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DEATH CLAIMS STAN JOHNSON, ILL OVER YEAR

Funeral Services Held Tuesday Afternoon for One of Merkel's Most Popular Young Men; Charter Member Lions Club.

Following an illness that began in August a year ago and that became extremely serious on Jan. 14, Stanton A. Johnson, one of Merkel's most popular sons, passed away Monday morning at 10:15 at the family residence.

When the news of his death was learned, sorrow filled every heart in this community and friends, whose ministrations had been unceasing during the period of his illness, visited the home of their late pal, by the score, to extend their sympathy to the sisters and brother in their dark hour.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the Methodist church, of which he was a member, conducted by Rev. E. A. Walker, pastor of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. E. L. Yeats, Methodist pastor, and G. W. Cypert, minister of the Church of Christ. Interment was at Rose Hill cemetery.

Pall bearers were: Warren Smith, S. D. Gamble, Booth Warren, Paul West, Dee Grimes and Delma Compton.

The son of the late G. W. Johnson, who for eleven years was city secretary and tax assessor and collector in Merkel and who died in 1926, Stan Johnson was born in Tennessee. The family moved to Merkel in 1904 where he had made his home ever since, with the exception of the years in the interim when he was employed by Washer Brothers in Fort Worth. His mother passed away in 1915.

He is survived by three sisters, Misses Ona and Pauline Johnson of Merkel, and Mrs. B. F. Smith of Stanton, and one brother, Frank R. Johnson, of Wichita Falls. Both the sister from Stanton and the brother from Wichita Falls arrived within a few hours after his death.

"Stan," as he was universally known, had no enemies. He was one of God's noblemen and numbered his friends by his acquaintances. As a charter member of the Merkel Lions club, he was one of the most active and most loyal members, his loyalty continuing to the very end, long after his health prevented his active association with the civic club members.

Mrs. M. H. Henslee

Funeral services were held at 2 (Continued on Page Five.)

Prison Gates Open For Boy Sentenced To Serve 45 Years

Austin, Dec. 17.—Gates of Huntsville penitentiary swung open Wednesday at the touch of a governor's pen, and an old father in Richmond, Ind., prepared to welcome back a son as his business partner.

Roderick Hinsky, convicted of robbery by assault and sentenced to 45 years imprisonment when he was 21 years old, was granted a general parole by Gov. Ross Sterling. He was convicted in Harris county in May, 1926. Rev. C. E. Garrett, chaplain of the Huntsville prison, had recommended clemency.

Hinsky, the governor was told, will return to his Indiana home to join his father as an interior decorator and painter.

Abilene-Greenville Clash in Semi-Finals

By a 13-0 victory over Lubbock last Saturday, the Abilene Eagles won place in the semi-finals of the Texas Interscholastic league and will meet Greenville Friday of this week. Abilene won the location of the game by the toss of a coin, to the joy of West Texans.

The game will be played on Paramore field, Abilene, beginning at 2:30.

Reserved seats will be on sale at the Weeks Drug store in the Alexander building, Abilene, until 1 p. m. Friday and after that hour on sale at the box office at the playing field. Reserved seats are \$1.25, general admission \$1.00.

The winner of this game will meet the winner of the Corsicana-Beaumont game, which is to be played at Beaumont, in the state finals during Christmas week.

Results of the quarter-finals last week were:

Abilene 13, Lubbock 0.
Corsicana 7, Austin 6.
Greenville 31, Fort Worth Central 7.
Beaumont 38, Harlingen 6.

Enters Veterans Hospital.

Ben Bird, former manager of the Magnolia Filling station here and for the past year in charge of a company station in Abilene, left Thursday for Muskogee, Okla., where he will enter the government hospital for war veterans to undergo two minor operations.

LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS OF MERKEL POULTRY AND RABBIT SHOW ANNOUNCED

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The association plans to hold their show annually and hopes that everyone interested in better poultry and rabbits will cooperate with them by joining the association. The dues are \$1.00 per year. It is suggested that you see the secretary now and give him your membership.

The complete list of prizes follows:

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.
1st cockrel, 1st pullet, best barred cockrel in show—Frank Kirk, Abilene, Texas.

2nd cockrel, 2nd and 3rd pullet—R. J. Miller, Merkel.
4th and 5th cockrel—Mrs. H. R. Chancey, Merkel.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.
1st and 2nd pullets, best White Rock pullet in show—C. F. Curb, Merkel.

BUFF PLYMOUTH ROCKS.
1st, 2nd and 3rd young pens, 1st, 2nd and 3rd cockrel, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th and 5th pullets, best pen Buff Plymouth Rocks in show, best Buff Rock cockrel in show—Chas. Hodges, Merkel.

SILVER LACED WYANDOTTE.
1st and 2nd young pens, 1st and 2nd cockrels, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th pullets, best pen Silver Laced Wyandottes in show—Castle B. Ellis, Merkel.
3rd young pen—R. B. Wells, Merkel.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.
2nd cock, 3rd hen—E. Yates Brown, Merkel.
1st cock, 1st, 2nd and 4th hen, best

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300,176 AUTOS ON TEXAS FARMS

Texas Leads in Number of Automobiles and Trucks for Farm Use, According to Census.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Texas, with its vast area and large farms, has more automobiles and motor trucks for farm use than has any other state, it was shown in figures announced Wednesday by the director of the census.

In the Lone Star state, 280,758 farms reported 300,176 automobiles, and 49,966 farms reported 52,580 motor trucks.

The census figures, based on the 1930 canvass, reveal a number of interesting facts about rural life in America. No one state or section takes the lead in all items generally considered in "progressive" farming.

Iowa leads the nation in farm homes equipped with telephones, with 84.2 per cent. Massachusetts leads in homes equipped with running water, 74.5 per cent. The District of Columbia is ahead in electrically-lighted homes, 64.4 per cent, with California second with 63.3 per cent.

The records of some of the states: Texas—31,776 farms reported 37,348 tractors; 4,051 farms reported 5,351 electric motors for farm use; 16,189 farms reported 18,975 stationary gas engines; 19.6 per cent of the farms have telephones; 13.9 have running water; 4.6 have electricity.

Arkansas—63,800 farms reported 65,935 automobiles; 10,526 farms reported 11,000 motor trucks; 4,263 farms reported 5,684 tractors; 1,056 farms reported 1,460 electric motors; 3,911 farms reported 4,730 gas engines; 10.3 per cent of the farms have telephones; 15 per cent have running water (the lowest of any state); and 2.1 per cent are equipped with electricity.

Bobby Burns and the Delmers Featured on Ogene Co. Radio Hour

A radio program of special interest to those in Merkel is the Ogehe hour, sponsored by the Ogehe company of Texas and the Ogehe company of California, to be given over station ZER, at Villa Acuna, across the border from Del Rio.

The artists on program will be Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Delmer and Bobby Burns, famous radio artist of Hollywood, Calif., Mrs. Delmer to be accompanist for Bobby Burns and her husband in duets and solos. The program will be rendered from the Roswell hotel on the American side, starting Monday, Dec. 21, eastern standard time, and continuing every evening until further notice from 10:30 to 11.

After having appeared in various Fox pictures, Bobby Burns filled an engagement with Gus Arnheim at Coconut Grove at the Ambassador hotel in Los Angeles, Calif., and is at present the feature artist at radio station KMTR, Hollywood, Calif.

Dismiss Wednesday For Holiday Season

The Merkel public schools will dismiss on Wednesday afternoon, December 23, for the Christmas holidays. Schools will re-open on Monday, January 4, thus giving eleven days for holidays. Many of the public schools over the section are using this same schedule, Abilene being among these.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Mrs. Mark A. Moss of Llano killed a seven-point buck while hunting on the A. F. Moss ranch in Llano county Friday.

William C. Edwards, director of the Texas Public Service Information bureau at Dallas, has been appointed managing director of Progressive Texans, Inc.

Houston H. Wasson, 20, who is studying law in Southern Methodist university, Dallas, was one of the four Rhodes scholars selected from the sixth district.

Thick mud in which he fell face down, after a stroke, caused the death of Chris Barber, 74-year-old slaughter house owner, of Houston, according to an inquest verdict.

Chickasaw county officers report that Durrell Kendall, 22, has admitted that he killed two members of a small minstrel show's company in a tent near New Caney, Texas, Dec. 4.

Mrs. Mary Houston Morrow, former Abilene postmistress and fourth child of Sam Houston, died from heart trouble Monday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. E. McDonald, in Stamford.

Charters for reorganization of approximately 30 state banks have been granted within the past month, the state banking board reports, the charters granted being regarded by the board as a favorable omen for the coming year.

The first twenty-four hours' production under the new proration regulations in the East Texas oil field where Governor Ross Sterling reduced the allowable per well from 125 to 100 barrels amounted Sunday to 338,114 barrels.

Miss Jewel Casey, bursar of Howard Payne college at Brownwood for 11 years, pleaded guilty to two charges of embezzling funds from the college and was sentenced to five years in prison by Judge E. J. Miller in district court.

In the court test of the legality of the option system of speculation on horse races, two men, P. L. Coulter, Arlington, and O. D. Franklin, Vernon, were found guilty of violating the anti-horse race betting law by Judge McGee in county court at Fort Worth.

President Hoover has named Robert J. McMillan, a native Texan, graduate of the University of Texas law school in 1906 and a practicing attorney for a quarter of a century, to be United States district judge for the western district of Texas to succeed Judge Duval West of San Antonio, resigned.

Mrs. J. H. Shannon of San Angelo, reputed to be the wealthiest woman in West Texas, died Sunday at her home in San Angelo. Her wealth, consisting principally in land, was estimated at four million dollars. The nearest surviving relatives are a niece and grand niece in New Zealand and a cousin in Scotland.

