Mrs. R. A. Walker left Wednesday morning for an extended visit, probably until Christmas, with her two sons at Paris and with her daughter, Miss Velma Walker, who is a student at the Junior college there.

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- CORN, Primrose, No. 2, limit 6 cans 14c
- CORN, Our Darling, No. 1, limit 3 cans 9c
- COMPOUND, Crusteen, 8 lb. pail \$1.10
- SYRUP, Dixie's Best, gallons 95c
- BACON, Dry Salt, Northern Pickle cured, lb. 18c
- BACON, Sugar Cured, Sinclairs 25c
- APRICOTS, Dry slabs, 2 lb. 35c
- TOMATOES, 2 lb. Standard, hand packed, limit 3 cans 25c
- BEANS, Stringless Green Pod, 2 lb. 2 cans 25c
- SOUP, Campbell's Tomato, 3 cans 25c
- CLEANSER, Sunbright, 5 cans 25c
- SPUDS, No. 1 Stock, 10 lbs. 40c
- BANANAS, Golden Green tip, doz. 22c
- ONIONS, Spanish Sweets, lb. 3c

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Tye W. M. U. Meets.
The Tye W. M. U. met in the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon, the service being opened with song, and the devotional was led by Mrs. Dela Teaff, who read the 107th Psalm. Mrs. Teaff also made a very interesting talk. After a business session the union voted to take up the Bible course as their next study. The meeting was dismissed by Mrs. Exa Thomas. During the session the ladies packed a box for the Buckner Orphans home, which was valued at \$29. Among those present were Mesdames Theo Newton, Arch Teaff, J. J. McCartney and two daughters, Hubert McCartney, Holder, Boyett, Emma Bell Boyett, Amason, England and Clark.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all of our friends and neighbors who were so kind in their attentions and thoughtful in so many ways in extending assistance during the illness and death of our wife and mother. Especially do we wish to thank the nurse for her kind and loving ministrations and our appreciation is also extended for the many beautiful floral offerings.

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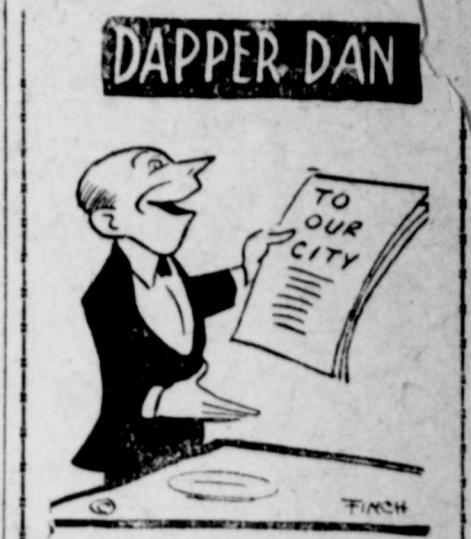
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Methodist
The Woman's Mission Society of the Methodist church met Monday with Mrs. T. in a business and social hour. The program is 7 o'clock. The program is song; devotional, Mrs. H. prayer, Mrs. Richards; song; Mollie Frank Touchstone; song; F. C. Hughes.



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Your truly
W. D. HUTCHESON



T. E. L. CLASS PARTY.

The revealing of their respective Polyannas and drawing of new ones gave out inspiration for a gay party for members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class of the Baptist church in the church parlors on Tuesday afternoon with Mesdames W. A. Buckner and John Toombs the gracious hostesses.

Colorful decorations of the Thanksgiving season, autumn leaves and chrysanthemums, were used artistically throughout the entertaining rooms. All party appointments, plate favors, etc., reflected the Thanksgiving motif.

A business session was followed by a clever contest after which an especial musical treat was enjoyed. Mrs. L. B. Howard gave a beautiful vocal solo with Mrs. E. Yates Brown at the piano after which Mrs. Brown pleasingly rendered a piano number, Mrs. Earnest Massey of Trent next favored the members with an original Thanksgiving paper very much appreciated by all present. Mrs. Winslow Beckham of Lamesa, the possessor of a beautiful soprano voice, delighted her audience with a Thanksgiving solo, "Have you counted your Blessings Today?"

