

# THE MERKEL MAIL

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## FARMERS WILL DISCUSS BETTER COTTON

### HONOR ROLL FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS LISTS 143 PUPILS

Second Six Weeks' Period Shows Twenty-Eight Per Cent of Public School Students Have Made Requirements.

The following list of pupils of the Merkel Public Schools have for the six-weeks period, ending November 29, been neither tardy nor absent, have made 90 or more in deportment, have not made less than 75 on any one subject, and have made a general average of 90 or more for the period. The list contains the names of one hundred and forty-three pupils. Forty-three of these are from High School and one hundred are from Grammar School. In the school as a whole slightly more than 28 per cent of all pupils now in school are on the honor roll. This means that one-fourth of the pupils enrolled in the Merkel Schools have met the exacting requirements of the honor roll. This large number on the honor roll is due to three factors:

- (1) The pupils have worked toward that end.
- (2) The parents have co-operated with the pupils and teachers to make this possible.
- (3) The teachers themselves have helped by holding up this standard and urging pupils to reach it.

#### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Grade, Miss Russell.  
Guy Mancill, 92; Robert Edward Bearden, 90; Betty Jane Diltz, 90; Geraldine Teague, 90.

Second Grade, Miss Curb.  
Dorora Hughes, 93; Earl Cross, 91; Pearl Mathews, 90; Mable Murray, 90; J. L. Hassey, 90; Levon Hallmark, 90; Dee Hail, 90; Lloyd Gilmore, Jr., 90; Raymond Denny, 90.

Third Grade, Miss Pogue.  
Billie Woods, 92; Mary Jo Russell, 92; Robert Rodden, 92; Helen Nixon, 92; Mary Love Tipton, 91; Frances Owen, 91; Ralph Russell, 90; W. I. Wozencraft, 90; Verne Moore, 90; L. S. Tipton, 90.

Fourth Grade, Miss Heizer.  
Lois Adkisson, 96; Jannell Black, 91; Emogene Hulsey, 94; Mary Jo Garland, 93; Marvin Hunter, 92; LeRoy Denny, 92; Clyde Cribley, 91; Ben Robert Hicks, 91; Allie Lois Bryan, 91; Frank Dye, 90; Junior Holloway, 90; Dana Derstine, 90.

Fifth Grade, Mrs. Anderson.  
Dick West, 92; Other Suber, 90.

Sixth Grade, Addie Williams.  
Morris Wozencraft, 94; Lawrence Thornton, 92; Elna Tucker, 91; Jack Sublett, 91; De La Vergne Teague, 90.

Seventh Grade, Miss Patterson.  
Betty Lou Grimes, 95; Laverne Hughes, 95; Bud Gambill, 94; Robert Grimes, Jr., 94; Wayman Adcock, 92; Altie Grayson, 92; Davis Beasley, 90; Murphy Dye, 90.

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### ANNUAL PEP SQUAD BANQUET PICTURES A BADGER'S DREAM

This Friday night at 7 o'clock is the time for the annual Pep Squad and Football banquet, which is to be held at the Lions Club Banquet Hall. The theme is centered about "A Badger's Dream." Supt. Roger A. Burgess is to be toastmaster and the special out-of-town speaker for the occasion is R. M. Medley, coach of McMurry College, Abilene.

The program follows:  
Before the Game—Invocation, Bro. Willett.

Kick Off—Duet, Mr. and Mrs. Scott.  
Completed Pass—Reading, Miss Tracy.

Pep Squad Formation—"Singing in the Rain," by E. L. Turner, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Thelma Leach and Byron Patterson.

Boosting from the Sideline, R. M. Medley.

Congratulations for a good game.

### Abilene Presbytery In Called Session

Jas. H. West, moderator of the Abilene Presbytery, advises that a called session of that body is slated for 2 p. m., Tuesday, December 10, at the Central Presbyterian church in Abilene. This meeting is to transact important business matters coming before the session.

An item of note on the docket is the dissolution of pastoral relations between Rev. Fred S. Rogers and the congregation of the Central Presbyterian church of Stamford. The Rev. Mr. Rogers, who was formerly pastor of Grace Presbyterian church here has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church of Butler, Mo., and will assume his duties there shortly after the fifteenth of this month.

While his host of Merkel friends will rejoice at his promotion to a larger church, there will be sincere regret on his leaving the Presbytery.

### Joint Banquet For Men's Brotherhoods

Members of the Men's Brotherhood of the Grace Presbyterian church here, together with their wives, have been invited to attend a joint banquet at the Central Presbyterian church in Abilene Tuesday night, at which similar organizations of the churches at Stamford, Abilene, Merkel, Baird, Tuscola and Tye will unite.

There is to be a picture show in connection with the entertainment program and each one that attends is requested to bring sandwiches.

### Men's Prayer Meeting.

The men's prayer service will be held next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Baptist church, with W. I. Crane as leader. The subject is to be selected. There was a large number of men present at the service last Sunday at the Methodist church and much interest was manifested.

### 16,000 EGG HATCHERY TO START OPERATION IN THIS CITY BY FIRST OF MONTH

An egg hatchery with a capacity of 16,128 eggs and a 900 chick electric brooder will be in operation on the first of January in Merkel, the initiatory steps having been completed by C. D. Smith, owner of the Loraine Hatchery, after a visit to this city Wednesday. He has been operating the hatchery at Loraine for the past four years and has just recently increased the capacity there from 18,000 eggs to 27,000 eggs. In other words, he has formerly had two machines in operation and is now adding a third one.

Besides the hatchery in Merkel, Mr. Smith contemplates a branch hatchery elsewhere in this territory. He will select a man to be in charge of the Merkel hatchery and has inspected

several locations. The building to be used will be announced later.

Mr. Smith's duties will be to visit the flocks in this territory and to help cull and improve the conditions. He announces that all the popular breeds will be hatched.

The plant will start about the first of January and run continuously until June.

The addition of this hatchery to the other enterprises in Merkel will mean much to the farmers and poultry raisers in this section and will be of untold advantage in encouraging the poultry industry along with the efforts to foster dairying, both of which movements are being sponsored by the Lions club and business men of the city.

### LIONS CLUB HAS BUSY SESSION

At the weekly luncheon of the Lions club, a proposition by C. D. Smith, who operates the Loraine Hatchery, to install a 16,000 egg hatchery in Merkel was submitted by the president, Booth Warren, and decisive action was taken at once to assist Mr. Smith in the plan that he had outlined. As a result, it can be definitely announced that a hatchery of the above capacity will be in operation in Merkel about the first of the year.

The meeting was enlivened by a hoax perpetrated by Charlie Jones, Prof. Baird of Roscoe and others on the inside, which caused no end of merriment after the exposure. It was seemingly a serious matter for a few moments when an "alleged" chiropractor was introduced by said Jones as one who was contemplating coming to Merkel and Lion Jones was doing the rush act to get him admitted to the club without following the usual procedure. Newspapermen do not like to admit being "taken in," but the club reporter had to revise his notes.