Marked Increase in School Enrollment

At the meeting of the school board on December 9, Supt. Burgess reported a marked increase in the enrollment in the Merkel schools at this date over the corresponding date last year. The high school department shows an increase of 32 per cent while the grammar grades show 11 per cent increase. In the high school, there are now enrolled 187 pupils, while grammar school shows an enrollment of 358, making a total of 545 as compared to 462 for the same date last year.

The Mail to Print Christmas Number Earlier Next Week

The Christmas number of The Mail will be issued a day earlier next week, going to press Wednesday afternoon instead of the usual Thursday.

Correspondents and other news contributors will please take notice and arrange to furnish their budgets and items a day earlier than customarily and advertisers are urged to send in their copy early.

By publishing on Wednesday afternoon, subscribers on the rural routes and in adjoining towns will be enabled to receive their Christmas copy of The Mail on the day before Christmas.

Our corps of loyal correspondents need only be reminded of this courtesy for our readers and will, we feel sure, forward their letters accordingly.

Lions Enjoy Program By Group of Juniors

W. W. Haynes, as toastmaster, assisted by Supt. Roger A. Burgess of the Merkel Public schools, presented as the entertainment feature for the regular luncheon hour of the Lions club Tuesday a group of little folks from the Junior expression class of the schools under the direction of Miss Lucy Tracy.

The program included varied numbers of readings, Christmas plays and musical duets, cleverly given by Doris Clyde Miller, Sue Sue Grimes, Dorothy Nell Haynes, Mildred Tarlton, Billie Haynes and Dora Marie Gaither.

S. D. Gamble presided and the invocation was given by Supt. Burgess. Two guests were present: Mr. Hargrove of Abilene and Comer Haynes.

Dee Grimes, reporting for the committee on Christmas activities, suggested that the club endorse and support the work being done by the ladies from the various churches in providing Christmas cheer boxes for needy families and the original committee in raising funds for the purpose.

A special committee, consisting of Dee Grimes, chairman, Booth Warren and E. Yates Brown, was named to bring in suggestions for the good of the club and for its future usefulness for consideration at the next luncheon.



PRAYERS.

A lady from Kansas sends a very personal question: "Have you," she asks, "ever known of any instance of the efficiency of prayer?"

The answer is, Yes. And this is the story.

Years ago when my revered friend Dr. William Goodell Frost left his comfortable professorship of Greek at Oberlin College to take the presidency of the struggling little college at Berea, Kentucky, his friends thought he had made a terrible mistake. The buildings were old and dilapidated. The faculty was underpaid. There were plenty of debts, and no income. The president, in addition to his scholastic duties, was expected to ride the rails from city to city and beg for funds to meet the current expenses.

Frost was a seer and a prophet. He knew the sterling character of the Kentucky mountain people; he was thrilled by the vision of what Berea College could mean to them. Full of courage, he journeyed up to Cincinnati and called upon the pastor of the leading Protestant Church.

"Will you invite some of the generous people of your city to a meeting and let me tell them about the needs of the mountains?" Frost asked.

"Oh, no," replied the pastor. "I couldn't think of that?"

"Will you let me preach in your pulpit Sunday morning?"

"No. We have a positive rule that the Sunday morning service is never to be devoted to any charitable appeal."

"Well, I don't suppose you get many people out in the evening," Frost persisted. "Will you let me speak Sunday evening?"

Again the preacher refused.

"How about the Wednesday evening prayer meeting?"

"No."

"Well, then, will you pray for the mountain people and the success of the college?" Frost demanded.

The preacher said he thought it would be hypocritical for him to ask the Almighty to help a cause to which he could give no aid himself.

"My brother, since you can do nothing to help us, will you join me in prayer for your church and your ministry?"

The pastor could not refuse. Down on their knees they went together, and Frost proceeded to send up to the Pearly Gates not only a prayer for the church but a most eloquent and moving presentation of the needs of the Kentucky mountaineers (Continued on Page Two.)

MASSED CHOIRS IN MERKEL'S FIRST XMAS ENSEMBLE

Interesting Program Announced For Sunday Evening Service At the Baptist Church, Beginning at 7:30.

The massed choirs will combine in Merkel's first Christmas choir ensemble Sunday evening at the Baptist church at 7:30 o'clock.

The program:

"The First Christmas Morn."

Prayer, Rev. E. L. Yeats.

"Ave Maria," Mrs. W. H. Eysen.

(Violin obligato, Lynn McSpadden.)

"Silent Night," choir.

Scripture, Matthew 2:1-11, Rev. J. T. King.

Trio, Mesdames W. L. Diltz and L. B. Scott and Christine Collins.

Remarks, "Christ Glorified," Rev. R. A. Walker.

"Joy to the World," choir.

"The Birthday of a King," choir.

Male quartette.

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," congregation.

Benediction, Rev. J. T. King.

The singers are most cordially invited to rehearse this evening, Thursday, at 8 o'clock at the Baptist church.

To Provide Christmas Cheer Baskets Again

Following the custom instituted last year when so much good was accomplished, the ladies from the various churches of the city will sponsor Christmas cheer boxes for needy families; and, to this end, all those having food and toys are requested to bring them to the Bradshaw building, between the Case grocery and the Merkel bakery, any time before next Wednesday, the sooner the better. If you can donate a chicken or several chickens, do not fail to bring them in. Canned goods will also be desirable.

A meeting of all committees at work is called for 3:30 Friday afternoon at W. J. Sheppard's store by Mrs. Frank C. McFarland, general chairman.

Awarded to Americans.

Oslo, Norway, Dec. 17.—The Nobel peace prize for 1931 has been awarded jointly to two Americans, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, and Miss Jane Addams, Chicago social worker.

WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS

A one hundred and twenty mile extension of the Fort Worth and Denver railroad is under construction between Childress and Pampa.

A soil survey of Hardeman county is being made by the United States government.

A railroad line was built recently from Loving, N. M., to the potash fields five miles distant.

Over three thousand visitors went through Carlsbad Caverns during October, representing forty-three states of the union, four insular possessions and eleven foreign countries.

A bridge costing one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars is planned across the Brazos river near Newcastle.

Wilbarger county's cotton acreage will be reduced eighty thousand acres under the Texas cotton acreage reduction law.

Members of the Wichita Falls chamber of commerce were given opportunity recently to suggest activities for the organization during the next year.

The West Texas State Teachers' college at Canyon boasts the only Madrigal club in Texas in its school of music with a library of forty thousand pieces.

A branding iron over two hundred and thirty-five years old was displayed at a fair in Lakeview, Hall county, recently.

The government helium plant at Amarillo will be enlarged if recent recommendations of the United States bureau of mines are followed.

Following the installation of a waterworks system, Vaga, in the Texas Panhandle, is planning a beautification program of planting trees, shrubbery and flowers.

The highway distance between Miami and Canadian has been reduced six miles by the new grade on State Highway 33.

A Shackelford county river ranch

of eight thousand acres was sold recently for one hundred forty thousand dollars.

Menard county officials are now occupying the new one hundred thousand dollar courthouse completed recently.

San Angelo maintains a municipal turnip patch where unemployed people are given jobs, and the turnips are used for charity purposes.

Menard shipped four carloads of mohair in one day recently.

Bluebonnet seed are being distributed at cost in San Angelo in furtherance of the West Texas beautification program of the West Texas chamber of commerce.

A Winters farmer made a profit of nearly nine hundred dollars from a flock of four hundred turkeys.

A one hundred thousand dollar plant for extraction of sulphur from gas in Reagan county is planned to be built at Texon.

Manual labor was employed in the building of an eight inch gas distribution line at Big Spring recently.

Don't wait—it might be gone—shop now while Xmas stock is complete at Brown's Bargain Store.

Doe With Antlers.
Odessa, Dec. 17.—Game Warden Earle Mansfield reported that a doe with antlers had been killed on the O. C. Dowe ranch, southwest of Odessa, near Candelera. This is the third doe with horns known to have been killed in the state in the last several years. The hunters, from Presidio, were not arrested, as Mansfield said they had every right to believe it was a buck.

BOTH FOR \$1.50.
From now until December 31st, the clubbing price for the Semi-Weekly Farm News and the Merkel Mail is only \$1.50. Don't fail to renew during this time. If you want to subscribe to the Semi-Weekly Farm News, you can save one dollar by this deal.

Mail want ads pay dividends.



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THE WAY OF LIFE

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and the little college that was struggling to help them.
When the prayer was finished the preacher's eyes were full. "You must come to my church Sunday morning," he said. "My people must hear you."
Frost went, and so began the friendship of many people in Cincinnati for Berea College.

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Can You Pass This Examination? ————— By Albert T. Reid



QUESTIONS	ANSWER YES OR NO
Have you tried to be a good boy?	
Are you impudent?	
Do you eat what you are told to?	
Do you pick up your play things?	
Do you tease the dog?	
Do you wash your hands and face?	
Do you track mud into the house?	
Do you always say "yes morn" and "no sir"?	
Do you always say "thank you"?	
Are you nice to your little playmates?	
Do you go to bed when you are told?	