Delicious refreshments of jello- whip, angel food and hot chocolate culminated the afternoon's entertainment for Mesdames Alex Williamson, Buena McLeod, Earnest Massey of Trent, Winslow Beckham of Lamesa, Clyde Foster, Earl Lassiter, L. B. Howard, A. R. Booth, Hail Lancaster, Earl Teague, Sam Swann, Thomas Bearden, W. I. Crane, R. W. Conder, L. B. Scott, E. Yates Brown, Roy Miller, Dent Gibson, Twyman Collins and the hostesses.

MRS. LATHAM HONOREE OF BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Last Friday evening on the occasion of Mrs. F. H. Latham's birthday, her husband, F. H. Latham, proprietor of Busy Bee Cafe, surprised her by preparing what he was pleased to call a little feed, but which in reality was a sumptuous banquet, to which he invited a number of their friends and relatives, none of whom had heretofore had proper appreciation of Mr. Latham's ability as a chef or his happy way of playing "mine host" to his friends. After the meal, Mrs. Latham received the congratulations of those present and several very appropriate gifts as reminders of the occasion. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin, Miss Julia Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence King, Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell, Miss Anna Lou Russell, Miss Mary Jo Russell, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson.

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BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.

All regular services Sunday and during the week. Come on to Sunday school no matter how cold it gets as we have made arrangements to have a gas stove placed in every Sunday school room that was not already well heated. You can let the little folks go to their departments without worrying about them getting cold feet. We hope to have this all ready by Sunday.

Our attendance, offering, and general efficiency were all on the upgrade Sunday. Come help us start December right.

The pastor will speak both morning and evening. Let's have more people in our training service at 6 p. m. Come find a welcome in any or all our services.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

Senior League Program.

Subject "Shall I dance?" Leader, Lottie Butman. "Why are questions raised?" Nadine Tippett. "Why do people want to dance?" Beryl Hunter. "The weak link," Eleanor Mae Hamilton. "Spiritual Living," Roy Patterson. "Excuses," Mattilou Largent. We have an especially interesting subject for discussion next Sunday. If you are interested, young Christian, come and hear it debated at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Be on time so that you may have part in the class work. Preaching at 11 a. m., followed by a communion service. Offering for Reynolds Home, Dr. Surface will preach at the evening hour, 7 o'clock, and the pastor will be at the Zion church. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Come worship with us.

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

Specials for Saturday—7 piece Rose glass water set \$1.50 value, 89c. Pretty glass fruit dishes, set of 6 for 19c 7 piece Glass water sets, clear crackled effect, for 59c. Ladies' 42 Gauge Rayon Bloomers, Saturday 49c. Starr's Variety Store.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, Abilene Division

The Brown-Crummer Investment company, plaintiff, vs. The City of Trent, Texas, a Municipal Corporation, W. E. Hamner and Tom Vessel, City Commissioners of said City, and G. H. Stutts, City Secretary and Treasurer of said City, and the Inhabitants and Taxpayers of the City of

City of Trent Waterworks System Warrants, Series 1925.	
30 Coupons, numbered 3, due September 1, 1928, from Warrants Nos. 1 to 30, both inclusive, \$30.00 each,	\$900.00
30 Coupons, numbered 4, due March 1, 1929, from Warrants Nos. 1 to 30, both inclusive, \$30.00 each,	900.00
30 Coupons, numbered 5, due September 1, 1929, from Warrants Nos. 1 to 30, both inclusive, \$30.00 each,	900.00
City of Trent Waterworks Extension Warrants, Series 1927.	
Warrant numbered 2, due March 1, 1929,	1000.00
5 Coupons, numbered 2, due September 1, 1928, from Warrants Nos. 2 to 6, both inclusive, \$30.00 each,	150.00
5 Coupons, numbered 3, due March 1, 1929, from Warrants Nos. 2 to 6, both inclusive, \$30.00 each,	150.00
4 Coupons, numbered 4, due September 1, 1929, from Warrants Nos. 3 to 6, both inclusive, \$30.00 each,	120.00
	\$4120.00
Attorneys' Fees, at 10%	412.00
	\$4532.00