Mat Dillingham, who was to have been toastmaster, was absent. So the meeting was in charge of the president. The club singing was led by E. Yates Brown with Mrs. Brown playing the accompaniment. The following guests were introduced: B. E. Hamilton, bank cashier of Roscoe and a member of the Lions club there; J. V. Baird, principal of the Roscoe High school; Coach Davis and Fred Guitler, captain of the Merkel Badgers; L. R. Thompson and Ed Lancaster.

Besides the proposition concerning the egg hatchery, B. H. Lancaster brought up the matter of securing a band director for the local organization. He was made chairman of a committee to work out this proposal, assisted by Rufe Tittle, W. O. Boney and R. O. Anderson.

The president called attention to the fact that next Tuesday was the date for the meeting of Group 24 of this district of Lions clubs and stated that representatives from the other six towns would be guests of the club at the luncheon on that date. The other towns in the group are Abilene, Albany, Baird, Roscoe, Winters and Sweetwater.

A committee to function for the first "Cow Day" was appointed to arrange all details as follows: E. Yates Brown, chairman, L. B. Scott and Dee Grimes.

Speeches were made by each of the guests, including the two visiting Lions from Roscoe. L. R. Thompson took occasion especially to compliment the club on its splendid constructive work, as evidenced by the prompt action as to the hatchery, and the president in a few remarks at the close of the meeting stressed the many benefits and advantages of the association of the members in the world of Lionism as well as the material advantages to the city at large.

Rev. R. A. Walker is toastmaster for the next meeting and E. Yates Brown for the following meeting, Dec. 17.

### COACH DAVIS FINDS THIRTY BOYS READY FOR CAGE PRACTICE

Coach Davis called a meeting of boys in the High school interested in basketball last Wednesday and about 30 boys indicated their intention of coming out for basketball. Merkel has won the Taylor county championship the past two seasons and is going to make a try for the third consecutive year in order to retain permanently a loving cup offered in 1920 by the Inter-scholastic League of Taylor county.

The following is the record of the winners each year since 1920:

1920—Merkel.  
1921—Abilene.  
1922—Abilene.  
1923—Trent.  
1924—Guion.  
1927—Tuscola.  
1928—Merkel.  
1929—Merkel.  
1930—???

Practice will open next Monday afternoon. Merkel has two letter men back this season, Captain Orion Tittle and Lee Darden and from the wealth of new men reporting, Coach Davis must get his forwards and center.

The county tournament will be held in Abilene Friday and Saturday, Feb. 8-9, and the winner goes to the district tournament to be played Feb. 22. Let's get behind the Badger Cagers and help them go.

### BADGERS DEFEAT ROTAN HIGH 10-6

The Merkel Badgers ended the season with a 10-6 win over the Rotan Yellow Hammers, played on Thanksgiving Day at Rotan. It was a hard fought game from start to finish, although the Badgers had the edge on their opponents. The Yellow Hammers put up a gallant fight but were not strong enough to hold the Badgers.

Boaz was the outstanding star for Merkel on the offense and Tittle on defense, getting his opponents many times behind the line of scrimmage. Ashby, Tittle and Darsey did good work receiving passes. Boaz' punting was of a high class.

The Yellow Hammers held Merkel without a score during the first half, but the Badgers scored early in the third quarter when Ashby caught a pass and ran 35 yards for a touchdown. The Yellow Hammers scored soon after on a long pass, but failed to kick extra point. In the last quarter Boaz kicked a field goal from the 40-yard line.

The starting line-up was:  
Patterson, left end; Tittle, left tackle; Baker, left guard; Casey, center; Collins, right guard; Derstine, right tackle; Ashby, right end; Darsey, quarter; Darden, left half; Boaz, right half; Guitler, (captain) full.

Substitutes: Mashburn for Patterson; Patterson for Derstine.

### Fifteen Teachers At Annual Meeting

Fifteen members of the faculty of twenty-two of the Merkel Public Schools attended the State Teachers Association at Dallas last week-end, which is an unusually large representation.

From the Grammar School there were Mrs. Holland Teaff and Mrs. Jack Anderson, Misses Evelyn Curb, Orpah Patterson, Vennie Heizer, Addie Williams, Jessie Rodden and Imogene Hayes and Mr. Ralph Duke.

From the High School there were Misses Roberta Sloan, Vera Baker, Luey Tracy, Dona Loyless, Mrs. Claude Young and Supt. Roger A. Burgess.

### Sunday School Attendance.

The attendance at the Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday was 706, divided as follows: Baptist 270, Methodist 231, Church of Christ, 86, Presbyterian 73, Nazarene 46.

### Cotton Receipts.

Total cotton receipts for Merkel up to noon Thursday had reached the figure of 5,784 bales, indicating that the season will probably pass the 6,000 bale mark. Of this number 4,801 bales have been shipped out and 983 still remain in the yard here, according to the records of T. A. Bearden, public weigher.

### MERKEL'S FIRST "COW DAY" SEES BUSY STREETS

Farmers Show Much Interest in Lions Club Efforts to Further Dairying and Livestock Industry; Next "Cow Day" Dec. 27.

Probably 4,000 people were present for Merkel's first "Cow Day" Thursday when a Jersey cow, a registered sow and a pen of chickens will each be sold for \$1.00. The Lions Club of Merkel is sponsoring "Cow Day" in Merkel.

The second "Cow Day" is to be Friday, Dec. 27, when another cow, a sow and a pen of chickens will each be sold for \$1.00, just as at the first "Cow Day." The time will be 4 p. m. In making the announcements to the large crowd assembled for "Cow Day," Booth Warren, president of the Lions Club, stated that it was a red letter day for Merkel because so many of our farmer friends had come for the occasion. "Cow Day" is dedicated to the farmers, he said, and he remarked that it was the largest crowd he had ever seen on any business thoroughfare in Merkel.

D. J. Anderson, Mt. Pleasant, bought the cow; Postmaster O. J. Adcock bought the sow and Brooks Patterson bought the pen of chickens.

As a further step toward helping the farmers in every way, the Lions Club submitted the advisability of calling a mass meeting to further the movement for planting better cotton seed. To this end a mass meeting is to be held at the Queen Theatre Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock to discuss the advantages of better staple and the ways and means to secure a better staple in this section.

In this connection, it is stated specifically that no seed will be discriminated against and the farmers are requested to attend this meeting and have a voice in the selection of the kind of seed to be chosen. Each and every ginner in this section is urged to attend the mass meeting Monday and take active part in the discussion.

### FALL OF BABYLON SHOWING AT QUEEN

"The Fall of Babylon," which is to be presented at the Queen theatre for one night only, this Friday night, is the work of D. W. Griffith. This production, as the title suggests, deals strictly with Bible history and is one of the greatest in its class.

This photofilm is said to be supported by the greatest collection of stars assembled in any one production, including Constance Talmadge, Alma Rubens, Mildred Harris, Seena Owens, Eric Von Stroheim, Elma Lincoln, Kate Bruce and George Fawcett. In addition, thousands of men, women and children are employed.

Of this production Rev. A. H. Sayce of the British Museum, the world's leading Assyriologist, writes: "These Babylonian scenes are magnificent and true to fact. I do not think anything comparable to it has ever been staged before."