SIGHT UNSEEN
by
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FINAL INSTALLMENT.
"She had been our first governess for the children," Elinor said, "and she often came in. She had made a birthday smock for Buddy, and she had it in her hand. She almost fainted. I couldn't tell her about Charlie Ellingham. I couldn't. I told her we had been struggling, and that I was afraid I had shot him. She is quick. She knew just what to do. We worked fast. She said a suicide would not have fired one shot into the ceiling, and she fixed that. It was terrible. And all the time he lay there, with his eyes half open—"
The letters, it seems, were all over the place. Elinor thought of the curtain, cut a receptacle for them, but was afraid of the police. Finally she gave them to Clara, who was to take them away and burn them.
They did everything they could think of, all the time listening for Suzanne Gautier's return; filled the second empty chamber of the revolver, dragged the body out of the hall and washed the carpet, and called Doctor Sperry, not knowing that he was at Mrs. Dane's and could not come.
Clara had only a little time, and with the letters in her handbag she started down the stairs. There she heard some one, possibly Ellingham, on the back stairs, and in her haste, she fell, hurting her knee, and she must have dropped the handbag at that time. They knew now that Hawkins had found it later on. But for a few days they didn't know, and hence the advertisement.
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found it or not. I've been afraid to see him."
She sat, clasping and unclasping her hands in her lap. She was a proud woman, and surrender had come hard. The struggle was marked in her face. She looked as though she had not slept for days. "You think I am frightened," she said slowly. "And I am, terribly frightened. But not about discovery. That has come, and cannot be helped."
"Then why?"
"How does this woman, this medium, know these things?" Her voice rose, with an unexpected hysterical catch. "It is superhuman. I am almost mad."
"We're going to get to the bottom of this," Sperry said soothingly. "Be sure that it is not what you think it is, Elinor. There's a simple explanation, and I think I've got it. What about the stick that was taken from my library?"
"Will you tell me how you came to have it, doctor?"
"Yes. I took it from the lower hall the night—the night it happened."
"It was Charlie Ellingham's. He had left it there. We had to have it, doctor. Alone it might not mean much, but with the other things you know—tell them, Clara."
"I stole it from your office," Clara said, looking straight ahead. "We had to have it. I knew at the second sitting that it was his."
"When did you take it?"
"On Monday morning, I went for Mrs. Dane's medicine, and you had promised her a book. Do you remember? I told your man, and he allowed me to go up to the library. It was there, on the table. I had expected to have to search for it, but it was lying out. I fastened it to my belt, under my long coat."
"And placed it in the rack at Mrs. Dane's?" Sperry was watching her intently, with the same sort of grim intentness he wears when examining a chest.
"I put it in the closet in my room. I meant to get rid of it, when I had a little time. I don't know how it got downstairs, but I think—"
"Yes?"
"We are house-cleaning. A housemaid was washing closets. I suppose she found it and, thinking it was one of Mrs. Dane's, took it downstairs. That is, unless—"
It was clear that, like Elinor, she had a supernatural explanation in her mind. She looked gaunt and haggard.
"Mr. Ellingham was anxious to get it," she finished. "He had taken Mr. Johnson's overcoat by mistake one night when you were both in the house, and the notes were in it. He saw that the stick was important."
"Clara," Sperry asked, "did you

see, the day you advertised for your bag, another similar advertisement?"
"I saw it. It frightened me."
"You have no idea who inserted it?"
"None whatever."
"Did you ever see Miss Jeremy before the first sitting? Or hear of her?"
"Never."
"Or between the seances?"
"No."
Elinor rose and drew her veil down. "We must go," she said. "Surely now you will cease these terrible investigations. I cannot stand much more. I am going mad."
"There will be no more seances," Sperry said gravely.
"What are you going to do?" She turned to me, I daresay because I represented what to her was her supreme dread, the law.
"My dear girl," I said, "we are not going to do anything. The Neighborhood Club has been doing a little amateur research work, which is now over. That is all."
Sperry took them away in his car, but he turned on the door-step. "Wait downstairs for me," he said. "I am coming back."
I remained in the library until he returned, uneasily pacing the floor.
For where were we, after all? We had had the medium's story elaborated and confirmed, but the fact remained that, step by step, through her unknown "control" the Neighborhood Club had followed a tragedy from its beginning, or almost its beginning, to its end.
Was everything on which I had built my life to go? Its philosophy, its science, even its theology, before the revelations of a young woman who knew hardly the rudiments of the very things she was destroying?
Was death, then, not peace and an awakening to new things, but a wretched and dissociated clinging after the old? A wrench which only loosened but did not break our earthly ties?
It was well that Sperry came back when he did, bringing with him a breath of fresh night air and stalwart sanity. He found me still pacing the room.
"The thing I want to know," I said fretfully, "is where this leaves us? Where are we? For God's sake, where are we?"
"First of all," he said, "have you anything to drink? Not for me. For yourself. You look sick."
"We do not keep intoxicants in the house."
"Oh, piffle," he said. "Where is it, Horace?"
"I have a little gin."
"Where?"

"Well," said Sperry, when he had lighted a cigar. "So you want to know where we are?"
I drew a chair before the bookshelves, which in our old-fashioned house reach almost to the ceiling, and, withdrawing a volume of Josephus, I brought down the bottle.
"Now and then, when I have had a bad day," I explained, "I find that it makes me sleep."
He poured out some and I drank it, being careful to rinse the glass afterward.
"I would like to save something out of the wreck."
"That's easy. Horace, you should be a heart specialist, and I should have taken the law. It's as plain as the alphabet." He took his notes of the sittings from his pocket. "I'm going to read a few things. Keep what is left of your mind on them. This is the first sitting."
"The knee hurts. It is very bad. Arnica will take the pain out."
"I want to go out. I want air. I could only go to sleep and forget it. The drawing-room furniture is scattered all over the house."
"Now the the second sitting:
"It is writing." (The stick.) "It is writing, but the water washed it away. All of it, not a trace." If only the pocketbook were not lost. Car-tickets and letters. It will be terrible if the letters are found. "Hawkins may have it. The curtain was much safer." "That part's safe enough, unless it made a hole in the floor above."
"Oh, if you're going to read a lot of irrelevant material—"
"Irrelevant nothing! Wake up, Horace! But remember this. I'm not explaining the physical phenomena. We'll never do that. It wasn't extraordinary, as such things go. Our little medium in a trance condition has read poor Clara's mind. It's all here, all that Clara knew and nothing that she didn't know. A mindreader, friend Horace. And Heaven help me when I marry her!"

As I have said, the Neighborhood Club ended its investigations with this conclusion, which I believe is properly reached. It is only fair to state that there are those among us who have accepted that theory in the Wells case, but who have preferred to consider that behind both it and the physical phenomena of the seances there was an intelligence which directed both, an intelligence not of this world as we know it. Both Herbert and Alice Robinson are now pronounced spiritualists, although Miss Jeremy, now Mrs. Sperry, has definitely abandoned all investigative work.
Personally, I have evolved no theory. It seems beyond dispute that certain individuals can read minds, and that these same, or other so-called "sensitives," are capable of liberating a form of invisible energy which, however, they turn to no further account than the useless ringing of bells, moving of small tables, and flinging about of divers objects.
To me, I admit, the solution of the Wells case as one of mind-reading is more satisfactory than explanatory. For mental waves remain a mystery, acknowledged, as is electricity, but of a nature yet unrevealed. Thoughts are things. That is all we know.
Mrs. Dane, I believe, had suspected the solution from the start.
The Neighborhood Club has recently disbanded. We tried other things, but we had been spoiled. Our Kipling winter was a failure. We read a play or two, with Sperry's wife reading the heroine, and the rest of us taking other parts. She has a lovely voice, has Mrs. Sperry. But it was all stale and unprofitable, after the Wells affair. With Herbert on a lecture tour on spirit realism, and Mrs. Dane at a sanatorium for the winter, we have now given it up, and my wife and I spend our Monday evenings at home.
(The End.)

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Personal Mention

Miss Eva Mae Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Johnson of Sweetwater and granddaughter of our worthy townsmen, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens, has returned from Kansas City, Mo., where she has been for the past several months. She has accepted employment with Levy Brothers at Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown and family of Snyder were guests of Miss Dora Garoutte Sunday afternoon.

W. F. Derrick is here from Farmersville visiting his son, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Derrick, and family. The elder Derrick has visited here before and is not a stranger to Merkel folks. He is being given a most cordial welcome.

D. L. McClusky of Hollywood, Calif., connected with the sales organization of the Ogene company, has been visiting friends here the past week.

Mat Dillingham, formerly local manager of the West Texas Utilities company and recently transferred to Munday, was greeting friends here Saturday. Mrs. Dillingham and children visited relatives in Abilene at the same time.

Miss Velma Riney was removed from the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, Friday to the home of her parents here, following an appendix operation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Cogburn, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cogburn and children, J. E. Cogburn and Mrs. Ray Cox, all of Fort Worth, were here last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. M. H. Henslee, who was a sister of Mrs. W. I. Cogburn.

Miss Laura Carey returned to Dallas last week after a visit with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ellis, for sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore went to Fort Worth to attend the funeral of a cousin of G. W. Moore, Harry Tuberville, who died Friday of last week. The funeral was held on Monday.

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The American Tax Payer league has arranged with the National Broadcasting company for a tax program from WBAP, Fort Worth, each Monday afternoon, 5:15 to 5:30. It will be very interesting and instructive. The first series of broadcasts will feature "Reduction in the expense of Government," "Broadcasting the Tax Spread," "The Relation of Federal and State Government," "The Relation of the Government to the People" and other important economic problems.

Following are some of the speakers: Senator James W. Wadsworth, former U. S. senator, New York; Hon. James M. Beck, congressman from Pennsylvania; Hon. Theodore W. Noyes, editor, Washington Evening Star; Hon. Will R. Woods, house appropriation committee, and Hon. William H. King, United States senator, Utah.

Woody Opens Cafe.

W. A. Wozencraft, well known cafe man of Merkel, has opened for business just west of Charlie Jones Magnolia Filling station on Front street. The name of his eating place will be Woody's Cafe and he has remodelled the interior of the building and installed a lunch counter and modern fixtures.

NOTICE.

E. L. Wilson, Jeweler, is now in charge of Tom C. Wilson's Jewelry Shop, 118 Chestnut St., Abilene. Will appreciate any watch, clock or jewelry work. Watches and rings for sale; also a number of used watches at a bargain.

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CHURCHES

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
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When we think of the coming of Jesus into the world, we are reminded that God does not forget; that His love finds a way to express itself; and that love is eternally sacrifice. Will each of you express your love to Him by finding your way into His church Sunday morning and evening?

Pastor will preach a special sermon to the Deacons Sunday at 11 a. m. At 7 p. m. all the churches will join in a Christmas song service at the Baptist church. Don't miss this joyous service.