and further praying for judgement of interest upon the above described warrant and coupons from the date of their maturity, at the rate of six per cent (6%) per annum, and attorneys' fees at the rate of ten per cent (10%) of the face thereof, together with interest at the rate of six per cent (6%) per annum on said attorneys' fees from the date of the filing of said suit, to-wit, the 16th day of November, 1929; that said Bill further prays for the appointment of a Receiver for the City of Trent, Texas, and for a restraining order, restraining the City and its said officials from expending any funds in the City Treasury for any purpose, pending the final hearing of said cause, and a permanent injunction restraining the said City and its said officials from expending any of said funds, save and except for the payment of the above described two series of warrants, and for such other and further relief as the premises may warrant. And you are hereby commanded to appear before the District Court of the United States aforesaid and file your answer or other defense in the above suit in the Clerk's Office of said Court, pursuant to said Bill, on or before the 27th day of January, 1930, and to do and receive what the Court shall have considered in that behalf; otherwise the said Bill will be taken pro confesso. And this you are not to omit, under penalty of law.

Witness, the Honorable James C. Wilson, District Judge of said court, this 20th day of November, 1929.

George W. Parker, Clerk.
(Seal) By Ida M. James, Deputy.
F. E. Smith, Abilene, Texas;
Elcock and Martin, Wichita, Kansas;

Attorneys for Plaintiff.
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original thereof now in my office. Witness the signature of the Clerk, and the Seal of the Court This 20 day of November, 1929.
George W. Parker, Clerk.
(Seal) By Ida M. James, Deputy.

Dunnam Bros. SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

LETTUCE	nice, hard heads, 6 for	25c
ONIONS	large yellow, 6 lbs. for	25c
BANANAS	large green tips, per doz.	22c
LEMONS	per doz.	19c
CELERY	per stalk	10c
TURNIPS	purple tops, per lb.	3c
PORK & BEANS	Armour's No. 2 cans	9c
COFFEE	Morning Glory and H. & K. Vacuum Packed, 3 lbs. for	\$1.48
HONEY	per quart	42c
BEANS	Kuner's cut, stringless No. 2 cans	11c
SALT	Morton's Figaro, 10 lb. can	94c
BACON	dry salt, per lb.	18c
BACON	Sugar-cured, per lb.	25c
BACON	breakfast, sliced, with rind off, per lb.	29c

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Joe Hartley, H. P.
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102 Centenarians Die in Georgia

Atlanta.—One hundred and two Georgians more than 100 years old died during 1928, according to a report issued by the board of health.

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Will have the Tax Rolls this and next week so that you may pay your taxes without going to Abilene.

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Don't miss Blanket Week at Boston Bargain Store.

Specials for Saturday—7 piece Rose glass water set \$1.50 value, 89c. Pretty glass fruit dishes, set of 6 for 19c 7 piece Glass water sets, clear crackled effect, for 59c. Ladies' 42 Gauge Rayon Bloomers, Saturday 49c. Starr's Variety Store.

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The University of Iowa's new stadium constructed at a cost of \$500,000, is 30 feet below the level of the surrounding terrain.

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Thanksgiving

(107th Psalm.)

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses.

And He led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men.

For He satisfieth the longing soul and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron;

Because they rebelled against the words of God and condemned the counsel of the Most High;

Therefore, He brought down their heart with labor; they fell down and there was none to help.

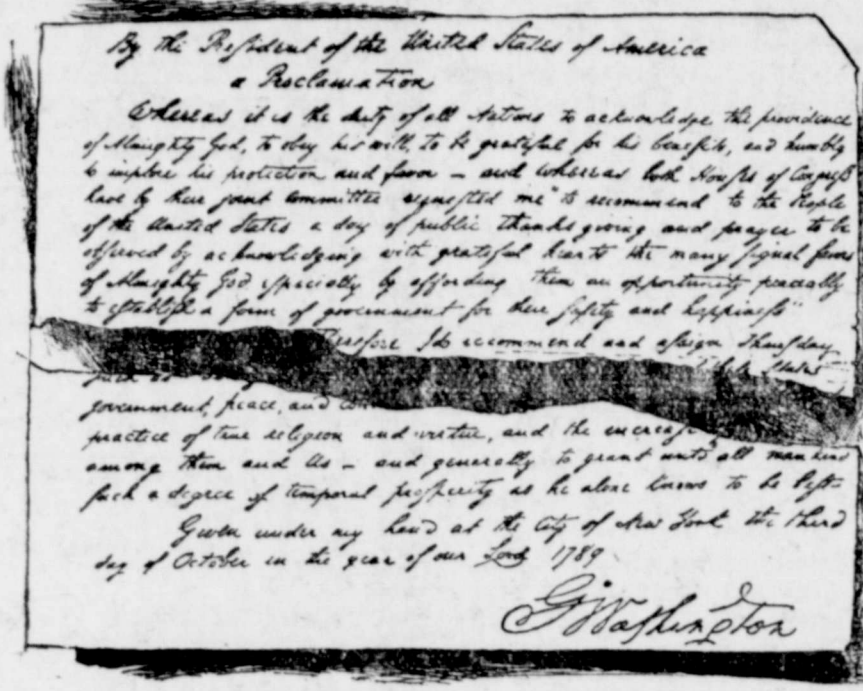
Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble and He saved them out of their distresses.