This masterpiece cost over a million dollars to construct and yet is a simple, touching story, woven through the most gorgeous spectacle ever produced.

### Picture Program by Abilene C. E. Society

A stereopticon picture program was given before members of the Christian Endeavor society of the Grace Presbyterian church here Wednesday night by representatives of the Central Presbyterian church of Abilene, the program taking the place of the regular weekly prayer service.

Ben Halleck of Abilene was in charge of the program and the theme of the picture was "The New Indian on the New Trail." He was accompanied here by Mr. and Mrs. Huie Tucker. The picture proved to be a genuine treat and was enjoyed by all present.

## MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of the Merkel Mail, December 3, 1909.)

20 YEAR AGO zyg cmfwymm  
Everybody who could get a rig went hunting on Thanksgiving. It was a red letter day for the livery men.

There was a dance at the Opera House on the night of Thanksgiving in which most of the society folks took part. There were many of the married people present to lend dignity to the occasion and it was pronounced by all to be a delightful affair.

Friday night, the 25th, Miss Elma Sheppard had a house party of young ladies at her home in Northeast Merkel. Many of the young gentlemen of the city came out after supper and everyone reported a good time as is the case at Miss Elma's hospitable home.

Some twenty or thirty young people enjoyed a very pleasant time Friday night in the home of Mr. Mrs. T. J. Evans. Rufford and Evans were the entertainers,

plenty of music was furnished, and the expressions of all present proved that they had a fine time.

On last Thursday night Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hall celebrated their twentieth anniversary. The Mail also joins the following guests in wishing them many happy returns of the day: Mr. and Mrs. McMillen, Mr. and Mrs. Behrens, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Master Jack Walker and Miss Mildred Sells, a sister of Mrs. Hall from Detroit, Michigan.

Joe Gunn returned to Abilene Tuesday after a visit with relatives.

Mrs. E. M. Rust and son, Q. left the latter part of the week for Baird.

Ottie Coggan has returned from Ft. Worth.

Miss Lillian Howard went to Abilene yesterday to visit Mrs. W. M. G. Mackenchney.



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### Texas Declaration Of Independence To Be Put on Exhibit

Austin, Dec. 5.—Texas' most precious document, the Declaration of Independence of the Republic of Texas, soon will be removed from an obscure vault in the Secretary of State's office and placed in the rotunda of the State capitol where all who visit Austin may see it.

The six pages of paper, nearly 100 years old, will find a niche left unoccupied as a result of the abandonment of a water fountain on the first floor near the Governor's office.

For some time workmen have been getting the niche ready for the document. Mrs. Jane Y. McCallum, Secretary of State, who will voluntarily relinquish possession, made a trip to Washington to find out how the National Government preserved its Declaration of Independence and Constitution. She has used the ideas she gleaned there in preparing for the preservation of the Texas declaration.

The bits of paper were orepelined to prevent their falling apart. The same gelatin film which protects the national declaration will keep the writing from being dimmed. A sheet of the heaviest plate glass partly screened by an iron grill will protect the half dozen sheets of paper.

Notwithstanding these precautionary measures the lighting is so arranged that both sides of the pages may be easily read when turned by a knob from the outside.

The legislative resolution authorizing removal of the document was introduced at Mrs. McCallum's request. The resolution set out that the declaration was rapidly deteriorating in its present resting place and that it should be placed where it "may prove an inspiration to the thousands who yearly visit our State capitol."

Mrs. McCallum said when she first came into office in January, 1927, the paper was in such a state that particles fell from the edges each time it was moved.

The document was penned in 1836. All the original copies were thought to have been lost until 1896 when one was discovered in the Department of State at Washington. It bore the following notation: "Left at Department of State, May 28, 1836 by Mr. Wharton. The original."

### Blair Items

Hugh Meelie of Tennessee is visiting his aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rosson, for several days.

Mrs. W. C. McKinsey, Spanish teacher, accompanied by her husband, W. C. McKinsey, who is principal of the Caps school, attended the State Teachers meeting in Dallas.

Mrs. J. W. Mayfield is spending the week with her daughter, Miss Fairrier, who is teaching at Noodle.

Messrs. Zeb Moore and Jim Cavette made a business trip to Baird Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears and daughter, Miss Zuma, visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Spears, at Rule Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore and daughter of Slaton, while en route to Arkansas, stopped over Sunday for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips.

The Stevenson Trio, musicians of Sweetwater, rendered an interesting program at the school house Monday night.

Mr. McKinsey, principal of the Caps school and his sister, Miss Vera Baker, of Merkel, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Shortie Swafford visited relatives at Trent Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Sanford of Tuscola attended the Stevenson musical program Monday night.

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.**  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S., 6:30 p. m. Preaching, 7:15 p. m. Ladies Missionary Society each Tuesday, 1:30 p. m.

Wednesday night prayer meeting and Bible Study at 6:45 p. m. We had a very interesting study last Wednesday night. Our lesson for this week is the first and second chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. We extend a cordial invitation to all to attend any or all of our services.

The message for Sunday morning will be upon the subject, "True Signs of An Inward Transformation," Text Acts 2:42. For the evening hour, "The Divine Visitor," Rev. 3:20. If you are not attending services elsewhere meet us at the Nazarene church Sunday and hear these messages.

Leona Forbes, Pastor.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
Sunday School 10 a. m. We miss you when you are absent. Come and help make the Sunday School and church work what you would like for it to be. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Come worship with us.

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

### AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

All regular services at the Methodist Church next Sunday and next week. Sunday school meets at 9:45 promptly. A class for everybody. Come to Sunday school and stay for church. The Senior League meets at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and the Juniors at 2:45. Every young person of the church should be in one or the other of these leagues. Their programs are inspiring and helpful.

An earnest band of Christians meets each Wednesday evening for their mid-week prayer service. They spend just one hour together, and their programs are varied and interesting. You will enjoy the prayer meeting once you get the habit.

The pastor will be in his pulpit at both hours next Sunday. Come and bring your friend for a helpful hour of worship.

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

The new 22-story Edson Hotel was formally opened at Beaumont Nov. 1. It is one of the Baker chain of hostleries.

### LET US BE UNDERSTOOD



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## COW DAY

### A READY RESPONSE

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# MERKEL MAIL



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Pay your bills promptly each month and you may be certain that you will reap the numerous benefits of a good Credit Rating—The Golden Harvest.

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### Co. Makes Another Reduction Long Distance Rates

The fourth reduction in long distance telephone rates in a little more than three years will be made January 1, according to word received by N. H. Moore, district manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone company. The cut will mean a saving of approximately five million dollars to telephone users in the United States.

It will apply principally to day "station-to-station" rates to points 60 to 300 miles distance. "Station-to-station" rates are those which apply to calls placed to a distant number rather than to a particular person. In most instances these will be reduced ten cents, although in a few cases the decrease will amount to five cents.

Rates on "person-to-person" calls (calls for a specific person) and evening and night "station-to-station" calls will remain largely as they are at present, although some minor reductions will be made.