Be sure to come to Sunday School on time, 9:45. B. T. S. meets at 6 p. m. and you are welcome.

J. T. King, Pastor.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

The order of the day for next Sunday will be Christmas decorations and Christmas hymns and a Christmas sermon. We are expecting a congregation equal to last Sunday.

Evening service will be a Union Christmas song service at the Baptist church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM.

Sunday School program at the Methodist church at 9:45 Sunday morning:

"Christmas Thought," Dora Marie Gaither and Marilyn Sue Grimes.

Trio—Lois Whiteley, Billie Bernice Gambill and Julia Proctor.

"Significance of Christmas," Rev. E. L. Yeats.

Poem, Mrs. Len Sublett.

Solo, Dora Lee Shelton.

Prayer.

Herbert Patterson, Supt.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Program for December 20.

Topic: "Making Christmas Christian."

Leader: Lela Patterson.

Scripture: Micah 4:1-5.

Reading, by leader.

"Making Christmas Christian in Our Relations with Others," (1) "In Giving," Ouida Mae Hulsey; "In Receiving," Lowell Vickers; (2) "Making it Christian in Our Relations with Christ," Tracy Campbell; (3) "A Christmas Story," Rev. E. L. Yeats.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Let's make an effort to have our attendance equal to the enrollment Sunday.

Preaching at 11 a. m. Our church will be in the United Christmas service at the Baptist church at the evening hour.

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

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

Thank you for your presence last Sunday. Come again. Our crowd was much larger at all services Sunday.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.

Preaching by pastor at 11 a. m.

Preaching 7 p. m. by our district superintendent, Rev. V. B. Attaberry, of Abilene. Be sure to hear this man of God.

N. Y. P. S. at 6 p. m. Subject: "The True Christmas Spirit." John Reigh, president. A welcome to all.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.
Mrs. Fannie King, Supt.

NOTICE.

In order that we may observe Christmas Day, our customers are urged to send their laundry in early next week, so that we may finish all work by Thursday night.

Effective Monday, Dec. 21, our price for rough dry will be returned to 6 cents per pound, on account of the extra expense during the winter months.

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Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Bell, Blair, Friday, December 11, 1931.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Dennis, residing in the Canyon, Friday, December 11, 1931.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ferguson, residing near Stith, Sunday, December 13, 1931.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Risinger, Monday, December 14, 1931.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Quattlebaum, Trent, Monday, December 14, 1931.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Holley, residing near View, Wednesday, December 16, 1931.

Yellowstone National Park was discovered in 1807 by a trapper.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible school 9:45 a. m. Preaching and worship 10:45 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Training classes 6:15 p. m. Ladies' Bible class Tuesday 2:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:15 p. m. All members are urged to be present Sunday. Visitors and strangers are always welcome.

L. E. Carpenter, Minister.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.

Next Sunday afternoon the Men's Prayer Service will be held at the Presbyterian church, with Ted McGehee as leader. The lesson will be the twenty-fourth chapter of Acts in continuation of the study of this gospel. All the men in Merkel and surrounding communities are cordially invited to attend and join in these services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The total present at the four reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel Sunday was 738, a gain of 64 over the previous Sunday. The attendance the same Sunday a year ago was 825.

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MERKEL HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS AND M. H. S. PLAYERS CLUB

The High School chorus and speech department of the Merkel Public schools will offer evenings of cheer at the Grammar School auditorium on two evenings during the holidays, Friday evening, Dec. 18, and Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, beginning at 7:30. The admission charge will be 20 cents.

Friday evening's program, which will be given by the Merkel High School chorus and M. H. S. Players club, is as follows:

- "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" --- *Kun*
Boys' Glee Club
- "A Christmas Chime," one-act play --- *Cameron*
B. P. Middleton, Joseph Terrill; Margaret Canon, Gladys Terrill; Willie Evelyn Boaz, Dolly Wakelee; Gerald Derrick, Ted Owen.
- A. "Sleigh Bells" --- *Parks*
B. "The Birthday of a King" --- *Carl Deis*
Girls' Choral Club
- C. "When Christmas Bells are Ringing" --- *Paul*
D. "Joy to the World" --- *Edwards*
High School Chorus
- "The Christmas Burglar," one-act play --- *Flanner*
R. D. Ely, the professor; Monta Moore, Dad; Lucille Campbell, Meg; Woodrow Wilson, Skin.
- A. "A Child's Lullaby" --- *Ballantyne*
Mary Helen Lancaster, Clara Frances Largent, Mildred Richardson, Margaret Miller, Maryzo West, and Loreta Cox.
- B. "Holy Night" --- *Gruber-Salter*
Van Roberts, Ida Mae Derstine, Margaret Miller, Burneal Scott, and Neil Durham.

- "The Perfect Gift" ---
Melba Taylor, Little Sister; W. M. Taylor, a peasant boy; Paul Collins, Uncle Bertel; Ida Mae Derstine an old woman; R. D. Ely, the priest; Marshall Stalls, the rich man; Mary Elizabeth Grimes, the beautiful woman; Cephas Wozencraft, the scholar; Joyce Wheeler, lovely girl with the flowers; Albert Cade, the king; Ouida Mae Hulsey, the angel; Iris Garrett, organist; Ola Smith, Mildred Richardson, Margaret Miller, and Thelma Leach as the singers. Van Roberts, lights.

The program scheduled for Tuesday evening by the Junior Speech class, assisted by the Primary Rhythm band, follows:

- "Children's Thoughts" --- *Class*
Doris Clyde Miller, Dora Marie Gaither, Billy Haynes, Dorothy Nell Haynes, Mildred Tarlton, and Marilyn Sue Grimes.
- "March Militaire" --- *Shubert*
"Spanish Dance" --- *Moskowski*
Rhythm Band
- "Alas, We Cannot Agree" --- *Worrell*
Marilyn Sue Grimes and Billy Haynes
- "The Menagerie Diet" --- *Dia*
Dorothy Nell Haynes
- "The Tale of a Turkey" --- *Merryman*
"A Christmas Wish" --- *Munkittrick*
Dora Marie Gaither
- "A Letter to Phyllis" ---
Marilyn Sue Grimes
- "When We Are Dressed Up Like Father and Mother" --- *Eldridge*
Marilyn Sue Grimes, Doris Clyde Miller and Billy Haynes
- "A Surprise" --- *Crawford*
Mildred Tarlton
- "A Christmas Dinner" ---
Billy Haynes
- Christmas Story, "The Really Truly Christmas Tree" --- *Warde*
Doris Clyde Miller
- "Santy's Depression" ---
Billy and Dorothy Nell Haynes
- A. "My Surprise" --- *Crawford*
B. "On Christmas Eve" --- *Barrows*
Dorothy Nell Haynes
- "The Colonial and Modern Mix-Up" ---
Marilyn Sue Grimes and Dora Marie Gaither
- "Christmas Carol" ---
Rhythm Band
- "A Box of Dolls" --- *Carrington*
Class



SOCIETY

DINNER-BRIDGE.
Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler were at home to friends at dinner on Monday to friends at dinner on Monday evening, entertaining with a three course Christmas dinner. The house was gaily decorated with Yuletide suggestions forming a lovely background for tables where a delectable turkey menu, replete with accessories, was served.

Games of auction bridge progressed, interspersed with radio music, furnished happy diversion until a late hour for Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zehn-fennig, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mayfield, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jenkins, Misses Ruth Copeland, Iva Bragg and Christine Collins, Dr. and Mrs. Sadler.

BRIDGE GAMES.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Nichols entertained a number of friends at bridge games on Wednesday evening. Radio music interspersed progressions of the games and at the refreshment hour delicious Osgood pie, topped with whipped cream and coffee, was served to Misses Mary Eula Sears, Iva Bragg, Christine Collins, Messrs. C. J. Glover, Ralph Duke, Wren Durham and Mr. and Mrs. Nichols.

BRIDGE GAMES.

A group of bridge enthusiasts met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case on Tuesday evening of this week. Progressive games of auction bridge proved happy diversion for Misses Rose Laney, Anna Lou Russell, Messrs. and Mesdames Ted Nichols, W. L. Johnson, Jr., Ed McCrary, Earl Teague, Kenneth Pee, Tom All-day, Cyrus Pee, Milton Case and Messrs. Floyd Davis and Howard Laney.

WILLING WORKERS CLASS.

The Willing Workers class of the Presbyterian church surprised Mrs. A. A. Baker on her 87th birthday by meeting at her home in a body, bringing gifts and refreshments. Mrs. Baker is the oldest member of the church and also the mother of the church.

A Christmas program was given. Miss Mary Derstine gave the devotional on "The Birth of Christ." Christmas songs were sung and contests were enjoyed. After the social hour Mrs. Baker cut the birthday cake, which was very attractive in colors of pink and green, the cake being presented by Miss Mary Derstine.

Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate with whipped cream were served to the following guests: Mesdames A. A. Baker, W. D. Butler, Ethel Tucker, Jim

Baker, L. L. Murray, R. A. Walker, W. M. Elliott, Will Curb, Jim Patterson, John Russell, Jim Tucker, Tom Looney, S. A. Derstine, T. M. Smith, Ansel Coats, E. A. Jones, J. W. Witcher, and Mrs. Vaughan, an old time friend of Mrs. Baker's, Misses Mary Kenney, Jennie Kenney, Mary Derstine, Lizzie Kenney and Mollie McColey whose home is with Mrs. Baker.

SPURGEON-BOND.

Miss Laverne Bond and E. D. Spurgeon popular young people of the Compere community, were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon at the pastor's study of the Methodist church, Rev. E. L. Yeats officiating. They will make their home in the Compere section where Mr. Spurgeon is engaged in farming.

The Mail joins many friends of the young couple in wishing them much happiness.

Liked Biblical Names.

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- CRACKERS, Iten's, 2lb. Graham 25c
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Poultry Show

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2nd young pen, 4th and 5th cockrel, 5th pullet—G. K. Finley, Blackwell.