He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men.

For He hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

Thanksgiving Proclaimed by the First President



By the President of the United States of America
a Proclamation

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to day themselves to be grateful for the benefits which He bestows in His protection and favor; and Whereas, both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by offering them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness;"

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us) and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3d day of October, A. D. 1789.
G. WASHINGTON.

Thanksgiving

Its Significance

Thanksgiving Day is an annual festival in the United States of Thanksgiving for the mercies of the closing year. It is a national harvest festival, fixed by proclamation of the president of the United States and the governors of the states and ranks as a legal holiday. In the New England states it ranks as the great annual family festival, taking the place which in England is accorded to Christmas.

The earliest harvest thanksgiving in America was kept by the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth in 1621 and was repeated often during that and the ensuing century; Congress recommended days of thanksgiving annually during the revolution and in 1784 for the return of peace—as did President Madison in 1815. Washington appointed such a day in 1789 after the adoption of the constitution—of which a facsimile is reproduced on this page—and again in 1795 for the general benefits and welfare of the nation. Since 1817 the festival has been observed annually in New York and since 1863 the presidents have always issued proclamations appointing the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.

Accordingly, the churches of Merkel will observe the day with a joint church service at the Baptist church at 7 p. m. It will be an occasion of true Thanksgiving. Rev. T. C. Willett will preach the sermon and choirs from all the churches will unite in the songs of Thanksgiving.

IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING AND THE PROCLAMATIONS OF OUR PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR WE RETURN THANKS UNTO THE GIVER OF ALL GIFTS FOR THE MANIFOLD BLESSINGS THAT HAVE BEEN OURS DURING THE PAST YEAR, FOR FOOD AND SHELTER, FOR THE COMFORTS OF RELIGION AND CIVILIZATION, FOR WORLD PEACE:

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HAPEL PROGRAM MONDAY.

The students of Merkel High school were favored Monday morning with an unusually interesting program presented by a number of Miss Tracy's public Speaking pupils.

Elvis Richardson acted as master of ceremonies. He gave an introductory talk explaining the different phases of public speaking. He also said that a girl before leaving school should be able (1) to read aloud clearly and impressively; (2) to speak effectively before an audience a choice of subject; (3) to prepare and deliver an address for some special occasion; (4) to think before an audience; (5) to extemporize the language for thought expression and (6) to recite in support of one's opinion on a question of vital interest, and representing views.

One branch of the class' study has been the analyzing of orations from the viewpoint of declamation. This was done very well by Frances Richardson who gave the oration, "Abraham Lincoln" by Franklin K.

Another interesting feature of their work. Fred Guitler, J. E. Boaz and Orion Titterton acted out the historical pantomime, "The Signing of the Declaration of Independence."

Dell Hunter told a somewhat unusual and unique story, "Honeymoon—Without a Husband" by Mary Standard.

An original talk, "We Need Culture," given by Beryl Hunter, was also an interesting, too. From this it is known that culture may be defined in two ways: by constant study and by constant practice. The conclusion for the program was to "be read a rather emotional story by Edgar A. Guest, "On Going For Christmas."

CHORAL AND GLEE CLUBS.

Monday found the Choral and Glee club in the same position as the musical part of the high school.

Thanksgiving holidays will soon be here, then Christmas, which brings our pageant. The date is yet to be announced.

PI MU SOCIETY.

The Pi Mu society met on Thursday, Nov. 21, and a most interesting program was rendered. The society members are running a race now to see who will win the most points. The points are given for compositions or studies memorized perfectly and for as many as two hours practice a day. There are several other ways to win the points but points are taken away from their total score if they fall down on the practice record, which is one hour a day.