Report charges, made on "person-to-person" calls when the called telephone is reached but the person wanted is not reached, will also be reduced in amounts ranging from five to forty cents on calls to points from 140 to 2,200 miles distant.

"The present reduction brings the total annual saving to telephone users through these various rate decreases by the Bell System to nearly fifteen million dollars," Mr. Moore said. "The first of the four big reductions which have accomplished this saving was made October 1, 1926. Rates were reduced three million dollars yearly then."

"A further reduction of a million and a half dollars went into effect December 1, 1927. Then, on February 1, 1929 a five million cut was made.

"These reductions, as well as the present one, have been made voluntarily by the Telephone Company. They are the result of increased long distance usage which has permitted the development of a steadily growing system of fast, storm-proof long distance cable, increased overhead facilities and faster methods of handling calls. As an example we are now building in the southwest a fifty million dollar system of underground cables which will link all principal cities.

"Texas telephone users will be saved a total of approximately \$332,000 by the decrease," Mr. Moore estimated.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel mail office.

### NOODLE NEWS

On account of the cold weather, the farmers are late getting done pulling bolls.

School is progressing nicely, with all the students especially enjoying the comfortable new school building.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wheeler is sick at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Howard are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer and family of Collin county are being welcomed into our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Black and baby have returned from Slaton where they have been most of the fall.

Mrs. George Cooper has gone to Meridian to attend the funeral of her father, who dropped dead Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Mattingly visited in Merkel Sunday.

### HEBRON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williamson are home from their tour of the states.

Miss Winnie Bayless entertained friends with a party Saturday night.

Services were held at Hebron Saturday night and Sunday morning and night.

Mrs. Mott and daughter, Era, of Merkel were week-end guests of Mrs. Bayless.

Paul Pannell was in Merkel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie West of Merkel visited Mr. West's sister, Mrs. Huston Clark, Sunday.

Growth of the Texas dairy industry is indicated by the fact that Texas milk plants have a daily capacity of 800,000 pounds of milk, exclusive of 250,000 additional pounds capacity in cheese making plants.

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### Roscoe and Midland In Bi-District Tilt

Roscoe, Texas, December 5.—The Roscoe-Midland bi-district championship football game will be played in Roscoe on Friday afternoon, Dec. 6, at 2:30. The Roscoe Plowboys are champions of district 9, having defeated the Stamford Bulldogs Thanksgiving 13-6. The Midland Bulldogs are champions of district 8, having defeated Marfa Thanksgiving 27-25.

Both teams are strong and the game Friday afternoon is expected to be among the best seen in this section this season.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Next Lord's day, Dec. 8, will be roll call day. If you claim to be a member of this congregation, we hope you will be present, and see how your membership is getting along. We want to be sure we have the register accurate, and not only so, but we want to show more interest in those who can not or do not come often.

We are having splendid attendance now, and we must make it even better than what it has been. The largest number at Bible school that we have had for months. Let every member be a Bible reader, a Bible thinker, and a Bible worker.

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### UNION RIDGE NEWS

Rev. Mr. Sherrill, who fills our pulpit on fourth Sunday, preached two splendid sermons on his last visit here. Mrs. Ollie Skidmore and son, Palmer, were the guests of Mrs. C. J. Douglas last Wednesday.

Several from this community attended the party at the home of Miss Winnie Bayless.

The Union Ridge school has progressed nicely the past two months, but there are some improvements yet to be desired.

The schools were dismissed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Texas ranks second among the states in value of exports and among the 102 countries of the world ranks eighth. New York led in 1928 with \$861,000,000, Texas was second with \$817,000,000 and Michigan was third with \$367,000,000, less than half the total for Texas.

**Bequest Causes Divorce.**  
Belfast.—Robert Moore got a divorce when a male friend of his wife left her a large bequest.

### EASY MONEY.

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

## Home Ownership

There is a time in the average man's life when he longs for the pleasant surroundings of a happy home. Many satisfy that longing while others, not willing to sacrifice part of their present income for their future welfare, put it off. But the man who makes the sacrifice is the one who comes out ahead in the end, for he not only enjoys his home while paying for it but has a permanent investment of which he will be proud in the years to come.

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### A PERSONAL WORD

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**Honor Roll Lists  
Names 143 Pupils**

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**Fifth Grade, Mrs. Davis.**  
Juanita Huskey, 96; Mabel Maddox, 94; Ora Derrick, 93; R. T. Blair, 91; Katherine Copeland, 91; Horace Boney, 90; Beth Holloway, 90; Co-rene Morrison, 90.

**Fifth Grade, Miss Hayes.**  
Louise Toombs, 95; Mollie Frank Touchstone, 94; Armie Love Toombs, 93; Billie Woodrum, 92; Willie B. Toombs, 90.

**Sixth Grade, Mrs. Rodden.**  
Mary Helen Lancaster, 92; Billy Bernice Gambill, 91; Aliene McAninch, 91; Jessie Margaret Berry, 90; Jack Lowe, 90; Blanche Denny, 90.

**Sixth Grade, Miss McDonald.**  
Ethelda Tucker, 95; James Pilcher, 92; Burneal Scott, 92; Jackie Salter, 92; Robbie Walker, 92; J. V. Patterson, 91; Mary Zoe West, 91; Truett Patterson, 90; A. C. Sears, 90; Alice Russell, 90; Fern Toombs, 90.

**Seventh Grade, Mr. Duke.**  
Wilma Gardner, 96; Falderine Huskey, 95; Frances Adcock, 93; Howard Carson, 92; J. R. Graham, 92; Lawrence Holden, 92; Rogene Dye, 90; Wanda Hunter, 90.

**Eighth Grade, Mrs. Sublett.**  
Julia Proctor, 95; Caribel Mansfield, 94; Annie Lee Owens, 94; Mabel Morton, 93; Lois Whiteley, 92; Jack West, 92; Valeria Parks, 91; Lloyd Robertson, 91.

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**Eighth Grade.**

Nell Hughes, 95; Ivah Lou Malphurs, 95; Faye Vantresse, 95; Opal Huskey, 94; Florene Rider, 94; James West Jr., 93; Margaret Miller, 92; Mildred Richardson, 92; Mardelle Shouse, 92; Duncan Briggs, 91; Audra Ely, 91; Hasseltine Farris, 90; Meyer Mellinger, 90; Howard Stanley, 90.

**Ninth Grade.**

Ross Ferrier, 93; Lila Patterson, 93; Isadore Mellinger, 92; Alice Church, 91; Oleta Moore, 91; Pauline Salter, 90.

**Tenth Grade.**

Elvis Richardson, 96; Audrey Farris, 94; Velma Lee Holden, 93; Alvin Parrack, 93; Margaret Turner, 93; Lona Bryan, 92; Thelma McAninch, 92; Elsie Lassiter, 91; Beth Hamm, 90; Mattilou Largent, 90; Ola Smith, 90.