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S. C. RHODE ISLAND REDS, 2nd cockrel—B. F. Sullivan, Sweetwater.

3rd old pen, 1st young pen, 4th and 5th cock, 4th and 5th hen, 1st cockrel, 4th pullet, best pen of young birds in show, all breeds competing, best cockrel in show, all breeds competing, best pen Rhode Island Reds in show, best Rhode Island Red cockrel in show—E. H. Cordell, Route 5, Merkel.

5th young pen, 3rd cock, 5th cockrel, 5th pullet—R. A. Ellis, Merkel.

2nd old pen, 2nd young pen, 2nd cock, 1st hen, 3rd pullet, 2nd capon, 2nd best display of over 15 birds in show, 2nd best pen of young birds in show, all birds competing, best hen in show, all breeds competing, 2nd best capon in show, all breeds competing, best Rhode Island Red hen—Bob Mayfield, Merkel.

3rd and 4th cockrel, 1st and 2nd pullet, best pullet in show, all breeds competing, best Rhode Island pullet—J. A. Bradbury, Sweetwater.

1st old hen, 3rd and 4th young pens, 1st cock, 2nd and 3rd hen, best display of 15 or more birds, best cock bird in show, all breeds competing, 2nd best pen Rhode Island Reds in show, best Rhode Island cock—N. C. Davis, Sweetwater.

JERSEY BLACK GIANTS, 1st cockrel, 1st pullet, best pair Jersey Black Giants in show—Chock Hutcheson, Route 2, Trent.

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WHITE LANGSHANS, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th hens, 3rd capon, best White Langshan in show—Walter Philips, Route 2, Trent.

S. C. DARK BROWN LEGHORNS, 1st young pen, 1st cockrel, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th pullet, best pen Brown Leghorns in show—Howard Garner, Merkel.

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C. White Leghorn cockrel in show, best Leghorn cockrel in show—B. F. Sullivan, Sweetwater.

1st young pen, 4th cockrel, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th pullet, 2nd best pen of White Leghorns in show, best S. C. White Leghorn pullet in show—G. H. Smith, Route 4, Merkel.

1st, 2nd and 3rd old pens, 2nd and 3rd young pens, 1st cock, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th hens, 2nd best pen of old birds in show, all breeds competing, best pen White Leghorns in show, best White Leghorn hen in show—W. C. Eoff, Route 2, Merkel.

S. C. BUFF LEGHORNS, 1st cockrel, 1st and 2nd pullets, best trio of Buff Leghorns in show—H. H. Hobbs, Merkel.

S. C. BLACK MINORCAS, 1st young pen, 1st, 2nd and 3rd cockrel, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th pullets, best pen of Black Minorcas in show—Jno. R. West, Merkel.

S. C. WHITE MINORCAS, 1st young pen, 1st cockrel, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th pullets, best pen of White Minorcas in show—Mrs. W. E. Patterson, Blackwell.

BUFF ORPINGTONS, 1st young pen, 1st and 2nd cockrels, 2nd and 5th pullets, best pen Buff Orpingtons in show, 2nd best pen Buff Orpingtons in show, best Buff cockrel in show—A. R. Sharp, Merkel.

1st, 3rd and 4th pullets, 1st capon, best Buff pullet in show, best capon in show—T. M. Smith, Merkel.

DARK CORNISH, 3rd cockrel—J. T. Warren, Merkel.

1st cock—Lee Baker, Route 3, Abilene.

1st and 2nd cockrel, 2nd pullet, best Dark Cornish cockrel in show—A. J. Barbee, Route 2, Merkel.

1st and 2nd old pens, 1st and 2nd young pens, 2nd and 3rd cocks, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th hens, 4th and 5th cockrel, 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th pullets, 2nd best pullet in show, all breeds competing, best pen Dark Cornish in show, 2nd best pen Dark Cornish in show, best Dark Cornish pullet in show, best pen old Cornish in show—Robert Hicks, Merkel.

GOLDEN SEEBRIGHT BANTAMS, 1st cockrel, 1st, and 2nd pullet—Miss Margaret Sharp, Merkel.

ROSE COMB BLACK BANTAMS, 1st young pen, best pen of Bantams in show—Masters Murphy and Ralph Dye, Merkel.

RONEN DUCKS, 1st drake, 1st and 2nd duck, best pair of ducks in show, all breeds com-

peting—Master Ben Robert Hicks, Merkel.

FAWN AND WHITE DUCKS, 1st drake, 1st duck—Lee Baker, Route 3, Abilene.

WHITE CHINESE GESE, Best pair geese in show, 1st gander, 1st goose—Lee Baker, Route 3, Abilene.

WHITE AFRICAN GUINEAS, 1st rooster, 1st hen, best pair guineas in show—Lee Baker, Route 3, Abilene.

RED CARNO PIGEONS, 1st male, 1st female, best pair pigeons in show—Lee Baker, Route 3, Abilene.

RABBITS, New Zealand Whites, 5th doe—Shields Rabbitry, Sweetwater.

2nd and 3rd doe—F. Y. Gaither, Merkel.

1st doe, 1st buck—Castle B. Ellis, Merkel.

4th doe—E. N. Nowlin, Tye.

2nd buck, 1st, 2nd and 3rd doe—Cliff Boswell, Sweetwater.

New Zealand Reds, 1st doe—Castle B. Ellis, Merkel.

1st senior doe—Shields Rabbitry, Sweetwater.

HAVANAS, 1st and 2nd does—Shields Rabbitry, Sweetwater.

Himalayans, 1st and 2nd does—Shields Rabbitry, Sweetwater.

3rd and 4th does—Missie Dye, Merkel.

Chinchillas, 1st buck, 1st, 2nd and 3rd does—E. M. Nowlin, Tye.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

Obituary

(Continued from Page One)

o'clock Saturday afternoon from the Baptist church, with Rev. J. T. King, the pastor, officiating, for Mrs. Mary Davis Henslee, wife of M. H. Henslee, well known farmer of the Canyon. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery. Pall bearers were: E. H. Cordell, W. L. Blair, Zack Cargill, Jack Latimer, Ben Lilly and George Anderson.

Mrs. Henslee was born Sept. 15, 1878, at Dean, Texas, and was married Nov. 27, 1898, in Hood county. The family had resided for many years in the Canyon. Mrs. Henslee joined the Baptist church at the age of 18 and her life was a true example of Christian living.

Besides her husband, she is survived by six children, four daughters and two sons, six grandchildren, one brother and one sister, all of whom were

present for the last rites.

The daughters are: Mrs. Reuben Dye, Misses Eunice and Fronia, all of Merkel, and Mrs. Vol Cantrell of Kaufman county, and the sons, L. J. and Walter. The sister, Mrs. W. I. Cogburn, resides in Fort Worth and the brother, Joe Davis, near El Paso.

Virginia Laird

The sad death of Virginia Laird, six year old daughter of Mrs. Bessie Laird, occurred Sunday evening at 7 o'clock at Putnam where she had gone with her mother for medical attention.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Monday afternoon from the family residence, with Rev. E. L. Yeats, Methodist pastor, officiating, and interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

An only child, her death is indeed a loss to the mother, widowed by the death of her husband several months ago.

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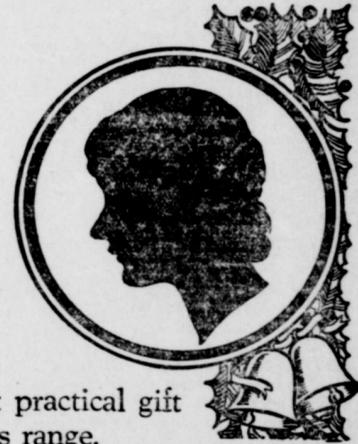
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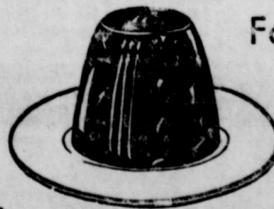
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1 qt. (1 lb.) cranberries
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Place berries in the boiling water. Cook 6 to 8 minutes by the clock, and then turn off heat. Press fruit through sieve and add sugar. Place on fire and stir faithfully with wooden spoon until mixture is rolling in a bubbling boil. Turn off gas and pour into scalded glass or earthen molds.

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- Silk Hose
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- Gloves
- Mufflers
- House Slippers
- Pajamas
- Ties

What to Give a Girl

- Bloomers
- Vests
- Berets
- Gloves
- Handkerchiefs
- Bath Robes
- Dresses
- Ribbon Novelties
- House Slippers
- Hose

What to Give a Boy

- Overcoats
- Gloves
- Socks
- Bath Robes
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- Shirts
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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

A. B. Russell of Canyon was the guest last Friday of his niece, Mrs. Volley Vessels.

E. Massey was here a few days last week.

Miss Maggie Martin was the week-end guest of Miss Lillie Belle Marton of Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith, Miss Maurine Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Beasley spent the week-end as guests of relatives at Stanton. They were accompanied a far as Big Spring by Miss Virgie Strawn, who visited friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Edwards were guests recently of relatives at Hamlin. Mrs. George Powell, who had the misfortune of receiving a broken arm Saturday night in a car accident, is reported doing nicely at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pass and little daughter, Peggy, were guests Sunday afternoon of Mrs. J. T. Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murdock visited Sunday at Roscoe.

Mrs. W. F. Steadman had as her guests Tuesday Mesdames A. Williamson, C. T. Beckham, J. R. Gafford, E. H. Burks and Grandma Steadman. They spent the day quilting.

Charlie Miller, the 81-year-old cowboy and one of the last men belonging to the Pony Express, who is riding horseback from New York to Los Angeles, Calif., was guest Monday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hale.

OWENS-HOWELL.