The society has adopted a ribbon scheme, also. The member who has one composition memorized, and it is played before the club and passed on by the members, is placed on the green ribbon and given 250 points. She, who has memorized two compositions and it is played before the members for their approval, is placed on the yellow ribbon and given 500 points. She, who has three compositions memorized, is placed on the red ribbon and given 750 points. Read the Badger Weekly and watch the race. The goal is 1,000 points.

AT CHAPEL FRIDAY.

At chapel last Friday, before the game between the Merkel Badgers and the Stamford Bulldogs, several of the business men were present and they made some peppy and inspirational talks. Those present were: Messrs. Rufe Tittle, E. Yates Brown, John Toombs, Dee Grimes, Booth Warren and Stanley Johnson. They brought with them the helmets of the football boys and on the top of all of them they had put ribbons of purple and gold, and they said they expected the boys not to let the purple and gold go down in defeat. Several of the football boys also said a few words. The pep was added pep by singing songs.

GO TO MEET ROTAN.

Merkel will play Rotan at Rotan giving afternoon at 2:30.

The game will show the true friendship of Merkel. The Badgers that their friends will support through all kinds of weather."

SCHOOL DRAMATIC

affairs in High School Friday, the Dramatic club meeting was postponed from Friday evening to Wednesday afternoon at 4:30. The play, "The Man in the Bowler Hat," will be presented. J. T. Darsey and Fred Guitler are the hosts and Beryl Hunter and Verna T. Beasley are the hostesses.

BASEBALL NEWS.

The Baseball Girls are planning a final game with Grammar School sometime this week. The girls will not play much more baseball after this week because the basketball season opens and part of the baseball girls will be coming out for basket ball. They will resume playing, however, when spring baseball season opens.

ANNUAL STAFF HAS MEETING.

The Annual staff met with Mrs. Young, Supt. Burgess, Mr. Rodden, the photographer, and Mr. Taylor of the Southwestern Engraving company, in a business session in the Annual office Saturday morning, Nov. 23. The staff received much valuable information and plans were made for this year's Annual.

Pictures of the Juniors, Seniors and faculty are to be made this week and football pictures will be made Tuesday afternoon.

Please cooperate with the staff and we will promise you a good book.

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

It is almost time for "Turkey" again, (also report cards) and I don't thing any of the "Sophs" will be sorry when it gets here. A number of us are planning to be away Thanksgiving but, of course, some have to stay home and "keep the home fires burning."

A large number of the Sophs went over to Anson to see the game, and I don't think any were disappointed in the results because we knew the "Badgers" did their best, and put up a good fight for "old M. H. S." Everyone is very glad to welcome Leo Harris back into our midst. Mr. Harris has been away for sometime and everyone was glad to see him come back. Edwin Watson has moved away and

Have Mighty Good Reason to Praise It, Says McKinney Officer

Had Suffered Ten Years—Nothing Helped Him Till He Took Orgatone.

"I suffered for ten long years, and took many different kinds of medicine, and was under the best treatment but I never could get any relief until I commenced taking Orgatone," said Hester Lewis, a well known special police officer and resident at 308 South Chestnut St., McKinney, Texas. "I have mighty good reasons for praising Orgatone," continued officer Lewis, "for it has relieved me of troubles that have been making life miserable for me for a long time. My stomach was in bad condition and I had finally reached the point where I had a dull pain in my stomach nearly all the time. I suffered a lot from shortness of breath and fast heart also caused by the gas that would form after eating. It seemed impossible for me to find anything that would give me relief and I finally got to where I was in a badly run-down condition. "So many people right here in McKinney have been taking Orgatone and had gotten such good results from it that I decided to see if it would help me any. I must say that I have never seen anything to equal the way Orgatone overcome my troubles and built me up. Why, I felt better by the time I had finished my first bottle of this medicine, and I have been rapidly improving ever since. I have a good appetite now, and eat three hearty meals every day, and I never suffered a particle afterwards. I don't have that tired, worn out, feeling like I did before I took Orgatone and when I go to bed now I sleep like a child. I am glad to have this opportunity to recommend Orgatone to everybody. Genuine Orgatone may be bought in Merkel at Phillips Drug S.

I'm sure he will be very much missed for the rest of the school year.