**Senior Class.**

Frances Frederickson, 96; Lucile Cole, 96; Beryl Hunter, 95; Odell Hunter, 94; Nina Vantresse, 94; Clinton Bryan, 93; Tula Miller, 93; Dorice Brown, 91; Eleanor M. Hamilton, 91; Nadine Tippett, 90; Paulene Toombs, 90.

**Attending Grand Lodge.**  
Several Masons have gone from Merkel to attend the annual sessions of the Masonic Grand Lodge at Waco, among them being M. C. Graham, district deputy, G. F. Woods, worshipful master of Merkel Lodge No. 710, Judge N. D. Cobb and Brooks Patterson.

**Record of Births.**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Pogue, a baby girl, Nov. 27, 1929.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brink, Noodle Dome, a baby boy, Nov. 27, 1929.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lewis, residing south of town, a baby girl, Nov. 28, 1929.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Davis, residing south of town, a baby boy, Nov. 29, 1929.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rosson, residing northwest of Trent, a baby boy, Nov. 30, 1929.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Howard, Noodle, a baby girl, Nov. 30, 1929.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Lepard, north of Noodle, a baby boy, Dec. 1, 1929.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gold Dickerson, residing east of town, twin boys, Dec. 3, 1929.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Dunn, a baby boy, Dec. 4, 1929.

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**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.

**Trent News and Personal Notes**

Miss Fern Martin of Temple spent a few days here this week with old-time friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Smith moved to the plains this week near Lubbock. We regret very much to lose these good people.

Mrs. J. A. McLaughlin visited with friends in Abilene the early part of the week.

Report has reached here that Mrs. Herschel Johnson of Post is dead, having died at Lubbock some two weeks ago. She will be remembered as Clara Belle Robinson.

Miss Forrest Forrester, who is teaching at Roby, spent the week-end with homefolks.

Pete Howell, who has been away for sometime, returned home last week.

Charlie Bowers and family of Abilene visited with his brother, J. E. Bowers, awhile on Monday.

Mrs. J. A. McLaughlin, in company with Mrs. Billings, motored to Clyde Thanksgiving to spend the day with Mrs. J. J. Peay and family.

Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and son, Cecil, Jr., of Abilene, visited relatives here last Monday.

Misses Mattie and Fannie Scott visited in our city one day last week.

Miss Estelle Terry, who is teaching at Moro, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry.

Little Miss Dorene Scott spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Robert Martin, of Lorraine this week.

Barnie and Charlie Howell spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Howell.

Miss Alice Bigham, who is teaching in Abilene, spent the week-end with Mrs. Alex Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dingle and children motored to Fort Worth to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Dingle's mother, Mrs. Overmire.

Miss Pearl Martin, teacher in Hermleigh, spent a few days with friends here, meeting her sister, Miss Fern Martin of Temple.

John Strawn and family, accompanied by Miss Vergie Strawn, spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Greenville.

Allen Terry spent a few days at home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chambless have moved to Merkel. We regret very much to see them leave but wish them well in their new home.

Friends here are extending sympathy to Earnest Massey, whose sister, (nee Maud Massey,) died at her home in Berger last Friday morning. The remains were carried to Denton, the home of her parents, for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Murry spent Thanksgiving with relatives and friends at Anson.

Little Gene Terry of Sweetwater visited relatives here last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rossen are the happy parents of a baby boy, born last

**Personal Mention**

B. H. Lancaster is in Big Spring on business.

C. L. Boswell is in Winters this week on business.

Ed Lancaster attended the T. C. U.-S. M. U. game at Fort Worth.

Miss Nola Provine was the week-end guest of Miss Ruth Jones.

Mrs. Rolfe Wagner is visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Hale, at Spur.

Miss Mary Parrack was in Abilene for the Simmons-Texas Tech game.

R. D. Davis of McKinney was last week's guest of his brother, T. T. Davis.

Mrs. J. E. Badgley of Roscoe is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. T. T. Davis.

A. C. Browning of Stamford is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Duncan Briggs.

Mr. Bryant is financial secretary of the Central State Teachers college at Edmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm were week-end visitors with the Durham family in Albany.

Mrs. L. D. Gaither of San Antonio is the guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Cranford.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent of Brownwood.

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt came down from Kirkland to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Mrs. Mary E. Provine and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Byron and Mrs. Hallingsworth were visitors in Abilene Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Caple and Clarence Williams and C. J. Glover, Jr., went to Waco for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mrs. Mary E. Provine and daughter, accompanied by Uncle Bobbie Hannah, spent Thanksgiving Day with old friends at Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Koontz and Miss Mary Kate Campbell of Amarillo spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble were fans at the T. C. U.-S. M. U. game Saturday at Fort Worth.

Misses Allen and Hazel Reeves returned home Sunday after spending the holidays with their sister, Mrs. Lea Dickerson of Sylvester.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Largent, accompanied by Miss Mattie Lou Largent, spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent at Brownwood.

W. A. Sudderth of Leonard was in Merkel Wednesday, visiting his daughter.

Saturday. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

The P. T. A. carried the play, which was staged here a few weeks ago, to Eskota last Tuesday night and the presentation was greeted there by a large crowd. The proceeds of the sale of tickets was beyond their expectations.

ters, Mrs. Jack Anderson and Mrs. Claude Young. He was making a tour of West Texas and the plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Bryant and son, Paul Thompson, of Edmond, Okla., ate Thanksgiving dinner and spent the week-end with Mrs. Bryant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Boswell and two children spent Thanksgiving in Lubbock with Mr. Boswell's sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McCarty, W. D. McCarty returned from Lubbock with them and is now a guest in the Boswell home.

Mesdames Dee Grimes and E. M. McDonald were in the party with Misses Lucy Tracy, Vennie Heizer and Mrs. Holland Teaff who spent the week-end in Dallas. They visited in Cleburne enroute home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Davis and children were among those present at a family reunion on Thanksgiving Day at the home of Mrs. Davis' mother, Mrs. J. E. Badley, at Roscoe. Each family brought well filled baskets and a turkey dinner was enjoyed by some twenty guests.

Mesdames L. S. Daniels and J. T. Baugh of Abilene accompanied Mrs. W. N. Hall, whose home is in Detroit, Mich., but who formerly lived here, when the latter came over from Abilene Tuesday to see Dr. W. M. Gambill. Mrs. Hall, whose husband was at one time city marshal of Merkel, is now visiting with Mrs. Baugh in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dowell, Mr. and

Mrs. Tom Allday, Miss Lottie Butman and Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson were visitors at the First Methodist church at Abilene Sunday evening to hear the orchestra of the Methodist Orphanage of Waco, Texas. The classes represented by them are supporting two of the young ladies in the home.

Dr. W. T. Sadler returned Tuesday night from a hunting trip in company with Dr. W. V. Ramsey of Abilene.

Mrs. George White and her mother, Mrs. Wesley Edwards, of Maryneal, were accompanied on a trip to Dallas, Fort Worth and Arlington last week-end by Mrs. Dr. Rudd, also of Maryneal, and Misses Ludie Wilkins and Mildred Swafford, teachers in the schools at that place.