Miss Mary Jo Howell and Roscoe Owens were married last Sunday afternoon at the M. E. church, with Rev. U. S. Sherrill officiating. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell, a pioneer family, and the groom is the son of Mrs. Owens and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Abernathy, also a pioneer family of this section. The many friends of this young couple wish for them a long and happy married life.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

L. E. Carpenter, Minister. Bible study 10 a. m. Our Bible school is increasing in its efficiency and you will enjoy being in it. Worship 10:45 a. m. Prayer meeting Tuesday 7 p. m. Ladies' Bible class Thursday 2 p. m. This class is using a detailed study of "The Sermon on the Mount."

High School News.

SPORTS.

Goodman girls' volley ball team played Trent's team Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 9. Two games were played and the scores were 15-1 and 15-9, both in Trent's favor.

Trent's team is showing rapid progress in their everyday practice.

The players were: Erma Fay Boyd, Edith Hale, Fannie Vessel, Thelma Nalley, Idell Cooper, Francis Jones, Veda Orand, Doreen Scott and Mildred Steadman.

We invite anyone over to play with us and we promise to return the game.

Trent and Goodman boys played basketball Wednesday, Dec. 9, on Trent's court. The score was 17-7 in Goodman's favor.

HOME EC. CLUB.

Victorine Bishop was hostess to the Home Economics club last Wednesday. The color scheme of green and white was carried out in the sandwiches, cakes and hot chocolate served to the ten members and our director, Nona Burgess.

The following program preceded the refreshment course: "Candies"—Helen Hogue. "Most Embarrassing Moment"—Nona Burgess.

Household Hints—Fannie Vessel and Mildred Steadman.

Christmas Projects—Jo Ella McLeod, Helen Bright, Victorine Bishop. "The Singing School Teacher"—Helen Hogue, Edith Hale, Sara Julia Johnson.

"The School Nurse"—Asha McLeod.

Song—Joe Ella McLeod.

Talk—Nona Burgess.

"EL CLUBO PROGRESSIVO."

"El Clubo Progresivo" held its meeting on Friday, December 11.

The roll call was answered by a Spanish proverb.

Articles, "History of Spain" and "Christmas Celebration," were given from the Spanish paper, "La Lus."

"Las Ojas de Tejas," (The Eyes of Texas,) was sung by Thelma Nalley, Joe Ella McLeod, Willie Orand and Helen Bright.

The club is making rapid progress

and we invite you to visit with us on Friday, January 1.

CHRISTMAS BANQUET.

The Home Economic class prepared and served their annual Christmas dinner on Dec. 14 to the members, faculty and other guests. The dining room was decorated with holly wreaths and bells.

Twenty-two covers were laid for the four course dinner. A beautiful bouquet of roses which was gathered from the girls' own gardens was used as the centerpiece.

The Christmas theme was reflected by the Santa Claus place cards and favors.

After the dinner gifts were distributed to the members from a well loaded and beautiful Christmas tree.

Those enjoying the dinner were: Misses Ada Mae Reneau, Erma Fay Boyd, Virgie Strawn, Mildred Steadman, Helen Bright, Jo Ella McLeod, Asha McLeod, Fannie Vessels, Edith Hale, Helen Hogue, Sara Julia Johnson, Victorine Bishop, Mary Shepherd, Nona Burgess; Mesdames Reeves, Reynolds, Vessels, Jenkins, Franks and Elliott.

COMPERE NEWS

School is progressing nicely. The pupils received report cards Tuesday and favorable reports were made by all in spite of the bad weather.

Mrs. D. D. Moorehouse and D. D., Jr., of Sayre, Okla., were recent visitors of Mesdames J. M. Taylor and M. K. Milner.

Mr. and Mrs. Cadmus Brown and son, Junior, of Sylvester visited Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Milner Sunday. Mr. Milner accompanied them home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch and family of Merkel were the Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Adkins entertained the young people with a party Saturday night. Everyone present had a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Lucas Sunday.

Miss Foy Wilburn is the proud owner of a Chevrolet sedan.

Clyde Chaney, J. E. Touchstone and Miss Ruby Touchstone attended singing at Noodle Friday night.

J. B. Foster of the Salt Branch community attended singing at this place Sunday.

Messrs. Edd Breeze, Deo Franks, George Smith, Owen Smith, R. S. Palmer, Clarence Foster and Otis Palmer, Breeding attended second Monday at Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Marshall and family took dinner in the home of Mr. Frank Terry Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Lucas and children of Noodle visited Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Lucas Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. Jim and Gene Spurgeon and families of Noodle spent Sunday with Grandma Spurgin.

Quite a few people have sold their turkeys recently at a good price.

Messrs. Clint Tarvin and Gene Bumpass were Abilene visitors Sunday.

Miss Ina Mae Childress and brother, Charles Ora, were guests of Miss Flora Adkins a few hours last Wednesday night.

Mrs. Clarence Foster spent Monday with Mrs. Raymond Stout.

Ida Belle Terry had as her guests Sunday afternoon Norma Dee Wilburn, Tressie Marshall, Edna and Mattie Horton.

The program given last Friday night by the parents was enjoyed by quite a crowd. Mrs. Chaney, president of the P. T. A., made a very interesting talk. Mrs. John Palmer was elected as secretary to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Gene Bumpass.

A Christmas program will be presented by the school children Friday afternoon.

School will be dismissed one week for the holidays.

BOTH FOR \$1.50.

From now until December 31st, the clubbing price for the Semi-Weekly Farm News and the Merkel Mail is only \$1.50. Don't fail to renew during this time. If you want to subscribe to the Semi-Weekly Farm News, you can save one dollar by this deal.

BAEGAIN DAYS.

From now until Dec. 31st, subscription price for The Merkel Mail in Taylor and adjoining counties is only \$1.00 per year. This will save you 50 cents, if you will renew your subscription during these three months. If you are in arrears, you can pay up the past year and extend a new year at the bargain offer of \$1.00 per year. Do it now. Offer positively expires December 31st.

Three-Act Comedy at Salt Branch School

A snappy three-act comedy, entitled "Beads on a String," will be given at the Salt Branch school house Friday night, Dec. 18.

The cast of characters includes: Bennie Davis, Zezzabee Davis, (same characters)—Pete Petty.

J. H. Davis, Bennie's father—Jack Hays.

Benjamin Davis, Esq., a rich uncle—Hobson Robertson.

Harold Beem, a friend of Bennie's—Bill Hays.

Ab Dinkler, a would-be detective—Jarrett Pinckley.

Mrs. J. H. Davis, Bennie's mother—Maud Cook.

Mollie Malleron, Bennie's sweetheart—Marcella Pinckley.

Jeanette Blue, Uncle Ben's niece—Gladys Petty.

Cleopatra Oleomargarine Johnson, colored servant—Marie Pinckley.

Admission 5c and 10c. The play is being given for the benefit of the Salt Branch Home Demonstration club.

BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. J. D. Rankins has been seriously sick for the past week; also Mrs. Tom Spears has been on the sick list since our last writing.

Miss Sybil Horton of Trent visited her sister, Mrs. Carl Doan, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Derrick of Merkel visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell and were accompanied back by their daughter, Miss Vernie Derrick, to spend last weekend.

Mrs. O. W. Walker visited her nephew, Arthur Clark, and family of Abilene one day the past week.

D. C. Doan of Roscoe was down for several days on business the past week and visited relatives while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer and Mr. and Mrs. John Latimer from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Henslee of Castle Peak Saturday.

Chat Burks and family have moved to Brownfield for another year. We surely hate to lose these good people.

Blair teachers and trustees held a social meeting on December 4 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore. The guests joined in games of "42" and music, after which cake and hot chocolate were served to Misses Vera and Maimie Walker, Vernie Derrick, Clara Clinton, Bessie Lou Windom, Lucy Moore, Messrs. Berneal Clinton, Arthur Moore, Howard Windom, Marcus Clinton, Hardy Moore, Prof. and Mrs. J. D. Rankins and children, J. D. and Mary Theresa, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Windom, Mrs. George Clinton, Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Orsborn enjoyed a visit from the former's sister of Sweetwater one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meeks and their charming little son of Butman were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Toombs Friday; also Mr. and Mrs. Frazee Demere of Butman visited in this home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Bell are the proud parents of a new baby at their home since Dec. 10. Mrs. Bell is enjoying a several weeks' visit from her mother, Mrs. Jim Hunter, of Weatherford.

Mrs. G. W. Dodson and two children of Luaders came over and spent a couple of hours with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankins Tuesday. Mrs. J. W. Rankins of Kenneth, N. M., mother of Mr. Rankins, will be with them for sometime.

RURAL SOCIETY

"42" PARTY.

On Friday night of last week Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carey of Union Ridge entertained a few of their friends with a "42" party. Every one enjoyed the evening very much. Those present on this pleasant occasion were: Misses Ruby Patton, Blanche Carey, Norma Patton, Hazel Reeves, Anna May Harris, Alice Russell, Alice Reeves, Messrs. Noris Barnett, W. J. Derstine, Clements Carey, Bill Russell, Truett Meeks, Leo Harris and Woodrow Patton.

Delicious Fruit Cake at Dandy Bakery, 40c per pound. Home Made Candies.

Don't wait—it might be gone—shop now while Xmas stock is complete at Brown's Bargain Store.

The first plane flight across the continent was just 20 years ago, on Nov. 6, and the series of short hops took 59 days.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Blair School News

The Blair school has very successfully finished the 1st six weeks of school with the following pupils on the honor roll:

Primer: Ludean Henslee, 92.

First grade: Billie Campbell, 92; Lloyd Haire, 95; Nina Orsborn, 94; Madyln Brown, 92; Jesse Merle Brown, 90.

Second grade: Mary Lou Hughes, 90; Mildred Madderra, 90; Frances Peterson, 91.

Third grade: Madalene Addison, 92; Noma Lee Clinton, 90; Evelyn Latimer, 90; Lena Fae Orsborn, 90; Jewel Moore, 90.

Fourth grade: Ori Lee Madderra, 92; Joy Doan, 90.