PEP SQUAD NEWS.

The Pep Squad practiced last week for the Stamford game. Miss Sloan secured ways for everyone to go and the Pep Squad went to Anson in high spirits. Everyone had plenty of pep and, though disappointed in the game none lost his pep. The entire squad yelled better the last quarter than ever before. Between halves the Squad marched out on the field. The band was playing and they marched to the tune. After the "M" was formed the squad marched over to the Stamford sideline and made a bow to the Stamford Pep Squad. Then they made one to the Merkel side line. The members of the Pep Squad are grateful to the band for the help they received throughout the game.

Committees have been chosen and preparations are being made for the football banquet which will probably be given December 6.

THE MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY.

At the Thanksgiving season we want to thank all of our friends and patrons for their liberal support of our efforts to give them satisfactory laundry work done at home. We have endeavored at all times to please all of our customers and want you to let us know if you have any fault to find. Be sure to remember that we call for and deliver. Just phone 294J.

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Austin, Texas, Nov. 27.—Miss Julia Arthur Burrell of Galveston has been given the title of the University of Texas "Portia" by her fellow law students. She is the only woman member of the senior class in the school of law, is secretary of the student organization of the school and of the senior class, is a member of the student editorial board of the Texas Law Review, is president of the local chapter of Kappa Beta Phi, honorary legal fraternity for women, and makes excellent grades.

Other girls in the school of law are Misses Virginia Leah Fullingim of Decatur, Louise Byrne of Smithville, Elizabeth Benson of Galveston, Margaret Phillips of Aransas Pass, Jane McCullough of Amarillo, Zenda Lewis of Gainesville, Hazel King of Marlin and Stella Rudersdorf of Houston.

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**Fire Chief Dowell
Now a Sheep Herder**

Fire Chief N. A. Dowell and Mrs. Dowell, together with Arch Rose, have returned from a deer hunt in the Big Bend country. Mr. Dowell says that while he went deer hunting, he and Mr. Rose assisted Mr. Starr, the owner of the ranch where they were located, in herding his sheep for a couple of days and did not get to follow the sport of the season at all. The reason for their sheep-herding was occasioned by the death of Mr. Starr's nephew by accidental gunshot.

**Clinic Held Tuesday
By Doctors of County**

The first of a series of clinics for West Texas doctors was held Tuesday at Abilene by the Taylor County Medical society and nearly forty doctors and several dentists attended the programs at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, while wives of visiting doctors were guests of the local society's auxiliary for luncheon at the Pioneer Tea Room.

Drs. R. I. Grimes and W. T. Sadler of Merkel were present and the latter read a paper.

The meeting was brought to a close Tuesday night with a banquet in the Crystal room of the Hilton Hotel at which Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Grace Presbyterian church of Abilene, was the principal speaker.

It is planned to hold these clinics semi-annually and the next one will be held in the spring.

**Claude Dye Moved
To Abilene Office**

Effective December 1, Claude Dye, a popular Merkel young man, who has been book-keeper for the local yard of Burton-Lingo company, will become book-keeper at the Abilene office of the same company, succeeding W. B. Milstead, the former book-keeper at that place, who has been promoted to the management. The latter succeeds the late Tom Sayles.

Claude Dye with his wife and child will remove to Abilene to make their home and the Merkel Mail and a host of friends extend best wishes for his continued success in his new location.

**Postoffice Frowns
On Air Mail Fever**

Washington, Nov. 21.—Judicious use of the air mail service is urged by the Postmaster General, Walter F. Brown, who does not approve the "bally-hoo campaign designed to influence the public to make all mailing by air."

"Our reasons are two," Brown said. "First, promiscuous use of the air mail service is not good business for the mailer; and second, it is not good business for the department."

He estimated that 85 per cent of the mail carried does not require extraordinary speed, and pointed out that in many cases a letter sent by air mail between nearby points, or between many points not on an air mail line, will go just as quickly by train.

Speaks at Thanksgiving Services

Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church, delivered an address on Thanksgiving at the special school exercises at the Noodle school-house Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday and Friday, he is to substitute for Mrs. McKinsey, one of the teachers at the Blair school, while the latter attends the state teachers meeting at Dallas.

In 1900 Texas led the Southern states in public school expenditures, total \$4,465,000. In 1910 it led the South, total \$11,777,000. In 1926 (estimated) it still led the south, total \$65,128,019.