**A large variety of Christmas gifts, suitable for father, mother, sister or brother. Come see our selections. Phillips Drug Store.**

**BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

All regular services Sunday and during the week. Sunday School begins at 10 a. m. with pre-session work in the elementary departments prior to that time. All officers and teachers ought to be present thirty minutes before ten.

Preaching by the pastor 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Our training service 6 p. m. with places for every friend of the Lord.

Pledge cards were handed to those

present in Sunday School last. Remember when in the family sion the amount each member family purposes to give is decided cards are to be filled out accordingly and signed and then brought back to the church. Nobody is dictating how much each one is to give, this is in keeping our work going here and in helping to spread the gospel around the world. If any member did not get a card last Sunday they will be given one next Sunday and can fill it out at the service.

Come find a welcome in all our services.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

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We list here some very fine cars to be sold at prices never before appreciated in Merkel. Please call in person, see them, select the car you like. We will make the price less than you expect.

- 1-1928 Hup Coach.
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- 1-1924 Buick Touring.
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I am going to open a Hatchery in Merkel by the first part of January.

Watch my ad for opening date.

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"PALS OF THE PRAIRIE"  
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"THE VANISHING WEST"  
Chapter 7  
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MONDAY AND TUESDAY, DEC. 9-10  
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With  
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50c Admits Entire Family on Tuesday

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, DEC. 11-12  
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**SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**

CARROTS	nice bunches, two for	15c
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BANANAS	green tips per doz.	22c
CATSUP	Van Camp's small bottles	12c
LARD	Bird brand, 8 lb. bucket	\$1.09
COFFEE	Bulk Peaberry, 3 lbs. for	82c
BEANS	Pintos, 11 lbs. for	\$1.00
RICE	bulk, 6 lbs. for	48c
BAKING POWDER	K. C. 50 oz.	43c
OAT FLAKES	3 minute, small size, each	9c
BACON	dry salt, per lb.	17c
BACON	smoked, per lb.	22c
BACON	100 per cent sugar-cured, none better, lb.	25c

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# SOCIETY

## REDWINE-RUSSELL.

Last Saturday evening at 7:30 in the parlor of the Presbyterian church, Miss Doris Russell and Sam T. Redwine were united in marriage. Rev. R. A. Walker officiated. The bride is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell of this city. Miss Russell was a graduate of Merkel High school in 1926 and she also finished a course in Draughon's Business College, having been engaged as stenographer in Abilene the past two years. Mr. Redwine is a fine young man, of sterling character and has been in business in Abilene some years. He will also be remembered as an artist of KFYO radio station.

Miss Anna Lou Russell, a cousin of the bride, accompanied them to the church. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left for Colorado City, Big Spring and El Paso on a short honeymoon.

The bride was lovely in a brown transparent velvet dress with accessories to match, while her traveling suit was of navy crepe romaine.

We bespeak much happiness for these worthy young folks. They will be at home to their friends after January 1st at 1517 North 18th Street, at Abilene.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

The home of Mrs. J. H. McDonald was the scene of a gay party on Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. McDonald, assisted by Mrs. Nathan Wood and Miss Bessie Westenhaver, celebrated the birthdays of her grandsons, Billie Wood, age 8, and Don Wood, age 6.

The rooms were colorfully adorned with Christmas decorations, where indoor games supervised by Miss Bessie Westenhaver made the afternoon hours especially happy, culminating in the presentation of a huge basket of gifts to the honorees.

Delicious refreshments of sandwiches, jello and whip cream, angel food cake with place favors of Santa Claus fashioned of all-day suckers stuck in apples were served to Billie and Don Wood, Mary Lou Tipton, Ann Leppard, Johnnie McDonald, Annie Laurie Ward, Mary George Howard, Mary Garland, Mary Joe Russell, Maud Huddleston, Helen Heater, Penack, Frances Higgins, L. S. Warren, Don Warren, Jim Sublett, Sublett, Billie Woodrum, Bobbie Woodrum and Edgar Tipton.

## PHILATHEA CLASS ENTERTAINED.

On last Tuesday night the Philathea class was most graciously entertained in the beautiful new home of Miss Lottie Butman.

Miss Julia Martin led the devotional. The class then enjoyed a talk by their teacher, Mrs. Touchstone, and after a short business session the hostess had provided many clever games which proved to be very enjoyable.

A delicious turkey dinner was served to the following: Misses Jessie Rodden, Sallye Curb, Mary Eula Sears, Lois Suber, Ruth Pinckley, Pauline Pinckley, Alma Cox, Emma Toombs, Hallie Pike, Rosie Laney, Anna Lou Russell, Julia Martin, Connie Pogue, Alzada Pogue, Imogene Hays, Stella King, Addie Faye Patterson, Mollie Frank Touchstone, Mesdames Cecil Guthrie, Ray Cox, Tom Allday, Floyd Dowell, Kenneth Pee, Touchstone, Cyrus Pee, Dubb Johnson, the hostess' mother, Mrs. Sam Butman and the hostess.

## MRS. WARREN HIGGINS ENTERTAINS.

The beautiful home of Mrs. Cecil Guthrie was the setting of a very pretty party given by Mrs. Warren Higgins Thanksgiving eve. The entertaining rooms were artistically decorated in cut flowers and the Thanksgiving theme was favored in all details of the party. Radio music and games were the diversion of the evening.

Mrs. Higgins, assisted by her sister, Miss Sis Toombs, passed a delectable plate of salad and chocolate to Mesdames Kenneth Pee, Denzel Cox, Joe Risinger, Cyrus Pee, Cecil Guthrie, and Misses Rose Laney, Hallie Pike and Florence Berry.

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

# CLASSIFIED ADS

## 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.

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**FOR RENT**—January 1st corner store building now occupied by Clarence Saunders Store. See Max Mellinger.

**FOR RENT**—Furnished bedroom with bath; modern; private entrance. Mrs. Fred Guitar.

**FOR RENT**—Good 5 room house, barn, garage, gas, lights, cistern and well water reasonable in Trent, Texas. **FOR SALE**—Pair mules, sulky plow with buster attachment, some bundle feed. J. F. Abernathy, Trent, Texas.

**FOR RENT**—The Kirby Beckett home. See J. T. Warren.

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

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**WANTED**—Tenants for houses. See John S. Hughes.

## LODGE NOTICES

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Joe Hartley, H. P.  
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**COAL**—For sale at Merkel Grammar School at reduced price. Phone 174.

**FOR SALE**—About four tons of maize; 1 barn, 17'x20', with loft; 1 building, 8'x12', 9' wall. O. R. Dye.

**FOR SALE**—Two good cows. C. A. Hudson, Merkel, Texas, Route 4.

**FOR SALE**—Few Silver lace Wyandotte roosters. See W. C. Mattingley two miles East of Noodle.

See Swafford for  
Dawson Fancy Egg Coal  
Abtex Feeds

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## THE METHODIST REPORT.

The Sunday School lessons and sermon were very interesting last Sunday. Rev. Willett, our "new" pastor, seems to put fresh spirit into his messages and we certainly do enjoy them.