Fifth grade: Louise Addison, 91.

Sixth grade: Edith Akin, 92; Phoyrene Burk, 90.

Seventh grade: Odelle Latimer, 93.

Eighth grade: Bessie Lou Windham, 93; Hardy Moore, 90; Dewene Clinton, 90.

Ninth grade: Marcus Clinton, 93; Reta Akin, 95; Neva Malone, 92; Dora Mae Meeks, 93; Clara Lee Peterson, 92; Lucy Moore, 92; Anna Addison, 92.

Tenth grade: Zuma Spears, 96; Clara Clinton, 95; H. E. Addison, 94; Sarah Malone, 95.

School will be dismissed on Wednesday, December 23, for the Christmas holidays.

The basketballboys played White Church boys last Thursday, the score being 21 to 7 in favor of Blair.

WARREN NEWS

We are having some cold weather after so much rain.

Miss Ruth Dunnam is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Grady Dunnam of Winters. Miss Clara Marshall of Merkel is spending the week with Miss Lottie McCoy.

Mrs. Hokit has been visiting Mrs. John Hobbs recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown moved to Mexico. We will miss them greatly in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ward of Anson have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clark.

Mrs. Brooks Patterson and Grandma Patterson spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. E. E. McCoy.

IN MEMORY OF LITTLE VIRGIL JAMES.

Sunday morning, Nov. 22, 1931, the death angel came and took away from our midst little Virgil James, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. James of the Abilene community.

Virgil was born Nov. 6, 1929, and was loved by all who knew him. We have known and loved him for his sweet, quiet, gentle, kind and loving disposition. God alone knows why he was called away from those who loved and cherished his sweet smiles and baby arms around mother's and daddy's neck and the sweet baby talk.

We can just press onward to the home above which has been made more beautiful by Virgil's going there. Weep not, father and mother, for just a few more days and we can all share that home together where there will be no more sad farewells—no hearts that are bleeding and broken, but all will be sunshine and happiness.

We sometimes wish that life were not so bitter.

And thorns did not beset the path we trod.

But could we understand the hidden meaning,

The all-wise purpose of a loving God, If we could see beyond the veil of sorrow,

So often clouded by our falling tears, We might discover the reasons for these partings,

Which come to all who travel down the years.

Out of life's garden where bloomed flowers of wonderful hue, God planted a rose of rare beauty, The soul of our Virgil so true.

He watched it unfold its petals, As day by day it grew, Warmed by the rays of sunlight, And kissed by the evening dew.

It wafted its our sweet message On wings, like a carrier dove, To the hearts and lives of others, A message of friendship and love, And when one day death threatened To touch it with withering blight, The Father Himself stooped earthward

And plucked this fair one from our sight.

But He left the perfume with us Of this blossom, sweet and rare, Which transplanted blooms eternal In His heavenly garden fair.

—By one who loved Virgil.

GOLAN NEWS

We are having plenty of squeals. Every one is butchering, thanks for cold weather.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Lawlis were in Anson Wednesday attending to business matters.

The Womans Better Home club met with Mrs. L. C. Williams Wednesday afternoon with 9 members present. A check up of all work for the past year and arranging the club's Christmas program took most of the afternoon.

A motion was made and carried that we meet at the schoolhouse Friday, Dec. 18, for our second December meeting and combine our program and Christmas tree with teachers and school children. We will have our year books by Dec. 21, to begin our 1932 work. Club members have used 70 gallons of whole sweet milk in cheese making the past week or so.

Brother Williams of Abilene was here for the second Sunday appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill were guests in the L. C. Williams home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Lawlis visited W. E. Byrum Sunday.

Families of H. T. Jeffrey, L. C. Williams, C. E. Brown, A. V. Herron and C. A. Duncan were Abilene visitors Saturday.

Quite a few children of our community are sick with colds and tonsillitis.

School will close Friday, December 18, for one week's vacation.

J. T. Williams visited Uncle Geo. Byron Sunday.

Mrs. Bettie Bursleson and daughter, N. M., are visiting her mother and father Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Byron.

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CANYON NEWS

After enjoying a few days of pretty weather, we have a cool norther. Some of the farmers are killing their hogs.

I. X. L. basketball boys met Merkel boys on the Merkel court Tuesday afternoon for a game, Merkel winning 12 to 7. But that's not bad, boy. Come on, we'll beat 'em yet.

Miss Evelyn Perry made a business trip to Abilene Tuesday.

R. G. Toombs is on the sick list this week.

Miss Jewell Burklow of I. X. L. spent last week-end at Dora with home folks.

Rev. Marvin Williams filled his regular appointment at the Nubia M. E. church Sunday.

Quite a number of the young folks from here enjoyed the musicale at Robert Harris's Saturday night.

White Church News

Lena V. Harrison, student in the ninth grade, headed this month's honor roll at White Church school with an average of 96. Fredia Farmer was second with an average of 95.

Others on the honor roll are as follows: Ila Mae Snow, 91; Ermadell Berry, 90; Margie Coats, 93; Clayton Coats, 94; Maurice Pressly, 94; Beaujah Harrison, 90; Edna Lee Odom, 91.

NOTICE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers State Bank in Merkel, Merkel Texas, will be held at the office of said bank the second Tuesday in January, being the 12th day of the month at 4 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and such other business as may come before the meeting.

W. L. Diltz, cahier.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

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The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Ida Mae Derstine. Sports Editor—Willie Evelyn Boaz.
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Society Editor—Mary Elizabeth Grimes. Joke Editor—Cephus Wozencraft.

BADGER GOSSIP.

The M. H. S. Choral club and the Dramatic club will give a "good will" program at the Grammar School auditorium Friday night. Everyone come! Bring your family and also your dimes!

Sarah likes to shut doors on her thumb so she can't write.

M. H. S. wants a new flood light for the stage if she can rate enough dough.

It took three of Mr. Irvin's teams to score on Mr. Riddle's first team.

Cade says that, if hot chocolate contained one-half of one per cent alcohol, he would have become intoxicated at the last meeting of the M. H. S. Players club.

Margaret Canon carries a hammer around for protection.

Ross Ferrier has decided to buy a fox terrier after seeing the play last Friday night.

Bud Toombs has been seen riding around town for the last four or five Sunday afternoons.

Marshall and Johnnie have started walking to school together again. Looks bad!

We have heard that it won't be long until Christmas holidays.

We have also heard that several people have counted the seconds until school is out.

It won't be long until we start hearing about mid-term examinations, along with the weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.

The Seniors still seem to be the smartest class in school.

We have heard that Merkel is going to have a good basketball team. Power to them! !

THE BADGER WEEKLY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW—

Where things go that disappear?

Why Julia, B. P., Lois and Russie like to stand out on the sidewalk by the store and gossip?

Where Marie found her giggle?

Why the Juniors never have any news?

Why Sis, Margaret, Ida, Nell, Thelma and Mary Elizabeth all "gang up" at noon?

Where Nell got her new ring?

Why Lucille Campbell is so smart?

Who is "Sis's" ideal man now?

Why Mary E. had rather go to Abilene than to the Dramatic club meeting?

Where the "Fish's" ink goes?

How long it takes Mr. Burgess to make out his "black list" every morning?

How W. M. felt when he had his first date?

How Jack Patterson gets his pants long enough?

How Miss Martin puts up with Truett Patterson?

WANTED.

A thrill—Melba Taylor.

A little news—Gerald Derrick.

A love affair—Nell Hughes.

A girl's admiration—B. P. Middleton.

More attention—Sis Boaz.

A husband—Miss Patterson.

Gerald Derrick—Margaret Canon.

A Spanish grade—Helen Yeats.

A girl good enough for me—Ross Ferrier.

Just one more chance—Paul Collins.

An English grade—R. D. Ely.

LOST AND FOUND.

Lost: My energy—H. C. Toombs.

Found: Spanish notebook—Opal Tuskey.

Lost: My declamation—Paul Collins.

Found: Six extra periods. Will gladly return to owner without reward—Ida.

Lost: One good sense of humor—Meyer.

REV. J. T. KING AT CHAPEL.

Rev. J. T. King spoke to the student body last Tuesday morning at chapel.

Rev. Mr. King spoke of his high regard for the students of Merkel High school. He chose as his subject, "Living A Christ-like Life Is a Cure

deletion. Sis Boaz, Margaret Canon and Gerald Derrick.

"Why the Chimes Rang" was a more serious type of play that was presented by Melba and W. M. Taylor, Paul Collins, Ida Derstine, Mary E. Grimes, Thelma Leach, R. D. Ely, Marshall Stalls, Cephus Wozencraft, Joyce Wheeler, Ola Smith, Margaret Miller, Ouida Mae Hulsey, Albert Cade and Mildred Richardson.

Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, hot chocolate and wafers were served to the guests and members of the club.

Afterwards the house was called to order by the president, B. P. Middleton. The minutes were read and approved. The social committee for next month was announced. Everyone stood and sang the school song, and then a motion was made to adjourn.

Guests for the evening were: Miss Martin and Mr. Irvin.

JOKES.

Customer: "Do you have any Belem-inators here, sonny?"

Jimmy Junior: "No, sir, but we have a fresh stock of roach powder and some of the latest fly swatters."

Last Sunday at church Dallas Sharp showed that he was extremely interested in watching the bald-headed man who sat just in front of him scratch the small fringe of hair on one side of his bald pate. When almost a minute had passed, and the old man had not stopped, Dallas exclaimed, "Say, Mister, you'll never catch him there. Why don't you run him out into the open?"

Vernon was playing ball last Wednesday, when he fell and tore a hole in the knee of his trousers. He slowly rose to his feet and began looking around. When Clyde Foster asked him what he was looking for, he replied, "I'm looking for the piece of cloth that belongs here where this hole is."

Melba Taylor: "Mr. Riddle, do you have a ruler?"