I will have truck and automobile License tags for 1930 by the 15th of December. L. R. Thompson, Insurance.

**What One Cent Buys
In Electrical Way**

Abilene, Texas, Nov. 27.—Cicero said, "Economy is of itself a great revenue." This great scholar and statesman, who lived more than 2,000 years ago, probably never dreamed that such a gigantic force as harnessed electricity would exist to come under his truthful adage. But electrical service is a reality and is being used by the man who is interested in modern conveniences, in labor and time-saving devices and hence money. A small red copper, a penny, will carry a great way in the use of this electricity. A statistician of the West Texas Utilities company recently brought forth the following figures which show just what a one-hundredth part of a dollar will do for an average customer:

For one cent a vacuum cleaner can be operated for 54 minutes.

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For one cent a heating pad can be operated for 2 hours, 51 minutes.

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For one cent a toaster will toast approximately 10 slices of bread.

For one cent a percolator will brew 5 cups of coffee.

For one cent a waffle iron will cook 6 waffles.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Splendid attendance last Lord's day, and the very best of interest in the discussion of "What is The Church?" the first of a series on church government. We hope every member will follow these discussions closely, for they are exceedingly important. There may be appointed in the near future some more deacons and another elder.

We want to have the roll called again on December 8 and desire earnestly that all make an effort to be on hand. If you value your membership worth anything, come and see how it is getting along.

Please note the change in time for the evening services: development classes begin at 6 o'clock and preaching at 7 o'clock.

Cottage services Thursday night at Mrs. Orr's, be sure to attend.

J. G. Malphurs, Minister.

30-Foot Somersault By Car.
Glenwood Springs, Colo.—An automobile driven by Herbert Kosler turned a 30-foot somersault, but Kosler and his wife were only slightly hurt.

Frog With Claws Found.
Marshfield, Ore.—A frog with claws found alive 50 feet underground in a mining claim in the Sixes Mountains, has been sent to the University of Oregon. The head is twice as big as an ordinary frog's and much out of proportion to the body. The color of the frog is that of the clay in which it was buried.

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Salt Branch News

This cold weather is fine on the porkers of this community.

Mrs. Shipley of Lamesa, who was operated on at Abilene, is improving nicely, which we are very glad to report. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robertson and son, Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Murray, son and daughter, Gordon and Mabel of Merkel, Miss Braunell and Horace Armstrong and Miss Mattie Nixon were the guests of the Wilson family Sunday.

Jarrett Jr. Pinckley has returned home after an absence of sometime.

Mrs. Huskey and children of Merkel were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.

Talma Wilson spent the week-end with Paul and Hershel Matlock of Trent.

Ollie Higgins and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of Sweetwater Sunday.

**Drilling Starts on
New Continental Well**

Drilling operations were started early in the week on Continental Oil company's Walter Phillips lease, which is near the Pomroy well.

A loading rack is being constructed at the Ely crossing on the Texas and Pacific about four miles east of town and pipe is being laid from the Hunter well to the railroad, thereby completing arrangements for carrying off the oil from that well, which has been proven to be a producer for about 300 barrels daily.

Reports are current that several lease holders in the vicinity of the Hunter well are considering making locations, but nothing definite has been done.

Men's Prayer Meeting.

A large number was present and much interest manifested in the men's prayer service held at the Presbyterian church last Sunday with L. W. Cox as leader. For the coming Sunday, the service is to begin at 2 o'clock instead of previous time of 3 o'clock. The meeting is to be held at the Methodist church with W. I. Crane as the leader. The lesson is to be found in the 4th chapter of Mark.

Largent Herds Again Winners.

The fine herds of C. M. Largent and Son, which were on exhibit at the Royal Livestock show in Kansas City, Mo., last week were, as usual, winners in every class, according to the report brought back by Mr. Largent, who has just returned from attending the show there. Next week they will be exhibited at the International Livestock show at Chicago.

Sunday School Attendance.

A total of 743 members was in attendance at the Sunday Schools of Merkel last Sunday, exceeding that of the previous Sunday by 26. The Methodist Sunday School had the largest number present with 286, while the Baptist school was second with 258. The attendance at the Church of Christ Sunday school was 80, that at the Presbyterian 69 and the Nazarene Church 50.

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