Everyone is beginning to think of and plan for the fast approaching Christmas holidays. The Methodist church plans to have an old-fashioned tree and program to celebrate Christmas.

Quite a few of our regular members were absent last Sunday, owing to the holiday visits. Most of the teachers spent Sunday in Dallas or coming home from Dallas.

—Reporter

## CARD OF THANKS.

To those who through their kindness sympathy and love tried in anyway to lessen the sorrow of the death of our son and father, we wish to express our thanks and also for the beautiful floral offerings showing his many friends and relatives.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boden.  
Mary Margaret Boden.

## W. T. Plunk Returns.

W. T. Plunk, who has been in Emory, Texas, for the past two months, has returned to Merkel and is again connected with the R. A. Tarbutton barber shop on Kent street.

What could be nicer than Community Plate Silverware for Christmas. Phillips Drug Store.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

## 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 1926.  
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  
412.00  
\$4532.00  
Attorneys' Fees, at 10%

and further praying for judgement for 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.

Trent, Texas, Defendants. In Equity. No. 774.

## PUBLICATION NOTICE.

The President of the United States of America. Greetings:

To the Inhabitants and Taxpayers of the City of Trent, Texas:

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# THE BADGER WEEKLY

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### JUNIORS.

In a recent class meeting the Juniors elected Thelma McAninch for their class beauty.

History repeats itself. This occasion shows that it does by the Juniors electing Thelma for class beauty. Cleopatra was a brunette—and so is Thelma.

Fred Guitar was chosen campaign manager and much is expected from him to help us put over our candidate.

### SEVERAL TEACHERS ATTEND GAMES.

Several of the Merkel teachers were seen at the T. C. U.-S. M. U. football game on Saturday, Nov. 30.

The score was a 7 to 7 tie, making T. C. U. winners of the conference.

Among the 26,000 people in the stadium were: Mrs. Young, Mrs. Jack Anderson, Mr. Duke and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess of the Merkel public schools.

Everyone enjoyed the game, although there was some argument as to who the best players were.

Miss Baker was fortunate enough to be among the 35,000 who saw A. & M. outplay and defeat Texas U. by a 13-0 score. At this, the Texas classic football game, A. & M. dedicated her new massive stadium. Governor Dan Moody, Dr. H. Y. Benedict, president of the University of Texas, and Attorney General R. E. Bobbitt were among the speakers of the occasion.

Miss Loyless and Miss Sloan report a "flying" trip to Ft. Worth, from Abilene to Ft. Worth in a Ford in three hours and forty minutes.

### SOME OBSERVATIONS OF A SENIOR.

Louise Booth was selected over Willie Mae Schwartz as the Senior class beauty in the contest conducted by the

Badger Staff. We see another "snap" for the seniors in that contest.

All indications so far point to the fact that the '30 Badger will be far better than any before.

As about 40 candidates reported the first day, Coach Davis should have a real basketball team this year.

We believe that Tracy Campbell has one of the greatest minds in High school as he always agrees with you editor in case of argument.

Elvis Richardson says that of her two great ambitions he had rather see Miss Baker writing.

### SAY, DIDJA' KNOW?

—That Merkel beat Rotan Thanksgiving 10 to 7.

—That everybody enjoyed a four day holiday last week-end?

—That at last the Seniors are observing things again?

—That the Football Banquet is to be held December 6?

—That there is now a contest on for "high school beauty"?

—That Louise Booth is Senior candidate?

—That Thelma McAninch is Junior candidate?

—That Artilee Simmons is Sophomore candidate?

—That Joyce Wheeler is Fresh candidate?

—That the Juniors, Seniors and Faculty are having their pictures made for the annual?

—That basketball season is coming?

—That Wednesday is report card day?

—That we wonder what Miss Baker's two "greatest" ambitions are?

—That we wonder if Mr. Burgess is really absent-minded?

### THE B. G. CLUB.

The Seniors Girls organized the B. G. Club, Tuesday morning at activ-

ity period. The following officers were elected: Louise Booth, president; Tula Miller, secretary-treasurer and Verna T. Beasley, reporter. They have chosen for their club colors, blue and white, and for their flower, the bluebonnet. The club expect to make this an active organization. They are planning a social for the near future.

### PREPARING FOR BANQUET.

Man, the girls are having a time in the Pep Squad, getting ready for one of the biggest and grandest banquets in history. Things are being bought and money brought. It seems that the Pep Squad boys are going any way, dates or no dates, as I see several new watches in the Pawn Shop and "Oh Yes" it is believed that Ed will share his date with any of the boys as the date is Miss Sloan.

### CHORAL AND GLEE CLUBS.

If you think the Choral and Glee Clubs are not busy at work, just come around and see for yourselves. They are hard at work on a Christmas Pageant for Friday night Dec. 13, 1929, at eight o'clock in Grammar School auditorium.

Saturday night, Dec. 14, 1929, is the night set for the Christmas social. Each High School teacher, as well as Choral and Glee Club members, will be asked to come disguised as a character in the musical or theatrical world.

Orion Tittle joined the Glee Club last week and increased the total membership to twenty.

### BASEBALL NEWS.

The High School baseball girls won the final game of the baseball season staged last Tuesday, the score being 12 to 9. Mr. Duke umpired the game. At first the game seemed rather one-sided, as the High catcher, Jess Higgins, started off the game with a home run and they made many more runs later, but on account of their errors the Grammar school girls were able to build up a score to 9 before the game was over.

### The line-ups were:

Grammar School—Valera Parks, c; Frances Adeock, p; Laverne Holden, 1b; Neoma Grayson, 2b; Wanda Hunter and Alice Russell, 3b; Anna Lee Owen, ss; Edna Bernice Gambill, lf; Carlbell Mansfield, rf; Irene Salter, lf; Lois Beasley, cf.

High School—Jess Higgins, c; Lona Byron, p; Imogene Middleton, 1b; Velma Lee Holden, 2b; Margarette Turner, 3b; Mildred Richardson, rss;

Opal Huskey, 1ss; Duncan Briggs, rf; Melba Taylor, lf; Margaret Miller, cf.

### MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL

#### DRAMATIC CLUB ENTERTAINED

On Wednesday afternoon, November 27, at 4:30 o'clock, the members of the Dramatic Club assembled in Miss Tracy's studio for a very enjoyable hour of entertainment followed by a business meeting. Frances Frederickson played piano numbers as the guests arrived, and the hostesses distributed written contest blanks among them. One contest, in which the answers were the names of the parts of a watch, was won by Willie Mae Schwartz. The gentlemen were stopped immediately by the "sewing" contest—a contest in which the meaning of the sentences of a paragraph was completed by words pertaining to a seamstress' occupation. The prize for the least number of mistakes went to Pauline Toombs. Both Miss Toombs and Miss Schwartz received miniature footballs as awards. Nadine Tippett won the "pie-plate race." As the contests were closed Margaret Miller read for the guests a humorous fable in negro dialect, "Mr. Frog's Note of Regret." The colors symbolic of autumn and Thanksgiving were carried out in the delicious refreshments consisting of veal-loaf sandwiches, salad served in the "horn of plenty," hot chocolate, and pumpkin pie, which were served by the hostesses, Misses Verna T. Beasley and Beryl Hunter, and the hosts, Messrs. J. T. Darsey and Fred Guitar to these guests: Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, Miss Tracy, Willie Mae Schwartz, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Nina Vantresse, Frances Frederickson, Verna T. Beasley, Himalya Swafford, Dorice Brown, Tracy Campbell, E. L. Turner, Elvis Richardson, J. D. Ashby, J. E. Boaz, Pauline Toombs, Beth Hamm, Odell Hunter, Orion Tittle, Lona Bryan, Nadine Tippett, Wesley Butler, Buster Horton, Lee Darden, Harold Boney, Margaret Miller, Jeff Chancey.