Mr. Riddle: "Yes, I have three at home: my wife, Stanley Lee and Tom, Jr."

Waymon: "Do you believe that Shakespeare wrote all those plays they say he did?"

Mary Helen: "I don't know, but when I go to heaven I'll ask him."

Waymon: "What if he is not in heaven?"

Mary Helen: "Then you can ask him."

Julia: "Cullen, do you men really like conceited girls better than the other kind?"

Cullen: "What other kind?"

Sis: "Teachers pet!"

Ida: "Do they?"

M. H. S. CHORUS.

The Merkel High School chorus has started off with the Christmas spirit. Both Choral and Glee clubs are working on some Christmas numbers which they plan to give Friday, December 18, at the Grammar School auditorium.

The Dramatic club is also going to give three one-act plays which deal with the Christmas spirit.

The proceeds will be used for the school benefit fund.

ANOTHER HUMAN INTEREST STORY.

The human interest story which won in English 10-B and which was written by S. G. Russell, follows:

Tramp Found Dead Near Railroad Track.

Merkel, Texas., Dec. 4.—A tramp

Queen Theatre

"Showing all Talking Pictures"

Friday Night and Saturday December 18-19

CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG IN "MOTHER AND SON"

A gripping story of Nevada gold fields.

Also Comedy and Cartoon.

We are showing every Friday night and Saturday Matinee and Night.

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Coming December 25-26—Richard Dix in "The Defender"

Jan. 1-2—"Huckleberry Finn"

who probably met death yesterday when he fell off a freight train was found today by Gordon Murry, Sheriff of Taylor county. He was identified as Mardell Shouse of Chugwater, Wyoming, by a letter from his little girl which Sheriff Murry found in his pocket. The little girl told her daddy to return home because all the rest of the family had been drowned and she didn't have any place to make her home. Sheriff Murry broke into tears when he recognized his old schoolmate's name and realized what a hard time his schoolmate had gone through in his life.

Slays Limit of Deer With His Pocket Knife

San Antonio, Dec. 17.—Folks, meet R. N. Allen—or Daniel Boone the second. Allen, a Boerne rancher, killed two bucks this year without the aid of a gun. Allen found a 10-pointer and a 5-pointer entangled in a barbed wire fence. He killed them with his pocket knife, getting his limit for the season and accomplishing a feat which many other Nimrods could not do with the aid of a whole arsenal.

Delicious Fruit Cake at Dandy Bakery, 40c per pound. Home Made Candies.

Italy will spend in the next fiscal year \$1,104,000 on its highways and only \$263,000 on its railways.

Don't wait—it might be gone—shop now while Xmas stock is complete at Brown's Bargain Store.
Office supplies—Mail office.

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FIRE WORKS

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XMAS BOXES—WRAPPING PAPER—CARDS AND SEALS

CHINA AND GLASSWARE THAT MAKE GOOD GIFTS.

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HALF FARE FOR CHILDREN

RIDE THE TEXAS AND PACIFIC FOR COMFORT SPEED AND SAFETY

THE CHEAPEST AND MOST PLEASANT WAY TO GO

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Compulsory Period Begins January 4

At the December 9th meeting of the board of trustees of the Merkel Independent School district, Monday, January 4, was set as the date for the beginning of the compulsory attendance period. Beginning then, all children who are eight years of age or older and still under fourteen years of age, with certain legal exceptions, are compelled under the law to attend school. If such children do not so attend, the parents are subject to a rather stiff fine for each day the child is not sent to school.

The law also forbids the employment of such children during school hours. The authorities anticipate no trouble in the enforcement of this law in Merkel. Parents have always been anxious to send their children to school when opportunity afforded. Should there be any such infraction, one will be doing the child a favor to quietly report the matter to any peace officer or to Supt. Burgess at Telephone 174.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday, the 12th day of January, 1932, at 5:00 p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Booth Warren, Cashier.

Don't wait—it might be gone—shop now while Xmas stock is complete at Brown's Bargain Store.

North Carolina's population of song and insectivorous birds is estimated at more than 100,000,000.

Why Take Your Shoes To Abilene

When you can get just as good work at home

CITY SHOE SHOP
J. M. Ricker, Prop.
Kent Street

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Walter Leach is now holding down the third trick in the ticket office of the T. & P. railway at Abilene. He has recently been at Roscoe, since his transfer from Merkel. His family will remain here until after the close of the school year, he told the editor of The Mail.

Trial of R. O. Anderson, formerly active vice-president of the Farmers State bank, set for Monday morning, in 104th district court, was deferred until Wednesday and then postponed until Thursday, but at the latter date was re-set for January 21. He is under indictment for embezzlement and misapplication of bank funds. He was acquitted on a similar charge, involving \$160, in 104th district court a few weeks ago.

The benefit entertainment, which had been planned by the members of the Merkel Fire department, has been postponed indefinitely, on account of inclement weather and the rush of the Christmas holidays.

The Merkel Volunteer Fire department is in receipt of check for \$10 from J. T. Warren for valiant services in fighting fire at the Kirby Beckett home in South Merkel several weeks ago.

Order your Christmas Cakes and save time and money. Dandy Bakery. Home Made Candies.



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of many an auto radiator, whereas repaired in time your radiator should last as long as the car. Don't neglect it when it leaks, or is clogged up, or fails to function properly. Our overhauling will set it right.

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RIDDLE GARAGE
H. H. Hand Old Location on Kent St.

Presents Seth Parker In "Way Back Home"

Hollywood "extras" are blase participants of big, showy and fashionable "party" scenes, but old-fashioned barn dances are something else again.

The biggest barn dance given in Hollywood for years, with good edible (not prop) food and excellent pay for all "guests," figured in "Way Back Home," Seth Parker's RKO-Radio Pictures' starring vehicle showing Sunday and Monday at the Paramount, Abilene.

Seth, of radio fame, was official host, but of course the real hospitality came from William A. Seiter, director. The scenes were made at night, and 84 extra players, with Seth's supporting cast of radio and screen celebrities, a rustic 5-piece orchestra, a special male quartette and a feminine trio, participated.

Instead of lasting one night, as barn dances usually do, the movie affair seen in the picture held forth for two nights.

The scenes were filmed in special sets, brimming with rustic atmosphere, at the RKO-Radio Pictures ranch near Encino, which is just over the hills a hoop an' a hollar from Hollywood.

Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

Snow Falls Wednesday.

Beginning about noon Wednesday snow fell steadily in Merkel and most of West Texas and continued until late Wednesday night. It is estimated the snowfall here was four or five inches, although measured in precipitation, when melted, the actual fall was around a half inch. In protected places, where drifts were formed, the snowy blanket remained on the ground and tops of buildings through Thursday.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

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SUNDAY 1 TO 7 P. M.

Radio's Grandest Entertainer
SETH PARKER
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In
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BUY BEFORE SATURDAY NIGHT AND

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NOTICE POULTRYMEN

The Merkel Hatchery will start the 1932 Hatchery season January 2nd. Same location—same courteous service as last year.

I am in need of Hatchery Eggs for this season.

FRANK W. IRVINE

FURNISHED APARTMENTS

If you have a furnished apartment or furnished rooms for rent, why not try a classified advertisement in the Merkel Mail? It will cost only 25 cents per insertion.

PHONE 61

Awarded 39 Pieces of Sterling.

Mrs. L. M. Touchstone was in Dallas from Wednesday until Saturday of last week attending the meeting of agents of the Southwestern Life Insurance company. For weekly pro-

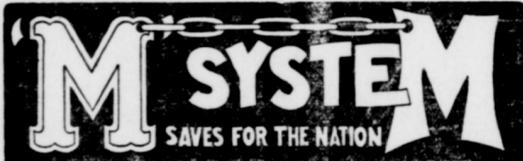
duction she was awarded 39 pieces of Sterling, making a total of 131 pieces she has received from the company.

Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY DECEMBER 18 AND 19

SPUDS	No. 1 Idaho 10 lbs.	17c
LETTUCE , fresh crisp, head		6c
CELERY , stalk		17c
BANANAS , pound		4 1-2c
ORANGES , Cal. Navals, doz.		25c
APPLES , fancy large Delicious, Doz.		35c
CRANBERRIES , pound		15c
GRAPEFRUIT , 2 for		9c
SUGAR	10 lbs. granulated,	48c
DATES , R & W, Package		17c
RAISINS , 15 oz. package, 2 packages		23c
GRAPE JUICE , pints		21c
MINCE MEAT , 2pkgs.		23c
MAYONNAISE , R & W, 8 oz.	17c, 16 oz.	35c
POPCORN , R & W, can, 2		23c
CHRISTMAS CANDIES		
A full assortment of Christmas Candies and Nuts at Attractive Prices.		
CAKES , whole wheat fig bars, 2 lbs.		25c
CRACKERS , 2 lbs. Rainbow, pkg.		21c
CORN , R & W, 2 cans		27c
PUMPKIN , No. 2 1-2 can		15c
Compound	Swift Jewel 8 lb. pail	65c
MILK , R & W, 3 tall	23c, 6 small	23c
CAKE FLOUR , R & W, pkg.		27c
BAKING POWDER , 1 lb. can R & W		25c
BACON , 1lb. sliced, sugar cured		20c



Specials for Friday and Saturday

Shortening	8 pounds	63c
Sugar	10 pounds	48c
Beans	Pintos, 25 lbs.	\$1.00
Coffee	Peaberry, 2 lbs.	25c
Coffee	Special Blend, 3 lbs. with cup and saucer	65c
Flour	Extra High Patent, guaranteed	90c
Hams	Swifts Premium, half or whole	19c
Tomatoes	No. 2 can	8c
Oranges	nice size	15c
Oranges	large size	45c
APPLES , every size and		PRICE
Celery	fine stalks	17c
Lettuce	fresh and fine	9c
Candy	Christmas mixed, lb.	20c
Spuds	Idaho Rurals, No. 1, 10 lbs.	17c

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