Miss Hunter then announced that "The Man in the Bowler Hat," a farce in one act, was to be presented at the Grammar School auditorium. After the guests were assembled in the auditorium one of the cleverest plays that has ever been given in Merkel was presented by the cast, which displayed real dramatic ability.

After the curtain dropped a business meeting was called, with E. L. Turner in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Beryl Hunter. Corrections

were offered and the minutes then stood approved as read. Motions were made and seconded that our hosts and hostesses, the cast of the play, and Miss Tracy be given a vote of thanks for their untiring efforts to make the Dramatic Club the success that it is. Thanks were rendered by enthusiastic applause from the members. Motion for adjournment was made and seconded and the chairman declared the meeting to stand adjourned.

### "THE MAN IN THE BOWLER HAT."

"The Man in the Bowler Hat" was so unusual and remarkable and the characterizations were done so well that it and the members of the cast deserve great praise. A summary as interesting as the play is impossible, but let us give the highlights:

The cast:  
The Man in the Bowler Hat, Fred Guitar.

John, Lee Darden.  
Mary, Lona Bryan.  
Heroine, Dorice Brown.  
Chief Villain, J. T. Darsey.  
Bad Man, Buster Horton.  
Scene: A Sitting-room.  
Time: The Present.

John and Mary, two of the most ordinary people, are reading and knitting, respectively, and talking in a desultory way when the curtain rises. Mary suddenly wishes that things would happen to them as they happen in books. John says that he has dreamed of such thing: himself, but that they would never occur to them. At this moment the man in the bowler hat walks across the stage, apparently unnoticed by John and Mary, and takes a seat at one side of the stage. Suddenly a shot is heard off-stage and a man—the hero rushes in, hands John a pistol, and bids him listen. The heroine comes in, talks to the hero, and goes off-stage again. The hero ceases listening and quickly darts off-stage through the opposite wings. The chief villain walks in, alert and looking searchingly, crosses the stage, exits, and again crosses the stage in the same manner. While John and Mary are wondering over these curious procedures, the lights go out. Scuffling is heard on the stage, and when the lights are turned on again, the hero is sitting tied to a chair and gagged. John recovers enough presence of mind to remove the gag, but the chief villain and the bad man come in, take John's pistol, and the chief villain demands that the hero tell where the "Rajah's ruby" is. In a series of ling-

ual mixups the hero finds the idea that the ticket where the ruby is hidden chief villain faints. At this man in the bowler hat, who has been silent, rises and addresses to the characters assembled on stage that the second act will be rehearsed tomorrow, and the curtain falls.

So this delightful piece of wit and humor turns out to be a play itself, that is being rehearsed before our eyes, and the man in the bowler hat is merely the stage director in the play.

Dramatic talent was certainly exhibited by the members of the cast, and Miss Tracy displayed good choice in the selection of characters.

### ANNUAL NEWS.

All individual pictures have been taken with the exception of a few and they will be taken Saturday. The group pictures will be taken next week.

The contest has been started to decide the beauty of our school. Louise Booth has been chosen as Senior beauty and we believe she will win for we think she is the most beautiful girl in school.

### NOTICE ABOUT SANTA CLAUS LETTERS.

The Badger Weekly will print absolutely no Santa Claus letters from the Seniors. All space for Santa Claus letters is reserved for the Freshmen.

### FRESHMEN NEWS.

After all these cold holidays we wanted to get back on the job, that is most of us; there's always one or two that do not care if the holidays last another week. Many a fine turkey went to his doom Thanksgiving—and also I would not doubt that a few of us were sick over the results.

The Freshmen had a little meeting Monday morning and they elected Joyce Wheeler as a candidate for the prettiest girl. The Freshmen have a record to stand up to—the prettiest girl of M. H. S. last year was of the Freshmen class—and we hope to hold up that record by putting over our candidate for that honor. We believe that she has an equal chance among the candidates.

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Dec. 5.—Only three of the school elevens that won last year will answer roll call in district struggles scheduled week end at Breckenridge, Amarillo and Houston.

Amarillo Golden Sandstorm in district 1, Port Arthur Yellowjackets in District 7 and Marshall Mavericks in district 6 have won sectional championships for the second straight year. Five other teams that lost out early last year find themselves in the quarter-finals of the state race.

Of the four bouts scheduled this week, that between Amarillo and the Breckenridge Buckaroos promises the most fireworks. They clash Saturday, and 10,000 fans are expected to watch the two mighty undefeated teams battle it out for the championship of all West Texas and the Panhandle.

The Central Texas crown will be at stake in the struggle Saturday at Waco between Central of Fort Worth and the Waco Tigers. Central nosed out in district 3 despite a defeat and tie against its record. Waco waded through district 4 without a loss and will be a favorite to progress to the semi-finals.

The Denton Broncos and Marshall Mavericks, survivors in North and East Texas, will tangle Friday at Denton for the championship of districts 5 and 6. Each chalked up five straight victories in its section.

The championship of all South Texas and the Gulf Coast will be at stake in the bout at Houston between the

mighty Brownville Eagles of district 8 and the Port Arthur Yellowjackets of district 7. They play Saturday. A neutral field was decided upon after a lengthy conference between rival officials Sunday.

**Dora Doings**

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Tyron are sporting a new Chevrolet Six.

Modenia and Alton Whiteaker and Laura Wallis of McMurry spent the week-end here with home folks.

We are glad to report Mrs. John Holder improving after a severe illness with the flu.

Grandma Moore of Hylton spent the week-end here with her son, O. S. Moore and family.

We are glad to welcome Ernest Moore and family of Hylton to our school district. They moved to the Rhoades ranch last Saturday.

The young people enjoyed a party at the home of Mr. McRoss Saturday night.

A. R. Mallon of Caps visited friends and relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

D. J. Laine has bought the Fairchild place and took possession last Saturday.

Our deer hunters returned empty-handed. They saw a lot of does, but they report that the bucks hid out. Not discouraged, however, they announce that they are going again next season.

We are glad to welcome our Metho-

dist preacher, I. B. Biggs, back for another year.

Commissioner Rotan is in Midland for a few days.

**Dates Poultry Show  
At Roscoe Dec. 13-14**

Roscoe, Texas, December 5.—Roscoe's Second Annual Poultry Show will be held this year on December 13-14. The show this year will include a large entry of rabbits on which prizes will be paid.

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